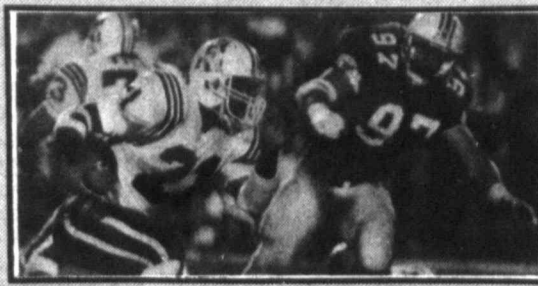


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Meltdown



(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

A motorist risks still-slippery McCullough Street as the bright sun attempts to melt the snow cover from last week's storm. Chances are good today and tomorrow for further meltdown as the temperatures are forecast to rise to near 50 degrees under partly cloudy to sunny skies.

County to consider getting more space

Closed-door discussions on possible expansion of courthouse facilities will continue when Gray County commissioners hold their year-end meeting at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Commissioners have been meeting in closed sessions since September to discuss offers of space by various local property owners. The space would be used by the county to expand crowded courthouse facilities.

The Texas Open Meetings Act permits officials to meet secretly to discuss the acquisition of real estate.

Among the more crowded locations in the courthouse are the county jail, which currently operates with 12 variances from the Texas Jail Standards Commission, and the district clerk's office, which is in the process of being expanded into what once was the county library.

The library, which is required by state law, has been moved to the fourth floor.

Additionally, commissioners rent space outside the courthouse for the district attorney and adult probation offices because of limited space.

In other action Wednesday, commissioners plan to:

- consider purchasing lots at Fairview Cemetery for pauper burials;
- discuss jury selection equipment for the district clerk's office;
- hire a new assistant county extension agent;
- receive a certificate of commendation from the American Ambulance Association; and
- pay salaries and bills and consider time deposits and transfers as recommended by the county auditor.

\$ decline chills stock market

NEW YORK (AP)—The dollar fell slightly against the yen today amid reports of intervention by Japan's central bank, but showed signs of stabilizing after record plunges that chilled a 3-week-old stock market rally.

The dollar's nosedive Monday against Japanese and major Western European currencies pushed interest rates up and the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks down 56.70 points to 1,942.97, its biggest drop since Dec. 3.

Currency traders ignored a statement by the Reagan administration, which said further declines in the dollar would be "counterproductive."

In Tokyo today, the dollar closed at 123.50 yen, slightly lower than Monday's close of 123.55 yen but up from its opening of 123.38 yen.

The Bank of Japan would not officially comment on its involvement in the currency market, but it was said to have bought a small amount of dollars, according to Japanese banking sources speaking on condition of anonymity.

In light trading Monday, the dollar sank to 40-year lows against the yen, West German

mark, Swiss franc and Dutch guilder, and five- to six-year lows against the British pound, French franc and Italian lira.

The dollar slumped about 1.7 percent against the mark and yen, dropping to 123.7 yen and 1.598 marks by late afternoon in New York, from 125.9 yen late last Friday and 1.625 marks late Thursday.

The yield on the Treasury's key 30-year bond jumped to 8.98 percent by late Monday afternoon from 8.92 percent Thursday, the last day of trading before Christmas.

That helped dampen a rally in stocks that had seen the Dow tack on nearly 233 points, or 13 percent, in the previous three weeks.

Overall, the dollar has fallen only about 4 percent since its 1985 peak in real terms, after adjusting for inflation, according to a Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. index that measures the dollar against the currencies of the United States' 18 largest trade partners.

Many traders are convinced the leading industrialized nations have not taken the steps necessary to stabilize currency rates. There is a growing conviction

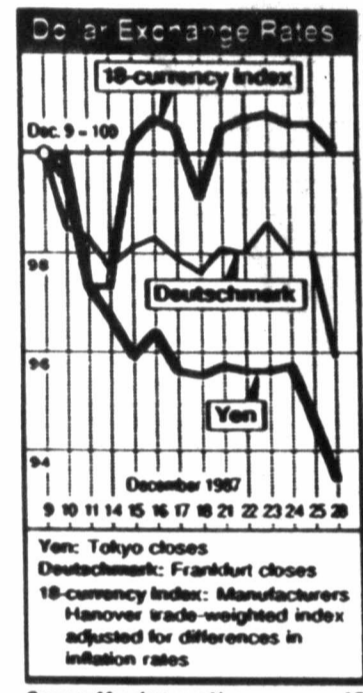
among traders that the Group of Seven industrial democracies merely papered over fundamental disagreements on policy last week when the group said the dollar had fallen far enough.

Traders believe the United States has not cut its federal budget deficit enough, and Japan and West Germany have not stimulated their economies enough to support the dollar. The other Group of Seven members are Britain, France, Italy and Canada.

The standoff has left the Federal Reserve trapped. It needs to keep credit loose enough to stave off a recession, but has to tighten credit enough to keep U.S. interest rates attractive to foreign capital.

"The Fed's in trouble if it does nothing, or if it does something," said Charles R. Taylor, an analyst for Prudential-Bache Securities Inc. in Washington. "I wouldn't want to be in (Chairman Alan) Greenspan's shoes."

A cheaper dollar helps trim the U.S. trade deficit by making American-made goods more competitively priced. But it also threatens to push up inflation at home and depress foreign econo-



Sources: Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.; Associated Press

Iran-Contra hearings named AP top news story of 1987

By JULES LOH
AP Special Correspondent

The Iran-Contra hearings, which shook an administration and — briefly — made Oliver North a household name, ranked as the top news story of 1987 in a year-end poll of Associated Press member newspaper editors and broadcasters.

The year brought news as diverse as a summit conference, terrible airplane crashes, troubles in the Persian Gulf, scandals in politics and TV evangelism, two futile efforts to fill a Supreme Court vacancy, a stock market crash and the rescue of a little girl from an abandoned well.

The stock market crash came in a close second to the Iran-Contra hearings in the voting on the year's top 10 stories.

Ballots were returned by 464 Associated Press newspaper editors and broadcasters who ranked the year's headline events from one through 10. A first-place vote counted 10 points, a 10th-place vote one point.

The Iran-Contra hearings received 3,573 points; the stock market crash 3,500.

The hearings ended with Lt. Col. North a momentary hero, and the man who may have masterminded the operation, CIA Director William Casey, dead.

The sessions took most of the summer and received testimony from 500 witnesses, among them Adm. John Poindexter, the former national security adviser, and Secretary of State George



Lt. Oliver North

Shultz, who complained that North and Poindexter had deliberately kept him in the dark.

North, who was fired from the National Security Council for his role, admitted he had lied to Congress and shredded documents. He lectured the members of Congress on the morality of his actions. His former secretary, Fawn Hall, told the committees that there were times when one must "go above the written law," but then retracted the statement.

In their final report on the affair, two congressional committees concluded that Reagan

had failed in his constitutional duty to faithfully execute the law. The president let it be known he felt personally wounded by the criticism of his leadership.

At year's end, grand juries were still investigating, and criminal indictments were possible.

The \$500 billion market collapse of Black Monday, Oct. 19, the worst market panic of modern times, seemed to catch even Wall Street experts by surprise. In retrospect, analysts noted the bull market had been slipping since it peaked in late August.

Winter storms strand travelers, cause 16 deaths

By The Associated Press

The Northeast braced today for the arrival of a deadly winter storm that has turned highways into parking lots and packed airports with stranded travelers as it plodded across the Plains and Midwest.

The snow tapered off in the Midwest after the storm, blamed for at least 16 deaths, moved east. In six hours overnight, the storm dropped 2 inches of snow on Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, and Binghamton, Buffalo and Elmira, N.Y.

The deaths of four men each in Wisconsin and Michigan and two in Illinois were blamed on the exertion of snow removal, officials said. There were two storm-related traffic deaths in Illinois and one each in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The storm, which hit the Colorado foothills with up to 34 inches of snow, reached New England today with strong winds, the National Weather Service said. It extended from Michigan to West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

"It's blowing pretty good now," police dispatcher Shelley Haynes said on Nantucket Island, Mass., where 8 inches was expected. "They're putting the chains on the cruisers now."

Forty-five trucks began salting and plowing streets in Cleveland before the morning

At least 16 die in rampage

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. (AP)— Authorities found nine bodies today near the residence of a man suspected in the shooting deaths of at least seven other people, including five family members and a woman who had spurned his advances.

The 16 deaths are among the worst mass killings this decade. Twenty people were fatally shot at a McDonald's restaurant in San Ysidro, Calif., in July 1984; 14 people were shot to death at an Edmond, Okla., post office in August 1986.

Seven bodies were found in a shallow grave near the home of R. Gene Simmons, the man charged in two of the shooting deaths Monday, and two children were found in the trunk of a vehicle parked outside the house, according to Edie Deal, warrant officer for the Pope County Sheriff's Department.

The seven bodies were found about 150 feet from Simmons' house at nearby Dover, said sheriff's Deputy Jim Handy.

The bodies appeared to be those of four young adults and an older woman, Handy said, but identities were not immediately available.

Earlier, Pope County Sheriff Jim Bolin said that Simmons' wife and eight of their children and

grandchildren were unaccounted for.

Simmons, 47, was ordered held without bond today by Pope County Circuit Judge John D. Patterson.

Simmons is charged with two counts of capital murder and four counts of attempted capital murder in Monday's 45-minute shooting spree in Russellville.

The bodies were found when crews began searching at Simmons' home where his son, daughter, their spouses, and a grandchild were found Monday amid Christmas decorations and unopened presents, police said.

Simmons surrendered to the police chief after a 45-minute shooting spree through a law office and three former workplaces Monday in which two people were killed and four others wounded, officials said. He faced a bond hearing today on two counts of capital murder and four of attempted capital murder. Authorities say the gunman used two .22-caliber revolvers.

The bodies of the family members were found at Simmons' home about 15 miles north of Russellville.

Forty-Five Minute Crime Spree

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 1 One killed at law firm office
- 2 One killed, one wounded at Taylor Oil
- 3 Two wounded at Sinclair Mini-Mart
- 4 One wounded and hostage held at Woodline Motor Freight
- 5 Later more bodies found at gunman's house in Dover, Arkansas

Legend:

- 1 Russellville
- 2 Little Rock
- 3 Dover
- 4 Arkansas
- 5 Missouri

Map labels include: Lake Dardanelle, Russellville, Arkansas Tech Univ., Courthouse, E. Main Street, Bernard Way, Dover, Little Rock, Arkansas, Missouri, LA, 100 miles, 64, 5 To Dover 8 miles, 7, 40, 331, N. Cumberland, Knorrville, Arkansas.

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Winter storm contributes to fewer traffic deaths

By The Associated Press

A strong winter storm could have kept some motorists from driving during the holiday weekend that brought at least 36 deaths on Texas highways, six below the predicted total, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Bad weather over the Christmas holidays was blamed in at least six of the fatalities, DPS spokesman Mike Cox said Monday. Cox said the weather was believed to have lowered the overall count by persuading many Texans to stay safe at home.

"Perhaps the bad weather in northwest Texas may have kept some people off the roadway which in turn possibly contributed to our estimate being too high," said Cox.

The DPS' prediction of 42 traffic deaths covered a holiday counting period that began 6 p.m. Wednesday and ended at midnight Sunday. The DPS was pleased to have missed the estimate, said Cox.

"We make that estimate each year, hoping that we'll be wrong. We don't make it for the purposes for showing how good we are with statistics," he said.

The DPS predicted 35 more people will lose their lives on the state's streets and highways over the New Year's holiday period, which runs from 6 p.m. Dec. 30 through midnight Jan. 3.

The prediction of 77 traffic deaths over the

Christmas and New Year's holiday periods compares to 48 last year, when the counting period totaled 108 hours, about half as long as this time.

Josephine Pasquale, 48, of Fort Worth, was killed when the car she was driving collided with the rear of a parked wrecker on a Fort Worth street early Saturday morning.

Other fatalities included 46-year-old Peggy Rice of Rosharon, who died in a two-car collision at 4 p.m. Sunday on Texas Highway 288 in Brazoria County.

Authorities said 23-year-old Ray Charles Cook of San Marcos died at 8:40 p.m. Sunday at an Austin hospital from injuries suffered in a collision early Sunday morning on an Interstate 35 access road in San Marcos.

D.S. Owens, 70, of Wortham, died after his car went out of control shortly before 6 p.m. Sunday on Farm-to-Market Road 147 south of Groesbeck.

Janis Vandever, a 36-year-old Burleson police officer, died at 10:17 a.m. Sunday of injuries suffered during a traffic accident at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Cox said. Ms. Vandever was hit by a passing vehicle at the scene of a major accident on Interstate 35 in Burleson, he said.

"I don't personally recall a police officer being killed during a motorcade period," said Cox. "It's certainly pretty unusual and tragic."

Thirty-one other people died in earlier accidents, he said.



Members of the Union High School, Tulsa, Okla., cheerleading squad react to winning the National Championship title for the large varsity division.

Contestants jump, yell, strut at largest cheerleading competition

DALLAS (AP) — Amid the flailing of pompons, many of more than 4,000 screaming teen-agers at the largest-ever national cheerleading championship Monday were rooting for Texas teams.

Fifteen of the 59 finalists at the High School Cheerleaders National Championship were from Texas — a fact that did not go unnoticed by the National Cheerleaders Association, which sponsored the event.

"Many schools from the state could travel here to compete and our organization is based in Dallas," said Carol Wagers, NCA executive director. Melanie Dyer of Lumberton, Texas High School was named best cheerleader overall in the competition.

But Oklahoma cheerleading squads captured national championships in three of the six competition categories.

Kerr Junior High of Del City, Okla., finished first in the junior high competition; Choctaw, Okla., got the top prize in the co-ed division; and Tulsa Union High School in Tulsa, Okla., won the large varsity division.

Winners in the three other divisions were Duncanville, Texas in the junior varsity category; Barren County of Glasgow, Ky., in the small varsity category; and Gulf Breeze Sports Association of Gulf Breeze, Fla., in the all-star division.

Since early summer, cheerleaders at W.W. Byrd Junior High of Duncanville, Texas have been practicing a new routine that included back flips, front flips and a "basket toss," in which two teens link hands and flip another squad member upward.

But 13-year-old Ashleigh McKay said her squad's preparations had turned to nervousness as the contest approached.

"Byrd has come to the nationals for four years," said Donna Kolberg, sponsor of the Byrd squad. "But Duncanville people came out en masse this year. There is a lot of community support."

Hundreds of residents in the Dallas suburb turned out to watch their two junior highs, freshman and junior varsity teams compete, said Ms. Kolberg.

Byrd Junior High, at 11th place, was a trophy winner in the preliminaries. Yukon Mid-High of

Oklahoma City, Okla., grabbed first place.

More than 340 squads from 40 states performed 2½-minute routines at the Dallas Convention Center Sunday and Monday, said Ms. Wagers.

"We had a good variety of strong squads from the southeast, midwest, Oklahoma, Kentucky and Tennessee," she said. "California and the west, including Hawaii, also has a strong reputation."

Bonnie McClure of Montgomery, Ala., said her junior high cheerleaders, who were two-time national champions, had a "minor bobble" in one basket toss when a girl lost her balance, but the rest of the routine went well.

"We have been winners the last two years straight," Ms. McClure, coach at Floyd Junior High in Montgomery, said after the team's performance. "So, everyone was out to get us this year."

The team's captain, 14-year-old Gina Lassiter, said her squad was worried.

"I was on the squad last year that won," said Ms. Lassiter. "I know what it's like to win. And I want everyone in the squad to get that feeling."

Minutes later, Floyd grabbed ninth place in the preliminary competition against 62 other junior high squads and went on to the finals Monday night.

Junior high preliminaries Monday followed competition by high schools the previous day. Judges rated squads on overall execution, projection, cheerleading fundamentals, dance, overall appeal and perfection.

"I like a lot of variety in movement, good strong techniques, exciting voices and facial expressions," said Ms. Wagers, who was a cheerleader at her high school and later at Oklahoma State University.

"There have been lots of good cheers this year," said Ms. Wagers, 40, "including the traditional 'Go, fight, win,' and 'We're the champ-i-ons,' and also, 'We're the best; we're No. 1. Watch out; here we come!'"

Lawrence Herkimer, inventor of the pompon and NCA founder, said the organization has helped make cheerleading, which is as competitive as sports in public schools, a safer activity.

State workers can celebrate King holiday

AUSTIN (AP) — Rep. Ron Wilson is urging state employees to make plans to take Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a state holiday on Jan. 18.

Under a measure sponsored by the Houston Democrat and signed into law this year by Gov. Bill Clements, state workers can substitute King's birthday for one of five other holidays, including Confederate Heroes Day.

This will be the second time employees can

choose to take off on the birthday of the civil rights activist, if they work on another state holiday instead. The provision previously was in the state budget bill.

"I encourage all state employees ... to honor Dr. King's memory and exercise their right to acknowledge his birthday as an official state holiday," Wilson told a Monday news conference.



Herbert reacts to congratulatory remarks.

Arizona woman is Maid of Cotton

DALLAS (AP) — Angela Herbert of Phoenix, Ariz., a 21-year-old senior at Arizona State University, was crowned Monday night as the 1988 Maid of Cotton.

Ms. Herbert, who earlier had been named the Arizona Maid of Cotton, will make her first public appearance at the Cotton Bowl Parade on New Year's Day.

She was one of 19 finalists from nine cotton-producing states out of about 200 original contestants. A blonde, she is a major in political science and history. As Maid of Cotton, she gets a \$10,000 scholarship and a \$10,000 all-cotton wardrobe. She will tour the United States, the Far East and Europe over the next six months representing the cotton industry and helping to promote the sale of U.S. cotton.

First runner-up was Glennys Cowles, 22, of Memphis, Tenn., a senior fashion design major at

the University of Mississippi.

Second runner-up was Tricia Touchstone, 21, of Dimmitt, Texas, a senior restaurant and hotel management major at Texas Tech. She was the South Plains Maid of Cotton, one of three regional contests whose winners automatically qualified as finalists.

The 1988 Maid of Cotton was selected at the Majestic Theater in downtown Dallas Monday night. The women were judged on communication skills, poise, personality, and appearance during 2½ days of structured events that included prepared speeches, question and answer sessions at several functions, and the Monday night selection.

Applicants had to be at least 5-foot, 5 inches tall, never married, between 19 and 25 year old, of attractive appearance, and able to model and wear cotton clothes.

Former lawmaker being pursued again by law enforcement officials

DALLAS (AP) — Former state Rep. Mike Martin, once pursued by authorities on allegations of staging his own assassination, is a fugitive again following an indictment on child custody charges.

Officials say Martin failed to return his two children, Michael Trent Martin, 10, and Arie Anne Hewitt Martin, 6, to his ex-wife's home in Garland after a 1986 visit, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

Martin was indicted October 1986 by a Dallas grand jury on a charge of interfering in child custody. Federal officials filed a similar complaint the following December and now the FBI has joined the Texas Rangers in the search for Martin.

If convicted, Martin could be sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined \$5,000.

Martin's first flight from the law in 1981 ended two weeks later when he was found hiding in a stereo cabinet at his mother's home. But now officials don't even know if Martin is in the country.

"He jumps around a lot," said Texas Ranger

Ron McBride. "We feel like he's overseas."

Martin, a Republican from Longview, resigned from the Texas Legislature after officials accused him of arranging an attempted assassination on himself to further his career.

Martin was slightly wounded in the elbow during a July 31, 1981 shotgun attack outside his mobile home in Austin. Martin's cousin, Charles Goff, later said that Martin promised him a state job if he would act as triggerman in the attack. Martin said he was innocent and contended the shooting was the responsibility of a Satanic cult, Guardian Angels of the Underground.

But he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor perjury charge and resigned in a plea bargain with prosecutors.

The only bill Martin introduced during his one term in the Legislature would have required teaching of creationism in public schools.

Martin and his wife, Debbie Case, were divorced in 1984, after eight years of marriage.

Judge pays fee for Criminal Appeals court

AUSTIN (AP) — State District Judge David Berchermann Jr. of San Antonio paid his \$3,000 filing fee Monday as a Republican candidate for presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Presiding Judge John Onion Jr. has said he will not run for reelection in 1988. Onion, a former San Antonio district judge, has been on the appeals court for 22 years, including 18 as presiding judge.

Berchermann, 40, was appointed as a judge by Gov. Bill Clements and won election to a four-year term in 1982. He was re-elected in 1986.

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Our opinion

Snow again — but where the plows?

Those Pampans who get into the holiday spirit gained a blessing last week when one of the infrequent Texas Panhandle white Christmases arrived via a late Thursday night snowfall.

But, as is often the case, the blessing proved to be a mixed one. The snow brought a clean, glistening appearance to yards, parks, trees and shrubbery. Unfortunately, snow does not fall discriminately. It also covers the streets and other roadways. And therein lies the mixed blessing.

With the seemingly ever-present Panhandle winds, snow tends to drift in these regions. And that leads to frustrations that have existed for drivers here ever since vehicles outnumbered cowboy-riden horses.

Despite all the technological advances of the past 50 years, motorists daring to leave their homes when snow lies on the ground here still find themselves plunging through the mounds of white stuff, still sliding over the packed icy spots — and still cursing the absent or late snowplows and graders.

We realize Christmas is an important day, one for families and friends to gather in times of bonding and holiday enjoyment. But not all of us are privileged to receive the three-and-a-half day extended holiday that many government employees gained last week. And Saturday morning found many of us heading back to work, or driving out to hit the post-Christmas sales and make gift exchanges.

And as we slid and spun or faced entrapment by the icy ruts and holes that ensnag and devour tires, we wondered where were those tax-monies-salaried workers with their tax-monies-purchased snow removal equipment.

Now, we really don't expect those workers to have left their Christmas gatherings Friday to clear all of the nearly 160 miles of asphalt, concrete, brick and unpaved streets in the city. After all, this was a relatively small snowstorm for our area, nothing like the March blizzard or the deep snow of a couple of weeks ago. And we admit those workers generally did a good job on those two previous occasions, with their efforts probably not being appreciated enough.

But the snow-removal efforts tend to concentrate on what the powers-that-be have designated as thoroughfares or as priority streets. There are, however, other streets, that are major traffic arteries, whether officially declared as thoroughfares or not: Harvester, Kentucky, Browning, Barnes, Alcock-Francis, Starkweather, Duncan — and the infamous 23rd Avenue. Those streets were still creating problems for motorists Sunday afternoon after the downtown business streets and some highway sections in the city had been cleared.

It seems to us that it's of little use to have the downtown section and the highways cleared when residents cannot reach them safely by the other major routes.

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He drags out the book lists

The weeks before Christmas are supposed to be a holy season, but for many of us they are a time to indulge our vices. For some, that means drink; for others, food; for still others, squandering money. For me, it is Christmas book lists, which produce no hangovers, excess weight or depleted bank accounts.

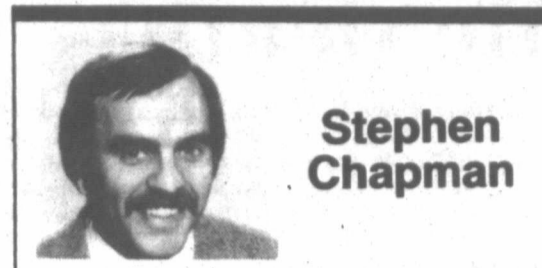
You know what I'm talking about: those articles in which various notables are asked to list what they've been reading. Those solicited often treat the request as an invitation to pomposity, responding with discourses on the pleasures of Gibbon or Virgil. Still, I find them irresistible. Assuming that others share this addiction, I submit a few of my favorite books published in 1987.

If three Supreme Court nominations, plus the exhaustive hearings on Robert Bork's ill-fated selection, haven't stimulated your interest in constitutional law, then nothing will. A brisk account of how that document has been applied over its 200 years is Archibald Cox's *The Court and the Constitution*.

The Harvard professor and former Watergate prosecutor has a knack for simplifying complex issues. He also shows a disarming intellectual honesty: Though Cox generally admires the landmark decisions of the Warren and Burger courts, he concedes some doubts about their legal foundations.

The troubles in Central America, addressed though not solved by Oscar Arias' peace plan, are examined in *The Continuing Crisis: U.S. Policy in Central America and the Caribbean*, a hefty volume edited by Mark Falcoff and Robert Roybal. It presents the views of Arias, Daniel Ortega, the Kissinger Commission and others.

Falcoff's essay on the history of U.S. involve-



Stephen Chapman

ment in Nicaragua is enough to make the book worthwhile. Disputing those who blame Washington for the crimes of the Somoza dictatorship, he demonstrates that "the problem in Nicaragua has not been U.S. power so much as a lack of it... Had Washington been able to fully control its putative 'alliance' with Managua, Nicaragua's political history would have been vastly happier."

Readers who gravitate to this space presumably have a weakness for political commentary. Those who have not already discovered the work of Michael Kinsley, who writes "TRB from Washington" for the *New Republic*, are in for a treat. His collection, *Curse of the Giant Muffins*, shows off the most persuasive stylist in American journalism.

Kinsley has a flair for astringent aphorisms, such as: "A good test of political seriousness is whether anyone opposes what you have to say." And: "A 'gaffe' occurs not when a politician lies, but when he tells the truth." Liberals will love him for breathing new vigor into their creed; conservatives will be heartened by how sensible a liberal can be.

Even columnists don't live by nonfiction alone. One of the best novels I read this year was *That Night* by Alice McDermott. Does *Romeo and Juliet* set in postwar suburbia sound like a

formula for comedy or melodrama? It isn't — not in the skilled hands of McDermott, who shows that lives in the suburbs can be heroic and even tragic.

She writes of a woman moving away after her husband's death and her daughter's disgrace: "Perhaps as she drove past the shuttered houses, with their damp lawns and purring window fans, she saw instead how precarious their peace was, how momentary. Maybe she saw instead the coming troubles: the scattering of sons, the restlessness of wives, the madness of daughters. Maybe she was aware, in her flight that early morning, that all futures were as uncertain as her own, that even as she drove away, her mother crying quietly beside her, the very blood that pulsed through their veins and set the rhythm that kept their wives asleep was moving pain and age and sorrow to the hearts of the good men."

Finally, there is Jane Smiley's *The Age of Grief*, a novella with short stories. Smiley has an empathy for ordinary people, a clear psychological sense, and a basic moral seriousness. She writes so well that I forgive her the character who buys the Sunday *Chicago Tribune* only for the comics.

In the title novella, her narrator, a dentist, reflects on his work: "Teeth outlast everything. Death is nothing to a tooth. Hundreds of years in acidic soil just keeps a tooth clean. A fire that burns away hair and flesh and even bone leaves teeth dazzling like daisies in the ashes. Life is what destroys teeth."

I hate to suggest any activity that will distract readers from their first obligation as citizens, which is the daily study of this page of the newspaper. But once that duty is fulfilled, any of these books will make a stimulating companion.



Shopping for a new excuse

Gary Hart, or what was left of him after it was discovered he'd been messing around in the wrong ballot box, was having lunch when an old friend from his wilder days happened to spot him.

"Hey, ol' buddy," said the friend, "I haven't seen you since the time we took those chicks..."

"Quiet," Hart whispered, looking around at the other tables to make certain nobody had a tape recorder or a notebook.

"I just can't be too careful anymore," he continued. "My wife gets one more thing on me and I'm history."

"I heard, pal," the friend went on. "But you know the old saying..."

"What old saying?" asked Hart.

"You dance, you pay the fiddler..."

"The fiddler!" Hart responded. "I've paid the entire Mormon Tabernacle Choir..."

"It's been tough, huh?"

"Tough?" said Hart. "Not only did I have to give up my shot at the White House and a chance to hustle honeys with Air Force One at my disposal, but my wife's got me on a leash this long..."

he went on, holding his fingers two inches apart.

"Can't get out of the house?"

"Are you kidding?" Hart replied. "She won't even let me watch *The New Dating Game* on



Lewis Grizzard

television. I tuned in *Wheel of Fortune* the other night, for the lack of anything else to do, and she came at me with the Cuisinart, because she said I was lusty after Vanna White."

"Were you?"

"Just because you put a dog in a pen," winked Hart, "it doesn't mean he still doesn't want to hunt."

"What you need," said Hart's friend, "is a good excuse to get out of the house and back in the fast lane."

"I've thought of everything," said Hart. "I told her I had to go out of town to address a Shriners' convention."

"And?"

"She said, 'Cool it, Ali Baba, you've had your thousand and one nights.'"

"Then, I told her they were making my life story into a movie and I had to go to Hollywood."

"What did she say to that?"

"She said, 'Forget it, Casanova, they've already done *American Gigolo*.'"

"I think I've got it," said Hart's friend. "Have you ever thought about getting back into the presidential race?"

"Next to girls, that's all I think about," said Hart.

"Then, that's it!" said Hart's friend. "Call a press conference, say you're back in the race and you're out of the cage and it will be like old times again."

"But what if my wife won't let me..."

"Simple. Tell her if you're elected she can plan domestic policy. Women like a little power, too. Then, you send her to Alaska to campaign and you're a free man."

Hart's eyes glazed over as he pondered the possibilities.

"Then you'll do it?" asked his friend.

"See those two blondes in the corner?" said Hart. "While I'm calling the press conference, go find out if they've ever been to New Hampshire."

Berry's World



"Hold all my calls. I'm going to play with my Pee-wee Herman doll for a while."

Do-little agency thrives on high salaries

By ROBERT WALTERS

SAN FRANCISCO (NEA) — On the 38th floor of a soaring office tower in this city's high-rent financial district is the headquarters of an obscure and unique quasi-government agency, the Federal Asset Disposition Association.

Even more spectacular than the view of San Francisco Bay are the FADA's salaries. In 1986, the agency's 17 most senior officers received a total of \$2.1 million in salaries and \$200,000 in bonuses.

That's an average of more than \$135,000 apiece, compared with the \$115,000 received by Vice President Bush and the \$99,500 paid to members of President Reagan's Cabinet.

Reagan himself is paid \$200,000 per year, but in 1986 FADA President Roslyn B. Payne received a base salary of \$250,000 and a bonus of \$75,000 — even though FADA lost \$3.6 million that year and its performance under her leadership has been severely criticized.

FADA was created in late 1985 by

the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the government agency that regulates the nation's savings and loan industry.

The new agency was supposed to temporarily manage, then sell off the more than \$7 billion worth of distressed assets — many of them in Florida, California and Texas — inherited by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. when it rescued mismanaged S&Ls.

FADA claims to be exempt from rules requiring that meetings be open to the public — even though it has admitted lobbyists to meetings from which the public was barred.

Further, it initially resisted attempts by the House Banking Committee to examine the agency's work. "Glassnost makes it easier to get information out of the Kremlin than out of FADA," Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., told a mid-October congressional hearing. "My constituents... have a better chance of contacting Greta Garbo than Roslyn Payne."

Payne's inauspicious debut on network television occurred shortly be-

fore that hearing. During a taped interview, a CBS News correspondent asked about a report that she offered a Florida real estate investor a \$35,000 FADA consulting contract as a bribe to halt his criticism of the agency.

Payne indignantly rejected that allegation as a "falsehood," then abruptly terminated the interview by storming off camera — a spectacle recorded for the entertainment of viewers of the CBS Evening News.

About four-fifths of the assets FADA manages are loans, while the remainder are neighborhood shopping centers, apartment complexes, condominiums, motels, undeveloped land and other real estate.

The sale of those assets is imperative because the proceeds are needed to replenish the FSLIC insurance fund that has been depleted by payments made to depositors with accounts at failed or troubled S&Ls.

But FADA has sold relatively few assets, even though it has built a staff of hundreds of people to process the

loans and real estate. Indeed, it has been widely accused of ignoring, discouraging and antagonizing potential buyers.

In one case, it hired a private detective agency to probe into the affairs of a New Jersey real estate developer who became FADA's most vocal critic after the agency repeatedly rebuffed his offers to buy assets.

"To spend federal dollars to investigate private citizens who are unhappy with the performance of any agency... is simply intolerable," says Rep. James Florio, D-N.J. "The man was treated as though we are in a police state," adds Rep. Fernand J. St Germain, D-R.I., chairman of the House Banking Committee.

Payne has relinquished her position as FADA chief executive officer but she remains the agency's president. Her staff says it has learned from its earlier mistakes, but FADA's performance still has not impressed anybody.

Nation

Bennett outlines back-to-basics dream curriculum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Education William J. Bennett today presented his vision of an ideal high school in which every American teenager would take 36 required courses, from algebra and art history to science and Western civilization.

Bennett invoked a personal hero to name both his report and his fictional school: "James Madison High School: A Curriculum for American Students."

Bennett stressed that the "school" has real-world models, and he appended the report with capsule descriptions of seven high schools that practice what he preaches.

Bennett would have all teen-agers

take four years of English, with four year-long literature courses; three years each of science, math and social studies; two years of foreign language; two years of physical education; and one semester each of art and music history.

"Even by the standards of most other industrialized nations, American education is more comprehensive, more prolonged and more democratic," Bennett wrote. "But, too often, it is also less rigorous and less productive."

Bennett's department has no authority to mandate curricula to any of the nation's 21,000 public and private high schools, which enroll some 12 million

students.

But Bennett touted his ideal as "the kind of basic program most Americans want for their schools."

Scott D. Thomson, executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, said, "I think it makes a lot of good sense. The better schools in the country already offer the kind of curriculum that he's talking about."

Too often students can fill their schedules with "junk food electives," Thomson said. But he questioned the omission of business or vocational courses from Bennett's core.

Gordon Cawelti, executive director of

the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, said Bennett's proposal reflects "the kind of education a lot of students now are receiving in upper middle-class suburbs."

Thomson said 25 percent to 30 percent of U.S. high schools now offer a curriculum like Bennett's. Cawelti said that "at best" 10 percent of students pursue such a course.

Bennett denied his regimen would be too much for disadvantaged students or minorities to handle. It is aimed at "the students we have, not for an imaginary class of teen-age wizards," Bennett said.

The seven schools profiled in the report as examples of curricular excellence are: A. Philip Randolph Campus High School on the grounds of City College of New York in Harlem; CAL High School, in Latimer, Iowa, a small, rural school serving the towns of Coulter, Alexander and Latimer; James A. Garfield High School in Los Angeles, famed for its Hispanic students' scores on calculus advanced placement exams; Shawnee Mission South High School in Kansas; Portland High School in Maine; Xavier Prep School in New Orleans, an all-black Catholic school for girls; and Wayland High School in Wayland, Mass.

Bishops to reconsider AIDS paper

NEW YORK (AP) — A Roman Catholic position paper that earlier this month gave qualified approval to church-sponsored instruction on condoms will get another look from U.S. bishops, said Cardinal John O'Connor's office.

The 380-member United States Catholic Conference will discuss the policy paper on AIDS in June in Minnesota, said the statement issued by O'Connor's office Monday.

O'Connor has called the paper a "grave mistake," and expressed surprise when it was issued by the conference's 50-member administrative board Dec. 10 that it had not been submitted for a full vote by the group.

The conference president, Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis, agreed to present the issue to the larger forum, the statement said.

According to the release, May wrote the other bishops, "I am sure that all of us are pained by the public reception of the document."

A long wait



Travelers wait in ticket lines at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport Monday, delayed by a snow storm that dumped up to one-inch-per-hour of snow on the airport. United and American airlines were forced to cancel hundreds of flights at O'Hare.

Futurists see disposable houses, tuition futures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousand-story skyscrapers and a return of the blimp, rationed medical care and sale of "tuition futures" by colleges all could be part of America's destiny, according to the World Future Society.

The Bethesda, Md.-based group has summarized its predictions of the likely, possible and improbable, for both the near and long term, in "Outlook '88 and Beyond," a collection of the reports issued by the group during the past year.

Rapidly rising college costs could lead to the introduction of tuition futures, suggests the group which includes academicians, scientists and others whose work focuses on trends for the future.

Under such plans, parents would begin paying into a college fund for their child when the tot is as young as age 2, allowing them to pay for the future college education at the current tuition rate — and spreading the payments over more time.

Costs too will have a bearing on health, says the group, which projects that "expensive life-saving technologies may be rationed if younger Americans are unwilling to support massive health-care expenditures to keep alive the growing number of elderly in poor health."

Also possible is an increase in suicide among the elderly, according to the futurists. As this becomes more acceptable, elderly people in poor health may be able to apply for suicide licenses, the group says.

Death specialists may dispense potent drugs that kill painlessly, and special ceremonies may be created for these occasions, the futurists say.

This could occur at a time when the massive increase in the number of elderly means there will be an acute shortage of physicians trained in geriatrics, and thus health care for older Americans

may often have to be provided by physician assistants and nurses.

All isn't negative on the health front, though, according to the futurists.

For example, they foresee a time when drugs will be available to help people with spinal cord injuries regain the use of paralyzed limbs. The drugs could replace chemical signals the brain could no longer transmit, thus stimulating the spinal cord to activate the muscles, the futurists say.

They also foresee increased surgical removal of plaque in the arteries to reduce the chance of stroke, correction of birth defects before birth, and a reduction in heart attacks.

At least one less-than-modern technology is likely to see a comeback — lighter-than-air craft, according to the futurists.

They look for increased use of balloons and blimps to provide disaster relief and to reach remote areas.

Thousand-story skyscrapers likely will become technically feasible, the group also says, with a proposed tower in Houston said to be able to grow a mile high.

Other outlooks for the near and distant future, according to the annual assessment:

- Orchestral music may make a comeback as computers and synthesizers offer a less expensive substitute for hiring a full orchestra.
- Robots with computer brains could take over dangerous police jobs, such as quelling riots and rescuing hostages.
- Prospective lovers may sign dating contracts to deal with potential legal problems involving sexually transmissible diseases, pregnancy and abortion, ownership of property and financial compensation if the relationship ends. Dating services may evolve into brokerage firms, using standard contracts.
- Seventy-five percent of all current workers will need retraining by the year 2000.

Help delayed because of power shutdown

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Help for an Eastern Airlines jetliner that nearly lost its tail in a hard landing was delayed because the pilot interrupted radio communications when he shut down electrical power to prevent a fire, a Pensacola Regional Airport spokesman said.

Fire equipment reached the scene in three minutes, within acceptable limits, once it was realized there was a problem. The plane landed late Sunday night in a foggy rain and then failed to taxi to the terminal, airport spokesman Carlton Proctor said Monday.

Proctor said it remained unclear exactly how much time elapsed, but firefighters arrived three minutes after they were notified.

Escambia County Emergency Medical Services records show a call for help was received at 11:47 p.m. CST, while airport and Federal Aviation Administration officials said the plane landed at 11:40 p.m.

Passenger Carolyn Fleming said she walked about half of the mile-long distance to the airport terminal before rescue trucks arrived at the disabled DC-9. The jetliner was

sitting on the end of the runway, its fuselage cracked open nearly all the way around its mid-section and its tail section dragging on the pavement.

"If that plane had started burning they couldn't have saved us," said Ms. Fleming, one of 105 people aboard the twin-engine jet.

A fire may have been prevented by the pilot's move to switch off all power, Proctor said.

Ms. Fleming said a flight attendant who walked with her through a driving rain suggested the downpour also may have helped avoid disaster by preventing sparks from flying as the plane dragged its drooping tail nearly 7,000 feet down the runway.

Most of the passengers had made it to the terminal before a baggage truck from Delta Air Lines began picking people up, Ms. Fleming said.

Virginia Sanchez, a spokeswoman at Eastern's Miami headquarters, said she had no information on how long it took to get help to the plane.

Karen M. Ceremsak, an Eastern spokes-

woman in Pensacola, said the pilot is a 20-year veteran of the carrier, but she declined to identify him.

Officials also had no word on what may have caused the accident. An investigative team from the National Transportation Safety Board spent most of the day at the accident scene.

Three people were slightly injured as passengers and crew used emergency chutes to leave the plane. The injured were treated and released from emergency rooms at two local hospitals, authorities said. Their names were not released.

Proctor said airport officials had been told it would be late Monday night before efforts to remove the aircraft from the runway could begin.

The municipal airport's main north-south runway was closed as a result of the accident, but flights continued on the east-west runway. For several hours Monday morning that runway also was closed by bad weather, delaying arrival of the investigative team, but it was reopened at about 8 a.m.

Pennzoil chief estimates battle fees at about \$400 million

HOUSTON (AP) — Pennzoil Co.'s legal fees and other expenses from its landmark legal battle against Texaco Inc. have been estimated at about \$400 million, according to a letter to shareholders obtained by The Houston Post.

Pennzoil recently agreed with Texaco to receive \$3 billion to settle its \$10.3 billion court-awarded judgment against Texaco.

In the letter, dated Dec. 23, Pennzoil Chairman J. Hugh Liedtke wrote, "we expect to have pre-tax net recovery after all expenses

incurred in connection with the litigation and the bankruptcy procedures of in excess of \$2.6 billion."

The \$400 million figure includes all expenses, including attorney's fees, which may not be disclosed separately, said Robert G. Harper, Pennzoil spokesman.

"All kinds of things were involved in expenses," Harper told the newspaper. "I don't know if legal fees are a major part of that or not."

Liedtke also told shareholders the tax consequences of receiving the judgment are still unclear, but said the amount of tax the company pays will depend upon how the funds are invested.

In the letter, Liedtke defended Pennzoil's decision to settle for the lower monetary amount, saying it may have taken years to collect the larger judgment, the form of which would have been determined in Texaco's bankruptcy proceeding.

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World

Army triples force in Gaza to prepare for new riots

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel has flooded the occupied lands with troops because it expects new riots Friday on an anniversary celebrated by a Palestinian guerrilla group, the military's chief of staff was quoted as saying today.

Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron said Israel doubled the number of troops in the occupied West Bank and tripled the number of troops in the Gaza Strip, posting more troops there than it used to capture the territory from Egypt in 1967.

The precautions were taken for the 23rd anniversary on Jan. 1 of the founding of Al Fatah, the largest guerrilla group under the umbrella of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Shomron said in a briefing to Israeli military correspondents.

"Fatah Day," as it is known among Palestinians, has often been marked by violence and bloodshed.

"The riots in the territories will not happen again," Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in an interview published today. "Even if we have to use massive force, we will not allow last week's events to repeat themselves."

The U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem sent a political officer to Nablus, a city in the West Bank, to observe the third day of the military trials of 900 Palestinians arrested during two weeks of unrest earlier this month.

At least 21 Arabs were killed in clashes with security forces that started on Dec. 8. No Israeli soldiers were killed during that time.

Rabin said Israel will "go on using" deportations to punish security offenders, despite concern that "in the long run they (expulsions) can corrode the support for Israel in American public opinion." "Deportation is a meaningful punishment," Rabin told the Haaretz newspaper.

But Foreign Ministry spokesman Ehud Gol said Israel has not yet decided on expelling ringleaders of the riots.

The U.S. State Department said Monday it had cautioned Israel that deportations could trigger more violence.

Jordan and Egypt have said they would not accept the deportees, and Israel would likely have to release them in southern Lebanon.

Most West Bank residents are Jordanian citizens, while most residents of the Gaza Strip are stateless.

Shomron, releasing revised casualty figures from the two weeks of rioting, said 21 Arabs were killed by army gunfire and 179 were wounded. He said 41 Israeli soldiers and 27 civilians were injured by stones or firebombs thrown by Arab demonstrators.

One more Palestinian, Hosni Saada Museireh, died from a heart attack after Israeli police dispersed a demonstration in Jerusalem with tear gas. Arab sources count him as a riot casualty, raising their toll to 22.

The riots began after a traffic accident in which an Israeli truck driver hit two Arab cars in Gaza, killing four passengers. Rumors spread that the killing was done to avenge the stabbing death of an Israeli the day before.

At the trials in the West Bank and Gaza, army prosecutors were basing their cases on testimony from soldiers and security agents, and on video films and photographs taken during the rioting.

Rabin told Israeli Parliament on Monday that detainees will be entitled to proper legal procedures. However, in Gaza no witnesses gave evidence and no family members were allowed to watch the proceedings while 60 prisoners were tried.

Rebel attack



(AP Laserphoto)

One of 12 burnt-out trucks and tankers destroyed by secessionist Ethiopian rebels last week in an attack on a convoy of 34 private and government vehicles escorted by Ethiopian troops 28 miles from Asmara, the capital of northern Tigray province.

Rebel attacks have forced a food airlift for two- to three million people facing starvation in the area.

Sources: Arab nations could seek military help from Egypt against Iran

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Arab leaders may call today for a joint arms industry and military help from Egypt when they hammer out a defense strategy against escalating Iranian attacks in the Persian Gulf, sources said.

The Gulf Cooperation Council members also may standardize weapons and draw up tactics and strategies for defending their coastlines, offshore oil installations and tankers against Iranian attacks, the sources said.

Defense ministers from the six nations, who drafted a final report Monday night, planned to release it today at the end of the four-day conference. The sources who described the report spoke on condition of anonymity.

This month alone, 26 ships have been attacked in the gulf by Iran and Iraq in the most devastating assault on shipping of their 7-year-old war.

Early today, shipping executives reported that Iranian navy warships intercepted and seized the 31,205-ton West German freighter Norasia Pearl.

They said it was taken to the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas. The Iranians usually intercept ships they believe are carrying cargo for Iraq, and return them after they seize anything of value to their enemy.

In Riyadh, the closed-door council meeting, led by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, included representatives from Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. Together, they own half the world's known oil reserves.

Although the council has forged

common defenses against air and ground threats, they have not so far revealed any joint strategy for defending their shipping from Iranian attacks, a spillover of the Iran-Iraq war.

Meanwhile, two U.S. warships today safely escorted two reflagged Kuwaiti tankers north through the Strait of Hormuz, gateway to the Persian Gulf, according to the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla.

The convoy was the 22nd since President Reagan agreed to have 11 Kuwaiti tankers re-registered in the United States, entitling them to protection against Iranian attacks. Iran considers Kuwait an ally of Iraq.

On Monday, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said an "Iraqi spy" convicted in a car bombing that injured 30 people in Tehran two years ago was publicly hanged. Three executions for bombing charges have been reported since Saturday.

King Fahd said Saturday that gulf countries might turn to outside powers if the Iran-Iraq war continues unabated and Iran refuses to accept a U.N. Security Council cease-fire resolution that Iraq says it would accept.

The conference sources said Kuwait used part of Monday's session to air its grievances against Iran, which has fired several missiles at Kuwait's coast and oil facilities and repeatedly attacked Kuwaiti shipping in efforts to force Kuwait to stop supporting Iraq.

Iran is Persian, but it shares the Moslem faith with Arab nations.

Cosmonaut who set space world endurance record returns to earth today

MOSCOW (AP) — Yuri Romanenko, the Soviet cosmonaut who set a world endurance record by spending nearly 11 months in space, returned to Earth today on the snowy steppe of Soviet Kazakhstan, the Tass news agency said.

"The descent capsule of the Soyuz TM-3 spaceship soft-landed in the designated area in Soviet territory, near the town of Arkalyk," the official Soviet news agency said.

It said the capsule carrying Romanenko, who spent 326 days in space, flight engineer Alexander Alexandrov and test pilot Anatoly Levchenko landed at 12:15 p.m. Moscow time (4:14 a.m. EST). Radio Moscow said the cosmonauts underwent

medical examinations at the landing site.

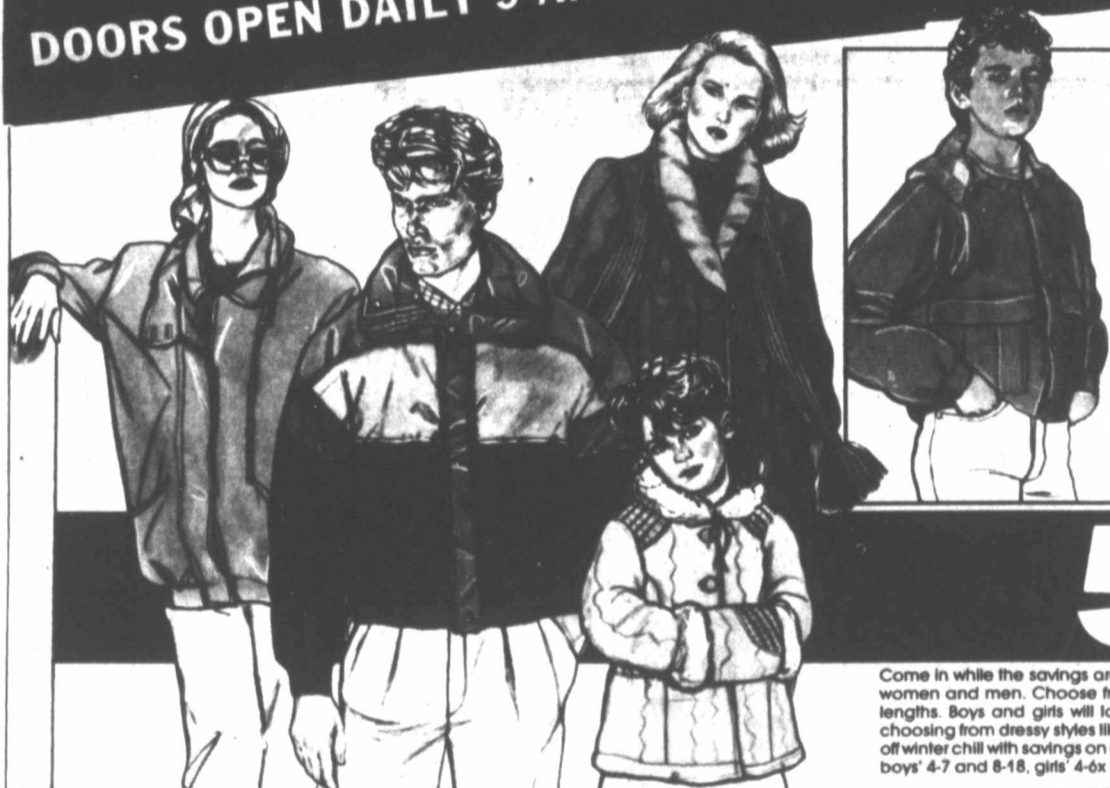
Radio Moscow said nothing about what the medical tests showed, but reported doctors were paying "close attention" to Romanenko's condition.

Scientists say the 43-year-old Romanenko's ability to handle a long period in weightlessness will help them determine the feasibility of manned flight to Mars, which they say would take about three years round-trip.

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Growers hope crop not harmed by cold

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Citrus growers on the outskirts of the Phoenix metropolitan area say they think their crops escaped major damage during the weekend's cold snap but warn that prices will probably rise because of more extensive damage to California's crop.

Frost began forming around 11 p.m. Saturday and lingered until morning, but growers said that they believe they were able to protect their crops from the cold that night and that Sunday night's temperatures weren't nearly as bad.

Citrus trees are damaged when temperatures fall below 28 degrees for durations of four hours or more. Growers, however, can

keep groves warm by running wind machines to circulate cold air away from the groves and by running warm water through irrigation canals to produce a warming steam in the area.

"We did okay last night," Russ Poe, manager of Allied Citrus Exchange in Phoenix, said Monday. "We didn't even have to run frost water or wind machines."

On Saturday night and Sunday morning, by contrast, growers used both techniques, he said, adding "it's going to take a couple of weeks, really, before you see any damage show up."

California growers were hit by three nights of damaging frosts, he said, so "we fared

here in Arizona much better than the West as a whole."

Because California provides such a large chunk of the overall crop, prices for surviving fruits are likely to rise but it is too early to tell by how much, he added.

The cold was the legacy of a winter storm that moved out of Arizona on Saturday. Higher elevations in the state reported bitter cold Sunday morning, with minus 24 reported at Hawley Lake, minus 7 at Flagstaff, minus 6 at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon and minus 3 at Winslow.

Cold weather is expected to return by the end of the week, and growers again will have to take precautions to protect their crops.

Extra large baby



Mrs. Yolanda Wegrzynek holds up her five-day-old son Raymond at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, N.Y., Monday. Raymond weighed 14-pounds, 10-ounces at birth, making him the largest baby in recent memory at the hospital. Mrs. Wegrzynek and her husband Edmund are from Linder.

Year of humbling moments; personal, political

By JONATHAN WOLMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—This is the week you want to look back at the year with fondness and satisfaction, but for some of the most prominent people in Washington, 1987 was dominated by sad moments, personal and political.

Meese, Deaver and Nofziger. Hart and Biden. It has been a humbling year for one

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and all. Perhaps inevitably, Christmas week in the Capital seemed at turns poignant and preposterous.

Attorney General Edwin Meese III, whose 14-month-old grandson died in his crib in October, marked the holiday as the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation and target of an boisterous "Meese is a Pig" poster campaign across the city.

The posters were plastered on utility boxes just as Meese's former lawyer and former financial adviser were indicted in the Wedtech scandal, an affair that already had

brought charges against former White House political director Lyn Nofziger.

The red, white and blue "Meese is a Pig" posters refer to the Wedtech scandal in small print and describe the attorney general as a "weasel." City workers started obliterating the placards after receiving a call from Capitol Hill, a Department of Public Works spokesman said. Justice Department spokesman Patrick Korten described the anonymous poster campaign as "not nice."

In many ways it's been a not-nice year all around, considering the Gary Hart-Donna Rice rendezvous, the Joseph Biden plagiarism episode, Nofziger indicted, former Deputy White House Chief of Staff Michael Deaver convicted, Meese under investigation.

"It's been the lowest I think you can get," Nancy Reagan said in a year-end assessment with The Associated Press. For her it was a year of cancer (her own and President Reagan's), death (her mother's), scandal (Iran-Contra, Deaver, Meese) and estrangement (from her only daughter).

The first lady's Christmas dinner guest list was notable — not for who was on it, but for who was not.

None of the Reagan children spent Christ-

mas at the White House. And, just a week before Christmas, Mrs. Reagan said she "just doesn't know" how to patch things up with her daughter, Patti Davis.

"Mother was very nice to Patti," Mrs. Reagan said of Edith Davis, who died in October. "... Not coming to mother's (funeral) services was really hard to take."

Also missing from the Reagans' list of 21 Christmas dinner guests were Deaver, his wife Nancy and their children, who had enjoyed previous Christmas dinners at the White House. Their absence symbolized one of the most pathetic Washington collapses in years.

Deaver came to Washington in 1981 as a chief confidante and aide to Ronald Reagan. He left the White House to set up as a lobbyist, but he practiced without finesse. Earlier in December he was convicted of perjury in connection with conflict-of-interest investigations.

As his legal problems mounted, Deaver revealed the he was an alcoholic.

"I can just say that I feel sorry for him and his family and the kids," Mrs. Reagan said after Deaver's conviction.

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Those regulations that boomerang

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — The best laid plans of mice, men and the federal government often turn to naught or worse, producing side and reverse results that worsen rather than improve conditions.

Those who examine the various causes of the Great Depression of the 1930s are well aware that the Smoot-Hawley tariff, designed to protect American industry, depressed world trade and damaged industry here and abroad.

More recently, Uncle Sam raised the tax due when capital investments are sold in an effort to raise revenue. But studies suggest the reverse has happened — investors instead prefer not to sell, and therefore do not pay.

And very recently, Americans witnessed an attempt by the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates in order to defend the dollar and, by extension, the American economy — thus helping to precipitate a stock market collapse.

Such events have resulted in what some might call Umbeck's law, that "every regulation, whether it is imposed by a government or a company on its employees, will have unexpected effects."

John R. Umbeck, associate professor at Purdue University's Krannert School of Management, has made a specialty of examining how laws and regulations influence human behavior.

He has found that laws against drunken driving may in some cases cause individuals to react in unexpected ways. Stiffer penalties against drunk drivers, for example, can lead to more hit-and-run accidents.

For specifics, he refers to a study he made of a more stringent drunk driving law enacted in Ohio that reduced drunk driving by almost 20 percent. Simultaneously, the number of hit-and-runs involving alcohol rose 8 per-

cent. Since the stricter drunk-driving laws increased the chances of a fine and going to jail, Umbeck observes that "it just makes sense that drivers who risk drinking are more likely to flee the scene of an accident."

Hindsight provides insight, of course, but too late to help. Moreover, many sound laws might never have been passed if mankind had an inkling of what might happen in their wake. In lawmaking, ignorance might be practical.

It probably was the intention of most lawmakers to encourage home ownership when they allowed most interest on home equity loans to remain tax-deductible. It isn't likely that they intended so many people to go out and hawk the house.

When generous disability rules were given to air-traffic controllers, it was with the intention of reducing stress. But an undesirable and unforeseen side effect was to encourage more "near misses."

Why? Because, says the professor, controllers judged to be overworked could go on disability and draw generous salaries without having to work, resulting, he states, in a doubling of disability claims after the rules were instituted.

In New York state, many residents complained to lawmakers that they weren't sufficiently compensated by their insurance companies for lost or stolen cars. A resulting law compelled insurers to raise their settlements.

Result: Cadillacs began disappearing or catching fire, Umbeck says. His explanation: Because of their poor gas mileage, the cars weren't worth as much in market trade as they were according to the "blue book" of current values.

To avoid unexpected side effects, Umbeck, an economist, offers this advice:

"Any lawmaker who is really concerned about remedying a problem without creating any more problems should consult a specialist such as an economist."

But hindsight comes like the cavalry to the rescue.

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Eight years in Afghanistan



Soviet soldiers patrol a bazaar in Kabul, Afghanistan. Eight years after Soviet troops moved into Afghanistan in support of the pro-Moscow Kabul government, the regime is no closer to be able to stand on its own against U.S.-backed rebels. (AP Laserphoto)

Woman about 200 miles off course

By The Associated Press

A woman bound for the Kansas City airport from Lawrence, Kan., got Christmas dinner even though she got lost and wound up in Iowa, about 200 miles north of her destination.

Neil Klein of Omaha, Neb., said he didn't think it strange at first that a woman stopped at his family's Christmas gathering at a rented hall in Dunlap, Iowa, Friday to ask for help.

"When she saw all the cars at our place, she pulled in to ask directions," he said.

The surprise came when the woman, Louise Peterson, asked how to find the Kansas City airport.

"She said she'd set out for Kansas City from Lawrence, Kan., and got lost," he said.

Dunlap is in western Iowa, about 60 miles northeast of Omaha and more than 200 miles from Kansas City.

Mrs. Peterson, 60, of McAllen, Texas, left her mother's home in Lawrence, where she was visiting, Friday morning to pick up her husband, Raymond, at the airport. He'd flown in from Texas and she was to meet him at 9 a.m. CST.

Unfamiliar with the roads, Mrs. Peterson lost her way and ended up on Interstate 29, headed north.

Mrs. Peterson said she got some bad advice when she stopped for gas and directions. Someone told her she had to go north to reach the airport, she said in an interview Saturday night from her mother's home.

With each passing mile, she said, she became more and more lost.

North of Council Bluffs, Iowa, she left Interstate 29 and took U.S. 30 to Dunlap.

"She showed up just as we were setting down to eat" about 2 p.m., Klein said.

"The poor woman was petrified," he said. "She was totally lost. It was Christmas and a stranger came to us ... we had to do something for her."

The Kleins fed Mrs. Peterson a turkey and ham dinner and telephoned her husband at his airport motel.

Peterson was upset, assuming his wife had been in a car accident, Klein said.

Klein and his son, Dave, who lives in Lawrence and remembered seeing Mrs. Peterson and her husband there, left their family gathering to drive Mrs. Peterson back to Kansas City.

Dave Klein drove Mrs. Peterson's car and Kleir followed in his own.

Higher age apparently doing little to stem college drinking

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas college students' drinking habits appear to have been little changed by a law raising the state's drinking age, officials and students agree.

"I don't see where (the law) has made any difference at all, to be honest with you," said the Rev. James Gaunt, immediate past dean of students at the University of St. Thomas.

Officials at the University of Houston, Texas Southern University and Texas A&M University also report the higher drinking age hasn't appreciably cut imbibing by students.

The new drinking age has, however,

apparently changed the way students drink, officials said.

At the University of Texas at Austin, at least some underage students appear to be chug-a-lugging, or drinking a lot of alcohol quickly, before attending certain school events.

"Now, instead of sitting and sipping alcohol at an event, students chug it before they go in," said Ronald Brown, vice president for student affairs at the school. "That not only can make you drunk very fast, it can kill you."

At Texas A&M, a survey of 387 students

taken before the new law went into effect showed that 68 percent — about two out of every three students — said they drank at home or at parties before the new law took effect on Sept. 1, 1986, raising the legal drinking age to 21.

The number climbed to 88 percent — or seven of every eight students — after the new law.

"We had hypothesized that there would be some change because of the drinking-age law, but we're finding little change in drinking and intoxication," said Jan Winniford, assistant director of student affairs.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Groom makes last-minute legal move

DEAR ABBY: The day before our daughter's wedding, her fiancé unexpectedly took her to his lawyer to sign a prenuptial agreement that gave her no claim to any of his assets should they be divorced. There were other stipulations relieving him of all financial responsibility for children — should there be any. The lawyer told my daughter that if she didn't sign the agreement "right now," there would be no wedding! Naturally she was upset, shocked and intimidated, but because she didn't want to call the wedding off, she signed the agreement.

Our daughter is a working woman, but her husband earns far more than she does. Her father and I have no objections to a prenuptial agreement, but we think she should have had some time to think it over — and even consult an attorney so she would at least understand the terms of the agreement, which she does not.

We don't want to interfere, Abby, and our daughter is reluctant to make an issue of it, but we would appreciate your opinion.

PARENTS OF THE BRIDE

DEAR PARENTS: There could be a question concerning the validity of an agreement that was signed under the circumstances you described. Pressure, haste, intimidation and not understanding the terms of the agreement could render the agreement invalid. Your daughter should consult an attorney. I think your son-in-law took unfair advantage of her.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent letter, an Arizona reader added a few couplets to your dieter's prayer. The addition was, in fact, taken verbatim from the late Victor Buono's "The Fat Man's Prayer," which he recorded in 1971 for an album titled "Heavy!"

While I doubt that any plagiarism or deceit was intended, the Arizona correspondent failed to mention Mr. Buono, and I thought it appropriate to give him his due credit. He ends his humble album with:

"Fetid, fingered, rancid, rank and frowzy,
"No wonder all my poetry is lousy."

ADAM STERN,
LA CRESCENTA, CALIF.

DEAR MR. STERN: Victor Buono was a "heavyweight" in more ways than one. Furthermore, his poetry was far from "lousy" — witness the first few lines of his "Fat Man's Prayer":

"I think that I shall never see
... my feet.
"Lord, my soul is ripped with riot
"Incited by my wicked diet.
"We are what we eat," said a wise old man,
"And, Lord, if that's true, I'm a garbage can."

And judging from the number of letters I received, the brilliant actor/poet is well remembered. Thanks to all of you who wrote to set the record straight.

DEAR ABBY: Re your question about whether to include information as well as letters in your column, I hope my card will be among thousands that affirm the wonderful service you do in disseminating useful information.

Several years ago, you mentioned that putting the newspaper in a warm oven for a minute or two dried the ink and prevented allergic reactions.

Now I write for a newspaper. I don't know how I ever would have accomplished that without being able to read one.

NIKKI ALLEN,
SANTA ANA, CALIF.

DEAR NIKKI: Thanks, I needed that. Write on!

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Panhandle museum to show artwork by Pampa sculptor

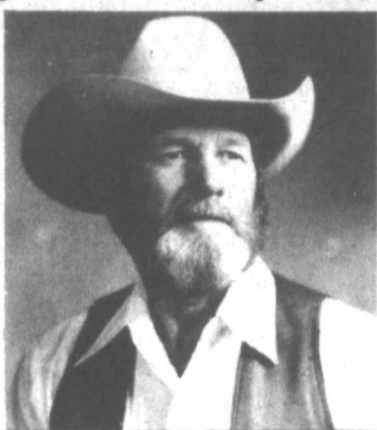
Old West and American Indian sculptures by Pampa artist G.L. Sanders will be on exhibit at Carson County Square House Museum Annex in Panhandle from Jan. 5 through Feb. 1, 1988, according to Mychele Hughes of the museum.

Sanders, who is listed in "Contemporary Western Artist," was raised in Krum near the Fort Worth stockyards.

"Much of my work is that of a proud people, the American Indian and Old West figures," said Sanders, who rodeoed for mount money as a young man.

His sculpture was recently shown at Chatsworth Castle in England, and he was also granted a special showing at the American Embassy in London.

Although Sanders is untrained, his animal anatomy and overall



GERALD SANDERS

consideration for three-dimensional construction indicates a capability found in the schooled artist, Hughes said.

"I have a God-given talent and

I have decided to put it to work. My art career has been short, compared to many, and I feel fortunate that someone like me who has never had any formal training can be accepted by his peers and art patrons," Sanders said.

A bronze sculpture entitled "After the Storm," commissioned by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, was used on the cover of a telephone directory, with distribution of 14.5 million. In addition, Sanders' works are in many private collections throughout the United States.

The museum will host an artist reception from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 10 for the Pampa sculptor. The reception and exhibit are free to the public. The museum is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Facial expressions can intensify emotions

MANNHEIM, West Germany (AP) — Jokes are funnier if the audience already is smiling. This theory of 19th-century naturalist Charles Darwin has been proven by a modern researcher.

According to Discover maga-

zine, West German social psychologist Fritz Strack recently proved that even a "smile" forced by holding a pen in the teeth with the lips pulled back significantly increased the humor "smilers" saw in a series of cartoons.

Darwin claimed more than a century ago that facial expressions could intensify emotions rather than just mirror them, and that people really could be happier if they forced themselves to smile.

Piano, organ students perform yuletide music in dual recitals

Piano and organ students of Mrs. Myrna Orr were presented in dual Christmas recitals at 2 and 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Tarpley's Recital Hall.

A group piano number, "The Parade of the Toy Soldiers," was presented in both recitals by Audra Baumgartner, Amy Houseman, Greg Langley, Misty Clendennen, Jocelyn Chen, Donna Eakin, Stephanie Crocker and Lori Sutton.

In the 2 p.m. recital, "The First Noel" was played by Amber McCullough; "My First Waltz" by Jennifer Mays; "Drummer Boy" by Kara Kay Skaggs; and "Fur Elise" by Audra Baumgartner.

A duet, "Arrival of Santa Claus," was played by Jocelyn Chen and Greg Langley, and "Deck the Halls" was presented by Grace Sutton and Mrs. Orr.

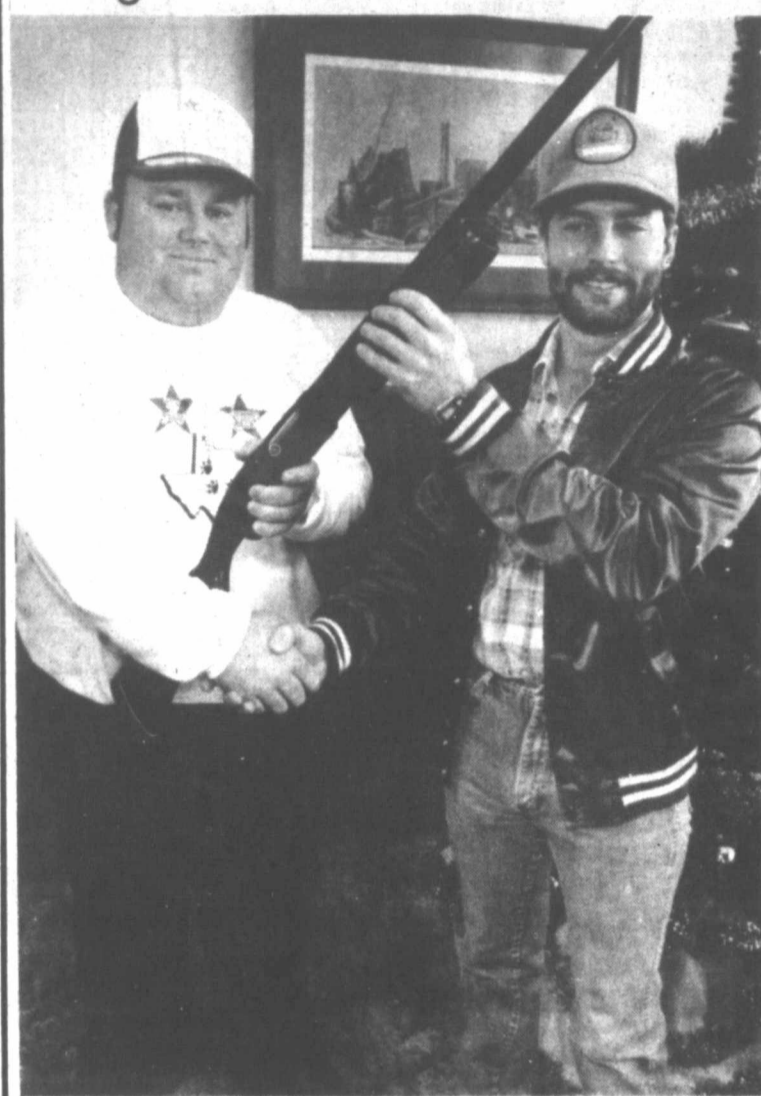
Others playing in the 2 p.m. recital were Karen

McPherson, Leanne Dyson, Lori Sutton, Kyle Parnell, Jessica Lemons, Mindy Randall, Danny McPherson, Kerri Keim, Julian Chen, Stephanie Crocker and Andrea Abbe.

In the 3 p.m. recital, "Calliope" was played by Kim Thorum, "Fur Elise" by Julian Chen, "Sleigh Ride" by Stephanie Crocker, "O Come All Ye Faithful" by Dawn Marie Fox, "Reindeer Rock" by Jennifer Rushing and "Angels We Have Heard on High" by Amy Houseman.

Others playing were Andrea Philips, Jocelyn Chen, Jennifer Fischer, Greg Langley, Tiffany Franks, Lindy Sells, Sarita Mohan, Robi Franklin, Donna Eakin, Julie Smith, Valarie Thorum, Robbie Conner, Carrie Prater, Heather Stokes, Jane Brown, Shaylee Richardson, Ginger Hannon, Amy Eakin and Jamie Feerer.

Shotgun winner



(Staff Photo)

James Wheat, left, of the Top O' Texas Kennel Club congratulates Joe Skinner of Pampa. Skinner won the Remington Model 870 mag. shotgun valued at \$450 in a drawing held by the non-profit club. Some of the funds raised from donations for tickets for the drawing will be used to help local 4-H'ers train dogs.

Wedding consultants offer assistance to brides-to-be

NEW YORK (AP) — Busy brides-to-be should consider hiring a wedding consultant to handle some of the legwork involved in making the event memorable, suggests Barbara Tober, editor-in-chief of Bride's magazine.

"Using a wedding consultant or planner does not mean you give up control of your own wedding," she says. "Rather, you add a very competent organizer to your wedding 'staff' — someone whose time, talent and resources you hire to turn your wedding fantasies into realities."

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- 20 Character of a people
- 22 Cornelia Skinner
- 23 Container
- 26 At this place
- 27 Bane
- 29 Chemical suffix
- 30 Singing syllable
- 31 Basketball league (abbr.)
- 33 Noun suffix
- 34 Flower
- 35 Atmosphere
- 37 Glee
- 41 All (pref.)
- 42 Man's nickname
- 43 Playwright Coward
- 45 Waltz
- 47 Sill
- 48 Oriental women's quarters
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- 55 An anesthetic
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- 3 Poetic foot
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- 5 Dawn goddess
- 6 Insecticide
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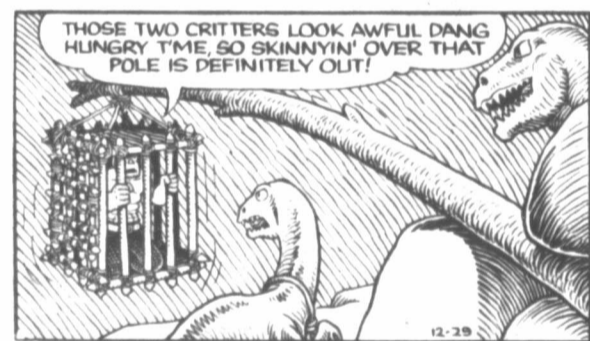
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be your own person today. Don't yield to peer pressure, especially if your friends try to encourage you to do something of which you disapprove. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91426, Cleveland, OH 44101-3426. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be sure that you and your mate are on the same wavelength today regarding the directives each gives to those in your charge. Conflicting commands invite rebellion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Ribbing or kidding others may seem innocuous to you today, but be careful who you roast. A sensitive pal may take your joshing seriously.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In situations today where there is something of value at stake, be careful not to let someone less prudent than you influence your thinking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Indecisiveness could lead to your undoing today. You may postpone making a decision so long that you might be forced to make an unwise, snap judgment under pressure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be extra careful what you are doing today, especially when performing undesirable tasks. Be sure to keep your thumb out of the way of the hammer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The requests of a demanding friend aren't likely to rest too well with you at this time. Usually you can tolerate, or at least cope with this person, but not today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Continuity of effort is extremely important in competitive involvements today. If you let your guard down or start relaxing, your opposition may run past you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Subdue tendencies today to criticize associates without just provocation. Caustic comments could trigger a heated exchange.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Conditions are a trifle tricky in joint ventures today. Don't be enticed into a situation where you do all the giving and the other guy does all the taking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Look out for your self-interests today, but don't feather your nest at the expense of someone else. If you do, that which you gain is likely to be only temporary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something you are intending to take care of but haven't gotten around to yet could start causing you complications as of today. Stop rationalizing.

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Sports

Surprise teams in NFL playoffs

Wild-card games slated Sunday

By The Associated Press

That this was a year of surprises in the NFL is attested to by the quartet of teams playing on Sunday in the AFC and NFC wild-card games.

The Minnesota Vikings will travel to New Orleans to play the Saints, while the Seattle Seahawks will be in Houston to take on the Oilers.

New Orleans only finished second in its division, the NFC West, because the San Francisco 49ers have been awesome in recent weeks, finishing the regular season at 13-2. The Saints won their last nine games, finished with a 12-3 record—the first winning season in their 21-year history—and still came up with only a wild-card and the home field in the first round.

While the wild-card teams were looking forward to the playoffs, Miami and New England met Monday night in a game that meant nothing.

But Patriots' quarterback Steve Grogan was something.

Grogan, 34, concluded his 13th NFL season by throwing for 238 yards and two touchdowns as the Patriots beat the Dolphins 24-10. Both teams had been eliminated from playoff contention Sunday.

Grogan converted 10 of 15 third-down situations and completed 21 of 32 passes despite a broken bone in his left, or non-throwing, hand. Both teams finished 8-7, one game behind AFC East Division champion Indianapolis.

Jim Mora, the Saints' coach, said an emotional game on Sunday would not surprise him.

"It's the first playoff game in the history of this organization and the first time they (the Vikings) have been in the playoffs since 1982. There are 10 teams in the playoffs, and I would guess they'll all be emotional," he said. "The fact that it's a do-or-die situation — if they lose it, their season is over — may pick things up a little."

Minnesota made the playoffs despite losing its final regular-season game in overtime to the Washington Redskins and finishing at 8-7, second in the NFC Central, behind the Chicago Bears, 11-4.

To go any farther, the Vikings had to have help from the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday. They got it in the form of a 21-16 Dallas victory over St. Louis, which knocked the hopeful Cardinals out of post-season play.

On Saturday, after losing 27-24 to Washington, the Vikings left the field a broken, dejected team.

"Quite a few guys were outspoken about that we didn't deserve to be in the playoffs," Vikings quarterback Wade Wilson said after watching the Cardinals lose to Dallas on television. "But that was just some emotions going. I'm relieved and real excited."

The Vikings had one of the league's best records in non-strike games, 8-4. But its strike replacement team went 0-3 and the regular team lost three of its last four.

The Vikings needed the Cowboys to pick them up.

"They did us two favors," said Minnesota defensive coordinator Floyd Peters. "They lost to us (44-38 on Thanksgiving) and then they beat St. Louis for us. Thanks, Cowboys. It really is a crazy league."

Houston, playing in the tough AFC Central Division, began the season with few aspirations and, with a boost from a 2-1 replacement team during the early-season strike, made it to the playoffs for the first time since 1980.

The Oilers were 9-6, just behind division champion Cleveland, 10-5.

Houston Coach Jerry Glanville didn't sleep much Sunday night after his team held off Cincinnati 21-17 to clinch its playoff berth.

"I was afraid to go to sleep because I might wake up and find it was only a dream," the second-year coach said.

Seattle also was 9-6 and second in its division, the AFC West, behind Denver, 10-4-1. But the Seahawks, unlike the other three wild-card teams, had every hope when the season began that they would not only be involved in post-season play, but would win their division.

Houston's victory and Seattle's 41-20 loss to the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday cost the Seahawks the home-field in the first round and sent them limping into the playoffs, rather than strutting.

Among the blows suffered by Seattle on Sunday was the loss of star running back Curt Warner with a badly sprained left ankle.

The division champions — San Francisco, Chicago, Washington in the NFC and Denver, Cleveland and Indianapolis in the AFC — get this week off.



A high center snap gets away from the Dolphins Dan Marino. (AP Laserphoto)

Harvesters fall in OT

FORT WORTH — Pampa lost to Trinity Valley of Fort Worth 40-35 in overtime during Monday's opening round of the West Side Lions Club Tournament.

The Harvesters meet Diamond Hill, also of Fort Worth, at 3:30 p.m. today in the loser's bracket.

Trinity Valley used the 3-point shot to get back into the game after trailing by as much as 10 points in the second half. The Harvesters were outscored 12-4 in the fourth quarter and Kyle Kennedy's 3-point goal tied the score at 35-all at the end of regulation play.

The Harvesters were blanked 5-0 in overtime as Tom Williams scored all five of the Trojans' points.

Dustin Miller scored 13 points to lead the Harvesters, who dropped to 10-5 on the season.

The Trojans (13-3) were led by Mike Rinaldo with 11 points and Williams 10.

Pampa trailed 19-18 at half-time, but the Harvesters outscored the Trojans 13-4 in the third quarter to take a 31-23 lead going into the final eight minutes.

Both teams had a dismal day in the shooting department with Pampa hitting only 31.2 percent (15 of 48) from the floor. Trinity Valley's percentage was even worse at 27.2 percent (12 of 44), but the Trojans made more trips to the foul line, hitting 11 more free throws than the Harvesters.

Others scoring for the Harvesters were David Duke with five points, Mark Wood and Chris Evans, four points each; Jason Farmer, three; Shawn Harris, Kerry Brown and Jimmy Massick, two points each.

Longhorns ready for Bluebonnet

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Cotton Bowl or no bowl attitude of past Texas Longhorn football teams has nothing to do with the current team, senior safety John Hagy says.

"When I first came to UT and we didn't go to a major bowl game, it was a big letdown," Hagy said. "UT should go to a major bowl, but a lot of guys said if it's not the Cotton Bowl, they didn't want to go."

The Longhorns' recent bowl record reflects it. They're 3-7 in their last 10 appearances and will take a 4-game post-season losing streak into Thursday night's Bluebonnet Bowl against 19th-ranked Pittsburgh.

"Guys on this team appreciate getting to play one more football game," Hagy said. "There are a lot of 6-5 teams staying home."

The Longhorns fought through a rebuilding year under new head coach David McWilliams, but still were in the Southwest Conference race on the final weekend before losing to champ Texas A&M.

Now they hope to get a jump-start on next

season in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

"This is a different type team," senior quarterback Bret Stafford said. "We're not taking things for granted. When I was a freshman, we were used to going to the Cotton Bowl and anything else was a disappointment."

"Nowdays, we'll fight with any team and we don't take anything for granted. We feel it's an honor for us to play in this bowl."

It's been an up-and-down season for the Longhorns. They were beaten 60-40 by Houston in their most recent visit to the Astrodome.

They defeated preseason favorite Arkansas 16-14 and lost to Brigham Young 22-17, a team Pittsburgh beat 27-17.

"We've had some rough times this year, and it's been disappointing to lose the big games," Stafford said.

"But team morale is good now and everybody's excited about building the program back and turning things around. We want to get the university back in the situation where we have been."

Texas lost to Iowa 55-17 in the 1984 Freedom

Bowl, and in 1985 Longhorns lost to Air Force 24-16 following a year of turmoil for embattled Coach Fred Akers.

"That (Akers' controversy) was hanging over our heads," linebacker Britt Hager said. "There was a lot of upper classmen that year that didn't want to play. It's different this year with guys like Hagy. We want to play the game and win."

Hager wasn't unhappy with the coaching change.

"We've got guys directed in the right direction," Hager said. "We've got a guy (McWilliams) who cares for us and who's not going to cater to the media. He cares for us first."

Asked if there was "no love lost" between him and Akers, Hager said, "No love lost."

To defeat the Panthers, the Longhorn defense must stop Craig Heyward, 5-11, 270, the nation's No. 2-ranked runner.

"There's no fear involved," Hager said. "It's a challenge. He's rushed over 100 yards in all 10 games he's played. It will be a challenge for us, to hold him under 100 yards, and see if there other people can beat us."

Cowboys restore pride with two consecutive victories

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
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IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys restored some pride by winning their last two games of the season, but it cost them a better draft position and a weaker schedule in 1988.

The Cowboys played a holiday season spoiler by knocking the Los Angeles Rams and the St. Louis Cardinals out of the NFL playoffs in the same week.

Dallas finished the season with a 7-8 record by beating the Rams in the Monday Night game last week and following with a 21-16 victory over St. Louis on Sunday. The win over the Cardinals was the Cowboys' first season-closing victory since 1980.

Dallas Coach Tom Landry said Monday that winning the last two games was worth losing the weaker schedule and higher draft selection that would have accompanied a lower finish.

"For us to win the last two games was very significant," Landry said. "Our guys competed until the final tick (of the clock). I'd have to say we've got a little character working on this team or they wouldn't have done it."

Next year, Dallas must play Chicago, New Orleans and Minnesota, all of whom are playoff teams, besides the regular NFC East calendar. The Cowboys also get AFC Central teams Houston, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Dallas will be drafting 11th in the first round, earliest first pick not acquired via trade since the AFL-NFL merger in 1967.

Landry said his New Year's resolution would be for the Cowboys to get over .500.

"Get me over .500 and I'm in business," Landry said.

Landry called 1987 his "most difficult" season in 28 head coaching years in the NFL. He said he planned some possible changes on his coaching

staff in the off-season but wouldn't elaborate.

He also declined to say Steve Pelluer will enter training camp next summer as the No. 1 quarterback, despite back-to-back winning performances.

"Steve has a lot more confidence off those two games, and I think it will help him," Landry said. "He still has to improve. It's too early to say who will be No. 1."

"Steve showed a lot of promise. He threw no interceptions. He had no fumbles. He had no traps. It was a conservative type game and we had to have it or we couldn't have won."

Landry said that in general "I'm encouraged by our young people. Herschel Walker can be a dominant factor in this game the way he was running."

He said Walker is Dallas' future and that Tony Dorsett could ask to be traded if he wanted to.

"Tony has to say he's willing to play a certain role with this team," Landry said. "It's his decision."

Dorsett didn't play in Sunday's victory. Landry

said the Dallas doctors told him Dorsett had had a reaction to medicine administered for chest problems.

"I'm not going to overrule doctors," Landry said.

Landry said the Cowboys would target defensive players during the May draft.

"We will look for defensive players," he said. "We want a good pass rusher. The linebacking corps needs help. We need to build our defense more than offense."

Landry said, of course, the team would take a quarterback if it could get one.

"We'd get one if we thought we would get one who could play well," Landry said.

Landry added, "We're a little behind on our three-year rebuilding program. We did get to look at a lot of players this year. This coming season should be a big shakeout to determine where we are."

Entrepreneur: Beating AT&T was 'pure self-preservation'

By **ROB FIXMER**
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GUN BARREL, Texas (AP)—There's nothing in Tom Carter's appearance — a thick tuft of snow-white hair atop a face carved of Texas bedrock — that suggests a revolutionary.

As he strolls the grounds of his spacious estate here, near the western shores of Cedar Creek Lake, the 64-year-old retiree speaks in a slow, quiet drawl, talking about fishing for large-mouth bass and founding the local chamber of commerce.

There's no hint of the rebel whose lawsuit against AT&T in the late 1960s sparked a revolution that would forever change the telecommunications industry and make Dallas its epicenter.

Carter didn't intend to single-handedly create an industry when he filed suit against American Telephone & Telegraph in 1966 — nor did he realize what the victory ultimately would cost him.

"It was pure self-preservation," he says. "All I wanted to do was sell my Carterfone."

As it turned out, he says, that was enough to send the world's largest telephone monopoly into vindictive fits and change the face of an entire industry.

Carter's device, a precursor to the mobile tele-

phone, connected a two-way radio to the telephone system. By today's standards of technology the Carterfone was fairly primitive. But this was the 1960s, and technology was not the issue.

Since 1893, when the Supreme Court upheld Alexander Graham Bell's broad claims to all patents on the telephone, Bell's AT&T had held telecommunications in a stranglehold through its regulated monopoly.

AT&T's Western Electric made all phone equipment; its Bell Laboratories research assured that all significant new telecommunications patents remained with the mothership; and the Bell operating companies dominated the local telephone system, linking them for long distance service to AT&T — then the only player at the table.

AT&T not only made your phone but owned it. Ma Bell could — and occasionally did — withhold service for an infraction.

Carter had intended to return to Dallas in 1946, after a stint with the Army Signal Corps, to finish earning his degree at Southern Methodist University. But when he returned, he saw opportunity booming in radio, his hobby and army specialty.

The FCC has just opened a band of broadcast frequencies for what was known as professional mobile radio. With a range of 30 to 60 miles, a

business could install base stations and communicate with workers in the field where telephones were unavailable. Doctors, oil companies, repair services and utility companies found it invaluable.

Carter opened for business that year in Snider Plaza, specializing in facsimile transmission of weather maps and mobile two-way radio. His biggest customers were the Weather Bureau, then headquartered at Love Field, and oil companies.

The oil industry, with its remote West Texas drilling and pumping operations, used mobile radio to assure an uninterrupted flow of supplies and equipment. But the industry also found that radios couldn't replace the phone.

"Invariably," Carter recalls, "they were all wanting to tie their mobile radios into the telephone network. It was always their first request. The problem was that they'd call their office on the radio and tell the girl at the desk what to order them, but when the material arrived it was almost always the wrong stuff. They said, 'Look, we've got to talk directly to the suppliers.'"

So Carter began work in the early 1950s on a device that would eventually evolve into the Carterfone, but he shelved it because he knew it would be illegal, he says.

Carter's prototype might have sat forever on a

closet shelf if it had not been for AT&T's attempt to crack down on the most unlikely and benign of devices.

The Hush-A-Phone consisted of a scoop-shaped plastic cup the size of a grapefruit that slipped over a telephone mouthpiece to muffle a speaker's conversation so it wouldn't distract nearby workers. Although this was on a technical par with the Hula-Hoop, ever-vigilant AT&T filed a routine complaint with the FCC, saying it violated the company's exclusive tariff on phone equipment.

In a little publicized 1955 ruling, the FCC disagreed. The commission ordered AT&T to modify its tariff so customers could attach any device to their phone.

When Carter got wind of the decision, he saw it as a crack in the monolith through which he might easily slip his own device. In 1959 he pulled it off the shelf, redesigned it with transistors instead of vacuum tubes and set up production in Dallas.

Customers were impressed with his Carterfone. Ma Bell wasn't:

"Immediately the phone companies began contacting the purchasers and told them, 'If you use the device, we're going to terminate your phone service,'" Carter says. "Well, that scares the hell out of a businessman, let me tell you."

Battlefield threatened by developers

By **DEB RIECHMANN**
Associated Press Writer

SHARPSBURG, Md. (AP)—It was 125 years ago that the blue and the gray marched across South Mountain and engaged in the Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest single day in all of the Civil War.

Today developers are approaching that ridge in western Maryland, threatening to spoil one of the best-preserved Civil War battlefields in the East.

"South Mountain has been a natural ally with the battlefield in keeping development out," says Dennis Frye, president of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation Inc. "But it's creeping around the mountain and that's a dangerous omen."

The Battle of Antietam began at dawn on Sept. 17, 1862 on 7,000 hilly acres along the Potomac River about 60 miles northwest of Washington, D.C. When the smoke cleared, more than 23,000 Union and Confederate soldiers were dead, wounded or missing.

As the battlefield commemorates its 125th anniversary, urban development is moving west from the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., areas into the Antietam Valley.

"This is an issue of national ramifications," Frye says. "We are talking about bulldozing our battlefields and I don't want the responsibility on my shoulders of watching this generation destroy our Civil War history. Americans stained the battlefield there with their blood."

"There must be a compromise between developers and preservationists. We are not opposed to development, but we don't want Sharpsburg to become another commercial Gettysburg."

The National Park Service owns about 800 acres outright and controls another 1,200 acres in easements, Frye says. Although just 2,000 acres of the 7,000-acre historic battlefield are protected, a lack of development has helped keep it well-preserved.

"The opposite of it is Gettysburg," says Roger Long, associate editor of Blue & Gray Magazine, based in Columbus, Ohio. "They have absolutely sold it to the highest bidder. Everybody's heard of Gettysburg, but not everybody has heard of Antietam, yet it was the single bloodiest day."

Besides having South Mountain as a natural barrier to development from the east, farmers who own land surrounding the Antietam Battlefield have not sold their property to developers.

Also, the 800 residents of nearby Sharpsburg have not tried to cater to the thousands of Civil War buffs and tourists who visit Antietam every year.

Tourism officials say more than 600,000 people visit the battlefield annually, but, says Sharpsburg Mayor Gerald Quinn, "in all honesty, we don't see them."

"Because we haven't aimed business at them, there is no reason for them to come into town," he says.

Not so at Gettysburg, about 50 miles north of Antietam.

"There's block after block of fast-food restaurants, souvenir shops and motels," Frye says. "It has been completely destroyed. Nobody raised their voices in alarm in Gettysburg and, as a result, it is one of our most blanket disasters in terms of historic preservation."

Could Antietam could end up looking like Gettysburg?

In 1985, a shopping center was proposed on the Grove farm outside the park service's boundaries. The Washington County commissioners rezoned 20 acres of the 120-acre historic tract, just south of Sharpsburg, for commercial use.

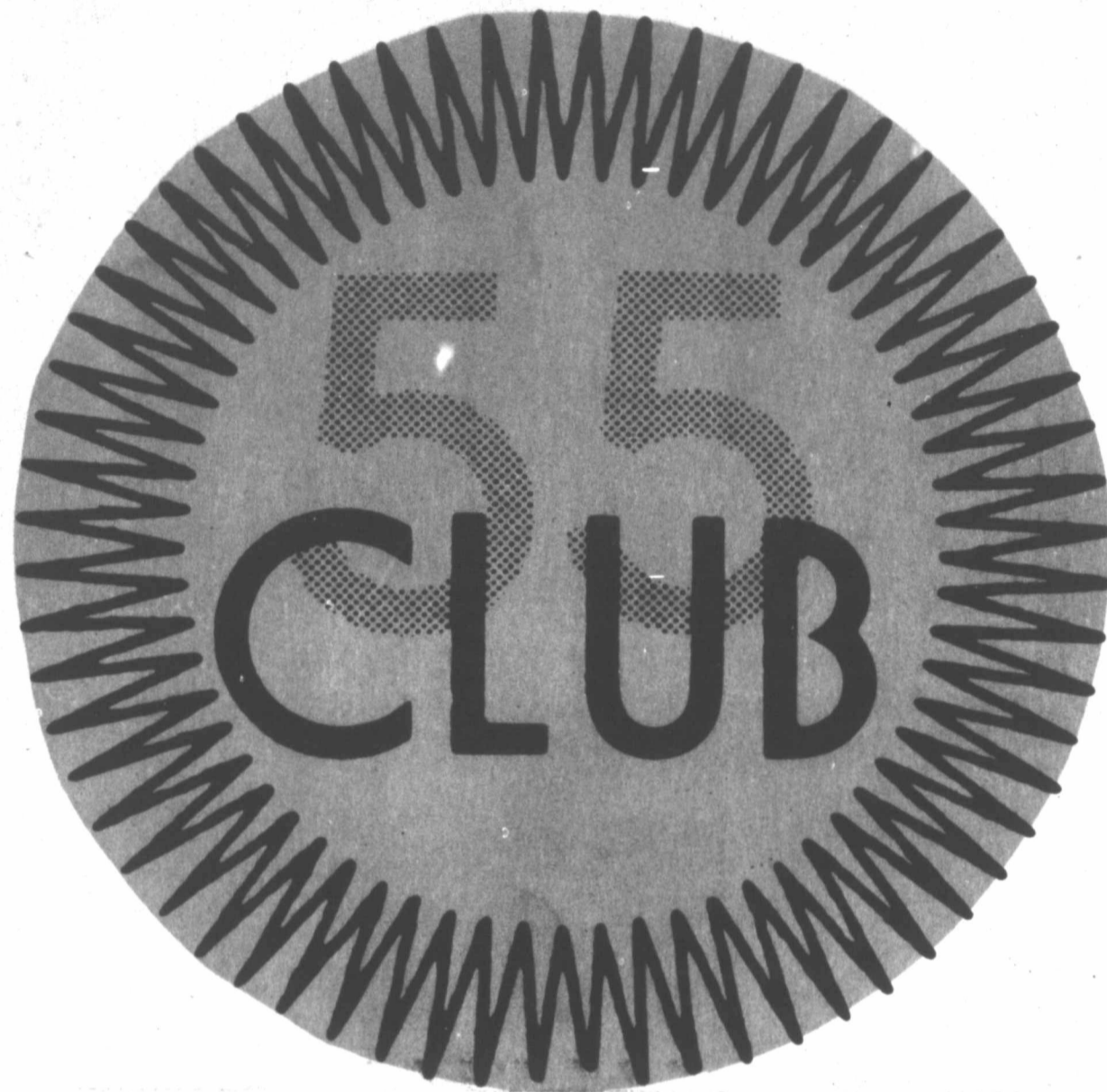
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