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## Spring board

### How's that? Kennel club

Q. Please give the address of the American Kennel Club?

A. 51 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010.

### Calendar: Open house

#### TODAY

• The Overeaters Anonymous meeting scheduled for tonight has been canceled.

• The Spring City Theatre's performance of "Twas the Night Before Christmas — Texas Style," and "The Gift of the Magi" has been canceled due to the weather.

• The Howard County Extension Staff will host a holiday open house from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the County Extension Office located in the basement of the courthouse.

#### WEDNESDAY

• Overeaters Anonymous meets at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

### Tops on TV: Cowboys

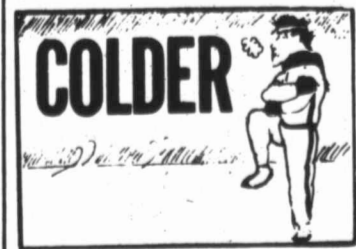
At 8 p.m. on channel 2 the San Francisco 49ers host the Dallas Cowboys. At 8 p.m. on channel 13 Dick Van Dyke and Sid Caesar star in "Found Money." A bank executive and a former bank guard hatch a scheme to reward do-gooders with funds lifted from inactive accounts.

### At the movies Scarface

"D.C. Cab" with Gary Busey and Mr. T debuts at the Ritz, where it will show with "Scarface," "The Rescuers" and "Mickey Mouse Christmas Carol." On Wednesday John Carpenter's "Christine" moves to the Ritz, and "D.C. Cab" will replace "Night in Heaven" at the R-70. "Sudden Impact" with Clint Eastwood stays at the Cinema, showing with "A Christmas Carol."

### Outside: Freezing

Continued cold today with a high expected in the 20s. A travelers advisory is in effect for the Permian Basin. Low tonight expected around 12. Winds today from the south at 5-10 miles per hour. Forecasters also are predicting a 20 percent chance of snow. Tuesday's forecast calls for a high in the 30s with winds from the south at 10-20 miles per hour.



## IRS checks due local taxpayers

The Internal Revenue Service has more than 3,000 refund checks for North Texas taxpayers because the post office was unable to deliver the checks, IRS Director for the northern Texas counties Glenn Cagle said.

Most checks were returned to the IRS because the taxpayer has moved and failed to notify the post office and the IRS.

Following is a list of area persons whose refund checks the IRS is holding. To receive the check, call the IRS at 1-800-424-1040.

Included are David D. Davis, Jose R. Diaz and M.A. Santos, Jo Ann Mojica, Jesse S. and Geneva Reyes, Steve J. Tapia, and Armando Trevino, all of Lamesa; and Crestina Aguilar and Randy L. Ruth, both of Colorado City.

Other persons with undelivered refunds are Sharon Ayers, Gregg Cass, James D. and Rebecca T. Colt, Isaiah E. Edwards, Paul D. Farquharson, Michael J. and Marsha G. Gaglione III, Bobby Hamilton, Jorge and Maria Elena Huereca, Craig A. Jelderlinic, Suzette R. McWilliams, all of Big Spring.

Other Big Spring residents eligible to claim checks are also included are Ricardo L. Olivarez, Charles G. and Isabel Osterhout, Christopher T. Parsons, Richard and Carla Perry, Donna L. Pitts, Glenda Price, Richard Wayne Rains, Raul Gomez Rodriguez, and Scott A. Schreck.

Also included are Delbert D. and Ranetta G. Smith, Glenn R. and Brenda Wilkins, Michael D. and Carol Williams, Charlie J. and Cynthia I. Grigg, and James Karros, all of Big Spring; James A. (deceased) and Louise Sullivan, and Bobbie S. Wood, both of Sand Springs; and Sharon R. Goodnight of Garden City.

## Arsenic tests not ready yet

KNOTT — Test results on well water near the Knott community for arsenic contamination will not be available until this afternoon or Tuesday, according to state officials.

Officials from both the state Department of Health and the state Department of Agriculture said test results were not yet available Monday morning. However, they said they would notify residents and local authorities of test results as soon as they became available.

State agencies began testing the water supply of the community after autopsies on an area resident's cattle showed large concentrations of arsenic in their liver.

## Lingering drought puts ranchers in dire straits

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — For ranchers and farmers in arid West Texas, 1983 was an unwelcome extension of 1982 — more long, rainless months that brought only frustration and hardship.

The two-year drought is the worst since the Dust Bowl of the '30s, and if significant rainfall does not come in 1984, many ranchers fear it will be the end of the line for them.

"I'm not going to get out until I have to, but in all likelihood, if the drought continues next year, I'm going to have to," said Rankin rancher Lewis Smith.

Smith ranches 22,000 acres of land in Upton County, one of 27 West Texas counties that has had almost no rain for two years. Eight-tenths of an inch of rain fell in the area from January to October, compared with the normal 12 inches, county agricultural agent Kent Powell said.

"Oh, we finally got those October storms that left about 3 inches to 5 inches, but for most people it was just too late," Powell said. "All we can do is hope for a better day down the line."

Several ranchers have chosen not to see what 1984 brings.

"This year was the straw that broke the camel's back for many of these people," Powell said. "With no winter moisture, no spring moisture, no summer moisture, they had to go to shucking it all."

Powell said three ranches are up for sale in Upton County, an area dominated by cattle and sheep ranching. Zan Matthies, agricultural agent in Fort Stockton, said several ranchers in Pecos County also had called it quits.

"The men who own the land, well, it's harder to

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## Winter chills Big Spring



CHILLY SCENES — A weekend cold front blanketed Howard County and Big Spring in its second snow of the season in three days. The weather iced roads and turned tree branches into large popsicles (above). Even the water from Colorado River Municipal Water District fountain failed to run over, as its drainage ditch became a waterfall of ice floes and snow (right).

From staff and wire reports  
Icy roads brought by winter's first major storm Sunday afternoon caused a two-car accident in which a California woman was injured south of Big Spring, according to Department of Public Safety reports.

Suzan Bistrap Corty, 26, of Seaside, Calif., remains in stable condition in the intensive care unit of the Veteran's Administration Hospital after suffering head injuries and bruises, a hospital spokesman said.

Corty was struck 1.3 miles south of Big Spring on U.S. 87 by a 1983 Ford driven by Jody Don Brittain of Gail Route. Brittain was unable to stop on the icy highway, reports said.

At the time of the accident, Corty was helping Ramone Bernard Holguin of Forsan push his 1978 Buick Regal back onto the highway after the car had been stuck off the road, reports said. The Buick also was reported damaged in the accident.

The accident was one of more

than 25 reported since late Saturday to the DPS and Big Spring police.

"There is always an increase in accidents when it snows," police Lt. Jerry Edwards said today. "People just don't realize that the roads are iced over."

Snow presently gripping Big Spring and the vicinity is the result of a stationary cold front that extends from the Big Bend area up through Amarillo and into Colorado and Wyoming, the National Weather Service said.

The front brought a low of 10 degrees to the area this morning, but has caused only a trace of precipitation in the last 24 hours, a spokeswoman for the Agricultural Research Service said. The record low for this date, seven degrees above zero, was recorded in 1924, the spokeswoman said.

A spokesman for the Midland office of the National Weather Service said the front should die out by Tuesday, bringing fair

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## Land brokers drum up Texas deals

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part two of a four-part series on foreign ownership of Texas farmland. It examines "land brokers" who persuade foreign investors to plow their money into Texas farmland.

By PHILLIP SWANN  
Harte-Hanks Bureau

WASHINGTON — Many of them are invisible men, faceless Americans who show up every morning for their jobs in a cloak of secrecy.

You might catch a glimpse of one wooing some farmer in a distant

corn field. Or boarding a plane for West Germany or Hong Kong. Or perhaps at an invitation-only Texas-style barbecue.

But don't count on it. They want deals and they can only make them by keeping their moves undercover.

They are the "land brokers" — real estate agents and lawyers who have influenced foreign residents to invest more than \$1 billion into Texas farmland.

"Most of them are simply good real estate agents," said Peter De Braal, an economist with the U.S.

Department of Agriculture's foreign investment branch. "They hold seminars in Europe, barbecues in Texas. They are quiet but they get the word out to the foreign investor that American farmland is a good investment."

For several years, the U.S. agriculture community has focused its attention on foreign investment in farmland. Reports of such notable transactions as the Prince of Liechtenstein's purchase of more than 10,000 acres of farmland in Texas have made headlines.

But little or nothing has been written about the land broker. And he is the man who deserves, depending upon your point of view, much of either the credit or blame for the overflow of foreign investment, according to federal and local agriculture officials.

They are in competition with foreign-based American banks and insurance companies who also seek out the foreign investor. But the American land broker has the home field advantage.

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HANGING ON — Rankin rancher Lewis Smith adjusts the float in his water trough. Ranchers and farmers in areas of West Texas have been suffering through a two-year drought.



By the Associated Press



KEITH RICHARDS and PATTY HANSEN  
Keith Richards marries

MEXICO CITY — A member of the Rolling Stones got married, but it wasn't the wedding that everyone expected.

The groom was lead guitarist Keith Richards, who kept his marriage plans so secret even best man Mick Jagger, who has well-advertised intentions to wed model Jerry Hall, didn't know about them.

Richards tied the knot Sunday with 27-year-old Patricia Hansen, a model and actress from New York, in Cabo San Lucas. It was the first stab at wedded bliss for both, and was also Richards' 40th birthday.

"Once somebody knows, everybody knows," said publicist Paul Wasserman of the secrecy surrounding the British rock star's plans.

Jagger got the news while vacationing Saturday in Barbados. He chartered a jet to take him to Cabo San Lucas, a resort at the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula.

Richards did manage to slip word to some close friends and relatives, but all were "sworn to secrecy," Wasserman said.

About 35 people attended the 20-minute civil ceremony. The couple plans to leave Tuesday or Wednesday to honeymoon in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, where Richards has a home.

Richards' wife is appearing in the upcoming movie "Hard To Touch," slated to come out March 6, Wasserman said.

The other three members of the internationally popular rock group — bass guitarist Bill Wyman, drummer Charlie Watts, and guitarist Ron Woods — were not at the wedding, Wasserman said.

Richards visited Cabo San Lucas because he heard it had good fishing, according to the publicist. Richards has been in a few fishing tournaments — placing fifth in one of them — during his two month stay, the publicist said.

Among those attending the wedding were Richard's two children from a previous relationship, Martin, 14, and Angela, 12.

Griffith not Andy Taylor

MANTEO, N.C. — Andy Griffith, alias Sheriff Andy Taylor, has put one over on his loyal viewing audience for more than 20 years.

Griffith, renowned for his portrayal of the down-home "sheriff without a gun" in the fictional town of Mayberry, N.C., said he isn't the relaxed man that his long-running television character was.

"There's some part of me in that character, but no, I was not really like Andy Taylor at all," said Griffith, who has been recovering from an illness at his home in Manteo.

In the show, the sheriff "was very composed, and (deputy) Barney Fife was very nervous and high-strung," Griffith said of the character portrayed by Don Knotts. "But really, I was the one who was up pacing, and Don was very calm, as unlike Barney as anyone could be.

"And then when they yelled 'Action,' Barney would fly off the handle and I'd sit quietly," Griffith said.

Griffith said he realizes how much television has changed when he occasionally watches reruns of "The Andy Griffith Show."

"We're in a different time now than we were" when the show ran from 1960 to 1968, he said. "Now there is much more freedom, and there's sexual language on almost any show."

Chapman's wife talks

HONOLULU — Mark David Chapman, serving a 20-year to life sentence for the slaying of former Beatle John Lennon, has felt guilt over the shooting, according to Chapman's wife.

"I believe that later he knew what was wrong and what was right, and there was guilt," said Chapman's wife, Gloria, breaking her 3-year silence regarding the assassination in New York City Dec. 8, 1980.

She said she agreed to the interview with the Honolulu Advertiser to spread the message about how faith in God has sustained her and her husband.

By the Associated Press

23 die in weekend fires

Six elderly men died when fire destroyed an old Detroit apartment building, a family of five perished in Texas as their mobile home burned and two people were killed in a San Francisco hotel as weekend blazes across the nation left at least 23 dead and 65 injured.

Early today, four children perished and three other people were injured when fire burned an old, two-story farmhouse to the ground southwest of Columbus, Ohio, in Franklin County's Pleasant Township.

Other fire victims included a family of four killed in Indiana when their Christmas tree lights caught fire and a 7-year-old Massachusetts girl who died when her home burned.

In California, a smoky blaze destroyed about half the 400-room, 12-story Cathedral Hill Hotel on Sunday, forcing evacuation of 182 guests. The body of an unidentified woman was found on the mezzanine level, where investigators said the fire may have begun. The body of a man identified as Daniel Thompson, 36, of Concord, Calif., was found in a restroom.

Up to 50 people were hurt, none seriously, in the blaze, Fire Chief Emmett Condon said.

The 23-year-old structure, once called the Jack Tar Hotel, had no sprinklers in rooms or hallways, but none were required under the city's building code, Condon said.

The cause of the blaze was under investigation, officials said. "It looked like an oil fire," one firefighter said, noting thick black smoke that rose 200 feet above the hotel.

Deputy Chief Bob Rose estimated damage at \$2 million, but an assistant hotel manager said the figure could rise to \$10 million.

The fire that killed six elderly residents of an apartment in Detroit on Sunday was likely caused by a careless cigarette smoker, an arson investigator said. Six others were injured as the 50-year-old building burned.

In Rendon, Texas, firefighters arrived to find a mobile home in flames Saturday night. Michael and Ingrid Bazrow, both 26, and their three children died in the blaze.

The cause was not determined, but J.B. Stringer, a spokesman for Texas Electric Service Co., said he believed it may have originated with a wire used to bypass the home's electric meter.

An extension cord attached to Christmas tree lights was blamed for a fire Saturday that killed a family of four in Shelbyville, Ind., Fire Chief Robert W. Buckley said.

Orville L. Watts Jr., 27, was found dead in the house, and his 5-year-old son, Bradley, died 90 minutes later, both of smoke inhalation. Watts' 7-year-old stepdaughter and 3-year-old niece died at a hospital Sunday, officials said.

Arafat's troops bombarded

TRIPOLI — Israeli gunboats today launched another bombardment on PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's 4,000 loyalist fighters to deter their evacuation from this northern port city — their last Middle East stronghold.



YASSER ARAFAT

About three hours later, Israeli warplanes made bombing and strafing runs over the Syrian-held central mountains, swooping down on targets around the towns of Aley and Bhamdoun, about 10 miles east of Beirut.

The 25-minute naval barrage, the second in less than 12 hours, set the Cypriot cargo ship "My Charm" ablaze in Tripoli's harbor.

Another previously damaged ship tied to a wharf was sunk. It was the sixth such assault in 10 days.

Israel radio quoted defense sources as saying the shelling of Tripoli, Lebanon's second-largest city, was designed "to make clear Israel's attitude" to the planned withdrawal of Arafat's guerrillas aboard five Greek ships flying the United Nations flag as a guarantee of safe conduct.

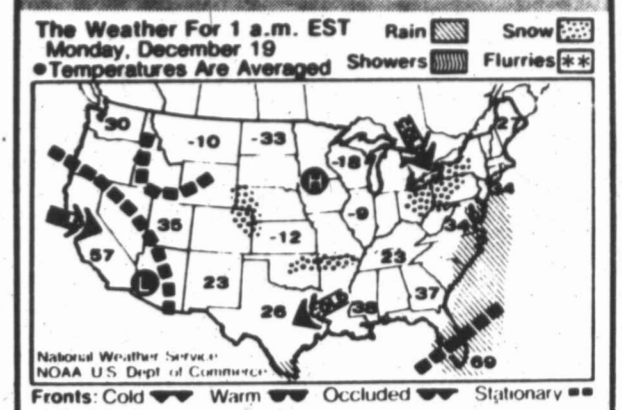
The radio quoted unnamed sources as saying "the pressure on the terrorists in Tripoli will continue," indicating more attacks would be mounted before the ships arrive for the evacuation.

Arafat told reporters at midmorning that Israeli mounted three naval assaults against his forces — two on Sunday and the one today. He said the gunboats lobbed delayed-action bombs in today's barrage that exploded about two hours later.

"I was with the Greek ambassador in the harbor. We noted by ourselves when they shelled the harbor with great bombs," Arafat said. "I asked our friends (the Greeks) to delay the arrival of (the evacuation ships) for some hours."

Arafat also indicated he has met Israel's demand that his departing troops take no heavy arms with them. Reporters talking to the PLO leader said he apparently meant a decision was made to hand over the arms, but that the actual transfer of weapons had not occurred.

By the Associated Press



West Texas: Travelers advisory today Texas panhandle due to icy roads. Travelers advisory for the South Plains, Permian Basin, Concho Valley and mountains of West Texas this morning due to icy roads. Mostly cloudy and cold with widely scattered snow showers north and isolated snow flurries south through Tuesday. A little warmer Tuesday. Highs today mid teens in the Panhandle to near 50 in the Big Bend valleys. Lows tonight near 3 in the Panhandle to near 30 extreme south. Highs Tuesday 20 to 60.

Arctic weather chills U.S.

With winter still two days away, a bone-chilling preview refused to bow out today in the Great Plains, shattering dozens of records as the mercury stuck below zero — in some places, 30 to 40 degrees below — from Minnesota to Texas.

The arctic weather was expected to last at least until midweek as a frigid front stalled over the nation's heartland, bringing snow to northern Texas, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma and icy temperatures throughout the Midwest, the National Weather Service said today.

Thirty-five cities reported record-breaking lows by midnight Sunday, and by 2 a.m. today the low point had reached 40 below zero in Williston, N.D.

"The only thing between us and Canada is a few picket fences," said meteorologist Bill Alexander in Fort Worth, Texas. "This is the coldest type of air mass there is. This is a mid-winter air mass."

Temperatures in some spots were the coldest in a century. Dubuque, Iowa, reached 20 below, breaking a record set in 1877. La Crosse, Wis., hit 25 below, shattering the mark set in 1884. And thermometers in Waseca, Minn., fell to 32 below, breaking a record from 1916.

There was also the cutting chill of the wind, which made it feel twice as cold in some places. In Watford City, N.D., where the wind made it feel like 60 below, police Lt. John Schoenhoff said officers were willing to "shake their fingers" at minor traffic infractions to avoid getting out of their cruisers.

Scattered snow showers were expected today in northern Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, the lakeshore areas of Ohio and New York and the mountains of Colorado, where up to 7 new inches may fall.

In Oklahoma, where residents woke up Sunday to 1 to 3 inches of new snow, two major roads — U.S. 169 and U.S. 75 north of Tulsa to the Kansas border — were snowpacked. Interstate 35 was covered with ice from Pauls Valley in the south central part of the state to the Red River.

Enterprise, Kan., received 6 inches of snow, according to the National Weather Service. In Kansas City, Mo., which hit a record-breaking 13 below, the bitter cold kept 26,000 fans away from the football season's finale between the Chiefs and the Denver Broncos, but the Chiefs won anyway, 48-17.

At 8 p.m. CST Sunday, the temperature was 10 below zero at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, one degree lower than the record set in 1844. The cold forced more people than usual to seek temporary shelters for the homeless, and one downtown mission reported 200 people waiting in line for 150 beds.

Table with columns for city, HI, Lo, Pre, Onk, HI, Lo. Lists cities like Amarillo, Austin, Dallas-Ft. Worth, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock with their respective high and low temperatures.

Advertisement for Blum's Jewels & Gems. Features a large diamond graphic and text: "Dear Santa — For Christmas please I want (one or all!)". Lists items like MICROWAVE OVEN, ROCKER-ALL WOOD OR FABRIC, COLOR TELEVISION, BEDROOM SUITE, CURIO CABINET, LA-Z-BOY, GUN CABINET, DINING ROOM SUITE, MATTRESS & BOX SPRINGS, LAMP, WASHER & DRYER. Includes address 115 E. 2nd and phone 267-5722.

Advertisement for Schaffer Chiropractic Office. Title: "NOW... MOST INSURANCE ASSIGNMENTS ACCEPTED AS PAYMENT IN FULL FOR EXTENSIVE HEALTH CARE TREATMENT...". Includes a graphic of a human head and neck with "Danger Signals of Pinched Nerves" listed: 1. Headaches, Dizziness, Loss of Sleep, 2. Neck Pain, Tight Muscles, 3. Pain Down Arms, Shoulder Pain, 4. Numbness in Hands or Feet, 5. Pain between the Shoulders, 6. Painful Joints, Nervousness, 7. Lower Back Pain, Hip Pain, Pain Down Legs. Contact info: 2112 Hickory Colorado City, 915-728-5284.

Advertisement for Pizza Inn. Title: "MORE AT PIZZA INN". Text: "Even More of the Things You Love. Enjoy all the pizza, salad, and spaghetti you can eat for only \$3.39." Lists menu items: TUESDAY NIGHT BUFFET, NOON BUFFET, SUNDAY BUFFET. Includes "SPECIAL PIZZA OFFER" and contact info: 1702 Gregg—263-1381.

# Editorial

## Soviets continue to ignore atrocity

So much has occurred since Sept. 1 when the Soviet Union callously shot down a Korean Airlines Boeing 747 jumbo jet, killing all 265 persons aboard. In recent weeks, Grenada, Lebanon, Euro-missiles, "The Day After" and more have dominated the front pages and television news. So it has been easy to forget the atrocity committed with impunity only 15 weeks ago.

To be sure, President Reagan and other Western leaders had harsh words for the Kremlin. But no action matched the rhetoric. Americans showed their anger in spontaneous grassroot protests and demanded measures to punish the Soviets. Nevertheless, it's been business as usual. And, the Russians still exhibit no sign of contrition. Incredibly, they continue to maintain the plane was on an espionage mission.

The rest of the world knows this to be mere fiction. Any lingering doubt on that score should have been put to rest when, after a thorough investigation, the International Civil Aviation Organization rejected the Soviets' spy mission allegation. The ICAO found that the Korean plane had unintentionally strayed into Soviet airspace.

Even so, the Soviets seem to have been let off the hook. News reports of the international inquiry's finding were either ignored or relegated to the inside pages. The White House, preoccupied with other matters, says nothing more about Korean Airlines flight 007.

Meanwhile, the relatives and friends of the 265 murdered KAL passengers grieve on without comfort over the barbarism of Sept. 1. The rest of the world should not forget either.

The United States and all other civilized nations should insist the Soviets at the very least provide financial restitution to the victims' families.



'We have considerable information that people go to soup kitchens because the food is free and that's easier than paying for it.'

Joseph Kraft

## Deficits mean big problems



WASHINGTON — The smoke has cleared from the shootout between Secretary of Treasury Donald Regan and Martin Feldstein, the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. While both men are still standing, it is evident, as never before, that time is money. Everybody now agrees that big budget deficits matter. But unless a start is made on closing them in 1984, the U.S. will have to levy more taxes later than it has done at any time in the postwar period. The arithmetic is not in doubt. Deficits of over \$200 billion annually stretch ahead indefinitely unless there are major changes in the getting and spending of federal dollars. Neither is there much question as to the adverse consequences of such huge deficits. The mere increase in interest charges on the federal debt — about \$55 billion in the next four years, according to Rudolph Penner of the Congressional Budget Office — sends the deficit spiraling beyond control. Even Secretary Regan, who was belittling the problem recently, now acknowledges it is serious. Spending, to be sure, can be cut. But domestic outlays — except for Social Security and Medicare — have already been pruned way back. According to information released by Feldstein, the figure, which expanded steadily from 1960 through 1980, has been cut by 10 percent since 1980. It is now back to where it was in the late 1960s as a percentage of national output. Cuts already enacted will bring it down, by 1986, to where it was in the early 1960s. So except for Medicare and Social Security, there is little scope for reductions in domestic spending. On the contrary, the outlook, evident in congressional action during the past year, is for slight increases

in such items as education. Social Security, Medicare and defense, to be sure, include huge, and growing, amounts of money. But they pose problems that are particularly vexing in an election year. Nobody is even talking about cutting Medicare or Social Security in 1984. The plan for a bipartisan commission favored by some is only a way of getting a head start on an agreement in 1985. Budget authority for defense has recently been cut by Congress. The administration is due to request \$321 billion in the next fiscal year. Congress only voted for \$258 billion in the current fiscal year. A jump of \$63 billion next year is out of the question. But while a cut from what the administration has sought is certain, it is apt to be small. So far, Congress has made reductions in defense almost entirely by stretch-outs, adjustments for inflation and other accounting tricks. No major programs have been dropped. Nor is there a likelihood they will be in 1984. Taxes remain. They were central to the open fight between Regan and Feldstein. They continue to dominate a struggle inside the administration. Early this year the president put forward proposals for raising \$45 billion in new taxes between 1984 and 1986. The levy was to be contingent upon several developments, including enactment by Congress of domestic spending cuts proposed by the administration. The Congress did not approve the cuts, and the president backed away from the tax rise. A group inside the administration — including Feldstein, but also many other figures — wants the tax proposal submitted again this year. They would like it to be presented

minus the tie to domestic spending cuts. For they figure that, in those circumstances and with a real push by the president, the Congress would actually raise revenues in 1984. That way, especially with some cuts in defense added, the country would clearly be on a path toward eventually closing the deficit. Once that path was opened, interest rates would dip, and the worst economic problems ahead would all be eased. The main argument for enacting the tax hike in 1984 is what happens if no action is taken. The two parties then go into the presidential elections with the deficit as a central arena of conflict. The Democrats will want to hit the rich on behalf of the poor. President Reagan will have to dig in hard against them. A sudden turnaround in 1985 — even for a leader blithe about mere consistency — is not likely. So, in real budget time, 1986 is the big year if the rendezvous is missed in 1984. By 1986, however, the deficit would have increased by something like half-a-trillion dollars. The Congress would be faced not with the kind of one-shot surtax enacted in the Vietnam and Korean wars. It would have to legislate, on a permanent basis, an increase of a size not previously contemplated since World War II. So the public fight between Feldstein and Regan was not just a clash of egos that is now over and down. Historic issues are at stake, and they remain unresolved. The choice is mainly up to Ronald Reagan. Thus for once presidential leadership is not merely a high-sounding phrase invoked to justify whatever the man in the White House presumes to do. This time the alternatives are stark, and picking the right road depends on something larger than self-interest: vision.



Billy Graham

## So many ideas — Which is right?

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: It seems like all my life I have been trying to find out what is right, but the longer I look, the more confused I get. I have gone to church after church, read books with all kinds of ideas, and talked to all kinds of people, but it seems like everybody just has his own personal opinion about things and no one really knows for sure what is right and wrong. — R. L.

DEAR R.L.: Yes, I can understand your confusion because there are many, many ideas about life in our world today that are nothing more than personal opinions. As you have discovered, however, these ideas often contradict each other.

But what if God were to show us what was right? Then we would not be left to grope around hoping we would stumble on the right way to live. We could instead know the right way, because God does not lie and he knows what is best for us. And this is exactly what has happened, and it has happened in a way that will change your life if you come to accept it. God himself has come down from heaven in the person of his Son Jesus Christ. He came to show us his love, and he came to show us what we should believe and how we should live.

That is why I urge you to turn to Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well" (John 14:6-7). He backed up his claim by his sinless life, his miracles, and his resurrection from the dead. He wants to come into your life right now, and you can become his child by opening your heart to him by a simple prayer of faith. Then as you read his Word, the Bible, you will discover more and more of God's love for you and how he wants you to live. Jesus has promised, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

Don't be sidetracked by minor differences between sincere Christians and various churches. Christians are united in Christ, and your focus should be on him. He can take away your confusion and bring hope and assurance to your life as you turn to him.



The average American man is five feet, eight inches tall. The average American woman, five feet, four inches tall.

## Around the Rim

By BOB CARPENTER



### A noble man

This is for a common, but noble man. Almost all of us envy someone else. We wish to look like someone else, be rich as someone else, have the fame of someone else, and so on. However, the people I envy most are those who seem to be doing exactly what they want to be doing. Of course, I realize that many times this confident exterior is a thin facade, but the fact they carry off a job or task, especially a grim or tedious one, with style and grace never fails to fascinate me. Maybe they aren't doing what they want to be doing, but their pride and love of life simply carries them along. They are truly marvels. One of my favorite people is this group is a local grocery clerk named Bob. Normally, I don't like to wait in line to get checked out at a store, but I don't mind waiting for Bob to get to me. In these days of cold store clerks, Bob is a rare find. He seems genuinely glad you showed up, and he makes you feel respected as a customer. Although I probably haven't gone through his check-out line more than 10 times, he always greets me and my wife as if we were an old friends. Actually, I think Bob doesn't know strangers exist as he is able to slide into conversation with just about any customer. Bob refuses to let one remain cold and aloof. He quickly defrosts everyone with a few one-liners before launching into whatever subject is at hand, gently cajoling and

drawing the person into conversation. His friendliness is infectious and hard to refuse. His humor is what I enjoy best. It's amazing that a couple of laughs can one feel human again, and Bob knows this well. I've never walked away from his counter without a smile. Here's a sample of Bob's material (I've never heard the same line twice). On discussing the installation of computer scanners in the store which eliminated certain mathematical problems for checkers: "With these new machines, I don't have to think anymore. You wouldn't believe how well the system is working out." On being treated shabbily in a department store: "They treated me as if I were an idiot. If I wanted to be treated like an idiot, I could get that at home." Of course, he carries all this off while working. He runs items through the scanner, sacks groceries and makes you feel good all at the same time. The sting of grocery bills is lessened by Bob's good charm. I don't know if Bob is doing what he truly wants to do, but his zest for the task at hand and manner of handling life are an inspiration. He is doing the most he can do where he is — a noble feat for a common man. Thank you Bob, for giving me a glimpse of what life can and should be.

## Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 1983. There are 12 days left in the year. Today's highlight in history: On Dec. 19, 1972, the Apollo XVII spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific, ending the Apollo program to land men on the moon. On this date: In 1732, Benjamin Franklin began publishing his "Poor Richard's Almanac" in Philadelphia. In 1842, the United States recognized the independence of Hawaii. In 1871, Albert L. Jones of New York City patented corrugated paper.

In 1903, the Williamsburg Bridge opened in New York City, linking Manhattan and Brooklyn. And in 1974, Nelson Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States. Ten years ago: Former Defense Secretary Melvin Laird resigned as chief domestic adviser to President Richard Nixon. Five years ago: The Coca-Cola Co. announced that it would start selling the soft drink in China. One year ago: Poland's collective presidency, the Council of State, formally announced that, as promised, martial law would be lifted at year's end.



Jack Anderson

## Don't restart that reactor

WASHINGTON — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is scheduled to meet behind closed doors today to consider whether to start up Three Mile Island Unit 1, the nuclear reactor that was unaffected by the near-catastrophic accident in March 1979. Evidence gathered by my associate John Dillon indicates that the commission could be courting disaster if it allows TMI-1 back on line. The unit was shut down for routine refueling during the 1979 accident that almost caused a meltdown in Unit 2. At the time, the NRC ordered Unit 1 to remain shut down, citing, among other reasons, "questions about management capabilities." Now the commission is under tremendous pressure from General Public Utilities, the owner, to allow Unit 1 to begin producing power again. Despite the indictment of the company last month on charges of

falsifying crucial safety data before the accident, the commissioners are reported to be leaning toward approval of the start-up plan. There are three main problem areas the agency should consider before it lets TMI start operating again — management integrity, questionable supervision by the NRC and continuing equipment troubles: A reactor operator testified that the company deliberately falsified measurement data to make leaks of reactor cooling water at Unit 2 appear smaller than they actually were. Now the NRC's investigators suspect that management lied about leaks at both TMI reactors. The agency has promised that TMI-1 will not be allowed to resume operation until the investigation of the alleged falsification on that unit is completed sometime next month. Coincidentally, the plant won't be able to start until then anyway. As further evidence of manage-

ment problems, the NRC levied a \$140,000 fine against GPU last July for failing to tell the federal agency that the facility's supervisor of operations had cheated on a licensing exam. Both the company and the NRC knew soon after the 1979 accident that a plant operator had blown the whistle on the falsified records. Yet neither saw fit to dig deeper. The company's investigation consisted of a consultant's interview with the whistleblower, Harold Hartman Jr. — but not with the company executives who may have ordered the falsification. After squelching any mention of Hartman's charges in its two massive reports on the TMI accident, the NRC staff finally told the commission last May — more than four years later — that Hartman's charges were believed to be true. A valve failure triggered the TMI accident. Yet the same kind of valve will be used in the undamaged reactor, despite the manufacturer's

warning that its use under certain conditions "may be detrimental to its ability to seal without leaking, thus contributing to an increased failure rate." The warning was deleted from the NRC's final TMI report, and was brought to light by the Union of Concerned Scientists. The valve may not be the only piece of equipment that needs checking. There have also been problems with the instruments used to measure the amount of cooling water available in case of emergency, according to the company's own admission. The first devices installed after the accident failed miserably. New meters also proved inaccurate. But in a November letter to the NRC, the company explains that the inaccuracy of the meters is not really critical, because the instruments are more accurate during high-flow conditions and operators can use other means to ascertain the flow levels. So the company concluded that everything is hunky-dory.

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# Lifestyle

## Miss Haddad wins pageant

Maggie Haddad, 3, won the Baby Dixie Doll 1983 title of the 1983 Silhouette of America Pageant held in Lubbock, Oct. 3.

She also received a first place trophy in modeling at a Wichita Falls Silhouette pageant, Dec. 3.

Miss Haddad is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Rudy Haddad, 902, Mountain Park Dr.



MAGGIE HADDAD

## Dr. Donohue

### Heart block

Dear Dr. Donohue: A few months ago I went to my doctor for a blood pressure checkup and as soon as he took my pressure he called the nurse for an EKG. When it was completed he told me I would have to be hospitalized, that I had a heart block.

Immediately upon admission to the hospital my heart was monitored for five days. The beat had fallen to 39 per minute and could not be increased with medicine. On the sixth day I had a pacemaker installed.

Both my doctor and the surgeon are very fine physicians, but I still have questions. Will my heart get steadily worse? I am 70. Most of the time I feel fine. In fact, after four hours of gardening this week I had my pulse and blood pressure taken and the pulse was 84 and the pressure 160/88. I no longer have the sudden dizziness. I would like to know exactly what is wrong with me. Can you supply answers? — Mrs. R.K.

Let me first explain what a heart block is. Your heart beats every second (or approximately so) because it's stimulated to do so by a small jolt of electrical current, a current made by its own very special tissue called the pacemaker. The jolt of electricity is passed down the heart, causing it to contract, thus pumping blood to the body.

If the pacemaker sends out signals too slowly or if part of the conduction network can't deliver the electricity well, the heartbeat slows to a point where circulation to the brain is insufficient. Blood pressure drops and you feel faint and dizzy, indicating insufficient circulation. The problem is called heart block. Sometimes it happens because cells of the

pacemaker or its cable network have been replaced by fat cells, which may happen as a person gets older. Sometimes poor circulation to the heart, and specifically to the pacemaker area, can cause it.

The answer is the artificial implanted pacemaker. The normal beat is restored by this backup source of heart-signal power. It's very much like having an auxiliary generator installed for home use when there is an electrical failure.

It seems to be working well for you. Your original slow beat problem should not get worse. Sometimes slow heartbeat may be related to other conditions, the kind that can be relieved with certain medicines. Ruling this out was a prudent precaution your doctor took prior to recommending the artificial pacemaker.

Much heart trouble is preventable. Write to Dr. Donohue, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 11210, Chicago, IL 60611, for a copy of his booklet, "How to Take Care of Your Heart." Enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 50 cents.

Dr. Donohue welcomes reader mail but regrets that, due to the tremendous volume received daily, he is unable to answer individual letters. Readers' questions are incorporated in his column whenever possible.

#### IN DOUBT? USE



## Dear Abby

### Checks for charities spread joy

DEAR ABBY: Almost 10 years ago my letter arrived too late to run before the Christmas holidays, so you published it in January. I am hopeful you will receive it this year in time to make the Christmas deadline.

EUGENE F. MEGYESY, TULSA

DEAR EUGENE: I did, and I thank you for a generous gift, as well as a novel idea that is well worth repeating.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I solved the problem of what to give the people on our Christmas gift list who have everything — including a collection of white elephants from previous Christmases.

We sent them checks (made out to them personally) in the amount of whatever we would have spent for a gift, and on each check we wrote, "Please sign this over to your favorite charity. Holiday cheer to you!"

Abby, there are so many worthwhile charities, why spoil the holidays fretting

and shopping for unneeded gifts for people who are doing the same for us?

Abby, since you are probably among those who have everything, please accept the enclosed check for your favorite charity as our gift to you. God bless you and yours.

EUGENE F. MEGYESY, TULSA

DEAR READERS: Last year Don Townsend sent

the following item from the December issue of Changing Times magazine. It arrived too late for Christmas, but it could be helpful this year:

"Don't send Christmas greetings in cash unless you want to risk making an unintended gift to Uncle Sam. Last year, 170,000 pieces of illegibly addressed mail containing \$1.1 million ended up in the

dead-letter office. The Postal Service tracked down the owners of \$472,000 — and kept the rest."

And so, dear readers, if you intend to mail a cash gift, be sure to print clearly the name and address of the person to whom you are sending it, and be sure to print your own name and return address on the envelope as well, or it will be rough sledding come Christmas!

## Visions of Christmas past

When Ebenezer Scrooge was visited by the Ghost of Christmas Past, he was reminded of the happiness he found in those long-ago days.

Today, we can find that same sort of happiness when we remember our favorite Christmas. Christmas stories from our past can spread the spirit of the holiday by sharing them with others.

This year, *The Big Spring Herald* is asking readers to send in their stories about "My Most Memorable Christmas." *Herald* staff members will select the best stories and publish them in the Lifestyle section on Christmas.

Your story doesn't have to be about the "perfect" holiday that was plentifully supplied with food and gifts. It may be a story of when money and gifts were scarce but love was abundant. Or when something major happened that makes that Christmas stand out in your mind. Maybe the Christmas tree caught fire, or Santa brought a brand new baby to the family.

We would love to read your stories. Please submit them by Dec. 20. Drop them by the *Herald* or mail to "My Most Memorable Christmas," Lifestyle Department, *Big Spring Herald*, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All stories become the property of *The Big Spring Herald* and cannot be returned.

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## On Turning Heads

by Gary Don

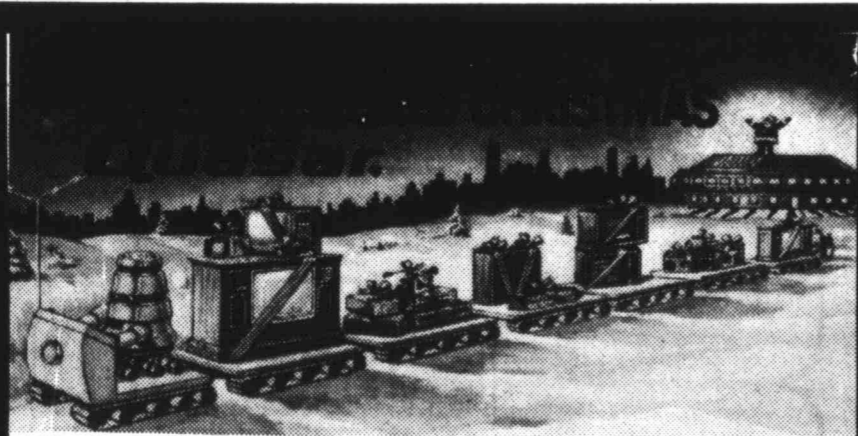


Today, the modern attitude toward a hair cut is to choose one that will showcase your natural assets. In short, allow your hair to do what it does best. Style plus low maintenance equals a great cut. What also helps the average person to maintain a great hair style is the availability of professional beauty tools. Selection of hair tools should complement the hair type. Fine hair benefits from the natural-bristle brush to avoid tangling. Curly hair avoids tangles with a wide-toothed comb. Permed or treated hair does better with a wider-toothed comb and softer bristled brush.

The staff of LA CONTESSA would like to take this opportunity to wish all our many friends and neighbors a very Merry Christmas. May the peace and joy that this holiday season brings remain with you throughout the year. You can rely upon our staff to provide you with the finest quality hair care. We look forward to your next visit. LA CONTESSA is conveniently located at 1508 Marcy. We are open to serve you Tues.-Sat. Tel. 267-2187.

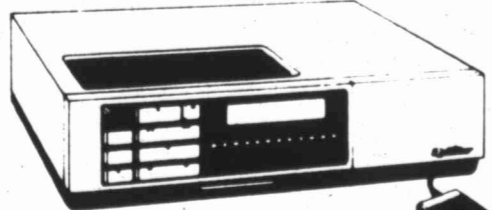
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# State agriculture official lives with Hightower

AUSTIN (AP) — Susan DeMarco has a top-level job in the state Agriculture Department, supervises a staff of 80 and works for \$1 a year. But her situation troubles some observers because she lives with her boss, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower.

She is the assistant commissioner for marketing and economic development, a job that ordinarily would pay her \$49,000 a year.

"It's the best job in the department," Ms. DeMarco, whose main responsibility is marketing home-grown products in the United States and abroad.

It is also a job that state nepotism laws would prevent her from holding if she was married to Hightower.

The law forbids elected officials from hiring people to whom they are related by blood or marriage. But since Ms. DeMarco technically is not married to Hightower, she could be paid for her Agriculture Department work.

However, some observers are bothered by the morality of people living together without being married, while others say Hightower is bending the

nepotism laws and paving the way for abuse. Others contend Ms. DeMarco's situation shows nepotism laws discriminate against women and should be abolished. "I'm sure there are women who think I'm awful (for) not getting paid," Ms. DeMarco told the Dallas Times Herald. "And there are those who think I shouldn't be there at all. I'm here; I'm doing a job. The first person who will tell me if I'm not doing my job will be the commissioner, because he cares about his programs working."

Hightower said Ms. DeMarco organized his transition team, prepared the budget, hired key people and hatched and worked ideas that have become some of the department's most important projects.

"If you were looking all over the country for someone to put this thing — marketing programs — together, you'd want DeMarco. We would still be unpacking boxes here if it weren't for her," he said.

Hightower also doubts the couple's relationship will become a political liability.

"If I'm a good agriculture commissioner ... no

amount of gossip stuff will be relevant to the people," he said.

"...It would be another thing if she wasn't qualified, but then she wouldn't be here in the first place. But I don't think I should deny the state of her abilities," added Hightower.

He said although it's not fair for her not to get paid, if she did get paid "it would generate a flurry of political attacks that would interfere with what we are trying to get done here."

"I'd rather be paid," said Ms. DeMarco. "But that was part of all the considerations I had to make."

The issue of nepotism laws "is a conversation that society needs to have because society is changing," she added.

"On one hand, I understand that there is always the potential for abuse. On the other hand, if someone couldn't hold a position they were qualified for because of who they were married to, I would think it was unfair. But it is a bigger issue than just me. I don't feel any special responsibility to come up with the

answers," she said.

Ms. DeMarco, 40, is defensive when questioned about her relationship with Hightower.

"It offends me," she said. "It's not anyone's business. The only question that should be asked is if I'm doing the job."

In the year she has worked in her position, Ms. DeMarco and her staff have promoted the Texas wine industry and organized a statewide network of farmers' markets. She came up with the idea to make tax-exempt bonds available to farmers who want to begin processing their own agricultural products and she has begun to lay the groundwork for selling Texas produce overseas.

"She works hard and demands a lot," said Ben Delgado, administrator for the marketing division. "She's smart enough to learn the things she didn't know when she came."



**JOB HUNTING** — Darryl Lindquist of Farmington Hills, Mich., got into the holiday spirit recently after being laid off. Lindquist, dressed as Santa Claus, took

his sign to an overpass of the Lodge Freeway in Detroit to look for a job. He said he was going to stay for a few days to see what kind of calls he got.

## Scallop rustlers warned

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — Scallop scavengers beware: You are no longer welcome on the beaches of Martha's Vineyard.

Worried that supplies of the tasty shellfish are on the wane, Edgartown selectmen have posted a \$500 fine for the crime of gathering and trucking scallops from town beaches, where they have been stranded by recent storms.

In the past, it has been legal to sell stranded adult scallops, but the selectmen found that harvesting adult and seal scallops from the beach was cutting the size of future crops.

When thousands of dollars' worth of scallops were washed up on Chappaquidick beaches earlier this month, at least two people drove trucks onto the sand and began gathering the bivalves. By dawn, the selectmen said, a total of seven or eight trucks were harvesting.

Shellfish Warden Joe Sutton estimated that a full truck, about 85 bushels of scallops, is worth up to \$3,000.

Sutton said that when he beats the truckers to the scallops, he recruits commercial fishermen to bring their boats close to shore. The shellfish are shoveled aboard and then released in deep water.

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# Candidates work to be different

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A striking similarity about half the Democratic presidential candidates is how hard they're working to be different. Reubin Askew comes right out and labels himself the "different Democrat." Ernest Hollings says he's willing to "make the tough decisions." Gary Hart claims he's the "thinking man's candidate." Alan Cranston wants to be known as the peace candidate.

While dreaming of the White House job that ensures instant identity, at this stage of the campaign the four are struggling for recognition in the eight-man field for the Democratic nomination. Each is trying to establish a persona to convince voters that he is different and that his difference is what it would take to defeat President Reagan next November.

Recognition is less of a problem for former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, who is happy being known as the front-runner; for John Glenn, whose exploits as an astronaut made him familiar to millions of Americans; for George McGovern, who was the party's 1972 presidential nominee, and for the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the civil rights activist bidding to become the first black to win a major party's presidential nomination.

But even the better known candidates are trying to stake out territory on issues that would distinguish them from their rivals.

"I am ready to be president of the United States," said Mondale when he entered the

race. The statement symbolized his attempt to convince voters he is the most experienced candidate.

While some of his rivals have attempted to establish themselves by identifying with one or two issues, Mondale has offered himself as a candidate for all factions. He is championing the concerns of labor, women, and minorities while also criticizing the Reagan administration's foreign and defense policies.

As the front-runner, Mondale has found himself increasingly the target of barbs from his Democratic rivals.

"He's either going to have to break his promises or break the bank," Glenn said of Mondale.

Hollings also attacked the former vice president for promising too much. "The voters aren't stupid," said the South Carolina senator. "They know that a politician who goes around promising everything to everybody is not going to end \$200 billion deficits."

Hollings didn't spare Glenn: "He's orbiting the issues faster than he orbited the earth."

Hart followed that lead. When Mondale and Glenn attacked each other, the Colorado senator quipped, "I say both are right."

Hart portrays himself as the candidate who is offering solutions to the nation's problems and also as the champion of young people and women. The candidate has expended great ef-

fort organizing on campuses and sponsoring forums on women's issues.

Sergio Bendixen, Cranston's campaign manager, conceded recently that his candidate had failed in his effort to establish himself as the candidate around whom supporters of the nuclear freeze should rally.

"I wouldn't say at this time the average voter in this country clearly identifies Cranston as the nuclear freeze candidate," said Bendixen. He speculated on how Cranston's chances might improve if "our message gets the exposure."

Hollings complains that while he wants to talk about issues like balancing the federal budget, the media isn't interested. "They don't want to discuss the issues," he said.

Hollings emphasizes his willingness to tell Democratic Party constituency groups they will have to sacrifice some of their interests in a common effort to balance the budget.

Jackson doesn't need to distinguish himself to his base constituency, the black community, but he failed recently to derail a Mondale endorsement by the black wing of the Alabama Democratic Party.

While his rivals support women's right to abortion, Askew opposes it. The others support the nuclear freeze, Askew opposes it. Seven Democratic presidential candidates expressed misgivings about the U.S. invasion of Grenada. Not Askew. He is, as he says, "the difference Democrat."



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One person indeed holds the ticket for the jackpot prize, which exceeded state estimates by \$1.5 million because of record ticket sales of more than \$7.5 million, Ohio Lottery spokesman Anne Bloomberg said Sunday.

The winner must report, ticket in hand, to a lottery office for validation, she said.

"We have no idea who the winner might be or where the ticket was purchased, and we won't know until the winner shows up at a regional office. I have a feeling we can expect someone on Monday," Ms. Bloomberg said.

The winner — who paid just \$1 for the ticket — correctly picked the six numbers between 01 and 40 that were selected randomly Saturday night. No one had chosen all six since Nov. 5, allowing the jackpot to build each week.

A computer check determined that one ticket carried the six correct numbers, officials said.

Lottery officials usually announce sales and prize totals in the weekly game within six hours after the Saturday night drawing, but an overload of sales caused the lottery's computer to shut down from just before the drawing at 7:29 p.m. to about 11 p.m., Ms. Bloomberg said.

Sales agents throughout the state reported unusually high interest because the prize was the largest ever in an Ohio Lottery game.

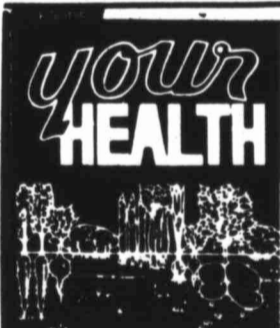
The jackpot prize, officially \$7,811,111, will be paid in 20 annual installments of \$390,555.55 before taxes. Twenty percent will be withheld to pay federal tax.

## 747 strikes truck during landing

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A Japan Air Lines cargo jumbo jet struck a vehicle on the runway at Anchorage International Airport upon landing in fog early today, but there was no immediate word of any injuries, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said.

The Boeing 747 hit what appeared to be a truck after landing in foggy conditions at 12:25 a.m. Alaska Standard Time, FAA spokesman Paul Steucke said.

The aircraft, Flight 1036, sustained some damage, but no one aboard the plane was hurt, Steucke said. The vehicle was severely damaged, but it was not immediately known whether it was occupied or whether anyone on the ground was hurt, he said.



The use of garlic capsules is an alternative remedy that belongs in your medicine cabinet as well as in your kitchen. They help to relieve stuffy noses. Garlic is an herb that expels mucus. Research has shown that it can decongest stuffed-up noses in less than an hour. It is also a great tonic for intestinal gas. The Review of Gastroenterology notes that garlic can relieve flatulence, gas colic, belching and nausea. Fresh garlic can be added to many foods but, to keep the breath problem to a minimum, stock a supply of garlic capsules in your medicine cabinet. Another related alternative remedy that should be kept in the home is apple cider vinegar. When mixed in honey tea, it acts as a sore throat remedy as the vinegar acts to break up mucus.

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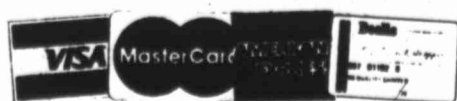
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# Program teaches children about stress management

DERBY LINE, Vt. (AP) — Being a kid isn't always easy, according to the youngsters participating in an innovative stress management program for elementary school students.

For one boy, worry mounts with those inexplicable bumps in the night. For a girl, it comes sometimes when the teacher turns her way.

"When the teacher looks like she's going to call on you, and you just don't know the answer," is what Gwen Bailey, 8, finds particularly stressful.

Nine-year-old Greg Beadle's idea of stress is: "When you hear noises in the night and you can't get to sleep."

The youngsters are learning to identify and cope constructively with these stresses and more — from explaining to your parents why you were late for dinner to having your best friend move away.

The stress management program is offered to all 180 students in the fourth through sixth grades in this small Vermont town on the Canadian border. Psychologist Norman Ledoux, who does individual and family stress counseling through a local clinic, conducts it.

A few parents wonder if the program might actually cause more stress than it relieves, but school officials say no.

"We feel it's a good preventative measure," says school principal David Elwood. "We feel, why wait until the child becomes an adult and has ulcers? I don't think it's good to wait until it happens and then say, 'gee, what could we have done to prevent it?'"

Besides, he argues, elementary school students aren't immune to stress.

"Stress does exist in all kids, although it's

sometimes hard to recognize," he said, citing peer pressure, grades and broken homes as common sources of stress. "Parents certainly contribute to stress with their high expectations."

The first section of the program teaches youngsters how to identify stress and how it affects the body. Classes are held in groups of eight or nine, and meet for 40 minutes, 12 times a year.

To relieve tense muscles, the youngsters lie on the floor and tighten every muscle in their bodies, squeezing their faces into a frown and lifting their arms in clenched fists. They then relax every muscle, letting their bodies go limp.

They discuss what makes them tense, then act out ways to deal with such situations.

Example: You just ordered a pepperoni pizza, but the cook mixed up your order and put on peppers, which you hate. Quick — what do you do?

"I'd punch him in the stomach," one child blurts out, slamming one fist into the other with a loud whack.

"Or you could take the pizza home anyway and take the peppers off and put the cheese back on the pizza," a timid voice offers.

The ideal solution might be somewhere in between, says Ledoux.

"We're trying to avoid where a person never speaks up for what's on his mind, or the other extreme, where a person is blowing up all the time," he says.

"Don't be afraid to be assertive — tell him you ordered a pepperoni pizza," Ledoux urges the students, who lean forward in their chairs, clearly enjoying the lesson.

# Nancy brings Christmas to Korean children

NEW YORK (AP) — Nancy Reagan has planned an early Christmas for the two South Korean children who hitched a ride aboard Air Force One en route to life-saving open-heart surgery in the United States.

The first lady was due today at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, Long Island, with gifts for the tots, according to White House spokeswoman Barbara Cook.

Mrs. Reagan was scheduled to lunch with Ahn Gi-Sook, 7, and Lee Kil-Wood, 4, before touring the hospital's pediatric ward.

The children underwent surgery Nov. 23 and Nov. 24 to repair holes in their hearts. The first lady brought them with her to the United States on Nov. 14 when she

and President Reagan returned from a state visit to South Korea.

Mrs. Reagan learned of the children's plight from Gift of Life Inc., a 9-year-old program that brings poor children with cardiac defects from their native countries to the United States for heart operations.

Dr. Paul Damus, who headed the team that operated on the children, said they were recovering well and probably could leave for home by Christmas.

The first lady had invited them to Washington for the annual White House Christmas party for children, but they were judged not well enough to attend.

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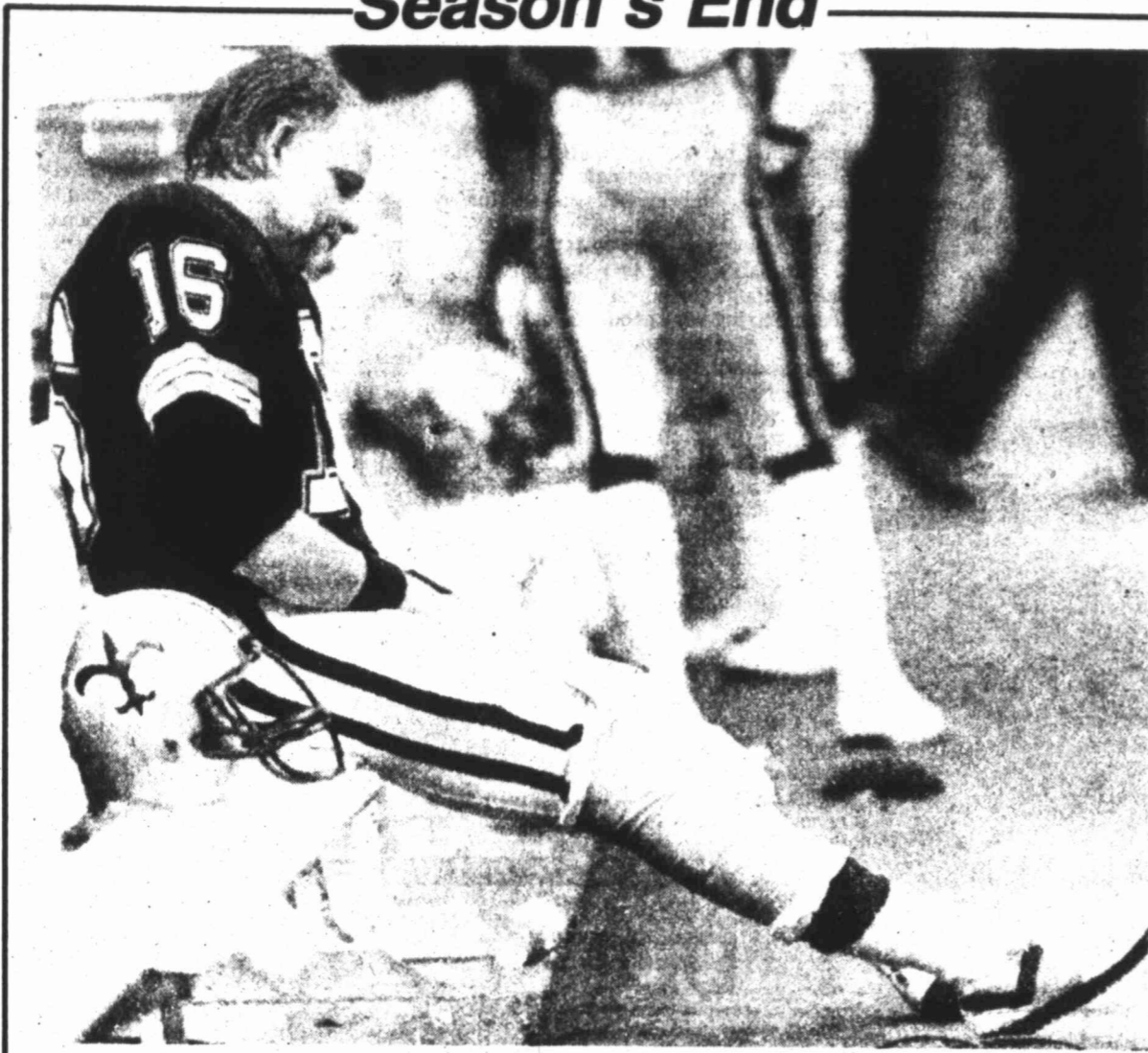
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## Season's End



**HIS EXPRESSION SAYS IT ALL** — Injured New Orleans quarterback Kenny Stabler sits dejected on the bench after the Saints missed their playoff appearance Sunday afternoon in the Superdome. Associated Press photo

## Saints' dream 2 points short; Seahawks make first playoff

By The Associated Press  
It was supposed to be the day the New Orleans Saints' 17-year nightmare came to an end. Mike Lansford continued that nightmare into its 18th season.  
Lansford, a second-year free agent, kicked a 42-yard field goal with two seconds to go Sunday to give the Rams a 26-24 victory over the Saints. That put the Rams into the National Football League playoffs and knocked out New Orleans, which has never been to the playoffs in its 17-year history.  
"All season long, I figured it could come down to this game. And in the final minutes I had a pretty good idea it could come down to me," said Lansford, a free-agent kicker in his second year. "It was a long kick, and yeah, I guess it was the biggest kick of my career."  
New Orleans' emotions were best expressed by Derland Moore, an 11-year veteran, who was near tears after the game. He swallowed hard twice, sniffed, blinked, then stuttered "It was the bitterest defeat I've ever had. I mean the bitterest."



The NFL playoff lineup was finally completed Sunday.  
The Rams, Detroit Lions and San Francisco 49ers joined the Washington Redskins and Dallas Cowboys in the National Conference, and the Seattle Seahawks, in their eighth season, were added to the AFC lineup along with the Miami Dolphins, Los Angeles Raiders, Pittsburgh Steelers and Denver Broncos.  
It was a day of high emotion in New Orleans, Seattle, Cleveland, Detroit and other cities where playoff hopes moved up and down with yo-yos on every turnover or dropped pass. That was compounded by near-zero cold in the Midwest that limited the crowd at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium to 11,307, second smallest in modern NFL history.  
The final playoff pairings will be decided tonight, when Dallas plays at San Francisco. If San Francisco wins, it will win the NFC West and Los Angeles will play at Dallas in the NFC wild card game next Monday; if Dallas wins, the 49ers are the wild card team and will play at Dallas.  
Denver will be at Seattle in the AFC wild-card game next Saturday.  
In New Orleans, the capacity crowd of 72,000 in the Superdome was alternately soaring and sinking as the Rams and Saints kept exchanging leads.  
Lansford's field goal was the only offensive score of the day for the Rams, who trapped Saints quarterback Ken Stabler in the end zone for a safety. And they got interception returns for touchdowns from Johnny Johnson (31 yards) and Nolan Cromwell (43) and scored on a 72-yard punt return by Henry Ellard.  
But with two minutes left and the Saints ahead 24-23 on guard Steve Korte's end zone recovery of George Rogers' fumble, Rams quarterback Vince Ferragamo, who had not completed a pass in the second half, hit six of seven. In came Lansford to sail the ball through the uprights.  
"We made it the hard way," said Los Angeles Coach John Robinson, who inherited a team that was 2-7 in last year's strike-shortened season and managed a 9-7 record. "It's been a struggle the last few games but we managed to put the effort in that we needed to win in the last few seconds today."  
**Seahawks 24, Patriots 6**  
In the Seattle Kingdom, the crowd was just as alive. But the outcome for them was a lot happier than for the fans in New Orleans.  
Playing a New England team that had been eliminated by Cleveland's earlier victory, the Seahawks had things much their own way. Dave Krieg threw two touchdown passes, Curt Warner

rushed for 116 yards on 26 carries and Seattle defense forced three turnovers.  
"We probably played our best game on defense that we've played all season," said Coach Chuck Knox, who like Robinson guided his team to the playoffs in his first year on the job.  
**Lions 23, Bucs 20**  
The Lions entered the game knowing they were already in the playoffs, but they needed the victory to avoid an 8-8 season.  
Eddie Murray's three field goals were the difference, but the action was overshadowed in part because the Lions had re-signed running back Billy Sims to a five-year contract. That set up a controversy that may end up in court since the Houston Gamblers of the United States Football League also claim they signed Sims.  
**Bears 23, Packers 21**  
Thomas' 22-yard field goal climaxed a final four minutes in which the lead changed hands twice.  
Playing at Soldier Field in the frigid conditions, the Bears took a 20-14 with 4:34 left on quarterback Jim McMahon's 6-yard dash up the middle, but the point after was missed because of a mishandled snap.  
A minute and a half later, Lynn Dickey hit Paul Coffman from five yards out to give Green Bay the lead. Then Chicago drove 54 yards in 10 plays before Thomas knocked the Packers out of the playoffs.  
**Browns 30, Steelers 17**  
In what may have been his last performance ever in Cleveland Stadium, quarterback Brian Sipe threw four touchdown passes, including a 64-yarder to Rocky Belk, as the Browns finished 9-7.  
"It was a particularly gratifying day for all of us," said Sipe, who is negotiating with the New Jersey Generals of the United States Football League.  
Franco Harris gained 56 yards for Pittsburgh, 10-6, to become the first runner in NFL history to gain 1,000 yards in eight different seasons. Jim Brown and Walter Payton each had seven 1,000-yard seasons.  
**Falcons 31, Bills 14**  
William Andrews joined O.J. Simpson in an exclusive club of NFL runners who have gained 2,000 yards by rushing and passing in two different seasons. Andrews rushed for 158 yards in 28 carries and caught seven passes for 49 yards to finish with 2,176 for the season. The Falcons finished at 7-9, the Bills at 8-8.  
**Raiders 30, Chargers 14**  
Jim Plunkett passed for 332 yards and one touchdown and Chris Bahr kicked three field goals to allow the Raiders to clinch the home field advantage for the AFC playoffs. Marcus Allen ran for the other two Raider touchdowns.  
Plunkett completed 21 of 30 passes, including eight to tight end Todd Christensen, who finished with an NFL leading 92 catches.  
**Chiefs 48, Broncos 17**  
Bill Kenney threw two touchdown passes, running his yardage total to 4,348 for the season as Kansas City deprived Denver of the home-field advantage in next week's wild-card game.  
The wind-chill factor was -30 at kickoff and Kenney remarked: "On a day like this, I wasn't worried about statistics or passing records. I just wanted to get a victory."  
**Cardinals 31, Eagles 7**  
Otis Anderson ran for 156 yards in 23 carries in snow and 10-degree temperatures at St. Louis' Busch Stadium to lead the Cards, who finished their season at 8-7-1. Roy Green caught three passes to finish with 75 for the season, a new Cards record. Philadelphia wound up 5-11.

## Holtz quits at Arkansas

### Razorback coach labeled 'tired, burned out'

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Athletic Director Frank Broyles of the University of Arkansas says he has accepted the resignation of head football coach Lou Holtz and a search for a replacement will begin immediately.  
"He is tired and burned out," Broyles said in a statement released Sunday.  
Rick Schaeffer, sports information director at Arkansas, said Sunday after Broyles' statement was released that there would be no others issued until today when Broyles and Holtz have news conferences in Fayetteville.  
"When I recommended seven years ago that Lou be hired to replace me, I considered him the equal of any coach in the country," Broyles said. "That opinion has never changed and remains true today. He is an excellent coach. He is as fine a coach and person as I have known."  
"It is easy for anyone in my position to understand the stress that compels successful coaches like Lou to seek other opportunities and endeavors," Broyles said.  
This year was the first time in Holtz's seven-year career at Arkansas that the Razorbacks did not earn a bowl trip. Arkansas was 6-5 this year. Before this season, Holtz's record at Arkansas was 54-16-2.  
"This is a totally demanding profession which takes a terrible toll on coaches and their families," Broyles said. "Arkansas fans will never forget Lou's contributions to our programs. Some of the greatest victories ever by the Razorbacks were engineered by Lou. I know I speak not only for myself and the Athletic Department family, but for Razorback supporters everywhere in wishing Lou godspeed and a long and fruitful life."



ARKANSAS' LOU HOLTZ ...resigns after seven seasons

In his first year at Arkansas, Holtz guided the Razorbacks to an 11-1 record and a 31-6 upset of unbeaten Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. But he did not get the Razorbacks the host spot in the Cotton Bowl that goes with the Southwest Conference championship.  
The Razorbacks started 7-0, but wound up 9-2-1 after beating Florida in the Bluebonnet Bowl.  
After the season, defensive coordinator Don Lindsey left the Razorbacks and two other defensive coaches resigned — Rich Olson, who coached defensive backs and Harvey Hampton, who coached defensive ends. A few days later, defensive line coach Mike Tolleson resigned.  
Before this year, Holtz had a 100-47-5 collegiate record. He was 13-20 at William and Mary and was 33-12-3 at North Carolina State, leading Wolfpack to four straight bowls. He coached the New York Jets in 1976 before accepting the

Arkansas job.  
The Fort Smith Southwest Times Record reported Sunday in a copyright story that Holtz said in August that the 1983 season would be his last in Fayetteville. The newspaper said Holtz made the statement in an Aug. 9 interview with former sports editor Jim Stafford.  
Stafford was talking with Holtz about the upcoming 1983 campaign and asked him to reflect on the 1982 season, one in which the Razorbacks went 9-2-1 and beat Florida in the Bluebonnet Bowl.  
"The 1982 season was like all years," Holtz said during the interview. "There were some great memories, some disappointing things. But I thought we had an awfully fine football team. The thing that people have the tendency to forget is that we've been in the top 10 four out of six years. We've been in the top 14 five out of six." People only remember, Holtz said, that Arkansas hasn't been to the Cotton Bowl.  
After Holtz told Stafford that this would be his final season at Arkansas, he asked that the newspaper not publish his statement. At his request, the Southwest Times Record held the story on Holtz's promise to inform it of any decision to leave Arkansas. The report Sunday said the newspaper received no contact from Holtz when the decision was made.  
"I think sometime there comes a time when you can stay in a place too long," Holtz told the newspaper in the August interview. "That's the bad thing about Arkansas. They reach a point where no matter what you do it wasn't good enough. This is wrong, that's wrong. I don't think they sit back and really enjoy some of the good things they need to."

## 49ers, Cowboys collide again

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The greediest of San Francisco 49ers' fans want their team to beat the Dallas Cowboys without showing them too much tonight.  
Coach Bill Walsh has different thoughts going into the final game of the National Football League's regular season. The 49ers clinched a playoff spot Sunday, but they must win tonight to claim a division title, and Walsh will worry later about a Dallas-San Francisco rematch in post-season play.  
"There isn't any way that you can hold something back for next time. When you play the great teams, and this is one of them, there isn't any way you can let your foot off the throttle," Walsh said.  
The Cowboys, 12-3, were anything but great last week, in the estimation of Coach Tom Landry. They lost 31-10 to the Washington Redskins, and Landry said, "It's been a long time since we played that poorly."  
Washington clinched the National Conference East title Saturday, beating the New York Giants to finish 14-2. So Dallas is set as the host team for next Monday's NFC playoff opener, and its opponent in the wild-card game will be either the 49ers or the Los Angeles Rams.  
"It would be nice to be able to go berserk, knowing we don't have a game for two weeks," 49ers guard Randy Cross said.  
A loss in tonight's nationally televised season finale will mean no rest week and no post-season home games for the 49ers. A victory will give the team the NFC West title, and their playoff opener would be at Candlestick on Dec. 31 or Jan. 1. Their opponent could be Dallas.  
Although tonight's game could be seen as an opportunity for the Cowboys to pick their wild-card opponent, Landry says, "It's not so important that we win, but how well we play. We'll find out how much pride our people have."  
In the loss to Washington, quarterback Danny White allowed three interceptions, raising his season total to 21, and Tony Dorsett was held to 34 yards on 14 rushing attempts. But White has thrown for 3,703 yards and 28



TONY DORSETT ...almost 1,300 yards



DANNY WHITE ...near 4,000 yards

touchdowns, and Dorsett has 1,289 yards through 15 games.  
As for the 49ers, several players said the Rams' win Sunday will do nothing to change their attitude about tonight's game.  
"It's a good feeling to be in the playoffs, but I still feel we owe Dallas something," said defensive end Fred Dean. "We didn't have a chance to play them last year because of the strike. We have to beat them to prove to our fans that beating them two years ago wasn't a fluke."  
Linebacker Riki Ellison, a rookie from USC, agreed. "The Dallas game is still the biggest game of my life," he said. "No question about it — bigger than playing in the Rose Bowl. I want them bad."

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# Colts end Oiler year with loss

BALTIMORE (AP) — Earl Campbell and Curtis Dickey should have additional productive years in the National Football League... wherever they continue their careers.

Both running backs made what could have been final appearances for their original teams Sunday as the Baltimore Colts downed the Houston Oilers 20-10 and snapped a five-game losing streak on the final week of the regular season.

Dickey, in his fourth year with the 6-9 Colts, gained 110 yards on 23 carries for a career high season total of 1,122 yards rushing. Campbell carried 23 times for 93 yards in a losing effort, and finished with 1,301.

Campbell, who has asked to be traded, was asked how it felt to be a productive member of a non-productive team with a 2-14 record.

"It hurts, it's got to hurt," the six-year veteran said before getting control of his feelings.

"I don't ask for much," Campbell said, "just to be happy. But my first wish would be to play for at least five more years. My No. 2 wish would be to play for a championship team and in a Super Bowl. All the personal stuff would take care of itself."

Dickey's agent has asked for a new five-year contract at \$600,000 annually, while threatening to have the fleet runner jump to the United States Football League. Owner Robert Irby said last week he would not meet such a demand.

While Dickey maintained his vow of silence with the media, his teammates and the slender closing crowd of 20,418 gave him vocal support.

"I think it's great that the fans are supporting him," quarterback Mike Pagel said of the chants and cheers backing Dickey. "We'd like to see him stay here."

"I think the guys like it here in Baltimore," said cornerback James Bur-

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|--------------------|---------|--------|
| First downs        | 25      | 14     |
| Rushes-yards       | 34-125  | 39-188 |
| Passing yards      | 236     | 27     |
| Return yards       | 13      | 119    |
| Passes             | 23-40-3 | 5-13-1 |
| Sacks by           | 2-28    | 3-16   |
| Punts              | 5-38    | 5-42   |
| Fumbles lost       | 1-0     | 1-0    |
| Penalties-yards    | 9-75    | 7-66   |
| Time of possession | 34:21   | 25:39  |

roughs. "It's a matter of keeping them here, and it's up to management now."

"Curtis is a very important part of our overall team," added rookie linebacker Vernon Maxwell.

Burroughs and Maxwell intercepted passes by Oliver Luck to thwart scoring bids by Houston in the final 3:10, while Kim Anderson's 71-yard runback with another interception gave the Colts a 10-3 lead in the second quarter.

A 37-yard field goal by Raul Allegre, his second of the game and 30th of the season, upped Baltimore's lead to 13-3 in the third period.

Luck's seven-yard scoring toss to Chris Dressel at 4:33 of the fourth quarter brought the Oilers to within 13-10.

But Maxwell's interception on Houston's next possession and a 31-yard return to the Oilers' 33 set up a 12-yard TD pass from Mike Pagel to Pat Beach with 1:56 remaining.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Houston, Campbell 27-92, Morarty 22, Luck 3-10, Craft 1-0. Baltimore, Dickey 23-110, McMillan 8-41, Pagel 4-24, Moore 4-13.

PASSING — Houston, Luck 22-29-3-265, James 1-1-0-7. Baltimore, Page 5-13-55.

RECEIVING — Houston, Smith 8-89, Bryant 5-71, Dressel 3-25, Holston 2-62, McCloskey 2-14, Kempf 1-7, Arnold 1-3, Morarty 1-1. Baltimore, Henry 1-13, T. Porter 1-12, Beach 1-12, McMillan 1-9, Oatis 1-9.

|                | Houston | Baltimore |
|----------------|---------|-----------|
| First Quarter  | 0       | 0         |
| Second Quarter | 0       | 3         |
| Third Quarter  | 0       | 7         |
| Fourth Quarter | 0       | 3         |
| Total          | 0       | 10        |

Hous-FG Kempf 24, 9:59  
Bal-FG Allegre 48, 12:36

Second Quarter  
Bal-K Anderson 71 interception return (Allegre kick), 7:56

Third Quarter  
Bal-FG Allegre 37, 14:16

Fourth Quarter  
Hous-Dressel 7 pass from Luck (Kempf kick), 4:33  
Bal-Beach 12 pass from Pagel (Allegre kick), 13:04  
A-20,418



JUST NO LUCK AT ALL — Houston Oiler quarterback Oliver Luck is hit and sacked from behind by Baltimore linebacker Vern Maxwell Sunday after in Baltimore. The Colts snapped a five-game losing streak with a 20-10 victory over the 2-14 Oilers.

## Russians close series with 6-2 win

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Visions of 1984 Olympic strategies may fill the winter dreams of the coaches and players of the American and Soviet squads as they mull their strengths and weaknesses following a six-game series.

Team USA won the series with three victories, two losses and a tie, but lost the final game Sunday night to the Soviets, 6-2.

USA coach Lou Vairo resisted comparisons to the 1980 Olympic team that upset the Russians and captured the gold medal.

"There's no way to compare '80 and '84, but I have a great feeling about the '84 Olympics," Vairo said after the loss.

"Now we have to get on with the preparation and evaluation for the Olympics," he said.

Vladimir Kovin scored his first of three goals on a power play at 7:42 of the first

period when he tipped Minchenkev's 50-foot shot from the point past Mason. It was the first Soviet power play goal of the six-game series. The Soviets had previously gone 0-13. Kovin scored his second goal on a breakaway at 13:34 to make the score 2-0 for the Soviets.

Mark Kumpel put Team USA on the board at 18:33 and cut the Soviet margin to 2-1 as he took a pass from Scott Fusco on the boards, skated across the crease and shot the puck into the open side of the net.

The Soviets scored four unanswered goals in the second period to put the game away.

Team USA had 19 shots on goal to the USSR's 33.

Soviet coach Anatoly Bogdanov said his team didn't play its best, and added that the Americans have a shot at a medal in 1984.

# TCU stomps Long Beach St.

By The Associated Press  
Are the "Killer Frogs" back? Texas Christian Coach Jim Killingsworth had a team with that nickname last year and it made the National Invitational Tournament.

But such stars as Doug Arnold and Darrell Browder are gone.

That team was whipped 92-74 last season by Long Beach State.

So what happens when Long Beach, a team that barely lost to UCLA and had flogged Texas by 20 points, comes caling in Daniel Meyer Coliseum Saturday night?

TCU blew 'em away 79-44.

"We had a lot of fear for that team," said Killingsworth. "It was a case of a team playing very good, one of the better games we've played, and the other team playing down."

"We're starting to settle down, understanding what we're doing better and execute."

Guard Dennis Nutt hit 8 of 12 floor shots and finished with 18 points for the Frogs.

Southern Methodist and Houston earned tournament first place trophies, and Texas Texas A&M posted impressive victories Saturday night in other Southwest Conference basketball non-conference action.

SMU captured its second consecutive Dallas Morning News Basketball Classic with an 85-64 victory over Centenary while Houston walloped Princeton 65-40 to take the Kettle Classic at Hofheinz Pavilion.

The Aggies upset Utah State 78-73 to earn third place in the 10th annual Indiana Classic as Kenny Brown scored 22

points.

In other games, Arkansas whipped North Texas State 93-64 as Alvin Robertson scored a career high 37 points; Oral Roberts mauled Texas 74-59 thanks to 30 Longhorn turnovers; Alabama-Birmingham beat Baylor 73-61; and Texas Tech held its own against unbeaten DePaul in Japan before falling 50-47 in the final game of the Sunbury Classic.

Guard Butch Moore was the tournament Most Valuable Player as SMU stretched its record to 7-1, best start since Dave Bliss became Mustang coach.

Houston forward Michael Young, who had 22 points, was the tournament MVP at the Kettle Classic.

## SWC Roundup

Texas Coach Bob Weltlich, prides himself on a disciplined offense, said "We dribbled it off our foot, we dropped it, we fumbled it."

The Longhorns dropped to 3-4 for the season.

In games Monday night, U.S. International is at SMU, Baylor is at Clemson, and Texas Lutheran is at Houston.

On Tuesday, California Baptist is at TCU and San Diego State is at Texas.

Arkansas hosts Alabama State on Wednesday while Houston is at Cal-Santa Barbara, St. Mary's is at Rice, and Texas Tech is at Memphis State.

SMU is at the Rebel Classic in Las Vegas starting Thursday.

And Houston will spend Christmas in Hawaii during the Rainbow Classic at Honolulu.

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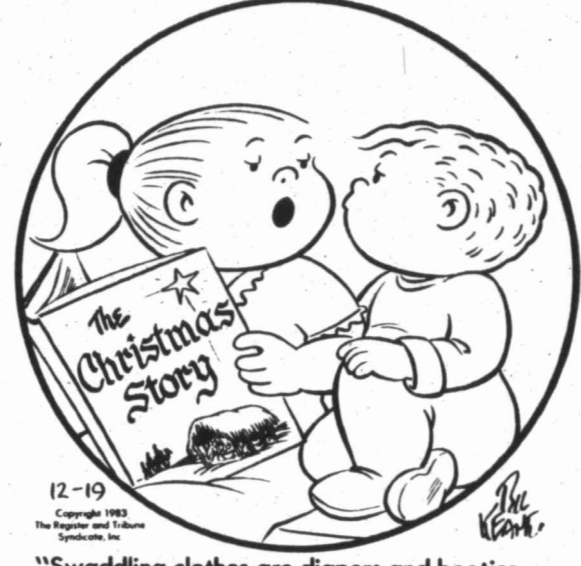
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**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Conflicting planetary positions seem to be operating today and tonight which may determine your mood and self control. You can benefit or have a considerable amount of confusion.  
**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** Depending upon how you treat family members, your home can either become a haven of rest or the exact opposite.  
**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Your partners are apt to convince you to make some changes, but be sure they also ensure your benefit first. Become wiser.  
**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Listen carefully to others who give you practical ideas. If you want to make an investment, public commodities are suggested. Be clever.  
**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21)** Be more objective than usual to gain personal wishes. The evening should be spent with individuals you admire.  
**LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21)** Ideal day to get together with advisors and get your affairs in order. Get some important Christmas shopping done.  
**VRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** Act quickly on gaining those wishes that mean a lot to you. Attend a family gathering and have a good time. Bring along gifts.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Get busy at career affairs but add something special so that you can become more prosperous. Be sure of yourself.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Widen your horizons and contact those persons who can help you to make greater progress. Get more backing on your good ideas.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Find a better way of dealing with persons in business. Do something that will please your mate. Be happier.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Listen to your partner's suggestions. Take time for shopping; stay within your budget; don't drop any packages; and count your money.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Get your work done efficiently and cleverly. Get your finest talents working. Be co-operative with co-worker Rest up tonight.  
**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Romance can make your mate much happier. Set up appointments for the evening's entertainment early, and have lots of fun together.  
**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY...** he or she will be someone who will be a fine family man or woman. One who would do well in business so slant the education along such lines. Teach finances early. Give as many cultural advantages as you can.

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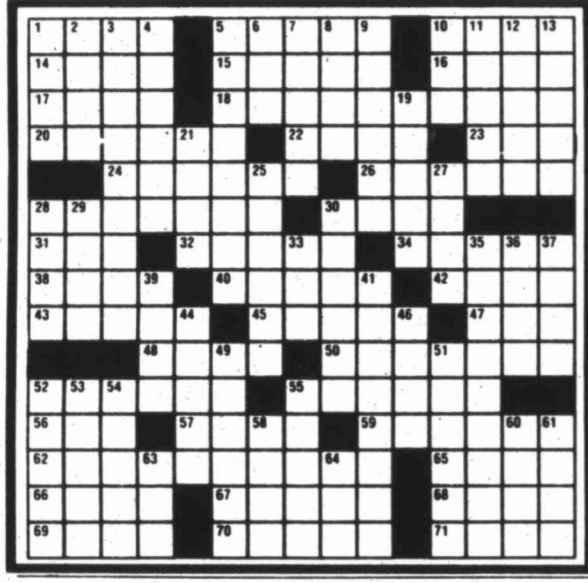
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