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## Allen cleared of \$1,000 charge; probe continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — National security adviser Richard V. Allen, cleared of wrongdoing for receiving \$1,000 from two Japanese journalists, will stay on paid leave pending a new inquiry into his inaccurate financial disclosure statement and his acceptance of two watches.

Allen said Tuesday that he was "very happy" with the results of the investigation into a \$1,000 "thank-you" payment for a Jan. 21 interview with Nancy Reagan. But the announcement of a new phase of the probe raised fresh doubts about his future.

White House spokesman David Gergen said Allen will remain on paid administrative leave until the investigation is completed. And Gergen refused to say whether Allen would be welcomed back if he is cleared by the Justice Department.

Early today in a Mutual Broadcasting System radio interview on "The Larry King Show," Allen said, "I certainly do anticipate and look forward to resuming my duties." Asked whether he had any doubt that President Reagan would keep him on, Allen said, "Of course the decision is always the president's — we serve at the pleasure of the president. Should the decision be otherwise, then of course that is his decision."

Meanwhile, the White House added a new obstacle to Allen's possible return. Presidential counsel Fred Fielding said that after the Justice Department completes its inquiry, his office also will review the case to see if any "standards of conduct" had been violated.

Gergen confirmed that Reagan's

decision would not necessarily rely on FBI findings but would await Fielding's inquiry as well. He quoted the president as saying, "Let's get all the facts in and review, and then the determination will be made."

In releasing the findings of a 2½-month investigation into the \$1,000 "thank-you" payment, Attorney General William French Smith ruled out appointment of a special prosecutor on the grounds that there was no evidence of violation of federal criminal law.

But in its 10-page report, the Justice Department also said two additional matters had come to its attention "within the past 10 days" and the need for a special prosecutor to examine them "has not yet been determined."

The department said it would look into Allen's claim on his initial financial disclosure statement that he sold his consulting firm, Potomac International Corp., in 1978. After press inquiries, Allen said last week that he had made a mistake and amended his statement to say the sale actually occurred in January 1981.

In his initial statement, filed in February, Allen also failed to list any interest in the firm at the end of 1980. Last week, however, he reported a \$100,000 to \$250,000 holding in the company at the end of last year.

The new inquiry also will focus on Allen's receipt of two watches from the Japanese journalists who interviewed Mrs. Reagan. One of the journalists, Fuyuko Kamisaka, has said the first watch was given to Allen on Jan. 16, before the inauguration, and the second on Jan. 22, two days after Reagan was

sworn in.

But Allen, reiterating earlier statements that the watches were personal gifts not connected with the journalists' meeting with Mrs. Reagan, said in the radio interview this morning, "These watches were presented to my wife before the inauguration, before I became a public official."

Meanwhile, in Tokyo, Miss Kamisaka said today that the Justice Department findings announced Tuesday were a "foregone conclusion," adding, "I was sure that investigations would reveal the truth."

Under provisions of the 1978 Ethics in Government Act, the Justice Department has 90 days to conduct a preliminary inquiry into allegations of misconduct against high-level government officials. If evidence of a crime is found, the attorney general must ask a panel of federal judges to appoint an independent special prosecutor to investigate further.



HI, SANTA!! The jolly old elf, himself, waves from atop an Ingersoll - Rand mobile drilling rig to the crowds of youngsters lining city streets for the annual Christmas torchlight parade Tuesday night. Santa, as always, was the hit of the show towering above the parade of lighted floats. (Staff Photo by John Wolfe)

## Christmas music fills night air during 'Parade of Carolers'

Christmas music filled the frosty air on a very clear, cold Tuesday evening as Pampa's "Parade of Carolers" officially ushered in the Christmas season in Pampa.

Streets along the parade route, which started at Cuyler and Craven Streets and ended at the M. K. Brown Auditorium parking lot, were lined with scores of people braving the cold mid-30s weather.

The beaming faces of children anxiously awaited Santa Claus as he arrived, not on a traditional sleigh but in true Texas Panhandle style — aboard

an Ingersoll - Rand mobile drilling rig. Traffic cleared out rather substantially after the parade ended, but a fairly good crowd remained for the lighting of the Community Nativity Scene and Christmas tree.

Entries were judged on appearance, design, complexity, imagination and originality with no specific importance given to any one particular area.

Judging the entries were Clara Sailor, KPDX Radio Station, John Anderson, KGRO Radio Station, and Gus Shaver, The Pampa News. Prizes to parade winners are to be awarded at 4 p.m. today, at the

Chamber of Commerce office for the five different divisions. Results of the judging are as follows:

Division I - Commercial (Business Concerns): first place, Gymnastics of Pampa; second place, Meers Yamaha; third place, Leisure Lodge.

Division II - Non Commercial (Clubs, Churches, and other organizations): first place, 4-H Bit and Bridle Club; second place, Free Will Baptist; third place, Central Baptist Church.

Division III - Classic Cars: first place, Bill Waters, 1957 XK - 140; second place, Skeer Wagner and Gene Gates, 1936 Rolls Royce; third place, Gene Gates, Model T Touring Car.

Division IV - Decorated Bicycle and Motorbike: first place, Ricky Parsley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Parsley; second place, Scott Webb, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Webb; third place, Kelly Hendrick, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hendrick; honorable mention, Danny, Amber, and Brandon Strawn, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Strawn.

Division V - Individual or Family: first place, Neil Brooks family.

## Police officer suspended for three days

A Pampa police officer Tuesday was suspended from duty for three days after an investigation conducted within the department.

Pampa Police Chief J. J. Ryzman said today, "I suspended a police officer for three days without pay after the findings of an internal investigation."

He added, "We felt the incident did not fall within the general orders of the Pampa Police Department, and thus felt the disciplinary action was necessary."

Ryzman declined to give the nature of the incident or the name of the officer involved.

## Weather

The forecast calls for temperatures to dip into the upper 50s today with overnight lows in the upper 20s. Winds will be 15-20 mph through Thursday. It will be cooler on Thursday.

## Former DA announces he will seek position again

Former District Attorney Guy Hardin of Shamrock has announced his intentions to seek the position again, with the resignation of current DA Harold Comer.

Comer has resigned as district attorney for the 31st and 223rd District Courts here, effective Jan. 31, 1982. He has filled the post for the past five years.

Hardin said today that he has notified Governor Bill Clements of his desire to fill the remainder of Comer's term as District Attorney here. However, the governor will make the final decision in January 1982.

Whoever is appointed will serve as DA here until January 1, 1983, the expiration date of Comer's term. The next District Attorney will be decided in the November 1982 general election.

Hardin commented, "I also intend to run for election in November. If I am elected, there will be no private practice. I will be a full-time District Attorney."

The former DA said he did not know if he would move to Pampa if appointed by the governor. "At this point, there is

nothing definite. But, if I am appointed, there will be either myself or a full-time assistant in Pampa."

Hardin served as district attorney here from January 1969 until January 1977, when he was defeated by Comer in the general election. Since that time, he has worked in his private practice in Shamrock.

The Pampa District Attorney's office has seen a complete changeover in recent months. In June, former DA investigator Kirven Roper resigned from the position because of health reasons. Former Pampa police officer Mike Hartscock was chosen to take Roper's place.

Last September, Assistant District Attorney Penny Burt resigned in order to return to Austin. For almost two years, Mrs. Burt had commuted from her home in Austin to Pampa.

Comer announced his resignation October 2. He said he wished to return to private practice as his reason for the move.

## Reagan considers lifting freeze but not rehiring air controllers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration, seeking to thaw relations with big labor, is considering whether to lift a three-year freeze on federal employment for air traffic controllers who were fired after striking against the government.

President Reagan broached that possibility in a meeting with leaders of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, White House aides confirmed late Tuesday. But chief spokesman David Gergen emphasized that Reagan "was not considering" returning the 11,500 controllers to the flight towers.

Reagan was meeting today with AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and members of the federation's executive council in a major administration peace-making offensive aimed at rebuilding ties to labor leaders.

In a break with tradition, the AFL-CIO denied the chief executive an invitation to its biennial convention in New York last month. And it demanded that Reagan end his "demagogic vendetta" by rehiring the controllers, whose union, the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, has been decertified by the government and has filed for reorganization under the Federal Bankruptcy Act.

Speculation about an administration show of mercy toward the dismissed air controllers has surfaced several times since the president fired controllers

who ignored his back-to-work order in early August.

Despite repeated administration denials of any plans for a general amnesty, Reagan told the Teamster leaders that he was "considering the question of whether or not the controllers who have been fired should continue to be barred from any employment" with the federal government for a three-year period, as is currently the case, Gergen said.

But the spokesman also quoted Reagan as saying, "Our first responsibility is to the controllers who stayed on the job, working long hours to keep the planes flying safely."

Gergen suggested, however, that because Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis is out of town, Reagan could not make a decision in time to announce it to the AFL-CIO leaders. Lewis is in Japan for talks with auto industry executives and isn't expected to return to Washington until Tuesday.

Administration officials maintain that federal laws bar for three years the employment by the government of any federal employee participating in a strike — a position that organized labor contends has never been tested in the courts.

Meantime, J. Lynn Helms, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, was urging a congressional panel today to approve \$57.5 million in special pay and benefits for air controllers and

other agency employees.

Roughly three-fourths of air controller union's membership participated in the Aug. 3 strike. The union is appealing an Oct. 22 order by the Federal Labor Relations Authority, revoking its ex-ovo status as a bargaining agent for federal air controllers.

The administration has relied on non-striking union members, new recruits and military personnel to police the flightpaths while it rebuilds the air control system.

Reagan's invitation to Kirkland, which came just before the AFL-CIO opened its convention in New York on Nov. 16, created a stir within the top councils of the 15-million-member labor federation.

Two members of the executive council — Glenn E. Watts of the Communications Workers of America and William Wimpfinger of the International Association of Machinists — voiced resentment at the timing of the peace offering and declared they would not attend.

Kirkland and Secretary-Treasurer Thomas R. Donahue, the federation's No. 2 official, said they would accept, however, and most union leaders on the 35-member executive council followed suit.



FIRST PLACE WINNERS, members of the Pampa 4-H organization division of the annual Christmas torchlight Bit and Bridle Club, wave as their brightly decorated parade Tuesday night. The club won top honors in the (Staff Photo by John Wolfe)





**TRUE - BLUE BUDDIES.** Eight-year-old Franis Geringer, top, and his new friend, 9-year-old Mickey Hays, take a tumble in the grass outside their Disneyland Hotel where the boys, both victims of progeria, a rare aging disease, are guests. According to Mickey's mother, "There's a bond between those two that probably none of us will ever understand." (AP Laserphoto)

## Close bond with others felt by 26-year-old progeria victim

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — On the eve of a long-awaited trip to Disneyland, two boys turned into little old men by a rare disease got messages of love from fellow victims on both coasts — including one of the oldest sufferers, a 26-year-old artist.

"We are of a family — we all have the same characteristics," Meg Casey said Tuesday.

Miss Casey contacted The Associated Press from the home she shares with a roommate in Milford, Conn., to extend greetings to the two other progeria victims, Franis Geringer, 8, of Orkney, South Africa, and Mickey Hays, 9, of Hallsville, Texas.

"I really wanted to see the kids," she said in the high-pitched voice characteristic of progeria, an illness that causes baldness, stunts growth and often results in death by the teen-age years.

"I don't know what to say to them except that I'm 26 years old and I'm still here," Miss Casey said.

She said she had never met another victim of the disease, a lament shared by Franis and Mickey before they were brought together this week.

Franis was to realize his life's

dream today by meeting the storybook characters at Disney land.

Until this week when he met Mickey, Franis found a unique identity with Pinocchio, the adventurous wooden puppet of the 19th-century Italian fable who won a struggle to become a normal boy. "It's not nice to be the only one," Franis once told his mother, Magdoo.

Franis is a bald dwarf with a pointy nose who at 4 feet 8 inches stands only a couple inches higher than the character portrayed in Carlo Collodi's fairy tale. His arthritic walk resembles a marionette's disjointed movement.

His father said that every day Franis prays that God "will make him big and strong."

Franis journeyed to the United States with his family after an Associated Press article in August told of his struggle against progeria and his dream of meeting Pinocchio. Hundreds of North Americans sent donations ranging from \$1 to \$400 to Franis's family and contributed to various funds established in his behalf.

Texans, meanwhile, raised money to send Mickey Hays Disneyland at the same time so he could meet Franis.

The boys have been almost

inseparable since they met Sunday night.

As for who's more important — Pinocchio or Mickey — Franis said, "I love Pinocchio, and I love Mickey."

Tiny Alicia Gowans, an 11-year-old sufferer of the affliction from San Jose, Calif., planned to visit Disneyland with her mother today and possibly meet Franis. She said she was glad to know she was not alone in suffering the disease.

Miss Casey, who wears a blond wig, said, "I never felt ugly, and I was never treated ugly. It's the person's inside and not the outside that really matters."

She said she goes to bars and dances and has a normal social life. She depends on Social Security and sells her pen-and-ink drawings and water colors on commission and by word of mouth, she said.

Dr. Margaret Seashore, director of the genetics clinic at Yale-New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Conn., said in a telephone interview that she had treated Miss Casey for 15 years for progeria and "if she is not the oldest (victim) in the world, she certainly is very close to it."

## Prosecutor hopes for speedy trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A prosecutor says Charles V. Harrelson, identified by federal agents as the prime suspect in the slaying of a federal judge, can be tried on an unrelated bond-jumping charge within 10 days of being indicted.

Assistant District Attorney Ted Wilson said he would seek an indictment against the convicted hit man today.

Prosecutors went to court Monday, hoping to try Harrelson for failing to appear at a hearing on a weapons charge. But Wilson said they discovered an indictment was never returned in the 15-month-old case.

"There were two prosecutors working on the case, and it was just a matter of the right hand thinking the left hand had taken care of it," Wilson said.

State District Judge Thomas Rouff delayed the trial, saying "there's no hurry because he's not going anywhere."

But defense attorney Don Ervin said he's thinking about asking the judge to dismiss the bond-jumping charge because the Speedy Trial Act requires an indictment must be filed within a 120-day period.

Harrelson was arrested in September 1980 in Van Horn, Texas, two months after he failed to appear at a hearing on a charge of illegal possession of a firearm.

The 43-year-old professional gambler was sentenced to 20 years in prison and fined \$10,000 last month on the weapons charge. He was convicted under a state law that prohibits ex-convicts from possessing firearms outside their homes.

He still faces another charge of illegal possession of weapons as well as a cocaine possession charge.

Harrelson was convicted of the 1968 murder-for-hire of a grain dealer near McAllen. He was paroled after serving six years of a 15-year sentence.

On Feb. 1, 1980, he was arrested here and charged with illegal possession of two .357 Magnum pistols, a .38-caliber revolver, a 12-gauge pump shotgun and a .300 Magnum Weatherby rifle.

Federal investigators also have linked Harrelson to the May 29, 1979, assassination of U.S. District Judge John Wood Jr. in San Antonio. No arrests have been made in that case.

## Whites charged with doing poor job of representing Texas blacks

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Dallas blacks should be represented in Congress by a black, not two liberal whites, according to a black former Dallas city council member who might run for a newly drawn U.S. House seat.

Lucy Patterson, testifying in favor of the congressional redistricting plan challenged in a federal suit filed by blacks and Hispanics, said Tuesday whites have done a poor job of representing blacks.

Testimony in the lawsuit, in which the minority plaintiffs are asking a three-judge panel to throw out the redistricting map OK'd by the Legislature, was to continue today with testimony from Speaker Bill Clayton.

Black plaintiffs contend the redistricting plan "packs" Dallas County blacks into a single district, instead of giving them a voice in two districts.

Mrs. Patterson, a black, disagrees with the plaintiffs. She said U.S. Reps. Jim Mattox and Martin Frost, the two white, Democratic liberals who now represent Dallas blacks, do not "represent the needs and wishes of blacks." She said neither has hired blacks to "significant" posts in their offices.

"Neither one of those congressmen is of the Negro race. Neither one can understand the problems and deprivations of the black community," she testified. "A black person is better able to understand the needs of the black people."

Mrs. Patterson presented a list of four issues on which she said Mattox and Frost voted against black interests. She said she is considering running for the newly drawn 24th Congressional District seat against Frost. If the maps are upheld by the judges, Mattox would have a tough time winning re-election in his redrawn district, which would have a high concentration of Republicans.

State lawyers on Tuesday also called to the stand Sen. John Wilson, D-La Grange and author of the redistricting plan under attack here.

Wilson said Mrs. Patterson's Senate floor testimony persuaded him to support the plan favored by the Coalition for Minority Representation of Dallas.

Wilson said he agrees that blacks are better off with a black representing them. He said he admired black legislators State Rep. Craig Washington, D-Houston, and former U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan of Houston.

"I said to myself, 'Would (the blacks) trade (either of) them for two moderate, white liberals who might vote with them sometime.'"

## Dean states minorities will suffer under present proposals

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas minorities will suffer if new state House and Senate redistricting plans are approved in their present form, says Secretary of State David Dean.

As the state's chief elections officer, Dean forwarded to the U.S. Department of Justice the legislative redistricting plans drawn up by the Texas Legislative Redistricting Board.

Dean said both plans, in his opinion, violate the federal Voting Rights Act.

"They appear to compromise a basic right of persons who have been systematically disfranchised in the past," he said. "Peoples' voting rights are entirely too important to be manipulated or bargained away in the political power-broking process."

Dean, a Republican, pointed out several "problem areas" in the board's plan, saying he was joined in the protest by Gov. Bill Clements, also a Republican.

He urged the Justice Department to expedite its review because he said later court challenges could reduce the time Texas counties will have to make voting precinct plans for the 1982 primaries.

The new state Senate and House districts were drawn by the five-member board after Clements vetoed the Senate plan passed by the Legislature and state courts voided the House plan. Members of the redistricting board were Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, Speaker Bill Clayton, Comptroller Bob Bullock, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong, and Attorney General Mark White.

The Legislature's congressional redistricting plan is currently under challenge in an Austin federal court.

Dean's comments on specific areas included:

- Dallas County: The board drew three House districts with a population of more than 60 percent black but could have drawn four such black districts. The board broke county lines in forming Senate Dist. 23 to make a majority white district, fragmenting a black community offshore Wednesday. Fair skies.
- Harris County: The board made five black House districts and one Hispanic when it could have made six black and two Hispanic districts. Minority groups in the north-central part of the county were fragmented and a new conservative Anglo voting block formed in the eastern part of the county in forming Senate districts.
- Jefferson and Orange counties: The board's creation of new House Districts 22 and 23 produced "a retrogression of black voting strength." Neither of the districts has a black majority.
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## Conservation program hearing is scheduled

AMARILLO — A public meeting will be held in Amarillo at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. (West) from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, to discuss the Secretary of Agriculture's preferred soil and water resources conservation program put together as a result of the Resources Conservation Act (RCA) of 1977.

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# Tide of protest against county governments

By DAN SEWELL  
Associated Press Writer  
FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — County commission meetings, usually sedate sessions attended by a handful of special interests and reporters, have been packed recently with thousands of Florida residents equipped with placards, petitions and vitriol.

"I'm fed up with all of you!" Anthony Podsobinski shouted at Palm Beach County commissioners during one such meeting on Florida's Gold Coast. "You don't have to be smart to get in office and raise taxes."

"We're sick and dadgum tired of supporting everything in this city and county," John Fain told Leon County commissioners in northern Florida.

"Hell hath no fury like an abused and overtaxed group of property owners," said Abe Azar in Pinellas County on the Gulf Coast.

Florida's diverse citizenry — the north Florida farmers, the Old Southerners, the Latins, the retirees from the Midwest and the transplanted New Yorkers — has been united by the spirit of the American Revolution.

"You drive us to the threshold of another Boston Tea Party," Azar said.

From Miami's Dade County, where some 4,000 taxpayers pressured commissioners into reducing a proposed tax hike, to quiet, sparsely populated

Manatee County, where 1,000 protesters helped force a one-third cut in taxes, citizen pressure has forced local governments to order layoffs, cutbacks in social programs and scrapping of building projects.

"I don't think there is a county in this state that's not having the largest budget hearings they've ever had," said John Thomas, executive director of the State Association of County Commissioners.

Tax protest groups have been organized in neighborhoods as well as statewide, and petition drives are working to give Florida its own Proposition 13 next year.

Howard Jarvis, the tax-cut apostle behind California's 1978 passage of a 50 percent slash in property taxes, has been in Florida giving advice and holding rallies.

The reasons for the growing tax revolt are many: inflation and a booming population have driven up the cost of providing the most basic services, a sky-rocketing real estate market has driven up property values in many parts of the state, tax reforms enacted by the Legislature have taken effect, and Floridians are accustomed to some of the nation's lowest taxes.

The combination of larger assessments and higher tax rates this year has driven up homeowner property taxes by as much as 60 percent.

Politicians are doing a lot of finger-pointing. Administrators and department heads complain that county officials have caved in to taxpayer pressure and left them with impossible tasks.

In Volusia County, for example, County Manager Thomas Kelly noted that while slashing the budget by \$4.1 million, the county commission left many services and plans intact.

"You're asking me to find \$4 million," he told them.

In Broward County, administrator Graham Watt called himself a scapegoat when he was suspended because of a mixup on reporting the percentage of the tax hike. His suspension with pay came following two heated public hearings packed with thousands of protesters.

Many of Florida's Republicans, the state's minority party since Reconstruction, see the tax rebellion as a chance to make big gains in what they expect to be "throw-the-bums-out" 1982 elections.

"There could be a tremendous backlash against anyone with a 'D' after his name," said state Sen. Van Poole, a Fort Lauderdale Republican.

## People mad, don't know what to do

By JOHN BARBOUR  
AP Newsfeatures Writer  
In the movie "Network" the deteriorating television newscaster struck a responsive chord, and all over America people were leaning out of their windows shouting, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore."

What's happening in the real America is that people are shouting internally that they are mad as hell and they don't know what to do about it. All that comes out is a

pitiable whisper. Instead of just burned up, they are burned out. Some psychologists and psychiatrists think that syndrome — burnout — is the cop-out of the decade.

The victims are teachers, social workers, air traffic controllers, doctors, writers, even psychologists and psychiatrists — most often a person who has been on stage too long.

The physical and emotional symptoms intertwine — ulcers, high blood pressure, jagged and bitten fingernails, boredom, wet palms, twitching, short temper, trembling hands, excessive drinking, impotence, hypochondria, paranoia, depression and general joylessness.

Paul Quinnett, psychologist and director of the Spokane Mental Health Center, wrote recently:

"Burnout, as a fresh clinical syndrome has, as yet,

had only a dubious scientific reputation and a small but ardent following, even though some clinicians have been betting that burnout would, with the 1980s, emerge as the victor among the host of emotional maladies visited upon 20th-century Americans."

Dr. Roger Gould, a psychiatrist on the staff at UCLA and St. John's Hospital, sees burnout as a reality. There are, he says, a lot of managers in the corporate arena who rigidly hang on to old techniques in changing times. When they fail to adapt, "five years down the line someone will say that guy burned out."

Dr. Gould also thinks the options of modern life create interesting tensions. On the one hand, people know they have more choices. They don't need to be trapped. People in an earlier era probably suffered from job

dissatisfaction as much as people do today. Dr. Gould says — "not being in the right place at the right time, not being able to use themselves, being overpowered by their bosses, the feeling of being misused, violated."

But, he surmises, there was "a different level of expectation so that people sort of injured themselves to and died earlier, psychologically and physically."

In a recent article, Dr. Quinnett wrote sardonically that we may have stumbled upon a worthy concept with which to label our discontent.

"It fits nicely with the increasingly popular view that humans, like androids, are a complicated series of relays, switches, condensers, resistors and so forth and thus augurs well for a new science of man."



MISS LOVELY LEGS. Tracey Rawling, London Tuesday. Tracey is seen with her 20, a secretary and part-time model, trophy she won in addition to the 1,000 pounds (about 1,950 dollars) cash prize. (AP Laserphoto)

## Did you miss World Hello Day?

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN  
AP Special Correspondent  
NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Saturday, Nov. 21, in case you missed it, was World Hello Day.

According to the sponsors of this ninth annual international event — two brothers from Omaha, Brian and Michael McCormack — you are invited to contribute to world peace and global understanding by saying "Hello" to 10 people you have never spoken to before in your life.

Being in New Haven for the 98th classic football encounter between Harvard and Yale, an event that was to draw more than 75,000 spectators — the largest in more than half a century, I decided to give it the old college try.

My first "Hello" went out to the occupant of what appeared to be a genuine raccoon coat making his way toward the Yale Bowl several hours before kickoff with a blue "Y" pennant in one mittened hand and a hip flask in the other. Now it has been my experience in life that people in possession of both a raccoon coat and hip flask are intrinsically friendly, and this fellow proved to be no exception.

He said he was from the Yale Class of '34, while declining to give his name after the tight-lipped Yankee manner, but that the coat went back to an uncle who graduated with the turn of the century class.

"This brandy might be even older, try it," he offered.

"Participating in World Hello Day," said a handout from the sponsors, "is not just a symbolic gesture to celebrate the fact that people can communicate and the hope that people can live together in peace. It is also a specific activity for promoting human contacts and an activity applicable to the resolution of regional conflicts and interpersonal conflicts."

Michael McCormack, one of the founding Hello brothers, went to Harvard, where he thought up the idea, but there are people at Yale who talk like that, too. Down on the field several personal fouls were called during the resolving of this spirited regional conflict on the afternoon of international Hello Day.

## Winter hits some areas

By The Associated Press  
Sleet, freezing rain and snow blanketed the eastern portions of the upper Midwest today and extended into much of New England.

Rain changed to snow and freezing rain in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and gale-force winds hit lakes Michigan, Superior and Erie.

Three people in Wisconsin, which escaped the brunt of the Midwestern blizzard, died in accidents Tuesday on snowy, icy roads.

Authorities in Shawano County in the northeastern portion of the state said a married couple were killed when a car hit a semi-trailer truck and sent it into their car. In Juneau County in the west-central region, a man died in a two-car collision.

Blowing snow continued in Idaho, and high-wind warnings were posted in southeastern Wyoming through the northern foothills of Colorado and the eastern slopes of the Montana Rockies.

Showers and thundershowers remained along the Atlantic Coast from southern New England through northern Florida, and showers also hit the Pacific Northwest.

The National Weather Service forecast for today called for snow to linger over the upper Great Lakes, while snow changing to rain will extend from the upper Ohio Valley to the northern and mid-Atlantic coast.

Thundershowers will be scattered from Florida into the eastern Carolinas and a band of rain will stretch from the northern Pacific Coast across the northwestern Plateau.

Skies will be mostly sunny over the remainder of the nation. Temperatures around the nation at 2 a.m. EST from 7 above in Jamestown, N.D. to 76 in Key West, Fla.

Here are temperatures and sky conditions from selected cities:

East: Atlanta 46 foggy. Boston 40 drizzle. Buffalo 47 cloudy. Charleston, S.C. 67 rain. Cincinnati 44 cloudy. Cleveland 41 fair. Detroit 41 windy. Miami 75 fair. New York 55 drizzle. Philadelphia 56 drizzle. Pittsburgh 46 partly cloudy. Washington 45 foggy.

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Here are nine critical symptoms involving back pain or strange sensations which are usually the forerunners of more serious conditions. Any one of these usually spells back trouble.

- (1) Paresthesias (see above) (2) Headaches (3) Painful joints (4) Numbness in the arms or hands (5) Loss of sleep (6) Stiffness in the neck (7) Pain between the shoulders (8) Stiffness of pain in lower back (9) Numbness or pain in the legs.

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POLICE READY. Some 1,000 Polish riot police surround a firefighter's school in northern Warsaw Tuesday as a crowd of 7,000 people cheered young officer cadets refusing to end a sit-in. (AP Laserphoto)

## Armadillo is popular in Latin America

By PETER EISSNER

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — What could be so special about a creature that eats ants and termites, fails as a pet and digs a quick hole in when it gets scared?

Meet the armadillo, the hapless, hard-shelled beast that is the rage in Brazil and most of Latin America — where it outnumbers by far its Texas cousins, serving as a poor man's delicacy and the main character in folk legends and stories about medicinal cures.

Not the armadillo, the only mammal with a hard bony shell, is becoming the focus of scientific attention. Not only does it seem to break many rules about animal development, but researchers also say it is the only animal besides man known to contract leprosy.

Scientists have never before had a live animal in which they could try to culture a vaccine for leprosy, said Kent Redford, a Harvard University zoologist who has been tracking and studying the elusive animals in Brazil for almost two years as part of his doctoral project.

Research being conducted by U.S. scientists involves studies to see if the armadillo's relatively low body temperature has something to do with the crippling disease. They note that leprosy in humans affects low temperature parts of the body — such as the hands and feet. Studies of the armadillo could provide clues on how the disease works.

Redford's research involves field observation of the habits of the armadillo. There are about 10 species in Brazil — nine more than in the United States. Armadillos range in size from the smallest species which measures as little as 6 inches, to the giant armadillo, which has weighed in at 100 pounds.

They are versatile animals, found living equally well in the jungle and the tropical plains. The armadillo belongs to the scientific order Edentata, a distant relative of the sloth.

Armadillos are the exception to the general pattern in mammals, Redford said. They have been very little studied

but may have existed as we know them for a long time. They had huge house trailer-size ancestors in North and South America.

Before scientists were around to study the armadillo at all, people were interested in them all the same. Indigenous groups and folk tradition gave them special attributes.

"No animal in Latin America is featured so frequently in folk art and handicraft," said Redford, who has combined his scientific studies with a collection of stories about the creatures.

Some Brazilian Indian tribes say the first humans came to Earth when they fell through a big armadillo hole in the sky. Other tribes depict the armadillo as one of four animals that support the universe.

One backwoods legend in central Brazil advises inexplicably that armadillos faint in August. Another warns strollers that if they see a six-banded armadillo (one species) with dirt on its back, a friend or relative will be dead when they return home.

Redford also reports on finding a recipe for "a truly abominable drink" made by combining rendered armadillo fat with Brazilian sugar-cane rum. The potion is regarded as a cure for rheumatism and arthritis.

There are armadillos on rum bottles and key chains and hundreds of types of handicrafts here. In some places, children paint the rolled-up shell of one species and use it as a ball.

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## Businesses adjust for recession

By ROBERT BURNS  
 AP Business Writer

Businesses are trimming their spending plans to compensate for sluggish sales and the prospect of a lengthy recession, new economic reports indicate.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that spending on new construction fell 1.7 percent in October, the eighth decline in the last nine months.

Spending on private projects was off 1.9 percent, led by a big decline in home building.

And in New York, a business research group said manufacturers' overall spending plans fell sharply in the third quarter. The Conference Board said spending by the nation's largest manufacturers on new plants and equipment jumped 10.4 percent in the third quarter, but authorizations to

spend money in the future slipped 5.6 percent from the second quarter.

Most economists believe the economy is in a recession now, although the government's latest estimate of the gross national product for the third quarter showed a small increase in the total value of goods and services produced.

Beryl Sprinkel, Treasury undersecretary for monetary affairs, told the National Association of Business Economists Tuesday the economy is in a "very deep recession." But he added during his address in Stamford, Conn., that a recovery would be quick and long-lasting.

A national study by Industry Week magazine said corporate chief executives expected the economy to improve slowly but steadily while inflation drops next year.

The magazine's survey of 762

executives of large- and medium-sized companies said 54 percent believed business will improve within the next six months. Eighty percent said they believed business would be better a year from now.

In other economic developments: — Allis-Chalmers Corp., a major producer of farm equipment, said 1,300 production workers would be laid off beginning Monday at its combine plant in Independence, Mo. The company cited a slump in the agriculture implement business.

— Interest rates in the nation's credit markets were mostly higher, although many banks nationwide lowered their prime lending rates to 15.75 percent from 16 percent. The banks showed their caution about the future course of interest rates by failing to cut their prime rates to the 15.5 percent level established Monday by banks in San Francisco and Chicago.

## Supreme Court tells lower courts to exercise restraint

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is telling lower federal courts to exercise more restraint and trimming their power to hear some tax-related civil rights cases.

Justice William H. Rehnquist, writing for the court Tuesday, accused a federal appeals court of "inventing" a requirement that the Pentagon must disclose where it may be storing nuclear weapons and what impact such storage might have on nearby residents.

In inventing the "Hypothetical

Environmental Impact," the Court of Appeals departed from the express intent of Congress manifested in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Rehnquist wrote.

Rehnquist, generally regarded as the court's most conservative member, mustered all eight of his colleagues behind him in overturning the 9th U.S. Circuit of Appeals.

The dispute stemmed from concern over the possible storage of nuclear weapons in a Navy ammunition facility on the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

In the second, unrelated case, Rehnquist's opinion virtually closed the federal courthouse to people who claim that state tax assessments violate their civil rights.

The decision evolved from a lawsuit over allegedly discriminatory real estate assessments in St. Louis County, Mo.

Rehnquist based his ruling on "the principle of comity," which says federal judges must respect the authority of state courts.

## Is vice president non-essential employee?

By TOM RAUM  
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President George Bush wasn't sent home when much of his government shut down for a few hours last week. But he wasn't sent anywhere else, either. And he was left without most of his staff.

President Reagan, in a veto confrontation with Congress over government spending authority, ordered "hundreds of federal workers deemed "non-essential" sent home for the day on Nov. 23.

That included most of the employees in Bush's office. A planned Bush trip to New York for a speech also was scrubbed.

What did Bush do? He came to his office in the Capitol. Since he is presiding officer of the Senate under

the Constitution and Congress had approved a money bill for its own operations, Bush has a small staff in Capitol Hill that was not affected by the shutdown.

"He really wasn't needed up here, but he had nowhere else to go," said one top Senate GOP official, who asked not to be identified. "I guess it just shows that the administration views the vice president as a non-essential employee."

In the House, Rep. Gerald B.H. Solomon, R-N.Y., caused a ruckus when he interrupted Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. to claim that the Democratic-led Appropriations Committee wanted to sidestep the budget fight for a two-week excursion in Italy.

"I do not want to get off into who is going to Italy. I know I am not going to

Italy," protested O'Neill, a Massachusetts Democrat.

Rep. Silvio Conte, R-Mass., then rose to defend the Italian trip, which he helped set up. At the State Department's request, a bipartisan delegation would visit earthquake-ravaged areas and sign various relief contracts, so "it is not junket," Conte insisted.

"If you want to fault anybody, Mr. Solomon, fault me," Conte said, turning on his GOP colleague.

At that point, Rep. Millicent Fenwick, R-N.J., joined the fray, offering to address colleagues "in pure Italian if anybody wants to hear it."

She defended the trip as "an excellent expression of the concern that this country feels for our Italian friends."

Solomon took his seat and dropped the issue.

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City	Nov. 1			Dec. 1			Nov. 1			Dec. 1		
	Price	Price	% Change	Price	Price	% Change	Price	Price	% Change	Price	Price	% Change
Albuquerque	.92	.92	0	1.89	2.19	+16	1.62	1.62	0			
Atlanta	.90	.88	-24	2.19	2.19	0	1.39	1.39	0			
Boston	.99	.99	0	1.79	1.79	0	1.49	1.49	0			
Chicago	.69	.79	+14	1.99	1.99	0	1.57	1.28	-18			
Dallas	.69	.97	+41	1.48	2.09	+41	1.33	1.33	0			
Detroit	.77	.95	+23	1.58	1.88	+19	1.57	1.37	-13			
Los Angeles	.98	1.13	+15	2.49	2.13	-14	1.18	1.18	0			
Miami	.85	.85	0	2.05	2.05	0	2.08	1.98	-5			
New York	1.39	1.29	-7	1.99	2.29	+15	1.89	1.59	-16			
Philadelphia	.92	1.05	+14	1.49	1.59	+7	1.59	1.33	-16			
Providence	.95	.98	+4	1.49	1.49	0	1.70	1.29	-24			
Salt Lake	.90	.99	+10	1.39	1.39	0	1.53	1.29	-16			
Seattle	.91	.98	+8	1.99	1.68	-15	1.59	1.35	-15			

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## Grocery prices rise for third straight month

By LOUISE COOK  
Associated Press Writer

Grocery bills rose during November for the third month in a row, an Associated Press marketbasket survey says.

The rate of increase was the second steepest this year. Both food and non-food items were affected by the price boosts.

The AP survey covers 14 commonly purchased food and non-food products selected at random. The items were priced at one supermarket in each of 13 cities on March 1, 1973, and have been rechecked on or about the start of each succeeding month.

The latest survey showed that the marketbasket bill went up at the checklist store in seven cities last month. The average rate of increase was 2.5 percent.

The bill went down at the checklist store in five cities, the AP found, dropping an average of 2.3 percent, and was unchanged in one city.

Overall, the marketbasket bill rose during November by an average of half a percent. The marketbasket bill measured by the AP has risen in six of the first 11 months of 1981; the biggest monthly increase, in June, was 1.3 percent.

Comparing prices today with those at the start of the year, the AP found the marketbasket bill was actually lower than it was in January, down an average of almost 5 percent. The decline, however, was due to a sharp drop in the price of sugar. When sugar was removed from the marketbasket totals, the AP found the average bill at the start of

December was virtually unchanged from the Jan. 1 level.

Sugar prices soared late last year following reports of crop damage in several producing countries. The high prices dampened the world's appetite for sugar, and the gap between production and consumption was smaller than anticipated. The early outlook for the current crop is good and prices for sugar have been falling steadily.

Eggs went up in more cities than any other item. The AP survey showed the price of eggs rose last month at the checklist store in eight cities. The increases are due to seasonal production declines.

There was good news for peanut butter lovers. The price of a jar of peanut butter went down last month at the checklist store in eight cities. Peanut butter prices jumped sharply after drought in the summer of 1980 cut the peanut crop, but supplies have increased again and prices have dropped.

The AP did not try to weight the survey results according to population density or in terms of what percentage of a family's actual grocery outlay each item represents. The AP also did not try to compare actual prices from city to city. The only comparisons were made in terms of percentages of increase or decrease.

The items on the AP checklist were: chopped chuck, center cut pork chops, frozen orange juice concentrate, coffee, paper towels, butter, Grade-A medium white eggs, creamy peanut butter, laundry detergent, fabric softener, tomato sauce, milk, frankfurters and granulated sugar.

## The consumer: king of the marketplace

By JOHN CUNIFF  
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Made timid by rising prices and job insecurity, the consumer can hardly imagine he is king for a month — king of the markets at what may or may not be the busiest season of the year.

He is lacking confidence. His assets have shrunk. He is working fewer hours. His home mortgage delinquency rate is up. "King? Who me?" he asks in a squeaky voice. "You must be mistaken."

Despite protests, there is plenty of evidence that the buyer might also be dictator, and that his edicts might force retailers to drop prices on the mountains of goods.

This recession, remember, came suddenly. Two months ago the Reagan people, the Federal Reserve and most economists were talking about a minor decline. Retailers ordered heavily, but the economy shriveled.

As a consequence, students of the marketplace now believe retailers must offer genuine bargains in order to draw the public. If they fail, it is argued, retailers will face a new year of overstocked shelves and empty aisles, a formula for bankruptcy.

Compounding that problem are high, though falling, interest rates that must be paid to maintain unsold goods on the shelves, and the necessity of some to capitalize on the holiday selling season.

The pressure is on retailers, since combined with their inventory predicament is the reluctance of buyers to part with funds.

For one thing, the great splurge in consumer credit appears to have been turned back gradually in the past couple of years. Outstanding consumer credit as a percentage of disposable personal income, for example, dropped to just 16 in September from 18.1 in December 1979.

Associated with this has been a deterioration of real spendable earnings. According to Merrill Lynch Economics, real spendable earnings in October were 3.6 percent below year earlier levels.

And there is that matter of confidence. The secure feeling that not long ago induced Americans to spend with abandon has been withering for many months, and the fall since September has been especially sharp on the charts of most consumer analysts. One factor in that decline has been the unavailability of home equity caused by high interest rates.

All hasn't been bleak in the consumer outlook. Inflation is abating, and interest rates are returning to a level that arouses some of the old buying instincts. And millions of households have been mending their finances — paying their bills and even saving some money.

Nevertheless, it appears that consumers still hold the balance of power in their battle of the dollar. Time is on their side. Retailers loaded with goods know they have no better time to reduce inventories than during the next 30 days. Consumers have little such pressure.

And so, by still another twist of the fickle, unpredictable economy, the timid consumer has found himself crowned in the marketplace.

King though he be, he is unlikely to be extravagant. He will seek bargains, and probably get them. And if he doesn't get them, he seems ready to do without, ready to accept being called tyrant by retailers.

## Navy submarine radio system stirs debate

MILWAUKEE (AP) — In the name of national defense, Patricia Holter gave the government five weeks of her life to undergo X-rays, blood tests, eye exams, psychological studies and other health research.

One week each year from 1970 to 1974, she traveled to Navy hospitals in Illinois and Florida, where doctors studied her to determine whether the extremely low frequency radio transmissions originating in a simple metal building near her Clam Lake, Wis., home were affecting her health.

The building is in what might seem an unlikely place for a Navy outpost: 1,000 feet above sea level and 800 miles from the Atlantic Ocean.

It is part of the Navy's controversial Project ELF, a proposed \$230 million communications system designed to get messages to nuclear submarines operating deep at sea by taking advantage of transmission properties of bedrock.

After a two-year moratorium on transmissions ordered by President Carter, the Navy has resumed operations at the test site run by GTE Sylvan Corp. President Reagan is asking Congress for money to complete the 28-mile antenna and to connect it with a 56-mile grid in Michigan's Escanaba River State Forest.

Those actions have revived a longstanding debate over the merits and risks of Project ELF, which, when first proposed in 1958 as Project Sanguine, was to be a 6,600-mile network of buried cable — 41 percent of the area of Wisconsin.

Last April, in an advisory referendum in Ashland County, home of the Navy transmitter, Project ELF was narrowly endorsed by its neighbors. But Upper Michigan voters have rejected the project in similar referenda.

Among the objections are claims that Project ELF's radio waves endanger plants and animals, perhaps attacking the nervous system, that the system is vulnerable to sabotage, and unresolved doubts about whether Project ELF will work as well as the Navy says.

At the urging of Wisconsin and Michigan members, the House rejected an initial \$34.9 million appropriation on Nov. 18. The Senate Appropriations Committee has recommended funding, although no money has been provided.

The Navy, whose tests included raising a Hereford bull named Sylvester at the Clam Lake test site, says its studies have disproved any health concerns.

"We've done all the research we can. Flora, fauna and animals; there is no effect. It doesn't even melt the snow," said Rear Adm. Bruce Newell, a Navy chief of communications.

Mrs. Holter, an officer in Citizens for ELF, concurs. "The only thing that I found wrong was that I was pretty sloppy in my eating habits," she said of her tests. "I was eating too much fatty stuff."

Navy officials and defense scientists have said for years that they are concerned the present system for communicating with missile-firing and attack submarines at sea makes them vulnerable to attack.

The Navy currently uses very low frequency signals relayed by aircraft to communicate with these submarines, which must trail buoyed aeriels near the surface to receive messages.

This system is vulnerable in time of war, because it is easier for an enemy to detect and because nuclear blasts could charge the atmosphere with high-energy particles disrupting

### Prison protester indicted

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — David Ruiz, who filed the 1972 suit against the Texas prison system, and two nephews have been indicted by the Travis County grand jury on charges of aggravated robbery.

Monday's indictment against Ruiz also charges him with being an habitual criminal.

The indictment said Ruiz was convicted of robbery by assault Jan. 28, 1960, and robbery by firearms March 28, 1968. A third conviction could lead to a life sentence as an habitual criminal.

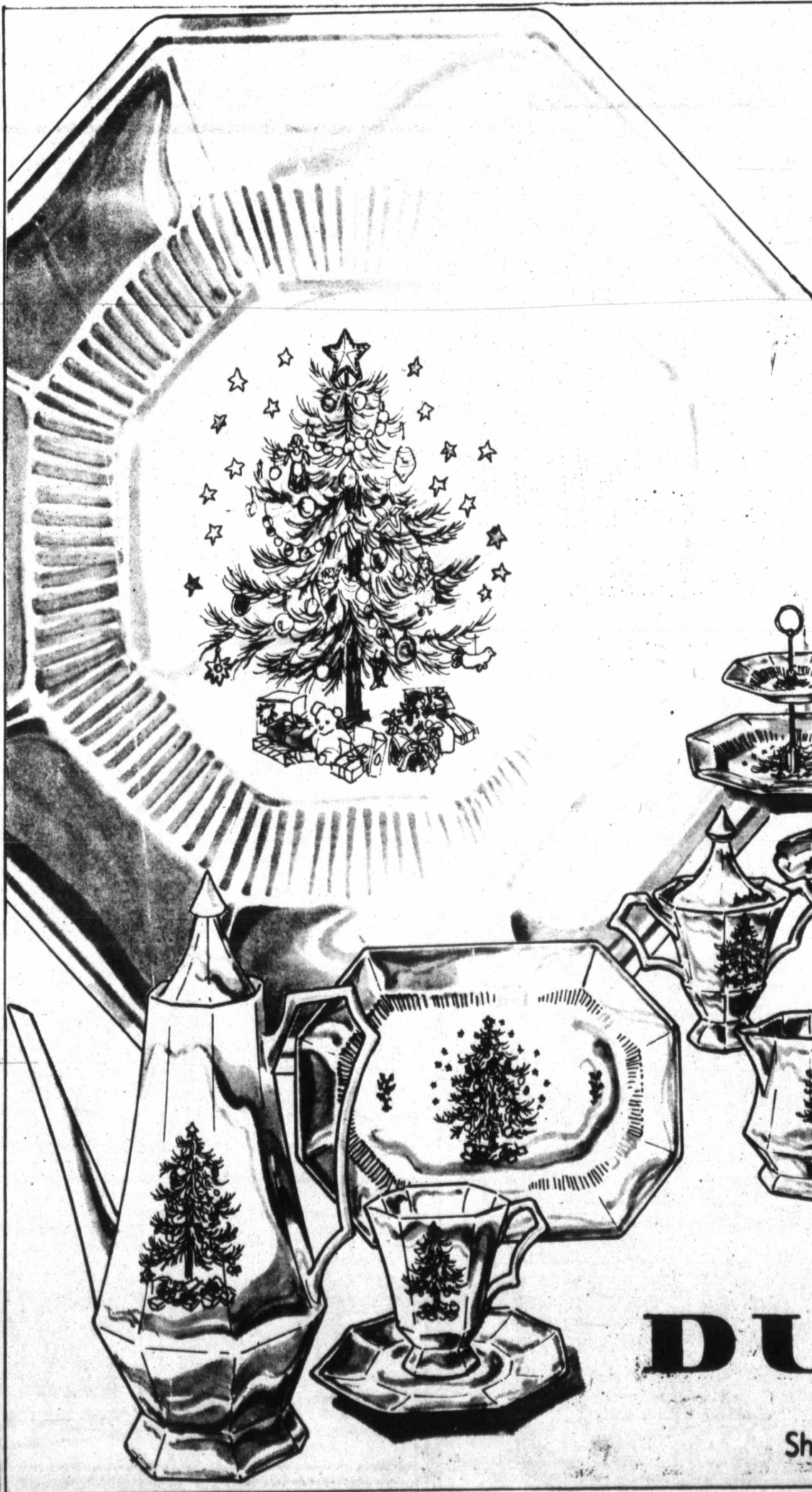
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- Source of metals
- Antenna wire (2 wds)
- One of the Barrymores
- Iran
- Makes happy
- Female saint (abbr.)
- Enormous
- Arrange in sequence
- Beginning
- In trouble with
- Compass point
- Nigerian tribesman
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- Modern fabric
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- Makes simpler

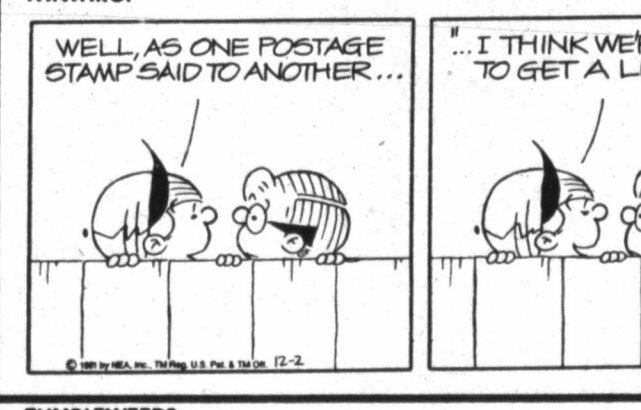
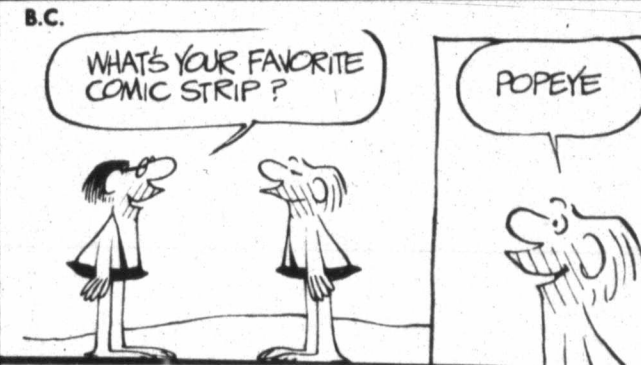
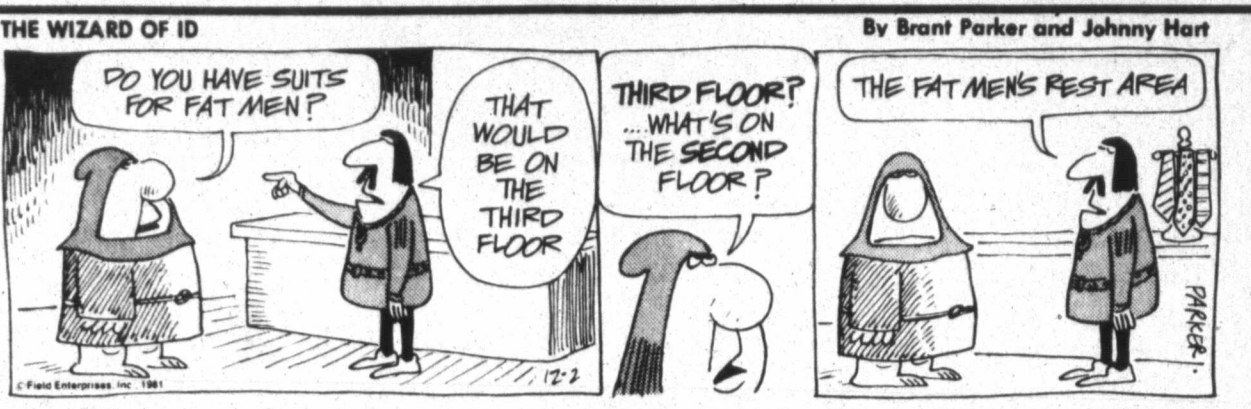
**DOWN**

- European mountains
- Pedal extremities
- Price of passage
- Mental component
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- Petroleum
- Use an oven
- Within (pref.)
- Prophet
- Grabs
- Folklore
- Landing boat
- Refrigerate
- Daffy
- Full speed (2 wds)
- Spruce
- Beers
- Bona
- Auricular
- Blue flag
- Portend
- Small bills
- Wraps
- Grabs
- 33 Precipice
- Unit
- Columnist's entry
- Spanish cheer
- Sets up
- Hair-do
- Hawaiian island
- Delete's opposite
- Makes lace
- Noun suffix
- Arrange
- Genetic material

Answer to Previous Puzzle

LACE	RUB	LAPS
LEES	AND	YELP
ARMS	RIN	ERIE
MOE	DETER	IAN
ABNER	ELEGANT	
ETA	DESALT	
RID	SET	
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WEED	ABA	
VERDURE	MULTI	
EAR	SLIMY	OLD
SPAN	ICE	DUAL
TOTO	KEG	ESSE
SNAG	ERA	LETS

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### Astro-Graph by bernice bede osol

Family and relatives will play important roles in your affairs this coming year. Involvements in which you become immersed with kith and kin will prove very lucky.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Normally you're the type who does more for others than they do for you. However, the reverse could be true today and you'll feel getting is more important than giving. Find out more of what lies ahead for you in each of the seasons following your birthday by sending your copy of Astro-Graph, Mail \$1 for each to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to specify birth date.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Enjoy yourself socially with your friends today, but make it a point not to participate in any form of gossip regarding pals who aren't present.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Major achievements are possible today in career and financial areas, provided you chart the right course and hold to it. Beware of winds that could make you drift.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You'll have good ideas today regarding how to get what you want, but there's a strong chance you could completely ignore them when the chips are down.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Don't make assumptions today based on hunches or hearsay. Probe deeply until you're sure you've uncovered all necessary facts.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Make haste slowly today regarding business or financial commitments. This is especially important if you are lending or borrowing money.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** In career matters today things are likely to work out better if you act on your own, rather than wait on sluggish associates. Take the bull by the horns.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Your priorities could get a bit distorted today, to where you place greater emphasis on pleasurable pursuits than you do on productive ones.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You're lucky today in areas where you apply your know-how and practicality, but the reverse could be true in involvements where you lack expertise.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Promises made to outsiders are likely to be kept today, but things you say you'll do for family members could conveniently slip your mind.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** This is not a good day to discuss your material affairs with persons not directly involved. Their advice could be well intentioned, yet harmful.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Good things should come your way today without too much personal effort, but you must be very careful about taking speculative risks with high odds.



# Tax code rivals fear reappraisals

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — The new Property Tax Code probably will raise some Texans' taxes next year while reducing others. What about the two chief legislative antagonists over the code? This, the fourth and last article in a series, examines their situations.

By **LEE JONES**  
Associated Press Writer  
Rep. Wayne Peveto fought like crazy to pass the state's new Property Tax Code while Rep. Lynn Nabers did his best to kill it.

Both are lawyers with large land holdings. Both are major taxpayers. And both wait somewhat apprehensively for 1982 when the code — or "Peveto Bill" — takes full effect and reappraisal notices hit the mails.

Nabers lives in Brownwood, where property appraisals have been few and far between and tend to lag behind market values. He and his mother own 2,734 acres of ranch land that are on the tax rolls of the county and one school district at an average of \$25 an acre. He thinks the land is worth at least \$300. Oil was discovered on the land, and Nabers pays taxes on the value of his leases.

Peveto lives in Orange, where there has been no reappraisal in seven years. He pays taxes on 880 acres of land where he runs cattle and raises soybeans. He saves money because the land is taxed on its agricultural productivity instead of its speculative real-estate value.

The "ag value" provision, however, was not part of Peveto's program.

A look at the tax rolls in Brown County indicates Nabers' taxes are \$19,804 this year, including those on the

land jointly owned with his mother. He is the fourth largest taxpayer in the rural Brooksmith Independent School District.

Peveto's taxes this year amount to \$4,742.

Nabers taxes jumped in 1980 and 1981, largely because he built over \$300,000 worth of duplexes, which he describes as "the best in Brownwood," but also because of the Peveto Bill.

Neither the Brownwood Independent School District nor the city of Brownwood reduced their tax rates proportionately when they complied with the Peveto Bill by abandoning assessment ratios, and that meant a tax increase for Nabers.

Peveto, meanwhile, had a big drop in taxes in 1980 when the "ag value" exemptions took effect.

The reappraisals resulting from the Peveto Bill probably won't raise the taxes on Nabers' oil leases because they are revalued each year anyway.

Nabers figures reappraisal might cut the taxes on his Brownwood property at the same time it probably will raise those on older properties in the city.

"On most of my property individually, the chances are it (the Peveto Bill) will reduce my taxes because most of it is pretty new and on the rolls at current values," he said in an interview in his office on the courthouse square.

But his ranch land is something else.

Nabers uttered a tight-lipped "yep" when asked if he thought reappraisals stemming from

the Peveto Bill would raise the taxes on his rural acreage.

The land could get an agricultural value exemption, but taxable values have been so low that Nabers never applied.

Alvis Sewalt, chief appraiser of the Brown County Appraisal District, says land in the area where Nabers' property is located probably would have an "ag value" of \$50 an acre — double its present taxable value. But Sewalt also said there was a strong chance Nabers' actual tax would not increase.

The Peveto Bill has met a mixed reaction in Nabers' home town, where the Brownwood school board tried to avoid paying its share of the appraisal district's budget. A district court commanded the school board to come up with its \$126,194 overdue payment.

Rosemary McInnis, county tax assessor-collector, calls the Peveto Bill "the best thing that ever happened to us."

Asked if taxes in Brown County are fair, she shook her head "no."

Mrs. McInnis said it is easy to understand why Brown County has not had a countywide reappraisal since 1958.

"We had so much difficulty in 1958. The county judge had someone come up to him with a double-barreled shotgun and put it in his stomach and threatened to kill him. We had appraisers met with shotguns. All the county commissioners and the county judge were defeated in the next election," she said.

Sewalt said there had been no such incidents during the

current reappraisal.

If Nabers is apprehensive about his taxes, Peveto's worries are mainly political.

"I really don't know whether my personal taxes will go up or down. I would expect them to stay near the same," Peveto said in a telephone interview.

He said he expects to hear about it from some of his constituents when appraisal notices go out in May.

He said he intends to help taxpayers obtain homestead exemptions to offset the expected shift in tax burden from industry to houses. He said he will review tax and expenditure records and compute the exemption that would compensate for the shift.

"I'm going to send that to taxpayers before they get their appraisal notices. I hope this will save my butt here in my district," Peveto said.

Orange County seems to be moving smoothly toward 1982 reappraisals, and one reason seems to be the selection of Orange's veteran tax assessor-collector, Fred Force, as chief appraiser.

Force's staff has fed data on 22,000 of the 38,000 parcels of real estate in the county into his computer. Like Peveto, he expects a shift in tax burden from industry to homes but expects taxing units to offset it with new homestead exemptions.



**A PRESIDENTIAL PIZZA.** Cincinnati pizza shop operator Mike LaRosa slides a pizza into the oven after receiving an order for 40 pizzas for Air Force One and the backup press plane in Cincinnati Monday evening. LaRosa said he was contacted to provide the pizzas, which he donated, after members of the Presidential advance team dined at one of his restaurants last week. The pizzas were delivered to the airport for the trip to Washington from Cincinnati. (AP Lasarphoto)

## El Paso's appraisal district 'working now'

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — As most Texas counties brace for the tedious process of reappraising their taxable property, El Paso County is putting its feet up.

El Paso completed a countywide property revaluation in 1980 and already has its Central Appraisal District functioning. The growing pains associated with the reappraisal and the formation of a single appraising agency are over, said Mayor Jonathan Rogers.

"It was a hardship when it was put in," Rogers said. "It's working now."

The major problem was that the reappraisal, as expected, caused residential taxes to rise incredibly. El Paso had not had an area-wide appraisal since 1957, and a depreciation system used by the city had led to assessments at far less than market value, Rogers said.

"Houses were being taxed at nowhere near what they were worth," the mayor said. "It was a bit of a shock to everybody when they found out how much their taxes had increased."

The taxing entities in the county reduced their tax rates to allow for the higher values, but taxes still went up.

The backlash from that discovery has dwindled to a simmer, and there are few

complaints about the appraisal district.

"We're very pleased with it. The idea of a Central Appraisal District, at least so far in El Paso, has worked fairly well," said Superintendent Ron McLeod of the El Paso Independent School District.

City Tax Assessor-Collector James Hicks said the county had the jump on creating an appraisal district because its reappraisal was done by a private company and because many appraisal functions already were centralized.

Hicks said the city long had been responsible for appraising all of the property inside the city limits and sharing its assessments with the other 18 taxing entities.

The reappraisal was done by Professional Appraisal Corp. of Arlington, and a new computer system was installed by the Ebert Corp. to handle the new valuations. The price tag: nearly \$2 million.

Hicks said the district now was "just doing a housekeeping function. They took a full-blown appraisal and just have to keep it up to date."

The district's chief appraiser, Cora Viescas, said she plans to reevaluate all of the property every three years, with spot checks in the off years.

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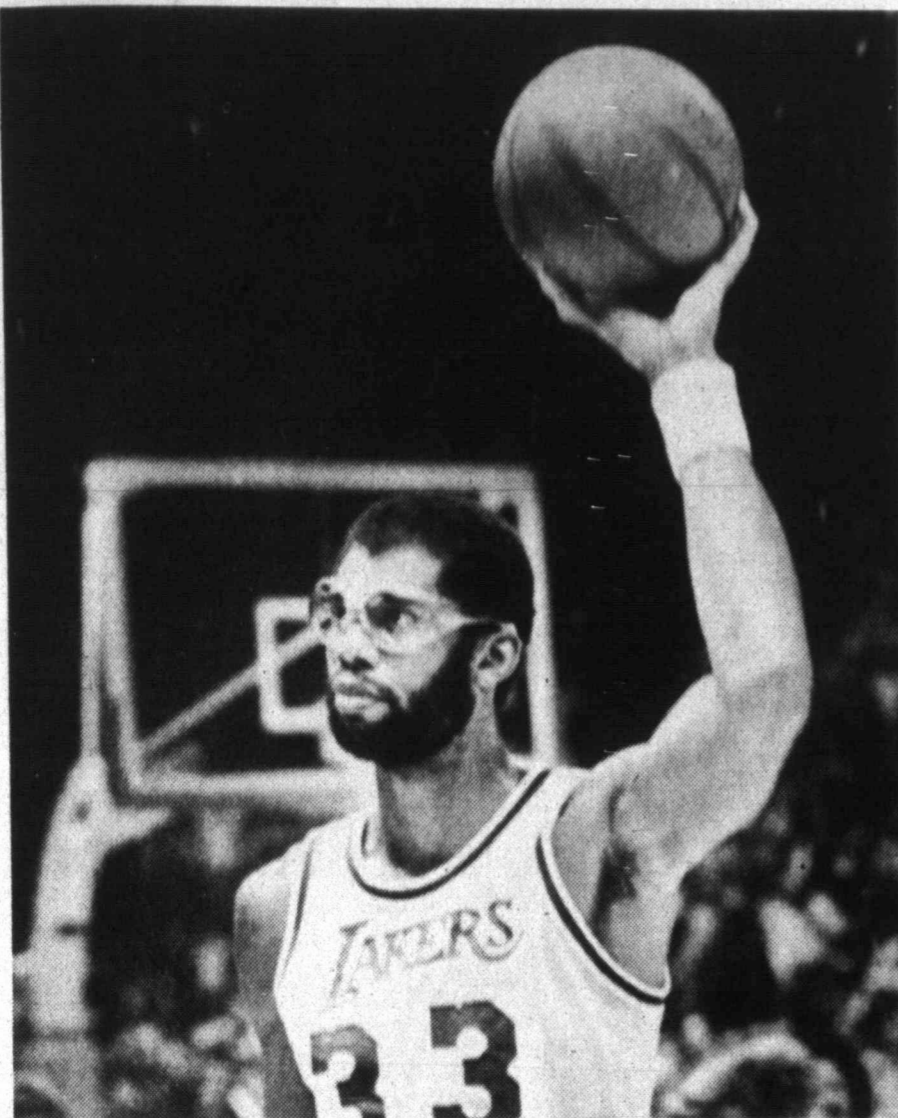
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**HAVING A BALL:** Kareem Abdul-Jabbar holds the game ball high over his head during a special presentation Tuesday night. Abdul-Jabbar was presented the ball after scoring his seventh point in the first quarter against the Utah Jazz, a mark that put him ahead of Oscar

Robertson as the NBA's second-leading scorer of all time. Abdul-Jabbar now has a career total of 26,711 points compared to Robertson's 26,710. Wilt Chamberlain is the all-time leading scorer with 31,419 points. (AP Laserphoto)

### Abdul-Jabbar becomes NBA's second-leading pointmaker

**By WILLIAM R. BARNARD  
AP Sports Writer**  
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has moved within one notch of becoming the National Basketball Association's all-time leading scorer, and the Utah Jazz has come close to carving its own niche in the record book.  
Abdul-Jabbar scored 14 points Tuesday night as the Los Angeles Lakers trounced the Jazz 117-86, but it was his basket in the first quarter that earned him a standing ovation from the 11,384 fans at the Forum. The left-handed hook gave him seven points for the game and 26,711 points in his career, one more than Oscar Robertson.  
Wilt Chamberlain is the all-time leader with 31,419. After Abdul-Jabbar's heroics, the Jazz seemed star-struck, scoring five points in the second quarter as the Lakers took a 59-35 halftime lead. Although NBA records for futility are incomplete, it was believed to be the second-lowest scoring performance by any team since the NBA's 24-second shot clock rule started in 1954.  
The Buffalo Sabres scored four points in a quarter of a game against Milwaukee in 1972.  
In other NBA games Tuesday night, it was New York 112, Detroit 100, Philadelphia 107, Atlanta 98, Indiana 90, Boston 87, San Antonio 110, Washington 99, Milwaukee 126, Cleveland 110, Kansas City 106, Houston 104, Portland 121, Denver 113, Phoenix 117, San Diego 94 and Seattle 103, Chicago 87.  
Magic Johnson led a balanced Los Angeles scoring attack with 19 points, while Jamaal Wilkes added 18 and Mitch Kupchak 17.  
76ers 107, Hawks 98.  
Julius Erving led a second-half surge as Philadelphia avenged its only loss of the season by beating Atlanta

Erving scored 19 of his game-high 30 points in the second half, including 11 in the third quarter when the 76ers took the lead for good and went on to improve their record to 14-1, including 10 straight victories. The only loss was to the Hawks Nov. 6.  
Pacers 90, Celtics 87  
Boston lost for only the third time in 16 games as Indiana's Johnny Davis scored 15 of his game-high 21 points in the second half, including a row late in the game.  
Davis tied the game for the 14th and final time at 82-82 with about five minutes left, sank a layup to give the Pacer the lead and then completed the spurt with two free throws with 2:26 left.  
Suns 117, Clippers 94  
Phoenix won its fourth straight game and eighth in a row over San Diego as Truck Robinson scored 25 points and Kyle Macy 22.  
Blazers 121, Nuggets 113  
Calvin Natt led a solid Portland rebounding effort with 14 as the Blazers beat Denver.  
The Trail Blazers outrebounded the Nuggets 33-13 in the first half and took a 62-46 lead at intermission. Denver came back to cut the lead to two points with 9:47 left, but Mychal Thompson led an 11-0 spurt with seven points as Portland pulled away.

### Area basketball roundup

**MIAMI**—Kirk Gray poured in 26 points to lead Miami past Lefors, 61-38, Tuesday night in schoolboy basketball play.  
Keith Gray added eight points for the Warriors.  
Lefors was on top by 14-13 when the first quarter ended, but Miami went on a 19-point binge for a 32-16 halftime advantage.  
Monty Baskett paced Lefors with 18 points, followed by Richy Kidwell with 10.  
Miami also won the girls' contest, 46-31, behind Karla Stone's 20 points, Shann Billingsley tossed in 12.  
Angela Stanley's 13 points topped Lefors while Lori Watson tossed in eight.  
Miami and Lefors hook up again next Tuesday night.

**CANADIAN**—Canadian held off Phillips in the second half for a 40-32 victory Tuesday night.  
Canadian led by seven, 20-13, at halftime, but Phillips edged within two, 28-26, going into the final quarter.  
Lee Young's 18 points paced the Wildcats while teammate Jimmy Anderson tossed in 12.  
Danny Watson led the losers with 10 points.  
Phillips routed Canadian, 55-36, in the girls' contest.  
Teresa Williams was top scorer for Phillips with 19 points.  
Beth Guidry led Canadian with 11 points while Nena Barber had six.  
Canadian enters the Spearman Tournament Thursday.

**PANHANDLE**—Panhandle routed Claude, 54-20, in a girls' basketball game Tuesday night.  
Panhandle was led in scoring by 5-8 junior Darci Hatter with 17 points. Gwen Powell contributed 12.  
Claude came from behind in the fourth quarter to knock off Panhandle, 66-59, in the boys' contest.  
Tod Mayfield scored 15 points and Kevin Scheller 10 for Panhandle.  
**WHITE DEER**—Groom was victorious over White Deer, 39-31, Tuesday night.  
Michel Fraser led Groom with 12 points, followed by B.J. McKnight with nine.  
Daren Russell and Larry Martin had seven and six points respectively for White Deer.  
White Deer gained revenge in the girls' game with a 45-41 victory.  
Debbie Cochran led White Deer with 15 points while Rose Williams had 12.  
Beth Kuehler led Groom with 14 points. Lynette Friemel had 11.  
White Deer clashes with Groom again next Tuesday night at Groom.

### Cowboys face Colts with limited offense

**DALLAS (AP)**—Dallas Coach Tom Landry won't be using as much offensive firepower in the Baltimore Colt game Sunday because of his uncertain quarterback situation.  
With his No. 1 quarterback ailing because of bruised and possibly cracked ribs, and his backup quarterback inexperienced, Landry will take on the Colts with a pared-down playbook.  
"You just can't operate as well without your regular quarterback (Danny White)," said Landry. "We have a lot of confidence in Glenn Carano but he hasn't played a lot."  
Landry said the Dallas defense will have to pick up the load against the 1-13 Colts.  
"I'm always worried about a losing team like the Colts. They've got good skill position players and can put points on the board," said Landry.  
He said he wouldn't take any chances with White.  
"If there is any chance of further damage he will not play," said Landry.  
"I have no idea whether he will play. It will be determined by his doctors then it is up to Danny White if he wants to play."  
White was hurt in a 10-9 victory over the Chicago Bears Thanksgiving Day.  
"We should have a pretty good idea by Friday if Danny can play," said Landry. "If he can go he will go. The first day he can lift his arm he will throw."  
Landry was hopeful White could punt.  
"We'll just see how much it hurts him. If he can't punt then we'll make a decision on whether to go after a punter or use Rafael Septien," Landry said.  
Septien, the Cowboys' placekicker, got off punts of 29 and 33 yards against the Bears.  
Fullback Ron Springs also punts for the Cowboys.  
Landry praised his often-maligned defense Tuesday, saying "They are playing good enough to take us to the Super Bowl... they are not as consistent as they should be and they have given up a lot of yardage."  
"But our defense has stopped the scoring. We've been excellent for five weeks."

### Dad Meyer comes out the winner in basketball clash with son

**By JOHN NELSON  
AP Sports Writer**  
Even at age 37, Coach Tom Meyer of Illinois-Chicago Circle is finding out he's not old enough to beat up on Dad.  
Tuesday night, Tom put his team on the court against seventh-ranked DePaul, coached by his father Ray, and took a licking. The Blue Demons beat Chicago Circle 78-53 behind the game-high 20 points Terry Cummings and some timely baskets by reserve Bernard Randolph.  
Dad is now 67 and the winningest active Division I coach with 651 victories in his 39-plus seasons. He congratulated Tom after their history-making meeting, the first between father and son head coaches in college basketball, then threw in some advice.  
In other games involving ranked teams, 12th-ranked Indiana downed No. 19 Notre Dame 69-55, No. 16 Missouri clobbered Alcorn State 82-51 and 17th-ranked Alabama walloped Tennessee-Martin 94-64.

**The Second Ten**  
Indiana Coach Bobby Knight shuffled his lineup, starting four freshmen, but it was a pair of upperclassmen who rallied the 1981 national champion Hoosiers over the Fighting Irish.  
Ted Kitchel, a junior, scored 14 of his 22 points in the first half, and Randy Wittman, a senior, scored all 15 of his points in the second half as Indiana, 2-0, built a lead 47 as 17 points.  
Knight inserted Kitchel and Wittman into the lineup early in the game but nearly sent the freshman back in before the Indiana offense began to click.  
John Paxson had 24 points for Notre Dame, 1-1.  
Jon Sundvold scored 19 points, 10 in a burst early in the second half, as Missouri romped over Alcorn State in

its season opener. Sundvold's fastbreak basket ignited a spree of 97 Missouri points during a four-minute span midway in the second half as the Tigers led 61-39.  
Missouri center Steve Stipanovich scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Albert Irving led Alcorn State with 10 points.  
Freshman Bobby Lee Hurt scored 20 points to lead Alabama, which was ahead by as many as 20 points in the first half and finally built the lead to 30, the margin of victory.  
Eddie Phillips added 14 points for the Crimson Tide, now 2-0, while Curtis High led Tennessee-Martin with 26 points.  
Some other scores:  
Morehead State beat Cleveland State 62-60 to win the Eagle Classic. Georgia topped Florida State 70-67, Villanova hit St. Francis, N.Y., 93-63, Seton Hall beat Fordham 71-64, Lewis upset Drake 41-40.

### Akers tabs Brewer as Cotton Bowl starter

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)**—Texas Coach Fred Akers said Tuesday that Ron Brewer would be his starting quarterback against Alabama in the Cotton Bowl Classic New Year's Day.  
"He is our starter unless something happens to him," said Akers. "He has been getting more and more comfortable in there and he should continue to get stronger. He has more confidence, is more sure of himself, and is a tremendous competitor."  
Brewer moved into the starting slot when Rick Melvor was injured in the 14-14 tie with Houston. Melvor is now available to play.  
Asked about Alabama, Akers said "They deserve to be rated higher or higher than they are (No. 3). I am glad the Cotton Bowl was able to get a team as highly regarded and as highly rated as Alabama."  
"As to the back over who was invited, why take No. 10 or No. 11 when you can have No. 3? I am not involved in TV ratings, but if you are talking about football teams I know who to pick. There are a lot of people who could care less what's happening in Phoenix (The Fiesta Bowl) between Southern Cal and Penn State. You are talking about a game in Dallas that could have a bearing on the national championship."  
He said he was happy Alabama Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant landed victory No. 315.  
"I was glad to see him get the record," said Akers. "That's a remarkable feat. Coach Bryant has done a great amount of good for intercollegiate football, and no one deserves the tributes more than Paul Bryant. He has influenced a lot of people, myself included."  
Akers said Texas probably will resume workouts on Monday, Dec. 14.  
Texas' arrival plans in Dallas were still uncertain.

#### The Top Ten

Randolph, DePaul's sixth man, added 13 points, and the Demons led by as many as 19, 31-12, in the first half of their season opener. Cummings got three baskets in the first half on goaltending calls against 7-foot-2 Chicago Circle center Dave Williams.

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SNOW BEGINS. It was white and wet in Lincoln Monday as these large snowflakes began to fall. North central and central Nebraska caught the brunt of Nebraska's first blizzard of the season Monday with up to 10 inches of snow, backed by strong northerly winds, in parts of Blaine, Loup and Garfield counties.

(AP Lasarphoto)

Farm scene:

Agricultural prices dropped again

By DON KENDALL AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the fourth straight month, prices of agricultural commodities at the farm have dropped below year-earlier levels, the Agriculture Department says.

Average prices in November declined 0.8 percent from October and stood 10 percent below a year ago, the department said Monday.

The price index for corn and other feed grains, for example, dropped 2.5 percent from October and averaged 22 percent below a year ago. All of the decline was caused by lower corn prices as the other feed grains — oats, barley and grain sorghum — increased from October.

Overall, the monthly farm price index has not risen in nearly a year, according to department records.

The 1981 price slide — coupled with continued inflation and high interest rates — means another financial crunch on farmers this year. Huge harvests and the failure of the livestock sector to recover are major factors.

Department economists say the 1982 outlook also is grim, with net farm income possibly falling another \$1 billion to \$3 billion from this year's depressed level.

But they say the decline in raw commodities has helped keep a lid on food prices this year and also helps dampen chances of any rapid boost in 1982.

Looking at the current figures, officials said lower prices for cattle, hogs, corn, grapefruit and lemons contributed most to the decline from October.

However, higher prices were reported for oranges, eggs, strawberries, potatoes and milk, which offset part of the decline for the other commodities, the department's Crop Reporting Board said.

Revised figures show that on a month-to-month basis, farm prices have not risen since they gained 0.7 percent in December 1980. This year, the monthly index held steady in three months but dropped in eight months, including the last five.

The new report also showed that the index in October declined 3.0 percent from its September level. A month ago, the preliminary report showed a 3.7 percent drop.

Meanwhile, the index of prices farmers pay to meet expenses was unchanged in November for the third straight month but still averaged 10 percent higher than a year ago.

According to the preliminary November figures — which are based mostly on mid-month averages — prices of meat animals as a group dropped 4.1 percent from October, averaging 10 percent less than a year ago.

The November fruit price index was up 15 percent from October and averaged 12 percent more than a year earlier. The index for potatoes, sweet potatoes and dry beans was up 8.5 percent from October but still was 10 percent below a year ago.

Department economists predict retail food prices will average 8.2 percent higher this year, compared to an 8.6 percent gain in 1980, which was the smallest annual increase since 1977. They predict a 7 percent gain for 1982 food prices.

Farm prices in November averaged 129 percent of a 1977 base price average used for comparison, according to the preliminary figures, compared to a revised October index reading of 130.

The November parity ratio was 57 percent, unchanged from October. A year ago, the ratio was 67 percent.

According to Agriculture Department records, the ratio the past three months has been the lowest since it averaged 54 percent in April 1933.

At 100 percent, the indicator would mean, theoretically, that farmers have the same buying power they had in 1910-14.

For example, the average actual price of corn in November, according to the preliminary figures, was \$2.33 a bushel. That was 48 percent of the November parity price for corn of \$4.89 a bushel.

The report also said:

—Cattle averaged \$53.90 per 100 pounds of live weight nationally, compared to \$55.80 in October and \$60 in November 1980. Those are averages for all types of cattle sold as beef.

—Hogs averaged \$42.20 per 100 pounds, compared to \$45 in October and \$45.60 a year ago.

—Corn, at \$2.33 a bushel, compared to \$2.45 in October and \$3.10 a year ago.

—Wheat prices at the farm, according to the preliminary figures, averaged \$3.80 a bushel, compared to 3.77 in October and \$4.32 a year ago.

—Rice averaged \$9.83 per 100 pounds, compared to \$10.20 in October and \$11.60 in November 1980.

—Soybeans were \$6 a bushel against \$6.06 in October and \$8.18 a year ago.

—Peanuts averaged 26.5 cents a pound, unchanged from October. They were 27.4 cents a year ago.

—Upland cotton was 63.0 cents a pound on a national average, compared to 62.3 in October and 77.6 a year ago.

—Eggs were 69.5 cents a dozen, compared to 63.8 in October and 65.8 a year ago.

—Broiler chickens, at 25.2 cents a pound, compared to 25.9 in October and 30.2 cents a year ago.

WASHINGTON (AP) — China has bought an additional 130,000 metric tons of U.S. wheat for delivery in 1981.

The Agriculture Department said Monday that the wheat was reported previously as sold to an "unknown" destination but that China would be the recipient.

The bookkeeping switch means that China now has bought almost 8.25 million metric tons of grain — 7.8 million of wheat and 438,900 corn — for delivery in the first year of a supply agreement with the United States.

A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and is equal to 36.7 bushels of wheat or 39.4 bushels of corn.

Sales for delivery in calendar 1982, the second year of the

Writer muses on life and death

By DOUGLAS GRANT MINE Associated Press Writer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Jorge Luis Borges, Latin America's most renowned living writer, is dreaming away the last years of his life and waiting to be "saved by the nothingness" of death.

The 82-year-old storyteller, his sightless blue-gray eyes appearing to smile at his own wit, talked of life and the end of it, his work, politics, Argentina and the Nobel Prize in a recent interview.

"I'm old, I'm blind, a very lazy man dreaming away my life," he said, sinking into an overstuffed armchair in the book-lined living room of his modest apartment. "Even so, not a day passes that I don't spend a moment in paradise, perhaps a few moments."

He is currently working, in collaboration with his secretary Maria Kodama, on a book of essays on Dante, the translation into Spanish of the 17th century German mystic Angelus Silesius and a collection of short stories he intends to call "The Memory of Shakespeare."

The eclectic scholar, a student of humanities ranging from Buddhist philosophy to Norse language and mythology, recalled a line from a medieval English poem he favors. Speaking of the grave, he quoted in his perfect English: "Doorless is that house and dark it is within."

"I think of death as a great hope," he said. "I hope to be wiped out, utterly forgotten, saved by nothingness."

And his literary legacy — 35 volumes of poetry and short stories translated into more than 20 languages?

"A few jottings that will be forgotten."

Borges has been a nominee for the Nobel Prize for literature every year since 1963, but said he has given up hope of winning it.

"The tradition has been established of not awarding me the prize, and traditions have to be respected," he said.

Called "a jeweler of words" by critics, Borges has a modest opinion of his own work.

"Maybe I have attained, not a book, but perhaps several pages, several lines, that are not worthy of oblivion. But I do not think I am worthy of a prize given to Rudyard Kipling, George Bernard Shaw and William Faulkner," he said.

Borges describes himself as an anarchist with no interest whatsoever in politics. Of the generals who have run this country of 27 million people since a 1976 coup he said, "I don't suppose they are too competent, but I think they are well meaning."

He said contemporary things cannot be known and stated proudly that, even before going blind in 1956, he never read a

newspaper. But he has been brought up to date on Argentina's current economic woes, including triple-digit inflation and rising unemployment.

"The country is in a bad way and nobody knows why. Perhaps the reason is ethical. Maybe ethically we are nowhere: cheating, bribing and lying. But I have no solutions whatever to offer. Elections would be a disaster."

Borges shares the opinion of democracy held by 19th century Scottish philosopher Thomas Carlyle, who said, "Democracy is chaos provided by means of ballot boxes."

"Democracy is an evil," said Borges. "Why should every man meddle in politics?"

He has bitter memories of Argentine populist governments presided over by Juan Domingo Peron, who in 1946 "promoted" Borges from director of the municipal library to inspector of chickens in Buenos Aires markets.

Borges said the vigilance the military government exercises over what Argentines read and see is not necessarily a bad thing. "Censorship is better than utter license," he declared, pointing to the pornography that abounds in freer societies.

He talked with pride of his military ancestors who fought in Argentina's war of independence against Spain and the wars against Indians as the country was opened to settlement by European immigrants.

"But today I am a pacifist," he said. "I suppose some wars can be justified, but if you admit that a war may be justified, the world will find reasons to justify any war."

He continued: "The idea that the world should be divided into different countries is a fatal mistake. It makes for wars, discord and hatred. I think of myself as the Stoics did, cosmopolitan. I think of Austin, Texas, the same way I do of Buenos Aires, or Montevideo, Geneva or Edinburgh. I am a citizen of the world."

He is planning to travel to New Orleans in January to receive an honorary doctorate from Tulane University, to go with those he has received from, among others, Harvard, Columbia, the Sorbonne and Oxford.

Traveling is one of the joys of Borges' life. He said he was "dazzled" by Japan when visiting that country recently, and he intends to visit India and China before retiring to that doorless, dark house of the old English poem.

"I stand in no fear of hell and no hope of heaven," said Borges, an agnostic.

The writer, who married at the age of 60 but separated from his wife 10 years later, said he is not sad he will leave no descendants. But he reflected on what it is his unborn sons are missing.

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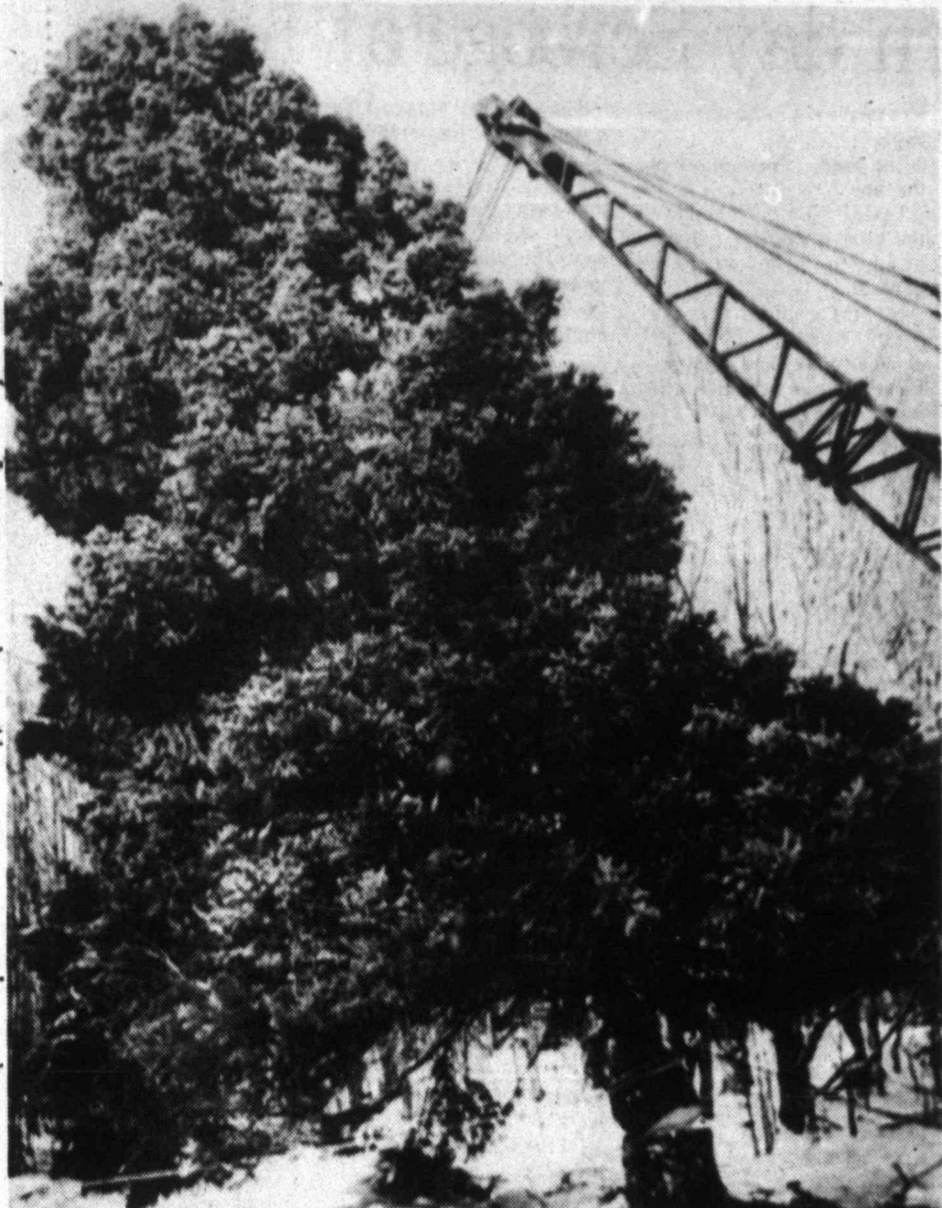
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# Christmas trees flourish in Orange



**CAPITOL TREE.** This 52-foot white spruce from the Hiawatha National Forest will be the U. S. Capitol Christmas tree. The tree was cut Monday near Strongs, Mich. Crane operators eased the 65-year-old tree onto a flatbed truck which will begin its 850 mile journey to Washington today.

(AP Lasarphoto)

ORANGE, Texas (AP) — An unidentified utilities meter reader leaves her truck for a routine stop in Orange and falls in love with a few dozen Christmas trees.

"I love them all; each one is special, even that airy one over there," she tells Ruth Warner as she goes down rows feeling healthy green branches. Warner simply smiles because she's seen this happen before. "I can't find one I don't like so I guess I'll just come back later."

Mrs. Warner nods and waves as the woman leaves, knowing she'll be back later to choose her favorite from among the 2,400 improved Virginia pine trees growing on the 2-acre Christmas tree farm she runs with her husband A.J. Warner and Joyce and Don Kachtik.

The Warner-Kachtik farm is one of seven commercial Christmas tree farms in operation in Orange County, says Kachtik, who is county agricultural extension agent.

Trees for Symphony of the Trees, an annual event set from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 5 and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Beaumont Civic Center, were purchased from Orange County tree farms for the second consecutive year.

"Those ladies were mighty particular about their trees," Kachtik jokes after accompanying representatives from the Beaumont Symphony Women's League to several tree farms. "But their trees have to be perfect. I'm glad they found what they were looking for."

"We planted our first tree in 1972 after I talked two families into trying it, and we sold our first tree in 1974. We were the first in Texas to sell Christmas trees," Kachtik adds, tilting his cowboy hat back a little to divert attention from a satisfied smile.

The tree farms, along with catfish and crawfish farms,

are Kachtik's pet projects, ones he has high hopes for in the Golden Triangle area where the land and climate lend themselves naturally to this type of "farming."

"There's tremendous potential in tree farming for some people, but they have to love trees and hard work because these tree farms aren't easy and financial rewards are slow in coming," Kachtik says. "You invest \$3,000 per acre, then it's three or four years before your money comes back. That's a lot of money to invest and a lot of labor."

But the trees grow well in the sandy loam soil of southeast Texas, where the much-needed rainfall is always plentiful. And the trees grow quickly here. A Christmas tree takes five or six years to reach maturity up north, Kachtik says, and only two to three years for the same growth in Texas.

"In the north, growers use laborers to prune their trees once a year; here we do it three or four times a year because our trees grow so fast," Kachtik explains.

The pruning is what gives Christmas trees their triangular shape, Mrs. Warner says.

"The shape just doesn't

happen," she says, grinning. "We have to shape them or they'd just grow straight. You just shear away anything that doesn't look like a Christmas tree."

"People also think there's no work out here, but there is. It's especially hard in the summertime when it's hot and the weeds are stubborn," she says, stooping to pull a few weeds from the criss-crossing rows of trees near her Victory Garden home. "These are all my little babies; I just can't help cutting and clipping as I go along the rows."

Along with the weeds are other problems, including the pine tip moth, which loves to destroy pine limbs and needles. "Everything that grows in nature has enemies," Mrs. Warner says philosophically.

But Kachtik takes a more practical approach and tests several chemicals for their effectiveness in ridding the farms of the destructive insect.

Most of the farms are cooperating with the extension service in what are called "result demonstrations." And helpful information from these demonstrations is passed on to other areas through the

agricultural extension network. Kachtik has done experiments with herbicides, insecticides and pigment sprays.

"All Christmas trees are sprayed with some kind of pigment spray because they turn yellow green in late November and December," he explains. "If they didn't have that spray, they'd really look bad, especially the ones that are shipped in because they are cut so early. Ours are cut late in the season and their needles are still alive."

Most of the trees in this area will be cut between Dec. 5 and 20, but people come to choose trees beginning in late October when individual owners tag their trees according to height and price. Most farms sell trees from \$15 to \$45.

"It's a family affair to come out and select a tree," Warner says, recalling how one little boy sawed his tree down while his father took pictures. "And those kids sure leave squawling if they haven't picked one."

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FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A trust fund whose sole beneficiary was Texas Christian University will recover about \$2 million in windfall profits taxes paid during calendar years 1980 and 1981. TCU officials have announced.

In addition, taxes for next year — which could have been in excess of \$1.5 million — now will not have to be paid.

TCU Chancellor William Tucker announced a new Internal Revenue Service

ruling which provides that trusts set up for the exclusive benefit of an exempt organization also are exempt from the tax on oil production profits.

U.S. House Majority Leader Jim Wright of Fort Worth, who pushed for the new regulation, said he understood the ruling would be retroactive to Jan. 21, 1980.

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**FINISHING TOUCHES.** Education Director Suzanne Hewitt, left, and Betty Morrison, chairman of the Museum Auxiliary Special Projects Committee, put the finishing touch on the Christmas tree in Pioneer Village.

## Museum hosts 'Old Fashioned Christmas'

An "Old-Fashioned Christmas" open house will be celebrated from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 3 and 4, in the Pioneer Village of the Panhandle - Plains Historical Museum on the campus of West Texas State University.

photography area where visitors may be photographed in turn-of-the-century settings. Each evening during the open house various area organizations will provide musical entertainment. Included in these activities will be the Sweet Adelines of Canyon and Amarillo, the West Texas State University bassoon quintet, and the Sundown Singers of Sundown Lane Elementary.

Santa Claus will be on hand, and area civic leaders will play roles of early 1900's settlers in the stores and houses of Pioneer Village. State Representative Bob Simpson, Justice of the Peace Jay Hail, and Randall County Sheriff Cliff Longest are among community leaders participating. Others who will participate include Troy Martin, editor of the Canyon News; Doctors Janet and Bill Townsend and Dr. Joe Dale Chitwood; C. R. Daffern, Amarillo attorney; and noted western artist Don Ray.

Special parties will be sponsored on the afternoons of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 2, 3, and 4, for persons from the Amarillo State Center for Human Development and for children from the Children's Rehabilitation Center and the Killgore Children's Center. Co-hosts for the parties are members of the Texas Student Education Association and the Panhandle - Plains Historical Museum auxiliary.

Decorations for the village will include yarn dolls, candy canes and popcorn and cranberry garlands. Junior Historians of Canyon Junior High School will set up a

## Oriental art exhibit and sale

More than a thousand examples of Oriental art will be on display Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5 and 6 in the third floor gallery of the

Amarillo Art Center. The works range from antique Japanese wood cut prints to delicate Chinese paintings on silk and include wood cut prints from Tibet.

East Indian miniature paintings and others.

Represented are such distinguished 19th century Japanese artists as Hiroshige, Kuniyoshi and Kunisada as well as contemporary works by Saito, Maki, Tajima, Watanabe, Katsuda and others.

Prices range from as little as \$15 for some of the smaller contemporary works to \$1,500 and more for some of the 19th century works.

The traveling collection is one that was assembled by Marson Ltd. of Baltimore, Md., a nationally recognized authority in fine Oriental graphics.

The works will be on display and for sale from 1 to 5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5 and 6.

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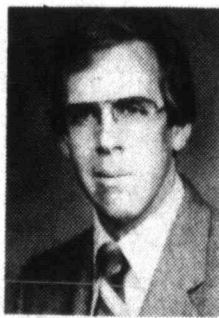
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