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## Efforts continue to free U. S. hostages

### Mood of 'great concern' continues to grip nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The extended war of nerves with Iran will make this Christmas "very special" and somewhat subdued, says first lady Rosalynn Carter.

"It's a very special Christmas for all our family and for the whole country," she said as she displayed the 18-foot White House Christmas tree Monday. "Our country is more united than it has been in a long, long time."

She said the Carters plan to go ahead with their Christmas activities, but "they probably won't be as loud."

Emerging from a Democratic congressional breakfast with President Carter today, House Democratic Whip John Brademas of Indiana said he would not speculate on any possible new initiatives regarding Iran.

But he said the mood "continues to be one of very great concern."

He said it was significant that the administration hoped that Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance's trip to Europe might encourage greater cooperation among U.S. allies in presenting a united front.

Brademas declined to speculate about whether Carter would have any difficulty finding support for an Iranian trade embargo in Congress. He said he did not know whether the president would need congressional approval before imposing such an embargo.

Meanwhile, Navy officials said a repair ship had been dispatched to the Indian Ocean, indicating U.S. warships will remain in proximity to Iran indefinitely.

Officials said the destroyer tender Dixie entered the area over the weekend from the China Sea. With the arrival of the supply ship White Plains, U.S. naval strength in the region has now reached 23 ships.

Officials stressed the shift did not mean there would be a permanent U.S. fleet in those waters, but it suggested powerful units would be stationed there for the duration of the standoff with Iran.

And White House press secretary Jody Powell reiterated Monday the administration's refusal to discuss pre-revolutionary Iran while the 50 American hostages are held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

"So long as our people are being held contrary to international law, that is the issue," he said.

He said the administration also would not support a possible investigation of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's reign before the hostages are released.

Iranian Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said last week he plans to establish an international panel to help Iran investigate "spies" and alleged U.S. crimes against Iran during the shah's regime.

Iranian authorities also have said they are giving serious consideration to trying some or all of the hostages as spies.



U.S. Marine hostage William Gallegos is seen talking during a television network interview inside the U.S. Embassy in Tehran Monday. Related story on Page 2A. (AP Laserphoto)

### Iranians say observers will visit U.S. hostages

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Foreign Minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh said today international observers will see the American hostages in the occupied U.S. Embassy "in the very near future."

"We are going to have independent international observers to go and visit the prisoners in, I hope, a very short time and afterwards I hope that visits will be (made) regularly," Ghotbzadeh told a news conference.

The news conference was for newspaper and magazine reporters, not wire services, but The Associated Press obtained a tape recording of the questions and answers.

"One visit certainly is agreed upon, and it will be done I hope in the very near future," Ghotbzadeh said. "I hope that visits will be regularly (allowed). I can't guarantee that now."

Among the international intermediaries in Tehran is Harold Schmidt Degruneck of the International Red Cross, who saw 15 of the hostages earlier in the five-week-old siege.

U.N. emissary Zuhair Yamin arrived in Tehran Monday and Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Shabul Hameed, who already has acted as an intermediary, is reportedly back in Tehran.

Ghotbzadeh said attempts were being made by Iranian officials to assemble an international grand jury as soon as possible to investigate Iran's grievances, including crimes charged against the deposed shah.

Meanwhile, the official Pars news agency reported today that a revolutionary guard was shot dead behind the embassy last Sunday morning and said the "martyred" guard was buried in his home town in the Sennan central province. Pars said only that the man was killed by "an unknown person" during a change of guard.

ABC News reported the Carter administration had "signaled" that if the hostages were not released within seven to 10 days, the United States would launch an economic campaign to bring down Iranian strongman Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. But a spokesman for the State Department's task force on Iran denied the report.

Khomeini on Monday defied the United States to blockade Iran and

made a personal appeal to President Carter as the outcome of the rebellion in northwest Iran against his authority remained uncertain.

"We are not frightened of economic blockades. These brainless superpowers ... think that now they have such power all the world, all the universe should follow them," Khomeini said in response to Carter's threat of more severe economic measures against Iran if the 50 Americans held hostage at the embassy in Tehran since Nov. 4 are not freed.

"America should remove Carter from its political scene," the religious leader of the Iranian revolution asserted in a speech to Moslem students at his headquarters in Qom.

Khomeini also accused "American spies" of fomenting the rebellion, now in its sixth day, by the Azari Turks, the largest of Iran's ethnic minorities, in Tabriz, the capital of the northwestern province of Azerbaijan and Iran's third largest city.

Angered by mob attacks on the Qom home of their spiritual leader Ayatollah Mohammad Shariat-Madari and by the failure of Khomeini's new Islamic constitution to grant them autonomy, the Turks seized control of Tabriz last Thursday and battled government troops and revolutionary guards through the weekend for control of the local radio station and other government buildings.

Khomeini's forces regained control of the radio station Monday. Tehran Radio said a "group of armed people" tried to attack the station but were repulsed and 72 were arrested. Reporters in Tabriz said rival groups demonstrated in the city but they saw no attack on the station.

Khomeini sent a peace delegation to Tabriz headed by Finance Minister Abolhassan Banji Sadr, but leaders of the the Turks' Moslem People's Party, refused to meet with them.

Meanwhile, one of the embassy hostages, Marine Cpl. Billy Gallegos, 21, of Pueblo, Colo., said in an NBC-TV interview that the students holding them "have really been good to us. It's hard to believe, I know, but we haven't been asked any questions about what really our job was."

## Iran crisis at-a-glance

The Associated Press

### American hostages

The situation of the American hostages remained unchanged today, the 38th day of their captivity at the American Embassy in Tehran. One of the hostages, Marine Cpl. Billy Gallegos, 21, of Pueblo, Colo., said in an NBC-TV interview Monday that the students holding them "have really been good to us. It's hard to believe, I know, but we haven't been asked any questions about what really our job was." Asked if he was worried, Gallegos replied, "I imagine we'll be OK ... Nobody's been mistreated. Everybody's OK."

### Khomeini's regime

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini made a vituperative personal attack on President Carter, urging "America to remove Carter from its political scene." "He was a bad president for America, he disgraced America in the world. He mobilized Moslems against America ... the nation of America should know that they should not vote for Carter because Carter has betrayed America," said Khomeini Monday in a speech to Moslem students at his headquarters in Qom.

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### Court of Justice

The United States went to the International Court of Justice in The Hague Monday and charged that the seizure of its embassy and the members of the embassy staff violated four international treaties and agreements signed by Iran and the United States. U.S. Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti asked the court to order the hostages freed, but Iran refused to recognize the court's jurisdiction and boycotted the hearing.

### Vance's trip

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance was visiting London, Paris, Bonn and Rome, seeking the cooperation of Washington's major allies in the campaign of economic pressure on Iran.

Vance met with the Japanese foreign minister in Paris, and a high-ranking American official accused the Japanese of undercutting the United States by buying Iranian oil diverted from the American market and of helping Iran to ease the freeze on Iranian assets in American banks.

## Shah's disinherited nephew offers to exchange himself

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A disinherited nephew of the deposed shah of Iran has offered to exchange himself for 20 of the American hostages in Tehran.

Darius Pahlavi Hillyer, 22, an American citizen, told a KCRA-TV interviewer Monday that such an exchange would give him a chance to prove himself.

Hillyer was stripped of his princelyhood, a \$1.25 million trust fund and Iranian citizenship after being convicted in 1977 of assaulting a police officer in Grass Valley, where he lives, after a high-speed auto chase.

Asked if he had any personal reasons for exchanging himself, he said, "I want to make up for my past life ... A reason, for me, is I've been disinherited, and so on. I want my life to be worthwhile like the rest of my family. I want to be a good person."

Asked if the Iranians would accept, he answered, "I think they'd be satisfied."

Interviewer Mike Boyd noted that the Iranians holding the 50 American hostages are demanding the shah, not a nephew.

Hillyer said, "The shah will return — but not now — when the country is changed again."

## Culver Home salaries increased

### This step may lead to reopening the juvenile facility

By BILL MODISSETT  
Staff Writer

Midland County Commissioners on Monday agreed to increase the salary paid house parents at Culver Youth Home, the county's minimum security juvenile detention facility.

The step, which commissioners hope will lead to reopening the home closed since Oct. 8, was taken at the request of Juvenile Judge Willie DuBose and Juvenile Probation Officer Grover Green.

The two men said they have been unable to find replacements for the facility's house parents who resigned two months ago. Culver Youth Home has been closed since Oct. 8.

Green had said previously that the salary paid house parents was one obstacle to finding replacements; DuBose reiterated that same thought Monday, saying that he believed replacements would have been found earlier had the salary been higher.

The county pays house parents — a man and wife team — \$672 per month. That salary increases to \$746 after six months. Additionally, the county pays the team \$60 for working a weekend if they work seven days a week instead of five.

Under the pay schedule approved at Monday's meeting — to become effective Jan. 1 — the county will pay house parents \$800 per month initially

with an increase to \$850 after three months and to \$900 after six months. Salary for weekend work will be increased to \$80.

Following the meeting, DuBose said when the facility may reopen "is a matter of talking to the parties and getting their commitment."

Green said he believes the facility will reopen no sooner than three or

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four days and no longer than two weeks.

The men are talking to two sets of applicants.

Since Culver Youth Home has been closed, juveniles detained by law enforcement officers in Midland County have been housed either at Midland City Jail or Midland County Jail, or sent home with their parents.

Although such an arrangement poses no particular problem for the county, officials prefer not to detain juveniles in a jail facility.

The vote to increase the salary was unanimous by the three commissioners present. Commissioner Win Brown was absent.

Commissioners also voted to underwrite with county tax dollars the expense of housing children in basic care institutions if they cannot be housed in institutions receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children funds or places providing free services.

Beverly Acker requested the action, noting that at some point it may

be impossible to receive assistance from other facilities.

She noted that she first will attempt to get the children housed in a facility receiving either AFDC funds or receiving no reimbursement for its services.

Mrs. Acker said the county has budgeted some \$15,000 in fiscal year 1980 for such services.

Commissioners also reappointed the Rev. John Riggs, Mrs. Harold Steck and James Owens to three-year terms on the 10-member county Child Welfare Board effective Jan. 1. Their terms expire Dec. 31.

Commissioners also agreed to let Sheriff Dallas Smith use a \$9,000 sur-

plus from his budget for this year to defray overtime in the sheriff's department.

Sheriff Smith's department has accumulated more than 2,000 hours in overtime, largely due to the fact that the department was an average of two men short during 1979, according to the sheriff.

Commissioners Durward Wright and Charlie Welch agreed to allow the sheriff to use the funds in such a manner only after he said he will develop a plan to avoid the overtime problem next year. That plan is to be formulated prior to the commission's Jan. 14 meeting.

The surplus will be used to pay officers straight time for hours worked above the department's 48-hour work week between Jan. 1, 1979, and Dec. 15, 1979, Sheriff Smith said.

Smith will first pay officers below the rank of sergeant with the remaining funds going first to sergeants, then to lieutenants and captains. The higher-ranking officers probably will be paid only a portion of their overtime hours, the sheriff said.

In other action, commissioners renewed the contract of Pritchard and Abbott Valuation Consultants and set a Jan. 14 public hearing on a proposal to lower from 55 mph to 35 mph the speed limit on County Road 1220 from the Interstate 20 service road south to the Scharbauer Ranch.

## Japan may curb oil imports

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira said today that Japan might consider restricting oil imports from Iran if the U.S.-Iranian crisis worsens, "but at the present time we are not considering this possibility."

"For the present time, Japan must make every effort to secure the oil imports that it needs," the prime minister told reporters.

"The United States has taken a severe stance toward Iran because of the hostage issue. But the crisis between Iran and the United States is in a proper sense not an oil problem."

Ohira was responding to criticism from a spokesman for Secretary of State Cyrus Vance who said Monday that Japanese oil companies and banks were undercutting the economic pressure the U.S. government is putting on Iran to try to force Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to free the 50 Americans held hostage in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran since Oct. 4.

Vance, visiting major U.S. allies in Europe to ask their cooperation, talked with Japanese Foreign Minister Subaru Okita in Paris. A high-ranking official accompanying Vance criticized the Japanese purchase in the spot market of Iranian oil diverted from the United States and the help Japanese bankers gave Iran in easing the effect of the Carter administration's freeze on Iranian assets in American banks.

"As long as there is evidence like that provided by the Japanese, those guys in Tehran have got to believe we are all words and no meaning," said the official, who refused to be quoted by name.

Before Ohira commented, an official of the Japanese Foreign Ministry said the expanded purchases of spot oil for as much as \$40 a barrel was "regrettable" and his government was stepping up efforts to curtail the purchases.

"We are asking trading companies

to refrain from buying on the high-priced spot market, but there is no way we can end all purchases of spot market oil from Iran because of this nation's energy needs," he said.

"We understand why the Americans, worked up over the hostage issue, become angry when Japanese buy Iranian oil, and we are doing everything to improve the situation."

Informed sources say Japanese

traders and oil companies have recently bought 20 million barrels of Iranian oil on the open market, the amount the United States normally would have purchased in a month from Iran.

Japanese officials said cuts in oil deliveries to Japan by major U.S. oil companies was partly responsible for Japan's increased reliance on Iranian oil. Japan imports more than 99 percent of its oil.

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# DR. NEIL SOLOMON Not only chronic drinker gets cirrhosis of liver

Dear Dr. Solomon: Is cirrhosis of the liver found only in alcoholics? — Dan.

Dear Dan: Heavy drinkers are not the only ones who can get cirrhosis of the liver; however, the disease is found seven times more often in alcoholics than in non-drinkers. Furthermore, the longer a person drinks, the more likely the development of cirrhosis. The condition is found in from 10 to 20 percent of all heavy drinkers.

Dear Dr. Solomon: For three years after my daughter was born, she was cared for by my mother while I went to work. In brief, my mother has different ideas than I do about how and what a child should be fed. Now that I remain at home, I am having trouble altering my daughter's diet. Is it unusual for a young child to have food fads? — Mrs. A.C.

Dear Mrs. C: It is not unusual for very young children to develop definite food preferences, and you may need to exercise a good bit of patience in introducing unfamiliar foods into your daughter's diet. According to a study by Dr. Paul Rozin, of the University of Pennsylvania, children between 2 and 6 years of age have already established specific food preferences and eating habits.

This becomes particularly noticeable when comparing children from different cultures who have developed varying ideas about what foods are edible, toxic, neutral, taboo or even disgusting.

Dear Dr. Solomon: A neighbor of mine had a tumor removed from his throat with a laser. Can you tell me what this is and how it works? — Leo.

Dear Leo: The laser (an acronym for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation) is being used increasingly as a surgical tool. Among its advantages are reduced bleeding and less postoperative pain, especially during the first few days, than with conventional surgery.

Dr. W. Paul Biggers, an associate professor of surgery at the University of North Carolina, refers to the laser as the "light knife" because its beam acts like a knife. An ear, nose and throat specialist, he notes that the delicate precision of the laser makes it particularly appropriate for surgery near the vocal cords, where tumors can block the airway and distort vocal sounds. It is not used for large, invading tumors, and is rarely used on cancerous tumors because surgeons are not sure they can destroy every cancerous cell with it.

## Three men killed in attack on women.

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — About 8,000 middle-class women demonstrating for an end to leftist terrorism were attacked with rocks and sticks by some 2,000 leftist men. Hospital officials said three men were shot and killed and several other persons wounded.

It was not known who fired the shots. The women, parading as the Movement for Peace and Tranquility, were waving the Salvadoran flag and singing the national anthem when the men attacked them Monday.

Witnesses said the marchers carried signs reading, "We Do Not Want Enslaving Ideologies," and that the leftists shouted "Popular Revolutionary Bloc" and "Unified Popular Action Front," two groups trying to replace the two-month-old military junta with a Marxist government.

The men also shouted, "Bourgeoisie, Ha, Ha, Ha," and "The Streets Are Ours," then threw rocks and sticks at the women. The women fled, then regrouped in front of the presidential palace and met there with Adolfo Arnoldo Majano, one of the two colonels who overthrew the right-wing military president, Carlos Humberto Romero, on Oct. 15.

The women said leftist terrorists were causing work stoppages and violence in El Salvador. "Majano, We Do Not Want Communism, We Want Peace and Tranquility," they shouted. Majano promised the junta would not lead the country toward communism.

Leftists also attacked a police patrol Monday in La Union, 120 miles south of San Salvador, and authorities said one officer and two leftists were killed in the shootout.

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(If you have a medical problem, see your doctor. If you have a medical question, write to Neil Solomon, M.D., 1726 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Md. 21208. Dr. Solomon cannot give personal replies but will answer as many questions as possible in his column.)

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DEATHS

Newell Farmer

Services for Newell Farmer, 52, 1502 Colorado Ave., were at 4 p.m. Monday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Ray Stringer of Trinity Baptist Church officiating, assisted by Leonard Sissons.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

He died Saturday in a Midland hospital after an apparent heart attack.

Farmer was born May 8, 1927, in Navarro County and was reared there. He entered the U.S. Army in 1945 and served in France and Belgium. After his discharge from the Army in 1947, he came to Midland and joined Atlantic Richfield as an operator.

He lived in Midland from 1947 to 1964, and off and on until 1978. He also lived in Seminole and Crane. He returned to Midland full-time after his retirement in 1978 as a gauger. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Farmer of Jackson, Miss., and James Farmer of Midland, two daughters, Doris Smith and Sue Moss, both of Austin; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Farmer of Midland; two sisters, Mrs. W.A. Bradley of Midland and Wanda Gallagher of San Antonio; two grandchildren, two nieces and three nephews.

Gary Blackwell

Services for Gary Blackwell, 20, 4208 Boulder Drive, were at 2 p.m. Monday in Newnie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Alford Bracken, pastor of Northside Church of the Nazarene in Beaumont, officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

He died Saturday in Kerrville after an illness.

Pallbearers were Bruce Graham, James Woods, Wesley Maxey, Jerry Pennick, Jeff Johnson and Jody Johnson.

Archie Morrison

ANSON — Services for Archie Morrison, 58, of Anson, brother of Annora Brown of Midland, will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Weeping Mary Baptist Church here with the Rev. Aubrey Todd, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery directed by Lawrence Funeral Home.

He died Saturday at an Anson hospital.

Morrison was born Aug. 19, 1921, on

a farm east of Anson. He had lived all his life in and around Anson. He was married to Norma Lee Gray in 1940 in San Angelo. She preceded him in death.

He was employed by the city of Anson. He was a member of Weeping Mary Baptist Church.

Other survivors include two daughters, five sons, his father, two brothers and 11 grandchildren.

Edward Handley

KINGSLAND — Services for Edward M. Handley, 62, of Kingsland, father of D.H. Handley of Midland, were Monday with burial in Greenwood Cemetery in Kingsland.

He died Dec. 1 in a Houston hospital.

He was born Jan. 16, 1917. Handley was a retired geophysical contractor and a member of the Methodist Church.

Other survivors include his wife, a daughter, a stepdaughter, two grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

J.H. Fine

MARION, Ky. — J.H. Fine, 71, of Marion, Ky., former Midland County tax assessor-collector, died Monday morning in Marion after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Services are pending at Thomas-Tucker Funeral Home in Marion.

Fine was born in Midland in 1908. He had lived all his life in Midland until moving to Marion about two months ago. He served as tax assessor-collector for Midland County from about 1941 until about 1950.

Survivors include his wife, Marguerite, a daughter, Linda Mobley of Marion; two sisters, Pennie Rosenbaum of Midland and Mrs. H.W. Schenck of Caldwell, N.J.; a brother, Bill Fine of Midland; and a granddaughter.

Mary Kay

MARFA — Mary Kay, 60, mother of Mary Anita Smith of Andrews, died Monday in a Marfa hospital after a

lengthy illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church of Alpine with burial in Elm Grove Cemetery directed by Geeslin Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kay was born Aug. 9, 1919, in Gordon and had lived in Alpine since 1943. A retired teacher, she was married to Marvin C. Kay Sept. 19, 1937.

Other survivors include her husband, a daughter, a sister, a brother and three grandchildren.

Bishop Sheen to be buried at St. Patrick's Cathedral

NEW YORK (AP) — Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will be interred in the crypt beneath the high altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral, an honor usually reserved for leaders of the archdiocese or of the cathedral.

Cardinal Terence Cooke announced the plans Monday night as he joined countless others in a memorial to the late prelate's life and work. Only eight others have been interred in the crypt in the church's 100-year history, a church spokesman said. They include six archbishops and two rectors.

Cardinal Cooke said special arrangements had been made because of "the extraordinary position of Archbishop Sheen in the affection of the people of the Archdiocese of New York" and because he "so loved the Cathedral" and preached there so often.

Sheen died Sunday in his New York apartment after a long history of heart ailments. He was 81.

Known for his fiery oratory, his piercing, dark eyes and dramatic voice, Sheen preached to millions on evening radio in the 1930s and 1940s and on prime-time television in the 1950s.

At Monday evening's memorial, Bishop Theodore E. McCarrick, a close friend, delivered a homily in which he said the public had come to know Sheen through the marvels of the electronic age.

"For many of us, the first contact with Fulton John Sheen was the marvelous sound of his voice coming from the speaker of our living room

radio," McCarrick said. For later generations "it was the dashing figure of the prelate of the church who entered our homes through the television screen who carried us off to flights of lofty meditation through the power of his imagery and the magnetism of his eyes."

"It is the most fitting place for him to rest," said Archbishop Edward O'Meara, a close friend and successor to Sheen as National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Sheen's body will lie in state tonight and Wednesday at the entrance to the cathedral's Our Lady Chapel, which Cooke said Sheen particularly loved.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Thursday by Cooke and O'Meara will speak.

Private jet crash kills five in Italy

FORLI, Italy (AP) — A small private jet plane crashed into a home in a suburb of the north Italian town, killing the three occupants of the aircraft and two residents of the house, officials reported.

The Lear 36 Executive jet, owned by Italian industrialist Serafino Ferruzzi, 71, was preparing to land in poor visibility Monday night at the Forli airport when it crashed about half a mile from the runway. Ferruzzi, his pilot and co-pilot were killed along with the owner of the house, Libero Ricci, 52, and his daughter, Fiorella, 21.

Lawyer says supper club's wiring faulty

COVINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Aluminum wiring in the Beverly Hills Supper Club was a time bomb ready to explode, says an attorney at the first trial stemming from the 1977 fire at the club in which 165 people died.

And attorney Stanley Chesley pin pointed Monday in his opening statement what he believes to be the spot where that "time bomb" exploded — the cubbyhole area used by a receptionist on the first floor of the Southgate club.

Survivors of those killed and persons injured in the fire are suing the aluminum industry, claiming that "old technology" aluminum wiring caused the fire. Industry lawyers have denied the allegation.

Some cases have been settled out of court and other cases are pending both in federal and state court.

"While tons have been written on the subject, we are in a position to tell you what happened the night of May 28, 1977," Chesley said. "And it is not all that complicated."

Chesley, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, said evidence would show that a receptionist who worked in the cubbyhole area had said she had electrical problems in the past with an adding machine and a lamp.

She often had to go to the Crystal Room upstairs to throw a circuit breaker, he said.

The cubbyhole shared a wall with the Zebra Room, a focal point of earlier investigations of the fire.

"Other receptacles were also in the process of failing," Chesley said.

Chesley said the aluminum wiring was installed between October and December 1970 during reconstruction of the club.

The lawyer said a certified electrician installed the aluminum wiring thinking he was using a safe product.

"Within a six-mile catacomb of aluminum wire, there were time bombs ready to go off within a five to 10-year period," Chesley said.

Chesley said aluminum companies knew the problems connected with the wiring, but went on promoting it despite warnings.

U.S. District Court Judge Carl Rubin said the question of whether the companies were covering up would be tackled after the jury determined whether aluminum wiring had indeed caused the fire.

Rubin noted the complexity of the case and said he had separated it to

"simplify the issues." He called the question of whether the wiring caused the fire a "critical threshold question."

Kidnap spree ends, 1 dead

VICKSBURG, Miss. (AP) — A bungled burglary in Texas turned into a kidnap spree through three states that left one of three hostages shot to death and a suspect under arrest, authorities say.

Michael Wayne Hardaway, 25, and his girlfriend, Cynthia Baxter, 19, were abducted as they left a Bossier City, La., restaurant Monday evening, police said.

Hardaway was later shot to death, and Miss Baxter was rescued near Vicksburg, according to police.

"She watched him shoot him," said police Capt. John Baker. "She's not in any shape to tell us anything right now."

Police said a gunman kidnaped Jim Rogers, 47, in Texas earlier Monday. Rogers later escaped and the gunman then abducted Hardaway and Miss Baxter in Louisiana, forcing the couple to drive him toward Mis-

issippi. Not long after that, Hardaway was shot in the chest and killed, police said. His body was dumped at a car wash near Delhi, La., in Richland Parish.

Baker said a roadblock was set up near Vicksburg and the suspect was trapped between Louisiana authorities behind him and Mississippi authorities waiting in front.

Baker said Miss Baxter was not harmed. "We did get the hostage without any gunfire," he said.

Police identified the suspect as Jody Ray Craig, 22, of Rusk County, Texas. Craig was returned to Rayville, La., booked and held on suspicion of murder, the Richland Parish sheriff's office said.

Paul Barnett, sheriff of Warren County, Miss., said Miss Baxter told him Hardaway knew the suspect.

Levi Strauss president dies

SAN MATEO (AP) — Daniel E. Koshland, 87, a former president of Levi Strauss & Co. who helped guide it through an era that popularized blue jeans, died Monday night in Mills Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Koshland, who served as president from 1955 to 1958, was a director and honorary chairman of the board's executive committee at the time of his death.

Koshland joined Levi Strauss in 1922 and served as vice president and treasurer, before becoming president of the famous blue jeans company.

He helped lead the clothing firm during its greatest years of growth in the 1950s and 1960s when blue jeans leaped in popularity around the world.

Koshland joined the company at the invitation of his brother-in-law Walter A. Haas in 1922 when it was a small regional drygoods wholesaler and manufacturer of work clothing. Haas died last Friday at the age of 90 and was buried Monday.

Koshland was a director emeritus of Wells Fargo Bank and a former director of the American Trust Co.

In 1947, he was named to the state Industrial Welfare Commission and served four years as its chairman.

Koshland, a member of a pioneer family in San Francisco, was prominent in the Community Chest, a former director of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, a former director of the American Red Cross, and national vice chairman of the United Negro College Fund campaign.

Survivors include a son, Daniel E. Koshland Jr., a University of California biochemist; two daughters, Frances K. Geballe of Woodside, Calif., and Phyllis K. Friedman of Hillsborough, Calif.; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

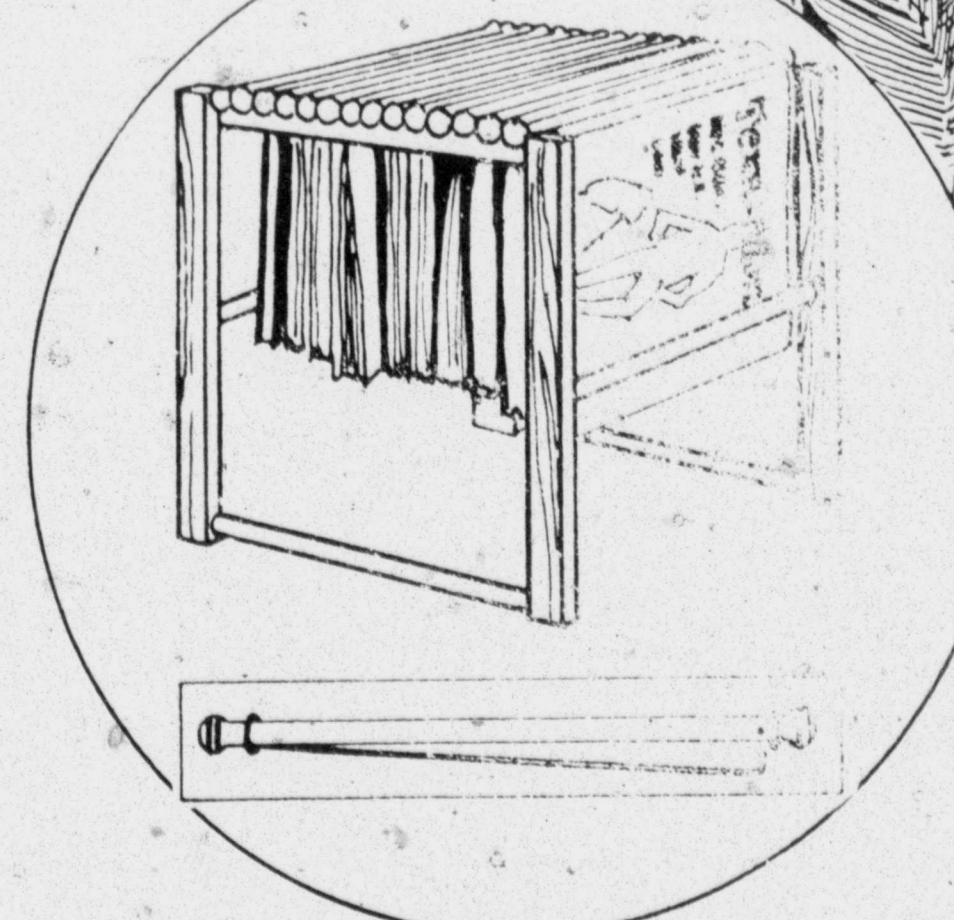
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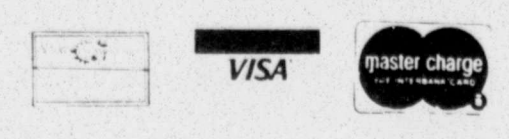
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## around town

By PATSY GORDON  
Lifestyle Writer

Two persons recently joined the Museum of the Southwest staff.

Filling the newly-created post of education coordinator is Denise Eschberger, 23, a native of Dallas.

Denise was graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in public relations journalism.

Her previous job experience includes serving as the North Texas Division program coordinator for the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness, and working as an intern for the Dallas Independent School District and The UT intercollegiate athletics department.

The other new member of the staff is Mai Hughes, who moved to Midland from California. She has replaced Sue Stephens, clerical assistant, who left in September.

Mai, 37, has studied psychology at the University of California at Santa Cruz and the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, Calif. Before coming to the Tall City, she worked as a bookkeeper for various companies.

**SANTA CLAUS** is coming to Greenwood School. He will arrive at 2:15 p.m. Dec. 21 on a fire engine led by the Sheriff's Dept. and Midland County Commissioner Charlie Welch.

**MEMBERS** of the Midland League of Women Voters will hold their annual Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the home of League president, Charlene Rosebery, 14 Saddle Club Drive.

The League is open to all citizens of voting age and interested persons will be welcome. For more information, call 685-0564.

**ALL SECOND GRADERS** at Bowie Elementary School will present "The Runaway Toys" at the school's PTA meeting scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. today in Bowie Cafeteria.

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM** of the First United Methodist Church is having an organizational meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

All interested persons are urged to attend. For more information, please call 682-3701 or 685-1315.

**PC. RICHARD R. JOHNSTON**, son of Douglas Johnston, 1311 S. Marshall St., recently was assigned as a radio relay and carrier attendant with the 127th Signal Battalion at Fort Ord, Calif.

Johnston entered the United States Army in July 1978. His mother, Mrs. Lynda Dabbs, lives in Brownwood.

**PVT. STEVEN K. WEINZEL**, son of Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Weinzell, 3609 Imperial, recently was assigned as a military policeman with the 728th Military Police Battalion in Korea.

Weinzell, a 1979 graduate of Lee High School, entered the United States Army in July 1979. His wife, Juanita, lives in the Tall City.

**LA LECHE LEAGUE** of Midland announces two upcoming meetings. Group II will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Nicholas Episcopal church, 2900 Princeton Ave. for a Casserole Tasting Party. The evening group meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at 3003 Meadowbrook Drive. For more information, call 694-4663 or 694-0735.

**MRS. WARREN NEWBERRY** was a guest speaker at the Christmas banquet for the Women's Ministries of First Assembly of God Church.

Mrs. Newberry and her husband, former Midlanders, are missionaries under appointment by the Assemblies of God to Malawi, East Africa.

Currently, Rev. Newberry is the missions teacher at Southwestern Assembly of God College in Waxahachie.

Mrs. Newberry is attending Southwestern to get her degree in missions.

Forty-five attended the banquet and brought gifts for High Sky Girls Ranch.

Other gifts were brought for children of an Indian mission in Arizona, the J.O. Brown Home Missionary Outreach, operated by the Assemblies of God.



Serving as hostesses for the Christmas brunch and program held by the Les Toques Blanches gourmet group of the Midland branch, American Association of University Women, are, from left, Mrs. Cary Geron, Mrs. A.P. Thomas and Mrs. J.

Wayne Campbell. Also a hostess, but not shown, was Mrs. Jack Hauke. The event was held in the Thomas home, 2404 Dartmouth St. (Staff Photo by Mike Kardos)

### DEAR ABBY

## She's staying home for Christmas

By ABIGAIL VAN-BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I've been reading your column for years, and around holiday time someone always asks, "Should we go to HIS mother's or to MY mother's for Christmas dinner? And your answer is always, "Why not alternate?"

Abby, my husband I struggled with that problem for years, and we resolved it according to your suggestion. Both sets of parents lived nearby, and it seemed the only fair thing to do. So for 22 years, we spent Thanksgiving and Christmas in parents' homes instead of our own.

It never dawned on us until this year — as our children are ready to strike out on their own — that we never developed our own holiday traditions. We always went to Grandma's for the holidays. She insisted on doing all the cooking herself — and then complained for months about how much work it was and how tired she got. When we, her daughters and daughters-in-law, asked if we could bring something for dinner, she wouldn't hear of it. When we brought food without asking her, she refused to serve it, so we finally gave up.

I realize now what a high price I've paid over the years for peace in the family. I wish I hadn't. Abby, please urge young marrieds to have their own holiday celebrations in their own homes. Suggest that they invite their parents and grandparents, who might even be relieved to be finally free of the burden of entertaining three generations.

Sign me — "DOING MY OWN THING"

DEAR DOING: You make an excellent point. Your answer was better than mine.

DEAR ABBY: Last Christmas Eve, during my busy preparations for 18 dinner guests (and also during our meal), I was called to the phone three times and kept there from 20 to 30 minutes while the callers wished me a "Merry Christmas." Each said, "I decided to phone rather than send cards this year," then proceeded to bring me up to date on their health, families and activities!

I appreciate their thoughts, and realize that by placing such calls they probably filled an otherwise lonely Christmas Eve, but if they must save the expense of sending Christmas cards, why can't they wait until the holiday is over, and then phone with their annual account of joys and sorrows?

Am I the only one who feels such

phone calls are impositions? — UN-APPRECIATIVE IN OREGON

DEAR UNAPPRECIATIVE: Probably not. But if it's inconvenient for you to take the call, say so. And ask if you may return the call when you're able to visit longer.

DEAR ABBY: Our employer used to give Christmas bonuses to all employees, based on their length of service.

In the last couple of years, he eliminated the holiday bonuses in favor of a Christmas party. Well, the only ones who attend these parties are the young, or those who want to act young. Most people drink too much,

the music is deafening, and there is more food wasted than eaten.

Many of us here are not party-minded because of finances and inability to get sitters, and we would much rather have the money instead — whatever the amount.

So how about running this letter to ask the boss people — foremen, administrators, managers, etc. — to let the employees have a choice. — JOPLIN, MO.

DEAR JOPLIN: It seems fair to me. Bosses?

Address comments and questions to Abby in care of this newspaper. For a personal reply, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

### OC students to model fashions

ODESSA — Holiday fashions will be modeled by Odessa College fashion merchandising students from noon until 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Union Building cafeteria.

The students will model "after-five and evening clothes," according to Dr. Donnetta Heitschmidt, OC director of student activities.

The program is free and the public is invited.

### Mammagraphy risks reduced

CHICAGO, Ill. — "Value of early discovery of breast cancer and consequent successful treatment far outweighs any slight possible health hazard from X-ray screening of women's breasts," according to reports published in the "Journal of the American Medical Association."

Mammagraphy (x-raying of the breast), is now carried out at very low doses of exposure and low-dose systems are used for the majority of the examination, Philadelphia radiologist Stephen A. Feig, M.D., states.

## AAUW group celebrates 'Christmas Around World'

The Les Toques Blanches Gourmet Group of the American Association of University Women, Midland branch, met last week for its annual Christmas brunch and program at the home of Mrs. D. Jean Thomas, 2404 Dartmouth St.

Les Toques Blanches is a morning gourmet group and serves foods from around the world.

Mrs. J. Wayne Campbell, Mrs. Cary F. Geron and Mrs. Jack Hauke served as co-hostesses.

"Christmas Around the World" was the theme used.

The serving table was covered with a white silk antique crochet cloth over a green silk cloth. A green miniature tree was set on a table with miniature iced cookies, tied in red ribbons, attached to it. Della Robia fruit rings were placed around green candles on

serving table and buffet.

The green wreath theme was used on door, mail box, napkins, name tags and etc.

Foods served were from Germany, South America, Austria, Switzerland, China, Japan, Greece, Mexico, Sweden, England and the United States.

Mrs. Campbell served at the Was-sail English silver bowl and Mrs. Geron poured South American coffee at the silver coffee service.

Mrs. Jerry Fuhrmann of Andrews and Mrs. Herta Duggan, both guests, told of "Christmas in Poland and Germany."

Mrs. Jack Beshears, "Outstanding Girl" chairman, presented a gift to Sharla Southerland, Outstanding Girl for December. Her mother, Mrs. Robert Southerland, was a guest and is a member of AAUW.



## Your horoscope

By JEANE DIXON

Wednesday, December 12, 1979

### YOUR BIRTHDAY TO-

DAY: You enjoy meeting new people and your horizons will probably expand greatly in year ahead. Travel may be part of plan. Your courage and honesty enable you to vanquish competitors more easily and your enthusiasm for hard work will benefit you and loved ones as well. Money situation should improve and your mind will be more alert in unexpected quarters.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Cheerful attitude may be winning you points with boss-co-workers. Sense of humor helps you through routine tasks. Emphasis now may be on travel, holiday plans and paying your bills. Meet your responsibilities directly.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Seek professional assistance in putting financial situation on firm ground. Pay bills on time to insure good credit rating. Be straightforward in explaining your status. Get the best advice.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Trust yourself and your intuition. Take nothing for granted. Some self-improvement activities may be beneficial now. Random social contact could develop into meaningful romantic relationship.

### CANCER (June 21-July 21)

Mental pursuits are favored over physical activity. Protect yourself against questionable practices by insisting that everything be put in writing. Romance may be elusive.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Go over bills, receipts, bank statements. Seek cooperation of family members in revising household budget. Set good example for spouse and children to follow. Spend evening working on Christmas plans.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Work unobtrusively in job situation. Keep confidences. You can learn much from younger person. Change of hairstyle, new wardrobe can lift spirits. Use initiative; look for bar-

gains.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Travel can bring good results, increase profits. You may take on new authority in a quiet way. Your wisdom will help you in tangled situation. Adopt a cheerful attitude around children.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Look for ways to conserve money, cut down on spending. Be your own handyman. Get out and visit friends this evening. Be discreet when writing letters, especially if you are in a romantic mood.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Do not sign contracts or agreements too quickly. Be honest about your lack of knowledge. Enlist aid of expert if necessary. Keep partner informed so he or she does not feel left out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You may be due for surprise that involves money and someone of your acquaintance. Be sure you have facts at hand before entering debate. You look like a winner. Your personal may make contribution.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Accept challenge and you will be able to move career a giant step forward. Someone you respect may pay meaningful compliment. Improvements are possible in financial situation.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 19)

You may get unexpected help in expanding area of special interest to you. Creativity, enthusiasm pay off at work. Pursue project to completion. Emphasis on romance this evening.

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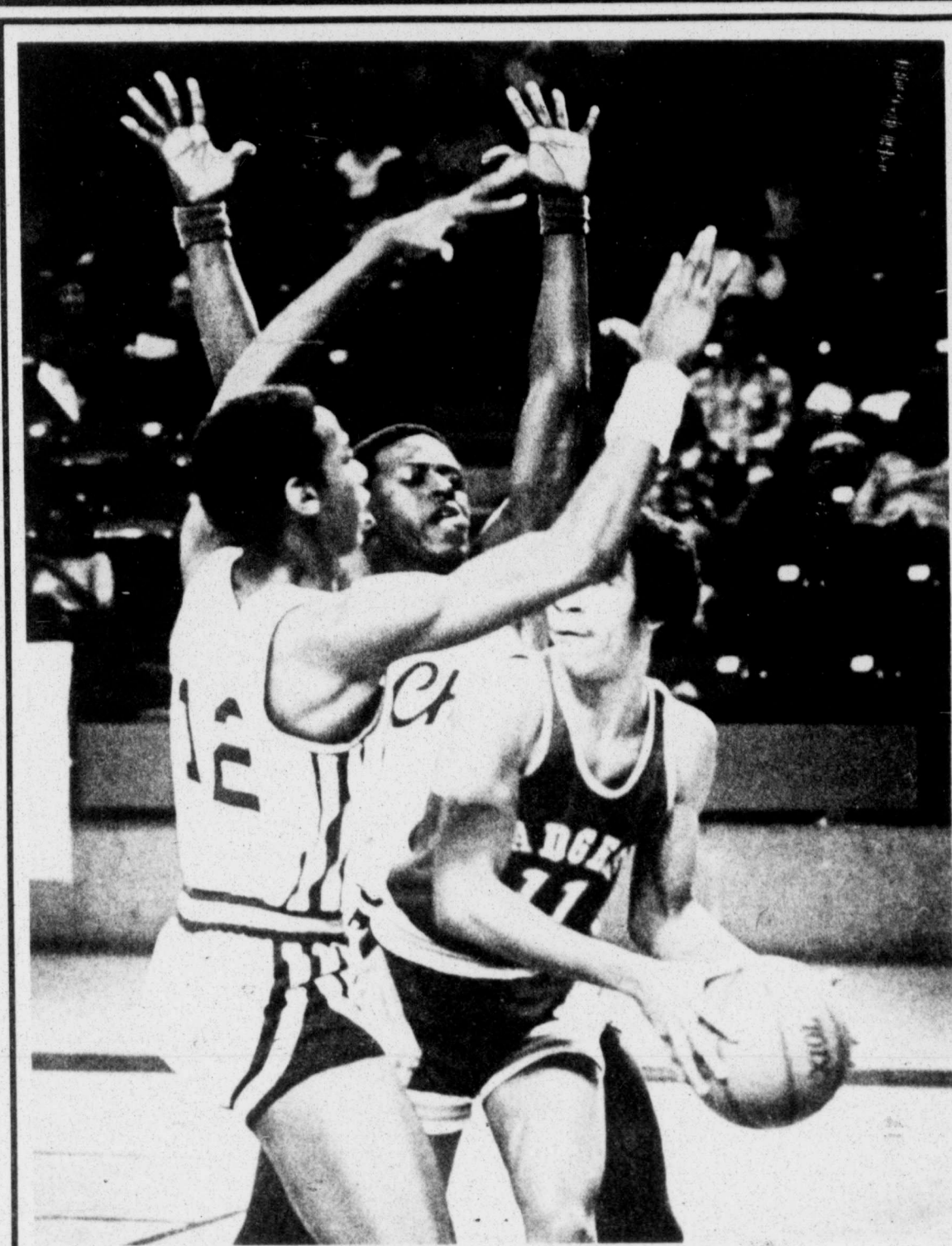






Hall's Wildcats ruin McGuire's building job

By KEN RAPPOPORT AP Sports Writer Frank McGuire spent 16 years building up the South Carolina basketball program...



Amarillo College's Darin Gilbert has the ball, but no place to go as Chaps Tim Shelby (12) and Robert Tate apply the pressure. (Photo by Mike Kardos)

Chaps nip Badgers

Johnson, Wilson save MC's unbeaten streak

Midland College beat Amarillo College by a point in Amarillo earlier in the season. This time it was even closer, although the margin was 72-68...

converted a three-point play to make it 67-64 with 2:35 left in it. Six-six David Bradley, who has the throw to play like 7-0...

Statistical table for the Chaps vs Badgers game, listing player names and their stats (g, a, f, a, p, r, b, t, p).

Oilers show pity on Steelers

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers, following sage advice, declined to spit into the wind or step on Superman's cape Monday night.

was as disappointing as anything that happened and they did it the way they weren't supposed to.

Summary statistics for the Oilers vs Steelers game, including team totals and individual leaders.

MHS girls down Odessa Ector, 61-43

The Midland High girls basketball team gunned down the Odessa Ector Eagles, 61-43 Monday night in non-district action in the Midland High Gymnasium.

Padres land Rodriguez from Tigers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Padres have tacked another year onto the contract of newly acquired third baseman Aurelio Rodriguez in an effort to get his approval of a trade they made with the Detroit Tigers.

Padres land Rodriguez from Tigers

ing on his present contract. Rodriguez, a right-handed batter with a .245 lifetime average, hasn't played regularly the last two seasons because he has trouble with right-handed pitching.

Bulldogs outclass Pecos Eagles, 94-54

By BOB DILLON Sports Writer It was a cake walk for the Midland Bulldogs. Coach Jack Stephenson's Purple Pack gunned down an outclassed Pecos Eagle outfit Monday night, 94-54 in the Chaparral Center on the Midland College campus in a non-district basketball game.

while Pecos only connected on six of nine charity tosses. The Bulldogs were so effective that they hardly pressed the Eagles which were outmanned throughout the contest.

tonight before the varsity tipoff. Following tonight's game with Monterey, the Pack is off until next Tuesday when they travel to Snyder to take on the powerful Tigers and then they go to the Optimist Classic in San Antonio, Dec. 20-22.

NFL at a Glance

Summary of NFL games and standings, including American Conference and National Conference results.

THE GAME was more or less and scrimmage for the Pack that takes on the always-tough Monterey Plainsmen in Lubbock tonight.

MIDLAND CASHED in on 12 of 15 free throws which is better than 80 per

NMMI star makes mark at Drake TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Drake basketball Coach Bob Ortelge labeled Lewis Lloyd quickly as an exciting basketball player after he transferred from New Mexico Military Academy.

Monday's Game Houston 20, Pittsburgh 17





JIM MURRAY

Bobby they loved, Ahmad they booed out of town

By JIM MURRAY Los Angeles Times Syndicate

When he was "Bobby Moore" and making all those great catches and hip-swinging touchdown runs, they loved him in St. Louis.

When he became "Ahmad Rashad," they booed him out of town.

When he was a nice Pentecostal Christian who sang spirituals and praised the lord, he was as much a fixture as the Gateway Arch.

When he embraced the faith of Islam and brought his name into line with his beliefs, you would have thought he shot Jesse James in the back.

The public felt threatened. Insulted. Rejected. I mean, if he wanted to change religion, why wouldn't he just pick one out of the Yellow Pages, a nice Baptist, Methodist denomination? Or, even one of those home grown cults. Next thing you know, football players would be showing up in saffron robes and chanting with tambourines.

The former Bobby Moore couldn't understand all the uproar. After all, if he had changed to Catholic, no one would have cared. Even if he had changed his name to

Pat O'Brien. If he had become Lutheran, people would have understood.

Maybe, if he hadn't changed his name, his conversion might have slipped unnoticed. But there aren't many Moslems named Joe. Or, even Robert.

On the other hand, there weren't many NFL football players named Ahmad. Basketball players, maybe. Prizefighters, certainly. But baseball and football players pretty much stuck to Main Street in their names. Oriental was about as exotic as they got.

St. Louis Cardinals football fans acted as if they expected the ex-Bobby Moore to start driving downtown on a camel. They got as far as the Ahmad over the loudspeakers, and they drowned out the rest of it in boos," he recalls ruefully.

The Constitution guarantees freedom of religion. For which, football coaches are glad. Because, under any other name, Ahmad Rashad is a rose on a football field. Nobody in the game can catch and score with a football the way he can. When you can do that, football coaches don't think of anything more beside the point than where you go to church.

Nevertheless, a month after he caught a Jim Hart pass for 98 yards, the Cardinals traded him

to Buffalo for an over-age, under-armed, backup quarterback — which is the next best thing to putting him on a bus with a note pinned on him. The way they were going, the Cardinals didn't need the fans to be any more resentful than they already were.

In Arabic, Ahmad Rashad means "Admirable one led to truth," which doesn't sound all that threatening. In football, Ahmad Rashad usually means "Oh, God, where'd he go this time?" and seven or eight touchdowns a year. This year, on a 6-7 team, Ahmad has caught 64 passes for 955 yards and seven touchdowns. For that, he can be addressed in Persian all he wants, so far as the Minnesota Vikings are concerned.

Ahmad did not change his name to rattle America's cage, he explains, but to accommodate a new-found inner peace. "I began to question and to be dissatisfied with the Pentecostal form of religion I was born into in Oregon. What people call 'Holy-Rollers.'"

He shopped around comparative-religion courses at the University of Oregon. "When I got to Islam, it had great meaning for me. The tenets of that religion made great sense to me."

He thus became the first son of the Prophet ever to

play in the Super Bowl. Injured at Buffalo, he played out his option and signed with Seattle, where his name didn't bother them, but his knee did. Minnesota got him for a draft choice, which is a little like getting Manhattan for a string of beads — as Ahmad has proved by catching 334 passes in 3 1/2 years and scoring 20 touchdowns.

In Minneapolis, Rashad is a popular public figure with or without the football. He is active in Muscular Dystrophy work, and an active and sunny participant in promotional work for the team and the town. League experts say there is no telling how good he might be in the sunshine.

"Have you ever caught or tried to catch a pass at nine-below zero?" he laughs. "Well, try catching a flat-iron with stiff fingers." On a cold day, you can hear the fingers snap when a frozen ball hits icicle hands.

Asked on a Minneapolis TV station how he reacted to the crisis in Tehran as a Moslem, Ahmad asked the team publicist in some anguish, "Just because we're co-religionists, what am I supposed to have done, said I talked to the ayatollah this morning and told him to let my people go or we'd turn his country into an oil slick?"

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

College basketball

Table with columns for conference, team, and score. Includes Eastern, Midwest, and South divisions.

Sports in Brief

TENNIS - Japan completed a 5-0 sweep against Taiwan by winning the final two singles matches of their third round Eastern Zone Davis Cup tennis elimination series.

BASEBALL - Keith Hernandez of the St. Louis Cardinals and Don Baylor of the California Angels scored named regular league players of the year by The Sporting News, a weekly publication. The selections were by a poll of American League and National League players, who also voted on all-star teams.

PRO BASKETBALL - M. L. Carr of the Boston Celtics and Bob Lanier of the Detroit Pistons have been fined \$1,000 apiece for separate incidents in recent games. NBA Commissioner Larry O'Brien announced.

HOCKEY - The second Challenge Cup competition between a National Hockey League all-star squad and the Soviet Union national team, originally scheduled for February 1981, will not take place until some time in 1982, NHL President John Ziegler announced.

ROBBERY - East German Bernhard Neherer, who won gold medals in both the two and four man bobsled events at the 1976 Winter Olympics, turned up for a 1980 repeat with the two fastest runs in an international test of the new course on Mt. Van Hoevenberg.

ALTO RACING - Swiss racing driver Marc Surer was confirmed as the European Formula Two champion when an international court of appeals turned down a protest by Britain's Brian Henton.

HORSE RACING - Baker's Belief, \$8.80, edged Spell Out by a neck to win the \$18,000 Dr. Fager Purse at Sportsman's Park. Guilty Conscience, \$3.60, beat Storm Watch by seven lengths to win the \$20,000 Sensitive Prince Purse at Laurel Race Course.



Twenty-year-old Maureen Callahan cheers with the Redskins on the sidelines of Washington games, but what separates her from other cheerleaders is that she is legally blind. She sees only vague shapes from the corners of her eyes. (AP Laserphoto)

Skins' Pardee likes pressure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Coach Jack Pardee likes the idea of having the National Football Conference East title decided on the final weekend of the season in a game between arch-rivals Washington and Dallas.

Asked for his thoughts on the game Monday, the Redskins' coach replied: "Before the season, no one had any reason to think that the 16th week of the season would determine our divisional winner, whether ourselves or Dallas."

"I thought we would have a good shot at making the playoffs but I really didn't think anybody could beat them (for the division title) with Dallas being a Super Bowl team last year. I thought they would have the division wrapped up by now."

"But the way it's falling, with them having problems, and us playing a little better than most people thought, it makes it a little bigger and better."

"We still have our destiny in our hands," he said. "It's ours if we're good enough."

THE REDSKINS, Cowboys and Philadelphia, each with 10-5 records, are in a three-way tie for NFC East title but only Dallas and the Eagles have been assured at least a wild card playoff berth.

Because of the rules, the winner of the Dallas-Washington game will be declared the division champion, no matter what Philadelphia does against Houston.

Several things can happen to Washington in Dallas, ranging from winning the division title to being eliminated from post-season play.

"We'll have a good week," said Pardee. "The emotional level of the team has been pretty good all along. It picked up after Dallas beat Philadelphia in that Saturday night game. They were riding high in Saturday night's meetings. The whole team was loose enough but I could tell they were ready."

As for the outcome of the Dallas game, Pardee said, "As far as we're concerned, it would be easier to win this one on the road than have to play three times on the road."

He was referring, of course, to the fact that the division champion gets the home-field advantage while wild card teams must play all their games on the road.

NBA eyes collapsible rim

NEW YORK (AP) — Officials of the National Basketball Association are scheduled to meet Tuesday with Chuck Randall, head basketball coach at Western Washington University, who has developed a collapsible basketball rim. The rim is designed to fold away from the backboard when more than 260 pounds of pressure are applied, as when a player hangs onto it following a dunk shot or slams into it with his forearms. They, by pushing a special latch, the rim can be placed back into position within minutes.

The NBA currently uses a rim that is attached rigidly to the backboard. Twice within the past month, Darryl Dawkins of the Philadelphia 76ers has shattered backboards by making contact with the rim on dunk shots. Both games were delayed for more than an hour while a new backboard was installed.

Cold, taciturn, that's his reputation so it can't really be Bud Grant

By TED GREEN The Los Angeles Times

He once smuggled a rooster into the ladies' room at the Minnesota Vikings' offices.

To get his secretary's attention, he quacked with a duck call. So all the staffers bought duck calls and now they quack back.

When an envelope crawls across somebody's desk, they know who put the salamander in it.

Late one night he removed every chair in the office. Everybody worked standing up the next day.

The subject of this story, believe it or not, is Bud Grant, the Vikings' coach who almost never lets football fans see him smile. Compared to Grant, the monuments on Mount Rushmore are laughing hyenas.

Well, it turns out that Grant's super-serious side-line demeanor may be his own little game. Don't let the frozen expression, steely eyes and severe crew cut fool you. Old Stoneyface has a sense of humor.

It's an offbeat sense of humor, involving lots of practical jokes with animals, insects and other creepy crawlers. Grant is a naturalist, an avid outdoorsman who pulls most of his pranks indoors.

Examples: —He replaced his daughter's pet-canary with a sparrow. When Laurie Grant, who was six at the time, discovered it, it startled her so that she fell off her chair and, in turn, frightened the bird, which squawked its head off.

"Laurie didn't think it was a bit funny and she still doesn't," says Grant's wife, Pat.

—One of his favorite tricks is to ask his front-seat passenger to reach into the glove compartment for a map or flashlight or something. Only an ento-

mologist could identify some of the insects that have crawled out.

—Grant doesn't drink coffee and doesn't believe others should, either, so he pulled the plug on the office coffee maker and wrapped scotch tape around a prong. The repairman dismantled the whole machine before discovering the tape.

Grant's humorlessness while his team is playing stems from his belief that there's a time and place for everything. Football, as any NFL coach will tell you, is serious business. Also, Pat Grant says, her husband likes the stoneface image so much that he nurtures it.

"He doesn't just like it," she says. "He loves it."

But at the Vikings' headquarters or at home in Bloomington with his wife and six children, Grant likes a good laugh as much as the next guy. The fact he tries not to laugh out loud is, again, part of his game.

The game has become a running gag among Grant's office co-workers, who pay him back whenever possible. They once pilfered his prize wall possession — a giant, stuffed trout — and replaced it with a smoked herring. Grant didn't smile. But he did open a window.

Last April, 1, his secretary had a 10-foot python planted on her boss' desk. Grant, posing with the snake around his neck, casually crept forward until he had backed a nervous cameraman against the wall.

Another time, Pat hid every pair of pants in her husband's closet. Grant went to work wearing a shirt, tie, sport jacket and long johns. No kidding.

NBA at a glance

Table showing Eastern Conference and Atlantic Division standings.

Swimming results

Table showing results of City of Midland swimmers in Odesa Aquatic Club meet.

NBA summaries

Table summarizing NBA games including Philadelphia vs New York, Boston vs Chicago, etc.

NHL at a glance

Table showing NHL standings for Campbell Conference and Patrick Division.

NHL summaries

Table summarizing NHL games including Buffalo vs Detroit, Buffalo vs Philadelphia, etc.

Transactions

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Hockey NHL

BOSTON BRUINS - Traded Bobby Schmalz, right wing, to the Edmonton Oilers for future considerations.

Hartford Whalers

Called Rick Hodgson defenseman from Springfield of the American Hockey League.

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