



IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS. The size of a large oak tree dwarfs a yellow ribbon checked today by Mrs. Earl D. Meeker, 1132 N. Starkweather, amid snow in Pampa. She and many of her neighbors have decorated their trees in commemoration of the

plight of the hostages. "Hopefully," she said, "this is the last day." Latest bulletins from Iran indicate that although hopes are high, it may be another day until the hostages are home.

(Staff Photo)

U.S. agreement with Iran is straight money-for-people deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The agreement to end the hostage ordeal is a straight dollars-for-people deal: Iran frees the 52 American captives and the United States releases frozen Iranian assets.

But U.S. officials insist Iran is not getting "a dime of American money."

"The basic exchange is we're getting back what they took from us and giving back to them what we took from them, as a result," State Department spokesman John Trattner said Sunday.

Vice President Walter F. Mondale, interviewed Sunday on ABC's "Issues and Answers," denied the deal amounts to the United States' paying ransom.

"We are not paying a dime of American money for the return of these hostages," he said. "The Iranians are not receiving anything that is ours... This is their money, that we have frozen, that we will be returning to them."

Besides returning Iran's gold and dollars held in American banks since shortly after the hostages were taken Nov. 4, 1979, 12 major American banks also reportedly agreed to drop lawsuits seeking repayment of money they contend Iran owes them.

Iran retreated from its estimate of \$14 billion in frozen assets, which the Carter administration insisted totaled about \$9.5 billion. Mondale said Sunday the final figure is about \$8 billion.

Of that, Iran would get about \$5.2 billion immediately.

Late last week, the Carter administration readied \$2.2 billion for delivery to an escrow account that could be turned over to Iran when the hostages are released.

More than \$3 billion now held in European branches of American banks also would be released. Iran would use about \$1 billion in Iranian deposits in those banks to repay in full the loans obtained by the government of the late former shah.

The Washington Post said Sunday an additional \$2 billion would be placed in an escrow account and used to pay off the remaining loans by American banks to Iranian institutional borrowers, such as development banks, and Iranian companies.

Perhaps the most significant concession by Iran involves its demand for the return of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's wealth. Of the \$24 billion that Iran demanded last month be placed in an Algerian escrow account, \$10 billion represented the assets Iran presumed the shah had in the United States.

That would have required an appropriation by Congress because there is no legal way for the U.S. government to attach the shah's money. Moreover, the Carter administration's own estimate of the shah's wealth was only a small fraction of Iran's figure.

Iran eventually accepted the American argument that Iran's right to any such properties must be determined within the American court system.

Texas hostage family waits

BALCH SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — Wynona McKeel kept a large yellow ribbon on a table in her living room as she awaited word on the possible release of her son, spending his 42nd day in captivity in Iran.

After staying inside their small, one-story frame home in this suburb on the southeast outskirts of Dallas with family members and friends most of Sunday, Mrs. McKeel and her husband, John, invited a contingent of news reporters inside for coffee and conversation. Initially, she imposed the condition that the reporters not take any pictures or ask any questions.

But then she began to talk, and said she had received two messages from her son recently, delivered through Algerian diplomats to Washington, then to her.

One was written Christmas eve and the other on Christmas Day.

"There's no need to worry about me. I'm in good health and get plenty of rest," Mrs. McKeel said, reading from the two one-page letters.

"You'll have to pardon me if I break down when I read this," Mrs. McKeel said, her voice cracking.

Mrs. McKeel quoted her son as saying he had been trying to write the family at least once every two weeks. She said their last word from him before the two recent messages came through the International Red Cross last June.

On Christmas Day, young McKeel wrote that he had received a

box of candy and some clothes.

"I have ten pounds of candy so I am going to be sick," Mrs. McKeel quoted from the message.

Her son told her he was sorry he did not have anything to say during Christmas services that were filmed in Tehran and later shown on television in the United States.

"It's hard to get into the Christmas spirit over here," she read from the letter.

Young McKeel told his parents that the hostages had private Christmas parties in the rooms where they were being held. He said he gave his roommate a pair of socks she had sent "because he gave me a pair when I had none."

The McKeels kept close watch on television newscasts late Sunday, hoping for some new word on what seemed to be the imminent release of the hostages.

"We don't know anymore than you folks — maybe not as much," the hostage's father said.

McKeel was critical of the U.S. State Department, saying he did not believe it had done a good job of keeping the families informed about developments.

"We don't hear anything from the State Department. What little we hear is from the military," the elder McKeel said, noting that he had been in contact in recent days with senior U.S. Marine Corps officials in Washington.

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Final word, darkness delay hostages' flight

By The Associated Press

The United States reached agreement with Iran today for the release of the 52 American hostages, but Iran's chief hostage negotiator said their flight to freedom awaited official word that billions of dollars have been transferred to the Bank of England.

At a news conference in Tehran, Iranian negotiator, Behzad Nabavi said the hostages would be put aboard a plane "immediately after" Iran hears officially from Algeria that the United States has transferred money to an Algerian account in the Bank of England under the agreement to exchange the hostages for frozen Iranian funds.

Officials at Tehran airport gave conflicting reports about plans for the hostages and several said they expected the 52 Americans to leave within hours. As darkness fell in Tehran, an airport official said at 10:30 EST, 7 p.m. Tehran time, that the hostages "are supposed to come, but it's not yet known when."

In Washington, a U.S. official said a potentially serious last-minute hitch had developed and that the Central Bank of Iran had not authorized the Bank of England to set up an escrow account for the frozen Iranian assets. But ABC said later the money had been unfrozen and the funds were "in place."

Nabavi said Algerian doctors were examining the Americans and that the doctors would have to submit a report on the hostages' health at the moment of departure.

The complicated agreement to free the hostages in exchange for what U.S. officials said was \$8 to \$9 billion in frozen Iranian funds, came after a 14½-month effort by the Carter administration and in the final hours of his presidency.

President-elect Ronald Reagan, who takes office Tuesday, said, "All of us are encouraged but still have our fingers crossed."

Nabavi said foreign newsmen would not be able to see the hostages before their departure, but that the Americans had been interviewed by Iranian Television and that the film would be "transmitted to the world tonight."

CBS said that sources inside Tehran had told the network that the hostages would likely be taken to Algiers in two Algerian jetliners which had been standing by at the airport, then on to West Germany in U.S. military hospital planes.

The control tower at Mehrabad Airport, in a telephone conversation with The Associated Press in New York, said he had no information on any Algerian planes and that no flight plans had been filed.

If the hostages were flown from Tehran to Algiers it would mean a trip of about 3,000 miles. Algiers is about 1,000 miles from

Wiesbaden and the total flight time could be more than 10 hours.

U.S. officials hoped the freed Americans would be flown to Algiers and on to West Germany today, their 43rd day in captivity. President Carter and other officials in Washington prepared to fly to Germany to greet them, but White House officials said the president would not go if the trip would prevent his attending Reagan's inauguration Tuesday.

Nabavi also said on Tehran Radio that "we managed to rub in the dirt the nose of the world's biggest oppressor and superpower" and forced the United States "to submit to the demands of our Majlis (Parliament)." Nabavi was replying to a question on a Tehran Radio program that allowed listeners to call in and speak with him. He "strongly denied" that Iran had acted from a position of weakness.

Nabavi also denied a White House report that Iran had signed the agreement, saying, "We will not sign an agreement with the United States. Rather the Algerian government will issue a statement, and the U.S. government will announce it, too. There will not be any signed agreement."

Carter, appearing in the White House press roomed a hostage-releasing signed.

Sources in Tehran said there were no demonstrations in the Iranian capital today, in contrast to an outpouring of thousands reviling the United States following the seizure of the U.S. Embassy and its staff by Islamic militants on Nov. 4, 1979.

Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, the chief American negotiator in the long crisis, initiated the agreement for the United States at the Algerian Foreign Ministry. A small group of reporters witnessing the ceremony said they saw him sign three documents totaling about 20 pages and in addition initial each page.

But in Washington, the State Department said that Christopher had signed only two texts — the Algerian declaration of agreement and a claim settlement agreement.

The breakthrough came after 14½ months of diplomatic appeals, secret contacts, economic pressure and other actions, including a rescue attempt by U.S. commandos that collapsed in tragic failure.

The 52 Americans — 50 men and two women — are the remaining hostages from among 98 seized by the young Moslem revolutionaries who overran the U.S. Embassy in Tehran nine months after the Islamic revolution in Iran.

The hostages include diplomats, Marine guards, communications specialists, teachers and a businessman. They range in age from 20 to 64. About 20 are servicemen.

Falling snow peppers Pampa

Pampa residents awoke this morning to see the light intermittent snow flurries become increasingly heavy as the morning continued.

Temperatures are expected to be slightly above the sub-freezing conditions of the weekend. Today's high temperature is expected to be near 40 degrees with overnight lows near 30 degrees.

Snow flurries were expected to continue over Pampa and surrounding areas through the morning, according to the National Weather Service. (NWS).

"The snow is expected to be light today, slowly moving to the east, if it doesn't diminish first," the NWS said.

The Department of Public Safety reported early today that Panhandle roads were clear but overpasses were starting to ice over. There were no travelers' advisories issued for this area early Monday, the DPS reported.

The Texas Department of Highways reported early today there was no accumulation of snow on the highways but conditions could become hazardous if the snow continues.

The light flakes of snow that fell in Pampa on Sunday gave no traces of moisture but some moisture is expected from the wet snow today.

Area communities reporting snow this morning include Kingsmill - Wet snow falling and no measurable moisture content from Sunday, according to Wheeler-Evans Elevator Company employees.

Miami - Wet snow started at 8:30 a.m. No cover reported early but moisture content is expected to be high today, according to Miami Feed and Grain employees.

Canadian - Wet snow falling early Monday with no cover reported. No traces of moisture were reported on Sunday, according to Hawkins Grain Station employees.

Briscoe - Wet snow started at 7:30 a.m. today and was depositing good moisture in that area, according to Omega Grain Supply employees.

Reagan is spectator to developments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan played a starring role today in the pomp day before his inauguration into the American presidency, but became a spectator to even bigger drama: the prospective release of 52 fellow citizens from 14½ months of humiliating captivity abroad.

The nation's mood of prayerful, thankful expectancy set the tone of Reagan's day as he prepared to assume the burdens of office — which promised to be free of the hostage crisis that for long months darkened the White House days of President Jimmy Carter, a Democrat rejected at the polls by the people.

Carter, rewarded at last for his patient course, was preparing to go to West Germany to greet the hostages but, he let it be known that he would be back in Washington to turn the presidency over to Reagan.

Meantime, an estimated 100,000 partying visitors inundated Washington to welcome the new president to

office. The limousines commanded by the elite among them caused traffic jams in the streets of Georgetown.

As if in a gesture of welcome, January's frigid winds gave way to more reasonable weather for Reagan's inauguration and his parade. Unlike Carter, who walked down Pennsylvania Avenue, Reagan and his wife, Nancy, plan to ride in a sleek limousine from the Capitol to the White House.

The ceremony takes place at the stroke of noon Tuesday on the gleaming white, flag-studded front of the Capitol, with the new president facing the snow-patched mall and the monuments America has erected to presidential heroes of other days: Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln.

Aides said Reagan himself wrote the 15-minute "era of renewal" inaugural speech which he wants to set the tone of his presidency. They called it a speech reaffirming the potential of America and the fundamental conservatism that has been his

touchstone.

George Bush, the millionaire's son who wrestled with Reagan for the Republican presidential nomination then happily settled for second place when his quest fell short, becomes vice president an instant before Reagan takes his 35-word oath.

Reagan, son of a Dixon, Ill., shoe salesman is, at 69, the oldest man ever to assume the American presidency.

Along with the pomp and ceremony comes \$8 million worth of dining, dancing, singing and general high stakes partying. It is one most elaborate inaugurations ever, and by far the most costly.

His last day before becoming president started with a national security briefing to bring him up to date on the hostage situation. Then came a meeting with associates on the economy and another meeting with the cabinet-to-be.

Mrs. Oswald to be buried beside her son

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The mother of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, after spending the final 17 years of her life vigorously defending her son's reputation, will be given a private funeral, then be buried in a grave next to his.

Marguerite Claverie Oswald died Saturday at the end of a "courageous" year-long battle with cancer. She was 73. To the end, she steadfastly maintained her son was framed in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Mrs. Oswald's physician, Dr. John Johnson, said she had been receiving treatment for cancer for the past year and was admitted to Harris Hospital-Methodist two months ago.

"She was alone and estranged from her family and had to make all the decisions concerning her own care and welfare," said Johnson, who declined to say what kind of cancer had stricken Mrs. Oswald. "She was quite courageous."

He said one of her last requests was to be buried next to her son in Fort Worth's Rose Hill Cemetery. A spokesman at Baumgardner Funeral Home in Fort Worth said private services would be held but the time,

date and place for the services and the burial would not be announced publicly, at the request of family members.

The Warren Commission decided Oswald acted alone in killing President Kennedy Nov. 22, 1963 by shooting him with a semi-automatic rifle from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository in downtown Dallas.

Two days later, Oswald was shot to death by Jack Ruby in the basement of a Dallas police station.

Mrs. Oswald, who lived in near-seclusion in Fort Worth, said she was "pleased and delighted" with the 1978 report issued by the House Assassinations Committee, which concluded Oswald may not have acted alone in killing the president.

She said she believed Oswald, who went to the Soviet Union in 1959, was a spy for both the CIA and the FBI. She maintained Kennedy's assassination was plotted by members of the U.S. government, and said her son was framed because he informed the FBI of their plans.

Mrs. Oswald was a private nurse before Kennedy's death, but afterward was unable to find work, she said. "I could work part time but nobody wants me," she

said in 1973. "To exist, I have had to sell personal possessions, interviews and my story and my personal possessions are all I have."

She wrote a book about the assassination but could not find a publisher, and admitted she was bitter.

In January 1969, she sought \$25 million in damages in five libel suits against authors of several books about the assassination, including then-Rep. Gerald R. Ford, who served on the Warren Commission. A federal judge later dismissed the suits.

"This is not an ordinary case and I'm not an ordinary person. But I eat well, I sleep well and I have a free mind. After 14 years of suppression and distortions, I'm proud to have survived," the self-styled "mother of history" said in a 1977 interview.

The last assassination-related battle Mrs. Oswald fought before her death concerned claims by British author Michael Eddowes that it was a Soviet spy, not Lee Harvey Oswald, buried in the Fort Worth grave. He tried to force exhumation of the body for a full examination.

Survivors include her two older sons, a sister, Lillian Murret of New Orleans, and nine grandchildren.



CHRISTOPHER SIGNS HISTORIC AGREEMENT. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher signs the final agreement between Iran and the United States to free the 52 hostages held in Iran during a ceremony at the Algerian foreign Ministry in Algiers Monday.

(AP Laser photo)

daily record

services tomorrow

CORLEY, W.C. (Bill) Jr. - 2 p.m., Carmichael Whatley Colonial Chapel.

deaths and funerals

STAFF SERGEANT W.C. (BILL) CORLEY JR.
Services for W.C. (Bill) Corley Jr. have been set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Earl Maddux, pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with full military honors.

W.C. Corley Jr. died Jan. 8, in Heidelberg, Germany. He is survived by his wife, two sons, one half-brother, three brothers, one half-sister, one aunt, and his mother and father-in-law.

R.C. (JACK) BURLESON
CHANNING - Mr. R.C. (Jack) Burleson, 78, of Channing, a former resident of Pampa, died Saturday in a Dumas Hospital. He was a barber and was retired from Boy's Ranch.

Services for Mr. Burleson will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Dumas. Burial will be in the Dumas Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Letha of Channing, two daughters, Mrs. Natha Carr of Amarillo, Mrs. Betty June Hays of Plant City, Fla.; three stepchildren: one sister, Mrs. Jack Broxson of Pampa.



CHICKEN DINNER

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 731 Sloan, is sponsoring a home-cooked chicken dinner Saturday, Jan. 24. Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting a member of the church Wednesday, Jan. 21, between 6 and 8 p.m. at the church. Dinners may be taken out or eaten at the church between the hours of 4 and 7:30 p.m. Dinners are by advance ticket only.

MOTHER OF TWINS CLUB

The Mothers of Twins Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray St. The meeting will be a joint business session with the Borger Mothers of Twins Club. For more information, call Susan Jorgenson at 665-6946.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN MEET

The Tri-County Democratic Women's Club will meet at noon Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the Flame Room. Speaker for the meeting will be Precinct 7 Chairman Ott Shevemaker.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

RED CROSS NEEDS ITEMS

The Pampa Red Cross is in need of wheel chairs, complete hospital beds, bedside commodes and walkers. Persons having any of these items to donate are asked to call Joyce Roberts at the Red Cross office, 669-7121.

police notes

Officers of the Pampa Police Department responded to 39 calls during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Timmy Dale Roberts, 1613 Hamilton, reported sometime after Jan. 5, someone took a car trailer frame from 1016 Denver. Roberts did not place a value on the trailer.

Brian Keith Watson, 22, of 2506 Fir and Danny Shane Towles, 19, of Pampa were arrested for possession of a controlled substance and for investigation of theft.

A spokesperson for Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart, reported the theft of five bags of ice.

Freddy Wayne Mann, 25, of 2116 Coffee, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.

Barnardino Lira, Jr., 20, of 722 W. Francis was arrested for driving while intoxicated, no valid driver's license and operation of a unregistered motor vehicle.

fire report

3:05 p.m. - A dumpster fire in the alley behind 2711 Aspen was reported. The fire caused light damage to the dumpster lids, and firemen said arson is suspected.

4:37 p.m. - A fire in a laundry room at 1015 Gordon caused heavy damage to the washer and dryers. The property is owned by Rose Edwards, and the cause of the fire was attributed to a heater in the laundry room.

minor accidents

Jan. 18

1 a.m. - A hit and run collision occurred in the 300 block of North Zimmers when a Chevrolet Camaro, legally parked, was struck by an unidentified vehicle which fled the scene. The parked Chevrolet was owned by Fred Jackson of Colber, Okla.

A two-car collision occurred on Albert Street early Sunday morning involving a 1976 Chevrolet driven by Terrell Rae Harris, 20, of 2348 Duncan and a 1979 Toyota driven by Dolly Rae Barker, 41, of 520 1/2 Hazel. Harris was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign, and Baker was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.	
Wheat	4.22
Milo	5.60
Corn	6.20
Soybeans	4.25
The following quotations show the range within which these securities could be traded at the time of compilation.	
Ky. Cent. Life	18 1/2 - 18 3/4
Southland Financial	15 1/2 - 15 3/4
The following 10 N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Schneider Bernet	
Richardson, Inc. of Amarillo	25 1/2
Beaumont Foods	18 1/2
Citizens	25 1/2
Citizens Service	47 1/2
DIA	35
Dorchester	30 1/2
Getty	90
Halliburton	79 1/2
Ingersoll-Rand	72 1/2
InterNorth	29 1/2
Kerr-McGee	72
Mobile	81 1/2
Pennsey	37
Phillips	23 1/2
PRR	20 1/2
Schlumberger	115 1/2
Southwestern Pub. Service	11 1/2
Standard Oil of Indiana	77 1/2
Texasco	45 1/2
Zales	37 1/2
Louise Gold	50 1/2
Chicago Silver - Jan.	13.25

Service Fracturing Company directors have declared a three-for-two split of the company's common stock in the form of a 50 percent stock dividend, company officials said today.

Jerry H. Guinn, president of the oil and gas well servicing firm, said the 50 percent stock dividend will be payable Feb. 20 to shareholders of record on Feb. 2.

Service Fracturing currently has 1,965,860 common shares outstanding following the sale last August of 660,000 shares when it became publicly held. Following the stock split, there will be approximately 2,948,790 shares outstanding.

Service Fracturing's services include acidizing, hydraulic fracturing, chemical cleanup and the use of carbon dioxide and nitrogen in conjunction with these services. Its common stock is traded over-the-counter and its NASDAQ symbol is SERF.

hospital report

HIGHLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL

Weekend Admissions
Jean Browning, 2205 Williston
Karen Bennett, 914 S. Wilcox
Margaret Hulse, 932 S. Sumner
Mamie Seitz, 1321 W. Kentucky
Bessie Holt, Pampa
Clyde Thompson, 1018 S. Reed
Rosa Edwards, 1015 Gordon
Matthew Gravin, 1108 Sierra
Watson Lillie Mane, 532 Christy
Wayne Cobb, 623 N. Faulkner
Joy Evelyn Martin, 522 N. West
Thomas Stowers, 1200 N. Wells
Nora Lee Gabriel, 1600 W. Buckler
Florence Richards, Pampa
Laura Schultz, Texoma, Okla.
Mildred Chafin, 1010 Farlex
Nono Kotara, 2121 N. Christy
Ruth Johnson, 1900 Dogwood
Raymond Barnard, 2505 Christine
Henry Fleming, 2101 Lynn
Herbert Cox, 720 N. Zimmers
Ann Malone, 1000 W. 615
Flaudie Gailman, Fifth N. Nelson
Thelma Cowan, 1001 E. Campbell
Virginia Kasiah, Pampa
Albert Shackelford, 1888 Lynn

Weekend Dismissals
Paul Beatty, 1030 S. Reed
Allen Jenkins, 401 N. Wells
Dora Potter, 832 E. Brunow
John Ray, 1200 N. Wells
Robert McKinnis, Fritch
Eva Baisa, Waco
Emice Carter, Mobeetie
Jess Farrell, 1321 W. Kentucky
Mary Stone, 324 Canadian
Baby boy Rodriguez, 508 Ballard
Alva Haigood, 428 N. Perry
Elda Russell and baby boy, 1327 Coffee
Ruth Bull, 1600 Williston
Laurie Shufelberger and baby girl, 520 1/2 Hazel
Sue Long and baby boy, McLean
Harold Bentley, 1118 Bond
Jamie Bellflower, Skellytown
Cecil Lewis, Pampa
Wanda Truelock, 1021 Elmore, Borger
Ramona Brown, Phillips
Ruby Eastland, 176 S. Gray
Edna Chisum, 1900 N. Dwight
Arnold Kuehler, Groom
Ruby Morgan, 530 Crawford

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Nellie Darlington, Shamrock
Rena Sivag, Wheeler
Leila Alderson, McLean

Dismissals
Esther Hill, Wheeler
Lonnice Adams, Shamrock

Births
A boy to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hulse, 932 S. Sumner

senior citizen menu

TUESDAY
Meat loaf or ham a la king over corn bread, mashed potatoes, green peas, fried okra, toss or jello salad, coconut pie or cookies and fruit

WEDNESDAY
Beef tips over rice or barbecue weiners, sweet potatoes, devine, spinach, hominy, slaw or congealed salad, apricot cobbler or chocolate pudding

THURSDAY
Barbeque chicken, potato salad, green beans, beets, slaw or jello salad, strawberry short cake or apple cobbler

FRIDAY
Chicken enchiladas or tacos, broccoli casserole, pineapple glazed carrots, pinto beans, toss or jello salad, peach cobbler or bread pudding

school menu

TUESDAY
Taco salad, apricots, milk

WEDNESDAY
Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, jello salad, hot roll, milk

THURSDAY
Hot dog with chili, french fries, fruit salad, gingerbread, milk

FRIDAY
Meat loaf, blackeyed peas, lettuce and tomato salad, sliced peaches, hot roll, milk

city briefs

RANDY AND Carla Richerson are the parents of a daughter, born Sunday, January 18, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. Paternal grandfather is Ron Richerson of Pampa.

DIET CENTER has moved downstairs. We now have our own entrance at 412 W. Kingsmill, Hughes Building. (Adv.)

RECYCLE UNWANTED books in the library's annual sale. (Adv.)

Texas weather

A traveler's advisory was issued for the Hill Country early today as snow and freezing rain blanketed Texas from the Panhandle to the coast.

Snow continued to fall over central Texas, the Permian Basin and the mountains of southwest Texas, with sleet pelting North Texas. Even Houston reported a few grains of snow.

El Paso and Midland each reported 3 inches of snow on the ground, while Lubbock had 2 inches.

The freezing precipitation changed to rain in the Rio Grande Valley and along the coast, with less than an inch reported there.

Temperatures ranged from the upper 20s and 30s in the north, and west to the 40s in the east and south. Extremes at 6 a.m. were Amarillo with 27 and Beaumont-Port Arthur with 45.

The cloudy, cold weather was expected to remain this afternoon, with snow, sleet and rain continuing. High temperatures were forecast in the 30s and 40s.

Texas forecasts

Upper Coast: Northeasterly winds near 15 knots today increasing to near 20 knots tonight becoming northerly near 20 knots Tuesday. Seas 4 to 6 feet today increasing to 5 to 7 feet tonight. Rain increasing today continuing tonight and Tuesday. A small craft advisory may be required late today or tonight.

Lower Coast: Northerly to northeasterly winds 15 to 20 knots today increasing to near 20 knots tonight and Tuesday. Seas 5 to 7 feet today increasing to 6 to 8 feet tonight. Rain continuing today and tonight ending during the day Tuesday. A small craft advisory may be required later today.

North Texas: Cloudy and cold today. Rain mixed with sleet central and east. Chance of rain and snow mixed west. Highs 40 to 45. Rain east tonight. Decreasing cloudiness extreme west. Lows 30 west to 35 central and east. Partly cloudy west Tuesday. Cloudy with rain ending east. Highs 42 northeast to 50 west.

South Texas: Cloudy with rain all sections today. Rain gradually ending from the west tonight and Tuesday. Not as cold west and central sections Tuesday. Highs today upper 30s hill country to near 50 southeast and extreme south. Lows tonight near 30 hill country to low 40s southeast and along the coast. Highs Tuesday near 50 east and mid to upper 50s elsewhere.

Capitol not a good place

WASHINGTON (AP) — Life in Washington may be fine for Cabinet members with their chauffeurs and cooks, says outgoing Labor Secretary Ray Marshall, but everyone else probably would be better off in Austin, Texas.

And that's where the former University of Texas economics professor is heading after the Carter administration officially ends its four years in power Tuesday.

Marshall said he plans to rejoin the UT faculty next September after the four-year interruption. He will work in the economics department and at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.

"It's easy for a Cabinet officer to live in this town," Marshall said during an interview in his spacious Labor Department office. "It's an artificial world."

He noted that he never had to drive in Washington because of the chauffeur that came with the office and pointed to the private dining room and cook at his disposal.

"If you're a private citizen, you're a lot better off in Austin," the labor secretary said.

He said it would be possible to slip out of touch with reality by staying in Washington too long, despite the excitement he found here. Marshall said he originally planned to run the Labor Department for only four years but, if President Carter had been re-elected, he had agreed to remain for one additional year to complete some projects.

Marshall insisted that he won't miss the power that came with running a giant federal department and playing politics in the big league.

"I'm basically a writer and teacher," he said.

Marshall said he will miss, however, the ease of traveling and communicating to any part of the nation or world that came with a Cabinet position.

"The White House communications system is a marvel," he said. "It's been a tremendous learning experience because of these advantages. ... I met most of the leaders of this world."

As Marshall tells it, there is a time to learn about power firsthand and a time to sit back and think about it. He said he's ready for the

sitting back phase.

"After awhile, you need to put it into perspective again. You tend to use up your intellectual capital if you don't go back to write and think," he said.

Marshall won't be heading back to Austin directly. He plans to spend the time before the fall semester begins in Washington pulling his papers together, preparing for a new set of classes, writing and doing some work as a consultant.

He still has his ranch in Leander, Texas, but will be looking for a new house in Austin. Marshall said the house he sold before moving to Washington coincidentally is on the market again — for twice the price. Marshall said he's not worried about the financial considerations of a return to private life. He said his salary at UT will be more than his Cabinet salary and, along with the lower cost of living in Austin, he will be able to accept paid speaking engagements not open to Cabinet members.

The former and future professor said the content of his classes will be substantially different as a result of his Washington experience.

He said the new topics will include the way to get things done in Washington, including the relationship between management and policy-making and the importance of media and public information.

"I have a deeper understanding of a lot of issues than I did before," Marshall said.

He moved to Austin in 1962 to teach in the UT economics department.

"It's a good place to live as well as a good university, and I think it's going to really take off in the future," the labor secretary said. "With this shift of activity to the Southwest, it will emerge as one of the really great universities in the world."

Marshall breaks down his four years of Washington into three periods, starting with 1977 and 1978 when the optimism and excitement of successfully starting new programs prevailed.

"You could see that things were working ... so I had a good feeling about that whole period, and we did do a lot," he said.

Western states take after 'double nickel' speed limit

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Encouraged by outspoken Republican support for repeal of the 55 mph speed limit and the right of states to set their own limits, legislators around the country are filing bills to abolish the 6-year-old "double nickel" barrier.

Most of the states moving against the federally mandated speed limit are in the West, where wide open spaces make the limit "about as popular as having mumps," according to one Wyoming legislator.

Anti-55 sentiment has also surfaced in other regions. States with repeal bills on file include Connecticut, Indiana, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. Arizona legislators plan to introduce such a bill before the summer.

Wyoming state Sen. Cal Taggart, who two years ago led a speed limit revolt that was suffocated by the Iranian political crisis and resultant oil holdups, last week introduced a bill even before the Legislature convened.

His Senate Transportation and Highways Committee recommended passage only hours after the session started.

"I never would have introduced the bill again if it hadn't been for the Republican platform," Taggart said. "They would have shot me down right away."

Taggart, who said Thursday that he was stopped "a couple of years ago" and fined \$48 for driving 102 mph, added, "I think under the Reagan administration the law will be repealed, and the states will be able to set their own speed limits."

The GOP platform has a plank calling for repeal of the 55 mph mandate. And Drew Lewis, Ronald Reagan's choice for transportation secretary, said in his confirmation hearings last week, "I believe the states should set their own speed limits."

Al Lauersdorf of the National Safety Council's Traffic Department says his organization considers the Wyoming bill "quite serious, because if one state takes the plunge, others will follow." The council estimates that through last year, 40,000 lives have been saved because of the lower speed limit.

"I can't say it's unexpected at all, but still our purpose is to save lives and we intend to generate as much energy as we can to combat it," Lauersdorf said of the move to repeal the 55 mph limit.

Taggart's bill would increase the speed limit to 65 mph except in posted areas and cities and towns.

The 55 mph limit is "the biggest farce ever perpetrated on the people by the federal government," Taggart said, "and this is the most popular bill that's ever been introduced — a people's bill."

Not all of his colleagues agree; state Senate leaders have slowed his drive by delaying debate on his bill.

But the 55 mph limit is unquestionably unpopular in sparsely populated Western states, where distances between towns range up to 50 miles or more and where public transportation is limited at best.

When Congress imposed the 55 mph limit in 1975 — with the onus on the states to enforce it or lose their federal highway funds — the reasoning was that it would save fuel and save lives. But a growing number of people say they think it saves neither.

"I believe that the original limit was a hoax," said Nebraska state Sen. Ernest Chambers. "...It was part of an overall plan to generate public acceptance of an 'oil shortage' so that price gouging at the gas pump could occur without much public outcry."

Chambers, who acknowledges being cited half a dozen times for speeding in recent years, introduced a bill last week to raise Nebraska's speed limit to 65 mph.

Steve Collins, a Republican legislator who for the third straight year has proposed raising Indiana's limit to 65, said he plans to show that the number of highway fatalities is the same per mile no matter what the speed.

"They talk about energy, but think about the human energy wasted in Wyoming just getting from place to place," Taggart said. "We drive 500 miles in a day and never think a thing about it. People back East waste more gasoline stopping at stop lights."

When the Wyoming Legislature voted in favor of repeal by a 2-1 margin two years ago, Gov. Ed Herscher resisted because of fears the state would lose \$52 million in highway aid.

Herscher said he is still reluctant to risk highway money, which would now amount to \$60 million a year, but adds that if the Reagan administration can assure him funds won't be cut, "then I'm going to be leading the charge."

While the Wyoming Highway Patrol still preaches that speed and alcohol kill, some state safety experts speculate the 55 mph limit may actually be a danger in Wyoming's vast spaces.

Highway statistics indicate the largest single cause of death in Wyoming is the single-vehicle rollover, usually at night when drivers can be lulled to sleep by what highway safety experts call the "monotony and fatigue" factor.

Wyoming's highway death toll has actually climbed each year since the limit was imposed, and its record of 260 deaths was set in 1976, the year after speeds dropped to 55.

Oldest West Point grad honored

By DAVID HENDRICKS
San Antonio Express

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Retired Maj. Gen. Walter E. Prosser turned 99 Sunday and was honored on his birthday as the oldest living graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Prosser, Class of '05, says his West Point days seem like only yesterday. But his celebration was brief and quiet since the general is confined to bed.

Sleet fell outside but there was plenty of warmth inside as representatives of West Point and the local military community delivered gifts and greetings.

Officers at West Point sent him a lap robe in the academy's colors of black, gold and gray and with the academy emblem on it.

The gift was presented by Earl Hardy, president of the West Point Society of South Texas and a member of the 1945 class.

Gen. Bennie L. Davis, commander of Air Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, also was on hand as the local senior active military graduate from West Point.

No family members were present since the nearest relatives live

in Louisiana and others are in Colorado and California. Prosser's wife, the former Maude Willacy of Corpus Christi, died in 1965.

Prosser is cared for by housekeeper Queen Esther Love and three private nurses who work continuously in shifts.

"He has his good days and his bad days," said Helen Stricker, one of the three nurses who care for the bedridden officer. "Sometimes he talks up a storm. Other times he doesn't care to talk."

Prosser's first assignment upon graduation was in San Antonio, with the 3rd Field Artillery, and after retirement from active duty he was a director of the National Bank of Fort Sam Houston here.

He saw action with three different units in World War I in France and in World War II, commanded the Signal Corps' central school and training unit in Kansas. His training manual for jungle fighting was used during that war in the Pacific Theater.

Prosser's birthday gift from West Point came several weeks after he had received a congratulatory note from there.

His reply:

"Some weeks ago I received a letter the opening sentence of which was Greetings from West Point."

"I now reply by saying, 'Greetings to West Point' from its oldest living graduate. I can hardly believe that it has been nearly a century since I wore the gray of a cadet, but in some respects it seems almost like yesterday."

"West Point has been good to me, for which I am grateful, and I wish you all good things in life."

Legislators honor Confederate heroes

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Celebration of Confederate Heroes Day was the main order of business today in the 67th Legislature.

The Senate had an 11 a.m. meeting scheduled but was expected to adjourn after a brief session.

The House was in adjournment until 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Many Republican legislators and supporters were in Washington for the inauguration of President Ronald Reagan.

Most state employees were enjoying the official state holiday.

At noon, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby was to lay a wreath on the Confederate Monument on the Capitol grounds as part of similar ceremonies to be held in more than 200 Texas communities to observe Confederate Heroes Day.

Speaker Bill Clayton was to present to the Texas Confederate Museum an educational poster with portraits of 20 prominent Confederate leaders. Later the poster will go to schools, libraries and museums.

All Texans were urged to attend activities commemorating the Civil War years in their areas. Numerous pilgrimages were organized to significant sites such as military camps and forts, birthplaces and graves of veterans.

The statewide program was sponsored by the Texas division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Texas Heritage Project.

The House adjourned late Thursday until 2 p.m. Tuesday after a long debate concerning an election contest between Rep. Al Brown, Democrat, and Republican Alan Schoolcraft, who was declared elected to the San Antonio district by election officials.

The House rejected a committee report recommending that Schoolcraft be seated and called for a special election for Feb. 10.

Clayton said that Brown will serve as holdover representative from Dist. 57-C until the votes are counted.

The Senate quit last Wednesday night today.

Pampans attending inaugural festivities

A group of Pampa residents are in Washington, D.C., today enjoying the pre-inaugural festivities and preparing to attend Tuesday's Inaugural Ball.

Mrs. Gladys Bowers, Mrs. Joe Curtis, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Campbell were invited to the Washington festivities, "as a thank you for our work in the Republican party," according to Mrs. Wylene Curtis.

"It is an honor because we have worked for Reagan for so long and we are delighted to go to Washington in his behalf," Mrs. Curtis said.

The group traveled to Dallas on Saturday and left with others from Texas on a chartered plane for the snowy Washington affair.

Activities for the group were non-stop through the weekend and continue on Monday.

"The activity that should be the most fun is the Texas Gala held Saturday evening. The gala will be black-tie and boots, honoring one of Texas' own Vice President-elect George Bush," Mrs. Curtis said.

Mrs. Gladys Bowers said that the festivities in Washington include a "Six Flags Brunch on Monday morning and from there the day is filled with receptions and parties."

"The Inaugural Ball will be the most formal affair, and we will be able to see President Reagan and Mrs. Reagan as they are making short appearances at each of the balls," Mrs. Curtis said.

The Texas group will be attending the Inaugural Ball at the Sheraton Washington.

Bush stakes Texan claim

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President-elect George Bush staked his claim to be considered a Texan right from the start of inaugural festivities.

"I haven't been there as long as (Texas Gov. Bill) Clements, but not many people have lived there as long as Clements," Bush said jokingly after the governor introduced him to a crowd of several thousand Texans at a Lone Star inaugural gala. "But I'm a Texan, and I'm proud of it."

On the long campaign trail, Bush had the advantage of claiming four home states — Massachusetts, where he was born; Connecticut, where he grew up; Maine, the site of his summer vacation home; and Texas, where he moved more than 30 years ago.

Clements introduced Bush and his wife, Barbara, as "two great Texans who have made Texas their home... We have an enormous pride in their accomplishments, and for us as Texans to have a Texan in the White House as a vice president is good for Texas."

Bush also attended a Connecticut party the same night. The Texas event Saturday was held in the massive ballroom of the Sheraton-Washington, decorated to the hilt in Lone Star regalia. Invitations had specified "black tie and boots" as formal wear. Mexican food was served from chuckwagons and Texas beer was on hand.

During the general round of compliments from the stage, Bush called Clements the best governor that Texas ever had — while former Texas Govs. John Connally and Preston Smith were in the audience.

Mrs. Bush made one of the quickest recoveries of the evening. She tripped as she stepped onto the stage and cut her leg, but when her turn came to take the microphone she joked: "I'm not going to say I made a (former President) Gerald Ford entrance. I'm going to say I fell for you."

The gash that she suffered from the fall was serious enough that she had to be taken to the hospital for stitches.

Ford developed a reputation for clumsiness during his years in office.

The Texas State Society, an organization of Texans living in Washington, sponsored the gala as a non-partisan event.

Rep. Tom Loeffler, the Hunt Republican who currently heads the society, presented Bush a hand-blown glass western hat. "You can display this permanently in your office in the White House to remember that Texans care," the congressman told Bush.

Among the other guests — whose visits ranged from brief to all evening long — were Jim Baker, the Houston lawyer who will be the new White House chief of staff; both Texas senators, Democrat Lynd Bentsen and Republican John Tower; a good share of the Texas congressional delegation; Lynda Byrd Robb, daughter of the late President Lyndon B. Johnson; Bush's five children; and Maureen Reagan, daughter of President-elect Ronald Reagan.

The five Texas Republican congressmen are planning informal open houses in their offices Tuesday for constituents in Washington for the festivities. The chance to get warm may prove especially attractive if the bitter East Coast cold spell continues through the outdoor swearing in ceremony.

Abelardo L. Valdez, the Texan who is the outgoing White House chief of protocol, as one of his final duties is serving as host for the Washington diplomatic corps at the inauguration.

Dallas voters reject tax roll-back proposal

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — This is tax-paying time and Texans are doing a lot of thinking about some way to reduce soaring taxes.

In turn, this brings up, as it did in California, the idea of by-passing the professional lawmakers and letting ordinary citizens propose and vote on tax reductions and law changes.

"Initiative and referendum" is the unwieldy label attached to it.

Gov. Bill Clements gives "I&R" — that's legislative slang — only a 50-50 chance in this Texas legislative session but a lot of others are pushing the proposal, which Clements first presented in his 1978 campaign.

The outcome of Saturday's election in Dallas, which originated by petition, may determine just how far I&R goes in the 67th Legislature.

About one-tenth of the city's population voted decisively against the plan to slash the city's property tax rate by 29 percent and to limit tax increases to 5 percent a year.

In his 1978 campaign, which made him Texas' first Republican governor in 104 years, Clements incorporated initiative and referendum in his "Taxpayer Bill of Rights."

However, in the 1979 Legislature the proposal for "indirect" initiative and referendum never got the 100 votes needed to send it to voters for a possible constitution change.

An "indirect" proposal would let voters petition the

Legislature for action instead of placing the measure directly on the ballot.

Clements' sponsored legislation this time, presented in both the House and Senate, would put a proposition before the Legislature only if a petition is signed by 10 percent of the voters in each of 190 counties. Other legislators have "direct" proposals.

Clements said recently his I&R plan has a "50-50 chance, no better than that." However, he stressed he would present it and support it.

A few days later, Howard Jarvis, who fostered Proposition 13 in California to slash property taxes, predicted Texans could have I&R if they put enough pressure on legislators.

A Texas House committee which studied I&R before this session started recommended no specific bill but said there "appears to be a strong desire" among Texans for initiative and referendum.

"The fear expressed by opponents that its passage could result in wholesale tax changes, affect the Texas economy, etc., is not substantiated," the study group's report said.

Texas 13, headed by former Attorney General Waggoner Carr, is actively working for Clements' bill.

"Texas 13 feels that the elected officials are limited in their ability to control taxes and spending due to the large number and strength of the lobbyists and those who live on government checks," Carr said.

Two killed at chemical plant

FREEPORT, Texas (AP) — Investigators were still trying to determine what caused a chemical plant steam line to rupture, killing two workers and hospitalizing a third, an official with Dow Chemical Co. said.

Sarah Prince, public relations officer for Dow's Texas Division, said John G. Hughes, 51, of Brazoria was pronounced dead at a Freeport hospital. Tunis R. Colvin, 52, of Lake Jackson was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Houston where he died about five hours after the Sunday mishap.

The third worker, Alfred D. Anderson of Clute, was listed in stable condition at a Galveston hospital.

"No hazardous chemicals were released into the air and the accident posed no threat to the community," said Ms. Prince. "The investigation into the cause of the accident is continuing."

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That includes a luncheon at Blair House, the official residence for state visitors, for ambassadors after they watch Reagan take the oath of office.

Outgoing Energy Secretary Charles Duncan says he is heading back to Houston after he leaves office. He was living there before coming to Washington in 1977 to take a position with the Defense Department.

Duncan said he won't be doing anything full time for a while, since he wants to give himself some time to "decompress" from the last few years in the Carter administration. He said he may serve on the boards of some companies.

Both Texas senators are supporting a bill to exempt independent producers and small royalty owners from the "windfall" tax on oil profits.

The bill would exempt the first 1,000 barrels of oil a day pumped by an independent.

Bentsen said the bill he introduced last week would be an efficient and effective way to increase domestic oil and gas production.

"If we want to make maximum effective use of our energy assets in America, it simply makes no sense to place a windfall profit tax of the first 1,000 barrels of daily production from our independent producers," he said in a statement. "It makes no sense to take \$22 billion out of production over this decade."

Bentsen sponsored a measure approved last year to give a \$1,000 one-year tax credit to small oil royalty owners.

Tower said he was co-sponsoring the bill because the windfall tax does not stimulate domestic production.

Texans thinking about lower taxes

DALLAS (AP) — Just two days before the election, one opponent of a proposed tax-limiting city charter amendment glumly predicted it would take a "miracle" to defeat it.

The amendment, Proposition 1, would have cut the property tax rate by almost 30 percent and put a 5-percent ceiling on future tax increases.

Apprehensive city officials predicted its passage would cost the local government about \$40 million a year. It was similar to California's Proposition 13 of 1978 and sparked by a property tax revaluation that tripled the taxes on some houses while leaving business taxes largely alone.

But Saturday, a record number of voters rejected the measure by a 2-1 margin. City officials said 103,860 voted, the largest turnout in a non-candidate municipal election since the city was founded.

"I guess it WAS a miracle," said city councilman Lee Simpson, one of those who had thought the measure would pass. "I'm very, very surprised."

A grassroots citizens' group — the Tax Equality Association, or TEA Party — forced the referendum by circulating petitions and confidently predicted victory just days before the voting.

Another citizens' group formed to fight the rollback, SOS Dallas, spent more than \$170,000 to blitz the city with a mailing and telephone campaign.

"We didn't have the funds to compete with them on a public basis," said TEA Party chairman Ed Skinner. "We could not finance the publicity

to express our points of view when the issues became clouded."

But, he added, money was not the only problem. "What the voters said was that they don't like the TEA Party solution to the problem. To say we lost the election only because we didn't have enough money is ludicrous."

SOS chairman David McAtee said the outcome was due to "the sophistication of Dallas voters," but does not represent a vote of confidence for municipal government.

"I think this indicates the voters' basic belief in Dallas in the future. They don't want to sacrifice the quality of life," McAtee said.

City Manager George Schrader said, "It seems to me there are times when issues like this come along and test the character and are a stress on the fibre of the community. This is one of them."

"Certainly those who supported the issue on the ballot also have won," he added. "They have made their point that something needs to be done. And it will be."

After the votes were tallied, several city council members promised they would begin work immediately to install a tax reform program approved in December.

"I'm grateful that the citizens reacted this way," said Mayor Robert Folsom.

Voters approved three other amendments, to limit city council members to three terms, to require public hearings when changes were made in the throughfare plan and to increase the size of the board of equalization.

Hostages include Texans

A Navy officer, two U.S. Marines and an embassy teacher — capsule descriptions of the four Texans who were at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4, 1979 and inadvertently became footnotes to a bitter chapter of U.S. history.

That was the day Navy Lt. Robert Englemann, Marine Sgt. Johnny D. McKeel Jr., Marine Staff Sgt. David Rogers Walker and William B. Royer became hostages, pawns in a game of power politics between the United States and Iran. The hostages will be home soon, but the memory of the anguish their families suffered will remain for some time.

Contact with the hostages was sporadic. Occasionally one of them would be allowed to send home a letter or be shown in a tape-recorded greeting or photograph, but those occasions were not frequent enough to provide any real solace for the families who worried, waited and prayed daily.

"What I want to know is, what are those boys thinking," asked an anguished Johnny McKeel Sr. of Balch Springs just a few weeks after his son was taken captive. "If they want us to rock the boat, or not? Or do they want us to send in the Marines? I want to know what they think."

Within weeks, he had some inkling. On Christmas Eve, the McKeels saw an Associated Press photograph showing their son reading Christmas cards along with three other hostages. It was the first proof they had that he was still alive.

"We were just tickled to death we got to see he's all right... we know he's alive," said his mother, Wynona McKeel. Then, on New Year's Day, they got a special delivery printed note that said, "Merry Christmas. Please don't worry. The Lord is with me."

An accompanying cover letter from the U.S. Catholic Conference said the note was from their son. Their first real letter arrived three weeks later, full of complaints about the food and medical conditions the hostages were enduring.

"I have seen better living conditions in a dog pound than we have here," he wrote. Nevertheless, the McKeels were glad to have the letter. "We're not too happy about the conditions, but he's tough," said McKeel.

About the same time, Dorothy Royer got a letter from her son, William, a former teacher in Houston's island suburb of West University Place.

Anguished hostage families, an ailing monarch and wounded heroes of a failed rescue forged an often stormy link between Texas and Iran — a connection shrouded in intrigue and steeped in anger, despair, frustration and fatigue.

A deposed and dying Iranian king paused to rest in San Antonio, the same city where five burned commandos recuperated from wounds suffered in the inferno of an aborted rescue mission that left eight Americans dead on an Iranian desert.

Hostage families in Houston, Hurst and Balch Springs endured more than 14 months of heartache, fear and despair over the insanity, confusion and turmoil in Tehran.

"If ever we needed a doctor, we need one now... We pray the Lord will be with us and give us strength so we may go home soon before we all go crazy," hostage Johnny McKeel Jr. of Balch Springs wrote in a letter after Christmas 1979.

Outraged longshoremen steadfastly refused to service ships bound for Iran and before the hostage crisis, a cool and determined Texas millionaire named H. Ross Perot hired a retired Green Beret colonel and a squad of combat-hardened men to break two employees out of a prison in Tehran.

"Where are you now when we need you Ross Perot?" lamented a ballad — written and recorded by a Dallas reporter — that reflected the growing frustration with the hostage stalemate.

Twenty-three frightened Iranian Air Force pilots training in Texas pleaded for asylum, at a time when a presidential order booted their comrades bag and baggage out of the country.

Iranian students demonstrated for and against the exiled shah and angry Texans marched in the streets, once forcing Iranian consulate officials to remain closeted in their Houston offices.

Burning effigies of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini warmed the soul if not the body of Texas demonstrators during the first winter of their discontent.

"Bomb Iran" placards waved against a November sky. "Let our people go," besieged another. "Let's play Cowboys and Iranians" read a third.

"I don't have a road map of Iran, but I would think the CIA does," a Dallas lawyer said before the aborted rescue mission. "I wish Ross Perot were president."

Shah Mohamed Reza Pahlavi's tortuous path from the splendor of the Peacock Throne to death as an exile in Egypt brought him to San

"It's the first word I've had of any kind and I'm delighted," she said after receiving the January 1980 letter, breaking her previous silence on the hostage situation. "I'm real pleased because he shows that he is stable, still under control and has retained his marvelous sense of humor."

While McKeel, Royer and Englemann relatives could only get second-hand information about their loved ones, Arie Ruth Walker was spending one of the best Christmas holidays of her life at the family home in Prairie View.

Her hostage son David was home. He was one of 13 hostages released within three weeks of their captivity, on orders from the Ayatollah Khomeini, because they were black, female or sick.

"I'd say this is a gift, to have him home for Christmas," said Mrs. Walker, but he did not share her enthusiasm at his release. "I said I wasn't going to leave (the embassy). They said I had no choice. If I had a choice, I'd rather have stayed," he said after his return from Tehran.

He said he felt he had abandoned his Marine Corps buddies forced to stay behind. Two days after Christmas, he reported back for duty at Quantico, Va.

Meanwhile, relatives of Englemann and Royer continued, like the McKeels, to sit and wish, and try to cope with the strain. "Sometimes we would get our hopes up and the next day they would just be dashed away," said David Englemann, Robert's brother who acted as a family spokesman throughout the hostages' captivity. "After a while, we just refused to get our hopes up."

"Just to save ourselves emotionally, we just refused to get optimistic."

Marianne Stevens, Royer's sister, expressed similar sentiments a few months before the ordeal ended. "We're going to be very patient, and we're going to say our prayers that they really will release the hostages," she said. But the strain of trying to remain calm and patient while a loved one was held captive by radical, anti-American militants thousands of miles away finally began to tell on Johnny McKeel Sr.

Friday night, hours before the final agreement was reached to return the hostages to the United States, McKeel was badgered by yet another reporter asking for an interview. "You news people are about to drive me crazy," he barked. "Why don't you just leave us alone?"

Texas had stormy link with Iran

Antonio to recover from cancer treatment and gall bladder surgery in New York.

The "King of Kings, Center of the Universe, Shadow of the Almighty, Regent of God and Light of the Aryans" slipped into town under cover of darkness on a pre-dawn flight from New York. He left 13 days later as quietly as he had come, flying to Panama and a promise of sanctuary.

Delicate negotiations preceded his departure as government officials worked secretly to find a permanent haven for the fallen ruler whose presence in the United States triggered the hostage crisis.

Presidential aide Hamilton Jordan made a clandestine visit to San Antonio bringing word of a later unfulfilled Panamanian promise.

Later, noted Houston heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey would be called on to remove the spleen from the deteriorating former monarch.


The shah's presence in San Antonio prompted protests by Iranian students and counter-demonstrations by residents incensed by the hostage crisis.

Police dragged five screaming Iranians from the steps of City Hall after an angry mob threatened to violently remove the Iranians' posters.

The shah's son — then crown-prince Reza Pahlavi — took flight training at Reese Air Force base and had a posh western-style house for a weekend retreat in nearby Lubbock.

The shah's mother-in-law, Farideh Diva, and three of his other children — Princess Farahana, Pince Alireza and Princess Layla — visited the house on the same day the shah left Iran for exile.

Agents for Iran's revolutionary government later tried to confiscate the \$250,000 house paid for by the Royal Iranian Air Force and the entire matter ended up in a court.

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The 'We' Generation: an inaugural message

By George Marotta
Editor's Note: The following is a suggested inaugural message for President Ronald Reagan written by a foreign policy expert who served in key positions under seven presidents.

My fellow Americans. Although we are not in a state of emergency, there are many problems now facing our country. The margin for error is becoming increasingly narrow. We must begin immediately to put into place long-term solutions. To do otherwise will ensure a legacy of emergencies for our children.

As the strongest nation, the United States has a unique responsibility for leadership of the free world. In this regard, we have let our defenses decline relative to our adversary and our foreign policy is hostage to over-dependence on foreign oil.

Our allies increasingly worry about our resolve and leadership capability. Newly independent countries, who gained political freedom with our support, fear that we will not help them resolve their current

economic crisis or support them in times of political crisis.

We must recognize, however, that all of the actions which our government needs to take overseas and at home are supported by our domestic economy. Therefore, our first order of business will be to correct our economic problems. Inflation is undermining our basic values. Government solutions to energy supply has created a crisis out of a problem. Productivity of industry is being starved by lack of capital and hobbled by government regulations.

There are many actions which government can take. We must attack immediately the major cause of inflation which is the large government budgetary deficits. Marginal programs must be eliminated or cut and the efficiency of all programs needs to be improved. Windfall increases in government revenues caused by inflation should be offset by tax reductions.

Energy prices can best be stabilized by

allowing more incentives for domestic production. To provide the massive amounts of capital needed to improve productivity and to create jobs, we must increase incentives for saving and investing.

While we improve our defense posture, we should continue strategic arms limitation talks to reach a more equitable agreement. An equitable reduction of arms is a requisite to world peace.

Whether we succeed or fail as a society in the immediate future rests more on us as a people than on governmental actions. We must require balancing the budget, restrain our demands for new programs, support the elimination or reduction of marginal programs, encourage savings and investments, overhaul and reduce government regulations, favor growth with adequate environmental protection and encourage decentralization of government programs.

In pursuing these goals, compromise will be required. Long standing problems will

not disappear automatically. Although we wish less government in our lives, we still need to be compassionate and should strive to increase the capability of the private sector on the local level to better meet societal needs.

We as a people must again begin to bear the major responsibility for our neighbor. Washington alone cannot effectively eliminate injustices and inequalities of opportunities. Each of us needs to volunteer more of our time and talents to help people. This can be done more compassionately and effectively on a community level.

The more we look to government to solve our problems, the more freedom we lose as individuals. Therefore, we must all do more to strengthen private, non-governmental agencies to solve problems.

The challenge of this decade will be to convince members of the ME generation to join the cooperative WE generation to help us to make a new beginning for our country.

Letters

Dear Editor:
The Board of the Pampa Community Day Care Center, Inc., wishes to publicly express its appreciation to the M.K. Brown Foundation, Inc., for its generous contribution toward the construction of a new day care facility in Pampa.

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Our heartfelt thanks go to the Board of the Brown Foundation, and to every contributor, large or small, who helps make the dream of an outstanding non-profit day care facility come true.

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Making a house a home

The White House is a national monument to millions of Americans, but to the housewife who will have to live there, it is a residence to be made homey.

And, one surmises, that is why Nancy Reagan was moved to wish aloud that she could get started redecorating the White House living quarters. Unfortunately, what was heard and mistakenly repeated by someone was a wish that the present occupants would hurry and move out, a sentiment that touched off one of those little ministorms that Washington likes to revel in.

Mrs. Reagan has assured Rosalyn Carter that she never said that. She merely wished, in the abstract, that the decorators could get an earlier start. And President Carter, who has been gracious about the whole thing, gallantly agreed that Mrs. Reagan didn't say what they said she said and wasn't trying to evict the outgoing first family before their lease ran out.

Of course she wasn't. But while the president-elect is planning the transfer of power, Mrs. Reagan is conducting her own transition.

So who can blame the new first lady for wistfully uttering the eternal housewife's lament, as she faces the trials that upwardly mobile families have to meet? There is a new house to be redecorated, the family treasures to be packed and moved all the way across the country. Meanwhile, not enough can be done in the rootless limbo of transition, which is to be endured in temporary — if comfortable — quarters. The sooner it's all over, the sooner Nancy Reagan can start making the White House into her family's home. And what's more natural than a housewife's impatience about that?

Hostages, economy, one - two for Reagan

There are two things which President-elect Ronald Reagan will have at the top of his "must" list when he becomes president of the United States tomorrow.

One has "immediate" stamped across it, and the other has "almost as immediate."

The immediate task at hand is to tackle the hostages problem. The one that might take a little longer is the economy.

Americans tend to turn sentimental over Christmas, and this Christmas was no exception. The past few months have seen little or no progress in getting our people home. There has been little in the news about them. In such a situation, the tendency is to forget, or at least not to remember temporarily.

Along comes Christmas, however, and the media once again turns its attention to those flesh-and-blood Americans who are languishing in Iranian prisons, and the impact comes home with the force of an exploding volcano.

The hostages are still being held.

What're we going to do about it?

Now, the torch passes to President-elect Reagan. Carter no doubt did the best he could. He didn't want to lose any lives. He chose the route of negotiation; and when that didn't work, he tried to send in a rescue force. That didn't work, either.

So, now it is Reagan's turn at bat.

What will be his strategy? Will he rush in where angels fear to tread? Will he send Iran a message to the effect that we want our hostages back and pronto or we're coming after them? Will that mean he is willing to sacrifice 52 hostages in order to tell the world that we still are a nation that is willing to fight for the principles it believes in?

What will Reagan do about those hostages?

It is the one paramount problem that he will face.

Once that problem is resolved, if it is resolved successfully, he can devote his full attention to the economy. And no doubt that will take a bit more time.

Study challenges transfer payments

The perception that government's attempt to let everyone live at the expense of everyone else might not be sound public policy keeps turning up in the most surprising places.

The National Planning Association is what it sounds like, an organization dedicated to the proposition that the country needs "experts" to plan its course and direct it along the paths of wisdom and economic stability. But even the NPA is having second thoughts about the income redistribution mechanism already in place.

Professional planners have traditionally viewed transfer payments as either neutral or slightly beneficial, following the old Keynesian logic that more money pumped into the economy benefits everybody. But the NPA's new study predicts that given current policies, the U.S. national income will be reduced by 0.8 percent each year if current transfer program increases already scheduled remain in place. It adds up to a loss of \$300 billion in national income between now and the year 2000.

If the system isn't changed, say the study's authors, transfer payments will have to grow at 3 to 5 percent in real terms each year just to keep up with the existing commitments. If that happens, the economy will grow by only 2.3 percent each year. Projected over 20 years, that means an economic pie getting progressively smaller in relation to the transfer payment slice being taken from it.

The fact that an organization whose sympathies lie with increasing government expenditures is taking note of this situation is encouraging. Better late than never. And much later may be too late.

Don't call me mister

Recently, the United State Supreme Court took a quiet step toward acknowledging what many now see as the inevitable appointment of a woman to that tradition-laden body.

From now on, each of the nine men who sit on the nation's highest court will be

called "Justice," laying to rest the official designation "Mr. Justice," in use since the early 19th century.

The court's action is in line with the times, and will undoubtedly be appreciated by American women who are rightfully seeking greater opportunity in our society.



President Reagan, physically fit

by Paul Harvey

Inevitably, questions will persist about the physical health of a 69-year-old president.

He looks great, he walks young and he sounds keenly alert. But that's no longer sufficient for the X-ray eyes of the news media.

Mr. Reagan's personal physician would like to cite professional ethics and decline to discuss the well-being of his patient, but the new fashion of stripping naked all public officials would never allow that.

So Dr. John Reynolds has told all there is to tell:

Our new president has hay fever, controls it with allergy shots. He has some hearing loss in his right ear. He has a chronically painful thumb on his right hand.

He underwent surgery for prostate stones in 1966; no recurrence. He fell from a horse and broke his leg in 1949; healed.

He had a sore jaw in 1977; responded to cortisone; no problem since.

And that's it. Mr. Reagan endured the stress of the campaign with no problems. He did not even catch cold as most run-down campaigners do. He exercises every day; a form of calisthenics.

These revelations are certain to invite a deluge of suggestions concerning his health. He may even get one from me about that sore thumb.

Now -- anybody 69 with a full head of brown hair can't be all good! But the next four years will take care of that.

On a related subject: Political cartoonists, attention. On President Reagan's Inauguration Day, why don't you publish a cartoon of the White House with a sign on the front lawn reading, "LIFEGUARD ON DUTY"?

He once was one, you know.

He has promised that his first concern

will be the rescue of our nation's economy. It needs it.

The Index of Leading Indicators improved only fractionally last month. Our dollars continue to shrink. Skyrocketing interest rates choke off home construction and car buying.

Permits for future construction decline this past month.

Contracts and orders for new plants and equipment, adjusted for inflation, are down.

January 20 we will have a new LIFEGUARD ON DUTY, for better or worse.

Three years hence he can claim credit for any turnaround in our economy -- or he must take the blame for any failure.

This is going to sound isolationist; so be it.

Every candidate for as long as I can remember who has been elected president of the United States has almost immediately begun to imagine himself President of the World.

For this reason it was mighty reassuring to hear Mr. Reagan's re-promise that his first priority would be the homefront.

Every Communist in the world could drop dead tomorrow and we could still drown in red ink. We've a LIFEGUARD ON DUTY -- maybe just in the nick of time.

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Excessive expectations

By Anthony Harrigan
As the new year arrives, the country has great expectations.

Indeed, the American people have good reason to expect that the quality of governmental leadership will improve. Prudent men and women will replace liberal ideologues in the most senior government posts. On the foreign affairs front, there won't be any Andrew Youngs at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations to describe Cuban communists as a stabilizing force in Africa.

The American people would be well advised not to expect too much, however. The Carter administration inherited a much healthier country from the Ford administration than the Reagan administration will inherit from the Carter regime.

The Carter people are leaving a terrible mess for the Reagan administration to clean up. For example, President Carter is leaving the hostage situation for his successor to resolve.

The country's economic problems are myriad. It is suffering from high inflation, high unemployment, huge federal deficits, and an industrial system that is in disarray. Chrysler may go under at any time, with grave consequences for the industrial heartland.

The auto crisis was brought on, in part, because the Carter administration wouldn't oppose excessive wages for auto workers and also because it refused to stand up to the Japanese who have waged virtual economic warfare against the United States while America picked up the tab for Japan's defense.

Getting interest rates down, in the face of inflation and huge deficits, is a priority task facing the administration and the Congress. No easy answers are available. Without lower interest rates, however, only the rich will be able to buy houses and automobiles. Sales of residential real estate are down by 40 percent. And unless interest rates are more reasonable, companies won't be able to buy the new tools they need to modernize their operations and become more competitive.

Many of the expenditures of the federal government are locked into place through the entitlement system. Automatic increases are provided for millions of government employees. It will take a lot of hard work and maneuvering to end these special privileges embodied in the law.

The size of the problems facing the Reagan administration should make the American people realistic about the prospects for improvement in the short run. It will take Mr. Reagan most of his term to get the country on a sound footing. It would be foolish for the American people to expect that two decades of giveaways and liberal misconceptions can be set right in a year. There isn't a department of government that isn't riddled with bad practices or mistaken ideas -- and with waste.

Thousands of top bureaucrats, who are responsible for the waste and unsound policies, are protected by the Civil Service system. They can't be demoted. In brief, the American people need a much clearer understanding of the staggering tasks that will confront President Reagan.

Berry's World



DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

***DEAR ABBY:** Please consult your experts and tell your readers what to do in the event of a hotel fire.

Should you stay in your room or head for the stairway? At the stairway, should you head up or down? If you remain in your room, should you break the windows or leave them closed? If there is a balcony, should you open the sliding doors or keep them shut? I read "Dear Abby" every day, as do millions of others, and this information could make the difference between life and death. Thank you.

MRS. L.B., ELMER, N.J.

DEAR MRS. B.: With the cooperation of the Los Angeles Fire Department, I have put together some dos and don'ts:

1. When checking into your room, be sure you know where the fire exit is so you can find it in the dark. You may have to.

2. If there is any indication, or even a suspicion of fire, call the hotel operator immediately, ask for an outside line, and call the fire department yourself; then alert the hotel operator.

3. Capt. Richard H. Kauffman of the Los Angeles County Fire Department said, "Believe it or not, most hotels will not call the fire department until they verify whether or not there really is a fire, and have tried to put it out themselves. Should a guest call to report a fire, the hotel will almost always send a bellhop, security guard or anyone else who's not busy to investigate. Hotels are reluctant to 'disturb' their guests. Fire engines in the street are quite embarrassing and tend to draw crowds. So if you suspect there's a fire in the hotel, call the fire department yourself. The hotel may be a little upset with you, but really... who gives a damn? The fire department will be glad you called; you may have saved many lives."

4. Keep your hotel key where you can find it quickly. Should you decide to leave your room in a hurry, take your key with you in case you want to get back into your room. Be sure to close the door behind you. (A small flashlight would be invaluable.)

1. Should you stay in your room or head for the stairway?

If there is no trace of smoke in your room, feel the door with the palm of your hand. If the door or knob is warm, don't open the door. If it isn't warm, drop to your knees and slowly open the door, but be ready to slam it should a cloud of smoke roll in. If the hallway is clear, head for the exit — not the elevator.

2. At the stairway, should you head up or down? Once inside most stairways, remember that you probably won't be able to get out except at the first floor or the roof. (Stairway doors usually are locked from the inside for security reasons.) Hold onto the handrail and walk down slowly. If you encounter any smoke, turn around, hold the handrail and exit onto the roof. Remember, many people may be running down the stairway, so be careful.

3. If you stay in your room, should you break the windows or open the sliding doors?

If you decide to stay, make every effort to notify someone that you are remaining in your room. It's best not to open the outside sliding doors or windows because smoke might enter. If you go out onto the balcony, close the door (don't lock it) while you are out of the room. If you break out windows, it's a good bet you'll seriously injure someone down below with falling glass chunks. If smoke starts to creep in under the door, stuff wet towels or sheets in the crack to make a tight seal. If the door or wall gets hot, use the ice bucket and bail water against the hot area. Don't panic. Firefighters will get to you as soon as they can.

Remember: The air is best near the floor. If you remain in your room, fill the bathtub and sink with water to have handy for soaking towels to cover your nose and mouth in order to breathe.

If smoke is coming in through the ventilator, try to stuff wet towels in tightly enough to seal. If that fails, prop the mattress against the wall (possibly on a chair), and move other furniture against it to make a tight seal.

Repeat: The time to think about what you will do in case of a hotel fire is when you check into your room.

Tips for touching up veneer

A veneer is a thin layer of fine wood, 1/28th inch thick, cemented to a common wood core. Veneers usually wear very well, but occasionally moisture will affect the cement, or wear near the edge of the veneer will cause the veneer to chip.

In the first instance, the veneer will form a shallow bubble over the core. In the second, a piece of the veneer may lift from the core and perhaps break away. Both of these can be repaired.

Tools and materials: Single-edge razor blade, contact cement, wallpaper seam roller, metal ruler.

Approximate time: 15 minutes.

1. To repair a veneer which has bubbled: Lay the metal straightedge or ruler across one side of the bubble and carefully make a cut through the veneer.

2. Make two other cuts through the veneer at the sides of the bubble, so that the

bubble is formed into a flap. 3. Carefully lift the flap open. Use a small artist's brush to paint the underside of the flap and the core with contact cement.

4. Hold the flap open while the contact cement dries — approximately 15 minutes.

5. Press the flap down on the core with your fingers, then roll the surface of the veneer thoroughly with the wallpaper seam roller.

6. To fix a veneer chip: If you have the piece of veneer which chipped away, use contact cement in the manner described in Steps 3 to 5 to re cement it in place.

7. If the chip is missing, buy a piece of veneer of the same wood. Many hobby shops sell small pieces of veneer.

8. Lay the metal ruler on the damaged area and use the razor blade to cut the sides square. Then make a small paper pattern that fits exactly into the chipped area.

9. Use this pattern to cut a

veneer patch, which is then cemented into the chipped area with contact cement.

10. The patch must be finished to match the rest of the veneer. It may need to be stained (sometimes not) and

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1. The applicant must be: A resident of Texas, interested in a musical career. A member of some division of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs. A high school student at the grade level of sophomore or above. A record of past achievements or awards in musical activities will be considered.

2. The applicant must complete the application blank and provide a letter or recommendation as to musical ability, scholarship standing and character from a private music teacher or from the school principal.

3. Applicant must be a performer of above average talent and ability and a good sight reader.

4. Application must be returned to the chairman of the Scholarship Board of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs by Feb. 15.

Application must be made through the chairman of the Scholarship Board of the Texas Federation of Music Clubs. A maximum of three applicants will be recommended from each district. The board, with the approval of the president of the National Music Camp, will select the winners of the scholarships.

For additional information, apply to Mrs. Lamoine M. Hall Jr., Chairman of Scholarship Board, Texas Federation of Music Clubs, 4137 Whitfield, Fort Worth, Texas 76109.

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Diet facts & fallacies

by Sherry Conklin

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Backstage with bluesman B.B. King

By GARY E. JOHNSON

NEW YORK, N.Y. — We caught legendary rhythm and blues artist B.B. King backstage at New York City's Beacon Theater between performances.

The MCA recording star, who at 54 still performs 300 gigs a year, has recorded some 300 songs. One of his recordings, "The Thrill is Gone," sold a million copies and won a Grammy award. King has two gold records, an honorary doctorate in music from Yale and several top blues awards.

B.B. was warming up on the Casiotone keyboard. Because the instrument is battery operated and weighs only four pounds, a musician can play it anywhere — even in a dressing room between shows.

With a reputation as one of the top bluesmen in the world and a highly successful 30-year career under his belt, King would hardly have to go through the rigors of long hard concert tours in order to live. But blues, for B.B. King, is more than a type of music, more than a way of making a living, more than even a way of life.

"The blues is life as people live it," says King. "Life as we lived in the past... as we are living now."

Born Riley B. King on a Mississippi cotton plantation in 1925, he showed his first interest in music at a very early age, when he sang with the choir in a rural black church. He took up the guitar at age 9 and has had a guitar as a constant companion ever since. He has been "married" to a single Gibson guitar, "Lucille," for the past 20 years.

His nickname B.B. comes from Blues Boy, a show business name which was given him by the manager of the radio station where he began his career, first as a disc jockey and later as a live

performer.

When asked who had most influenced him when he was beginning to play and sing, King said, "Everybody who was playing at that time, including T. Bone Walker, Lightnin' Hopkins, Elmore James and others."

Ask him what he thinks about young guitar greats like Eric Clapton, John McLaughlin, Mike Bloomfield and others, and B.B. King says simply, "Ask a father how he feels about his children."

His philosophy of the development of music is that musicians, including himself, are always "being influenced by different types of music, and I think that's good. We've all got something to learn from others."

"My ambition has always been to be one of the greatest blues singers there has ever been. I've had a lot of things in my favor. I'm trying my best to get people who don't like the blues not to hate them. You may not like something, but when I stand on the stage and sing and people don't understand what I'm doing, I almost cry. The blues are almost sacred to some people, but others don't understand," says B.B.

At a concert in Harlem recently, B.B. asked the kids in the audience, "How many of you have ever been hungry?" Many hands were raised. "That's the blues. How many of you have walked down the street, saw something in the window you really wanted, but didn't have enough money to buy it?" Many hands went up. "That's the blues. How many of you have felt times in the family when somebody favored somebody else over you?" B.B. saw a sea of hands.

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Farm land loss to urban crawl creates problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new National Agricultural Lands Study calls attention to a problem that has accelerated in recent years: the loss of good farmland to shopping centers, dwellings and other nonagricultural uses.

The study, released last week, also says the federal government itself has contributed to land losses by policies and programs that fail to take into account their impact on farmland.

Thus, it said, Congress and the White House should order federal agencies to begin thinking about farmland when making grants, loans and other service available to local communities.

"Federal programs that result in a loss of land for agriculture are generally ones that promote economic development, capital improvements, housing, environmental protection, or natural resources development," the report said.

"They encourage population growth in rural areas that either reduces farm profitability or directly results in conversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural use."

But the report said "wide regional variations in land resources and uses" occur in the United States.

"Major shifts in agricultural land use among regions have occurred in the past, and factors which may contribute to additional shifts are under way today," it added.

Looking at the problem by regions, the report's observations included:

Western Region
 "Due to this region's population growth, the conversion pressure on existing cropland here is probably the strongest in the nation."

"Future increases in production on existing and potential cropland in this region are unlikely because of limited water supplies for irrigation, and high energy costs for pumping."

"There are also new competing demands for limited water resources from new urban growth and energy development projects. The buildup of salts in the surface layer of the soil in some of the West's most productive valleys casts further doubt on the region's longterm agricultural productivity."

Northcentral Region
 "This region contains 55 percent of the nation's cropland and produces about 44 percent of its agricultural output in terms of the value of the products sold."

"Many communities in the region are surrounded by prime farmlands, so that any growth must occur at the expense of agriculture. Three major uncertainties in the region's agricultural outlook are:

- "The decline of the underground water resources in the Northern Great Plains, especially in Kansas and Nebraska where irrigation has been so important to increasing productivity.
- "Increased coal surface mining in the Corn Belt states such as Illinois.
- "Corn-based ethanol production (for gasohol) in the Midwest."

Agriculture seminar Tuesday at Amarillo

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If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, then a conference planned by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Farmer - Stockman magazine is for you.

The conference, "Getting In - Growing - Getting Out of Agriculture," will be at Texas A&M University Research and Extension Centers in three different cities on three different dates. Sessions are planned for Amarillo, Jan. 20; Dallas, Jan. 21; and Westlaco, Jan. 22.

According to Extension economist Dr. Wayne Hayenga, the conference is intended to help farmers identify non-traditional

alternatives for making farm business management easier and to learn more about turning problems into opportunities.

Major areas of discussion will deal with "Agriculture's Future," "Agricultural Business Planning," "Estate Planning Needs," "Financial Planning Considerations," and "Making Other's Problems Your Opportunity."

Featured speakers will include Dr. John Hopkin, head of Texas A&M's Department of Agricultural Economics; Marvin Sartin, Extension area economist at Lubbock; and Hayenga.

Further information on the conference is available from any county Extension office or from Hayenga in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, College Station, Tex. 77843 (phone: 713-845-2226).

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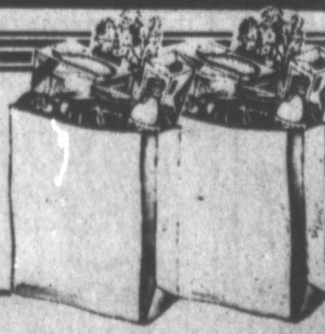
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Astro-Graph by bernice bede osol

January 20, 1981

You are likely to form two very important associations this coming year. One may be with an older person, the other with an individual nearer your age. Both will be advantageous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your judgment is quite keen today and you have the ability to see both sides of an issue. This asset can be utilized profitably. Romance, travel, luck, resources, possible pitfalls and career for the coming months are all discussed in your Astro-Graph which begins with your birthday. Mail \$1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't sell your talents or services short today. Others will know their true worth and be willing to pay your price if it's a fair one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Dealings today with influential associates or contacts should prove lucky for you, especially if some type of agreement is involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a good day to focus your efforts on important projects you'd like to finalize. You should be able to wrap them up successfully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't put off getting in touch with persons who could help advance your present interests. They're likely to be very receptive to your ideas and proposals today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Financial or material opportunity could present itself today through the good auspices of a relative. Kinfolk could prove more beneficial than your friendly local banker.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others with whom you associate today may have big ideas, but not know what to do with them. This won't be true in your case.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone to whom you were kind will be diligently working behind the scenes today to repay the favor. He's in the position to pull all the right strings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Old hopes tend to intertwine with new ones today. This makes for a winning combination. The added ingredient should spell L-U-C-K for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Instead of ducking challenges or competitive situations today, you're likely to relish them. You perform best when you feel you're under the gun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is a good day to get in touch with pals of long standing you haven't seen much of lately. Something mutually fortunate could result for all.

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TWO-FISTED TENNIS. Sweden's Bjorn Borg attacks the ball with a two-fisted grip during the final match of the Volvo Masters Tennis Tournament against Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl at New York's Madison Square Garden Sunday afternoon. Borg defeated Lendl, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

(AP Laser photo)

Borg says Masters no biggie

NEW YORK (AP) — Bjorn Borg says the Volvo Grand Prix Masters won't become a major tennis tournament as long as a player can lose a match and still win the championship.

However, it was just that road that the magnificent Swede traveled before destroying Ivan Lendl 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 Sunday for the \$100,000 first prize in the \$400,000 event. Both finalists had controversial losses Friday after qualifying for the semifinals with two victories on the first two rounds of round-robin play.

"To compare with the big tournaments, I think this would have to be changed to a knockout format," said Borg. "You get a lot of situations like Friday when players have already qualified for the semifinals and they don't play as hard."

Borg defended the play of Lendl in his loss to Jimmy Connors, after which the Czech was criticized for quitting when he got behind.

Connors called Lendl "chicken" after beating him 7-6, 6-1, with the second set taking only 17 minutes and Lendl winning only 10 points.

"Why should someone play hard for four or five hours and maybe still lose and then have to come back a few hours later to play a tough match?" Borg asked.

The tightly contested first set in the Lendl-Connors match ended after midnight and the semifinals on Saturday started at 1 p.m.

Borg lost 6-0, 6-3 in his virtually meaningless match with Gene Mayer, but that Borg was nothing like the one who defeated Lendl with machine-like precision on Sunday.

Borg outlasted his opponent in long baseline rallies and was nearly flawless when he came to the net. When Lendl saw an opening and hit a hard shot into the vacant space, the Swede always seemed to be there to retrieve the ball.

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Pampa swimmer honored for courage

AMARILLO — Clay Douglass, a deaf student at Pampa High School, received the Dee Henry Memorial Award during the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies Sunday in Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium.

The award, which honors the Panhandle area's most courageous athlete, was presented by Gary Von Netzer, Amarillo Globe-News sports editor.

Douglass, one of the top swimmers on the high school and Dolphins' teams, recently qualified for the U.S. swim team that will compete in the 1981 summer games for the deaf.

Von Netzer cited Douglass' courage, pointing out that he had trained last year with his jaw wired shut to repair a broken jaw. Netzer noted that Douglass swims 7,000 yards a day in two workouts, before and after school.

Douglass also plays tennis, golf and racquetball and hopes to qualify for the University Interscholastic League state swim meet.

The 5-10, 110-pound sophomore started swimming when he was six years old and four years later became the Dolphin' first-ever individual qualifier and finalist to the state age-group championship meet.

Lisa Wright of Panhandle was the only Pampa area athlete to receive an award. Wright is the first

recipient of the Leslie Cazzell Memorial Award, honoring an athlete who makes a big play during the year.

Wright, a track and basketball star, hit a layup with one second left to give Panhandle a 41-39 win over New Deal for the regional basketball title last season.

Miami's Bill Daugherty, received track coach of the year honors, after guiding the Warriorettes to the Class B state track championship.

Daugherty, now in private business in Miami, took over the track squad when Ed Francis, who guided Miami to the 1979 state title, was killed in a car crash Jan. 19.

"If it were possible there should be another man standing here to receive this award," Daugherty said. "I get very emotional when I talk about the track team. The girls dedicated the season to coach Francis and they did a great job."

Richard Ellis, an ex-Pampan now living in Plano, was named athlete of the year in golf after winning the Texas State Amateur title and the 43rd annual Top O' Texas Invitational Golf Tournament.

Other top athlete awards went to Todd Gower, baseball, Amarillo; Brooks Jennings, basketball, Clovis, New Mexico; Bobby Stewart, Amarillo and TCU; Sonja Hutchinson, tennis, Memphis; James

Mays, track, Hereford.

Other coaches of the year were Arnie Duncan, baseball, Amarillo; Ken Edwards, basketball, West Texas State University; Larry Dipple, football, Amarillo; Mike Martin, golf, Farwell, Bobby Kleinecke, tennis, Amarillo.

Stewart and Edwards were named athlete and coach of the year.

Three persons were installed into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

They included: Dr. R.P. Carter— Former Amarillo College basketball coach and athletic director. His Badgers had an overall record of 300 wins and 188 defeats.

Gene Mayfield—Quarterbacked West Texas State University to the Border Conference championship in 1950 and was named to the Little All-American team.

Harley Redin—Coached the Wayland College Flying Queens to six National basketball titles and was runnerup six other years. Harley also coached the Queens to five National Women's Invitational Tournament championships. In 18 seasons, his teams had a 429-63 record.

Warren Hasse of Pampa served as Master of Ceremonies.

Swim team takes places at Midland meet

Pampa High School swimmers placed sixth in the girls division and third in the boys division at the Midland Invitational conducted Jan. 16-17.

Points were awarded for the top 16 places. Swimmers placing in the top 16 in individual events were: Julie Rabel, tenth place in 200 free style with a time of 2:37.9 and ninth place in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:30.6; Don Braswell, third in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:02.6 and fifth in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:31.9; Cindy Raymond, third in the 200 individual medley, time 2:21.3

and first in the 100 breast stroke, time 1:16.1; Julie Turner, fifth in the 200 individual medley, 2:36.3, and fourth in the 100 breast stroke, 1:19.6; Clay Douglass, fourth in the 200 individual medley, 2:12.6, and third in the 500 free style, 5:13.5; Richard Steger, fifth in the 200 individual medley, 2:14.5, and first in the 100 back stroke, 1:01.1; Cody Moore, sixth in the 50 yard free style, 24.6, and fifth in the 100 back stroke, 1:04.3; Robbie Hill, ninth in the 50 free style, 25.1;

Philip Trusty, 15th in the 50 free style, 27.2, and 13th in the 100 butterfly, 1:13.5; Brent Chapman, 16th in the 100 free style, 1:03.5; Reid Steger, fifth in the 100 free style, 56.4; Lisa Raymond, second in the 100 butterfly, 1:06.0, and second in the 500 free style, 5:43.4; Richie Hill, seventh in the 500 free style, 5:45.2, and sixth in the 100 breast stroke, 1:10.3; and Mark Alexander, 14th in the 100 breast stroke, 1:15.6.

Pampa's relays also placed in the invitational. Richard Steger, Richie Hill, Clay Douglass and Cody Moore combined efforts in a 200 medley relay and placed third with a time of 1:52.6. Pampa's other 200 medley relay, made up of Reed Steger, Mark Alexander, Robbie Hill and

Philip Trusty, placed ninth with a time of 1:59.76. Pampa's 400 freestyle relays, made up of Bobby Powell, Bryan Smith, David Fatheree and Brent Chapman, swam a 4:29.5. Don Braswell, Shawn White, Robbie Hill and Reid Steger took fifth with a time of 3:53.0.

Pampa's girls 400 freestyle relay, which is composed of Pampa's entire girls team of Cindy Raymond, Julie Turner, Julie Rabel and Lisa Raymond, set a new school record of 4:17.64 and placed fourth.

Pampa diver David Fatheree placed fifth with 213.35 points and diver Shawn White placed sixth with 188.95 points.

Overall team standings for girls are: Midland High, 345; Midland Lee, 268; Amarillo Tascosa, 245; Big Spring, 227; San Angelo, 191; Pampa, 145; Odessa Permian, 142; Odessa High, 94; Abilene High, 82;

Sports

Caprock, 75; and Abilene Cooper, 69.

Overall team standings for boys are: Odessa Permian, 388; Midland Lee, 308; Pampa, 280; Tascosa, 179; Midland High, 158; Abilene Cooper, 158; San Angelo, 136; Abilene High, 125; Big Spring, 98; Caprock, 26; and Odessa High, 16.

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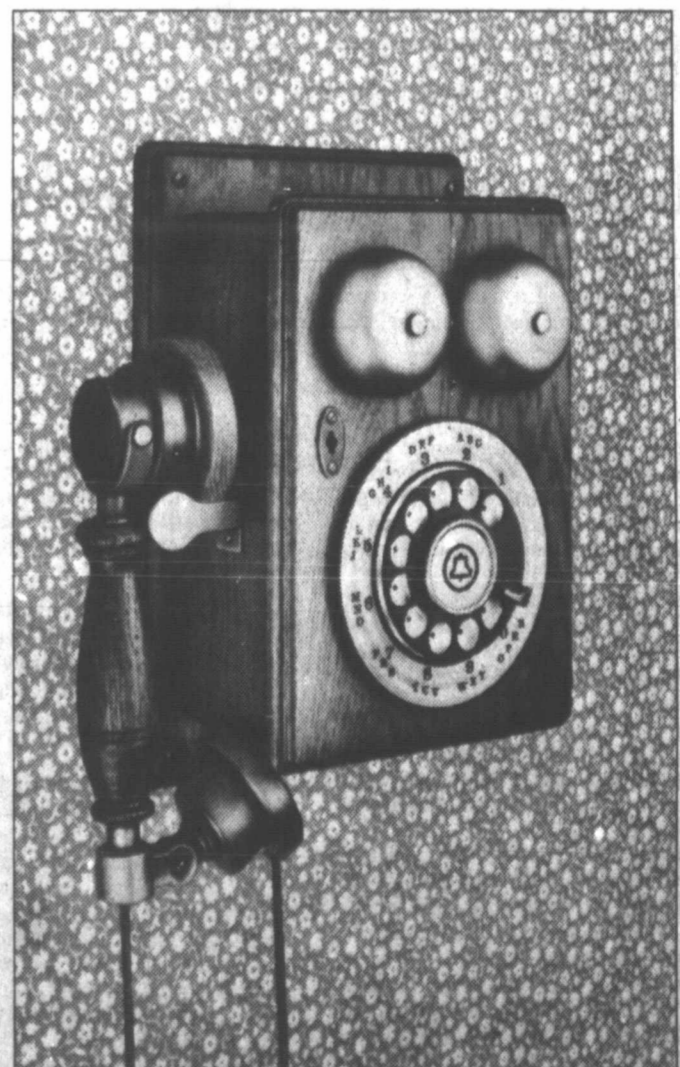
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GOOD NEWS. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McKeel Sr. of Balch Springs, Texas, embrace after receiving good news from the State Department confirming an agreement to release the American hostages in Iran. The McKeels got the call in the early morning hours today and realized their son, Marine Sgt. Johnny McKeel Jr., would soon be on his way home. (AP Laserphoto)

Phones bring families good news

Ringling telephones around the country today awakened the families of 52 American hostages before dawn with good news for the first time in 14½ months: the agreement to free their loved ones was signed at last.

"I'm beginning to feel pure joy. It's been a long while since I have felt that," said Hazel Lee, of Pasadena, Calif., when she heard about the pact that should mean freedom for her son, Gary.

"It's like having a baby," she said. "The sense of rebirth is what I'm feeling. The rebirth of joy is what I'm feeling, and hope. When I feel my arms around him and hear his voice, it will all be worth it."

Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, the chief American hostage negotiator, signed the agreement at the Algerian Foreign Ministry moments after the document was flown in from Tehran, where it had been signed by Iranian officials.

President Carter, in a televised appearance early this morning, said a few documents remained to be signed and money transferred before the hostages' release. But Carter said he believed the agreement would bring the release of the captives.

There was no word on exactly when the hostages would be freed from their 443-day captivity. But two Algerian planes flew to Tehran, presumably to pick up the 50 men and two women.

The families were on tenterhooks all weekend. Bottles of champagne were iced in readiness. Sunday dinners went untouched. Welcome-home banners were unfurled. Television sets were never switched off. And then the phone calls began.

"My God, it's over. It's finished and they're coming home," said Dorothea Morefield of San Diego, wife of hostage Richard Morefield.

"I can't start to tell you the relief," she said. "The weight's lifted, the pain's gone. It's a glorious feeling. All of a sudden I don't have a headache. All of a sudden, I'm not afraid."

She even felt up to a joke when asked what her first words to her husband would be: "Next time you're going to be late for dinner, call."

Anna Kennedy, mother of hostage Moorhead C. Kennedy Jr., said, "Really, oh really? Oh my God, my God. Thank you for calling me."

"This is wonderful... finally," the New York City woman said. But her daughter-in-law, Louisa, like other relatives whose hopes repeatedly were dashed by false alarms over the past 14½ months, still was hesitant to rejoice.

"The agreement is signed but the hostages have not yet been freed and I don't lose my cool until that moment comes," she said from her Washington, D.C., home.

Carol Hohman, sister-in-law of hostage Donald R. Hohman, also was cautious. "We're not going to be happy until he's on that airplane."

"I'm still leery," said Jackie Persinger, mother of 23-year-old Gregory Persinger. "I'll be able to relax when I see them over here in the U.S."

"Boy! Let's let's just hope my father is on his way to a safe country within 24 hours," said Dave Schaefer, of Tacoma, Wash., who hoped to travel to see his father, hostage Col. Thomas Schaefer.

"It's wonderful that it happened. It's about time," said Alyssa Keough, of Burlington, Vt., daughter of hostage William Keough.

"I'm very happy, very happy," said Doris Moeller of Loup City, Neb., when she got word about impending freedom for her son, Michael. "It's the end of a long, long time. We plan to just sit and wait now until we know he's safe."

Robert Hohman, father of hostage Donald Hohman, came to his door today smiling, with tears in his eyes and a "Free the Hostages" pin on his lapel. "Well, that's it. It's official. I'm grateful for what Carter has done."

After the State Department phoned Ernest and Susan Cooke in Memphis, Tenn., with the news about their son Donald, they uncorked champagne that had been cooling throughout the night on the patio.

Cooke pulled two yellow ribbons from his lapel and crushed them. They had said "Release the Hostages" and "Let Our People Go."

The parents of hostage Johnny McKeel were waiting beside the fireplace when the phone rang at 3:20 a.m. at their Balch Springs, Texas, home. After a short conversation with an undersecretary of state, Wynona McKeel grabbed a large yellow ribbon and walked outside with her husband, Johnny Sr.

They stood in the light rain, tying the ribbon around their oak tree.

Leaders praise terms of hostage agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional leaders of both parties greeted agreement for release of the American hostages today with praise for President Carter and top administration officials and relief that an end is finally in sight to the agonizing ordeal.

Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie said, "They will soon be free. They will soon be home."

"But," he added, "our celebration of their release is muted by the suffering that has been so bravely endured."

Sen. Charles Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Muskie told him in a predawn phone call that both the United States and Iran had signed the agreement.

"It ended the agony that every family and all Americans have gone through," the Illinois Republican said. "I'm very happy that the problem can be resolved now so that the Reagan administration is free to devote its total energy to restoring the economy and strengthening our national defense and foreign policy."

He added, "We as a nation must achieve both the image and the reality of political, economic, and military power and strength which will deter attacks on our vital national interests."

Percy praised Carter, Muskie and Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher for their "magnificent efforts."

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., the Senate Democratic leader, also praised the three men and former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

"I'm gratified that the hostages are going to be released," Byrd said. "We have waited a long time and it has been a frustrating experience for all Americans."

"Our nation has responded in a mature and responsible manner throughout this long ordeal and we can take pride in this," he added. "The hostages' safe return never let the hearts and minds of virtually all our people."

Fourteen hostages were released earlier

Fourteen Americans captured in the Iranian takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4, 1979, were permitted to go home before their 52 captive colleagues because they were black, female or sick.

All of them came home after the intervention of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the bearded clergyman whose followers revolutionary zeal triggered the long hostage crisis.

The first three were flown out of Iran 15 days after the takeover — Kathy Gross, 23, of Cambridge Springs, Pa.; Sgt. William E. Quarles, 24, of Washington, D.C.; and Cpl. Ladell Maples, 24, of Earle, Ark.

Twelve hours before they left Tehran, Khomeini announced that blacks and women "who were not spies" would be permitted to leave, because Iran considers blacks oppressed people and Islam respects the female sex.

The next day, 10 more hostages were freed, bringing to five white women and eight black men the total number released — in time for a Thanksgiving reunion with their families.

Those released the second day were: Staff Sgt. James O. Hughes, 31, of Langley Air Force Base, Va.; Lillian Johnson, of Elmont, N.Y.; Elizabeth Montagne, of Calumet City, Ill.; Air Force Capt. Neal Robinson, of Wichita, Kan.; and Lloyd Rollins, 41, of Alexandria, Va.

Also, Terri Deford of South San Francisco, Joseph Vincent of New Orleans, Marine Staff Sgt. David Walker, 25, of Prairie View, Texas, Joan Walsh of Ogden, Utah, and Marine Cpl. Wesley Williams, 22, of Albany, N.Y.

Two women and a black man remained in Tehran through the entire ordeal — Kathryn L. Koob, 43, of Jesup, Iowa, Elizabeth Ann Swift, 39, of Washington, D.C., and Charles Jones Jr., 40, of Detroit.

The last hostage to get release was Richard I. Queen, 29, of Lincolnville, Maine, a vice consul at the Embassy, Queen, who was hospitalized in Tehran, was freed on the 21st day of the crisis, because "he needs more sophisticated medical care."

The illness that had baffled Iranian doctors and led Khomeini to order Queen's freedom for humanitarian reasons was later diagnosed as multiple sclerosis. Some experts said the stress of his captivity may have caused the illness.

Texas hostage families glad

In Plano, David Englemann, brother of Navy Lt. Robert Englemann, was happy — but his good spirits were tempered with a caution born in the heartaches of the past.

"I'm definitely happy there's an agreement," said Englemann, who stayed up late with several reporters and photographers at his home.

"But," he added, "I won't feel entirely confident until they're on a plane and out of the country (Iran)."

"I'm not gonna start celebrating until then, but I'm sure I will then. I've got to get my butterflies to wake up."

In Hurst, A.R. Englemann, Robert's father, was awakened by an Associated Press reporter who told him of the agreement.

"Both sides?" he quickly asked.

"It's a little hard to sink in," he said. "It's good news. That's about all I can tell you."

Unlike the McKeels, Mrs. Stevens said she had little trouble going to sleep even though speculation was rife that an agreement was at hand. She said she knew the call would come.

Johnny McKeel Sr. and his wife Wynona played host to a large contingent of the media late Sunday and early today while the awaited word on the fate of their son, Marine Sgt. Johnny McKeel Jr.

When the call from the State Department came, she bolted across her living room. After a brief conversation, she turned to the crowded room and said "it's official."

Then she grabbed a shiny new yellow ribbon and she and her husband raced out the front door.

The new ribbon, complete with bow, replaced a tattered, torn ribbon she had tied around the tree shortly after her son was taken hostage.

"There," she said, tears welling up in her eyes. "Now we really are ready for him to come home. Now there is a yellow ribbon tied to the old oak tree."

Carter announces terms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is the text of President Carter's announcement of the agreement reached between the United States and Iran on the hostage crisis.

Carter: I know you have been up all night with me and I appreciate it very much.

We have now reached an agreement with Iran which will result, I believe, in the freedom of our American hostages. The last documents have now been signed in Algiers following the signing of the documents in Iran which will result in this agreement.

We still have a few documents to sign before the money is actually transferred and the hostages are released.

The essence of the agreement is that following the release of our hostages, then we will unfreeze and transfer to the Iranians a major part of the assets which were frozen by me when the Iranians seized our embassy compound and took our hostages.

We have also reached complete agreement on the arbitration procedures between ourselves and Iran with the help of the Algerians which will resolve the claims that exist between residents of our nation and Iran and vice versa.

I particularly want to express my public thanks, as I have already done privately, to the Algerians, to their president (Chadli Bendjedid), their Foreign Minister (Mohamed Benyahia) and to the three-man negotiating team who have done such a superb job, and fair and equitable arbitration between ourselves and officials of Iran.

We don't yet know exactly how fast this procedure will go. We are prepared to move as rapidly as possible. All the preparations have been completed pending the final documents being signed.

I will have more to say to you when our American hostages are actually free.

In the meantime (press secretary) Jody Powell will stay in close touch with developments, working with secretary of state, secretary of treasury, my legal counsel Lloyd Cutler. I am talking frequently to (Deputy Secretary of State) Warren Christopher in Algiers and Jody Powell will keep you informed about developments.

Thank you very much.

Question: How do you feel, Mr. President, about having pulled this off before you leave office?

I'll wait until the hostages are released and then I'll have another statement to make.

Hostages awaiting release

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifty-two American hostages awaited deliverance today, their long Iranian captivity yielding at last to a freedom accord that eluded President Carter until his final hours in the White House.

Carter announced shortly before sunrise in Washington that "we have now reached an agreement with Iran which will result, I believe, in the freedom of our American hostages."

But on the 443rd day of their imprisonment, and the last of Carter's presidency, the hostages remained in Iranian hands and Carter said he could not say when they would actually return to freedom.

Two Algerian airliners were sent to Tehran, presumably to pick up the Americans and take them to a U.S. air base in Wiesbaden, West Germany, for several days of observation and readjustment.

Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie told reporters: "They will soon be free. They will soon be home. But our celebration of their release is muted by the suffering that has been so bravely endured."

White House officials reported Carter planned to fly to West Germany to greet the hostages but would forgo the trip if it would prevent him from attending President-elect Ronald Reagan's inauguration at noon Tuesday.

The agreement had Reagan's advance blessings. It was signed early today in Algiers by Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and Carter said it had been signed earlier in Iran.

But the president, in a predawn broadcast appearance in the White House press room, said "a few documents" remained to be signed before frozen Iranian assets are transferred and the hostages are released.

"We don't know yet exactly how fast this procedure will go," he said. "We are prepared to move as rapidly as possible. All the preparations have been completed."

Carter looked drawn and he declined to express his own emotions.

"I'll wait until the hostages are released," he said, "and then I'll have another statement."

Carter said the settlement calls for releasing "a major part" of frozen Iranian assets and for international arbitration on disputes over the rest.

The final negotiations unfolded in the state chambers of three capitals, Washington, Tehran and Algiers, and the intricate financial terms had to be completed in three languages, English, Farsi for the Iranians, and French for the Algerian intermediaries.

Reagan, the president-in-waiting, promised to support the pending agreement. "If they deliver the hostages, I'll sign anything," the president-elect said Sunday. Later, Reagan said he was talking about the terms he understood Carter to be negotiating. "I meant that if there was an agreement pending and they had insisted on my signature before they would release the hostages — what I really meant was I would sign that agreement when they released the hostages," Reagan said.

Carter, who returned midday Sunday from his last weekend at Camp David, Md., briefed Reagan by telephone on the hostage release effort.

Two Algerian planes in Iran

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Two Air Algeria Boeing 727 jetliners landed at Ankara's Esenboga airport Monday morning, refueled and took off two hours later for Tehran, officials at the airport reported.

There was speculation that the planes would pick up the 52 American hostages and take them to West Germany.

The airport officials said the airlines took on enough fuel for the 2½-hour flight to Tehran and then to return to Wiesbaden, West Germany, where the American hostages are expected to be taken for medical examination and reorientation at a U.S. military hospital.



AGREEMENT REACHED. President Carter appears at the podium in the press briefing room of the White House early today to announce an agreement between the U.S. and Iran which resulted in release of the American hostages. (AP Laserphoto)

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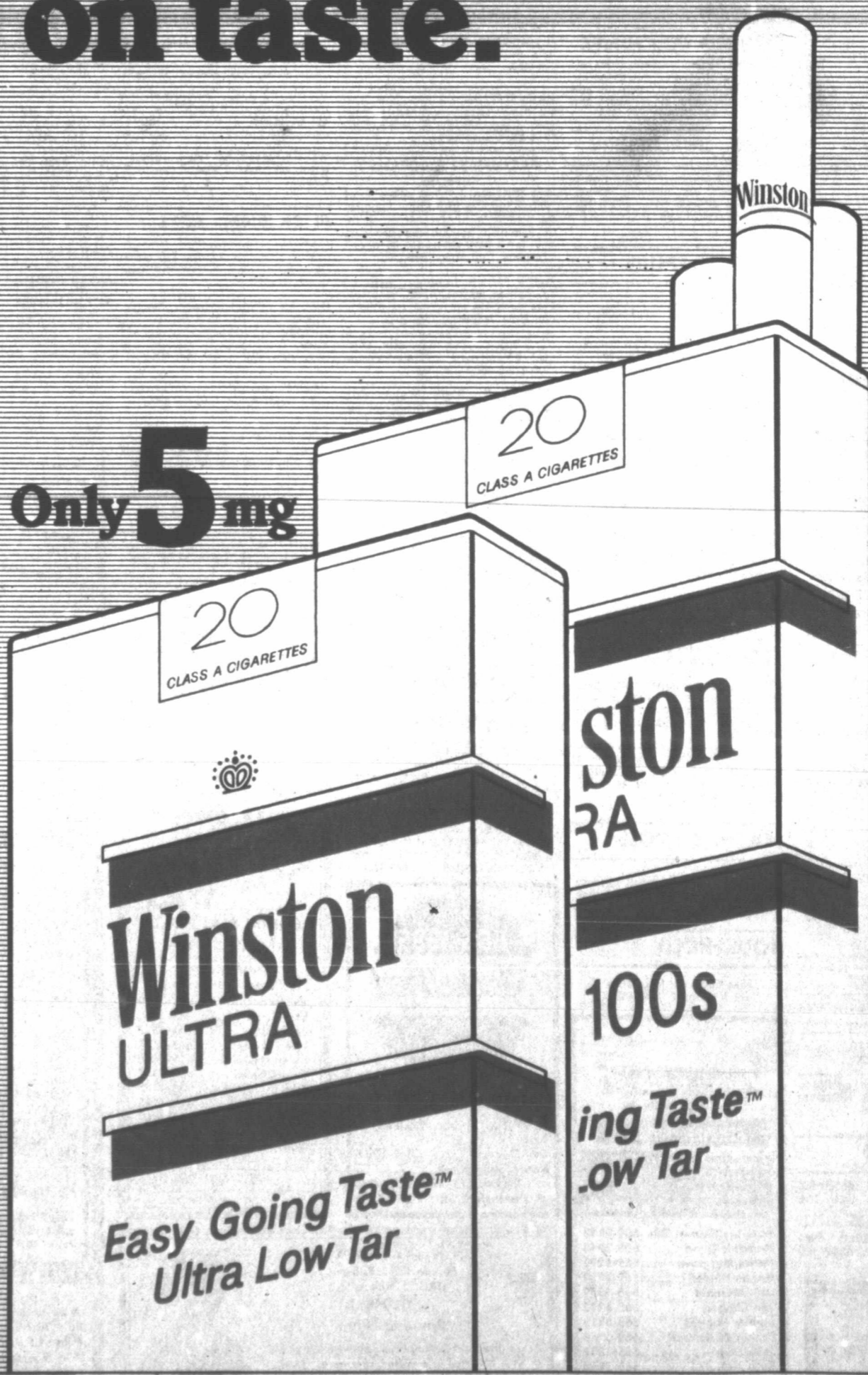
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