

# Waldheim re-election okayed

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — Kurt Waldheim was recommended for re-election as U.N. secretary-general by the Security Council today after an initial veto by China. The General Assembly will make the final decision, but it is a formality.

Diplomats emerging from the closed meeting said the second-round vote was 14-0 with one abstention to elect the 57-year-old Austrian diplomat to another term as head of the world body. He is completing a five-year term to which he was elected in 1971 on the retirement of the late U Thant.

China, which has wanted someone from the Third World as secretary-general, vetoed Waldheim in the first round in order to support former Mexican President Luss Echeverria, the diplomats said. The Chinese abstained on the decisive ballot, they said. China's first-round veto had been expected.

It is customary to conduct as many ballots as necessary until a candidate receives at least nine of the 15 council votes without a negative vote from any of the five permanent powers — China, United States, Soviet Union,

Britain and France.

Diplomats said the first ballot vote for Waldheim was 13-1 with 1 abstention, presumably Panama. The vote for Echeverria in both rounds was 4-4 with 7 abstentions. They gave no detailed breakdown on the former Mexican leader, who has long wanted the U.N. post.

Waldheim, who was drafted into the

German army during World War II, rose in the diplomatic service after the war, becoming ambassador to the United Nations and foreign minister. He ran unsuccessfully for president of Austria in the spring of 1971.

He became the fourth secretary-general of the United Nations in the tumultuous days that followed Peking's admission to the United

Nations. In three days of secret balloting in December 1971, only Waldheim among 12 candidates avoided veto by all five permanent powers.

Waldheim, who will be 58 on Dec. 21, as secretary-general has traveled widely, spoken often and nudged the Security Council and General Assembly to act. He has sometimes

incurred the wrath of the West by seeming to support Third World causes too much.

He and his wife Elisabeth have a son and two daughters. Their official U.N. residence is a \$1.1 million New York town house given the organization by a wealthy American.

The job of secretary-general pays \$119,580 a year.

## State attorney makes tax appraisal ruling

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — County tax appraising must be kept under the county tax assessor-collector, the attorney general said Tuesday.

However, Atty. Gen. John Hill said that cities, school districts and special taxing districts may be required to support a central tax appraisal office and to follow its recommendations.

The opinion was asked by Rep. Wayne Peveto, D-Orange, chairman of the Property Tax Study Committee which has tentatively recommended a property tax revision bill that would set up central tax appraising offices in each county. The appraisal of the market value of property would be made by professionals in the appraisal office, leaving the assessing and collecting of taxes to the respective governmental units in the area.

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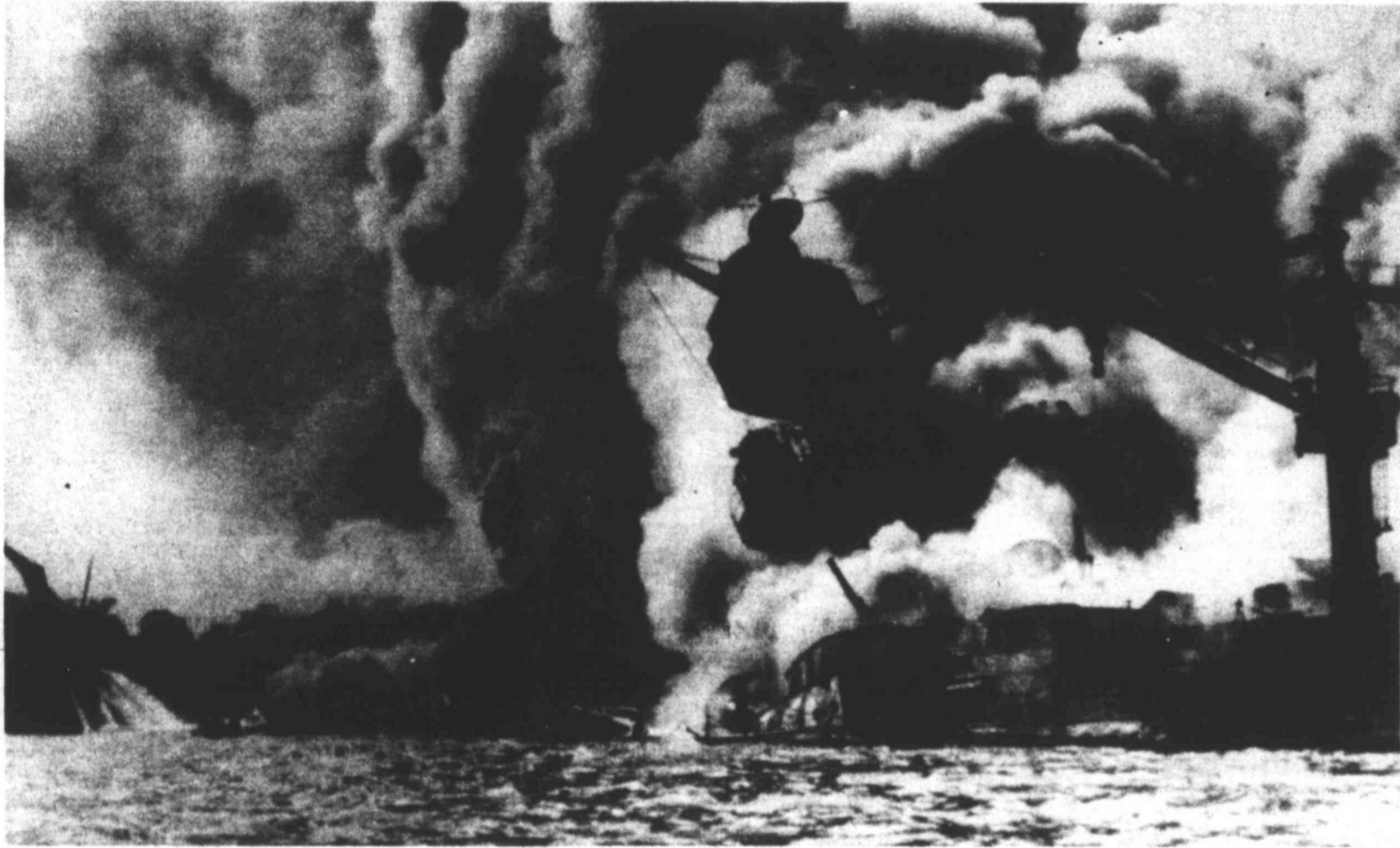
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# Pearl Harbor — few bitter thoughts



PEARL HARBOR ANNIVERSARY — The USS Arizona goes up in flames and smoke after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The sunken

hulk of the Arizona still remains in the harbor as a reminder of the attack 35 years ago today.

HONOLULU (AP) — Many vivid memories, but few bitter thoughts, were expressed as survivors gathered to commemorate today's 35th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"You see guys who carry grudges, but most of us think that the enlisted men of Japan were doing their duty, same as we were," said George Slavens of Walnut Creek, Calif.

At 7:55 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941, the first wave of Japanese bombers hit the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, drawing the United States into World War II.

And at 7:55 a.m. today, memorial observances were to begin with the wail of a siren, calling shipyard workers to one minute of silent prayer.

About 2,500 survivors returned here for the ceremonies. There will be services at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, where more than 13,500 American veterans are buried; at Hickam Air Force Base; and at the Arizona Memorial, where 1,177 men went down with the USS Arizona in the greatest single catastrophe of the attack.

In remarks written for the ceremony at the cemetery, Hawaii Gov. George Ariyoshi said the courage, suffering and sacrifice of the attack victims should be remembered, but in addition "we must forget hatred. We must forget vengeance. We must forget malice and unjustified hostility."

"We must replace the bitterness of war's evil residue with the sweetness of what we in Hawaii call 'aloha.'"

Those who were at the harbor 35 years ago seemed to agree.

"There was some bitterness for a while, but I can't say there is any hard feeling today," said Roland Krause of Honolulu, who was commanding the minesweeper Oglala. The ship was hit by a torpedo in the first minutes of the attack and slowly sank.

## More cheer for Christmas

Two more gifts have arrived at the Herald for the Christmas Cheer Fund, bringing up to \$80 the total now donated by local residents to insure that Santa Claus will not overlook some of Big Spring's needy families.

Latest donations include \$35 forwarded by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hall and \$20 given by Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Davidson. The latter was pledged in memory of "our little Jennifer."

Those desiring to donate to the drive can make their checks out to the Christmas Cheer Fund and forward them to the Herald, which, in turn, will see that they wind up with the proper agencies.

## Selma plans Carter appeal

SELMA, Ala. — If the Air Force decides to close Craig Air Force Base before President-elect Jimmy Carter takes office, the Carter Administration can be assured of a visit from the Alabama congressional delegation.

A story in the Selma Times-Journal quoted Cong. Walter Flowers, D-Ala., who represents the Selma area, as saying that Carter will be pressed to reconsider.

Cong. Flowers insisted that he has not given up on Craig, and his aides said that criticism directed at him for the way he has handled the situation is "unwarranted."

A legislative aide for Flowers said there is strong support in Congress from areas affected by base closings for more Air Force appropriations next year.

The Selma Times-Journal said, however, that Pentagon officials say privately that decisions to close certain bases are not made purely from monetary considerations and that some streamlining of Air Force services is essential.

A group representing Selma recently met with Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Gordon Knapp to present him figures from a university study which indicated the Air Force had understated the economic impact on Selma.

Aides of Cong. Flowers went with the group since Flowers was in Tuscaloosa, Ala., for the congressional recess.

The Times-Journal reported that Knapp was courteous, attentive and complimentary for the hour-long meeting, but also noncommittal.



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## Wright, O'Neill new Demo leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reps. Thomas P. O'Neill and Jim Wright, the two new Democratic leaders of the House, say their two goals are to get the jobless back to work and clean up the House's scandal-tarnished image.

House Democrats caucused Mon-

day and elected Wright of Texas as majority leader by a 148 to 147 vote, upsetting the favorite, Californian Phillip Burton. Big-city mayors reportedly backed Wright.

O'Neill of Massachusetts was nominated speaker by the Democrats

election when Congress convenes Jan. 4.

New York City Mayor Abraham D. Beame reportedly collected votes for Wright in return for Wright's leadership role in winning congressional support of mass transit money and New York City aid. Other mayors, including Chicago's Richard Daley, urged Wright's election largely for his leadership in boosting funds for mass transit in the nation's cities.

Although O'Neill declared strict neutrality in the four-man fight for Democratic leader, congressmen close to him and other candidates circulated word that O'Neill could accept anyone except Burton, his reputed rival for power.

Wright was chairman of the task force that created House Democrats' jobs program in the last Congress. After his election as majority leader, Wright told his party colleagues they

by acclamation, tantamount to his must produce legislation "that will lift this country out of the slough of recession."

O'Neill told them, "It is our responsibility to put the unemployed back to work."

Wright also said he will strive to restore the "pinnacle of respect" he said the House deserves. O'Neill reiterated to reporters his plan to set up a special committee to stiffen House ethics in the wake of disclosures that some congressmen have accepted cash and gifts from persons with alleged ties to the South Korean government.

Burton, showing no outward disappointment at his narrow defeat, told reporters he thinks O'Neill and Wright will make a fine team and said he will try now to be selected Democratic whip, a post now held by John J. McFall of California.

## 74,104 bales tagged in area

Howard County and the Ackerly area, which includes a portion of Dawson and Martin counties, already have 74,104 bales of cotton tagged in on the gin yards.

This is higher than anticipated by many agriculture experts in the area, at this point in the season.

Farmers have been working from "can't to can't" on clear days getting the harvest in since all indications have been that the winter is going to continue to be severe.

The Ackerly Co-op Gins have 19,746 bales tagged in and the Big Spring Co-

op counted 9,052. Paymaster in the Brown community has 8,800. Planters at Knott has 5,800 and the Co-op at Knott has 6,099.

Planters at Fairview counts 6,834 and Planters at Luther counts 4,200. The Planters Gin at Lomax counts 5,500. Shive Gin in Coahoma has 4,033 and Planters on the Lamesa Highway had 3,640.

Cotton buyers paid from 65 to 71 cents in most of the area last week, depending upon the staple length, mike readings and grading of the cotton.

## Focalpoint

### Action/reaction: No 'bad' gas

Q. A few weeks ago the gasoline department at Cosden let out a batch of gasoline that had caustic in it. This information was given to me by an operator at Cosden. Since that time many people in the area have experienced problems with their cars, primarily problems originating in the carburetion system. Local mechanics say they have had to replace many gas filters since this 'bad' gas was sold to the public. Some car owners had to have their gas tanks steamed out. What I want to know is this — isn't there some way Cosden could have known this batch of gas was bad? If so, why didn't they dispose of this gas instead of making the public bear the cost of having their cars repaired?

A. John W. (Bill) Cahill, advertising and sales promotion manager with headquarters in Dallas, says this just isn't so. He says a filter cartridge broke on a loading dock at Cosden, but the loads were immediately recalled and no faulty gas ever reached the consumer. Cahill said all stories relating to "bad" gas have been thoroughly checked and proven wrong. "We will continue using a detailed testing program with our product and no sub-standard gasoline will be sold," Cahill said. "Normal rumors invariably are compounded after they make a few rounds." Cahill also said he appreciated the chance to set the record straight.

### Calendar: Christmas dinner

TODAY  
V.F.W. Christmas dinner meeting at VFW Hall on Driver Road, 6:30 p.m.

The home economist of Texas Electric will demonstrate and discuss microwave ovens at 7 p.m., Reddy Room in the Texas Electric building.

Graduation exercises for final American Pilot Training class at Webb AFB (77-02) at Base Chapel, 6 p.m. Maj. Gen. Edwin W. Robertson II, commander of Technical Training Center, Chanute, Ill., chief speaker.

### WEDNESDAY

Tax appraisal board meets in county courtroom in Howard County Courthouse, 3 p.m. for approval of intergovernmental contract.

At Detoxification Center, 2906 W. 13th, across from Airport School, a film called "I'll Quit Tomorrow" and a speaker will appear in an opening meeting on the problems of alcoholism, 8 p.m.

Free Swine Flu vaccinations, Howard County Health Center, 2nd and Lancaster, 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

### THURSDAY

The Coahoma High School Carolers will give a singing program at the State Hospital Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

### Offbeat: Everybody's darling to wed

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Everybody's darling of the uneven parallel bars, Russian gymnast Olga Korbut, apparently is getting ready to settle down to married life.

Miss Korbut, 21, bought a wedding dress at a nearby J.C. Penney store over the weekend and indicated she would be married next year in Russia, said Edna Welch, the store's bridal consultant.

Asked whom she would marry, the gold medal winner in the 1972 Olympics, said only, "A boy."

Miss Korbut was in St. Louis to perform in an exhibition with other Soviet gymnasts.

The dress cost \$177. She also bought a \$55 fingertip veil and paid for the purchases with three \$100 bills, store employees said.

### TV's best: Treasure hunt

Tonight the TV will take you under water in search of treasure. Mel Fisher, the lucky diver who discovered the three-century-old treasure-laden Spanish Galleon in the Florida Keys, is rumored to have gathered millions of dollars worth of gold bricks and other valuables, from the sand

of the ocean floor.

The National Geographic Special; "Treasure" airs at seven o'clock tonight on KERA.

### Inside: Sectionalism danger

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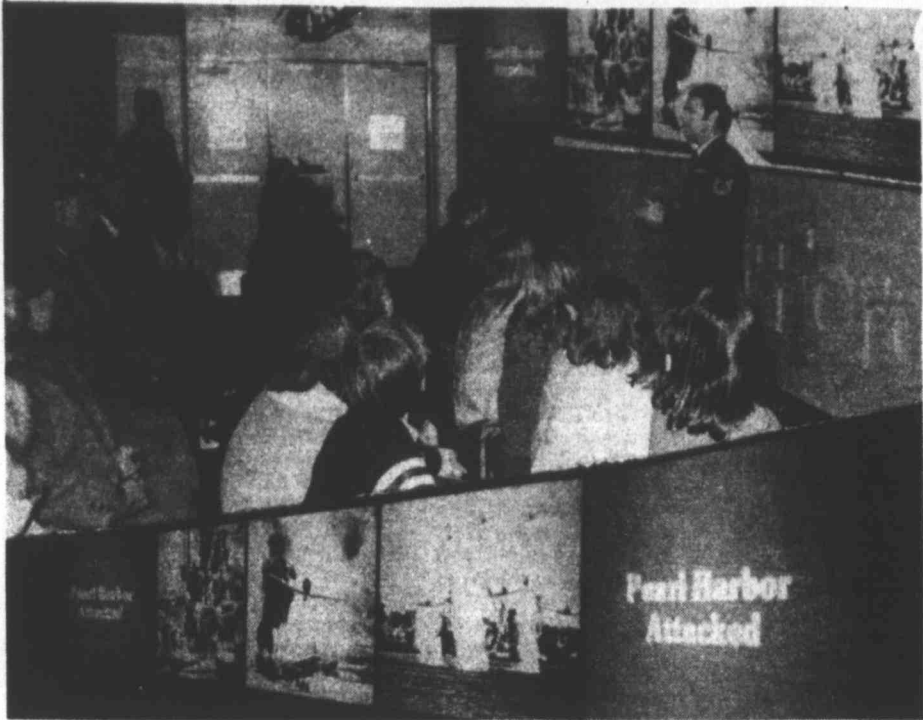
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### Outside: Warming

The predicted warming trend is expected to continue today and tonight, with clear skies and light winds. The high today is expected in the mid 50s, the low tonight in the upper 20s, and the high tomorrow near 60. Winds will be from the southwest.







**PEARL HARBOR DAY** — The Armed Forces Bicentennial vans are in Big Spring at Highland Mall through today. This group of Forsan school children in front of Big Spring veterans in the rear look over the Air Force exhibit which includes one sequence about Pearl Harbor getting attacked on Dec. 7, 1941. That was 35 years ago today and the veterans still showed emotion when the sequence was rerun.

# Energy — Oil sectionalism warning

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — State Sen. Max Sherman of Amarillo, Tex., warning against "the danger of sectionalism," says energy producing states like Texas must not be pitted against consuming states.

"The time for recrimination has passed. All states must work together for a common national goal. It is foolish to suggest that the North and the South, the East and the West, can live without each other," he said.

Sherman made the remarks in a speech Monday to the annual meeting of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission (IOCC), an organization of 30 states which claims to produce 99 per cent of the nation's petroleum. Texas Gov. Dolph Briscoe is outgoing IOCC chairman.

Sherman said he observed during the Arab oil embargo that some autos in parts of the nation carried bumper stickers which said "Drive 80 m.p.h. and Freeze a Yankee" or "Let the Bastards Freeze in the Dark."

Such sentiments, said Sherman, "Are aimed at reopening the Civil War."

The 500 government and industry representatives gathered here are focusing on how the new administration of President-elect Jimmy Carter will respond to energy problems. Rep. Clarence J. Brown, R-Ohio, ranking minority member of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, said he doubts Carter will be a

strong supporter of deregulating oil and gas prices unless there is another Arab oil embargo or similar emergency.

He said such a move would endanger the "fragile relationship" between Carter and the Democratic congressional leadership with congress over an issue on which he apparently has no strong position," Brown told the IOCC.

Deregulation, Brown acknowledged, would mean higher fuel bills for Americans.

He said he favors a gradual deregulation of domestic prices to give producers an incentive to increase the nation's supply of oil and gas and reduce the dependency on foreign suppliers.

He said energy prices will continue to rise

## Students to complete training at Webb

Any student pilot on board at Webb Air Force Base will remain here until he finishes his training, Col. Harry A. Spannaus said Monday.

Col. Spannaus, wing commander at Webb, told the bi-monthly meeting of the Century Club that Webb is programmed on down the road to bring in new students until a final decision is made on the future of the base.

This would mean that there would continue to be student pilot training activity through next summer, even if the Air Force should decide against Webb. The T-37 training course at Webb is about nine months long.

Col. Spannaus said that many new personnel are being assigned to Webb, including a new officer club manager, a new security police chief and a new chief of civilian personnel among others.

Gen. (John) Roberts, commander of the Air Training Command, has promised that the pipeline to Webb would not be shut off, and he has kept that promise, Col. Spannaus said.

The colonel added that Webb has 172 on-base billets available and that they are mostly filled with Security Assistance Training Program (foreign) pilots, adding that he expects the remaining slots to be filled which would leave Webb

with no place to put additional SATP students.

He noted that when Webb carried a heavier load last year it included American student pilots who could live off-base.

Century Club President Adolph Swartz quoted Col. Spannaus from an earlier meeting as saying that "Webb is not closed yet."

Swartz said that the colonel's statement was "sweet music" to ears in Big Spring. He noted that several

recent developments had given Big Spring renewed hope that the future of Webb would be decided with a fair judgment.

Swartz added that while other towns had argued for their base simply on economic grounds, Big Spring had stressed the excellent performance of Webb in making its argument.

Jimmy Taylor, hospitality committee chairman,

reported on the Oct. 15 enlisted man's party attended by 600, the Nov. 6 intercultural exchange party hosted by the Chub Gibbons and the upcoming Wednesday night bingo party for junior officers and student pilots Wednesday. He noted that all Century Club members also are invited.

It was also reported that 90 Air Force cadets from the Webb-sponsored squadron at Air Force Academy will visit the base in February.

## Paw Paw's wine turning sour

PAW PAW, Mich. (AP) — Officials have soured on Paw Paw's four-day annual wine festival, which they say has degenerated into a bacchanalian orgy that corrupts

the village youth.

"Drunks fall on people's front lawns" during the festival, claimed village president Charles Smith as

the council voted Monday to withdraw support from next year's 10th annual celebration.

"A moral blot on Paw Paw" is how Police Chief George Fadel characterized the event, during which local vintners hand out free wine to all comers and take them on tours of their wineries.

The council vote bans the festival, held each September, from using village property, employees or money.

Richard Burnham, president of the Paw Paw Grape and Wine Festival Association, said the move would spell the festival's doom and would hurt the local wine industry.

Burnham accused the council of "total overreaction" and claimed the festival had "promoted the image of this community as a grape and wine center."

"The best kind of advertising for the wine industry is to get people to try the product. Many of us feel it was a much greater benefit to the community than a detriment."

He said the council thought hard before deciding to drop its festival role. "But the actions of many people who attended — particularly the young — demand that we do something."

Part of the problem, Smith said, was the moral dilemma stemming from a situation in which "you allow illegal drinking four days a year when you don't the other 361... There's open sex. I thought it was a disgrace."

Fadel said that at the last few festivals there had been "a blatant disregard for law and order... Much of it is of a contagious nature. Fighting, abusive language, nudity, creating hazards for citizens."

Previous festivals have lured up to 75,000 tourists into this southwestern Michigan village of 3,100 and swelled municipal coffers by up to \$500,000 annually.

But Smith contended the festival "has had negative effects on both the village and the wine industry. We don't need that kind of advertising."

## Ford to remain active in GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford says it is "just not true" that he has been depressed and reclusive since losing the election last month, and in fact he intends to be active in Republican politics.

Ford's denial of published reports of his depressed mood was relayed to reporters by his press secretary, Ron Nessen, after the President met with members of the Republican national executive committee at the White House on Monday.

Ford told the Republicans he plans to remain active in party affairs but does not plan to be a candidate for public office, Nessen said.

"Having dedicated 28 years of my life to the principles I believe in, I don't intend to sit on the sidelines," Nessen quoted Ford as saying to the Republicans. "To the degree I can be helpful, I'll be working with you."

Ford avoided taking a stand on the first problem facing GOP leaders, selection of a successor to Mary Louise Smith as national chairman.

Nessen said Ford's only suggestion was for a selection that does not divide the party.

Asked if that might rule out Ronald Reagan or the leader of some extreme element of the party, Nessen replied that the chairmanship was discussed only in general terms.

According to Nessen, who sat in on the meeting, Ford talked mostly about the need to rebuild the party from the grass roots upward, starting with an effort to recruit good candidates in 1978.

He mentioned particularly the need to get Republicans elected to state legislatures, so they can take part in the redistricting process that will occur at the end of the decade.

## Weather

### Norther races across state

By the Associated Press

Texans shivered today in a cold snap which reached into all parts of the state.

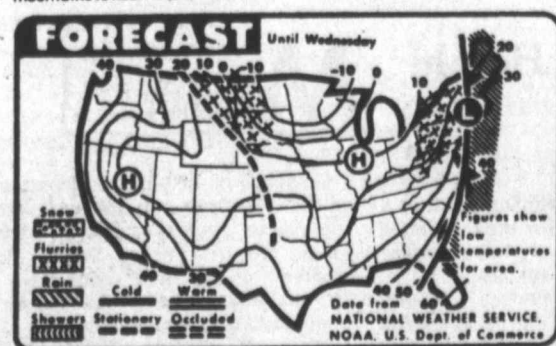
In the wake of a norther which raced across the state and into the Gulf of

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BIG SPRING	36	17
Amarillo	32	15
Chicago	31	7
Denver	36	23
Detroit	33	24
Fort Worth	53	28
Houston	64	38
Los Angeles	74	52
Miami	78	72
New Orleans	63	51
Richmond	51	44
St. Louis	60	7
San Francisco	64	52
Seattle	51	50
Washington, D.C.	47	41

Sun sets today at 5:41 p.m. Sun rises Wednesday at 7:35 a.m. Highest temperature this date 80 in 1964. Lowest 10 in 1927. Most precipitation .39 in 1960.

**FORECAST**  
WEST TEXAS: Fair through Wednesday with a warming trend most sections. Low tonight 23 to 28 except near 20 mountains and low 30s valleys of Big Bend. High Wednesday 55 to 65.

**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
WEST TEXAS: No precipitation expected Thursday through Saturday. Warmer Thursday. Turning cooler Friday and Saturday. Highs Thursday low 60s north to the mid 70s extreme southwest. Highs Friday and Saturday 50s north to the mid 60s south. Lows 20s Panhandle and mountains to near 40 south.



(AP WIREPHOTO)

**WEATHER FORECAST** — Rain is forecast today for Atlantic coast states. Snow flurries are expected inland from the Ohio Valley to the Northeast. Snow flurries are also expected in the northern Plains. Mild weather is expected along the Atlantic coast, cold weather for the Plains and seasonable temperatures elsewhere.

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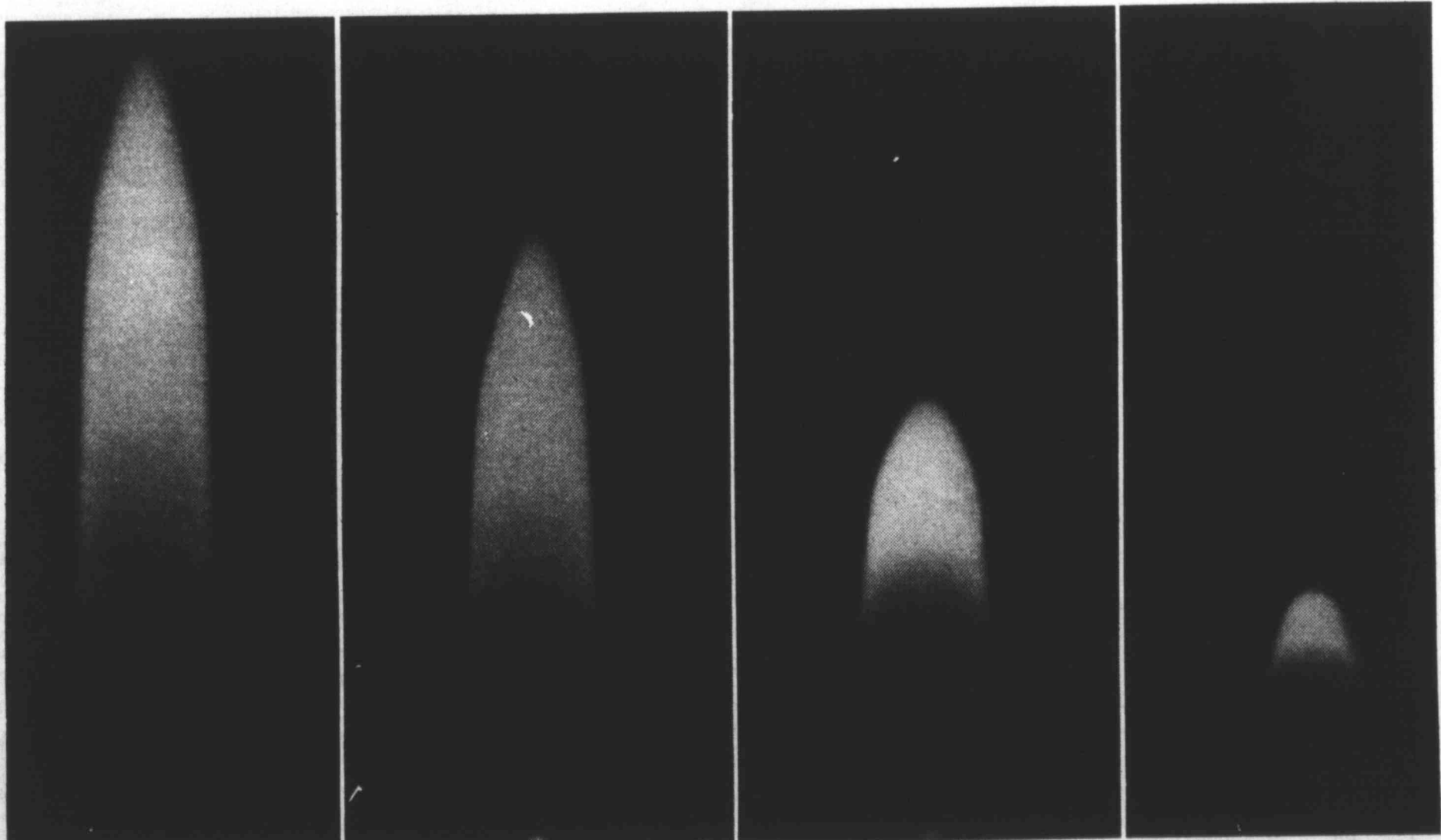
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# Exposure nets nerve damage?

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal health authorities say about 35 persons have inquired about taking medical examinations for possible nerve damage from exposure to a Galveston Bay chemical plant product.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) said Monday the 35 contacted a special office that opened here to schedule medical exams for present and past workers at the Velsicol Chemical Corp. plant.

The federal health agency said several workers at the plant may have suffered nerve damage while the pesticide leptophos, marketed only overseas under the name phosvel, was produced there between 1971 and late 1975.

NIOSH opened the office Monday to check on present and former Velsicol workers.

Harry Markel, a NIOSH industrial hygienist in charge of the special office, said medical exams probably will not get under way until the second week in January.

They will be conducted by a Houston hospital or clinic, yet to be chosen, under a NIOSH contract after testing procedures have been worked out, Markel said. He said the exams will be free.

Meanwhile, federal investigators reported finding a second warehouse storing Phosvel pesticide.

Ray Lozano of the regional Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said the new warehouse stockpile was found in southeast Houston.

Lozano said a warehouse supervisor confirmed the pesticide was there but did not know how much. He said the EPA would inspect the warehouse to make certain the pesticide is not escaping.

The EPA reported after a Friday inspection that pesticide drums in a Pasadena warehouse were in good shape and no hazard.

Velsicol officials have declined comment on the investigation except to say the company which has its home office in Chicago is cooperating. It also said the pesticide was never marketed in the United States and that the plant no longer is producing leptophos.



VA HOSPITAL GIFT SHOP OPENS — Patients Homer A. Phillips and Danny J. Kennedy select gifts for their families as dignitaries attending Monday's opening of the local VA Hospital's gift shop look on. Among those pictured, from the left, are C. G. McKinzie, Department Commander for the American Legion, Lubbock; Mrs. Verda Mae Wheeler, State Auxiliary Pres., Plainview; Mrs. Betty Wilhelm, Dept. Veteran Affairs, Nazareth; Ollie Branson, Dept. Veteran Affairs, Big Spring; Mrs. Webboline Dogget, chairwoman for the gift shop and VAVS representative, Big Spring; Mrs. Geraldine Schmidt, Dept. Poppy Chairman, Slaton, and Mrs. Charlotte Young, giftshop chairwoman, Crane. A tradition for the last 25 Christmas seasons, the gift shop provides patients at the hospital with tree gifts for their families from an inventory of items that would please the hardest of malcontents. (Photo By Danny Valdes)

# Wife of fired exec feared for his life

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Mrs. Bonnie Ashley, wife of fired Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. executive James Ashley, testified Monday that she feared for her husband's life because of threats made against him.

Mrs. Ashley's testimony came in state district court here where a \$4 million invasion of privacy suit is being heard.

The suit, filed by Ashley against Bell, contends Bell invaded his privacy by wiretapping his family telephone and turning over his phone billing records to Bell attorneys for use in another suit.

Ashley is also a co-plaintiff in a \$29 million libel and slander suit against Southwestern Bell. That case has yet to come to trial.

Mrs. Ashley testified she had feared for her husband's life ever since the \$29 million suit was filed more than two years ago against the telephone giant.

"I have feared for my husband's life because of the threats which were made to him," she said in court Monday.

Mrs. Ashley did not elaborate on what kind of threats were made on her husband.

Bell has "tried to destroy our marriage and everything we've had together," Mrs. Ashley said.

Mrs. Ashley also testified that her brother, Tom Croome, an El Paso contractor has been removed from a list of contractors allowed to bid on Southwestern Bell projects at El Paso.

"Bell is the most corrupt and powerful organization in the world," Mrs. Ashley said.

# 'Eye' plotted to rob police property room?

HOUSTON (AP) — A private investigator who once assisted Houston police officers in a wiretapping investigation, has been indicted on a charge of plotting to rob the Houston police property room.

J. L. Patterson, 45, now serving a five-year federal prison term after being convicted of possessing illegal electronic equipment, was named in the indictment returned Monday by a Harris County grand jury. The indictment accused him of criminal solicitation of aggravated robbery.

The indictment alleges Patterson solicited two private investigators in a plan for robbery of cash and other valuables in the police property room. The indictment alleged the plan called for the use of firearms and explosives.

Mike Hinton, of the district attorney's special crimes bureau, said the two private investigators cooperated fully in the probe which began Nov. 5.

Witnesses before the grand jury Monday included police detective Jerry Carpenter, assigned to the special crimes bureau, and Carroll M. Lynn, a former Houston police chief and now an assistant chief.

Investigators said alleged holdup plan called for explosives to be set off first as a diversion and also to cut an alarm system which protects the room. They said the alleged plans then called for a holdup of the reduced police guard at the room.

Investigators said more than \$350,000 in cash and other valuables are stored in the property room.

The solicitation allegedly occurred Nov. 8, investigators said, but no date was ever confirmed for the actual robbery.

When Lynn was police chief in 1974, Patterson assisted him in Lynn's probe of alleged wiretapping by police officers. Patterson also said the police chief's telephone was wiretapped.

Patterson was taken into custody by federal marshals at the Bexar County jail in San Antonio two weeks ago to begin a prison term on a conviction of possessing a "blue box," an electronic instrument which enables a caller to make illegally free long distance telephone calls.

Patterson acquitted on a charge of possessing morphine March 1st. His lawyers argued at his trial that he had been assisting police in a drug peddling operation investigation.

Bond of \$15,000 was set on the indictment returned Monday by the grand jury here.

# Military Pensions more costly than weapons systems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military pension system will be far more costly than major weapons systems such as the B1 bomber, according to Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis.

The pensions are far more lavish than those paid by private industry and will wind up adding \$300 million to the federal debt, Aspin said in a study released Sunday.

The average officer retiring today is a lieutenant colonel, age 46, who immediately begins drawing \$15,400 per year. The average retiring enlisted man is a platoon sergeant, age 42, who draws \$6,400 per year, Aspin said. Both pensions are indexed against inflation.

The result, Aspin said, is that in 12 years, government spending on military pensions has increased sevenfold, from \$1.2 billion to \$8.4 billion.

Aspin's study made several comparisons between military pensions and those generally available in the private sector.

A retiring officer with 20 years' service can expect pension payments equal to 44 per cent more than he or she made in those two decades, Aspin said.

Enlisted personnel can expect to collect retirement checks totaling 32 per cent more than the total earned on active duty.

Neither person would have paid into the retirement account, except through the same income taxes all pay. Both probably would be young enough to complete a second career and obtain a pension from that job, too.

At the same time, Aspin said, the pension checks for an average civilian worker retiring in his sixties probably would total 70 to 80 per cent less than what he made in the last two decades of work.

In addition, only 5 per cent of the private work force has normal retirement before age 65, while virtually all service men and women can get a pension before age 50, he said.

Moreover, Aspin said he found after several months research that in the private economy only 2.5 per cent of the workers with pension plans have retirement checks covered by clauses that increase the pension periodically to account for inflation.

"The numbers are complicated, but the message is simple," Aspin said. "The military pension scheme is not simply generous; it is lavish."

Aspin said he will sponsor legislation that will change the system so the checks do not start until the recipients are in their sixties.

# Captain graduates

SAN ANTONIO — Captain Richard G. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bradley of 3110 Crockett Ave., Snyder, has graduated from the T-38 Talon instructor pilot course at Randolph AFB.

Captain Bradley completed specialized flight familiarization and academic instruction which included aircraft engineering, flight planning and applied aerodynamics.

The captain is being assigned to Webb AFB, for duty with a unit of the Air Training Command.

A 1965 graduate of Snyder High School, he received his B.S. degree in 1970 from Texas Tech University and was commissioned later that year upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB.

The captain's wife, Sharon, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Steintert of Covington, Okla.

# Farm Ballots to be mailed

Ballots are to be mailed from the Howard County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service office Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The ballots must be postmarked by midnight, Dec. 17 to establish eligibility. Tim Hall reminds all persons eligible to vote.

A summary of the proposed amendment follows. Substantive provisions include:

- Beginning with the 1977 crop, the supplemental assessment shall be at the rate of four-tenths of one per cent of the value of cotton to be determined by the cotton board and the secretary. For example, the supplemental assessment would be \$1.20 per bale on a cotton value of 60 cents per pound.
- Beginning with the 1978 cotton crop, the cotton board, with the approval of the secretary, may increase or decrease the rate of the supplemental assessment as long as any increases do not result in the total supplemental assessment exceeding one per cent of the value of cotton as determined by the cotton board and the secretary.
- If the amendment to the order is approved in referendum, the secretary will prescribe by regulation whether the assessment rate shall be applied against (a) the current value of cotton, or (b) an average value determined from current and/or historical cotton prices and converted to a fixed amount for each bale.
- The secretary will be reimbursed for expenses up to \$200,000 for any referendum conducted under the act, and for expenses incurred for administrative and supervisory costs up to five employes annually.
- Other provisions of the order will remain unchanged. Any producer who does not care to support the research and promotion program may request and receive a refund of the \$1 per bale as well as the amount of his supplemental assessment.

In July 1976, the Cotton Research and Promotion Act was amended to provide for a supplemental producer assessment, in addition to the present \$1 per bale, and for the reimbursement of certain expenses incurred by the secretary of agriculture in administering the program. To make these provisions effective, the amendment to the research and promotion order must be approved by cotton producers in this referendum.

# Dawson's cotton count reaches 127,301 bales

LAMESA — The Dawson County cotton harvest showed 127,301 bales ginned or tagged so far this season.

During the past week, 35,000 bales of cotton were hauled into the gin yards. Farmers took full advantage of the weather to pursue the harvest as rapidly as possible.

A year ago, only 57,500 bales had been harvested. In 1974, the bad year for cotton farmers, there had been 13,101 ginned and in the big 1973 year, there was 177,600 at the same time.

Grades 32, 42 and 43 were predominant in classes at Lamesa last week. Grade 32 was 21 per cent, grade 42 accounted for 30 per cent and 43 claimed 14 per cent. Bark reduction accounted for 40 per cent of the samples classed.

Predominant lengths were staples 31, 31, 32 and 33. Staple 30 was 19 per cent, 31 was 37 per cent, 32 accounted for 26 per cent and staple 33 was 10 per cent.

# Draws duty at Dyess AFB

ABILENE — U.S. Air Force Sergeant David H. Hillger, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Hillger of Rt. 2, Garden City, has arrived for duty at Dyess AFB.

Sergeant Hillger, an inventory management specialist with a unit of the Strategic Air Command, previously served at Keflavik Naval Station, Iceland.

The sergeant is a 1960 graduate of Garden City High School. His wife, Nancy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hall of Rt. 2, Big Spring.

# Sergeant gets Vance duty

ENID, Okla. — U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant Ronald B. Rapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rapp of 65 S. Kimball St., Bradford, Mass., has arrived for duty at Vance AFB, Okla.

Sergeant Rapp, a special vehicle equipment supervisor with a unit of the Air Training Command, previously served at Webb AFB, Tex.

The sergeant attended Nashua (N.H.) High School. His wife, Norma, is the daughter of Mrs. Lavern Long of Stanton.

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## Cindy Taylor is honoree

Miss Cindy Taylor, bride-elect of Gerry Bohmfalk, was honored with a kitchen shower Saturday, Dec. 4 at the home of Mrs. R.V. Middleton.

Carnation corsages were presented to the bride-elect, her mother, Mrs. John L. Taylor, and her grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Stulting.

Refreshments were served from a table decorated with Christmas colors. Brass appointments were used.

Hostesses for the shower were Mrs. R.V. Middleton, Mrs. Charles Buckner, Mrs. Wesley Deats and Mrs. Don Green. The hostesses presented the bride-elect with a Mother Jane Cookbook.

Mrs. O.B. Cave, an aunt of Miss Taylor, was an out-of-town guest. The couple will be married Dec. 30 in the First Baptist Church by the Dr. Kenneth Patrick and Rev. Kevin Heyburn.



### Divide winnings between partners

DEAR ABBY: I hope you will take time to give me your opinion on a problem that involves two partners in a small business.

Partner A bought a \$100 ticket to a charity ball with company funds, a normal procedure. The day of the ball, partner A asked partner B if he would like to use the ticket. Partner B said no. Partner A offered it to others. No takers. At the last minute partner A decided to go himself.

The ticket was the winning number. It won \$4,000! Partner A insists the money is his. Partner B thinks it should be split 50-50. What do you think?

P.R.

DEAR P.R.: If partner A, with the knowledge and consent of partner B, invested company funds in an oil well, and it brought in a million-dollar gusher, wouldn't partner B be entitled to half the proceeds? The same principle applies.

DEAR ABBY: When I go to my doctor for my blood pressure checkup, he always checks my breasts for cancer as well. We both belong to the same country club. I wonder if he thinks he is doing me a favor, or if he is doing himself one.

As far as I know, there is no cancer in my family, and I read somewhere that people with high blood pressure don't usually have cancer.

Do you think I should change doctors?

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl who agreed to babysit for a neighbor. I know they don't have much money, so I charged only 50 cents an hour. Everything was fine until she went out the door and said, "I left a few dishes in the sink. Would you mind doing them up? We're bringing home company."

Well, I did up the dishes, and I really didn't mind. A few nights later, she said, "You know how to run a washing machine, don't you? Well, just throw in these towels and a few little odds and ends, will you?" Then she ran out the door. (I did three loads of laundry that evening.)

Now, it's become a regular thing. She always leaves the supper dishes in the sink for me to do, and I'm doing most of her laundry. Besides that, I have her three children to get supper for and put to bed. And all for 50 cents an hour. Is this fair? And how can I tell her I think she's taking advantage of me?

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(Photo by Candy Smith)

HOW TIME FLIES — Miss Cora Shaffer, wearing a birthday present from her nephew and his wife in Odessa Monday and several carnation corsages, celebrated her 103rd birthday Dec. 6 at the Mountain View Nursing Home.

### Baby shower surprises Billalba

A surprise baby shower honored Mrs. Laura Billalba Tuesday Nov. 20 in the Pioneer Gas Flame Room.

Hostesses were Misses Janet Porter, Cathy Webb, Ilena Valdes, Cynthia Abundez and sisters of the honoree, Sally Kitchen and Sharon Bickford.

Hostesses gave Mrs. Billalba a maple high chair. Crystal and silver appointments were used, served from a table covered with lace and centered with a stork. Ilena Valdes registered guests.



MRS. KENNETH RANDALL FLEMING

## Hare, Fleming exchange vows

Garla Jean Hare and Kenneth Randall Fleming exchanged marriage vows at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, before a candle lit altar in the Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Stone of Centenary College, Shreveport.

Mrs. Fleming is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Garland Hare of Shreveport, and Fleming is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sherman Fleming of Tulsa, Okla.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory peau de soie designed with wide V-neckline and full Bishop sleeves. Re-embroidered Alencon lace formed the fitted high rise bodice and also at the hem by a tiny band of the lace, creating a scalloped border. Back fullness, falling from the waist, swept into a chapel-length train. Her walking length veil of imported silk illusion was held by a demi cap of matching lace, while the handsome lace completely bordered the illusion. Her bouquet was a cascade of white roses, stephanotis and baby's breath.

Serving the bride as her matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Donald Durrett. Miss Disa Helgason was her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Thomas Hare, sister-in-law of the bride, Miss Susan Fleming, sister of the groom, Miss Diane Asher and Miss Cheryl Bland. The attendants wore floor-length gowns of burgundy jersey designed with oval necklines and Bishop sleeves.

Kelly Leggett was best man and groomsmen were Fred Baumeister, Royce Meyers, Richard Potter, Rob Trout and Roy Neighbors. The groomsmen served as ushers.

Jennifer Hare, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Christopher Hare, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the University Club of Tulsa. After a short wedding trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, the couple will be at home in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Grandparents of the bride are the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Brown and the late Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant Walter Hare.

Grandparents of the groom are Mrs. Edna Carpenter, San Antonio; H. D. Carpenter, New Braunfels; and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sherman Fleming, Sr., San Antonio. Great-grandmother is Mrs. H.G. Steen, Sequine. The bride is the niece of Mr. Bob Merrick and Mrs. Jack Murdock, Big Spring.

## Cora Shaffer celebrates 103rd year

By CANDY SMITH — What's a birthday when you're 103? No big deal, says Cora Shaffer. "Here I am, I always worked though," she said as an afterthought. "Don't ever retire unless you have to."

Miss Shaffer, who was born Dec. 6, 1873 in Pennsylvania, celebrated her 103rd birthday along with other residents of the Mountain View Nursing Home. This month's birthdays included Alice Riggs, 86, Isla Davis, 90, Kathleen Menard, 71, Effie Stephens, 87, Willie Mae Dabney, 85, J. W. Kerr, 48 and Ella Gill, 81.

The only living family Miss Shaffer has now is a nephew and his family in Odessa. Both brothers, one older and one younger, were 83 years old when they died. Cora was the second child.

Though she never married, it wasn't for lack of proposals. She still wears the ring given to her by the man who asked to marry her when she was 18 years old.

"He was poor. I was poor. We didn't have a nickel, you know. My mother was 22 when she married and always said she should have been 32. She was very much against early marriages. Also, my mother said I was too much like my grandmother, who had 15 children. Ten boys and five girls."

"Well, then I got into the business world selling dresses and coats. I'm not sorry I never got married. A lot of old people worry about their children. I don't have any to worry about."

Friends had brought a large arrangement of flowers used to decorate a wedding over the weekend and had left them in her room. When Miss Shaffer returned from her party to her room and was told where the flowers had come from, she grinned and said, "Well, I don't think we'll have any weddings here."

Her last proposal for marriage was made to her when she was 79 years old.

She didn't accept it then, either. Since a bout with pneumonia last October, she hasn't gotten around quite as well as she used to, but seems happy that her health is as good as it is.

"My hearing is bad but my eyesight is good and I think my mind is alert. I can get myself pretty well dressed," she said. "If I could just walk," she added.

There's no doubt her mind is still sharp. She recited three long poems and the 23rd psalm to guests in her room before her birthday party ended.

"If anyone had ever told me, even ten years ago, that I'd live to be 103, I would have thought something was wrong with them," she laughed.

There isn't just a whole lot to do when you reach 103. "You don't want to be this old," she told a friend. "All you can do is eat, sleep and sit."

"When I can't sleep," she said, "I say my poems."

"Agnes (Currie) says that the good Lord'll take me when he's ready, and that's what I believe."

"Yes, though I walk through the shadow of death, I will fear no evil," she quoted. "I believe his goodness and mercy has followed me. It's been a lovely day."

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## Soap opera stars sing Wednesday

LOS ANGELES (AP) — On Wednesday afternoon, four CBS soap opera stars are forsaking tears for tunes in a musical special CBS calls "After Hours: From Janice, John, Mary and Michael, with Love."

What a title. It runs almost as long as the show, which stars Janice Lynde and John McCook of "The Young and the Restless," and Michael Nouri and Mary Stuart of "Search for Tomorrow."

The idea of the opus, which may lead to a series of similar specials with other CBS daytime stars, is to give the performers a chance to show they can do more than look grim between commercials.

This is a fine idea, as many numbers in soap operadom have legitimate stage backgrounds, have appeared in stage musicals and can sing and do a bit of hoofing when the occasion demands.

Alas, in Wednesday's "After Hours" the ladies and gents, respectively decked out in evening. Towns and tuxedos, don't often rise to the occasion. They are competent, but not very rousing.

True, they commence on a promising note — make that notes — when they open the show by doing a tune in four-part harmony. They sound a bit like the Modernaires of radio days, a very good crew indeed.

It hints of nifty musical things to come. But after solo turns in which McCook, Nouri, Miss Lynde and Miss Stuart musically explain their backgrounds, a slide to dull begins.

It doesn't halt when they pause for a question session with a friendly audience. The questions concern Nouri's age, what prompted Miss Lynde to be an actress, whether McCook's life is akin to that of the character he plays, and how long Miss Stuart — a star of her soap opera ever since it began in 1951 — has been in show biz.

Later, Miss Lynde, an attractive brunette, has a go at "Silly Love Songs." McCook, tall, dark and possessive matinee-idol profile, plays piano and sings "I Write the Songs," backed by a full orchestra.



T.A. THIGPEN

## Named director

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Thomas A. Thigpen Jr. has been named Director of Procurement for Midrex Corporation, according to J.P. LaTorre, vice president, Engineering and Operations.

In his new position, Thigpen will be responsible for directing, administering and coordinating all phases of procurement activities for worldwide projects utilizing the MIDREX Direct Reduction Process including purchasing, expediting, inspection and traffic.

A native of Big Spring, Tex., Thigpen joined Midrex in June, 1975, as Director of Management Information Systems. For nine years prior to joining Midrex, he was employed by Fluor Corporation, a major engineering and construction firm. His most recent assignment was in their corporate offices in Los Angeles as Manager of Corporate Systems and Programming. Before that, he had worked for Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, Okla.

Thigpen received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Texas. He is a registered professional engineer in the State of Texas.

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It's difficult to name all of the Christmas items that they have on hand. And they held their holiday open house last Sunday.

My suggestion is to go out and look around. Doris won't

care if you browse around a little bit. And while you're there, check out the trees.

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## Midland pilot, wife plane crash victims

SAN ANGELO, Tex. (AP) — The operator of a Midland flying service and his wife died when their light plane crashed north of San Angelo in West Texas Sunday.

The wreckage of the plane was not found until late Monday on a ranch about 20 miles north of San Angelo in Coke County.

Authorities said Pauline Price Luckie was dead at the scene of the crash, and Everett Luckie, a retired U.S. Air Force officer who owned Luckie Air flying Service at Midland, was dead on arrival at a San Angelo hospital Monday night. They were residents of Odessa.



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LOADED MUZZLE — Phez, a month-old ferret, gives Candy, an eleven-year-old West Highland terrier something to think about as she bares her fang while peering from a tube. Phez is owned by Master Andrew of Doncaster, England.

## 'Clear cutting' draws fire

TYLER, Tex. (AP) — "Clear cutting" was described in federal court here Monday by one of six witnesses who testified against it as the U.S. Forest Service's "meat ax" approach to forestry land management.

The hearing, to determine whether the U.S. Forest Service will be permanently enjoined from "clear cutting" its National Forest acreage in Texas, is expected by court observers to last at least a week. It will resume today.

The service has been temporarily stopped from "clear cutting" by an order issued July 23 by U.S. District Court Judge William Wayne Justice. The judge took the action after a suit was filed by the Texas Committee on Natural Resources against former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz and Forest Service officials.

Testimony Monday came from two expert witnesses and from four persons who live in the area of the forests included in the injunction. One of the experts was Charles Stoddard, director of

the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

Stoddard, who said he lost

his post after seeking to examine alternatives to "clear cutting" on bureau lands, addressed most of his comments to alleged Forest Service violations of the federal Multiple Use Act.

## Scout banquet speaker former war prisoner

The annual Boy Scout Lone Star District banquet, at which leaders in the Scout program will be honored, will take place in the Howard County Student Union Building starting at 7 p.m., Thursday.

Sam Hunnicutt, chairman of the Lone Star District, has announced that the chief speaker of the evening will be Capt. Jack M. Butcher, a former prisoner of war, currently assigned as a T-37 flight instructor in the 3389th Flying Training Squadron at Webb AFB.

J. Arnold Marshall will serve as emcee of the program.

Tickets for the event will sell for \$2.50 each and can be purchased at the door.

Among those who plan to attend the event is Steve Odum of Midland, district scout executive.

Butcher was born, April 12, 1946, and raised in Western Springs, Ill.

He completed Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, Ill. In 1969, he graduated from the University of Michigan, receiving a bachelor of science degree in Aerospace Engineering and a commission in the Air Force through the ROTC program. He attended pilot training at Webb AFB, receiving his wings in June 1970. He then trained in the OV-10 as a forward air controller. Upon finishing his training, he was stationed at DaNang Air Base, Republic of South Vietnam, starting in February 1971.

On March 24, 1971, Butcher was shot down while flying over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. Due to injuries suffered in the aircraft before ejection, Captain Butcher was unable to evade on the ground and was quickly captured by the North Vietnamese. After a few days of traveling, he was taken to a camp where he stayed for six weeks. During this period, he was allowed to rest and receive medical aid until he was well enough to travel to North Vietnam. While traveling to Hanoi, Butcher managed to escape. He evaded and attempted to initiate his own rescue for ten days until being recaptured by North Vietnamese while searching for food. He was then taken to Hanoi, where he stayed until his release on March 28, 1973.

## Bell files final brief

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — The Public Utilities Commission said Monday it will meet Dec. 13 to discuss its final order in Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.'s application for a \$298.3 million rate increase.

The order will be prepared later based on decisions reached at the meeting, a PUC spokeswoman said.

Bell filed its final brief in the case Monday, a 151-page document, plus 18 pages of appendices.

Bell attacked testimony by PUC analyst Caroline Smith as based on "number manipulations" and founded on "shaky and invalid assumptions." Dr. Smith moved "from unsupported assumptions to preconceived conclusions," Bell said.

## Pay doubled, work week cut

BEAUMONT, Tex. (AP) — Beaumont firemen obtained a new contract Monday through a jury award that will reduce their work week by 16 hours and more than double their starting hourly wage from \$3.39 to \$6.94.

Beaumont voters had, under state law, given the firemen the right to bargain collectively with the city, and the International Association of Firefighters Local 399 filed the suit seeking a court-specified contract after talks deadlocked in September.

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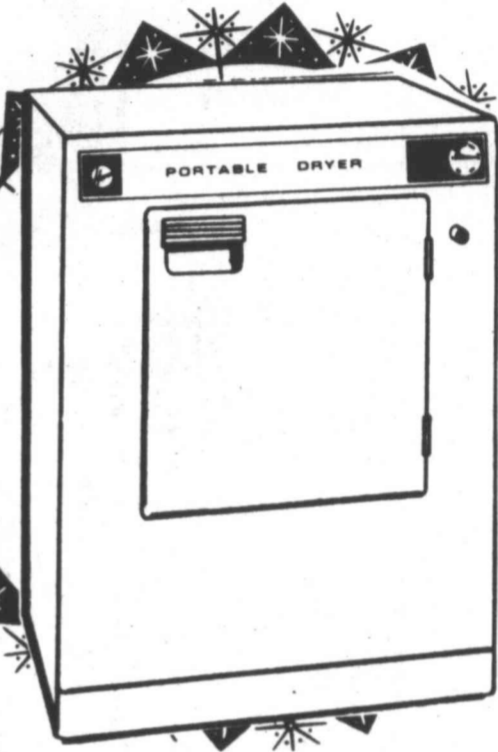
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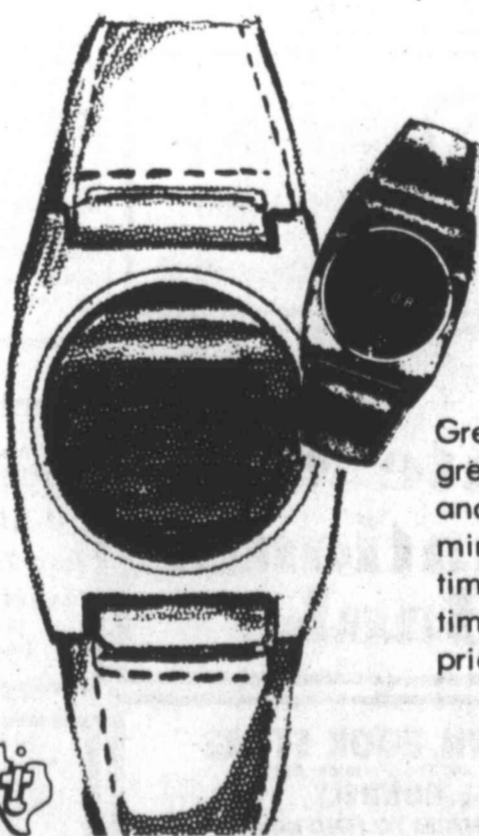
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By Danny Reagan

## Heart-pounding

It only took three seconds to lose, but in the wild and woolly Western Junior College Conference this year, that's plenty.

The Howard College Hawks saw a six-point lead dwindle in the last two minutes of play, and with 16 seconds remaining, Lowell Walker put up his only miss from the free-throw line all night with the score tied, and Midland's Tim Nickerson hit his only score of the night with three ticks left on the clock to down the locals 82-80.

"We played our best game we've played all year," said Hawk coach Harold Wilder. "We did a super job on their inside people, and held their top man, Hudgins, to only four points."

Wilder also extolled the play of sophomore center Paul Cathey, who scored 16 points and brought down 14 caroms.

**HOWARD COLLEGE** — Paul Cathey 5-6-2-16; Eugene Williams 2-2-4-6; Lowell Walker 4-4-3-12; Reggie Leffall 5-6-2-10; Mike Little 6-8-4-20; Marc Meyers 3-0-1-6; Joe Cooper 4-2-4-10; **TEAM** 29-22-28.

**Midland** — Hudgins 1-2-5-4; Mayer 6-5-2-17; Jackson 8-2-5-18; Parks 11-7-5-29; Stamp 1-0-4-2; Jackson 3-4-1-10; Nickerson 1-0-1-2; **TEAM** 31-20-23-82.

Wilder indicated that with all the conference teams practically equal in talent this year, the team that wins the close games will find itself out in front.

The rest of the conference action last night again illustrated the accuracy of those words. Western Texas and South Plains, both pre-conference super powers and favorites are still without a win, in addition to perennial power Howard College.

New Mexico Junior College nipped Western Texas 82-81, Odessa College slipped by New Mexico Military Institute 53-51, and surprising Clarendon bombed South Plains 90-75.

## Queens win again

The Howard College Hawk Queens found the winning ways again in grand style. Led by Tammy Edwards with 20 points and Linda Batla with 18, the Queens crowned Eastern New Mexico University 74-54.

The locals record now stands at 7-5, and they will entertain Odessa College Thursday at 6 p.m. in Hawk Gym prior to the Hawk game.

**QUEENS** — Joanna Sawyer 4-0-8; Trina Bayes 1-1-3; Virginia Whaley 2-3-7; Tammy Edwards 7-6-20; Deirdre Tucker 4-0-8; Marylynn Rich 0-2-2; Linda Batla 9-0-18; Debroah Meyer 2-0-4; Carla Faubion 1-2-4; **TEAM** 30-14-74.

**ENMU** — Torres 6-0-12; Foote 4-2-10; Read 4-1-9; Shaw 6-0-12; Morris 3-0-6; Hunker 0-1-1; Beyer 0-4-4; **TEAM** 23-8-54.

## Brewers improve mixture

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers, who stood pat last year, aren't making the same mistake this time.

"You'll need a scorecard to identify our club," said Manager Alex Grammas Tuesday after the Brewers were involved in two key deals at baseball's winter meetings. Last season was Grammas' first as Milwaukee manager and the club finished last in the American League East with a 66-95 record, 32 games behind the first place New York Yankees.

The Brewers haven't had a winning club since the American League franchise was placed in Milwaukee in 1970. General Manager Jim Baumer took the first step toward changing that recently by signing veteran free agent third baseman Sal Bando, formerly of the Oakland A's.

On Tuesday, the Brewers acquired first baseman Cecil Cooper from the Boston Red Sox for first baseman George Scott and outfielder Bernie Carbo; and landed outfielder Jim Wohlford, infielder Jamie Quirk and a player to be named later from the Kansas City Royals for catcher Darrell Porter and pitcher Jim Colborn.

In another move, the Brewers picked up reserve catcher Larry Haney from the Oakland A's on waivers.

All told, six deals between major league clubs — all American — were completed Tuesday involving 14 players.

And the Philadelphia Phillies announced the signing of infielder Richie Hebner, one of their picks in the free agent reentry draft. Hebner is the 19th free agent to sign since

## Ali still 'through'

**Norton vs Bobick**

NEW YORK (AP) — Duane Bobick and Ken Norton will fight a 12-round heavyweight elimination bout in Madison Square Garden between Feb. 15 and March 2, while champion Muhammad Ali says: "One hundred million dollars can't get me back into the ring!"

By telephone hookup from Louisville, Ali told a Bobick-Norton news conference today he is indeed through with fighting. He also suggested that the winner of the Bobick-Norton fight meet George Foreman to find his successor.

"I'm through with boxing now," said Ali from his hometown, where he is filming his life story. "I've done everything I can. I'm just too great to hang around and end up on my back."

The Garden said Ali had signed a contract to fight Bobick before the champion changed his mind and decided to continue the retirement that he announced in Turkey Oct. 1. Norton had agreed to step out of a signed bout with Bobick to allow the unbeaten white heavyweight to fight Ali.

But Ali denied he had signed to fight Bobick. "I said I would consider it, but I didn't sign a contract," he said.

## Other roundball action

—In Ackerly, Sands High School varsity, now 11-1 on the season, dominated the Big Spring Sophs 75-40, and dropped the locals to 4-2 on the year.

Gary Webb led Sands with 23 points, and Ysa Rubio popped in 20 for Big Spring.

—Sweetwater drowned Colorado City 70-41 and raised its record to 6-2 on the year. Aubrey Todd led the Mustangs with 19 points, while Frank Sanchez had 12 for Colorado City.

—Forsan Junior High split a pair of games with Greenwood, winning the girls' game 42-24, and losing the boys' contest 21-59.

Monica Dyess had 20 points for the Forsan girls, while Todd Underwood led the boys with nine points.

## Tonight's schedule

The Big Spring Steers put their fine season record on the line tonight when they travel to Lamesa to do battle with the very tall Golden Tors.

Other action on the hardwoods tonight include:

—Bronco goes to Sands for an "A" and "B" contest beginning at 6:30.

—The Stanton Buffs will host the Colorado City Wolfpack for "A" and "B" boys match-up, starting at 6 p.m.

—The Coahoma varsity, winners of the Forsan tourney this past weekend, entertain Greenwood at 8 p.m. in Bulldog Gym.

—Both Garden City girls squads will host Iraan this afternoon beginning at 5 p.m.

## Final contest winners

In the final week of the Herald Football Contest, two people tied for top spot. Mrs. Ina N. Stocks and Orban Templeton, both of Big Spring, will each get \$10 for their winning prognostications.

Ricky Hewitty, of Lenorah, garnered \$5 bucks for third place.

## Quote for the day

"In addition to the many fine geometrical equations I still have left over from football season, I have some tickets to the Dec. 9 Football and Volleyball banquet to be held in the BSHS cafeteria at 7:30. My hero, Coach Faey O'Dell will be the guest speaker." — Don Green



SNOW WAY! — The Runnels Jr. High girls' track team, (with a little help from their friends,) jogs its way up 10th street Monday afternoon during a very brief snowfall. The team is coached by Jane Upton, and would probably not be dissuaded to run due to rain, hail, sleet, or the gloom of night.

## Ready for anyone Raiders inspired

OAKLAND (AP) — Ken Stabler and the Oakland Raiders: did their part, making believers and losers of the Cincinnati Bengals.

The rest is up to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"It's getting close to playoff time, and we're inspired," Stabler said Monday night after his four touchdown passes, complemented by 228 yards from his running backs, carried the Raiders to a 35-20 National Football League victory over the Bengals.

There had been talk, some of it by the Steelers, that because the Raiders already were assured of a playoff berth, they would not be emotionally up for the Bengals.

"That talk was stupid last

week and it's stupid now," said Raiders Coach John Madden. "This was a very meaningful game for us. We've been improving every week and we got a chance to measure our improvement against a top team."

The Steelers, defending Super Bowl champions, got the assist they so desperately needed. By winning, the Bengals would have been in position to clinch the American Football Conference Central title next weekend and deprive the Steelers of an opportunity to win a third consecutive NFL crown.

Now the Steelers, 9-4, are tied with Cincinnati and Cleveland for the division lead and can claim the playoff berth by beating Houston Saturday.

The Steelers and 52,430 Oakland Coliseum fans had plenty to cheer about in the Raiders' ninth consecutive victory, which made their record 12-1 and assured them of the home field advantage in all playoff games.

Stabler hit on 16 of 20 passes for 217 yards. His first two touchdown strikes went



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## UH Cougars upset 100-85

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Despite 36 points by Houston's Otis Birdsong, the University of San Francisco dominated the boards and had three players combine for 72 points as the unbeaten Dons defeated Houston 100-85 in a college basketball game Monday night.

Forward Marlon Redmond led the Dons' attack with 28 points. Teammates James Hardy and Winford Boynes each scored 22, and center Bill Cartwright added 11 more as San Francisco, No. 10 ranked in the nation, remained unbeaten in six games this year.

USF led at halftime 50-42, and both teams shot a torrid 62 per cent from the floor after the intermission.

San Francisco had a big edge in rebounds and free throws and that made the difference. The Dons out rebounded Houston 43-26, and sank 14 of 17 free throws compared to the Cougars' three of eight.

Hardy, a 6-foot-8 forward, grabbed 16 rebounds, Cartwright 11 and Redmond had eight.

Birdsong, a guard, sank 17 of 22 shots from the floor and two of three free throws for the game-high 36 points.

The loss was the first for Houston, now 3-1.

## BULLETIN

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) — Regent chairman Allan Shivers of the University of Texas says Darrell Royal has recommended defensive coach Mike Campbell as his successor, and Campbell will "have a top priority consideration."

A meeting of the regents is scheduled for Friday, and there was speculation that the No. 1 candidate might be presented at that time.

Royal quit as coach Saturday night after 20 years. He kept his job as athletic director.

Shivers, chairman of the seven-member search committee, said, "I'd say there would be as many as a half-dozen prospects who might be interviewed, although not necessarily by the entire committee."

Campbell, 54, turned down the head coach's job at Baylor in 1968 and has been an assistant to Royal for 21 years. He played college football at Mississippi.

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## Stabler — 'best'

OAKLAND (AP) — Ken Stabler and the Oakland Raiders, already assured of a spot in the National Football League playoffs, made sure Monday night they're going in with the respect they deserve.

Just ask the Cincinnati Bengals.

"I just didn't believe they could move the football with the consistency they did," Cincinnati Coach Bill Johnson said after Oakland's 35-20 victory virtually killed the Bengals' hopes of reaching the playoffs.

"Stabler is without a doubt the best quarterback in professional football," Johnson added.

Stabler passed for 217 yards and four touchdowns, raising his touchdown-passing total to a league-high 27, while the Oakland running attack added 228 yards as the Raiders reeled off their ninth straight victory.

It made their record 12-1, the best in the NFL, and assured them of the home-field edge in the American Conference playoffs.

A loss by Oakland would have left the defending Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh

Steelers one game behind Cincinnati in the AFC's Central Division race and one step from being frozen out of the playoffs.

Instead, they hold the upper hand in a three-way tie with Cincinnati and the Cleveland Browns, all of them at 9-4 with one game to go. The Steelers need only a victory over Houston next Saturday to claim the division title and playoff spot.



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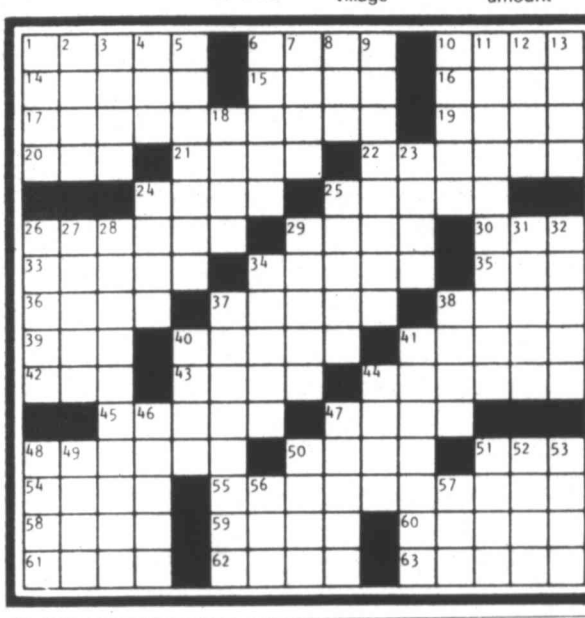
(AP WIREPHOTO)

**SMILES NOW, PUNCHES LATER** — Unbeaten heavyweight boxer Duane Bobick, right, laughs along with fellow heavyweight Ken Norton Monday at Madison Square Garden in New York. The fighters have agreed to meet in a 12-round elimination bout at the Garden sometime between Feb. 15 and March 2. The fight could be significant in determining a replacement for Muhammad Ali, the current world heavyweight champion who reconfirmed Monday he has retired from boxing.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make necessary that will make your work easier in your line of endeavor. A plan you have in mind needs more study before making a decision.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Come to a better understanding with an associate. Don't take any chances where your credit is concerned.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Study practical affairs and use knowledge acquired in the past to handle them well. Be careful of one who has ulterior motives.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) Contact those who can give you important data you need. Make plans to have greater abundance in the future.

**LEO** (July 22 to Aug. 21) Concentrate on how to gain your personal aims. Your mate can be more cooperative if you are willing to handle little tasks.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) If you help friends with their problems you can gain more cooperation and goodwill from them. Avoid a troublemaker.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take part in more community activities and gain added respect. Don't neglect credit affairs that are pressing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Discuss with newcomers how you can work together toward gaining mutual goals. Try a new tack with an old problem and it is easily solved.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Use your hunches more and improve both business and personal affairs now. Your mate can be of great help to you now.

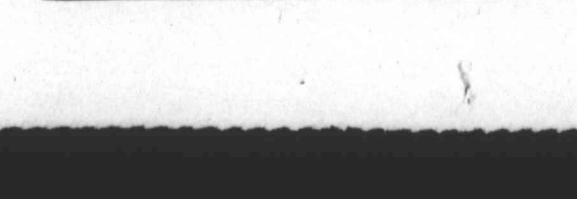
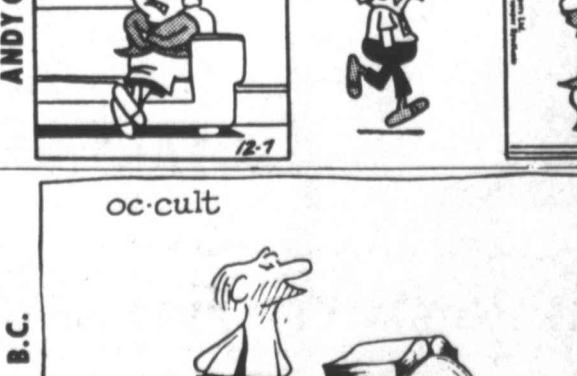
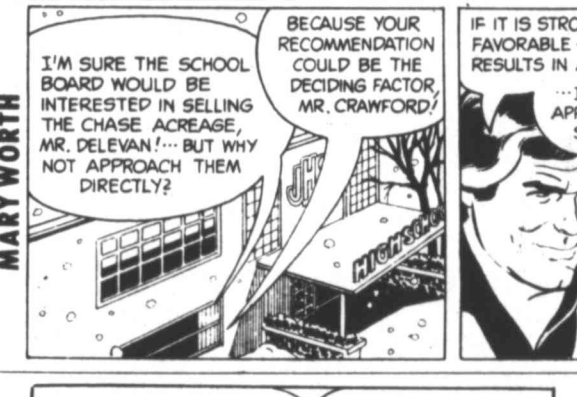
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Try to comprehend better what associates expect of you and cooperate more with them for greater success. Relax tonight.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Engage in amusement that really appeals to you and have a delightful time. Situations arise that point to advancement.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Engage in creative activities that can bring more success into your life now. Show increased devotion to loved one.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY...** he or she will be most romantically inclined and a wonderful marriage can result provided a martyr attitude is avoided. The field of business and selling is fine here. Give as fine an education as you can afford. Don't neglect ethical training.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to YOU!



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