



BABY'S BIG DAY — Master Peter Mark Andrew Phillips breaks into a half-smile, as he is held by his mother, Britain's Princess Anne, in the White Drawing Room of Buckingham Palace in London today. It was the nearest Master Phillips came to smiling throughout the photo session and preceding Christening.

TP&L asks for rate increase

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Power & Light Co. has asked for a \$118 million a year rate increase but claims customers will benefit next year when TP&L converts more of its electrical generating facilities from natural gas to lignite.

The 18.4 percent average rate increase proposal was filed Wednesday with the public utility commission, which granted TP&L a \$58.2 million rate increase last April.

President Bill Campbell said the proposed rate increase would raise the bill of a residential customer using 11,102 kilowatt hours of electricity a year by about \$8.88 a month.

Campbell said in a statement, however, "Our customers will see increased benefits of this conversion program in 1978 when Texas Power & Light becomes one of only a few electric utility companies in the country with a declining fuel charge per kilowatt hour to its customers."

He said TP&L is generating 35 percent of its electricity with lignite, but that figure will go up to more

than 54 percent in 1978, when two new lignite-fired generating units go into operation.

TP&L serves approximately 615,000 customers in 51 counties of Central, North and East Texas.

The rate increase proposal varies for different classes of customers, Campbell noted, with the company asking for a 25.4 percent increase for residential customers, 23.4 percent for commercial and 14.9 percent for industry.

Campbell said the \$58.2 million increase was not nearly enough to meet financial requirements through mid-1979. TP&L sought \$165 million.

"We have no choice," Campbell said, "but to seek additional rate relief if we are to continue our present construction schedule, converting from gas to lignite and nuclear. Present rates will not properly support that program. This requested increase should provide the needed support into 1980."

The McLennan County Consumers Association already has protested TP&L's rates and asked for a public audit of the charges.

The association said TP&L's charges rose from \$11 million in July to \$37.9 million in September.

Lane Denton, a former state representative who is running for Congress, said last month, "We want to know whether TP&L paid higher rates for natural gas to its own affiliates rather than buy gas for less on the open market."

Denton is president of the association.

Farm Wheat production forecast

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department will be analyzing new information on potential 1978 wheat production to determine whether farmers may be cutting back to help slow down the rising grain surplus.

A report late today will show how many acres of wheat farmers planted this fall for harvest next summer. Winter wheat accounts for about three-fourths of the total U.S. wheat production.

Based on surveys made Dec. 1, the report also will

include the department's first production forecast for the 1978 winter wheat harvest. But experts caution that it will be highly tentative because the crop, now mostly dormant for the winter, still has about six months before being harvested.

Although weather is the most important factor, there are others to consider, including the government's 1978 wheat acreage set-aside program and the possible effect of protests by American Agriculture, the Colorado-based group which called a nationwide farm strike as of Dec. 14.

The new figures, however, could be altered significantly by next spring when farmers have to adjust their acreages remaining for harvest if they choose to participate in the set-aside program.

Agency isn't snooping into strike activities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department says it isn't snooping into the strike activities of farmers, but Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., is not convinced.

Dole told Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland again Wednesday that he keeps getting reports that local offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service have been instructed to watch strike activities and report them to Washington.

"In Kansas, the state ASCS office was requested by USDA to keep Washington abreast of the farm strike situation and to report unusual activity, such as violence, picketing and striking at elevators, processing plants, etc.," Dole said in a letter to Bergland.

Thomas R. Sand, an aide to Bergland, said that if Dole "has specific counties where there is a problem, he should inform the department" because those activities were neither requested nor authorized by the secretary of agriculture or the ASCS here.

But Ray Fitzgerald, head of the big farm agency which reaches into virtually every county, replied that field offices were told only to report activities which threatened to interrupt their normal office procedures. No names or other information were sought, he said.

Dole said that in the past the agency has gathered information about crop conditions, box car shortages, fuel and fertilization shortages and crop disasters.

"Information of this type is entirely different from reporting on the activities of a farm organization," he said.

The nationwide strike called by American Agriculture on Dec. 14 is aimed at getting higher prices for wheat, corn and other farm commodities. The Colorado-based movement includes Kansas among its strongest areas of support.

Dole initially sent a telegram to Bergland last week indicating that he had been informed by a number of farmers that state and local ASCS offices were collecting names, place and dates relating to the strike and sending them to the secretary.

It calls for farmers to reduce 1978 wheat acreages from this year's harvest in order to qualify for full benefits under the government's price support system.

Further, the program will require participating farmers to set aside from crop production land equal to 20 percent of the wheat they do have for 1978 in order to qualify.

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Med school data filed

Proposals for the site of a regional academic health center to be developed by Texas Tech University School of Medicine were received Dec. 20 from the cities of Big Spring, Odessa, Midland and Andrews. The center will be developed as a site for a future medical education program.

Review of the proposals is being conducted by the medical school staff and will continue after the holidays, according to Richard A. Lockwood, M.D., vice president for the Health Sciences Centers.

Comprehensiveness of the written proposals indicate no necessity for the oral meeting that had been tentatively scheduled for early January. The decision on the next step to be taken in site selection will be made after reviews are complete, Lockwood concluded.

Buildings for the medical school will be located in one of the cities, although education programs will be developed in several Permian Basin cities.

Grisly details of 'bag murders'

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Patrick Wayne Kearney, sentenced to life imprisonment after pleading guilty to three "trash bag murders," said the killings helped vent his frustrations and gave him feelings of power.

Grisly details of the slayings, some included in interviews with two doctors, were released Wednesday when a gag order was lifted after Kearney's sentencing.

Prosecutors also disclosed that Kearney at least twice came close to getting caught with victims in his car. Once he locked himself out of the car and jimmied the lock with a coat hanger. A second time, he had a flat tire and had his car towed to a gas station for repairs.

roommate, David Hill, 34, who was arrested with Kearney but not indicted, neither was involved in nor aware of the killings.

Quoting from previously confidential reports, the Riverside Press-Enterprise today published a story revealing that Kearney told doctors how the murders eased his frustrations and made him feel powerful.

Kearney was sentenced for the first-degree murders of Albert Rivera, 21, of Los Angeles; Arturo Marquez 24, of Oxnard, and John LaMay, 17, of El Segundo. Superior Court Judge John Hewes imposed the life term after Kearney requested immediate sentencing.

Kearney, 37, was arrested last July. The killings, linked to homosexual activities, were termed the "trash bag murders" because many of the 15 victims were found dumped along highways in large plastic trash bags.

Authorities have said Kearney may be linked to as many as 28 slayings.

Kearney declined to comment Wednesday on what led to the slayings for which he was sentenced, saying: "I can't allow myself to think about it much. It's too painful."

He said his former

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at Marfa in the West Texas mountains and Lufkin in East Texas. Readings elsewhere ranged up to 38 in Brownsville at the mouth of the Rio Grande and Abilene and Lubbock in West Texas.

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Weather Mercury plunges to 18 at Marfa

By the Associated Press

Texans shivered in frosty weather from the Panhandle to the Gulf of Mexico early today, and a sharp chill knifed deep into the semitropical Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Winds switched around to the southwest in West Texas, however, as a warmup was promised in all sections.

Temperatures near dawn dipped to 18 degrees

Target payments, disaster payments

"Cotton farmers will be eligible for 100 percent of their disaster payments," even if they fail to cut back 20 percent on acreage next year," Tim Hall of the local office of Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service said here Wednesday.

The percentage cutback will be in target payments for those who do not voluntarily cut back production. The program states that the target payments will have minimum price of 52 cents per pound of cotton.

However, later directives point out that this can fluctuate eight cents and the fluctuation can be downward, so actually it can go as low as 44 cents.

The farmers who do not cut back on planting would

Farm markets

NEW YORK (AP) — Cotton futures No. 2 were mostly higher in midday dealings today.

The average price for strict low middling 1 1/8 inch spot cotton declined 34 points to 48.78 cents a pound Wednesday for the ten leading markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were 5 cents a bale lower to 65 cents higher than the previous close. Mar 52.83, May 53.46, Jul 54.50.

Tip trips teen nude dancer

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The 15-year-old girl should have been spending her days as a high school sophomore and her evenings studying for classes or going on dates.

Instead, she has been earning more than \$500 a month dancing nude at an X-rated night club.

Police took the youngster to the county juvenile home Wednesday, and she faces a preliminary hearing today on whether to keep her in custody of youth authorities.

Youth Services Sgt. C.E. Wood said he was tipped to the girl's "career" by a former classmate who called police anonymously to say, "She shouldn't be in a place like that."

The club features what it calls the "hottest adult show in town," included X-rated movies.

The girl had moved out of her mother's home and into an apartment in South Austin.

Police reports said a check stub in her purse indicated she had earned \$2,733 since going to work at the club in August.

The club manager told police the girl had stated on her job application that she was 18.

FORECAST Unit: Friday

Figures show low temperatures. Highs shown in 30s except 20s mountains. High Friday 58 to 72 except upper 70s Big Bend lowlands.

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Storms delaying mail

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bad weather in parts of the country is frustrating postal officials trying to get all Christmas mail delivered by Sunday.

"For mail that is in the system now, whether we get it delivered by Christmas Day depends in part on the weather. If winter storms delay transportation, then deliveries will be delayed," a Postal Service spokesman said Wednesday.

The biggest weather problem in recent days was the snowstorm that moved across the Midwest Tuesday and Wednesday, dumping 9 inches of snow on Chicago and closing O'Hare Airport.

Much of the mail that would normally go through O'Hare, a main transfer point for items moving cross country, has had to be re-routed, spokesman Lou Eberhardt said.

High winds in California have been another problem. In some places, with winds up to 80 miles an hour, carriers had to be called off their routes because of swirling dust, he said.

And, although the volume of holiday mail peaked a week ago, it is still heavy.

The biggest single day was last Thursday, when 491 million pieces were deposited into the mail system, of which 441 million were Christmas cards and letters, Eberhardt said.

Mail volume thus far in the Christmas season, the Postal Service's busiest time of year, is running at about the same level as in 1976, he said. "It looks like we are going to have about the same volume or a little higher," he said.

For mail that has not been deposited yet, the Postal Service says there is a chance it won't be delivered by Christmas Day, especially if it is mailed to a distant address.

"We'll do everything we can, but anybody who is still sending Christmas mail is taking a chance. It may get there by Christmas and it may not," Eberhardt said.



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Enraged hostages kill gunman

SUBIC BAY, Philippines (AP) — Enraged by a Filipino gunman's threat to burn a pregnant woman, male hostages beat to death the man who held them captive for 48 hours inside a small bank building on the U.S. Naval Base at Subic

Bay, a Navy spokesman said. Lt. Cmdr. Michael Sherman, the base public affairs officer, said Navy officers negotiating with the gunman by telephone told him today: "If you're not going to give us any

hostages, we will not give you any food."

"I think this angered the gunman, and he threatened to burn a young pregnant woman," Sherman said. "The male hostages jumped in at that time, and we heard shots and screams. The next thing we knew, people started running out of the bank."

U.S. Marines rushed into the white frame building, found the gunman unconscious and took him to the base hospital. Sherman said he died of a massive skull fracture two hours later.

The officer said he didn't think the man, who had not yet been identified, regained consciousness.

The 14 hostages were being questioned by Philippine authorities, Sherman said. He reported that the only ones injured were the bank manager, Nicomedes Villaluz, who had lacerations of the scalp, and a man who was bitten on an arm.

All the hostages were Filipinos, Sherman reported. He said nine were employees of the bank, four were auditors and one was a businessman.

Although the bank is just inside the main gate of the

base 50 miles northwest of Manila, it is operated by the Prudential Bank and Trust Co. for the benefit of Filipinos employed on the base, and no U.S. Navy funds are deposited there. American personnel use it chiefly to exchange dollars for pesos, and the vault was believed to contain about \$130,000 in local currency.

Armed with a .38-caliber revolver, the man entered the bank Tuesday afternoon and ordered the manager to telephone a Marine guard at the base gate and tell him the bank was being robbed.

A contingent of Marines and Filipino base security men set up a cordon around the bank, along with Philippine soldiers and local police.

The man first demanded to talk with Rear Adm. Huntington Hardisty, who took command of the base last week, then changed his mind and asked for a helicopter to take him away, but he did not give his destination, Sherman said.

The gunman set three deadlines Wednesday for the Navy, to provide him a helicopter in exchange for hostages. The chopper was sent in to meet each deadline, but each time the man refused to free any captives, apparently because the aircraft was landing more than 100 yards from the bank.

Tax couple granted holiday

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A U.S. District Court judge here has given a holiday furlough to John and Billie Zimmerman, the San Antonio couple jailed since Oct. 3 for refusing to produce certain federal income tax records.

"I just thought I ought to do it. They didn't ask," said Judge Adrian Spears after giving the couple a 10-day furlough to spend Christmas and New Year's with their families.

Spears ordered the Zimmermans to jail in October for contempt of court after they repeatedly refused to give the Internal Revenue Service records relating to their 1974 income tax return.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans has upheld Spears' order.

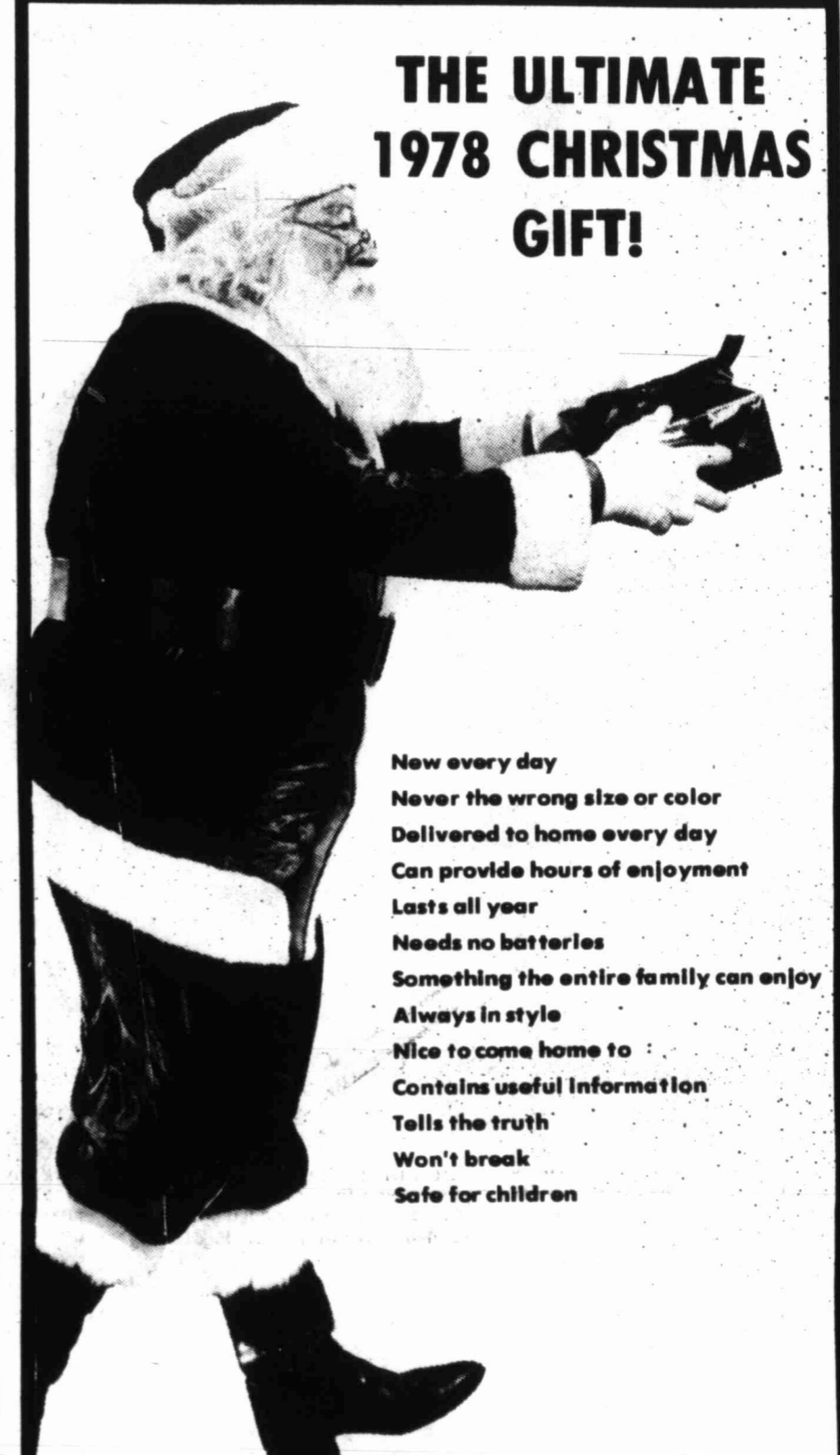
The Zimmermans, who have been active in conservative political groups such as the John Birch Society, claim giving the records to the IRS would violate their 5th Amendment constitutional right.

The amendment guarantees the right against self-incrimination.

The Zimmermans have claimed they paid the proper tax in 1974 and no longer have the records which the IRS demands. They have refused to cooperate with the IRS in its attempts to reconstruct the records.

Judge Spears offered to release the Zimmermans for the holidays on three conditions: they would not leave Bexar County; they would not grant news interviews; and they would voluntarily report back to the jail by noon on Jan. 3.

The Zimmermans agreed to the conditions in a signed statement.



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SANTA'S GOT A BIIG PROBLEM — About a 40-pound problem... Paul Eisermann, former Dallas wrestler, has been offered a job as Santa for Christmas day, a roll he's played for many years. This year he's got a big problem — he's gained 40-pounds and now weighs-in at 340. Obviously, his suit doesn't fit. Weight loss expert, Dr. Harvy G. Davison, left, has made no promise other than to help Santa get rid of his tum-tum.

'Secret agent' goofs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mark Siegel, a presidential aide who spends much of his time dealing with political matters, turns out to be something of a "secret agent" in the quest for a Middle East peace.

Without public announcement, Siegel was dispatched last month to Cairo and Jerusalem, where he talked more than once with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

Siegel "blew" his own cover by mailing about 300 unusual holiday greeting cards to friends and acquaintances, many of them Democratic functionaries around the country.

On the front of the card is a color photo of the American, Israeli and Egyptian flags flying side by side. Inside is a oneword message: PEACE.

In fine print is an informative note that the photo was taken by Siegel "from the balcony of the King David Hotel, Jerusalem, on the occasion of the visit to Israel by President Anwar Sadat, Nov. 19, 1977."

Asked about this, Siegel said he went to the Middle East on official business. He reported his first stop was Cairo and that he was in Israel before, during and after the Sadat visit.

Siegel, whose uninformative White House title is deputy assistant for policy analysis, said he went to the Middle East on a fact-finding assignment. Beyond that, he was a bit vague.

Siegel formerly was executive director of the

Democratic National Committee. He said most of the cards he mailed with wife Judy went to Democratic officials and reporters — "the only friends I've got."

White House officials were embarrassed this week to discover they had distributed slightly different versions of a year-end compilation of "first-year domestic, national security and foreign policy accomplishments" to two groups of reporters.

Copies released at the White House included a statement that "the president met his campaign pledge to cut military spending by \$5 to \$7 billion." It compared former President Ford's proposal for a \$123 billion defense budget with the \$117 billion approved by Congress for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1.

This claim was missing from an otherwise-identical 21-page document handed to reporters who were with President Carter last Saturday in Fayetteville, N.C., home of Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base.

Deputy Press Secretary Rex Granum said the omission was discovered too late to permit correction of copies taken to North Carolina.

While in Fayetteville, Carter proudly told a local radio interviewer that he actually had increased defense spending in terms of inflation-adjusted dollars.

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Loving's murder conviction

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — David Loving's murder conviction and 60-year prison sentence was af-

firmed today although one judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals insisted no direct evidence linked him to

the killing. Loving was convicted of the August 1974 Harris County barroom slaying of Freddie Melancon.

Melancon died after a brawl with beer cans, pool cues and a butcher knife.

A witness said after the fight Melancon sat down at the bar, talked for a few minutes and said he was not hurt. Then he slumped over the bar.

A doctor who performed the autopsy said he discovered three stab wounds across Melancon's chest and abdomen, and each wound had penetrated up to four inches.

Loving's companion, Ernest Tress, testified for the defense and admitted killing Melancon, the appeals court said. He stated that he had pleaded guilty to the charge and had been convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Loving argued that the trial judge erred in refusing to charge the jury on the law of circumstantial evidence. He also said the judge erred in refusing to suppress evidence seized from his car because he had been arrested illegally — without a warrant. Even if his arrest was legal, he said, the search of his car was unreasonable.

The appeals court rejected Loving's pleas.

Judge Truman Roberts dissented, however, saying he would have reversed the conviction and sent the case back for a new trial, because of the "trial judge's refusal to give a charge on circumstantial evidence."

"There was a total absence of direct evidence that the appellant (Loving) either stabbed the deceased, that he knew Tress would stab the deceased, or that he encouraged, aided, directed or attempted to aid or direct the stabbing," Roberts said.

Pair can be tried again for '74 shooting death

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals today reversed the murder convictions of Doyle Edward Skillern and Charles Victor Sanne in the 1974 shooting death of a state narcotics agent.

Both can be tried again. Skillern had been sentenced to death and Sanne to life imprisonment in the slaying of Patrick Randel, whose body was found in his car at a roadside park in Live Oak County on Oct. 24, 1974.

Both convictions were reversed because, over the objections of defense attorneys, the trial judge permitted jurors to separate after he had given them the charge.

Texas Department of Public Safety agents said they last saw Randel alive when he left a motel in Beville with Skillern and Sanne.

Witnesses testified that



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From dirty bird to TV 'Square'

By JAY SHARBUTT AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — About 44 years ago, Lonesome George Gobel was spending his first Christmas in show business, as a boy soprano on a country music show on station WLS in his hometown of Chicago.

"I did stuff like, 'I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day,'" he said, giving a sample right there in the restaurant near his home in suburban Encino. "There wasn't a dry eye in the house."

Gobel, now 58, went from singing to teaching people to fly B-28 bombers in World War II, then to comedy and singing in night clubs, then had his own hit comedy show on NBC from 1954 to 1957.

For the past 4½ years, he's been a regular on "Hollywood Squares" and a frequent visitor on "Tonight."

But in the 1960s, it almost seemed the man who joked about his wife, Alice, and had everyone saying, "Well, I'll be a dirty bird," had disappeared, had run into a hull of sorts in his career.

"No, there was no hull," he

Scouts ritual in Elbow School

Scout Troop 16 conducted a court of honor and new scout investiture ritual in the Elbow School Wednesday evening.

New scouts present included Lane Salveto, Vance Gaskin, Tony Miranda, Larry Harp, Robin Hood, Marvin Hendricks and Jimmy Oliver.

The Life Scout rank was presented to Steve Moeling by his grandfather, Melvin Moeling, who is the troop's assistant scoutmaster.

Next activity for the troop will be a campout in January. Bill Mims serves as scoutmaster of the troop.

said. Not only did he pop up on shows run by Red Skelton and Dean Martin, among others, he said, he also spent a full year touring in the play, "The Odd Couple."

And, he added, he also worked extensively in night clubs and in an aspect of show business that gets little press attention but earned him much loot — conventions and "industrials," or trade shows.

"They're really very lucrative," he said. "You might be working a plumbers' convention somewhere one night, and the National Association of Grocers two nights later in Cleveland..."

"It may seem I was in a lull, yeah, but I was working more there than doing television, and making almost as much money."

Gobel, who recently celebrated his 35th year of marriage, and still sports the crewcut that was his tonorial trademark in the 1950s, was asked how the recognition he gets from "Hollywood Squares" compares with those earlier days of stardom on NBC.

There's no comparison, he said, "not only with my old show, but also other (prime time) shows I've been on. There are more people who tell me they've seen me on 'Squares' than on anything else."

Gobel's production company once managed the career of Peter Marshall, host of "Squares." In time, he said, Marshall tried to get him to join the show's star panel, but he refused for several years.

"I said, 'It's not the money, I don't care about that, but I don't know how to do those things,'" the comedian recalled.

But finally, he said, when he was on "Tonight" with actress Karen Valentine, another "Squares" regular, she convinced him the mental demands of the game show were nothing to fear.



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(AP WIREPHOTO)

AN ISLAND CHRISTMAS — Wooden lobster traps dry in the sun on an otherwise deserted wharf on tiny Matinicus Island, 23 miles off the Maine coast. The island is 40 families, who do their Christmas shopping by plane, say the problems resulting from their off-the-beaten-path location are worth it to spend Christmas on the island.

\$5,000 for non-white killings

Nazis request denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Nazi Party in Houston was refused permission Wednesday by Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. to resume playing tape-recorded telephone messages offering \$5,000 prizes for non-white killings.

Powell denied without comment a request from the Nazis that he set aside a state court order temporarily barring the playing of three such tapes over the telephone.

Still pending is a similar request to the Texas Supreme Court, which is expected to give its answer Friday.

"The temporary injunction involved in this case constitutes a classic prior restraint upon freedom of expression," the Nazis told Powell.

"It is self-evident that the threat of injury or harm postulated for these tape-recorded words is the product of nothing more than impressionistic, speculative, conjectural belief," they said.

Houston television personality and news commentator Marvin Zindler sued the American Nazi Party and the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co last month after learning of the tapes' existence.

Prepared by party member Dennis Gene Milam, the three tapes deal with the same matter.

One states: "We are calling for an all-white war against Jews and other non-whites. We are beginning a battle by offering a \$5,000 prize for every non-white killed during an attack on a white person."

Another states: "We offer this reward in order to alleviate some of the legal problems of fellow white people but we are encouraging mass executions of non-whites in order to make their stay in this country an unhealthy one."

In testifying at a state court hearing, Milam said the messages contained "political rhetoric" and not any call to violence or criminal acts.

At the same hearing, officials of Southwestern Bell said that as a public utility the telephone company had no right to refuse service to the Nazis.

Harris County District Judge Richard W. Millard

ordered the Nazis to stop playing the tapes while Zindler's suit was pending, and later transferred the case to the state Court of Civil Appeals. A hearing is scheduled for Jan. 11.

That court denied the Nazis' request for a stay of Millard's order barring the tapes' playing for now, and the Texas Supreme Court last week refused to rule on a stay request until this Friday.

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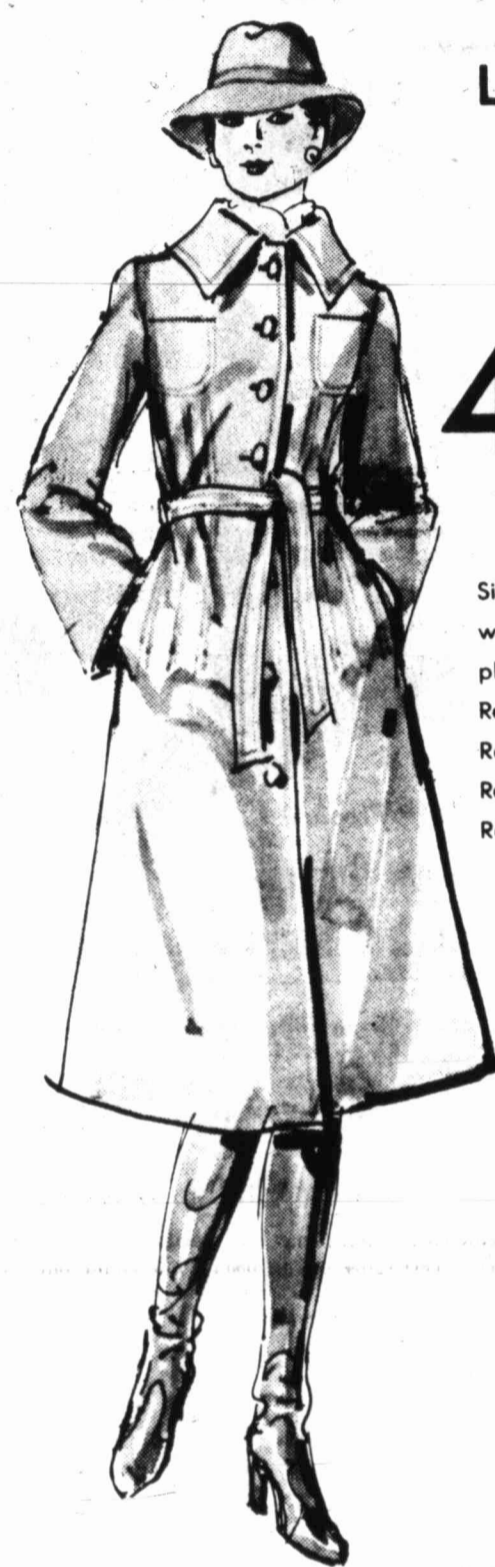
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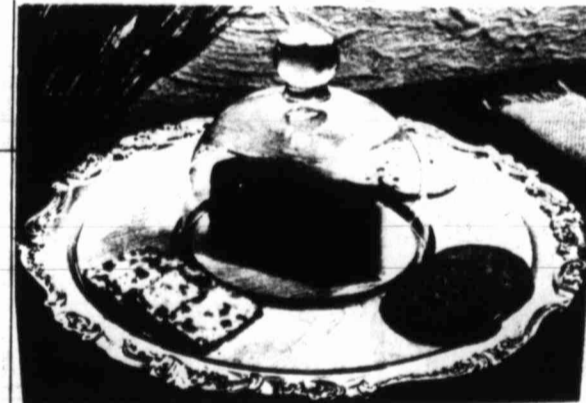
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HAPPY MOMENT — Family and friends gather round Gary Martin Wednesday afternoon, after he was presented with the 1977 Brad Stevens Award for "exceptional dedication and courageous play on the football field." Left to right, the guests are: Vance Stevens, Mr. Walker Bailey, Valerie Stevens, Mrs. Walker Bailey, Jann Stevens, Don Stevens, Forsan Principal Jack Woodley, Alan Hollandsworth, Gary Martin, Coach George White, Helen Martin, Debbie Martin and Vaughn Martin.

Martin receives Stevens Award

By MARJ CARPENTER
The first annual Brad Stevens Award went to Gary Martin at a special assembly at Forsan High School Wednesday afternoon.

Making the presentation was Danny Reagan, sports editor for the Big Spring Herald.

Reagan pointed out, "This award is designed to recognize the dedication and courage that the late Brad Stevens exhibited on the football field, and hopefully to induce present and future high school football players

to strive for greater heights on the field of play."

Reagan gave the history of the new award, which is designed to point out the player in the Big Spring area who shows the most "drive and guts" during the football season.

Nominees and finalists came from Big Spring, Stanton High, Coahoma High, Sands High and Forsan.

Reagan also presented a certificate to Alan Hollandsworth, Forsan lineman who was one of the top finalists for the award.

award next football season. Jack Woodley, principal and a former coach at Forsan, commended Martin and Hollandsworth, and the entire Forsan football team and encouraged other youths at the assembly to follow their example in the field of sports.

"There's something special about succeeding in sports competition that cannot be attained in any other field," Woodley pointed out.

Special guests at the assembly included Gary's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Martin, his sister Debbie as well as the Stevens family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stevens, Vance and Valerie and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Bailey of Big Spring.



1977 HONOREE — Forsan senior running back Gary Martin displays the Brad Stevens Award, a memorial plaque that was presented to him during the Christmas Assembly at Forsan High School Wednesday afternoon. Martin was the Buffaloes leading scorer and rusher this season, and was a sophomore when his former teammate and friend, Brad Stevens, was killed in a car wreck March 28, 1976.

'Things are different this year' — Staubach

DALLAS (AP) — In the 1976 first round National Conference playoff game against Los Angeles, Dallas Cowboy Coach Tom Landry was making some short yardage calls that bordered on science fiction for the relatively conservative dean of the National Football League.

The Cowboys were passing, passing, passing. And falling, falling, falling against the Rams who eventually bagged a 14-12 victory.

The post-mortem was simple: The Cowboys' injury-riddled offense didn't possess a healthy running back.

"It was a strange feeling because the Rams knew we had to pass," recalls Cowboy quarterback Roger Staubach, who threw the ball 37 times and completed three of them to the Rams. "We had a non-existent running

game."

Preston Pearson was coming off a knee injury and toy-fullback Robert Newhouse was hobbled with a hamstring. Pearson got only 43 yards and Newhouse 25. To top things off, Staubach had a hand injury, and offensive linemen Ralph Neely and Rayfield Wright were injured.

"Things are different this year," says Staubach. "I feel good and we've got T.D."

In case the Chicago Bears haven't been following the National Conference Eastern Division, "T.D." stands for Tony Dorsett, the rookie from Pittsburgh with the incredible afterburner.

Dorsett is only the second Cowboy to gain 1,000 yards in a season. Calvin Hill pulled the trick—twice—before he defected to the Washington Redskins via the now defunct

World Football League.

"We've got Preston and the 'House healthy, too,'" says Staubach. "Nobody can load up on our passing game again."

Staubach, who finished as the No. 2 rated quarterback in the NFL, completed 29 of his last 39 passes in the last two games as San Francisco and Denver concentrated on the potent Cowboy running attack.

Dorsett, collegiate football's all-time leading ground-gainer, only started Dallas' last five games but scored 13 touchdowns.

His 1,007 yards on 208 carries also earned him another distinction: Dorsett did something O.J. Simpson, Jim Brown, Gale Sayers, and

Hogs' Orange juice keeps turning blue

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — No matter how you look at it, the Orange Bowl picture has taken a plunge for the worst for the Arkansas Razorbacks, who have lost four offensive regulars in two days.

Tuesday the Razorbacks lost All-American guard Leotis Harris to a torn ligament. Wednesday a stunned state learned that Arkansas coach Lou Holtz had suspended three key players for undisclosed reasons.

Suspended were running backs Ben Cowins and Michael Forrest and wide receiver Donny Bobo. Cowins and Bobo are both starters while Forrest plays regularly.

The three accounted for 21 of Arkansas' 43 touchdowns during its 10-1 regular season. Cowins scored 14 touchdowns, Bobo five and Forrest two.

The suspension from the team was apparently prompted by a violation of a team rule or policy, but no one was saying for sure.

The local prosecutor and the university's Public Safety Department each said the three had not been charged or questioned on any criminal matters.

Holtz summed up the affect of the Harris' injury and the suspensions.

"With those three and Leotis out of the game, there goes 70 percent of our offense."

It took only a few minutes for the oddsmakers in Las Vegas to learn of the suspensions, which prompted them to give Oklahoma a further edge in the Orange Bowl. The point spread jumped to 17 from the previous 10 or 11 points. Later reports indicated the game had been pulled from the tote boards there.

Meanwhile, Oklahoma defensive coordinator Larry Lacey said the suspension of the players may not hurt Arkansas as much as people think.

"I remember before the Michigan game (1976 Orange Bowl) we disciplined Horace Ivory, our first-team fullback, and he didn't play in the game. But we put in Jim Culbreath and he had a great game and we won. There's no telling how this will really affect them. It could work out as a plus."

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Gophers and Terps meet tonight

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — If Minnesota's Golden Gophers adapt to Maryland's football team as quickly as they did to grits, the Terrapins will have their hands full in the first Hall of Fame Classic tonight.

"When they came in Sunday, they didn't know about grits," said Mrs. Mattie Lavender, who serves meals at the team hotel. "I told them. They came back three or four times. They must have eaten four gallons."

San Diego wants bowl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — San Diego County has been asked to put up \$25,000 along with \$100,000 approved in city hotel funds to help stage a football bowl game here every December.

A delegation plans to carry the plan to the Special Events Committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association meeting Jan. 10 in Atlanta.

The so-far unnamed bowl game would be played in the 51,000-seat San Diego Stadium, home stadium of San Diego State, which will play in the Western Athletic Conference next fall.

Nevertheless, Coach Jerry Claiborne's Terrapins are a one touchdown favorite over the grit-fed Gophers in the 8 p.m. EST game.

Both teams carry 7-4 records into the game, which marks Maryland's fifth straight postseason bowl but the first for Minnesota since 1962.

"That's something Maryland has going for it," Coach Cal Stoll of Minnesota said. "For many of their players, it will be the third or fourth post-season game. But I think we have enough leadership on this team that they'll know how to handle it."

One of the leaders, All-Big Ten defensive tackle Steve Miboe, is hoping an ankle injury won't hamper him. The ankle has been heavily taped during workouts.

Minnesota holds victories over both Rose Bowl teams, Washington and Michigan, but lost to weaker teams such as Iowa.

Plagued by injuries, Maryland dropped three of its first four games before finishing with a rush.

Quarterback Larry Dick replaced injured Mark Manges in the fifth game and passed for 1,351 yards. Manges now has recovered but Claiborne plans to start Dick.

Runners George Scott got 894 yards and Steve Atkins 598 for Maryland, but Atkins is injured and won't play.

Minnesota has a workhorse runner in fullback Kent Kitzmann. After shaking off injuries he picked up 647 yards, including 266 against Illinois on a record 57 carries.

Paul Rogind's field goals provided the difference in four Minnesota games.

Danny Reagan
Now, next year...

Wednesday's presentation of the first Brad Stevens Award to Forsan's Gary Martin was an especially pleasant experience for me.

A lot of nice people were there, and a lot of nice things were said to me, but what gave the occasion merit was the fact that it was exactly what I hoped it would be...the realization of a high idea.

I'd like to give credit to those people who helped make that idea a reality. First of all, there's J. Tom Graham and Tommy Hart, who gave me the budgetary go ahead on the project.

Secondly, Bill Brooks. He spent considerable time studying and reproducing many photographs of Brad Stevens on paper before he was satisfied with a likeness that would transfer precisely to a wood engraving. Brooks took a personal interest in the award itself, and the end result impressively captured the concept of what a memorial award should be.

I'd also like to thank Don and Jann Stevens, Brad's parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Bailey, his grandparents, for their assistance in gathering background information.

Also, Coach George White and Principal Jack Woodley for their cooperation...and everyone else whose names are hiding from my bad memory.

And...last but not least, the football players from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Sands and Stanton who performed to the best of their ability this season.

The presentation at the Forsan High School auditorium was appropriate for the first, of what is to be an annual award. Brad's former teammates, friends, family and the entire student body were on hand.

Next year, however, I'd like to see the "second Annual Brad Stevens Award Banquet" become a reality. Coaches, players and their families from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City, Grady, Sands and Stanton would be in attendance.

The "Above the Call" awards, that were mailed out weekly this season, could be presented at that time next year. And the six finalists from that number would be announced and introduced for the first time prior to the presentation of the "Brad Stevens Award" itself.

I think the local and area athletes who "play their guts out" should get all the recognition they deserve, and a Banquet sponsored by the Herald Sports Department seems appropriate. Not promising anything, but will be working on it.



HELPS COWBOYS RUNNING GAME — Tony Dorsett, Dallas Cowboy running back, checks his helmet in the locker room before going to a practice session. The rookie running back gained over 1,000 yards in the regular season and was a big factor in the Dallas improved offense. Dorsett will match his running ability with Chicago's running back Walter Payton when the two meet Dec. 26 in the NFC playoff.

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Braniff wins London flights fight

DALLAS (AP) — Braniff Airways' claims that it could give the best service on flights from Dallas-Fort Worth to London apparently registered with President Carter.

The President acted Wednesday to give the Texas-based airlines the exclusive rights to the route for the next three years.

His decision reversed an earlier recommendation by the Civil Aeronautics Board, which said Pan American should get the route.

Pan American's consolation prize was the presidential recommendation that the airline be given the Houston-London

transatlantic route in three years after a British carrier has exclusive rights.

The White House statement said the decision to go with Braniff "is based on the president's judgment that the certification of strong regional domestic carriers to serve international markets is important to his foreign policy of relying to the maximum extent possible on competitive forces in international aviation."

Braniff and Texas congressmen and officials argued that the carrier has established Texas marketing capability and would be able to develop routes from Dallas-Fort Worth to Europe much better than Pan American.

Despite the heavy lobbying in Braniff's favor by Texas officials, the White House insisted that Carter's decision was not politically motivated.

Pan Am chairman William Seawell said, however, the decision "appears to have

been dictated by the kind of political manipulation that the president promised would not characterize his administration."

Braniff spokesman Jerry Cox said the airlines plans to fly both directions each day in both directions along the route. Its lowest, standby fare will be \$349, if the CAB approves, Cox said.

Federal officials said it was not known when the first flights might begin.

Braniff will have exclusive rights to the Dallas-Fort Worth-London traffic for three years. Then, under the terms of an American-British agreement reached earlier this year, the British will have a right to designate a British carrier to share the route.

Carter's decision also opened 11 new U.S. cities to Europe and added two airlines in addition to the transatlantic fleet.

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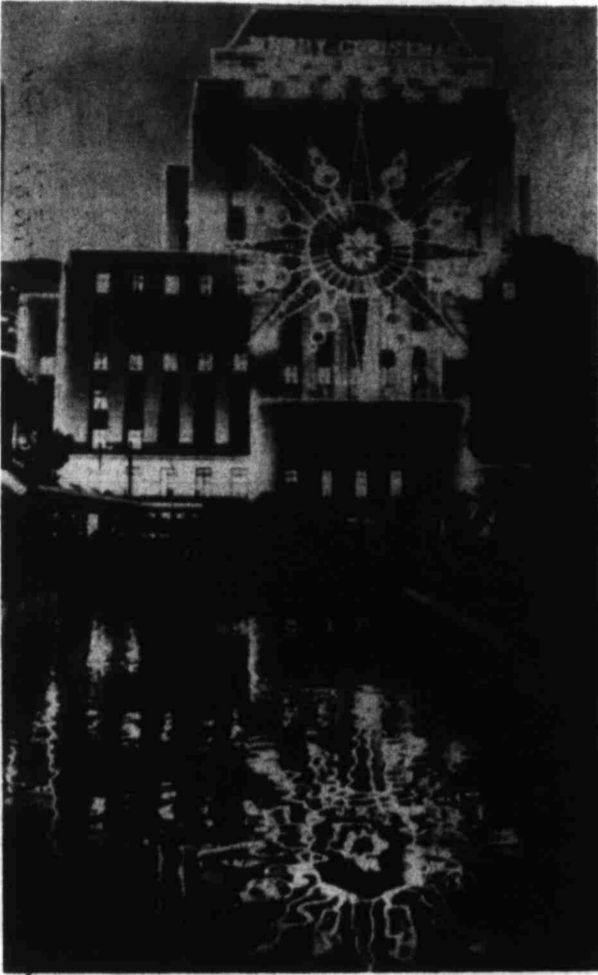
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Condemned Texan wins right to life

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Washington's capital murder trial was recessed for two weeks. During that time, his lawyers and prosecutors agreed he would plead guilty to aggravated robbery and attempted murder of a peace officer. He was given prison sentences totaling 75 years.

But a week after the convictions were entered, Washington appealed. Prosecutors then went back to trial on the capital murder charges.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals reversed the capital murder conviction of Herbert Sherrill Washington by a Houston jury and ordered the prosecution dismissed.

Washington was assessed the death penalty in the killing of John Thomas Henry during a robbery.

According to case records,

Kidnap-robbery charges sock ex-grid star

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities held a former schoolboy football star and three other young men today in the kidnap-robbery of a jeweler last Saturday in suburban Farmers Branch.

One of the four also was charged with murder.

Sheriff Carl Thomas charged them in a raid on the home of jeweler Thomas Randall, where three gunmen tied up two sons, waited until Randall and his wife arrived and escorted Randall to his store. Officers said a substantial haul in cash, diamonds and other jewelry was taken.

Thomas said the loot was recovered.

He identified Woodrow Barnes, 32, a former Rockwall grid star, as the man accused in both the robbery and the execution-style slaying last March 25 of Wendell Long, 19. Officers said the killing followed a drug sale to Long and a companion.

Barnes was held in lieu of \$280,000 in the robbery case and \$50,000 on the murder charge.

Thomas named the other three prisoners as Barnes' cousin Richard A. Redrick, 29, a staff sergeant at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, where he was arrested; and Gary Moore, 28, and Larry Girard, 28, both of Dallas, where they were arrested at separate apartments. Their bonds were set at \$100,000.

Eagle nest snags work

PORT LAVACA, Texas (AP) — A lone bald eagle, a mother-to-be at that, has caused dredging work on a barge canal in this South Texas county to be redirected.

"There is a good chance the people on the boat and all the machinery noise could bother the bird," said Dennis Brown of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Victoria, Texas.

The bird's presence has recently created a 7,000-foot wide right-of-way area of the canal for King Fisher Marine Services, the company contracted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to do the dredging.

Brown said the bird, a member of the endangered specie list, has its nest about a quarter of a mile from the canal.

The company will be able to work on other parts of the 22-mile canal while the eagle sits on her eggs, Brown said. The firm will have to stay out of the right of way area while the baby eagles are learning to fly.

Big Springer gains degree

STEPHENVILLE — Degrees were awarded 135 undergraduates and 27 graduate students at Tarleton State University winter commencement exercises held in Wisdom Gymnasium on the TSU campus Dec. 18.

Dr. Barry Thompson, former Tarleton student, was speaker for commencement. Dr. Thompson is vice president for academic affairs at East Texas State University, and is a former president of the Tarleton Alumni Association.

In addition to the awarding of degrees, five ROTC students were commissioned 2nd lieutenants in the U.S. Army. The five included David M. Alley, Blanket; Sheryl A. Jefferson, Denver City; James D. Leeth, Stephenville; William T. Walker, Sapulpa, Okla.; and Gary R. Wallace, Buff Dale.

Among those graduating with honors was Darissa Kay Brooks, Big Spring, who earned a bachelor of science degree in agriculture.

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Truck suit jurors set up Christmas tree in jury room

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — Jurors in a multi-million dollar damage suit arising from a butane tank explosion two years ago set up a

Christmas reunion

CONROE, Texas (AP) — The first item on Charlie Odom's Christmas wish list had been the same for 33 years: He wanted to find his half-brother and half-sister.

This year he got his wish in a tearful, bear-hugging reunion at his Conroe service station, about 40 miles north of Houston. Odom, 37, said he hadn't seen his brother, Bud, or his sister Carleen since he moved from Oregon when he was four years old and he didn't recognize them when they drove into his station Tuesday.

He said he's been looking seriously for them since he was 16.

Recently, a family friend joined in the search. She wrote to the Bureau of Vital Statistics to get a copy of the Odoms' father's death certificate. Once he got the name of the funeral home that handled the arrangements in Portland, Ore., seven years he said he got his brother's number and called him.

On a previous trip to Oregon, he said, he had called 179 Odoms in various cities in an attempt to locate his brother, but he skipped the town of Seaside, where Bud is the only Odom listed in the phone book.

The same night he called Bud, he got a call from Carleen.

"I couldn't believe it was my sister calling me from Phoenix," he said. "I went to work the next day on Cloud Nine. Everyone must have thought I was drunk."

"There is no way," Odom said, "that I could ever have a better Christmas present."

Governor offers playoff ducats to bumped five

DENVER (AP) — Gov. Richard Lamm, who boarded a Braniff international plane in Dallas with an entourage of other VIP's last Sunday — and in the process bumped a number of other Denver passengers — is trying to make amends.

The governor's office announced Wednesday Lamm would invite all those bumped from the flight to brunch at the governor's mansion at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, before the Denver-Pittsburgh playoff game.

Staff members are trying to track down those who were bumped to invite them to the brunch.

And Lamm has offered all five of his playoff tickets to Michael Dyer, 11, and his teammates, who were also bumped.

Young Dyer, son of Orville Dyer of Denver, and the others were members of a Denver youth football team who had gone to the game in Dallas with their coach and one parent.

Lamm said he had offered to give up his seat on the flight but had insisted only that his 9-year-old son, Scott, be seated.

The governor said Braniff ticket agents told him he and his party held confirmed reservations for the flight, while others waiting did not.

But Dyer said his son was bumped from the flight even though he did have confirmed reservations — reservations that had been changed from a Monday flight at Braniff's request.

Council faces hefty agenda

COAHOMA — The Coahoma city council faces a nine-item agenda when it meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m., Thursday in the city hall.

Councilmen will decide whether to purchase a \$774 typewriter for the police department before meeting with Gary Graham for a demonstration of a new billing machine.

A session will also be held on vacant lots within city limits. Louis Stallings will meet with the council to discuss insurance. Officials will hear a Farmers Home Administration report, host a water works meeting, be told that Coahoma's share in the tax appraisal board's aerial mapping expense will be \$120, consider the erection of an electric fence around the city yard and enter into a discussion of the fire department.

Christmas tree in the jury room Wednesday as they apparently anticipated that their deliberations will go on at least until Friday.

The jurors received the case, filed against a Mexican butane gas company and six defendants in the United States, on Friday afternoon following 11 weeks of

testimony in the state district court of Judge George Thurmond.

Plaintiffs in the suit are relatives of victims and survivors of the accident that killed 16 and injured 50 on April 29, 1975, when a butane gas truck owned by Surtigas of Piedras Negras exploded and caught on fire

after loading at a local refinery.

Witnesses said the truck appeared to go out of control and jackknifed and exploded. Parts of the truck were thrown about half a mile and hit three mobile homes.

The suit is a consolidation of more than 50 legal actions

originated against Surtigas and companies connected with the construction or design of the truck. It was filed by 35 plaintiffs.

Other defendants named in the suit are Lubbock Manufacturing Co., Fontaine Truck Equipment, William Saimes, administrator of the estate of truck driver Jesus

Verduzco, Altamil Corporation, Modern Machinery Shop Inc., Laredo Diesel and International Harvester.

The combined damage claims exceed \$100 million. Dozens of experts witnesses testified in the case that was moved here from Eagle Pass on a change of venue.

Several settlement proposals by separate defendants were presented during the trial. The jury, whose oldest member is 39 and the youngest is 38, must decide on nearly 300 issues and proposals. The bulky evidence had to be taken to a hotel near the courthouse and the jury was set up in a

ballroom. Jury deliberations were recessed briefly Tuesday when one of the jurors said she had to go see a doctor. She returned to the jury early Wednesday.

Attorneys in the case said they expected the jury to go on until Friday and then adjourn until next week.

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Nine million hunt jobs this Christmas in Mexico City

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Leticia, a 28-year-old red-headed secretary, turned from admiring glittering green, white and red lights strung across Christmas-decorated Reforma Boulevard and said, "I can't afford Christmas gifts this year. I've been out of work since August."

She's one of nine million that Sen. Blas Chumacero said are looking for work this Christmas, out of a work force of 23 million still suffering after a year from the nation's most severe economic crisis since World War II.

Leticia gambled a comfortable job two years ago to

join a company with bright prospects. The company folded five months after the Aug. 31, 1976 devaluation of the peso, which sent the currency plummeting to half its worth in relation to the dollar.

The company, which was importing American products that doubled in

value in Mexican pesos, was forced to liquidate because it couldn't pay debts it had contracted in dollars.

"I got a job at half the salary at the Ministry of Education," Leticia said. "But I lost it last August. I haven't been able to find a job since. Everyone tells me to come back after the first

of the year."

Unemployment hit just about every occupation, but construction workers were the most severely hurt. The government—traditionally the largest employer—cut back on roads and buildings during the economic crunch this year.

Over a million con-

struction workers were cut from payrolls, according to one report. Other millions, such as plasterers and bricklayers, couldn't find even temporary jobs.

Guillermo, an office worker, got a job in January after four months of looking, but was paid only half his salary each month because

of the austerity program. He almost lost his used car, which he bought just days before the devaluation. He has been promised the balance of his pay next year.

The last names of both Leticia and Guillermo are deleted, at their request, but their stories are typical of the struggle this year by

middle-class Mexicans to make ends meet in the midst of inflation that has doubled prices this year and a recession that has closed thousands of businesses and their jobs.

Still, city hall has decorated Mexico City, as it does every year during the Christmas season, with bright lights and fresh poinsettias on major boulevards.

City workers hang strings of colored bulbs from every lightpost on major thoroughfares. Pinatas swing from telephone poles. Tall statues of the three wise men and Santa Claus adorn downtown Alameda Park.

Street vendors hawk tacos, lottery tickets, inflated plastic dolls, popcorn, hot dogs and wind-up ducks at hundreds of street corners.

For the vast majority of Mexico's 63 million, Christmas this year will be celebrated at home and 30,000 are leaving the city daily for provincial home towns.

They are getting together with friends each evening during the eight days before Christmas, at "Posadas" or parties, which often include religious candlelight processions.

After that, comes Nochebuena (Christmas Eve) and Navidad (Christmas Day). Mexicans enjoy their traditional meal on Christmas Eve, followed often by midnight mass at Roman Catholic churches to the clanging of thousands of church bells.

New Year's Eve is celebrated noisily, much like everywhere else in the world.

On Jan. 6, the day of "Los Reyes Magos" (The Three Kings), many traditionalists give Christmas presents, recalling the gifts of the Three Kings, or wise men, to the Christ Child.

There will be regional celebrations that impart a special flavor to Christmas in Mexico.

In Queretaro, north of the capital, a parade of floats will snake through city streets carrying scenes from the Bible.

Celaya, in Guanajuato State, will host an agricultural and commercial fair with bullfights, cock-fights and fireworks.

There will be a festival honoring the radish, in Oaxaca in Southern Mexico, with a arrangement of sculptures and figurines made from the vegetable on exhibit.

Indians in costumes depicting the three kings will parade in the village of Puruandiro, Michoacan.

The "Rosca De Reyes", a large round bread loaf with a miniature plastic doll hidden inside, will be broken on Jan. 6. The person who finds the doll has to give a party later in the year.

Food Buys

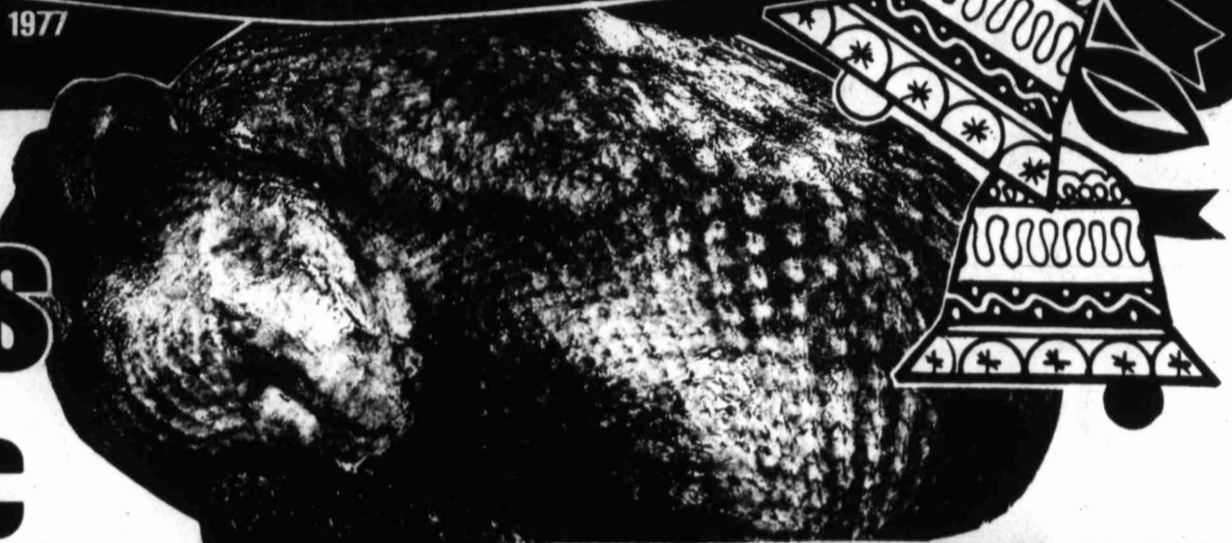


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Pillsbury Mashed Potatoes	26 1/2 Oz.	\$1.75	Thrifty Maid Luncheon Meat	12-Oz.	99¢
Del Monte Pineapple	8 1/2 Oz.	34¢	Arrow Trash Bags	10-Ct.	79¢
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Her first entry was a winner

Pecan show judges name Debra Swartz Grand Champ

By EILEEN McGUIRE
Land and country living are important to the folks who live in St. Lawrence, just outside of Garden City, and no one finds that more true than Ernest and Debra Swartz.

weeks, she goes into town with a large list of supplies and manages with what she has until the next trip. "We grew up that way," she said, "I'm used to it."

Her other talents include painting, macramé, sewing and turning out a beautiful yard. In between, there's lots of work to be done, beginning at 7 o'clock each morning. "It's a lot of hard work," Debra described her life, "but it's fun, too, and I really enjoy it. There's always something going on and there's always something to be done."

backyard," she said. "I have lots of freedom and privacy and I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Be a better shopper

Buying meat is easier, cheaper when you're armed with a system

ITHACA, N.Y.—Meat may account for as much as one-third of the average family food budget, according to Professor Heinz B. Biesdorf of Cornell University, the major author of BE A BETTER SHOPPER — Buying in Supermarkets. This is why it makes good sense to get all the information possible about cutting costs in this important area of food buying.

labeling program standardizes the information provided on meat labels. The kind of meat is stated first—beef, pork, lamb, etc. Next, the label gives the name of the wholesale cut—rib, loin, flank of the animal—and the exact retail cut—blade roast, loin chop, round steak, etc. Fancy names such as "paradise roast," "chuckwagon steak," or "daisy steak," which are meaningless to most consumers, may still be used, but only in conjunction with approved names.

are cut affects the price, and a whole fryer almost always costs less than a cut-up one. Fryers are simply constructed, with two legs, a breast, a neck and a back. If the savings on a whole fryer is ten cents a pound, that's a 30-cent savings on just one chicken. BE A BETTER SHOPPER — Buying in Supermarkets also includes a chart that will help consumers decide when individual chicken parts are as good a bargain, in terms of the amount of edible meats, as the whole chicken.

milk and eggs are top protein buys, with meat far down on the list, being much more costly. Economical meatless meals will stretch the food budget without sacrificing good nutrition. BE A BETTER SHOPPER also discusses how to get more eggs for your money by using the price spread chart included in the publication.

TWEEN 12 AND 20 Bad reputation is hard to live down

By ROBERT WALLACE, Ed.D. Copley News Service
Dear Doctor:

I do rather well in school. I sing, play an instrument and get good grades.

My problem is that I'm always getting into trouble. I'm now in 9th grade but when I was in 7th I used to fool around a lot. I got lots of swats and detentions. Now, I've outgrown all this fooling around but I'm still getting swats and detentions. Because of my reputation, I'm being blamed for things I didn't do.

I think you broke up with Jim because of the way he acted when you told him you thought you were pregnant, not because he is always loaded! In fact you enjoy drugs as much as he does.

Reputations do have a way of helping a person much too long. Make an appointment to see your assistant principal when you are not in "trouble." Explain that you have matured and that your "fooling around days" are over.

I'm not yet 12 but I have a million-dollar problem and I hope you can help me. I read your column every day so I'll look for your answer.

Beta Omicron finishes basket

Ruth Penner presented a cultural program entitled "Informal Education" at the Dec. 12 meeting of the Beta Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 9 in the home of Mrs. Penner, 2610 Carol Dr.

Club installs new officers

Desk and Derrick Club held its Christmas dinner and installation of officers Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. R. C. McDaniel.

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Mrs. Swartz' award-winning roll recipe and then some

CINNAMON ROLLS
1 cup scalded milk
6 tablespoons Crisco oil
6 tablespoons sugar
2 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 cup water
2 packages dry yeast
2 eggs, beaten
6 1/4 cup flour
3/4 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup melted butter
2 tablespoons cinnamon
1 cup chopped nuts.
Combine milk, oil, sugar and salt. Cook to lukewarm by adding water. Add yeast; mix well. Blend in eggs and gradually, flour. Mix until dough is well blended and smooth. Roll out dough on well-floured board, 3/4-inch thick. Spread with melted butter, brown sugar, cinnamon and nuts. Roll as for jelly roll and cut into 1-inch slices. Place cut side down in buttered pan. Let rise in warm place for 1 hour. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

The president sends cards

President and Mrs. Carter's 1977 Christmas card features a drawing of the south portico of the White House by Harvey Moriarty, a 35-year-old artist from Atlanta. The card measures 7 1/4 by 5 1/4 inches and the illustration, reproduced in sepia, is lithographed on ivory-colored paper with a deckled edge. The message inside the card reads: "With best wishes from our family for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The President and Mrs. Carter."

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Military changes policy regarding women soldiers

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**We Will Close At 6 p.m.
Christmas Eve**

Prices good thru December 24, 1977. We reserve the right to limit quantities. None sold to dealers.

Each of these advertised items is required to be readily available for sale at or below the advertised price in each store, except as specifically noted in this ad.

- Heavy Aged Beef Bottom Round or Rump
Boneless Roast Lb. **\$1.48**
- Fresh, Half or Whole
Pork Ham Lb. **\$1.19**
- Armour Star, Grade A 5-7 Lbs. Avg.
Baking Hens Lb. **59¢**
- Cry-O-Vac Packer Trim
Beef Brisket Lb. **89¢**
- SMOKED Picnic Hams** Lb. **69¢**

Swift's 14-16 Lbs. Avg.
ROYAL ROCK TURKEYS
Lb. **59¢**

Glover's Dutch Oven Water Added, Half or Whole
BONELESS HAM
Lb. **\$1.98**

10-18 Lbs. Avg.
ARMOUR STAR TURKEYS
Lb. **69¢**

Swift's, 10-14 Lbs. Avg.
Butterball Turkeys Lb. **79¢**

Washington Extra Fancy Red or Golden
DELICIOUS APPLES
3 Lbs. **\$1**

- Holiday Favorite Sugary
Sweet Yams 5 Lbs. **\$1.00**
California Sunkist Navel
Oranges 4 Lbs. **\$1.00**
Romaine, or Green
Leaf Lettuce 3 For **\$1.00**
Red Radishes or Green
Onions Ea. **25¢**
Large Mild Yellow
Onions Lb. **19¢**

Large Stalk California
PASCAL CELERY
Ea. **29¢**



Gandy's Round Carton
Ice Cream 1/2-Gal. Ctn. **99¢**
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Plus Deposit, Sprite or
Coca-Cola
6 \$1.29
32-oz. Btls.

- All Flavors, Duncan Hines
Layer Cake Mix 18-oz. Pkg. **59¢**
- Libby's
Purple Plums 29-oz. Can **39¢**
Baker's Flavored
Chocolate Chips 12-oz. Pkg. **69¢**
Nabisco Reg. 79° Varieties
Snack Crackers Assorted Pkg. **69¢**
Angel Flake
Baker's Coconut 14-oz. Bag **99¢**
Kraft's Miniature
Marshmallows 3 10 1/2-oz. Pkgs. **\$1**
Piggly Wiggly, Frozen
Whipped Topping 9-oz. Ctn. **39¢**
Size C or D
Ray-O-Vac Batteries Twin Pack **39¢**

- Piggly Wiggly
Brown & Serve Rolls 8-Cl. Pkgs. **3 \$1**
- Kraft's
Marshmallow Creme 7-oz. Jar **39¢**
Stove Top
Stuffing Mix 6-oz. Pkg. **53¢**
All Vegetable
Crisco Shortening 3-Lb. Can **\$1.69**
- PIGGLY WIGGLY IS YOUR HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS FOR CHRISTMAS CANDY
- Quarters
Parkay Oleo 1-Lb. Pkg. **49¢**
Plain's
Egg Nog Qt. Ctn. **69¢**
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Kodak Film 12-Exp. Roll **99¢**

Piggly Wiggly
Cranberry Sauce 15-oz. Cans **3 \$1**

Piggly Wiggly Grade A
Large Eggs Doz. **59¢**

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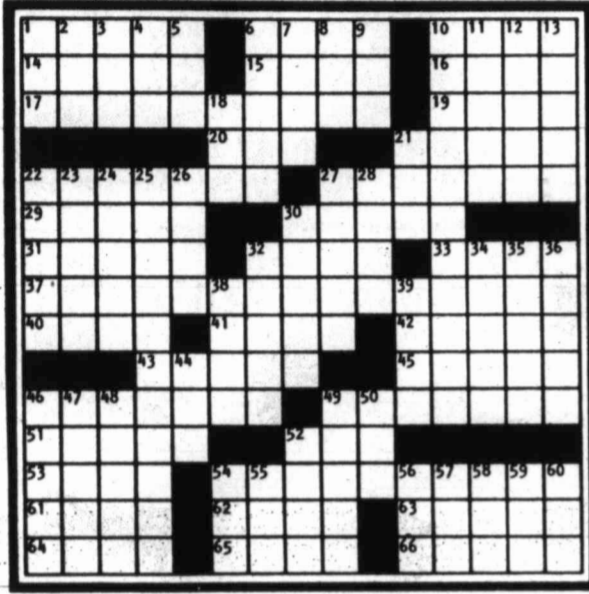
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 1 Locating system
 - 6 Grinder
 - 10 Scrape
 - 14 Verdugo of films
 - 15 Territory
 - 16 Russian river
 - 17 Vamoose
 - 19 Columbus
 - 20 Weight
 - 21 Ruhr city
 - 22 Whet
 - 27 Inferior
 - 28 racetracks
 - 29 Relating to sound
 - 30 Mild cigar
 - 31 Unrefined
 - 32 Chase after
 - 33 Ledger men
 - 37 Boomerang
 - 40 -cat (ball game)
 - 41 Passport endorsement
 - 42 Dispatch boat
 - 43 Actress and others
 - 45 Mend with thread
 - 46 Vesp
 - 49 Wines
 - 51 In the air
 - 52 Mauna -
 - 53 Italian currency
 - 54 Unreliable
 - 61 Maleficent
 - 62 Sly look
 - 63 Walk - (be happy)
 - 64 Ornamental stamp
 - 65 Bones: Lat.
 - 66 Father
 - DOWN
 - 1 Ump's kin
 - 2 - of Me'
 - 3 African ruler
 - 4 Formicary
 - 5 dweller
 - 6 Cheer
 - 6 Georgia or branch city
 - 7 Golf club
 - 8 Zodiac sign
 - 9 Fold over
 - 10 Fleas from danger
 - 11 Originate
 - 12 Less ir-rational
 - 13 Schedules
 - 18 Summer, in Calais
 - 21 Corn unit
 - 22 Vanzetti
 - 23 Neighbor of Erie
 - 24 "There is nothing like -"
 - 25 Tidal movement
 - 26 Luxurious
 - 27 Silver, in Santander
 - 28 Lake: Sp.
 - 30 The mating game
 - 32 Beam
 - 34 Balance
 - 35 Useful thing
 - 36 Packs
 - 38 Elliptical
 - 39 - avis
 - 44 Feed on
 - 46 Gentleman
 - 47 Before drab or branch
 - 48 Water wheel
 - 49 Venomous snake
 - 50 Secular
 - 52 Soap-making ingredients
 - 54 Ziegfeld
 - 55 - miser-able'
 - 56 Agree, in Calais
 - 57 - tizzy (excited)
 - 58 Wander idly
 - 59 Concealed
 - 60 Test

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



DENNIS THE MENACE



"HE WAS PUTTIN' THE STAR ON TOP OF THE TREE WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, OUR KITCHEN CHAIR WORE OUT."

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Print answer here: "O O O O" (Answers tomorrow)
 Yesterday's Jumbles: MADLY GROOM BLOUSE DOMINO
 Answer: When you might expect to find greyhounds at the racetrack - ON DOG DAYS

Your Daily HOROSCOPE

from the CARROLL RIGNER INSTITUTE

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 23, 1977

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early part of the day, when you are most clever, is the best time to exercise your creative skills. However, the good influences dwindle as the day progresses. Safeguard your health.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Contact influential persons who can give you the important data you need in a new project you have been working on.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Any financial problems should be handled now without fail, otherwise the situation could get worse later on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You are able to handle personal matters well early in the day but later you had better rest or there could be confusion.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Observe what is taking place around you, but avoid hasty action or you could be in error. Don't neglect responsibilities.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Avoid those who make trouble and be sure not to do anything of a destructive nature. Working alone is your best mode of procedure now.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Avoid a situation that could spoil your carefully built-up reputation. Show that you are truly devoted to family members.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study new ideas well before you put them in operation. Widen your vistas via sensible methods. Strive for more harmony at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be certain to carry through with any promises you have made to others. Take no chances with your fine reputation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Instead of arguing with one who opposes you, try to reason with this person. Take needed health treatments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You have much work to do so don't go off on any tangents. Be sure to accept a social invitation. Think logically.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't go away today for a good time and neglect important duties. Be careful of your diet. Strive for happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Try to make conditions at home more pleasant and avoid arguments of all sort. A good time to make plans for the future.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have a brilliant mind but will need proper direction in order to keep from scattering the forces, and then there can be much success in this lifetime. Give good spiritual training early in life. There's musical talent in this chart.

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

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It wasn't such a bad year after all, critics confess

NEW YORK (AP) — In retrospect, and viewed in the charitable spirit of Christmas, even the frostiest of critics must concede that this year 1977 was not the worst of the 1970s by any means.

You might not have thought so as you listened to the complaints of the labor leaders and consumers and farmers, and the business executives who failed to meet their profit projections.

There are always exceptions. Relative to some

earlier years of the '70s, this was not a good year for farmers. Unemployment remained in a 7 per. cent groove. The stock market went nowhere. But the inflation rate actually fell to a nearly acceptable rate, 4.8 percent in the third quarter. Profits rose. Personal income rose. More jobs were created than in any year in history.

It was a great year for automobiles. It was a good year for housing, with sales of new single-family units running at an annual rate late in the year of more than 2 million units.

It was an even better year for sales of existing units — more than 3 million had changed hands by October, exceeding the previous full year record high set in 1976.

None of these accomplishments is isolated. The automobile industry couldn't have profited unless personal income rose, by more than 4 percent. Housing couldn't have been strong unless savings were strong.

One of the year's greatest accomplishments won't show up in any of the statistics for 1977, and when

it does show up in 1978 it will have the effect of taking money out of people's pockets.

The Social Security funding bill, that is, offers the prospect finally of putting the future well-being of the disabled and retired on an actuarially sound basis, a rare instance of confronting reality.

Whether or not the country will continue to enlarge future benefits is another problem; there are indications contributors might become weary of the costs. But for the moment the financing crisis has been averted.

As the year ends,

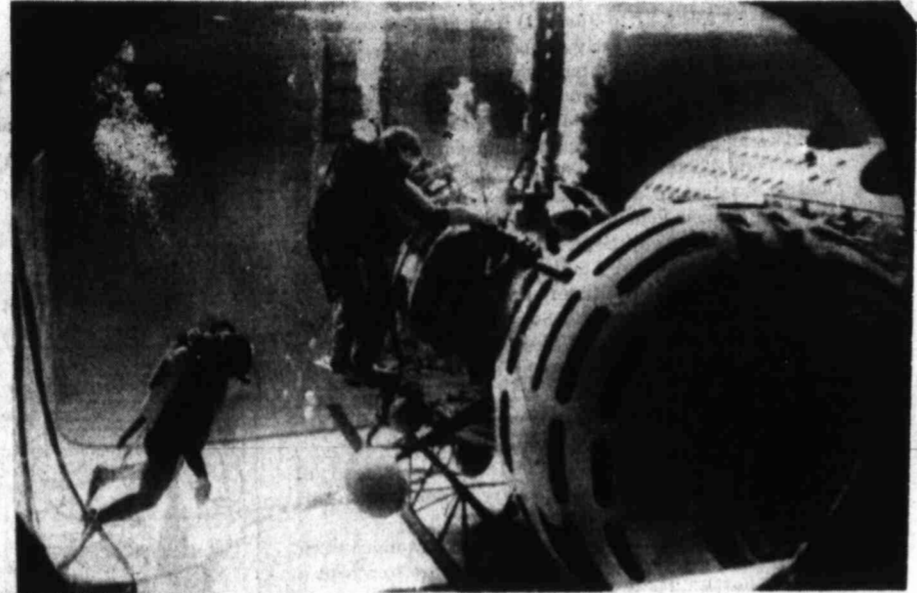
Americans can look forward to perhaps the happiest news of all: the prospect of an income tax cut in 1978, designed to prolong the economic expansion, already more than 2½ years old.

We haven't solved all the

problems, perhaps not even any of them, and one, the decline in the value of the dollar, could prove to be more serious than currently perceived by U.S. officials.

Still, it wasn't such a bad

year after all. The griping at times seemed to be especially bitter and the accomplishments weren't equally beneficial to all, but not even Santa Claus can do everything.



COSMONAUTS IN TRAINING — Cosmonauts Yuri Romanenko and Georgi Grechko are shown during underwater preflight training at Gagarin Cosmonaut's Training Center. The two Cosmonauts, now orbiting the earth in the Salyut-6 spaceship, spent more than an hour outside the ship Tuesday, checking a docking unit and sending color television pictures of the ship and earth back to ground control.

RITZ I LAST NIGHT
OPEN 7:00 RATED PG

Is anything worth the terror of

THE DEEP

RITZ II LAST NIGHT
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RITZ II STARTS TOMORROW
OPEN 1:00 FEATURES 1:10-3:20-5:30
RATED PG 7:45-10:30

Who is **Bobby Deerfield**

No one really knew.
No one until now.
No one until her.

AL PACINO **MARTHE KELLER**

R/70 THEATRE STARTS TOMORROW
OPEN 1:45 FEATURES 2:00 4:30
RATED PG 7:00 9:20

JAMES CAAN IN
'ANOTHER MAN, ANOTHER CHANCE'

Ridin' fence

Headed for gold

Colorado City, Harris recalled that they missed the Big Spring and got off in the desert area. It is supposed that he is talking about the sand hills around Andrews and Kermit.

He said the horses became weak without water and that the riders had to get off and walk across the desert. They finally found water. He said there was nothing around the Pecos River but grasses and weeds with "a complete lack of timber." Before coming to the Pecos River some of the men on the trip thought they would not come to any water until they got to the far-off mountains. They were plotting to kill Captain Duvan because he had missed the Big Spring and had not taken the emigrant's trail to Emigrant Crossing on the Pecos.

When they came to the Pecos River, Harris records that men and horses made a wild dash for the welcome water and "extreme depression turned quickly to high jousness."

The Pecos River, at that point, in that year was 100 feet wide, 20 feet deep and flowing with a speed of around four miles per hour. It was too wide to swim and too deep to ford. Harris described the crossing as unique. All they had that would float were wooden tent poles and metal canteens. The poles were tied together and fastened to empty canteens, making a sort of open mesh raft.

Lariats were fastened to the raft which was put out in the center of the river. Some of the men swam across and tied the ropes on the other side. The raft was then pulled back and forth across the river until all the provisions, baggage and equipment had been moved across. Last the animals were tied together, and the remaining men pulled them across.

While they were headed for the gold fields, they didn't know there was gold right in Big Spring. The H. Clay Read gold deposit which has been given frequent attention by various interests is not the type of

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THE GAUNTLET

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Thief steals kitchen sink

PORT LAVACA, Texas (AP) — A thief could have picked up and walked away with everything but the kitchen sink after he broke down the door to a Port Lavaca home early Wednesday. But he wanted the sink.

Port Lavaca police said Julian Ybarra reported he couldn't find anything in the house disturbed except the door and the sink, which was still hanging precariously from its plumbing.

Detective Sgt. Joe Pena said the frustrated thief apparently "just tried to tear it away from the wall" but failed.

Pena said police are stumped as to a motive for the burglary, but the investigation is continuing.

"Usually, they try to take everything BUT the kitchen sink," Pena said. "This is a first for me."

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Knight plan observance

Big Spring Commandry No. 31 of Knights Templar are inviting all Masons and their families to attend their Christmas observance, which starts at 8:30 a.m., in the Masonic Temple, 219 Main St.

The ritual ordinarily begins at 11 a.m., but was moved forward because the Christian celebration coincides with Sunday and a number of people who ordinarily would attend probably would have been in church instead.

The program will last about 35 minutes and will be open. A special invitation is being extended to all widows of Sir Knights. Sir Knight uniforms are not required.

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