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A black child and a white child touch hands at an annual Christmas festival in Salisbury, Rhodesia. The incident was symbolic of changes that have taken place in Rhodesia during 1979 when official discriminatory legislation was removed by the country's first black majority government. At

least 100,000 jubilant blacks surrounded Salisbury airport today to welcome home the first group of guerrilla officers to fly home under the new Rhodesian cease-fire accord. Details on Page 11B. (AP Laserphoto)

'We will prevail'

Carter expresses America's resolve

CAMP DAVID, Md. (AP) — President Carter, who has stayed close to Washington for Christmas because of the Iranian crisis, has sent a message to the families of Americans being held captive in Iran, saying "we will prevail."

"This is a difficult time for you — perhaps the most difficult time that you and your family have ever experienced," the president said in a telegram.

But he told the families that their steadfastness and support during efforts to get the hostages freed have been "an inspiration to all of us who are making every possible effort to achieve the safe return of your loved ones."

The telegram was sent on Saturday and made public Tuesday by White House officials.

Carter also told the families he is convinced "the rightness of our position and the strength of our determination assure that we will prevail."

Carter, who usually returns to his hometown of Plains, Ga., for Christmas, spent a quiet holiday with wife, Rosalynn, and daughter, Amy, at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains.

An aide said Carter opened gifts and called other family members on Christmas morning.

The president's mother said in a telephone interview from her home in Plains that Carter called her three times Christmas morning.

She added, however, that she felt "pretty bad" at not having her son and his family home this Christmas.

Asked whether she had considered joining the president and his family at Camp David, Mrs. Carter replied, "No. There are too many children here. I'm a home-body."

The president, who arrived at Camp David last Friday, has also worked on the federal budget and reviewed a preliminary draft of the State of the Union message he is to deliver to Congress on Jan. 23.

No sign of crew spotted near capsized ore carrier

PRINCE RUPERT, British Columbia (AP) — Searchers spotted a life raft but saw no sign of the 30 crew members of the 741-foot Lee Wang Zin after the ore carrier was discovered floating upside down in the stormy, cold waters off this northern port, officials said.

The search began Tuesday for the Taiwanese crew of the vessel, loaded with iron ore for Japan, when authorities here received a weak and garbled radio distress signal. The ship, its hull torn, was found in the debris-strewn waters of Dixon Entrance.

The search for survivors was suspended when winds rose to 45-60 miles per hour, pushing waves up to 20 feet, said Lt. Cmdr. Dick Pepper of the Rescue Coordination Center in Victoria.

At Prince Rupert, tugboats and Canadian Coast Guard cutters waited in port for daylight and a break in the weather to resume their search for survivors, Pepper said.

Dixon Entrance, known for its frequent storms, lies between Prince of Wales Island in Alaska and the Queen Charlotte Islands of British Columbia.

The accident was one of three off North American waters. And off the coast of Antarctica, dozens of passengers of the Swedish cruise ship Lindblad Explorer were rescued by the Chilean navy after the ship went aground.

Pepper said a radio distress message was received at 9:25 a.m. from the Lee Wang Zin, owned by Japanese interests and registered in Panama.

The mayday consisted of the same message repeated three times — "SOS, SOS, Three Echo Sierra Sierra (the ship's call sign)," said Lt. Tom A. Nies of the U.S. Coast Guard in Juneau, Alaska. "That's all they were able to make out."

A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter spotted the vessel and a life raft about 23 miles north of Rose Spit, the northeasternmost point in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Crew members reported seeing "debris ... widely scattered by the weather" around the vessel and a life raft, but no bodies, Nies said.

He said the crew reported "a crack or gash in the starboard side (of the hull) about 6 to 10 feet long" and "a similar gash or crack in the port side."

'Now we are at war' against paganism, Khomeini declares

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Strongman Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini said today the U.S.-Iranian crisis "likely" could turn into military war and that Iran should be prepared for the possibility of an economic blockade.

He called the conflict "a struggle between Islam and paganism." "Now we are at war, a political and economic war," Khomeini told members of an Islamic anti-drug addiction society. "It is likely that the military war will also come along."

Khomeini made the remarks in a speech about Iranian problems resulting from the country's association with "foreigners" and colonialism.

"Foreigners can easily make us surrender by just closing their exports to us if our economy is a dependent one," the ayatollah said.

"Now they have threatened us with an economic boycott. Many governments have approved this. But the peoples do not approve."

The United States is expected to go before the United Nations Security Council sometime in the next few days to request it impose sanctions against Iran.

"While, in my view, these noises have no reality, if we give a very weak probability to this, we should be equipped. You are in a war situation, an economic war which is in itself a struggle between Islam and paganism."

Khomeini said drug trafficking and addiction were a plot by the "super-powers" against Iran. The West, he added, "made the Iranian culture a colonialist one and made our youth Westoxicated."

Earlier, three American clergymen met for more than two hours with Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh following the emotional Christmas services they held for the U.S. Embassy hostages that raised questions as to whether 43 or 50 are being detained.

But the clergymen slipped out a back door of the Foreign Ministry, eluding reporters. Their spokesman, Warren Day, said they had been told they would meet with Iranian religious leaders this afternoon but that details of that session and the meeting with Ghotbzadeh were not immediately available.

Day also said the U.S. clergymen were scheduled to give interviews tonight with each of the three major American networks. "They want to do something with television as a way of communicating visually to the (hostages') families as soon as possible," he said, without elaborating.

In addition the embassy hostages, the clergymen met with three Americans held separately at the Foreign Ministry since the embassy was taken over 53 days ago — Charge d'Affaires L. Bruce Laingen, Michael L. Howland and Victor L. Tomseth — and reported they found them in good health.

The Revs. William Sloane Coffin, Thomas Gumbleton and William Howard met for five hours early Tuesday with separate groups of hostages at the embassy, praying, singing carols and talking about football.

"There were tears in their eyes, there were tears in our eyes," Coffin said. Howard said he met with 21 of the captives, Coffin with 16, and Gumbleton with six, including two women hostages, Elizabeth Ann Swift, 39, of Washington, D.C., and Kathryn Koob, 41, of Jessup, Iowa.

Gumbleton, who was joined in conducting services by the French-born Algerian archbishop, Cardinal Etienne Duval, said the woman captives were in "good spirits."

Coffin said the students who seized the hostages Nov. 4 in a bid to get President Carter to send the shah back to Iran told them the 43 captives they met with represented the sum total.

He said under the ground rules of the visit, which was filmed by the militants, that they were not allowed to ask the hostages or the captors

about the State Department's contention there were 50 hostages.

The militants offered the film to ABC, CBS and NBC, but the major American TV networks turned them down because the captors wanted more than \$21,000 from each and tried to dictate how the film would be shown.

Coffin, of New York's Riverside Church, Gumbleton, auxiliary Roman

of Tehran who went to the embassy in the evening to convey Christmas greetings to the captives.

"I am asking to shake your hand because we do not have any special animosity towards you," the broadcast quoted Montazeri as saying. "In Islam all human beings are free and equal. I hope Carter will exercise his mind in such a way that you may be released from here as soon as possible."

After his meeting with the hostages, the state radio said Montazeri told reporters: "It is not the hostages who should be tried, but the American government. If the hostages have not committed an offense, they will merely take part in the American trials as witnesses."

Khomeini and the students holding the hostages have said unless Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi is returned to Iran that the captives will be tried as spies.

The Carter administration, which allowed the shah to undergo cancer treatment in the United States before the ousted monarch fled to Panama Dec. 15, has refused to pressure the shah to return to the country he fled in January. It also has maintained that 50 Americans are being held in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

State Department spokesman Howard Leeb said in Washington Tuesday he could not unravel the mystery of the numbers. "About the only way I can figure it is that ... no one clergyman saw all the hostages. As near as I can figure they got together afterward and compared notes" on the number of captives.

Another State Department spokesman, David Passage, said: "We have on previous occasions requested a list of all the persons being held from the Iranian government."

Christmas was a difficult time for a Texas ex-hostage, and a Dallas-area family of another hostage had new reason for Christmas joy. See Page 6A.

Catholic bishop of Detroit, and Howard, a Baptist from Princeton, N.J., later visited the Americans at the Foreign Ministry for three hours, then returned to the embassy Tuesday night.

They said the student captors handed them photocopies of handwritten messages from 33 of the hostages to their families, and the clergymen telephoned them to unidentified colleagues in New York who were to contact the hostages' relatives. The clergymen also got at least six verbal messages from the hostages. Other captives said they had just written to their families.

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Iran-at-a-Glance

By The Associated Press

One hostage balked at an ayatollah's handshake and 33 were permitted to send messages to their families as the stalemate at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran entered its 53rd day.

There was confusion over how many hostages were being held. Here are the highlights.

U.S. clergymen

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A hostage balks

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TV news coverage

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ABC, CBS, and NBC reported Tuesday that film of the Christmas Eve services was offered by the militant students for the networks' Tuesday evening broadcasts.

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Oil exploration boom has started

DETROIT (AP) — President Carter's decision last April to decontrol oil prices has triggered a boom in domestic oil exploration, according to geological and oil industry officials.

The number of geological crews searching for oil in the United States is at its highest point in 20 years, a spokesman for the Society of Exploration Geophysicists of Tulsa, Okla. said in today's editions of the Detroit News.

The American Petroleum Institute in Washington reported that more rotary drilling rigs are being used in domestic exploration now — 2,577 — than any time since 1957.

And one of the nation's largest manufacturers of oilfield drilling equipment, National Supply Co., is predicting an even greater boom in the 1980s.

The geophysicists society report that 408 geological crews are currently involved in land exploration and another 31 crews are engaged in offshore

projects. That represents a 19 percent increase from the same period last year, according to a society spokesman who asked not to be identified.

"We've had an increase of 79 crews since April, which is incredible," the spokesman said. "Every available crew is out working."

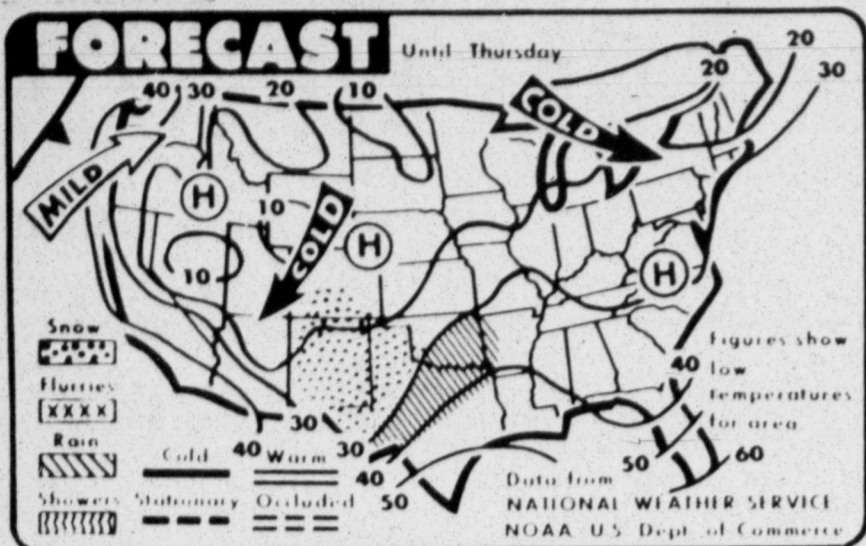
National Supply President Ted Rogers said his company is projecting a 12 percent increase next year in the number of rotary drilling rigs in use for domestic oil exploration.

"We've had a bullish outlook for the year," Rogers said. "But the market is changing so fast that we're revising our own estimates upward."

According to Rogers, the number of wells drilled should jump from an estimated 50,146 in 1979 to 53,085 in 1980.

"Long-range, we're predicting 67,000 per year by 1985 and 82,000 wells per year by 1990," Rogers said.

WEATHER SUMMARY



Colder weather is expected Wednesday until Thursday morning for most of the nation. Milder temperatures are forecast for the Pacific Coast. Snow and rain are forecast from New Mexico, southern Colorado, west and central Texas and Oklahoma.

Midland statistics

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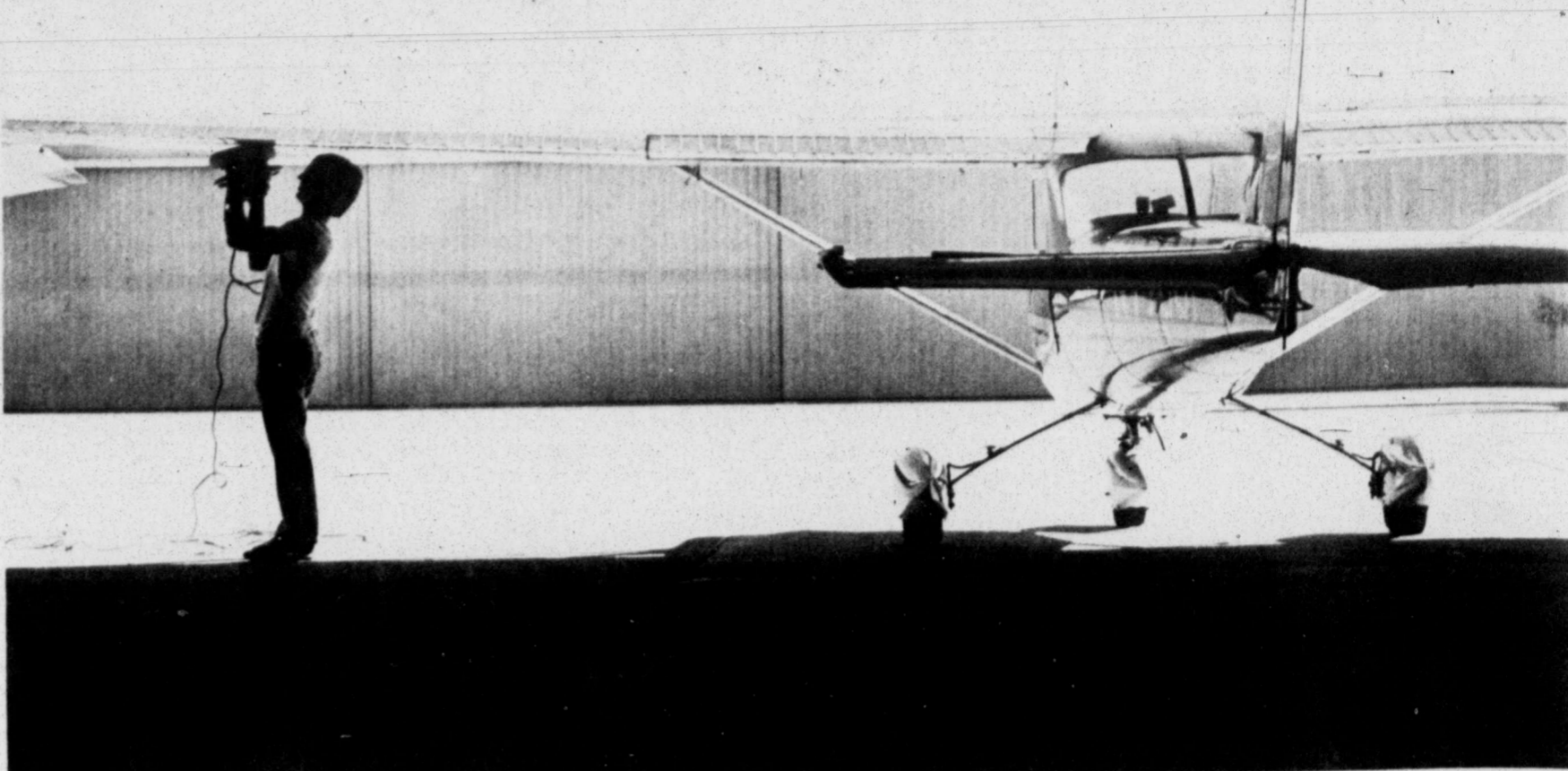
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Texas thermometers

Table showing high and low temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Alice, Alpine, and Amarillo.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Partly cloudy today becoming cloudy tonight and Thursday. Occasional light rain north and southwest tonight...



Recent snow and rain storms have kept not only Midland car washes busy, but those people wanting to keep their airplanes shiny, too. Bob Bowersock uses a wax buffer to put the finishing touches on a friend's plane at Air Park.

Christmas package bomb injures paraplegic man

DUBLIN, Ga. (AP) — A 21-year-old paraplegic was hospitalized today as federal, state and local investigators tried to find out who sent the package, signed "guess who," that exploded in his face.

Networks reject Iranian films of hostage visit

NEW YORK (AP) — The three major American television networks say they refused film of visits between American clergymen and the U.S. embassy prisoners in Tehran after the Iranian captors demanded more than \$21,000 from each network...



New York City police lead George Young away after getting him out of the 65-foot Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center early Wednesday. Police said Young climbed the tree with the intention of throwing off the star from the top of the tree because he thought the American hostages in Iran should have been home for Christmas.

Masonic hall seized by 'confused' gunman

MANCHESTER, Mass. (AP) — A 33-year-old man who seized a Masonic hall because "he wanted everyone to know that Masons kill people" was captured when he fumbled with papers he was reading in front of television cameras, police said.

Dump theft case leads to very happy Christmas

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Four-year-old Tyrone wandered around the house with a new Teddy bear as his father, Raymond Sansbury Jr., stood in a four-room house crammed with gifts and cards from strangers.

Odessa man killed on motorcycle

ODESSA — A 28-year-old Odessa man died Monday from injuries received in a traffic accident here, according to an Odessa police spokesman.

Midland boy struck by car

A 9-year-old Midland boy was listed in satisfactory condition today at Midland Memorial Hospital after being involved in a car-bicycle accident Tuesday.

Fire kills 11 in Missouri

CARTHAGE, Mo. (AP) — Fire gutted a home for the mentally retarded early today, killing two of the 11 residents, officials said.

Tree climber protesting plight of Iran hostages

NEW YORK (AP) — A 27-year-old man, upset about American hostages being held in Iran, climbed to the top of Rockefeller Center's 65-foot Christmas tree early today and remained aloft for an hour and 20 minutes before he was led down by police.

Much colder weather due

Cold, cold weather is expected in Midland later this week, and with the severe chill may come a mixture of rain and snow this Friday and temperatures in the low 20s.

Mystery attack leaves two men dead, one hurt

VALLEY MILLS, Texas (AP) — Authorities have no idea what prompted a Christmas Eve knife attack that left two men dead and another in critical condition with a stab wound in the back.

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Police replace striking firemen

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Police manned six firehalls today to replace 125 firefighters suspended for refusing to work overtime, and the firefighters union said members would refuse non-emergency assignments to escalate pressure for a new contract.

Mayor Richard L. Berkley summoned the City Council to a special meeting to consider the union's latest step as well as the city's response to the union's refusal to abide by a court order to end the job action.

And City Council member Edward B. Quick, a former fireman, warned that the citizens of this Midwest city of 507,000 "are going to pay a terrible price" for the troubles with the 900

firefighters. The slowdown plan calls for members of International Association of Firefighters Local 42 to answer all fires and emergencies as usual but to perform no other duties, such as training and inspections.

"We cannot allow firefighters to arbitrarily determine when and where to work," said Berkley. "You can't have a judge issue a temporary restraining order and ignore it."

There were no major fires Tuesday when police on 12-hour shifts covered six of the city's 33 fire stations.

The officers were concentrated at a handful of stations because in 1975, during a strike by firefighters, police and firefighters called to the same

fire battled with hoses and the officers were heckled by pickets, officials said.

The firefighters have been negotiating for 10 months, and their contract expired on Friday.

The city last week offered a two-year, 15 percent wage increase costing about \$5 million. The union is seeking a 20 percent raise when the department's work week expands from 40 to 48 hours under a new shift arrangement.

Starting pay for firefighters is \$12,132 with a top base of \$17,928.

The suspensions began Saturday in response to union president John Germann's announcement that the firefighters planned a phased showdown,

beginning with the refusal to work overtime.

The City Council voted to suspend firefighters who refused overtime and to fire those who did so repeatedly. Germann said Tuesday the union is now demanding amnesty for these firefighters.

On Monday, Jackson County Circuit Court Judge Lewis Lombardo issued a temporary restraining order calling for an immediate halt to the job action. Berkley said the city may seek fines for the union's refusal to comply.

"We intend to prosecute violations of the court order," said Aaron A. Wilson, city attorney.



Saad Nagi Caleh of Dearborn, Mich., said he may have lost all of his possessions, but "I'm lucky to be alive" after a fire at a hotel took one life and left another hospitalized. About 40 people escaped from the early Christmas morning blaze. (AP Laserphoto)

Christmas morning fire kills one; 40 homeless

DEARBORN, Mich. — A fire in a Dearborn residential hotel killed one man and left another 40 persons homeless, authorities said.

Another hotel resident was critically burned Tuesday in the pre-dawn blaze, which fire officials said may have been the work of an arsonist.

"It does not appear to be accidental," Dearborn Fire Marshal Michael Was said of the blaze at the Paris Hotel in the western Detroit suburb. He would not elaborate.

Killed in the blaze was Buch Charil, 47, said Police Lt. Basil Byrne. Zehraba Kaljian, 56, was in critical condition at the burn center at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Several other residents suffered smoke inhalation but were released after treatment, Byrne said. Firefighters at the scene said only two residents required treatment.

Saad Nagi Caleh, 35, who lived in the hotel, said most of the occupants lost everything they had. His own possessions were waterlogged and he did not know if he could salvage anything.

Red Cross spokesman Ed DeWhitt said his agency found lodging for some residents Tuesday night.

"I don't know where they'll go after that," he said.

Officials said the cause of the fire, which destroyed the top floor, was not known and a damage estimate was not available.

Distressed freighter gets to Galveston safely

GALVESTON (AP) — A Panamanian freighter with a crew of 14 arrived safely in Galveston early today after taking on water and listing 20 degrees, officials said.

The 268-foot Eagles Cliff steamed into port about 1 a.m., traveling about 5 knots, which is less than 8 mph and about one-third to one-quarter normal speed for a ship that size, the Coast Guard said.

The Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office will try to determine why it had heeled over Tuesday, said Petty Officer Bob McKinna.

The ship called for help after taking on a 20-degree list midway through a run from Mexico to Houston, Lt. John Byrd said Tuesday.

Officials originally thought the ship was British, but learned later that it was registered in Panama and owned

in Britain, McKinna said.

The Coast Guard dropped five pumps to the stricken vessel, and the cutter Point Monroe was dispatched to escort the freighter to safe anchorage in Galveston.

It took at least four or five hours to get the Eagles Cliff back up to a 5-degree tilt, and the Coast Guard was still not sure what had gone wrong.

"How the water got there, whether her hull was cracked, we don't know," said Byrd.

"It was running in ballast — that means to take water on in purpose to make it trim and stable when it's got no cargo," said Chief Petty Officer Claude Otto. "That water may have shifted somehow."

At first it was thought cargo had moved, but Otto said the shipping agent told the coast guard it was not carrying any cargo.

High winds batter freighter in Lake Michigan harbor

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The E.M. Ford, a 428-foot freighter carrying 7,000 tons of dry cement, remained partially submerged in Milwaukee's Lake Michigan harbor today, after strong winds broke the vessel from its moorings and battered it against a dock.

Five crewmen keeping watch aboard the freighter, which was to have been unloaded later in the week at a cement company terminal, were safely evacuated early Tuesday.

The stern sunk to the bottom of the 28-foot-deep slip, but the freighter was reported to be stable, and its owners planned to have marine surveyors and salvage experts check the vessel today.

Capt. Thomas A. Parks, 56, of Brookfield, a Great Lakes seaman called in by the carrier's owners to supervise operations, said some of the 16 mooring lines snapped during a storm that struck on Monday, with winds of up to 45 mph.

Heavy waves pounded the vessel into the steel-faced concrete dock, ripping a 24-foot gash in the bow and

also producing cracks on the side.

Parks said water flooded into some areas of the vessel, possibly including the engine room and cargo hold.

He said the boat was formerly known as the Presque Isle, when it was owned by Cleveland Cliff Co. It now is owned by the Cement Division of National Gypsum Co. of Alpena, Mich.

The ship arrived from Alpena early Saturday. The captain, Patrick Gallagher, and other crewmen had left for their homes, leaving only the five-man crew to keep watch.

Henry Mensing of Detroit, vice president of operations of the Cement Division of National Gypsum, said salvage experts and marine surveyors would assess damage and evaluate salvage prospects.

There was no estimate of the value of the ship, built in 1898, but Parks estimated it would cost \$15 million to replace it.

The boat was named for the late Emory M. Ford, chairman of the board of Ford Industries, a parent company of Huron Cement Co. and Wyandotte Chemical Co.

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Who's listening to Pope?

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON
Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY (AP) — John Paul II is ranked as one of the most popular popes in modern church history, but his worldwide flock doesn't always march to the same tune.

Now after 14 months in the papacy, the Polish-born pontiff is finding his authority questioned, clergy speaking out and even ignoring his will and his diplomatic initiatives thwarted.

As the first non-Italian pope in 455 years, relatively young at 59 and with a good deal of personal magnetism, the former archbishop of Krakow raised certain expectations among liberal Roman Catholics who perhaps overlooked the conservative stance of the church in his native country.

A staunch defender of human rights, he now stands accused of "inhumane policies" by Professor Hans Kung, one of the world's most prominent Roman Catholic theologians who was stripped of his teaching credentials by the Vatican for "contempt" of church doctrine.

Liberal theologians on both sides of the Atlantic have jumped to Kung's defense; 70 theologians in the United States signed a statement of support saying that Kung "is indeed a Roman Catholic theologian" — contrary to the finding by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith which was approved by the pope himself. A crowd of 2,000 turned out to hear Kung when he lectured at his post in Tuebingen, West Germany, on the day after the Vatican decree.

Paul VI, now described by some as a conciliatory force, in fact was accused by liberals including several cardinals of running the church in an authoritarian manner for his uncompromising stands on priestly celibacy and birth control.

Pope John Paul II has held to the same positions, along with keeping similar bans on divorce and abortion, setting down his views in a speech to American bishops in Chicago in October. He reiterated his condemnation of abortion in a Christmas Day message Tuesday.

Last March, a Gallup poll survey of 1,405 Catholic households in the United States found that 73 percent believe the church should allow contraception, and church officials admit the birth control ban is widely flouted by Catholics.

Some churchmen say it was Pope Paul's birth control encyclical "Humane Vitae" in 1968 that brought on open criticism of the papacy and a chipping away at papal authority.

"Except in core matters of faith, people today feel very free to disagree with the pope and still consider themselves good Christians and good Catholics,"

said the Rev. Harrie Verhoeven, the Rome-based Dutch superior general of the Sacramentum Order.

Some churchmen say that the 1962-65 Vatican Council created a new and open atmosphere in the church and that many Roman Catholics no longer fear excommunication for speaking out or questioning papal authority and teaching.

"It's not that Catholics don't listen to the pope," said one priest who works closely with the Vatican, "but since the council, there is a better understanding of exactly what is infallibility."

The Vatican describes the pope as spiritual leader of 720 million Roman Catholics in the world. But in Rome, the pope's own diocese and a city of 3 million baptized Catholics, less than a third go to Mass on Sundays. Pope John Paul in a recent visit to a Rome parish referred to "paper Catholics," an admission that those loyal to his authority are far fewer than official statistics would indicate.

In recent decades, the Roman Catholic Church has been swept by demands for a cutting of centralized power while dissenters have raised their voices both individually and in organized groups.

In an unprecedented gesture, Sister Theresa Kane, a leading American nun, boldly confronted the pope during his visit to Washington and appealed to him to admit women to "all ministries in our church."

The pontiff has urged nuns to look like nuns and wear their religious habits, but at a meeting here last month of mothers superior of religious orders, half were said to have shown up in ordinary street-clothes.

He went to Ireland in September and made an eloquent plea to the "men of violence" to lay down their arms, but it fell on the deaf ears of Irish terrorists.

He dispatched his envoy to Iran to win the freedom of the Americans held at the U.S. Embassy on humanitarian grounds, but was rebuffed by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini who asked why the Vatican kept silent during the regime of the deposed shah.

Another challenge within the church comes from the traditionalist French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, who was suspended from his priestly functions by Pope Paul. He just ordained 12 new deacons at his Swiss seminary in continued defiance of the Vatican.

But Vatican observers can also count the success and immense drawing power of the 59-year-old pope as he begins to put his imprint on the papacy after years of drift under Paul. He has taken up the mediation of a territorial conflict between Chile and Argentina, two predominantly Roman Catholic countries, defusing threats of armed conflict.

Bandits rob 21 yule shoppers

DENVER (AP) — Denver police are looking for two armed men who robbed a clothing store and took \$1,270 and assorted credit cards from 21 Christmas shoppers.

The robbery, which occurred late Monday, began to unfold when the two men entered Grassfield's Gano Downs store, and the one armed with a gun demanded that a store clerk empty a cash register drawer into a shopping bag, police said.

with a knife, stood guard beside one of the doors, let customers in, ordered them to stand against the wall and robbed them, authorities said.

Police said one customer reported being robbed of \$400 in cash, and another reported a loss of \$300.

Max Grassfield, the store owner, suffered a cut on his nose and forehead when the gunman rifling the cash drawer struck him with his pistol, police said.



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Names in the News

SOUTH WEYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — Diana Peckham, whose father is an Olympic wrestling coach, says she didn't get a fair fight when comedian **Andy Kaufman** wrestled her down in a nationally televised match.

"I could have won legitimately, but it's his ballgame and we had to play under his rules which were one-sided," said the 26-year-old physical education teacher.

She wrestled Kaufman, best known for his role on the television series "Taxi," on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" last week, answering his offer of \$1,000 to any woman who could pin his shoulders in a three-minute match.

Ms. Peckham, a 6-foot, 160-pound teacher at Norfolk County Agricultural School, said Kaufman used moves that are banned in amateur wrestling. She also said the mat was smaller than regulation size and the referee was Kaufman's manager.

Her father and coach, James C. Peckham, is athletic director at Emerson College and an Olympic wrestling coach. Her grandfather, Alex Peckham 74, was a professional wrestler in the 1930s.

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — It took eight years, but comedian **Bob Hope** has finally moved into his new home in the exclusive Southridge section of this desert resort.

Family friends said Hope's wife, Dolores, moved into the modern, mushroom-shaped residence last Tuesday and that they were entertaining the families of their four adopted children over the holidays.

The house reportedly has 14,000 square feet of interior space over several levels and is covered by a 25,000-foot-square roof.

Construction began in 1972, but on July 24, 1977, the home was gutted by a fire ignited by sparks from a welder's torch. The \$500,000 loss was covered by insurance.

The outer structure has been under reconstruction since 1977, when a new building permit was issued for repairs.

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York congressman says he will ask the U.S. attorney general and the House Ethics Committee to see if Idaho Rep. **George Hansen** violated any laws or congressional rules in his visit to Iran.

Hansen, who startled the White House and State Department on Nov. 21 by flying to Tehran on what he called a "mission of mercy," left Monday on a second unofficial trip to help free the hostages held at the U.S. Embassy. He told an Idaho newspaper, however, that it was not definite he would be going all the way to Tehran.

Rep. **Peter Peyser**, D-N.Y., said the Idaho Republican is exposing the nation and the hostages "to real risks" by involving himself in the standoff.

He said he would ask for investigations to see if Hansen was violating any House rules or the Logan Act, which prohibits unauthorized persons from negotiating with foreign countries.

A State Department spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said Monday he was "unaware" of Hansen's trip or plans, and refused to discuss the potential impact of a return to Iran by Hansen.

Peyser charged that "with a few misplaced statements or acts," Hansen "could completely destroy" President Carter's efforts to resolve the problem.



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Inmate claims Monday's riot 'just a little fun'

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — More than two hundred inmates of the Oregon State Correctional Institute were restricted to their cells after a rampage one prison spokesman called the biggest disturbance in the prison's 20-year history.

State officials were to begin interviewing inmates today to try to determine what triggered the melee Monday that left the prison filled with smoke and littered with debris.

No injuries to either inmates or corrections officers were reported during the outburst as chairs, books, newspapers, and some clothes were burned, windows broken, and food and other items were hurled into corridors.

"Nothing like this has happened before," said Dave Fiskum, spokesman for the state Department of Human Resources. "The place was a mess."

Forty-eight inmates have been identified as instigators of the trouble and placed in segregation, said Fiskum. He said it was not known when the 274

prisoners would be put back on regular schedule.

Fiskum said prison officials reported the outburst appeared to be spontaneous. The trouble began in one unit as a lot of shouting and noise-making after the inmates returned from a midnight Mass, he said.

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Two lesser pandas, gifts from China's Kwangchow Zoo, have gone on display at the San Diego Zoo. The raccoon-like mammal is related to the giant panda, but neither is a bear. They arrived in the U.S. last month but have been under quarantine until now.

Three Texas escapees held in Colorado jail

PUEBLO, Colo. (AP) — Three female escapees from a Texas prison were being held on \$150,000 bonds each, pending delivery of federal warrants accusing them of kidnapping, authorities said.

The trio, arrested here Monday night following a high-speed chase, also were being held for investigation of aggravated robbery, auto theft, interstate transportation of a stolen car and escape from a penal institution.

Sylvia Jean Brown, 37; Patricia Ann Watson, 32, and Mary Lou Santellana, 30, were transferred Tuesday from the Pueblo City Jail to the County Jail.

Police said it was unknown if Texas authorities would choose to extradite the three women, or if the FBI might intervene. The fugitives were wanted by the FBI in connection with an Oklahoma City kidnapping.

Officials said they escaped from the Goree Unit of the Texas prison in Huntsville last Thursday. Miss Brown and Miss Santellana each were serving 25 years for aggravated robbery, and Miss Watson was serving 20 years for robbery.

Authorities began searching for the three women after the abduction of

Regina M. Raymond, 21, and her 3-year-old son, Cameron, from a shopping center in Oklahoma City on Sunday. The victims were released unharmed about nine hours later at the Wichita, Kan., airport, the FBI said.

Miss Santellana also is wanted in the alleged robbery and stabbing of a 71-year-old woman in Enid, Okla. The victim, Leona McMillen, was hospitalized briefly after the incident.

The fugitives were picked up late Monday afternoon in connection with the robbery of a Pueblo woman, Pueblo police Detective John Sheehan said.

Officers began the chase after Nita A. Valdez, 30, reported that she had been robbed of her purse by a woman wielding a screwdriver at the Northside Shopping Center.

The pursuit ended when officers rammed into the women's vehicle in order to stop it, Sheehan said. The car carrying the women had been stolen in Oklahoma City, he said.

Rick Hartley, public information officer for the Texas Department of Corrections, has described the fugitives as "tough little cookies." He said they are considered dangerous because of their past records.

Northeast resort operators confronting no-snow woes

By BARRY HANSON
Associated Press Writer

With warm weather and a lack of natural snow leaving slush on many ski slopes in the Northeast, some resort operators are already counting losses from the normally lucrative holiday season.

"We are at least a couple hundred thousand dollars behind the eight ball in lost revenue," said Jim Kelly, owner of Brodie Mountain Ski Resort in Ashford, Mass. He said this is his worst year since the area opened in 1964.

"The motels are usually jammed for Christmas, but we're getting a lot of cancellations," he said.

Officials of the Southeastern Ski Association, the industry group for resorts in the Appalachians from West Virginia to Georgia, say poor conditions in their area also have kept skiers off the slopes.

Out west in the Rockies, however, areas report ample snow. Thousands of holiday skiers were pouring into Utah resorts Monday after up to two feet of new snow fell over the weekend.

And blizzards spawned by a fierce storm on the West Coast dumped more than two feet of snow in the Sierras. Up to 28 inches were reported at Lake Tahoe, delighting ski area operators waiting for the first heavy snowfall of the season.

But rain fell and temperatures climbed into the upper 40s at some New England ski areas Tuesday, further diminishing hopes that resorts will be able to cash in on the normally heavy use by holiday vacationers and students out of school.

"Usually we rely on the Christmas holidays to give us our first real boost," said Sara Widdess of the Killington ski area in Killington, Vt., where about 20 of its 72 trails are open with man-made snow.

Other industry officials in New Hampshire said cold weather last week helped considerably. But one added, "Try to tell that to skiers in Massachusetts who look out their windows and see grass."

Kelly, whose resort opened Friday, 3½ weeks later than usual, said the area's motel is only about 15 percent full.

"We're not expecting it to get cold again until Thursday, and that just about wipes out Christmas week," he said. "We can't do anything. We can't make snow; it's too warm. We just have to sit tight and wait for the cold weather."

Only about 50 of some 100 ski areas in New England are open, none at full capacity and all with man-made snow, industry officials said.

"If you don't have man-made snow, you're out of luck," said a spokesman for New Hampshire ski areas, who asked not to be identified. "Right now we're facing a brown Christmas, and that is a sad story."

Meanwhile, John Goldman, a spokesman for Vail ski area in Colorado said business "has been up significantly" over last year, although no precise figures would be available until later in the week. Snow fell over the weekend, he said, "so things look good for Christmas."

Snow was falling in the North Carolina mountains Tuesday, but only 10 of 17 Appalachian resorts were open Monday as rain fell. Industry spokesmen say it is too early to worry about a poor season.

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Like trucks, traveling birds have stop of their own

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN
AP Special Correspondent

RIDGEFIELD, Conn. (AP) — For the past two weeks I have been proprietor of what has to be one of the busiest bird stops between here and Florida, or wherever the little chirpy beggars are heading.

Right now they're lined up on the branches of our stunted fir trees waiting to get at the feeding trough like trailer trucks pulling into Little America, Wyo., which is reputed to be the biggest truck stop in the country.

Overhead, flights of these feathered freeloaders are probably stacked up like jets over Kennedy during an air controllers' strike.

Birds must have a way of spreading the word to each other: "Get over to Mulligan's right away — he's laying out a free lunch counter that won't

stop."

Well, I got news for them. If the price of sunflower seed and those sacks of wild bird seed soar any higher at the supermarket, Birdland will soon be out of business here and they can go scratch in the high rent district.

I am not a professional bird watcher. I am not even an amateur bird watcher, although I once did earn a Bird Study Merit Badge at Boy Scout camp and can tell a giant condor from a hummingbird at first sighting.

I got into the business of running a sparrow soup kitchen through the purchase of a wooden bird feeder at a bazaar held for the benefit of our new parish church. In fact, the bird feeders, handsome miniature chapels with a glass pane for the diners to admire their reflections in, were built

by Joe Martinich, one of the construction supervisors, from cedar shakes left over from the church construction.

Maybe the hallowed building materials account for the fervent attendance at our new bird feeder, which I hung by a wire from a runty looking



dogwood tree outside our dining room picture window. Previously I had tried all sorts of bird houses and ornate feeders, purchased from hardware stores or by sending away magazine coupons, without attracting much patronage.

But right from the start our new bird feeder has done bigger business

than a land office selling hot cakes.

One recent morning, for instance, things got started about 8:15 with a couple of dozen black capped chickadees dropping by for breakfast. Early birds aren't what they're cracked up to be. I had been up since just before 6, when the first pearly gray pallor of dawn was breaking over the ridge, and these were the first customers.

They were soon joined by a splendidly puffed-up, pompous cardinal attended by a retinue of tufted titmice. A big bluejay came screaming down to chase them all away until it was driven off by a daredevil squirrel who managed with great determination and not too much grace to tightwalk his way down the wire, swing upside down like one of the flying Wallendas and somehow by clever use of his claws and employing his busy tail for

balance, get the goodies intended only

for airborne bipeds.

Meanwhile, a downy woodpecker, the small one with the red stripe on the back of his head, had commenced pecking at the branch from which the feeder depended, as if intent on bringing the squirrel crashing down amidst his greed.

The sun was already slanting through the bare limbs of the dogwood when the raspberry-hued purple finches arrived. Not even the bluejays could scare them off, although they gladly shared their perch on the feeder's rim with the slate color juncos who approached cautiously from the dying grass and the thickets of pachysandra. These must be among the lowest flying birds in creation.

A varied clientele visited us all day long:

A pair of mourning doves, a golden flash of American goldfinches, a rosy

blur of redpolls, who looked as if they had just flown up from a rouge pot, and the stylishly stout but unbelievably nimble nuthatches who made their way headfirst down the tree trunk without even using their stubby tails to brace themselves the way the woodpeckers do.

The evening grosbeaks, somber, stolid fellows despite their yellowish plumage, didn't wait until evening. They showed up at noon and again at tea time.

Several varieties of sparrows, all good eaters, dropped by unannounced, except by their constant chattering. Then came, like waves of bombers, belligerent squadrons of purple grackles, ugly birds for all their iridescence. A mocking bird, who was supposed to be down south by now but no doubt had heard about the free grubsky call.

Congressmen, boxer among Jaycees top ten

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Three congressmen and boxing champion Larry Holmes are among the ten men named by the U.S. Jaycees Monday as the Nation's Outstanding Young Men.

The three Congressmen are Rep. Michael L. Synar, D-Okla.; Rep. Albert Gore Jr., D-Tenn., and Rep. David Alan Stockman, 33, R-Mich.

Synar, 29, of Muskogee, Okla., was cited for successes in business, agriculture, academic and government fields. Gore, 31, was honored for promoting energy, baby formula and chemical waste legislation. The 33-year-old Stockman has been a leader in fighting government red tape.

Holmes, 30, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, was cited for his support of youth activities.

Other winners were:

Hydrogen energy expert Roger Evan Billings, 32, who is president of Billings Energy Corp. in Independence, Mo. His company is a leader in research development and implementation of hydrogen energy systems.

Dr. Louis C. Cosentino, 35, president of Renal Systems Inc., Plymouth, Minn. He has been active in heart and kidney ailment research, holds 15 patents on equipment for improved treatment for cardiovascular and kidney dialysis patients in more than 25 countries.

Wayne Lewis Fisk, 34, Air Force master sergeant and para-rescue expert, cited for military and humanitarian efforts while assigned to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.

Roderick L. Ireland, 35, associate justice of the Boston Juvenile Court, who is also an author, teacher, lecturer and community leader.

Robert Lattimer, 34, specialist in organizational planning and development for J. Walter Thompson Co., Chicago. He became the company's first black vice president and has worked to open other senior management positions to qualified minority employees.

Steven Charles "Steve" Sloan, 35, head football coach and assistant athletic director at the University of Mississippi. He was honored for activity in community service and work through the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

All will be honored at the organization's 42nd annual awards ceremony here Jan. 19.

Traffic death rate among infants high, researchers find

By PAULINE JELINEK

CHICAGO (AP) — Two Maryland researchers say evidence that traffic death rates among infants probably are much higher than those among older children shows the need to restrain babies with belts or special seats that provide better protection.

The researchers say infants are more fragile than older children and are often held in their mother's arms, contributing to the higher accident death rate.

"The most important point is the need for the child to be properly restrained in cars either in a child restraint or under seat belts," said Susan Baker, associate professor at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. "Proper restraints do not include those little plastic baby holders and do not include being held in somebody else's arms."

Mrs. Baker and another researcher investigated the circumstances surrounding traffic deaths of 89 children under the age of 15. The results were published in the Dec. 28 edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Mrs. Baker said she and University of Maryland medical student Jerome J. Karwacki wanted to know why the death rate among infants was six times that of older children in the group they studied.

They looked at the seating position of the children, the types of injuries and types of restraints used. Of the 89 fatalities they studied, children had been wearing restraints in only three cases and eight of the 13 infants had been riding on the lap of an adult, Mrs. Baker said.

Almost half of the children in the study were sitting in rear seats, suggesting that without restraints, seating children in the back does not provide enough protection.

Mrs. Baker said the study also suggests that infants, whose heads are still soft and developing, are more susceptible to serious head injury and have less ability to recover.



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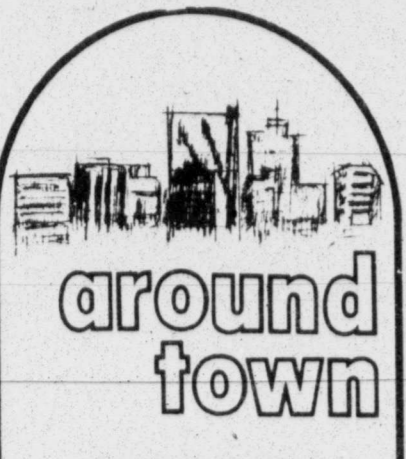
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By PATSY GORDON Lifestyle Writer

...Laurencio Arroyo Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurencio Arroyo, 1002 Terrell St., is assistant band director at Greenville High School and director of the GHS Stage Band.
Arroyo, a graduate of Midland High School, went to Greenville from West Texas State University in Canyon, where he got his background and experience as a member of the WTSU Jazz Band. At WTSU, he invented new notes and improvised on old ones with the best of those who "desert diatonics in order to venture into the world of chromaticism."
He was on the dean's list at WTSU, where he was awarded a BS degree in music.
Arroyo didn't play in the MHS Band, but he was a member of the San Jacinto Junior High School band when he was a student there.
Arroyo says members of his group are not your common, ordinary garden variety would-be musicians. "They're dedicated..."

...BARRETT BLAKE BRADLEY of Midland has made the Dean's List at Indiana University in Bloomington. He will be among 3,383 other students who will be honored April 16 at the university's traditional Founders' Day program on IU campus.

...WELDON L. TAYLOR, Weldon Lee Taylor Realtors of Midland, was awarded the RM designation and membership in the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers at the meeting of the Institute's Governing Council in November.
The RM designation is awarded only to those specialists who have demonstrated competence in the appraisal of single family residences by meeting the institute's stringent requirements.
Taylor received his BBA degree in marketing in 1957 from Texas Tech University. Prior to establishing his own business in 1961, he was a field supervisor for the Life, Accident and Health Department of Travelers Insurance Co.
Taylor served as president of the Midland Board of Realtors in 1970 and was named Realtor of the Year in 1971. He served a three-year term as director of the Texas Association of Realtors in 1971-73 and is a member of the Odessa Board of Realtors as well as the Midland board...

...CYNTHIA RENEE MASON of Midland was among nearly 1,000 students to receive degrees during graduation ceremonies on the campus of Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos.
Miss Mason is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle R. Mason, 2003 Hughes St. She received a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting, and was graduated with highest honors. She was a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society...

...MS. ILA H. BLACKLOCK, 3508 Stanolind Ave., has gone to work as a temporary interviewer with the Texas Employment Commission in Midland.
She received an appointment after passing a competitive examination for job applicants for 10 state agencies. The agencies select new employees from registers of eligible applicants certified by the council.
Agencies served by the Merit System Council include, other than TEC, the Commission on Alcoholism, Air Control Board, Governor's Committee on Aging, Surplus Property Agency, Drug Abuse Division of Community Affairs, Disaster Emergency Services of the Department of Public Safety and the departments of Health, Human Resources and Mental Health-Mental Retardation...

...TWO STUDENTS from Midland were among 64 seniors to graduate recently from Southwestern University at Georgetown.
Those from Midland receiving degrees were Stephen Tanner Garth, a bachelor of arts with a major in history, and Karen Kay Ellis, bachelor of music education with a major in music-vocal.
Parents of the students are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Garth Jr., 2403 W. Storey Ave. and Mr. and Mrs. Ab Ellis Jr., 1608 Cimmaron St.

DEAR ABBY



By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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 helped me to become a better person. I'm not saying that I kept every one of those resolutions every single day, but I kept most of them, and they are now habits which have improved my personality, my character and my self-esteem.

I'm not a teenager, Abby. I'm a 30-year-old mother of two.
Please make it an annual column; some of your readers may not have seen it. I hope it will help others the way it has helped me. — FAITHFUL FLORIDA READER

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:

Court rules that family may take man off dialysis

BOSTON (AP) — The family and physician of a 78-year-old man have won the authority to take him off hemodialysis treatments and let him die.
The Massachusetts' Court of Appeals ruled on Monday that Earle N. Spring, who led an active, outdoor life until illness left him mentally and physically disabled, would stop the treatments if he could speak.
The decision upheld the ruling of Greenfield Probate Court Judge Sanford Keedy that Spring's doctor, wife and son may terminate the three-times-weekly treatments Spring has received since his kidneys failed in February 1978.

"All concur in urging the court to permit dialysis to be discontinued," wrote Appeals Court Judge Christopher J. Armstrong. He said the decision would take effect in 10 days unless Spring's court-appointed guardian files a further appeal. The guardian had objected to Keedy's ruling.
Armstrong wrote, "It is the view of Mrs. Blanche Spring and Robert Spring that Mr. Spring, if he were competent to express a view, would wish in the circumstances to have dialysis discontinued, although that would result in his death."
"We are dealing with a close-knit family unit with a long history of mutual love, concern and support," Armstrong added. He said it was appropriate in such a case for the court to rely on the family's judgment of when to halt aggressive treatment of terminal illness.
"The law intervenes, not to displace the traditional role of the family and attending physician in weighing that question, but to protect the rights of the incompetent person by determining, as best it can, what his wish would be," Armstrong wrote.
Spring was chief chemist and metallurgist for a Greenfield tool and die company until his retirement in 1966.

New book offers data on women of America

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Biographies of more than a thousand American women who have contributed to the growth of the nation are included in a new book, "Liberty's Women."

"American history has usually been told through the lives of men," says William Llewellyn, president of G. & C. Merriam Co., publishers of the volume. "Virtually the only female characters mentioned have been figures of legend — Pocahontas, Betsy Ross, Molly Pitcher."
"Liberty's Women," edited by Bob McHenry and three years in preparation, documents hundreds of other women who have made "a significant contribution to American life," he adds.

Chronologically they range from Virginia Dare, who in 1587 was the first European child to be born in America, to such contemporary figures as Chris Evert, Susan Sontag and Julia Child.

Among them are artists and astronomers, church leaders and criminals, feminists and frontier heroines, poets and politicians. Each entry seeks to place the woman's work in historical perspective and to indicate its significance.

Biographies include sketches on artist Mary Cassatt, Clara Maas, who gave her life to yellow-fever experiments, orchestra conductor Eve Quellar, businesswoman Sarah Walker, and Harriet Quimby, the first woman to fly the English Channel.
The longest is that of temperance and suffrage leader Frances Willard.

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 which 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.

interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today I'll not try to improve anybody except myself.
Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.
Just for today I will have a quiet half hour to relax alone. During this time I will reflect on my behavior and will try to get a better perspective on my life.
Just for today I will be unafraid. I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions. I will expect nothing from the world, but I will realize that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.
P. S. Have a happy, healthy New Year. And pray for peace! — LOVE, ABBY

Alpha Delta Pi sorority members to be honored at Christmas tea

Pledges and actives of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and their mothers will be honored at the annual Christmas tea Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
The event will take place in the home of Mrs. Harvey Langston, 2400 Metz. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. J. R. Weidner.
Honorees will include Becky Hyer and Janet Hilliard, Southern Methodist University; Allison Berry, Michelle McGill and Jamie Jones, Southwestern University; Patty Qualla and Terri Terrell, Texas Tech University; and Mary Lyn Hendricks, Betsy Kellogg, Emily Legg and Francie Parker, University of Texas at Austin.

Mothers to be honored are Mrs. Reginald Hyer, Mrs. Joe Hilliard, Mrs. O. H. Berry, Mrs. C. W. McGill, Mrs. J. L. Jones Sr., Mrs. C. F. Qualla, Mrs. Terrell; Mrs. Vance Hendricks, Mrs. Terrell, Mrs. Niran Kellogg and Mrs. Howard Parker.
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SUPER HANDYMAN

Packing leaves is in the bag

By AL CARRELL

Raking up leaves is not that big a deal, but picking them up and getting them into the leaf bags can be a problem. If you lay the bag down and try to rake the leaves into the bag, you need a helper to hold open the bag. There is a better way. A sturdy cardboard box can act as a sleeve. Just cut out both ends and bring the trash bag through the sleeve. Then flap the bag over the edges and use clothespins to hold it in place. Now you can lay the bag and sleeve down on the ground, and the bag will be held open, and you can just rake the leaves in. Get a couple of extra boxes because after a few hours of raking the sides can get flimsy, but in the meantime, you'll have almost enjoyed raking the leaves. If

you'd like to use the leaves instead of having to dispose of them, make a compost heap. If you don't know how, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Super Handyman here at the paper, and I'll send you a FREE sheet to tell you how to start.

Dear Al: There is apparently no way to really reclaim old hardened glazing compound. I find that after you open a can, you really can't seal it well enough to keep it from hardening. So I tried something. After using the compound, I filled up the can with water and recapped it. The water seals out all the air. When ready for the next use, I just poured off the water, and the glazing compound was still as flexible and workable as when I first

bought the can. I left this can sealed for almost a year, and it was still good. — R.P.
I would guess you could have a problem with rust in the can after a while, but otherwise it seems like a good idea.

A SUPER HINT — In some cars, the ports for spark plugs are hard to reach when you want to start the installation of a new plug. One of the neatest holders I've seen that will give you extra reach and yet still leave you with a deft touch so you don't start the threads wrong is the boot end of an old spark plug wire. The boot will hold

the plug, and a few inches of the wire will act as a handle. One of my shade-tree mechanic friends discovered this one.

Dear Al: I've started changing my own spark plugs in the old family car to help fight inflation. It's a big saving because I can buy the same plugs for around half what the so-called service station charges. I did notice that the ports in which the plugs go collect all sorts of dirt, and I reasoned that if I removed the plug, some of this sludge would go into the engine. I found a super-simple way to

clean. After I remove the spark plug wire, I just slip the nozzle from my shop vacuum over the spark plug and suck up all the dirt. If any is compacted, I scrape it loose with a screwdriver tip and then vacuum. It's sure easier and more complete than wiping. Another tip is to clamp a numbered clothespin on each wire to be sure I get each wire back on the right new plug. — E.K.

QUICK ANSWERS FOR HARRIED HANDYPERSONS: Q: The regular drain cleaners don't seem to do much for roots in my sewer pipes. Is there a special type? A: There are a number

of products on the market made especially for getting rid of roots. The ones I know about have a copper sulphate base. Some people swear by putting rock salt down for root problems, and it does work, but I don't think it's as effective as the prepared com-

pounds. They seem to do best after mechanically getting the roots out, and then using the compound to prevent future growth.

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Birth of a sitter

By ERMA BOMBECK

When my daughter was born, I cannot tell you how choked with emotion I became. As she lay cradled in my arms, her little fingers wrapped around mine, I leaned over and whispered in her ear, "At last, I have given birth to my very own baby sitter."

The ripening of a sitter didn't happen overnight. There were years of preparation. She would stand at my right hand and observe as I heated soup, adjusted the television dials and readied her brothers for bed.

Like a little sponge she would soak up my expertise on how to referee a disagreement, when to give in to demands and how to enforce three-hour naps.

Then one night, two days before New Year's Eve, when she was in her 13th year, I sat her down and said, "Do you feel ready to assume the responsibility for baby-sitting?" She nodded. "I know you've been observing Mommy for all these years and I have made it look easy, but I'd like to lay on you a few of the basic crises that you might be faced with while baby-sitting. Ready? First, tell me, what would you do if a child refused to go to bed?"

"I would threaten to eat him!" she said coolly.

"Very good, now how much liquid do you give a child under six before going to bed?"

"When they complain of being thirsty, you mist the plants on their window sill and tell them to inhale deeply."

"Right. Now, here's a toughie. What do you do when one of your charges pushes a coin up his nose?"

"What denomination is it?"

"A dime."

"For a dime," she said, "I wouldn't lose my place in the book I'm reading. For a quarter, I'd get out the vacuum sweeper and suck it out."

There was no doubt about it. The kid was a pro. It had been a long period of hiring baby sitters, stocking the refrigerator, calling until my finger fell off, breaking in a new one every time we moved and worrying every time I was at a party and the hostess said, "It's the sitter." But it was all behind me now. I had my own live-in sitter.

"I think you're ready to sit," I said, "but don't worry. For your first time, we won't be out too late."

My daughter looked at me. "You got it wrong. I'm sitting for the Thompsons' kids on New Year's Eve."

Maybe I taught her too much.

Weddings

ABILENE — Debra Kay Crockett and Guy Warren Vivion were married Saturday in Second Baptist Church of Abilene, with the Rev. Clayton Pennington officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Crockett, 941 Victoria, Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Vivion, 1508 Bedford St., Midland, are parents of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Sandee Osborn of Torrance, Calif., was matron of honor. Nikki Hill of Torrance was flower girl and Brooke Hill of Torrance was ring bearer.

Richard Vivion, father of the bridegroom, was best man. Scott Vivion of Midland and Noel Vivion of Houston seated guests.

James Crockett hosted the reception at the Kiva Inn. The bridegroom's father hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Abilene Country Club.

Following a trip to Dallas, the couple will make their home in Plano.

The bride is a graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene, and was employed by Kiva Inn.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Agoura High School in Agoura, Calif., and attended Midland College. He is employed by Southwest Golf Company in Plano.

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National survey reveals today's outstanding teen-agers more conservative

DENVER (AP) — Outstanding teen-agers today are more conservative than their counterparts from the early 1970s and, more often than not, want to be doctors or lawyers when they grow up, a nationwide survey shows.

Rand McNally & Co.

surveyed 50,000 high school students included in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for the 1978-1979 school year and found that only 8 percent said they smoked marijuana and 8 percent favored living together before marriage.

IN 1972, about 27 percent of the "Who's Who" teen-agers surveyed said they smoked marijuana, and in 1971, about 47 percent said they supported cohabitation.

In addition, two-thirds of the students polled this year said that they favor

they would choose business administration as their field.

"Who's Who" was created in 1967 to provide national recognition for outstanding juniors and seniors in the nation's public, private and parochial high schools. There were 355,000 students listed in this year's edition.

temporary issues has shown throughout the years that teen-agers aren't the activists they have been made out to be.

"What's been overlooked by the chroniclers of youth is a whole group of kids who never succumbed to the trends of the times, the nation's outstanding teens."

To illustrate this point, the publisher said that 78 percent of those surveyed from among current students in "Who's Who" said that they had

not had sexual intercourse and 87 percent said they would not have a child without being married.

Other survey results: —Three years ago, 43 percent of the students felt a woman should have both a career and be married to be fulfilled. In this year's poll, the number dropped to 32 percent.

lives. In 1972, 63 percent made the same statement.

—In 1971, about 85 percent of the students surveyed said they would pay additional taxes to

support anti-pollution programs. Less than half of today's respondents said they would be willing to part with extra tax money for such an effort.

A SPOKESMAN FOR publisher Rand McNally said that the results of the survey of politics, morals and other con-

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Your horoscope

By JEANE DIXON

Thursday, December 27, 1979

YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY: Sudden gains may be possible after first of year. Romance is even more important year-ahead. Emotions will run high many times. Travel is not important part of plan, but individuals overseas may affect business prospects. You are known by the company you keep, so take precautions to preserve your reputation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Candid talk with spouse can lead to satisfactory conclusion. Budget revision is helpful. Short visit to in-laws, relatives helpful to maintain harmony.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Share your place in the sun with shy individual—you will be rewarded. Study agreements carefully before signing. Seek legal advice if in doubt. Stick to diet resolutions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Study spending patterns before making budget revisions. Younger person apt to offer good suggestion. Be more practical about creative projects. If you shop, be on alert and avoid any unfamiliar shopping area.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Business affairs are apt to be active. Organize your time, reschedule anything that can be postponed. Consult partner regarding upcoming expenses.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Business negotiations can be handled more smoothly if objective third party is included. Lawyer or accountant a big plus now. Useful agreements can be finalized. Check travel arrangements if planning vacation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Financial affairs may require special handling. You could become involved with friend's domestic problem. Be as impartial as possible. Remember to return past favors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Leave nothing to chance. Check figures carefully before putting signature on contract, business agreements. Strike happy balance between time spent on career, domestic duties.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pour all possible effort into work—superiors will be impressed. Pay bills promptly to protect your credit rating. Cut back on personal spending.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick to your priorities now. Follow your own course and leave others to their own plans. Avoid misunderstandings by making position clear. Take time out to go over future business plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): News from an old friend will brighten morning hours. An older person may need

some attention now. Family conference can resolve situation. Make certain to include this person in weekend plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Exciting telephone call will put you in good spirits, even if spending money is involved. Personal appearance is important, especially this afternoon or evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): News from people who live far away is welcome. Do not neglect matters connected with parents, in-laws. Make an effort to be more tolerant, especially toward a younger person who makes demands.

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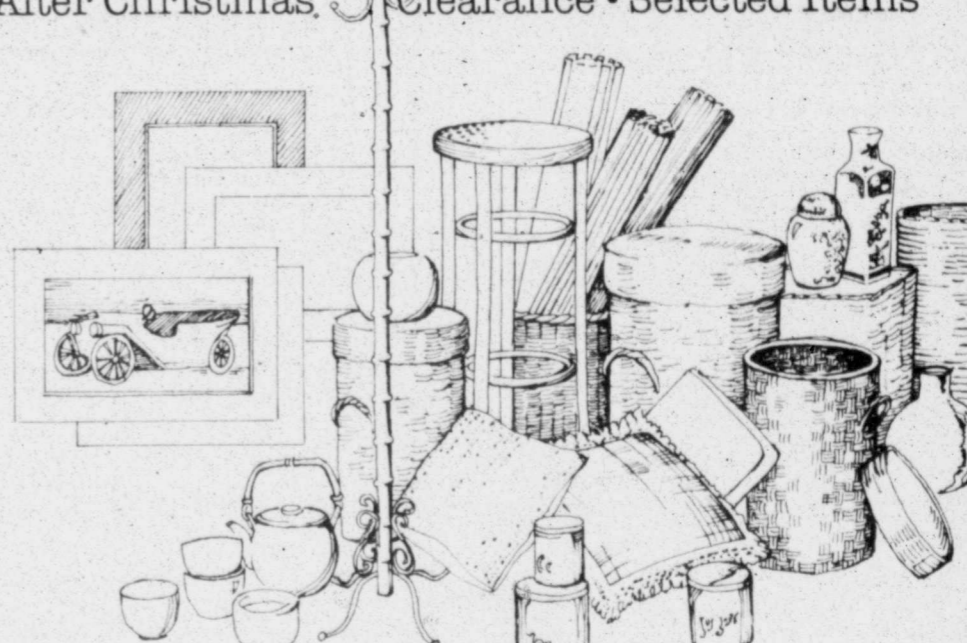
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'Corridor of light' makes for fiery New York tradition

LA PLACE, La. (AP) — The log structures stand along the levee strung out like primitive watchtowers. All is calm. All will soon be bright. All that remains now is for the logs to be put to the torch in one of the strangest Christmas traditions in the land. Also, one of the most colorful. Come Christmas Eve, a 16-mile stretch of the mighty, meandering Mississippi River will be transformed into a blazing

corridor of light.

"This should be a good year," said Rick Weidman, who grew up with the custom and rather takes it for granted. "I counted more than 100 between here and Grand Point. Some of them are more than 30 feet tall, most at least 20 feet." The origins of the tradition are lost in the folklore of the southern Louisiana bayous. Local historians figure it has been an annual event for nearly 150 years.

Some say it was a custom brought here by French priests in the 1830s. Others say it was a German import. In this part of Louisiana, Schenayders almost outnumber Le Blancs. "Wherever the original idea came from," Weidman said, "the idea nowadays is to build a bigger bonfire and throw a better party than the people in the next town." From La Place (pronounced Plahz) upriver to Grand Point, six other

villages occupy the east bank of the river: Paulina, Convent, Lucher, Gramercy, Garyville and Reserve. The custom is said to have started in the Convent-Lucher area and spread up and downriver from there. It also spread across the river to the west bank, although the towns on the west bank are fewer and smaller and the people over there somehow less enthusiastic in their pyromania. On the east bank, though, building one of these structures, just to watch

it go up in a blaze of glory, becomes a main weekend project for families, clubs, teen-age groups, beginning the day after Thanksgiving. Building one is half the fun. These are not just piles of wood. Oh no. These things have an architecture. Logs are cut to size and artfully placed for stability and a good draft. One builder, Andre Francois Ganier III, uses a bulldozer to shove huge base logs in place.

Some builders favor a teepee design, others a square, others an octagon as tall as a silo. The interior is filled with tinder, and also with green bamboo and cane gathered by pirogue from the bayous. Air trapped in cane and bamboo explodes wildly. Cajun fireworks. Traditionally, the builders touch them off on the way to midnight Mass. By the time Mass is over the fires are roaring in full majesty and the parties begin.

Ugly bartenders raise MS money

DALLAS (AP) — The local chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has collected more than \$6,000 in a new twist to fund-raising — a contest to determine the ugliest bartender in Dallas. For 25 cents a vote, patrons of the 60 bars in the contest cast ballots for their favorite barkeep — or their least favorite, as the case may be. The contest ends Jan. 5. The winner gets a trip for two to the Virgin Islands and a \$500 travelers' check. Dale Cantrell of the World Trade Club in the World Trade Center is the current leader with 3,844 votes and \$961. But Paul Amos, in second place with 2,362 votes, says he's closing in fast. Amos, proprietor of Tail Paul's, says his bar may be the only one in the world that advertises "cocktails, darts, insults" on the sign out front. "I've got credentials," says Amos, displaying a letter from Playgirl magazine. "Not many people can show something like that." The letter was in response to friends who sent Amos' picture to the magazine for consideration as a centerfold. Playgirl declined his services, saying that on a scale of 1 to 10, his body rates minus-2. "Should the taste of the American women ever change so drastically that they would want you in the centerfold, you will be notified by this office," the letter says. "In the meantime, don't call us, we'll call you." But Amos says, "I've been ugly all my life, I'm just looking for a little recognition." Amos said he's giving his customers good incentive to donate more. "I've told them that this is their best opportunity for getting rid of me for eight days," he said. Another contestant is R.B. Shipley of Stan's Blue Note, where insults flow as freely as the beer. "Ugly? Are you kidding? R.B. Shipley put the 'U' in ugly," said regular Bob Day. "He parts his hair with a hammer." Unlike Amos, however, Shipley is trying a little reverse psychology in his campaign. "I'm telling 'em I don't give a damn whether they vote or not," he said. "They wouldn't have entered me in the contest if they were my friends."

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Vegetable growing concentrated

California, Florida produce 59 percent of U.S. total

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vegetable production doesn't come close to the major field crops in terms of acreage or even in dollar value, but few commodities have such an immediate impact on consumer food bills when drought or freezing weather hits key production areas.

One reason is that commercial vegetable production is concentrated in a couple of states, unlike wheat, which is a huge crop in a dozen or more.

Kansas, the leading wheat producer, for example, harvested a super crop this year of 402.8 million bushels. But that was only 19 percent of the total 1979

U.S. wheat output of more than 2.1 billion bushels. This year's corn crop was a record of almost 7.6 billion bushels. But Iowa, the leader with nearly 1.6 billion bushels, accounted for only about 21 percent.

Now look at vegetable production this year, according to the latest Agriculture Department reports.

The value of U.S. fresh vegetable production was listed at \$2.94 billion, up 6 percent from last year.

No comparable figures by USDA are ready yet for the major field crops, but based on price projections the 1979 corn crop could be worth \$18 billion or so, by comparison.

In the category of vegetables produced for canning and other processing, this year's output was estimated at 12.1 million metric tons — virtually the same as fresh vegetables. That was an 11 percent boost from 1978.

The value of vegetables for processing was estimated at \$1.18 billion, a 16 percent gain from last year.

Again, the report showed, California was the leading producer, accounting for 52.7 percent of the vegetables grown for processing, followed by: Wisconsin 9.5; Minnesota 5.5; Oregon 4.9; and Washington 3.9.

Besides being concentrated in a few states, vegetable production also is a highly intensive enterprise that involves relatively few acres.

AGRICULTURE

Peanut inventories up over last year's stock

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peanut inventories as of Nov. 30 were up by about 1 percent from a year earlier, according to the Agriculture Department. Commercial warehouses held an estimated 2.84 billion pounds of peanuts, measured as an equivalent of unshelled "farmers' stock" peanuts, compared to 2.65 billion a year ago, officials said.

Production of fresh market vegetables and melons — 22 items listed by USDA — totaled 12 million metric tons, an increase of 2 percent from 1978. California accounted for 44.1 percent of total production, followed by Florida with 15.1; Texas 8.0; and New York and Arizona each with 4.7.

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By Alfred Sheinwold

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If East covered, South would win and lead a heart to the nine. When East played low, dummy's ten won, and the declarer promptly took the club finesse.

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♣ K 10 6 5 2

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♥ A J 8
♦ K Q J 10 9 5
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Red meat production continues behind 1979

WASHINGTON (AP) — Commercial production of red meat in November continued to be down from the previous year, says the Agriculture Department.

Production was estimated at 3.31 billion pounds, down 1 percent from November of last year.

In its monthly report, USDA said beef output, at 1.78 billion pounds, was down 13 percent from a year earlier. Veal production dropped 24 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 8 percent.

Pork production, on the rise this year because of stepped-up hog output, totaled 1.47 billion pounds in November. That was a gain of 19 percent from a year earlier.

The trend is expected to continue for some time. In another of its "food marketing alert" reports, the department said consumers can expect "adequate" supplies of beef in retail stores in January.

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Climbers have confrontation with Snowman

LONDON (AP)—Members of a British mountain-climbing expedition, back from the Himalayas, claimed Monday they had come so close to an encounter with the Abominable Snowman that at least one skeptic became a believer.

The climbers, who say they heard an "absolutely amazing" piercing scream from a slope 17,250 feet high in Nepal's Hinku Valley, brought back photographs of distinct not-quite-human-looking footprints.

"I used to dismiss this kind of thing, quite frankly, as being too farfetched to be true," said lead climber John Edwards, a squadron leader with the Royal Air Force.

"But now it's quite clear that it would be foolish to discard the question. I am convinced there is indeed some strange creature in the Himalayas that hasn't been explained by fact."

Scientists have long been baffled as to whether an Abominable Snowman, "a half-man, half-beast creature" also called a Yeti, exists. Reports of sightings of such a creature in the Himalayas, as well as in the western United States and in Soviet Siberia, have persisted for years. Lord Hunt, leader of the 1953 expedition in which Sir Edmund Hillary conquered Mt. Everest, believes he first saw the tracks of the Yeti in 1937.

Recently, Soviet scientist Nikolai Vereshchagin went on record as saying the Yeti exists only in the imagination. "Many of my colleagues believe, as I do, that anyone who talks about some kind of ape-man living in the snow is not thinking logically," Vereshchagin declared.

But Edwards, who has been an RAF serviceman for 20 years, insists the snowman is real. "Just because it hasn't been seen is no evidence that it doesn't exist," he said by telephone.

The British group claims it has believable evidence that a giant creature stalks Nepal's snow-covered slopes.

One footprint was "a really clear example," Edwards said. "I think our pictures will prove to be the best taken yet."

Photographs, shown Monday on British Television, were of footprints that looked round and deep.

Four prints were discovered first, according to John Whyte, leader of the four-man expedition which was guided by two Sherpas. Then more turned up, and Whyte said they could have been made by "a parent and its young."

Edwards and team doctor John Allen were about to pitch their tents, they say, when they discovered the tracks, measuring 8 inches by 4 inches, with four toes and a thumb-like digit on each foot.

They were three or four inches deep in the snow, which the climbers said indicated the creature that made them was standing upright and weighed about 160 pounds.

"It seemed as if the creature had jumped from the rocks, bounded through the snow and across a stony outcrop where the prints disappeared," Edwards said from his Shrewsbury home.

The team members said they were taking the pictures when they were startled by a piercing scream. "It lasted for about 10 seconds and sounded like the creature was just several hundred yards away," Edwards said. "It was an absolutely amazing sound."

He said their Sherpa guides told them it was the call of the Yeti, and refused to stay on the mountain that night.

Besides the tracks, which Edwards said were "fresh," the climbers brought back samples of animal droppings found nearby. Allen said he could not identify the dung as being from any creature normally found in the area.

Edwards said he and other members of the group that spent two months in Nepal from Oct. 18 to Dec. 11, had known "almost nothing" about the Yeti before they saw the tracks.

Now, they plan to submit their photographs and dung samples to scientific experts interested in researching the creature.

Army cleared in trainee's death

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—An investigation exonerated Army personnel at Fort Dix, N.J., in the July 16 heart failure death of an 18-year-old recruit, the Philadelphia Bulletin reports.

After a four-month investigation, Army officials discounted allegations of some witnesses that Pvt. Lawson D. Hileman of Clarksburg, W.Va., was pushed, kicked or ridiculed by drill sergeants and trainees into trying to finish a 10-mile march, the Bulletin said in its Sunday editions.

Lt. Col. Peter F. Drury, Fort Dix public affairs officer, was quoted as saying that "overwhelming" testimony by other witnesses refuted the charges.

An autopsy report said the 5-foot-8 youth weighed about 232 pounds — 29 pounds above the Army's weight limit — when he entered active duty June



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Amtrak, privileged passengers won't talk about plush 200 Club



Passengers on the exclusive "200 Club" car on an Amtrak train between New York and Princeton Junction, N.J., don't have to fight for a window seat. They have reserved seats, attendants and a bar area. But neither Amtrak officials nor club members appear willing to talk about the special privileges of these travellers on the government-subsidized Amtrak. (AP Laserphoto)

ABOARD THE AMTRAK 200 (AP) — Railroad buffs and commuters might like the ride aboard Amtrak's luxury "200 Club" car. It's got reserved, plush velvet seats, an attendant and a bar.

But most travelers don't qualify for the only daily private club car in the national Amtrak passenger railroad network.

You can tell by the sign taped to its glass door: "Reserved. Special Party. Private Car. 200 Club. Members Only."

Outside, conductor Vince Christmas stands guard. "You can't go in there — that's a private car," he shouts over the roar of engines and swaying metallic train sounds.

Officials at federally subsidized Amtrak and members of the 200 Club don't like to talk about this country club of commuter cars, part of a regular Philadelphia-to-New York commuter train.

The first 200 Club passengers board at Princeton Junction, N.J., at 7:52 a.m. and arrive in New York at 8:47 a.m. They leave New York at 5:33 p.m. for the return trip and are scheduled to arrive in Princeton at 6:27 p.m., Amtrak officials said.

While he wouldn't permit a visit, Christmas agreed to ask the club president to meet with a reporter to discuss the club and its car.

So here he comes, a handsome, well-dressed, middle-aged man who smiles and extends a handshake. He offers his name, but it's lost in the drone of train sounds.

"We pay \$25,000 a year to lease this car before paying for tickets," he says. "Anybody can join by seeing me and we do have openings. But we don't want any publicity."

No, he doesn't want to be a spokesman for the club, tell how many members there are on the 41-seat car, identify any members by name or by job title.

And no, he won't repeat his name or say anything else, thank you. Still-smiling, he lets the glass door to the car close between him and the reporter.

"This is a unique relationship," said Amtrak spokesman Brian Duff. "We're in the business to sell transporta-

tion and that car provides a substantial amount of income for Amtrak."

Duff wouldn't say just how much Amtrak makes on the exclusive car arrangement. Amtrak, the National Passenger Rail Corp. set up by Congress in 1970, received an estimated \$610 million in federal operating subsidies this year, he said.

Duff said Amtrak decided to continue the long-standing practice of supplying a private car to the Princeton Junction-based 200 Club, which was set up after World War II by the Penn Central Railroad.

"If you've got the money to buy a car and we have the equipment, we'll sell it to you," he said.

Conrail, a private rail corporation set up by Congress in 1976 with a \$2 billion federal loan, also is involved in the private commuter car business, along with the state of New Jersey.

Conrail has three private commuter cars, all on the North Jersey Coast line from Bay Head to New York. Conrail also was reluctant to discuss details. After several days, Conrail officials referred questions to the state Department of Transportation.

The Monmouth Commuter Club pays \$8,000 annually for each of two cars owned by the Department of Transportation, said state spokeswoman Debbie Lawlor.

In addition, the Jersey Coast Commuter Club owns its own car, but pays the state \$12,200 annually for services, she said.

Both private car clubs date back to the Jersey Central line that preceded Conrail, Ms. Lawlor said.

"I don't think we make money on them," she said.

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Timothy is a reminder of 'essence of Christmas'

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — An abandoned infant is a reminder of the "real essence of Christmas" says the minister who found the 3-day-old child earlier this month near the manger scene at his church.

"I see this as a reminder of another time when another baby was brought into a cold, angry, hostile world," said The Rev. Charles Holland, pastor of the First Baptist Church here.

But the judge supervising the adoption of the child known only as Timothy Christmas strongly disagreed.

"There is a lot more bah humbug in this than there is merry Christmas," said State District Judge William C. Martin III, who terminated the mother's rights to the child.

Holland said "God was in the process" Dec. 3 when he found the crying infant wrapped in a dingy dishcloth, an orange flowered sheet and tucked inside a cardboard box that was left between the wise men and the sheep in the nativity scene.

"I'm Timothy please take care of me," said a note left behind with the child.

The pastor said he believes God used Timothy to focus attention "on all the little people of need, the abandoned people, the hated people, the hungry people, the forgotten people."

"There is nothing miraculous in human misery," countered the judge.

He said the child's mother was possibly the victim of a sexual crime that brought about the pregnancy, but he said there will be no criminal prosecution.

"From what we know, it would be the worst kind of cruelty to go into it any further. There's nothing of any social or political value or any lesson to be learned from exposure of the parents," said Martin.

The discovery also touched many local residents.

"It made us feel like we were special," said Mrs. W.O. Avery, 74, of Longview. "We all feel like God had a purpose in it. He wanted us to realize the real spirit of Christmas is humility and compassion."

However, the judge said he feared news of the event could have prompted other desperate new mothers to abandon their children at church nativity scenes.

Martin said the mother should have contacted the Texas Department of Human Resources or an adoption agency that would have kept her confidence, said Martin.

The judge became so concerned about publicity that he ordered all those involved with Timothy not to talk about the baby.

Holland said he thinks the publicity had a purpose.

"It reminded us again," said Holland, "that the real essence of Christmas is not dollars and cents and tinsel — but it's life."

Boy, once 'clinically dead,' eager to leave the hospital

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis. (AP) — Eleven-year-old Darven Miller was considered clinically dead two weeks ago, after he fell through the ice on Duncan Creek and spent more than 15 minutes under water. Now he's eager to leave the hospital for good.

He left the hospital on a pass about noon Tuesday to go home for a Christmas visit with his mother, Darlene Minto, stepfather Donald Minto and the rest of the family.

"He liked being home a lot," his 10-year-old sister, Delores, said Tuesday night. Darven's gifts, she said, included a shirt, a racetrack game, socks and a new outfit.

By 8:20 p.m., he was back at the hospital.

"He was asking when he came back how much longer he'd have to stay," said Cheryl Stephenson, a nurse in the pediatric department at St. Joseph Hospital. "Some of the clothes he was wearing were Christmas gifts, but he left his other things, the toys, at home."

When taken to the hospital Dec. 13, Darven's breathing had stopped, his pupils had dilated. His body temperature dropped to 82 degrees.

Doctors later said they had wondered how far the efforts to revive him should go.

"Our concern was, is he going to sustain himself and become an independent human being again?" said Dr. Bruno Rahn, the physician in charge. "When he came in, he was, by clinical evaluation, dead."

Rahona Britton, patient care coordinator at the hospital, was on duty when Darven arrived.

"He had been underwater anywhere from 17 to 30 minutes. He was not breathing. There was very little heart activity," Mrs. Britton recalled.

He had received mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage in the ambulance. At the hospital, doctors wrapped the boy in a heating device that circulated 105-degree water around his body. His temperature started to climb.

Using a breathing apparatus, Adrenalin injections and electric shocks, doctors established an erratic heart beat. Then the boy's cardiopulmonary system started to work.

Rahn said reasons behind the resuscitation of cold-water drowning victims such as Darven are not fully understood, although one factor is hypothermia, when the colder body temperature causes the rate of metabolism and vital functions to slow down.

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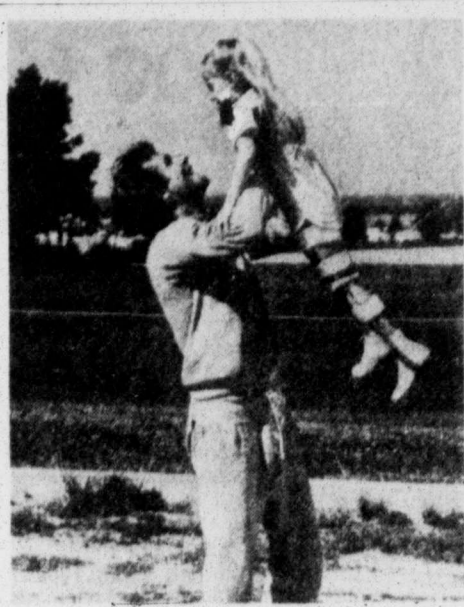
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| 8:00 | Diff. Strokes NBC Special | CBS Special: A | Charlie's Angels | Charity Fantastico | M.T. Moore Bob Newhart | Great Performances | 700 Club |
| 9:00 | 'American Presidency' | Shining Season | Vegas | La Otraz Mujer | Movie: The | At The White House | Faith |
| 10:00 | News Tonight | News CBS Late | News Love | Pecado 24 Horas | Best Years | Movie: Man Knew | America Truth |
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A Memorable Player

Timothy Bottoms stars as John Baker, the University of New Mexico track star and Olympic hopeful stricken with cancer, and Tamar Howard plays a crippled youngster he guided during his final year of life, in "A Shining Season." The drama special will be broadcast Wednesday, Dec. 26, on CBS.

A sports editor who knew Baker well, Leroy Bearman of the Albuquerque Journal, described him as a young man who never gave up. "Athletes touch my life every day," Bearman wrote. "But not very many get under my skin. John Baker's greatest triumph of all was the way he lived when he had no idea of how much longer he would."

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Specialist works five years to develop bloodless operations for 'special' patients

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — For five years, Dr. Ron Lapin has been developing a most narrow medical specialty: surgical operations planned to be as bloodless as possible.

The majority of his patients are Jehovah's Witnesses whose faith forbids even life-saving blood transfusions.

Lapin says he is not permitted even an emergency blood supply for patients "who say, 'I would rather die than have a blood transfusion, which God tells me is wrong.'"

Jehovah's Witnesses come to surgeon Lapin from around the country for surgery of all kinds. So, he said, development of an artificial blood substitute called Fluosol is exciting news for them.

are a major medical tool.

Lapin contends doctors often refuse to operate on Witnesses, sometimes give unauthorized blood transfusions during surgical emergencies and have even filed suit to force transfusions.

BUT LAPIN SAID, "I am convinced that operations can be done without blood and they can be done successfully."

Lapin's techniques include large doses of folic acid, iron and vitamin B-12 to stimulate new blood production in the bone marrow.

Surgery itself, carefully planned step-by-step, usually involves electric cautery — sort of an electric knife that emits a spark to immediately close blood vessels as it slices through tissue.

Lapin does say artificial blood poses "a moral dilemma. If I have done an operation before without blood, can I now ask an individual to subject himself to something I'm not sure about?"

If the long-term safety and effectiveness of artificial blood is proven, Lapin said, it could prove invaluable for disaster victims, battlefield casualties and patients with rare blood types.

BUT UNTIL THEN, its use will probably be limited mostly to Witnesses, a group Lapin calls "nobody's people."

He said they are forgotten by politicians because they do not vote, demonstrate or serve in the military. They also pose "medical and emotional problems for doctors because nobody wants to have one of these patients die on his operating table" for lack of blood.

Lapin maintains a hot line telephone for Witnesses with medical problems and says it has rung almost 20,000 times in five years.

"What we mostly try to do is make peace between the Witness and the local doctor. We try to convince the Witnesses that doctors are not all ogres," he said.

"The main thing doctors are worried about is, are they going to get sued? The answer is no. Witnesses don't sue. We have never been able to find any case where a

Sanchez new chairman of Hispanic group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rodolfo B. Sanchez has been elected chairman of the Forum of National Hispanic Organizations, the group said Saturday.

Sanchez is executive director of the National Coalition of Hispanic Mental Health and Human Services Organizations.

The forum, organized in 1974, is made up of 63 Hispanic groups throughout the United States and parts of Latin America.

Witness has sued for not utilizing blood.

What a Witness will sue over is being given a transfusion during surgery, even if it saves his life. "They have sued for that," Lapin said. "They consider it a moral and a physical rape."

Lapin says much of his success with members of the religion stems from one thing: "I have never gone back on my word to

a Jehovah's Witness. I believe is wrong. I pray don't have the right to force medicine, not morality."

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MHS's Robnett gains honor team

Jeff Robnett won the District 5-4A rushing title and then was named to the All-District 5-4A team and now has been selected to the All-South Plains team, announced in Lubbock.



Midland High tailback Jeff Robnett added another honor recently when he was named to the All-South Plains squad.



Although she claims an affection for field hockey, Kath Silverthorn has also found time to join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace. She is the leading goal-scorer in Washington State. (AP Laserphoto)

QB Schlichter prepares to join Buckeye hoopers

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Art Schlichter may have a rare opportunity for a big-time college athlete — play on national champions in football and basketball in the same school year.

Nun gets her relaxation scoring in field hockey

SEATTLE (AP) — Some of her compatriots in the convent think she plays a little too rough, but Sister Kath Silverthorn is the leading scorer in the Cascade Field Hockey League — and shows no signs of heading for the sidelines.

Belisle may make move

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. (AP) — Former Washington Capitals Coach Dan Belisle reportedly has been asked to replace the fired Pat Kelly as coach of the American Hockey League Broomfield Dusters.

Big Henson still injured

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Luther Henson, a starting defensive tackle for top-ranked Ohio State, apparently will miss the Rose Bowl game against No. 3 rated Southern California New Year's Day.

Spectacular Sunland Park advertisement featuring a horse and jockey, with text: 'SPECTACULAR! SUNLAND PARK', '4-DAY RACING WEEKEND BEGINS ON FRIDAY', 'FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY-MONDAY'.

Florsheim shoe sale advertisement with images of various styles of shoes and text: 'FLORSHEIM sale', 'Originally \$50 to \$100 Now \$34.95 to \$79.97', 'BARNES PELLETTIER'.

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Dan Gurney to climb back into cockpit once more

By SHAV GLICK
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SANTA ANA, Calif. — Call it second childhood, playing at being Walter Mitty, a fear of middle age or whatever, the "little boy" in Dan Gurney has taken over.

Gurney, 48 (same as his familiar racing number), retired as a driver Oct. 5, 1970, after a career considered the most versatile in American racing annals — a winner in NASCAR stock cars, U.S. Auto Club championship cars, Can-Am and 24 Hours of Le Mans sports cars and Formula One. He has not driven a race car since except in celebrity or historic-car exhibitions.

Sunday Jan. 13, 1980 — almost a decade later — Gurney plans to pull on his helmet, zip up an overstuffed (he's 25 pounds heavier than in 1970) uniform and climb into a 1978 Chevrolet Monte Carlo to face the best of NASCAR (Winston Cup champion Richard Petty, Darrell Waltrip, Cale Yarborough, Bobby Allison, et al) in the Winston Western 500 (kilometers) at Riverside International Raceway.

Gurney once "owned" Riverside International Raceway, winning Grand National stock car races five of six years in a row (1963-66 and 1968), two Indy-car Rex Mays 300s in 1967-68 and a USAC stock car race in 1962. The eight wins are more than any other driver in Riverside history.

IN HIS FIRST RACE AT Riverside, an SCAA national points race in 1957, Gurney finished second behind Carroll Shelby's Maserati. Waltrip, defending champion in the Winston Western 500, was 10 years old at the time.

Gurney's moves around the nine-turn road course were so precise, no matter what vehicle he drove, the circuit became known as Gurney's Groove. "Gurney for President" badges and buttons were worn by thousands who made him by far the most popular driver at Riverside.

After finishing fifth in the Mission Bell 200 Trans-Am in 1970, Gurney summed his following when he said:

"I am 39 and although there are many examples of athletes succeeding in competition beyond that age, I've found that I've been getting more and more interested in other aspects of racing. To be as active in car building and preparation as I want to be would just dilute my effectiveness as a driver. So I am retiring."

NOW, AFTER NEARLY 10 years, why the comeback?
"First, it's not a comeback," said Gurney, flashing the apple-pie smile that captivated Europeans and Americans alike. "It's a one-shot deal. I'm

doing it out of nostalgia and curiosity more than anything. Curiosity from a clinical standpoint.

"I want to know what things will come back readily, what things won't come back readily and I want to know what will be the most difficult part of the whole operation."

Toward that end Gurney has been going back to school. Bob Bondurant's School of High Performance driving at Sears Point in Northern California. He spent two days racing Datsun 240 and 280Zs with Bondurant, a former Formula One driver.

Gurney's engaging enthusiasm is still there.

"Look at these lap charts," he said, his steel blue eyes flashing with excitement. "I lowered my lap times steadily in this session...and look at this, 14 straight laps right on the mark. I'm really proud of that, it shows great concentration and that's what I figured would be the most difficult part."

GURNEY'S FERVOR WAS NO less than the day in 1967 when he came home and told how he passed Jackie Stewart's BRM in the late stages of the Belgian Grand Prix at the Spa in his own Eagle to become the first American driver to win a Formula One race in an American-built car since Jimmy Murphy did it in a Dusenbergt in 1921.

Bondurant, after chasing and being chased around the twisting Sears Point course, was enthused over Gurney's performance:

"He has concentration, the best I've ever seen. He's still a charger. I'm glad to see that. His times kept getting lower and lower, little by little. That's the mark of a real pro."

The idea of racing again has been inside Gurney for years, perhaps almost from the day he announced his retirement.

"I was happy to quit when I did," Gurney said. "I started thinking about this when some of the new names like Waltrip and Bonnett and Parsons, fellows I'd never raced against, started popping up. You know how fellows sit around getting nostalgic about the 'good old days.' Some old cronies would ask me how I thought I'd do and I'd tell 'em. It would go back and forth, some thinking I'd do well and some saying racing was different now. You get to wondering just how a guy from the '60s, who had some success at Riverside, would compare with the new group in the first race of the '80s."

Les Richter, another nostalgic old No. 48 (his Ram uniform number), helped put the package together.

"I thought Dan was kidding a year ago when he called me and said, 'What would it take to get me in a car to race next January,'" said Richter, president of the Riverside Raceway. "I told him there was about as much chance as my putting on a uniform and playing for the Rams in the Super

Bowl. I thought it was a fun conversation and then I forgot about it.

Later, at the Times 500 at Ontario, Dan came up to me and said, 'Hey, 48, you got me a car yet? I'm serious, I want a ride.' I told him if he was for real, we'd talk about it next year. I thought in a year he'd get over it. But this year he started calling and kept pestering me until I decided maybe the old dog still wanted to try some young tricks. I set out to find him a car because I didn't want him in one that wouldn't be competitive."

Richter contacted the Wood Brothers, who owned and prepared the cars for all five of Gurney's 500-mile stock car wins, to see if they had a backup car available. They didn't but Rodney Osterlund, a Los Gatos, Calif., businessman who owns the car driven by rookie Dale Earnhardt, did.

Dan's car is exactly like the one Earnhardt put on the pole last June at Riverside," said Richter. "After I made the deal with Osterlund, I called Dan and told him about the car. I told him he'd have to go to a driver's school and prove the old man's still got his skills. All he said to me was, 'Old 48, let's go racing.'"

TWO DAYS AT SEARS POINT proved more difficult than Gurney had expected.

"I was amazed at how physically demanding it was," said Gurney. "I guess that's something I had grown up with so I never thought about it. When I got out of the car after a few laps I was wringing wet. I had forgotten how much strength went into a driver's movements. Everything is rough movement but it must also be precise. You are working with minute instants in time each time you go through a curve and there is one perfect way. To be too conservative can be bad but being too aggressive can be just as bad. Finding the precise movement takes time and practice. And then, as quickly as you've done well, another decision faces you, and then another and another. I had forgotten — maybe I never realized — how much was involved in racing a car at top speed."

Reaction to Gurney's ride has varied.

His wife, Evi, who was a major factor in his decision to retire, is not pleased.

"She has mixed emotions about it," said Gurney. "I guess I badgered her so much she finally said, 'If it's what you really want, go ahead and do it.' I think she wants me to get it out of my system. She'll be worried but she'll be rooting for me."

"I know damn well it's dangerous, all racing is, but I'm better off in a stock car than any other kind. Maybe it's not as safe as sitting in a library but what the heck, being under pressure at a desk is dangerous, too."

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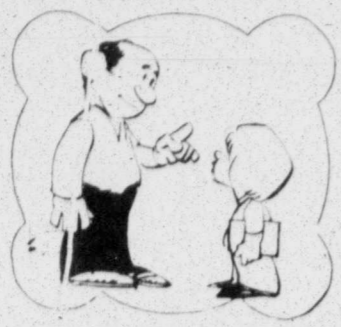
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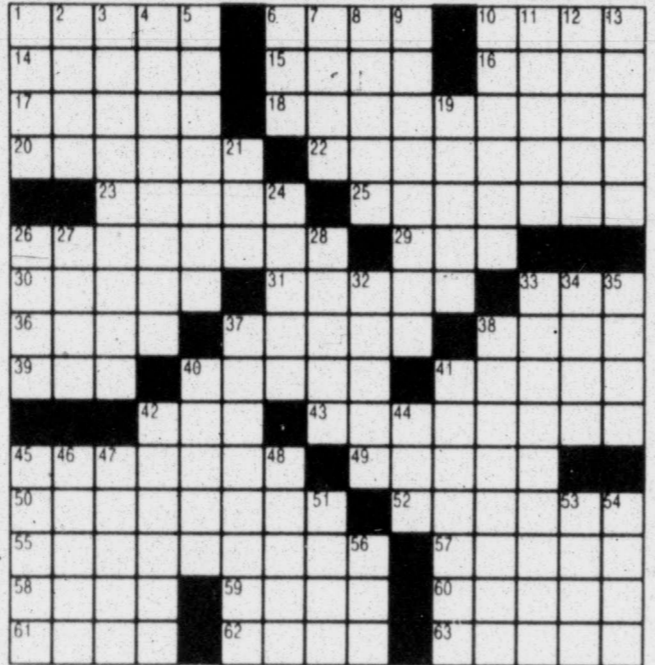
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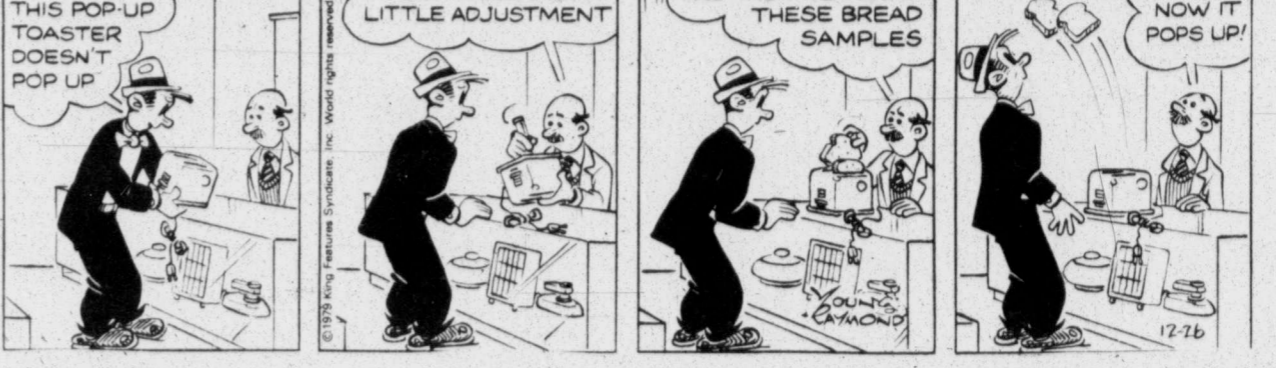
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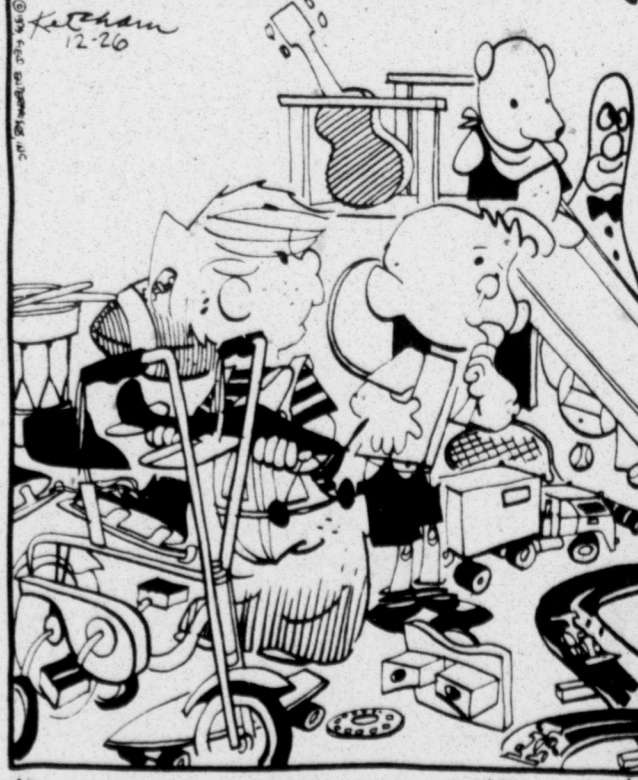
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Lane Wolf, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gore of Anson, Tex., watches the annual county fair parade while sitting in the good hands of Anson Jones, town

founder. The statue sits in front of the Anson County Courthouse. (AP Laserphoto)

'Decency' committee keeps eyes on textbooks

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — It's Thursday morning, and the back room of the restaurant is filled with dapperly dressed men talking earnestly over eggs and pancakes.

Mimeographed pamphlets are handed out. A comic book on sex education is passed around, and heads shake back and forth. A rousing prayer goes up.

The "Decency in Education" committee of Lee County is holding its weekly meeting.

"We're not book burners. We're not censors," says the Rev. Jack Gambill, committee chairman. "This is a national thing. It's springing up more and more all over the country."

The "national thing" is citizen activism against certain texts and other books being used in schools.

The "Decency" committee was formed in September after Mary Caserta, a mother and homemaker, demanded the Lee County school board ban a sixth-grade history book. She complained that an illustration in "History of Western Civilization" depicted Jesus Christ and the Last Supper in a ridiculous way.

Within minutes, 20 spectators were angrily warning board members they would have to answer at election time if they didn't remove the text from county schools.

"It hit us like a cold shower," says board chairwoman Rayma Page.

Mrs. Caserta "got my curiosity up," Gambill recalls. "We decided to look into what was in our children's books."

Today the committee is taking petitions door-to-door calling for the removal from school libraries of "Catcher in the Rye," "Soul on Ice," "Catch-22," "The Naked Ape," "Down These Mean Streets" and "Manchild in the Promised Land," as well as the history book.

Gambill says "Decency" has 4,200 signatures and hopes to give the board 8,000.

The group has also run newspaper ads linking declining test scores with what it says is the teaching of "secular humanism."

"Humanism is a religion that says man doesn't need a god, let man make up his own rules," says Gambill. "They have told us you can't pray in the school, you can't read Bibles. ... If it offends them to teach moral values, why can't they see it offends me when they teach that there is nothing wrong with using four-letter words and premarital sex?"

"Something has been ignited with this issue," Mrs. Page says. "It has all the earmarks of what's happened in other areas of the country." Some

examples from the past two years:

—In Anaheim, Calif., the school board — under pressure — approved an exclusive list of books for city schools. Among those excluded are most of the works of William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens and Mark Twain.

—In Warsaw, Ind., books such as "The Bell Jar," and "Growing Up Female in America" were removed from school shelves. Citizens burned books in a school parking lot. Four teachers opposed to textbook removals were fired. The superintendent of schools resigned.

—In North Bergen, N.J., some parents sought to have the book "Go Ask Alice" banned, but Superintendent Herman Klein refused, arguing that the book, which deals with a teenager's drug addiction, actually deters youngsters from drug abuse.

—In Issaquah, Wash., the board voted to remove "Catcher in the Rye" from reading lists. Board members in favor were recalled in a special election, and the new board put the book back into classrooms — but only for students who have written parental permission.

—In Middleville, Mich., the board dropped "Catcher" from the required reading list at Thornapple Kellogg

High School after parents complained it "violates the word of God." The book, which concerns a boy's experiences growing up, had been used at the school 11 years.

The National Council of Teachers of English and the American Library Association say the number of textbook controversies has taken an alarming upswing.

Judith Krug says the ALA received 300 reports of book-banning or censorship during the past school year. "That number was greater than at any other time in at least the last 25 years," she said.

Edward Jenkinson of the NCTE says he believes "the problem wouldn't exist if we weren't living in hard times. People are dissatisfied with a lot of things. ... They feel powerless to fight big government, so they start sniping at our schools."

Mrs. Page also notes that school boards are easily accessible: "They can reach us. They see me in the grocery store, in the beauty parlor. They can get my telephone number from the directory."

The Lee County school board believes it can defuse the situation by heeding the complaints and reviewing every controversial book. So far no books have been banned.

Newspapers duped by jobless 'destitute' man

DETROIT (AP) — David Landau said he needed a job. So he fabricated a story about foraging through garbage cans for his meals to save food for his son, a report that appeared in a Detroit newspaper.

Landau said he posed as "Bob Jensen," a social worker for the Wayne County Department of Social Services, in "tipping" the Detroit News to the story.

"I used that to get to somebody to try to find a job. It was a flim-flam. But everything else I said was true," he added. Landau said he thought "nobody would listen" if he told his story straight.

Landau said he served three years in prison for forgery and has been arrested for impersonating a federal narcotics officer and posing as the head of the U.S. Justice Department.

"My problem is that I am 46, a single parent and welfare programs are set up to help women," he said.

He confessed to the News on Saturday after a caller questioned some of the information in the story.

While posing as the social worker, Landau said the father's Aid to Dependent Children payments had been cut off. Under the assumed name of "Jensen," Landau said he told the newspaper a man named Curly was eating out of garbage cans so his son's food supply would last longer.

The story prompted a flood of offers for donations and several job opportunities.

The News said it was returning contributions sent in for the purportedly destitute pair. Landau said he had returned donations he already received, but was following up on the job offers.

"That's all I ever asked for, a job, not charity," he said. "Everyone who called wanting to give me money or clothes did a nice thing, but that's no help. I never said I wanted any of that, and I don't."

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Population growth a threat to world's stability

BENJAMIN SHORE
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON -- While the United States worries about admitting several hundred thousand Indochinese refugees, the world's population is growing at the rate of about 1 million persons every five days, roughly 74 million a year.

Those two statistics are dramatic taken separately, provocative when linked. In the eyes of neutral observers, the spacious, fertile United States could appear to be worrying greatly about a relatively minor problem.

While the problems associated with the resettlement of Indochina refugees are real to the cities where they choose to settle, the growth of the world's population is equally real and far more threatening to social stability.

The latest warning -- the latest of many in an increasingly growth-conscious era -- comes from the Population Reference Bureau, a 50-year-old Washington-based demographics think tank.

Here's one sentence for thought:
With close to half of the developing world's population now under age 15, the relentless arithmetic of population momentum will carry waves of population growth into the 21st century even if replacement-level fertili-

ty -- essentially, an average family of two children -- were miraculously to be achieved everywhere tomorrow.

The reference to a miracle is not an overstatement. The fact is that despite growing awareness of the need to plan populations to match national or regional ability to sustain them with food, fuel and jobs, family planning has a long way to go in the nations posing the greatest population problems.

From the latest Population Reference Bureau report come some illuminating statistics.

In small, impoverished Bangladesh, where the population is 87 million and still exploding, and in Pakistan, with 80 million and growing equally rapidly, over 75 percent of married women have heard of contraceptive methods but only 14 percent in Bangladesh and 10 percent in Pakistan use any.

In Mexico, with 68 million and officially committed to reducing its rate of growth, 80 percent of married women know about contraceptives but only 45 percent use any.

The goal is stabilization of population growth. This means having nearly equal numbers of births and deaths. But attainment of this goal is so far into the future that the globe will continue to grow for at least

another 70 years.

Our globe has some 4.3 billion residents today. If, according to the Population Reference Bureau's latest projection, it continues growing at a certain rate until the year 2050, that would almost double the population to 8.1 billion.

Yet many analysts, including the Worldwatch Institute's Lester Brown, argue that the world is not adequately supporting the current population of 4.3 billion.

Brown says that if the developed countries don't lean harder on the developing nations to stabilize population at 6 billion by 2015, the world's biological systems will become overloaded and no longer sustain additional people.

The implications for affluent nations with space, food, fuel and other resources -- nations such as the United States and many of its allies -- are frightening.

More frightening is the small amount of effort the U.S. government is making toward galvanizing world opinion. Many U.S. policymakers can comprehend the impact of a few hundred thousand refugees, but few are bothering to look up at the far larger onrushing problem.



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Duck hunters fire volley that capsizes canoe

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP) — Three duck hunters in a canoe all fired at the same time and the recoil capsized the boat, sending two of the men to their deaths, the survivor says.

Richard Leighton said after the accident Saturday that he used duck decoys for flotation on Lake Aldwell, eight miles west of Port Angeles. He said he swam ashore and hiked to a lodge on the lake.

Leighton, 22, is a petty officer at the Coast Guard air station at Port Angeles. He called the air station directly and the first rescue helicopter arrived in eight minutes, said Coast Guard spokesman Lt. Philip Johnson.

The helicopters airlifted the two hunters to a Port Angeles hospital, Johnson said. They died later in the afternoon after emergency treatment for hypothermia — loss of body heat or exposure. Johnson said they had been in the water about an hour.

He identified the dead as Coast Guard Petty Officer Michael D. Bul-tena, 31, of Sioux Falls, S.D., stationed at the Coast Guard air station in Port Angeles, and Lynn B. Rhodes, 22, of Port Angeles.

She's already sold everything else, she says

CHICAGO (AP) — "Desperate woman wants to exchange her kidney for financial assistance," the newspaper ad said. "My family is hungry and hurting. P.O. Box 11, Wilmington, Ill. 60481."

Marguerite Miller says she had already sold everything else she could think of.

"I didn't have much — a ring from my mother, and a little cocktail ring, some clothes; and when my husband had work (as a sheriff's deputy) he had a gun, so I sold that," Mrs. Miller said Sunday.

"It all went one by one," she said. "Each week I just was going down and down and down — I could not see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Then five or six months ago she started thinking that she might be able to sell one of her kidneys to raise money, she said. She supports her ailing husband, John, and her 13-year-old daughter, Missy.

"What do I have to offer anybody or anything? I had nothing left to give," said Mrs. Miller, 54.

"I thought about an eye but I couldn't bring myself to do that," she said. "I thought if there was someone in this world that could live with a kidney that I would be glad to do it because it would be reciprocal — I could save his or her life and they would figuratively be saving mine."

Mrs. Miller said she slowly has been losing a financial battle that began two years ago when her husband started losing his memory and becoming disoriented.

Miller had to quit his job because of what doctors diagnosed as presenile dementia, a disease that causes premature aging and for which there is no cure.

He gets "lost in the house — if he wanders too far, he may not know where he is," Mrs. Miller said.

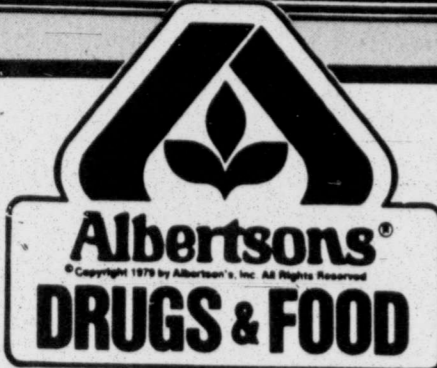
Mrs. Miller, a security guard, takes home about \$113 a week and said she was unable to find a better-paying job. The family moved from the Chicago suburb of Maywood to Wilmington, a small community of about 4,300 people where living costs are cheaper.

But still unable to make ends meet, Mrs. Miller placed the ad in Thursday's Chicago Sun-Times.

On Thursday night, she went to the post office box and she found \$10 enclosed in a Christmas card. On Sunday, the Sun-Times ran a story about her plan to sell a kidney and later there were four deliveries of food baskets — three brought by Wilmington police from anonymous donors and one from a local Baptist congregation.

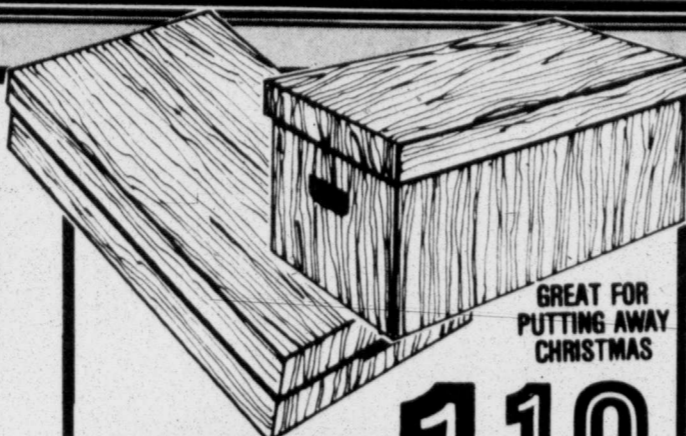
Several people called to offer money and help. A woman asked Mrs. Miller's permission to send Missy a gold cross that she had blessed.

"The way I put the ad was precisely what I meant," she said.



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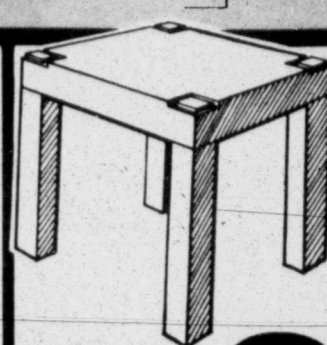
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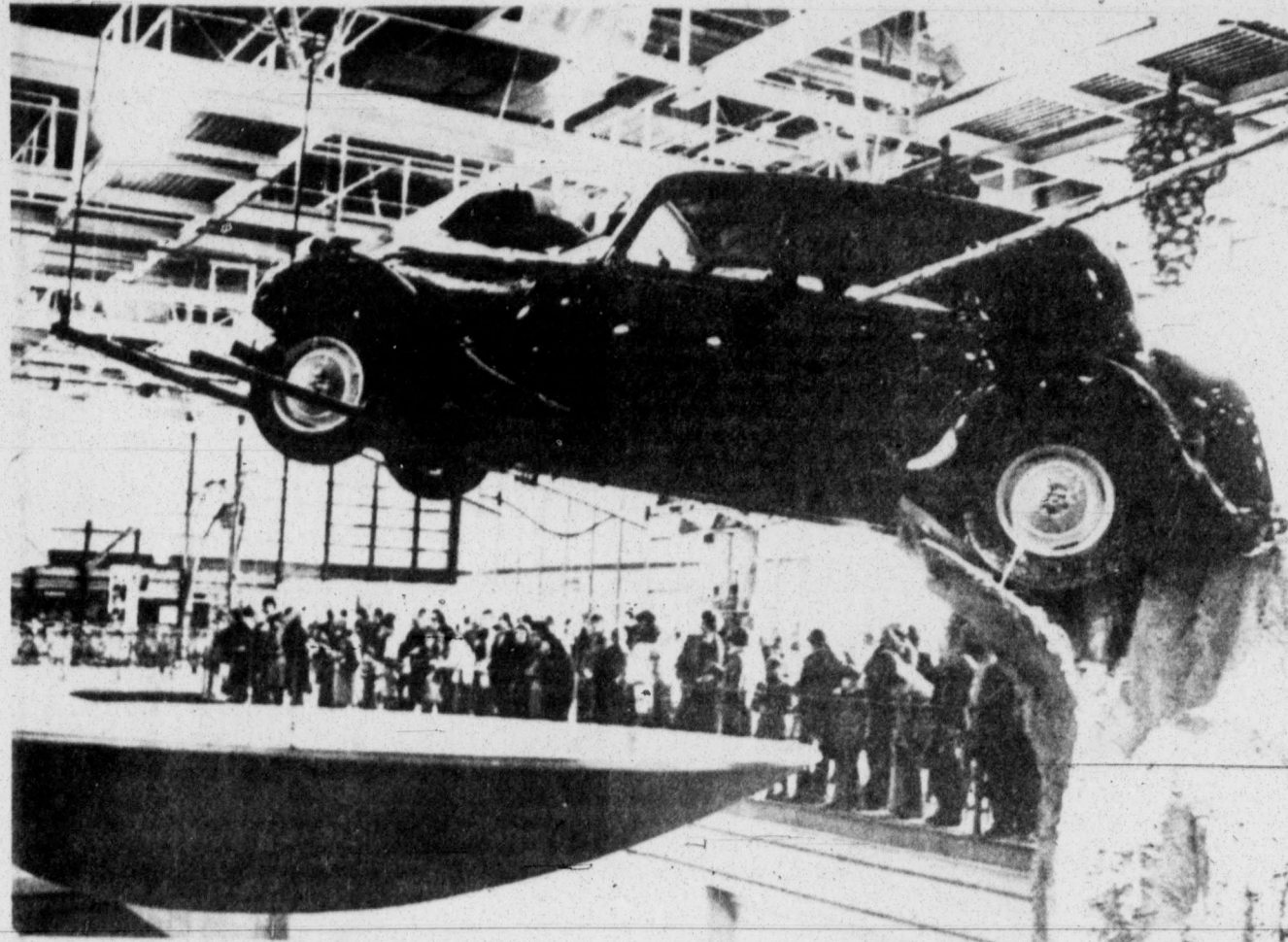
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Onlookers enjoy one of the big hits of the current Salvador Dali exhibition at the Georges Pompidou Art Center in downtown Paris, Monday. The item is composed of an old Citroen car from the thirties

hung over a giant spoon. This major retrospective of the work of the Spanish artist is due to run up to April 14. (AP Laserphoto)

Irate Redskin fan wants Congress to probe NFL

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent
WASHINGTON (AP) — All Walter E. Fauntroy wants for Christmas is an instant replay, live and with a different outcome.

Since he can't have that, he has asked for a congressional investigation of professional football, which he won't get either.

And all because the Washington Redskins' 1979 season was one second too short.

Fauntroy represents the District of Columbia in the House. He doesn't have a vote, but he does have a mimeograph machine.

He cranked it up after the Redskins lost to the Dallas Cowboys, 35-34, and left the field arguing that the clock should have been stopped with one second left, giving them a shot at a game-winning field goal.

It would have taken some kick — 59 yards to be exact. And it may be that the Redskins, Fauntroy and the rest of their fans may get more off-season mileage out of laments about the way they were short-timed than they would with the memory of a missed, marathon field goal attempt.

Of course it might have succeeded, in which case outraged Texans would be claiming that the officials let the

game run a second too long.

Since Washington came up short of time and points, Fauntroy has taken his outrage to the House Commerce Committee, demanding an investigation of the National Football League and its officiating.

"I have become so disillusioned with the integrity of the National Football League that I cannot help but wonder if it was possible for the Redskins to win the game under any circumstances," Fauntroy wrote Rep. Harold O. Staggers, D-W.Va., the committee chairman.

Since the Redskins held a 13-point lead before they fumbled the game away in the closing minutes, that seems an overstatement.

Fauntroy said it wasn't sour grapes on his part because "similar controversies have occurred in virtually every NFL city this year."

But he wasn't moved until the 16th game of the season turned out to be the last one for Washington.

There was a time when almost any outrage, real or imagined, prompted calls for a congressional investigation. But the old investigation ploy was overworked. It got to be a cliché, and the more astute publicity-seekers devised other ways to get attention.

They sue, or convene unofficial

hearings, or form lobbying groups.

Still, the demand that Congress investigate has its advantages. For one thing, the politician doing the demanding can say that he is not prejudging the outcome.

"Some fans believe that the games are rigged, either to achieve fans' support or television revenue," Fauntroy said. "I am not prepared to take such a position at this time."


For another, it is possible to attack on more than one front. So Fauntroy said the House committee should look into the role of television in the NFL, and also should consider the impact of professional gambling.

"Millions of dollars are bet on professional football games every week, and certainly it would be naive to think that professional gamblers would not do everything possible to gain an advantage," Fauntroy said.

They probably do, but the gamblers got no edge on the Dallas-Washington game. The Cowboys beat the Redskins, but they didn't beat the point spread. Dallas was favored by nine, so a bet on the Redskins was a winner.

Which is more than you can say about the notion of a congressional investigation prompted by their defeat.

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Dear Dr. Solomon: I recently purchased a food item which included silicon dioxide in its list of ingredients. What purpose does this serve? — Mrs. D.S.
Dear Mrs. S.: Silicon dioxide prevents the caking or lumping of items that come in powdered or crystalline form, such as sugar or salt. It acts by absorbing moisture. Other chemicals that serve the same purpose are calcium silicate and iron ammonium citrate.

Dear Dr. Solomon: Whenever I see my doctor, he tells me I ought to lose a few pounds. I know I should, but the funny part is that he is heavier than I am. Don't doctors follow their own advice? — Tim.

Dear Tim: The fact that doctors may not follow their own advice does not mean that the advice is not valid. Many doctors smoke but advise their patients not to do so, and the wise patient follows this advice.

A poll of about 200 family physicians revealed that most (62 percent) wanted to lose weight; however, the overwhelming majority (89 percent) had not done anything about it in the past six months.

If you know you should lose some weight, don't let your doctor's failure in this regard deter you from doing so.

Dear Dr. Solomon: After a year of following a low-cholesterol diet, I find that my cholesterol level is as high as ever. Aside from limiting the intake of foods high in cholesterol, which in my case doesn't seem to work, is there any way to reduce cholesterol? — Tony.

Dear Tony: Dr. Charles J. Glueck, of the University of Cincinnati's General Clinical Research Center, believes there may be an answer to the cholesterol problem — an artificial fat known as sucrose polyester which can be added to food. In his studies, Dr. Glueck found that the substance reduced the blood cholesterol levels of 11 subjects who had been on a zero-cholesterol diet, as well as 17 others who had been on intermediate or high-level cholesterol diets.

It also resulted in a substantial decrease in low-density lipoproteins (the chief cholesterol-carrying fraction which is involved in the development of arteriosclerosis), and a slight increase in high-density lipoproteins (the beneficial fraction). So far no side effects from the use of sucrose polyester have been observed.

Dr. Glueck says the substance can be processed to resemble corn oil or a solid or semi-solid shortening, and could be used for frying or baking or to make mayonnaise or salad dressing. It also could be incorporated satisfactorily into many different kinds of foods.

These findings do not mean an early return to a high-cholesterol bacon-and-eggs breakfast. More study is needed to determine both the value and possible risks of adding sucrose polyester to the diet.

Cleveland population drops below 1910 level

CLEVELAND (AP) — Next year's census will show Cleveland has fewer residents than it did 70 years ago, population researchers say.

And by 1986, the city's population will have shrunk even more, predicted Edric A. Weld of the Cleveland State University's college of urban affairs.

Cleveland will have only 560,000 residents in 1980, about 25 percent fewer than the 750,000 counted in the 1970 census, Weld said. Cuyahoga County will have just 1.5 million, as compared with 1.7 million in 1970.

Cleveland's population was 560,663 in 1910, before the city began to grow to become the nation's sixth largest in 1930.

The U.S. Bureau of the Census now ranks Cleveland as 18th among the nation's largest cities. But that listing, too, could be in danger of falling if 1980 census figures confirm Cleveland State's report.

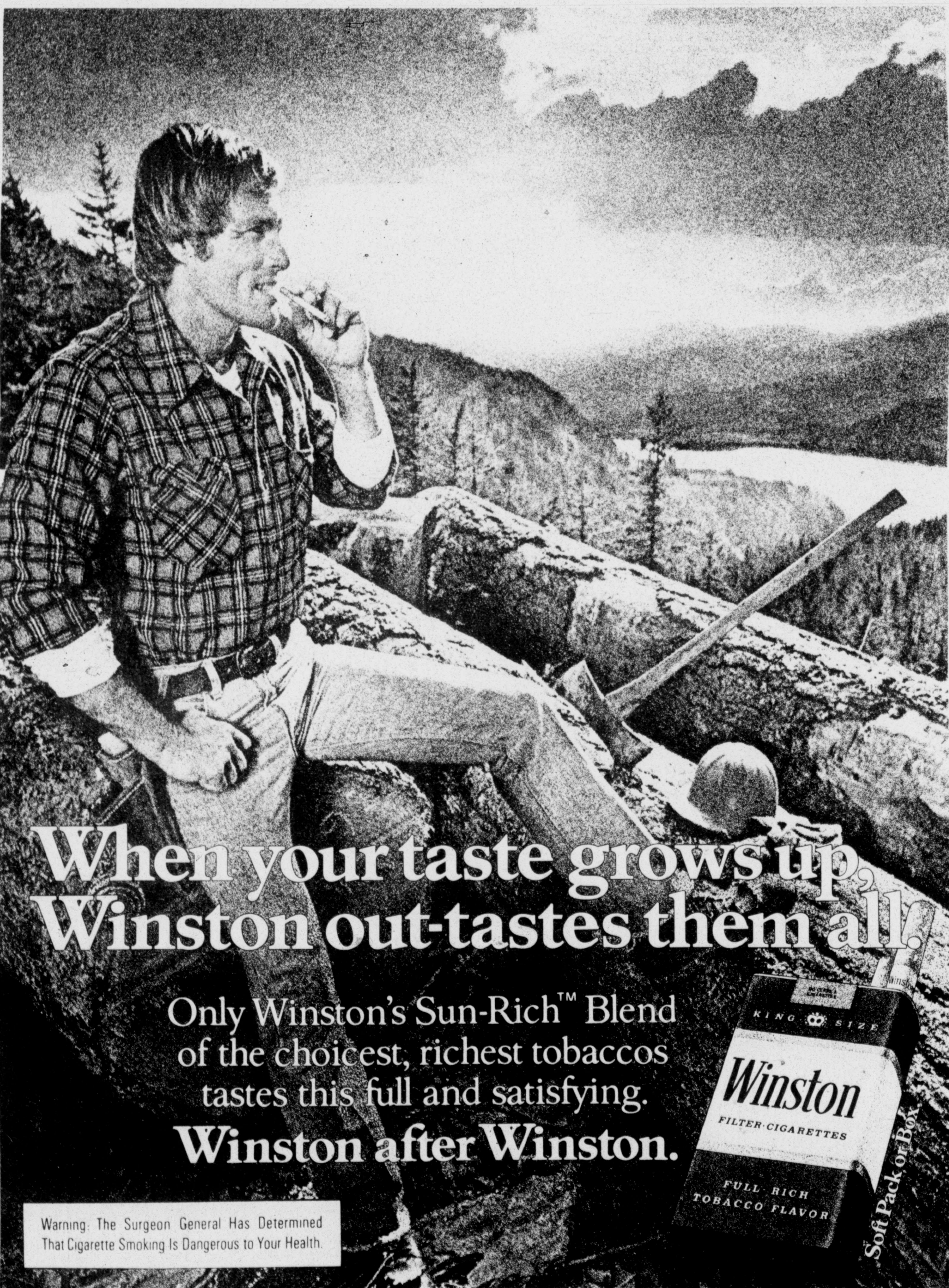
Weld said the university's analysis is based on census bureau population estimates taken in 1978, which have not yet been published. Those estimates were obtained through the Ohio Department of Economic and Community Development, he said.

The university's projection assumes continuation of current birth, death and migration trends.

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Poland not prepared for winter will have severe power shortage

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — With stalled elevators and fading television screens, Poland is heading into another power-short Eastern European winter.

"Last year our commission made proposals to the government," legislator Marcell Faska said, as the country neared another record power deficit. "Unfortunately, nothing was done...."

Sporadic and largely unannounced blackouts have become common throughout much of Poland. Power is being cut back to non-essential industries and Poles are getting extra Saturdays off to save more energy.

The Polish power troubles are reflected throughout communist Eastern Europe, from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

In neighboring Czechoslovakia, pedestrians ignore sudden blackouts that plunge all of central Prague into darkness.

Streetlights have been dimmed and extinguished from Bulgaria to East Germany this year. Hungarians have cut back street lighting and patrol officers to turn off unneeded lights.

Romania is one of the darkest countries in central Europe, thanks to its cutbacks, and television sets there present wavering images blamed on reduced power levels.

Poland had a 457-megawatt electricity surplus as recently as 1974. It is expected to finish this year 2,816 megawatts short of what it planned to have.

Critics complain that the government knew the electricity margin would disappear in 1975, but did

nothing in time to avoid the present problems.

The weekly newspaper Polityka complained recently that the government approved new power plants in 1971 that could not go into operation until the next decade. Even then, it said, the government still approved expansion of the power-devouring cement, steel and chemical industries.

The government put all power producers under a single Energy Ministry in October, the newspaper said, to cut an "interministerial Gordian knot of nearsighted interests, lack of imagination and mismanagement."

Calling for a new way of thinking in Poland, the newspaper cited the ultramodern Skawina aluminum mill near Krakow.

"Modern it is, but to produce one ton of aluminum takes three times the energy needed by the old methods," it claimed.

"Inventors of prefabricated buildings should wonder why Polish prefabricates are three times as badly insulated as similar products abroad," the newspaper said. "They think they produce cheaply, but the total costs are much higher in the end."

Polish experts estimate the country could avoid shortages if its power plants could just avoid half their breakdowns.

But they say maintenance at the plants is delayed because of the shortages.

Power plants are also said to have received only 64 percent of the spare parts they were due, and only 65 percent of the maintenance scheduled for the first nine months of 1979.

Postwar Poland's energy production has been managed by seven different systems.

"Not a single plant has been built under the same authority," said Polityka.

Polish authorities have responded to the power deficit with a policy of temporary power cuts, many of them unannounced blackouts which have left people stranded in elevators and sitting before darkened television screens.

One Communist Party official in northern Poland won public praise because people in his territory were given a quick extra blackout to warn them that a bigger one was coming.

"We pre-notify our people by a brief flash," said party Secretary Zenon Luksza, "and everybody knows."

Midland to host meeting for Texas Senior Centers

Midland will host the fourth annual conference of the Texas Association of Senior Centers March 24-26, according to Jan Reed, director of senior services at Midland College.

Topic for the conference will be "Place and Space," providing a focal point in Texas communities to respond to the needs of older people.

"We are pleased that Midland was chosen to host this conference, which will attract both professional staff members and volunteers concerned with activities and needs of our older citizens," Mrs. Reed said.

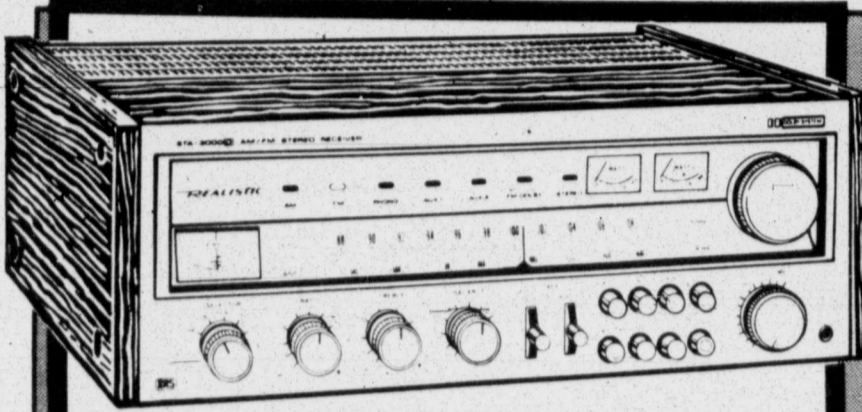
Most of the activities will be conducted at Midland College. General session topics will include "So You Want a Multi-Purpose Center?" and "Senior Center Concept—How the Facility Design Effects the Mental and Physical Well Being of the Older Person." There will be workshops on such topics as interior design and furnishings, re-do—make-do, shared facilities, planning a senior center to extend a continuum of care, creative use of space and motivational settings.

A portion of the conference will include a tour of the Midland Senior Center, which will be under construction at the time of the conference. Those attending also will be entertained at MC and at the Ector County Senior Center in Odessa.

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UTPB will offer spring courses at selected off-campus towns

Andrews, Big Spring, Midland and Pecos will be the sites for several off-campus courses being offered by The University of Texas at the Permian Basin this spring.

Dr. Thomas Wolff, assistant to the president at UTPB, said registration dates have been set in each town.

Pecos High School library will be the site for registration from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 8 in Pecos. Four courses are being offered.

Criminal Justice 400, Criminal Justice Organization Theory and Practice, will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays. The class will explore organization and practice of police, prosecutors, public defenders and defense attorneys, trial courts and correctional agencies.

Two Pecos courses are designed for area educators — PED 634, Curriculum, Foundation of the Secondary School, and PED 611, Early Childhood Education: Curricula, Procedure and Materials. Both classes will be offered from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. Wednesdays.

Marketing 600, The Marketing Process, also meeting from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. in the library, will provide information needed and the incorporation of marketing decisions into management function.

Two courses offered in Andrews are expected to have broad appeal — Anthropology 417, Archaeology of the Southwest, is scheduled from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Mondays, and Literature 489, The Bible as Literature, will be taught from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Both classes will be conducted in the vocational

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Midland College adding pipe drafting to occupational curriculum, says Box

A new vocational course in pipe drafting has been added to the Midland College curriculum for the spring semester, according to Dr. Marshall Box, vice president for occupational-technical studies.

The course, listed as Drafting Technology 2302, will be offered from 7 to 9:50 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Persons interested in the course must have completed Drafting 2301 or be able to show proficiency in drafting techniques.

The course is a study of pipe and fittings, designs, symbols and specifications, sizing process lines and process symbols. Students will learn to draft flow diagrams, vessels, heat exchangers, pump instruments, compressors and mechanical equipment.

Instructor for the course will be Paul Long, who holds a bachelor's degree in education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant and

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Students at UTPB to get courses in Texas' past

ODESSA — Twelve thousand years ago, people were living, working and dying in West Texas. Today, studies are being done to find out more about these people.

With spring registration at The University of Texas at the Permian Basin Jan. 10-11, students will have the opportunity to discover more about Texas and to add to the growing knowledge of previous civilizations.

The course, Anthropology 489, Archeology of Texas, will give students the chance to work in an area where the chance of discovery is great because relatively little work has been done on the archeology of Texas, particularly West Texas, according to Dr. Gordon Bronitsky, assistant professor of archeology and anthropology.

"Archeologically, this is one of the least-known areas of Texas," Bronitsky said. "But we do know that a game hunting culture lived here. We also know there was an immigration of farm people from New Mexico probably somewhere around AD 900, who left the area around 1300," he said.

Bronitsky noted Apache Indians moved into the area during the 1500s, followed by the Comanche Indians during the 1700s.

In association with the class, Bronitsky has planned a lecture series dealing with the archeology of Texas.

Enrollment at UTPB is open to any student who has completed at least 60 credit hours of coursework from any accredited community college, senior college or university. Students may enroll for credit or under the university's ENCORE program, a no-grade option for persons not working toward a degree.

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18-year-old American prisoner released on bail from Turkish jail for Christmas

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Loretta J. Dooley, an 18-year-old American student imprisoned here on drug charges, was taken today from Istanbul's Sagmalcilar prison to police headquarters as the first step in her imminent release on bail.

"God, it's fantastic to be free and wandering around," she said in a brief interview as she awaited the formal release. "It is really fantastic to be free on a Christmas holiday."

An American consulate spokesman said once the official procedure at the police headquarters was completed, probably later today, Miss Dooley, of Tracy, Calif., would be "free and will make her own decision as to where to stay."

In a hearing Tuesday, a Turkish judge ordered Miss Dooley's release on bail when her lawyer pleaded that it was "Christmas day, a very

important day for Christians."

Bail was set at \$1,500 which was promptly paid this morning. The next hearing was scheduled for Feb. 5.

SHE shouted "Hooray!" at the judge's decision Tuesday and her father, contacted in America, exclaimed, "It's a very merry Christmas."

Dick Higgins, U.S. vice-consul in Istanbul, said today "the money has been paid and we expect her release very soon. We had an advance (sum of) money deposited with us and our courier paid the amount this morning." Prison officials said Miss Dooley, an exchange student, "may be set free either today or late tomorrow."

"This girl is only 18 and came to Turkey as part of an exchange student system which requires high intelligence as a standard," Miss

Dooley's lawyer argued Tuesday before Istanbul's three-member Second Criminal Court. "Furthermore, today is Christmas and it is an important day for Christians throughout the world."

The chief judge acceded to the plea. When an interpreter repeated the news in English to Miss Dooley, who was seated on a wooden bench guarded by two soldiers with submachine guns, she shouted with joy and embraced friends and American officials who attended the hearing.

Among the well-wishers were Wesley Hogle, a 58-year-old contractor from Tracy who flew 19-hours nonstop to Istanbul "to do something for a friend," and Carol Flores, a 26-year-old industrial photographer, who accompanied Hogle and cheered when the judge ordered Miss Dooley freed on bail.

"I WAS very upset when I heard she was involved in this, but now everything will be all right," Miss Flores said. "I don't know any better Christmas celebration than seeing a friend get out of trouble."

Miss Dooley's father, Vernon, said when contacted in Tracy, "It's a very merry Christmas," and that he was sure his daughter would be allowed to leave Turkey. Turkish legal sources also said Miss Dooley may benefit from a prisoner exchange treaty now before the Turkish Parliament.

Miss Dooley, who arrived in Turkey as part of an American Field Service exchange program, was arrested Aug. 1 with nine grams of hashish in spiked cigarettes. Narcotics police seized her after receiving a tip from the woman she was living with that she would attempt to mail the hashish in an

envelope.

In previous testimony, she denied that she ever tried to smuggle hashish but said the spiked cigarettes were "for my personal consumption." She also claimed the cigarettes accidentally got into the parcel, which was addressed to her home in California.

Nonetheless, the prosecutor demanded a 10-year prison term for her on grounds she "attempted to smuggle," a charge that carries a heavier punishment than possession for personal use.

MISS DOOLEY already has spent almost five months in the women's section of 2,500-capacity Sagmalcilar prison complex on the outskirts of Istanbul.

In past interviews, she complained bitterly about conditions in her living quarters, and said she was approached by lesbian inmates at one time.

He keeps a padlock on the refrigerator where the man-made micro-life might be

By WAYNE SLATER
Associated Press Writer

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — Most of Tom Pridham's menagerie is public, but he keeps a padlock on the refrigerator door where the man-made life might be.

Not even Pridham is sure what's in there. He just keeps it safe — and secret.

"We maintain some odd kinds of microbial life," says Pridham, the government's "zokeeper" for more than 70,000 organisms from bacteria to yeasts, all kept on the third floor of a yellow brick laboratory building here.

Pridham's menagerie probably is the largest collection of micro-organisms in the world. As such, it likely will be the place — or at least a model for the place — where companies seeking patents on newly invented life forms will send their discoveries for safekeeping.

In fact, Pridham says that a few may already be here.

"Companies just send organisms here with a name," he says. "There is really no way you can detect some of these genetically engineered forms unless you know what it is and what to look for and how to analyze it."

Gene-splitting no longer is the stuff of science fiction. A fledgling industry using recombinant DNA technology has grown up in recent years and, recognizing there may be profit in man-made life, has gone on the offense to protect its discoveries.

General Electric Co. is presently involved in a court case in which GE has tried to patent a "bug" which eats oil slicks and then in turn becomes food for fish. The U.S. Patent office has held that a living organism cannot be patented and the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to consider the issue.

The case is being watched closely by genetic researchers and could have a big impact on an emerging frontier of science dealing with genetic modification, test tube babies and methods of mechanically rearranging DNA, the building blocks of life.

Pridham's facility at the Agriculture Department's laboratory here has long been a place where companies have sent samples of naturally occurring micro-organisms used in various industrial processes such as making alcohol and antibiotics.

The patent office requires that companies send live samples of organisms either to Pridham or to another lab in Maryland as part of the application. Those are the samples behind the locked refrigerator doors.

Pridham concedes that his refrigerator may already be home to the first members of a bold new generation of genetically engineered life. But he's not confirming anything.

"I try to maintain very strict control on patent cultures to prevent any leak of information," says the auburn-haired scientist who is the fourth curator in the collection's 75-year history.

The vast majority of the 70,000 inhabitants are not secret because they are not involved in pending patent cases. They are kept in about a quarter of a million test tubes stored in long lines of white refrigerators, unlocked, or in tanks of liquid nitrogen.

In the lab adjacent to Pridham's office are stacks of boxes and metal file cabinets holding cards which identify each strain and include a few details about what it looks like and what it does.

Agriculture Department scientists use the samples in research. And the department has a policy of sending samples from the collection to outside scientists involved in legitimate research at universities or companies, Pridham says.

Some of the inhabitants in Pridham's menagerie are old-time members with excellent pedigrees, including the progeny of the original strain of penicillin discovered in 1928 by Alexander Fleming.

Others are newcomers like the still-unnamed bacteria recently discovered in a cowpile which scientists believe can be used in the production of alcohol.

But those are all naturally occurring. The new group would be man-made.

The issue of creating life has sparked moral and environmental controversy in recent years. Opponents have raised the spectre of mutant forms polluting the air and water, or of a possible subversion of the process of altering genetic characteristics aimed at creating "a master race."

However, Irving Johnson, vice president for research at Eli Lilly & Co., says research into gene-splicing is likely to lead to better and cheaper pharmaceuticals and new sources of chemicals and energy.

"Potential application of recombinant DNA techniques are limited only by the imagination of the people using them," he says.

A primary candidate for the first such product to reach the commercial market is a synthetic insulin now being developed by a San Francisco Co. working under contract to Lilly.

Wise-cracking actress Joan Blondell, 73, dies

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Joan Blondell, the brassy but good-hearted heroine of comedies and musicals who once called herself "the fizz on the soda," has died of leukemia after a stage and screen career spanning five decades.

Miss Blondell, 73, died Christmas morning at St. John's Hospital, where she had been ill for several weeks, said Flora Marks, the actress's business manager.

In her heyday, the quick-with-a-comeback blonde exchanged wisecracks with such leading stars of Hollywood as James Cagney, Edward G. Robinson, Spencer Tracy, Clark Gable, Leslie Howard, Erroll Flynn, Pat O'Brien and Robert Taylor.

The daughter of a New York City vaudeville couple, Rose Joan Blondell launched her career in the spotlight at age 3, when she joined the family act.

She parlayed her first major Broadway success — "Maggie the Magnificent" opposite Cagney — into a 1930 contract with Warner Bros. and made so many films that she later had trouble remembering them all.

In her early roles, with such movies as "Public Enemy," she was stereotyped as a gangland moll, but her song-and-dance talents were displayed in "Gold Diggers of 1933," and "Footlight Parade."

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