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## Gasoline price may increase by 8 cents

By the Associated Press

The cost to U.S. consumers of the latest round of OPEC oil price boosts keeps going up as more countries announce that they are going along with the increasing prices.

Venezuela and Mexico announced Tuesday that they would increase their crude oil prices by as much as \$5.50 a barrel, or 13 cents a gallon, following a decision last week by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to let prices climb as much as 10 percent.

The increases by OPEC and by Mexico — which does not belong to OPEC but follows its pricing lead — will raise U.S. retail gasoline and home heating oil prices "at least 8 cents a gallon," Gary Ross, an economist at the Petroleum Industry Research-Foundation Inc., said in New York.

The increases by Venezuela and Mexico — which together supply about 7 percent of U.S. petroleum needs — followed last week's \$2-a-barrel price increase by Saudi Arabia and a subsequent decision by OPEC oil ministers to let prices jump as much as \$4 per 42-gallon barrel.

Meanwhile, Exxon Corp., Mobil Corp. and several other major U.S. refiners raised wholesale gasoline, home heating oil and diesel-fuel prices 1 cent to 2 cents a gallon.

Exxon attributed its increases in part to the Saudi boost from \$30 to \$32 a barrel, retroactive to Nov. 1, and others said their increases resulted from rising foreign and domestic crude prices.

Dealers can pass on the wholesale price increases to consumers. But William Brown, an analyst at Chase Econometric Associates Inc. in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., said sluggish demand for gasoline following a rise of 50 cents a gallon since November 1978 may inhibit dealers from passing on

new wholesale prices "on a cent-for-cent basis."

Mexico sells the United States 745,000 barrels of oil a day. Its price increase was announced in Mexico City by the government oil monopoly Pemex and took effect today. Pemex sources said prices will not be raised again on Jan. 1.

Mexico's top grade of oil, Isthmus crude, was raised from \$34.50 to \$38.50 a barrel. Its lower-grade Maya crude, which yields less gasoline, jumped \$5.50, to \$34.50 a barrel.

The OPEC News Agency said in a dispatch from Caracas that Venezuelan Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti announced his country's oil price would rise about \$3 on Jan. 1 to approximately \$37 a barrel.

Venezuela sells the United States 428,000 barrels of oil daily and could have increased its price as much as \$4 a barrel under a new OPEC formula that allows cartel members to charge a top price of \$41.

Major American refiners reporting wholesale fuel-price increases included: Exxon, up 1 cent a gallon on gasoline nationwide and a penny a gallon on heating oil and diesel fuel on the Gulf and East Coasts; Mobil, up 2 cents a gallon on gasoline and 1 cent a gallon on diesel and heating oil; Standard Oil Co. (Indiana), whose Amoco gasoline, diesel fuel and heating oil rose 2 cents a gallon; Cities Service Co., up 1 cent a gallon on gasoline, diesel fuel and heating oil, and up 0.9 cents a gallon for gasohol in several regions; and Sun Co. Inc., up 1 cent a gallon on heating oil and diesel fuel.

Other refiners raising fuel prices recently include Texaco Inc., Standard Oil Co. of California, Shell Oil Co., Phillips Petroleum Co. and Tenneco Inc.



The Reporter-Telegram North Pole bureau sends us word that although Rudolph and the rest of the reindeer were taking a rest-stop in Stanton, Santa is still doggedly making his way to Midland with a load of Christmas goodies. (Staff Photo by Bruce Partain)

## Christians to mark birth of Christ

Bethlehem again the site of rites, despite tensions

By the Associated Press

Despite rising political tensions stirred by years of Israeli occupation, the little town of Bethlehem was preparing today for its annual flood of pilgrims and tourists, come to pay homage in the place where Christ was born.

This is the 14th Christmas since Bethlehem, and the rest of the West Bank of the Jordan River, was captured by Israel in the 1967 war.

The Israelis have sent thousands of troops to the city this year, fearing possible Palestinian unrest linked to the imminent return of two popular West Bank mayors who lost their legs last June in bombings attributed to Jewish extremists.

"We're in the middle of a battlefield," said town clerk Jamal Salman, gazing from his office window at the Israeli troops in Manger Square, outside the Church of the Nativity, built on the traditional birthplace of Christ.

Around the world, Christmas meant something special for Christians who prepared for the holiday, and for those who might benefit from political actions reflecting holiday themes of compassion and good will.

In the Moslem city of Tehran, Iranian authorities said they would allow a Roman Catholic priest and a Protestant minister to celebrate Christmas services with the American hostages, held there since Nov. 4, 1979.

In Seoul, South Korea, the Justice

Ministry announced a special Christmas parole for 955 convicts who "have behaved well and deeply repented their past mistakes."

In London, where Christmas evokes Dickensian images of fireside hearths and swirling snow, the royal family planned to give its servants the day off and make do, in a break with tradition, with a cold buffet.

The London Times, in an investigative article, probed the reasons for white Christmases being a thing of Dickens' time and not of the present.

It quoted weather officials as saying that whereas two out of five Christmases were white in Dickens' day, only one in 10 is white now.

Undaunted, Britons — who will bet on almost anything — went to their bookies and placed four-to-one odds against snow.

Hundreds of thousands of Britons received an unwanted Christmas holiday as businesses — including the steel and coal industries and many automotive, textile and engineering companies — closed because of the recession.

But despite the economic hard times, London shops were reportedly doing a sudden, bigger than usual Christmas boom.

"We're heading for a record Christmas," said a spokesman for Boots, the nationwide drug store chain. "We think people are spending their redundancy (unemployment) money. Expensive electrical goods and TV games are going well."

With the stores packed, security officials stepped up their watch for a possible bombing campaign by Irish guerrillas seeking to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

In Moscow, the holiday season means hectic shopping at Detsky Mire, or "Children's World," the downtown toy store across the street from the headquarters of the KGB secret police.

"Comrade customers who got separated from each other should meet at the main door," booms a loud speaker at the toy store, where clerks say, electric telegraph sets are a hot item this year.

With the government officially atheistic, Soviet citizens do most of their holiday celebrating on New Year's when a red-clad "Father Frost" and his comely assistant "Snegurochka," or snow-maiden, bring gifts to deserving children.

Father Frosts and the snow-maid-

ens make house calls and can be ordered by telephone for 5 rubles or \$7.50 a visit.

In Johannesburg, South Africa, clanging cash registers reportedly rang up the best Christmas season ever, reflecting the wealth of a nation that annually exports 700 tons of gold at prices of around \$600 an ounce.

"People are going crazy," said one game store retailer. "The staff is bushed."

South Africa, the world's largest gold producer, is receiving billions of dollars in foreign revenue these days and retail sales are up 30 percent over last year's.

The government, meanwhile, has announced a crackdown on holiday drinks, importing thousands of disposable breath analyzers from West Germany. Surprise road blocks are being set up to nab drunk drivers, who accounted for more than half the traffic accidents so far this year.

## Most government offices, banks closing for weekend

Most government offices and banks will be closed for more than just Christmas Day.

City offices, except for emergency services, will be closed Thursday and Friday.

However, city offices will be closed only for one day next week for New Year's Day.

County offices will close today through Friday for Christmas, and Jan. 1 and 2.

The Department of Public Safety offices will be closed today through Dec. 28 and will reopen at 8 a.m. Dec. 29.

Major Ira W. Dees, commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety's 49 county West Texas Region, said the offices also will be closed Jan. 1.

The U.S. Postal Service will operate on a holiday schedule Thursday, according to Postmaster D.E. Holster. They also will operate on holiday schedule Thursday, Jan. 1.

No residential, business or rural delivery will be provided. No window service will be provided and lockbox mail will not be boxed.

Special Delivery Service, including the delivery of perishables, will be given and holiday collections will be provided as usual.

Banks also will be closed for the holidays, closing at noon today and reopening for regular hours Friday. They also will be closed New Year's Day.

## No Reporter-Telegram Christmas

There will be no Christmas Day edition of the Midland Reporter-Telegram Thursday and the newspaper's offices will be closed.

It is the one day each year when an edition is not published in order that employees may spend the full Christmas holiday with their families.

Regular office hours and publication schedule will be resumed Friday.

The management and staff hope you will have a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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## \$6 billion needed for NATO

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Congressional Budget Office says the United States will have to spend at least \$5.9 billion — and possibly more than 10 times that much — over the next eight years before NATO can defend Europe against Soviet attack.

The agency, in an analysis released Tuesday, said NATO forces are now inadequate to defend against a concerted Soviet attack, even with the use of tactical nuclear weapons.

The analysis said almost three months would be needed to mass enough allied troops to thwart an attack by Warsaw Pact forces, with the Soviets holding the edge most of that time.

The inadequacy of NATO forces to respond to a surprise attack would suggest "an early resort to nuclear weapons," the study said, predicting that NATO would make the first nuclear strike.

But the study said nuclear weapons would provide only "a temporary respite" from attack. The Soviets would respond with their own nuclear weapons, the analysis said, and NATO installations are far more vulnerable to tactical nuclear attack than their Soviet counterparts.

The analysis was requested by the Senate Budget Committee as part of a review of U.S. defense needs. The study laid out six possible options for beefing up defense forces in Europe and elsewhere, at costs to the United

States ranging from \$5.9 billion to \$80.3 billion over an eight-year period.

The agency, a non-partisan branch of Congress, offered two different types of defense for Europe: an "elastic defense," in which allied forces retreat slowly, gaining time at the expense of losing land, and a "steadfast defense," holding firm against attackers.

An elastic defense would require NATO to increase its forces by six fully supported armored divisions, including two from the United States. A steadfast defense would require 11½ additional NATO divisions, five from the United States, the study said.

A U.S. armored division has 17,500 soldiers.

The range of budget options laid out in the analysis dealt with the Pentagon's need for a "1½-war" capability — the ability to fight a major war in Europe and a minor war elsewhere, probably in the Persian Gulf area.

The cheapest option, at \$5.9 billion, called for placing equipment stockpiles in Europe for five additional divisions and basing a Marine amphibious brigade on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

"This option would involve high risks in Europe, but would fully fund and somewhat enhance the current mobility improvements program," the study said.

## Explosions interrupt Australians' shopping

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Thousands of Christmas Eve shoppers fled the main Woolworths department store in the heart of Sydney today, minutes before at least two bombs exploded in what authorities believe may be an extortion plot.

Police say the bombs may have been planted by a man, dubbed the "Mistletoe Bomber" by the press, who has been blamed for explosions at two other Woolworths stores outside Sydney last week.

Authorities said the downtown store received a telephone call warning of the impending explosions about 20 minutes before the first blast ripped its main floor. The store's staff evacuated thousands of shoppers.

"We made it just in time," said a police spokesman.

Two persons were injured in the blast that blew out windows, scatter-

ing glass across one of the city's busiest intersections opposite the city hall. One of the victims suffered an injured ear drum and the other was cut by flying glass, police said.

A second Woolworths store in Sydney was evacuated after it, too, received a telephone bomb threat that was followed by another threat to a suburban store. There was no immediate word on whether bombs were found in those stores.

Woolworths, an Australian-owned group which has the same name but no connection with the American chain, has been the target of a series of extortion attempts over the past two years.

Two months ago an extortionist demanded the equivalent of \$936,000, threatening to poison flour and cake mixes in the downtown store's supermarket section if he was not paid.



# Eleven motorists die on nation's icy roads

**By The Associated Press**  
 Motorists dreaming of a white Christmas faced a nightmare of icy roads as snow, sleet and freezing rain spread over the Eastern Seaboard and the Plains, killing 11 people in traffic accidents.

In some areas, Tuesday's ice had vanished by early today, only to be replaced in spots by dense fog that reduced visibility to zero.

In Richmond, Va., police reported extremely hazardous driving conditions during the morning rush hour Tuesday and so many accidents they had to stop counting.

The city's Powhite Parkway "looked like someone took a bowling ball and went boom — cars everywhere," said a Richmond policeman.

Rush-hour traffic moved at a crawl in Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Icy conditions and hundreds of traffic accidents were reported from Georgia to New England, although the freezing rain and snow in the East began to diminish late in the day as temperatures rose above freezing.

However, fog reduced visibility to near zero in parts of central Virginia early today, the National Weather Service reported.

Snow was falling over parts of western and central Missouri early today and authorities closed sections of Interstate 70 and U.S. 169. A rash of

minor accidents was reported, but no fatalities, as up to two inches of snow fell in Kansas City.

The bad weather was blamed for 11 traffic fatalities, four in Virginia, two in Maryland and South Carolina and one each in Georgia, Kentucky and Iowa.

The hazardous driving conditions forced many school districts to start their Christmas vacations early.

Dense fog plagued parts of the West and Southwest on Tuesday, disrupting air travel in major California cities and parts of Oklahoma and south Texas.

Outbound flights were grounded and inbound flights were sent elsewhere for several hours in the third straight day of interrupted service at airports in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and San Diego.

"We've been up and down like a yo-yo," said Fred Smith, operations manager for the Federal Aviation Administration at Oakland International Airport.

About 2,500 people were stranded for several hours as commercial airlines halted flights at the Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City.

Back East, authorities were sorting through accident reports.

One of the biggest wrecks to result from the messy weather in the East was a 24-vehicle smash-up at the intersection of Interstates 20 and 285 west of Atlanta.



Iranian student carrying sign against U.S. imperialism demonstrates in downtown Seattle Monday. A group of about 15 students are holding a hunger strike and protest against what they called biased news coverage of Iraq-Iran war. (AP Laserphoto)

# Teen charged in slaying

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael Barnes has asked that a teen-ager be tried as an adult on charges stemming from the Dec. 15 strangulation of a South Bend Tribune reporter.

Probate Judge Frank X. Kopinski found sufficient probable cause Tuesday to charge Ron K. Whitehead, 16, of Granger, with juvenile delinquency in connection with the death of Mary Collins Kretschmar.

After Whitehead was charged in St. Joseph County Juvenile Court, Barnes said his office filed a request that the case be waived to St. Joseph County Superior Court where the

teen could be tried as an adult. A hearing on the request for a waiver will be held within 20 days.

Mrs. Kretschmar, 26, died as a result of strangulation and blood loss from head wounds suffered in a beating at the newspaper's bureau in Mishawaka, according to a coroner's report.

The reporter, who was five months pregnant, was in the office preparing to cover a school board meeting. Police found her body after receiving a call from Whitehead.

Whitehead, who was working in the office as a janitor, has been held in custody since the incident.

# Heavy January layoffs expected

DETROIT (AP) — Nearly 46,000 U.S. auto assembly workers will return to work late from their Christmas holidays as the major producers struggle to hold down inventories.

It will be by far the model year's highest total of short-term furloughs, which have not exceeded 15,000 since October.

Company reports Tuesday included the first layoffs, except for model changeovers and two brief strikes, at Volkswagen of America's plant in Westmoreland, Pa. The plant has worked steadily since April 10, 1978.

Two thousand workers will stay home from Westmoreland and 600 more from a feeder plant.

Only General Motors Corp. said it planned to operate all its active assembly lines the week of Jan. 5. GM has two plants, with 7,000 workers, down for retooling.

Ford Motor Co. will delay the return to work of 11

assembly lines in nine plants employing 22,300 workers until Jan. 12 or Jan. 19.

Chrysler Corp. will work only one of its six U.S. assembly plants, the truck plant in Warren, Mich. Some 15,610 workers will stay home from the others for another week or two.

Chrysler said it did not have figures on temporary layoffs in component plants, but published reports have said at least 3,900 will be idle.

American Motors Corp., as previously announced, will not re-start production at Kenosha, Wis., until Jan. 12. That means temporary layoffs for 5,900.

Because production schedules were announced early, up-to-date details on indefinite layoffs were not available. Those stood at 51,000 at Ford, 89,000 at GM, 44,700 at Chrysler and 4,550 at AMC last week. Chrysler announced early this week that slower production lines in three assembly plants in January would mean the addition of 3,670 to its total.

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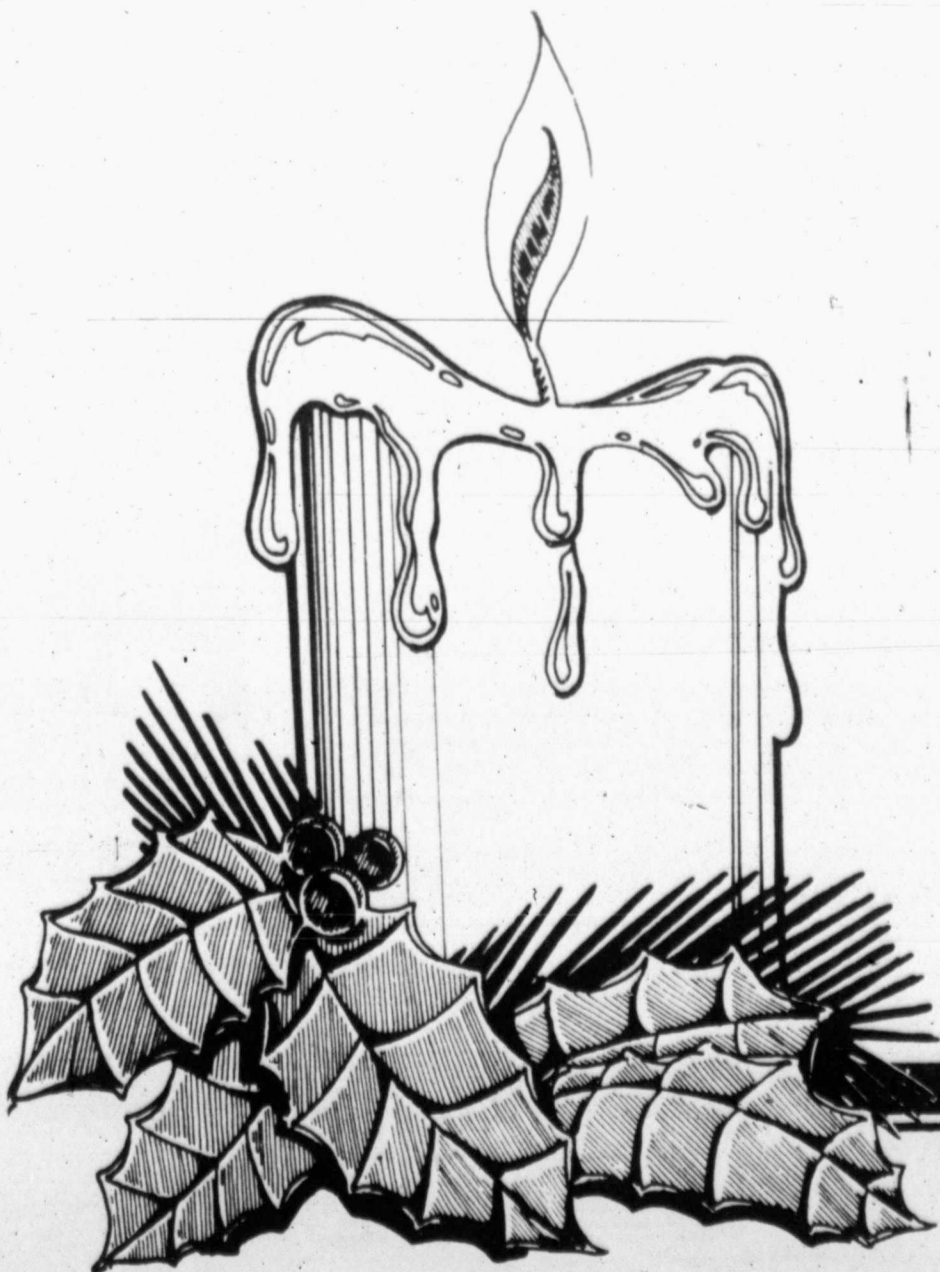
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# Census Bureau to adjust count

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge who ordered the U.S. Census Bureau to adjust its 1980 count of New York state people has delivered a decision that could save at least two seats in Congress and some \$1 billion over the next 10 years, officials say.

In a 34-page decision Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Henry Werker said there had been widespread "mismanagement" of the 1980 census. He gave the Census Bureau 30 days to come up with a plan to remedy the undercount.

City and state officials had contended that Census Bureau agents gave short shrift to poor neighborhoods and areas inhabited by minority groups when conducting the decennial population count.

They argued that the agents missed at least 800,000 New York City residents and another 200,000 in the rest of the state. Preliminary census figures showed the city population dropping from about 7.8 million in 1970 to about 6.8 million this year.

An accurate count is critical because the census helps determine congressional representation and federal financial aid.

New York City estimated that if the preliminary figures were accepted by the federal government, the city would lose four seats in the House of Representatives and at least \$1 billion in federal funds over the next decade. Officials contended enough people were missed in the count to save at least two seats.

Werker ruled the use of "reasonable and scientifically valid statistical, survey or sampling procedures to adjust census figures for the differential undercount is constitutionally permissible." He also declared that the statutory deadline of Dec. 31 for reporting to the president was "directory and not mandatory."

"While the Census Bureau has taken the position that it is unable to develop 'statistically defensible' methods of adjustment, the court finds that what is required here is not

a scientifically perfect method for adjusting, but a method that will reflect the true population of the city and the state more accurately than the unadjusted counts," he said.

Werker concluded that Census Bureau master address registers used to make the count in urban areas were inadequate. He said they were compiled with the help of inaccurate and incomplete commercial lists.

In a census case earlier this year, in Detroit, U.S. District Judge Horace Gilmore ruled that the bureau's 1980 count was deficient nationwide by at least 5 million people, particularly minorities.

The bureau denied the charges and the Justice Department appealed, but was denied a stay of the Sept. 25 decision, which ordered the bureau to adjust population levels at all levels.

The government has appealed the stay order to the U.S. Supreme Court. The bureau's final 1980 tally — estimated at 226 million — must be presented to the president and Congress on Jan. 1.

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Cynthia L. Ferus of Monson, Mass., also known as "Selene," demonstrates how she uses her belly dancing for a gyrating message service known as "Belly Gram" in this recent file photo. Ferus filed suit in a Springfield, Mass., court Tuesday against another bellydancer, Kim Su, of Cambridge, for allegedly infringing on her unique way of delivering greetings and messages. (AP Laserphoto)

## MacDonald innocent, says agent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman who reportedly contends that satanic cultists were the real killers of Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald's family came forward a decade after the slayings because "she wanted to get it off her chest," says a former FBI agent.

Private investigator Ted Gunderson, who spent 27 years with the FBI, said Tuesday he had located a woman who watched as members of a devil-worshipping cult killed Collette MacDonald and her two children in their home in Fort Bragg, N.C., in 1970.

Gunderson was hired a year ago by friends of MacDonald, who was convicted in the deaths.

Earlier, the Fayetteville, N.C., Times reported that Helena Stockley, 27, signed a statement saying she watched others kill the members of the family. The Times quoted unidentified sources as saying she alleged the killings were acts of vengeance by cult members who were upset at MacDonald's attitude toward drug use by certain cultists.

Ms. Stockley said she watched the killings as part of her initiation into the group, according to Gunderson.

MacDonald was convicted last year in the killings, but the conviction was overturned by an appeals court on the grounds that he was not given a speedy trial. A government prosecutor

has said he intends to appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The former Green Beret contended during his trial that drug-crazed intruders chanting "Acid is groovy" killed his family and wounded him.

"I know he's innocent. I've just proved it," said Gunderson, who headed the FBI's Los Angeles office for 18 months.

Ms. Stockley was found by the judge at MacDonald's trial to be an incompetent witness and was not allowed to testify because of her history of drug use.

In Washington, Justice Department lawyer Brian Murtagh, who has dealt with the case since 1971, dismissed her reported statement.

"This isn't the first time Helena Stockley has confessed," he said.

Gunderson said that in refusing to credit her testimony, the Army, po-

saying she feared violence by cult members.

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## Donovan's firm paid mob, says newspaper

NEW YORK (AP) — The construction company owned in part by Labor Secretary-designate Raymond J. Donovan once paid thousands of dollars to a businessman who set up a dummy company to launder payoffs to mobsters and politicians, the Daily News reported today.

Donovan had confirmed the payment of \$12,000 to \$15,000 from the Schiavone Construction Co. of Secaucus, N.J., to Kantor Supply of Newark, the newspaper said. The cabinet appointee is an executive vice president and part owner of the construction firm.

The News said the dummy company's fund allegedly was used as a conduit for bribes and as a means of generating non-taxable cash for contractors.

It was reported earlier that Donovan was questioned by the U.S. attorney's office in Newark by investigators looking into a New Jersey kickback scheme of the 1960s. The scheme allegedly involved contractors, political figures and mobsters.

Donovan never was charged in connection with the case, but the probe led to the indictment and conviction of former Newark Mayor Hugh Addonizio and a dozen others.

During the session with the federal investigators, President-elect Reagan's cabinet choice was asked specifically about payments to a phantom company established by Irving Kantor, the Daily News said.

Donovan contended the check to the Kantor account was legitimate and insisted he was paying Kantor for leasing rights to store materials on a vacant lot in Newark, the newspaper said.

He also asserted his company never did any business with the city of Newark.

But unidentified investigators quoted by the newspaper said the only vacant land owned by Kantor was at 134 Lillie St., Newark, which was used as an address by the fake company.

"At the trial, Kantor testified that all of the money put in the account was dirty money," the investigator was quoted as having said.

Donovan refused comment to the News on the story.

## Proxmire repaying government for 'Fleece' libel suit defense

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., announced today he has voluntarily begun repaying the government for defending him against a "Golden Fleece" libel suit by turning over money he earned writing and broadcasting about his monthly citations.

Proxmire said he received \$18,922 in 1980 royalties on his book, "The Fleeing of America," and handed \$8,515, the amount left after state and federal taxes, to the federal Treasury.

He said he also was giving the government the full amount, after taxes, that he received from a monthly radio broadcast about his Golden

Fleece awards. He said this amounted to \$900 in 1980.

Proxmire gives Golden Fleece awards each month for what he regards as egregious examples of waste of taxpayers' money.

The Senate paid approximately \$125,000 to lawyers who represented Proxmire when the senator was sued by the recipient of a federal grant that he had singled out.

The suit was settled out of court after the Supreme Court ruled that the Constitution's Speech and Debate clause did not shield Proxmire from being sued for statements made in issuing one of the "awards."

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## Dead not liable for fines

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dead defendants cannot be expected to pay fines, a federal appeals court has ruled.

"Death of a defendant abates the penalty," the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Tuesday. "This long-standing principle has been applied in instances involving the death of a criminal defendant pending appeal.

"Today, we extend that principle to apply to a case where death occurs post conviction and appeal but prior to collection of the fine," the court said.

The case at issue in the ruling involved David E. Morton, convicted in St. Louis of five counts of transporting stolen autos across state lines. He died after serving about five months of his sentence, but before paying the \$5,000 fine.

The appeals court reasoned that the fine was not awarded as compensation to the United States, but as a punishment to the defendant. And it said there was no justice in punishing others for the offense.

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**Herman Seale**



For six days in June of 1980, about the only thing anybody talked about in Winkler County was the Kermit sinkhole. After an early flurry, the crater stopped growing and like most

other curiosities that stop being curious, the sinkhole sank from public view. (AP Laser-photo)

# What's happened to the sinkhole

By JOE STROOP  
Associated Press Writer

For six days last June, about the only thing anybody talked about in Winkler County was the Kermit Sinkhole.

It really wasn't anything more than a big hole in the ground, but the mystery about its origin, the possible threat it posed to a huge oil storage facility nearby and the fuss it kicked up between Wink and Kermit over ownership of the earth-hungry cavern, all made national news.

But after an early flurry, the crater stopped growing and, like most curiosities that stop being curious, the Sinkhole sank from public view. It's still there, but nobody much cares any more.

"We've got a hole in the ground and we treat it as a hole in the ground," said Jim Williamson at the Kermit State Bank, who led the Winkler County Civil Defense effort last June and had to make himself an expert on the Kermit Sinkhole.

"It's no big deal," said Winkler County sheriff's deputy Jan Moore. "It's done everything it's gonna do."

Miss Moore became a national celebrity briefly during the summer Sinkhole stir, when she was interviewed almost daily by news reporters from all three major TV networks, both national wire services and the New York Times who came to see what all the fuss was about.

"I drive by once in a while to look at it — it's sort of my 'baby' — but everybody's pretty much forgotten about it except for news people."

The Sinkhole came from humble origins. On June 3, a Tuesday, workers at a Shell Oil Co. storage tank farm off Texas Highway 115, about halfway between Wink and Kermit, noticed a nine-foot-long hole in the ground. The next day, the hole yawned open to a full-blown crater — 300 feet long, 250 feet wide and 50 feet deep.

Oil from a broken pipeline seeped into the bottom of the crater, mixing with water that oozed up from the underground water table, as huge chunks of earth broke off and fell into the gooey mixture every day.

Cracks from the edge of the crater spread toward an operating natural gas well and reached toward some oil storage tanks. The owners and operators began to get nervous. News spread, and so did word of a dispute between Kermit, which gave its name to the crater, and Wink, which wanted to.

A story about the budding animosity was published in a Dallas newspaper and transmitted by The Associated Press over national news wires.

By now, Winkler County was a temporary home for dozens of reporters, all trying to get an earful from the locals who managed to disguise their amusement while being interviewed.

"There never was any danger to the community," Williamson said. "And there's not any trouble between Wink and Kermit and there never was. It was

just something everybody made up for the media and the media — which is very gullible, you know — sucked it up."

"It got out of hand when some of the big city people (reporters) got out here and started looking at it," said Bill Beckham, publisher of the Wink Bulletin, which carries the motto, "The only newspaper in the world that cares what happens in Wink."

"There was a bunch of guys playing dominoes at the lodge hall and they started talking about the old days when Wink and Kermit played each other in football, and then they decided it would be clever if they started fighting over the sinkhole like they did over football games."

On a more serious note, the Petro Lewis oil company put a temporary cap on a gas well it was drilling nearby as a precautionary measure, the Winkler County sheriff put deputies on continuous patrol duty around the sinkhole, the landowners erected a seven-foot-tall chain link and barbed wire fence around it and geologists from the University of Texas set up special equipment to study it.

When the Sinkhole was about 200 yards long, 200 yards wide and 75 feet deep, it stopped growing. And as soon as the hole quit gnawing on earth, one by one, the curiosity seekers and crater students went home.

The only thing left out there now is the fence. "We probably get 20 or 30 people who drive out there every day to look at it — tourists who remember," said Williamson.

"You know, if people are coming out this way they say, 'Well, let's just drive through Kermit to see what it is.' They do — they take a look and most of them are kind of disappointed."

"You know, Arco (the oil company that owns the land) missed a good bet," said Beckham, tongue still planted firmly in cheek. "If they had put up an observation tower and charged a dollar admission last summer they probably could have paid off their windfall profits tax."

Despite all the interest, no one has yet been able to say exactly what caused the Sinkhole.

"It would be so expensive to establish the precise reason that it wouldn't be worthwhile," said Williamson, who said the most likely cause was the collapse of an underground cavern that formed either when limestone dissolved over a period of years or when underground water was pumped out.

But Williamson and Miss Moore agree the mystery probably contributed to the widespread interest in the thing.

"Nobody knew what was happening. The ground just started falling into a big hole. It just went 'bloop' and it was gone. There was no cause. Well, of course, there was a cause but we didn't know what it was. It was unbelievable," said Miss Moore.

She is leaving Winkler County, by the way, to take a job with the Ector County Sheriff in Odessa, about 35 miles away.

"But I'll still come back to see it from time to time."

# Police seek New York slasher

NEW YORK (AP) — While police were trying to determine whether one silent assailant was responsible for six unprovoked mid-Manhattan knifings, Buffalo officials were checking for possible connections between the attacks here and the killings of four blacks in that upstate New York city.

Manhattan police today were questioning the survivor of a subway knife assault along with witnesses to two of the four fatal attacks.

The first two attacks occurred at subway stops Monday. One man was hospitalized in serious but stable condition after open heart surgery and the other escaped with cuts on his hand and wrist. Later, four men were fatally stabbed on busy streets.

Capt. John Meehan, chief of Manhattan detectives, said witnesses had given the same general description of the incidents: "A male, white, unprovoked, without saying a word just sticks him."

They also said the assailant was in his early 40s, 5-foot-7, 140, pounds, lean, muscular and wearing glasses, he said.

The possibility was "very strong" that the assaults were related "because there were so many similars: knife thrust to the chest, no conversation," Meehan said.

But until a composite sketch is drawn and more witnesses interviewed, "it can't be stated conclusively that the same person is responsible," Meehan said.

Five of the victims were black men and the other Hispanic. Asked whether the attacks were racially motivated, Meehan said "we haven't locked our

selves into it, nor have we excluded it."

The stabbings were not related to knifings last month near Bellevue Hospital in which one person died and four others were wounded, police said.

Nor did Meehan see a connection between the assaults here and the attacks three months ago in Buffalo, where four black men were gunned down by a man police dubbed the "22-caliber killer."

"We do not at this point think there is any connection. But we are not ruling it out," Meehan said.

New York and Buffalo investigators exchanged information Tuesday on the killings. Erie County District Attorney Edward C. Cosgrove, referring to the Manhattan case, said that "the characteristics of the random assaults, the blackness of the victims, the boldness with which the attacks took place, fit in with the pattern of the four deaths in Buffalo."

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Margaret Hooper Clara Ward

Margaret "Maggie" Hooper, 37, of 2605 Fannin Ave., died Monday in a Midland hospital following surgery.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Church of Christ in Early, Texas, with services under the direction of the Davis-Morris Funeral Home in Brownwood. Burial will follow at Eastlawn Cemetery in Early. Local arrangements were handled by New-nie W. Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hooper was born Feb. 17, 1943, in Williams, Texas. She grew up in Texas. She was a graduate of Texas Tech with a master's degree in special education. She moved to Midland in June, 1980, from Odessa where she had lived for a year. She was an employee of the Odessa Independent School District.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Sam Hooper Jr. of Midland; a daughter, Mary Margaret Hooper of Midland; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Chambers of Early; her grandmother, Velma Yarborough of Early; her great-grandmother, Linnie Dean of Early; and two sisters, Mrs. Kenneth Warren and Mrs. Howard Ehrlee, both of Early.

Dave Compton

NORTON — Services for Dave Compton, 85, of Norton, father of Troy V. Compton of Midland, were to be at 4 p.m. today in Raines Funeral Home at Ballinger.

He died Tuesday in a Ballinger hospital.

He was born Aug. 3, 1895. Other survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; two daughters, a son, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Clara Ward, 64, 2601 W. Illinois Ave., died Saturday at a Midland hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were Tuesday at the New-nie W. Ellis Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. W.R. "Bill" Simpson, pastor of Tall City Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were Jim Bolen of Odessa, Richard Hartcraft of Dallas, Adkin Cook of Lubbock and Bob Boydston, Oliver Jacobsen and Bill Dillon, all of Midland.

Mary Dunahoe

ANDREWS — Services for Mary Jane Dunahoe, 65, of Andrews and formerly of Midland, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Singleton Funeral Home Chapel of the Chimes with the Rev. Ross Payne of Midland officiating. Burial was to be in Andrews Cemetery.

Mrs. Dunahoe died at her home Monday following a short illness.

The Midland native had lived in Andrews for 34 years. She was married to Milton Dunahoe July 12, 1961, in Seminole.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, James Weathered of Midland and Robert Fulton of Beaumont; two daughters, Mrs. Ray Burrow and Mrs. John Crowley, both of Midland; two sisters, Edna Pipes of Littlefield and Eunice Bell of Midland; two brothers, Jack Mayfield and Dutch Mayfield, both of Midland; 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Report issued on deaths of American missionaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — A presidential commission says it found no evidence implicating any senior level Salvadoran officials in the slayings of four American missionaries in El Salvador. But the panel said there is a "high probability" that Salvadoran authorities tried to conceal the crime.

The commission said it found no direct evidence of who was responsible for the killings.

The findings were in a 10-page report submitted to President Carter on Dec. 12. The report was made public Tuesday by the State Department.

Former Undersecretary of State William D. Rogers and Assistant Secretary of State William Bowdler prepared the report. They visited El Salvador at Carter's request Dec. 6-9 to investigate the circumstances of the deaths of the four missionaries who were involved in refugee relief work.

The victims were sisters Ita Ford, 40, and Maura Clarke, 46, of the Maryknoll order; Dorothy Kazel, 40, of the Ursuline order; and Jean Donovan, 27, a Catholic lay worker.

The four were shot to death Dec. 2 in a remote area of El Salvador about 30 miles from San Salvador and were buried the next morning under security force supervision in a single

grave in a cow pasture.

The commission report said circumstantial evidence suggested a cover-up attempt during the initial stages after the crime.

The report said that security forces supervised the burial on Dec. 3 but information on the whereabouts of the bodies did not become available until the next day. And even then the information was not from government sources, the report said.

Because local authorities had reason to believe the four women were Americans and still did not provide information to the American embassy, there is "a high probability that an attempt was made to conceal the deaths," the report said.

The State Department suspended \$25 million in economic and military aid three days after the slayings. On Dec. 17, the suspension on the \$20 million economic aid program was lifted, with the State Department noting that Salvadoran authorities had promised a thorough investigation and also had agreed on a restructuring of the government.

The State Department has said the military aid program will stay suspended pending a reduction in the level of violence in El Salvador and progress in the murder investigation.

War helps anti-Persian campaign

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iranian Arab nationalists from Iran's oil province of Khuzistan say they are getting "unlimited and unconditional support" from Iraqi troops who have occupied much of the province, and claim the Iran-Iraq war is helping their fight for autonomy from Iran's Persian rulers.

Calling themselves Arabistan revolutionaries, the Arabs spoke at a news conference Tuesday in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad. Their statements were carried by the official Iraqi news agency, INA, and monitored here.

INA quoted one of the Iranian Arabs, identified only by his code name Abu Karama, as saying the Iran-Iraq war was "an opportunity for Arabistan revolutionaries to escalate their operations" against Iran's revolutionary regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

"It is a natural thing that a coordination takes place between the Arabistan revolutionaries and the Iraqi army," Karama was quoted as saying.

He reportedly said the Arabistani revolutionaries, seeking "legitimate nationalist rights on the land of Arabistan within the framework of a free democratic state in Iran," supported the Iraqi territorial claims that sparked the border war.

Arabistan is the Arabic name for the southern province of Khuzistan, site of fierce tank, infantry and paratrooper battles during the 93-day-old war. Khuzistan forms the eastern bank of a 60-mile stretch of the Shatt al-Arab waterway, the disputed border between the two warring oil nations.

Iraq has gained control over the waterway which provides its inland cities access to the Persian Gulf.

Iraq's Arab troops, who invaded Khuzistan on Sept. 22, have called on its Arab minority to rise against the Persian regime in Tehran. Both Iran and Iraq are Moslem nations but ethnic differences have sparked centuries of bitter rivalry.

Abadan Radio reported a "mercenary acting as a fifth column agent for the (Iraqi) enemy" was executed Tuesday after confessing that he had infiltrated Iranian ranks and spied for Iraq. The report did not identify the ethnic origin of the executed person, but six people, believed to be Khuzistan Arabs, were executed by Iran on similar charges last week.

Military communiques from both sides indicated increased air and land attacks, but none of the reports could be confirmed since Western reporters have been kept away from actual fighting.

Iraq reported its first nighttime air raid against

Iran in the three-month war, hitting the giant oil refining complex in the besieged city of Abadan on the northern tip of the Persian Gulf.

Iran confirmed the raids against Abadan and its gulf island of Minu, and said its forces downed three of the attackers.

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Jiang disrupts trial again

PEKING (AP) — The widow of Mao Tse-tung, fighting for her life in a Peking courtroom, shouted her innocence today and claimed that Mao and former Premier Chou En-lai knew of her actions during the tumultuous years of China's Cultural Revolution, Chinese sources said.

The 67-year-old Jiang Qing "raised a row" during her three-hour defense speech today despite repeated warnings from an angry prosecutor that such outbursts could mean a heavier sentence, the sources said.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman refused to confirm a report from Kyodo, the Japanese news service, that the prosecutor had demanded the death penalty. If the report is true, Kyodo said in a report monitored in Tokyo, it would be the first such demand during the current trial of the Chinese radicals.

Jiang is the main defendant among leaders of the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution. They are accused of frame-ups and persecutions in an effort to seize power. The prosecution has completed its case against the nine other defendants.

Jiang will continue her final argument in other hearings, the sources said today. She reportedly shouted and criticized her accusers Tuesday as the prosecution wound up its case.

In her court appearance today, Jiang, speaking without notes, denied all guilt and said her actions did not constitute crimes of even

errors and reflected the ideology of the Cultural Revolution, the court sources said.

They said she tried to shift responsibility onto the late Chinese leaders Mao and Chou, arguing that they were fully aware of her campaign against late President Liu Shao-chi, who died in prison in 1969.

Throughout her month-long trial Jiang has invoked the name of Mao and said she was

acting at his behest, sources said.

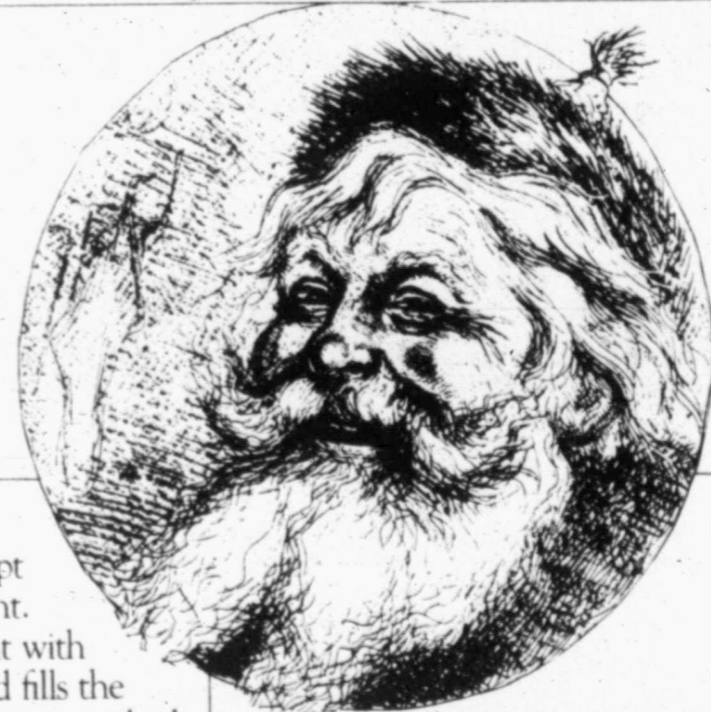
Liu's American-born wife was imprisoned for almost 12 years on Jiang's orders, the prosecutor said. Officials said she has admitted she was in direct control of a group investigating Liu.

Foreign reporters are barred from the court in case state secrets come up and in an effort to keep Mao's name from being stained.

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In 1897, the old New York Sun asked Francis P. Church, its veteran news editor, to answer a letter the newspaper had received from eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon, asking if her friends were right in telling her there was no Santa Claus. Here is his classic reply.



"Dear Virginia, Our little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be that is not comprehensible to their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist. And you know they abound and give your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We

would have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle to see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love and romance can push aside the curtain and picture the supreme beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

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# Churches schedule Christmas services

Several Midland churches will be celebrating special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services tonight and Thursday.

Midland Lutheran Church at 2705 W. Michigan Ave. will start its traditional candlelight ceremony tonight at 7 and 11.

Christmas Day celebrations are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

The Christian Church at 2608 Neely Ave. is conducting a candlelight service tonight at 6, with Mark Worley, associate minister, conducting the service.

The annual Christmas Eve communion service is slated to begin at 9 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.

Grace Presbyterian Church at 2801 N. Garfield St. will start its Christmas Eve candlelight services at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Patrick J. Wilson officiating.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Louisiana Avenue and Andrews Highway, will present its "Communion with Candlelight" at 7:30 p.m.

A Christmas Eve children's service conducted by the Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Trinity School-chapel at 3500 W. Wadley Ave.

On Christmas Day, a song service is scheduled to begin at 10:45 a.m. in the Trinity School chapel.

A 24-hour silent prayer vigil will begin at 9 tonight in St. Luke's Methodist Church at 3011 W. Kansas Ave.

The non-demonstrational is available to anyone who will be spending Christmas alone.

Midlanders are invited to attend each of the services.

# Mice don't sleep on Christmas Eve

ALTAMONT, N.Y. (AP) — 'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse ...

The mice may have been quiet in Clement Moore's house in 1822 when he wrote "The Night Before Christmas," but it's never that way at the Blue Spruce Farm near this Albany County community.

"If they're not stirring, we're in a lot of trouble," said Hans-Kappel, general manager of Blue Spruce Farm for the past 17 years.

Despite its name, this "farm" doesn't raise Christmas trees. It is one of about a dozen companies in the United States raising mice and rats for laboratory research.

"We usually have about a million on hand at any one time," said Kappel, who came to this country from his native Germany in 1950.

Prices for the farm's creatures range from about 60 cents for an average mouse, to about \$35 for a specially bred diabetic rat.

"The rat will urinate the equivalent of its body weight every 24 hours," explains Kappel.

There are also rats with high blood pressure and another strain prone to jaundice.

Kappel said the animals are used for everything from behavioral research in college labs to studies

on the effectiveness and safety of new drugs.

"A mouse helped develop the first polio vaccine," said Ralph Plauth, the owner of Blue Spruce Farm and Kappel's father-in-law, who started the business about 30 years ago with some Easter rabbits his children had been given.

"They bred and he just had more and more rabbits around," said Kappel. "So he started the business."

Blue Spruce is now out of the rabbit business, and its 40 employees concentrate entirely on mice and rats. An old garage has given way to sterile isolation chambers. Elaborate alarm systems warn of temperature variations.

"We ship out about 10,000 mice a week and several thousand rats," said Lionel Lumbr, farm supervisor. "They go all over the world."

Kappel said female mice generally have a litter, averaging almost 20 offspring each, every three or four weeks.

"I think our record litter was 32 or 33," he said.

Kappel, sitting in his tiny office where a sign on the wall proclaims "Welcome to the Rat Race," said mouse breeding can be expensive.

"The food bill is probably about \$300,000 a year now and our electricity costs are staggering," he explained.

Most of the feeding is automated and Kappel said the farm would be closed for Christmas. The shipments to labs will begin again the next day.

# Trash collectors work all year repairing toys for Christmas

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — All year long, trash collectors David Lopez and Mike Vincent seek out broken toys and used clothing. One by one, in Lopez' garage, the toys are fixed and the clothes mended in preparation for Christmas Eve.

Then Vincent, 27, dons his Santa Claus suit, loads two bags of presents and food into Lopez' station wagon, and sets out to visit needy families and children.

"We don't tell anybody we're coming, because that's part of the fun," said Vincent. "People freak out when they open the door and there's a Santa Claus standing with a bag of toys."

The two city employees, who make their holiday rounds from dusk to midnight, also bring presents to the city's motels and hotels for people traveling through Flagstaff who aren't spending Christmas Eve with their families.

"Working for the city makes it easy for us to go around and find needy people," said Lopez, 31.

"We see the children who aren't dressed too well or don't have many toys. You see people who don't have enough food or money to buy presents."

Tonight marks their fifth year in what they say began as a project for friends and family. The two, who soon decided to "become Santa Claus to everyone," try to anticipate the needs of the families they pinpoint, so they will have the right presents

ready.

They do it, they said, because they want to and enjoy it. It's worth the effort to feel and see the rewards of "truly giving," they say.

"I've wanted to do something like this ever since I was a little kid," Vincent said.

They say they don't worry about the expenses of their project — they pay for it through their overtime and with money Vincent earns working as a Santa Claus at local shopping centers. They estimate they spend \$600 a year for toys and for supplies to repair the broken ones.

"Some people look at us and say, 'You guys must be crazy,'" said Lopez. "They don't understand why we spend all the money and time for somebody else."

"It's all from our hearts," he added. "We're just a couple of grown-up kids."

Vincent recalled one visit to a poor family which left a woman speechless when she opened the door to find him in his Santa suit with a bag of toys and a box of food, including a turkey.

She dropped to her knees and kissed Vincent's hands as her eyes filled with tears, he said.

"I had to find the door," he added. "I mean, can you see Santa Claus crying?"

# She uses cement mixer to mix her fruitcakes

CISTERN, Texas (AP) — Gladys Farek keeps a little red cement mixer busy — mixing fruitcakes.

She sold five tons of fruitcake last year alone and dreams of making 20 tons in one year.

"Then, maybe, I'll retire," she said.

Mrs. Farek, 45, began baking after realizing during a hospital stay that she needed a way to keep busy and free from worrying about things that were not worth worrying about.

Her country bakery is next door to her new natural stone ranch style home on her 188-acre farm in this Fayette County Czech community about 90 miles west of Houston.

She has never advertised, but, in addition to five tons of fruitcake, last year's sales included 36,000 dozen Texas-sized cookies. In addition to the five-inch cookies, she also bakes cinnamon rolls, poppy-seed cakes, cheese pies, brownies, angel food and carrot cakes, kolaches, and bread. She also makes egg noodles and jalapeno jelly.

She jokes, however, that she already has a slogan should she ever decide to advertise.

"Fruitcakes made of 50 percent nuts by a nutty woman," she said.

After her hospital stay eight years ago, Mrs. Farek asked a local restaurant owner about homebaked bread and cookies.

She started with about 25 loaves of bread and four dozen cookies a week, and business kept growing and growing.

Then she added fruitcakes and the cement mixer.

The mixer, with the blades removed, allows her to tumble her ingredients mechanically without turning the fruits and pecans into mush.

"I developed a recipe by trial and error from a lot of different recipes," she said.

She won't give the recipe but attributes part of her success to refusal to use citron, which she says gives a bitter taste, and raisins, which she says are unpopular with many people.

She sells a 25-pound Texas-shaped fruitcake, measuring a yard from El Paso to Orange, for \$125 but smaller varieties are \$6 a pound, plus shipping costs.

Mrs. Farek said she likes to experiment with recipes of her own.

"Many times I throw a whole batch of stuff away," she said.

"If it ain't perfect, I feed it to my hogs. My hogs are getting real fat and sassy from my mistakes."

# Carter gets warm greeting in Plains

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — Marking his last Christmas as the nation's chief executive, President Carter is being assured by hometown friends and neighbors that he is still their favorite son despite being defeated by Ronald Reagan.

The president was applauded, cheered and sometimes kissed and hugged by friendly crowds as he came home to Georgia on Tuesday.

"Merry Christmas, Mr. President, we're still for you," said a woman in the crowd of several hundred at Robins Air Force Base, where Air Force One touched down.

"Hi, Jimmy, we love you," the president was told.

"Welcome home, Mr. President, God bless you," said another well-wisher.

At Plains, the crowd numbered about 200 and the message was more of the same.

"We love Jimmy and Rosalynn" said one of several welcoming signs held above the crowd.

Soon after arrival, the Carter family gathered at the home of the president's mother, Lillian Carter, who is recovering from a broken hip.

# Reagans home for holidays

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President-elect Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, plan to have all four of his children as guests for Christmas dinner at their Pacific Palisades home.

The Reagans' ranch-style California home is gaily decorated for Christmas with poinsettias, evergreen boughs and a brightly decorated Christmas tree.

But the Christmas scene at the Reagan home is far different from that in most of the nation. Temperatures have been in the mid-70s all week, with bright sunshine and a light breeze wafting through the palm trees and colorful flowers visible outside the Reagans' living room window.

Press spokesman Joe Holmes said the guest list for Christmas dinner includes daughters Maureen and Patti; son Ron and his new wife, Doria; and son Michael, his wife, Colleen, and their son, Cameron, Reagan's only grandchild.

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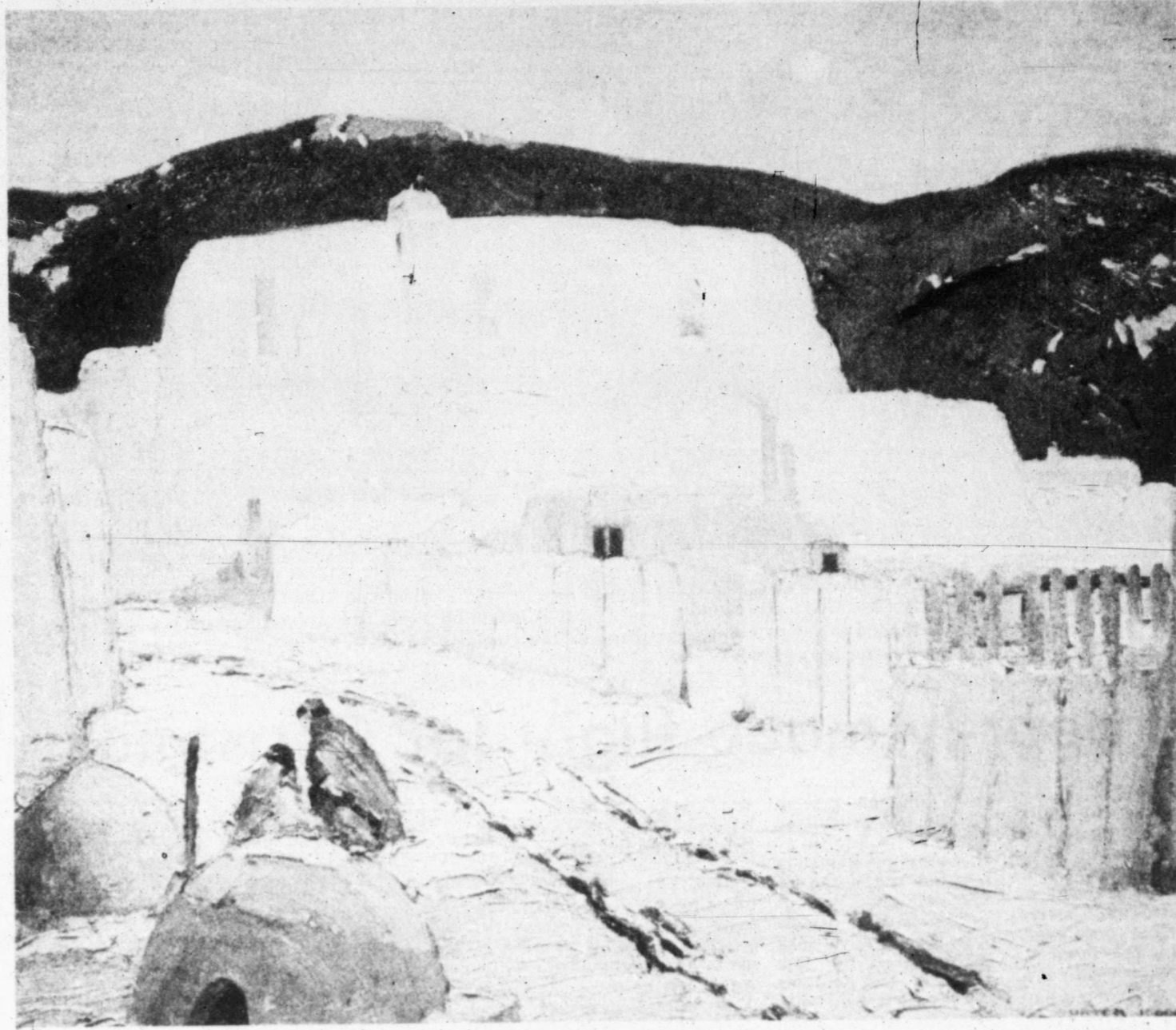
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# Sharing Christmas with Midland



"Riders of the Purple Sage" — W. Herbert Dunton

## A gift of love...

It was almost inaccessible in the late 1880s. But most of those who went stayed.

The light then, as now, was so great, Novadean Hogan explained, that it was to a large measure responsible for the success of the Taos, N.M., art community. The rest of the credit could be attributed to the perseverance and dedication of the community's founder, Joseph Henry Sharp.

For years Fred and Novadean Hogan of Midland have enjoyed collecting paintings and sharing their collection with others by loaning, and at times donating, various works to museums and galleries. To date, their ultimate gift of sharing has been given to the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Just in time for Christmas, the Hogans have donated 16 paintings by all of the original "Taos Founders" — 10 men who belonged to the Taos Society of Artists from 1915 to 1927. Also included in the collection is a painting by Blanche C. Grant, author and painter of the period, but not one of the Founders.

Acquiring a complete collection of the original Taos Society is a unique opportunity for the Museum and Midlanders alike. The collection includes works by Victor Higgins, Walter Ufer, E. Martin Hennings, Kenneth M. Adams, Ernest L. Blumenschein, Irving Couse, W. Herbert Dunton, Bert Phillips, Oscar Berninghaus and Joseph Henry Sharp.

It is the Hogans' hope that others will follow their lead.



Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Hogan



"A Daughter of the Water Clan" — Bert Greer Phillips

Photos by  
Brian Hendershot

Text by  
Georgia Temple



Jill Bettler, an 8-year-old North Dallas girl, received a 45-pound stuffed bear as an early Christmas gift Sunday night. By Monday she was so attached to the brown-eyed beast she couldn't bear to leave him for a week while she

and her mother visited her father's parents in Houston. The bear needed his own ticket, boarding pass and seat to make the airplane trip to Houston. (AP Laserphoto)

## He bear-ly made flight for Christmas

DALLAS (AP) — Abercrombie B. Bettler just bear-ly made it on board his flight to Houston. His consort, 8-year-old Jill Bettler, could not bear to leave him behind, so airline employees agreed to bear down and solve the problem.

early Christmas present for Jill, who became so attached to her fuzzy friend that she wanted to take him to Houston for the holidays.

"You have to understand that Jill never asks for anything. But this year, she had said for months she wanted nothing but a big bear. She even told her teacher about it," Jill's mother, Leslie Bettler, said at Dallas Love Field Monday night.

had been lonely since her parents were divorced this summer. Her father, David Bettler, works in Europe and will not be home for Christmas this year.

I told Jill, these great big tears rolled down her cheek, and I decided we'd find a way," she said.

### LETTERS TO SANTA

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I am 5 years old. And I have a new baby sister this year. And she wants a railrunner, baby doll and clothes.

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Dear Saint Nick  
I want a tin crane, star wars X-wing fighter, flash light, and a tin dump truck.

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Quiero unos juguetes. Quiero una camisa y botas. Tambien pantalones y un monito.

Dear Santa  
My name is Matthew. I am trying to be a good boy. I would like a toy gun, skates, sleeping bag, and a horn.

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll. I want a baby doll that cries. I want other toys too. I've been good.

Dear Santa Claus  
My name is Amy and I'd like a

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a doll. I want a car too. I would also like a purse. I've been a good girl.

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## Planetarium to alter program to reflect study on Christ's birth

By LAURINDA KEYS Associated Press Writer LOS ANGELES (AP) — For the first time in 50 years, the respected Griffith Observatory has altered its annual Christmas planetarium show to reflect new historical research about the year Jesus Christ was born.

"Griffith is the first planetarium in the world to make the change. We were the first to become concerned, and since we're fairly prestigious, the others are going to have to look at it, too," said the observatory's programs supervisor, John Mosley.

for many years been in the charts for the year 3 to 2 B.C., but no one ever looked at them, Mosley said, because it was believed that Jesus was born before that year.

That belief was based on the commonly held view that King Herod died in 4 B.C., and Jesus must have been born two years before that, because Herod had ordered all the male children 2 years old and under to be slaughtered in his attempt to destroy Jesus.

But two years ago, Dr. Ernest Martin of the Biblical Research Foundation in Pasadena published a book, "The Birth of Christ Recalculated," which produced new evidence on the death of Herod.

The key to Martin's research that has changed centuries of historical thinking is that Herod didn't die in 4 B.C., but only suffered a political downfall. By carefully tracing all the known events surrounding Herod's death, Martin has gained acceptance from biblical history experts that Herod died in 1 B.C., thus pushing forward the date for Christ's birth to about 3 B.C.

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Family Christmas impressions

By SHARON A. HILLIS  
County Extension Agent  
Home Economics

This is the eve of Christmas, 1980, both here at home and around the world. Families are gathered — some expressing love through joy, laughter and thankfulness, and others in expressions of love through disappointment, anxiety, sorrow and hope.

HERITAGE

Christmas, the greatest of all festivals, is celebrated over the modern world through the observance of both religious and secular customs which are a heritage of many centuries. The story of the nativity has inspired songs, legends and beliefs, and these have been contributed by every land to the great treasury of

music and traditions which are now the background of Christmas observance. Customs such as the beautiful tree, the green decorative sprays, the fire, the lights, the spirit of good fellowship and gift giving that existed prior to Christianity were changed little, but endowed with a new spirit — and because of this new spirit — the spirit of God's gift to man — the customs takes on new beauty.

The word Christmas: From the earliest days of Christian churches, festivals celebrating the birth of Christ have been held. In England this festival was known as "Christes messe," which meant "Christ's mass." From this comes the word "Christmas." It is often represented as Xmas because "X" is the Greek equivalent of "Ch," representing "Christ."

TRADITIONS

The word "Christmas" creates many varied impressions in each and all of us through the establishment of family Christmas traditions. The importance of traditions is easily seen through what they teach us — values, beliefs, expectations, responsibility to a family, acceptable behavior, pleasure in family unity, pride in our roots and commitment to sharing our heritage — to name a few important points that become deeply rooted in each of us. Indeed, a part of our being not usually easy to change.

IMPRESSIONS

Family Christmas impressions that are a part of you and being established as a tradition in

your children can, through a closer look, reveal a great deal about you and your family. Let's see how and why.

Let each letter in the word "CHRISTMAS" form the basis of your own "Family Christmas Impressions." Tonight, ask each family member to select one or more letters in the word "CHRISTMAS" and make a list of "Christmas Impressions" words that begin with the letter or letters he or she selects. (Example: "C" — Christ, children, caring, communication etc.)

Sometime during the holidays try to select a time when all of the family members will be together for this occasion and share the Family Christmas Impressions each person has associated with his selected

letters. Let each member state his words and relate his thoughts and feelings about his own inward impression. (Example: Christ — whose birth we celebrate; caring — about self and others, near and far away — family, friends, strangers.)

CHRISTMAS STRESS

A final note... although Christmas is a joyous occasion, the "hustle and bustle" of the event itself scores a 12 on a scale of impact from 1 to 100. It can go even higher if you're unaware. Keep your cool, enjoy both your family and guests, and Christmas, too!

From my heart to yours — a most wonderful Family Christmas Impressions. MERRY CHRISTMAS — Sharon Hillis



Twenty-two young men will be presented during the sixth annual Esquire Ball Saturday evening at the Midland Hilton. The ball is sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Shown making final plans for the event are committee members for the ball from left, Christen Dilworth, co-chairman, Veronica Floyd, Cecile Brooks, chairman; Mrs. John L. Williams, president; Una Merle Evans and Mae Beth Tryon. (Staff Photo)

DEAR ABBY



The truth of sex is its consequence

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: How does a boy know when he is old enough to get a girl pregnant? — CURI- OUS IN CORPUS CHRISTI

DEAR CURIOUS: Yours is a very intelligent question, and you deserve credit for asking. Any boy who is old enough to complete the act of sexual intercourse is old enough to get a girl pregnant. So until you are ready to become a parent, play it safe. Either don't have sex, or use contraception. For more information, call your local Planned Parenthood. They will give you the facts.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem that concerns a close relative with whom I must spend a great deal of time.

This woman is an incurable gossip who never

has a good word to say about anybody. I listen quietly and offer an occasional "Is that so," or "Oh, really?" But all the while I feel terribly uncomfortable hearing all that gossip, some of which I know isn't even true.

I can't tell her off because I was taught to respect my elders.

Is there a solution to this problem, or must I just learn to live with it? — UNCOMFORTABLE

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: None is required to listen to tiresome gossip from "close relatives," "elders" or anyone else. When she launches into one of her malicious tales, simply tell her you aren't interested in other people's business. And make your tone respectful, firm and final.

DEAR ABBY: The invitations you described

to a "non-dinner" to benefit Goodwill Industries prompts me to write you. The Cumberland County unit of the American Cancer Society sent a similar invitation last February. It read:

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# Whole family may have heart disease

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — Linda Ewing is dying. Doctors have told the 27-year-old Texas woman that without a heart transplant she probably won't see another Christmas.

But what is even more disturbing, she says, is that her two sisters have the same hereditary heart disease and doctors suspect that her

mother, two brothers and three other sisters could fall victim to the same ailment.

"You can't imagine what this does to a mother," said Mrs. Irene Wilburn. "Not losing only one child, but facing the possibility of losing them all."

"The mountain God has given us to handle this time is too big to

climb. It's just too much."

Dr. Abdul Waheed, a cardiologist treating the Texarkana woman, said that Mrs. Ewing and her two sisters, Maudie Christian, 30, and Mary Hughes, 32, have idiopathic cardiomyopathy, a hereditary disease that destroys the muscle tissue in the heart.

"It looks as if the only

chance myself and my sisters have for survival is ... a heart transplant," Mrs. Ewing said Monday from a hospital bed at the Wadley Institute of Molecular Medicine in Dallas.

Waheed said she was admitted Sunday for "mild, congestive heart failure."

"After tests she received in October, I

strongly suspect she will not live to see another Christmas without a heart transplant," Waheed said.

Waheed said the test revealed the women's mother, Mrs. Wilburn, three other sisters and two brothers may also have the killer disease.

Mrs. Wilburn says the family's biggest immedi-

ate problem is "to afford the financing for Linda's treatment, which she needs now, and the money for testing each of the other members of our family and their children — nine grandchildren in all."

The mother of seven says she doesn't know what to do if doctors discover that other family

members have the disease.

"As a family we can handle the financing for only one member being ill, but with all of us possibly having the problem, we just can't handle it," Mrs. Wilburn said.

One of the sisters, Mary Hughes, said her husband, a physical therapist, plans to sell a clinic they own in Colorado Springs, Colo., and move back to Texas.

Mrs. Hughes says she is no stranger to tragedy. Two of her children, Sherri and Robert Allen Powell, died of Herlens Syndrome, a genetic disease unrelated to the heart ailment, she said.

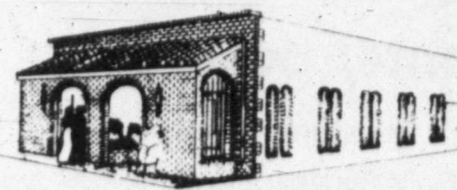
Sherri died in 1977 when she was 12 and Robert Allen died in Jan. 1971 when he was 2 years old.

"We're moving back to Texarkana so I can help take care of Linda and Maudie," she said. "I just got back the diagnosis on my heart last week."

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# Statewide literacy test scores up

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Some high school students don't try to pass the state's controversial functional literacy test because they know it doesn't count yet, state officials said after 1980 scores showed little improvement over last year.

Ralph Turlington, state education commissioner, said Tuesday that 1980 test results would have been

better if the exam hadn't been snarled in a court battle.

Statewide, 98 percent of high school students passed the communications part of the test, up 1 percent from 1979.

In math, however, only 78 percent passed, the same as in 1979. About 104,000 11th graders took the two-part test in October.

Bay Area Legal Services, a federally funded group of lawyers in Tampa, sued to stop the state from denying diplomas to those who failed the test. Test critics contend the exam discriminates against black students who began their educations when Florida schools were segregated.

Last year, U.S. District Judge George Carr ruled in Tampa that Florida's public schools could not use the test as a diploma requirement until the 1982-83 academic year. The state is appealing that ruling, but a decision from a three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court is not expected for at least two months.

The exam is considered by Florida educators as a test of minimum skills necessary to function in

society, such as calculating sales tax on small purchases.

When the test was introduced in 1977, only 64 percent of the students passed the math section and 92 percent passed communications, according to the state statistics. Students must master both parts of the test to pass.

Students who flunk the test are referred to remedial classes where teachers concentrate on the basics. High school juniors who fail the test get three more chances to pass before graduation. The state ultimately intends to deny diplomas to those who cannot pass, giving them instead a certificate of completion upon graduation.

Educators say they want to make the reading and writing part of the exam more difficult because nearly all high school students can pass it. One Department of Education official says some students think the communications test is a "joke" because it's so easy.

However, Turlington says the test's degree of difficulty will not be changed while the test is being challenged in court.

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### MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

## Programs serves infants, parents.

By BARBARA PIERCE

An Infant Stimulation Program provides home teaching designed to augment parental skills needed for the training of very young, handicapped children.

Four factors influence the design of Infant Stimulation:

—First, early identification and intervention in the life of "exceptional" children can influence and determine their future lives as productive citizens.

—Second, provided with proper resources, parents can be their child's most effective teacher.

—Third, the warm, nurturing home creates the most productive atmosphere for learning and provides the best opportunity for individualized instruction and parental involvement.

—Fourth, assisting parents in locating other sources of help in the community will decrease parental anxiety, confusion and frustration.

The Infant Stimulation Program serves children from birth to three years of age who have been identified as high risk children due to the following disabilities: speech and language deficit, physical disability, hearing impairment, mental retardation, visual impairment, emotional disturbance, developmental delay and/or any other condition that may be viewed as high risk. Abused and battered children may also be viewed as high risk.

Children who are mentally retarded comprise a large number of infant stimulation clients. According to the American Association of Mental Deficiency, mental retardation refers to significantly sub-average intellectual functioning which manifests itself during the developmental period and is characterized by inadequacy in adaptive behavior. Although over 200 causes for mental retardation have been identified, it is often difficult for a physician to pinpoint the specific cause of a child's retardation.

Parents of high risk infants are parents at risk. They are at risk because of the uncertainties posed for the future of their high risk child, their lack of knowledge for meeting new and unusual problems in child rearing, and because of the stress high-risk infancy so often imposes on family life. Parents are essential to early intervention efforts in two major ways.

First, during the first two years of life, they are the people who best know their own child and who are most sensitive to early signs of developmental disorder. It is through their guided interactions with their child that the benefits of early intervention are most likely to be achieved. The parent is able to enrich and stimulate the child's environment with toys, experiences and careful training.

Second, it is parent leadership which historically has led to major advances in the establishment of programs and policies serving developmentally disabled children.

The Permian Basin area is served by Infant Stimulation Programs in Midland and Odessa. They are associated with the Permian Basin Community Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The services provided by the Infant Stimulation staff are predominantly on-a home visit basis.

Contacts are made with each family once a week, either in the home or in Infant Stimulation classes. The range of activities taught include self-help skills, language development and behavior management principles. Each program is designed to meet the child's needs as the parent and trainer see them.

The Midland and Odessa centers will provide services for at least 35 infants this year. In Midland alone, there were 1,400 live births last year, and of these births, approximately 3 percent or 42 infants will have some type of mental retardation. In addition to these 42 infants, there will be babies born with other conditions that will warrant Infant Stimulation services.

The Midland program also provides a day care center for mentally retarded children. This facility is the Opportunity Center and is staffed by personnel trained to deal with children with special needs.

Comments or questions from our readers are invited. Although the Update cannot give personal replies or give specific advice, we will use as many comments and questions as possible in our future columns. Please address them to: Mental Health Update, 3701 N. Big Spring St., Midland 79701.

Barbara Pierce is an Infant Stimulation Coordinator with the Permian Basin Community Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

### Aggie develops new technique

COLLEGE STATION — Medical equipment that could make it possible for a doctor to test the soundness of a patient's heart during a routine office visit may result from the research of a Texas A&M University bioengineering student.

Thomas J. Brosnan, a senior from Waco, is conducting studies on heart electrical activity with bioengineering professor Dr. Walter Kuklinski.

If the research proves successful, a patient's heart condition might be determined through an electrocardiogram-type analysis, without surgery or extensive hospital tests.

The technology will depend on modeling of the electrical activity of the heart, being developed by computer in Brosnan's project.

"This hypothetical device would take a series of measurements of electrical potential over a patient's entire body," explained Brosnan, a Texas A&M President's Scholar and National Merit Scholarship recipient. "The machine would require many more sensor connections than a standard ECG. The process would likely never be 100 percent accurate, but probably close enough to make the test worthwhile."

With such technology, a medical specialist

could detect heart problems such as a developing infarction before they became lethal. Brosnan, an A student and member of several honor societies, cautioned that considerable research will precede the development of such a machine.

"There are many complexities still to be solved," he said. Simple models that form the basis for ECGs would need to be considerably expanded.

### 'Mirrors of Wounded Knee' to be filmed on Reservation

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — David Soul's Topanga Services and Warner Bros. Television will produce "Mirrors of Wounded Knee," a three-hour movie for NBC about the American Indian Movement's occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D., in 1973.

Soul will play a reporter patterned after Kevin McKiernan, the Public Broadcasting Service reporter who remained in the village throughout the occupation.

### 'Objectives for Midland' available

Bound copies of "Objectives for Midland - the Eighties" are available at the Midland Chamber of Commerce for \$2 per book.

The 194-page book contains all of the objectives as set out by the Objectives for Midland Task Force during their 2½ months of public meetings, discussions and planning sessions.

Contained in the book are the objectives for the nine major areas: design of the city, spiritual life, health and welfare, education, cultural life, recreation-entertainment, housing, economy and local government. Each of these objectives are then detailed in the essays that compose the largest part of the book.

Purpose of the objectives program is to identify needs and improve the quality of life in Midland during the 1980s. By establishing these goals, attention can then be focused on Midland's needs and opportunities.

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### Starvation diet: Drastic approach

Dear Dr. Solomon: A friend of mine, who is quite obese, is waiting to be called for a hospital bed so that he can begin dieting under medical supervision. From what I understand, he will practically be on a starvation diet. I'm not concerned about the advisability of such a drastic approach to weight reduction in his case since he will be under a doctor's care. But I was wondering if there is any specific problem that such patients may encounter? — Marvin.

Dear Marvin: As you say, a starvation diet is a drastic approach to weight loss and should be attempted only under close medical supervision. It is definitely not a do-it-yourself project, and your friend apparently realizes this.

Although the word "starvation" implies a complete restriction on the intake of food, it is important that patients on such diets receive some protein each day. Dr. George Cahill, director of research at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Boston, recently discussed the subject at a symposium. He noted that under normal conditions, if a person eats 300 grams of carbohydrate and some fat, he would require 40 grams of protein to replenish body needs. However, since the starvation diet has no other calories and efficiency is low, more protein is needed.

In a starvation diet, the goal is to have the patient use up fat rather than protein or carbohydrate, and the best way to accomplish this is to replace the amount of protein being used. Therefore, a starvation diet should not mean total starvation, but starvation plus some protein.

Dear Dr. Solomon: It seems that almost every day I read about a food additive that I never realized existed. Does anyone have any idea about the number of food colors that are approved for use? — Sue

Dear Sue: Believe it or not, 29 food colors are now approved for use in the United States.

Dear Sal: Research with animals has shown that a reduction in the intake of cholesterol not only discourages the process of atherosclerosis (the depositing of fatty particles on the inner lining of the arteries) but decreases the existing atherosclerosis in the coronary artery as well. Whether this holds true for humans, however, has still not been determined.

Nevertheless, you are correct in your statement that a high cholesterol level is a risk factor for heart attacks, and the prudent person will try to lower it through the kinds of changes in the diet that you suggest.

### Debbie Reynolds to star in new romantic comedy

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Debbie Reynolds will star in the new ABC series "Aloha Paradise," to be filmed partly in Hawaii.

The series will be a romantic comedy in the mold of "The Love Boat." Miss Reynolds will play the manager of the Kona Village Resort on the Island of Hawaii.

### Gene Kelly in series

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Gene Kelly will star in a proposed series of six two-hour specials called "World's Greatest Circus."

He recently completed the pilot for the shows from MCA TV Enterprises.

### Santa Claus pulls a ho-ho-holdup

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A man dressed as Santa Claus conducted a ho-ho-holdup at a bank here, but didn't get very far because of his jolly red suit, police say.

The man strolled into a branch of the Bank of America Thursday, handed out candy, then gave the assistant manager a note saying he had a bomb in a shoebox that was wrapped like a Christmas present, according to a police report.

He was given \$7,500 and left the bank, police said. But he was quickly spotted by officers and arrested without incident.

Officer Andrew Goodman of the Berkeley Police Department said Eugene Lundin, 50, of Pleasant Hill was being held for investigation of robbery.

### 'Nine to Five' a disappointment

By BOB THOMAS  
Associated Press Writer

NINE TO FIVE is a grievous disappointment. With a powerhouse combo like Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton, a funny but telling social comedy could have been made about the maltreatment of women in the nation's offices. The film makers blew it by settling for a mangy plot that includes stealing a corpse and holding a boss in bondage for weeks. Fonda's estimable talents are wasted; Tomlin fares remarkably well in spite of

the limp material. Parton is the film's principal redeeming factor; she emerges from the wreckage a major movie star. Rated PG, with mild expletives and pot smoking.

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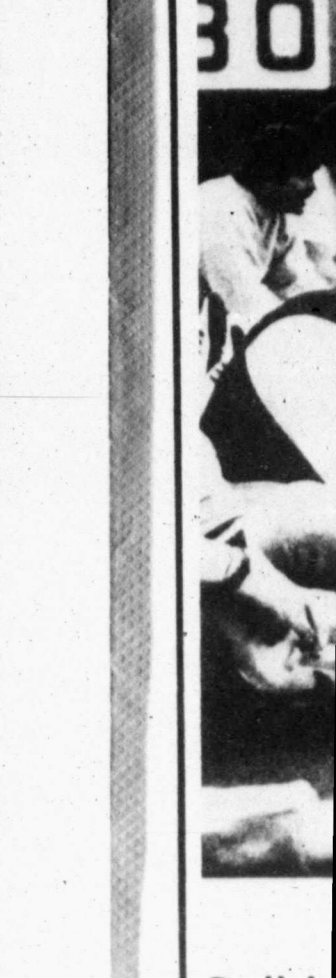
Stock market mixed

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market turned in a mixed and erratic showing Tuesday, failing to extend the sharp rally of the previous session.

Business Mirror Americans saving more this year

NEW YORK (AP) — From Uncle Sam's statistical grab-bag comes a gem of a Christmas present: We Americans have been saving at a better rate than we had thought, and we have more savings in our accounts too.

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Why all the commotion?

While He was still talking to her, messengers arrived from Jairus' home with the news that it was too late—his daughter was dead and there was no point in Jesus' coming now.

But Jesus ignored their comments and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just trust Me."

Then Jesus halted the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go on with Him to Jairus' home except Peter and James and John.

When they arrived, Jesus saw that all was in great confusion, with unrestrained weeping and wailing.

He went inside and spoke to the people. "Why all this weeping and commotion?" He asked. "The child isn't dead; she is only asleep!"

They laughed at Him in bitter derision, but He told them all to leave, and taking the little girl's father and mother and His three disciples, He went into the room where she was lying.

Taking her by the hand He said to her, "Get up, little girl!" (She was twelve years old.) And she jumped up and walked around! Her parents just couldn't get over it.

Jesus instructed them very earnestly not to tell what had happened, and told them to give her something to eat.

Mark 5:35-43

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Jailed leftists turning on comrades

ROME (AP) — Some jailed Italian terrorists have turned on their comrades, tipping police to the whereabouts of suspected Red Brigades' urban guerrillas and confirming officials' long-held suspicion of a link between Italy's most feared terror group and Palestinian radicals, police sources say.

Because of tips from "repentant" guerrillas, the sources said, police have made new gains in their war on terrorists, including last weekend's arrests of a man and a woman described as two of the Red Brigades' top killers.

Police arrested more than 300 left-wing extremist suspects last spring after the first jailed guerrillas began to talk, but that didn't stop the terrorist killings and abductions.

Red Brigades' guerrillas broke a five-month lull by murdering two Milan business executives in November. Two weeks ago they claimed responsibility for kidnapping a Rome judge on Dec. 12 — the Red Brigades' first abduction since its members seized former Premier Aldo Moro in 1978, held him for seven weeks, and killed him.

The kidnapers have not yet delivered terms for the release of Judge Giovanni D'Urso, whose duties include assigning convicted terrorists to maximum security prisons.

Pressing their search for the judge, police began a new crackdown, arresting 17 alleged left-wing guerrillas in northern Italy on Tuesday.

Last Sunday, seven plainclothes policemen in Turin seized Vincenzo Guagliardo, 32, and Nadia Ponti, 31, described as two of the Red Brigades' "historic leaders."

After assembling slowly outside a Turin coffee shop where the suspects were sitting, the officers burst in with pistols drawn. Both suspects were armed and Ponti had a hand grenade in her purse.

When questioned about D'Urso, they both answered only: "We are in the Red Brigades. We are prisoners of war."

Guagliardo and Ponti are believed to be in charge of Red Brigades operations in the Veneto region in northeast Italy. They were sought in connection with

a half dozen separate murders, including the shooting of prominent Turin journalist Carlo Castalegno in 1977.

There are only two other Red Brigades suspects at large considered more important than Guagliardo and Ponti. One of them, Mario Moretti, was allegedly the "brains" behind the Moro kidnapping. The second is Barbara Balzarani, another of the gang's original chiefs.

According to reports in two Rome publications, meanwhile, two of the "repentant" leftist prisoners have told investigators that the Red Brigades obtain most of their arms from extremist factions in Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization.

Italian police have long suspected that Palestinian groups have given arms to Italy's urban guerrillas, but the new disclosures offer the strongest evidence to date to support their suspicions.

Central YMCA to begin winter session

Central YMCA at 800 N. Big Spring St. will begin its winter session of fitness classes beginning the weeks of Jan. 5 and Jan. 12. The Passport to Fitness card can be used for all of these fitness classes without advance registration.

The Ladies' Body Control class begins Jan. 5, 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays with Pam Sledge instructing. All exercises and body movements are choreographed to music.

Beginning the week of Jan. 12, a new Ladies' Body Control class to appeal to the working woman will be offered from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays with Ms. Sledge.

Fitness Fantasia classes also begin the week of Jan. 12. Aerobic dance choreographed to disco music, Fitness Fantasia may be taken at both the beginning and advanced level. Beginners classes are offered on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10:15-11:15 a.m., and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Advanced classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1:15-2:15 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Combined classes of beginner, intermediate and advanced participants are offered Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:15-9:15 a.m., and on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Instructors for Fitness Fantasia include Delayne Weller, Connie Blake, Marilee Pankratz, Pam Sledge, Debbie Hedrick, Barbara White and Barbara Reed.

Yoga classes begin the week of Jan. 12 on Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Included in the yoga classes will be introductions, philosophy and benefits of yoga. Karen Thompson is the instructor.

Laura Klaus, instructor of belly dancing, will offer beginners classes in belly dancing on Wednesday at 6:30-7:30 p.m. and intermediate and advanced classes at 7:30-8:30 p.m. The class will be comprised of 20 minutes of warm-up exercises, using isometrics and yoga and 40 minutes of dance movement and routines.

Coed classes offered on the Passport to Fitness cards include a ski fitness and exercise class.

Ski Fitness classes begin the week of Jan. 12 on Tuesday and Thursday, 8-9 p.m. This class is designed for beginners and experts to develop endurance, strength and flexibility. Jeff Jackson is the instructor.

The coed exercise class time is Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:15-6:15 p.m. The class consists of jogging and calisthenics.

Babysitting will be available for all of the class times providing there are sufficient requests for this service.

Passport cards and schedules of class days and times are available at Central Y or by calling 682-2551.

Bomb rocks British office in Rome

ROME (AP) — A bomb police described as crude and homemade exploded outside the British Tourist Authority's office in the heart of Rome early today, causing extensive damage and injuring a government representative who lives nearby.

The explosion near the Piazza Venezia heavily damaged the furniture and the front door of the street level tourist office, destroyed a small car parked outside, and shattered windows in nearby buildings, police said.

No group or person has claimed responsibility for the bombing which occurred shortly after 3 a.m., police said.

Giuseppe Porpora, 54, who acts as central government representative in the Lazio region where

Rome is located, suffered superficial cuts on the forehead from flying glass, police said.

Porpora lives on the top floor of his office which is near the British tourist office.

Police said the bomb, containing at least 25 ounces of high quality gunpowder, was detonated by a long, slow-burning fuse.

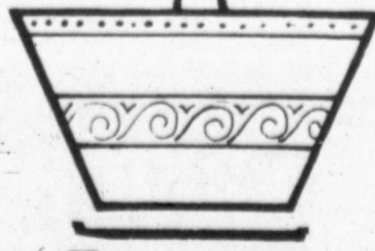
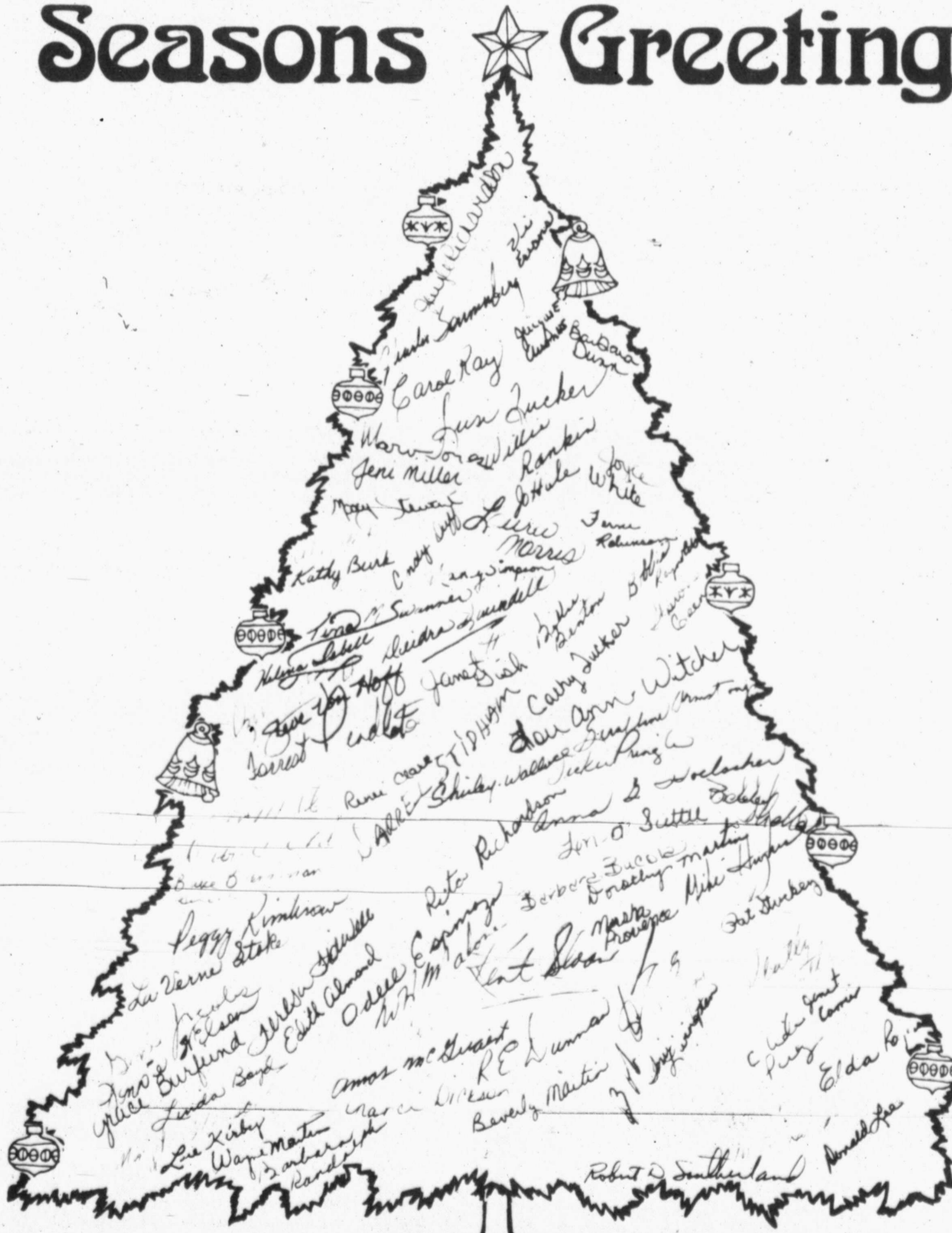
"Somebody placed the bomb, lit the fuse and drove away," a police official said.

In a separate incident, a gasoline bomb was tossed into the apartment of a Rome merchants union executive overnight, causing minor damage, police reported.

The executive, Francesco Porretti, was not at home when the bomb went off shortly after midnight, police said.

There was no immediate word on who set off the bombs or their motives.

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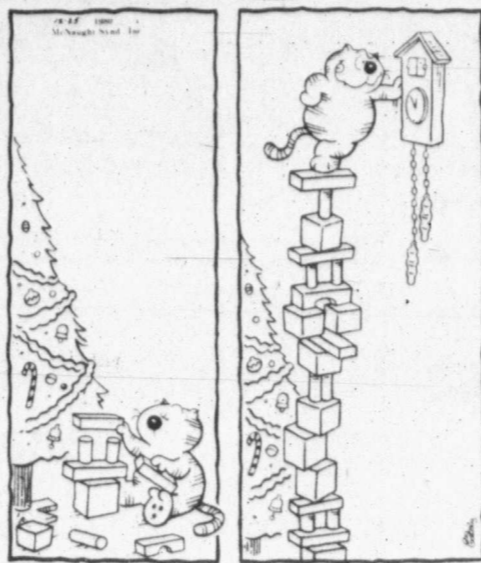
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Friday, December 26, 1980
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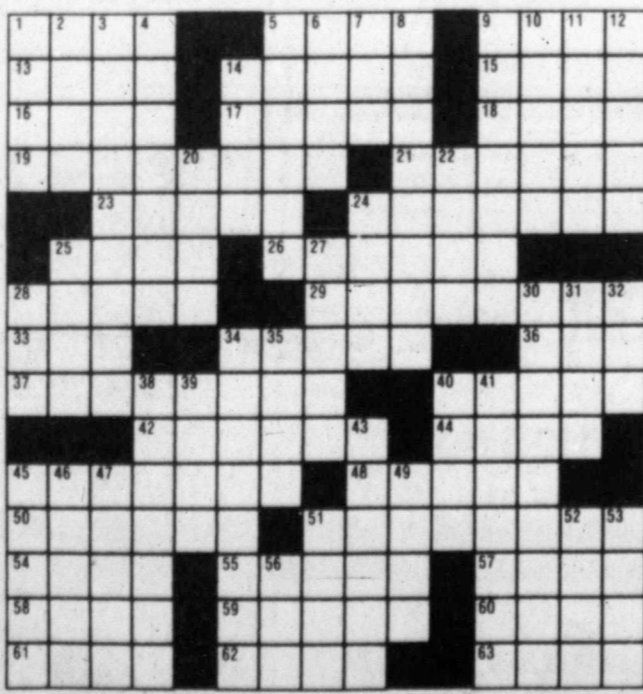
on the opening lead, and Tommy was in his element. He had six top tricks in the side suits, so if he could score seven tricks in trumps, he would be home without having to resort to a finesse.

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Edited by Margaret Farrar and Trude Jaffe



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### Bank in Texas' smallest county reduces its prime interest rate

ROCKWALL, Texas (AP) — Officials at a bank in the smallest county in Texas said Tuesday they are lashing out at inflation and knocking their prime rate down by two percent.

While the action taken at Lakeside National Bank in Rockwall may not set a national trend, businessmen in this North Texas hamlet should be happy to know that the bank lowered its prime rate from 21-12 percent to 19-12 percent as a goodwill gesture to them.

O.L. Steger, chairman of the board, said the "rapid rise in the prime" has hurt small businesses.

"Although the fed's intent in raising the prime is to slow down the economy and particularly the larger borrowers — it is, in fact, working a hardship on small businessmen, particularly in rural America."

The nationally chartered bank in Rockwall County has total assets of \$10 million.

### Rail car pileup expected at Texas-Mexico border

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal official predicts there will be a substantial pileup of railroad freight cars at the Texas border as an embargo declared by the Mexican national railroad takes effect.

"At the moment, we're going to see a hell of a buildup of cars at the border crossing points in the next two to three weeks," an Agriculture Department spokesman, who asked not to be named, said Tuesday.

He said the embargo on all rail commodity traffic at the Texas border was announced to shippers Friday by Ferrocarriles Nacionales de Mexico and went into effect at midnight Monday.

The Agriculture Department spokesman said the embargo was intended to last until a backlog of U.S. and Canadian boxcars in Mexico could be reduced.

"The numbers we've got to watch are the number of empties coming back out of Mexico," he said. "I'm sure they're going to make a concerted effort."

The spokesman suggested that the number of rail cars arriving at the border would start to decline as the effects spread further inland in the transportation chain.

The embargo applies at the Texas border crossing points of Brownsville, Laredo, Eagle Pass, Presidio and El Paso. The railroads affected are the Missouri Pacific, the Santa Fe and the Texas-Mexico, a short line that does much of its business at Laredo.

"It won't affect any sales. The sales will stand as they are," the spokesman said. "It simply means a delay in the shipping schedules for those commodities."

He estimated the embargo would last between 40-45 days, even though 30 days had been mentioned as a target for clearing the backlog in Mexico.

A State Department spokesman, who also declined to be identified, said the embargo was put into effect only in Texas because most of the rail traffic between the two nations passes through the state.

## Sen. Bentsen praises Texas' economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen says the nation's economy might be better off today if it had followed Texas' lead.

"Policymakers in Washington can learn from what we've done in Texas," the Texas Democrat said Tuesday after a congressional committee provided a review of the state's economy that called it a pace-setter for the nation during the past decade.

"I have said over and over that more capital formation and high technology firms will create more jobs for Americans," Bentsen said.

The report by the Joint Economic Committee noted that in the 1970s, for the first time, Texas surpassed the national average in per capita personal income and in some other important economic measuring sticks.

If trends continue, the study predicted, the per capita personal income in Texas could be 20 percent higher than the national average by 1990.

The per capita personal income for Texas in 1970 was 90 percent of the national average, \$3,518 to \$3,909. By the end of the decade, the figure for Texas was \$8,900, exceeding the national average of \$8,710.

Bentsen, whose two-year term as JEC chairman ends in January, said the state's capital investment record during the 1970s is among the top Texas achievements.

"This is an area in which most of the nation has been sadly lagging," he said. "In recent years, Texas has led the nation in capital investment in plants and factories and our industrial production

growth rate exceeds the national average three times."

The report said the capital investment rate and increasing employment in Texas helped the state's growth rate of industrial production to exceed the national growth rate in 1979. That rate for 1980 should be about 3.5 percent, the report said, more than three times the national rate.

Manufacturing has been among the most rapidly growing sectors of the Texas economy but growth in non-agricultural areas will not be at the expense of the agricultural sector, the report said.

Texas is the third largest agricultural producer among the 50 states and it ranks among the top 10 producing states for 14 of the 20 most valuable farm commodities marketed in the United States. Gross farm income in the state exceeded \$10 billion in 1979 for the first time.

The study by JEC staff members also noted the rapid growth in the value of Texas mineral production during the past decade. The state was first in the nation for 1970 with mineral production of \$6.4 billion and first in 1978 when its production had a value of \$19.6 billion.

The review said the value will exceed \$40 billion by 1990.

The optimism of the report stands in sharp contrast to a recently published federal study that said the Southwest's heavy reliance on the oil and gas industry could lead to trouble unless diversification prepares Texas and its neighboring states for the time when resources are depleted.

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### Chrysler officially applies for loan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The struggling Chrysler Corp. is officially asking the government for \$400 million more in federal loan guarantees as the linchpin in its battle plan to stave off bankruptcy.

Officials close to the federal Chrysler Loan Guaranty Board said the panel probably won't act on the request, delivered Tuesday night, before early next month.

Treasury Secretary G. William Miller, who heads the board, is on a two-week vacation in the Bahamas.

A key element of Chrysler's survival plan calls for major wage concessions by the United Auto Workers.

On Monday, the UAW's Chrysler Council rejected the automaker's plea for a wage and benefits freeze, but did agree to renegotiate its contract pending a meeting with the federal loan board, planned for Jan. 6.

Several sources said it is likely the board would await this session before moving, even conditionally, to approve the loan guarantees.

But a Chrysler executive who asked not to be identified said he hoped for a ruling earlier. "It makes a lot of sense for the board to act before the UAW meets with them. The board can say, 'There's a piece missing — yours.'"

The actual loan request, flown from Detroit Tuesday afternoon, contains separate financial and operating plans — each about 50 pages long.

A Chrysler executive said there were "no sur-

prises" in the package, whose basic elements have been well publicized in recent days.

He said it proposes to cut costs by up to \$1.5 billion in 1981 and projects "almost a \$1 billion" positive swing in the company's profit-and-loss statement as a result of cash-saving and revenue-producing moves next year.

He said the plan forecasts a 1981 profit if Chrysler's domestic and imported cars command 9 percent of a 9.6 million vehicle market.

"As things stand now, this will make us viable," the executive said.

However, Chrysler's imported and domestic models accounted for only 8.65 percent of the 1980 market of about 9 million vehicles.

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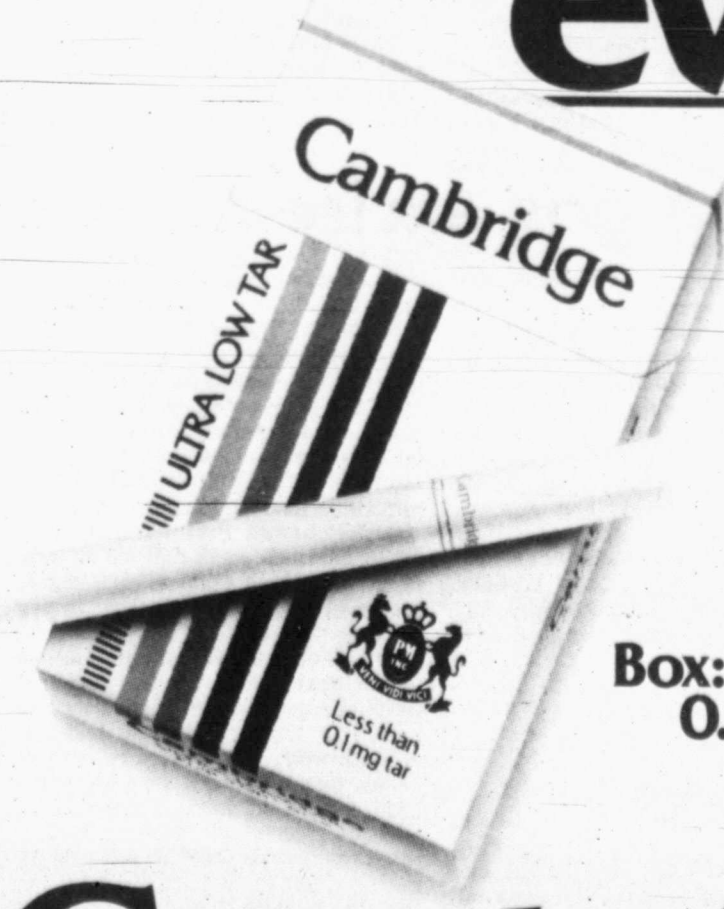
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