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Texas to gain three seats in House

226,504,825 in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Census Bureau made it official today: the population of the United States counted in this year's census is 226,504,825.

That number, unless changed by court challenges in 13 states, will be used to reapportion the House of Representatives. Eleven states would gain seats in the House and 10 would lose, including New York, the biggest loser with five seats.

The biggest gainer was Florida, with an official population of 9,739,992. Florida would gain four seats for a total of 19.

Other gainers of House seats would be California, up two to 45 seats; Texas, up three to 27, and Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah and

Washington states, up one each. The loss of New York's five seats will give that state 34 House members. Three other industrial states, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois will lose two seats each. Losing one seat each were Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey and South Dakota.

The controversial figures will be submitted to President Carter as required by law by the end of 1980. That makes the 1980 census count official.

To reach the New Year's Eve deadline, the Census Bureau needed some emergency help from the Supreme Court overturning a New York lower court ruling that the government said would have delayed reapportionment of Congress.

By a 7-1 vote Tuesday, the high court cleared the way for the bureau to certify the count.

The 1980 figures, based on the population April 1, were more than 23 million higher than the total of the 1970 census, which showed there were 203,302,031 U.S. residents. And the official figure is about 1 million higher than the preliminary numbers that had been issued earlier this year.

The numbers issued today were broken down only by states. Officials said the population of individual cities will be ready in about two months.

Vincent P. Barabba, director of the Census Bureau, took note of the controversy that has brought the court challenges.

John Coffee stepping down

West new municipal judge

By ANDREA COHEN
Members of the Big Spring City Council, meeting in executive session Tuesday evening, appointed Howard County Justice of Peace Bobby West to succeed John Coffee as municipal judge. The appointment becomes effective Jan. 1.

Earlier in the month, Coffee had indicated to members of the city council that he wanted to be relieved of his duties but did not reveal his future plans.

A statement released Tuesday night stated that Mayor Clyde Angel and Councilman Larry Miller had met with Judge Coffee Dec. 18 to discuss changes within the municipal court.

"At that time, Judge Coffee expressed his intention to resign from his post as municipal judge effective the first of January," the statement said.

City councilman opted not to comment on his resignation. Coffee was unavailable for comment.

The municipality will be obtaining a new computer system.

In a special meeting Tuesday night of the city council, members accepted a bid from National Cash Register for \$98,216.

The price includes all software applications, installation, implementation, and some in-house training, according to Tom Ferguson, city finance director. "It will be necessary for several people to attend a seminar to obtain complete training for use of this system," he said in a memo to the mayor and city council members.

City council members were told maintenance work could be acquired within four hours after the notification.

"The college and the county have computer systems compatible to this system so it's probably fail-safe," said City Manager Don Davis.

The delivery date of the computer is expected in 45 to 60 days.

Big Spring Police Chief Elwood Hoherz asked the council to approve the relocation of the municipal court to the council chamber to give the police department added room. He told the council the detective would be moved into the courtroom with partitions at each desk.

"I think it's a smart move," Councilman Robert Fuller said before the council approved it.

Hoherz also told the council four

West to take oath of office

Several county officials will be sworn-in during a ceremony at 3 p.m. today in the Howard County commissioners courtroom.

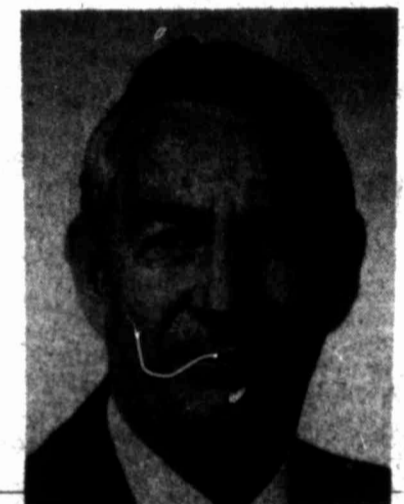
County Judge Bill Tune will approve bonds for the officials in open court session, and Margaret Ray, county clerk, will administer the oath of office.

Bobby West, who was named municipal judge Tuesday night, will take the oath as justice of the peace, precinct one, place one. West said he checked with the State Attorney General's office and was told it was legal for one man to hold both positions.

Others to be sworn in include A.N. Standard, sheriff; Dorothy Moore, county tax assessor-collector; O.L. Brown, county commissioner, precinct one; and Rick Hamby, district attorney.

Bill Crocker, county commissioner, precinct three; Bob Miller, county attorney; and Robert Smith, constable, will not be present for the swearing in ceremonies. They will take the oath of office later.

Following the ceremony, Sheriff Standard and Mrs. Moore will deputize the people serving in their offices.



BOBBY WEST
New officers were hired to begin work the early part of January including a "Hispanic female." He added that someone was chosen to fill the vacancy, on the Major Crimes Task Force vacated when Mike Eggleston resigned from the department Tuesday morning.

The council also acted to accept a criminal justice grant totaling almost \$26,000 to continue the work of the Major Crimes Task Force.

Blonde found nearly frozen is recovering

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Jean Hilliard was literally frozen stiff — "like a piece of meat out of a deep freeze" — when a friend found her in the snow after a night of 22-below-zero temperatures. But the 19-year-old blonde has made a miraculous recovery.

"At worst, I might lose a couple of toes," she says.

"I can't explain why she's alive. She was frozen stiff, literally," Dr. George Sather, who helped treat the teenager, said Tuesday. "It's a miracle."

Miss Hilliard was frozen after a midnight car accident in rural northwestern Minnesota.

When she arrived at the Fosston, Minn., hospital, her skin was too hard to piece with a hypodermic needle or to reveal a pulse. Her temperature was too low to register on a thermometer. Her face was ashen and her eyes were solid and didn't respond to light.

"The reaction didn't appear until two or three hours after she started thawing out. The body was cold, completely solid, just like a piece of meat out of a deep freeze," Sather said.

Her bizarre ordeal began late Dec. 20 as she was returning to her parents' home near Langby, Minn. The family car skidded off the road on the edge of the White Earth Indian Reservation and stalled in the windy, frigid weather. Clad in western boots, a coat and mittens, she began walking to Wally Nelson's home some two miles away and collapsed only 15 feet from his door.

Nelson found her as walked out the door at 7 next morning. "Her face was ghost-like. I figured she was dead," he said.

Her body was so stiff that Nelson loaded her "diagonally" in the back seat of his car and headed for the hospital.

Wrapped in "water-type heating bags," Miss Hilliard received oxygen and hospital staff heard "little whimpers, probably air coming out of her lungs," Sather said.

She took breaths two or three times a minute, about one-fifth the normal rate. Doctors were unable to give her intravenous feedings because "she was frozen too solid to penetrate the skin," said Sather's brother, Dr.

In other business the council:

—Denied a claim by Sandra Morton who was in a mishap with a city police vehicle at Fourth and San Jacinto.

—Established a two hour parking area on the south side of Sixth, east of Main.

—Accepted a bid from Hester and Robinson, Big Spring, for infra-red heat in buildings 10 and 19, at a cost of \$29,000.

—Passed ordinances to combine the voting precincts at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, close Adams Street, amend the code of ordinances concerning the Parks and Recreation Board and abolish the Joint Airport Zoning Board, the Economic Advisory Council, the Board of Equalization and the Emergency Medical Service Council.

—Passed resolutions to lease the municipal auditorium to the Spring City Theater and establish a municipal court of record.

—Acted to pay 499 vouchers totalling \$671,514.50.

Joe Hernandez, 15 received a special commendation from the council for aiding Officer Ira Harrison in apprehending a suspect Dec. 15. The presentation was made by Councilman Jack Y. Smith.

Jan. 1 Herald appears early

Edgar Sather.
Her pulse, hardly registering, was about 12 beats per minute.

Thursday's Herald will be delivered during the morning, in order that all employees can take advantage, at least in part, of the New Year's Day holiday.

Members of the editorial staff and the composing room will spend much of New Year's Eve on the job, seeing that the paper gets a running start toward publication.

The Circulation Department will remain open only until 10 a.m., Thursday, fielding calls for those who might have missed their paper.

Focalpoint

Action/reaction: Born out of wedlock

Q. Don't most of the children born out of wedlock in this country eventually wind up as welfare cases?
A. So says the Texas Department of Health. It figures out to about 60 percent and the national cost runs to \$8.3 million annually.

Calendar: Square dance

WEDNESDAY
Heritage Museum will be closed New Year's day.
A New Year's Eve dance will be held at the Spring City Senior Citizen Center, Bldg. 487 of the Industrial Park. Live band from 8-12 with a midnight supper following. Admission \$2 per person.

Members of the First Church of God, 2009 Main, will attend a New Year's watch party in the home of Elbert Strickland, Forsan, after 7 p.m. prayer meeting.

The Big Spring Squares will hold a general meeting at 8 p.m., followed by a New Year's Eve dance at 9 p.m., and a black-eyed peas dinner at midnight. The Squares meet on Chaparral Road.

THURSDAY
Heritage Museum is closed today.

SUNDAY
Jerry Kolb, Anderson, Ind., formerly of Big Spring, will be speaking at the First Church of God, 2009 Main, at 10:45 a.m. and again at Highland Church of God at 7 p.m.



CENSUS COUNT — Jackie Sipes, 11, of nearby Saverna Park, Md., looks up at the population counter for the United States in the lobby of the Commerce Department Tuesday. The figure reads 224,991,042. The Census Bureau will certify its 1980 count and submit it to President Carter today.

Water usage indicates shy count

Census figures wrong in BS and Odessa?

Either individuals in Big Spring and Odessa are increasing their daily per capita use of water at a much greater rate than the state average, or the 1980 reported U.S. Census figures for the two cities are grossly inaccurate.

These are conclusions which may be drawn from a water-use study for the cities by O.H. Ivie, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

If, however, the first assumption is correct, then the cities are going to need the Stacy reservoir supply several years sooner than consulting engineers estimated in supporting the application to the Texas Water Commission for the proposed lake southeast of Ballinger.

Ivie conjectured that the correct population for Odessa, based on an average increase in per capita consumption, should be 101,974 instead of the census report of 93,034 (which includes residents served by the Ector County Utility District). For Big Spring, the adjusted population should be 29,072 instead of the reported 24,888 according to the 1980 preliminary adjusted federal census. The federal census figure of 12,671 for Snyder, the other member-city of the CRMWD, appears to be pretty much in line, said Ivie.

In the case of Odessa and Big Spring, the population projections based on the adjusted per capita consumption of water by Ivie are close to what officials in these cities had been estimating on the basis of utility meters and other factors.

Two precautions were taken to insure accuracy of the per capita

figures. First of all, customers outside of corporate limits were eliminated because census figures are for corporate limits. Second, the average of three years (for example 1969-70-71) was used for the decennial water use to avoid climatic distortions. Last summer, for instance, there was an unprecedented water demand due to the most severe, sustained heat wave on record, and a three-year average will smooth that out.

Essentially, what Ivie did in his population projections was to assume this would be an accurate figure for the 1970-80 decade. On this basis, he came up with a figure of 174 gallon per capita per day for Odessa and 192 for Big Spring.

It is these figures divided into the

	CHART 1960		
	Population (Gallons)	Per Day Per Capita (Gallons)	Adjusted Per Capita
Odessa	80,380	132	130
Big Spring	31,230	207	148
Snyder	13,850	134	123
		1970	
Odessa	78,380	158	152
Big Spring	28,735	244	170
Snyder	11,171	206	163
		1980	
Odessa	93,034	199	191
Big Spring	24,888	324	224
Snyder	12,671	233	169

The adjusted per capita is arrived at by eliminating all deliveries outside the corporate limits of the cities. Includes the population in the Ector County Utility District in western Odessa.

Tops on TV: Orphan Train

A film portrait of the late Arthur Fiedler, who led the Boston Pops orchestra for nearly 50 years, will be aired at 9 p.m. on Channel 5. Orphan Train, a story about New York slum orphans being transported to the midwest to find homes, is set for 7 to 10 p.m. on CBS. And CBS and ABC both have special programs set to welcome in the New Year, beginning on both networks at 10:30 p.m.

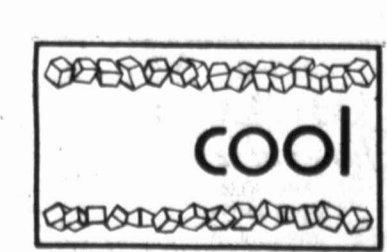
Inside: Tahoka sheriff retires

A BROWNSVILLE doctor says he paid \$120,000 to free his son and three other men from Mexican jail and prevent their conviction on what he called false narcotics charges, according to published reports. See page 4-A.

THE NAME "BOOGER" Redwine, associated with law enforcement in these parts for more than 40 years, soon will be used only in those tales told over coffee. The longtime high sheriff Lynn County is hanging up his badge Thursday. See page 5-A.

Outside: Cool

Fair skies and cooler temperatures are called for in the Big Spring area through Thursday night. Today, highs should reach into the mid 60s, with lows tonight in the 30s. New Year's Day should see highs in the mid 60s, with lows Thursday night in the lower 30s.





SAVES BABY'S LIFE — Julie Leiner, 14, poses with 8-month-old Victoria Marchetti, whose life was saved by the Leiner girl Sunday. Julie, who was babysitting for the Daniel and Nancy Marchetti family, noticed the baby had stopped breathing, and relying on a Red Cross course, revived the child.

Iran to mull hostages proposal

By The Associated Press
Iran has signaled it will consider a new U.S. proposal for ending the hostage deadlock, but reports from Tehran today indicated the crisis probably could not be resolved before President Carter leaves office on Jan. 20.

Iran's main hostage negotiator, Behzad Nabavi, said Tuesday his government would accept a U.S. counterproposal on Iran's demand for \$24 billion if it "contains a kind of guarantee acceptable to the Algerian government."

The Algerian intermediaries were to leave Washington for Algiers today with the U.S. answer. One U.S. official in Washington said it could end the 424-day crisis for the 52 captives "if the Iranians are willing and able to do so."

However, CBS News correspondent Tom Fenton reported from Tehran that Iran's internal situation is making it increasingly difficult for its negotiators to find a compromise which would be acceptable to the United States and politically feasible for the Iranian leadership.

He said despite the apparent desire of Iran's negotiators to resolve the hostage problems as soon as possible, diplomatic observers in Tehran are not optimistic that a solution can be found before Jan. 20, when President-elect Ronald Reagan takes office.

Fenton quoted the diplomats as saying that Ayatollah Sadegh Khalkhali, who has sent hundreds of Iranians before firing squads and is a political foe of President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, has applied for a diplomatic visa for France, and that other political clergymen have made contingency plans to flee Iran.

The official Pars news agency reported today that Justice Minister Ebrahim Ahadi had resigned. The agency said that the resignation was announced by Iran's Judicial Council but did not give further details. It was not immediately known if the resignation was a result of political differences among Iranian officials.

Carole Jerome of the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported from Tehran that "respected sources within the government believe that the Soviet Union is responsible for the crisis because the people manipulating the situation are working in the interests of Moscow."

"The sources point out that it is in Moscow's interest to ensure the relations between Iran and the United States remain broken," the reporter said. The sources believe the militant students who seized the U.S. Embassy on Nov. 4, 1979 were members of Iran's pro-Moscow Communist Tudeh Party.

She said that knowledgeable Iranian authorities said whoever set the demand of \$24 billion "was fully aware that it would be impossible for the United States to accept it."



LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING — "Dawg," the dog, did not chew away the tire on Evan Eggleston's Christmas gift. The three-year-old son of Mike and Linda Eggleston left Santa's surprise on a floor radiator, causing part of a back tire to melt away. Evan looks in bewilderment each time the wheel makes a revolution to the flat part, causing the Hot Wheels to go nowhere. But not to be discouraged, and as luck would have it, he received a duplicate of the same toy last Thursday. So what was Dawg doing? He was after the Herald photographer.

Police Beat — Variety of items taken

Burglars were busy in the city Tuesday. Intruders entered the home of Johnny Lee Davis, 407 1/2 Bell, sometime between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday, through the bedroom window. Stolen were \$68 in cash, two crescent wrenches, a timing light and a jewelry box containing a wristwatch and two gold-and-diamond rings. Loss was estimated at \$300.

Darlene Bosier's home at 3305 Maple caught fire on Christmas day, and she moved out. Sometime since then, burglars ransacked the home and a nearby storage shed, stealing a camper shell, two end tables and possibly other items. Total loss has not been estimated.

Burglars stole 12 pairs of pants from the residence of Myrtle Peterson, Northcrest

apartments, sometime Tuesday afternoon. The battery was valued at \$60.

Five mishaps were reported Tuesday. Vehicles driven by Joseph Detiege, Dayton and Jim Ryals, P.O. Box 391, collided at 11th and Birdwell, 9:16 a.m.

Vehicles driven by Cayetano Salciado, Midland, and George Rosas, Sterling City Route, collided at FM 700 and Goliad, 11:55 a.m.

Vehicles driven by Laura Berry, 2604 Ridgeroad, and Irene Palmer, 504 Scurry, collided at Fifth and Gregg, 5:38 p.m.

Vehicles driven by Leslie Lloyd, 2308 Roberts, and Veleria Cherry, 1008 Baylor, collided at 1000 S. Baylor, 5:43 p.m.

Clements plans Juarez visit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements will be on hand Monday when President-elect Ronald Reagan meets with Mexican President Jose Lopez-Portillo in Juarez.

Clements press aide Mark Heckmann said Tuesday that Clements will fly from Dallas to El Paso on Monday. The governor will go across the border to Juarez for the meeting.

Heckmann said he did not know what Clements' official capacity at the session would be.

Clements is on a two-week vacation at his Dallas home.

'Pop' Buell dies

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Ed "Pop" Buell, a retired American farmer who organized indigenous guerrilla forces to fight the communist takeover of Laos, died Monday in the Philippines, a U.S. Embassy official here said. He was 67.

Four Midland children die in apartment fire

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Firefighters found the bodies of four children huddled behind a door that would have led them outside and away from the fire that raced through their apartment complex Monday night, officials said.

The dead were identified as Jennifer Ann Bennett, 9 months; Rudy Bennett Jr., 3; and 4-year-old twins, Joel and Noel. They were the children of Rudy and Yolanda Bennett.

The parents were out of the apartment but nearby when the fire broke out, officials said.

Flames were already shooting through the roof of a single story wing of the Tall City apartments — a converted motel — when firemen responded to an alarm at 6:45 p.m.

One tenant said he heard an explosion but by the time he reached the apartment where the children lived, it was engulfed in flames.

The fire destroyed the Bennett's two-room apartment, one room of another apartment and a storage room.

One tenant said he heard an explosion before the fire.

Minimum pay hits \$3.35

Thursday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 5.6 million American workers who receive the minimum wage will get a raise Thursday.

The minimum wage will go from \$3.10 to \$3.35 per hour in 1981, meaning a worker will receive \$134 instead of \$124 for a 40-hour week.

The increase is the final installment in a series of increases approved three years ago by Congress and President Carter.

But the future of the program is clouded. President-elect Ronald Reagan, who takes office Jan. 20, wants some teenagers exempted from the program because he contends that paying the minimum rate to young people "destroys thousands of jobs for the poor and the young."

Before the congressional action in 1977, the minimum wage was \$2.30 per hour.

Bishop's ring

is missing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Bishop Vincent M. Harris of the Austin diocese of the Roman Catholic Church offered a \$500 reward for the return of his gold and diamond bishop's ring.

Harris told officers he missed the ring after celebrating midnight mass on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's Cathedral in downtown Austin. He said it apparently fell out of his pocket in the church parking lot.

The ring was described as 14-carat gold with nine mine-cut diamonds and an oval amethyst. He refused to reveal the value of the ring, saying he had always been afraid "someone would cut my hand off to get it." He wore it only for ceremonial occasions.

The bishop said the ring was given him in 1963 when he was consecrated bishop of the Austin diocese.

Digest

Tax limit election

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A city council may not refuse to submit to local voters a charter amendment initiated by a petition that fully complies with the law, the Texas Supreme Court said today.

The court issued an opinion giving its reasons for ordering the Victoria City Council on Dec. 17 to place on a Jan. 17 charter amendment ballot a tax limitation proposal.

The Victoria Political Action Committee had collected 1,300 signatures to put on the ballot a charter amendment limiting tax increases to 5 percent.

Even though the city secretary certified the petition complied with all state and local laws and had enough signatures, the city council voted Nov. 3 not to place the amendment on the ballot.

The high court said the right of initiative for residents of home rule cities implemented the Texas Constitution's provision that all political power "is inherent in the people," and a city council may not thwart it.

"The city council's duty is clear, and its compliance with the law is ministerial in nature. The city council's refusal to submit the proposed amendments to the vote of the people thwarts not only the Legislature's mandate but the will of the public," the court said.

Building permits soar

HOUSTON (AP) — For a second consecutive year, Houston has staked claim to leading the nation in building permits.

A permit for a 71-story, \$120 million downtown skyscraper signed Tuesday by Mayor Jim McConn pushed the 1980 total to \$2.2 billion compared with \$2.16 billion in 1979.

Jimmie Schindewolf, public works director said the 1980 Houston total edged Los Angeles with \$2.01 billion. Following Los Angeles were New York City with \$1.07 billion, Dallas \$989 million, and Chicago \$779 million.

Hazardous waste trial

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency has given Texas the go-ahead to monitor its own hazardous waste management program on a trial basis.

EPA Regional Director Adlene Harrison said Tuesday that Texas has taken the steps necessary to get the federal approval for the state program, which will draw semi-annual evaluations from EPA.

Only five other states have received such authorization since it became available in November.

"It is important for Texas to have this authorization because the state has 4,465 generators of waste," Mrs. Harrison said.

She also said the state has 739 waste transporters and 2,680 facilities for the treatment or storage of waste.

The EPA arranged a telephone conference call to announce the approval. Mrs. Harrison spoke from her Dallas office to reporters around the state. State Health Commissioner Dr. Robert Bernstein and Texas Department of Water Resources Executive Director Harvey Davis joined in from their Austin offices.

The Department of Health and the Department of Water Resources are in charge of monitoring hazardous wastes in the state.

Under the system, the federal agency no longer will be involved in the daily monitoring of waste handling and disposal.

"We intend, in essence, to do what we are doing now except more of it, and a review of all the existing sites. It will eventually be a cradle-to-grave situation and we are well on the way toward that," Bernstein said.

New Year's traffic toll estimated

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — At least 37 persons were expected to lose their lives in traffic accidents over the 102-hour New Year holiday, the Texas Department of Public Safety said, vowing a crackdown on drunken drivers.

While the 52 Christmas holiday traffic fatalities totaled six fewer than had been predicted, DPS spokesman Richard Grimmitt said the year's total traffic deaths were running 3 to 4 percent higher than the same period last year, when a record 4,229 persons died.

"We will have every available trooper out on the job, trying to help local law enforcement agents take the drunks and reckless drivers off the city streets and highways," Grimmitt said.

He said 14 of the 40 fatal accidents reported during the Christmas period involved only one car.

"There is no state law requiring a blood test so we don't know how many of those accidents were alcohol-related," Grimmitt said. "But we believe that drinking and speeding were the two major causes of the fatal accidents over the Christmas holidays."

Economic indicators

looking good

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key barometer of the economy rose 1.2 percent in November, the sixth consecutive monthly increase after sharp declines during the spring recession, the government said today.

The November jump in the index of leading indicators was stronger than October's revised 0.7 percent rise, which came as somewhat of a surprise to many economists who had predicted a weakening in the economy because of record-high interest rates.

The Commerce Department index provides a broad look at 16 different economic conditions in a way calculated to predict future activity.

Eight of the indicators available for November registered increases, with rising orders for plant and equipment contributing most to the overall gain, the department said.

Texans won't forget birthday

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texans will get a reminder next week that the state is having its 150th birthday in 1986.

The Texas Sesquicentennial Commission said Tuesday that special television and radio public service announcements informing Texans of the 1986 Sesquicentennial were being mailed this week.

Nursing home fire claims two

DENISON, Texas (AP) — Two elderly, bed-ridden patients died today when fire gutted the nursing home where they lived, fire officials said.

Firemen sifted through the charred rubble for bodies just in case other residents might have been trapped in the burning building.

There were conflicting early reports that as many as six people were in the old converted house when the fire broke out about 9:30 a.m., but Assistant Fire Chief Bill Taylor said investigators could not confirm that information.

"We know that there's two dead, and I'm pretty sure that's all it's going to be," he said.

The two confirmed fatalities were elderly women, found in their beds, firemen told the Denison Herald.

The fire collapsed the roof of the old structure, making the search difficult.

A spokesman for the Texas Nursing Home Association said in Austin the house, known as the Cookie Lee Paul Nursing Home, "was not a licensed nursing facility."

Deaths

Irene Davis

Irene C. Davis, 70, died at 4:17 p.m., Monday in Gresham, Oregon. Services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Friday in Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Davis was born Jan. 19, 1910, in Abilene, Tex. She married Ray Dee Davis. He died Dec. 18, 1964. She later married Victor Lewis Dec. 27, 1975, in Searcy, Ark.

She owned and operated a beauty salon while in Hot Springs, Ark., and also owned and operated a ranch there.

They resided in Texas until 1949, when they moved to Hot Springs, Ark. They lived there until 1980, when they moved to Corbett, Ore. She was a member of the Latter Day Saints Church in Hot Springs and was past president of the Arkansas Cosmetology Society.

Survivors include Victor Lewis, her husband, Corbett, Oregon; a son, Allen Frank Davis, Corbett; two sisters, Bernice Colbert, Fresno, Calif., and Barbara Martin, Portland, Oregon; an uncle, Jeff Chapman, Big Spring; and five grandchildren.

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Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home

Iva Nell Brown, age 56, died Sunday. Graveside Service 10:00 A.M. Thursday, January 1, 1981 at Trinity Memorial Park.

Services for Irene C. Davis will be 2:00 P.M. Friday, January 2, 1981 with interment in Trinity Memorial Park.

Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel
906 GREGG
BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Markets

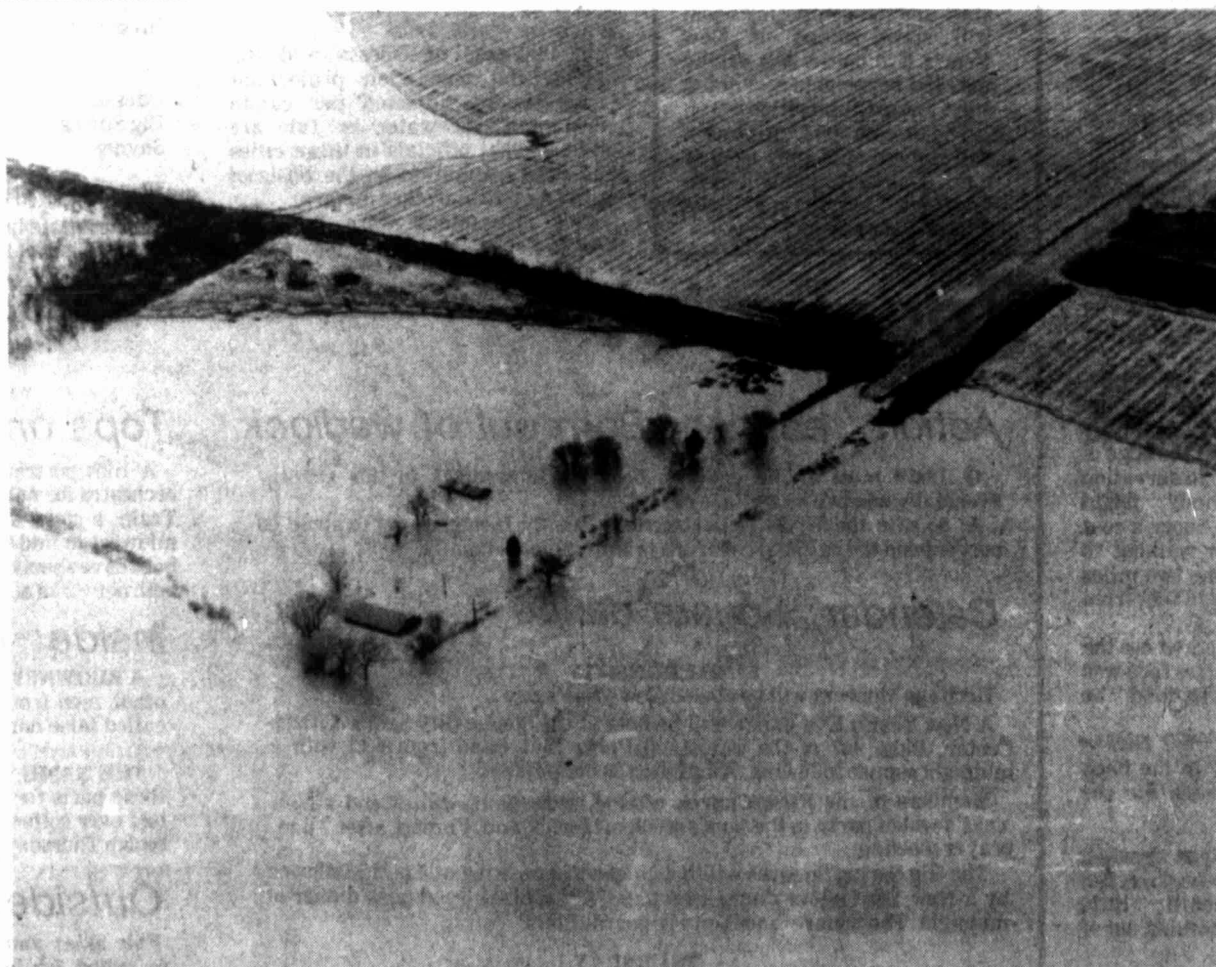
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30 Industrials	964.75	Phillips Petroleum	59
American Airlines	8 3/4	Sears and Roebuck	15 1/2
American Petroleum	39 1/2	Shell Oil	57 1/2
Brantiff	4 1/2	Sun Oil	48 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	26 1/2	American Telephone & Tele	48
Chrysler	2 1/2	Texasco	48 1/2
Dr. Pepper	11 1/2	Texas Instruments	121 1/2
Enserch	30	Texas Utilities	18 1/2
Ford	20	U.S. Steel	24 1/2
Firestone	10 1/2	Exxon	81 1/2
Getty	90 1/2	Westinghouse	29 1/2
General Telephone	27 1/2	Western Union	24 1/2
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J.C. Penney	23 1/2	Keystone	10.73-11.73
Johnsmanville	24 1/2	Puritan	11.15
K. Mart	18	(Nixon quotes through courtesy of Edward D. Jones & Co., Permian Bldg., Room 208, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Phone: 267-2501.)	
El Paso Natural Gas	24 1/2		
De Beers	9 1/2-9 13-18 1/2		
Coca Cola	23		
Mobil	81 1/2		

Markets

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

The average price for strict low middling 1 & 1/16 inch spot cotton declined 164 points to 87.54 cents a pound Tuesday for the nine leading markets, according to the New York Cotton Exchange.

Midday prices were 50 cents to 53.25 a bale higher than the previous close Mar 94.76, May 95.25, Jul 94.50, Oct 96.50, Dec 85.20 and Mar 85.25.



WATER, WATER 'EVERYWHERE' — The situation around the Moore community northwest of Big Spring hasn't improved much since heavy rains in September inundated some farm land. The trapped waters have since become known as Pirkle Lake. The aerial shot

taken here shows that several buildings, including a brick home, remain under water. Pumping operations are under way but it will require up to 130 days to drain the area. A farmer in the area said flooding conditions such as this might occur once every 50 years.

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MAID OF COTTON — For the second year running, an Oklahoman has been crowned Maid of Cotton. The 1981 title went to Karie Kaye Ross (center) of Clinton, Okla., Tuesday night. She succeeds Melissa Mock of Altus,

Okla. Nancy Ellen Golden of Memphis (right) was first alternate and Elizabeth Grace Pollock of Rossmoor, Calif., was second alternate.

Two escape from Houston psycho ward

HOUSTON (AP) — Two men, one accused of the murder of a law enforcement officer, used bed sheets as a rope to escape from the ninth floor of a psychiatric ward at Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston Tuesday.

Authorities said Michael Noack, 21, and Leslie Houston Childress, 46, should be considered armed and dangerous.

Noack is charged with capital murder in the Nov. 2 shooting death of Michael Rivers, an officer in the suburban community of Hegwig Village.

Childress was being held on a charge of possession of methamphetamine.

The men were in the hospital for psychiatric examination.

Sheriff Capt. Charles Gaines said the men somehow found a screwdriver and used it to pry loose the frame holding a shatter proof plastic window pane. Then they used bed-sheets to lower themselves seven stories, where they dropped 10 feet onto the first floor roof of the building.

Two fellow inmates in the room, who declined to join in the escape, said the men left in an old model, dark colored car which apparently was waiting for the escapees.



REACTS TO NEWS OF DEATHS — Linda Martin, center, is comforted by friends after learning of the death of some of her relatives in a fire in Columbus, Ohio, this morning. The fire, which burned out a duplex on the west side of the city, killed three people in one family and one person in another.

State holidays may be whacked

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Independence Day and the birthdays of two presidents no longer would be state holidays under a proposed list of days off recommended by the Legislative Budget Board.

The board Tuesday came up with a list of nine holidays for state employees. The current list includes 18 state holidays.

Recommended for non-holiday status were the state's independence day,

the birthdays of Lyndon Johnson and George Washington, Columbus Day, Election Day, Veteran's Day, Confederate Heroes Day, San Jacinto Day and Emancipation Day (Juneteenth).

The proposed list of holidays includes New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also, two days around Christmas would also be set aside as holidays,

depending on what day Christmas falls.

The Friday after Thanksgiving would also be a day off.

"Everything that anybody ever proposed got into the law through a series of parliamentary mistakes," LBB Director Thomas Keel said. "This cleans it all up and puts state employees more on an equal footing with commercial and industrial practices."

Weather

Mild temperatures dominate area scene

By The Associated Press

Clear skies and mild temperatures dominated the Texas weather scene today as Texans prepared for another long holiday weekend.

Highs were to be in the 60s and 70s. Long-range forecasts called for the pleasant weather to remain through at least the first part of the New Year's Day holiday.

Clear skies and cool

temperatures were reported statewide early today. Some fog was reported along the coast during the pre-dawn hours.

Early morning temperatures were mostly in the 30s and 40s. Extremes ranged from 28 at Wink and 31 at Dalhart and Midland to 44 at San Antonio.

WEST TEXAS: Fair skies with a warming trend through Sunday.

WEATHER FORECAST
WEST TEXAS — Fair through Thursday, turning cooler Panhandle today and most sections Thursday. Highs 40s except 70s Big Bend. Lows upper 20s Panhandle and mountains to upper 30s extreme south. Highs Thursday low 20s Panhandle to near 70 Big Bend.

EXTENDED FORECAST
WEST TEXAS: Fair skies with a warming trend through Sunday. Lows upper 30s north to near 40 south Friday warming to mid 30s north to low 40s south by Sunday. Highs upper 50s north to mid 60s south Friday warming to low 40s north to low 70s south by Sunday.



WEATHER FORECAST — Sunny skies and mild temperatures are expected in the forecast period, today until Thursday morning, for most of the nation. Cold weather is forecast for the Northeast with snow expected from the Ohio Valley to southern New England.

Maid of Cotton crown captured by Sooner

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — For the second year running, the Maid of Cotton crown belongs to an Oklahoman.

Karie Kaye Ross of Clinton, Okla., was chosen the 1981 Maid of Cotton from a field of 16 young women representing seven cotton producing states Tuesday night.

Nancy Ellen Golden, 22, of Memphis, a senior at the University of Mississippi,

was first alternate and Elizabeth Grace Pollock, 20, of Rossmoor, Calif., was second alternate. Miss Pollock is a senior at the University of Southern California.

Miss Ross, 21, is a senior at the University of Oklahoma majoring in journalism and news communication.

She succeeds Melissa Mock of Altus, Okla., the 1980 Maid of Cotton.

Cost of celebrating mixed across America

Millions of Americans who ring in 1981 tonight will find the cost of celebrating New Year's Eve hasn't gone down since they bid good-bye to the 1970s.

The new year will be greeted in all styles, from "moonlight bowling" in Iowa to a jetsitters \$500-a-couple bash at Regine's in Manhattan, from mountain-top fireworks in Colorado to skating with Dustin Hoffman and Linda Ronstadt at New York's Roxy Roller Rink.

With prices up, in some places by as much as 30 percent, many revelers will repair to neighborhood bars and neighbors' basements for their Auld Land Syne festivities.

For a mere \$35 per couple, Merle Hays Lanes in Des Moines, Iowa, is offering "moonlight bowling" from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Beside bowling, there'll be prizes, four drinks, champagne and snacks at midnight, disco dancing and party favors.

Members of a Colorado Springs, Colo., mountaineering group will pay only in sweat as they climb 14,110-foot Pike's Peak for their annual New Year's fireworks display.

But going out in style is not going out of style.

"It'll be sold out," said Bruce Behnke, of the Las Vegas Hilton, where couples will pay \$150 for the Liberace dinner show.

The Royal Canadians, the late Guy Lombardo's band, performing outside New York for the first time in 50 years, are at Boston's Colonnade Hotel where couples will pay \$40 to dance.

Many night spots will feature oversized television screens showing New York's Times Square and the thousands who jam the streets to count down the old year. But in honor of the American hostages in Iran, the ball that slides down a pole at midnight won't be lighted the whole time for the first time since 1904.

Frank Palumbo, owner of the Philadelphia nightclub Palumbo's, said his \$20-per-person price for filet mignon and dancing includes no complimentary alcohol. "We don't encourage drinking," he said.

A few deals, like the \$40 per person at the MGM Grand in Reno, Nev., and the \$160 Marriott in Philadelphia, prices are the same this year.

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Where are the snows of yesteryear?

There are those who rejoiced a few years ago when Big Spring and Howard County benefited from 14 snows during one fall and winter. That snow thrives on cold weather and the chance to throw snowballs, eat snow cream and promote an image of a winter wonderland.

Then there are those who would be quite happy if it never snowed here. They quickly get tired of looking at the white stuff through windows that have too much vapor on them, of wading through snow to get to the garage and the garbage can.

And then there are the visitors who come south to escape the cold weather and are invariably disappointed if the temperature doesn't get up to 85 or 90 degrees.

ICE STORMS ARE dreaded here a lot more than are snow storms. We had one such storm here within the

recent past and it virtually paralyzed the community for two weeks. People in the northern climes are trained to cope with such weather. We are not, because it so rarely occurs.

The big snow in this country are, of course, preserved in history and in books. In a recent edition of National Wildlife Magazine, the writer, after eyeing the records, comes up with some cold facts concerning the most fearsome, frigid winters of yesteryears.

The lowest temperature ever recorded in the U.S., according to the bimonthly publication, was minus 79.8 degree Fahrenheit at Prospect Creek, Alaska, Jan. 23, 1971. The heaviest snowfall was 86 feet at Rainer Paradise Ranger Station during the same 1970-71 winter. That is about as deep as an eight-story building is tall.

One of the earliest American blizzards tracked down by National

Wildlife in February 1898. One New England pioneer called it the "terriblest winter ever" as Boston got buried under 42 inches of the frozen moisture. And that, remember, was before the days of snow plows.

PERHAPS THE granddaddy of all blizzards happened in May of 1888. From the Chesapeake Bay to Maine, for four days, an average of 40 inches buried the region. Winds gusted up to 70 miles per hour and there were more than 400 deaths — 200 in New York City alone. Train passengers were marooned and 200 ships foundered.

One historic snowstorm came as a disguised blessing. At 6 p.m., Christmas Day, 1776, a bitterly cold blizzard struck the East. Gen. George Washington wrote in his diary: "The wind is northeast and beats in the faces of the men. It will be a terrible night for the soldiers who have no

shoes. Some of them have tied old rags around their feet, but I have not heard a man complain."

Later that night, Washington crossed the Delaware with his shivering army of 2,400 men and slipped into Trenton, N.J. After a long night of Christmas revelry, the Hessian mercenaries were no match for the ragged Americans. The Revolutionary War would not be won for five more years but the Battle of Trenton was the turning point. Had it not been for the cover of that snowstorm, it might have gone the other way.

Be thankful for the chance to live in what has become known as the Sun Belt. We may not be able to go swimming in the dead of winter but we can navigate most of the time without snow tires, snow shoes or skis.

Enough, already

Around the rim

Robbi Crow

If I have to look at one more picture of Santa Claus, sing one more Christmas carol or eat another turkey and cranberry sauce sandwich, I think I'm gonna be sick.

It's that time of year again — not quite the end of one and not yet the beginning of another. It's that in-between stage when you're sick of looking at Christmas decorations but are by no means in any mood to put them all up.

IT'S FUNNY how none of us is as overjoyed about packing up the Christmas wreaths, nativity scenes and Santa Clauses as we were displaying them almost a month ago.

Christmas, I don't think there's any time of the year I look forward to any more, yet I'm probably even more excited (or relieved) after it's finally over.

From the moment you stuff that last bit of Thanksgiving turkey into your already full stomach until you close your weary eyes many parties, presents, cakes and carols later, you eat, drink, sleep and sing the holiday season.

All of your previously set rules like sticking to a budget, avoiding too many party commitments, etc., are whisked away as your heart is appropriately filled with the spirit of giving.

But when all the excitement is past and the last candle is blown out

Christmas night, you suddenly remember why you set such rules to begin with.

All the happy songs, glistening decorations and Christmas goodies that helped to bring you to the peak of a natural high are gone, leaving you on the other side of a mountain with more bills than you can handle, presents you don't know what to do with and a depression you don't understand.

BECAUSE OF THE heightened amount of activities most people enjoy during December, the holiday season is often followed by a period of depression known as the January blues.

Well tomorrow is New Year's Day, and if you find yourself on the verge of a case of the January Blues because you overdid this holiday season, it's too late to undo everything now.

But the best New Year's resolution you can make for yourself is to take preventative steps to secure a happy New Year 1982 by planning ahead for the 1981 year-end celebrations.

Stay within your budget during the season rather than incurring heavy debts to keep up with the Joneses and avoid commitments to too many activities during the month.

But most of all plan your Christmas around Jesus Christ for whom the season is all about.

What better way to ensure a happy 1982?



Polish Christmas

Joseph Kraft

WARSAW — Everybody's Christmas this year was a little bit Polish. For this country is not really protesting against a particular set of actions by a particular party in a particular place. A universal moral matter is at stake — the matter of humanizing the large, impersonal bureaucratic structures that fill out so much of the background of modern life.

The foremost figure in Christendom today — the Polish Pope, John Paul II — provided, according to practically everybody here, the inspiration for the movement that has seized this country. How come? Certainly not because he is a liberal, or a revolutionary. On the contrary, on such issues as abortion, divorce and the role of women in the Church, John Paul is a crusty traditionalist.

BUT HE STANDS for a kind of people's Christianity. He has brought home a church that seemed nothing if not hierarchical, distant and formal. He has personified an institution, and made it seem attractive.

There lies the significance of what he calls his "pilgrimages to the people" — his visits to the consumer societies of Europe and the U.S.; to the peasant societies of Latin America; to the Islamic society of Turkey. "Don't be afraid. Open your doors to Christ," he said in his first Mass as Pope. And when he was asked what it felt like to have been selected, he replied, "I feel free."

That kind of freedom — the freedom to loosen institutional bonds, to break down personal inhibitions, to reach out and touch — is what the Pope brought to Poland on his visit last year. As he put it in a meeting with the Communist leader of the time, Edward Gierek, "The basic mission of the Church everywhere and always is to make man better, more conscious of his dignity, fully devoted to his life's tasks — family, social and patriotic."

Lech Walesa, the shipworker from Gdansk, who led the wave of protest that toppled Mr. Gierek, has been called the "Son of the Pope." For the movement he came to head promoted a cutting of bonds with the official unions, a deepening of social consciousness, and a joining of hands with others. Not for nothing has the free trade union movement here been called "Solidarity."

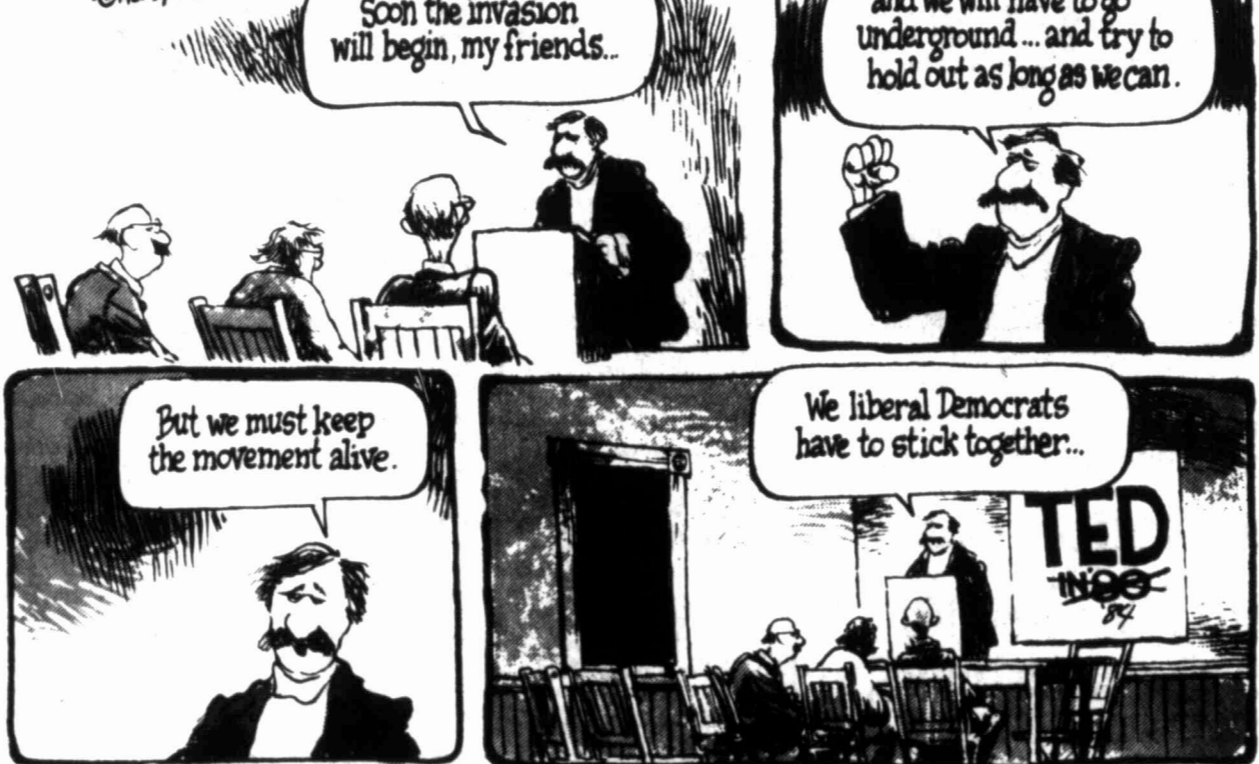
THE VICTORIES of Solidarity have now spread its spirit broadly throughout Poland. The Communist Party itself is in the midst of spirited debate about "renewal." "In most revolutions," Stephen Bratkovski, a party member who is head of the Journalists Union here, said at a dinner the other night, "everybody thinks on the level of the common people. In ours, everybody has been ennobled. Suddenly we are all taking to one another. Anybody who does not talk is not Polish."

No doubt that will seem a far cry from the Christmas of tradition — from the birth of a Savior, from Good King Wenceslaus, and Scrooge, and the stockings by the chimney. But every age has its idiom, and its problems, and even its chance of salvation.

Paganism and barbarism, idolatry and the worship of strange gods, beset the last days of the ancient world. Salvation then, and for many centuries afterwards, lay in self-denial and renunciation — the way of the saints and of the martyrs.

With the breakdown of feudal society and the onset of industry and city life, grinding poverty became the problem of the Western World. Charity took paramount place as a virtue, and the spirit of giving came to the fore in the Christmas season.

MAKING THE POLISH CHRISTMAS COME BY CHUCK AND TRANE



Blood pressure may vary in the arms

Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Dear Dr. Donohue: When I get my blood pressure checked at our clinic, I find that the readings are different depending on which arm is used, one higher than the other by 10 points. Why? — Mrs. B.I.

Normal variations of blood pressure are frequently found between the two arms. They should not be greater than 10 points, which is your variation. That's not abnormal. I have never seen a good explanation of why a 10-point variation can occur. For a special case, read the following letter from S.F.G. and the response.

Dear Dr. Donohue: My 26-year-old son now tells us that the blood pressure is high on the right arm and normal on his left. We are concerned because his doctor is talking about surgery to correct whatever is wrong. My son has mentioned his aorta, but he isn't really the most communicative person in the world, so we are totally in the dark. Can you shed some light on this? — S.F.G.

Ask your son if he is referring to coarctation of the aorta. Coarctation means a narrowing of that large blood vessel. It is usually present from birth. I'll try to explain.

As the aorta's trunk leaves the heart it turns downward. Along the way, other large arteries branch off from it to begin the blood circulation network that eventually reaches all parts of the body. The vessel serving the right arm branches off higher up the trunk than does the one serving the left arm. If a narrowing in the main trunk occurs between these two branches, the result is higher blood pressure in the right arm than in the left because the branch to the right arm is getting greater blood volume than the one to the left.

The narrowing can be corrected by removing that portion, then rejoining the ends. If the narrowing is detected in childhood and corrected then, so much the better. If this is the problem, the variation in pressures between arms would be greater than the 10 points referred to in the answer to Mrs. B.I. (above).

Dear Dr. Donohue: How can one be sure one of the many drugs sold for colds does not contain aspirin? Is it

always listed as such or can it hide under a long chemical name? Why can't a person with asthma take aspirin? — J.O.

All the ingredients in an over-the-counter drug should be listed on the package. If you are in doubt, ask the pharmacist, who will have the list. The longer name for aspirin is acetylsalicylic acid. (Pronounce that AS-SEE-tul-SALY-ih-SILL-ik.) Some asthmatics cannot tolerate aspirin because they have severe reactions — hives, rashes, or worsening of their asthma. These same people are often plagued with sinusitis and nasal polyps. Why some people cannot tolerate such substances is a mystery.

Dear Dr. Donohue: What's the prescribed method of handling cradle cap in an infant? — Mrs. P.R.J.

Cradle cap results from activity of normal oil glands. These can be more active in some youngsters than in others. Any approved baby oil is OK to loosen the scales, which can be removed with a comb. If the scaling is more stubborn the doctor can prescribe other ointments that work. More frequent shampooing will avoid recurrence.

Dear Dr. Donohue: Could you please tell me what the medicine Actifed does for a person who has trouble with breathing? Should it make you drowsy? — S.E.G.

This is a brand name for a combination antihistamine and decongestant. It is used frequently for control of rhinitis (inflammation of nasal membranes). Yes, one of the listed side effects is drowsiness. It is the antihistamine content of the



My answer

Billy Graham

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I just don't seem to have any moral self-control or discipline. I have already had several abortions, yet I can't seem to stop what I am doing. How can I find strength to change? — A.M.F.

DEAR A.M.F.: I sense that you have already taken two important steps toward finding the strength you need. First, you have realized that what you are doing is wrong and that you need to change. Second, you have realized that you do not have the strength within yourself to change the way you are living.

Your greatest need is to come to know God by giving yourself to Jesus Christ. God created you and wants you to discover what it means to have him at the center of your life. He wants to help you and make you his child. He wants to enter into your life and give you real purpose and joy — which you will never be able to discover apart from him. And you can become a child of God by simply turning to Jesus Christ, God's Son, and inviting him by faith to come into your life. The Bible promises, "To all who

received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

How can God help you? When you come to Jesus Christ he forgives all your sins. Right now you are burdened with guilt for all the wrong you have committed. Wouldn't it be wonderful to know all your sins were forgiven? And they will be if you turn to Christ. "Your sins have been forgiven on account of his name" (1 John 2:12).

Then God also can help you by giving you strength to resist temptation. He may do this in several ways. For example, as you grow closer to Christ (through reading his Word, praying, and in fellowship with other believers), you will want to please him more and more. You also will realize just how much he loves you. It may be that you do the things you do because you are seeking human love — although (as you have discovered) you have not found it in these relationships. But when you know God loves you, it will make a big difference. Give your life to Christ and then seek to grow closer to him. That is the answer to your problem.

WASHINGTON — When Pvt. Aleksandr Kruglov, a member of the Soviet forces that invaded Afghanistan a year ago, strolled into the American Embassy in Kabul with the apparent intention of defecting, he made headlines around the world.

He also touched off a tragicomic series of events that revealed how ill-equipped the United States is to deal with Russian citizens seeking political asylum.

THE COMIC part of the episode became all too obvious: Though the Soviets had been occupying Kabul for months by the time Kruglov showed up at the embassy — and, indeed, the Russians had dominated Afghanistan for years — there was not a single Russian-speaking Foreign Service employee on the staff of our embassy in Kabul.

So until a Russian-speaking diplomat could be flown in from the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, poor Kruglov had to communicate with the Americans in pidgin German.

The tragic part, of course, is what may have happened to Kruglov when he decided — after less than a week in our embassy — to give up his claim of political asylum and return home with Soviet diplomats.

The Russians and Kruglov "willingly agreed" to leave his sanctuary, and under the circumstances, U.S. diplomats could not reasonably argue that he had been coerced. It is at least possible that Kruglov simply got tired of trying to communicate in Katzenjammer German.

What hasn't been disclosed to the American public is that the United States, without either a clearcut policy or an on-the-spot capability of dealing with a potential Soviet defector, had called on the United Nations for help in the delicate matter.

Acting on the assumption that Kruglov would eventually have to be escorted out of Afghanistan, the State Department turned to the Geneva-based U.N. High Commission on Refugees. Using the United Nations as an intermediary would avoid possible accusations that the United States had coerced the Russian soldier into defecting. So far, so good.

BUT AS it turned out, the United Nations was just as ill-prepared as the U.S. Embassy to handle possible defections in Afghanistan. The U.N. refugee commission had no office in Kabul.

The nearest U.N. refugee office was in neighboring Pakistan, to which thousands of Afghans have fled since the Russian invasion. But instead of flying in a refugee official from Pakistan, the U.N. authorities decided to turn Kruglov's case over to the international office that was on the scene in Kabul: the U.N. Develop-

ment Program.

What the U.N. officials overlooked, however, was that the head of the development program in Kabul was a Bulgarian. Although he would presumably be able to make himself understood to the Russian soldier — certainly better than someone speaking schoolboy German — his political guidance for a potential Soviet defector would be suspect, to say the least. Bulgaria is one of the Kremlin's staunchest allies.

"A Bulgarian diplomat is not exactly your ideal choice to deal with a Russian soldier seeking to defect," U.N. source remarked wryly to the associate Lucette Lagnado.

As it happened, the Bulgarian official never did meet with Pvt. Kruglov. Faced with a diplomatic vacuum, American embassy officials allowed Soviet diplomats to talk to Kruglov.

Much to the Kremlin's satisfaction — and to nobody's great surprise — the session with the Soviet officials proved persuasive. Kruglov changed his mind about defecting and agreed to return to Russia. He has not been heard from since.

SUSPICIOUS VETS: Veterans Administrator Max Cleland has confided privately that the most frustrating experience of his tenure has been dealing with Vietnam veterans' complaints about the controversial defoliant, Agent Orange. It has been an even more frustrating experience for the vets who suspect their exposure to the toxic spray is responsible for their development of cancer and other maladies.

The vets' cynical attitude toward the government was made depressingly clear in a recent survey ordered by VA officials to see if veterans' hospitals were doing a proper job of testing for Agent Orange effects.

The internal survey showed that most of the veterans don't believe the government is giving them straight answers. More than half rated the Agent Orange tests as either "poor" or "only fair."

At the same time, most of the veterans who were tested said they were treated courteously at the VA hospitals. In other words, their complaint is that they think they're being lied to.

TOUCHY QUESTION: About that little popgun Nancy Reagan says she keeps in her night table drawer: One security-conscious government official suggested jokingly that, by rights, the Secret Service should have an agent posted in bed between the Reagans as long as that loaded pistol is there. But the service's spokesman, Jack Warner, put such speculation to rest. "We don't believe Mrs. Reagan poses a threat to the president-elect," he said. And Reagan isn't the type to push his luck by eating crackers in bed.

Big Spring Herald

Mailbag

Dear Editor: I am writing a letter that is long overdue. I would like to apologize to the wonderful city of Big Spring for what I did in 1977 — for the burglary of a church there. I was given a six-year sentence for it. I made parole Oct. 11, 1979.

When I came back to Big Spring, the people accepted me as if I had never been to prison. You all showed me love and I love you very much. I'm grateful for your trying to help me. All I did was throw away what respect I had.

I am truly sorry for what I did to all you wonderful people. A man could never ask for any better friends.

I am glad I was given a six-year sentence for what I did, but I did learn my lesson. I am back now with 15 years to do. I have learned my lesson now.

Life is too good to throw away.

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"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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Lynn Sheriff 'Booger' Redwine hanging up badge

TAHOKA, Texas (AP) — The name "Booger" Redwine, associated with law enforcement in these parts for more than 40 years, soon will be used only in those tales told over coffee.

The longtime high sheriff of Lynn County is hanging up his badge Thursday.

Few folks know the grizzled lawman by his given name of Norvell. But almost everyone knows of his service in law enforcement, which has included stints with the Texas Highway Patrol and a spell with the Texas Rangers that led to his enshrinement in the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame.

For 24 of the last 28 years, Redwine has been Lynn County Sheriff.

Folks around here still remember when young "Booger" Redwine, now 67, got his start in the business.

His father, F.E. Redwine, a Lynn County deputy, was killed at the jail in 1936 by a prisoner.

After his father's death, Redwine was asked to step in as deputy by then-sheriff B.L. Parker.

"I went ahead and did it but it sure wasn't easy,"

Redwine said, reminiscing in advance of his scheduled retirement.

Since 1936, his work in law enforcement has brought him much recognition. Many law enforcement agents from the surrounding area look to Redwine for help, not only because of his expertise but also because of his uncanny memory.

"He can remember things that happened 40 years ago," said one deputy. "We've had officers from all over this area call him and ask about things that may have happened 15 years ago and he'll tell them names, dates and even times that things happened."

Redwine's stories about his past are rich with color and detail, including his recollection of the day he earned his unusual nickname.

A cousin pinned it on him, he said, one day after herding cattle on his father's ranch.

"You're the ugliest little devil I ever saw," is what the cousin said, according to Redwine, "as ugly as Booger Red himself," referring to a then-famous bronc rider who was reputed to be very ugly.

The name stuck through a career that spans four decades.

Redwine stayed on his first job as deputy for 15 months, then left to join the Highway Patrol, serving with that department in the West Texas cities of Lubbock, Shamrock, Amarillo, Abilene and Big Spring.

After four years he joined the Texas Rangers and stayed with them from September 1941 until January 1948.

In 1952, he ran for his first term as Lynn County Sheriff.

"Everything has changed. Any officer that has been in it for many years will tell you he isn't as good an officer as he used to be," he said, admitting that the job of peace officer is more complicated now than in 1952. "But not all the changes have been bad, some have been pretty good."

His job, he concedes, is mostly administrative these days with his deputies making most of the arrests. It is one of those deputies, Stanley Krause, who will pin on the sheriff's badge Jan. 1.

Redwine says that he has no particular plans for his retirement. He says he primarily plans to follow the example of his wife, Linnie, who taught for 47 years in the

Tahoka schools system but has spent the last three years "doing just what she wants to do."

But the transition from county sheriff to man of leisure will be a difficult one, he admitted.

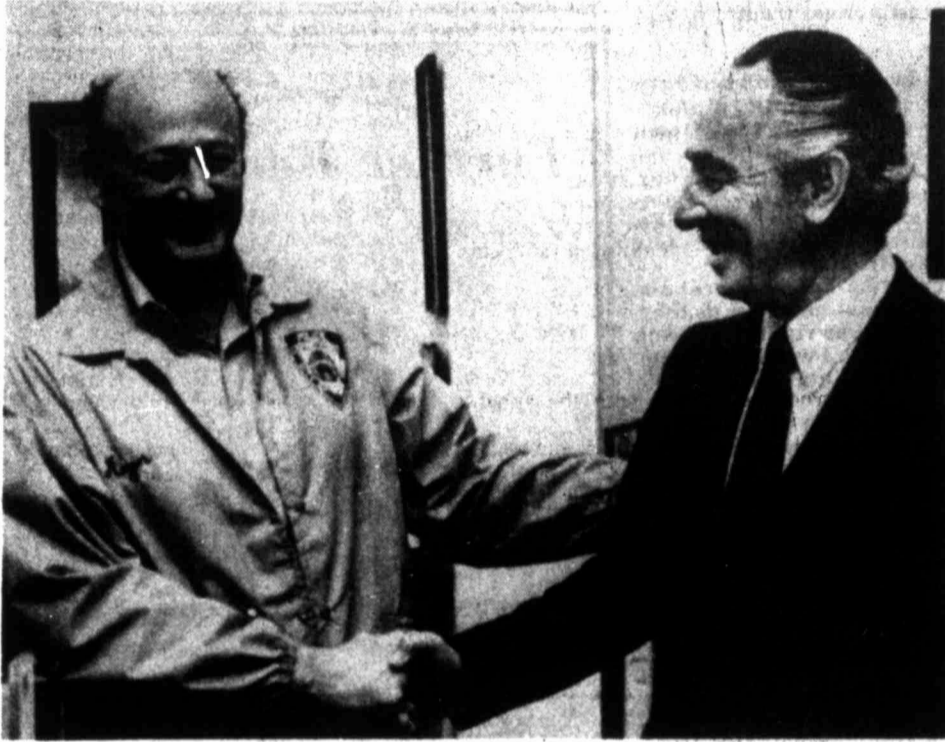
"It's going to take a while to get used to it and I'm going to miss the routine parts of the job and the contact with all of my friends."

Blast rocks refinery

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Explosions rocked a refinery on the northwest edge of this midcoast city early today, knocking out the refinery's central control unit and starting a fire that raged for two hours, fire officials said.

There were no major injuries, said Assistant Fire Chief Victor Garcia. There was a report of one related injury, which came when a bystander was hit by a car, said firemen at the scene.

The first explosion, about 5:40 a.m., went off in a hydrogen cracking unit of the Quintana Howell Refinery, Garcia said.



KOCH MEETS ISRAELI OPPOSITION LEADER — New York City Mayor Edward Koch, left, shakes hands with Shimon Peres, leader of Israel's opposition Labor party as they met this morning in Tel Aviv at the Labor party headquarters.

Suit filed to prevent prison site

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Grimes County residents have filed a lawsuit claiming a state prison near Navasota would make it difficult for them to get to their property, violate a federal court order and destroy a local man's beekeeping business.

State District Judge Lynn Hughes of Houston set a Jan. 6 hearing on the suit filed by 10 Grimes County residents who don't want the prison near their homes.

The Prison Approval Board voted on Dec. 16 to buy 5,968 acres for \$6.7 million. The suit seeks to stop the purchase.

Four of the plaintiffs claim they could not get to parts of their property if the prison is built. A local beekeeper claims his business would be damaged by airborne insecticides and herbicides the prison would use in its farming operations.

Texas Board of Corrections members, Gov. Bill Clements, Land Commissioner Bob Armstrong and Comptroller Bob Bullock are named as defendants.

The plaintiffs also claim state officials violated the law in the way they approved the purchase. The suit says notice of a Nov. 10 meeting of the Board of Corrections did not sufficiently describe the land purchase, it was considered.

Plaintiffs also complain the three-member Approval Board headed by Clements cannot legally make such purchase decisions. The Legislature cannot delegate such powers, according to the plaintiffs.

Funds urged for black colleges

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas state universities could find themselves under the same type of court control that now looms over state prisons if state officials do not make good faith efforts to improve black colleges, according to Attorney General Mark White.

White on Tuesday persuaded the Legislative Budget Board to recommend an additional \$20 million to two predominantly black universities whose budget requests earlier had been pared down by the board.

The LBB recommended an additional \$12 million for Texas Southern University

and \$8 million for Prairie View A.M.

The money is an attempt to persuade the U.S. Department of Education not to send Texas a "letter of non-compliance." Such letters allege a state is not meeting the equal education requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

If it is sent, the letter could reach Austin by Jan. 9, White said.

A federal court battle initiated by the Department of Education could cause court intervention in higher education in Texas, White

warned. A Tyler federal judge apparently is ready to take Texas' prison system under his control.

"We are trying to persuade the Department of Education that a letter of non-compliance will not be necessary," White told the LBB. "As of yet, we have not persuaded them."

White said he is concerned about Texas' intent to comply with the Civil Rights Act when the LBB recommended \$43 million less than requested by Prairie View and Texas Southern. The universities asked for a total of \$120.7 million.

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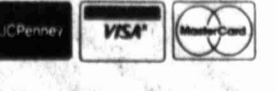


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PAPAL NUNCIO WITH HOSTAGES— Papal Nuncio Annibale Bugnini, right, talks with American hostages in Tehran Christmas Eve. From left are: Gregory Persinger of Seaford, Del.; William B. Royer Jr., Houston, Tex.; and Steve Kirtley, Little Rock, Ark. Photos were released in Tehran, Tuesday, by the Iranian news agency PARS.



TWEEN Stay home till graduation

By ROBERT WALLACE, Ed.D. Copley News Service

Agnes, 16, from York, Pa., wants to move away to her boyfriend's parents' house and is getting nowhere convincing her mom and dad that it is the right thing to do.

She asks that the guest teen writers comment on her dilemma.

Sheldon Cohen, 16, from Alameda, Calif., and Melody Watson, 16, who lives in San Antonio, Texas, will do the honors. Welcome.

Dr. Wallace: I'm 16 and my boyfriend is 18 and we are very much in love. My problem is that he now lives in Santa Barbara, Calif., which is 3,000 miles away and I never see him.

Last week he called and asked if I would come and live with him and his parents. I would have my own room and I could finish school (I'm a junior) in Santa Barbara. We plan on getting married when I graduate anyhow.

The problem is that my parents do not want me to go and we have been at each other's throats. I think my parents are being unrealistic. I'd like to hear your comments and those of the guest teen writers. — Agnes, York, Pa.

Agnes: I would strongly recommend that you stay with your family until after you graduate. I can understand that you miss your boyfriend and you want to be near him. That is reasonable.

It would be unreasonable to leave your family and move 3,000 miles from home to live in your boyfriend's house. To even consider moving away is a very selfish thought.

Stop the tension with your parents and tell them you will wait until June 1982.

Hi, Agnes: I can relate to your situation. My boyfriend is in the Navy and I haven't seen him in five months, three weeks and four days. I really miss him. We also plan on getting married.

I think it would be unwise for you, at this time, to move a long distance away from your home. I don't think moving into your boyfriend's home is necessarily wrong — I think severing ties with your family at age 16 is the error.

Your parents are responsible for your training and care, not your boyfriend's parents. As much as I love my boyfriend, I would never do anything that would upset my parents. That is until I'm mature and old enough to make my own decisions. — Melody, San Antonio, Texas.

Hello, Agnes: Stay at home. If this boy wants to be near you, why doesn't he move to York and live with a friend? (I assume he at one time lived there.)

Too many things can go wrong living in the same house with your boyfriend. I have a 17-year-old sister and I would be terribly depressed if she took off to live with her boyfriend and his parents, even if it was in Alameda. — Sheldon.

Overtons announce son's birth

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Overton Sr., Coahoma, announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca LeAnn, Dec. 19, at 8:25 a.m., at Malone Hogan Hospital. Rebecca made her debut weighing 4 pounds 1 3/4 ounces.

The new arrival's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams, Sand Springs. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Overton, Coahoma.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams, Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. James Overton, Garden City Rt.

Raymond Jr., 20 months, welcomed his new sister home.

Pregnancy guidelines are given

Parents beware: Pregnancy has become a major risk for American teenage girls, reports the Health Insurance Institute.

About 1 million adolescents became pregnant last year.

Three in 10 of all adolescent pregnancies reported last year were for girls under 15 years of age.

At least 3 in 10 teenage pregnancies were aborted.

Should a family require an abortion for one of its members, the Institute points out, many group policies provide benefits for legal abortions under the category of normal maternity coverage.

This means that a male policyholder with dependent coverage generally is entitled to receive payments for an abortion for an unmarried daughter or any other dependent female.

Similarly, women policyholders, married or not, are entitled to abortion benefits as would be their dependent daughters.

Son's birth announced

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Griffith, Lufkin, announce the birth of their first child, a son, Paul Joseph, Dec. 13. Paul made his debut weighing 4 pounds 1 ounce and measuring 17 inches in length.

The new arrival's maternal grandparents are Charles Hamm and Louise Moore of Big Spring. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Burl Griffith, Forsan.

Great-grandparents include Elbridge M. Hamm, Bradley, Min., Mrs. Veta Griffith, Forsan and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Grady, Bryan.

Dear Abby



Resolve to Take It One Day at a Time

DEAR ABBY: Last New Year's Eve you published some New Year's resolutions. I cut that column out and taped it on my bathroom mirror where I could read it every morning. I want you to know that it has helped me to become a better person. I am not saying that I kept every one of those resolutions every day, but I kept most of them, and they have now become habits that have made a remarkable improvement in my personality and character.

I hope you will repeat that column every New Year's Eve. I'm sure it will benefit many others as it has me.

NEVER TOO OLD

DEAR NEVER: By popular demand, my "resolutions" column has become an annual tradition, and here it is:

DEAR READER: These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have taken the liberty of using that theme with some variations of my own:

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will try to be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will try to change those things that I can change and accept those things I cannot change.

Just for today I will try to improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will do a good deed for somebody — without letting him know it. (If he or she finds out I did it, it won't count.)

Just for today I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to cut down. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know is fattening. And I will force myself to exercise — even if it's only walking around the block, or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today I will be totally honest. If someone asks me something I don't know, I will not try to bluff; I'll simply say, "I don't know."

Just for today I'll do something I've been putting off for a long time. I'll finally write that letter, make that phone call, clean that closet, or straighten out those dresser drawers.

Loaded question is posed to club

Mrs. Robert Rember and Mrs. Henry Thompson hosted the 1948 Hyperion Club December meeting in Mrs. Rember's home on Chapparral Rd. Among the 21 present were two new members, Mrs. G. L. Jones and Mrs. Jerry Ludwig and a guest, Mrs. H. P. Wooten.

Mrs. Merle Stewart presented the program, "What If Jesus Had Waited Until Now to Come?" amidst the Christmas decor of the home.

Using a series of thought-provoking questions relevant to the changes over the last

2000 years, with the final question, "In light of today's situation, would He be tempted not to come at all?" Mrs. Stewart concluded with the affirmation: "He came on time as God's clock of the universe struck. He came in the right manner, both regal and lowly enough. He came in the Right Person, Immanuel, God-With-Us!"

Mrs. Luin King and Mrs. H. W. Smith will host the Jan. 15 meeting. Mrs. Harold Talbot will present the program, "Let Us Take Time for Adventure and Travel."

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Old salty sailor charts serene matrimonial sea

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And, "should she be blown on her beam ends by wind or misfortune, I am to stand and see her righted."

In return, his mate had to "obey signals without question," "stand by as a true consort in foul weather, battle or shipwreck," and "run under my guns if assailed by picaroon or privateers."

Unfathomably this old-time chart for the sea of matrimony—found harbored

Poultry is cornering the market?

Food service market turning to more poultry.

All segments of the food service market are increasing their use of fresh poultry, the National Broiler Council notes.

According to the 1980 Food Buying Trends Survey conducted by Institutions magazine, the percentage of food service operations reporting an increase in the use of fresh poultry is as follows: hotels-motels 27.0 percent; colleges-universities 26.9 percent; full service restaurants 20.1 percent; employee feeding 20.0 percent; hospitals 19.3 percent; nursing homes 17.5 percent; fast food 10.6 percent; and schools 10.6 percent.

Frozen poultry increases were also significant and in the case of hospitals and schools, exceeded the increases in use of fresh poultry.

among one seafarer's heirlooms in Edinburgh, Scotland—contained no life insurance provision in case the captain weighed anchor prematurely, says the American Council of Life Insurance.

An unfortunate oversight.

"Should the old salt have gone under before his mate," says the Council, "without life insurance there would have been no funds to keep her and their crew of dependents in a style befitting a skipper's family."



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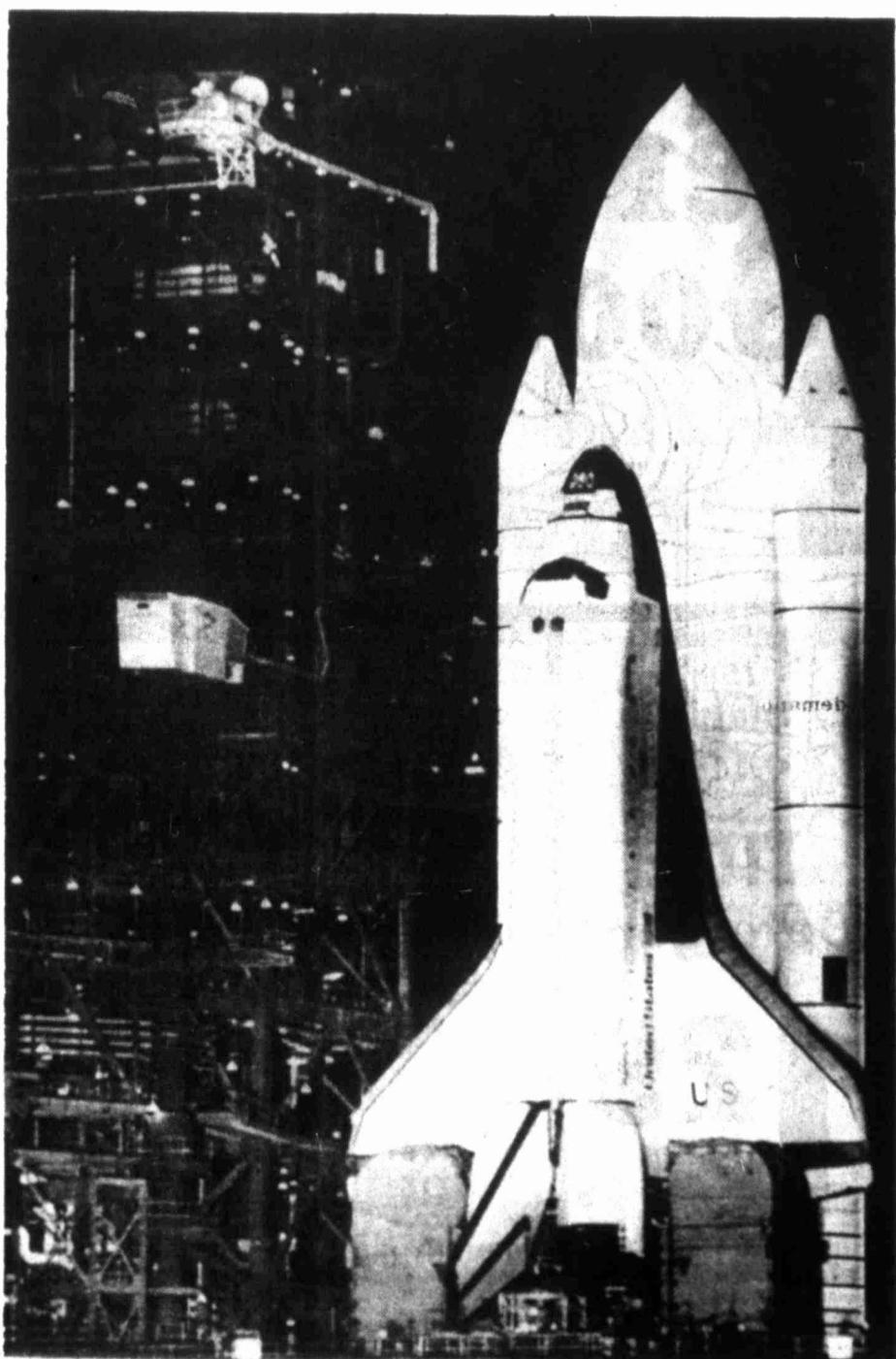
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SHUTTLE ON PAD—The Space Shuttle Columbia reaches its launch pad Monday at Kennedy Space Center, Fla. Monday after a 3½ mile trip from the Vehicle Assembly Building. The shuttle, after about two years of delays, is expected to be launched in March.

Using food as weapon labeled tough talk'

By R. GREGORY NOKES
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan's choice for agriculture secretary, John R. Block, says the United States should consider using food as a weapon against other countries.

That is tough talk, because it suggests the United States deny food to needy people when it is unhappy with them. And if people need food and don't get it, that is called malnutrition and starvation.

Using food as a foreign policy tool isn't a new idea. Suggestions have been made from time to time that the United States deny wheat to oil-producing nations if they raise oil prices.

U.S. food has been denied to Cuba for years under a total trade embargo.

And the United States now is using food as a weapon against the Soviet Union in the form of a partial grain embargo because of its incursion into Afghanistan. Reagan said during the

campaign he would end this embargo because it isn't fair to American farmers.

Block, who has been director of agriculture for the state of Illinois, was pretty clear at a news conference about how he would like to see food used in international affairs, calling it "the greatest weapon we have over the next 20 years."

Block said later that his comments on use of food as a weapon may have been too strong, but the fact he did say it shows it could well become an issue in the new administration.

Block wasn't asked what countries he had in mind — U.S. enemies, neutral countries or friends who might occasionally displease the U.S. administration.

If it's to be applied against enemies, communist countries probably would be denied food.

To what effect, though, is questionable.

The decade-old trade embargo against Cuba didn't stop Fidel Castro from

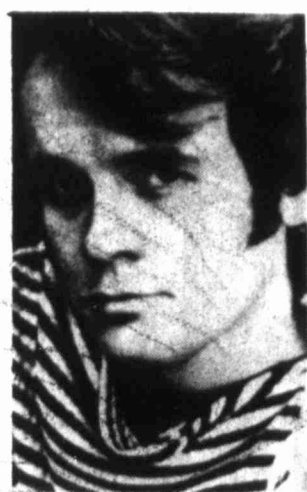
sending troops to Angola and Ethiopia.

The partial grain embargo hasn't forced the Soviets to pull their troops out of Afghanistan any more than extensive grain sales to Moscow in recent years deterred the Soviets from what Reagan calls the biggest military buildup in history.

It's likely that grain and other food sales to China will expand rapidly in the next few years, although few expect China to be transformed from a communist to a free-market state in the process.

Iran isn't getting much American food anymore, but the American hostages remain in Tehran.

The countries most likely to be vulnerable to using food as a weapon would be those who depend on U.S. generosity for part of their food needs. Those are the very poor nations, where people already have a tough time getting enough to eat.



Lubbock club is reduced to ashes

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Owners of a nightclub reduced to ashes by an early morning blaze offered a \$10,000 reward Tuesday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the fire.

Fire officials blamed arson for the blaze that swept through the New West early Tuesday morning, causing an estimated \$600,000 damage.

Firefighter Rick McMimimy, 23, suffered slight burns on his hand and neck and was treated and released at a Lubbock Hospital.

Flames already were soaring above the roof of the building by the time firefighters arrived at about 3:30 a.m. It took three hours to control the blaze that gutted the nightclub.

John Anthony, assistant fire marshal, said a preliminary investigation pointed to burglary and arson. Investigators found a door had been pried open and several desks and game tables had been broken into.

FOLK-SINGER DIES

Folk singer Tim Hardin, 39, best known as the composer of "If I Were a Carpenter," was found dead in his Hollywood apartment Monday night. The cause of death was not immediately determined, but Sgt. Frank Spangler said there was no evidence of foul play.

Keith named acting chief

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Assistant Chief Jim Keith was named acting head of the Amarillo Police Department Tuesday by Amarillo City Manager John Stiff.

American business knowhow ready to deal with reality

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Mirror

NEW YORK (AP) — During an interview in the mid-1960s, J. Peter Grace commented that the great U.S. exportable was management knowhow. At the time, Americans still were considered the sharpest business people.

A few days ago, speaking of the record, the chairman of a U.S. natural resources company related that he had just returned from Japan, where a banker chastised him for America's wasteful business practices.

"He treated me like a little child," said the chairman, still awed at what happened but aware that Americans no longer possessed a corner on knowhow. While tough to accept, the fact had to be recognized.

What happened in the interim is still debated, but one assumption is that the acceptance of the great exportable — Japan and Europe especially — learned well, while the teacher forgot or didn't care.

Americans squandered in

the 1970s, ironically a decade that is often associated with conservation. Government grew, management turned bureaucratic, risk was avoided, debt encouraged. Consumerism and its instant joys were sanctified, while productivity shriveled.

Good management techniques were ignored or made impossible because of the volatile economy. Short-term goals became paramount — quick profits were demanded by analysts, investors and the chairman of the board — though such profits were known to be at the expense of the future.

But not everything was lost, or nobody has so proven. Saved, it seems, is the ability of Americans to face themselves and maybe rebuild, after years of avoiding reality like the poet fleeing the hound of heaven.

Consider: —Throughout the country voters have insisted on spending cutbacks or a better accounting of how their money is spent. Spending efficiency, even if it means fewer services,

seems to be the new demand. —After years of being crushed between the two giants — big government and big industry — small business, the job creator, is gaining muscle.

Workers and industry finally are recognizing they are in business together, and that both their fortunes are bleak unless they can raise productivity.

—The myth of the millineum has been set to rest, at least in regard to the present time.

—Consumerism, which had come to mean the customer should be served no matter the cost.

Pentagon raps Japanese defense sending plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon on Monday strongly criticized Japan's newly announced defense spending plans as falling "seriously short."

Although the Japanese government officially projects spending increases of 7.6 percent, defense officials said this will only amount to "real growth" of about one-third of 1 percent after accounting for inflation.

"Given the fact that Japan already spends relatively little on defense, the increase contemplated in the Dec. 29 budget proposal is so modest that it conveys a complacency which simply is not justified by the facts," Pentagon spokesman Thomas Ross said when asked for reaction to the Japanese spending plans.

The United States has been urging its allies to boost

military spending by at least 3 percent after inflation and the Carter administration has pegged the U.S. goal at about a 4.5 percent annual increase.

In voicing disappointment with the Japanese government's decision, Ross said "it falls seriously short, whether measured by the security situation, by the discussions held between senior officials of our two governments over the last year, or by considerations of equitable burden-sharing."

This was the second sharp Pentagon reaction in less than two weeks to a major ally's failure to meet what the administration sees as a minimum goal for strengthening military power in the face of growing Soviet strength and Russian intervention in Afghanistan a year ago.

On Dec. 18, Defense

Secretary Harold Brown voiced "severe disappointment" with the West German government for projecting only a 2.2 percent increase in real defense spending for next year.

Brown hinted that the American public and Congress may lose patience with the apparent reluctance of allies to match U.S. efforts.

Five inspectors fired for taking pep pills

HOUSTON (AP) — A Brown & Root Inc. official says five quality control inspectors at the South Texas Nuclear Project were fired or resigned for taking pep pills on the job.

Knox M. Broom, a senior vice president for the prime contractor on the \$2.7 billion project under construction near Bay City, said lie detector tests were used during the two-week investigation last spring and no evidence was found that the use of amphetamines affected safety or proper construction.

"We looked carefully for any improper performance by them on the job and just couldn't find any," Broom said.

Because of quality control problems, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission fined Houston Lighting & Power, and project's major partner, \$100,000 and ordered the firm to show cause why construction permits should not be revoked. The NRC later said there had been a complete turnaround on quality control and construction was allowed to continue.

Broom said the pep pill investigation began after one inspector told a supervisor four other inspectors were taking amphetamines. He said the informant later changed his story and admitted he also had been taking the pills. One of the men, he said, was allowed to resign instead of being fired.

Broom said NRC was kept informed of developments and the NRC later conducted its own investigation.

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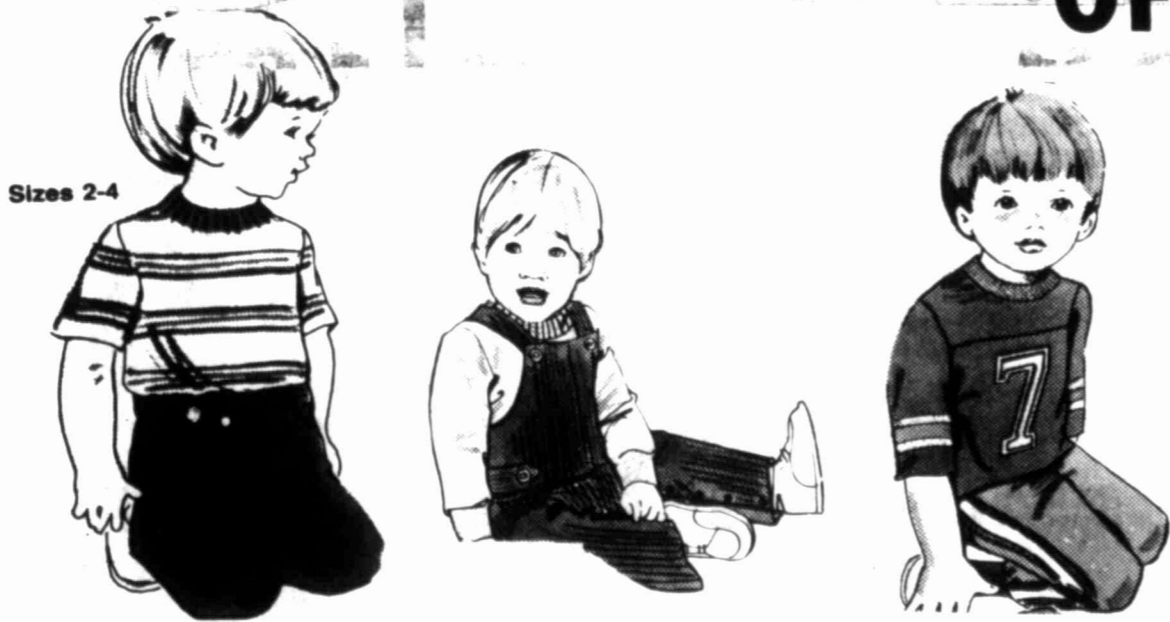
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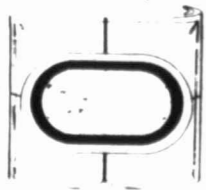


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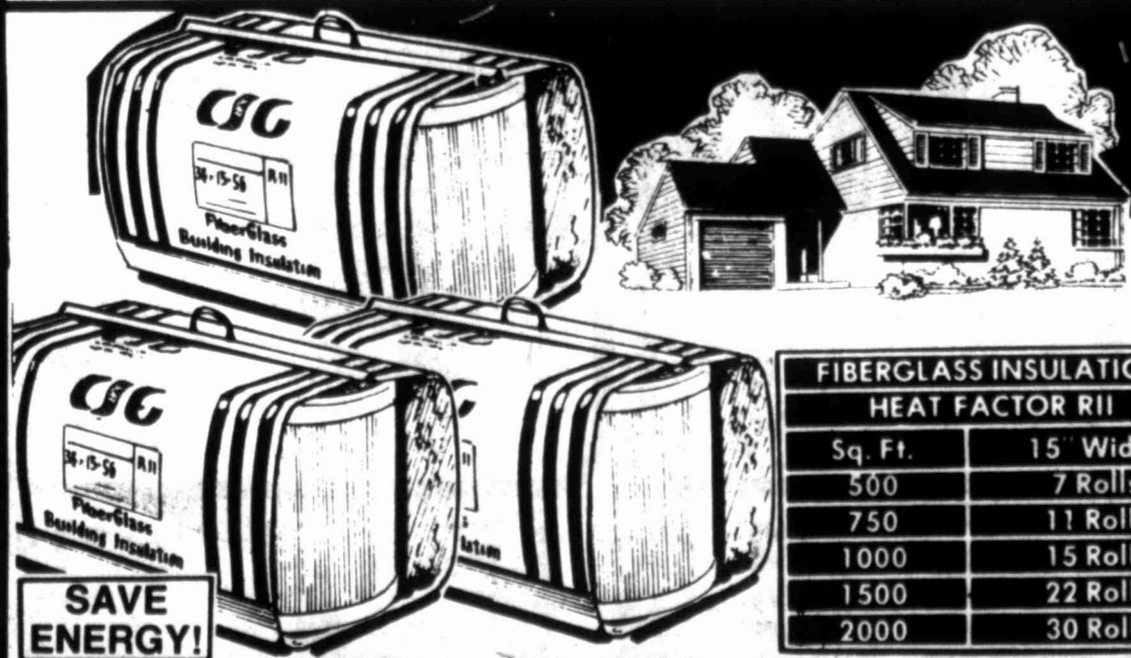
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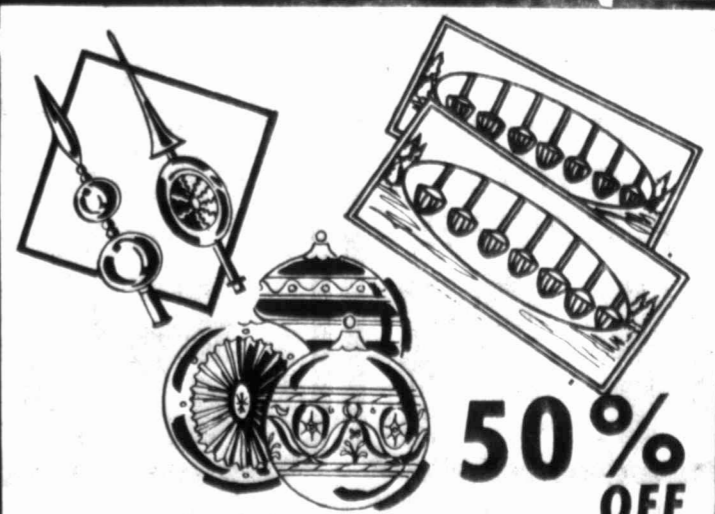
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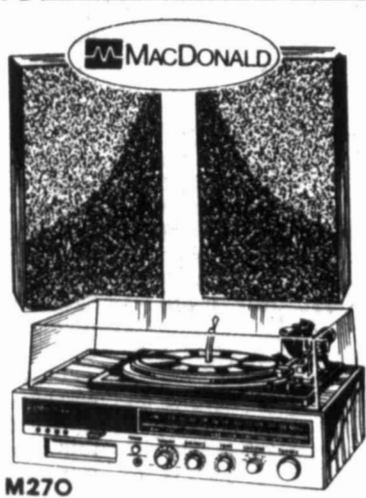
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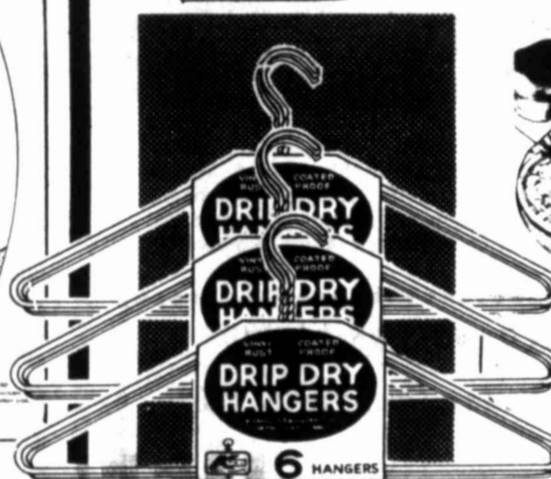
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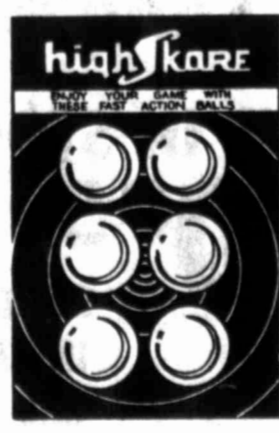
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Ex-con turns pages of phone books from 10 feet away

Strange odyssey for master of mind over matter

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—James Hydrick moves pencils by pointing at them, catches deer with his bare hands and blocks punches and finds objects while blindfolded.

But there's more to the gentle 21-year-old ex-con than a bag of eye-popping parlor tricks. His mind-over-matter skills are indeed amazing, but his odyssey from discarded infant to master of martial arts is downright bizarre.

Hydrick arrived in Salt Lake last summer to set up a martial arts school based on his knowledge of Wushu Gung Fu, an ancient Chinese discipline aimed at achieving complete mental and physical self control.

Hydrick has, at various times and always in the presence of reporters, done the following:

- Turned pages of telephone books from 10 feet away and moved pens, pencils, plants and other objects by giving them hard stares.
- Blocked punches and found hidden coins or car keys while blindfolded.
- Blocked punches and found hidden coins or car keys while blindfolded.
- Walked blindfolded down a line of 16 people and, without touching them, known which are men and which are women.
- Sneaked up on deer at night and grabbed them around the neck.

—Demonstrated a level of martial arts judged by experts to be, well, expert.

Hydrick makes no claims to mystical or psychic powers. "I think it's an energy I put out," he says.

Hydrick appeared this week on ABC-TV's "That's Incredible!" and has been the subject of local television and newspaper stories. But until he spoke with The Associated Press recently, he chose to keep his true origins secret because "they didn't fit what I've become. It's painful as all hell to me."

To avoid dredging up his

emotionally scarred past, Hydrick put out a cover story to explain his amazing skills — essentially that he had trained in Tibet at the feet of a high priest.

More than once in the AP interview, Hydrick became agitated and asked to terminate the session rather than answer questions about his youth. Finally he gave in. He supplied a sheaf of documents — mostly reports from state institutions and psychiatrists — supporting his tale.

Hydrick was born in Passaic, N.J., to a drug

addict mother and bar bouncer father. Deserted by his mother, he spent his boyhood in a succession of orphanages, foster homes and state institutions in Georgia and South Carolina, where he was termed an incorrigible discipline problem.

In 1969, at age 10, Hydrick began a six-year stint at Whitten Village, an institution run by the South Carolina Department of Mental Retardation. A teacher there wrote that the boy's "interest span is short unless the subject deals with magic or outer space."

In December 1975, Hydrick was discharged to the care of his father and stepmother. He left home after a final domestic blowup and, at the age of 16, found himself wandering along the Savannah River south of Augusta, Ga.

That's where he says he met Wong Chung Wu, a white-haired refugee from China who changed his life.

No documents exist to back up the next part of his story.

Hydrick claims he stayed a year with the old man,

purportedly a Tibetan high priest before the Communist takeover in 1949.

"He taught me to levitate, fight blindfolded. He taught me about hate, fear and love," Hydrick says in a soft drawl. "He said I reminded him of a little lost animal in a new jungle." Which, Hydrick says, is what he was.

Hydrick eventually left his mentor and while hitchhiking in California in December 1977 caught a ride in a van. Police later stopped the van and arrested its occupants, including Hydrick, on charges of kidnapping and robbing two men before dumping them along the highway.

Hydrick says the actual crime occurred before he was picked up and that he was the next intended victim, not an accomplice. But, he continues, because he had personal articles belonging to one of the kidnapping victims in his pockets, he was also charged.

Hydrick says his attorney told him he would be released with time served if he pleaded guilty. Hydrick pleaded guilty — and spent the next 2½ years in the Los

Angeles County Jail. He says he spent much of the time meditating in solitary confinement: "That's where a lot of my power increased."

The guards, he says, were afraid of him. "I would put out the lights and stop clocks" in order to get out of solitary, Hydrick recalls with a laugh.

Hydrick is eager to pass on his peculiar skills to others.

Already, he says a 6-year-old pupil can move pencils and plants. "I intend to have a monastery, a temple, to train people the way of life," says Hydrick.

"The whole world has become negative," he adds. "Think positive thoughts and you get positive results."

To illustrate his point, he picks up a reporter's hand, points it at a pencil and knits his brow. The pencil moves.

Authorities unable to find buried victim

SALEM, Va. (AP) — There may be problems in digging up the body of a 4-year-old boy from a Roanoke landfill after the boy's stepfather, who has admitted beating the youth to death with a belt, showed authorities where he buried the body, a prosecutor said.

James Arnold David Smith, 35, "pointed out the general area" of where the body is buried Tuesday, Roanoke County Commonwealth's Attorney John Lampros said. "And that area is a ravine filled in to a depth of 50 feet."

State and local police have been looking for the body since last year, when one of Smith's stepdaughters told them she saw Smith kill the boy and bury him.

But diggers were unable to locate the body because the girl's recollection of where the body was buried was not on the target shown authorities by Smith.

Smith showed authorities the general area where the body was buried, but he could not pinpoint it because of extensive earth moving in the area since 1971.

to have the body, but if we're in a position where the body is situated where we cannot find it, then we have to proceed without it."

Dr. David Oxley, chief medical examiner for western Virginia, said the odds weren't good that the cause of death could be determined after nine years.

Smith admitted to federal authorities in Dallas, Texas, earlier this month that he killed the boy, Charles E. Grantham, in 1971 while living in a Roanoke County trailer park.

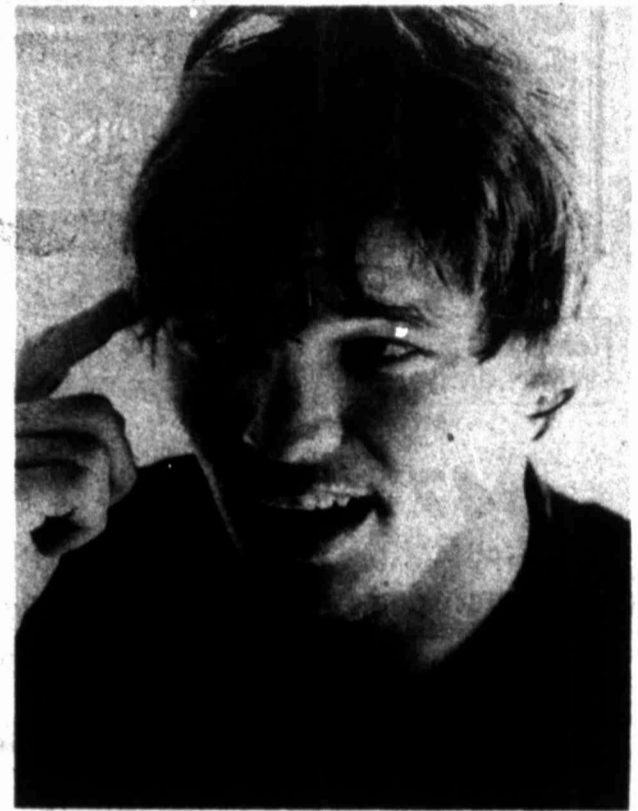
Smith was charged with murder in Dallas while being sought by federal authorities in Charlotte, N.C., on a Social Security fraud charge.

He then agreed to return to Roanoke County and show authorities where he buried the body.

He and his wife, Mary Grantham Smith, the boy's mother, were charged in Charlotte with fraudulently obtaining Social Security benefits for the dead child. They are being held in Charlotte pending trial on the fraud charges.

No charges have been placed against Mrs. Smith in the death of the child.

During a bond hearing last week in Charlotte, Assistant U.S. Attorney Harold Bender said Smith confessed to beating the child to death and burying him.



(AP LASERPHOTO)

HYDRICK — James Hydrick, a quiet, 21-year-old ex-convict, blocks punches while blindfolded, moves objects without touching them and turns book pages from 10 feet away. Even more amazing is his personal story, an odyssey from discarded infant to master of martial arts.

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ACKERMAN, Miss. (AP) — A Webster County man facing federal charges in the shooting death of a Texas youth prepared today for a hearing before U.S. District Judge L.T. Senter Jr.

Ronald Glen Shaw, 29, of Eupora, has been charged with murder on a government reservation in the sniping death of Terrell Johnson, 9, on the Natchez Trace Parkway on Friday.

The boy died to death after he was shot in the leg as he and members of his family drove north on the Natchez Trace Parkway, a two-lane, limited access federal highway.

John Kelly, agent in charge of the FBI in Mississippi, said Shaw was charged Tuesday with violating laws covering the crime of murder on a government reservation. Shaw had earlier been charged in an affidavit filed by Choctaw County Sheriff Hayes Mills.

Kelly said Shaw, currently held at the county jail in Ackerman, faced a life sentence if convicted.

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U.S. will invade Iran

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Iran's government spokesman says the United States is preparing to invade Iran. U.S. officials had no comment, but a retired Army general who says he is an informal adviser to President-elect Ronald Reagan suggested mining Iran's main oil terminal to free the 52 American hostages.

The Iranian spokesman, Behzad Nabavi, told a news conference Tuesday in Tehran, "We have learned that the United States intends to attack the Persian Gulf under various pretexts. The chaotic situation in the region will possibly provide the necessary excuses."

Nabavi, who also serves as minister of state for cabinet affairs and frequently speaks on the hostage crisis, did not say where in the Persian Gulf the United States planned to attack, or where Iran obtained its information on the impending attack.

But he implied anti-government disorders in Iran's Caspian Sea towns facing the Soviet border in the north might be designed to set the stage for American invasion from the Persian Gulf in the south.

He said the unrest "is probably intended to prepare the ground for external action," and that the aborted American military operation

to rescue the hostages in April, and the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq war 101 days ago were both preceded by internal troubles in Iran.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Daniel Graham, former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said in Washington Tuesday the "least controversial" military option for freeing the hostages would be to plant mines in the waters surrounding Kharg Island, Iran's main oil terminal in the Persian Gulf.

He said the mines could be detonated on command so "you don't kill anyone" and that the operation would shut down Iran's oil flow, already crippled by the war with Iraq, "100 percent."

Graham said he was an adviser "in an informal sense" to Reagan, but that he had not discussed his idea with the president-elect or any of his transition advisers. "I can't speak for the Reagan administration by any stretch of the imagination," he said.

Ahwas, capital of Iran's oil-rich Khuzistan Province, and the southernmost oil-refining city of Abadan on the Persian Gulf were shelled again Tuesday by the Iraqis, Iran's official Pars news agency said. It said 56 people were killed and 117 wounded in the two cities.

Iraq invaded Iran more than three months ago and has occupied a swath of Western border territory 50 miles deep and 300 miles long in a bid to enforce its sovereignty over the Shatt al-Arab estuary, Iraq's only waterway to the Persian Gulf.

Gas leak suit filed

MONT BELVIEU, Texas (AP) — Two Mont Belvieu residents have filed a \$10 million class action suit alleging two companies negligently caused gas to escape from a salt dome beneath the town.

About 75 families have been evacuated since the leaks began in early October in this Chambers County community about 30 miles east of Houston.

Gulf Oil and a subsidiary, Warren Petroleum Co. were named as defendants in the lawsuit filed in state district court in Houston by Patrick and Laura McCune.

Warren, one of about 14 companies using the salt dome to store petrochemicals, reported loss of pressure in a storage well Sept. 17. It has accepted no blame for the leaks that led to the evacuations.

At a Monday night meeting, most of the families evacuated organized a committee to consider possible legal action.

Marvin Barrow, named to head the committee, said a damage suit may be filed by the group.

"The majority of the people have told me they just don't want to live on a powder keg any longer," he said. "And since that gas leak occurred you couldn't sell any of our homes."

Purging of the gases from the area is continuing and city officials said some families may be able to return home in about three weeks.

Since the evacuations, most of the families have been living in a nearby motel.



(AP LASERPHOTO)

CARTER STATES OPINION — Former State Department aide Hodding Carter III, right, says President Carter's national security adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, is a "second-rate thinker" whose meddling created chaos in the administration. Hodding Carter, who served as press secretary to former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, also said the most harmful aspect of the administration "was the president's almost willful inconsistency."

Woodson becomes president of newspaper association

HOUSTON (AP) — Craig Woodson of Brownwood is to become president of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association on Thursday.

Woodson, president of Woodson Newspapers Inc., succeeds Lyle DeBolt, senior publisher of the Freedom Newspapers Group in Harlingen.

The TDNA announced today Frank Feuille, president of the Newspaper Printing Corp. of El Paso, becomes vice president, and Charles O. Kilpatrick,

publisher of the San Antonio Express and News, becomes treasurer.

New directors are Jim Fain, publisher of the Austin American-Statesman, and W. Lawson Grant, assistant publisher of the Temple Daily Telegram. They succeed Kilpatrick and W. Howard Bronson Jr., publisher of the Shreveport, La., Times.

Feuille and Kilpatrick are now in line to become president of the group in 1982 and 1983.

Tempers flare as flight delayed in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A few tempers may have soared higher than the altitude later assigned to a Texas International Airlines DC-9 jet flight to Dallas.

About 90 passengers were booked for the flight Monday morning when a malfunctioning safety device intruded. The flight lifted off from Kansas City International Airport about 12 hours later.

"Most of the people accepted it reasonably well," said Texas International area manager, Larry Morrison. "But some tried grandstanding and raised the devil because they couldn't leave on later flights," he added.

The airline provided snacks and meals, returned luggage from the plane and purchased formula for one passenger's infant.

But the staff's best efforts failed to lift either the aircraft or the spirits of many of the passengers.

Mechanics and parts had to be flown in from Texas and then, heavy fog delayed the flight almost two hours.

"I was supposed to get married today," said 24-year-old Robin Vernon of Dallas. "This was supposed to be the biggest day of my life."

Authorities said a handful of the passengers decided to take matters into their own hands at about the ninth hour of the delay. They formed a chain in front of the metal detector unit at Gate 11 and refused to allow passengers to board another flight.

"This particular group tried to convince Flight 420 people to give up their seats so they could take their places," Morrison said. "We called security."

There was a shouting match before things calmed down.

Shannon Noll, a 28-year-old Houston resident who was returning home after visiting relatives in Kansas City, was unperturbed by the police presence.

Veterinarians seminar ends

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A total of 676 accredited veterinarians have completed a two-day seminar on the Texas brucellosis program, the Texas Animal Health Commission said Tuesday.

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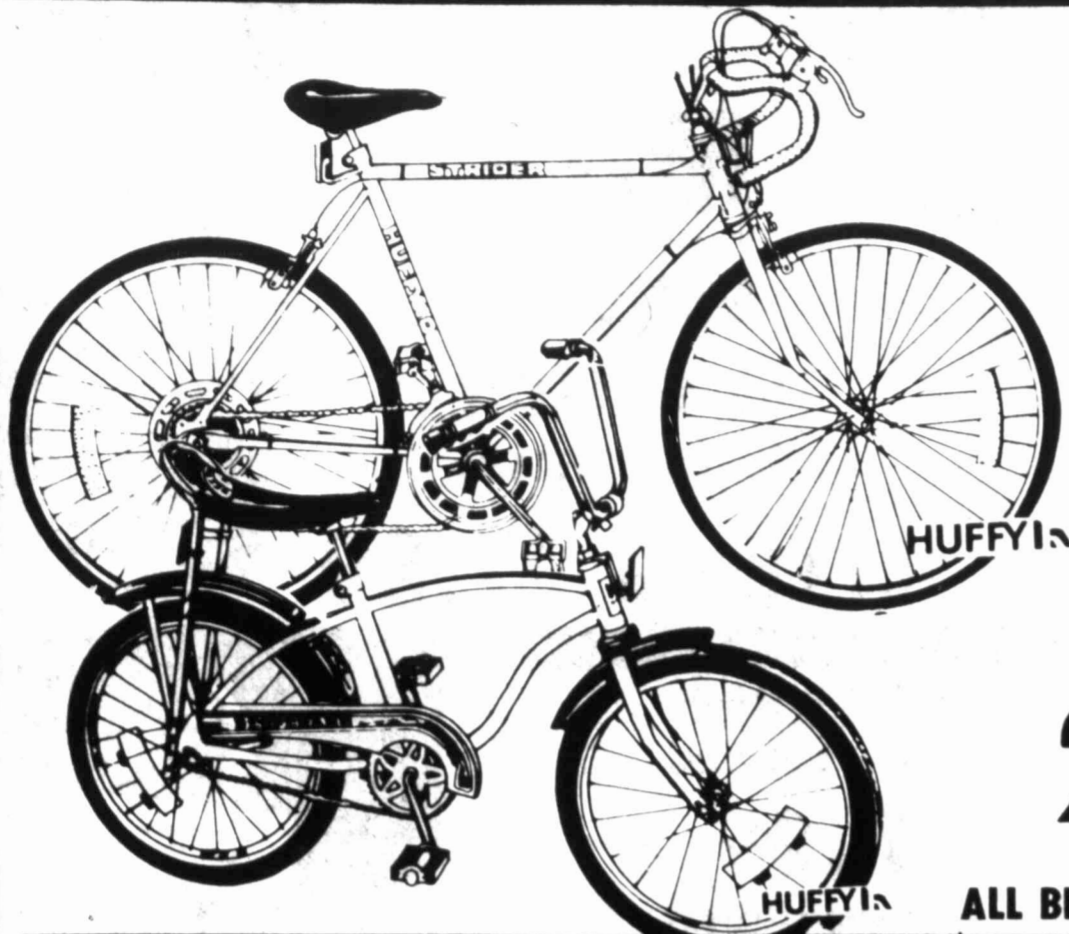
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Reagan's pick of free trade advocate to fuel speculation

By LUCILLE CRAFT and LAURIE HOLLMAN
States News Service
WASHINGTON — President-elect Ronald Reagan's expected selection next week of a free trade advocate to fill the post of U.S. Special Trade Representative (USTR) has fueled more speculation over what instrument the government will choose to regulate international trade.

Already, officials within the transition team and in Congress have called for a variety of schemes, ranging from dismantling the USTR to establishing a Department of International Trade in place of the Commerce Department.

The pre-inauguration talk about organization has spilled over into a classic debate on the merits of free trade versus protectionism. It has also spurred discussion on how to make government more efficient.

At President Carter's order in 1978, trade duties shared by five federal agencies were concentrated in Commerce and in the USTR. The trade representative was made responsible for charting policy and the Commerce Department was charged with implementing it. The trade reorganization also authorized foreign service officers to drum up business abroad.

Those unhappy with the existing arrangement recommend:

— gutting the Department of Commerce and creating a new Department of International Trade with the USTR as secretary. This

proposal, modeled after the highly-successful Japanese ministry of international trade, has the backing of a group of Republican senators, including William Roth of Delaware and John Heinz of Pennsylvania. Ironically, the target of the proposal — the Department of Commerce — was the focus of a comprehensive reorganization only last year to improve the formulation of trade policy.

— Eliminating USTR and concentrating its functions in the Department of Commerce, a plan championed by transition head Edwin Meese III.

USTR is a sacred cow to foreign businesses and free traders under the stewardship of Robert Strauss one of President Carter's closest advisors. USTR negotiated and pushed through Congress the so-called Tokyo Round, a trade liberalization pact. Reuben Askew, former Florida governor, continued the three trade policies of his predecessor. Most recently the USTR has stood firm against imposing trade restrictions or specialty steel imports, although the White House is viewing the issue.

Created in 1960, the USTR was an attempt to cut through the red tape mirroring government agencies. The trade representative, both a cabinet member and ambassador, advises the president directly. That is why many foreign representatives are reluctant to see him carry the extra baggage of administering a new federal agency.

Spokeswomen for Sens. John Tower and Lloyd Bent-

sen of Texas said neither man has taken a position on major reorganization of the Commerce Department, although Democrat Bentsen has supported "in principle" a cabinet level Department of Trade.

"You can shuffle around bodies all you want and there probably are advantages to consolidating," said Marty Levin, an associate with Daniels, Hoolihan & Palmeter, which has represented foreign auto and steel exporters. "The question is, who swallows who?"

"Our main concern is (retaining) an advisor who looks at trade in its totality and is not as susceptible to local constituencies."

A high-level Carter appointee was skeptical that a new department would accomplish more than the present system:

"You create another agency — call it whatever you will — and you're going to create another bureaucracy with all the problems of a large bureaucracy. It's the same old system with another overlay."

Those who oppose a new department of international trade also pan Meese's proposal to demolish USTR and dispense its functions among other agencies, especially the Commerce Department.

Commerce has always taken the domestic point of view observed Barry Nemmers. A staff attorney with the American Importers Association.

Wildcats in separated areas are scheduled

Two wildcats have been scheduled in Howard County in widely separated areas.

Ike Lovelady Inc., Midland, will drill the No. 1 Brashear, a 9,800-foot wildcat in Howard County, 1,500 feet west and slightly north of the depleted Bond (Canyon and Spraberry) field, the same distance north of a 9,047-foot failure and 4½ miles west of Knott.

Location is 1,980 feet from the north and 660 feet from the west lines of 27-33-2N-T&P.

The Bond field produced from the Spraberry at 6,665 feet and the Canyon at 8,870 feet.

The 9,047 foot failure, Felmont Oil Co. No. 1-27 Walker,

was abandoned Oct. 16, 1975.

Petroleum Exploration & Development Funds Inc., Midland, will drill the No. 1 Flanagan "A," a 9,700-foot wildcat, ½-mile north of production in the Spraberry Trend Area, one mile Southwest of the recently opened Red Draw (Mississippian) field, one-mile east and slightly north of a 10,013-foot failure, 2½ miles north-east of the Morgan Ranch (Fusselman) field and five miles southeast of Big Spring.

Location is 660 feet from the north and 1,980 feet from the west lines of 24-32-1S-T&P.

The Red Draw opener, North American Royalties Inc. No. 1 Flanagan, drilled to 9,704 feet, was finished Aug. 5 to pump 47 barrels of 41.7 gravity of oil, with gas-oil ratio of 3,404-1, through perforations at 9,168-318 feet.

The 10,013-foot failure, Stanolind Oil & Gas (now Amoco Production Co.) No. 1-DTXL, abandoned April 29, 1952, tested through Wolf-camp perforations at 6,586-606 feet. It recovered 245 feet of free oil and 180 feet of slightly mud-cut oil, no water, on a drillstem tests at 7,230-288 feet and only salt water on a test of the Ellenburger at 9,925-10,013 feet. It picked the following tops on ground elevation of 2,615 feet: Spraberry, 5,455 feet; Mississippian, 9,355 feet; Fusselman 9,635 feet; Montoya, 9,770 feet and Ellenburger 9,805 feet.

Body of aged man found in locked room

HUMBLE, Texas — The body of a 79-year-old man was found Tuesday in a small, locked storage room at a nursing home here. Authorities had thought the man had wandered away from the convalescent facility, where he had lived for a year.

Tony Sepulvador had been missing from the Green Acres Convalescent Center since Friday, Humble police said.

"We're investigating it as a homicide," said Humble Police Chief Lennie Hendrick. "He was found restrained in his wheelchair in a small storage room with his head busted in."

Hendrick said a nurse's aide found Sepulvador's body Tuesday morning.

"The area where he was found had been a small office until a few weeks ago," Hendrick said. "Then the person using it moved out and it had been used to store junk. It was a room supposedly searched by the nursing home personnel."

Sepulvador's daughter, May Tullios, had described her father as senile and said she and nursing home personnel presumed he had wandered away from the center.

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Odessan faces arson charge

LUBBOCK — Richard Van Hill, 31, of Odessa has been accused of arson in connection with a fire which occurred in the Lubbock County Jail Sunday.

Hill is accused of setting paper on fire on the second floor of the jail and dropping it into a storage room. The blaze caused an estimated \$300 in damages.

Housing agency exec selected

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — James M. Williams has been named deputy administrator of the Texas Housing Agency, the agency said Tuesday.

Williams recently was employed by the Texas Department of Community Affairs as manager of the housing division. Prior to that, he was executive director of the Community Development Corp., Corpus Christi.

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Shortage of holes

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — A shortage of abandoned woodpecker holes has bird fans singing the blues. Bluebirds like to nest in the holes. But the cutting of timber and the use of metal utility posts has cut into the number of holes, officials say.

The Dixie Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America, a civic group, is planning to start early next year erecting 130 bluebird nesting boxes along Interstate 20 between the South Carolina line and Atlanta.

"The bluebirds have been on the endangered species list for years, but now they are making a comeback, we think partly because of people erecting the nesting boxes," said San Templeton, president of the Pioneer's Dixie chapter, located in North Augusta, S.C.

"Bluebirds generally are migratory birds and they usually come through Georgia in February," he said. "They will stake out a box and nest sometimes as many as five times by the end of the summer. They usually lay three to five eggs at a time. Some of them stay permanently."

Spelling of Utahn disputed

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The U.S. Government Printing Office is trying to give state residents a lesson on how to spell Utahn. But Utahns just won't listen.

According to the Printing Office, residents of the Beehive state are Utahans, not Utahns. That's also the opinion of Webster's New World dictionary, which doesn't even list Utah as an alternative form.

The point was raised in a letter to the editor of the Deseret News by Robert C. McArthur, of Alexandria, Va., the chairman of the style board for the Government Printing Office. He wanted to know why the newspaper used the form "Utahn."

Deseret News Editor and General Manager William B. Smart wrote back that the style manual should be changed, not the way Utahns customarily refer to themselves.

"As you know, the 'h' in Utah is entirely silent in any form," Smart wrote McArthur, "so that adding the letters 'an' is equivalent to a phonetic spelling 'Utaan.' To us, this makes no more sense than to use 'Arizonaan' or 'Alaskaan.'"

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U.S. CONGRESSMEN VISIT THAILAND — U.S. Congressmen Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., right, and Joel Pritchard, R-Wash., left, talk with Thailand Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila during a luncheon at the

American ambassadors home in Bangkok today. Both congressmen will be traveling to Vietnam and Phnom Penh after visiting refugee camps in Thailand.

Reagan's hard-line statements supported

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan had the informal blessings of the Carter administration in his denunciations of Iran for refusing to release the American hostages, an aide to the president-elect says. The aide, who insisted on

anonymity, said Reagan's advisers understood from their briefings with administration officials that hard-line statements by the president-elect might be useful in breaking the stalemate in negotiations with Iran. The aide was to

persuade Iranian leaders that a settlement with the current administration is their best option, the aide said.

The day before Christmas, Reagan labeled the Iranian captors "kidnappers and

criminals." Four days later, asked about Iran's demands for financial guarantees as a condition of the hostages' freedom, he replied, "I don't think you pay ransom for people that have been kidnapped by barbarians."

Snow predicated in Ohio Valley

By the Associated Press

The last day of 1980 was expected to be sunny and mild for most of the nation, with more unusually warm temperatures in Colorado and Arizona.

Snow was predicted for the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley, spreading across the mid-Atlantic Coast. Southern parts of the Ohio Valley were expected to get rain.

Light snow fell early today over the Great Lakes, with freezing drizzle from southern Wisconsin to northeastern Minnesota. Some light snow and freezing drizzle also fell over West Virginia.

Light rain was scattered along the Washington coast, while rain and snowshowers dotted the northern Rockies. Chinook winds along

Colorado's Front Range have pushed temperatures to record levels in Pueblo, Denver, Colorado Springs and Fort Collins.

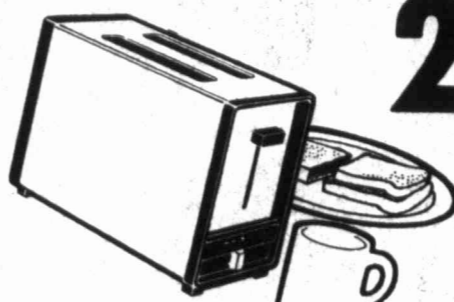
Record highs set Tuesday included readings of 79 degrees in Pueblo, 71 degrees in Denver and Colorado Springs and 68 degrees in Fort Collins. In Arizona, warm tem-

peratures have prompted the chief of the state Highway Patrol to order officers back into their short-sleeved summer uniforms.

Monday's high of 85 degrees in the Phoenix area set a record and was 20 degrees above normal for the date. Similar records in the high 70s were set at other Arizona locations last week.

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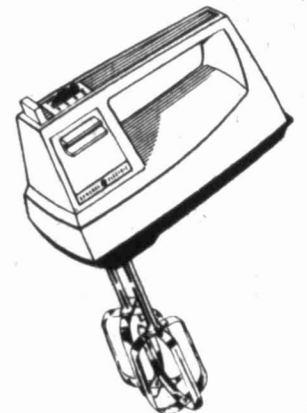
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John Thomas Smith awaits Pro Bowl

Ex-BSHS star to end excellent NFL season in grand fashion

By NATHAN POSS
Sports Editor

When Gertrude Nettles celebrated the recent Christmas festivities, she was no doubt happy that five of the very special people in her life were on hand for the occasion in the forms of sons Jessie Brown, Jimmy Fisher, J.T. Smith and John Thomas Smith, as well as daughter Jeanie Randle.

And while all five are special to Mrs. Nettles, one of her children has become very special during the past two years to both the Kansas City Chiefs and the National Football League. That's her 25-year-old son, John Thomas, who originally started his gridiron success on the fields while playing for Runnels Junior High and Big Spring High School.

As a wiry 170-pound BSHS senior, John Thomas excited Steer fans with his District 5-AAAAA single season record of 61 pass receptions for 1,061 yards from the arm of future Nebraska Cornhusker quarterback Tom Sorley, as well as earning a reputation as a vicious hitter from his defensive secondary position.

From BSHS, the three-sport star accepted a scholarship to North Texas State, where Hayden Fry was his collegiate mentor. While at North Texas, he became an Honorable Mention All-American choice at a safety position, as well as becoming a lethal punt returner.

Following his senior year at NTSU, he anxiously awaited the NFL draft. Bypassed in the annual pro football lottery in 1978, he signed a free agent contract with the Washington Redskins, and overcame long odds to make the final cut with that NFL team.

But four weeks into the season, the Redskins released the talented ex-Big Spring Steer, and he wondered what his next move would be. After a series of try-outs with interested clubs, the Kansas City Chiefs signed Smith for the remainder of the 1978 season. It was to be a profitable signature for both parties.

After finishing the 1978 season on the special teams, Smith came into his own on the professional level in his second NFL campaign. In fact, maybe too quickly for the established minds and players of the league.

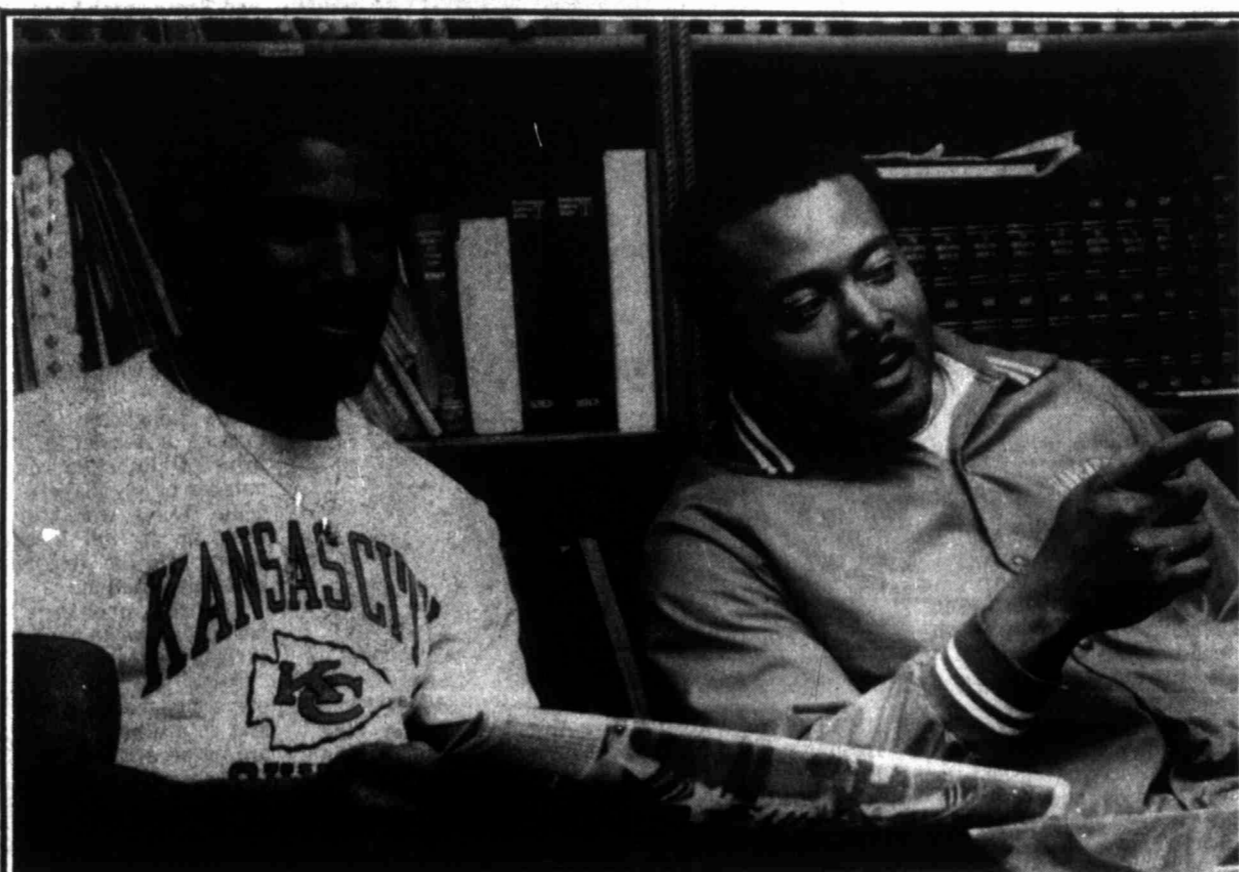
Earning a starting position at a wide receiver with the Chiefs in 1979, Smith not only led the team in receiving, but also became its one and only punt returner. In fact, he was so good at returning punts (two went for touchdowns) that he led the AFC and was third in the NFL in that department.

But still a relative newcomer, John Thomas (who is referred to as J.T. by the NFL's media) was overlooked on the AFC's Pro Bowl list last year, as established veteran Rick Upchurch was named to the AFC squad for the season ending post-season classic.

Some considered Smith's accomplishments in 1979 a fluke, but they were dead wrong. In 1980, John Thomas Smith proved to the NFL that he was for real, and the best in the business!

He improved his performance in both the areas of pass receiving and punt returning, and as a reward, his AFC rival teammates and coaches named him to represent their group in the prestigious AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, which will be played in the comfortable confines of Honolulu, Hawaii, on February 1.

Smith led the entire NFL in punt returns in 1980, and did it with ease. The former Ohio Ruston Award



(PHOTO BY ANDREA COHEN)

LITTLE BROTHER, LET ME SHOW YOU THE BEST BEACH IN HONOLULU . . . Jessie Brown (right) seems to be giving a little advice about the action in Honolulu, Hawaii, to younger brother John Thomas Smith (left) while they met here during the Christmas holidays to visit with their family. John Thomas, a former star athlete at Big Spring High School, will be representing the AFC as a punt returner and wide

receiver in the prestigious NFL Pro Bowl game in Honolulu on February 1. He earned this honor through his outstanding play with the Kansas City Chiefs the past season. Older brother Jessie, a Marine that is a Vietnam veteran, has been stationed in Hawaii before and is helping his younger brother prepare for the trip that the top stars in the NFL will make.

winner for the outstanding athlete at BSHS in 1974 returned 40 punts for 581 yards and two touchdowns, as well as accumulating the impressive stat of averaging 14.5 yards per return. The next closest competitor in the NFL was Eddie Johnson of Atlanta, who had a 12.2 punt return average. Although a 2.3 yard per return edge might not seem like much, it is humongous when the course of a 16-game schedule is taken into account.

Smith also had a fine year as a pass receiver, catching 46 passes for 655 yards and two more touchdowns. That was the second highest on the team, with fellow wide receiver Henry Marshall latching on to 47 passes for 796 yards.

And although this reporter is a little biased, Smith is a sure pick on the First Team All-Pro list this year as a punt returner. The Kansas City star agrees on that upcoming selection, too.

"Anytime you lead the league like I did this year," the confident Smith said Monday during a visit while in Big Spring, "you deserve to be All-Pro. I should have been picked for the Pro Bowl, which I was, and for the

All-Pro team."

That trip to Honolulu to participate in the esteemed Pro Bowl game has Smith more than excited, as he failed to hide his wide smile as he talked of the upcoming occasion.

"I'll leave January 25, but as far as who is coaching or what the AFC set-up will be, I really don't know. All I know is I'm going," he exclaimed, with his wide grin becoming wider.

"The first thing on the agenda is to play in a celebrity golf tournament," he continued in explaining the Pro Bowl trip. "But I really can't play golf very good. I'll play, but me and Art (Still, Kansas City's outstanding defensive end who is also playing in the Pro-Bowl) are going to go out and have a contest to see who can lose the most golf balls."

Smith will continue to run some in order to stay in shape for the Pro Bowl, but will do nothing out of the ordinary of his off-season workout.

"I mostly just run and work on my speed, as well as catch the ball some," the first year Pro Bowler explained. "I don't lift that much, and never have. I don't want to get too much bulk, because a receiver in the

NFL gets hit in many different positions, and you've got to be able to give. If you're too pumped up, you won't be able to twist and give with the hits as a wide receiver."

"I also play a lot of basketball," John Thomas, who was a two-time All-District basketball selection at BSHS, mentioned. "I play in an industrial league in Kansas City, but the most fun is playing with the Kansas City Chiefs' benefit basketball team. We go around the KC area and play different groups for charity, and it's a real trip."

From a personal standpoint, Smith was happy with his success in the 1980 season. "I improved both my pass receiving and punt returning, along with their averages," he stated, "but it didn't surprise me. I felt confident all along."

"I also made one of my goals this year, and that was to go to the Pro Bowl," he continued.

His other big goal was to help the Kansas City Chiefs get into the NFL playoffs. Although they enjoyed their best record since the early 1970s when Len Dawson was the Chiefs signal caller, Smith admitted that the young Kansas City team could do better than 8-8.

"We started out and lost our first four games, and then turn around and get hot and end up 8-8. What happened?" Smith seemed to ask, before answering without really doing so. "I don't know. I guess at the first of the year, our people didn't realize what we could do. I think maybe some of them were more concerned with their contracts before we finally realized that we could beat anybody if we played together."

But with the Chiefs boasting one of the youngest teams in the NFL, the future still looks bright, and the Big Spring native turned NFL star is excited about the Chief offensive improvement in 1980.

"We threw more and scored more this year than last year," Smith explained. "That helped me, and the whole offense looked better. We had four people with over 30 receptions, and that hasn't happened since 1973 or 74."

Certain games stuck out in John Thomas Smith's mind in 1980. From an overall statistical standpoint, the season ending 38-28 win over Baltimore was probably the best. In that contest, Smith had seven catches for 129 yards and a touchdown, and also returned a punt 55 yards to paydirt.

But it is the St. Louis game that he remembers with the greatest amount of fondness. "The St. Louis game is for the Governor's Cup of Missouri," Smith reflected. "I caught a few passes and then returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown, which helped us win."

It indeed did, as the runback, which tied for the longest in the NFL this year, was a turning point in the 21-13 Kansas City win.

After his success with returning punts in 1979, and his continued lethal runbacks from the beginning of 1980, it would seem that most teams would punt away from Smith. But he explained that that wasn't the strategy of the opposition.

"Most didn't punt away, but tried to punt very high," the Pro Bowler from Big Spring explained. "But I tried to play with their minds about it. Before each game, I'd run by the other team and mess with their punters. I'd say, 'Hey, man, keep it low, keep it nice and low for me.'"

"But really," he continued with a hearty laugh, "that was just conversation. They were going to punt the way their coaches told them to."

But the strategy of punting high won't necessarily work out for the best all of the time, as Smith philosophized. "When it's (punt) high, it's really just messing with them, because it's not going as far as it could, and also hurting their average."

But that's okay with John Thomas, as he no doubt will keep right on messing with those NFC punters in the Pro Bowl, whether it be on the beach or on the football field.

In sloppy contest

Tigers dump Steers, 42-37

It was supposed to be a game for both teams to work off the rust of the Christmas holidays when the Big Spring Steers hosted the Snyder Tigers last night in a non-district boys basketball encounter.

Snyder, although playing far from good, managed to work off some of that rust accumulated in the past week, but the Big Spring Steers did not. The end result was a 42-37 win for the visiting Tigers.

Neither team shot well in the contest, but the Snyder team used their back-court offense well enough to victimize the Big Spring man-for-man defense enough to come away with the win, their fifth in 12 decisions.

The Steers, who for the most part couldn't buy a bucket, had numerous

chances to take control of the contest, but simply could not do it.

It was a slowly played game from the beginning, as both teams had so much patience it seemed they were afraid to shoot.

But with the help of a tip-in with one second left in the opening quarter by John Green, the Steers held a 12-9 lead.

The Tigers came back to take a 20-19 lead at the intermission, and began slowly peddling on that margin in the third period.

After Big Spring took a 21-20 advantage, Snyder reeled off eight straight points for a 28-21 margin, and the way things were going, it seemed like that low total might be enough to win the game.

But Dickie Wrightsil and James Doss gave a short

rally at the end of the stanza to narrow the Snyder lead to 30-27.

The game remained tight in the fourth quarter, with Big Spring's Robert Rubio hitting six of the 10 Steer points.

But Snyder, behind Barry Blackmon, held on for the win by slowing down the already slow game in the last two minutes.

A big blow against Big Spring came in the first stanza when standout guard James Doss received three early fouls and was forced to leave the game.

Blackmon led all scorers in the contest with 17 points, with Doss leading the Steers with 10. No other player on either side hit in double figures.

The Steers, now 6-9 on the year, return to action next Tuesday when they played host to Colorado City.

BIG SPRING	
Wrightsil	3-6
Rubio	3-6
Green	2-4
Doss	5-10
Williams	1-3
Johnson	2-4
TOTALS	17-37
SNYDER	
Wilson	1-3
Caldwell	1-2
Blackmon	6-17
Lifton	2-4
Arnold	1-2
Seale	4-8
Gifford	2-4
TOTALS	17-42
By quarters:	
Big Spring	12 19 27 37
Snyder	9 20 30 42

Bum is jobless

HOUSTON (AP) — O.A. Phillips was relieved of his duties as coach and general manager of the Houston Oilers football team, the National Football League team's owner announced Wednesday.

The Oilers lost to Oakland 27-7 Sunday in the American

Conference wild card game. Houston had made it to the AFC championship game in 1979 and 1978.

Owner Charles "Bud" Adams said the action was not made solely upon the Oilers' loss Sunday but said "serious concerns had developed over the past season."

Phillips joined the Oilers as defensive coordinator in 1974 and became head coach in 1975.

In 1976 he assumed the additional duties of general manager.

In 1977 and 1978 Houston made the playoffs as a wild-card team and, in both years, lost to the Steelers in the AFC title game.

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Steer girls whomp Lamesa

LAMESA — The Big Spring Steers girls basketball team continued to put the whammy to the Lamesa Golden Tors, taking an easy 54-24 decision here Tuesday night.

The win was only the fourth in 16 decisions for the Big Spring girls, but it was the second against Lamesa.

The Steer fems, which jumped out to an early lead and were never threatened in the contest, were paced by Elise Wheat's 20 points. Shirley Dixon added 12. No Lamesa player connected in double figures.

Big Spring Coach Sandra Brown praised the offensive efforts of Wheat and Dixon, as well as the defensive efforts of freshman Monette Wise. "Monette's defense was excellent. She just keeps on improving and improving," noted Brown.

The game marked the end

of non-district play for the Big Spring girls. They begin District 5-AAAA play on Saturday night at Abilene Cooper in a 7:00 p.m. contest.

In the girls JV contest, Lamesa took a lopsided 47-22 win. Leanne Wilson and Gene Nance paced Lamesa with 12 points, while Paula Spears had eight for the Big Spring JVs. Amy Ragan and

Sheren Newsome added five each for Big Spring, with Debbie Donelson and Tracy Williams having two.

VARSITY GIRLS	
BIG SPRING (54) — Doss 4-8;	
Overman 4-8; Wise 2-4; Wheat 9-2;	
Dixon 6-12; TOTALS 28-24.	
LAMESA (24) — Berrington 2-4;	
Douglass 2-4; Bailey 1-0; Teeague 2-4;	
Barrowski 3-4; Brown 1-0-2;	
TOTALS 12-24.	
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Big Spring	9 24 34 54
Lamesa	3 16 24 47

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Wants Olympic gold in 1984 Olympics

Sensational fish Walker wants more than pro money

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — If events follow their natural course, three years and a few months hence, a big, strapping kid out of Wrightsville, Ga., is assured of striking the mother lode in pro football's golden vein of fame and fortune.

It portends to be a long, frustrating wait but not to Herschel Walker, the freshman ball-carrying phenom of the Georgia Bulldogs.

"I don't think about it," says the 6-foot-1, 218-pound All-American speedster who rushed for 1,616 yards, most ever for a first year man, and helped propel unbeaten Georgia into the Sugar Bowl Thursday against Notre Dame.

"I'm just going ahead, do what I have to do and wait for whatever happens. In fact, I'm not going to be in any rush to sign a pro contract. I want to run in the

1984 Olympics first." Someone suggested that Walker might be taking a big chance in not quickly grabbing the multimillion dollar contract that seems certain to be offered by some National Football League club when he is eligible in 1984.

"I don't fret much over money," he said. "Money keeps you happy a little while. Friends keep you happy a long time."

It is Walker's 9.2 speed woven into the fabric of a raw body power that has some critics, including Notre Dame's Coach Dan Devine, putting him on a tier above Houston's Earl Campbell, top running back in the NFL; Dallas' Tony Dorsett, Chicago's Charlie Payton and Detroit's sensational rookie Billy Sims, cream of the pros.

The 19-year-old sensation

not only made All-America his first year but finished third behind South Carolina's George Rogers and Pittsburgh's Hugh Green in voting for the prestigious Heisman Trophy.

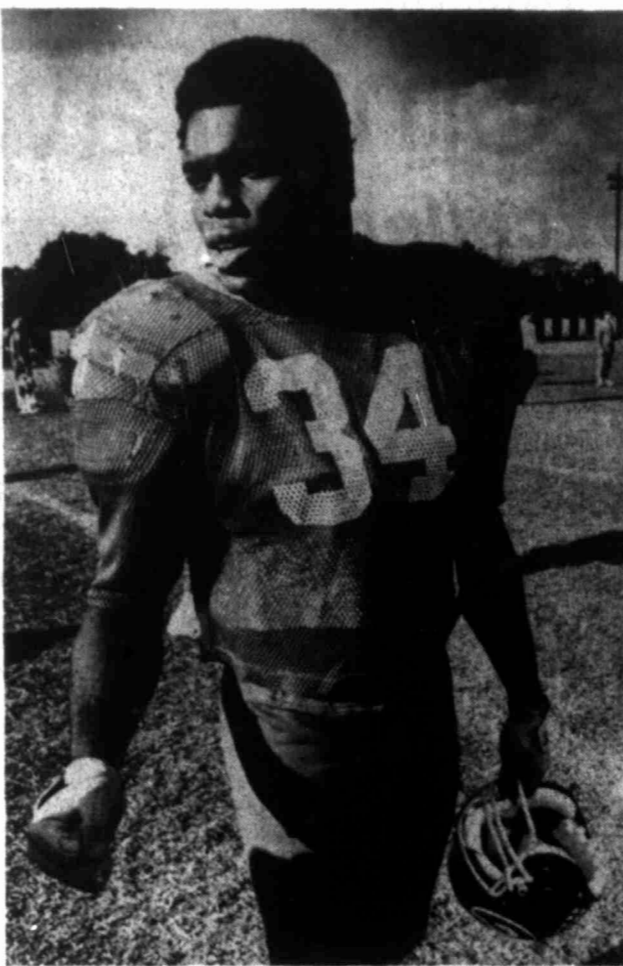
Track is his first love he acknowledged at an informal new conference Tuesday.

Walker has been clocked in 9.2 for the 100 and has run the 200 in 20.9, phenomenal speed for a man of his size. He has been given permission to compete in track in the spring.

Walker was asked if he wished that the NFL, which has a rule against signing a college player until his class has graduated, had a "hardship case" loophole.

"No," Walker answered evenly. "I want to finish college. I want to compete in the Olympics. And I'm not a hardship case."

He was one of the country's most widely recruited athletes, having rushed for 6,137 yards and 86 touchdowns at Johnson County High.



HERSCHEL WALKER — Herschel Walker, the freshman, ball-carrying sensation of the Georgia Bulldogs, heads for a practice session in New Orleans where his team is getting ready for their Sugar Bowl game with Notre Dame. Walker, who is 6-foot-1, rushed for 1,616 yards this season.

Cowboys, Falcons switch roles for big playoff tilt

DALLAS (AP) — Two years ago the Atlanta Falcons caught the Dallas Cowboys rusty after a two week layoff.

The then-wild card Falcons knocked out Roger Staubach and led 20-13 at Texas Stadium before Danny White replaced Staubach at quarterback and directed the more-experienced Cowboys to a 27-20 victory.

The situation will be reversed Sunday when the wild card Cowboys come calling on the rested National Conference Western Division champion Falcons.

Dallas Coach Tom Landry said Tuesday he felt there was more of an advantage to playing every week in the playoffs — if injuries will stay away from the door.

"I'd rather play every week if we don't get hurt," said Landry. "It throws us off if we wait."

The Cowboys will go into the Atlanta game in their worst condition of the season after the bruising 34-13 wild card playoff victory Sunday over the Rams.

They lost linebacker Mike Hegman and strong safety Randy Hughes for the Falcons game and numerous players are bruised, including quarterback Danny

White and running back Tony Dorsett.

White has a bruised left shoulder which was not expected to affect his passing and Dorsett has a bruised thigh.

"This is the sorest we've been," said Landry.

Landry said you can throw out Dallas' edge in playoff experience because the Cowboys will find it difficult to get up again emotionally.

"Our edge is not that great because you can't expect us to be at the same mental pitch we were the last two weeks against Philadelphia and Los Angeles," said Landry. "It's hard to get to the peak we reached against those two teams."

The Cowboys beat Philadelphia 35-27 in the final regular season game and crushed Los Angeles 34-13 Sunday in the National Conference wild card playoff game. They leave Dallas at 3 p.m. Saturday for Sunday's divisional game against the NFC West champion Falcons.

"We've been up the last two weeks because of that Monday night game — that game shocked us," said Landry, who referred to Los Angeles' 38-14 victory in the 15th week of the regular season. "That game made us play better."

Bowl roundup

Interested teams to watch Georgia outcome in Sugar

By The Associated Press

Georgia can claim its first national collegiate football championship on New Year's Day in the Sugar Bowl, but there will be two groups of especially interested onlookers when the Bulldogs take the field against Notre Dame in New Orleans.

The Bulldogs carry an 11-0 record and the No. 2 national ranking into their 2 p.m. EST (ABC) meeting with the Fighting Irish in the Louisiana Superdome. If they win, it's tough luck until next year for No. 2 Florida State and No. 3 Pittsburgh.

If Georgia loses, well... it's up to the pollsters.

"There's no question this is the biggest game I've been involved in," says Vince Dooley, Georgia football coach for 17 years.

Pittsburgh, 11-1, already has made a successful postseason appearance, clobbering 12th-ranked South Carolina 37-9 Monday in the Gator Bowl. Florida State puts its 10-1 record on the line at 8 p.m. New Year's Night (NBC) against fourth-ranked Oklahoma, 9-2, in the

Orange Bowl at Miami.

Pittsburgh's chances hinge on losses by both Georgia and Florida State, since the Panthers lost a 36-22 decision to Florida State during the regular season.

The Rose Bowl, the granddaddy of all bowls, will have no influence on the national championship. It pits Big Ten champion Michigan, ranked No. 5 with a 9-2 record, against 16th-ranked Washington, 9-2, the Pacific 10 Conference champion. Kickoff is 5 p.m. (NBC).

The fourth New Year's Day bowl sends No. 9 Alabama, 9-2, against sixth-ranked Baylor, 10-1, in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas for a 2:40 p.m. kickoff (CBS).

At 8 p.m. tonight (Mizlou), it's 13th-ranked North Carolina, 10-1, against unranked Texas, 7-4, in the Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston.

"Any team that wins a national championship needs help," said Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer, not that he intends to give any to Florida State. "You have to be lucky and you have to be good."

The Georgia offense is run by quarterback Buck Beube, but freshman tailback Herschel Walker is responsible for the lion's share of the yardage it gains. Walker rushed for 1,616 yards this year, and Notre Dame is fully aware of the importance of stopping him.

Notre Dame is a one-point favorite.

Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden says even if a possible No. 1 ranking isn't enough to inspire the Seminoles, there is the revenge factor against Oklahoma.

"We got licked pretty good by Oklahoma last year (in the Orange Bowl, 24-7)," Bowden said. "I don't have to remind them."

Florida State's only loss of the season came against Miami, Fla., in the Orange Bowl, 10-9, but the Seminoles boast victories this season over Pittsburgh and Nebraska.

Michigan is a one-touchdown favorite to break a long Rose Bowl jinx. Coach Bo Schembechler has lost all five of his trips to Pasadena, including a 27-20 upset by Washington in 1978, the only time the two teams have met in the Rose Bowl.

"I'm looking forward to our first win in the Rose Bowl," Schembechler said. "Mentally, we'll be ready, and we're not believing that 'favorite' stuff."

Michigan's forte is defense, and Washington Coach Don James knows the Huskies will have to strike hard and quickly to win.

"No one could imagine a better defense that Michigan showed in their last 18

quarters," said James, who will try to counter with the arm of quarterback Tom Flick.

Alabama is rated a 3 1/2-point favorite over Baylor in the Cotton Bowl, which pits the Crimson Tide's defense against the high-powered offense of Baylor. Baylor running back Walter Abercrombie led the Southwest Conference in rushing with 107.9 yards a game.

All-American offensive guard Frank Ditta of Baylor said the key to the game would be whether the Bears could run outside on Alabama.

"Both defensive ends are very fast, and both of our linebackers are real good," Ditta said. "They're physical, but their main asset is getting to the ball real well. They don't make mistakes."

Longhorns hope bones are healed for UNC

HOUSTON (AP) — North Carolina coach Dick Crum and Texas coach Fred Akers traded words of praise and expressions of hope Tuesday as their football teams wrapped up preparations for tonight's 22nd annual Bluebonnet Bowl.

Game time is at 7 p.m. in the Astrodome.

Thirteenth-ranked North Carolina, 10-1 and the Atlantic Coast Conference champion, was rated a slight favorite, Texas finished fourth in the Southwest Conference with an overall 7-4 mark.

The Longhorns suffered through a season in which injuries knocked out a number of key players. And while Texas was still not back up to full strength, Akers said he felt better about his situation.

"We're probably as healthy as we've been since early in the season," he said.

Texas lost a number of players to various injuries, and all are back but not all are 100 percent. The key loss this season was in the backfield. The team's leading rusher, even though he played only seven games,

was A.J. "Jam" Jones. He was lost because of a dislocated collarbone.

The other starting halfback was Rodney Tate, who was knocked out with an infected finger. Carl Robinson suffered through the season with a bad ankle.

But all have been given clearance to play, Akers said.

"A.J. has been cleared to play," he said. "He will play but I don't know how much."

Akers said Tate and Robinson would also play but not start. Starting at halfback will be sophomore Darryl Clark and freshman Mike Luck. At quarterback, Rick McIvor will start only his second game for the Longhorns. Donnie Little, who started all but one game this year, injured his knee in the final game of the season but is expected to see action.

But playing or not, Akers said he was just glad to have Jones on the field, knowing he could play because of what he meant to the team — "about 147 yards a game."

Crum does not have the injury problems. Only one starter is questionable — wide receiver Jon Richardson, because of a sprained ankle.

North Carolina's back-

field, which averaged 271 yards on the ground this season, is intact.

Tailback Amos Lawrence and backup Kelvin Bryant each went over 1,000 yards this season. Crum was not about to say Tuesday if one was better than the other. He only said they were different type runners.

Crum also said he did not see the game as a contest between the ACC and the Southwest Conference. Rather it was "just North Carolina against Texas." Nor did he see it as a way to make up for the Tar Heels' 41-7 loss to Oklahoma.

Crum said the main thing that concerned him about the Longhorns was their speed. But, he added, "their defense is the cornerstone of the team."

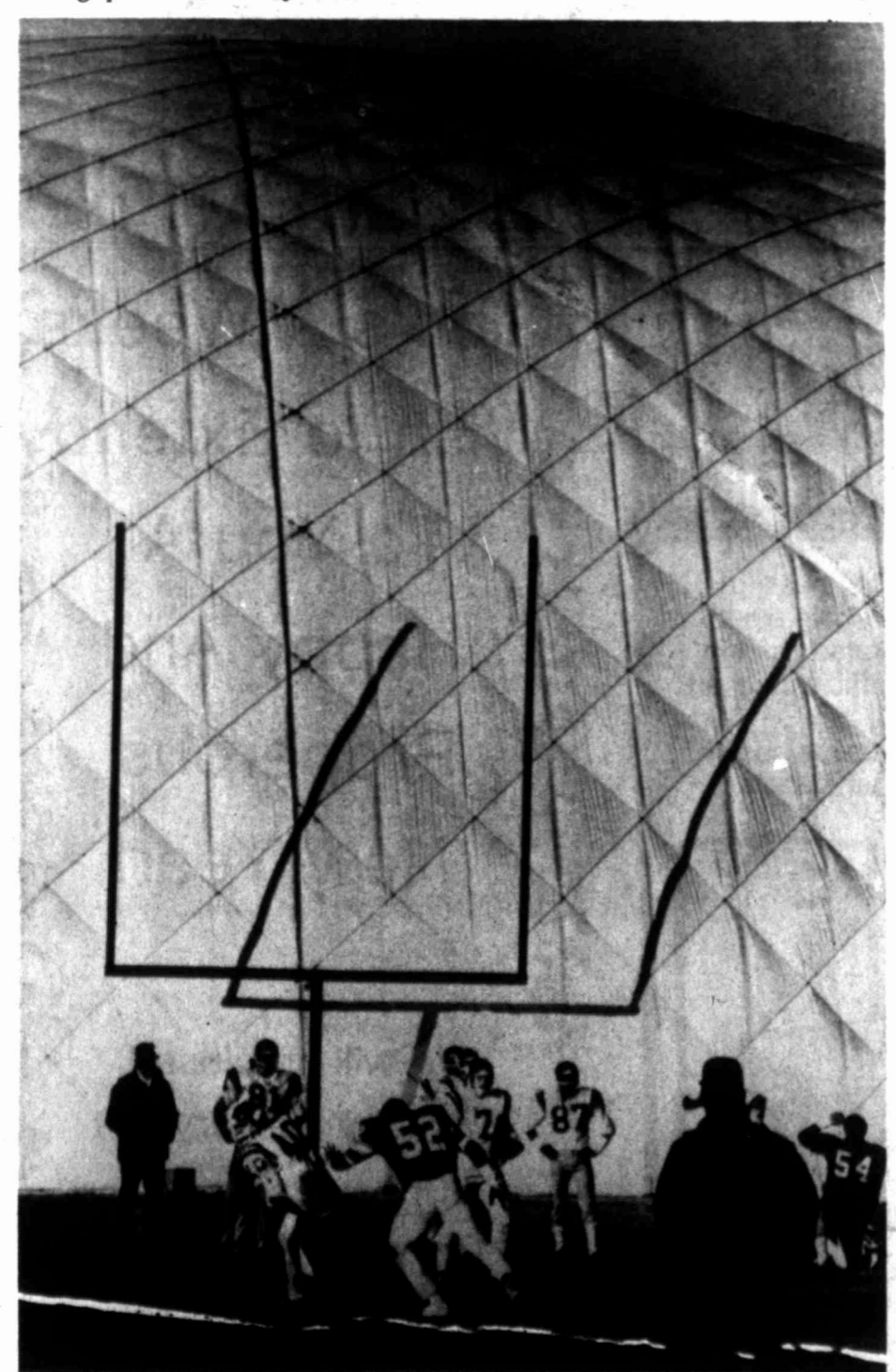
Defense also is one of the Tar Heels' strong suits. They ranked 11th in the nation in defense, holding the opposition to 125 yards rushing and 131 passing.

Akers said he was impressed by the Tar Heel defense, and especially so by All-American linebacker Lawrence Taylor.

"I'm really impressed with their quickness and just plain strength up front," he said.



COACHES CONFERENCE — University of Texas head coach Fred Akers, right, answering a question about his Longhorns as University of North Carolina coach Dick Crum, left listens. The Texas Longhorns and the Tar Heels of North Carolina will meet in the Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston New Year's Eve night.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS — Minnesota Vikings coach Bud Grant, left, watches his charges as they practiced outside their new practice bubble Tuesday afternoon as temperatures in the 40's made for a comfortable workout outdoors as the Vikings prepare for Saturday's NFC playoff meeting with the Philadelphia Eagles in Philadelphia.

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NBA Roundup

Portland takes thriller from slumping Philly

By The Associated Press

Portland used planning, patience and a pep talk — as well as the strong throwing arm of Kermit Washington and the uncanny jumping ability of Billy Ray Bates — to hand the Philadelphia 76ers their third consecutive loss 109-106 Tuesday night.

The Trail Blazers had gone ahead 107-106 on Mychal Thompson's spinning layup with six seconds to play, but Julius Erving drove to the basket, was fouled by Thompson and sank two free throws with one second left to put the 76ers back on top by one.

Portland called a timeout to do some planning, and what Coach Jack Ramsay came up with was a lob pass to Bates heading for the hoop.

"That's the only thing we could do to win the game," said Ramsay, who originally intended to have Thompson make the pass. "But in the huddle, Kermit said to me, 'Let me make the pass, I can make it.'"

"But of course there was no question who the receiver was going to be — Billy Ray." Bates had been on the bench but was inserted into the lineup for the final play — after getting a pep talk from Washington.

"I said, 'Billy, just be patient. Good things come to those who wait,'" said Washington. "He waited and got in the game with one second and became the star."

Taking the ball at mid-court following the timeout, Washington lobbed it to Bates as the flashy backcourtman broke for the basket. Bates grabbed it and laid it in over Erving and Darryl Dawkins at the buzzer to give Portland its 11th victory in the last 14 National Basketball Association games.

Philadelphia is now 1-3 on its West Coast road swing, but still has the league's best record at 33-7. Celtics 116, Suns 97. Boston won its 11th in a row and pulled within 2 1/2 games of the 76ers by rallying from a 13-point halftime deficit and beating Phoenix, which had been riding a seven-game winning streak.

The Celtics outscored the Suns 67-38 in the second half. Nate Archibald scored 12 points and Robert Parish 10 in the third period to help Boston take a five-point lead, and the Celtics sealed the victory by limiting the Suns to 15 points in the fourth quarter.

Spurs 102, Sonics 100. Forward Mark Olberding's eight-foot jumper with one second left gave San Antonio the victory over Seattle, which had led by 11 points in the third quarter. The Spurs' George Gervin led all scorers with 28 points and also made two key steals in the closing minutes.

Warriors 106, Kings 104. Reserve forward Purvis Short's 22-foot jumper with three seconds left gave Golden State the victory after Kansas City rookie Hawkeye Whitney had tied the game with a basket four seconds earlier. Bernard King led the Warriors with 32 points while Reggie King topped Kansas City with 22.

Jazz 110, Lakers 100. Adrian Dantley scored 34 points and rookie Darrell Griffith added 25 as the Jazz knocked off the defending champion Lakers, going in front late in the third quarter and then pulling away.

Hawks 96, Pistons 89. John Drew scored 10 of his 18 points in the third quarter as Atlanta opened a 19-point lead and coasted to the finish against Detroit, which lost its fifth in a row despite 29 points by Phil Hubbard.

Bucks 115, Bullets 94. Marques Johnson scored 14 of his game-high 32 points in the first quarter to give the Bucks a lead they never relinquished. He made 15 of 22 field goal attempts and also led all rebounders with 12.

Bulls 121, Nets 110. Reggie Theus scored 20 points as Chicago won its sixth in a row by outscoring New Jersey 30-20 in the final period. The Bulls' reserves combined for 57 points to hand the Nets their sixth straight loss.

Nuggets 127, Pacers 110. Denver, getting 23 points each from Dan Issel and Alex English, built a 30-point lead in the third quarter and breezed past Indiana.



(AP LASERPHOTO)

DOCTOR OF DUNK — Philadelphia's Julius Erving slams the ball through the hoop despite the defensive efforts of Portland's Kermit Washington during their NBA game Tuesday night in Portland.

SWC Roundup

Eastern Montana hands Aggies second straight loss in KOA

By The Associated Press

Coach Shelby Metcalf will probably be glad for his Texas A&M basketball team to get out of Montana and he may not want to go back anytime soon.

The Aggies went to the KOA Basketball Tournament at Billings, Montana, unbeaten and ranked 11th in the nation. They came out of Billings with two losses in two games and their ranking in jeopardy.

Forced to play in the consolation finals Tuesday night, the Aggies dropped a 39-38 overtime game to unranked Eastern Montana, now 7-5. The Aggies are 7-2.

They were in the consolation bracket after losing Monday night to the Cal-Irvine Anteaters.

All other Southwest Conference roundball teams fared better Tuesday night as the conference teams won all their games. Arkansas beat Nebraska, 64-52; Rice defeated Wagner, 63-44; Texas Christian beat Xavier of Ohio, 57-47, and Southern Methodist took an easy 67-42 victory over Cornell.

Calvin Weinberg gave Eastern Montana the upset victory, 39-38, with a free throw with one second remaining in overtime.

Rudy T or not, Rockets win

HOUSTON (AP) — Rudy Tomjanovich didn't mind that the San Diego Clippers shut him down without a point in the second half, he was just glad that his Houston-Rockets teammates were able to score enough for a victory.

Tomjanovich got 25 points in the first half and didn't score at all in the second half as Houston beat San Diego, 104-98, in a National Basketball Association game Tuesday night. The Houston victory snapped a six-game winning streak for the Clippers.

"In the first half the shots were there, my teammates were getting me the ball and I did score 25 points. But in the second half they came out on me and I was able to get the ball inside to Moses (Malone)," Tomjanovich said.

Knicks play poor, but still beat Mavs

NEW YORK (AP) — "We looked like the expansion club," said New York assistant coach Butch Beard after watching the Knicks struggle to a 100-98 victory over the Dallas Mavericks Tuesday night.

The loss dropped the Mavericks, in their first National Basketball Association season, to 5-36, by far the worst record in the league. But it almost didn't happen.

The Knicks needed two free throws by center Bill Cartwright with 35 seconds left for the winning margin, then had to withstand field-goal tries by Brad Davis and Geoff Huston and a three-point attempt by Jim Spanarkel before it was official.

"They don't pay you for moral victories," said Dallas Coach Dick Motta. "We've had 20 games like this already. But a loss is a loss is a loss. We had a bad stretch at the end of the first half, when we gave up eight points on four straight turnovers. We have one of those every game."

That spurt gave New York a 54-45 halftime lead and the Knicks led by 13 midway through the third period before Dallas rallied.

Three baskets: Huston early in the final period followed by a three-point play by Spanarkel brought Dallas within one at 89-88 with 6:28 to play. The Knicks built the lead back to 98-92 before consecutive baskets by Tom LaGarde, Davis and Spanarkel tied the score with 51 seconds to play.

The Knicks, playing without their high scorer of the season, Ray Williams, who missed his second game because of the flu, worked the ball to their No. 2 point producer, Cartwright. He spun to the baseline for a 10-foot jumper that missed, but referee Jake O'Donnell called LaGarde for hacking and sent Cartwright to the foul line.

Rams cite execution as downfall vs. Pokes

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The general consensus in the Los Angeles dressing room after the Rams' stinging 34-13 loss to Dallas in the NFC wild card playoff game was that the Cowboys just executed better.

Across the way, in the Dallas locker room, the Cowboys agreed it was a hunger for revenge.

"It's called intensity, hustle, execution. The difference in the game was entirely execution. They didn't make the mistakes and we did," said veteran Ram defensive end Jack Youngblood.

"They embarrassed us and we had something to prove," said Cowboy quarterback Danny White, referring to the Rams' 38-14 humiliation of the Cowboys before a national television audience on Dec. 15.

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Bass Club sets initial 1981 meeting January 8

The Big Spring Bass Club will hold the initial meeting of the 1981 season next Thursday, January 8 at the Kentwood Activity Center.

At that time, all members will be allowed to renew their memberships for the coming year, with the yearly dues being 12 dollars per person.

Steve Medford, fish and game warden for Howard County, will be the guest speaker at the Bass Club next Thursday. Two films will also be shown at that time. They will be the Oregon Bass Fishing and the 1980 National Federation Championships.

The December winner of the Bass Club contest was Jerry Avery, who had a total catch of 11 pounds. Second was Vic Keyes with a catch of eight pounds, two ounces, with Mike Murphy third with four pounds, two ounces. Fourth was Jerry Dudley with one pound, seven ounces.

Scorecard

NBA

By The Associated Press

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

Philadelphia 33 7 .825

Boston 29 8 .784

New York 25 12 .678

Washington 16 22 .421

New Jersey 12 28 .300

Central Division

Milwaukee 28 11 .718

Indiana 21 18 .538

Chicago 19 20 .487

Atlanta 18 21 .462

Cleveland 13 27 .325

Detroit 7 35 .197

Western Conference

San Antonio 24 26 .476

Houston 16 22 .421

Kansas City 17 24 .415

Utah 16 23 .410

Denver 13 24 .351

Dallas 5 34 .122

Pacific Division

Phoenix 22 7 .760

Los Angeles 26 15 .634

Golden State 21 18 .538

Portland 20 20 .500

San Diego 18 21 .462

Seattle 17 21 .447

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Seattle 23 38 19 20-100

San Antonio 24 26 26 102

Three-point goals

Fouled Out — Bailey, Total Fouls

Seattle 24, San Antonio 26, A—11, 130.

Clippers-Rockets, box

San Diego (19)

Burke 3 0-4 10, Wicks 1 2-4 14

Nater 3 2-3 10, Taylor 3 2-3 11

Williams 13 4-4 30, Heard 3 0-0 6

Smith 4 4-12 32, Bryant 0 0-4 4

Bobby 0 0-0 0, Davis 0 0-0 0

Tate 2 0-2 10

HOUSTON (18)

Gerritt 3 0-6 10, Tomjanovich 24 4-25

Mason 12 6-11 30, Henderson 1 5-7

Reid 4 4-8 14, Murphy 5 3-13 13

Jones 1 0-0 0, Leavelle 3 0-0 4

Pauz 0 0-0 0, Dunleavy 1 1-3 2

Totals 38 25 54-98

San Diego 25 24 54-98

Houston 36 27 102-104

Three-point goals — Taylor, Tom

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Fouls — San Diego 24, Houston 21,

Technical Fouls — Heard, Brooks,

8, 102.

Top 20

Here's how the Top Twenty teams in

The Associated Press college

basketball poll fared Tuesday:

1. De Paul (114) beat San Diego St.

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2. Oregon State (80) did not play.

3. Virginia (70) beat James Madison

53-52.

4. Notre Dame (61) did not play.

5. Kentucky (71) beat Maine 100-54.

6. North Carolina (72) lost to Min-

nesota 76-60.

7. UCLA (61) did not play.

8. Wake Forest (50) beat Davidson

67-70.

9. Maryland (7-1) beat St. Joseph's

74-57.

10. Louisiana State (7-1) St. Francis,

Pa., 91-65.

11. Texas A&M (7-2) lost to

E. Montana 39-38, OT.

12. Michigan (8-0) beat Detroit 85-48.

13. Arizona State (8-1) did not play.

14. Iowa (7-1) beat Northern Iowa 85-

52.

15. Indiana (7-5) lost to Pan

American 66-60.

16. Illinois (7-1) did not play.

17. S. Alabama (9-1) beat Fordham

79-41.

18. Tennessee (8-1) did not play.

19. Brigham Young (8-2) did not

play.

20. Utah (9-1) did not play.

Bowls

Saturday, Dec. 13

Independence Bowl

At Shreveport, La.

Southern Mississippi 16, McNeese

State 14

Sunday, Dec. 14

Garden State Bowl

At East Rutherford, N.J.

Houston 35, Navy 9

Friday, Dec. 19

Holiday Bowl

At San Diego

Brigham Young 46, Southern

Methodist 45

Saturday, Dec. 20

Tangerine Bowl

At Orlando, Fla.

Florida 35, Maryland 20

Thursday, Dec. 23

Blue-Gray Classic

At Montgomery, Ala.

Blue 34, Gray 23

Friday, Dec. 26

Piesta Bowl

At El Paso, Texas

Penn State 31, Ohio State 19

Saturday, Dec. 27

Liberty Bowl

At Memphis, Tenn.

Purdue 28, Missouri 25

College

EAST

Hofstra 62, St. Francis, N.Y. 52

Iona 89, Fla. Southern 48

Pittsburgh 71, Robert Morris 63

Seton Hall 40, St. Peter's 31

SOUTH

Florida 75, E. Tenn. St. 54

Geo. Washington 80, Geo. Mason 69

Georgia 65, Georgia Tech 51

Grambling 89, Bethune-Cookman 72

Kentucky 100, Maine 54

Louisiana St. 93, St. Francis, Pa. 65

Memphis St. 69, Mississippi 64

Middle Tenn. 69, Tennessee St. 59

Virginia 53, James Madison 32

Wake Forest 83, Davidson 70

MIDWEST

Ashland 105, Assumption 102, OT

Cincinnati 80, Dayton 77

Iowa St. 69, Iowa 32

Kansas 102, Rollins 47

Michigan 85, Detroit 48

Ohio St. 79, W. Virginia 67, OT

S. Illinois 60, Valparaiso 59

Southern Methodist 67, Cornell 62

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 64, Nebraska 22

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Texan pays \$120,000 to free son from Mexican jail

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Brownsville doctor says he paid \$120,000 to free his son and three other men from Mexican jail and prevent their conviction on what he called false narcotics charges, according to published reports.

Dr. Sam Merrill told the Brownsville Herald he feared his son, Sam Merrill, and three other Brownsville men had been beaten while imprisoned in Tampico, Mexico, last month.

"They (the four men) were held incommunicado and they (Mexican authorities) refused to let the American consul in two times," Merrill was quoted as saying in the newspaper's Tuesday editions.

"I thought they'd (the men) had been beaten and (Mexican officials) wouldn't allow the consul to see them."

The three others were identified as Jerry Adams, Ted Shrader and Fred De Beaubien, all of Brownsville.

Merrill said he paid the sum in hundred dollar bills to Brownsville attorney Joe Walsh. But Walsh said he was unaware of any kickbacks or bribery.

"There were some legal problems and they were all handled," Walsh said. He declined to elaborate.

Ignacio Torteya, a Mexican lawyer hired by the elder Merrill, told the newspaper that the doctor was the victim

of extortion. However, he denied the younger Merrill's allegations that Mexican lawyers and a Mexican judge had been paid off.

According to the doctor's son, the four men went to Mexico Nov. 7 to salvage an abandoned sailboat they had spotted earlier from the air near La Pesca, a fishing village 150 miles south of Brownsville.

The younger Merrill said a Mexican patrol boat showed up as they were inspecting the vessel.

He said a naval officer asked who owned the boat and that he replied that they did not know. He said the officer then went inside the vessel and came out with bundles of marijuana.

Merrill said the officer insisted that they help him load the 300 pounds of marijuana on to a truck and then follow him.

"The next thing we knew we were inside the naval compound and in their custody. The official told his men that he had a plum in his hand. Everyone laughed. That's when I realized we were in trouble," the younger Merrill said.

He said the officer demanded \$1,500 for their release, but they had only \$200 between them. Merrill said the officer came back a second time and demanded \$22,000.

"We told him, again, that we didn't have the money but that someone would have to go to Brownsville to take the money out of the bank," Merrill said.

The men were moved the next day to Tampico and the following day to Matamoros, just across the Rio Grande from Brownsville.

Relatives in Brownsville learned of the American's arrest when local newspapers published pictures of the men and the marijuana.

Three days after their arrest, the four were returned to Tampico while lawyers for the doctor began negotiating their release, the doctor said.

The doctor said he paid Torteya \$15,000 in fees and expenses, but was dissatisfied after several days when the men had not been released.

The doctor then hired Walsh and on the next day Adams and Shrader were freed.

The doctor said Walsh told him it would take \$160,000 cash in hundred dollar bills to release all four men. He said he borrowed the sum from a local bank and gave it to Walsh.

The doctor said his son and De Beaubien were released Nov. 19, and that Walsh returned \$40,000.

Details of Reagan visit revealed

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — There is no official itinerary yet for the meeting in Juarez Monday between President-elect Ronald Reagan and the president of Mexico, but the mayor of Juarez says he has a general idea of what will happen based on instructions sent to him from Mexico City.

"Nothing has been confirmed. But the Mexican government has told us to get this place ready or this is

probably where this will be held," Mayor Jose Reyes Estrada said Tuesday.

Based on that information, Estrada said he has formed some assumptions regarding the scheduled activities of the two leaders.

Reagan is scheduled to arrive in El Paso about 11:15 a.m. MST Monday.

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Winter wheat in 'fair to good' shape across U.S.

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Winter wheat is going into 1981 in "fair to good" shape across the nation, the government's latest weekly report says.
"Additional moisture would be beneficial and would help restore short soil-moisture supplies," it said. "Most areas need snow

cover to prevent future damage from cold temperatures and winds. Wind damage has been light to moderate thus far."
The report was issued Tuesday by the Joint Agricultural Weather Facility operated by the departments of Commerce and Agriculture.
In its first look at 1981 production possibilities a

week ago, the Agriculture Department said next year's winter wheat crop could be another record of 1.98 billion bushels, up 5 percent from the 1979 harvest of 1.89 billion bushels.
The joint weather analysis said Tuesday that as of Dec. 22-28 the winter wheat crop in Kansas, the biggest producer, was in "good condition" and that 98

percent of the planted acreage had emerged from the ground.
Looking at other areas of the world, the report included these observations that will have an impact, one way or another, on U.S. grain supplies and prices in the months ahead:
Western Soviet Union Above-freezing tem-

peratures in most winter grain areas last week caused further melting of the protective snow cover. Precipitation also was above normal in most areas, but much of the Ukraine had drier weather.
Europe Above-normal temperatures in much of Europe allowed resumption of

winter grain growth in some western and southern areas. Most agricultural areas remained free of snow.
South America Most of Brazil's soybean areas received above-normal rainfall last week, with moisture supplies abundant to excessive in some areas. Showers in Argentina's southern Buenos

Aires province may have delayed wheat harvesting. Little rain fell in the corn-growing area of northern Argentina, where soil moisture is adequate at present.
Australia Late-winter grain harvesting continued on schedule, with light, scattered showers causing only

minor delays in South Australia.
South Africa Corn-growing areas received below-average rainfall for the week. The crop is entering a critical development phase in which moisture may reduce

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GROWING EVERY YEAR — The Gamco Industries' Ten-Year Club, composed of employees who have been with the firm a decade or longer, now includes the 16 people pictured here. Front row, from the left, are Auriel LaFond, executive vice president; Mary Lou Edens, Shirley Lee, Edith Tyler, Nancy White, Bobby Voss and Dolores LeVier. Back row, Harold Davis, president; Ken Sherwood, Ernestine Rennaux, Clem Jones, Dorothea Henderson, Ora Jenkins, Wayne Rock, Abel Diaz and Ernie Garcia.



RECEIVE WATCHES FOR LONG SERVICE — Harold Davis (center), president of Gamco Industries Inc., awards watches to Ken Sherwood and Ernestine Rennaux, charter members of the firm's Quarter Century Club.

Numerous awards presented at annual Christmas dinner

Numerous awards and recognition for long service were given at the annual Christmas dinner sponsored by Gamco Industries Inc., Dec. 23 at the La Posada Restaurant.

Each employee was given a Christmas check. In addition, awards were presented to Diane Gover, Harriet Hayworth, Dorothea Henderson, Shirley Lee, Dolores LeVier, Ernestine Rennaux and Bobbie Voss by Executive Vice President Auriel LaFond for perfect attendance during the year. Ms. Lee has never missed a day on the job during the 13 years she has worked for Gamco.

Harriet Hayworth, Dorothea Henderson, Ora Jenkins, Shirley Lee and Nancy White were recipients of awards for an ac-

MGM Hotel suit filed

HOUSTON (AP) — A \$12 million dollar lawsuit was filed in federal court Tuesday against the MGM Grand Hotel of Las Vegas by a Beaumont man whose wife was one of 84 persons killed in the fire that swept through the resort facility.

Roger Alan Mack also is seeking damages for injuries he suffered while attempting to escape the blaze.

Mack's wife, Dolores, 46, slipped from a rope while trying to find a route to safety and plunged to the pavement below. Mack also lost his grip on the rope, but landed on balcony, breaking both legs.

Jamail said, "the hotel had totally inadequate facilities for escape and a totally inadequate warning system. It was gross neglect by the hotel builders and owners."

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Avoid record recall Government, Ford reach compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government and the Ford Motor Co. today announced agreement on a compromise dealing with problems with automatic transmissions and avoiding a record recall of 22.9 million Ford cars and light trucks.

Under the agreement, owners of the vehicles will soon receive letters and dashboard stickers warning that the transmissions could slip into reverse.

Such slips have caused almost 100 deaths, the government contends.

Despite the compromise, a spokesman for the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration said "we have not agreed there is not a defect" in the transmissions on the affected vehicles, which were sold between 1970 and 1979.

A Ford executive insisted that there is no defect.

And a consumer group, the Center for Auto Safety, quickly criticized the agreement, saying the government did not go far enough and should have required Ford to repair the transmissions.

"Merely putting a sticker on a vehicle isn't going to assure that you aren't going to have problems in the future."

Vietnamese, American shrimpers feud again

SEABROOK, Texas (AP) — An agreement between American and Vietnamese shrimpers who earn their livings in Galveston Bay apparently is falling apart, only eight months after it was enacted in an effort to end violence in the coastal area.

Gene Fisher, a spokesman for the American shrimpers, has accused the Vietnamese of building new boats in preparation for the May 15 opening of the shrimping season.

"I noticed them building one boat about three weeks ago," he said recently. "Then the other day I noticed six new boats were under construction. They're going to work like an army of ants, violating the agreement."

Nguyen Van Nam, owner of a Seabrook seafood business, said the Vietnamese have been building new boats, but the crafts would be sold or used to replace old boats, a practice permitted under the agreement.

Currently there are 70

American and 55 Vietnamese boats docked in the Kemah-Seabrook area of Southeast Texas.

Nam said he is "going to send a letter to all the Vietnamese shrimpers discouraging them from building new boats, but I can't control everyone."

He also said American shrimpers are constructing new boats.

"Some of them tell me they can do what they want because this is a free country," he said.

Fisher acknowledged American boats are under construction but that the new vessels would be used only to replace older craft.

John Townsend, chairman of the Governor's Task Force for Indo-Chinese Resettlement, said he was warned recently by the Federal Trade Commission that the agreement was not enforceable and could be in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

"I guess they are afraid we will restrict trade, but all I am concerned with is savings lives," he said.



FROSTY CARRIAGE RIDE — An Amish horse and carriage passes under a frost bitten tree along State highway 33 just East of Cashton, Wis., this week. Several carriages were in the town indicating the Amish may be taking advantage of the mild weather to stock up on provisions for the rest of the winter.

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THREATENED — Actress Sarah Purcell, shown in an undated file photo, stars as a stewardess whose life is threatened by a paroled rapist in television's "Terror Among Us." The show will air on CBS Jan. 14.

Another major reversal in energy trends likely

HOUSTON (AP) — An energy study group says chances of another major reversal in energy trends appear more and more likely for the coming year.

There is indication, it reports, another oil shortage threatens to supplant the oil supply surpluses which highlighted 1980 oil trends.

"The situation could quickly become critical if large additional quantities of Middle East oil should be shut off from world markets," the group reports in "U.S. Monthly Energy Facts."

Despite recent oil surpluses, it is becoming increasingly likely the Western World is going to face its third major disruption of Middle East oil supplies in the last seven years. The current crisis could develop into the most severe and most prolonged interruption.

The report published by the Energy Information Service at the University of Houston Downtown College, says "supply disruptions already resulting from the Iraqi-Iranian war could continue for months even after the fighting ends. And, it adds, the conflict could spread to other Middle East suppliers."

"Reports indicate extensive damage to the large Iranian and Iraqi oil refining and loading facilities at the head of the Persian Gulf during the first two months of the war," the report said.

"Therefore, cessation of hostilities will not permit quick restoration of oil exports on a major scale from the two countries. It probably will take several years at least before the facilities can be rebuilt to former capacities. Each month the war continues means additional damage and a longer reconstruction period."

The Strait of Hormuz at the opposite end of the Persian Gulf has remained open so far.

"But, as long as Iraq and Iran continue fighting, there remains the possibility other Persian Gulf nations might join the battle," the study group reports.

"This could involve a grand total of 16 to 17 million barrels of oil per day, or one-third of the Free World's oil supply of 48.5 million barrels. Practically all Middle East oil would be shut off if the narrow Strait of

Hormuz is closed to tanker shipments."

The report said the loss of such supplies would have catastrophic impacts on the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Canada.

"These seven countries consume about 28 million barrels daily and import nearly 18 million barrels a day, with much of the imports coming from the Middle East via the Strait of Hormuz," the report said.

The United States imported about 8.3 million barrels of oil a day in 1979 with about 2 million coming from the Middle East.

The study group's report said U.S. imports averaged 7 million barrels a day the first six months of 1980, with the loss of Iranian oil dropping the Middle East portion to about 1.5 million.

The study group said U.S. oil imports dropped to 6.3 million barrels a day during October, as opposed to 8.3 million in January.

"Despite the large scale reduction in imports, U.S. oil inventories have held steady at record levels during recent months. Crude oil stocks of 392 million barrels at the end of October were unchanged over the last three months but were 80 million barrels greater than 15 months earlier. Motor gasoline stocks of 249 million barrels at the end of October were 31 million above a year ago. Distillate oil inventories stood at 230 million barrels the end of October, only slightly less than at the comparable point of 1979."

The high level of inventories, the group said, should give the United States adequate supplies to satisfy the higher consumption level during the coming winter months despite prospects for continued low importation rates.

"But the outlook beyond the next six to eight months is highly uncertain, especially if the war continues," the report said.

"The situation could quickly become tragic if the flow of additional Middle East oil to the Western World should be interrupted. The overriding consideration is to maintain the flow of remaining Middle East oil, especially the 10 million barrels produced daily in Saudi Arabia.

Whittenburg, former Panhandle newspaper publisher, dies

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Former Panhandle newspaper publisher and business and civic leader Roy R. Whittenburg died at his home here Monday.

He was 67. Whittenburg was former publisher of the Borger News-Herald and former chairman of the board of Amarillo Globe News Publishing Co. He was also former president and chairman of the board of Western National Bank of Amarillo.

Whittenburg, a Republican who ran for the U.S. Senate

in 1958 and for Texas governor in 1962, was active in many civic and business endeavors as well as ranching.

At the time of his death Whittenburg was still active as a director of Western National Bank and was president of Planet Plows.

Whittenburg was born at Plemons in Hutchinson County near Borger. He was one of 13 children of George Allen Whittenburg.

Funeral arrangements were pending today at Schooler-Gordon Funeral Home at Amarillo.



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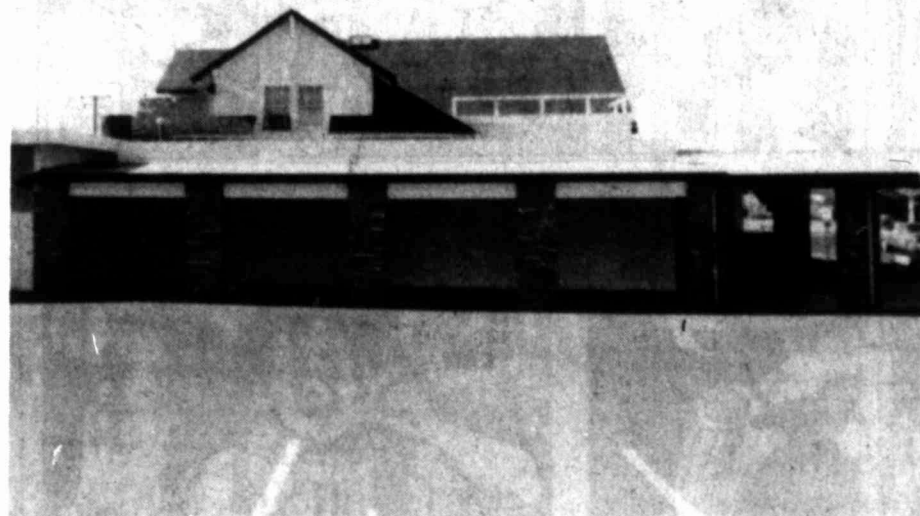
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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Begin the new year constructively. Make concrete plans to attain your objects in 1981. Don't force any issues with family members at this time. Enjoy a Happy New Year.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study your home well and get rid of whatever has become obsolete and not functional. Plan how to gain your aims.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Making changes in routines now can bring increased efficiency and produce more. Take no risks with your reputation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study your financial status and know how to improve it ethically right now, so you can be more affluent in the future.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Don't tolerate persons you know who are detrimental to your best interests. Show that you have spunk.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You need to be more introverted today so that you know where you are headed and can make fine plans for the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Look to a close tie for ideas on how to gain a cherished wish. Attend a group affair in the evening and show you have poise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Follow your inclinations where worldly matters are concerned and get excellent results. Make plans to have more abundance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You get good ideas from a practical and imaginative friend which you should put in operation as soon as possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You can easily fulfill those promises you have made if you get an early start. Curb your temper at all times today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Find the best ways of pleasing your associates for mutual benefits. This can be a particularly fine day for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have much work ahead of you, and if you are not sure about some of it, confer with experts. Be logical.

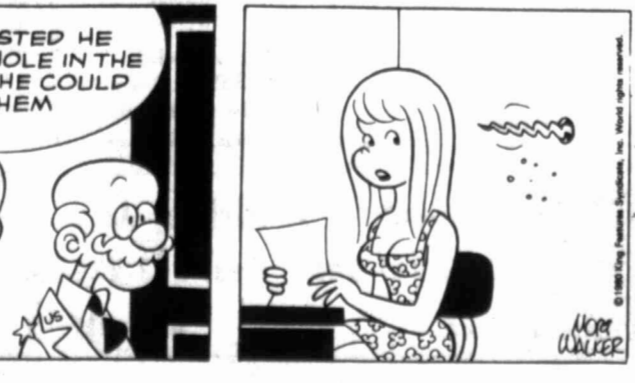
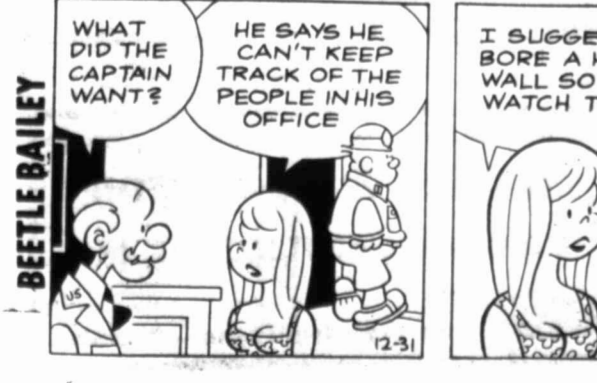
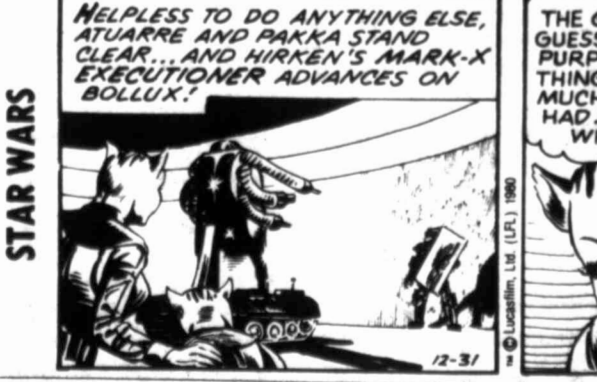
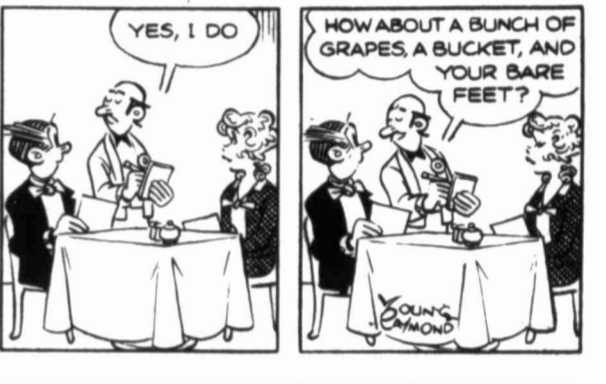
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Talking over long-range goals with associates could prove beneficial in the future. Show kindness to loved one.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will know how to maintain harmony in the home, even at a young age, and the education should be directed along the lines of law and social service to make the most of this fine talent. Don't neglect ethical training.

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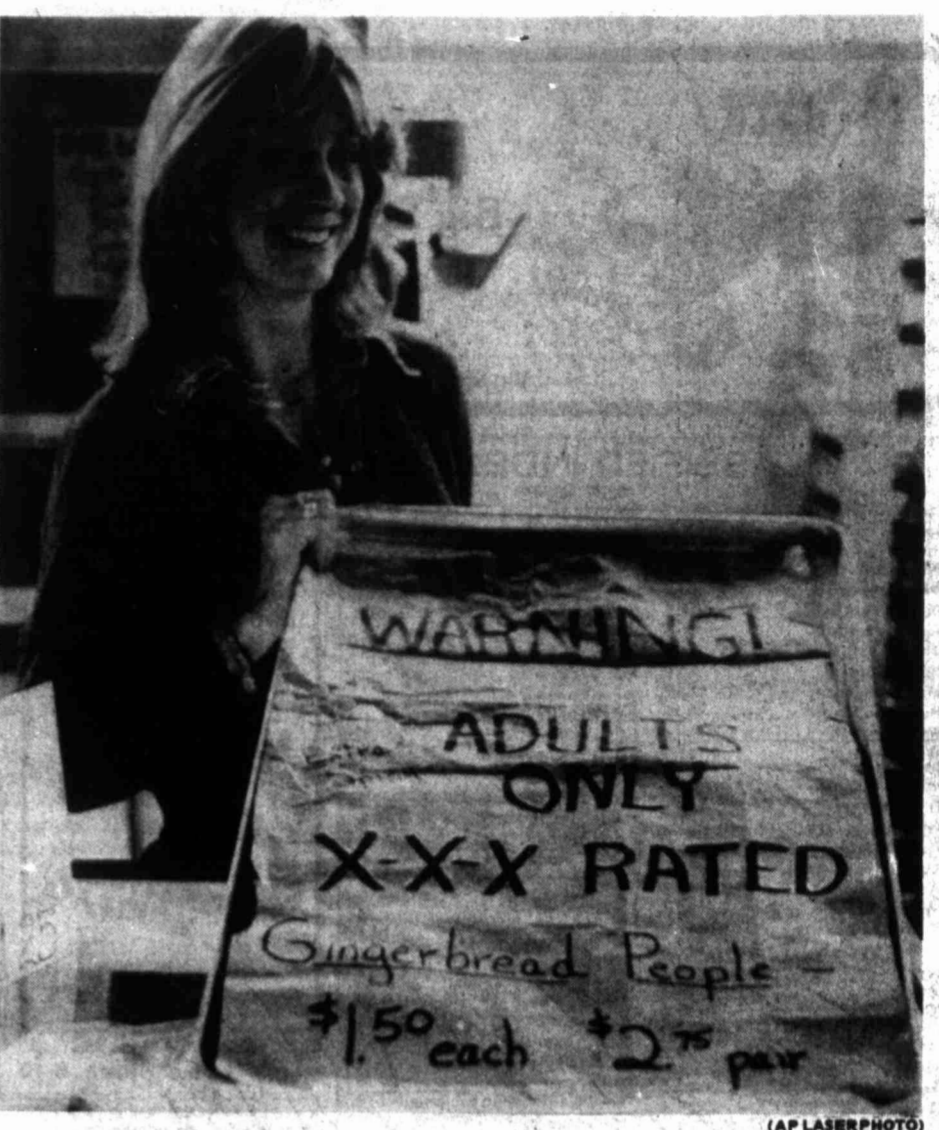
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Harding Lawrence resigns as chief of Braniff Airways

DALLAS (AP) — Harding L. Lawrence, who directed Braniff Airways growth to the nation's eighth largest air carrier, has announced he will step down Thursday as chairman and chief executive officer of the financially strapped airline.

"I have been in the aviation business for a very long time, and it is time for a change," Lawrence said Tuesday in a statement that signaled an end to 39 years in aviation and 35 years in the scheduled airline industry.

A Braniff spokesman said Lawrence, 60, who denied rumors last August that he was considering early retirement, would not return to his office before the Jan. 1 retirement date.

Lawrence said Braniff directors indicated they would appoint a new chairman and a new chief executive officer at the board's regularly scheduled Jan. 7 meeting. The board also is expected to name Lawrence chairman emeritus.

Lawrence's retirement comes at a time when Braniff and the much larger Eastern Airlines are holding merger talks.

"... I have particularly enjoyed my years with Braniff. Braniff is a fine organization made up of very fine people," said Lawrence.

"Like other airlines, it has been impacted by the shortages and prices of fuel ... by deregulation, lagging fare relief, excessive competition and by a major recession and slowdown in the economy. But Braniff is on the right course and should do well."

Braniff, which reported second quarter losses of \$47.7 million, relied on capital gains of \$61,187,000 in October to show a third quarter net profit of \$18,049,000.

The capital gains from the sale of 16 jetliners allowed the airline to report it had trimmed its losses for the year to \$5.6 million or \$2.67 per share of common stock.

In October, Braniff initiated a program called "Operation Turnaround" which relied heavily on voluntary wage cuts to improve the company's financial position. However, the program failed to gain the necessary union support.

Lawrence said he would remain available to senior management and the board of directors for any service he could render, but that he planned to spend a great deal of his time with his family.



HARDING LAWRENCE

Emphasis on foreign languages urged by college instructors

HOUSTON (AP) — A group of college instructors are convinced there should be more time spent on teaching students how to speak and read foreign languages and less time on the boredom of grammar rules.

Speaking at the Tuesday session of the Modern Language Association's convention in Houston, Margaret M. Marshall, a French instructor at Louisiana State University, put it this way:

"The required study of a foreign language's grammar rules are irrelevant because not all students are interested in learning for the same purpose.

"Students faced with all the ways to conjugate a certain verb or group of verbs can't absorb it all at once and, after one to three years of that technique they cannot speak or write well, if at all."

The LSU professor suggested there be separate elementary French courses for business majors.

'Chicken Ranch' sheriff quits after half century as lawman

LA GRANGE, Texas (AP) — During his 54 years in law enforcement, "Big Jim" Flournoy arrested two members of the Bonnie and Clyde gang and patrolled the Mexican border for smugglers.

But the towering lawman will best be remembered for protesting the closing of the famed "Chicken Ranch" brothel, a saga that became a smash Broadway musical, "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

T.J. Flournoy ends his colorful career today, retiring as sheriff of Fayette County in Southeast Texas.

"I guess I'm getting too old," said the 78-year-old lawman, who decided last year it was time to "let a younger man... take over one hell of a job."

Known for his tough law-and-order sentiments, Flournoy says there was a time "we could enforce the law, now we can't. We're always afraid of getting sued or something."

In 1932 Flournoy arrested the Barrow-Parker gang after a bank robbery in a community near La Grange.

Then he served with the Texas Rangers from 1941 to 1945 along the Texas-Mexico border.

While serving as Fayette County sheriff... then Gov. Dolph Briscoe ordered the closing of the "Chicken Ranch," the famed house of prostitution which reportedly began operating in 1844 and kept the doors open until 1973.

Flournoy stalled and balked and scoffed at the order but finally complied with the state's demands.

Texas writer Larry L. King wrote a magazine piece about Flournoy's struggle, and later penned the Broadway hit, which soon will be a movie starring Burt Reynolds in a character based on the legendary sheriff.

Flournoy often said that during his 74 years as sheriff crime in Fayette County was lower than in any other county of comparable size.

Slow-talking and easy going, except when it came to a lawbreaker, Flournoy recalls with ease some of his earlier days on the Texas-Mexico border or as a sheriff's deputy.

But he refuses to discuss the "Chicken Ranch" affair. He says he is a little sentimental about leaving office, but will hang around in case his successor, former Chief Deputy Vestane Kippman, 62, needs any help or suggestion.

"I'm just checking out," he said.

Building contracts quiz

'State was for sale'

BOSTON (AP) — Massachusetts government has been so riddled with corruption that "among those who had money and the influence to strike the bargain, the state was for sale," according to the report of a special commission investigating building contracts.

Today's Boston Herald American quoted the 30-page introduction to the state commission's final report as saying, "For a decade at least, across Republican and Democratic administrations alike, the way to get (state building) contracts was to buy them."

And the result has been a 72 percent failure rate among major construction projects in the past 10 years, the commission found.

The newspaper obtained an advance copy of the introduction to the 2,500-page

report, which was being released today.

After a 2½-year investigation, the special Commission on State and County Buildings found: "It was not a matter of a few crooks, some bad apples which spoiled the lot. The pattern is too broad and pervasive for that easy excuse," the newspaper reported.

The report said the criterion for getting a state building contract was "whether one pays, not whether one can do the best job."

The Herald quoted the report as saying: "Since 1968 over a billion dollars has been wasted because of unnecessary delays in design and construction, and \$50 million has been spent on plans and designs on buildings which were never built. The estimated cost to

the commonwealth to repair present defects in all public buildings is more than \$2 billion."

Headed by former Amherst College President John William Ward, the commission traced bribery and kickbacks in public construction projects by investigating thousands of contracts dating back to the early 1960s.

The panel was created in 1978 by then-Gov. Michael S. Dukakis and a bloc of reformers in the Legislature after a scandal involving construction on the University of Massachusetts Boston campus.

Two state senators, including the majority leader, were convicted of extorting money from the management construction company that ran the project. They spent nearly a year in jail.

Public hearings this year disclosed the link between "political contributions" and contract awards.

Witnesses at those hearings also linked the award of contracts with pressure from gubernatorial fund-raisers.

Among those figuring in the report were the administration of former governors John A. Volpe and Endicott Peabody in the 1960s and Francis W. Sargent in the early '70s.

A commission source said Tuesday that names of more than 100 people have been referred to state and federal law enforcement agencies for possible prosecution.

Three Texans die in mishap

SEVERY, Kan. (AP) — Three members of a McKinney, Texas, family were killed and a fourth was critically injured in a two-vehicle accident Tuesday in southeastern Kansas, authorities said.

The Kansas Highway Patrol identified the victims as Beverly Bush, 36, her 6-year-old son, David, and her 3-year-old daughter, Sabrina.

The children's father, Theodore Bush, 36, was reported in critical condition Tuesday night in the intensive care unit of St. Francis Hospital in Wichita.

The accident occurred about 10:30 a.m. when the Bush auto collided with a semitrailer at the intersection of Kansas Routes 99 and 96, about a mile north of Severy, the patrol said.

Coffee prices perking down

By the Associated Press

The nation's largest coffee roasters say their prices are going down.

Hills Brothers Inc., the nation's third-largest roaster, said Tuesday it is lowering the wholesale price of coffee by 18 cents a pound to \$2.55.

It also cut the price of

"High Yield" coffee by 15 cents per 13-ounce jar and reduced the price of instant coffee by a penny an ounce.

Rosalind Reidy, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco-based company, said the reductions matched cuts by General Foods Corp. and Procter & Gamble Co., the industry leaders.

She said the cut resulted

from continued reductions in the price of green coffee. In commodities market trading, the price of such coffee has fallen to \$1.27 a pound.

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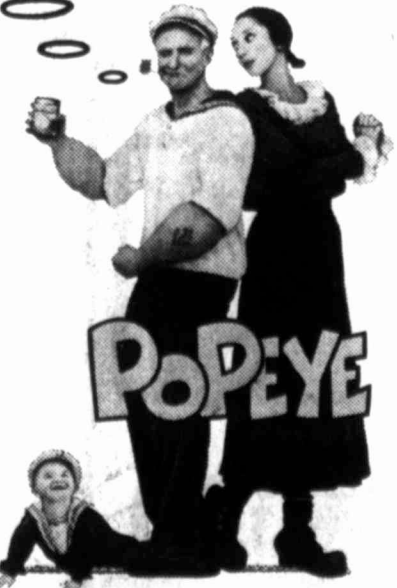
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Skillful leader who posed as non-political

Ike's image being rehabilitated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The image of Dwight D. Eisenhower is being rehabilitated. Historians are no longer portraying the 34th president as a grinning, uncomplicated, don't-rock-the-boat father figure who spent his energies on the golf course while the country drifted.

The "new" Ike is presented as a skillful leader who posed as non-political while managing behind the scenes to bend events in the way he wanted them to go.

Eisenhower revisionism has been going on for years, but it has taken on new pertinence with suggestions

that Ronald Reagan's presidency may be Ike-like.

Like Eisenhower, Reagan is often seen as a chairman-of-the-board-style executive inclined to let associates fill in the details after he lays

Gov. Nigh's education budget draws criticism

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Representatives of common schools and higher education said Tuesday they don't like Gov. George Nigh's budget proposals, but they said they are confident the Legislature and the governor will find more money during the upcoming session.

Nigh unveiled his budget plans for both groups Tuesday, calling for a \$35 million increase for higher education and a \$73.6 million boost for common schools.

The governor advocated \$1,000 pay hikes for the state's more than 35,000 public school teachers, but said the raises actually would range from \$1,100 to \$1,700 when previously enacted education and experience raises are included.

In addition to his \$35 million increase for colleges and universities, Nigh advocated a \$32.6 million capital improvements program. The \$35 million would boost the

higher education operating budget to \$307.4 million.

Nigh's proposed \$73.6 million increase for common schools included \$41.6 million to fund the \$1,000 salary boosts. That would raise the common school operating budget for the next fiscal year to \$593.4 million.

Gene Torbett, president of the Higher Education Alumni Council of Oklahoma, said Nigh's recommended college budget increase "is only a start in the right direction since it falls about \$27 million short of minimum operating budget requirements for our colleges and universities."

Torbett said a \$62 million increase is needed just to maintain current program levels, but he also said he is optimistic that Nigh and legislative leaders, as they usually do each session, will "find additional funds" to increase the education budgets.

University, said that image misrepresents Eisenhower.

None of the historians in his audience took issue with Greenstein's characterization of Eisenhower as an activist who put his own stamp on the presidency.

The historians also did not quarrel with the assertion of University of Massachusetts historian Robert Griffith that Eisenhower was a president with a vision of an American society encompassing his own principles of cooperation, self-restraint, discipline and disinterested public service.

Greenstein, a two-time voter for Eisenhower's Democratic rival, Adlai E. Stevenson, said newly opened papers of the Eisenhower administration sustain the picture of Ike as a practitioner of hard-ball politics.

"His skills were underestimated at the time," Greenstein said. "They were underestimated because it was part of his skill to see that they would be."

He cited Eisenhower's treatment of Joseph R. McCarthy, whose search for subversives — and for

headlines — did not relax even after Eisenhower, a war hero and fellow Republican, took White House command.

Publicly, Eisenhower was known and criticized for a hands-off approach to McCarthy, exemplified in Ike's remark that he would not get in the gutter with the Wisconsin senator.

Behind the scenes, Greenstein said, Eisenhower conducted "a virtual day-to-day campaign via the media and congressional allies to end McCarthy's political effectiveness."

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Texas firm exec pleads no contest'

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Texas oil firm, through its president, pleaded no contest Tuesday in federal court here to charges it bilked Apco Oil Corp. and Vickers Petroleum Corp. in a \$1.4 million false oil certification scheme.

U.S. District Judge Ralph Thompson fined Compton Petroleum Corp. of Abilene, Texas, \$46,000 and entered a finding of guilty against the firm on each of 15 charges contained in a federal indictment.

Compton President Randy Barker appeared before Thompson. Barker became president after the frauds occurred.

Compton Corp. was indicted along with its former vice president and general manager, Billy G. Young, earlier this month. Young, who now lives in Tulsa, has pleaded innocent to the charges and faces trial in February.

The incident alleged that Young, through the oil firm, joined with unnamed "co-schemers" to defraud Apco of Oklahoma City and Vickers of Wichita, Kan., from November 1976 through November 1977.

The scheme, to which the corporation pleaded no contest, entailed reaping fraudulent profits by selling to the two oil companies refined oil that was certified as more valuable crude or unrefined oil.

The indictment, which followed an FBI investigation, also accused Compton Corp. and Young of sending falsely prepared invoices to the firms through the mail and of making false statements to the Federal Energy Administration.

Thompson fined Compton Corp. a maximum of \$1,000 on each of 11 counts, a maximum of \$10,000 each on three other counts and \$5,000 on one count.

The corporation had new owners and management since 1977, defense attorneys said.

Young, if convicted at his trial, faces a maximum possible sentence of 50 years in prison and a \$36,000 fine.

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