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Voyager flight ends in triumph

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Voyager ended its historic unrefueled, non-stop trip around the world with a safe desert landing today after a nine-day flight beset by storms, engine problems and worries over fuel.

The lightweight tri-fuselage plane with front and rear engines covered nearly 26,000 miles, its maker said, effectively doubling every non-stop, unrefueled distance record in aviation history.

The Voyager was accompanied by three chase planes as it appeared through clouds over the desert. It slowly descended, doing several victory passes before touching down at

8:06 a.m. PST (10:06 a.m. CST) on a dry lake bed, watched by 15,000 spectators.

Storm-battered pilots Dick Rutan, 49, and Jeana Yeager, 34, were helped from Voyager after the landing at this famed flight test center. Both had suffered bruises when Voyager was tossed around by turbulence over the Indian and Atlantic oceans and over Africa, and they appeared a little wobbly.

"Nine days, huh?" Rutan said moments before landing. "Nine days without a shower."

Rutan screamed a victory yell, stretched his arms above his head, thumbs up, and slapped on a cowboy

Dick Rutan fulfills his boyhood dreams of flight
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hat before leaving the cockpit. The couple were to be taken to the base hospital for checkups as international aviation officials checked the plane to make certain it indeed had flown nonstop.

The flight had been repeatedly delayed amid warnings that if it didn't take off by mid-December, its next opportunity would be in the spring. Yeager had the flu when the plane took off at 8 a.m. Dec. 14 from Ed-

wards, dragging its fuel-heavy wings on the desert runway and shaving at least a foot off each Styrofoam wingtip.

On the second day of the flight, concerns about fuel consumption arose as Voyager went farther than expected to avoid a typhoon near Guam, but the typhoon provided an assist with powerful tailwinds, and it turned out that a faulty fuel gauge had misled the crew into thinking

they might run out of gas.

On Monday, aircraft designer Burt Rutan, the pilot's brother, had said the plane had enough fuel to fly on to New York and beyond if they wished.

The storms, fuel fears and fatigue from several successive days cramped into a phone-booth-sized cabin also led to engine overheating when the pilots forgot to check oil pressure for nearly a day and a half, but they quickly solved that Dec. 20 by hand-pumping 1.7 quarts of oil into the engine.

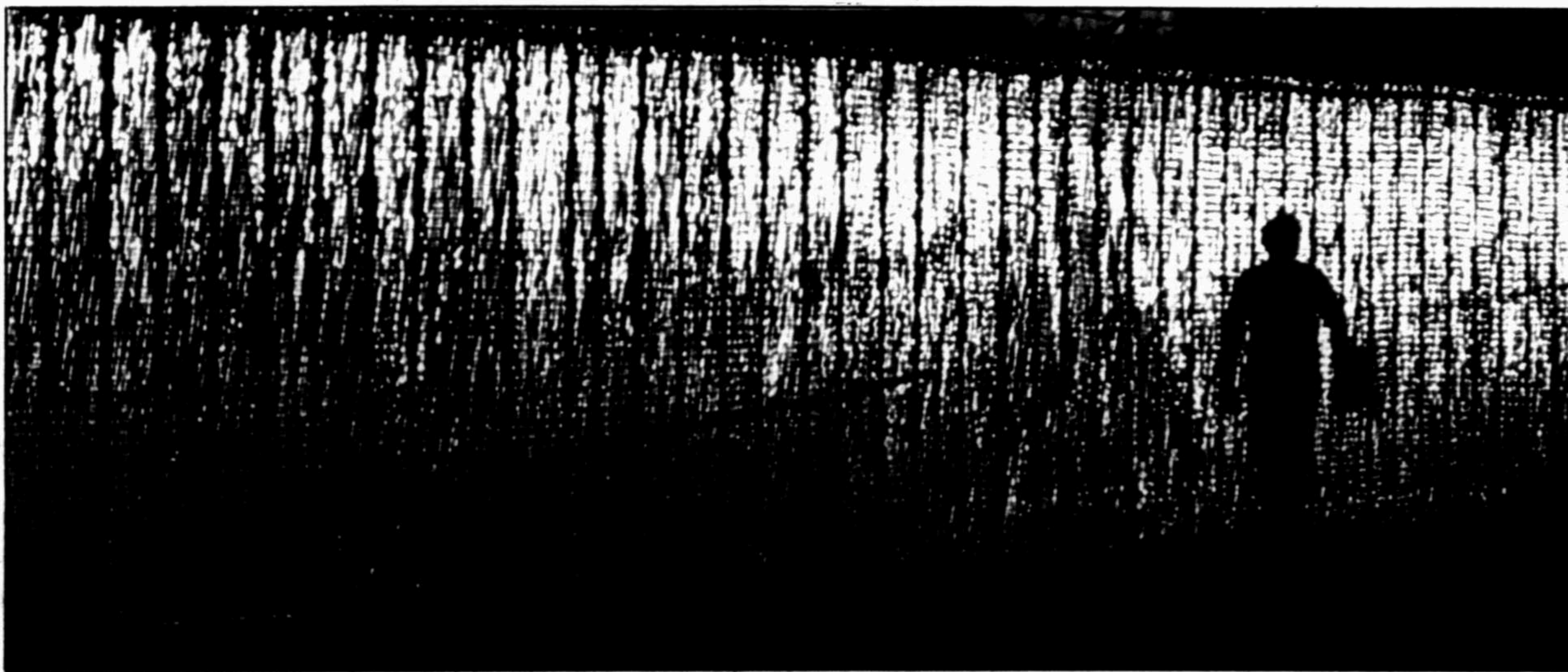
Early today, the engine stalled,

and Voyager lost 3,400 feet of altitude before its other engine could be started.

"Whenever you're over water and you've got no engine, it's serious," spokesman Peter Riva said. Voyager dropped from an altitude of 8,900 feet to 5,500 feet during the 90-second engine failure caused by a vapor lock, he said.

Fuel leaked into the cockpit during the ordeal, forcing the pilots to put on oxygen masks to prevent being overcome by fumes, Riva said.

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Shining image

Harvey Lauderdale creates a graphic image along the north fence line of Memorial Stadium as the late afternoon sun shines through.

Sakharov, wife return to Moscow after seven years of internal exile

MOSCOW (AP) — Andrei Sakharov returned to Moscow today from nearly seven years of internal exile and picked up where he left off, criticizing Soviet policies in Afghanistan and demanding "freedom for everyone" still in prison for speaking out against Soviet policy.

The 65-year-old Nobel Peace laureate and physicist, who helped develop the first Soviet hydrogen bomb, said he planned to work on space research for the Soviet Union.

Sakharov was banished in 1980 for criticizing Soviet Afghan policy, but a Soviet official told a news conference he saw nothing "bad" about Sakharov's Afghan remarks today, adding, "I don't think he will be punished for that."

Sakharov and his wife, Yelena

Bonner, arrived in pre-dawn darkness at Yaroslavl train station after an eight-hour trip from Gorky, a city closed to foreigners about 250 miles east of Moscow, where they had been exiled.

They were mobbed by more than 100 journalists, including a Soviet television crew, when they stepped off the train.

Sakharov, wearing a fur hat and parka, smiled occasionally while speaking to reporters in Russian for about 20 minutes. Mrs. Bonner, 63, looked thin and pale and sat quietly on the side of the platform.

Sakharov today called it "intolerable" that many Soviets are still imprisoned for their views — "I will try to exert maximum efforts as far as I can so that this will be stopped."

Asked about the Soviet presence in Afghanistan, Sakharov said: "I consider this the most painful part of our foreign policy and I hope there will be more decisive measures taken in that sphere than are being taken at present."

Yuri Kashlev, head of the Soviet delegation to the Helsinki Accords follow-up conference in Vienna on human rights, was read Sakharov's remarks today on Afghanistan and asked to comment.

"I do not see anything bad about this comment by Sakharov," Kashlev said. "Indeed, our leadership has numerous times stated that it seeks to resolve the situation in Afghanistan as soon as it is possible."

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Widow has reason to know 'goodness in men's hearts'

NEW YORK (AP) — A 66-year-old widow and her wealthy benefactors today burned the mortgage on her Georgia farm, less than 11 months after her husband killed himself to prevent it from being sold.

It will be a wonderful Christmas, said Annabel Hill. "We have a real celebration, not only to celebrate the birth of Jesus but also to celebrate the goodness in men's hearts," which saved the farm, she said.

On hand were real estate developer Donald Trump and Dallas farmer and landowner Tom McKamy, who together provided the last \$78,000 that was needed to retire the mortgage on the 705-acre farm in Waynesboro, Ga.

Mrs. Hill's husband, Lenard, committed suicide 20 minutes before their Waynesboro, Ga., farm was to be auctioned earlier this year to help pay a \$300,000 debt.

The farm, which had once covered 5,000 acres, had

been in Hill's family for five generations. Family members said he apparently had hoped his life insurance and proceeds from 477 acres sold privately would cancel the debt, but the money fell short.

Atlanta businessman Frank Argenbright Jr. spearheaded efforts to raise money to save the farm. When all but \$78,000 was collected, Trump said he would provide \$39,000 if the other half was raised elsewhere. McKamy came forward after hearing about Mrs. Hill's plight on television.

"I never gave up hope. Farmers don't ever give up hope," Mrs. Hill said, after the mortgage-burning ceremony at posh Trump Tower in New York.

The mother of five and grandmother of 12 said she is expecting another grandchild any day, and she hoped it will be a boy who will continue to work the farm.

Trump called Mrs. Hill "a really great lady. She's a lovely lady and I'm really happy were were able to help out...I love burning mortgages."

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OPEC price not enough to aid U.S. firms

HOUSTON (AP)

— U.S. oil producers need higher prices than the OPEC target of \$18 a barrel, analysts said.

Even if oil prices go up a few dollars as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries want, the increase won't be enough to pull U.S. oil production out of a deep depression, the specialists said Monday.

All OPEC members, except Iraq, agreed over the weekend to reduce their oil production by 7 percent during the first half of 1987.

American producers need an average of \$15 a barrel to make a profit while the Middle East producers need only \$3, said Tony Lentini, spokesman for Mitchell Energy Co., based in The Woodlands. For the U.S. producers to start recovering, prices would have to go up to about \$20 a barrel, he said.

"It's unprecedented how the (U.S.) industry almost overnight has gone to using only 20 to 25 percent of capacity," he said.

Oil prices climb

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Grand jury fails to indict anyone in drinking death

AUSTIN (AP) — Grand jurors say there was "much wrongdoing" in a University of Texas fraternity outing that ended in a drinking death, but no state laws were broken.

A Travis County Grand Jury Monday declined to indict anyone in connection with the death of University of Texas freshman fraternity pledge Mark Seeberger, 18, who was found dead in his dormitory room Sept. 19.

Grand jury testimony showed that Seeberger drank as much as 20 ounces of rum during a Phi Kappa

Psi "ride" the night before.

"Although the grand jury is aware of much wrongdoing on the part of many parties involved in this 'ride,' it cannot find a justification for criminal charges under the statutes governing involuntary manslaughter or criminally negligent homicide," the grand jury said in a 12-page report.

The state's anti-hazing law also was not violated, but the grand jury said that law should be changed to include a ban on rides such as the

one that led to Seeberger's death.

Seeberger drank himself to death while handcuffed in a van. During a ride, fraternity pledges are dropped off in remote areas after being encouraged to drink excessively. He had been brought back to his room by fraternity members who feared he was too drunk to be abandoned.

"I really cannot comment on whether it's all right, wrong or indifferent. It does not happen to be a violation of the law," said grand jury spokesman H. Moak Rollins, refer-

ring to the handcuffing.

The grand jury said witnesses said "there was friendly pressure on the pledges to participate, and to be jovial, agreeable pledges who could drink and have fun."

"There was encouragement to drink, but not coercion," the grand jurors said, adding that another pledge on the ride declined to drink the rum.

Randy Leavitt of Austin, a lawyer for three students involved in the

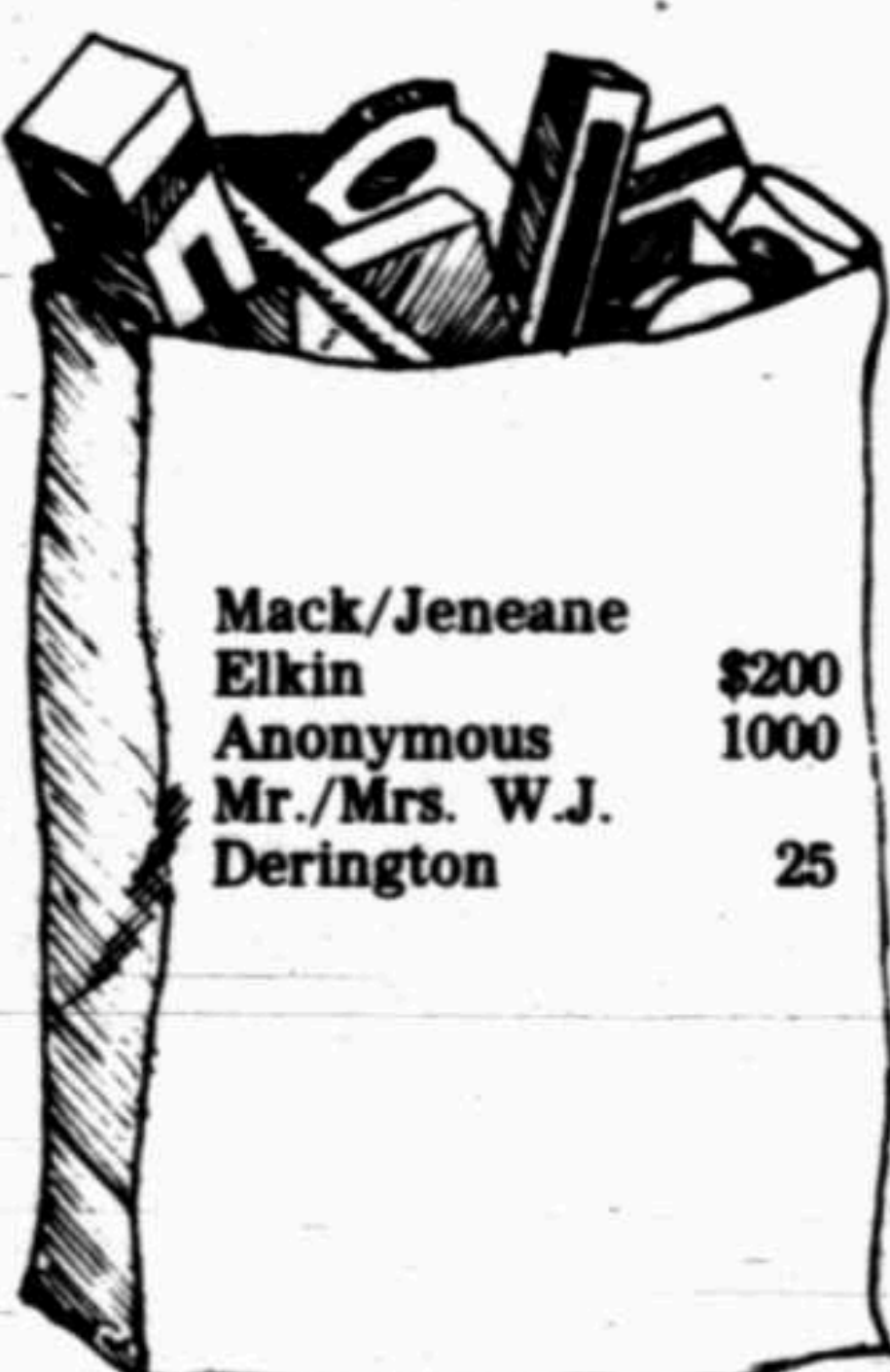
ride, including two who were granted partial immunity in exchange for their testimony, said Monday. "We're delighted there were no indictments, but at the same time it's hard to be joyful about this. I can't help but think about the Seeberger family and what they are going through this Christmas."

Seeberger's father, Jeff Seeberger, called the grand jury decision "an atrocity."

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first installment of a three-part Christmas series about the world's refugees whose circumstances parallel those in the birth and life of Jesus.

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

"We do not know where we are or where we are going," says Luang Ly of his time among castaway refugees.

As if in a nightmare, they're pitched about, huddled like sands in

the wind, overwhelmed by a sense of "lostness," disoriented, knowing neither their surroundings nor their destination.

Where to? How? When? By what way?

Plunged into uncertainties, the world's refugees have fled repression, arrests, intimidation and violence of their own countries. They've taken to the roads, desert trails, jungles and seas, headed into unknown fates.

They're modern counterparts of the family of Jesus. It, too, from the

time of the mother's pregnancy until the crucifixion of her son, was whipped hither and yon.

The birth itself came far from home in a dismal livestock cavern, with the child then smuggled into Egypt to avoid slaughter. Expelled in adulthood from his Nazareth abode, he spent his life on the move, continually under threats.

His human experience is mirrored in millions of the world's outcasts and victims of abuse and rejection today.

"I cannot go back," says Sarah

Martinez, 28, of Los Angeles, who fled El Salvador after imprisonment, torture and a "death squad" killing of her husband, a university professor.

Among the few Salvadorans allowed to stay openly in the United States because of her remarriage to an American, she's now a social worker. To return to her country, she says, "I would die. They would kill me."

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FOR SANTA? I THOUGHT
THE CHOCOLATE CHIP
COOKIES WERE FOR ME!



2 shopping
days to Christmas

RETURN

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Asked about dissent in the Soviet Union and whether Sakharov's exile was a mistake, Kashlev replied, "People have the right to differ and these differences frequently appear in the Soviet press."

The Soviet Union sent troops to Afghanistan in December 1979 to help the Communist government there fight a Moslem insurgency. There are now an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

Sakharov's criticism of the deployment led to his banishment to Gorky in January 1980. He was never formally charged or tried.

Soviet officials said last week that Sakharov's request to be allowed to return to Moscow was being granted for humanitarian reasons. They also

announced the pardon of Mrs. Bonner, who had been sentenced to five years in internal exile after being convicted of anti-Soviet slander in 1984.

Sakharov attributed his release to pressure from abroad. "This has become possible because of the grandiose international defense by my family, the scientists and public leaders and friends," he said.

Sakharov was non-committal when asked about leaving the Soviet Union.

"I would agree to leave, but this question is not before me," he said, adding his emigration was unlikely because he had been involved in classified research in the 1950s and 1960s.

VOYAGER

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Rutan and Yeager cleared a fuel line and restarted the front engine, which had been shut down to conserve fuel, spokesman Mark Greenberg said.

The fuel mixture setting for the rear engine was changed and the engine was restarted, he said. "There was too little gas coming through the intakes," Greenberg said. "It caused the engine to shut down."

Rutan "was practicing emergency procedures at the time. It could not have happened at a better time," Riva said.

The incident occurred about 2:15 a.m. PST as the plane made its way northward toward the Pacific coast of the United States, said Greenberg.

When the supersonic plane left the military base about 60 miles north of Los Angeles, it scraped off the tips of its fuel-laden wings. But it continued on across the Pacific and Indian oceans, Africa, the Atlantic and Central America before reaching the Pacific again and turning north toward home.

Dick Rutan and Yeager side-stepped a Pacific typhoon, were battered by turbulence over Africa and

the mid-Atlantic, and were plagued by uncertainty over how much fuel they had left.

The Voyager crew faced a minor emergency Monday afternoon when an electrical pump used to draw fuel from eight tanks on the right side of the craft failed, he said.

The problem was circumvented by carefully switching valves that enabled the fuel pump on the rear engine to draw fuel directly from the right side, bypassing the faulty transfer pump.

Planners had worried about fuel reserves after realizing a gauge apparently was giving inaccurate readings. Technicians had to rely on fuel estimates after that.

Dick Rutan and Yeager started working on the Voyager project in 1981. They formed a corporation to develop the craft, which was funded through corporate sponsors and individual donations.

Voyager smashed the previous unrefueled distance record of 12,532 miles, set by an Air Force B-52 bomber in 1962. The key to the Voyager's range was its extremely lightweight construction, efficient engines and a design emphasizing efficiency over speed and comfort.

OPEC

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In December 1981, 4,500 oil and gas rigs were drilling. That figure dropped to 969 this week, said Ike Kerridge, a spokesman for Hughes Tool Co., which has kept industry statistics since 1940.

A steady price of \$18 a barrel would probably increase the number of rigs to about 1,100, Kerridge said. Otherwise, the number probably will drop to an average of 850 next year, he said.

Analysts also agreed on Monday that a lack of OPEC unity may prevent the organization from meeting its target of \$18 a barrel.

"The agreement won't last," said Charles Maurice, an economist at the Texas A&M University. "They've been trying for ages. Every time they come up with an agreement, they go home and then start breaking it up."

Some of the OPEC nations, such as Nigeria, Gabon and Ecuador are desperate for oil money and will have a tough time living up to the production cuts, said analyst Jack Carney with The Pace Consultants in Houston.

In the past, Saudi Arabia was willing to cut back on production to cover for other OPEC countries cheating on limitation agreements, he said.

"They have had to absorb it all," Carney said. "Now they are saying no more."

"Even Saudi Arabia needs money," Houston-based independent analyst Dale Steffes said. Annual oil income for the OPEC members has dropped from \$300 billion to \$80 billion over the past five years, he said.

Even if OPEC members stick together, there is no guarantee non-OPEC countries wouldn't increase production to take advantage of the higher prices, analysts said.

OPEC also is hindered by a large amount of refined oil already in storage, said Houston analyst Kenneth Miller of Dallas-based Purvin & Gertz.

Nevertheless, the oil industry needed the assurance that OPEC members would try to raise prices, said Daniel Yergin, president of the Cambridge Research Energy Association of Cambridge, Mass.

REFUGEES

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Phalla Keo, 29, a slight, dark-haired Cambodian woman of St. Paul, Minn., says of her flight on foot from marauding troops while pregnant:

"It was so slippery in the mountains, I fall a lot. We have no food and I am so tired, so afraid, I have no hope...We are about to die. But God help us stay alive."

They and 1 million others, after prolonged travail, have resettled in the United States in the last 10 years, a majority of them through efforts of three church agencies with nationwide networks of service units:

The U.S. Catholic Conference Migration and Immigration Service, the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Church World Service, inter-Protestant and Orthodox relief arm of the National Council of Churches.

About 10 million refugees still languish in camps and detention centers around the world, according to the U.S. Committee for Refugees, most of them ragged, thin, desolate, yearning for acceptance somewhere, anywhere.

They are not just "displaced" within their own countries because of internal upheavals, involving another 8 million people, but rather are those who have fled in fear across national frontiers.

They've become strangers in strange lands, aliens, waiting anxiously for months or even years, for some country to admit them to stay. But there was "no room for them in the inn," Joseph was told in Bethlehem when he and his pregnant wife, Mary, reached there for a Roman-ordered tax registration.

They had walked 90 miles with their pack donkey from Nazareth, sleeping nights on the ground, only to be turned away in Mary's urgent condition.

That, and often worse, is how it goes for the world's refugees, weary, desperate, ignored, packed into ramshackle camps and drab cells beyond the borders they've crossed because of religious, ethnic, social or political persecution.

About 3 million of them are in Africa, including 718,000 Ethiopians huddled in camps in strife-torn Sudan, about 560,400 in East Asia and

the Pacific, and 344,220 confined in Thailand or camped on its borders.

About 389,000 are in Latin America, most having crisscrossed borders of conflict-ridden Central American countries or camped just inside Mexico; 5.8 million in the Middle East and South Asia, mostly Palestinians, and 3 million of them Afghans in Pakistan; and 46,000 in Western Europe, most from Communist Eastern Europe and Khmer-ruled Iran.

"We have not enough and we sleep on the floor, six or seven people in one hut," says Luang Ly, 26, a Vietnamese now of Greensboro, N.C., describing the 14 months he and his wife, Nguyet, also 26, spent in shabby refugee camps in Indonesia.

Their first child was born there. Through the milling streets of Bethlehem, Joseph helped the straining Mary to the edge of town and down a hillside trail to the limestone cavern for animals where he laid Mary, covering her with his goatskin coat.

The Ly family, 10 of them, had stolen out of Vietnam by boat after their restaurant in Saigon was seized by the new Communist regime and the elder Dot Ly, a former policeman, had spent a year and a half in a "re-education" camp.

Their small wooden, motor-driven boat, two yards wide, slid silently down river by night and out into the trackless expanse of the China Sea. They didn't know their whereabouts "or where we are going," says Luang Ly of that boatload of 27 people. They ran out of water under a broiling sky and tried drinking sea water, which only worsened their condition. After five days, their fuel about gone, they drifted and waited.

"A lot of ships go past," Ly says. "We cry out and signal. They just pass." Some tossed packets of sardines and rice overboard, which the stranded refugees fetched and devoured through parched, swollen lips.

Half of the more than 600,000 "boat people" who have fled from Vietnam in the past 10 years have perished at sea from starvation, dehydration or drowning when their rickety boats capsized. Others have been ravaged by pirates, who raped

Arabian arms dealer says no Canadians involved in trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saudi Arabian arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi today denied reports that Canadian investors were involved in financing the U.S. arms sales to Iran.

"There's no Canadians involved. I went to a bank in the Cayman Islands," Khashoggi said in an interview on NBC-TV's "Today" program. "I have a Canadian employee that's the president of my company. So they said Canadian financing..."

Khashoggi, who also repeated his denials that he made any money by brokering the U.S. weapons sales, contradicted the assertions of New York businessman Roy Furmark, a consultant to Khashoggi, who reportedly has said that two Canadian businessmen put up financing for a May 1986 arms shipment.

News accounts have quoted Furmark as saying two Canadian investors, Walter E. Miller and Donald Fraser, provided Khashoggi with \$10 million in credit for the weapons deal.

Khashoggi is a Saudi billionaire who has said he helped arrange and finance the U.S.-Iran arms transactions.

Khashoggi's comments came as the House Intelligence Committee tried to question retired Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord, a key figure in the Iran-Contra arms deal.

Secord, according to congressional sources and other witnesses before the House and Senate intelligence committees, played a central role in arranging the sale of arms to Iran and has been linked by documents to the private resupply network for Nicaragua's Contra rebels.

Secord refused to talk to the House panel and cited his constitutional protection against self-incrimination, according to committee sources speaking on condition of anonymity. His brief appearance lasted only a few minutes.

The Justice Department says that Secord, along with fired National Security Council aide Lt. Col. Oliver North and Secord's business partner, Albert Hakim, are under investigation.

Secord appeared before the Senate Intelligence Committee on Dec. 9. He refused to answer questions,

citing his constitutional protection against self-incrimination.

"I would think when he opens up he could be helpful in understanding the financial transactions. But I don't know, and I won't know until he does it," said Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., chairman of the House committee.

Secord's appearance was the last formal action scheduled by congressional investigators until the 100th Congress convenes Jan. 6 and House and Senate select investigating committees begin their work.

Meanwhile, the White House continued to press former National Security Council officials John M. Poindexter and Oliver L. North to break their silence to exonerate Reagan, but said there was no indication they planned to talk.

"There are a couple of key individuals and at least one key statement (that would) enable us to put a majority of the controversy and lift the majority of the doubt, and that is if Poindexter and North would be able to indicate if they had told the president about the matter," said Speakes, adding, "We want the truth. We know what the truth is."

He noted that there is some disagreement within the legal community on whether the two men would waive their constitutional rights if they made just that one statement, but added, "I would guess we would think it is possible under certain court decisions to do so."

Asked if the White House believes the worst of the controversy is past, Speakes said, "As to whether the polling has indicated that the corner's been turned or whatever, we're not prepared to make that judgment and I don't think we'll try to make that judgment."

As to whether the crisis had affected the Christmas spirit at the White House, Speakes said, "I haven't seen any change in mood or anything like that."

A Senate Intelligence Committee spokesman said efforts are under way to draft a report that could be released to the public and would summarize the panel's three weeks of closed-door interviews of three dozen witnesses.

Released but barred from university study, he was forced to attend Marxist meetings. "If I not go, they kill me," he says.

He fled about 200 miles to a northern village, Melie, held by anti-Marxist Eritrean rebels, but it soon fell to government troops. "All students, teachers and young people were arrested," he says.

However, in three days the rebels regained the town, freeing the prisoners. Solomon headed west through brushy hill country, walking mostly at night to avoid patrols, hiding by day, surviving on dough-like bread, "enjera."

Reaching Sudan five days later, he pressed on to the capital, Khartoum, 200 miles west. There he found a job as a clerk, spending three years in a district overcrowded with refugees.

One of them, Asmeret, 15, became his wife. "We celebrate our marriage real good, in an Orthodox church," he says. In their small, mud-brick house with a dirt floor their son, Samuel, was born Aug. 15, 1985.

Last August, they reached America, aided by Catholic Community Services of San Diego.

"Listening to their touching stories brings tears to your eyes," says the agency's director of refugee work, Gwen Plank.

In another case, described in the book, "The Refugees Among Us," a family of Vietnamese "boat" escapees, plundered by pirates of valuables and clothing, finally reached Malaysia.

There, where the wife gave birth to a child, the family was so bereft that the newborn was wrapped in old newspapers. They, too, eventually gained haven in America.

At night in the cave outside Bethlehem, alongside goats, donkeys and camels, Mary gave birth to "her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger."

TOMORROW: Their plight

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"I believe that Mark was under a tremendous psychological and physical coercion to drink. I think the elements of a crime are there. I think it is an atrocity that our criminal justice system can't be applied or hasn't been applied," the father said.

Earlier this month, Jeff Seiberger said he hoped some of the fraternity members involved in his son's death would be sent to jail.

Brenton Monteleone, president of UT's Phi Kappa Psi chapter, said Monday, "The grand jury's decision comes as no surprise to me."

UT officials have recommended punishments including suspensions and expulsions for some students involved in the ride. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is investigating Phi Kappa Psi and could recommend the closing of the fraternity house if drinking violations are found.

The grand jury said Seiberger could have chosen not to go on the ride.

"It is our belief that the pressure which was applied to Mark Seiberger to drink during the ride was not sufficiently overt to be the sole cause of his death. Had he chosen not to drink the rum there is evidence that such a decision on his part would have been accepted by the actives," according to the report read by Rollins at a news conference.

"They considered a ride and being handcuffed part of the fun and excitement of being in a fraternity," the report said of fraternity members.

Grand jurors criticized Phi Kappa Psi members for engaging "in an effort to suppress cooperation by witnesses to the incident toward investigative authorities."

"The fraternity attempted to ab-

solve itself of any liability or connection with the event by issuing a public statement that contained inaccuracies and half-truths," the report said.

"There was also an effort to hide evidence by removing all of the fraternity's alcohol stock at the fraternity house after Mark's death," according to the report.

In a letter to UT-Austin President William Cunningham, the grand jury said there is evidence of widespread illegal drinking by UT students. Students apparently do not understand the dangers of alcohol, said Rollins, a former member of the state Public Utility Commission.

"At the very least, a student ought to know that taking a severely drunken associate to the health center is far preferable to carrying him to his bed where he might die for lack of medical attention," the grand jury told Cunningham.

Trip
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HOUSTON (AP) — The best thing about saying the Todd brother people to respect quality. So a couple all three of them Army.

Sgt. Mark Jackson, who snared Joe Todd, says anybody can reel up a set of trip. At the Memorial office reception, took a lot of r pleasures boot store for them out early next held forth on the being triplets.

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Triplets join Army 'to find themselves'

HOUSTON (AP) — The toughest thing about being a triplet, says the Todd brothers, is getting people to respect your individuality. So a couple of weeks ago all three of them joined the Army.

Sgt. Mark Jackson, the recruiter who snared Dan, Mike and Joe Todd, says it's the first time anybody can remember signing up a set of triplets.

At the Memorial City recruiting office recently, the Todds took a lot of ribbing about the pleasures boot camp held in store for them when they ship out early next year. They also held forth on the drawbacks of being triplets.

"People say the dumbest things to us," said Mike. "The dumbest thing people ask is, 'Do you look at your brother instead of in the mirror to find out how you look.' You wouldn't believe how many people ask that. They think it's funny."

Though there is a resemblance, the Todd brothers are not identical triplets.

"We've always done things together, but we're all different," said Dan. "We each treat people differently."

"But we have a lot of the same mannerisms," added Mike. The Todd brothers frequently finish one another's sentences.

"We have different interests," said Joe.

And what are those?

"Cars," said Dan.

"Stereos," said Mike.

"Women," said Joe.

"Well, I like women, too," said Dan.

The Todds, 19, said they joined the Army to find themselves. They had just finished their freshman year at the University of Houston and none of the three had decided on a major. Much of their college time was devoted to their fraternity.

"I felt like I was treading water in college," said Mike.

"We felt like if we went in the service, once we got out we'd be older, have more discipline," said Dan.

They said they joined the Army and not some other branch, "because the Army sounds more manly, y'know," said Joe.

The Todd brothers don't take themselves overly seriously. They even laugh in unison.

When the Todds began the process of joining the Army, they did it secretly. When they finally dropped the news on their mother, Lynn, she was not amused.

"She was surprised," said Mike.

"Extremely surprised," said Dan.

Blame Japan if price of fajitas goes up

By TOM PFEIL

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — The Japanese have made their presence felt everywhere in the American marketplace — in automobiles, motorcycles, radios and televisions, musical instruments, photography, audio and video recording equipment.

But fajitas? According to several Laredo grocers, the price and availability of those popular *carne asada* morsels are determined by Japan.

Two or three times each year, the Japanese make massive purchases of the part of the cow that is once one of the best buys in the American meat market.

"When Japan starts buying, they really go to town," said Arnulfo "Fito" Santos, grocer and Webb County Commissioner. "They'll contract with the big packing plants for about a million pounds each time."

Out of a thousand pounds of beef, only about 10 pounds can be used for beef skirts, known in Mexico and South Texas as fajitas.

"When Japan starts buying (beef skirts), they really go to town. They'll contract with the big packing plants for about a million pounds each time."

— Grocer Arnulfo Santos

It takes a lot of cows to get a million pounds, and even in Texas there are sometimes not enough cows — or fajitas — to go around.

The retail price of fajitas has recently dropped, and is now about \$1.30 per pound. But three months ago, the last time Japan made a raid on the American market, the price was \$1.90.

There is little room in Japan to raise cattle, and the Japanese import most of their red meat from other countries.

Beef skirts purchased in the United States are refrigerated and shipped by boat to Japan in 60-pound boxes, Santos said.

For about 10 years, fajitas have

been popular in South Texas. Until three or four years ago, when the Japanese began buying, the price was less than a dollar per pound.

"You usually marinate them in barbecue, or lemon juice, or lemon and pepper," Santos said. "I myself just take them out of the refrigerator two or three hours before and put a little tenderizer on them. Some people marinate them in wine. There are lots of ways of doing it."

Other countries import beef skirts from the United States, but not in the quantity that Japan does.

"I know the U.S. government will let you export almost anything," Santos said. "If Japan weren't buying, the price would stay lower."

Santos said he sells more fajitas than any other cut of meat.

Like his customers, Santos would prefer that the price of fajitas stay low.

"When the price is lower you sell more — there's no question about it," he said. "It's the same problem the car manufacturers have. They're taking over the market and what can we do?"

According to Gilberto Narvaez, another Laredo grocer, the Japanese are looking for boneless meat and the beef skirt cut is about the cheapest.

However, they have recently begun purchasing English cut, which is also obtained from the lower rib of the cow.

If anything, the effect of Japanese purchasing power on the price and availability of English cut has been even more drastic than on the fajitas market.

"When you ask your dealer the price on English ribs, they say they don't have any," Santos said.

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Purdue University hotline can help with grammar hotlines

By DIANE M. BALK
Associated Press

Can't tell who from whom? Puzzled over a dangling participle? Don't know where to place a comma?

Help is available from the Purdue University grammar hotline.

The six-year-old grammar phone is a service offered by the West Lafayette school's writing lab.

The line was born "after a couple

of strange calls," said Bob Child, a teaching assistant in the English department, and assistant to the writing lab director.

A diaper company called the writing lab wondering whether to use who or whom in an advertising campaign, and a newspaper called, mulling over a headline, questioning the plural of hole in one, Child said.

"At that point we decided we needed a grammar hotline," said Child, who is in his second year at the lab.

"It's very interesting. We have calls that come in from all over the world — questions that seem to come out of the blue," Child said.

"Lately we've had a lot of calls dealing with non-sexist language when you're addressing a large group of people — do you say he, she or they. It really depends on the situation and the audience. That's the problem with answering calls. It depends on the situation in most cases," Child said.

Sexist language is "probably the

only new thing. The rest of them are very traditional problems that people will have until the end of time, like who-whom," he said.

Sometimes lawyers telephone who are worried about the implications of an apostrophe, said Muriel Harris, director and founder of Purdue's writing lab. Last year the Purdue grammar phone handled 243 telephone calls, she said.

"We get a lot of business writing calls and how to deal with a salutation when you don't know who

you're writing to," Child said.

The Purdue hotline is included in a directory of 31 grammar hotlines in 20 states and two Canadian provinces. It is the only 1986 Indiana listing in the directory compiled at Tidewater Community College in Virginia Beach, Va.

"The list doesn't pretend to be comprehensive but I think most of us on the list hear about each other," said Donna Friedman, an assistant professor of English who directs Tidewater's writing center-grammar

hotline and compiles the directory each January.

Other college English departments or academic or public libraries may answer questions informally without giving the service a formal name, she said.

Next year, Ball State University in Muncie will be added to the directory, along with about five other schools or individuals in other states willing to help answer questions about grammar, she said.

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AUSTIN (AP) — Wilson of La Gran chairman of the River Authority Bo on Jan. 1.

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Nine passengers in a station wagon were killed when their vehicle slammed into the back of a parked tractor-trailer rig on U.S. Highway 59. All the passengers were from Illinois and were returning from a funeral in Mexico. The driver of the truck was uninjured.

9 die in 'state's worst' traffic accident this year

EL CAMPO (AP) — The state's worst traffic accident this year claimed the lives of nine people returning from a funeral in Mexico.

All of the victims were from Illinois. They died after a station wagon ran into a parked tractor-trailer rig on U.S. Highway 59 in Southeast Texas, authorities said.

The accident late Sunday was the worst in the state since 1983, Department of Public Safety officials said. "Two vehicles of family members had been coming back from a funeral in Mexico. They had been driving all night," said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The driver and five passengers in the vehicle were pronounced dead at the scene by Peace Justice Stockton Quirey of Louise.

Two more passengers in the station wagon were pronounced dead on arrival at El Campo Memorial Hospital, said a hospital spokeswoman who declined to be identified.

One girl was taken by ambulance to a Houston hospital, where she later died. A boy was hospitalized at El Campo Memorial in stable condition

Monday.

The accident occurred near the Farm to Market Highway 441 overpass at Hillje, state troopers said.

The driver of the truck, loaded with grapefruit, stopped on the shoulder of the highway when he thought he had a tire problem, Cox said.

"He stopped, left his lights on and got out and checked the tires," Cox said. "They were OK. He got back into the truck and was sitting in the cab, doing some paperwork, when the station wagon struck the back of his trailer."

Authorities identified the dead as the car's driver, Alvaro Sanchez Gil, 22; Gil's wife, Juanita, 26; and Christina Gil, 3, all of Cicero, Ill. Other victims included Marino Vega, 29; Vega's wife, Laura, 28; Marina Rodriguez, 36; her daughter Gracie Rodriguez, 10; and another daughter, Laura Rodriguez, 2, all of Illinois.

Melissa Rodriguez, 4, died Monday at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Louis Rodriguez, 7, was admitted to El Campo Memorial with a fractured shoulder.

County celebrates sesquicentennial

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Rain interfered with plans to raise a Texas flag, fire a musket salute and plant a native bald cypress, but it failed to dampen the spirit of the San Antonio Living History Association as it commemorated the organization of Bexar County 150 years ago.

In spite of the weather, the ceremony in the central jury room Monday was deemed a success.

County Clerk Robert Green read the actual organizational minutes of the Bexar County Commissioners Court, Dec. 22, 1836.

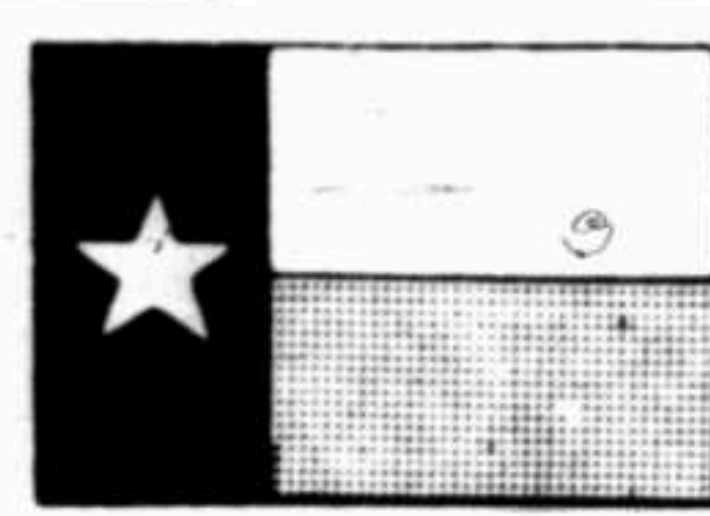
Among other things, the county fathers ordered four keys made for locks on public houses. They also ordered paper, quills and ink.

The historical meeting was held while Texas was a republic. But the county's organization remained an entity through the days of the Republic, annexation and the Civil War.

County Judge Tom Vickers, moving himself back in time and in the place of his 1836 counterpart, read a speech his predecessor had written.

Vickers had the advantage of history to make 1836 Chief Justice Joseph Baker's remarks more perceptive. The first county judge carried the title of chief justice.

Vickers wore a wide-brimmed,



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"Now, we are the government. The responsibility of protecting the lives and liberty of our citizens and promoting the general welfare belongs to us."

— County Judge Tom Vickers

gray felt hat, a blue coat, white shirt and black tie, with tan trousers, black boots and sidearm.

Other current commissioners, wearing modern clothes, sat beside him.

He said to the make-believe first court: "We protested the excesses of the Mexican government, and we overthrew it."

"Now, we are the government. The responsibility of protecting the lives and liberty of our citizens and promoting the general welfare belongs to us."

"I foresee a great growth in population and commerce for the Republic of Texas. There is no doubt in my mind that citizens of the United States will come to Texas in ever-increasing numbers, brought by the opportunities to farm and ranch and engage in commerce."

"There is another challenge we face: The responsibility of a division between those of Mexican descent, and those who, for want of a better term, call themselves Anglos."

"Those who lost brothers and sons

and fathers at the Alamo and at Goliad are still in mourning."

"In their anger and in their sorrow, they may be tempted to hate all persons of Mexican descent. But we must remember that many Mexicans who were residents of San Antonio were leaders in the revolt against Santa Anna's oppression."

"Some signed our Declaration of Independence March 2. Some died defending the Alamo. Some were a part of Gen. Houston's victorious army at San Jacinto."

"They, too, poured out their blood to nourish the fragile tree of liberty which we have planted on this soil."

The commissioners at the organizational meeting also appointed 16 jurors to serve at trials of those charged with horse thefts and other crimes.

"As much as we despise the criminal acts which are committed in our county," Vickers said, "we still guarantee trial by jury."

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Commissioners approved the minutes and Vickers recessed the court until Dec. 22, 2036.

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Blue-blood to buy

From all appearances, it hasn't been a good century for the English nobility.

Having gradually lost their land, servants and manor houses to the onslaught of a succession of labor governments and progressive taxation, 120 certified blue-bloods recently offered to put their titles on the block as well for cold, hard cash.

That's right, titles.

At a London auction in November, a crowd of ordinary men and women bid for rights to the stuffy-sounding lordships that Englishmen have coveted for a millennium. The transactions involved no property; only the historical documents related to the titles, which are prevented by law from leaving England.

Despite these strict conditions, the manorial-title game has been a bull market during the last five years, with the average price rising from \$2,840 to \$10,000. "With the history, it's a good buy," asserts the new Lord of Hingham, a Dutch entrepreneur also known as Adrian Surruys.

Of course, there are other advantages, as several of the great pretenders are wont to point out.

"We'll expect the best seats," sniffs Lord Risworth, formerly Ronald Oldham, who expects to row every restaurant maitre d' with his new alias and thus avoid being seated near the kitchen. The Lord Wicks of Bishop, born John Egan from Concord, Calif., is no less candid: "I've always had a keen interest in history, now I'm part of it."

Most of the auctioned titles were bought by Brits, perhaps for reasons other than posterity and dining. During the last four decades, Britain's class stratification has crumbled with the landed gentry. What better way for a once-snubbed commoner to gain sweet revenge than to buy the moniker of some down-and-out nobleman?

Equally intriguing in this aristocratic supermarket are the Americans, who evince perhaps the ultimate form of regression. Having thrown off the Crown, rank, and title two centuries ago, the erstwhile colonials now want it all on their business cards.

But why not? In these vanity-fair modern times, being a British lord is cheaper than buying a Mercedes. And that's progress of a sort.

JACK ANDERSON

Money makes arms dealer start to talk

WASHINGTON — International arms dealers belong to a small, secretive fraternity. Insiders in this multi-billion-dollar industry know who's

selling what to whom — who's involved, for example, in the Iran-contras weapons scandal. But they are reluctant to talk because it would knock them out of the clandestine trade.

On rare occasions, this conspiracy of silence is broken by a squabble over some lucrative arms contract. That's what happened when Sherwood International Export Corp. was sued by a former salesman for a \$300,000 commission he claimed was owed him on a Central American arms deal.



Jack Anderson

The case was quietly settled and the court records sealed. But our associates Corky Johnson and Donald Goldberg have obtained the suppressed documents, which shine a light into the murky arms traffic.

Sherwood has grown from a small California company into a worldwide arms network with offices in Los Angeles, Washington, London and Miami. Trade publications and its own catalog show that Sherwood can supply everything from automatic rifles to heat-seeking missile launchers and armored combat vehicles.

Under its president, Michael Kokin, Sherwood has become the CIA's trusty right arm in the movement of guns and materiel to the hot spots of the world. Purchase documents between Sherwood and the CIA's front company, Associated Traders, reveal that Sherwood has handled millions of dollars in transactions as the middleman for CIA arms trafficking.

Kokin declined to comment. When we asked him two years ago about CIA ties, he said, "I have never met a real CIA man."

With secrecy so important, and so

much money at stake, it is surprising that Sherwood risked blowing its cover in a lawsuit with its disgruntled sales agent, Carlos Davila. But it did just that, and the cat slipped out of the bag before the case was settled.

The case began when Honduras sought to buy as many as 150 Mini-mis rapid-fire machine guns from Belgium's respected Fabrique Nationale Herstal. When Sherwood tried to broker the deal, a telex from the Belgian government company said no thanks. "Handling this business directly," the telex explained.

Later wires show that Sherwood did manage to intervene in the sale. Davila claimed he was responsible for the Belgians' change of heart; he had been a manager at Fabrique Nationale Herstal before going to work for Sherwood. Davila said his contract called for "procuring armaments from (the Belgian company) for resale through various offshore subsidiaries (of Sherwood) to certain specialized security agencies in the U.S. and one or more foreign governments." Because of a gag order imposed on the case, Davila would not

say whether "security agencies" referred to the CIA.

The price the Hondurans were to pay for their Belgian machine guns was \$3.2 million. For his work, which allegedly included getting a substantial discount from the Belgians, Davila claimed he was owed a commission of \$300,000, which Sherwood refused to pay.

In its legal defense, Sherwood produced invoices that named a key offshore subsidiary, a Cayman Islands firm called Nottingham Investments. The company shares the same address as another Sherwood firm, Shimon Ltd., which is known to have been used several times by the CIA to ship arms to various locations.

The Nottingham invoices also fingered a large European arms broker, Sidem International. A Sidem official in London at first claimed his company had done no business with Sherwood for several years. Told about the invoices, the official then said perhaps Sidem had played a minor role in the sale of the Belgian machine guns to Honduras.

Thus in a private quarrel over a relatively piddling commission, Sherwood exposed its friends in the CIA and the international arms fraternity.

MINI-EDITORIAL: Pat Buchanan, the rhetorical Rambo of the Reagan administration, never fails to amuse us with his footwork. Only a few hours after his smear of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was revealed in the Nixon papers, there was Buchanan extolling the courage of 19th-century civil rights activists who helped slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad. Like his hero Ollie North, they broke the law for higher principle, Buchanan explained. What have we here — Pat Buchanan, demonstrator, defying the law for a sacred cause? We can picture him now, picketing Congress and singing, "All we are saying/Is 'Give war a chance!'"

Jack Anderson is a syndicated columnist who along with Joseph Spear and Dale Van Atta writes this column for United Feature Syndicate.

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LETTERS

Parents need help

In regards to the ongoing debate about our school board enforcing the drug and alcohol use of the students in extracurricular activities, I feel that at this point in time we parents need all the help we can get to prevent our children from using drugs and alcohol.

After reading the letter from the lady who said her family's snowman was destroyed and the hat was stolen by some teenage boys, it is very obvious there are parents who don't care what their kids are out doing and some of them will even furnish the alcohol and possibly drugs for their kids and their friends, not to mention what older brothers and sisters will do.

I refuse to believe that the kids in extracurricular activities are immune from this kind of behavior. I do feel the ruling should include all kids in school and not just those in outside activities.

I am doing my best at home to raise my children to not get involved with drugs and alcohol, but when they walk out the door they are entering a whole different world with their friends and the peer pressure that is put on them. I feel better knowing there are other concerned adults helping to watch out for them.

Susie Oden
Midland

Violent toy message

Lately the Reporter-Telegram has had numerous articles on violent kid toys. So the other day there was a write-up on non-violent toys for the Jerry Falwell crowd — David and Goliath.

If I remember my Bible stories, this is about a kid who hits a giant in the head with a rock and knocks him senseless, then chops his head off with a sword. That's about as non-violent as you can get.

I am not a violent person myself, but when I grew up boys and girls played with guns, bombs, etc. John Wayne was a hero. Everyone had pride in the

United States of America.

I'm sorry, folks, but I'm raising my children to have pride in their country. I'm a Vietnam veteran who joined the Navy before I was called and I don't think I'm messed up from playing with war toys, as a child or as an adult.

I just want to put in my two cents' worth since I'm sure I'm not the only one. The other countries of the world aren't like us — they don't know what non-violence is. I wish they did, but we are fooling ourselves if we think they do!

David Alexander
Midland

North deserves honor

As a veteran of foreign wars and the father of a draft-age son, I would like to respectfully submit the name of Oliver L. North, lieutenant colonel,

USMC, for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Ray Rumbelow
Midland

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1986. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On December 23rd, 1823, the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore was published anonymously in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel. The poem is more popularly known as "Twas The Night Before Christmas."

On this date: In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon.

In 1788, Maryland voted to cede a 10-square-mile area for the seat of the national government. That area became the District of Columbia.

In 1805, Joseph Smith Jr., founder of the Mormon Church, was born in Sharon, Vt.

In 1913, President Woodrow Wilson signed the Federal Reserve Act into law.

In 1928, the National Broadcasting Co. set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.

In 1941, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

EVANS & NOVAK

New NSC staff brings first glimmer of hope

WASHINGTON — The glimmer of the first silver lining in the cloud darkening President Reagan's presidency is discernible in the new staff

at the NSC, the original source of his troubles, where an unexpected rich transfusion of blood is raising hopes for preserving Reaganite national security policies.

The new staff selections by incoming national security adviser Frank Carlucci have stunned the bureaucracy. Nobody expected him to hire Jose S. Sorzano, a Jeane Kirkpatrick protégé, and the CIA's Fritz W. Ermarth, privately described by William Casey as "the strongest Soviet specialist in town." On top of that, hard-line arms control specialist



Rowland Evans



Robert Novak

Fritz Kramer unexpectedly is being retained.

That foretells career civil servant Carlucci's intention to halt policy filtering from the Reagan White House to the State Department, as Secretary of State George Shultz has planned since the Iran arms scandal began in early November. It guarantees tough, down-the-line competition with Shultz, not obedience from a disgraced NSC staff as feared by conservatives.

The top of the line for salvaging the president's national security policies is the Reagan Doctrine. It was left bleeding and half dead when arms deals engineered by Lt. Col. Oliver North were discovered. Congressional Democrats, never happy with the Reagan Doctrine's aspirations of forcing back communism at the fringes, are using the scandal to undermine the doctrine not only in Nicaragua but Angola as well.

This environment was shaken up by Carlucci's decision to go for and get Sorzano, who fled Fidel Castro's Cuba and after serving as Kirkpatrick's U.N. deputy became president of the Cuban-American Foundation. It is no mere atmospheric change.

It shifts the NSC's Latin America policy chief from a highly-regarded Foreign Service officer dependent on long-term relations with the State Department to a tough intellectual with impeccable Reaganite credentials who is accountable to no one in the bureaucracy. "Frank is looking for the best, strongest people he can

find, with a pro-Reagan orientation," Kirkpatrick told us, "and he has found one in Sorzano."

A similar orientation pervades Ermarth. He replaces Jack Matlock, a senior State Department specialist in U.S.-Soviet relations suspected by the right of detestment. Ermarth's work in U.S.-Soviet strategic evaluation during Zbigniew Brzezinski's tenure as Jimmy Carter's national security adviser impressed Casey. Casey brought him back to the CIA in 1984 as his top intelligence officer on Soviet affairs.

With futures wholly independent of the State Department, Sorzano and Ermarth will be tougher players in defense of the president's policies, less susceptible to bureaucratic pressures from Shultz. In dealing with the new, far more anti-Reagan Congress, such independence suggests more boldness and imagination in selling the president's foreign policy. Sorzano, one White House insider said privately, "can and will go toe-to-toe with George Shultz."

Reshaping the entire NSC staff in the middle of an administration has never been tried before, particularly one that is now on its record fifth national security adviser. Carlucci's original plan was to fire all staffers with at least four years in the Reagan White House. He quickly gave that up because it would have sacrificed some high talent, including strategic arms specialist Kramer.

This shakeup was preordained when Attorney General Edwin Meese quietly put his hand on Adm.

John Poindexter's shoulder after dis-covering the Iran-contra link. "The president will never ask you to resign," he said, "but, John, you ought to."

Meese demanded that Poindexter's successor abolish the office out of which North ran his super-secret operations in the basement of the White House. But he feared that no Poindexter successor — Carlucci or anyone else — would be able to build a new NSC staff capable of performing the coordinating function needed to put policy back on track in the midst of Reagan's worst presidential crisis.

On the contrary, Carlucci is proving to be an adept and calculating housekeeper, just what the president needs. Not content with hiring a new staff capable of "coordinating" the president's national security policies, he is picking aides who would not sign on without a strong policymaking role. And instead of just abolishing North's operation, Carlucci abolished its parent Political-Military Office headed by Howard Telicher, and fired Telicher.

The signal is clear. The first of Reagan's five national security advisers with a clear track to the Oval Office, not through Donald T. Regan or any other chief of staff, is going to cut a swath of his own to heighten the president's control of his presidency. It is a sign of hope, the first in weeks.

Rowland Evans and Robert Novak are syndicated columnists for News America Syndicate.

CHARLEY REESE

For Dickens' sake don't forget humanity!

Every year in America, as Christmas approaches, there are two things you can count on: Some Puritanistic soul will bemoan the commercialization

of Christmas — usually in a commercial publication — and some libertarian ideologue will attack Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" as a slander against capitalism.

To borrow a word, humbug on both counts.

You have to be dense not to recognize on the one hand, the spirit of Christmas demonstrated by people buying gifts, and on the other, an attack against greed and avarice that has everything to do with morality and the human soul and nothing to do with political or ideological arguments.

"A Christmas Carol" happens to be



Charley Reese

one of my favorite stories and Charles Dickens one of my favorite writers. If the portrait of Scrooge, a fundamentally decent man who had lost touch with his own humanity, threatens one's vision of capitalism, then one's vision of capitalism is flawed.

There are indeed people riding the bandwagon of capitalism who are greedy, selfish, and otherwise swinish. Capitalism is a good system, probably the best, for producing wealth, but it is not a way of life or a moral code. When a man goes home at night, whether from the commissar's office or the executive suite, he goes home a human being who must define his relationship with his fellow man.

If you define that relationship in economic terms that is just as bad as defining it in political terms. People are not economic units or members of political classes. People are people, for God's sake, and there are more important aspects of life than making money or being ideologically pure.

Only a genuine jackass, appearing ever so briefly on so fragile a cinder spinning in so vast and mysterious a

universe, could become obsessed with counting coins or conducting political inquiries. Empires as a rule don't last as long as trees and people don't last as long as empires. Most of what we spend our lives doing doesn't amount to a mote of dust.

One of the wisest and probably most revolutionary statements I've run across comes from a 17th century samurai, Jocho, who observed, "Life is too short to do anything you don't want to do." If a whole generation ever realizes that at the same time, they will re-structure the earth's societies so that love and laughter and children are not sacrificed either to profits or politics.

Busybodies should leave other people alone. Most of the trouble-makers in the world can be reduced to the broad category of busybodies — people who are not content to live their own lives but also want to run everyone else's.

If you wish to spend the Christmas season prostrated in prayer, by all means do so, but don't bad-mouth others who wish to celebrate the season in different ways. Whether the season is commercial or religious is entirely up to the individual. Nobody can commercialize your Christmas

— only you can do that. If people would attend to their own souls and leave others free to do the same, there would be a lot more peace and good will found on this old earth.

If you believe in capitalism, by all means practice it, but don't burden us with your mistaken notions that an economic system is the end-all and be-all of human existence.

Christmas, of course, is a tradition and event unique to Christianity, but the spirit of giving, the spirit of true compassion, is universal and is celebrated by all peoples in one form or another. Dickens, in his genius, took that spirit out of its specific religious context and thus created a story that has universal appeal and so lives on, generation after generation.

There is a bit of Scrooge in all of us — whenever we lose sight of our humanity, whenever we become obsessed by things, whether those things are money or work or fame or politics or, ironically, even religion.

Like Scrooge, those who re-discover their humanity before it's too late are fortunate indeed.

Charley Reese is a syndicated columnist for King Features Syndicate.

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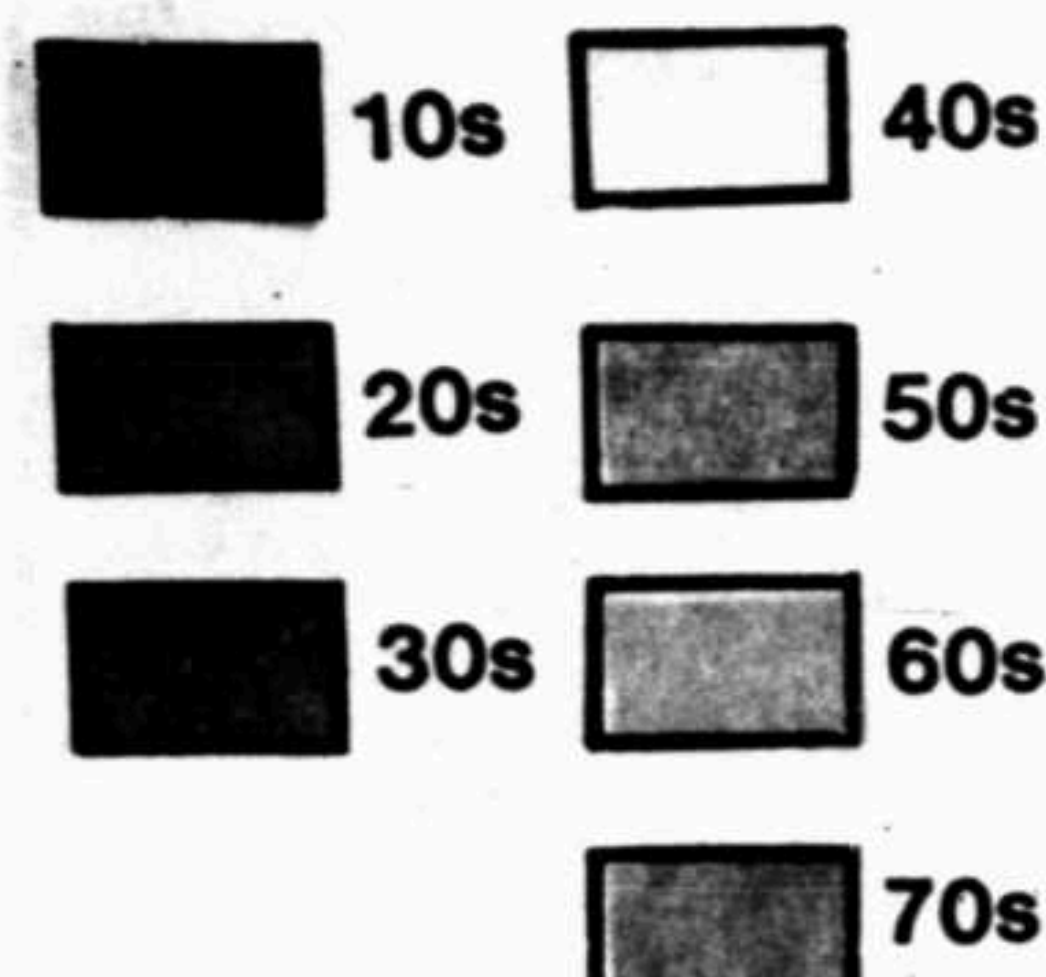
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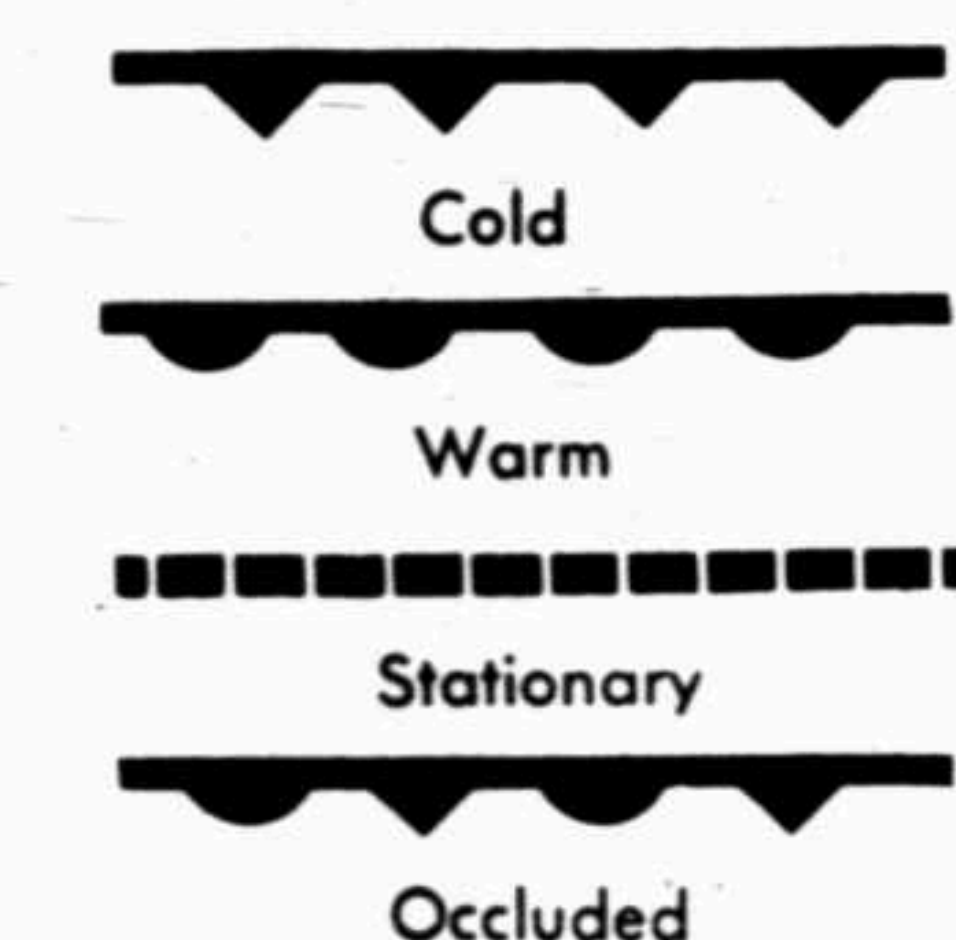
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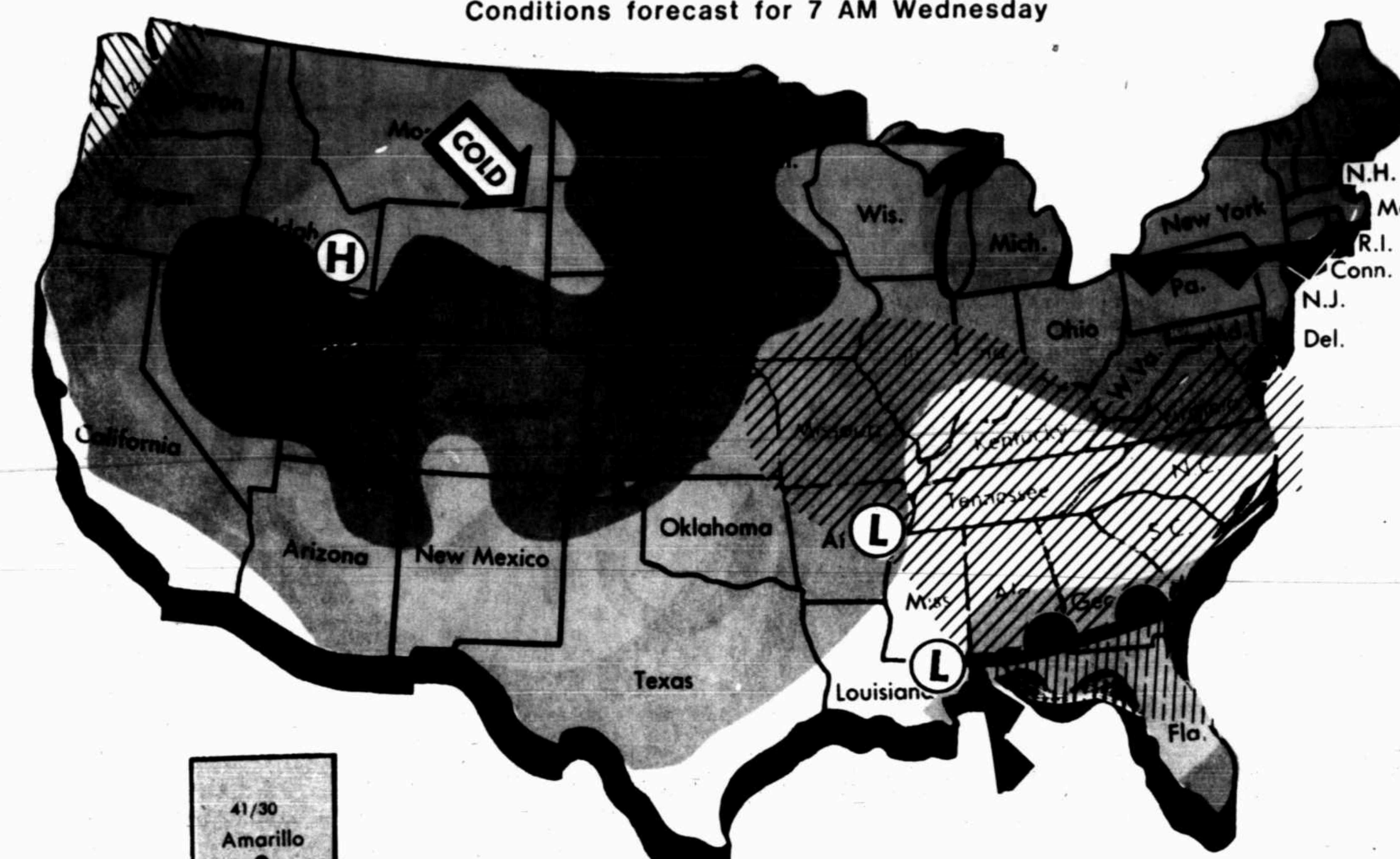
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FRONTS:



Conditions forecast for 7 AM Wednesday



Cold weather still in forecast for Basin area

From Staff and Wire Reports

Tonight will continue to be cold, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport. Tonight will be mostly cloudy with fog and a low in the upper 20s. Winds will be light and blowing northwest.

Wednesday will be partly cloudy and warm with a high in the low 50s. Winds will be light and blowing northwest.

Christmas Day will be partly cloudy with a low in the 20s and a high in the 50s.

Monday's high of 41 degrees was 38 degrees cooler than the record high of 79 degrees set in 1973.

The overnight low of 34 degrees was 25 degrees warmer than the record low of 9 degrees set in 1983.

STATE

A winter storm in the Gulf of Mexico brought gale-force winds to the Texas coast today as heavy rains in the Hill Country pushed creeks from their banks, sweeping cars from low-water crossings, and snow fell in western mountains.

The National Weather Service posted gale warnings for the Gulf coast early this morning. Wind speeds along the coast were forecast to be from the northeast at 30 to 45 mph, with gusts up to about 60 mph.

The weather service said a gale-force wind is defined as greater than 39 mph but less than 74 mph.

Unseasonably heavy rains drenched Central Texas today, sweeping cars into overflowing creeks and forcing some street closings.

An undetermined number of cars were swept from low-water crossings along Brushy Creek west of Round Rock, said Williamson County sheriff's deputies.

Some areas near San Antonio received between 5 1/2 and 6 inches of rain Monday night, the weather service said. A flash flood warning was posted for the area around San Antonio.

Heavy rain also fell in Southeast Texas, with a coastal flood warning in effect today, and all of the area was under a flash flood watch.

NATION

Rain spread across the South today and set off high-water alerts, while temperatures in sections of the Midwest were unseasonably mild.

Rain also was widespread from western Oregon and central California into the Tahoe Valley, while snow was scattered across southeast New Mexico into northwest Texas.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with fog and a low in the upper 20s. Winds will be light and northwest.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy and warm with a high in the low 50s and a light northwest wind.

Christmas Day: Partly cloudy. Low in the 20s and high in the 50s.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High 41 degrees
Overnight Low 34 degrees
Sunrise today 5:50 p.m.
Sunset tomorrow 7:47 a.m.

Precipitation:
Last 24 hours 0.39 inches
This month to date 3.30 inches
Year to date 32.13 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES			
6 a.m.	33	6 p.m.	35
7 a.m.	33	7 p.m.	34
8 a.m.	33	8 p.m.	35
9 a.m.	33	9 p.m.	35
10 a.m.	33	10 p.m.	35
11 a.m.	34	11 p.m.	34
noon	34	midnight	34
1 p.m.	34	1 a.m.	34
2 p.m.	35	2 a.m.	34
3 p.m.	35	3 a.m.	34
4 p.m.	35	4 a.m.	34
5 p.m.	36	5 a.m.	34
		6 a.m.	35

Weather elsewhere

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Anchorage	26	14	cdy
Albany	43	23	rr
Atlanta	43	34	14 rr
Baltimore	43	20	rr
Birmingham	50	37	clr
Bismarck	47	38	30 rr
Boise	44	17	cdy
Burlington, Vt.	37	23	cdy
Casper	33	30	clr
Charleston, S.C.	41	30	clr
Chicago	47	42	rr
Cincinnati	51	22	clr
Cleveland	41	17	rr
Dayton	37	21	cdy
Denver	39	20	rr
Des Moines	50	20	cdy
	40	23	cdy

El Paso	44/34
Amarillo	41/30
Midland	41/34
Dallas	49/42
Beaumont	51/47
Houston	45/43
Austin	45/43
San Antonio	50/46
Corpus Christi	45/43
Brownsville	59/44

In North Texas, rain ending in the northeast this evening. Decreasing cloudiness tonight and partly cloudy skies Wednesday. Continued cool tonight. A bit warmer Wednesday. Low tonight 30 to 38. Highs Wednesday 50 to 56.

In West Texas, mostly cloudy tonight and then partly cloudy Wednesday. Warmer afternoons except turning colder Panhandle Wednesday. Highs 40s except 50s far west and Big Bend. Low tonight 22 mountains to 26 Panhandle to 35 Big Bend. Highs Wednesday 43 Panhandle to near 60 Big Bend.

In South Texas, occasional rain over Southeast Texas ending tonight. Partly cloudy and a little warmer all sections Wednesday. Low tonight lower 30s Hill Country to low 40s south. Highs Wednesday upper 50s north to mid-50s south.

Texas temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Prc
Alice	49	44	41
Amarillo	45	43	1.48
Austin	51	47	3.86
Beaumont-Port Arthur	50	45	5.7
Brownsville	59	44	30
Bryan-College Station	46	43	1.49
Childress	45	41	84
Corpus Christi	50	42	32
Del Rio	49	42	26
Dallas	48	41	10
El Paso	44	34	03
Fort Worth	47	40	12
Gilveson	59	49	1.36
Hondo	45	41	84
Houston	50	46	2.33
Junction	45	41	35
Kingville	51	47	32
Laredo	54	45	45
Longview	47	41	1.09
Lubbock	38	35	11
Lufkin	46	44	98
Marfa	60	44	05
McAllen	41	34	39
Midland-Odessa	53	45	87
Palacios	38	36	1.14
San Angelo	45	43	2.67
San Antonio	48	42	95
Shreveport, La.	40	38	36
Stephenville	44	36	36
Texasarkana	48	40	mm
Waco	48	45	1.40
Wichita Falls	46	42	1.08
Wink	44	36	37

Counties forecasts

Midland, Ector, Crane, Upton, Reagan, Glasscock, Gaines, Andrews, Dawson, Borden and Martin counties: Today, a 30 percent chance of snow, becoming rain by mid morning. High mid-40s. Wind variable 5 to 10 mph. No additional snow accumulation. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low in the lower 30s. Wednesday, partly cloudy a high in the upper 40s.

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Smith to soon 'get down to business'

By JANE MARLER DEES
Staff Writer

It took over \$1 million and 16 months to accomplish. But in 14 short days, Congressman-elect Lamar Smith will be able to drop the "elect" and get down to business during a critical time in the history of American politics he feels is "exciting."

"We are at a crossroads in history," Smith said.

"The Iranian crisis is one of a number of problems percolating in Congress right now. We need to address them all — balancing the budget, fighting drug abuse...the Iranian crisis is serious, but let's not get distracted here."

"That is the excitement of it to me," Smith said of addressing his challenges as a freshman congressman.

An added feature to Smith's new job is his election as the freshman Republican whip — a job Smith's press secretary David Hawkins described as sort of a "quarter-



Lamar Smith

terback for the 23 new Republican congressmen."

"I was fortunate to be elected whip...I'm very excited with the way things are going so far," Smith said.

Hawkins said as freshman whip, Smith will be in the influential position of gathering unified Republican support among new congressmen and more importantly, gathering support from Republican leadership on issues important to the 21st District.

"Basically what he is an internal lobbyist," Hawkins said.

A leather whip symbolic of his new position was presented to Smith on a recent trip to Midland.

"I figure I could use it on the ranch, put it on the wall in my Washington office or give it to my wife."

"I will find a home for it at the ranch or my office...I assure you," Smith mused.

Smith was nixed from appointments to the all-powerful House Appropriations and Budgets, and Energy and Commerce committees, but press secretary David Hawkins said they're expecting "one major and one minor committee appointment." He declined to say which one for "fear of jinxing it."

Of his often talked about shaky relationship with new House Speaker Jim Wright, Smith said they've talked

several times and said he believed in the long run it would be good for Texas to have a Speaker from Texas.

"I have talked with Jim and I don't promise to vote the same way he does. I just hope Jim Wright will not lose sight of the interests of Texas," Smith said.

He will receive a salary of \$77,400 a year.

His office is located at 509 Cannon Building and he has bought a home in the northwest section of "the district" — Washington, D.C.

In representing the 21st District, Smith will carry on in the Republican footsteps of former 21st District Rep. Tom Loeffler.

There will be four offices for Smith to keep up with in addition to the big one in Washington, D.C. — one in Midland, San Antonio, San Angelo and Kerrville.

Native Midlander Lori Jones, a graduate of Sweet Briar College and former chief of Smith's Midland campaign office, will run Smith's district office in Midland.

Ms. Jones said she will act as a go-between for Smith and members of the district.

"I'll be doing constituent work. We'll have direct access via computer to Lamar's office in Washington," Ms. Jones said.

Smith said congressmen even face the woes of bud-

get cuts and several people advised him to eliminate one of his district offices.

"I made a promise to keep an office in Midland and I'm fulfilling it."

"It is essential to have a presence in Midland," Smith said.

The inauguration will take place in a mass ceremony on Tuesday, Jan. 6, in Washington, D.C. The addition of Smith brings the total number of Republican representatives in Texas to 10, with 17 being from the Democratic party.

Smith's aides say he is still about \$100,000 in the red as far as campaign debts go, but a Dec. 11 fundraiser in San Antonio — featuring David Eisenhower and Julie Nixon Eisenhower — helped to wipe out \$30,000 of those debts.

A party will be given by Smith on inauguration night, Hawkins said, and will include an appearance by Smith's longtime friend, Sen. Phil Gramm, in addition to the other nine Republican congressmen from Texas.

Smith promised he would try to get back to the district — including Midland — at least once a month.

"This is where it all began — I wouldn't have won without Midland."

City Hall hopes audit has 'clean' conclusion

By RICK BROWN
Staff Writer

Maybe they're not the liveliest bunch in town, but the auditors currently combing City Hall books are looking for financial funny business.

City Director of Finance Troy Gifford said Monday that the annual audit now in progress should prove to taxpayers "that financial transactions have been above board and fair, and that financial records have been kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles."

Those were the findings of last year's audit, which Gifford termed "a clean opinion," that is, all city financial practices were found to be acceptable with no exceptions.

Gifford is hoping that this year's auditing accountants, members of the Midland branch of nationally known Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., will come to the same conclusion — with no exceptions.

The five-member team of accountants has been pouring over city financial records since early November as part of the first, fact-

gathering phase of the audit, which is conducted yearly to satisfy the city charter and state law, Gifford said.

They are checking in minute detail each of the 55 city funds, he said. Included in those funds are the General Fund — the chief city operating fund — the Water and Sewer Operations Fund, the Airport Operating Fund, the Sanitation Fund, the Garage Fund and the Golf Course Fund.

Gifford explained that each fund can be thought of as a separate company, part of the conglomerate that is city government at large. As separate companies, money going into and coming out of each fund must be accounted for in detail, he said. Each fund must balance within itself.

Prime among records that the auditors investigate are payroll statements, statements of accounts receivable and statements of accounts payable, he said.

After finishing the field work now in progress, the accountants should

work together during January and February to write the first draft of their report on the city's finances, Gifford said.

A period of checking the report follows from February to March, he said.

Final presentation of the document to City Council comes in mid-to late March, he said.

The accountants seem to operate under a cloak of secrecy that they enjoy perpetuating. "The audit process is very difficult to understand," said Doug Bunnell, supervising auditor and a Peat Marwick partner. "You can't appreciate what we deal with and what we are accomplishing."

"We're a very conservative breed because we deal in facts only," he said. Because the city is billed by the hour for auditing services, the accountants "hopefully don't waste much of their time smoking and joking," he said.

Gifford said the city will spend between \$75,000 and \$100,000 on the audit.

Texas 'buckles up' more than any other state, survey shows

FORT WORTH (AP) — Seat belt advocates are heartened by studies that show Texans buckle up at possibly the highest rate of any state.

Nearly 70 percent of Texans use seat belts, according to a survey conducted for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The Texas seat belt law, which went into effect in September 1985, is one of the nation's toughest. The law carries a fine of \$25 to \$50.

Unlike drivers in other states, Texans continued to buckle up even after the newness of the law wore off. In most states, belt use peaks immediately after the law takes effect, then falls off.

Texans' willingness to abide by the law contrasts with people in other states. Massachusetts and Nebraska last month became the first states to repeal seat belt laws, and similar efforts are under way in at least nine other states.

Safety promoters are heartened by the finding at a time when laws requiring belt use are under increasing attack.

"It blows my mind," said John Cook of the Washington-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, one of the groups that has studied seat belt use in Texas.

Cook, who is from Houston, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he would "have bet my year's salary

that Texas wouldn't have been the leading state for seat belt compliance in the country. But it is."

State Sen. Roy Blake, D-Nacogdoches, introduced a bill last week to repeal the seat belt law, but said he doesn't have the votes required to erase the law.

The survey shows that belt use increased from a statewide average of 15.2 percent of all drivers before the Texas law to 66.8 percent after its passage.

Belt use in major Texas cities ranges from 76.8 percent in Corpus Christi to 57.5 percent in San Antonio, according to the survey conducted by Texas A&M University.



John Faught/Reporter-Telegram

Greener pastures

This horse is hoping for more clear skies as it makes for a more relaxing and comfortable way to enjoy a mid-afternoon snack.

Suspect in storage unit burglaries in custody

By PATRICK CRIMMINS
Staff Writer

A 26-year-old state prison parolee who police say specialized in daylight burglaries of storage units, and who officers believe may have committed more than 30 in the last few weeks, is in custody.

And, police said merchandise valued at nearly \$20,000 has been recovered.

Ronald Bell, 1409 S. Mineola St., is being held in lieu of \$7,500 bond on charges of burglary of a building,

according to Det. Sgt. Bob Richardson.

He said Bell is currently on parole from the Texas Department of Corrections, where he served time for a theft conviction. He was paroled earlier this year, he said.

Richardson said Bell has confessed to at least two burglaries, and has implicated himself in at least 28 more. He said at least five storage unit complexes in different parts of the city have been hit in the last two to three weeks.

According to Richardson, Bell pur-

posely avoided burglarizing homes.

"The guy is not dumb," Richardson said. "He knows the penalty range. He won't (burglarize) a habitation. He sticks with a building."

Under Texas law, burglary of a building is a second-degree felony that carries a maximum sentence of 20 years. Burglary of a habitation is a first-degree felony, and a convicted home burglar can get life imprisonment.

Police arrested Bell last week after he was identified as the seller of several stolen items, Richardson said.

The recovered property takes up so much space it is being stored in a building at the city's fleet service facility on Orchard Street. Items recovered so far include two refrigerators, a dining room set, dozens of chairs, several large couches, a coffee table, and other furniture items.

Richardson said Bell allegedly burglarized the storage units during the day. He said padlocks on the units were pried off and the items were simply carted off in a pickup truck.

He said the units are "very easy"

prey for burglars because they are so accessible.

According to Bell, he operated alone, Richardson said, and committed the burglaries to support his girlfriend and two children.

"He's taking the rap himself," he said. "The reason he said he's doing it now is that he's out of work."

Richardson said some of the items stolen from the storage have been returned to their owners, and he said police are trying to locate other owners.

Police also have recovered items stolen from several sporting goods stores, including clothes and athletic equipment valued at "tens of thousands" of dollars, Richardson said. Two juveniles and an adult are in custody in connection with those burglaries.

Richardson said to try and stymie the frequency of burglaries, police have utilized surveillance in high crime areas, and detectives have formed task forces to work with patrol officers.

More storage unit burglaries probed

From Staff Reports

Midland police today are investigating the burglary of at least two storage units Monday, just a day after police said 30 of the burglaries had been solved by the arrest of a Midland man.

According to reports, a depth finder valued at \$149, a flotation ski vest valued at \$200, and several fishing poles valued at \$300 were stolen from a unit at A to Z storage, 200 Norman. Police said someone apparently used some type of bolt cutters to remove the padlocks from the unit.

Reports said at least one other unit at A to Z was burglarized Monday. Two sets of golf clubs, value undetermined, were reported missing, police said. Another unit was open, and several others appeared to be tampered with, police said.

Monday, police said at least 30 burglaries of storage units over the last two to three weeks had been solved with the arrest of 26-year-old Ronald Bell. Bell, who was arrested Dec. 16, has confessed to at least 28 burglaries, but has told police he is responsible for 28 more. Police are recovering items stolen in those burglaries.

In other reports, police are investigating the burglary of a residence in the 200 block of Parker Avenue. According to reports, a videocassette recorder valued at \$365 was stolen Monday between 6:40 p.m. and 10:20 p.m.

Despite oil slump, 'priced' gifts are hot

By JAY JORDEN

DALLAS (AP) — Managers of some of the area's most exclusive stores say sales of pricey Yuletide gifts ranging from Russian lacquer boxes to specially bred spotted cats are as fast-paced as ever this Christmas despite the oil slump.

One jewelry store manager said such sales are rarely affected by the economy because they "involve individuals who are always able to make this type of purchase."

At Neiman-Marcus, long a symbol of Texas wealth, spokeswoman Jan Roberts said, "We are very pleased with Christmas business."

Neiman's made headlines earlier this year with its "California Spangled Cat," a domestic feline bred to look wild and leopard-like. The cats were priced at \$1,400 each in the store's glitzy catalog.

"All the cats available for Christmas delivery have already been sold," Ms. Roberts said. "We had somewhere over 40, but they have been gone since November. We have

a waiting list. But it is into the summer for delivery."

There were some slower-to-sell items, though, like the "Bubble Boat," which looks like a spacecraft but is made for the water and retails for \$80,000.

"We have had calls on it only, so far," Ms. Roberts said.

More shoppers are visiting the trendy Galleria mall in north Dallas this year than last Christmas season, according to Galleria spokesman George Lancaster.

"And last year was a really great year. We had an increase from the moment we opened. It was not a surprise," he said.

He said shoppers, in a sluggish economy, tend to be very value-conscious.

"That helps us, if anything. If they are going to spend money, they want something with value that will last," said Lancaster.

Some value-conscious shoppers, though, were finding the price for value too high after all.

At Fred, a Galleria jewelry store,

the buyer of a \$9,400 watch in June wound up selling it for \$3,000 when he fell on hard financial times, said store spokesman William J. Kasler.

"When he told us he sold it for that price, we said it was absurd because the watch was practically brand new," said Kasler. "But that \$3,000 would allow him to live one more month in his house."

"People in the business of buying jewelry know there are hard times and some would make ridiculous offers for pieces," he said. "Some take advantage of the situation."

Overall, Kasler said his store's sales increased 35 percent in just the first nine days of December, compared with the same period in 1985.

"We make several high-ticket sales every year," he said. "This is normal. This year, there have been just as many large, individual sales as in the past."

"These sales are not generated or lost because of the economic situation," he said. "These involve individuals who are always able to make this type of purchase."

Meanwhile, at Revillon at Saks Fifth Avenue, fur sales were lagging a bit, said Renee M. Lewis, salon manager.

"There's been interest, but when it comes time to spend the money, some are hesitant," she said. "But we have very high expectations."

At Gump's, a black jade necklace with a gold clasp, set with black onyx and pearl and featured in the Christmas catalog, sold immediately at \$2,850, a store spokesman said.

"The Russian lacquer boxes are extremely well-accepted," said Norman Schnall, Gump's executive director in Dallas. "We can't keep enough of them, and sold \$20,000 worth at prices ranging from about \$35 to \$5,000 each."

He said more elaborate papier mache boxes, painted by artisans using magnifying glasses, cost as much as \$65,000 and are available only by request.

"High-priced items this year have sold well compared to last, and sales began earlier than last year," he said.

Statewide housing code proposed by Senate chairman

AUSTIN (AP) — A Senate committee chairman says it may be time to revive a proposal that would create a statewide housing code to make border "colonias" healthier places to live.

Sen. Tati Santiesteban, D-El Paso, said Monday a similar measure was rejected eight to 10 years ago after critics claimed it would eliminate local controls.

Santiesteban's Natural Resources Committee only recently was asked to suggest a solution to colonias, which the Water Development Board describes as unincorporated residential developments "with a

high proportion of substandard housing and without adequate water supply and/or sewage services."

Colonias average about 25 acres in size and include approximately 260 persons, the board said after a study of Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy counties.

Santiesteban referred to the colonias along Texas' border areas as "illegal subdivisions."

He said the committee needs to alleviate current conditions and "see that it doesn't occur in the future."

"I don't know how to solve the problem," he said.

Sen. Hector Uribe, D-Brownsville,

said colonias are "mushrooming all over the place, and the situation is getting worse."

"They are like concentration camps — the people are imprisoned by poverty," Uribe said.

Cameron County Commissioner Tony Gutierrez said a recent study by a Houston engineering firm showed that although 98 percent of colonias have water distribution lines, approximately 50 percent of the residents use other means for obtaining water.

"These alternatives include garden hoses running from neighbors

yards, water stored in 55-gallon drums, wells sometimes located within feet of pit privies, and collection from area ponds or irrigation canals," Gutierrez said.

He said "it is not uncommon to find 50 percent to 75 percent of the households using pit privies."

Thomas Dunning, chairman of the Water Development Board, said large cities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley should be encouraged to annex colonias located with a reasonable distance of the cities' boundaries.

This would provide the least costly

method for supplying water and sewage services to some of the colonias, Dunning said in a statement.

"Perhaps one way to achieve the very highest leverage rates would be to use grant funds for a given period of time — say five years — on water and sewer loans to cities for the installation of water and sewer projects to serve newly annexed colonias," Dunning said.

"A similar arrangement could be made with special districts for water and sewer projects to serve colonias that cannot be annexed by cities," he said.

Uribe said no long-term solution could be found for colonias without "human suffering." He said some people living in Lower Rio Grande Valley colonias may have to be forced to relocate into Mexico.

A statement prepared by Evonne Charboneau of Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc., Weslaco, said residents "are ready to take legal action against developers who have not kept their promises to provide services."

"They are willing to provide labor and to raise money to help solve the problems," the statement said.

Men sought in robbery of woman in Odessa

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — Odessa and Midland law enforcement authorities are searching for two men, one of whom was reportedly armed, who robbed a woman of \$800 cash this morning in Odessa, and may have fled to Midland.

According to Odessa police, the woman withdrew the money from a Midland bank, and drove to Odessa. At the Stop and Go convenience store, 8th and Grandview, the woman was robbed by the men shortly before 10:30 a.m. Police said the men probably followed the woman to Odessa, and may have fled back to

Midland.

The suspect vehicle in the robbery was described as an older model, bronze van, possibly a Chevrolet. One suspect was described as a black male, 35 years old, last seen wearing a green jacket with blue jeans. The other suspect was described as a white male, no other description available. The weapon used was a firearm of unknown value.

Just before 11 a.m., a helicopter was used by the Midland County Sheriff's office in the search. Troopers from the Department of Public Safety were also assisting in the search.

Odessa lawman indicted on indecency with child

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — The Ector County grand jury Monday indicted a suspended 33-year-old police officer on a charge of indecency with a child.

Sgt. Anthony Calhoun, a six-year veteran of the Odessa Police Department, turned himself in to sheriff's deputies, posted bond of \$25,000 and was released pending trial on the charge.

The grand jury indictment alleged the indecency with a child "under the age of 17" occurred Nov. 21, 1985.

Calhoun was placed on paid sus-

pension Dec. 11 "pending the outcome of an internal investigation into matters of a criminal nature," according to police spokesman Cpl. John McAhon.

A Dec. 11 fire at Calhoun's mobile home remains the subject of an ongoing investigation, according to Fire Marshal Rick Cates. The fire caused extensive damage with the cause listed as suspected arson.

That same night, Calhoun was admitted to Medical Center Hospital for treatment of what was reported to be an accidental drug overdose.

Veterans' memorials held up

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Veterans Memorial Committee said Monday a plan to erect Korean and Vietnam veterans' memorials on the state Capitol grounds had been dropped due to the cancellation of the Sesquicentennial Park where the memorials were to be located.

The committee had selected three

designs as finalists but since the original proposed site has not materialized, the committee has discontinued the competition and given each finalist \$1,000 to cover expenses.

The Texas State Korean and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund has raised \$17,997, with expenditures totaling \$3,211, according to a statement from Collazo's office.



Staff Photo

'Furry' friends

Jackie Carter, executive director of High Sky Children's Ranch, stands among toys that can be purchased with \$1,500 given to the ranch by Furr's Supermarket to make a merrier Christmas for Midlanders.

State land eyed as nuclear waste site

WASHINGTON (AP) — In case the Texas Panhandle is chosen as the site to house 70,000 tons of highly radioactive waste, the Department of Energy is moving forward with plans to buy 60 acres of land, according to Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

The Texas site in Deaf Smith County is one of three sites in the country currently being considered as the nation's first high-level nuclear waste repository. The other sites are in Nevada and Washington State.

Energy Secretary John S. Herrington told Bentsen, D-Texas, in a letter dated Dec. 22, that although legislation passed by Congress this year prohibits the government from drilling exploratory shafts in 1987, it doesn't bar the purchasing of land.

"Accordingly, the Department intends to proceed with its plans for obtaining access to land at the site in Texas," wrote Herrington in response to an Oct. 28 letter from Bentsen in which the senator inquired

about the agency's plans.

"We expect to have the first part of a land acquisition plan from the (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) early in 1987," Herrington wrote.

"Very little disruption of current agricultural activities is expected and no disruption of current homesteads is planned," the energy secretary wrote.

Bentsen announced the land acquisition plans Monday, but had no immediate comment on Herrington's

letter.

The restrictions on the Department's search for a nuclear waste disposal site are contained in a resolution signed into law by president Reagan this fall. Drilling of exploratory shafts is specifically prohibited.

The Deaf Smith site is a giant salt deposit several thousand feet beneath the earth's surface.

Tree sellers peddle wares as traveling salesmen

By DAVE FERMAN

DALLAS (AP) — Christmas tree salesmen Craig Wellman and Mike Statz are sitting in a drafty trailer in Arlington and grinning gleefully over the TV weatherman's announcement that it was 25 degrees below zero in Wisconsin the night before.

At this moment, as they wait for their first customer of the day, the two are quite content to be more than 1,000 miles away from their frozen home.

"Jeez," says Wellman, 21, shaking his head and looking over at Statz. "Yeah," says Statz, 32. "Minus 25." And then they laugh, looking like two young boys just released from school for the holidays.

While most Dallas-area tree sellers are locals, Wellman and Statz are two of a small number of people who have traveled from Wisconsin, Michigan, Oregon and other faraway states to set up shop here. Some are paid a flat salary by tree-farm owners to work their lots; others come here to coordinate shipments of

trees from the North.

In most cases, the month or so they spend here means celebrating Thanksgiving in a drafty trailer, being without friends in a strange city, and making a long, long drive back home just before Christmas. But it also means a winter vacation of sorts, valuable experience and, in some cases, badly needed extra money.

"I'm doing this just to make ends meet," Statz said quietly. A divorced father of three, this is his first holiday season away from his daughters.

"My girlfriend doesn't like it, but she understands. The girls are little tykes, and they really don't understand all that much yet. I call them sometimes."

For Wellman, the job provides a change of scenery. "I like to get away from the North — it's only a month."

Like most Northerners working in Texas, they are working for a tree farm owner. The two didn't meet until the day they began the 18-hour drive to Texas.

Just after Thanksgiving, the first shipment of 300 or so trees arrived

and business has been good ever since.

"We get people knocking on the door at midnight, 1 a.m.," says Statz in his flat Midwestern accent, looking outside at the rows of trees. Just behind the trailer, dozens more lie stacked like firewood.

"Remember that big downpour we had a couple of days ago? We sold a tree during that. The guy had to hang on to his umbrella with one hand, but he bought a tree."

Wellman, a three-year veteran at this lot, does all the flocking in a big red and yellow tent when business is slow on weekdays. Statz, who sold trees in South Dakota last year, watches over the lot. He likes Arlington although he says food is more expensive here and there are more regulations and codes to follow than up North.

Both workers value the little time they can get away from the cluttered trailer and its gas smell.

"I went to Billy Bob's last Sunday — I'd always wanted to go," Wellman says.

Their biggest complaint about the

job is having to sleep on the premises. Their trailer is a little warmer than sleeping outdoors, but not much.

"It's like camping out," Statz says. "We have to light the oven and switch the liquid petroleum tanks, and they always seem to go off at 4 in the morning. It gets pretty cold in here."

Chris Woodman, of Fife Lake, Mich., has no such problems. When she and her family finish selling trees for the day, they go to their daughter's house in Farmers Branch.

And, unlike most of the people doing contract work on Dallas Christmas tree lots, they're here for an education. By operating lots for M&M Trees, owned by friends in Michigan, they are trying to learn the tree business in anticipation of the day when their own trees back home will be big enough to sell to Texas.

"We have our own small farm back at Fife Lake," Mrs. Woodman said. "So this is something we hope to have for our retirement. We want

to wholesale for people with lots all over the country."

Because her husband, Mike, spends part of the year working in the New Guinea oil fields, Christmas is the only time the family can be together. So for the last four years, the Woodmans have enlisted the aid of their three children, all in their 20s, as well as two friends in from Detroit.

"If we weren't here, we'd be home for Christmas," says Mrs. Woodman one afternoon, watching the lot from the open trailer door.

"This gives me work in winter," says her son, David Tinkle, sipping eggnog. "I just wanted a little extra money, and it helps keep me in shape. I unload all the trees and restack them and put them on stakes —

it keeps you in shape pretty good."

The day's routine is usually the same. Every morning, Mrs. Woodman drops off the friends and family members at four lots, then drives with David to the Plano location. At night, she picks up everyone and they go to her daughter's house. Sometimes they get off a little early and go shopping.

Despite the long days at the lots, the family is having a good time. "We get to learn about Dallas, and we do our shopping here," Mrs. Woodman says.

And, in about five years, their own Scotch pines should be ready to sell.

"We have 60,000 trees planted, but they only grow about 18 inches a year," Mrs. Woodman said. "As long as we're able to do this, we'll do it."

DEATHS

Doris G. Bowden

Services for Doris G. Bowden, 62, of Athens, Ga., were to be 3:30 p.m. today in the Ellis Chapel.

The Rev. J.B. Stewart and Doug Parsons will officiate.

Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bowden died in Talladega, Ala., Saturday in a car accident while in route to Midland for the holidays.

She was born March 12, 1924, in Fort Smith, Ark., moving to Midland with her family in 1931.

She graduated from Midland High School in 1942.

In 1944 she married John Daniel Bowden. He was stationed at the

Midland Air Force Base. They lived in several different places including France, England, West Germany and later Washington, D.C. Following his retirement from military service in 1970, the couple moved to Athens.

Survivors include her husband, John Daniel Bowden of Athens; her mother, Mildred Myers of Midland; one sister, Betty Foster of Midland; and one aunt, Lorene Franks of Midland.

Palbearers include, E.G. Foster, John Foster, Rudy Foster, Gerald Foster, Robert Foster and Craig Foster.

Gaspar Pay Galindo

Funeral services Gaspar Pay Galindo, 58, a Midland Polo Club horse trainer, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Galindo died in a local hospital Monday following a sudden illness. Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today in the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Domingo Estrada will conduct funeral services.

Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery.

Galindo was born in Mexico. He married Rosa Martinez in 1950 in Ojinaga, Mexico. He has been a Midland resident since 1963 and worked at the Midland Polo Club as a horse trainer for the past 20 years. Galindo was Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa Martinez; five sons, Calletano Galindo and Alonzo Galindo, both of Midland; Carlos Galindo, Hector Galindo and Mario Galindo, all of Indio,

Calif.; four daughters, Rosa Elva Valles, Irene Hall and Maria Galindo all of Midland, and Josie Melendez of Odessa; one brother, Alfredo Galindo of Arizona; four sisters, Angelica Belloc and Manuela Gomez both of Arizona, Bertha Fuentes of Presidio and Isidra Galindo of Mexico; and 10 grandchildren.

Palbearers will be his sons and two grandsons, Stephen and Michael Galindo, and Reyes Martinez.

Anne L. Myers

Services for Anne L. Myers of Midland are pending at Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Myers died at her home Tuesday morning.

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Saucy styles offer holiday elegance

By LUCRETIA STEIGER
Copley News Service

Wrap those glitzy sequined and heavily beaded holiday tops from last year in tissue paper and save them for a comeback. Holiday glamour, '86 style, is based on two major trends: neither glittering.

OUTRAGEOUS
For the woman with everything — except inhibitions. Short, saucy and flirtatious dresses have fullness above or around the knee, unusual short sleeves and often bustier or strapless tops. They aren't highly decorated with sequins, beading or rhinestones, although there might be a touch of subdued trim.

When you see one of these new dresses hanging in a store, looking like a little girl's dress with its full skirt, your first reaction might be: "That's crazy; who would buy that?" But retailers expect plenty of crazy women with good legs and shoulders to snap up holiday versions of this new French trend.

ELEGANT
Longer dresses and full skirts in rich velvet, silk, taffeta or metallic fabrics make up the elegant look. The dresses are cut simply and the skirts work with a variety of sweaters and shirts, a benefit to any woman's wardrobe.

A bright gold or silver metallic shirt can work with the skirts, with a pair of pants, or underneath a sweater decorated with metallic thread. Classic turtle or halter neck tops dress up full skirts or slim pants.

While sequins and rhinestones have not totally faded from the holiday glamour scene, their appeal is not as glittering as it was last year when a sequined top or a beaded dress meant high style. This year, the Joan Collins syndrome is best shown in a pair of sparkling earrings.

One of the key items for the holidays, says Gail Sekiguchi, fashion director for Nordstrom of San Diego, is a metallic blouse in gold or silver or a fabric with a metallic thread. This can be worn with a taffeta skirt, velvet skirt or a pair of silk pants, making it one of the most versatile holiday items available.



CNS Photo
This beige satin ball gown with full skirt and fur bodice is one example of holiday glamour.

Replace practical standbys with new Christmas gift ideas

By DELORES CARSON
Hearst News Service

A Christmas gift of clothes does not have to mean a bathrobe for mom and fuzzy-wuzzy house shoes for grandma. Although these old standbys can be practical, good looking and welcome, there are newer choices to put under the tree. What better place to start than with the holiday and early spring styles now in the stores?

Cruise styles from Adrienne Vittadini in cotton knits can be worn from now until summer. Sweater designs are slightly oversized, but not bulky. Take your choice of themes that include pictures of polo ponies and abstract designs. Match the sweaters with knit miniskirts or cropped pants.

The denim craze continues and promises to last through the summer. Surprise the lady of your life with a denim skirt. Make it mini length or long and flared, either is a popular choice. Add a chambray shirt; if it is decorated in rhinestones you're on top of the trend.

You might decide on a cotton

knit tunic and pleated skirt from the Liz Claiborne pre-spring '87 collection. The skirt is almost ankle length and looks best with two-tone oxfords and anklets.

Look for a dress that's off the shoulder and sports a petticoat under the skirt. It is pure spring '87, but just right for now.

Take a peek at the catalogs. In Saks Fifth Avenue Christmas 1986 Folio Collections, a pre-Christmas present is a Raquel's Collection sweater. This one is handknit and ornamented with applied three-dimensional dolls. One doll is climbing a ladder to trim a tree.

Then you might stuff her stockings with small goodies galore. "Faux" jewels or real, the sparkle of amethyst, sapphire, emerald and ruby brings just the right touch to sophisticated holiday dressing.

Trifari, for instance, snakes the stones around bangle bracelets and gold-toned flexible collar necklaces. Strands of pearls are linked with brushed gold, in which are set jewel-tone cabochons (smooth-colored stones). All offer the baroque feel for this year's holiday opulence.



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Keep off excess holiday pounds

NEW YORK (UPI) — Do your clothes fit tighter every year around Jan. 2? Does the endless round of holiday dinners and parties wreak annual havoc with your waistline?

This year could be different, according to Weight Watchers Magazine. With planning and willpower, you can get through the holidays without gaining weight. The magazine offers the following tips:

■ Don't eat impulsively because you're under stress or feel anxious. Little snacks add up to big calories.

■ Arrive at parties fashionably late; this can help you stick to a sensible eating pattern. Also, try to have a glass of some non-alcoholic, low-calorie beverage in your hand at all times to resist munching on snacks.

■ Continue to exercise during the holiday season. Exercise puts people in a positive frame of mind, which will curb the craving to overeat.

■ Stick to your usual regimen as much as possible during the holidays. Regular routine helps you cope with holiday food temptations.

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ginger Bank found a rock in the pocket of her new stonewash jeans and managed to turn it into a new money-making fad that is delighting sorority sisters, teenyboppers and preppies everywhere.

It's called "The Authentic Stone" and unlike the pet rock of the early 1970s, this chip of the old volcanic mountain actual does something: it makes brand new jeans look old.

The process only requires a little elbow grease. You soak the denim item for an hour and then rub the rock along the areas you want lightened. Rubbing too hard will cause

those ragged but fashionable holes. The advantage to stonewashing your own jeans is that you control the look. Marshall Bank, president of Creative Concepts of Raleigh, N.C., said they've found sorority girls who have been stonewashing their letters onto jackets and derrieres.

"The Authentic Stone" is no ordinary rock. It comes from the Sierra Mountains in California and "is not just normal pumice," Bank said.

Packaged in a box that looks like a miniature washing machine, it sells for between \$5 and \$6 and is available at major department stores like Macy's in New York and Atlanta, Broadway in California and Marshall Fields in Chicago.

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New Year's Resolutions made to be broken

By ERMA BOMBECK

I never make New Year's Resolutions on Jan. 1. I find it a large waste of time to sit down and make a lot of promises to myself I don't intend to keep.

Besides, I make all my resolutions Dec. 23. This is the day I make solemn promises to effect some changes in my life beginning that very day.

I resolve to put the extension cord for the Christmas tree lights in a special place where no one can find it



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but me. It will be neatly wound around something so that there is a beginning and an end. It will be labeled.

By next year at this time I will have a tablecloth that fits the table when it is extended ... even if I have to forgo personal surgery to get the money. I am sick of pulling the cloth all the way to one end while I sit at the other with my elbows fanned out on the table during the entire meal. I can't eat this way.

Speaking of eating, I promise by all that is holy that next year I will stitch my lips together the first of December and live on a diet of bouillon and pureed celery intravenously. I will remember my body is a temple ... not a food bank. Divinity fudge is not a religious experience. It's just a

bad choice of a name.

No more "evening up" presents for the kids. It is like cutting off the legs of a chair ... just when you think you've got them all balanced, one sorta wobbles and you go to work on it. My shopping was finished by the second week of December and I have been adding on a little here and there ever since. This is positively my last trip to the drug store to convince my children they are loved equally. They're going to have to take my word for it.

From this day forward, I will never again mention to my husband the house that has 30,000 lights, a team of reindeer on the roof, a sugar plum tree with eight dancing fairies on the lawn and traffic backed up five blocks just down the street from us. I

will accept his explanation that we don't have the ladder for it. I will be content with a simple 15-watt bulb in the porch light and a stale candy cane attached to the flag on our mailbox.

I resolve to accept the reality that the holidays can no longer compete with televised sports. Next year, we will let Dad sit in his favorite chair in front of the TV and decorate him as best we can using simple low-voltage lights, bulbs dangling from the ear and nose and tinsel draped over his shoulders.

These resolutions are not made without thought. They will be kept and will not go the way of the other 15 times I've made them.

Erma Bombeck is a columnist for Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

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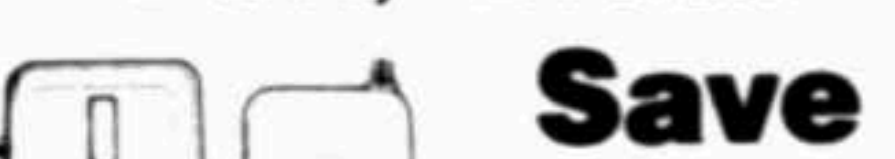


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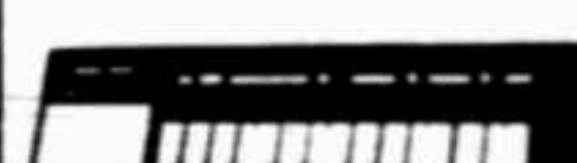


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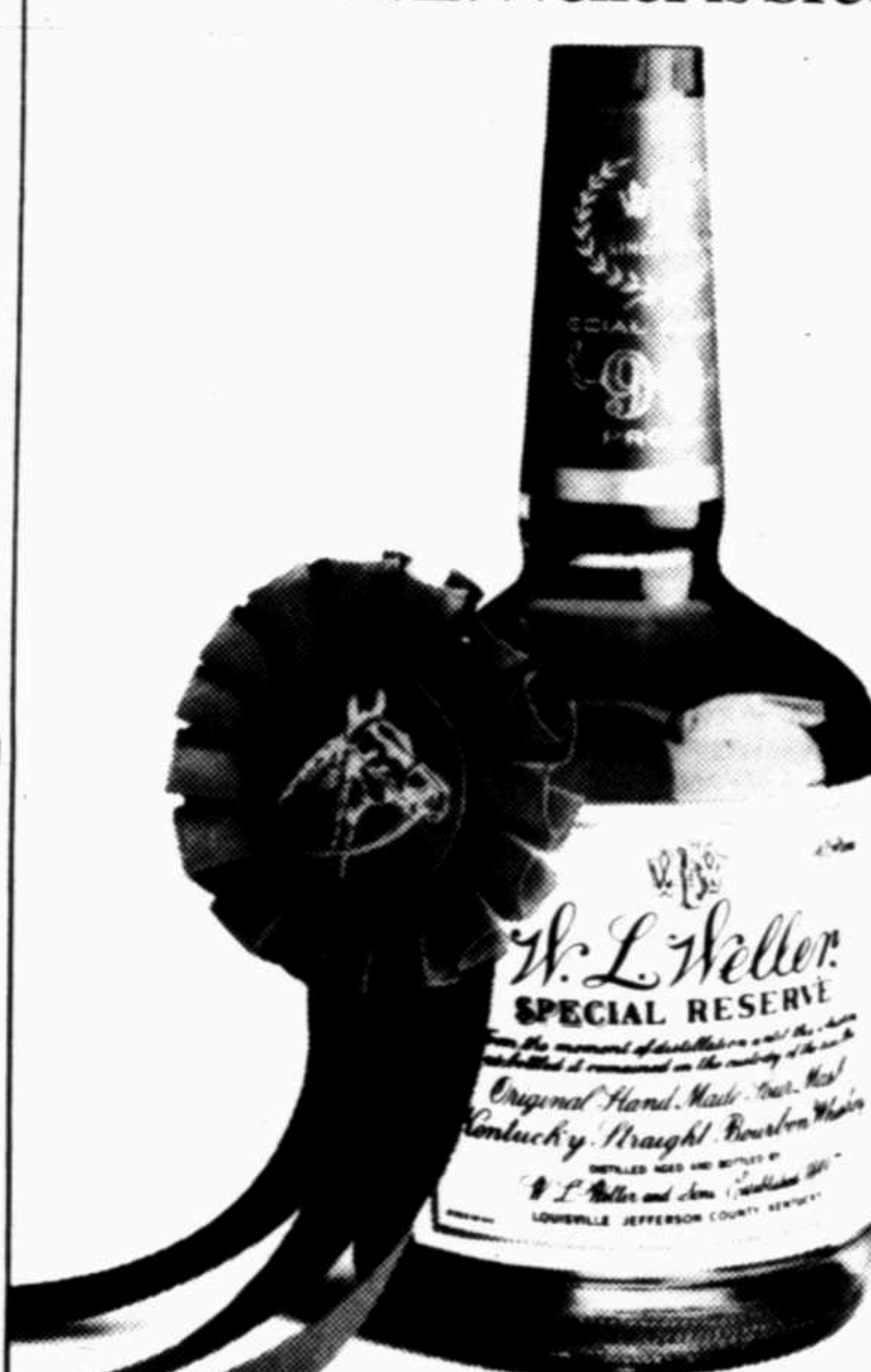
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Everything at John's is 20% off for last minute shoppers

So you've waited until the last minute to do your Christmas shopping and don't know how you'll ever get it all done and stay within your budget. John's Furniture and Swap Shop, located at the corner of Terrell and Florida, is the answer to your problems.

John has announced that everything in the store is 20 PERCENT OFF through tomorrow. That includes all the new and used items - what a selection. You'll find something for everyone.

For Dad, John suggests a recliner. The store has a good selection of these as well as pocket knives by Old Timer and Uncle Henry, wallets and some tools. If Dad's into fitness, the weight lifting equipment or exercise bike may be just the thing he needs. This is just a small selection of the items you'll find for Dad, and don't forget all of them are 20 PERCENT OFF.

Perhaps Mom has been wanting some new furniture. Whether she wants something for the living room, the kitchen or master bed-

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If Mom likes cooking, she might really enjoy a refrigerator or stove from John's.

Also dazzling is the selection of brass and glass accessories. There are shelves of all shapes and sizes, vanity sets, tables, plants stands and coat racks. If wood tones are more appealing to your family, you'll be glad to know John also has bookshelves, end tables and coffee tables to fit your taste. Even microwave carts and units to hold TV or stereo equipment are in stock and on sale.

There are also smaller items which Mom will love. For instance, you'll find eye make up, salad bowl sets and lamps.

A desk from John's may be the

perfect gift for Mom, Dad or the student in your family.

For the children, this store has bunk beds, baby beds, toy sports cars, doll beds of brass and Echo Buddies (a fuzzy puppy that talks back to you).

If you are not quite sure where all your guests will sleep during their visit over the holidays, you'll be glad to know that John's Furniture and Swap Shop has some fine roll away beds, as well as their trundle beds, a water bed and new and used bedding.

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So, John's Furniture and Swap Shop is the perfect place to do your last minute Christmas shopping. You can't beat the selection and 20 PERCENT OFF EVERYTHING. The store is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



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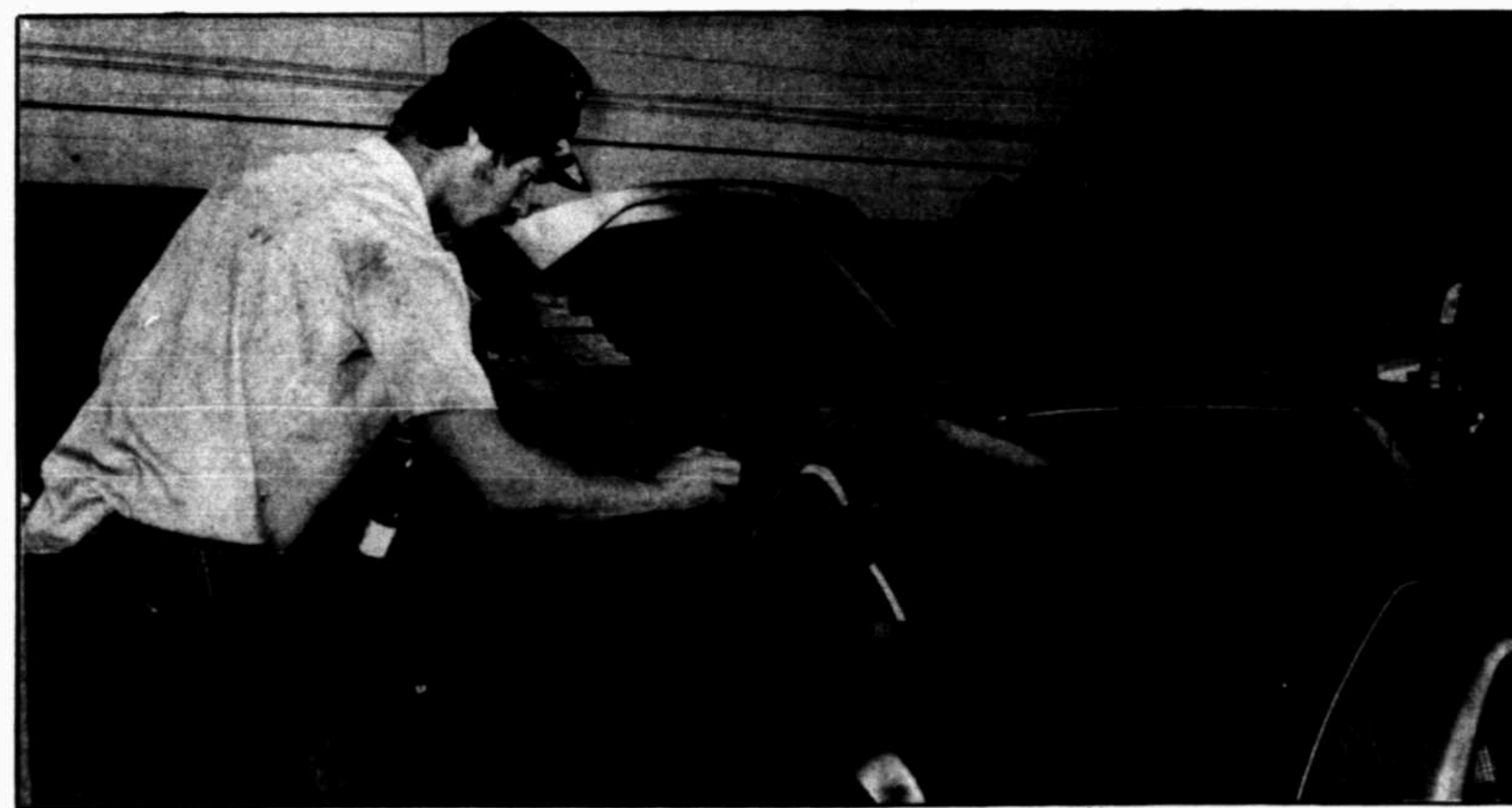
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Lingerie's versatility hasn't lost femininity

By BERNADINE MORRIS
New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — Fernando Sanchez started his business 13 years ago with what was then a revolutionary concept. He adapted the separates way of dressing, usually associated with sportswear, to lingerie. And he went a few steps further. Many of the pieces he designed could be worn for sleeping, as underwear or for lounging. Some could even be worn to parties at home or at a friend's home.

The concept worked and Sanchez developed a reputation as a pathfinder in the lingerie field. He is still exploring.

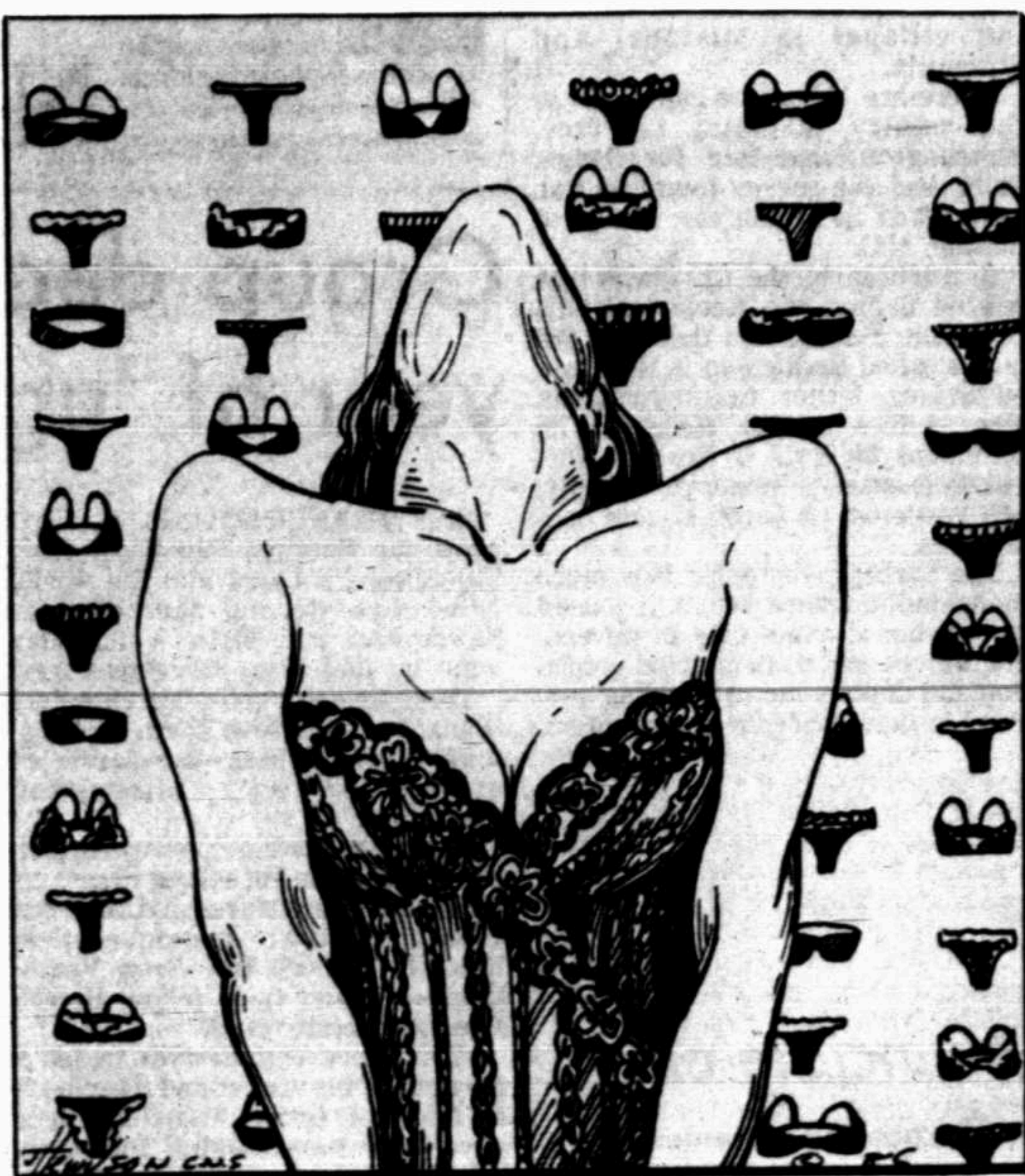
For spring, his party dresses are based on stretch tops, like leotards, and have long ruffled skirts attached at the hip line. Flounces around the hips are typical. The skirts are often taffeta and are paired with cotton or nylon stretch tops.

Off-the-shoulder and halter necklines and deep side slashes on the skirts add to the sexy look. Quilted jackets can be worn over the lounging styles at home and out.

Some of the tailored styles are easily adapted to men's wear. The most effective this time is a black-and-white striped robe worn over matching boxer shorts.

The designer always includes quintessentially feminine styles along with his more tailored designs such as satin pajamas. Fan-shaped motifs, used as borders on slips, nightgowns or shorts that can be worn under clothes or for sleeping, have become a signature. They appear down the front of an ivory crepe robe, for instance, which accompanies a matching gown. They also decorate camisoles.

Colors are mainly ivory, pink and blue, supplemented by a lozenge print in black and white, used for sleep or lounge clothes such as shirt jackets and shorts.



His most successful style, a robe based loosely on the kimono and adapted for men or women, turns up each season in new versions. For spring and summer, a hooded style lined in terry cloth is the most successful. It can double as a beach robe, but is also shown over matching chevron-striped pajamas to wear at home.

A short version is practical over play clothes.

Camisoles are a key item, appearing under robes and with shorts or

long pants. They are one of the most versatile styles, serving as underwear or outerwear.

The new collection covers all the traditional territory reserved for lingerie, from the practical robes — they are washable — to gown-and-peignoir sets suitable for a troupeau. But Sanchez, with his emphasis on versatility, has added a modern dimension to underwear. He has expanded the usefulness of the various parts of a lingerie wardrobe without sacrificing any of the femininity. That is his special contribution.

PJs, robes accenting new heights of style

By GWEN JONES
Hearst News Service

Pull on some shiny silk pajamas, top them with a soft cashmere robe, and you're on your way to lighting up the holiday season.

Luxurious fabrics have transported old-fashioned PJs and robes to new heights of style. Indeed, some of the most fashionable nighties look more appropriate for dancing than sleeping.

"Sleep wear can be just as glamorous as evening wear, and more fun," says designer Oscar de la Renta, who's promoting his latest collection for Swirl. "Why shouldn't a woman want to look wonderful around the house — especially when she's wearing something comfortable?"

Designers like de la Renta are offering the kind of versatile styles that have helped propel the women's sleep- and lounge-wear industry to \$6.5 billion in retail sales in 1985. A 5 percent

gain is expected this year, with the usual big thrust anticipated during November and December, according to a spokesman for Vanity Fair, the New York-based sleep wear and lingerie firm.

Although sexy nightgowns and teddies remain popular — particularly as Christmas gifts — pajamas are enjoying new popularity. Some observers attribute the PJ revival to the fact that more and more women are buying their own nighties. For that reason, comfort is often a priority over sexiness.

The rush is on for a variety of pajamas and robes. Among the best sellers are elegant tops and bottoms in jewel tones like ruby, emerald, sapphire and topaz. Robes either match the PJs or come in contrasting neutrals such as black, white or tan.

The "Dynasty" look — negligees dripping in maribou — is definitely over the hill. When it comes to sexy sleep wear, the

trend has moved from the vamp to the ingenue in keeping with what's happening in women's ready-to-wear. Women want to look and feel comfortable around the house and not as if they're going out to a gala ball.

Designer names continue to be a big draw in the sleep wear business. Top labels include David Brown and Fernando Sanchez as well as de la Renta.

Sanchez has been a revolutionary in the lingerie field. When he started his business 13 years ago, he adapted separates, which previously had been associated with sportswear, to his collection of nighties. Many of his styles could be worn for street wear as well as in the bedroom. Eventually, the concept caught on with other designers.

Women who could never afford de la Renta's couture clothes can buy his lounge wear and sleep wear, which includes panne velvet caftans, pajamas and robes, average price \$200.

Holiday tot fashions just pint-size versions of adults

By DELORES CARSON
Hearst News Service

" 'Tis the month of Christmas, with parties galore. But last year's fashions don't fit anymore. So off to the mall, the boutique or the store. Where each lad and lassie finds clothing and more."

Young men and women this holiday season will find a multitude of fashion choices. Many of them are pint-sized versions of what mom and dad or big brother and sister are wearing.

Theme dressing via motifs that sport Christmas designs are popular choices. Others show activities, such

as a child walking a dog. The bear motif is a natural to continue into Christmas dressing, particularly in designs woven into sweaters.

True to the season, red and green followed by blue are the most popular colors. Gray is the basic color that is newest for the young set, often combined with brights or white.

Party dresses are often cotton, and wool suits for boys are lightweight. Boys will look smart in long pants and vest topped off with a coat — that's best. Add a bright tie for accent.

Young men's suits and coordinate separates feature both long and short pants. The long version is most fitting for the size-6-and-over set. For infants, there are shortalls (bibbed

pants) in both velveteen and wool for dress-up.

Many of the jackets feature beasom (slit and bound) pockets with the trim color contrasting to the jacket. And for the most dressed up young man there are ruffled tuxedo front shirts.

Clip-on bow ties are still an easy-to-handle accessory, but one of the newest tie options is the zipper tie. It is pre-tied in a basic four-in-hand style, but instead of the usual clip, the back piece of the tie is looped to go over the head. The piece then adjusts — or zips — to fit the neck. It comes in several sizes to ensure the proper length. Little ladies will look lovely in plaid and lace tea-length dresses and hair bow will be popular.

DEAR ABBY

Ugly family secret hidden long enough

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: Forty-five years ago when I was 15, my brother, "John," raped me. From this rape I got pregnant. John was 17 at the time. My parents sent me to the Florence Crittenton Home in Washington, D.C., where I gave birth to a baby boy I'll call Paul. My parents told me to tell the people at the home I didn't know who my baby's father was, but after I had been there a while, I told them the truth. When I brought the baby home, my parents raised him to believe that he was their child and I was his sister. However, my 12-year-old sister, "Mary," knew the whole story.

Ten years ago, Mary called Paul and told him that he was my son and not my brother, but she didn't tell him that our brother, John, was his father.

John had known all along that he was Paul's father, but he never mentioned it to anyone. He's married and has kids of his own now. He has always avoided me. It's like we're strangers. Our parents are long dead. My son, Paul, is a good person, also married with a family.

I recently called John and told him I thought the family should know the truth. He said nobody would believe me and I had no proof. I do have proof because I sent for Paul's birth certificate, and John is listed as the father! What should I do? — KEPT QUIET LONG ENOUGH

DEAR KEPT: Since John got away with raping you, and many rapists are repeat offenders, has it occurred to you that John may also have raped Mary and possibly his own children and others while you were keeping quiet?

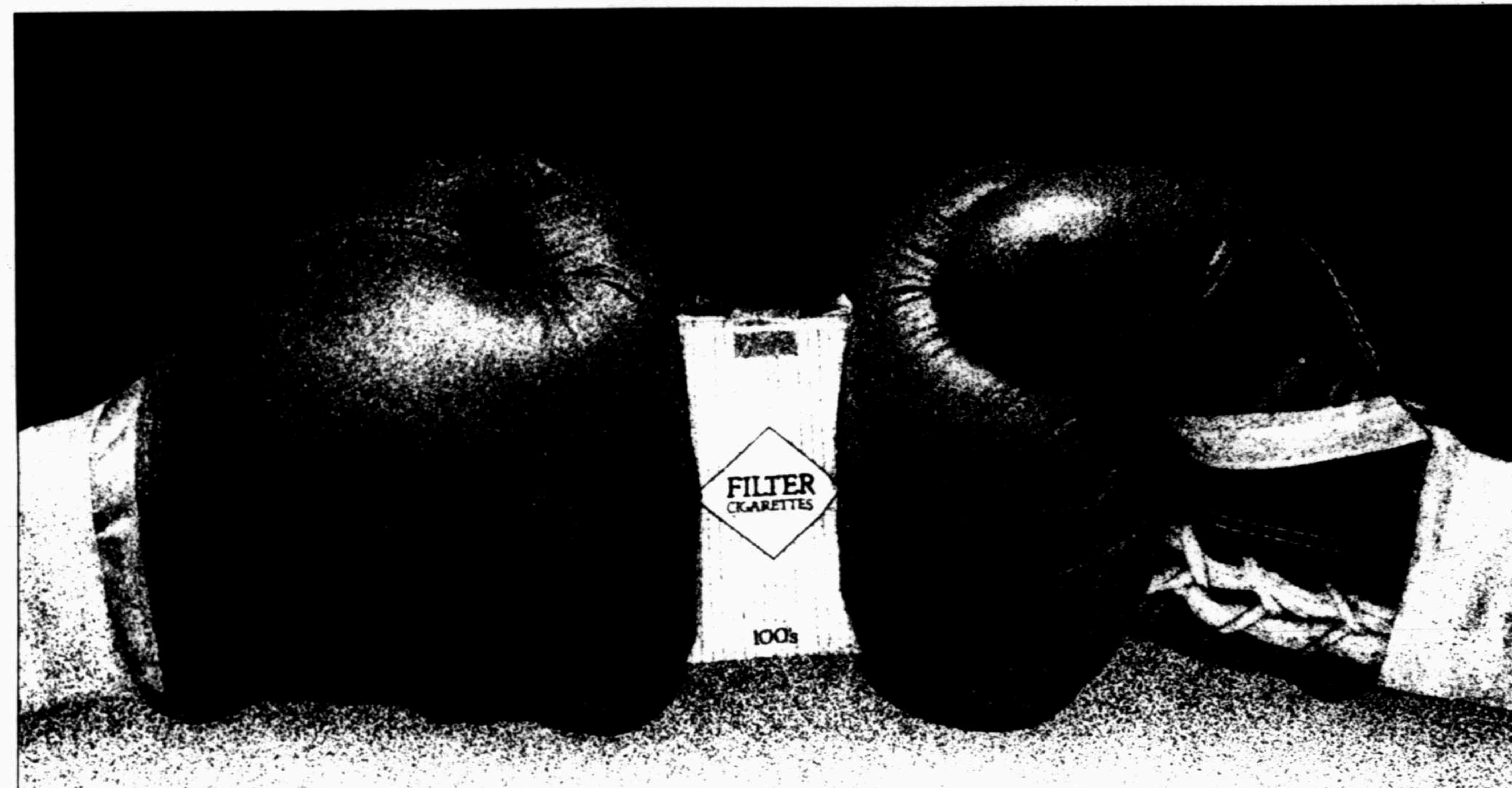
It's time to let the "family secret" out of the closet. Tell John that if he doesn't tell the family, you will, and you have Paul's birth certificate as proof. Specialists at rape crisis centers repeatedly advise that the victim will forever feel the pain if it is not aired and dealt with. Even after 45 years, I see no reason to protect the guilty.

DEAR ABBY: Re shutterbugs who ruin every wedding, christening, funeral and family reunion: Suggest to the family that they buy the guy a camera with a zoom lens. That way Mr. Shutterbug can stay at the back of the church or far away in the corner and shoot all he wants in peace and quiet. The family will not know he's been present until he presents the wonderful pictures. — JOE JOYNT, WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

DEAR JOE: Here's your letter. It's a long shot, but let's hope something develops.

(For Abby's booklet, "What Every Teen-Ager Ought to Know," send a check or money order for \$2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.)

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America abounds in Christmas tree names

By RANDOLPH SCHMID

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of places across America are basking in seasonal glory, from Christmas Tree Point, Alaska to Tinsel Lake, Mich., and from Garland City, Colo., to Star, N.C.

This is the season for the traditional Christmas Tree, but a look at place names across the country shows that in many spots the season lasts all year, at least in the name of the location.

Besides Christmas Tree Point for example, there are Christmas Tree Lake and Tank, Ariz.; Christmas Tree Gulch, Idaho; Christmas Tree Camp, Minn.; Christmas Tree Pond and Canyon, in Nevada and Christmas Tree Creek, Utah.

Indeed, more than 9,000 places across the country have Christmas

Tree related names, according to the Geographic Names Information System at the U.S. Geological Survey.

The Survey's computerized list contains the names of millions of cities, towns, localities, valleys, streams, mountains, schools and other places.

For folks interested in decorating their trees there's Ball, La.; Angel, Ala.; Light, Ark.; Candlewick, N.J.; Garland City Station, Ark.; Tinsel Lake, Wis.; Snow, Mich., and Star, Texas.

Those, of course, are only examples.

Indeed, the Geological Survey reports that there are 358 locations with the word ball, 138 angels, 434 using the word light, 76 candles, 129 locations named garland, 563 including snow in their name, and 1,227 stars. But, there are just two Tinsels, the lakes in Wisconsin and Michigan.

Of course, Christmas Trees come

in a multitude of types and the Geological Survey also asked its computer to take a look at various sorts of trees.

Foresters may be interested to learn that there are no less than 5,073 places across the country named Pine, with examples in every state except Hawaii and North Dakota.

Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington each have a Pine City; North Carolina has a place named Pine Tree, and Michigan, Pennsylvania and Tennessee have locations named White Pine.

There are eight states with villages named Pine: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Louisiana, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Texas.

And California even has a place called Spruce Pine.

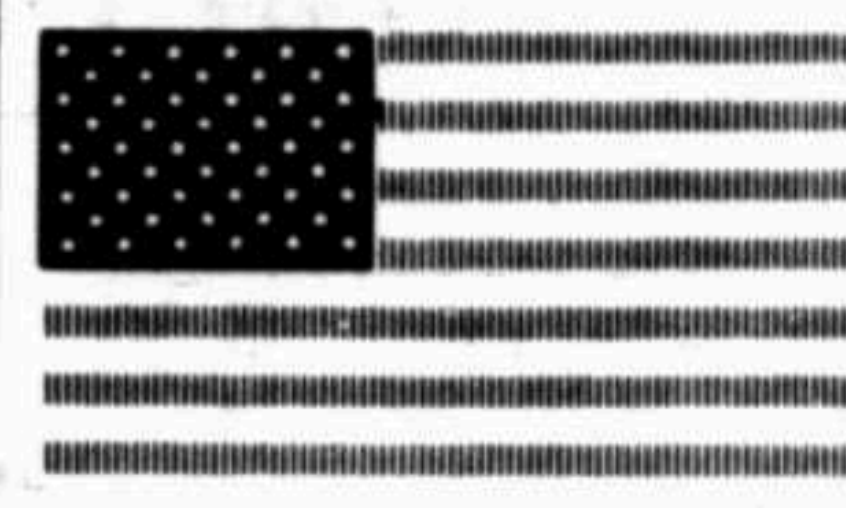
Spruce is the next most popular evergreen, with 735 locations includ-

ing villages in Missouri and Wisconsin.

There are 130 places called Fir in the country, including Fir Tree, Washington, and Red Fir Ridge, Calif. And the survey found 98 Balsams listed including the village of Balsam, N.C.

In addition to the Christmas-tree related names, the Geological Survey's files disclose that there are 838 places called Bethlehem in the United States. Other holiday-related place names include Holiday, 110; Christmas, 89; Yule, 3; Noel, 30; Joy, 145; Poinsettia, 1; Menorah, 4; Holly, 542; Mistletoe, 12; Carol, 17, and Santa Claus, 7.

The Survey's computer lists more than 2 million place names. It is used to coordinate name uses in government maps and to help avoid confusion and duplication in applying geographic names across the country.



NATION

Group declares 1986 year of 'ugly toys'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — First came the Garbage Pail Kids. Then The Slime Pit oozed into the world. Now, such sterling characters as Sewer Face and Victor Vomit may wind up under the Christmas tree.

These toys are gross. Parents hate them, but kids love them and toy makers are selling thousands of grossies of ugly, disgusting playthings.

Talking teddy bears notwithstanding, some of the hot-selling items this Christmas season are anything but cute. Madballs are grotesque, Rude Ralph is flatulent, and Victor Vomit, Dogbreath and their fellow Breath Blasters literally stink.

"Ever since Tom Sawyer pulled a frog out of his pocket and dangled it in front of Becky Thatcher, little boys have been looking for something to gross out little girls and their parents with," said Andy Levin, licensing director at Axlon Inc., maker of Breath Blasters and Rude Ralph.

Americans for Democratic Action, a citizens group based in Washington, D.C., has denounced the toys as "disgusting, sickening, bizarre, unpleasant and offensive," labeling 1986 "The Year of the Ugly Toy."

Toy companies don't disagree. They just don't understand what all the fuss is about.

"The idea of grossness and disgustingness in toys is nothing new," said Jodi Levin, a spokeswoman for the Toy Manufacturers of America, in New York.

"We're a fashionable industry," Ms. Levin said. "The current fad sort of came out of the blue and will fade out eventually, but grossness will never completely fade and die."

Levin shrugs off criticism of grossness, such as the ADA's naming Breath Blasters and Rude Ralph dolls as among the 10 worst toys on the market.

Rude Ralph sports a rubbery head with orange hair, an orange-green

complexion and a bloodshot eyeball which, when yanked, produces gagging, burping and other noises. He sells for a suggested retail price of \$9.95.

Breath Blasters go for \$4.99. The plastic, hand-sized dolls emit aromas such as dog breath, dead fish and vomit when their bellies are squeezed.

ADA calls them "products of the sickest mind."

Levin said the grossness trend is "harmless."

It definitely hasn't harmed Axlon. The company estimates it's sold about 200,000 Breath Blasters, on the market only since early last month, and 100,000 Rude Ralphs since that product's Halloween debut.

The road to revulsion began last year with Garbage Pail Kids, the Topps Chewing Gum Co.'s takeoff on Cabbage Patch Dolls. Heavy sales of the characters with ugly names and faces — privately-held Topps declines to reveal sales figures but says it can't keep up with demand for a toy that's been on the market 1½ years — bred imitations and spinoffs.

The next smash hit was Madballs, a series of \$3.99 rubber balls by American Greetings Corp. with hideous faces and such names as Swine Sucker, Splitting Headache and Fist Face. The company says it's sold 6 million Madballs since their introduction in early 1986.

Then there was The Slime Pit, a garbage can of green, oozy gook sold to go with Masters of the Universe dolls.

"We felt that if ugly was in, gross couldn't be far behind," said Nolan Bushnell, Axlon's chairman and chief executive. He added that Breath Blasters and Rude Ralph both went over big with his own six kids.

NATION in brief

Army grounds helicopters for precautionary measures

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has grounded a large portion of its fleet of AH-1 Cobra helicopter gunships for a precautionary safety inspection of their main rotor blade fittings.

Some 750 of the Army's 1,084 AH-1 Cobras have been taken out of service by the order, announced Monday. The grounding is expected to last about three weeks, the Army said.

The Army described the grounding as a safety precaution and stressed no accidents or crashes had been attributed to the fitting.

Mail to still run Friday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Postal Service will make regular mail deliveries on Friday, despite a paid holiday for most federal workers on the day after Christmas.

The agency said Monday it "simply could not afford to incur the enormous additional costs which would be involved in declaring these days non-workdays" and would follow a long-standing tradition of normal business-day operations for Dec. 26.

In addition, Express Mail and Special Delivery carriers will deliver last-minute packages from the post office on Christmas Day, the Postal Service said.

Fewer reporters killed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Journalists were subjected to more arrests, expulsions and harassment around the world this year than last, although fewer news reporters were killed, according to a private research group.

The number of news reporters killed in the line of duty dropped to 19 through Dec. 10, down from 31 at this time last year, said Freedom House, a national non-partisan organization. Last year, 16 journalists were killed in the Philippines, while only two died there this year.

The number of journalists arrested rose to 178 this year from 109 in 1985, while reported expulsions increased from nine to 42, and incidents of harassment rose to 214 this year, up from 76 last year, the group said.

Textiles in competition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Textile manufacturers continue to suffer from foreign competition, despite a slight increase in sales this year, an industry trade group says.

The American Textile Manufacturers Institute said Monday that imports of textiles and apparel rose 17 percent to total \$25 billion in 1986. But the rise in imports swamped modest gains in domestic sales. The trade group said domestic textile shipments climbed 4 percent to total \$54.7 billion.

The industry group said it would work once again for passage of a bill limiting textile imports, which Congress was unable to enact this year over President Reagan's veto.

IRS cracks down on banks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service is cracking down on banks and brokerage houses that are supposed to report the Social Security numbers of their customers to the IRS.

The IRS said Monday it is warning 28,835 financial institutions that have at least 50 customers who have either supplied incorrect Social Security numbers or who have missing numbers. The reporting law carries a penalty of a \$50 fine for each error the IRS says exists, but no fines have been levied.

More than 1.19 million Americans have failed to provide accurate Social Security numbers to their financial institutions, the IRS said. The agency uses the numbers to cross-check with income tax returns to determine whether there was underreporting of income.

Santa makes nuclear plea

WASHINGTON (AP) — Santa Claus has delivered a present to the White House — 200,000 petition signatures calling for a nuclear test ban.

The pseudo Santa, a field worker for the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, arrived Monday at the White House in a horse-drawn sleigh and delivered the signatures nearly wrapped in holiday paper.

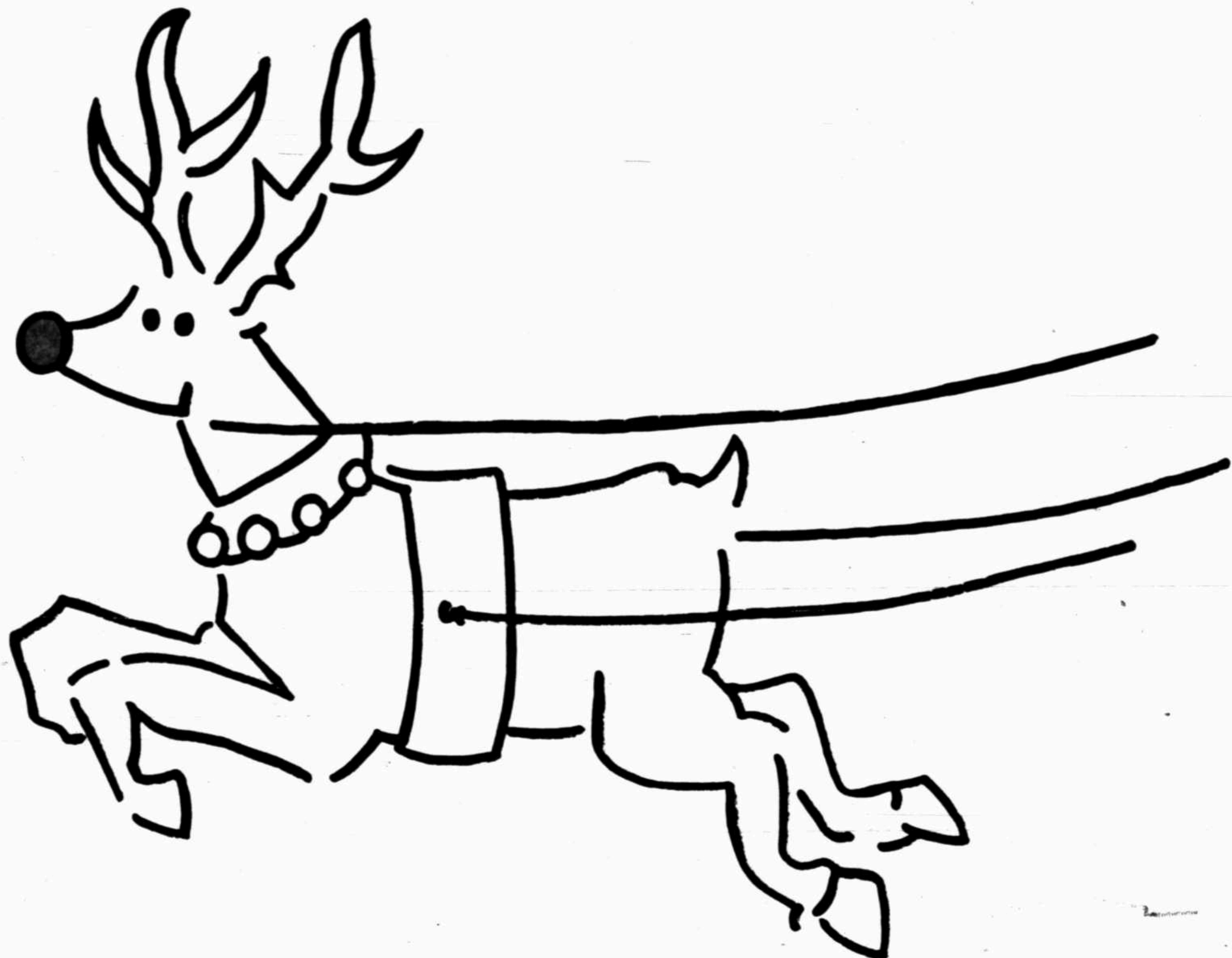
"We want to give a present to the president at this time of peace," SANE Executive Director David Corbitt said. "We're asking the president to give all of us a present, to give the whole world the best gift of all, the gift of peace. To say yes, yes at last, to a nuclear test ban."



Invincible elf

This grinning grotesque on the campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb seems less absurd as it holds a yule wreath on a recent late fall morning. The grotesque which adorned the roof of a castle-like building on the campus for many years, was toppled to the ground by lightning 20 years ago and has remained a ground level statue ever since.

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Pats show playoff instinct

MIAMI (AP) — The New England Patriots waited until the final seven minutes of the regular season to show why they're going to the playoffs and why the Miami Dolphins aren't.

The Patriots, 11-5, know how to win when they have to. Miami, 8-8, never developed that trait all season.

With 6:55 left on the clock in the last NFL game played in the Orange Bowl, the Patriots had the ball at their own 14-yard line. Twelve plays later, they put it into the Miami end zone for the clinching touchdown in a 34-27 victory that gave New England the AFC East title.

The Patriots scored the game-winning 44 seconds left on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Steve Grogan to Stanley Morgan. That gave the Dolphins time for a last-gasp effort, but defensive back Rod McSwain intercepted Dan Marino's pass on the first play after the kickoff to end the suspense.

"THIS IS two years in a row down here that have left me speechless," said Patriots Coach Raymond Berry, whose team won the AFC Championship game 31-14 in Miami last January only to lose to the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl.

"I don't have to talk about this team's character. It speaks loud and clear about them how they per-

formed in clutch situations tonight."

The victory sent the New York Jets, 10-6, into the AFC wild-card game against Kansas City, 10-6, and knocked the Cincinnati Bengals, 10-6, out of the playoffs. The Patriots would have been the odd team out if they had lost.

But the Patriots like to play with their backs against the wall, in what defensive back Ernest Gibson calls "crunch time."

"We like it best then," he said. "We feel like we can do anything at crunch time. Even when they were up, we had no doubt."

MOST OF the 74,516 roaring fans in the Orange Bowl had their doubts after Marino sparked a 17-point explosion that put the Dolphins on top 27-20 early in the fourth quarter. He passed to Mark Clayton for touchdowns of 32 and 19 yards and directed the Dolphins 74 yards leading up to a 21-yard Fuad Revez field goal.

Marino, who earlier had drilled a 1-yard touchdown pass to Bruce Hardy, finished with 23 completions in 39 attempts for 266 yards and three touchdowns. But, as had been the problem in most of the Dolphins' losses this season, he couldn't produce when the team really needed it.

"It was a great effort, but we just couldn't hold the lead," said Coach Don Shula. "We came a long way

from a horrendous (2-5) start this season. A win tonight and we would have finished as good as anyone in the league."

AFTER THE 19-yarder to Clayton on the third play of the final period, however, the Dolphins didn't get another first down. To be fair, they only got two chances because Grogan and the Patriots were hogging the ball.

First came a 7-play, 74-yard drive culminated by an 12-yard TD pass to Tony Collins. Then, the 12-play masterpiece — 10 rushes for 43 yards and two passes for 43 — that clinched the title.

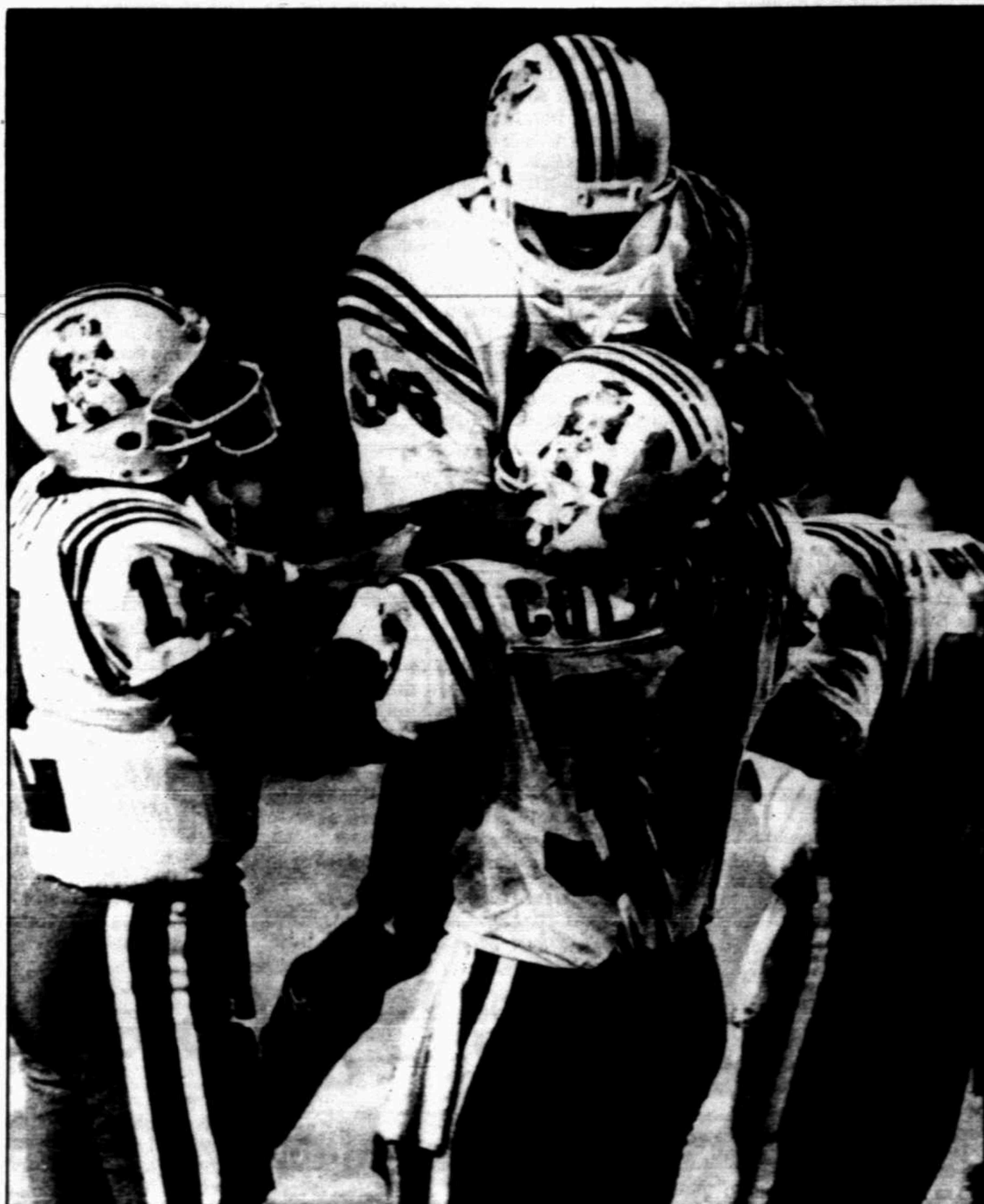
The wily Grogan, a 12-year veteran, was the surprise hero, taking over for injured starter Tony Eason in the first half. Before he was hurt, Eason passed 22 yards to Morgan for the game's first touchdown.

Grogan was a little rusty at first, but quickly warmed to the task, hitting 15 of 24 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns with only one interception.

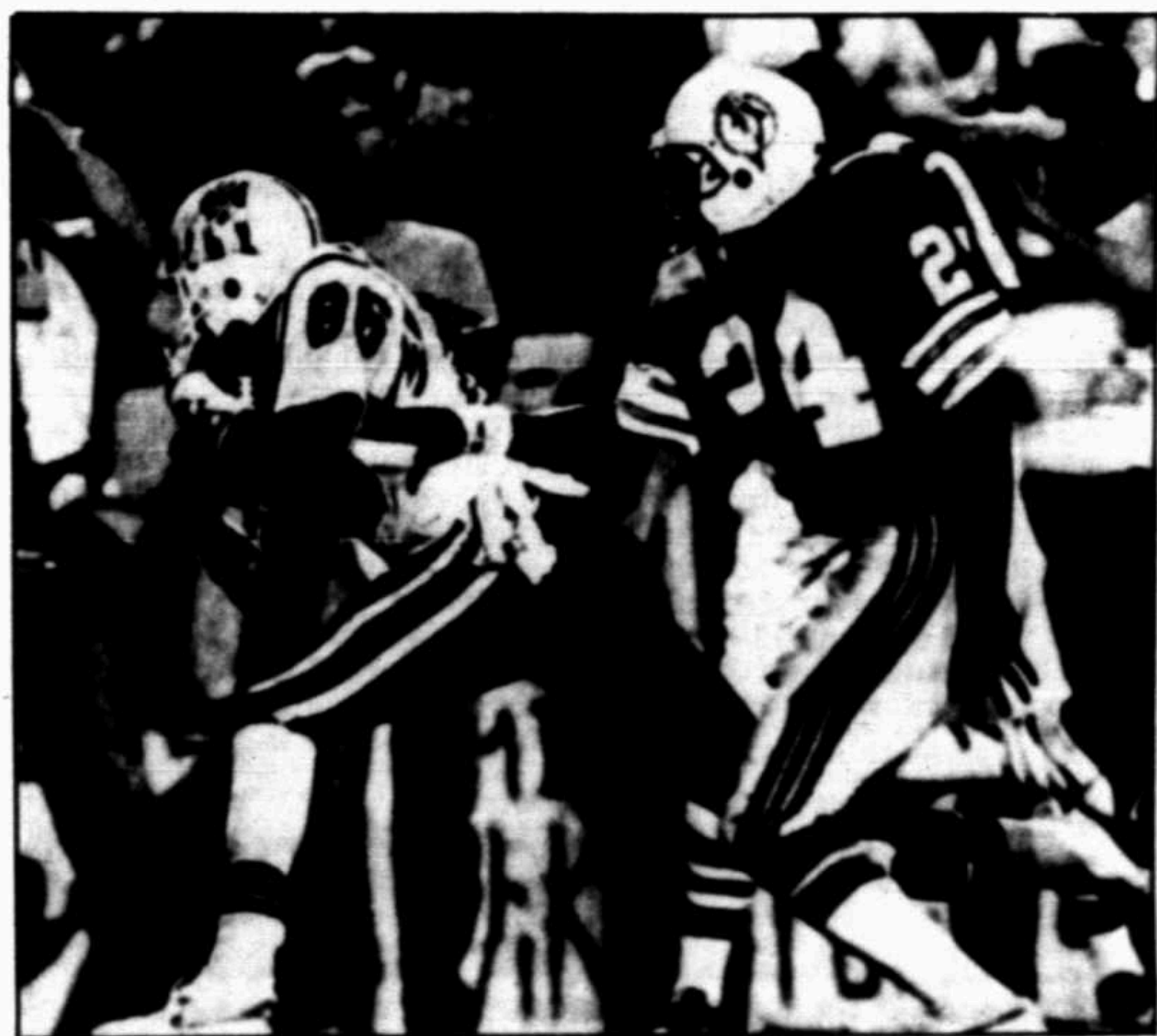
"It was an absolutely incredible job by Steve," Berry said. "He didn't take one snap in practice all week. We've been preparing Tony Eason exclusively."

GROGAN SAID he had no problem once he settled down. "I just had to put it into auto pilot and let the guys around me do their jobs," he said.

Stanley Morgan lunges in the corner of the end zone, left, for the winning touchdown, then leaps in the arms of teammate Tony Collins, right, as New England clinches the AFC East title Monday.



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Bengals helpless viewers for 3rd time

CINCINNATI (AP) — The third time was no charm for the Cincinnati Bengals, who watched helplessly as their playoff chances were scuttled by another team for the third consecutive year.

The Bengals, 10-6, were eliminated from contention for a wild-card spot when the New England Patriots rallied for a 34-27 victory over the Miami Dolphins in the season-closing Monday night game.

With the victory, the Patriots clinched the AFC East, put the

New York Jets into the only remaining wild-card spot, and left the Bengals with a familiar, empty feeling.

"It's not surprising. We've been in this situation in the past with similar results," said wide receiver Steve Kreider, who watched the game with teammates at a northern Kentucky restaurant.

Quarterback Boomer Esiason threw a club-record five touchdown passes as the Bengals drubbed the Jets 52-21 Sunday to stay in contention. But Kansas

City beat Pittsburgh Sunday afternoon to secure one of the two American Conference wild-card spots, and the Patriots came from behind to beat Miami and supply the final blow.

The Bengals lost any chance for an AFC Central title when they lost 34-3 to the champion Cleveland Browns in their next-to-last game.

Two years ago, the Bengals beat Buffalo 52-21 in the season finale at Riverfront Stadium, then were eliminated a few hours later when Pittsburgh

beat the Los Angeles Raiders.

Last year, the Steelers lost to the New York Giants on a Saturday, eliminating Cincinnati a day before its 34-23 closing loss to New England.

Coach Sam Wyche and several players saw the first half at an east-side restaurant.

"I'm learning what it's like to be a fan, sitting in the stands pulling for a team," Wyche said.

Despite their failure to make the playoffs, Wyche said the Bengals should be proud of their season.

Landry ready to build Cowboys from 'ground zero'

By DENNE H. FREEMAN

IRVING (AP) — Sometime in the spring Dallas Coach Tom Landry should have a formula for the 1987 revival of his Cowboys, whose second-half collapse is unparalleled in the team's 27-year history.

"It will take a lot of time to decide what is best for the team next year," Landry said. "I'll know probably late in the spring what we'll need to do in summer camp."

Landry won't rule out trades, retirements, position switches or changes in his offensive and defensive philosophies next year.

He's starting from ground zero and building on what's left of the Cowboys' proud winning tradition. "I'm going to look at every aspect of our game," Landry said. "We are



at the bottom as far as our thinking is concerned and we're going to look at everything we do. If that's the definition of rebuilding, then we are rebuilding."

The Cowboys, defeated 24-10 by the Chicago Bears on Sunday, finished their first losing NFL season in 22 years with a 7-9 record. They

missed the playoffs for only the third time in 20 seasons.

"We aren't thinking playoffs are anything for next year," Landry said. "We've just got to put a team on the field that is competitive."

Landry said he is dedicated to getting the Cowboys back on top.

"It's my responsibility," Landry said. "The Cowboys have been my life for the last 27 years and I like 'em, but not in this position."

"If I can help 'em get out, fine, if I can't then let somebody else do it."

Landry cited the lack of a pass rush and pass protection as the two biggest flaws in the 1986 team which

lost seven of its last eight games.

"It was obvious we weren't getting a good pass rush and weren't protecting the passer even when we

were playing well early," Landry said. "We have to put forth every effort toward correcting the problems."

Landry said the secondary allowed "too many big plays. It was a killer for us."

Landry said this was his most frustrating season.

"In the early 1960s everybody knew we were bad," Landry said. "This year everybody thought we were great then we ended up bad. It was the worst scenario you can have."

Landry said the Cowboys were "on the verge" of collapse the past three years.

"It finally happened," Landry said. The Cowboys have won only three

games in December in the last four years.

"Not finishing strong is a reflection of our weakness," Landry said. "Now, I have to make the decisions that will bring us out of this. It will be a very difficult thing to do."

Landry said he would give his blessings if offensive coordinator Paul Hackett was chosen to take the Southern California job.

Hackett is one of the candidates for the head coaching position and will interview this week.

"He has to do what is best for him and if it's an opportunity he can't turn down he ought to go," Landry said.

Landry said a search would begin immediately to fill the post of re-

tired offensive line coach Jim Myers.

"I have a lot of applications on my desk," Landry said. "That's something else we'll get started on."

Injury-plagued offensive tackle Jim Cooper decided to retire on Monday.

Cooper, a 10-year veteran, missed most of the season with injuries. Cooper was never the same after dislocating an ankle during the 1984 season in a Dallas disco.

The Cowboys will pick 12th in the next NFL draft.

"Obviously we would like an offensive lineman but there aren't a lot of them this year," Landry said. "We could use some help in the secondary. It's the highest we've drafted in awhile and we should get a good player."

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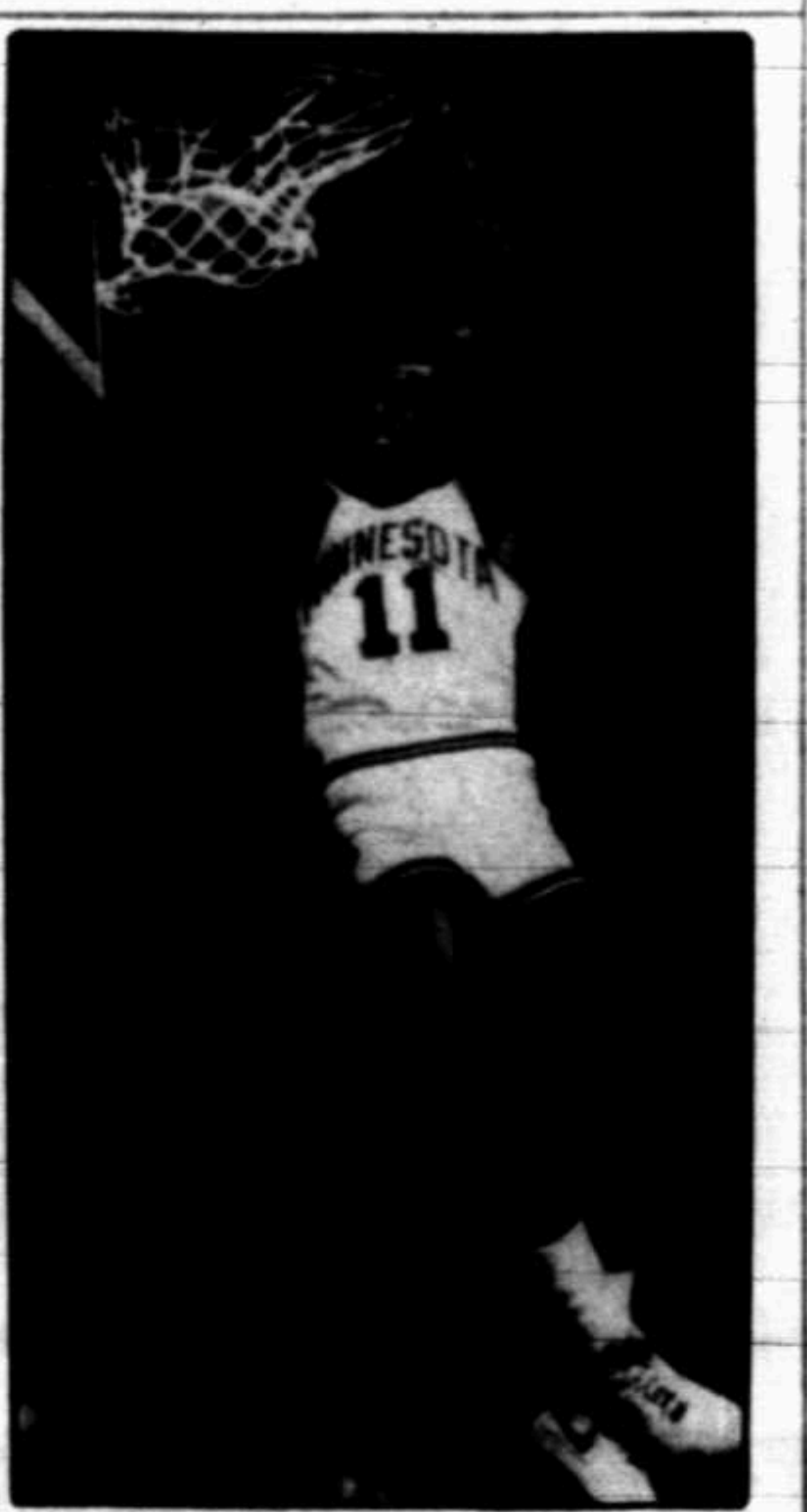
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Minnesota's Terence Williams slams one home in the Gophers 91-66 win over Wichita State. College roundup is on 2C.

Quotebook...

New Orleans Saints G.M. Jim Finks when asked after a loss about the referees: "I'm not allowed to comment on lousy officiating."

Mustangs won't get 'quick resolution'

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University officials, who asked for a quick resolution of allegations into their football program, may have to wait until after national signing day to learn their fate, officials say.

Dr. Frank Remington is chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions that would hear evidence on the latest allegations of rules violations by SMU. Remington told the Dallas Morning News that his group will not conduct any hearings at the

NCAA's annual convention, beginning Jan. 4 in San Diego.

Any action likely would have to wait until at least Feb. 13, the committee's next regularly scheduled meeting, or two days after the national signing day for high school football prospects, officials said.

"There's one institution — I don't know the identity of it — that was hoping to be able to reach some agreement with staff on the facts and get it dealt with," said Remington. "But at last report, it looked as if that was not going to be feasible."

"Right now, we have no hearings scheduled at all."

The university may request a special meeting of Remington's committee be called before national signing day, said Dudley Parker, SMU's acting athletic director.

He said it is understood within the athletic department that SMU would not hire a replacement for resigned coach Bobby Collins until the NCAA takes action on the latest allegations. No search committee has been named.

"Nothing has been said, but I think

(an NCAA decision) would have to be in evidence before we hire a coach," Parker said Monday.

"I think if there's 1 percent of doubt of whether you're going to even have a football program, I don't think you can justify going out and hiring somebody."

SMU is currently serving a three-year probation for rules violations. Officials said it could become the first school to suffer the NCAA's "death penalty" — a mandatory suspension of football for up to two years.

Georgia, BC square off in Hall of Fame Bowl

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Georgia and Boston College, a pair of 8-3 teams that overcame slow starts with contrasting styles of play, meet in the first Hall of Fame Bowl at Tampa Stadium.

A probable Top 20 ranking in the final Associated Press Poll will be on the line in tonight's contest, which will be broadcast nationally by the Mizlou sports network and locally by KMID beginning at 7 p.m.

Both teams enter the game on an upswing after struggling early in the season. No. 17 Georgia won five of its last six regular season games, while unranked Boston College has won seven straight after a 1-3 start that included two-point losses to Rutgers and SMU and a 12-point decision to Penn State.

"At that time, a bowl was the last thing from our mind," BC Coach Jack Bicknell said. "We were only thinking about trying to be decent. We were in a hole trying to dig our-

selves out."

Georgia, 3-2 after five games, is making its seventh straight post-season appearance and looking for its best finish since 1983. The Bulldogs finished 7-4-1 and 7-3-2 the last two seasons after settling for ties in the Florida Citrus and Sun Bowls.

"The last two years, we were a mediocre team," Bulldogs offensive guard Kim Stephens said. "The motivation was not there going to a bowl. This year we have a chance to be better than average."

A CROWD of about 40,000 is expected for the game, which could offer a contrast of the styles that became trademarks at Georgia and Boston College when Herschel Walker was a record-breaking tailback for the Bulldogs and Doug Flutie literally threw the Eagles into the national spotlight.

"Georgia likes to run," Bicknell said, "and we pass until our quarter-

back's arm falls off."

After losing his starting job in a season-opening loss to Rutgers, Boston College quarterback Shawn Halloran reclaimed it for good with a 401-yard passing performance against Maryland. In the Eagles' last seven games, he threw 14 touchdowns passes with only one interception.

Meanwhile, tailback Troy Stradford rushed for more than 100 yards in five of Boston College's last six games to help the Eagles bounce back from their poor start.

"Before the season began, I made a statement — and I'll never say anything like that again — that we had better players than at any time I'd been here," Bicknell said.

"I meant overall, I didn't mean to say we had our best team ... I had just meant we had more kids in our program who could contribute and some kids who could legitimately play," he added. "But after a while, I

started wondering if I was wrong."

HALLORAN, WHO followed Flutie at quarterback and drew heavy criticism while leading the Eagles to a 4-8 record last season, finished 1986 with 2,080 yards passing, 17 touchdowns and six interceptions.

His favorite targets were Kelvin Martin and Darren Flutie, Doug's younger brother, who had 41 and 35 receptions, respectively, for a combined 1,077 yards and 13 TDs.

Stradford led the Eagles with 1,188 yards rushing.

"The best thing about this to me is that after starting 1-3 we were able to come back and win seven straight," Bicknell said. "It was a very difficult season coaching-wise."

"Every week, we could not afford to slip," he added. "If we did, it was four losses and we're dead."

Georgia was 3-2 before winning five of its last six games, losing only to Florida 31-19.

Perryman lifts Longhorns

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas senior forward Dennis Perryman almost single-handedly pulled off a Longhorn victory over Tennessee-Chattanooga, but coach Bob Weltlich made it seem almost routine.

Perryman led his team in scoring with 17 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and hit two free throws with two seconds left in the game to give Texas a 75-74 come-from-behind victory.

"Dennis makes a living out of offensive rebounds," Weltlich said. "Anyway, seniors are supposed to make free throws. The first one is the tough one. I wasn't really worried about that."

In the other Southwest Conference game Monday night, Winston Garland scored 17 points and Stan Worthy added 15, including seven of

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eight from the free throw line, as Southwest Missouri State defeated Arkansas 56-40.

The Longhorns, 7-4, fought back from a 43-25 halftime deficit to win their fourth straight game. It was Perryman who brought Texas back with eight straight points to pull the Longhorns within 64-61 with 8:19 left in the game.

"We almost played Santa Claus tonight. Their quickness was really a problem for us. I just felt like we were just not playing well and kind of loafing around," Weltlich said.

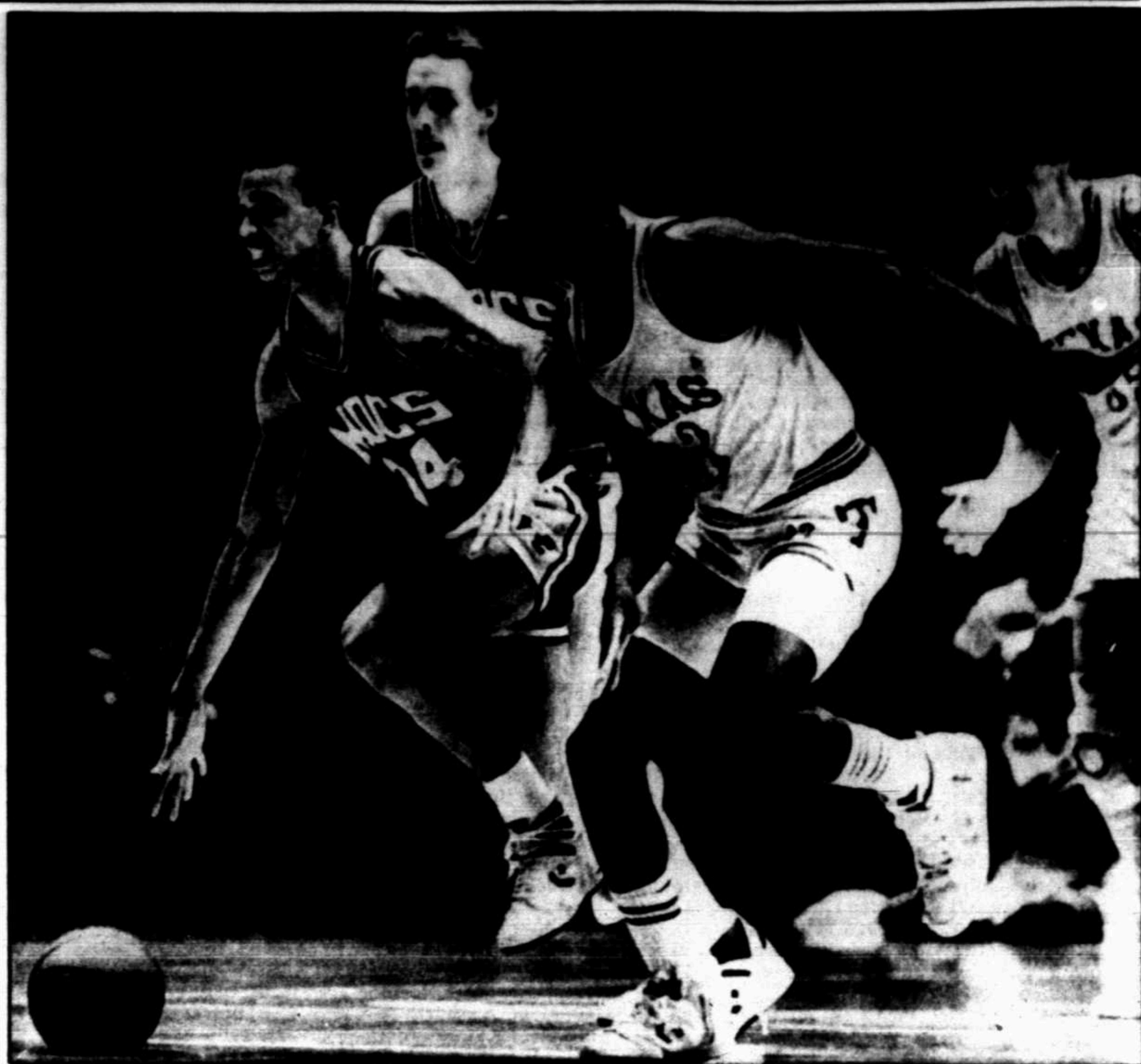
Patrick Fairs shook off an 0-8 first half slump and shot Texas into its first lead of the night with a 20-foot three-point shot to make it 69-68 with 4:04 left in the game.

Fairs followed with another jumper and a tip-in to give the Longhorns a 73-72 lead before Lance Fulfe made two free throws to put the Moccasins back in front, 74-73.

Tennessee-Chattanooga, led by Morris Lyons' 25 points, fell to 4-4. In Springfield, Mo., Southwest Missouri, now 6-3, took the lead for good at 15-14 with 7:45 remaining in the first half on a Garland jumper. The Bears led 25-20 at halftime.

The closest the Razorbacks could come in the second half was three points after a six-foot jumper by Andrew Lang opened the period. Lang and Mike Ratliff led the effort with 13 points each.

Arkansas, which fell to 6-3, was ahead 10-5 in the opening minutes of the game before Southwest Missouri State outscored the visitors 12-4 over seven minutes to take a 17-14 lead with 7:15 to go.



Tennessee-Chattanooga guard Vincent Ingram heads up court on a fast break with Texas' Dennis

Perryman in pursuit Monday in Austin. Later, Perryman sank two free throws to ice a 75-74 UT win.

UTEP comes back to trip Lamar

Associated Press

BEAUMONT — Junior forward Chris Sandie scored a game-high 17 points to lead Texas-El Paso in a come-from-behind win over Lamar, 68-52, in non-conference college basketball action Monday night.

The Cardinals jumped out early, leading 17-9 after a conventional three-point play by James Guiley and led through most of the first half.

But the Miners came back scoring 15 unanswered points late in the first half to take a 39-30 lead with less than a minute remaining.

Lamar's DeWayne Brown nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to make

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the halftime score 39-33.

It was all Miners defense in the second half as they limited the Cardinals to only 19 points and shooting of 28 percent.

Guiley was the only Lamar player in double figures scoring 16 points, seven points below his average.

UTEP improved its record to 7-2, while the Cardinals fell to 3-4.

Utah 79, N. Texas St. 66

SALT LAKE CITY — Gale Gondre-

zick scored 23 points Monday night to lead Utah to a victory over North Texas State in the second round of the Utah Classic.

In the first game, Kevin Houston scored 23 points, including two free throws in overtime to lead to a 55-54 victory over St. Mary's of California.

Utah and Army will meet for the championship Tuesday night, while St. Mary's plays North Texas in the consolation game.

Utah led 45-41, with 17:11 to go in the game before outscoring North Texas 16-1 in the next 4:30 to take control of the game.

Mitch Smith added 17 for the Utes, 42, and Paul Van Maren 13 with 10 rebounds.

Purdue rolls by Toledo; Iowa, N.C. big winners

Associated Press

Purdue Coach Gene Keady saw his No. 2-ranked team play two games against Toledo.

In the first half Monday night, the Boilermakers seemed sluggish. In the second half, they opened by making 11 straight shots and went on to an 89-67 victory.

"How they keep beating everyone so bad, I'm not sure," Keady said after Purdue improved to 7-0.

"They were very intent when they needed to be," he said. "At the start of the second half, they came out and were very intense. The first half we lost our intensity at one point."

Top 20 Roundup

Troy Mitchell, who led Toledo to Francis High School to a state championship in 1983, scored 20 points for visiting Purdue. Mitchell, a 6-foot-7 junior, scored 12 points during a 30-11 burst that started the second half.

Purdue guard Troy Lewis began the game by making a three-point shot, and he finished with 15. Melvin McCants contributed 14 points and nine rebounds.

"Purdue has a very nice team," To-

ledo Coach Bob Nichols said. "They play hard. They play extremely good defense and they score points from their defense."

Jeff Haar scored 13 points for the Rockets, 6-2.

The loss was Toledo's first at Centennial Hall in six games against Big Ten teams during Nichols' 22 years.

No. 3 Iowa 104, Rider 71

Roy Marble scored 19 points and Iowa had little trouble beating visiting Rider.

The Hawkeyes, 10-0, raced to a 19-6 lead in the first 5½ minutes and led 53-31 at halftime.

Brad Lohaus and B.J. Armstrong scored 13 points each and Al Loren-

zen had 12 for Iowa. Lohaus and Kent Hill grabbed eight rebounds apiece as the Hawkeyes enjoyed a 57-33 edge on the boards.

Marshall Grier scored 25 and Ron Simpson 22 for the Broncos, 1-8.

No. 4 North Carolina 95, Furman 65

Dave Popson scored 16 points and sparked a late first-half spurt as North Carolina beat Furman at Charlotte, N.C.

The Tar Heels led by six points with 5:44 remaining in the first half, but Popson scored four points and North Carolina increased its margin to 47-33 at halftime.

Kenny Smith and Ranzino Smith added 14 points each for North Caro-

lina, 7-1.

Shawn Reid scored 12 for the Paladins, 5-3.

No. 13 Kansas 74, The Citadel 71

Danny Manning scored 24 points and threw a key full-court pass in the final seconds that helped Kansas hold off visiting The Citadel.

The Jayhawks led 66-55 with 5:54 remaining before The Citadel pulled within 72-68. Manning then hit Ce-

ric Hunter on a long pass for a slam dunk with 18 seconds left, before Leon Bryant scored for the Bulldogs.

The Citadel got the ball back on a steal, but Craig Bardo missed a three-point shot with four seconds left.

Hunter scored 17 points for Kansas, 6-1. Bryant had 20 for the Bulldogs, 5-3.

No. 17 DePaul 72, Northwestern 54

Dallas Comegys scored 24 points, including eight during a second-half run that led unbeaten DePaul over Northwestern.

The host Blue Demons, 8-0, scored 13 straight points and took a 62-45 lead midway through the final 20 minutes.

Rod Strickland added 14 points for DePaul.

The Wildcats led 33-31 at halftime before DePaul surged. Elliot Fullen scored 13 points and Shon Morris had 12 for Northwestern, 5-3.

Vermeil touted as Henning's successor

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — Atlanta Falcons owner Rankin Smith Sr. says former Philadelphia Eagles Coach Dick Vermeil is a "good prospect" to replace Dan Henning, who was fired Monday as Falcons head coach.

Smith said his family has a candidate in mind, but declined to say whether Vermeil had been contacted.

The Atlanta Constitution, quoting

unidentified NFL sources in today's editions, said Vermeil has let it be known he is ready to resume coaching after four years as a television commentator.

Vermeil, 50, coached the Eagles to the Super Bowl following the 1980 season, but quit after the 1982 season, saying he was "burned out."

Smith said he hoped to name a new coach soon. "We'd like to get it

done right away. But it's Christmas and everything, so it might take a little time after that. We want to do it as quickly as possible," he said.

Meanwhile, only a few players and assistant coaches were talking after Henning and seven of his assistant coaches were fired. Henning was informed of his dismissal Monday morning during a meeting with Smith.

Henning then went to the Falcons' training complex at Suwanee to inform his players at a season-ending team meeting.

"Before you win in this league the way it is structured now, you have to be stable on defense at least, hopefully dominant. That's the approach we took. I think that's shown a great deal of progress," Henning said on his weekly radio show.

Gators at top of game on bottom of AP poll

Associated Press

It may not be a big deal at places like Nevada-Las Vegas or Purdue, but making The Associated Press college basketball Top Twenty is something special for the Florida Gators.

Florida slipped into the poll for the first time in history this week. The Gators, 8-1, may be a full 19 spots behind No. 1 UNLV, but they feel on top of the world.

"It's an indication of the program's progress," said Monte Towe, Florida's associate head coach. "We're very happy for the players. They've worked hard for this honor."

Towe was subbing for Head Coach Norm Sloan, who was en route to Atlanta for Christmas. He said the Gators, who have won eight straight after an opening game loss to Florida State, aren't ready to call this season a success yet.

The Gators never have played in the NCAA post-season tournament but reached the semifinals of the National Invitation tournament last spring and finished the season 19-14. Guards Andrew Moten and Vernon Maxwell, the leaders of that team, are back, joined by 7-foot freshman center Dwayne Schintzius.

The Gators beat Louisiana State

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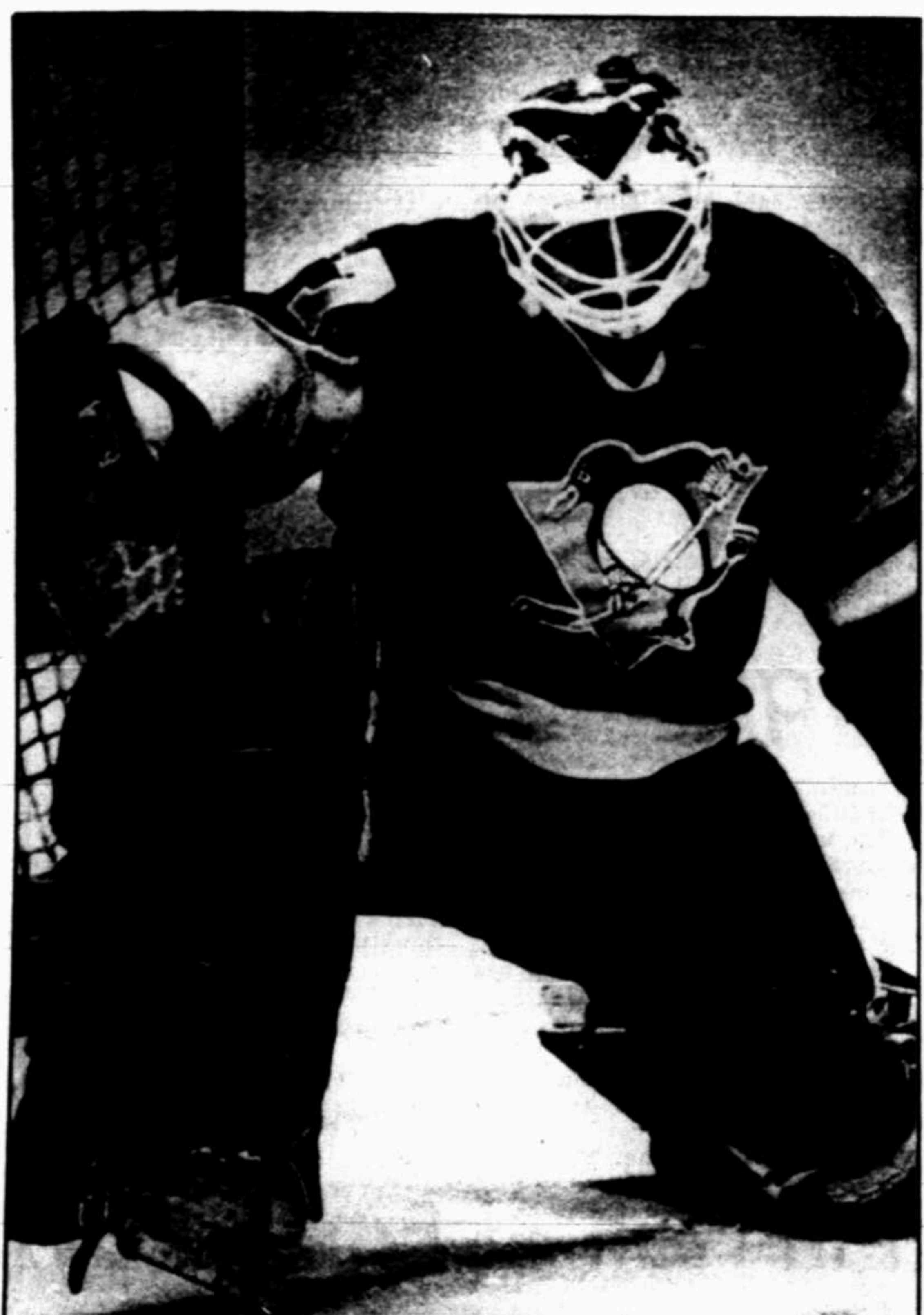
96-75 last week and won the Gator Bowl Classic last weekend, beating Virginia Tech 82-60 and Ohio State 82-72. Later this week, they take off for Hawaii for the Rainbow Classic.

Nevada-Las Vegas, 9-0, received 48 first-place votes and 1,220 points Monday from a nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters. The Runnin' Rebels, No. 1 for the third consecutive week, beat Nevada-Reno 115-83 and Ohio University 105-81 before capping their week with a 79-75 victory over Louisiana Tech in the championship game of the Rebel Roundup.

Purdue, Iowa and North Carolina held the second through fourth spots.

Purdue, 6-0, received 11 first-place votes and 1,149 points. Iowa, 9-0, had one first-place vote and 1,095 points, 20 more than North Carolina, 6-1.

Each of the three teams won its only game of the week as Purdue routed Division II Tampa 79-48, Iowa blasted intrastate rival Iowa State 89-64 and North Carolina beat then-No. 5 Illinois 90-77 in a nationally televised game.



Pittsburgh goalie Gilles Meloche bats away the puck for a save in the Penguin's 4-4 tie with Montreal Monday night.

Ewing, Knicks halt skid against lowly Spurs

NEW YORK — Patrick Ewing was playing well while the New York Knicks were losing eight consecutive games, so it was no surprise that he played well when the losing streak came to an end.

Ewing, averaging 22.3 points during the Knicks' tailspin, scored 29 Monday night and equaled his season high with 15 rebounds in a 103-99 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

"I'm happy to be playing better, but it's still no fun unless you win," said Ewing, whose scoring average after his first 12 games this season was 11.0. "I got tired, but when it's close you have to suck it in."

Ewing played 45 minutes for the Knicks, who also broke a six-game home losing streak.

Knicks Coach Bob Hill, who won for only the second time in 11 games since getting the job when Hubie Brown was fired Dec. 1, said that breaking the long losing streak will be meaningless if the team doesn't continue to win consistently.

"When you're in a position like we are, we're not looking to break any ice with one victory," Hill said. "My original goal when I took over was to get these guys playing differently. I was asking them to change old habits, and that's not easy to do. We had to get bad before we got good."

"And we were bad, but now we're starting to get better."

"It's terrific, but it's something we have to keep building on," Ewing said of the victory. "We played better defensively than ever before. We know we're improving."

Ewing had 11 points in the third quarter as the Knicks overcame a seven-point deficit to lead 81-76 late

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in the period. After the Spurs got within one, New York scored 10 consecutive points for its biggest lead, 91-80, with 7:13 left in the game.

The Knicks missed five of 10 free throws down the stretch to enable San Antonio to get close, but several good defensive plays, including a steal by Ewing that led to a clinching basket by Gerald Wilkins with five seconds left, thwarted the Spurs.

"We were in the game at the end, but New York played tough defense and we didn't get a good shot when we needed it," Spurs Coach Bob Weiss said.

Rookie Johnny Dawkins scored 26 points for San Antonio, including three long-range shots that sparked the Spurs' short-lived comeback.

Alvin Robertson added 22 points and 12 assists for the Spurs and padded his NBA lead in steals with eight.

Wilkins had 17 points for the Knicks.

Jazz 114, 76ers 111

Bobby Hansen made a three-point play with six seconds left as Utah rallied for the final eight points of the game to win in Philadelphia.

The Jazz trailed 111-106 with 1:26 remaining, but baskets by Mark Eaton and Karl Malone cut the deficit to one with 49 seconds left.

John Stockton then stole Andrew Toney's inbound pass and fed Hansen, who hit a basket and foul shot. Hansen finished with 25 points and Kelly Tripucka added a season-high 22.

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JEANE DIXON'S
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YOUR BIRTHDAY TODAY: Building a sound financial base is a top priority now. You find the money to pay off an old debt. Friends who make excessive demands on you hold less and less appeal. You know who you can rely on when the chips are down. Trust your sixth sense, and you are bound to come out on top at work. Your loved ones rejoice when your ship comes in!

CELEBRITY BIRTHDATES: English poet Matthew Arnold, billionaire reclusive Howard Hughes, Susan Carey-Lamm of "Search for Tomorrow," actress Ava Gardner, actress-author Noelle Adam, frontiersman Kit Carson, dancer Carol Haney, choreographer-ballet master Robert Joffrey, football's John Matuszak, Washington journalist I.F. Stone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your financial affairs take a turn for the better thanks to wise investments. Trust experts only. Travel plays a major role in your personal plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Avoid discussing family financial

problems with relatives or friends. You receive good news from someone at a distance. A Christmas card puts you in touch with a long-lost friend!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A candid talk with business mate or partner will provide the answer to a puzzle. You are able to move ahead with a pet project. Showing off will not win you any points.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Creative thinking will lead to new clients and employment opportunities early in the new year. Small social gatherings hold more appeal than large ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Friendship could stand in the way of a business deal. Try to deal with the situation as diplomatically as possible. An influential person, who has eluded you in the past, is now available.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A spiritual experience gives you new insights, helping you to strengthen family ties. Share your dreams and hopes with those close to your heart. New rapport is possible. Reveal your innermost feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Research gives you the information to make a practical decision. Influential people are more likely to grant

favours than in the recent past. Evening is an excellent time to socialize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You enjoy being in the limelight. Travel enjoys highly favorable influences. A young person looks to you for leadership. Do not disappoint him/her.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Trust your intuition where both newcomers and investments are concerned. You could find yourself in the middle of a three-way financial hassle. A diplomatic approach serves you well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Follow a well-established routine today. Take things one step at a time. You need to get out and socialize more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not put too much hope in your friends' promises where your finances or career are concerned. They mean well but may not follow up. Be wary of someone who turns on the flattery.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Financial development could move at a dizzying pace today. A family connection or group membership is involved. A college connection helps you in business.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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SECOND HAND WHAT?

Both vulnerable. South deals.
NORTH
♠ J 10 7 3
♥ Q J
♦ K 9 4 3
♣ K 8 6
WEST
♠ 8
♥ A K 7 6 5 3
♦ J 2
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♥ 10 9 8 4
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♣ A Q 9 7
SOUTH
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♥ 2
♦ Q 10 5
♣ 10 3

The bidding:
South West North East
3 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: King of ♥

so easy to spot. To the fourth trick declarer led the three of clubs (the 10 would tempt a cover), and when West followed with a low club school was out. Declarer inserted dummy's six and, although East could win the trick cheaply, he was end played. A heart return would yield a ruff-sluff, and either minor suit would present declarer with a trick in that suit.

Obviously, West could force declarer into guessing the diamonds by going up with the jack of clubs on the lead of the three. Would you have done that?

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4:00 Facts Company	Divorce Ct. Hour	Chance People's Ct.	G.I. Joe Jetsons	Prase The Lord	Gulligan Rocky Road	Seduction	G.I. Joe Transform	Fishing Scholastic	Captain Roe Mr. Rogers
5:00 Newsworld ABC News	Magazine CBS News	News NBC News	Jeannie Hillbillies	Prase The Lord	A. Griffith At Home	Coningo Nueva SN	Facts Good Times	Sportslook NBA Today	Street
6:00 News Fortune	News 10P/5P	Jeopardy Dating	Benson Taxi	Prase The Lord	Sanford H mooners	Maria De Nadie	B. Miller Benson	SpecTr. College	MacNeil/Lehrer
7:00 Hall Of Fame Bowl	Wizard	Matlock	NBA Basketball	TBN Today	NBA Basketball	Calvaro Maktita	Move "Gong My	Basketball Louisville	News
8:00 Georgia vs. Boston	Movie: "A"	Hill Street Blues	Cappers at Rockets	Dan Scheaffer	Clippers at Rockets	Dei Alma Secreto	Way	at Indiana NHL	Alghastan
9:00 College	Christmas Carol	1986	Hawai Five-O	Prase The Lord	SEC	Adoption Improvisa	News	Hockey Winnipeg	Secretaries Of State
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11:00 Nightline	Hot Shots	Carson David	Mission: Impossible	Prase The Lord	Millions	Amo Y Senor	P.I. Movie	Oilers SpecTr.	Telecourses Gourmet
12:00 News CNN News	"It Lives Again"	Letterman News	TBN Today Christmas	"Teacher's Pet"	Adoption Improvisa		NFL Films Sking		

SHOWTIME Cable 5	TMC Cable 17	DISNEY Cable 18	HBO Cable 22	TNN Cable 23	USA Cable 24	NICK Cable 25	A&E Cable 26	SPN Cable 27	CBN Cable 31
4:00 Movie: "Christmas"	Movie: "Country"	The Pinballs	That Almost Wasn't	Country	Love Me Dance Party	Dennis Double Dare	Movie: "The Big"	Alive Shoppers	Green Acres Rifleman
5:00 Lives Of The Field	Movie: "The Little"	Movie: "The Little"	Movie: "The Little"	Chase Video	Cartoons	Montees NICK Rocks	Trees	Manul Gold Trust	Big Valley
6:00 Paper Chase	Movie: "The Prince"	Movie: "The Prince"	Movie: "The Prince"	Be A Star Fandango	Ripide	You Can't Mouse	Case Of Santa Claus	Buy Now & Save	Hardcastle
7:00 Movie: "The Little"	Emerald Forest	Blue And The Gray	Movie: "Starman"	Nashville Now	Wrestling	Donna Reed Master Ed	Oliver Twist	Denny Ford J. Houston	Hill Town
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PEOPLE

Two Texans among those honored by Carnegie Hero Fund Commission

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A 75-year-old woman who died after saving a neighbor from a fire was one of two dozen people honored by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

Lucille Moore spotted smoke on Nov. 7, 1985, and climbed a flight of stairs at a Columbus, Ohio, adult care facility to guide Ernesta Harris, 59, out of her smoke-filled apartment to safety, the commission said in announcing the awards Monday.

Mrs. Moore, who had a history of cardiac problems which restricted her movement, suffered from smoke inhalation and died of cardiac arrest two hours later.

The commission, which recognizes those who risk their lives saving or trying to save others, will give Mrs. Moore's family a cash award in her honor.

Those named Monday bring to 7,069 the number of people honored in the United States and Canada since industrialist Andrew Carnegie established the Pittsburgh-based fund in 1904. In 82 years, the commission has distributed more than \$16.4 million.

Awards totaling \$60,000 were distributed Monday. Of the 23 others named, four also gave their lives.

The other honorees were:

— Clayburn R. Marsh, 49, of Crosbyton, Texas, rescued a woman who was almost electrocuted on Dec. 8, 1985.

— Robert Lee Thomas, 23, of San Antonio, Texas, rescued a 15-year-old girl from an assault on Feb. 27, 1986.

— Danny Cummings, 27, William R. Burns, 34, and Raymond R. Dawley Jr., 37, all of Radcliff, Ky., who were killed by toxic gases while attempting to save a co-worker from suffocation at a waste treatment plant on July 5, 1985.

— Ronald J. Mobley, 30, of Gypsy, W.Va., died helping save a 16-year-old girl from drowning Aug. 11, 1985.

— Bradley Hall, 17, of Anaheim, Calif., rescued a handicapped man from a burning house on Dec. 22, 1985.

— Michael D. Croft, 40, an off-duty police officer from Cheektowaga, N.Y., rescued an 84-year-old man from a fire on March 10, 1986.

— Phillip Andrew Wynne, 29, of Mobile, Ala., rescued an 80-year-old woman from an assault in her home on July 23, 1985.

— Dennis G. Thomas, 30, of Port Huron, Mich., saved a woman from drowning in the Black River on Jan. 23, 1986.

— John Stratton, 25, of Lansdowne, Pa., carried a man to safety from a burning building on Dec. 29, 1985.

— Gregory A. Mellinger, 25, of Stevens, Pa., saved a 65-year-old man who fell through ice while fishing on a lake March 10, 1986.

— Steven Roy Edmonson, 31, of Manchester, Ga., rescued two boys from a burning tractor-trailer on Dec. 17, 1985.

— Joseph W. Schmider, 29, of Perkaspie, Pa., saved a woman and her daughter from a fire on Dec. 1, 1984.

— Harold L. Shelton Jr., 28, of La Porte, Ind., rescued a man from a fire in his home Aug. 26, 1985.

— George J. Slatky, 48, of Hunlock Creek, Pa., rescued a woman from a masked man armed with a knife who tried to pull her out of her car on Jan. 21, 1986.

— Charles B. McCracken, 30, of Tenino, Wash., saved two girls and helped to save their mother from a burning pickup truck Oct. 26, 1985.

— Rickard G. Spillmann, 40, of Olympia, Wash., helped McCracken.

— David C. Ruble, 30, of Dreyfus, Ky., rescued a 10-year-old girl from a burning house Aug. 15, 1985.

— Rex A. Lewis, 30, of Hollister, Calif., tried in vain to save a man from suffocation Oct. 19, 1984.

after a power plant accident, and Michael DeWitt Puckett, 31, of Fresno, Calif., helped save Lewis from suffocation.

— Arthur J. Foucault, 61, of Orlando, Fla., rescued a 1-year-old boy from burning on March 11, 1986.

— Bret M. Lincoln, 25, of Blackstone, Mass., helped save a 13-year-old boy and tried to save a 10-year-old from drowning Jan. 27, 1986.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Amanda Blake, who played Miss Kitty Russell on "Gunsmoke," is planning to guide tours through trails of the Old West, Australia and Alaska.

As a tour leader for Global Expeditions of New York City, Miss Blake will start April 16 on the 16-day Australia tour, which includes stops in Fiji, Melbourne, Sydney, the Outback and Great Barrier Reef.

The tour through Alaska, May 19 to June 4, will take adventurers through Anchorage, Fairbanks and the Yukon.

The June 10 to July 3 Old West tour begins in Kansas City, through the Santa Fe Trail to Dodge City, Nebraska's plains and the Oregon Trail. Two nights are spent on a wagon train.

Miss Blake retired in 1974 from TV's long-running western, in which she played the female lead opposite Matt Dillon for 19 years. "It was the end of the trail. The show only lasted one more year without me," she said recently.

NEW YORK (AP) — Architect Philip Johnson has donated his famous glass house in Connecticut to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for eventual public display.



Johnson

The house, built in 1949, will remain Johnson's residence for as long as he wants to live there. His gift Monday includes the rest of his 31-acre New Canaan, Conn. estate plus an endowment for its operation as a museum, said Carl Nelson of the trust.

Johnson is architect of the AT&T Building in Manhattan, Pennzoil Place in Houston and the Crystal Cathedral in Orange County, Calif.

The National Trust is chartered by Congress to own historic properties.

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (AP) — The seven O'Kelley brothers, who have struggled to stay together since their mother and grandfather died and their father abandoned them, will spend Christmas together in a temporary home.

The five older brothers are living in a temporary home on their seven-acre farm until a new house being built by volunteers is complete.

The oldest, 19-year-old Terry, was granted temporary custody of four of his six brothers by a Hall County juvenile court judge earlier this month.

Charles, 16, David, 14, and Jeff, 13, will live in the new house, along with 17-year-old Tommy, who is raising chickens with Terry.

The youngest brothers, Michael, 11, and Jason, 8, are in foster care, but will be with their brothers for the next two weeks.

Terry O'Kelley said he plans to "get through Christmas and see how the business goes here and then later get Jason and Michael."

The boys want to fulfill their mother's dying wish that they remain together. She died of a brain tumor four years ago, and they lived with their grandfather until he died last year. Their father was imprisoned for child abandonment and theft.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

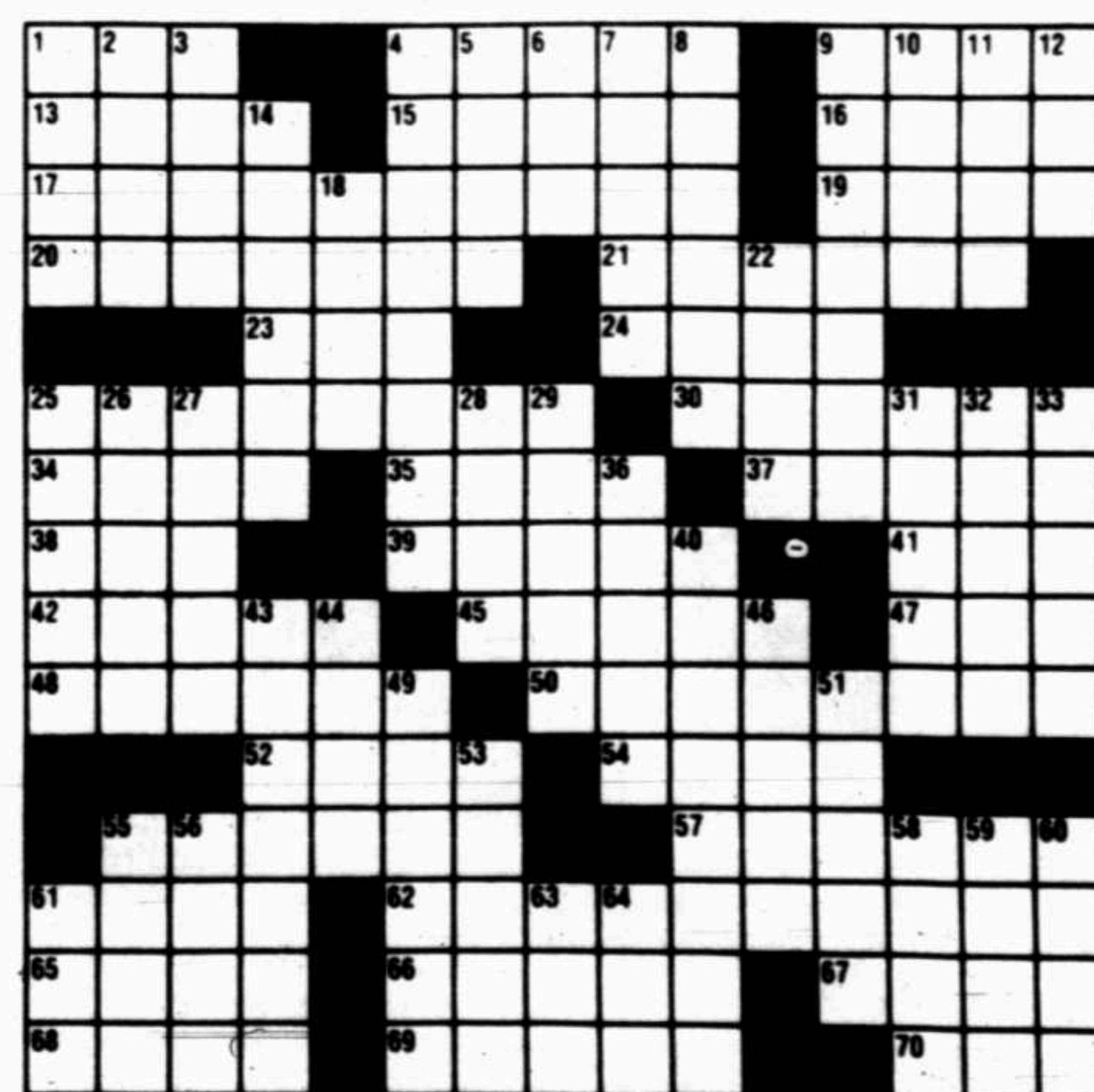
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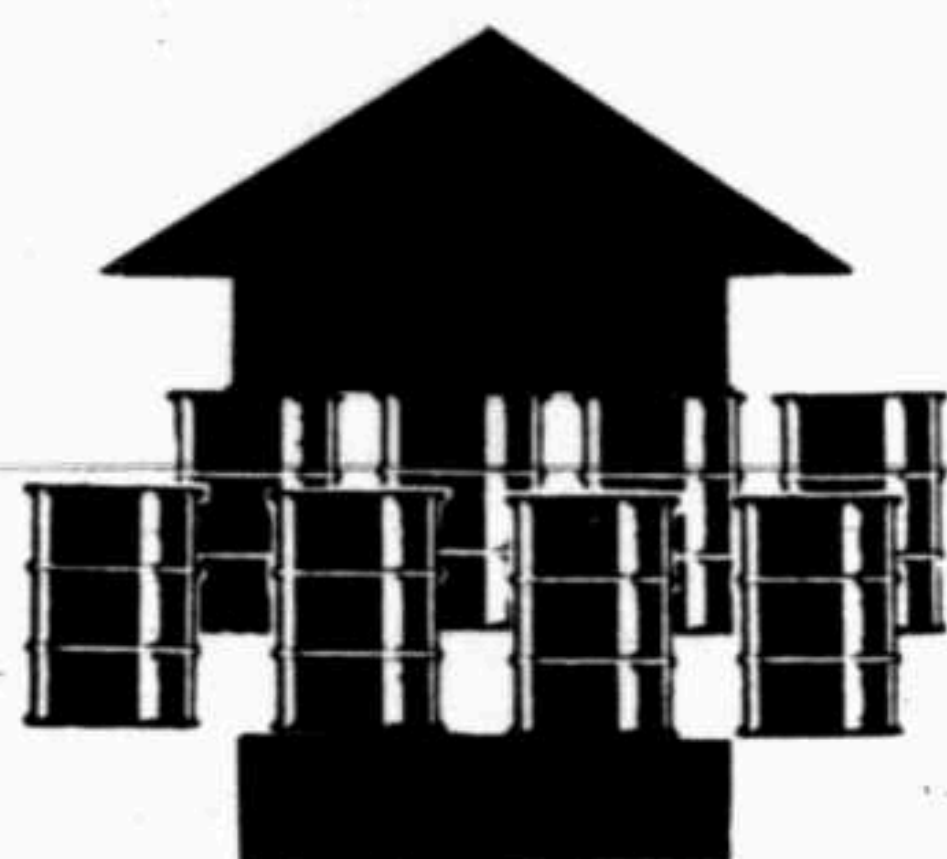
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SPOTMARKET

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Latest quote \$16.90; previous quote \$16.20; year ago \$26.10.

W.T. SOUR

Latest quote \$16.00; previous quote \$15.30; year ago \$25.95.

Latest quotes are from Monday, Dec. 20. Previous quotes are from the previous working day.

Source: Wall Street Journal

MONEY



Dollar falls

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. dollar fell today against most major currencies in listless early trading. Gold prices also were down.

Traders in Frankfurt said the market was thin in the pre-holiday atmosphere, and price movements had little significance.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before Europe's business day begins, the dollar fell to a closing 162.50 yen from Monday's 163.08. Later, in London, it was quoted at 162.55 yen.

Other dollar rates at mid-morning, compared with late Monday:

—1.97075 German marks, down from 1.97850
—1.64875 Swiss francs, down from 1.66200
—6.4795 French francs, down from 6.5075
—2.2380 Dutch guilders, down from 2.2405
—1.37250 Italian lire, down from 1.37475
—1.3767 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3768

In London, the British pound fell marginally against the U.S. currency and was quoted at \$1.4420, compared with \$1.4423 Monday.



Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$394.20 a troy ounce, compared with late Monday's \$394.00. At mid-morning today, the city's five major bullion dealers fixed a recommended price of \$392.75.

In Zurich, the noon bid price was \$392.50, down from \$394.50 late Monday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell 49 cents to close at a bid \$393.56.

Silver was quoted in London today at a bid price of \$5.37 a troy ounce, down from Monday's \$5.40.

STOCKS

MARKET IN BRIEF

N.Y.S.E. Issues Consolidated Trading Monday, Dec. 22
Volume Shares
192,937,710

Issues Traded
2,084
Up
618
Unchanged
434
Down
1,032

N.Y.S.E. Index
142.02 - 0.63

S.&P. Comp.
248.95 - 0.96

Dow Jones Ind.
1,926.18 - 2.67

Crude prices rise sharply after OPEC agreement

New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — Oil prices advanced strongly on world markets Monday, as the oil community welcomed OPEC's decision to cut production.

The key American and British grades surged to nearly \$18 a barrel during hectic trading, before slipping back somewhat at day's end.

The near-month futures contract for West Texas Intermediate crude oil, the American benchmark, rose to \$17.22 a barrel, up 83 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange, and to \$17.05 a barrel, up 55 cents, on the London-based open market. These were the highest levels since September.

The British Brent North Sea crude oil, an important international marker, was trading at \$16.80, up 70 cents, in London.

"OPEC gave the market a bit of a Christmas present," Peter C. Beutel,

assistant director of Elders Futures Inc., said of the pact, which was signed on Saturday, "and today the market is responding in kind."

However, Beutel added, "The question remains of whether the market will believe in higher prices, or consider them like Santa Claus — something you'd like to believe in but really can't."

Futures prices for heating oil and unleaded gasoline also increased markedly. And American oil companies continued the ratcheting up of the current prices they pay for crude oil, to just above \$15.

Analysts said it was too early to gauge the impact of the increases on the price of gasoline at the pump, because it was uncertain at what level crude oil prices would stabilize.

Generally speaking, for every dollar crude oil prices rise or fall, prices of heating oil and gasoline rise or fall by roughly 2.5 cents. For example, according to a recent study by the

Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, an oil industry group, the \$14-a-barrel decline in crude oil prices between October 1985 and October of this year led to a decline of 33 cents a gallon in heating oil, to about 73 cents a gallon.

The near-month futures contracts for heating oil and unleaded gasoline advanced strongly. Heating oil closed at 47 cents a gallon, up 2 cents, and unleaded gasoline at 46 cents a gallon, up a penny.

Industry analysts were buoyed Monday by reports that Saudi Arabia is telling some of its customers that it will reduce the amount of Saudi crude oil they can purchase, and that it will drastically cut back on special pricing deals on Feb. 1 — the date OPEC has set to enact its fixed-price mark of \$18 a barrel.

Still, Richard Kane of Merrill Lynch Futures Inc. pointed out that crude oil prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange had retreated

relatively quickly from their sharp morning run-up. "The market had been expecting OPEC to do just what it did, and had taken position to prepare for it," Kane said. "So traders took advantage of the rise to do some profit taking."

But Kane also attributed the market's afternoon retreat to the fact that "there are a lot of skeptics out there" about the durability of the accord reached by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

He was referring to parts of the agreement that could undermine it, chiefly the decision to exempt Iraq from having to reduce its production. Because of work being done on two pipelines it uses, Iraq may soon be able to increase its output from the 1.6 million barrels a day it now produces to at least 2 million.

John H. Lichtblau, president of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, said the accord represented "an obviously progressive

step for OPEC because they have agreed to lower their production significantly and to return to fixed prices."

Lichtblau continued: "Yes, there are problems with it. Everyone knew there would be. It remains to be seen to what extent this will hold up. But it's definitely something that could hold up, and the oil markets are significantly stronger for it."

Lichtblau said that alternatives to the fresh agreement — of extending the temporary accord patched together in October, or doing nothing at all — "would unquestionably have had a substantial negative impact on oil prices."

William L. Randol, vice president for research at First Boston Corp., said the market "clearly regards" OPEC's ceiling of 15.8 million barrels a day positively. The figure is a million barrels a day below its current quota.

Big ticket orders up 5.9 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders for "big ticket" durable goods jumped 5.9 percent in November, the biggest increase in two years, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said orders for durable goods, items expected to last three or more years, rose to an all-time high of \$109.68 billion in November after falling 4.7 percent in October.

The increase last month was the largest since an 8.2 percent orders rise in November 1984.

Much of the strength came from a surge in demand for defense equipment, which soared 110.8 percent last month, the biggest rise in 12 years.

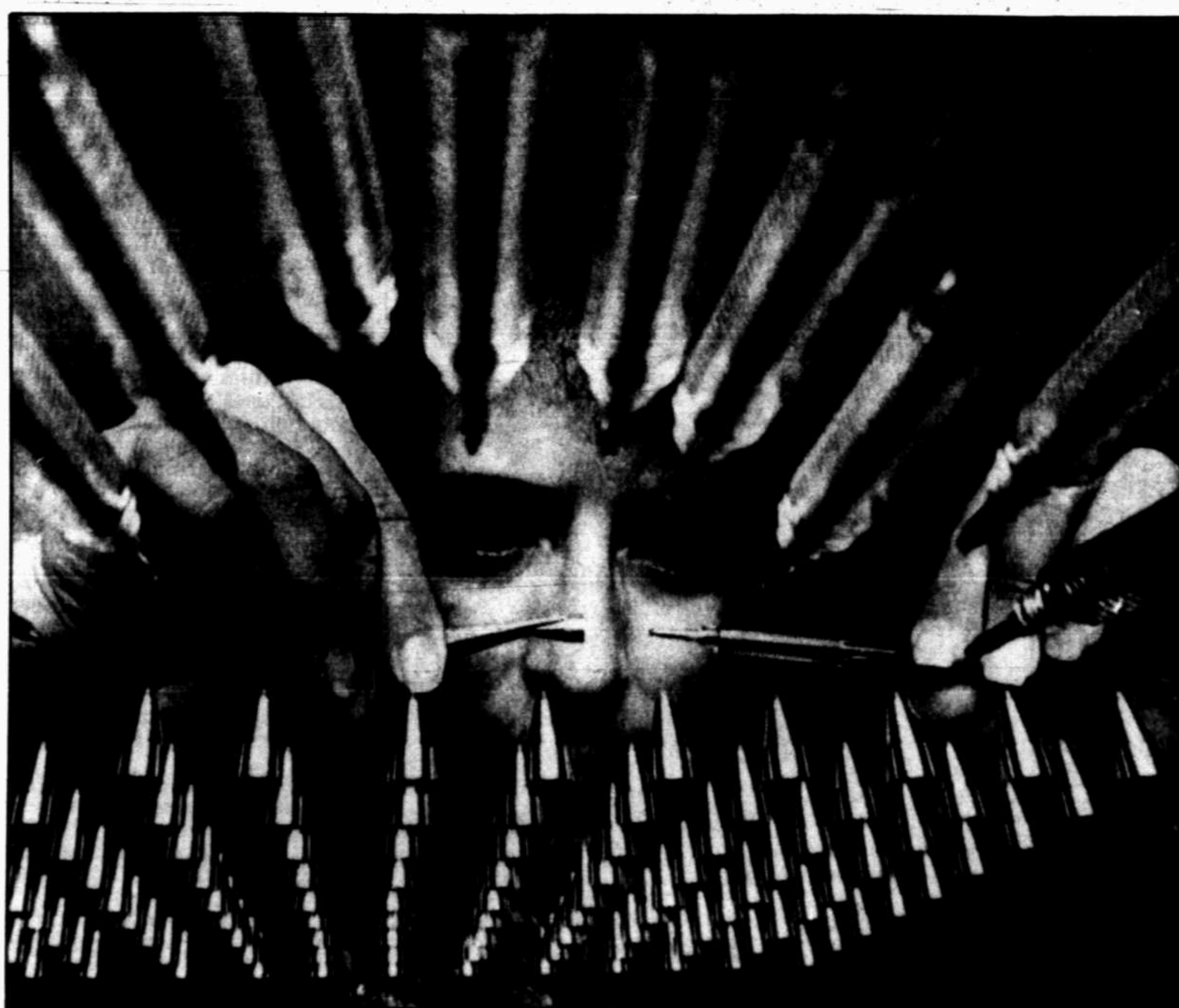
More than half of this strength came from a rise in orders for defense aircraft. Analysts did not express surprise at the big jump in defense orders, noting that this category is very volatile from month to month, depending on the flow of government contracts. The gain left defense orders at \$10.54 billion in November.

Without the huge defense increase, orders would have risen a much smaller 0.6 percent in November.

The key category of non-defense capital goods rose 7 percent to \$28.78 billion after declining 4.6 percent the month before.

Analysts attributed part of this gain to a rush by businesses to purchase equipment before the new tax law takes effect on Jan. 1. Equipment purchased before then qualifies for faster tax depreciation write-offs.

By category, orders for transportation equipment increased 15.9 percent to \$30.3 billion, reflecting the big demand for defense aircraft.



Pen inspection

A technician at the Pilot Pen Corp. in Trumbull, Conn. inspects stainless steel tips for ballpoint pens. Pilot has been importing writing instruments

from its parent company in Japan, but will start production of "Made in U.S.A." ballpoints for the first time in 1987.

Interest in lease sale may signal drilling upswing

From Staff Reports

AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro announced a 26 percent upswing in the number of lease nominations received for the April 1987 Oil & Gas Lease Sale and says the increase may signal a turnaround in drilling activity.

"The oil and gas industry has shown increased interest in leasing state tracts for exploration, nominating 220 tracts for the upcoming April sale, compared with 175 tracts nominated for the last lease sale in October," Mauro said.

"But more importantly, the increase may be the first indicator of a future increase in drilling activity, which would ultimately mean more jobs for Texans." Thirteen of the tracts nominated for the April sale are onshore, upland tracts, 61 are in the Gulf of Mexico, 124 are in bays, 19 are river tracts and 3 are classified as special tracts.

The General Land Office (GLO) is responsible for managing 16 million acres of state land dedicated to education and depositing that income into the Permanent School Fund. Monies generated by this endowment fund — which stands at \$5 billion — is then distributed to primary and secondary schools around the state on a per-pupil basis.

To lease a tract of state land, the potential bidder must "nominate" the parcel to be included in an upcoming sale and submit a \$100 per tract non-refundable nomination fee to the GLO. Nomination fees were instituted in 1984.

The fee program and other changes implemented by Mauro



Garry Mauro

have been cited as the reasons for steadily increasing bonuses being paid on state leases in the past four lease sales.

"In the October 1985 sale, the per acre bonus was \$178," Mauro said. "But it has increased to \$202.18 in the April 1986 sale and to \$249.52 in the last sale," Mauro added.

The October 1986 lease sale brought in \$3.2 million in total bids on 49 tracts totaling 18,029 acres.

"The 26 percent increase in nominations over the October 1986 lease sale is a hopeful sign that the oil and gas economy is stabilizing," Mauro said. "As a result, we expect a better lease sale than the last one."

Greyhound sells bus line

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Greyhound Corp. has agreed to the sale of Greyhound Lines, Inc., the nation's largest intercity bus line, to a group of investors headed by Fred G. Curry of Dallas, Greyhound announced today.

The agreement calls for a purchase price in excess of \$350 million, according to a statement released today by Greyhound. The agreement calls for a closing date of no later than mid-March, Greyhound said.

Curry was identified as chairman of Buslease Inc., which owns and manages a fleet of over 1,100 intercity buses.

John W. Teets, Greyhound chairman and chief executive officer, had been saying publicly for several months that the bus line would be sold or liquidated if a satisfactory labor agreement were not ratified by the Amalgamated Transit Union, which represents more than 6,000 Greyhound drivers and other employees.

A tentative contract agreement was reached in October, but it was rejected by the union rank-and-file and a strike vote currently is being conducted.

Company and union negotiators agreed last week to extend the current contract until March 18.

The Greyhound announcement said that agreement will continue to be honored by the company.

Trico modifies plans for Texas move

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — After 13 months of uncertainty, it appears Trico Products Corp. will move fewer than the 1,100 jobs originally predicted from Buffalo to the Texas-Mexico border, officials say.

The president of the nation's largest windshield wiper manufacturer, Richard L. Wolf, said Monday a state plan announced last week to keep the company from moving all the jobs south will not cancel its plans.

However, Wolf said improved sales, continued talks with workers, union and community leaders and the state's recommendations will probably combine to limit the number of layoffs.

Trico estimated when the company announced its intention last November to move that 1,100 to 1,400 jobs would be lost.

Wolf, who was out of the country last Thursday when the state released a study saying \$36 million could be saved at Trico, said the company cannot reverse its decision to move hundreds of unskilled jobs to the Texas-Mexico border.

"As for the basic plan, we're not going to change the company's plan," Wolf said.

"The UAW and Trico are working together to do all we can to limit the number of jobs moved from Buffalo ... But there are not going to be major modifications in our plans."

Trico announced in April that it had already begun making wiper assemblies in the Southwest. Plans call for the company to consolidate its three Buffalo plants into one and build two new ones in Brownsville, Texas and Matamoros, Mexico.

Reagan advised to scrap fuel standards

WASHINGTON (UPI) — If President Reagan agrees with a task force led by Vice President George Bush, he may press Congress next year to eliminate national fuel economy standards for passenger cars.

The presidential task force on regulatory relief concluded Monday that current legislation puts U.S. automakers "in a competitive disadvantage, creates economic distortions and causes the exports of jobs abroad."

Given the "dramatic improvements" in fuel supplies and lower prices, the administration should consider recommending to Congress that mileage standards be abolished, said the task force created by Reagan and directed by Bush.

The task force recommendation came three months after the Transportation Department decided to relax fuel economy standards for cars in the 1987 and 1988 model years. Through its National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the department relaxed the standards to 26 miles per gallon from the 27.5 figure required for 1985 model-year cars.

General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. have been pushing for reductions in the mileage standards because their large cars have become more popular as gasoline prices have stabilized.

Both automakers said higher mileage standards would have resulted in the loss of tens of thousands of auto industry jobs.

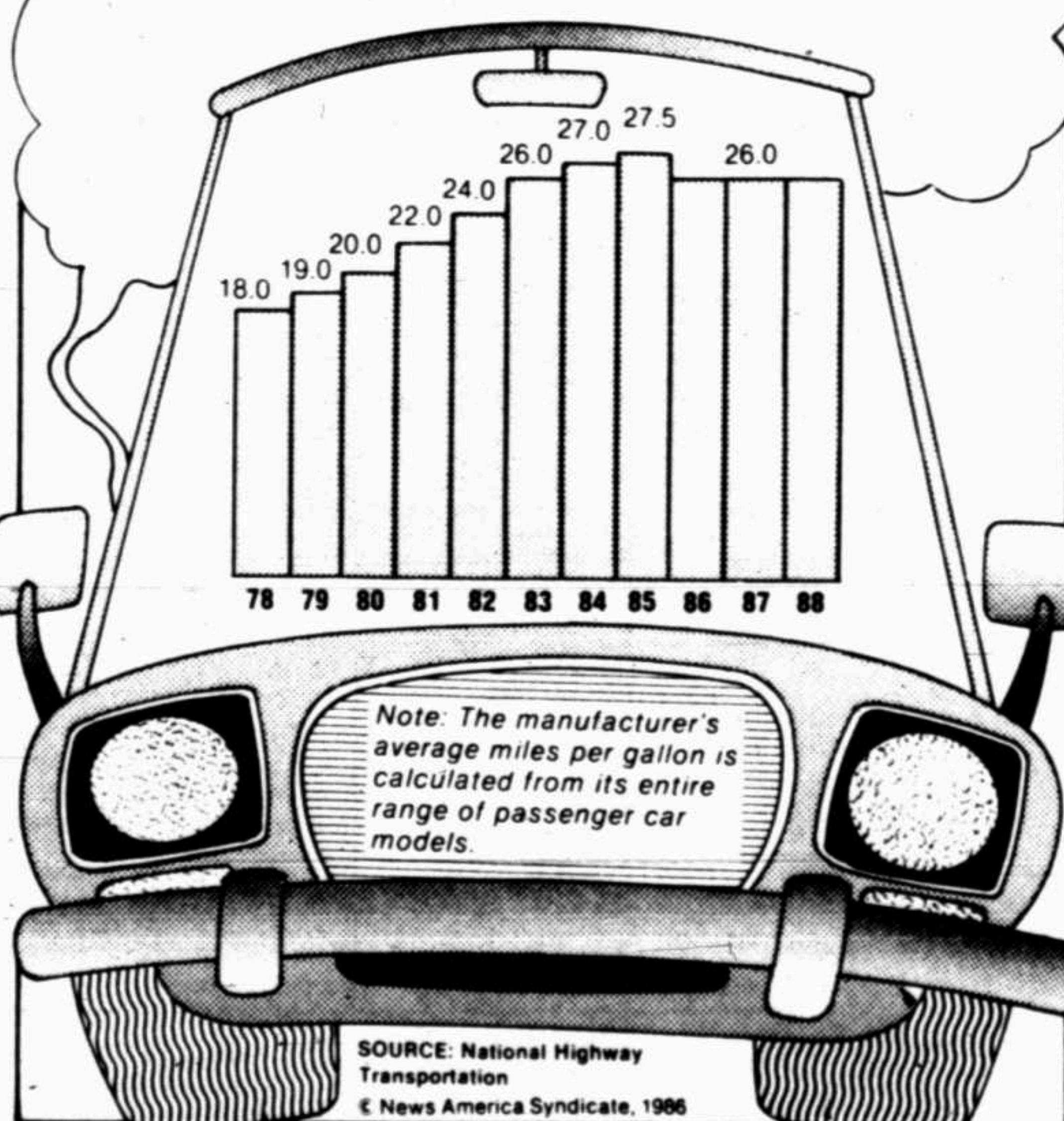
But Chrysler Corp. attacked Monday's task force proposal, saying: "Throwing out fuel-economy standards just a day after OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) unilaterally raised the world price for oil means ... we are setting ourselves up for a third oil shock."

U.S. new car mileage requirements lowered

In 1985, Congress set the fuel economy requirement for new U.S.-made passenger cars at 27.5 mpg, but in 1986 allowed the Department of Transportation (DOT) to reduce the requirement to 26.0 mpg. The DOT has recently decided to allow the relaxed requirement to also apply to 1987 and 1988 models.

U.S. NEW CAR FUEL ECONOMY REQUIREMENTS

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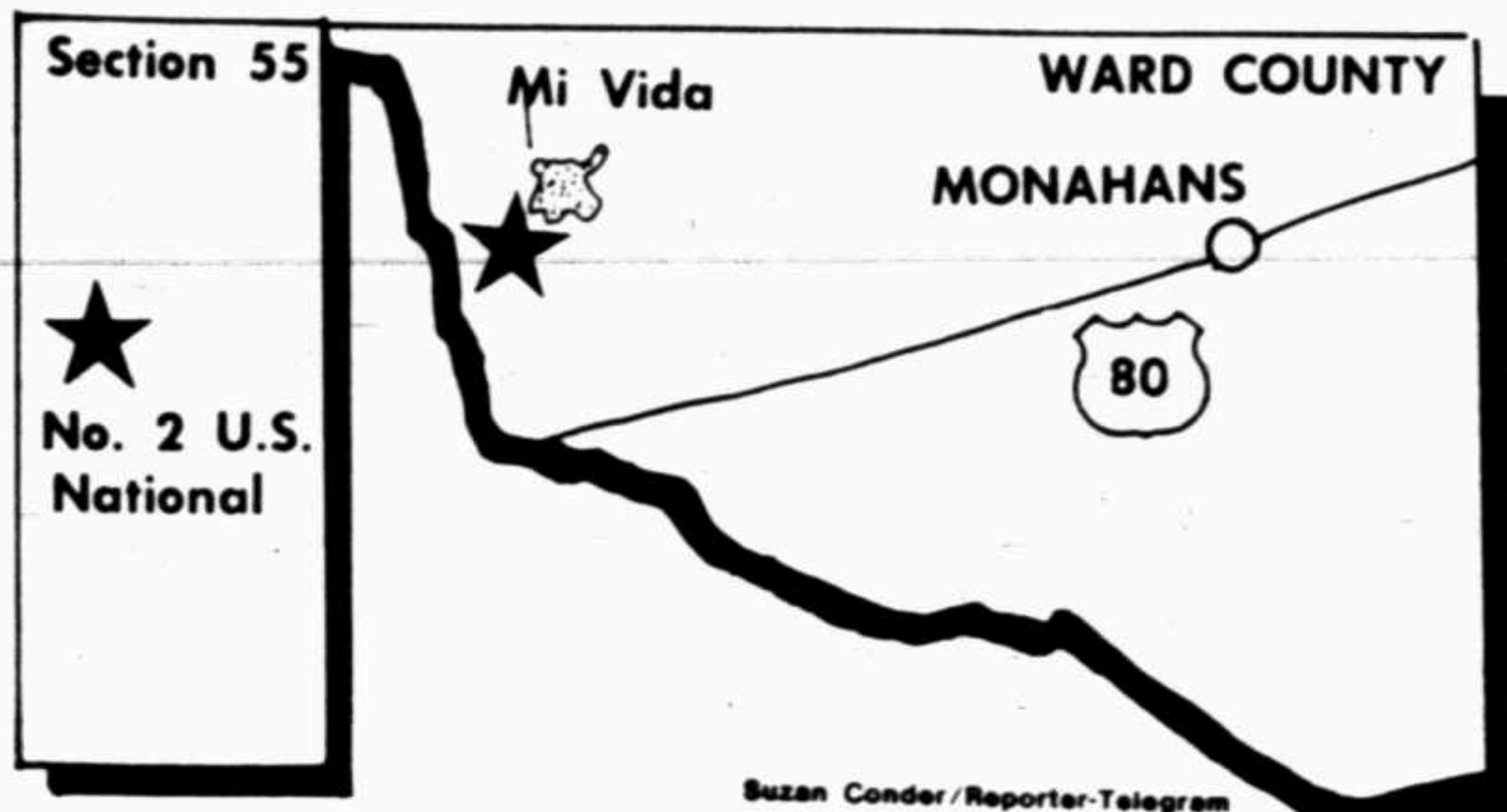
From Staff Reports

MOBIL PRODUCING TX & NM, INC., Houston, took over operation of the No. 2 U.S. National, which had been suspended by The Superior Oil Co., and completed the well as an Ellenburger gas producer in the Mi Vida field of Ward County. The well is the fifth Ellenburger producer in the field, and is a half-mile south-west extension.

The well was potentialized for a calculated absolute open flow of 19.9 Mmcf from open hole 17,840 to 18,850 ft.

A seven inch liner was hung from 17,840 to total depth of 18,850 ft.

Location is 6,250 ft. from northeast and 990 ft. from northwest lines of Section 55, Block 33, H&TC survey, 7 miles northwest of Barstow.



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The well was drilled to 3,390 ft., where 4 1/2 inch casing was set, and plugged back to 3,368 ft.

The well topped the Lower Clearfork at 3,105 ft. on ground elevation of 2,326 ft. Pay was topped at 3,123 ft.

Location is 975 ft. from south and 868 ft. from east lines of Section 14, Block 29, T-1-S, T&P survey, 6.4 miles southwest of Westbrook.

On Dec. 2, Rasmussen potentialized the No. 8 Schattel to pump 66 barrels of 26 gravity crude, less than 1 Mcfd gas and no water from perforations 3,180.5 to 3,315 ft.

Wagner & Brown final 37 barrel producer

WAGNER & BROWN, Midland, continue activity in the Conger (Penn) field of Sterling County, adding a new producer to the field.

The operator completed the No. 8116 Hildebrand to flow 37 barrels of 43.7 gravity crude, 165 Mcfd and 20 barrels of water on an 18/64 inch choke. The well was flowing from perforations 7,567 to 8,079 ft., which had been fractured with 105,000 gals. gel and 151,000 lbs. 20/40 sand. Gas-oil ratio is 4,459.

Drilled to 8,400 ft., the well was plugged back to 8,303 ft. with 4 1/2 inch casing set at 8,398 ft.

Formation tops, on ground elevation of 2,611 ft., include the Yates at 1,298 ft., Seven Rivers at 1,417, Queen at 1,778, Cisco at 7,514, Canyon at 7,812, and the LRS at 8,147 ft. Pay was topped at 7,567 ft.

Location is 660 ft. from north and 1,980 ft. from east lines of Section 16, Block 31, T&P survey, 14 miles southwest of Sterling City.

Andrews field well pumps 208 barrels

The Fuhrman-Mascho field of Andrews County gained a new San Andres producer as **TEXAKOMA OIL & GAS CORP.**, Dallas, completed activity in the field. The operator has recently filed to drill several new development wells in the area.

On potential test, the No. 16 Munger Nix "G" pumped 208 barrels of 38 gravity crude, 104 Mcfd and 624 barrels of water from perforations 4,576 to 4,809 ft. The interval was acidized with 3,000 gallons of 15 percent NeFe acid. Gas-oil ratio is 500:1.

Total depth was 5,000 ft., where 5 1/2 inch casing was set, and the well was plugged back to 4,942 ft.

The well topped the Yates at 3,018 ft., Grayburg at 4,353, and the San Andres at 4,576 ft. on ground elevation of 3,251 ft. Pay was topped at 4,576 ft.

San Andres producer pumps 156 barrels oil

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO., Odessa, reports a new producer in the Fullerton (San Andres) field of Andrews County.

The No. 67 Bitler was tested to pump 156 barrels of 29.3 gravity crude, 22 Mcfd and 70 barrels of water. Production is from perforations 4,590 to 4,620 ft., which had been acidized with 4,000 gallons of 15 percent NeFe acid and fractured with 34,000 gals. gel and 72,000 lbs. 20/40 sand. Gas-oil ratio is 140:1.

Drilled to 4,750 ft., where 4 1/2 inch casing was set, the well was

plugged back to 4,705 ft.

Formation tops, on ground elevation of 3,332 ft., include the Chinle at 145 ft., Santa Rosa at 873, Rustler at 1,777, Yates at 2,877, Grayburg at 4,014, and the San Andres at 4,398 ft. Pay was topped at 4,590 ft.

Location is 2,706 ft. from north and 2,505 ft. from east lines of Section 3, Block A-32, PSL survey, 18 miles northwest of Andrews.

Midland operator tests second Mitchell well

TOM RASMUSSEN, Midland, has completed his second producer in the Iatan East Howard field of Mitchell County.

The No. 9 Schattel was finished to pump 72 barrels of 26 crude, 1 Mcfd and no water from perforations 3,157 to 3,273 ft. The interval was acidized with 3,000 gals. acid and fractured with 30,000 gals. gel and 110,000 lbs.

COMPLETIONS

TRC DISTRICT 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

Fuhrman-Mascho
Texakoma Oil & Gas Corp. No. 16 Munger Nix "G", 1760 fml, 880 fml, sec 18, blk A-47, PSL, 10 w Andrews, Elev. 3,251, TD 4,576, PB 4,809, Completed 12/11/86, Potentialized 12/15/86, pumping 208 bopd, 104 Mcfd, 624 bwpd, 38 API, GOR 500:1, Casing 5 1/2 inches at 5,000, Perforations 4,576 to 4,809, Acidized 3,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe, Formation tops: Yates 3,018, Grayburg 4,353, San Andres 4,576, Top of pay 4,576.

Phillips Petroleum Co. No. 67 Bitler, 2706 fml, 2505 fml, sec 3, blk A-32, PSL, 18 w Andrews, Elev. 3,332, TD 4,750, PB 4,705, Completed 12/12/86, Potentialized 12/14/86, pumping 156 bopd, 22 Mcfd, 70 bwpd, 29.3 API, GOR 140:1, Casing 4 1/2 inches at 4,750, Perforations 4,590 to 4,620, Acidized 4,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe, Frac 34,000 gals. gel, 72,000 lbs. 20/40 ad, Formation tops: Chinle 145, Santa Rosa 873, Rustler 1,777, Yates 2,877, Grayburg 4,014, San Andres 4,398, Top of pay 4,590.

Means
J. Cleo Thompson No. 76 West Means (Grayburg-San Andres) Unit, 1320 fml, 2640 fml, sec 7, blk A-35, PSL, 12 w Andrews, Elev. 3,187, TD 4,580, Completed 11/9/86, Potentialized 12/9/86, pumping 94 bopd, 244 Mcfd.

116 bwpd, 25 API, GOR 260:1, Casing 4 1/2 inches at 4,580, Frac 20,000 gals. gel, 36,000 lbs. 20/40 ad, Formation tops: Yates 2935, San Andres 4525, Grayburg 4345, Top of pay 4,414.

HOWARD COUNTY
Moore
Enduro Oil Co., Inc. No. 1 Snyder Northwest, 330 fml, 990 fml, sec 22, blk 34, T-1-N, T&P, 6 w Big Spring, Elev. 2,503.8, TD 3,280, Completed 12/11/86, Potentialized 12/16/86, pumping 33 bopd, 13 bwpd, 29 API, Casing 4 1/2 inches at 3,274, Perforations 3,202 to 3,218, Acidized 1,000 gals. 15 percent NeFe, Frac 8,000 gals. gel, 16,000 lbs. 20/40 ad, Formation tops: Sand, Redbeds 220, Redbeds, Anhydrite 925, Anhydrite, Salt 1716, Anhydrite, Shale, Lime 3104, Dolomite, Anhydrite, Lime, Shale 3229, Shale, Lime, Anhydrite 3280, Top of pay 3,202.

MITCHELL COUNTY
Iatan, East Howard
Tom Rasmussen No. 9 Schattel, 975 fml, 868 fml, sec 14, blk 29, T-1-S, T&P, 6.4 w Westbrook, Elev. 2,326, TD 3,390, PB 3,368, Completed 12/5/86, Potentialized 12/11/86, pumping 72 bopd, 1 Mcfd, 26 API, Casing 4 1/2 inches at 3,390, Perforations 3,157 to 3,273, Acidized 3,000 gals. Frac 30,000 gals. gel, 110,000 lbs. ad, Formation tops: Lower Clearfork 3105, Top of pay 3,123.

STERLING COUNTY
Conger (Penn)
Wagner & Brown No. 8116 Hildebrand, 660

fml, 1980 fml, sec 16, blk 31, T&P, 14 w Sterling City, Elev. 2,611, TD 8,400, PB 8,393, Completed 11/20/86, Potentialized 12/18/86, pumping 37 bopd, 165 Mcfd, 20 bwpd, 43.7 API, thru 18 5/8 inch choke, GOR 4459:1, Casing 4 1/2 inches at 8,398, Perforations 7,567 to 8,079, Frac 105,000 gals. gel, 151,000 lbs. 20/40 ad, Formation tops: Yates 1298, Seven Rivers 1417, Queen 1778, Cisco 7514, Canyon 7812, LRS 8147, Top of pay 7,567.

WARD COUNTY
Mi Vida (Ellenburger)
Mobil Producing Co. of TX & NM, Inc. No. 2 U.S. National, 6250 fml, 990 fml, sec 55, blk 33, H&TC, 7 w Barstow, TD 18,850, Potentialized for caof of 19.9 Mmcf, Casing 7 inches at 18,850, Perforations 17,840 to 18,850.

WINKLER COUNTY
Ward-Estes, North
MM Oil Co. No. 14 John Sealy, 990 fml, 330 fml, sec 94, blk A, G&MB&A, 14.5 w Kermit, Elev. 2,662, TD 3,503, PB 3,448, Completed 11/19/86, Potentialized 12/16/86, pumping 30.25 bopd, 42.3 Mcfd, 40 bwpd, 35.1 API, GOR 1398:1, Casing 4 1/2 inches at 3,503, Perforations 3,146 to 3,276, Acidized 1,500 gals. 15 percent NeFe, Frac 20,000 gals. gel, 50,000 lbs. ad, Formation tops: Rustler Anhydrite 850, Rustler Lime 945, Yates 2412, Colby 2946, Top of pay 3,146.

TRC DISTRICT 7C

REAGAN COUNTY

Spraberry (Trend Area)
Parker & Parsley Petroleum Co. No. 1 State "L", 1980 fml, 660 fml, sec 14, blk 12, ULS, 7 w Big Lake, TD 6,900, PB 6,873, Potentialized to pump 32 bopd, 49 bwpd, 32 API, GOR 38.8:1, Casing 4 1/2 inches at 6,900, Perforations 5,287 to 6,841, Acidized 4,500 gals. Frac 160,000 gals. gel, 400,000 lbs. ad.

SCLEICHER COUNTY
Eldorado, North (Canyon A)
Dale Morris, Inc. No. 1 Royster, 1320 fml, 1320 fml, sec 53, blk LL, GC&SF, 6 w Eldorado, Elev. 2,427, TD 6,850, PB 6,550, Potentialized for caof of 711.9 Mcfd, Casing 4 1/2 inches at 6,840, Perforations 6,355 to 6,396, Acidized 1,500 gals. Frac 50,000 gals. gel, 80,000 lbs. ad, Formation tops: Canyon A 6350.

TERREL COUNTY
Wildcat
Tenneco Oil Exploration & Production No. 1 Herman "B", 530 fml, 1320 fml, sec 8, blk 161, TMRR, 27 w Dryden, Elev. 2,364, Potentialized for caof of 3.7 Mmcf, Perforations 11,631 to 11,861.5, Acidized 20,000 gals. Formation tops: Strawn 11,642, Woodford 12,018, Devonian 12,336, Silurian 12,775, Simpson 12,960, Ellenburger 14,060.

DEVELOPMENT

TRC DISTRICT 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

Fuhrman-Mascho
MacOil, Inc. No. 1 Lindley, 440 fml, 440 fml, sec 15, blk A-47, PSL, 12 w Andrews, PD 5,000.

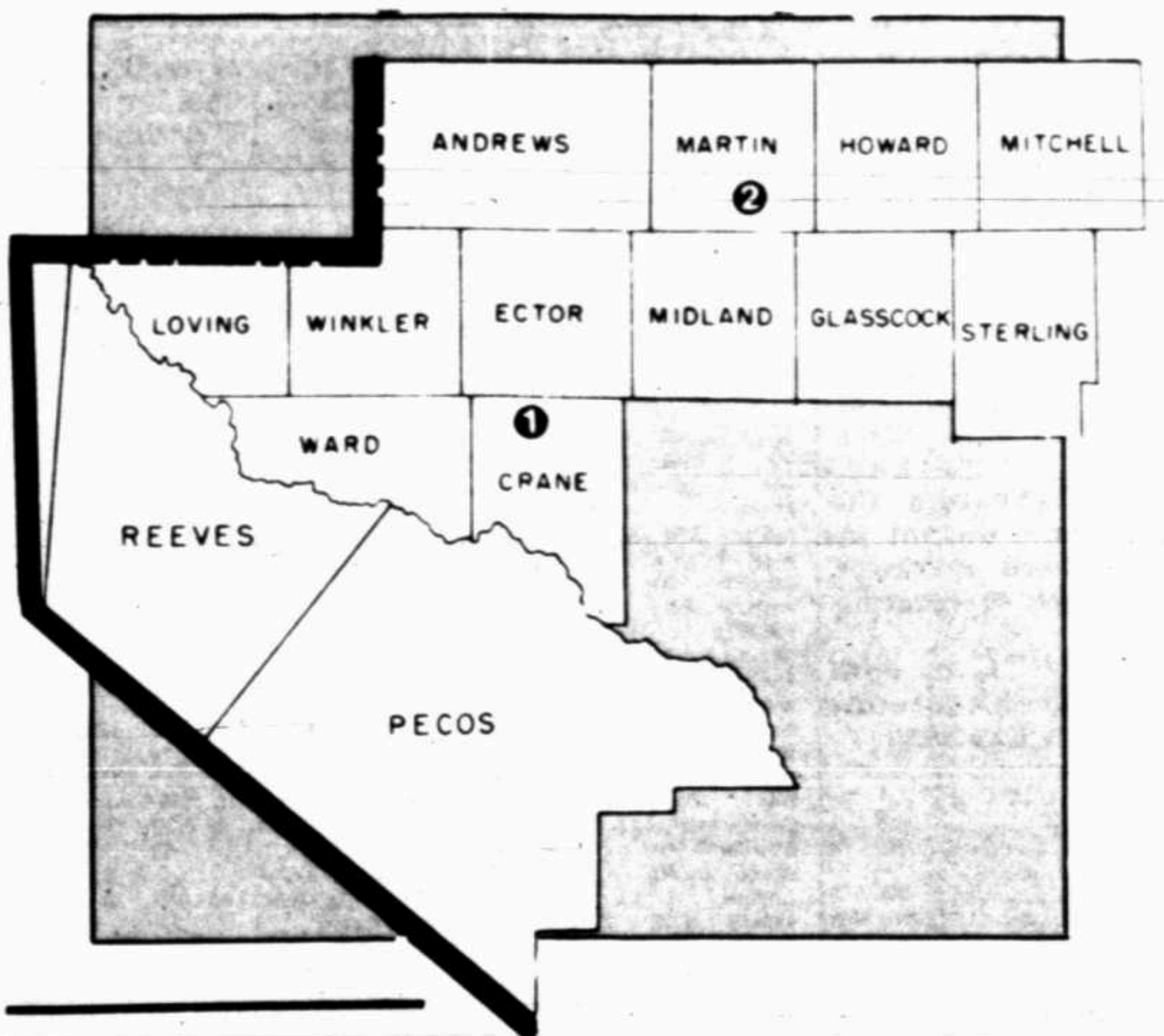
MARTIN COUNTY
Spraberry (Trend Area)
Parker & Parsley Petroleum Co. No. 1 Burley, 1980 fml, 660 fml, sec 8, blk 38, T-1-S, T&P, 12 w Stanton, PD 9,475.

MIDLAND COUNTY
Spraberry (Trend Area)
Parker & Parsley Petroleum Co. No. 1 Ma-

bee "D", 1980 fml, 1320 fml, sec 12, blk 39, T-1-S, T&P, 2 w Midland, PD 9,475.

TRC DISTRICT 7C
RUNNELS COUNTY
Motley, North
Enrich Oil Corp. No. 1-A Sid Horton, 1200 fml, 280 fml, sec 29 1/2, G.D. Cole survey, 3 e Norton, Elev. 1,215.3, PD 4,900.

WILDCATS



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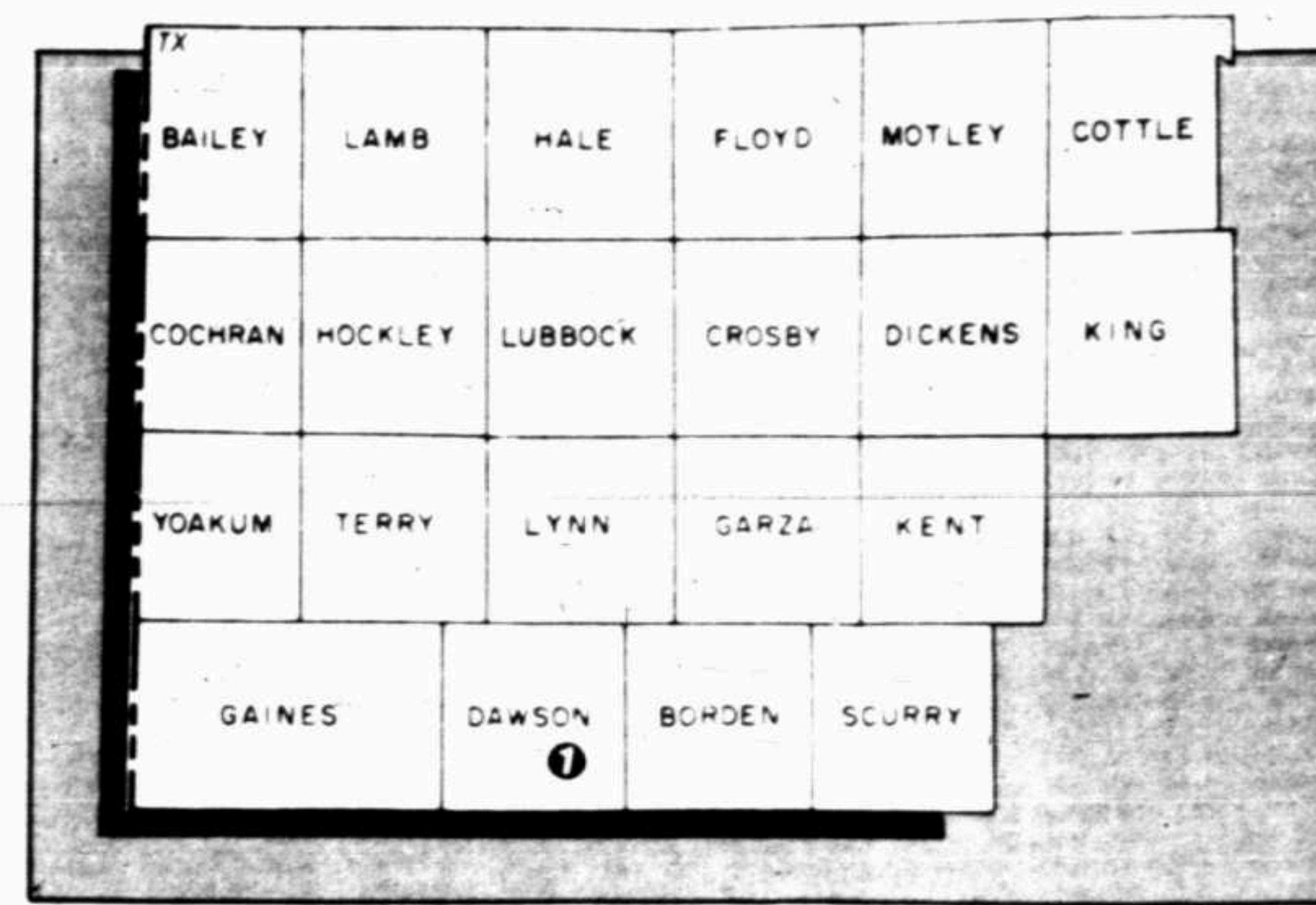
1. CRANE COUNTY LOCATION STAKED. Texaco, Inc., Midland, has staked a site 16 miles south of Crane for the drilling of its No. 7 C.W. Hobbs "C", a proposed 4,000 ft. wildcat.

The Crane County location is 1,850 ft. from northwest and 600 ft. from southwest lines of Section 40, Block 35 of the H&TC survey.

2. WILDCAT PLANNED IN MARTIN COUNTY. V-F Petroleum, Inc., Midland, has scheduled its No. 1 Donna as a 4,100 ft. wildcat in Martin County.

Location is 1,170 ft. from north and 1,220 ft. from west lines of Section 36, Block 36, Township 2 North of the T&P survey, and three miles northeast of Lenorah.

WILDCATS



TRC DISTRICT 8A

1. AMOCO SCHEDULES DAWSON EXPLORER. Amoco Production Co., Brownfield, has scheduled the No. 1 Beach Trust as a 13,000 ft. exploration well in Dawson County.

Location is 1,858 ft. from north and 1,867 ft. from east lines of Section 80, Block M of the EL&RR survey. The site is approximately five miles southwest of Welch.

OIL FACTS

1920 — On February 8, the first Holmes-Manley thermal cracking units went into operation at the Texas Company's Port Arthur refinery.

On February 25, the Oil Land Leasing Bill gave the Secretary of the Interior the right to make leases with private companies and individuals on lands previously withdrawn from oil development.

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OIL & GAS DIGEST

Amoco approves '87 exploration budget

CHICAGO — The board of directors of Amoco Corp. has approved a 1987 capital and exploration budget of \$3.25 billion that is essentially equal to the company's 1986 estimated spending of \$3.28 billion.

In February, Amoco reduced its 1986 spending target to about \$3.5 billion from the original budget of \$5 billion in response to the steep decline in crude oil and natural gas prices.

Commenting on the 1987 budget, Chairman Richard M. Morrow says that Amoco intends to maintain a flexible position so that the company can respond quickly to changes in economic conditions.

Conoco assesses North Sea development

HOUSTON — The Norwegian affiliate of Conoco declared the deepwater Heidrun oil field in the Norwegian North Sea has sufficient reserves to develop, provided that oil prices continue to improve.

Heidrun's recoverable reserves are estimated at 650 million to 700 million barrels of oil and 1.25 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

The field, in water depths averaging 1,150 ft., would be the deepest and northernmost developed oil field in Norwegian waters. Development is estimated to cost more than \$3 billion.

Coastal enters retail convenience store market

HOUSTON — The Coastal Corp. says it is now operating 27 retail gasoline and convenience store outlets in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas under a long-term lease with Sunshine Food Stores, Inc. which includes options for Coastal to purchase the properties.

The 27 stores, located in the Brownsville-McAllen market area, will retain the Sunshine Food name and will introduce Coastal's Derby-brand gasolines for the first time in South Texas. With this transaction, Coastal and its subsidiaries now market Derby gasoline through more than 750 stations in 20 states from Wyoming to Florida.

Elcor announces quarterly cash distribution

Elcor Corp., Midland, has announced the declaration of a \$0.09 per share quarterly cash dividend payable February 11, to shareholders of record on January 5.

Enron Gas appoints Rood vice president

George Rood has been named vice president, operations, for Enron Gas Processing Co., effective January 1.

Rood joined Northern Natural Gas Co. in Omaha in 1964 as a technical service engineer and later held a variety of engineering positions, including senior project engineer, supervisor of mechanical design, director of engineering codes and manager of project engineering.

As vice president of operations, Rood will be responsible for all EGP plants and gathering systems, CO₂ pipeline operations and technical services.

NRM Energy cash distribution declared

DALLAS — Natural Resource Management Corp., general partner of NRM Energy Co., L.P., has declared quarterly cash distributions on NRM Energy's common depositary units and senior cumulative convertible preferred depositary units.

The distributions are payable on February 15 to unitholders of record on December 31, at the rate of \$0.05 per common unit and \$0.65 per preferred unit, unchanged from the previous quarter.

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GENERAL NEWS

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WORLD

About 2,000 Chinese march to City Hall

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — About 2,000 students demanding democracy marched peacefully on City Hall today but were turned away by police. Some factory workers supporting their demands turned out at rallies held later in People's Square.

It was the fifth straight day of demonstrations. Authorities banned public gatherings, but the students staged the march anyway.

At Nanking University, about 150 miles west of Shanghai, an official said today that students demonstrated there on Monday, but he did not say how many. Japanese press reports said as many as 2,000 students participated.

In today's march from Tongji University in Shanghai, demonstrators carried banners reading, "Tell the Truth," "Implement Democracy," "Protect Human Rights," and "Down with Bureaucratism."

Some also carried banners saying "Xiaoping, Where are You?" and "Hello, Xiaoping," in reference to China's top leader Deng Xiaoping, whose moves toward political reform have included more democracy. Some students have said the demonstrations are aimed at showing support for his political reforms.

Students said they decided to march today after Shanghai officials failed to reply to a request by the university's Graduate Student Committee for a meeting.

The students did not arrive at City Hall later, and protesters returning to the campus said they were turned back by police.

Later, at People's Square, about 3,000 people clustered around small groups of students with banners from Shanghai Teachers College and the Science and Technology University.

"In our hearts, we support the students," said a worker in the crowds. "The workers in my factory have spread the news of the protests among themselves but our factory officials are scared to death."

The man, who would not give his name, said workers were told not to join the protests and that most were afraid to, but "we want democracy too — we want to be able to elect our factory leaders and we are concerned about rising prices."

The pro-democracy rallies in Shanghai began Friday with a spontaneous demonstration by tens of thousands of students and continued over the weekend, but appeared to be waning Monday. Smaller student rallies have been held in other cities, including Kunming and Hefei, in recent weeks.

Shanghai authorities late Monday warned that further public disruptions would not be tolerated and that police approval would be needed for future gatherings.

Students today said three student leaders went to police Monday night requesting permission to demonstrate, but their request was turned down.

The Xinmin Evening News quoted Mayor Jiang Zemin as saying at a meeting this morning that law enforcement efforts must be strengthened, but he did not mention the students.

The newspaper also quoted some students as saying "bad people" posing as students joined the demonstrations.

Students today distributed mimeographed handouts denying a report in official Shanghai newspapers Monday that students beat 31 police and stormed the city government offices during the demonstrations.

Students have alleged that about 200 student protesters were arrested by police Friday. They said today some students apparently still were missing, but it was not clear how many and there was no indication of their whereabouts. Officials have denied any students were arrested.

According to an unconfirmed report, three or four police beat a student during a demonstration Friday, saying, "I'll give you freedom."

Hall hustled out of news conference

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Guards yanked American Sam Nesley Hall from his chair and hustled him out of a news conference when he claimed that he sneaked onto two Nicaraguan military bases the night before his capture.

Security agents arrested Hall, 49, on Dec. 12 in a restricted area near Punta Huete air force base, 13 miles northeast of Managua. President Daniel Ortega has accused him of spotting military targets for possible aerial bombardment by the United States.

Hall said Monday that he was spying in Nicaragua for three men code-named "Tinker," "Evers" and "Chance" — the name of a famous double-play combination for the Chicago Cubs baseball team in the early 1900s.

Hall claimed "Tinker" was based in Washington, "Evers" was based in England, and "Chance" was based in Miami, but that he did not know their actual identities.

"There was information that needed confirmation, that on one of the large bases here there were Cuban crews assembling Soviet helicopters," Hall said. "I was also to see what new construction was under way, such as fuel storage tanks."

Hall, who is from Dayton, Ohio, spoke at a news conference arranged by the Interior Ministry. He wore gold-rimmed glasses, was dressed in a blue polo shirt, beige slacks and brown loafers and spoke calmly.

But Ortega has suggested Hall, the



Sam Nesley Hall, accused of espionage by the Nicaraguan government, speaks at a news conference Monday in Managua, Nicaragua.

AP Laserphoto

"I have no idea." But he denied he was knowingly working for the U.S. government, and said he was willing to take "truth serum" or a lie detector test to prove it.

"I am not working for the U.S. government that I know of, and I can honestly say it," Hall said. He claimed he was picked up for the Nicaragua job on Dec. 8 and was paid \$12,500 but refused to elaborate.

About 25 minutes into the news conference, two state security agents abruptly yanked Hall out when he claimed he penetrated two military bases the night before his arrest.

"I understand if I do not say anything about the first night it would be better for me. The first night I penetrated two bases..." Hall started to say before the security men hustled him away.

Questioned by reporters, Interior Ministry spokeswoman Capt. Nelba Blandon refused to say why Hall was silenced, claiming only that Hall said nothing new. She claimed that two bases have been mentioned in an Interior Ministry statement, but the ministry's statements so far have only mentioned Punta Huete, near which Hall was arrested.

An Interior Ministry official, Capt. Oscar Loza, showed reporters photographs of a pair of binoculars and a Kodak instant camera he claimed Hall was carrying when he was arrested, along with handmade maps and sketches the American allegedly had stuffed in one sock.

brother of U.S. Rep. Tony Hall, an Ohio Democrat, is mentally unbalanced.

The New York Times today quoted Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who visited Hall in jail last week, as saying there was "a lot of eye-rolling" among Sandinistas familiar with Hall's case. "It sounds like a guy who read a classified ad in Soldier of Fortune magazine," Dodd was quoted as saying.

Ortega says Hall, who has not yet been formally charged, will be tried before a People's Tribunal, a revolutionary court.

New law will restrict workers, de la Madrid says

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The new U.S. immigration law can be expected to reduce the flow of Mexican workers to the United States, President Miguel de la Madrid said in an interview published Monday.

He also characterized U.S.-Mexican relations as showing goodwill and cooperation despite "advantages and disadvantages" to living next to the world's most powerful nation.

"However, in these four years goodwill on the part of both governments has prevailed to broaden cooperation and resolution of conflicts," de la Madrid said in the end-of-the-year interview with the government newspaper El Nacional.

He said differences have not "affected the friendly climate that characterizes our coexistence with

the United States. My personal relations with President Reagan are fluid and cordial."

Asked specifically about U.S.-Mexican cooperation in the war against the international drug trade, de la Madrid said it was good.

"I cannot deny that in the matter of drug trafficking we have found misunderstanding and lack of information among lower (U.S.) administrative officials and, at times, in members of Congress. They also have their faults, as we have ours," he said.

There have been repeated allegations in Washington that Mexico is not doing enough to combat the drug trade and that entrenched corruption helps the illegal traffic flourish.

"We have recognized that drug trafficking is a crime of international scope and that fighting it is an affair that not only applies to Mexico and the United States, but also to many other countries, with which we maintain close and permanent contact," the president said.

De la Madrid, who has completed four years of his six-year term, said it is difficult to predict the effects of the new U.S. immigration law.

"Probably the greatest effect of the law will not be caused by massive deportations of workers to Mexico, at least at levels significantly higher than the present," he said.

"What can be expected is a reduction in the flow of migration toward the United States. This can be a serious element in the development of

Mexico, since this factor has served as a mechanism of adjustment in regard to unemployment.

"This forces us to better organize our economy to generate more jobs," de la Madrid said.

Alan C. Nelson, commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, said at a news conference in Mexico City on Friday that employer sanctions and legalization of aliens will be phased in gradually under the new law and Mexico need not fear a flood of returning workers.

De la Madrid said that increasing awareness in both countries about the differences in politics, development and culture would be a good "point of departure" for improving relations.

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Former clown 'just getting by' making colorful pinatas

By JENNIFER DIXON

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — In a small storefront where doves coo and traffic whizzes by, Antonio Diaz relies on the heat of a gas stove to cure his pinatas and keep his menagerie warm as he mixes paste, shreds tissue paper and ekes out a living.

"In Mexico, I lived well with the pinata. I had a real good living. Here, I want to do the same. But I'm just starting. I'm just getting by," says Diaz, who turned to hand-crafting pi-

natas when he couldn't get enough work on the Texas side of the border as a Spanish-speaking clown.

"I have a lot of years of being a clown and I grew attached to children," he says. "Pinatas are happy. They make children happy. I like to see children happy. They go to a party and see a pinata and all the colors, and they know there's candy, and I feel really good about that."

"And I'm happy because I have a living," he says as he bustles around the dimly lit room with the uneven

wood floor. He points to pinatas shaped as stars and boats, cakes and clowns and Christmas ornaments.

Feathered tissue paper hanging from his creations brushes Diaz's hair as he walks beneath the 70 pinatas dangling from the ceiling of what was once a grocery store, as he talks, in Spanish, of his work.

"I can make this and this and this and this and this," he says, pointing to pictures of cartoon and nursery rhyme characters pasted to a wall. "I can make bears and Mickey Mouse,

dogs and chickens and Cabbage Patch pinatas."

"Elephants, donkeys, giraffes, I'll get it done. Whatever they want, I'll get it done," says Diaz, who charges from \$5 for a small pinata to \$20 or \$30 for larger ones.

In a back room, where a single burner of his gas stove warms the air on a rainy day in the Rio Grande Valley, hangs a Humpty Dumpty pinata, custom-made for a small boy. It still needs time to cure.

Along with the artificial animals

are some live ones that keep Diaz company during his solitary days. A pair of doves are caged on a shelf and a white rabbit named Blass sleeps on the floor.

The 57-year-old craftsman uses the doves and Blass when he's called out as a clown.

"There are months when I don't sell a single pinata," he says. He hopes for a large clientele and earnings enough that he doesn't have to ask the government for food stamps. Diaz says he learned in Mexico

City — not Nuevo Laredo or Reynosa — how to craft a pinata from newspapers and cardboard, flour and water, tissue paper and hoops of bamboo.

He's proud of learning his trade in the city of his birth and not along the border because he says the people of Mexico City have more experience making pinatas.

Not that anyone taught Diaz how it was done, he says. He watched and he copied and he draws his shapes freehand.

Small dog finds big place in owners' hearts

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Each day for 10 years, 78-year-old Joe Langer has crossed the street to the home of 97-year-old Althea McLendon to deliver a scruffy little part-Yorkshire terrier that both of them love.

"He's a dog with two homes," Langer said.

Langer and Ms. McLendon have shared Pee-Wee ever since he appeared in the neighborhood, bereft of his original owners and lonely. The shy, quiet dog has brought company and affection into both their lives, they said.

At first, Ms. McLendon and Langer watched the stray, brown and black dog for several days as he approached cars from the corner of Ms. McLendon's yard.

"He went to every car that slowed down. He was hunting his master," Ms. McLendon recalled.

Gradually, they each began to feed and protect the dog.

One day, according to Ms. McLendon, the dogcatcher stopped and asked if the dog belonged to her. "I said no, but what could I do for him to be mine?"

Langer followed the dogcatcher's instructions and obtained a dogtag, shots and paid a fee. The pair named the dog Pee-Wee.

Discussion about who got Pee-Wee during the day or night never surfaced, Ms. McLendon said. It was understood that since Ms. McLendon had a fenced yard, Pee-Wee would spend his days where he could safely run outdoors.

Each morning, about 8:30, Pee-Wee dances in front of Langer's door, anxious to visit Ms. McLendon. Langer attaches a collar and leash and delivers the tiny dog to its other master.

"I love his company — he's more company than anything," Ms. McLendon said.

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Shiite Moslems pledge to release Frenchman

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Shiite Moslems claiming to hold two Frenchmen hostage today pledged to release one soon as a Christmas gesture, and urged France to stop sending military supplies to Iraq.

The Revolutionary Justice Organization made the promise in a statement delivered to Beirut's independent newspaper An-Nahar and the leftist As-Safir newspaper.

It was accompanied by pictures of two French television crewmen kidnapped March 8: soundman Aurel Cornea, 54, and lighting engineer Jean-Louis Normandin, 34, both of whom worked for France's Antenne 2 television network.

The pictures showed Cornea wearing glasses and pajamas and Normandin in a dark jogging suit with the word "soccer" across the chest. Both hostages had thick beards.

They are the only Frenchmen still held by the group, which is believed made up of Shiite Moslem zealots loyal to Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The statement did not say which of the hostages would be freed, and made no reference to two Americans it claims to hold: Joseph James Cicippio and Edward Austin Tracy.

"On the occasion of Christmas, we declare we shall soon free one of the French hostages and hope that the French would undertake what would encourage to free the rest and resolve the root of the conflict," the statement said. "Otherwise the coming days will determine what will happen."

It said the decision to release a French hostage came in response to Iranian, Syrian and Algerian mediation, but did not elaborate.

In Paris, the French Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying only, "The government is in constant contact with those who can play a role in the release of our hostages. In their interest, it (the ministry) doesn't have any other comment to make."

An-Nahar said the statement and the two pictures were delivered to the newspaper's offices in Moslem west Beirut at about 1:15 a.m.

The statement said the "French have begun serious steps toward a solution" of the hostages' issue and added, "We urge them to advance more. Do not be afraid of America or Israel."

French Premier Jacques Chirac recently has moved to resolve long-standing disputes with Iran, including repayment of a 1974 loan the deposed Shah made to France in 1974. France has insisted that the negotiations are separate from the hostage issue and has continued to supply arms to Iraq, which has been at war with Iran for 6½ years.

"We have asked all mediators to make the French understand that we want a cessation of support for (Iraqi President) Saddam (Hussein)," the statement said.

The group previously has not demanded an end to the French arms sales, but has condemned them and France's Middle East policy.

"The issue of French and American hostages is not as far as we are concerned a central axis of our policies, plans and activities. But it is actually a method to tame and subdue some governments," the statement said.

"What is required is to make use of this opportunity and resolve this issue peacefully. We are willing to quickly free the rest to transit either to peace or war," it said.

Cornea and Normandin were kidnapped along with two colleagues, Philippe Rochot, 39, and Georges Hansen, 45. The Revolutionary Justice Organization freed Rochot and Hansen on June 20, citing "a change in France's Middle East policies."

On Nov. 10, it released Frenchmen Marcel Coudari, seized in February, and Camille Sontag, seized in May.

Islamic Jihad, also believed to be a group of Shiite Moslems loyal to Iran, has said it kidnapped four other Frenchmen who remain missing in Lebanon.

They are Marcel Carton, 62, the French Embassy vice consul in Beirut; Marcel Fontaine, 45, an embassy protocol officer; Jean-Paul Kauffmann, 43, a journalist; and Michel Seurat, 38, an academic researcher.



Pope John Paul II, seated in background at right, speaks during his traditional year-end address to the Rome-based Cardinals in the Clementine Hall at the Vatican Monday.

Day of peace should be model for cooperation

New York Times News Service

ROME — Pope John Paul II said Monday that the day of prayer for peace at Assisi two months ago should serve as a model for interfaith cooperation and ecumenical initiatives.

He said the day of prayer "seems to have been the religious event that was most closely followed by the world this year."

Representatives of most of the world's major religions joined the pope in the Italian hill town on Oct. 27 to pray for peace, while many guerrilla groups and nations in conflict heeded John Paul's plea for a 24-hour truce.

In his annual Christmas message to the cardinals in Rome and Vatican officials, the pope said Monday, "The event at Assisi can be considered as a visible illustration, a lesson of facts, a catechism intelligible to all, of what the ecumenical commitment and the commitment for inter-religious dialogue presuppose and signify."

Participants at the Assisi day of prayer were divided into 12 religious groups, and each held separate services. Vatican officials repeatedly stated that people of different religions were "coming together to pray" at Assisi but not "praying together."

The pope's Christmas speech to Vatican officials is traditionally a year-end "state of the church" message, but Monday John Paul dedicated virtually the entire address to the Assisi event, another indication that he considers it one of the major accomplishments of his pontificate.

Argentinean bill limiting prosecutions likely to pass

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — A bill that would set deadlines for prosecuting military and police officials accused of atrocities during the armed forces' anti-leftist campaign of the 1970s headed today toward final legislative approval.

The measure, proposed by President Raul Alfonsín and bitterly opposed by human rights groups and the political left, was approved by a 25-10 vote in the Senate on Monday night after eight hours of debate.

Passage in the 254-seat House appeared assured with Alfonsín's center-left Radical Civic Union enjoying a majority of 129 seats. Debate was scheduled to begin today.

Under the bill, all military and police officials not formally indicted within 60 days of its passage would be exempt from prosecution on torture, murder or other charges stemming from the 1976-83 "dirty war" against leftists conducted by successive military juntas.

It also sets a 30-day deadline for filing new complaints related to the repression.

At least 9,000 people disappeared during the military's campaign to wipe out leftist subversion, according to a government investigatory commission. Some human rights groups put the total as high as 30,000.

Today's debate comes one day after the young, democratic government of neighboring Uruguay approved an amnesty for most armed forces and police officials accused of human rights violations under a rightist military regime from 1973 to 1985.

Passage of the controversial amnesty, supported by President Julio Sanguinetti, followed an all-night debate marred by fistfighting among lawmakers and violent street demonstrations by leftist opponents.

Alfonsín, whose 3-year-old government has overseen the trial and conviction of several former military rulers, has said his bill is needed to lift "a kind of interminable suspicion" from the armed forces and allow them to participate fully in the country's democratic reconstruction.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Botha defends raids into Swaziland for guerrillas

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Foreign Minister R.F. Botha defended South African raids into neighboring Swaziland in search of alleged guerrillas and said his government would send security forces there again if necessary.

Botha met Monday with Prime Minister Sodja Dlamini of Swaziland in the Swazi capital of Mbanane to discuss the raids this month.

The raiders reportedly killed two people and abducted four, two Swazis and a Swiss couple. The Swiss have been released. Both Switzerland and Swaziland protested the operation.

"Actions took place by our security forces through which people dangerous to the country, who were personally responsible for the killing of South Africans, and who planned diabolical plans for the rest of the holidays — they were taken," Botha told South African television after his return from Swaziland.

Bases must close, rebel says

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A negotiator for Communist rebels said today as new peace talks began that U.S. bases in the country must be closed but that the timetable is negotiable. He criticized the government for rejecting rebel demands before the talks.

Antonio Zumel, spokesman for the

Communist-dominated National Democratic Front, spoke to reporters before entering a closed-door negotiating session at the State Accounting Office on the outskirts of Manila.

The last round of talks concluded with signing of a 60-day cease-fire that took effect Dec. 10.

Zumel, who wore a red T-shirt, said that as a negotiator he must be optimistic, "otherwise it defeats the entire idea of coming to the negotiating table."

100 civilians killed, Iran says

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iraqi fighter-bombers killed at least 100 civilians and injured scores more in air raids Monday on the western Iranian town of Islamabad-e Gharb, Iran's official news agency reported.

The Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the Iraqi planes struck as Iranian artillery pounded Iraqi towns in retaliation for air raids Sunday that killed 103 civilians in the city of Bakhtaran, which is near Islamabad-e Gharb.

Baghdad Radio, quoting a military statement, said Iranian artillery fire hit Basra, Iraq's war-battered second-largest city, and other southern border towns, killing at least one civilian and wounding 20.

The Baghdad statement said "waves of Iraqi jets" bombed military bases and bridges in southern and western Iran on Monday, but denied that civilian targets in Islamabad-e Gharb were hit.

Faithful flocks face confusion over site of shepherds' fields

SHEPHERDS FIELDS, Occupied West Bank (AP) — In the pebble-strewn fields around Bethlehem, rival churches lay claim to three different plots where they say angels first told shepherds of Jesus' birth.

The Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Protestant churches point to separate lots, each an acre in size, as the shepherds' fields of the Bible.

On the main street of the nearby town of Beit Sahour, where a Pales-

tinian was shot Monday after he threw a bottle bomb at a passing bus, a brightly colored banner beckons "Welcome to the Shepherds Field." A sign points pilgrims in three different directions.

"There's no likelihood that any of them is correct," said the Rev. Jerry Murphy-O'Connor, an archaeologist at the Roman Catholic Ecole Biblique in East Jerusalem. "You often find sites being invented."

The Greek Orthodox and the Catholic sites contain ruins of 4th and 5th century Byzantine churches on which the two denominations base their claims.

The Protestant plot, which was designated in the 1940s during the British mandate rule of Palestine, makes no historical claim at all and houses the local YMCA.

Two early chroniclers from the Byzantine period, Egeria and Arculf,

described the shepherds' field in 384 A.D., saying it had a cave with an altar and a church called "At the Shepherds."

"The Greek Orthodox field corresponds best to these earliest texts," Murphy-O'Connor said in an interview. "But of course it's unlikely the tradition has any historical value. All we know about the real site is what was written in the Gospels and that's basically nothing."

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Landmark has Waco motorists going in circles

By KEN HERMAN

WACO (AP) — About the only help you get in navigating the Waco traffic circle is a sign system that includes more arrows than Custer saw at Little Big Horn.

Mixed in with the arrows at the dangerous and endangered circle is a series of directional signs that look like out-of-town basketball scores.

"Dallas 89, Fort Worth 88, Cameron 50, Hillsboro 35."

The circle is a tangled intersection that feeds on traffic from five roads, including U.S. Highways 77 and 81 and a street that leads to State Highway 6. Interstate 35 is nearby.

The only thing more nerve-racking than driving through the circle is walking through its broad roadways. Enough, say state highway department officials. They want to turn the circle into a "channelized" intersection with traffic lights.

"We quit building those things 20 years ago or more. It's not a viable design," Allen Wilson, the department's supervising design engineer in Waco, said of traffic circles.

It's the battle of the Waco traffic circle, round three. The circle survived two previous attempts to redesign it into oblivion.

The highway department's plan is, for now, on hold pending a public hearing. No date for the hearing has been set.

Some locals love the landmark circle like a town loves a losing football team. They may be losers, but they're our losers.

"YEAH, YOU hear tires screech and horns blow, but you hardly see any accidents. I've seen people go around it three times and not know how to get off of it. I've seen someone go around it backwards," said Sammy Citrano, who recently refurbished the old Elite Cafe on the circle and built an entire advertising campaign around the circle.

"I survived the circle," say the T-shirts, stickers and other Elite Cafe paraphernalia.

"It's got kind of a historic attachment, and I kind of like traffic circles," said Waco Mayor Lanelle McNamara. "Absent some really major change in the highway, I think it's an efficient way of having an intersection of that nature."

There are some changes in the works. U.S. 77 is being widened and the highway department's talk of replacing the circle is keyed to that work.

"The problem with the circle is after you get a certain amount of traf-

fic in it, you get so much weaving and maneuvering that they become a safety hazard. You can more efficiently regulate the flow of traffic through an intersection, rather than having everyone go in a circle," said Bill Rogers, the highway department's assistance chief engineer for highway design in Austin.

But not everyone goes in a circle around the circle. The paths describe most every shape known to man. It is an adventure complicated by the fact that the round island that forms the circle rises to a height of about 15 feet, making it impossible to see what you're getting into.

"SOMETIMES I don't think you want to," said Richard Cunningham, owner of Circle Lumber.

"People going fast through the circle live around this area. People that are going slow, they are from out of town," said Yousuf Langda, owner of Circle Gulf and Circle Liquor.

"Every once in a while you see one going around the wrong way. It's usually one of these snowbirds going south, pulling a trailer," said Cunningham.

"I used to work for the local ambulance service. We came out here maybe once or twice a month," said John Fornal, who works at Circle Self-Storage.

Nevertheless, Langda, Cunningham and Fornal say the circle is salvageable. Minor changes, such as the addition of traffic lights, would help, they say.

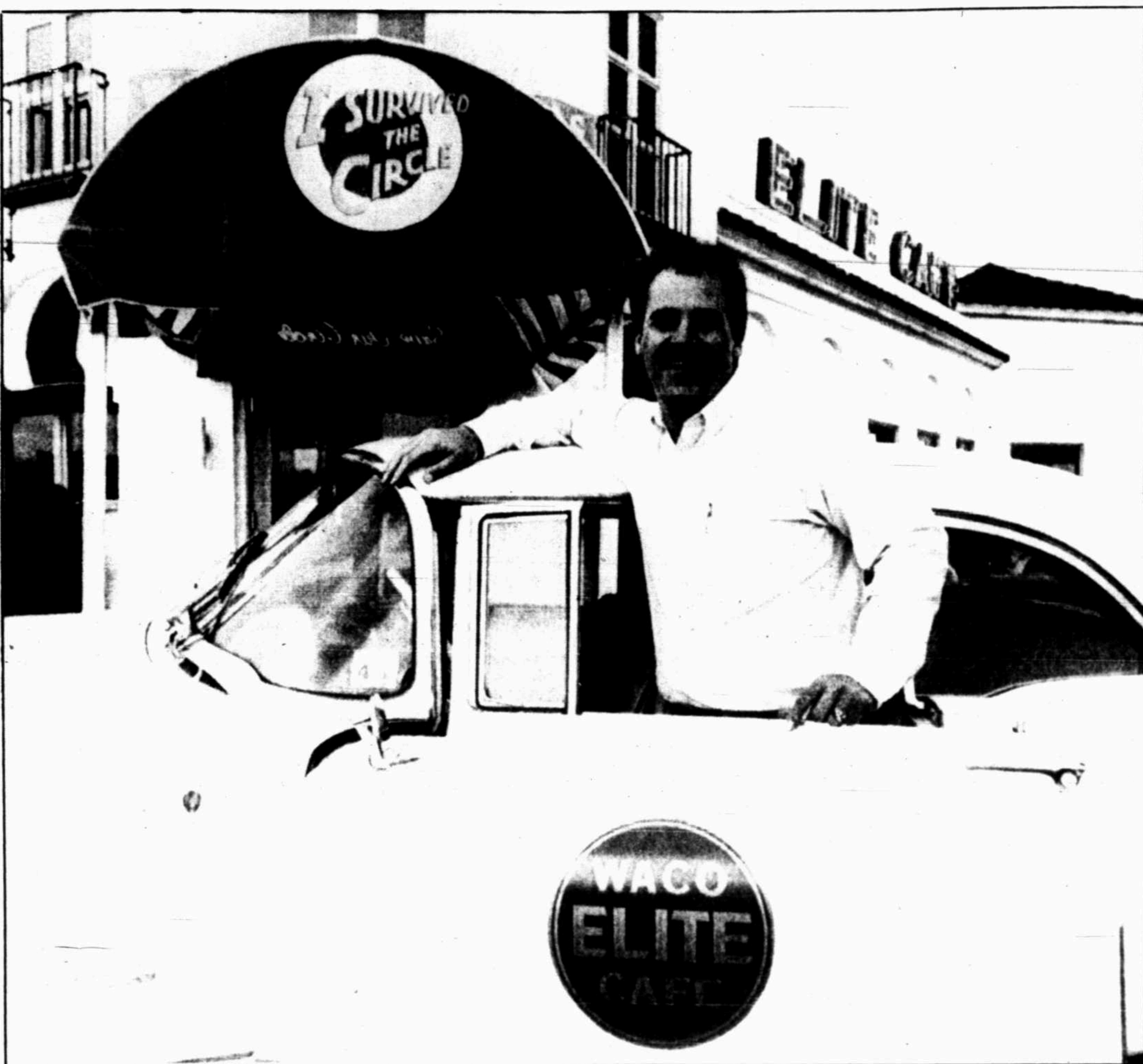
Bill Huckabee, who watches the traffic go 'round from his desk at Aero Bilt portable buildings' lot on the circle, said the signs now in place are not much help to bewildered drivers.

"They've got a yield here. But there's no yield over there. There's one yield over there going into that other road, but there's no yield going around this way," he said, arms waving and fingers pointing.

There are two yield signs, no stop signs and no traffic lights on the circle.

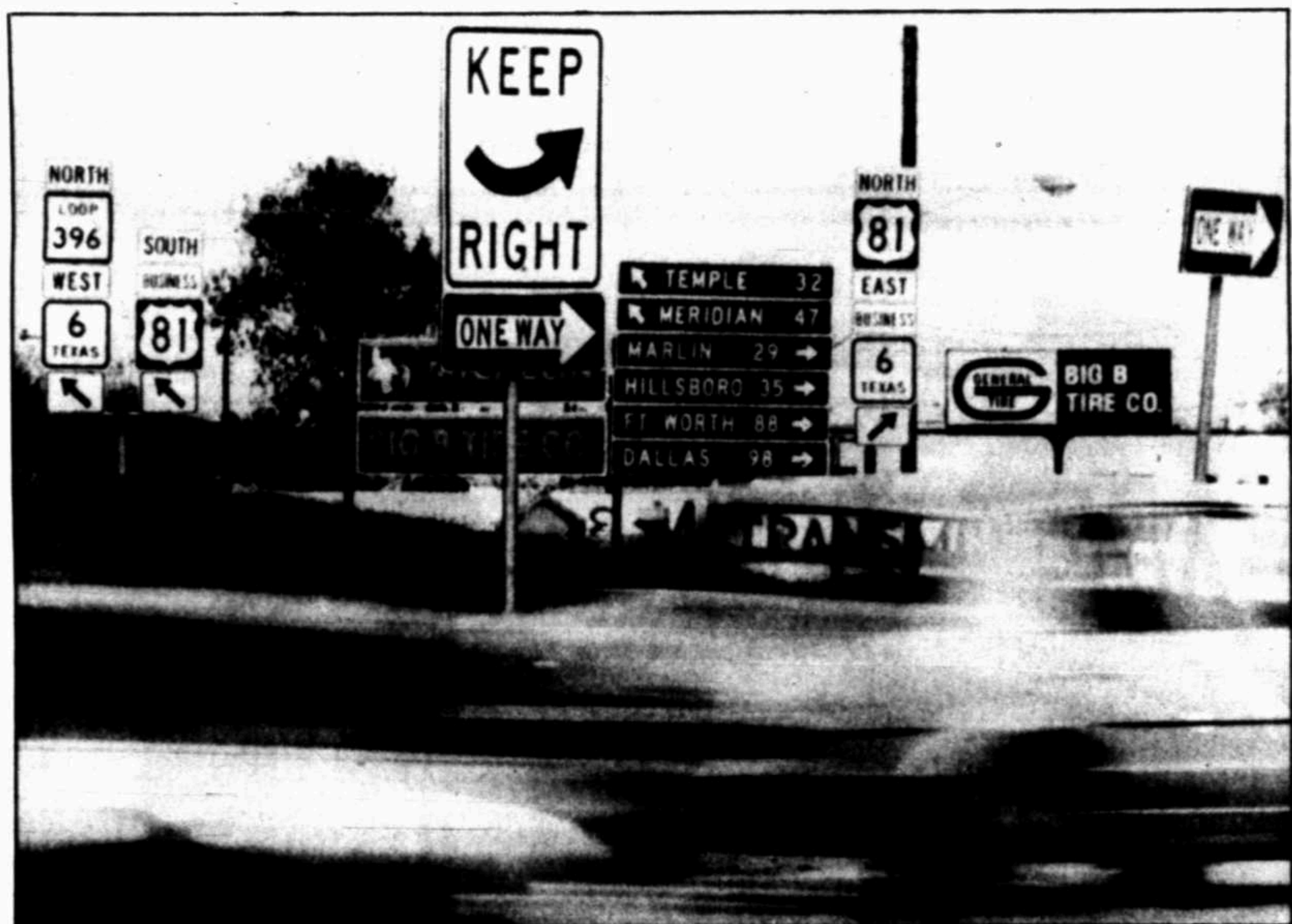
"I've been sitting here looking out this window for about 2½ years. It's worth the price of admission," Huckabee said. "All the old-timers call it, 'Let's go out to the circle and play chicken.'"

HIGHWAY department engineer Billy Perry said he is "always apprehensive" when he takes a spin through the circle. He said a majority of Waco drivers would like to see the circle, which was built in the 1930s, replaced.



Sammy Citrano stands next to the 1956 Cadillac he leaves parked in front of the Elite Cafe in Waco. Citrano, the restaurant's managing partner, has built an entire advertising campaign

around his location on the Waco traffic circle. He is among those trying to "save the circle."



An aerial view of Waco's traffic circle, above, shows the five routes which converge at the intersection. At left, one-way signs and highway markers guide motorists around the circle.

'The one with the most nerve gets the right of way'

WACO (AP) — There are a variety of opinions on how to survive the Waco traffic circle. Here is a sampling:

Waco Mayor Lanelle McNamara: "When you drive the circle, you actually drive in a circle. You do not

try to cut the circle short. You drive around the perimeter. You only need to look for cars entering to your right.

"You gradually move around the circle until you get to your street and you exit at that point. It's really no different exiting the circle than

exiting an interstate. You have to plan in advance. And, at least you can keep going around and you haven't missed your exit."

Sammy Citrano, managing partner of the Elite Cafe on the circle: "You don't go into it daydreaming.

You look all around. Everybody else is looking all around. Just yield the car on the inside."

Allen Wilson, supervising design engineer for the state highway department's Waco district office —

"The one with the most nerve gets the right of way."

Bill Huckabee, who, from his office window, watches the traffic go round and round: "Close your eyes and go as fast as you can and get on around there."

Billy Perry, district administrative engineer for the highway department: "It's confusing as to who has the right of way. It's confusing to those entering the circle. It's confusing to the element that has control of traffic safety, like the police department."

'Johnson Treatment' judicious blend of 'curses and cajolery'



The late President Lyndon Johnson, left, is shown signing the bill creating Medicare in this 1965 file photo provided by the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin. The bill fulfilled a goal of former President Harry Truman, right, as from left, Lady Bird Johnson, Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Bess Truman look on.

Associated Press

Nobody could grasp a lapel or peer into an adversary's eyes quite like Lyndon Baines Johnson did. No one who witnessed his influence on American politics could forget him either.

Johnson's friends and enemies alike acknowledged that his remarkable power was comprised of legislative genius and sheer badgering.

The "Johnson Treatment," as controversial biographer Robert Caro calls it, blended "threats and pleading," "curses and cajolery." This formula powered his steady rise to national office.

Hints of Johnson's potential surfaced in 1935 when, at 26, he became state director of the National Youth Administration, a Depression-era work program. His early success in this Texas post attracted notice from national leaders, historian Joe Frantz says.

Aligning his platform with President Franklin Roosevelt's agenda in 1937, Johnson ran for Congress and won. He continued to serve in the House through the war years, then won a Senate seat in 1948.

Johnson moved into the posts of minority whip in 1951 and majority leader in 1954, the youngest person ever to hold either Senate position.

He worked behind the scenes to undermine Sen. Joseph McCarthy's campaign against liberals and communists.

Then, in 1957, Johnson shepherded the first civil rights bill in nearly a century through the Senate, proving his statesmanship amid partisan conflict. He insisted that if a civil rights bill was not passed then, Congress would take years to address the overdue issue again.

The next year, seeing the Russians' lead in space exploration, Johnson engineered the creation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration under civilian control, and a select committee on space helped promote and accelerate space exploration.

Texas benefited directly from Johnson's leadership in the space program when Houston became the site for NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Johnson first worked with John F. Kennedy when the young Massachusetts senator made a bid for the vice presidential slot at the Democratic convention of 1960. They were Senate colleagues in the late '50s, then Kennedy chose Johnson as his running mate in the 1960 election.

They won, partly because of Johnson's support from Southern states.

Vice President Johnson chaired the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, a post that Johnson took seriously, Frantz says.

Under Johnson's leadership, the committee helped to curb racial discrimination in the hiring practices of government agencies and contractors.

When Johnson became president after Kennedy's murder in 1963, he calmed the nation in a time of fright and grief, and then began a program that produced 88 pieces of major legislation designed to improve Americans' quality of life.

Although better known for his domestic achievements, Johnson did help establish the Inter-American Development Bank, the Chamizal Convention — ending a century-old dispute with Mexico — and arms control agreements.

At home, he promoted water and air pollution controls and creation of new national recreation areas and parks, including the Guadalupe Mountains and Padre Island in Texas.

Continuing his interest in civil rights, Johnson pushed through the Voting Rights Act of 1964, then later, the Fair Housing Act. He also sponsored truth-in-lending and packag-

ing reforms, to aid consumers. Under his administration, Congress set up more flexible interest rates and allocated aid to small businesses.

Johnson came to be called "the Education President," notably for the elementary education aid, school breakfast programs and guaranteed student loans that enabled thousands of Americans to afford college — all legislation that he sponsored.

He was equally attentive to older citizens, initiating the Medicare program and requesting major funds for urban mass transit. Under his presidency, new cabinet posts were established for transportation and for housing and urban development.

To enrich the nation's cultural life, Johnson helped initiate an arts and humanities foundation and the public broadcasting system. He was instrumental in establishing the Kennedy Cultural Center in Washington, D.C.

While he is remembered for broad legislative programs, Johnson's decisions to intensify American intervention in Vietnam stirred dissent in the U.S.

Some Americans felt Communist involvement in Vietnam justified U.S. intervention, but many others questioned U.S. military presence in Southeast Asia.

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Moscow

WASHINGTON (AP) — A counter-attack by Iran, according to a report, have exaggerated the Islamic nation's power.

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In a recently published American officials have posed by Moscow an ability to respond to

"If the United States use warning and deployment ground combat overland advance against the," Epstein wrote, published by the Brookings Institution.

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For Rutan, flying is his life, hobby

MOJAVE, Calif. (AP) — Dick Rutan's boyhood dreams of flight turned him into a fighter pilot who earned a chestful of medals over Vietnam and a record-breaking aviator whose obsession was to fly Voyager around the world without refueling.

"Flying is his life and hobby also," Voyager team spokesman Larry Cansler said. "There are pilots who don't even care about it. And there are some guys who live and breathe it. Dick is one of those guys."

The 48-year-old aviator and co-pilot Jeana L. Yeager, 34, took Voyager on a flight that spanned continents and oceans.

Rutan and his aircraft designer brother, Burt, grew up in Oregon and California. Their dreams of flying were encouraged by their mother, Irene, and dentist father, George.

When Dick was 4, he "was building airports in the orchard for planes to come in and land," Mrs. Rutan recently recalled.

During high school, "I used to go to air shows and stand looking at the fighter pilots," Dick Rutan has said. "I thought they were just supermen."

He took flying lessons and made solo flights before obtaining his driver's license.

During 1967 and 1968, Rutan flew 325 Vietnam combat missions in F-100 Super Sabre fighters, including 105 flights over North Vietnam. On his last combat mission in September 1968, his jet was shot down by North Vietnamese ground fire. Rutan bailed out over the South China Sea and was rescued by friendly forces.

"The ground-to-air missile in Vietnam hit the rear of his plane," Cansler said. "He looked back and saw nothing there but flames, but didn't want to bail out over North Vietnam. So he rode that airplane for about 14 minutes in flames, then he punched out. He said he went out in a blaze of glory."

In April 1978, he retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel after a 20-year tour in which he won the Silver Star, the Purple Heart, five Distinguished Flying Crosses and 16 Air Medals.

Rutan went to work as production manager and chief experimental flight-test pilot for his brother's Rutan Aircraft Factory in Mojave.

As a stunt pilot, he met Yeager during a 1980 air show in Chino, Calif. She soon joined him in Mojave, where they now live.

The idea of Voyager's epic flight was born over lunch the next year. In March 1981, Dick Rutan and Yeager co-founded Voyager Aircraft Inc.

Rutan has said that the idea of flying Voyager around the world without refueling "is just so exciting you couldn't walk away from it. It just became a total obsession."

Asked why he wanted to attempt the history-making flight, Rutan once said, "It's kind of like the Academy Award — it's the ultimate goal."

Moscow's military threat to Iran overstated, exaggerated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union would encounter awesome problems if it attempted to invade Iran, according to an expert who thinks U.S. officials have exaggerated the threat Moscow poses to the Islamic nation.

Iran "just presents terrible problems for an invader...forbidding terrain, long distances from the USSR to the (Persian) Gulf and a limited and vulnerable transportation system," Joshua M. Epstein said on Monday. In a recently published book, Epstein argued that American officials have overstated the military threat posed by Moscow and understated the U.S. military's ability to respond successfully to any such invasion.

"If the United States can demonstrate the capacity to use warning and deploy forces in a timely way, a five-division ground complement should make a purely overland advance appear exceedingly risky to the Soviets," Epstein wrote in "Strategy & Force Planning," published by the Brookings Institution, a liberal-orient-

ed think tank.

In assessing the Soviet might, Epstein said he thinks U.S. officials used flawed analyses, based primarily on "they're near and we're far" kind of logic.

Additionally, he said some advocates of a defense build-up might be inclined to overstate the Soviet threat to bolster their argument for more money.

While Epstein said the United States should prepare for a worst-case scenario, he added that the administration has often projected a "a worse than worst-case" scenario.

Moreover, the United States has the capability to counter a Soviet attack, he said. The Soviets occupied northern Iran during World War II, and only withdrew their forces in 1946, a year after the German defeat, under heavy U.S. pressure.

"The invasion of Iran would be an exceedingly low-confidence affair for the Soviets — a fact that I believe they have known for roughly 40 years," Epstein wrote

in "Strategy and Force Planning — The Case of the Persian Gulf."

"Indeed, it can be argued that they (the Soviets) now regard it as far less attractive even than their 1941 'Command Study' portrayed it as being," he said, referring to a Moscow military plan prepared 45 years ago.

Although the Soviets maintain substantial air and ground forces north of Iran and the two countries share a long border, Iran is surrounded by formidable mountains on the north and the south.

There are only about 12 rail or road links between the Soviet Union and Tehran, each of which must pass over a mountain range, Epstein said.

Should the Soviets attempt an aerial supply mission, they would find themselves outclassed by U.S. air power.

But President Reagan referred to the Soviet military threat in a Nov. 13 speech, saying, "Geography explains why the Soviet Union has sent an army into Afghani-

stan to dominate that country, and, if they could, Iran and Pakistan."

Other U.S. officials have said that fear of Soviet involvement in Iran was a major factor in the administration's diplomatic initiative toward Tehran, resulting, in mid-1985, in the first sale of American weapons to Iran since the fall of the shah.

While Epstein said there are grave risks in understating the Soviet threat, the opposite is also true. The perception that the Soviets possess a crushing military force might enhance their powers of diplomatic coercion, he said.

"By overdrawing the direct Soviet threat to Iran — or to any country — does the United States not aid the Soviets in their diplomacy of coercion?" Epstein asked.

Moscow and Tehran recently signed a trade pact, but the two countries have chilly relations and fundamental differences stemming from the Communist Party's atheism.

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