Jenni Banks, an Australian teacher here on an exchange program, says her one "mission" was to teach people that koalas are not bears, but "are marsupials just like the kangaroo."

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It was a busy year in Midland sports: Alysheba won the Kentucky Derby and Preakness; Lee the District 4-5A, bi-district and area football titles; MC finished second in the NJCAA national tournament.

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If at this time of the year people are supposed to be their happiest and friendliest, why are so many of them physically and emotionally drained and so stressed out?

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Six U.S. sailors injured in bombing

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — A lone assailant threw two hand grenades into a Christmas-trimmed USO club Saturday evening and wounded six U.S. Navy sailors on shore leave, one of them seriously, officials said.

The blasts shattered the windows in the United Services Organization club in this Mediterranean port city, sending glass shards flying into the street. A wreath hung from one blasted-out portal and a Christmas tree was visible inside.

"At this time, there is no knowledge of who was responsible for the action," said Lt. Cmdr. Chris Baumann, a Pentagon spokesman in Washington.

Baumann said initial reports indicated "a couple of shots were fired, then the explosion."

He said the attack was carried out with two "explosive devices" but said he did not know if they were grenades. Local officials quoted witnesses as saying someone threw two grenades in the club and fled.

Baumann said four of the injured sailors were being treated at local hospitals for minor wounds, one was hospitalized with serious injuries and one sailor was treated and returned to his ship.

The injured sailors came from the USS Donald B. Beary, a frigate; and the USS Thorn, a destroyer. Both ships are attached to the U.S. 6th Fleet and have been in Barcelona since Dec. 21, Baumann said.

Shore leave in Barcelona, Spain's second-largest city, was canceled for the sailors on the ships, who total about 600, he said.

Baumann said the names of the wounded men were not being released pending notification of their families.

But Juan Busquet, a regional government spokesman, identified five injured sailors.

He said Ronald Strong, and Andrew Wayne and Todd Ryngwelski were taken to Hospital del Mar and that Strong was in serious condition.

A spokesman at the hospital, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said one was badly wounded in the abdomen, another had an arm injury and the other was wounded in the foot.

A fourth serviceman, Daniel Powell, was taken to the Clinic Hospital, where he was in good condition with minor shrapnel wounds in the chest and buttocks, said Busquet.

A fifth man, identified by Busquet as Randy Corner, went first to his ship and later entered Hospital del Mar for treatment of minor injuries.

The government spokesman said the injured ranged in age from 20 to 25. Their hometowns were not immediately available.

Busquet said no group claimed responsiblity for the 6 p.m. attack and no one had been detained. He quoted witnesses as saying they saw one person throw the grenades into the club and flee on foot.

He said the USO club and the adjacent Iruna bar, which also is regularly frequented by U.S. servicemen whose ships are in port, form part of the ground floor of a four-story building.

Busquet said about 20 people, including at least 11 servicemen and six women, were in the USO club at the time of the blast.

On Oct. 14, a bomb exploded at the door of the U.S. Consulate in Barcelona and injured eight people, all Spaniards.

The Catalonian nationalist group Terra Lliure, which means Free Land in the Catalan language, claimed responsibility for the consulate attack.

Terra Lliure seeks independence from Spain for the northeastern four-province region of Catalonia.

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George Wolf/Reporter-Telegram

Wal-Mart Discount City employee Yvonne Gamboa Saturday helps customers who are returning Christmas gifts for exchanges or refunds.

Holiday sales up, merchants say

By RICK BROWN
Assistant City Editor

"Better than last Christmas" was the consistent word from Midland merchants on this year's Christmas sales totals Saturday, a day when hoards of shoppers traditionally pack stores for bargains, refunds and exchanges.

Several of the managers toted "double-digit" sales increases of more than 10 percent over 1986.

Denny Denton, manager of K-Mart, 340 N. Midland Drive, called the almost 15 percent increase calculated at his store "exciting" particularly because "a week in December is worth a month of ordinary sales."

At Mervyn's, 3001 W. Loop 250, men's department manager Nancy Springfield said totals for the store division that includes Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico also approached the 15 percent figure.

Many Midland Park Mall merchant increases ranged from 10 percent to a whopping 40 percent over last Christmas, mall Manager Shawna Gardner said.

"The mood of the retailers was very optimistic," she noted. "When you hear that, you know it's because they're having good sales."

Some merchants, like Wal-Mart Discount City's David Rushing, noted that good weather through the Christmas buying season helped retailers in most categories this year.

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Weather service forecasts record low of 9 degrees

By PATRICK CRIMMINS
Staff Writer

Midlanders were expected to face a bone-chilling morning low temperature Sunday that would near the 48-year-old record for the date, the National Weather Service said.

As area residents tried to thaw out after a band of precipitation left the area glazed with freezing rain and ice, skies cleared late Saturday and the temperature began falling.

Forecasters predicted the low Sunday would reach 9 degrees, which is the record low for the date, set in 1939.

The high Sunday was expected to reach only into the mid-30s, with wintry winds from the northwest 10-15 mph, the NWS said.

By late Saturday night, the Department of Public Safety reported no major accidents in the area, and smooth travel on Interstate 20 south of Midland.

"It is staying pretty quiet tonight," said a Midland DPS dispatcher who declined to give her name. "Now we are having more accidents than normal, just because of the weather. But nothing major. The intersate is pretty clear, but some of the overpasses aren't."

On Saturday, the DPS issued a statement asking that motorists stay at home if at all possible, because of the slushy roads which were expected to re-freeze overnight.

Peggy Miller, dispatcher with the Midland County Sheriff's office, said the remaining sheets of ice caused little problem during the day Saturday.

"It's nasty out there, but we haven't had anything major," Ms. Miller said. "But we've had a bunch of near misses, especially at (Farm to Market Road) 1788, near Air Terminal," she said, referring to an overpass near Interstate 20 where several vehicles reportedly skidded on the ice.

"The roads are pretty slushy now, and they are going to ice up again once the temperature starts falling," she said.

Only five accidents had been reported to Midland police by late Saturday, and none were serious, a police dispatcher said.

"It's been super quiet here, there isn't much of anything going on," the dispatcher said.

Midland Fire Department trucks and ambulances were able to respond to all calls late Saturday without any major delay, according to fire department dispatcher Christine Montgomery. The only reported problem was a frozen windshield wiper on one piece of equipment, she said.

In Odessa, no weather-related problems were reported, a dispatcher with the Ector County Sheriff's office said. Things were also quiet in Stanton, according to a Martin County Sheriff's office dispatcher.

Sanding crews from the state highway department were expected to be out overnight, Ms. Miller said.

Snow chains were installed on the tires of deputy's cars patrolling in rural areas, she said.

"Basically, it's going to take the deputies a while longer to get there, but at least they will be there in one piece."

Some residents took advantage of the dangerous, glossy roads. Just after 1 p.m. Saturday, a sheriff's deputy was dispatched to the intersection of County Road 96 East and CR 1120 S to check on a report of a four-wheel drive vehicle pulling an old tire — with children gleefully hanging on — along the ice.

The daredevils were gone when the deputy arrived, reports said.

Hart: Test will be whether he can get on primary ballots

By JERRY ESTILL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gary Hart said Saturday that a crucial and early test of the credibility of his renewed quest for the Democratic presidential nomination will be whether he can get on the ballot in early primary states.

"If there is some popular base of support for this candidacy in Illinois and elsewhere, that will make itself felt in our ability to qualify for the ballot," Hart said in a live interview on Cable News Network's "Newsmaker Saturday."

The former senator from Colorado, noted that Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas and some other states are relatively early and complicated in terms of achieving ballot status.

"We have...a lot of very complicated, technical barriers to overcome," he said. "I think one barometer, one test of the seriousness of this candidacy is whether we are able to do that...We don't know yet whether we will be able to do it."

That is not an issue in Iowa, a caucus state, or New Hampshire, where Hart qualified at the same time he made his surprise re-entry into the race earlier this month.

Since then, Hart has regained his status as the leader among the Democratic candidates in a number of polls.

"I can't think in any circumstance I would be the front-runner in any normal or traditional sense," he said. "If it is name recognition, I think it would have to be what you would call negative name recognition because most of the press or publicity I have gotten in the last six or seven months has, to say the least, not been favorable.

"If people are saying they intend to vote for me or they support my candidacy, it's in the teeth of six or seven months of probably the worst publicity anyone has gotten in a long time."

Jesse Jackson typically runs No. 2 behind Hart in most of the polls, but party leaders and many polling experts have questioned whether either candidate could actually win the nomination or be elected because large numbers of people express opposition to them.

"I understand the industry of politics in this country," said Hart. "It has to report on something and it has do the kind of calulation about who's ahead and who's behind. But in the final analysis — as we saw in '84 — very little of that matters. The voters have a way of making up their own minds."

Addressing his own high "negative" figures in the samepolls that show him leading the field, Hart said:

"I happen to believe that the preliminary indications of a negative attitude aren't necessarily a hard indication, and certainly not a traditional political judgment in any way. I think if my family and I, my wife and I, are able to take our case to the people, we'll find a lot of people changing their minds about what this campaign is all about."

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Bond issuance fees expense beyond principle

By STEVE LEVINE
Reporter-Telegram Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — If the past several years' experience holds true, Texas will pay almost $6 million for attorneys, consultants and other services when it issues the $1.4 billion in state bonds that voters approved in November.

Critics say the state could save thousands by requiring competitive bids for services that aren't as complex as the lawyers and consultants make them appear. The lawyers and consultants argue that the critics don't understand the valuable roles they play.

Like the closing costs that homebuyers pay when they close the deal on their mortgage, bond issuance fees are added expenses over and above the principle and interest of the loan.

The closing costs on a typical $70,000 mortgage may run up to $7,000, depending on the type of loan, adding as much as 10 percent to the cost of the deal. Bond issuance fees account for a much smaller percentage — 0.1 to 1 percent — of the principal. But because bonds involve the borrowing of millions of dollars, the fees run into the hundreds of thousands.

A recent survey of 21 bond sales conducted by six Texas state agencies revealed that fees added 0.421 percent — or $4.21 per $1,000 of bonds — to the expense of issuing the bonds. The state Treasury, which conducted the survey, also reported that the costs associated with tax-exempt bond sales across the country average about $8 per $1,000.

According to Treasurer Ann Richards' figures, a state agency issuing $100 million in bonds would pay an average $135,000 to attorneys, $100,000 to banks or other institutions that handle the payments, $75,000 to financial advisors that arrange the sale, $36,000 to print the bonds and the accompanying official papers, $25,000 to Wall Street ratings houses and about $50,000 for other services.

"Texas sort of falls in that median range on those costs," Ms.Richards says of the report. "In some cases, I think, we've been higher. In other cases we've been extraordinarily low...I was satisfied that we haven't been taken to the cleaners."

The need to issue bonds quickly, the issuer's experience in selling bonds, the complexity of the deal and the size of the issue all determine the cost involved. "The issuer of bonds may be able to exert (some) control over issuance costs, although industry practices determine a range of costs that have become standard for most bond issues," the Treasury report says.

The question of issuance costs has become more of a concern of late as the state moves away from its tradition of paying cash for construction projects and towards long-term financing with bonds. As of Sept. 1, state agencies and universities had amassed debt totalling more than $7.3 billion. Texas ranks 13th in the nation in total state-issued debt.

On Nov. 3, voters approved $600 million in bonds to build or renovate prisons, mental hospitals and youth correctional institutions; $400 million for water development projects; and $200 million to help attract the federal atom-smashing laboratory known as the superconducting supercollider.

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"It helped the amount of traffic," but tended to depress sales of cold-weather goods like winter coats and mufflers, he said.

"Hot" Christmas items — those that tended not to stay on shelves long — seemed to be a replay of previous years in many cases, the merchants agreed.

"Talking toys were extremely strong," said Rushing, adding that "GI Joe sales also were heavy this year."

Video game television add-ons also were strong sellers at Wal-Mart, he said.

Fragrances and clothing were the big sellers at Dunlap's, located at the intersection of Midkiff and Illinois streets, said store manager Ken Plotner.

Among newer fads that shoppers took to were compact disc players and "anything acid washed," said Ms. Gardner, referring to the denim dying process that gives jeans and jackets a faded look.

Electonics in general — especially telephones and answering machines — did very well, she said.

In addition to those items, shoppers seemed interested in buying "traditional" Christmas gifts, noted both Ms. Gardner and Denton.

"More basic toys" like battery-operated, cymbal-playing bears were particularly popular at the mall, Gardner said.

Because of icy roads and cold weather, Saturday — the day after Christmas — started out slow for all the merchants contacted.

The day, which was a traditional beginning for end-of-the-year clearance sales, also brings in heavy traffic from gift-getters looking for exchanges and refunds.

"Typically, the day after Christmas will be as busy as any day the week before," said Gardner.

"The weather kept people home until about 3 p.m. this afternoon," said Plotner."But then they all got up and came to town."

Exchanges at K-Mart were "the same as usual," said Denton. "Sixty to 70 percent were clothes that didn't fit or were the wrong style."

HART

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Hart's own negative ratings stem from his reported involvement with Miami model Donna Rice. In response to a question, Hart said he would decline to discuss that if the issue were raised by another candidate just as he has declined to answer questions about it from the press.

"Of course not," he said. "I didn't say I wasn't going to address it with the press. I said I'm not going to answer questions about it anymore. There's been too much talk about it already.

"You mention the word embarrassment," he continued. "What embarrasses me is the amount of attention that's been focused on that mistake at the cost of focusing on homelessness in this country, poverty in the country."

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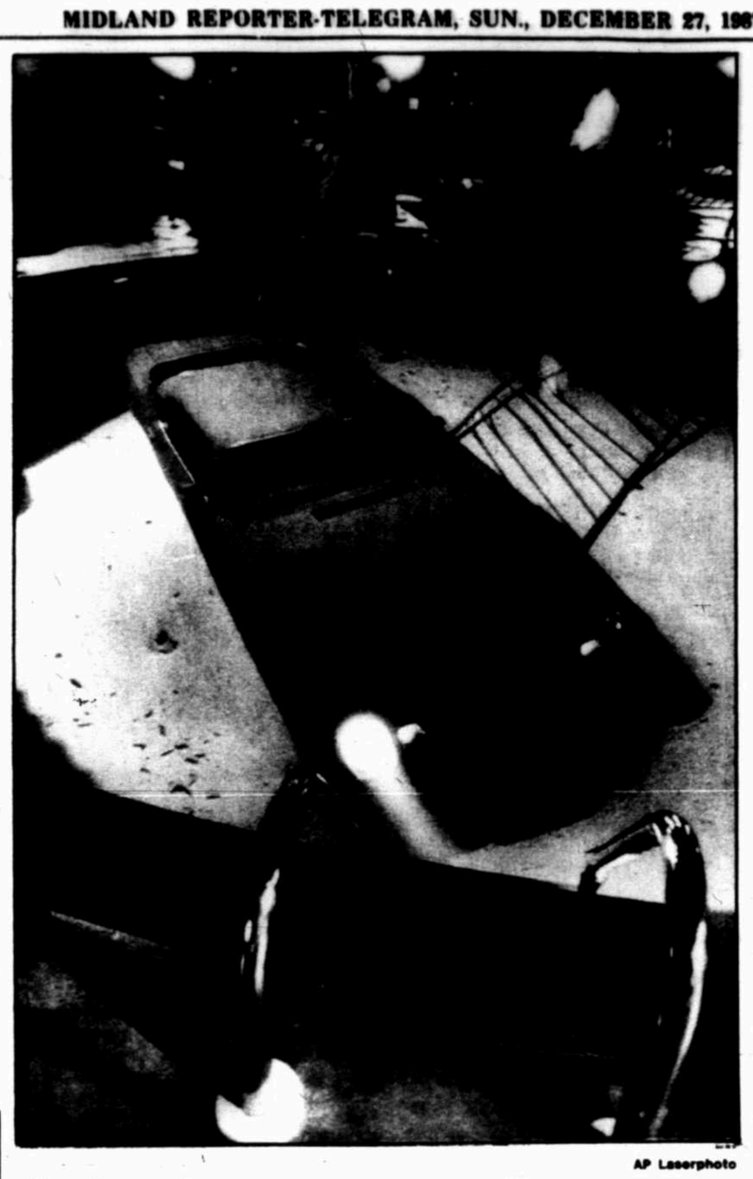

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Swimming car

One man escaped injury when his car smashed through a fence and a concrete picnic table and sunk in an apartment complex swimming pool in Hunstville, Ala., Saturday night. A witness, Lance Wiles, was visiting a friend in the complex when he saw the car round a curve at a high rate of speed. Wiles smashed the vehicle's window with a hammer and resuced the driver, whose name was not released.

Reagan praises three 'heroes' who helped others during holiday

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan paid tribute Saturday to "heroes" who help others, praising a teacher in Arkansas, an engineer in Mississippi and a pensioner in Arizona for their charitable work during the holidays.

"Helping others is just our way, part of our national character," Reagan said in his weekly radio address.

"Perhaps it reflects that we as a people not only enjoy this holiday every year as a time off from work, but also take to heart the spiritual meaning of Christmas and Hanukkah," he said. The president usually delivers his weekly address live, but because of the holidays, the speech this week was recorded the day before Christmas and broadcast Saturday.

Reagan cited the cases of David Rayl, of Bald Knob, Ark., an elementary school teacher who solicits corporate donations to help bring Christmas cheer to poor children; Ruth Heywood, 74, of Casa Grande, Ariz., who lives on her pension but each year solicits food and arranges transportation to provide holiday meals for the needy; and Bob Carver, an engineer in Vicksburg, Miss., who drives a truck each holiday season to raise money for the Salvation Army.

"Most of us know someone like Bob Carver, Ruth Heywood, or David Rayl," Reagan said. "Down deep, who cannot respect such heroes?"

"I'd like to think there's a little of them in each and every American," he said. "This country can be no greater than the goodness of its people."

Heywood said she felt "very, very humble" at being singled out for praise by the president. She said she agreed with Reagan that charity should come from the private sector.

"We should be able to do it, and government shouldn't have to do it," she said in a telephone interview.

"Helping others is just our way, part of our national character. Perhaps it reflects that we as a people...take to heart the spiritual meaning of Christmas and Hanukkah."

— President Reagan

"There's no necessity for anybody to go hungry. If each one would do his part, government wouldn't have to do it."

Rayl estimates he trucked $150,000 worth of Christmas goods to 22,000 people in Arkansas and Oklahoma this year.

"The main thing is...whether the president praises me or not, is that there are people eating this holiday because of what we did," Rayl said.

Carver said his first reaction to the president's statement was surprise.

"I don't feel like a hero," Carver said. "That should be reserved for somebody who takes more of a risk."

Rep. Dale E. Kildee of Michigan, in the weekly Democratic response, said Democrats hope to "work closely with President Reagan to make his last year in office one of great progress for human dignity."

Kildee said the first session of the 100th Congress made significant progress towards the goal of ensuring health, freedom and dignity for American citizens.

He praised Reagan's signing of the intermediate-range nuclear missile treaty with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, saying it "marks a major thaw in U.S.-Soviet relations."

Dotson arrested for attacking cook

CHICAGO (AP) — Convicted rapist Gary Dotson was arrested at a tavern in a south Chicago suburb Saturday just two days after being given a "last-chance" parole by Gov. James R. Thompson, police said.

Dotson was arrested in the Zig Zag Lounge near the Indiana state line in Calumet City on charges of attacking a cook, said Calumet City police officer Clyde Butcher.

The arrest may mean Dotson will have to finish a 25- to 50-year sentence for rape imposed in 1979.

"He ordered some food in the restaurant section of the lounge, and there was some sort of altercation after it came to the table," Butcher said. "He apparently refused to pay and lunged forward at the female cook, who sustained a cut on her left hand."

Charges of battery, theft and disorderly conduct were being filed against Dotson, the officer said.

"We've got him in the lockup here, and he definitely appears to have been drinking," said Butcher.

Dotson had been in prison since September following several alcohol-related scrapes with the law. He had been freed originally from prison by Thompson in 1985 after his alleged rape victim recanted the testimony that had led to his conviction.

Thompson ordered Dotson, 30, released again Thursday, and Dotson went to his mother's home in a southern Chicago suburb for Christmas.

He told his mother that he would not drink again, and a condition of his release was that he enter an alcohol treatment program.

Scott Speck of Arlington Heights, a family friend, when informed of Dotson's latest arrest, said "That doesn't sound too good. I spoke to Gary this morning and he seemed to be off on the right track."

Dotson's wife, Camille, and his infant daughter, have been staying with the Speck family since Dotson was sent back to prison Sept. 5 for parole violation.

Gary Dotson, who had a conviction for rape overturned when the victim recanted her testimony, has been arrested for attacking a female cook.

Speck said Mrs. Dotson was visiting relatives and was not available for comment.

"I'm sorry for the kid. It's unfortunate," Terry Barnich, Thompson's chief legal counsel, said Saturday night after being told of the arrest.

Dotson was sentenced in 1979 to 25 to 50 years in prison after his conviction on charges of raping Cathleen Crowell Webb.

Under terms of what Thompson called a "last chance deal" earlier this week, Dotson was released when he finished a sentence for parole violation but will have to finish his rape sentence if he violates parole again.

The governor said the Prisoner Review Board would determine if Dotson had violated his new parole order.

Asked if an arrest was enough to send Dotson back to prison, Barnich said: "Theoretically, it could be. It does not have to be a conviction."

Mrs. Webb, who has moved to New Hampshire and joined a fundamentalist Christian group, came forward in 1985 to say she fabricated the rape story as a teen-ager out of fear that she was pregnant by a boyfriend.

Thompson later commuted Dotson's sentence to time served. While expressing doubt about Dotson's innocence, the governor said Dotson had been in prison long enough.

Dotson has previously been arrested five times on various charges, including speeding and other traffic violations, since his 1985 release.

Battery charges filed Aug. 2, accusing him of striking his wife, were dropped when his wife declined to press the charges, but the Illinois Prisoner Review and Parole Board considered his arrest in deciding to revoke his parole.

Dotson's latest taste of freedom may have been poorly arranged, according to an attorney who represented him at his 1985 clemency hearing.

Warren Lupel, who no longer represents Dotson, said Thursday that Thompson's latest plan amounted to "throwing Dotson to the wolves" without the safety net of counseling services he needs to stay out of trouble.

"Treating him like a child and saying, 'One more chance, and I'll wash my hands of you,' lacks compassion and understanding," Lupel said.

"He's being thrust into a situation again of lack of employment, a marriage that's troubled, a child he can't support and an alcohol problem that everybody knows about."

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Spanish anti-terrorist experts describe it as a tiny group and say it has carried out numerous attacks in Barcelona in the last two years, including two against the U.S. companies General Electric and Hewlett-Packard.

Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia, one of the 17 autonomous regions set up under the 1978 Spanish constitution.

The worst previous attack in Spain aimed specifically at an American target was the April 13, 1985 bombing of the El Descanso restaurant outside Madrid that killed 18 Spaniards and injured 80 others, including some American servicemen from the nearby U.S. air base at Torrejon.

Police believed the attack was aimed against U.S. servicemen, who were the restaurant's principal clients.

A group that called itself Islamic Jihad-Islamic Resistance claimed responsibility for the attack a day later in a telephone call to the Beirut office of a Western news agency.

Blacks attacked by white gang

NEW YORK (AP) — A gang of white men chased two black men and beat them with rocks, sticks and bottles in a neighborhood the attackers called "our Howard Beach," police said Saturday. One man was arrested.

Authorities said the attack Friday night was one of a rising number of racially motivated crimes in the city since the attack a year ago in the Howard Beach section of Queens, in which a black man was chased by whites to his death on a highway.

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If issuance costs follow the trend revealed in the Treasury survey, the state will pay $5.89 million to sell the $1.4 billion in new bonds.

The chairman of the state agency that arranges financing for new state buildings maintains that Texas pays far more than it should for those services. Harry Whittington, chairman of the Texas Public Finance Authority, is pushing for the state to take competitive bids on those contracts.

"There are many out there who are able and interested in making those proposals but the boards heretofore in my opinion just haven't been that interested," he says.

Whittington, an attorney, is especially critical of the fees paid to bond lawyers for preparing the official documents and issuing an official opinion stating that interest on the bonds will be exempt from taxation. "The papers that have to be put together are those documents that are very similar to most loan transactions," he says.

"Many of those are very repetitive. They just take the last one and mark it up a little bit."

"It is, in my opinion, a very overpriced, overpaid time for people who are in that profession," Whittington says. "This happens all through Texas: school districts, water districts and everybody else. It's unfortunate that it's millions and millions of dollars."

Former Secretary of State John Fainter, a bond lawyer in Austin with the firm of McCall Parkhurst & Horton, says Whittington underestimates the complexity of the bond sales. "It's not something that you use forms on, each transaction's different," Fainter says.

"It isn't a cookie-cutter deal." In addition to the actual bond sale, Fainter says his firm "spends a lot of time" helping the agencies arrange for legislative approval of their bond proposals and in answering federal tax questions.

Ms. Richards says state agencies can save some money by asking lots of questions of those attorneys and consultants they hire. "We ask them to spell out, specifically, what costs are involved," she says.

Ms. Richards has paid $1 million to Lazard, Freres & Co., a New York investment banker, to serve as financial advisor to the $1.85 billion in short-term cash-managment bonds that the Treasury has issued since November, 1986. Ms. Richards calls that money well spent.

"I wouldn't anymore go into one of these deals without having one of those financial advisors who do a lot of that negotiation, put in hours and hours of work, for anything," she says. "I think you'd be making a severe mistake."

Franklin Raines, general partner with Lazard, Freres, says the financial advisor's role is to negotiate terms with the underwriters, who buy the bonds from the state and then sell them on the open market. "It is a service to try to hold down the cost and keep the underwriters honest," he says.

"If you're involved in a dispute and the other guy's got a lawyer, you're at some disadvantage if you don't have one. The financial adviser sits on the side of the issuer."

In an attempt to get a better handle on the state's growing debt, the Legislature this spring voted to create the Bond Review Board. Composed of five top state officials, the board has the authority to approve or disapprove of all state bonds issued for longer than five years or more than $250,000.

In its several meetings to date, the board has questioned several agencies about issuance costs but has approved all of the bond sales it has considered. For example, the board this past week unanimously approved a $1.1 million dormitory-improvement sale for the Lamar University System even though the fees totalled $20.05 per $1,000, or eight times the state average.

Tom Pollard, executive director of the review board, says the infant committee is trying to develop some standards for comparing the costs. "We will be coming out with guidelines that will help them put that into perspective as to whether or not it's a reasonable charge for services rendered," Pollard says.

"We're doing all we can right now."

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Flood victims begin cleaning water-ravaged homes

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (AP) — Flooding that forced more than 4,000 people from their homes began receding Saturday, and some people returned to rip out soaked carpets and begin cleaning up even as rain continued to fall.

The high water killed three people.

Flooding began Christmas morning while some people were opening gifts. By noon Saturday, 12.39 inches of rain had fallen since Wednesday, said National Weather Service meteorologist George Quereau.

Rain continued to fall Saturday afternoon, with 2 to 3 more inches expected through Sunday, and officials feared there would be more flooding outside this city north of Memphis.

Early Saturday, rescue workers in boats rescued several people who had climbed into trees to escape the floodwaters, police Capt. Bob Ruffin said.

In addition to the estimated 3,200 evacuated in Millington, 800 people fled their homes on the other side of the Mississippi River in West Memphis, Ark., which was hit by a killer tornado on Dec. 14. And three people died in two separate accidents when floodwaters from the Harpeth River submerged their cars near Franklin, Tenn.

Elsewhere Saturday, rain, freezing rain and snow fell over parts of the Great Plains, and a blanket of cold air covered much of the West.

In California, helicopters hovered over orange groves to fend off the heavy freeze in Fresno, but some growers reported moderate to heavy crop damage.

Officials in Millington said most streets were clear of water by Saturday afternoon. Jimmy Smith, director of reserves for the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, said more areas had flooded outside the city.

"This morning one of our service units went in with boats and the water was so swift the boat turned over," Smith said.

One road flooded so quickly residents of an area with 60 to 70 homes "couldn't get out in time," he said.

However, most people got out on their own, and the boats were being used to rescue drivers who ignored roadblocks, officials said.

Millington evacuees Billy Harrald and his wife, Nancy, and their two adult children were awakened by rescue workers from the Fire Department at about 3 a.m. Friday and started putting their furniture, Christmas packages and other belongings up high to save them from the water.

"We needed more room to put stuff up, so we undecorated the Christmas tree and threw it out in the yard. We watched it float away," said Mrs. Harrald.

They were taken out by boat and stayed with relatives overnight.

Up to 10 inches of water flooded their home, but Harrald said Saturday they saved most of their furniture. Like many other residents, they had no flood insurance to help pay for repairs.

David Johnson and his wife, Raye, left about 2 a.m. Friday, wading through thigh-high water. Johnson estimated damage at $15,000 to $20,000, and said it probably would be 30 days or so before they could move back in.

"We just tolerated Christmas.... Christmas was nothing for us, but we can survive it," said Johnson, who also did not have flood insurance. "Whatever is fixed, I will fix and I will pay for it."

Officials said electricity was expected to be off through Sunday.

In Jackson, about 72 miles east of Memphis, Jackson Police Capt. Louis Pullerton said a number of streets were still blocked and said the South Forked Deer River was still rising.

Elsewhere, a snow and ice storm left a thick coating of ice on highways in Oklahoma and Kansas on Saturday, and power outages were reported around Oklahoma when lines snapped under the weight of tree limbs and ice.

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma officials called in nine repair crews from a Texas company to help its 24 crews restore power to some of the 8,000 customers affected.

In Missouri, about 12,000 customers of City Utilities of Springfield were reported without electricity Saturday because of ice on lines and officials of the city-owned utility said it could be a week before full power was restored.

"We restore some, we have others go out," said spokesman Ernest DeCamp. "It seems like a losing proposition. We have some that will be without power for a number of days. The storm isn't supposed to be over until Sunday. The damage is occurring faster than we can fix it."

AP Laserphoto

Stocking stuffer

One-day-old Brian Patrick Abbot naps in a Christmas stocking and miniature Santa cap as he's cradled by nurse Evelyn Wright. Babies at Boston's St. Margaret's Hospital were presented dressed for the holidays on Christmas morning. Brian, born Dec. 24, is the son of Mary and Lawrence Abbot of Allsotn, Mass.

U.S. encourages Haitian unity candidate

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and other foreign diplomats are making a quiet eleventh-hour effort to encourage Haitian opposition leaders to field a national unity candidate for the Jan. 17 presidential elections, American officials say.

The government of Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy is organizing the election after balloting on Nov. 29 was postponed because of an outbreak of terrorism that left more than 30 people dead.

There is a widespread belief among members of Congress and the administration that the Army will not allow a free and fair election.

The United States, joined by France, Canada, the Vatican and a personal emissary of former Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez are attempting to find a candidate who is acceptable both to the Army and the voters, U.S. officials said.

"Time is running out," said Richard Holwill, deputy assistant secretary of state for Caribbean affairs. "They (the Haitian opposition) better have their act together by Jan. 1."

He emphasized that foreign diplomats have only marginal influence. "The solution has to come in Haiti," Holwill said.

Ideally, he said, a single opposition candidate could be found so that a united front could be formed against the government's candidate, who has yet to be named. Clovis Desinor, long-time finance minister under ousted President Jean-Claude Duvalier, has said he plans to run.

If the process is perceived by Haitians and the aid donor community as being rigged to favor the status quo, the country would become an international pariah, with reduced access to sorely needed resources of international lending institutions, Holwill said in an interview.

The U.S. Congress and administration are wary. The House has passed legislation to impose an embargo on arms, trade and aid to Haiti if the Army ignores constitutionally prescribed election proeesses. The Senate is expected to pass similar legislation early next year.

Some members of Congress are talking about an attempt to organize an international oil boycott of Haiti if the Army makes a mockery of the election.

In what many Haitians said was an unlawful act, the Army dissolved the independent electoral board that had laid the groundwork for the November election. Its subsequent decision to hand-pick a new board, also widely seen by Haitians as unconstitutional, led to charges of Army manipulation of the process.

A new election law also permits soldiers to enter voting stations, further undermining the credibility of the system, according to analysts.

After the independent board was disbanded on election day, the United States suspended $77.5 in economic and military aid. About 150 U.S. government employees and dependents were withdrawn from Haiti this month because of concern for their safety.

Four leading opposition candidates who had campaigned for the Nov. 29 balloting are boycotting the upcoming election rather than lend legitimacy to what they regard as a rigged system. They also are calling on Haitians to abstain from voting.

Another election debacle could make it hard for Haiti to gain the international banks credits it needs to build up its economy.

Namphy's stock among Reagan administration officials has dropped considerably since Secretary of State George P. Shultz visited him in Haiti in August 1986, six months after the ouster of the Duvalier dictatorship.

At the time, Namphy's standing was high here because he talked about creating democracy and shunned the lavish life style associated with the Duvalier family.

U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified, said Namphy's first loyalty appears to lie with the Army, whose privileged existence he is determined to protect.

The officials said Namphy appears unconcerned by the prospect of Haiti becoming an international outcast if he does not allow a fair electoral test.

Florida sinkhole spreads an additional 30 feet

WINTER PARK, Fla. (AP) — A sinkhole that gulped down a house, five sports cars, portions of two businesses and a number of trees six years ago got a little bit bigger Saturday.

"They've lost about 25 feet of the south bank," said Rick Nuss, a spokesman for the Winter Park police department. "We just lost 5 feet 10 minutes ago."

That 30 feet widens a sinkhole already about 100 yards in diameter, he said. The south side of the sinkhole is bordered by businesses, the north by a softball field, the west by open land and the east by a four-lane highway, one of the major south-north roads in this Orlando suburb.

"Our biggest problems now are sightseers," Nuss said. A few hundred had come to gape at the chasm since word of its renewed activity spread Saturday.

"About 7:30 this morning a man was walking near the sinkhole," he said. "Apparently the bottom fell out of it. He said it sounded like a toilet flushing."

Lucius Robinson, 53, was the witness.

"I was just walking along," he told The Associated Press. "Then I heard a "goosh."

The "goosh" sound was "like something that makes a strong, big swallow," Robinson said. He said he looked around and saw that the water level in the sinkhole had dropped 8 to 10 feet and that the south bank had caved in.

In May 1981, a 350-foot-wide chasm opened in Winter Park, swallowing a house, five sports cars, a municipal swimming pool and parts of two businesses. Property damage was estimated at $2 million.

The typical central Florida sinkhole is 40 to 60 feet wide and anywhere from a few feet to 30 or 40 feet deep. Sinkholes usually develop slowly and few people are hurt by them, unless they fall in.

The Florida Aquifer, underlying central Florida, is made up of limestone caverns normally filled with water and fed by heavy rains. The pressure of the water resists the weight from above, but dry spells drain the water, creating a vacuum and leaving the caverns empty.

When a cavern roof collapses, it draws sand and everything else into the cavity until it fills.

Like father, like son: Connecticut family shares Christmas birthday

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) — The ultimate Christmas gift for a Christmas baby is a Christmas baby on Christmas Day — so merry Christmas, Patrick Kelly.

Kelly, 34, and his wife Debra, 28, became parents for the second time on Friday with the birth of their son, Sean Ryan.

"We thought it was like 'Ripley's Believe It or Not,'" Kelly said. "I'm still in shock. I'm beaming."

The 7-pound, 8-ounce baby came as a "pleasant surprise," Mrs. Kelly said, since Sean Ryan wasn't due until Jan. 10. But Thursday night he gave every indication he wasn't waiting for 1988.

As Debra held Sean Ryan in her arms for the first time since the 11:45 a.m. birth, nurse Sue Weinberg said friends and relatives were calling Patrick at home to wish him happy birthday and merry Christmas only to find out he was at the hospital for the birth of his son.

"We've ha a really funny year, and being born on Christmas is kind of unusual itself," Kelly said. "I've never heard of this."

The couple also have a 2-year-old daughter, Rachael.

Airborn baby now 'doing fine'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Linda Olmo was still flying high Saturday, two days after her new daughter entered the world 1,500 feet in the sky.

A nervous Mrs. Olmo was being rushed by MedEvac helicopter to Hahnemann University Hospital when she began giving birth to an 8-pound, 2-ounce daughter Thursday.

Hours later she and her husband, Carlos, named the child Carla Medi to show their gratitude to the MedEvac crew.

Mother and daughter were doing fine Saturday.

"It was all so crazy," Mrs. Olmo said. "It was like riding in an elevator."

The child was due Monday, but Mrs. Olmo felt the first sign of labor while shopping for presents on Christmas Eve and went to Saint Mary Hospital in suburban Langhorne.

Doctors had planned to send Ms. Olmo to Hahnemann for the delivery because they detected potential problems with her heart. When she boarded the helicopter in Langhorne, no one considered the time short.

"The doctor said it's going to be a long wait, but as soon as I got in the helicopter, everything happened so fast," she said.

While the helicopter was nearing the 14th-floor landing pad, Carla's head emerged, prompting pilot Steven W. Gray to radio a message to the hospital.

"We're having a baby up here," he said.

Dr. Joseph Talvacchia finished the delivery in the helicopter at 7:40 p.m.

"It was a really neat thing," flight paramedic David W. O'Conner said. "It brought tears to all our eyes. Driving home from work, thinking over the incident, that was a Christmas gift in itself, just to do that."

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Confederate soldiers face their adversaries in a re-enactment last September of the 1862 Battle of Antietam on land near the original site, near Sharpsburg, Md.

Development nearing Civil War battlefield

EDITOR'S NOTE: A park ranger at Antietam Battlefield says that if the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought there 125 years ago could return, they would recognize the place. Unlike many other historic sites, the battlefield is not scarred by tacky souvenir shops, fast-food restaurants and motels. But that could change as developers make their way across the mountains of western Maryland.

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

SHARPSBURG, Md. — It was 125 years ago that the blue and the gray marched across South Mountain and engaged in the Battle of Antietam, the bloodiest single day in all of the Civil War.

Today developers are approaching that ridge in western Maryland, threatening to spoil one of the best-preserved Civil War battlefields in the East.

"South Mountain has been a natural ally with the battlefield in keeping development out," says Dennis Frye, president of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation Inc. "But it's creeping around the mountain and that's a dangerous omen."

The Battle of Antietam began at dawn on Sept. 17, 1862, on 7,000 hilly acres along the Potomac River about 60 miles northwest of Washington, D.C. When the smoke cleared, more than 23,000 Union and Confederate soldiers were dead, wounded or missing.

As the battlefield commemorates its 125th anniversary, urban development is moving west from the Baltimore and Washington, D.C., areas into the Antietam Valley.

"This is an issue of national ramifications," Frye says. "We are talking about bulldozing our battlefields and I don't want the responsibility on my shoulders of watching this generation destroy our Civil War history. Americans stained the battlefield there with their blood.

"There must be a compromise between developers and preservationists. We are not opposed to development, but we don't want Sharpsburg to become another commercial Gettysburg."

The National Park Service owns about 800 acres outright and controls another 1,200 acres in easements, Frye says. Although just 2,000 acres of the 7,000-acre historic battlefield are protected, a lack of development has helped keep it well-preserved.

"The opposite of it is Gettysburg," says Roger Long, associate editor of Blue & Gray Magazine, based in Columbus, Ohio. "They have absolutely sold it to the highest bidder. Everybody's heard of Gettysburg, but not everybody has heard of Antietam, yet it was the single bloodiest day.

"I have been all alone at Antietam. I've walked up the Bloody Lane where there were bodies stacked so you could walk and never touch the ground. It's kinda spooky. I don't think you could ever do that at Gettysburg no matter what time of the day or what time of the year you were there."

Besides having South Mountain as a natural barrier to development from the east, farmers who own land surrounding the Antietam Battlefield have not sold their property to developers. They have continued to work the earth, passing the farms from one generation to another. The farms are still farms and the fences are still where they were 125 years ago.

One park ranger remarked that if they could come back, the soldiers would recognize the exact spot where they fought.

Development also has been limited because the 800 residents of nearby Sharpsburg have not tried to cater to the thousands of Civil War buffs and tourists who visit Antietam every year.

Tourism officials say more than 600,000 people visit the battlefield annually, but, says Sharpsburg Mayor Gerald Quinn, "in all honesty, we don't see them."

"Because we haven't aimed business at them, there is no reason for them to come into town," he says.

Not so at Gettysburg, about 50 miles north of Antietam.

On July 3, 1863, in a last-ditch effort to break the center of the Union lines at Gettysburg, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee ordered 15,000 men, under Gen. George E. Pickett, to charge the Union ranks. When Pickett's charge failed, the Confederate Army was forced to end its 1863 invasion of the North and withdrew into Virginia.

Today the site of the northern end of Pickett's charge is heavily developed.

"There's block after block of fast-food restaurants, souvenir shops and motels," Frye says. "It has been com-

pletely destroyed. Nobody raised their voices in alarm in Gettysburg and, as a result, it is one of our most blanket disasters in terms of historic preservation."

Bob Davidson, assistant superintendent of Gettysburg National Military Park, says it's hard to compare the two sites because Gettysburg has always been situated in a more densely populated area.

"I'm afraid it's too late to turn back the clock on Gettysburg, but the park continues to express concern about how development takes place," Davidson says. "There has been some progress."

Could Antietam could end up looking like Gettysburg?

In 1985, a shopping center was proposed on the Grove farm outside the park service's boundaries. The Washington County commissioners rezoned 20 acres of the 120-acre historic tract, just south of Sharpsburg, for commercial use.

The rezoning alarmed preservationists.

The Grove farm was the backdrop of famous photographs taken when President Abraham Lincoln traveled to the Antietam battlefield to confer with Union commandr George B. McClellan. The farm also served as a field hospital for soldiers from both the North and South.

"We felt the area deserved more than asphalt parking lots, neon signs and souvenir trinket shops," Frye says.

Preservationists collected 5,000 signatures in 30 days through Civil War Roundtables across the United States and after various court battles, the rezoning was found to be null and void. The issue was appealed, however, and the Maryland Court of Special Appeals ruled that three properties adjacent to the farm, including a 12-acre tract targeted for a shopping center, were legally rezoned in 1985 from agricultural and conservation to commercial.

Meanwhile, the Save Historic Antietam Foundation has continued to fight other zoning battles. Also, the state recently gave $50,000 to the county, which has set up a special committee to study preservation around the battlefield and southern Washington County.

"The beauty of Antietam is that it looks the same as it did 125 years ago," says Bob O'Connor, Washington County's tourism director.

Holiday tragedy a stark reminder

EDITOR'S NOTE: Christmas and New Year's are traditionally a time for celebration and families drawing close. The week between the holidays is also a time when people are cautioned against drinking and driving. Last year, after four years of decline, traffic deaths caused by drunken driving rose slightly. This story concerns one such case — and its aftermath.

By GEORGE ESPER
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NEWPORT, R.I. — Crossing a rain-bright street after a joyous midnight Mass last Christmas Eve, Frank Bors looked up sharply at the sound of a sudden roar and saw a black car, lit only by parking lights, bearing down on 50 churchgoers in the crosswalk behind him.

Bors, hobbling in the drizzle on an artificial left leg, the result of a hit-and-run accident four years earlier, had walked ahead of his wife, Florinda, and her sister, Amelia Ferreira.

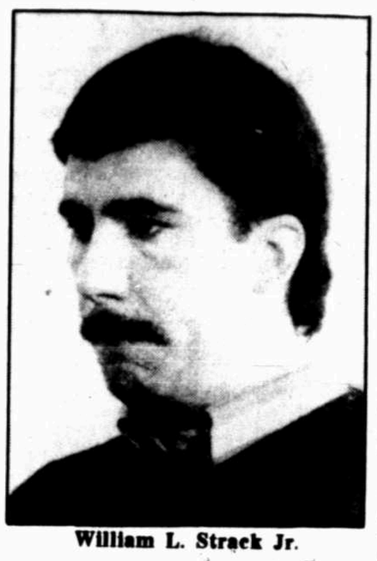
"Go ahead," his wife told him. "We'll stick our head under the umbrella. We'll catch up."

Now the screams of the scattering parishioners heralded the onrushing tragedy. There was a thud, a crunch. An umbrella flew through the air.

The 1976 Chevrolet Impala had catapulted the 64-year-old Mrs. Ferreira 188 feet up the street. Her body was so torn that she required a colostomy and skin grafts and lay semi-comatose for more than a month.

Her 58-year-old sister disappeared on the hood of the fleeing car. Her body was found three-tenths of a mile from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. She died of multiple injuries.

"When I saw the umbrella go... there was no question in my mind but what it was the girls got hit," recalled Bors, 63. "I figured other people, too. There were people chasing the car and yelling. The car started to slow down and people were running and it looked like they were gaining on him a little, but then he took off again."



William L. Strack Jr.

A year after the accident, Bors and Mrs. Ferreira remain shattered; the man who hit the women, so drunk at the time he says he doesn't remember the accident, is in prison.

William L. Strack Jr., a 24-year-old painter, had spent Christmas Eve drinking beer at two bars and at a friend's party — depressed, he said, over breaking up with his girlfriend. The police who caught up with him charged him with drunken driving and leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death and injury; he refused a breath test, but officers reported that his speech was slurred and he had trouble standing upright outside his car.

Strack was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading no contest. But under the plea bargain, he had to serve only three years. Strack will be eligible for parole in June 1988.

"I feel responsible for a real tragedy," said Strack, who has joined Alcoholics Anonymous at the prison. "Prior to this happening, I was doing fantastic. I had a beautiful apartment. I was making $10 an hour. After that, it seems like my life had just come to a complete end."

Because of his guilt, he said, he's thought of committing suicide.

"So did I," said Mrs. Ferreira. Turning to her husband, Frank, she added, "You don't know that, but I told my counselor."

"I don't think I could ever forgive him for taking my sister," she said later. "In a way, I feel bad for him because he is a kid."

Bors felt more strongly: "I would have taken an ax and broken this kid's neck the next day if it were up to me."

Mrs. Ferreira said the tragedy ruined her life. Unable to work, she sold the beauty salon she ran for 24 years. She's afraid of the night. She couldn't shower until two months ago because she feared the water hitting her brittle body.

She moves slowly, her muscles weak from lack of use. She speaks almost in a whisper because tubes were down her throat so long. She forgot the names of family members; her husband retaught her with photographs.

"It's altogether different," Mrs. Ferreira said of her life now. "I used to call my sister every day. I didn't make a move without her and she didn't make a move without me. We were together all the time.

"I was a very independent person. I was always on the go. Now I can't do anything on my own. My car sits out there and I look at it. I walk around the block by myself. That's the most I can do."

She sees a counselor at a mental health clinic every week.

"I know my sister's dead, but deep down I keep waiting for her to come through that door," she said. "(The counselor) can understand that because I didn't see her die. I didn't see her buried."

Mrs. Ferreira doesn't remember much about last Christmas Eve, not even attending church. But images of that night won't leave Bors alone.

Repeatedly, he sees a young police officer grasping a broken umbrella and a blue purse recovered at the scene. Bors recognizes the purse because of its nuisance factor: he carried it for his wife to Christmas Eve dinner and to relatives' homes to drop off gifts.

The Borses had been married just 2½ years. Bors' first wife died in 1979. It was the first marriage for Florinda Bors, a retired physical education teacher. After retirement, she split her time between Newport and Sebago Lake, Maine, managing restaurants in both towns.

This year, Bors sold their houses in nearby Middletown and in Sebago Lake and moved into a small two-bedroom ranch home in Newport.

"You can chuckle that somebody my age could marry...can get all wrapped up at that stage of the game," he said. "But it was like a couple of 16-year-old kids. The fact that you lose somebody at that point in time doesn't make it any easier."

Mrs. Ferreira and Bors dreaded the approach of the holidays this year.

"I loved Christmas," Mrs. Ferreira said. "It was my most favorite time of the year. I used to put up three trees."

"I went out and tried Christmas shopping. I just can't get with it," said Bors. "I passed the word out, 'I'm not doing any shopping or sending any cards. I'm leaving and don't worry about where I am. I'll let you know after New Year's.' "

It wasn't until September that Mrs. Ferreira could open the gifts her sister had left behind last year. Florinda Bors had given her sister a golf club to complete a set. Mrs. Ferreira had taken up golf and tennis the previous summer so she could play with her sister. They often vacationed together.

"This was going to be our year," Mrs. Ferreira said. "We were going to get out and play tennis and go golfing."

When Frank Bors finally emptied his Christmas stocking six months after the accident, he found a new wallet-sized photo of his wife signed, "To Frank. Love. Flo, '86."

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Monitors find abuses of rights

NEW YORK (AP) — Human-rights activists became victims of abuses worldwide during 1987, especially in Chile, Czechoslovakia, South Africa and the Soviet Union, a coalition of U.S.-based monitoring groups reported Sunday.

Human Rights Watch, comprised of the Americas, Asia and Helsinki Watch Committees, said in a survey that 10 human-rights monitors in five countries were killed.

Five of the killings took place in Colombia and two in El Salvador; others occurred in the Soviet Union, Brazil and the Philippines, the group said.

Two more monitors disappeared in Peru and Guatemala, and hundreds more were tortured, imprisoned or otherwise harassed elsewhere, according to the report, titled "The Persecution of Human Rights Monitors." It said most of these cases occurred in Chile, Czechoslovakia, South Africa and the Soviet Union.

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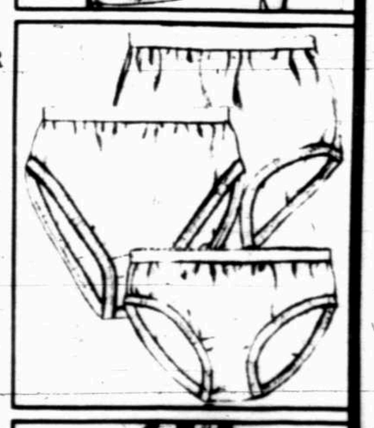

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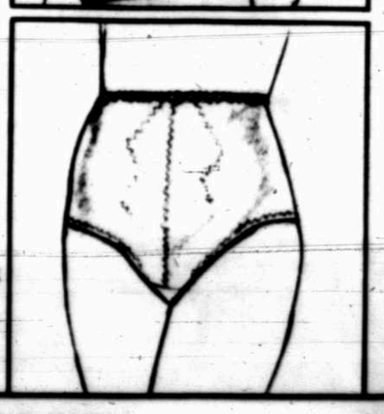

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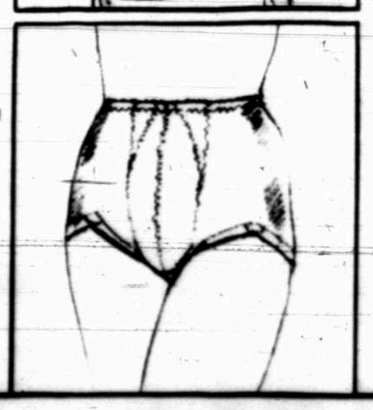

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Brown planning return to politics

By DOUG WILLIS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Former Gov. Jerry Brown has been enjoying life immensely outside politics for the past five years, but says he plans to run for office again after the 1988 elections.

Brown, Ronald Reagan's successor as California's chief executive, said he has traveled extensively since 1982 in Japan, Mexico, China, Europe and the Soviet Union and has spent some time in religious study.

Brown said he also has been practicing corporate law "which I said I never would, but which I find interesting."

As he did as governor, Brown declined to discuss his personal life in detail, but the 49-year-old bachelor did say that marrying and raising a family "is in my mind...but it hasn't happened yet." He also refused to discuss his relationship with singer Linda Ronstadt, although friends of Brown have said the two are no longer close.

In a wide-ranging telephone interview last week from his Los Angeles home, where he is writing a book, the two-term governor and two-time contender for the Democratic presidential nomination refused to speculate about what office he would seek or when.

However, as he ruled out various political options, Brown eliminated nearly everything except another presidential bid or another race for the U.S. Senate if Democrat Alan Cranston retires in 1992.

Brown, who was elected to his first term as governor in 1974, sought the Democratic nomination for president in 1976 and 1980. He dropped from political sight after losing a race for the U.S. Senate to Republican Pete Wilson in 1982.

At the end of his first term as governor, Brown was described by pollsters as the most popular chief executive in modern California history. In his final year in office, his 7-to-1 positive rating had turned to nearly 2-to-1 against him.

He was plagued by his "Gov. Moonbeam" image and cartoonists pictured him in the lotus position presiding over the state.

Critics blasted him for flitting from one trendy idea to another. One day he would talk of using wood chips and windmills as alternative energy sources; the next it would be high technology. After initially opposing Proposition 13 tax cuts, he embraced them as his own and pushed through still more cuts.

The day after Wilson defeated him, Brown told his supporters in an emotional concession that he intended to give voters "a respite from me," but that at some time, he would return to politics.

Brown, the son of former Gov. Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, said last week that he was getting closer to making a return to political life, but that it wouldn't be in the 1988 elections because "there's nothing available this year, and I'm not ready anyway.

"I was so involved in politics for so many years, that I felt I needed a period away from it. I started running for office when I was 29, for the junior college board in Los Angeles. And I kept going at a steady pace, running for secretary of state, for governor, then president, then Senate almost non-stop until my mid-40s," Brown said.

"I felt the need for a more private life, for pursuits and activities most people accept as normal (which) when you're on that (political) stage are almost impossible.

"So I have felt that during the last five years, it was my opportunity to do some of those things, spend time with friends, reflect and travel and get to know my family better, and just live in a way that hadn't been possible before."

Brown, who as a youth spent four years studying in a Jesuit seminary, said that during the past five years "my first goal has been to live my life in a very private way," including "time to reflect on my religious background," but he declined specifics.

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times in January, Brown said he had studied Zen Buddhism in Japan for five months.

"Basically what I've been doing is pursuing a private life, with the knowledge that at some point I'd like to get back into the public arena, but with greater depth and a surer sense than I had before, based on this period of withdrawal," he said last week.

Gephardt story includes many issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Richard Gephardt, who has made American competitiveness a major issue in his Democratic presidential campaign, says Japan makes better cars than the United States does.

"They have better quality ratings. The fit and finish is better. The doors...when they're slammed they sound better and probably are tighter. They have more gizmos on their cars than many of our cars do," he said.

But Gephardt, in an interview with David Frost, added that "the American industry is really improving. Our management is improving."

The interview was being aired over the weekend and published in the Jan. 4 editions of U.S. News & World Report.

When Frost asked Gephardt whether the Japanese made the best cars, he said, "In many ways they do."

"All the best-rated cars (in a consumer magazine) were Japanese. All the worst-rated cars were American. That's not a good sign," he said.

The 46-year-old Missouri congressman took issue with the description of his trade amendment as protectionist, saying its threat of penalties against trading partners was designed to help open markets for U.S. goods.

"It's the antithesis of protectionism. It's promotionism," he said.

Gephardt, asked about Gary Hart's re-entry into the Democrtic presidential race, said he does not think presidential candidates should answer "every conceivable question any human being can concoct."

Hart abandoned his campaign in May amid reports about his relationship with a Miami model. Since re-entering the field earlier this month, he has refused to answer questions about his private life.

"I don't think that a lot of your private life is terribly relevant to whether or not you would be a good president," Gephardt said. "An awful lot of it is ... an inquiry that people don't really want to know about or need to know about."

On other matters, Gephardt recalled his infant son's struggle with cancer as "a wrenching experience...one of the most excruciating and difficult times of my life."

The boy, now 16, was two when he was diagnosed as having a cancerous tumor.

"They declared that he would not live. And we prayed endlessly...that he could be saved.... I really think the Lord had a role in bringing about his healing," Gephardt said.

"I have a very different view of life and everything, since that experience. Nothing is really more important than your life and your family's life, and everything else is secondary, really," he said.

Gephardt, asked about the legacy of President Reagan, said: "I think they'll say that he gave America confidence at a time when America desperately wanted to have that confidence, but ultimately he did not fulfill that desire for confidence. And at the end, his leadership was called into question because he was not truly in charge of his own administration."

On the subject of abortion, Gephardt, who until several years ago supported a constitutional amendment banning abortion, said he now supports the 1973 Supreme Court ruling on abortion rights.

"I've concluded that trying to change the law if you're troubled by abortion is not the right answer," he said. "We really ought to deal with the underlying problem, which is why do people wind up in a situation where they want to have an abortion."

He criticized pro-life groups for "fighting giving money to family planning organizations, which are the best hope to try to keep people from having an abortion."

Gephardt's wife Jane, also interviewed by Frost, described how the two of them met when she arrived at Northwestern University to begin her freshman year and he tried to help her with a suitcase. The bag flew open and "everything in it went in a thousand directions...most intimate garments. His face turned as red as his hair."

When the two eventually began dating, Gephardt said, he was three hours late for their first date.

"She in fact had given up on me coming at all and had gone to bed. So when I got there she re-dressed and we went out and had dinner.... That was the first date," he said.

"Not an auspicious beginning," said Jane Gephart.

She also said the best advice she had ever given him was to shorten his speeches.

Reagan appointees carry out policies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan lost Robert H. Bork's Supreme Court nomination, but the hundreds of judges he has placed on federal benchs around the nation appear to be carrying out his conservative philosophy.

The 320 Reagan appointees now serving comprise 42 percent of the nation's 761 full-time federal judges, and the percentage could pass 50 by the end of his second term if enough vacancies occur.

John Powell, national legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union, said the Reagan appointees are taking the conservative side in cases involving civil rights, civil liberties, the death penalty, sex discrimination, and improperly seized evidence.

And a study published by the Columbia University Law Review concluded that judges appointed by Reagan and other GOP administrations usually take the conservative view of cases — while Democrats usually take the liberal side.

The study found, however, that in cases involving First Amendment freedoms, government benefits, discrimination, and administrative regulations, Reagan appointees were even more conservative than judges appointed by other GOP presidents.

Powell said Reagan's impact on the courts has become so great in some appellate circuits that the ACLU has avoided federal courts in certain cases and filed suits in state courts.

"Circuits that had the reputation of being good circuits for civil rights and civil liberties are at best questionable," said the New York-based Powell. "You see many more splits (cases where the appellate courts hand down split decisions)."

But Stephen J. Markman, head of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, said in an interview: "It's too early to discern any trends. We do feel the people we're putting on the bench by and large satisfy the expectations of judges who will look closely to the Constitution.

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PHILADELPHIA TODAY

Jacob Hiltzheimer and Nathaniel Falconer, leaving Gen. Thomas Mifflin's farm near Reading, Pa., got as far as Pottstown before encountering Col. Francis Nicholas, who pressed them to dine with a few friends — Samuel Potts and his three sons, Thomas Rutter and his two sons and son-in-law Stocker, and Mr. J. Hockley and his son and son-in-law Walker.

CONFEDERATION TODAY

Today was the 50th day since the 1787-88 Congress was to convene, and there was still no quorum.

Secretary of Congress Thomson outlined some of the problems this caused in a letter to Connecticut Gov. Huntington:

"The Affairs of the Union become every day more and more critical. Since my last I have received a letter for Congress from the Govr. of Georgia, wherein he informs that that State are determined to enter into a serious War with the Creek Indians: that for this purpose the Assembly have passed an Act to raise three thousand Men and have empowered the Executive in case they are wanted to add thereto 1500, and that the State expects and will call upon Congress for the Assistance and support of the Union. I am also informed that the States of Massachusetts and Virginia have diverted to their own state purposes the supplies which were to have come from them into the public treasury, so that Congress is like to be left without the means of keeping up the few troops on the frontiers, or even to support the forms of Government and defray the current expences.

"I enclose the Act of the 13th Oct."

DELEGATES TODAY

Lund Washington, his wife, and Nancy Stuart dined with the George Washington at Mount Vernon. Miss Stuart stayed overnight.

Benjamin Franklin attended a meeting of Pennsylvania's Supreme Executive Council. He also wrote New England printer Isaiah Thomas, to congratulate him on the typography of Thomas' proposed edition of William Perry's dictionary, and "if you think the Inscribing (dedicating) the work to me, may in the least recommend it, you have my consent, tho I think it will sufficiently recommend itself."

Gov. Edmund Randolph wrote from Richmond, Va., to both Washington and Madison to enclose a pamphlet containing his reasons for not signing the Constitution.

LOOKING BACK

Gov. Randolph's Letter

Virgina Gov. Edmund Randolph, a supporter of a stronger central government but not the one proposed by the Constitutional Convention, was in a difficult position as the ratification fight intensified. This is reflected in his letter to James Madison:

"...What the general opinion is, I would not undertake to vouch because I stay much at home, and I find daily reason to distrust reports, which always receive a tincture from the wishes of the narrator. But I rather suspect, that the current sets violently against the new constitution. Nay I must be permitted to express a fear, lest true foederalism should be passed hard in the convention.

"General Wilkinson from Kentucke, who is now here, is not to be appeased in his violence against the constitution; and it is presumed that thro his means the vote of Kentucky will have the same direction. He is rivetted by Colo. Harry Lee, declaring to him, that the surrender of the Mississippi would probably be among the early acts of the new congress. Mr. Meriwether Smith moved yesterday for a circular letter from our to the other legislatures, intimating the likelihood of amendment here. But his motion was changed into an instruction to the executive to forwardthe late act. Mr. Henry is implacable. Colo. Mason seems to rise beyond his first ground. He will be elected, it is said, for Stafford, and Colo. Mercer, it is also said, will be sent for by the people of that county for a similar purpose.

"I need not assure you, that it would give me no pleasure to see my conduct in refusing to sign, sanctified, if it was to produce a hazard to the union and opinions. But I verily believe, that the only expedient which can save the foederal government in any shape in Virginia, will be the adoption of some such plan, as mine. However the high-toned friends to the constitution are still very sanguine, that the whole will run thro with ease....

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Soviet leader 'man of year'

NEW YORK (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, whose summit meeting with President Reagan raised hopes for an easing of Soviet-American tensions, was named Time magazine's Man of the Year on Saturday.

Gorbachev, 56, is the fourth Soviet leader to appear on the cover of Time's Man of the Year issue and the first to appear alone since Nikita Khrushchev in 1957.

He was selected over such runners-up as Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, the star witness of the Iran-Contra hearings last summer, and Costa Rican President Oscar Arias Sanchez, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his attempts to forge a peace agreement in Central America.

Time said it also considered two events as Man of the Year: the Oct. 19 stock market collapse and the AIDS epidemic.

The last Soviet leader to be named Man of the Year was Yuri Andropov, who shared the Time cover with Reagan in 1983. Joseph Stalin was named Man of the Year twice, in 1939 and 1945. The title is not necessarily an honor, since Time stresses that it selects the recipients solely on the basis of their influence on world affairs.

Girl run over by thief

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An 11-year-old girl spent Christmas in the hospital after she was run over twice by a man who grabbed then drove off with an armful of presents she was taking to her grandmother's house, police said.

"She got run over twice by a van and didn't get any bones broken — just some deep bruises," said dectective James Vales. "It was the miracle of Christmas 1987."

A passing motorist chased the van until police pulled it over, police said.

The girl, Shena Johnson, was released Saturday from Children's Hospital.

Shena was waiting with her 10-year-old brother for a bus Friday when a man jumped out of a van and grabbed the armload of gifts, police said. She chased the thief back to the van but was knocked down, police said.

While she was on the ground, the thief backed the van over her legs and then pulled forward, driving over her legs a second time, according to Capt. Stanley Puchalski.

Talib Ahmad, 38, saw the child's plight and tailed the van for more than a mile and hailed a policeman.

Officers recovered the wrapped food and toys in the back of the van and arrested 23-year-old Tony Reid, according to Puchalski.

Reid, of Philadelphia, was arraigned on robbery, simple and aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person, possession of an instrument of crime, theft and receiving stolen property. He was being held in lieu of $15,000 bail, Puchalski said.

Police are still looking for a second man believed to have been in the van.

The presents, mostly food and toys for Johnson's cousins, were returned to the girl.

Amtrak train derails

PRINCE, W.Va. (AP) — A westbound Amtrak train carrying 115 passengers derailed when it was hit by falling rocks, officials said Saturday.

No one was injured when the engine and 8 of the 9 cars derailed at 10:09 p.m. Friday night, said Amtrak spokeswoman Sue Martin in Chevy Chase, Md.

"Train 51, the westbound Cardinal, was traveling at 48 mph when some rocks and a boulder fell down and hit the train," Martin said. "All the cars remained upright."

The train had originated in New York and was bound for Chicago. It last stop before the accident was Prince, Martin said.

Martin said she had never heard of falling rocks derailing an Amtrak train before. "It's pretty unusual," she said.

Workers were putting the cars back on track Saturday.

Girl struck by alligator

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — A 12-year-old girl survived an attack by a 3½-foot alligator by grabbing the reptile's jaws after it had grabbed her legs, officials said.

Lynnette M. Azbill was treated and released from St. Joseph Hospital after the confrontation in a canal behind McGuire Park.

"It didn't hurt at all," she said. "I just looked down and there was an alligator on my leg."

Someone had been feeding bread to ducks or alligators in the canal where Lynnette was swimming with friends Christmas Eve, according to Dennis Tappan, an officer with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

The girl yelled "Alligator!" and grabbed the animal's jaws.

That move, her mother Jeannette Azbill said, probably saved the 65-pound, 4-foot-5-inch girl's life.

Nudists can sell alcohol

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A new state law will allow California nudist colonies to sell alcohol to naked patrons starting New Year's Day, but some complain that stripping and sipping shouldn't mix.

The old law barring nudity at businesses holding liquor licenses was aimed at preventing rowdiness at places such as topless bars.

"It's another acknowledgement that people aren't equating nudity with lewdity," Ed Lange said of the new law.

Officials still seeking motive for Fromm e escape

ALDERSON, W.Va. (AP) — Prison officials sought Saturday to learn what triggered Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme's escape after she rejected parole hearings and quietly served 12 years of her life sentence for trying to kill President Gerald Ford.

Authorities said they were checking phone records to determine if Ms. Fromme told friends before her escape that she had heard a recent, unconfirmed rumor that her cult guru, mass killer Charles Manson, was dying of cancer and that she was desperate to see him. The rumor has been floating among Manson sympathizers.

"It's a possibility that she called them," said Maureen Atwood, associate warden of the Alderson Federal Correctional Institution. It would take about two days to check phone records, Atwood said Saturday.

Ms. Fromme fled the federal prison for women Wednesday evening and was recaptured Friday about 2 miles from the prison in wooded, rugged country.

Warden Ron Burkhart talked with Ms. Fromme minutes after she was returned to Alderson, but he refused to divulge any details of his conversation with her.

There was no immediate confirmation from prison officials in California on Manson's health. He is serving a life sentence in San Quentin prison for the 1969 murders of actress Sharon Tate and eight others.

Ms. Fromme, 39, had continued to correspond with Manson since she was permitted to reestablish contact with him about 5 years ago, prison officials said.

Ms. Fromme was under tight security Saturday in the prison's infirmary, with a guard posted outside the door. U.S. marshals were expected to arrive within the next few days to interrogate her.

"When we interrogate her, we'll try to get information to bring charges of escape from a federal institution," said U.S. Marshal James P. Hickman.

Ms. Fromme aimed a gun at Ford on Sept. 5, 1975, but he was unharmed when a Secret Service agent grabbed her semi-automatic .45-caliber pistol.

In San Francisco 17 days later, Ford escaped injury when Sara Jane Moore, a 45-year-old political activist, fired a revolver at him. She eventually pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life.

In 1979 Ms. Moore also escaped from the Alderson prison, but was recaptured hours later about 25 miles away. She is now in a federal prison in Pleasanton, Calif.

"Getting out (of Alderson) isn't hard," Ms. Moore told the Associated Press in a telephone interview. But getting out of the area in the Appalachian hills is difficult, she said. "On foot, you have almost no chance."

Ms. Fromme had been eligible for parole consideration since September 1985, but she waived her right to a parole hearing and elected to remain in prison, Burkhart said.

Steve Kay, a Los Angeles County assistant district attorney who spent four years prosecuting Manson and his followers, has said Ms. Fromme waived parole because "she wasn't going to get it anyway."

"And asking for parole, that would have been admitting something, and Squeaky wasn't going to cooperate with the system," Kay said. "She'd rather escape."

Author Mary Neiswender, who has written numerous articles about the Manson family, said she was relieved that Ms. Fromme was back in custody. She said Ms. Fromme was one of the more devoted Manson followers who kept the "family" members in contact with each other and still desired to recruit more converts.

"I was worried that she'd do something crazy," Neiswender said.

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Palestinian uprising alters Arab-Israeli relationship

By NICOLAS B. TATRO

JERUSALEM (AP) — A two-week uprising by tens of thousands of Palestinians has changed the way Arabs and Israelis look at each other and may leave a lasting mark on the Middle East conflict.

At least 21 Arabs died from Israeli gunfire in violence that began Dec. 8, but Palestinians scored significant political gains by putting their issue back on the international agenda and changing their image.

The scope of unrest caught Israelis off-guard, shaking many from a complacency and acceptance of the status quo that evolved during 20 years of mostly peaceful occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"My feeling is that one of the main reasons this suddenly erupted is the fact that people felt that there's a kind of lapse in the efforts, both internationally and in the Arab world, of reaching a settlement," said Sari Nusseibah, a Palestinian philosophy professor at Bir Zeit University in the West Bank.

Nusseibah predicted that unrest would recur more frequently and with increasing force unless a solution was at least being discussed.

Writing in the daily Yediot Ahronot, Israeli columnist Yermiyahu Yovel said the riots were the beginning of a new phase in the Israeli-Arab conflict.

"A paralyzed Israeli government, lacking initiative, tied down by its new vision of a status quo, was surprised by Palestinian people both in the occupied territories and Israel," he said. "Maybe these December riots could be start of a Palestinian October (Russian revolution)."

Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization won new standing as a result of the uprising. This time it was not PLO terror, but Israel's use of live gunfire against unarmed protesters that faced international criticism.

But government officials said privately the unrest would only make Israelis circle their wagons in self-defense and slow down a peace process by convincing right-wingers that concessions to the Arabs would bring more violence.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had the backing of most of his political rivals to restore order at all costs, and he vowed that bloodshed would not push Israel toward talks.

Gaza and the West Bank have been the focus of riots and protests in the past. The unrest which began Dec. 8, however, was the worst since Israel seized the territories from Jordan and Egypt in the 1967 Middle East war.

According to Israeli officials, Israeli troops killed 21 Arabs and wounded 158. Thirty-one soldiers were wounded, along with 19 Israeli civilians.

The army said hundreds of Arabs were arrested. The Arab-run Palestine Press Service said more thn 1,700 were arrested.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin argued that the army crackdown was necessary because PLO "terrorists" had fanned the flames and encouraged violence. He said shoot-to-hit orders were issued to get the ringleaders.

An army commander, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said marksmen with .22-caliber rifles singled out agitators and tried to shoot them in the legs. In response to criticisms that soldiers should not have answered stones with bullets, army spokesman Brig. Gen. Ephraim Lapid said troops used their weapons only in self-defense.

Jonathan Kuttab, a Palestinian lawyer, called for better supervision of Israeli soldiers and punishment for offenders.

"There is a need to bring to justice those guilty of shooting contrary to orders, leading to fatalities or injuries. This is never done," Kuttab said.

The military dismissed one Shin Bet agent who was caught on film shooting his automatic rifle at demonstrators.

The immediate cause of rioting was a traffic accident in which an Israeli truck smashed into two cars, killing three Arab workers. Rumors spread among Palestinians that the crash was deliberate, to avenge the stabbing death a few days earlier of an Israeli businessman.

Riots broke out in the squalid shanty town of Jabaliya in the Gaza Strip, where 60,000 refugees live among open sewers and narrow dirt roads.

The riots spread to the rest of Gaza, the West Bank, the Golan Heights and eventually into Jerusalem and Israel itself.

That challenged two widely held beliefs: that the 750,000 Arabs with Israeli citizenship did not consider themselves Palestinans, and that Palestinians would eventually acquiesce to Israel's keeping the occupied lands.

"It is a lie that if the Arabs realize we intend to be there forever, they will consent to this reality. The opposite is true," political scientist Shlomo Avieneri said on Israel Radio.

WORLD

Pilgrims guarded; Most areas remain quiet

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli soldiers kept a heavy guard on Christmas pilgrims in Bethlehem Saturday, but life was returning to normal in much of the occupied territories after a wave of violence in which at least 21 Arabs were killed.

Except for isolated cases of stone-throwing, army officials said the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were quiet.

A test of whether peace will prevail was expected to come Sunday, when 800 Israeli-run elementary and high schools reopen in the West Bank.

"Tomorrow will be a test. We have had at least three days of calm without any incidents of shooting or anybody being hurt," said one senior official in the West Bank military government, demanding anonymity.

The schools, with a combined enrollment of 280,000, were closed last Tuesday in an effort to prevent protests. Four teachers' colleges and two West Bank universities in Bethlehem and Hebron remain closed by military order.

Schools in Gaza are on a midterm break until Jan. 3.

The subsiding of protests appeared to be the result of both rainy weather and a campaign of massive arrests.

The Arab-run Palestine Press Service said 100 more Arabs were detained Saturday in addition to the 1,858 arrested since the start of unrest Dec. 8. The army said 800 have been detained and more were expected.

"Surrendering to violence and disturbances will only encourage their continuation," Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin was quoted by Israel radio as telling a political forum near Tel Aviv.

Meanwhile, about 2,000 members of the Israeli anti-war group Peace Now demonstrated in Jerusalem, calling on the government to enact a peace program rather than use punitive measures against Palestinians.

Police used tear gas to disperse the protesters, and two young Israelis were arrested when they refused to leave the area, witnesses said.

In Bethlehem, reporters saw small groups of pilgrims going into the Church of Nativity, built on the site where tradition says Jesus was born. Israeli soldiers patrolled the area around Manger Square and stood guard on top of the police station near the church.

Soldiers confiscated film from Associated Press photographer Anat Givon outside the Dahariya military camp in the West Bank, which Israeli officials said was being used to hold Arab prisoners. Three large tents were visible from the road, but there was no evidence of prisoners.

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Palestinian guerrillas intercepted

JERUSALEM (AP) — Three Palestinian guerrillas wearing Israeli army uniforms crossed the border from Jordan, but were intercepted and captured by Israeli troops after a brief firefight that wounded one guerrilla, officials said Saturday.

The infiltration Friday evening was the most serious in 10 years by Palestinian guerrillas along the normally quiet Israeli-Jordanian border, said Maj. Gen. Amram Mitzna, commander of Israeli troops guarding the border.

The army said the three belonged to the Palestine Liberation Front. The Front is a PLO faction headed by Mohammed Abbas, also known as Abul Abbas, who engineered the 1985 hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro.

In Sidon, Lebanon, Abbas' group said it launched the attack to support "the civilian revolt in the occupied territories," Israel radio said in an unattributed report. Since Dec. 8, at least 21 Arabs have been killed by army gunfire in unrest that swept Israeli-occupied territories.

An army spokesman said the guerrillas crossed into Israel Friday evening, the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath, near Kibbutz Mao z Chaim, a communal farm on the banks of the Jordan River south of the Sea of Galilee.

A military official said on Israel radio the guerrillas were wearing Israeli army uniforms under civilian clothes.

"The terrorists were located by an army patrol. In the ensuing exchange of gunfire, one terrorist was wounded," said an army spokesman. "All three were captured."

The Israelis fired first and none of them were wounded, Mitzna said.

The guerrillas carried three Soviet-designed Kalashnikov rifles, hand grenades and other small arms, said the army spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity in keeping with army regulations.

The military official who spoke to Israel radio, also not identified, said they carried bags containing heavy spikes, apparently to plant on the road to stop Israeli vehicles and then shoot their drivers.

Mitzna said he thought the infiltration was an attempt by Palestinian guerrillas to take advantage of what they perceived as Israeli army weakness after two weeks of unrest.

"Maybe in the last two weeks some people thought that Israel was weak, and cannot defend itself," he said on Israel radio. "I hope they learned their lesson."

Mitzna linked the attack to Fatah Day, the approaching anniversary of the founding of Yasser Arafat's Fatah wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"I can assume these guerrillas wanted to do something big for the anniversary of Fatah on Jan. 1," Mitzna said. "But they failed."

He said the army had operated "quickly and efficiently ... The terrorists were captured after they'd advanced a few hundred meters (yards) from the infiltration point."

Israel radio said in an unattributed report that the guerrillas apparently came though Jordan from Iraq. It quoted senior army officers as saying the guerrillas took advantage of heavy rainstorms to sneak past Jordanian border guards.

Israeli settlements in the area of the attack were placed on alert Friday evening until the army completed searches, the radio said.

In January 1986, a Jordanian soldier crossed into the Israeli-occupied West Bank and ambushed an Israeli army patrol, killing two soldiers and wounding two before he was shot dead.

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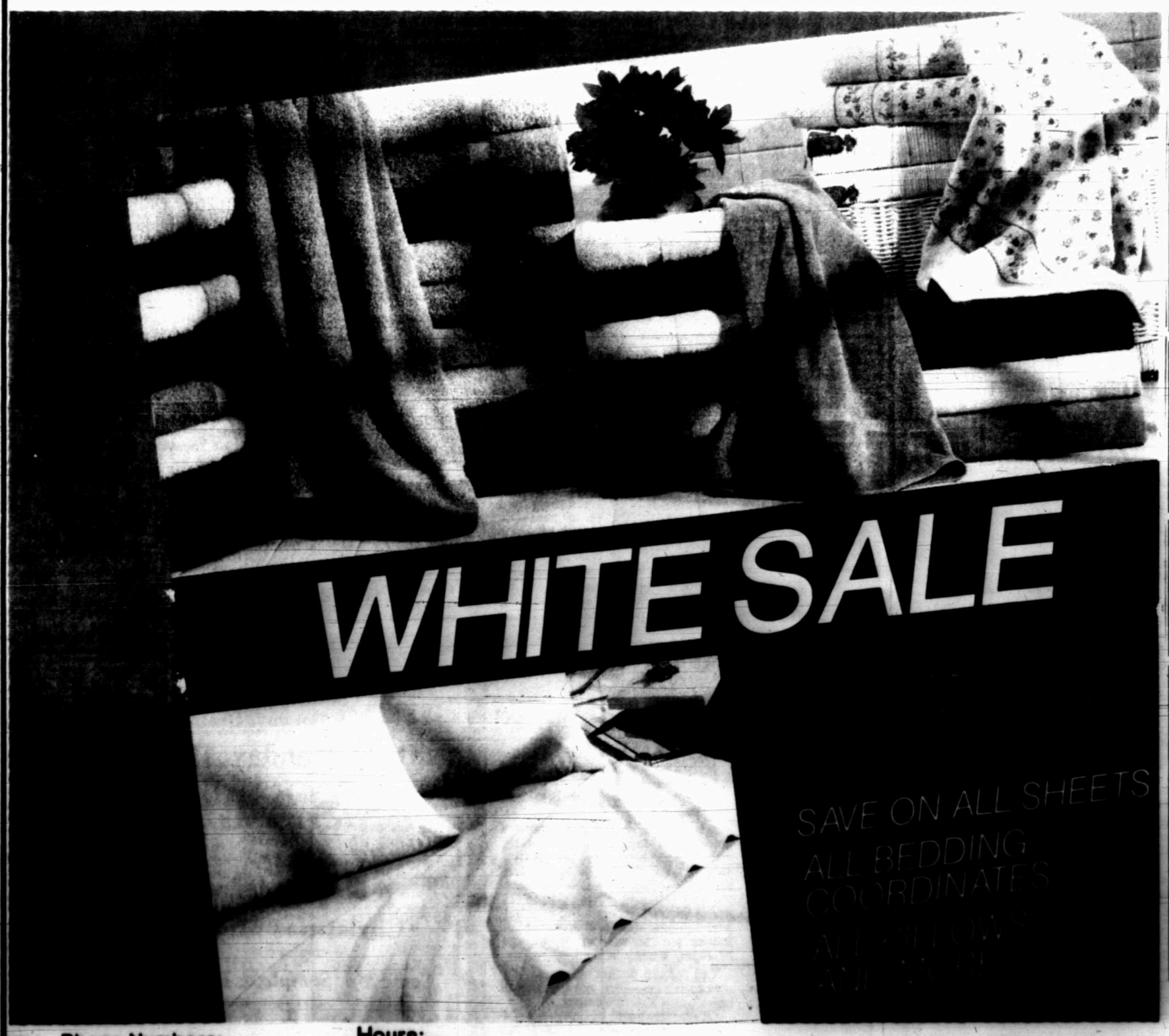

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Modern gold rush threatens primitive tribe in Brazil

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the tropical Amazon rain forests of Brazil and Venezuela live a tribe of primitive Indians, the Yanomami, who have had little contact with civilization. But that is changing, because the region is rich in gold and diamonds and other minerals which the white man wants. A gold rush could be fatal to the Indians.

By SUSANA HAYWARD
Associated Press Writer

BOA VISTA, Brazil — Bitter disputes over gold and diamonds involving miners, priests and soldiers are endangering the lives of the Yanomami Indians, the largest primitive tribe in existence.

The Indians are threatened by a gold rush atmosphere in the remote northern Brazilian territory of Roraima, a region about the size of Minnesota, where a statue of a gold miner is the only monument gracing the tiny of capital of Boa Vista.

Most of the gold, diamonds and minerals are buried where 9,000 Yanomamis live spread out in four groups along the savanna clearings of the tropical Amazon rain forest and its border with Venezuela. An equal number of Indians inhabit the Venezuelan side of the frontier.

It's believed the Yanomamis migrated from the Caribbean region thousands of years ago. Because they burn their dead and drink a solution of the ashes, evidence of them in Roraima traces back only 120 years.

The Yanomamis hunt with poisoned arrows and many use primitive tools. They shun clothes, decorate their bodies with fruit dye and flowers and live under huge palm huts in communities of 50 people.

Anthropologists, the Roman Catholic Church and Indian-rights groups fear that forced acculturation by an onslaught of whites will further reduce the Yanomami population, largely through disease.

Besides not doing much to stop thousands of itinerant gold prospectors from flocking to Roraima, the government plans to settle and guard 4,000 miles of Brazil's northern frontier against drug trafficking, gold smuggling, border disputes and foreign leftist guerrillas, mainly from Colombia.

This "calha norte," or northern ridge project, involves new army outposts which have brought hundreds of soldiers and families to Roraima, which has a population of 100,000.

The Yanomami are the largest tribe with little or no contact with the modern world.

Because of their isolation, the Indians have no immunity against common viruses and can easily die from flu or cold. That's the main reason the number of Brazilian Indians shrank from 5 million when the Portuguese reached Brazil in 1500 to 220,000 today.

"The Yanomamis will not be killed by arms but by bacteria," says anthropologist Alcida Ramos, who has lived with the Yanomamis and has written extensively about them.

Armed violence has also become a growing threat. In late August, four Yanomamis were killed in a sketchily reported confrontation in which a gold prospector died and another was wounded.

The archdiocese of Roraima said the miners shot, stabbed and "mutilated" the Yanomamis.

Raimundo Teixeira, who heads a miners cooperative in Roraima, said the Indians were incited to attack by priests and missionaries "who smuggle out gold and use the Indians as slaves."

To solve the problem, the government Indian agency, known by its Portuguese initials as Funai, sent in soldiers and helicopters to throw out both miners and missionaries.

"The church is accused of smuggling gold, diamonds, precious stones and dollars," said the Rev. Aldo Mongiano, an Italian who is the bishop of Roraima. "The only thing we haven't been accused of is drug trafficking, but I'm sure that's next."

AP Laserphoto

Youths of the Yanomami tribe pose near a thatched hut in remote Roraima, Brazil.

Mongiano and all other priests have been banned by the Indian agency from visiting the Yanomami area. So have medical teams and missionaries giving assistance to the Indians.

Dr. Maria Gorete Selau said she was treating 100 Indians who had malaria before she was prohibited from entering the region.

"They were recovering from the flu, and now they are dying of malaria," she said.

Funai official Esmeraldino Silva Mendes, however, contended the agency is providing adequate health care.

Today, only the military and Funai personnel are officially allowed to enter the region. That is not keeping out the prospectors.

Funai repeatedly denied requests by The Associated Press to visit its Yanomami post, saying it was unsafe.

There are strong feelings against foreigners in Roraima and many priests in the archdiocese are Italian, including the bishop.

The only organization actively lobbying to create a national park for the Yanomamis is run by a Swiss-born woman and is financed by Norway through the Denmark-based International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs.

The influential newspaper O Estado de Sao Paulo published stories alleging that foreign plots were afoot to sell out Brazil to multinational mining companies, using the Indians as "front men."

The reports, without attribution, resulted in an investigation of the National Indigenous Missionary Council, an Indian-rights group linked to the National Bishop's Conference, the main coordinating body of the Roman Catholic Church in Brazil.

A senate committee labeled the accusations unfounded.

Claudia Andujar, who coordinates the commission to create the Yanomami park, has been lobbying for 10 years to have Funai mark off 9 million acres — one-sixth of Roraima — for the Indians.

"It's obvious that what we're up against are many special interests, mainly mining companies wanting their hands on the resources," she said.

Andujar cannot get inside the Yanomami area or persuade officials to let in doctors.

The government National Security Council lists the bishop as one of 118 foreign priests breaking a Brazilian law forbidding involvement in domestic affairs. He faces possible expulsion.

"The right wing has decided to turn the church into Public Enemy No. 1," said Sen. Severo Gomes. "It's like the Inquisition, with lists and no proof. Suddenly the church can't get involved because it's seen as subversive."

Gomes said the accusations against Indian-rights groups "are targeted to confuse public opinion at a time when congress is writing a new constitution that could change laws about mineral development."

Gomes introduced legislation that would limit prospecting to government companies, excluding all private ventures, Brazilian and foreign, and which would require congressional and Indian approval before Indian land is explored for minerals.

Although that probably would help, it wouldn't keep away "civilization."

The northern ridge military project calls for six army posts in Roraima, each with a platoon of 60 soldiers plus families. Three posts are already functioning.

"I am here to keep the prospectors away from the Indians, to preserve mineral resources, prevent miners from extracting gold and preserve Brazilian unity," said Lt. Adalberto Antonio de Faria.

What do the Yanomamis think of all this?

Since the missionaries were thrown out, the people who speak Yanomami haven't been able to ask. A spokesman for Funai says, "There is not one complaint against us." The army says it keeps its distance and respects the Indians, only making contact when the Yanomamis approach them.

By all accounts, many Indians are aware they are sitting on a gold mine and many are known to pan for gold, which is usually exchanged for cheap trinkets such as fish hooks and bracelets.

The national Coordination Board of Geologists, which has 7,000 members, has recommended the Yanomami area be kept as a government-protected preserve.

The group said two-thirds of the estimated 1,900 pounds of gold and 90 percent of the estimated 50,000 carats of diamonds found annually in Yanomami territory are smuggled out of Brazil. It argued that uncontrolled prospecting there is not beneficial to the nation as a whole.

The geologists said the Yanomamis' land does contain important deposits of cassiterite, or tin ore, but that Brazil has 20 years' worth of reserves elsewhere and does not need to disrupt the Indian area now.

"The history of mineral extraction in the Yanomami area shows the mineral wealth benefits only a small group of people."

Wanderlino de Carvalho, the president of the geologists organization, said, "Brazil does not need the Yanomami area for minerals at present. It should remain a preserve in case we really do need it some day."

"What is more important," he added, "is not to shock the Yanomamis into extinction."

Pro-Moscow Afghans no closer to autonomy

By CAROL J. WILLIAMS

MOSCOW (AP) — Eight years after Soviet troops rumbled into Afghanistan, the pro-Moscow Kabul regime is no closer to standing on its own, while rebel forces have become bolder with the help of U.S. Stinger missiles.

Sunday's eighth anniversary of the Soviet intervention is an occasion of anguish for the Kremlin, which has witnessed new failures over the past year in attempts to arrange a plan for withdrawing its estimated 115,000 troops.

Two rallies in the Soviet Union on Saturday protesting Soviet involvement in the Afghan conflict ended with 30 arrests.

Soviet officials insist that U.S. and other foreign aid to the rebels be halted before its troops pull out, a process the Kremlin now says could be completed in less than a year.

But the Soviets also have worked tenaciously to ensure a friendly government remains in power in Kabul, backing several ineffective measures aimed at drawing rebels into a coalition government.

Afghan leader Najib has outlined what he terms a government of national reconciliation. He has urged unity with the rebels, who have battled the Kabul regime since an April 1978 Marxist-style revolution, and with millions of refugees living in Pakistan and Iran.

The Soviets appear to be counting on the unity plan's success to begin bringing their troops home. But Najib's calls have been widely ignored by the insurgents.

The Kremlin is unwilling for its troops to leave while the rebel groups, though diverse and factional, could overthrow Najib's government. The bloodbath expected to follow a sudden Soviet withdrawal would jeopardize Krelim relations with other nations where the Red army has supported socialist governments.

The Afghan situation has evolved into one of escalating tension and conflict, despite the Soviets' claim to have made a political decision to withdraw.

Even the capital city of Kabul is vulnerable, as evidenced during Najib's address to a National Assembly meeting last month. Four rockets hit the city center during his speech, and small arms fire could be heard day and night by Western journalists invited to Afghanistan for restricted visits.

Najib was brought to power in May 1986 in what was viewed as an effort to create a government less abhorrent to the rebels than that of predecessor Babrak Karmal.

The 41-year-old Najib is a member of the dominant Pashtu tribe and adheres to the Moslem faith professed by 99 percent of the Afghan population.

But Najib, a former secret police chief, has done little to alleviate the rebels' resentment of the government's alignment with the officially atheist Soviet state.

Najib invoked a Jan. 15 cease-fire that was ignored by the insurgents, who had recently been armed with U.S.-made Stinger anti-aircraft missiles.

The small, heat-seeking rockets have downed dozens of Soviet aircraft which provided air cover for government forces during ground battles. The results emboldened the rebels, and the Kremlin reduced air support as the insurgents' aim with the shoulder-launched missiles improved.

In May, Afghan officials took 20 Western reporters to the city of Khost, and claimed to have the region under control.

Weeks later, rebel forces cut off all land supply routes. Khost airport has been closed since autumn, when the insurgents reportedly downed five Soviet-made Antonov-26 planes ferrying supplies and troops.

Soviet and Afghan soldiers last Monday launched a major offensive to break the rebel siege of Khost, and claimed more than 1,500 rebel casualties within the first 48 hours. But even if the drive succeeds, government soldiers are not expected to hold the area long without substantially increasing troops and equipment.

Deeper involvement in Afghanistan is out of the question for the Soviet leadership, which faces increasing citizen resentment over the Soviet role in the war.

Foreign Ministry spokesmen confirm the Stingers brought heavier losses of aircraft and Soviet and Afghan troops. Soviet officials, however, have never disclosed how many of their soldiers have been killed or injured in Afghanistan.

The secrecy clinging to the conflict contrasts with the stated goal of leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev's campaign for "glasnost," or more openness about Soviet issues.

Afghanistan veterans returning to the Soviet Union also have become more vocal over the past year about the difficulties they face upon return to their homeland.

The Communist Party daily Pravda in July carried letters from Afghanistan veterans who told of adjustment problems reminiscent of the complaints voiced by American soldiers who served in Vietnam.

The war has become increasingly unpopular with the Soviet public as more and more families are touched by the deaths and injuries.

On Saturday, 16 protesters were detained after a small rally outside a Moscow subway station, and some were beaten, a dissident source said. In another rally in Leningrad, 14 people were detained as they unfurled banners and signs reading "Bring our children back alive from Afghanistan" and "Withdraw Soviet troops from Afghanistan," the source reported.

Dissidents in Moscow have reported other protests, but Soviets' resentment of the war has not yet reached a level that pushes the issue into the open as did massive U.S. anti-war demonstrations in the late 1960s.

As public resistance grows, bolstered by the touted campaign for openness, Soviets may bring stronger pressure on the Kremlin to bring the troops back home.

Carol J. Williams has been a correspondent in Moscow since July 1984 and took part in a weeklong, government-organized visit to three regions of Afghanistan in October 1986.

Saudi leader critizes Iran's demands

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — King Fahd told a summit of Persian Gulf Arab leaders Saturday that Iran's conditions for ending its war with Iraq are unreasonable and that prolonging the war could drag their nations into it.

"Force will not solve the problem because every power will have to defend itself and, what would be worse, some countries might seek help from other powers," Saudi Arabia's monarch told the opening session of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council summit.

The leaders of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates planned to meet for four days, with the Iran-Iraq war and Persian Gulf shipping attacks topping the agenda.

Fahd said the seven-year Iran-Iraq war will end one day, "but why wait till the war annihilates everything? ... It would make better sense to end it without delay, rather than wait for it to engulf all in its flames."

The king said Iran's conditions for ending the war "are unreasonable and unacceptable." Iran has demanded that President Saddam Hussein of Iraq be removed and that Iraq and its Arab backers pay Iran enormous sums in war reparations.

"Conditions come after the war ends," Fahd said. He praised Iraq, which has accepted a U.N. Security Council cease-fire resolution, for seeking peace. Iran has failed to embrace the resolution on the ground it didn't brand Iraq the aggressor in the war.

Syria's foreign minister, Farouk al-Sharaa, arrived unexpectedly in the Saudi capital just before the summit opened at Riyadh's ornate domed Conference Hall. His country is Persian Iran's main ally among the Arab countries.

The gulf council countries have been pressing Syria to mediate with Tehran for an end to the war.

Earlier, other leaders of the 6-year-old economic integration and defense pact stressed the need for their combined action to ward off the perils of the war.

"The summit meeting (is being held) under extremely sensitive and difficult circumstances, necessitating prompt action to confront the challenges that have adversely affected our region," said the president of the United Arab Emirates, Sheik Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan.

The emir of Bahrain, Sheik Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, also spoke of "enormous challenges" besetting the Arabs of the gulf region and called for deliberations among gulf allies to face "these regional and international menaces."

Others attending the summit, the council's eighth, included Sultan Qaboos of Oman, and Sheiks Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah of Kuwait and Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani of Qatar.

Knowledgeable officials said Saudi Arabia and Kuwait would press for a diplomatic offensive to persuade world powers to support an arms embargo against Iran. They said the United Arab Emirates and Oman preferred to start a dialogue with the Iranian government.

The gulf council nations account for about 50 percent of the world's proven oil reserves. They profess neutrality in the Iran-Iraq war, but Iran accuses them of pro-Iraqi bias, singling out Saudi Arabia and Kuwait for allegedly pouring more than $38 billion into Iraqi coffers since 1980.

The summit is under the shadow of the worst phase of the so-called tanker war in the gulf. At least 26 ships have been raided by Iran or Iraq this month.

The Tehran leadership has warned the gulf Arab powers that the region's shipping routes will be insecure unless they can persuade the Iraqis to cease air strikes on Iranian shipping.

The United States and five Western allies, along with the Soviet Union, have strengthened their naval presence in the region since the summer.

Kuwait has registered 11 tankers in the United States to gain U.S. warship protection against Iranian attacks.

Emirates President Zayed told Saudi reporters that by dialogue, an end to the gulf war could be reached.

He repeated his call for a peace mission by three neutral Arab leaders "to underwrite the rights of Iran and Iraq."

"If the two (warring) sides accept this, then we can demand a cease-fire and a withdrawal of troops back to their barracks. Afterwards, arbitrators acceptable to all would begin to define the rights and dues of each side. These rights are to be guaranteed by (Arab) kings and heads of state, including us."

Iraq claims attack; More escorts begun

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iraq claimed its warplanes attacked a tanker in the Persian Gulf on Saturday, and witnesses said British and French warships were escorting other nations' ships after a surge in attacks on gulf shipping.

The official Iraqi News Agency quoted a military spokesman as saying jet fighters scored an "accurate and effective hit" on a "large maritime target," which means a tanker. If confirmed, it would be the 27th ship attacked in the gulf in December — a record for one month.

The news agency said the vessel, which was not identified, was hit at 9 p.m.

The reported escorts by British and French warships through the Strait of Hormuz indicated that the nations were veering from their stated policy of protecting only their own country's ships in the gulf, where Iran and Iraq have been at war since September 1980.

The latest attacks occurred as the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council began a summit in Saudi Arabia. The key item on the leaders' agenda was the growing menace of the Iran-Iraq war.

On Saturday, the British frigate Scylla steamed north into the gulf in a single-line convoy with two Bahamian, two Saudi Arabian and one Panamanian tanker, as well as two British vessels, said Associated Press photographer Greg English. English witnessed the scene from a helicopter.

Leading the convoy was the Bahamian-registered 516,893-ton Esso Atlantic.

The U.S. guided-missile frigate Gallery steamed north about two miles away, and an unidentified Iranian frigate appeared to be shadowing it, English said.

Headed south was the French destroyer Dupleix and four tankers — two French and two Liberian-flagged.

Britain's Armilla Patrol in the gulf previously has allowed third-nation ships to trail behind its convoys. But such "hitchhikers" normally follow at a distance and out of line from the regular convoy.

According to English and gulf-based shipping executives, the convoys Saturday moved in single file, with no apparent large gaps between ships.

British and French warships, like those from the United States, have stated policies to protect only vessels flying their own flags in the gulf.

Britain's Defense Ministry said there had been no change in the rules of engagement.

But one Dubai-based shipping executive, speaking like the other executives on the conditon of anonymity, said the convoys may herald a new phase of expanded protection for ships from nations that have no forces in the gulf.

Shipping sources noted that the U.S. Defense Department revealed last Tuesday that it had modified its rules of engagement to protect the warships of other NATO countries active in the gulf, but not commercial vessels.

They suggested the American ship's presence near the British-led convoy might be related to that new policy.

The United States, Britain, France, Italy and the Soviet Union have naval task forces that escort their ships. Belgium and the Netherlands have only minesweepers.

U.S. Navy ships have been increasingly involved in humanitarian missions in the past two weeks, sending helicopters to two ships attacked Christmas Day, as well as to a burning Cypriot tanker Dec. 12.

One ship hit Friday by Iranian gunboats was the South Korean tanker Hyundai 7. The charred vessel was towed into Dubai harbor on Saturday and its crew of 20, rescued by helicopters from the Scylla and the guided-missile frigate USS Elrod, were brought ashore.

Japanese beginning to resent American trade balance criticism

By MARI TAKETA

TOKYO (AP) — American criticism of Japan's trade surplus, charges of unfair business practices and threats of retaliation by Washington are spawning resentment that the United States is pushing too hard.

"There are indications that backs are rising," U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield said in a recent interview. "The one side is looked on as demanding all the time, and the other as giving in all the time."

Annoyance in Japan has grown as friction with the United States has mounted. Recent polls show fewer adults harbor friendly feelings toward Americans, while junior high school students, asked which nation Japan would most likely fight in a war, named the United States.

Some people have begun to lash back. After months of U.S. pressure to remove import barriers on selected farm products, former Trade Minister Sadanori Yamanaka angrily warned that "a cornered mouse may bite at a cat."

"Japan is a sovereign nation, and it is possible that Japan will bite at the United States...if and when Japan can no longer endure the high-handed U.S. demands that are imposed on us one after another," he told a news conference last month.

Days later, 200 farmers in the country's far north hurled American oranges and cigarettes into a bonfire lit under a portrait of President Reagan.

"There is a growing confidence among the Japanese, particularly about their economic capability," said Akihiko Tanaka, a Tokyo University associate professor of international relations. "Some people say the Japanese are becoming nationalistic and confident and arrogant" — fodder for "increasing resentment of Japan always being bashed."

The feeling is that American demands are excessive, not fair and in some cases discriminatory.

"It's unfair," said businessman Yoshihiro Hayakawa. "Americans aren't even trying their best to sell their products here."

For its part, the government has preferred mild responses. Periodically, it agrees to concessions. But more often lately, Japan has spoken out in defense of its policies. On agriculture, it says U.S. calls to dismantle import barriers are unfair because the United States maintains similar restrictions.

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WORLD in brief

Grenade explodes at Managua hotel

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — A hand grenade accidentally exploded in a Matagalpa hotel while a Canadian woman was handling it, killing her and an army officer, the Interior Ministry said Saturday.

The Interior Ministry identified the woman as Jenny Grant More, 26, who died Friday night in a room of the Plaza Hotel in Matagalpa, 80 miles north of the capital, Managua.

It said the woman "handled a fragmentation grenade, causing a regrettable accident in which (she) died instantly." It did not say whose grenade it was.

Also killed in the explosion was 2nd Lt. Roger Mendez Zeron, the ministry said. The state-run Voice of Nicaragua earlier identified the officer as Lt. Zenon Reyes Mendez and said he died in a hospital shortly after the explosion.

The ministry said in a statement that Ms. More was in Nicaragua as a volunteer to help harvest the coffee crop for the company Chale Haslam outside Matagalpa.

Four black men killed

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Christmas Day unrest left four black men dead in a district where more than 230 people have died in black-on-black factional fighting this year, police said Saturday.

Police headquarters said four people were injured and four arrested Friday in black townships around the southeastern city of Pietermaritzburg. In two incidents, officers opened fire in an effort to disperse crowds, police said.

Two of the slain men were shot and two were stabbed, according to the police report, which did not give the victims' names.

A fifth death was reported at Kwa-Makutha, a black township near Durban, a port city 50 miles southeast of Pietermaritzburg.

Americans recovering

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Five American Boy Scouts, two adult scoutmasters and two Australian girls were recovering Saturday from a Christmas Eve accident that killed one Australian, officials said.

Clifford Riches, 25, of Australia, died and his two sisters were injured when their car collided head-on with the scouts' minibus Thursday near the snowy mountain resort of Jindabyne, northwest of Canberra.

One scout and one girl were in serious condition in Royal Canberra Hospital's intensive care ward, but a hospital spokeswoman said they were out of danger.

Four of the scouts and one scoutmaster were in Cooma Base Hospital. The other scoutmaster and the other injured girl were in Canberra's Woden Valley Hospital. All were all reported in satisfactory condition.

28 killed in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A rocket and grenade attack on a bus in western Afghanistan killed 28 people and badly injured 18, Kabul Radio said Saturday.

The radio said "extremist elements" — meaning anti-communist guerrillas — carried out the attack Friday in the Herat region near the border with Iran.

"They martyred 28 innocent compatriots, including women and children," in the Chaqmaq region of Karokh district in Herat, said the radio, which was monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp.

Missiles and hand grenades were used, and the passengers' "wealth was plundered by these professional thieves," the radio said. It said the bus was taking passengers from Herat city to their homes.

Jets collide on runway

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Two American Airlines jets carrying holiday passengers bound for Miami collided on the runway just before takeoff Saturday, officials said.

No injuries were reported and both 727 jets were able to taxi back to the terminal building at Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico's capital.

American Airlines agent Zoymarie Simonet said the airline would not comment on the accident or the damage to the jets before Monday.

Soviets plan museum

MOSCOW (AP) — As a warning about the dangers of the atom, the Soviet Union plans a museum showing how people were evacuated so hurriedly from the Chernobyl disaster area that they left behind valuable antiques, Tass said Saturday.

The official news agency said Georgy Bessonov is preparing exhibits for the museum. He quoted him as saying the items will show the disorder left by residents who were forced to evacuate in two hours. The explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in April 1986 killed at least 31 people.

The museum will serve as a warning that nuclear power "is formidable in criminal or careless hands," Tass quoted Bessonov as saying.

Hostage gives birth

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A Frenchwoman now reported to be a hostage of Palestinian extremists has given birth to a daughter, according to a guerrilla spokesman.

The mother, Jacqueline Valente, and daughter "are in good, healthy condition and are receiving special medical care," Walid Khalid of Abu Nidal's Fatah-Revolutionary Council faction said Friday in a statement.

She was among a group of eight Europeans reported kidnapped at sea by Palestinian terrorists.

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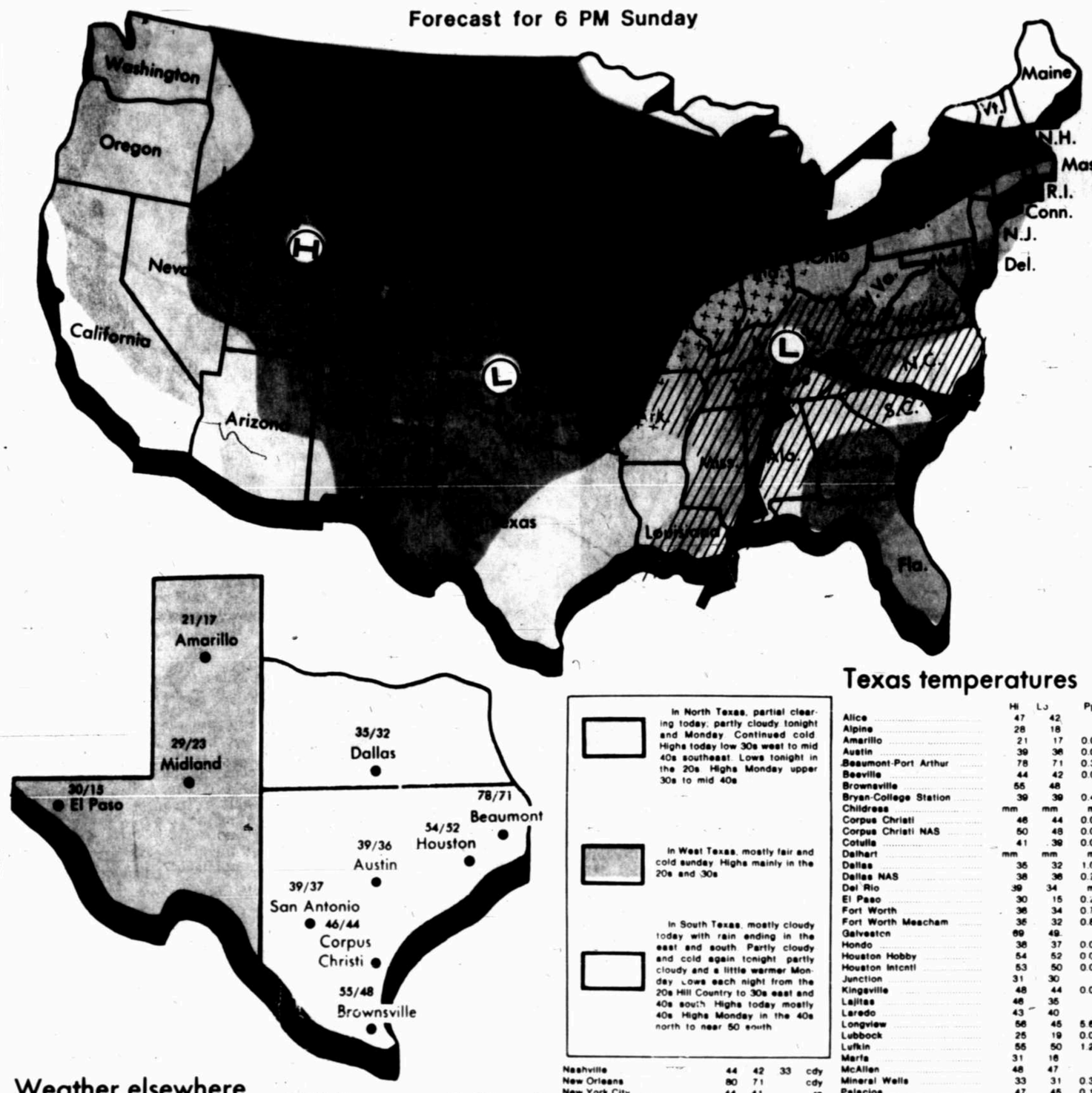

In North Texas, partial clearing today, partly cloudy tonight and Monday. Continued cold. Highs today low 30s west to mid 40s southeast. Lows tonight in the 20s. Highs Monday upper 30s to mid 40s

In West Texas, mostly fair and cold sunday. Highs mainly in the 20s and 30s

In South Texas, mostly cloudy today with rain ending in the east and south. Partly cloudy and cold again tonight, partly cloudy and a little warmer Monday. Lows each night from the 20s Hill Country to 30s east and 40s south. Highs today mostly 40s. Highs Monday in the 40s north to near 50 south

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Sunday: Sunny with a high in the mid-30s, with northwest winds 10-15 mph. Sunday night: Clearing with a low expected in the lower teens. Monday: A high expected in the mid-40s.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High	29 degrees
Overnight Low	23 degrees
Sunset today	5:51 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:46 a.m.
Precipitation	
Last 24 hours	.260 inches
This month to date	.380 inches
Year to date	14.01 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 p.m.	25	6 a.m.	23
7 p.m.	25	7 a.m.	23
8 p.m.	25	8 a.m.	23
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		6 p.m.	27

Extended forecast

West Texas, mostly fair and warmer throughout the period. Permian Basin, highs 50s to lower 60s. Lows upper 20s to near 40. Concho Valley, highs 50s to lower 60s. Lows 30s to lower 40s. Far West, highs mostly in the 50s. Lows 20s to lower 30s. Big Bend region, highs mid 40s to mid 50s mountains, with mid 50s to mid 60s lowlands. Lows mostly 20s mountains and 30s lowlands.

Weather elsewhere

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	27	13		clr
Asheville	65	57	02	rn
Atlanta	72	62	06	cdy
Atlantic City	54	40	43	rn
Baltimore	50	43	41	sn
Billings	36	19		clr
Bismarck	42	05		clr
Boise	32	13		cdy
Boston	40	34	02	cdy
Buffalo	33	31	01	cdy
Charleston,S.C.	73	63		rn
Charleston,W.Va.	43	38	1.17	rn
Chicago	32	23		cdy
Cleveland	36	31		cdy
Columbia,S.C.	76	64		rn
Dayton	36	32	25	rn
Denver	18	-01	13	cdy
Detroit	33	29		cdy
Duluth	24	-04		cdy
Evansville	41	38	52	rn
Flagstaff	27	04		clr
Grand Rapids	30	24		cdy
Great Falls	40	21		cdy
Hartford	41	35		cdy
Helena	25	04		cdy
Indianapolis	37	34	19	cdy
Jackson,Miss.	60	50	32	cdy
Kansas City	33	25		sn
Las Vegas	43	23		cdy
Los Angeles	56	35		cdy
Louisville	42	38	92	rn
Milwaukee	29	21		cdy
Nashville	44	42	33	cdy
New Orleans	80	71		cdy
New York City	44	41		rn
Oklahoma City	31	26	40	cdy
Orlando	81	61		cdy
Philadelphia	44	40	14	cdy
Phoenix	49	33		clr
Portland,Ore.	39	27		rn
Providence	42	35		cdy
Raleigh	73	50	08	rn
Reno	37	10		cdy
Richmond	66	44	12	rn
Sacramento	50	28		cdy
St Louis	35	31	11	sn
San Antonio	44	37		cdy
San Francisco	53	42		cdy
Shreveport	55	48	2.61	cdy
Sioux Falls	26	-07		cdy
Syracuse	35	26		cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	81	64		cdy
Tucson	44	25		clr

Texas temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Ppn
Alice	47	42	
Alpine	28	18	
Amarillo	21	17	0.04
Austin	39	36	0.07
Beaumont-Port Arthur	78	71	0.38
Beeville	44	42	0.02
Brownsville	55	48	
Bryan-College Station	39	39	0.45
Childress	mm	mm	m
Corpus Christi	46	44	0.04
Corpus Christi NAS	50	48	0.03
Cotulla	41	39	0.02
Dalhart	mm	mm	m
Dallas	35	32	1.02
Dallas NAS	38	36	0.91
Del Rio	39	34	m
El Paso	30	15	0.28
Fort Worth	36	34	0.74
Fort Worth Meacham	35	32	0.87
Galveston	69	49	
Hondo	38	37	0.09
Houston Hobby	54	52	0.02
Houston Intcntl	53	50	0.06
Junction	31	30	
Kingsville	48	44	0.02
Lajitas	46	35	
Laredo	43	40	
Longview	56	45	5.66
Lubbock	25	19	0.03
Lufkin	55	50	1.24
Marfa	31	16	
McAllen	48	47	
Mineral Wells	33	31	0.36
Palacios	47	45	0.12
Presidio	mm	mm	
San Angelo	30	27	0.03
San Antonio	39	37	0.03
Stephenville	33	30	0.47
Texarkana	56	42	4.62
Victoria	45	42	0.11
Waco	37	35	2.17
Wichita Falls	31	28	0.16
Wink	mm	mm	m

Counties forecasts

Midland, Ector, Crane, Upton, Howard, Martin, Reagan, Glasscock, Borden and Dawson: Today, partly cloudy. High near 30. Wind west 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid teens. Monday, mostly fair. High in the mid 40s.

Rains flood part of Texas

Associated Press

Heavy rains with widespread flooding began in Northeast Texas Saturday morning and continued into the afternoon, swamping several roads in Northeast Texas as thunderstorms rumbled over the area.

The heavy rains were caused by a persistent upper-level storm system over southern New Mexico and an associated surface cold front that slowly moved across extreme East Texas. A flash flood watch was in effect over much of Northeast Texas during the afternoon.

A freezing drizzle and snow advisory for northwest North Texas, but was discontinued late in the afternoon. All winter advisories for West Texas were canceled, although some light snow continued to fall in the Panhandle.

Many roads over the northwest North Texas and over much of West Texas continued to be icy and hazardous as temperatures stayed below the freezing mark.

Drizzle and fog dampened a large part of Southeast Texas, but conditions improved over south Central and far South Texas under cloudy but dry skies, the National Weather Service said.

Winds were from the north to northwest at 10 to 20 mph over much of Texas, except for the extreme southeast part of the state, where south winds persisted. Small craft advisories continued along the entire Texas coastline.

The cold, windy and wet conditions should slowly end from west to east across the state. Heavy rains were expected to taper off in Northeast Texas, but some rain and drizzle may persist in Southeast Texas before ending Sunday.

NATION

A winter storm that gave the Sun Belt a White Christmas moved eastward Saturday, spreading snow, ice and rain across the central and southern Plains into the Ohio and Tennessee valleys.

Behind the storm, temperatures plunged to record lows, while at least three Southern cities had record highs.

Floodwaters that had forced more than 4,000 people from their homes in Tennessee on Christmas Day began to recede Saturday, although rain continued to fall.

Cold air covered much of the West, with Los Angeles, Fresno and Bakersfield, Calif., setting or tying records for low temperatures. The frost threatened citrus crops near Fresno, which had a low of 21 degrees, and near Los Angeles, where the temperature fell to 35 degrees.

Freeze warnings were posted for the inland valleys and lower elevations as well as the southern valley areas of California.

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Jenni Banks, 32, a native of Melbourne, Australia, explains her experiences in the United States and as a Bowie Elementary School fifth grade teacher. Ms. Banks is returning to Australia Monday.

Australian teacher spent last year experiencing U.S. culture

By JANE MARLER DEES
Staff Writer

On Monday, Jenni Banks will say over and out to Midland and return down under to her home in Melbourne, Australia.

She spent the last year here on an exchange teaching program sponsored by a branch of her state government, the Victoria Ministry of Education.

"If I've had one mission since I've been here, it is to teach people that Koalas are not bears!" the 32-year-old educator said. "They are marsupials just like the kangaroo."

If she had to have chosen one year to spend in America, she concurred that 1987 would have been the one to pick.

"When I got here Oral Roberts was saying, 'Pay me or I'll die!' " she remembered. "Then you had the Jim and Tammy thing. I knew nothing of TV evangelism before I got here."

She learned a great deal about Americans during the past year watching events like the Gary Hart scandal, the Iran-Contra affair, the Jessica McClure rescue and the papal visit unfold, she said.

Apathy appeared to her to be a problem Americans have with voting and government, Ms. Banks concluded.

"In Australia voting is compulsory," she said. Citizens are fined anywhere from $10 to $50 if they don't vote, she explained.

Ms. Banks voted absentee all the way from New York City this past July during the Australian prime ministerial election.

Ideologically, however, the two lands are similar, she said. "I would be a raging Democrat if I lived in America."

The continent of Australia is the same size as mainland America, she explained.

"So many people think Australia is a little island far away. Texas would fit five times over in Western Australia alone," she said.

Drawn to network television newscasts by a tremendous crush on ABC-TV anchorman Peter Jennings and hopes to hear news of Australia, she became frustrated when the latter was not to be found.

The only news of her land down under came during the finals of the America's Cup yachting race, or when Aussie Pat Cash won the Wimbledon tennis crown, she lamented.

"I mean, how many people know we had a federal election in Australia last July?"

Ms. Banks surmised that the diversity of America contributes to international news coverage that doesn't go much further past the Persian Gulf, Soviet Union or Central America, she said. "So much is happening here that I guess it just takes up all the news."

But much to her delight, she got to experience that diversity firsthand during this past year.

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Sales tax hike one of 33 new laws in effect Jan. 1

By JULIE HILLRICHS
Staff Writer

Texas lawmakers left the state capitol months ago, but residents should continue to feel the affects of last summer's legislative session when 33 bills become law on Friday.

Perhaps the most noteworthy of these laws is the new voter-approved half-cent county sales levy, which gives Midland County the power to tax most goods and services.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock reported last week that the county will collect almost $3.4 million in revenues from the windfall next year.

The changes bring a maze of new sales tax rates to the area, with merchants charging a total of 7.5 cents on the dollar.

Six of those cents go to state coffers, 1 cent is devoted to the city budget, and a half cent goes to the county.

While the increase takes effect on all sales after the first of the year, the county treasury won't see the extra money until Bullock sends out January's sales tax receipts in March. In October, the money will be devoted to 1988 property taxes. The county's 1988 tax rate will be adjusted downward to take the new money into account.

Also starting Jan. 1, people authorized by law to conduct marriage ceremonies will have to look at each marriage license a little more closely.

That's because under new state law ceremonies can't be held until 72 hours after the marriage license is issued.

Two exceptions contained in the law come into play when an applicant is a member of the U.S. armed forces of the and is on active duty, and when an applicant obtains a district court order permitting the ceremony to take place during the 72-hour period.

Early ceremonies that don't qualify for one of these exceptions are voidable and subject to annulment.

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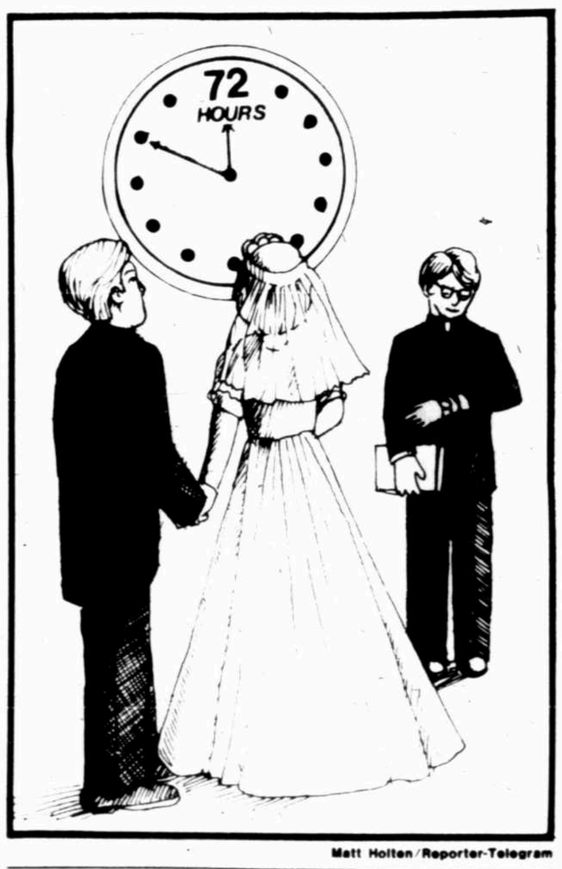

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Lawmen say shooting death of teen not gang-related

By PATRICK CRIMMINS
Staff Writer

The Dec. 19 shooting death of a 16-year-old Midland youth was not gang-related, although lawmen say they are aware of periodic spurts of violence which can be traced to the loosly organized clubs.

"It was not gang-related — we know that," police Det. Sgt. B.G. Johnson said this week, refuting earlier news reports.

Following a party attended by about 50 juveniles and adults at a residence in the 1100 block of East Nobles Avenue, Luis Sanchez, 1201 S. Fort Worth Ave., was hit once in the chest about 2 a.m. with a bullet fired from a .22-caliber pistol.

He died four hours later after undergoing surgery at Odessa Medical Center Hospital, according to police reports.

Witnesses told investigators that at least six shots were fired from a pistol the detective sergeant said was owned by Jessie Garcia Lopez, 17, 3007 W. Louisiana Ave.

Shortly after the shooting, Lopez was arrested and charged with murder. Late Saturday, he was still being held in the Midland County Jail in lieu of $25,000 bond, a jail officer said.

According to Johnson, Lopez, armed with the pistol, tried to break up a fight between Sanchez and another 16-year-old youth in the vicinity of the party.

"Several shots were fired to break up the fight," Johnson said. "But we don't know exactly what happened."

Lopez and Sanchez were friends, Johnson said, adding that after a review by the Midland County District Attorney's office, the charge may reduced.

At least 12 witnesses' statements have been taken in the case, and the information indicates the shooting was not gang-related, Johnson said.

"This kid (Sanchez) was probably a member of one of the gangs, but as far as a gang-related killing, no," he said.

Johnson said alcohol apparently was a factor in the shooting, as investigators found a keg of beer, three cases of empty beer cans, a gallon of vodka, and several bottles of bourbon.

"If there hadn't been a place made available to have a party, maybe we wouldn't have had a 16-year-old killed," he said.

There have been "several" gang-related shootings in the city in the last six months, but none were fatal, the detective said.

According to Johnson, the city has four youth gangs in various stages of activity.

The average age of gang members is 14 to 16 years old, but gang leaders usually are older, frequently between the ages of 17 and 25, Johnson said.

"I would say that we do not have a gang problem," Johnson said. "Any city of this size is going to have groups of young people, and you are going to have gangs. But we haven't had anybody killed in gang-related deals."

That a 17-year-old man was carrying a loaded revolver at a Friday night party is not surprising, Johnson said.

"You can go to a party anywhere in the city of Midland, and somewhere at that party you would find a gun."

David Brown recipient of Trimble Award

From Staff Reports

Brown

The Trimble Service Award recipient for December is David Brown.

The award recognizes citizens for outstanding volunteer activities and is co-sponsored by the Leadership Midland Alumni Association and the Reporter-Telegram.

Brown was nominated by the Midland Association for Retarded Citizens. He has been a volunteer with that organization for the past three years, working with the Special Olympics program.

Brown is a 25-year-old geologist with Faskin Oil & Ranch Interests.

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George Wolf/Reporter-Telegram

West Texas rancher Bobby Matthews Saturday tosses hay on icy grassland for his cold and hungry Hereford cattle. Matthews ranches north of Midland on the Lazy Z Ranch.

Icy weather brings ranchers extra chores

By ED TODD
Staff Writer

The icy winter that brings delight to fireside chats and excitement to winter games just brings more work for ranchers.

Sheets of ice, thin and thick, form over watering ponds, tanks and troughs. Snow, sleet and freezing rain cast patches and blankets of ice over grassland. Ice wraps around blades of grass.

Cattlemen and sheepmen wield axes to break the ice so that their livestock can water. They drop cubes of high-protein feed and throw out hay for their livestock.

"This is quite a spell, especially for this time of year," Midland rancher C.M. Edwards said of the icy cold that hit Midland Christmas Day.

"In the morning, it will have to be done again," said Edwards, who has chopped ice with an axe while riding horseback and on team-pulled wagons. Today, he rides the wintry range in a pickup truck. "It's got a heater," he noted.

"A cow can't break through ice as easily as a horse," said Edwards. "A horse will paw through it. Cows lick around on it, and that's about it." Occasionally, though, a cow may accidentally step on the edge of ice and break through to water.

Saturday's temperature dropped to a good freeze — 23 degrees — and was a chiller. Tonight and in today's pre-dawn hours, the temperature is to plunge to a near-record, bone-chilling 10 degrees.

The record low for a Dec. 27 is 9 degrees in 1939, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport. That same year, a record low of 11 degrees was set on Dec. 26.

"IF IT DOESN'T get above freezing, like I say, it will be a pretty thick bunch of ice," said Edwards, who has suffered through many a harsh winter since he first started cowboying in the 1930s.

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GARY OTT

Not everyone needs to be with other people to be happy

Ott

Sometimes, we don't know how good we have it.

Then someone tells us a sad story and, all of sudden, we feel guilty for possessing a wealth of riches.

Let me give you an example.

It happened the other night. I was having drinks with a friend (actually he's more of an acquaintance than a full-fledged friend) and we were making casual conversation — discussing such topics as Gary Hart's re-entry into the presidential race, the Dallas Cowboys' fall from grace and whether or not "Casablanca" was the greatest movie ever made.

During a pause, I asked, "What are your plans for Christmas?"

"Hang around the house and watch TV, I guess," he said.

"Your family isn't from around here?"

"I don't have any family," he said.

There was silence.

For some reason I was embarrassed for having brought up the subject. He wasn't.

He matter-of-factly explained the situation.

"My parents were fairly old when I was born," he said. "Dad was in his 50s. Mom was a little younger, but not by much. Both are dead now. I don't have any brothers and sisters, so it's just me. It's not that big a deal."

Maybe not. But the thought saddened me. A person should have some family, even if it is just a distant aunt or uncle. No one should be totally alone.

Apparently, he noticed my concern because he smiled and said, "Don't worry about it. I have a good life. It's just that I don't make a big deal out of traditional family holidays. What the heck? I never liked turkey, anyway. My specialty is chicken fried steak with cream gravy. It ain't half bad if I do say so myself."

We laughed and ordered something to eat. Chicken fried steak with cream gravy, as I recall. It wasn't half bad.

Eventually, we got back to the subject at hand.

"This really bothers you, doesn't it?" he asked.

"Yeah, I guess it does."

"It shouldn't," he said. "I'm a loner by nature. I'm can be very happy by myself. I don't need people. I can entertain myself."

"Excuse me," I said. "I'll be on my way."

He laughed. "Don't be silly. I like people. I really do. It's just that I don't need them to assure my happiness. In fact, people who constantly must be surrounded by friends are basically very insecure. The most self-confident people I've known are the ones who were not afraid to be alone."

He had a point. I've known individuals who fit into both categories. And he was right when he said the most secure were those who could enjoy their own company.

Still, at Christmas it seems appropriate to be with loved ones.

I mentioned that to him.

He smiled and said, "Perhaps. But don't worry about me. I'll be fine."

I hope so. I really do. And I hope he enjoyed his chicken fried steak, too.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

AP Laserphoto

Six-year-old Jonathon Williams of Amarillo decided to make like a little easier for his mother by clearing the snow from her car windows after the Christmas Day cold front brought more than three inches of snow to the Texas Panhandle.

AWARD

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He formerly was a collegiate high jumper. He shares his skill in track and field with the handicapped, as he spends seven to eight hours per week with retarded citizens of Midland, coaching and instructing them in athletic competition.

Since moving to Midland in 1984, Brown has become an integral part of the volunteer corps which is essential to the many programs which MARC uses to serve people with mental retardation.

As a coach he has helped many handicapped competitors improve their athletic abilities and has been instrumental in promoting sportsmanship, appropriate behavior and a willingness to work toward a goal.

Brown has been the head coach of the MARC Special Olympics basketball team for two years. During that time he has developed the team into state competition, winning second and fourth places with "A" and "B" teams. However, more importantly, he contributes to the lives of these people by serving as an exemplary role model and friend, according to a press release announcing his winning of the award.

Brown serves as "advocate" to the residents of MARCwood and recently has been elected to the MARC board of directors.

In submitting the nomination, Ray Unterbrink, executive director of MARC, stated, "David epitomizes the young professional in Midland with a caring attitude."

Prior to moving to Midland, Brown worked with Special Olympics in California and Colorado and has been involved with the Special Olympics program for 11 years.

Also, he trains coaches in the West Texas area and is instrumental in setting up various basketball tournaments which provide competition for Special Olympic teams.

All recipients of the Trimble Service Award will have an opportunity to be selected for two round-trip air tickets to any destination in the continental United States, courtesy of American Airlines.

Jaycees to host equestrian show

From Staff Reports

The Midland Jaycees will host the second annual Winter Equestrian Horse Show Saturday at Westwind Farm to benefit the National Paralysis Foundation.

In this year's show, riders will receive points toward year end awards for both the New Mexico Horse Show Association and the Southwest Hunter Jumper Association.

The show will be run in accordance with the American Horse Show Association rules as well as NMHSA and SWHJA rules, and will be judged by Eric Straus, owner of the Three Day Farm in McKinney.

DEATHS

Sarah Grafa

Services for Sarah Grafa of Midland are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Clark Ford, pastor of the Memorial Christian Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Grafa died at her home Wednesday.

She was born May 22, 1956, in Midland, where she was reared. She graduated from Lee High School in 1974. She attended Oklahoma University from 1974 to 1977. For a brief period, she returned to Midland before moving to Denver. She later returned to Midland and married Barney Gerald Grafa III December 14, 1985.

She was preceeded in death by an infant son, Jonathan Grafa, in August 1986.

She was a member of the Memorial Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband of Midland; her father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Landreth of San Antonio; her mother, Alice Landreth of Norman, Okla.; a brother, George Landreth II of Norman; three sisters, Susan Landreth Fry of Arcadia, Calif., Sandra Landreth Greer of Edmond, Okla., and Sheryl Landreth of San Antonio; several nephews, uncles and an aunt.

Pallbearers will be Larry Ferrell, Bill Girdley, Eddie Corrigan, Kerry Blair, Mark Brownum and Ronnie Hissom.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Memorial Christian Church or one's favorite charity.

Raymond Howard

Howard

Services for Raymond E. Howard of Midland were 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Russ Ritchell, pastor, and Dick Broughn officiating. Ellis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Honorary pallbearers were W. Robert Berger Jr., J. Zay Kimberlin, Jack M. Moore, Wayne Moore, James R. Rhotenberry and D. Glenn Roberts.

Oscar Lopez

Lopez

Oscar Lopez, 18, of Midland died Thursday in his home following an illness.

Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. today at the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael Slattery officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Lopez was born Nov. 12, 1969, in Midland and had lived here all of his life. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his mother, Minnie Lopez; three brothers, Tony Lopez of Odessa, and Robert Champion and Eddie Salas, both of Midland; a sister, Sally Lopez of Midland; four aunts and four uncles.

John Echols

BRECKENRIDGE — Services for former Odessa resident John A. Echols, 56, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Melton Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Al Locke officiating. Burial will follow in the Bee Branch Cemetery.

Echols died Friday at a Breckenridge hospital.

He was born Nov. 5, 1931, in the Oak Grove community and married Betty Wester June 14, 1953 in Prattville, Ala. He moved to Caddo in 1985 from Odessa, where he was an account executive with BJ Titan.

He was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church and the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean conflict.

Survivors include his wife of Caddo; a son, Tom Echols of Breckenridge; his mother, Bessie Echols of Caddo; a sister, Edith Presnall of Boerne; and a granddaughter.

Coriene Nichols

Memorial services for Coriene Nichols of Midland are scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. She died Dec. 21 in Midland.

She was raised in Wink and moved to Midland following her marriage to Joe M. Nichols Jan. 30, 1953.

Survivors include her husband of Midland; two sons, Joe Nichols Jr. of Lubbock and Robert Willis Nichols of Midland; two daughters, Ileeta Marie Cross of Midland and Virginia Lea Addicks of Conroe; three brothers, Robert Dean Griggers of Wells, Clyde Griggers of California and Dan Griggers of Fort Hood; a sister, Rosalie Grayson of Wells; and four grandchildren.

William Penn

William D. Penn, 60, died Friday at his residence. Services are pending at Sizemore Funeral Home.

M. Louise Hitchcock

Services for M. Louise Hitchcock of Midland were conducted 4 p.m. Saturday at St. Pauls United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Hollman and the Rev. Tom Tompson officiating. Ellis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Pallbearers were Darrell Hulme, Herb Langley, A.J. Weatherl, W.B. Stephens, Phil Becker and Warren Teichmann. Honorary pallbearers were Charles Byrd, Stan Reaves and G.P. Bolden.

Brenda Gillett

CANYON LAKE — Brenda Osborn Gillett, 31, long-time Midland resident and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ken Osborn of Midland, died Christmas Day at her residence after a lengthy illness.

She requested no services, and will be cremated.

Mrs. Gillett lived in Midland from 1966 to 1986 and was a housewife and artist.

Survivors include her husband, David Gillett of Canyon Lake, and two daughters, Vanessa and Katherine.

John Odom

Funeral services for John C. Odom, 81, of Midland are scheduled for 2 p.m. today at the Sizemore Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gray Groves officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Odom died Thursday at a local hospital.

He was born Nov. 1, 1906, in Cloquitt, Ga. He and his late wife, the former Edith Parks, were residents of Midland for many years. He was a veteran of World War II and was retired from the Texas Electric Service Co. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Midland.

Survivors include two sisters, Tassie Grimsley of Colquitt, and Gladys Bush of Bartow, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Honorary Pallbearers are to be Winston Barclay, Hollie Chastain, Bill Griffin, Ira Adams, Clarence Sloan, Dave Dorchester, Tom Newbold and Tom Kipgen.

The family requests memorials be directed to the American Heart Association or one's favorite charity.

Lung transplant gives man chance at new life

DALLAS (AP) — More than nine months ago, Richard "Doug" Halford flew to Toronto with a mask over his mouth to keep oxygen flowing into his deteriorating lungs.

Last week, appearing fit and healthy, Halford came home a free man.

Before he could enter Gate 14 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, his daughter ran to greet him, her arms outstretched, tears streaming down her face.

"I'm fine," he kept assuring her. "I'm a new person."

In Toronto, Halford, 46, became one of about a dozen people in the world to receive a double-lung transplant. It was Halford's only chance of living more than a few years.

Halford suffers from a rare congenital form of emphysema caused by an enzyme deficiency. Victims of the disease, called alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency syndrome, don't secrete enough antitrypsin, a protein that prevents the body's enzymes from digesting body tissue. As a result, the enzymes destroy lung tissue.

Halford spent the last three years attached to an oxygen machine, making it difficult for him to leave his three-bedroom home in Burleson, about 20 miles south of Fort Worth. He gasped for breath and his voice was weak and strained.

Despite constantly being fed moist oxygen, he knew he had only a 10 percent chance of living three more years. So he sought a research team that could perform the delicate double-lung surgery.

"I was tired of lying in bed and suffocating," he had said. "I didn't want to die that way."

The procedure is not being performed in the United States except in cases of heart-lung transplants, for which Halford is not eligible because he has a healthy heart. But Halford's Fort Worth physician helped him find a group at the University of Toronto that had started performing the double-lung surgery in November 1986.

Halford arrived in Toronto March 2, where he underwent a battery of tests to determine whether he was a candidate for surgery. Then he waited until Sept. 20 when a suitable donor — a 30-year-old man who died of a cerebral hemorrhage — was found.

When Halford entered the airport a week ago, more than 25 friends and relatives greeted him. "I've got a good following," he quipped. He scooped up his 3-year-old granddaughter, Heather, something he hasn't been able to do in years. "I'll carry all five of them now," he said, referring to his grandchildren.

After the surgery, Halford spent 48 days in the hospital and then lived in an apartment and took physical therapy three times a week. Before heading home, he went to Niagara Falls and walked around all day.

"I didn't feel tired," he said. "Physically I'm strong...The only thing I can't do is maybe scuba diving or sky diving."

He still finds his freedom hard to believe. "A few weeks ago I was about to leave my room and I thought, 'I have to find my oxygen.' I forgot I didn't need it anymore. I could go out and go anywhere without worrying about it. I don't have to depend on anything else."

At the airport, Halford was surprised to see two people who used to deliver the oxygen to his home.

"I don't need these guys anymore," Halford boasted.

"Yeah. And that's the best business I ever lost," one of them said.

TEACHER

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After visiting San Francisco and Los Angeles over the summer, she and her sister (who was visiting the United States) boarded a train and trekked across the country to New York City.

She has partaken of a variety of American attractions, including the Grand Canyon, viewing the play "Texas" in the Palo Duro Canyon amphitheatre and spending Independence Day in New York City.

"New York City was the only place that was exactly the way I thought it would be.

"We got off the train at Grand Central Station and put our suitcases down and looked up at the buildings and said, 'Oh God!' " she remembered.

The Houston-Dallas rivalry she experienced when traveling to those two cities resembled to her a similar situation between Melbourne and Sydney, Australia — her country's two largest cities.

She visited Southfork Ranch and danced at Billy Bob's nightclub while in Dallas, and had Thanksgiving dinner at the Petroleum Club in Houston.

Houston — "greener, flatter and much like my Melbourne home" — can chalk up one more vote over Dallas, she said.

Easter at the beach in Corpus Christi was nice, but the Gulf of Mexico couldn't compare with the white sands, and blue — although sometimes shark-infested — waters of Australia, she said.

A visit to San Antonio meant that Ms. Banks now can remember the Alamo along with the rest of Texas, but she admitted the city's mayor left an indelible mark on her as well.

"When I saw Henry Cisneros on the cover of that magazine (Texas Monthly)...," she trailed off while making a grabbing motion with her hand.

"I will be interested to watch that man's progress. I think he will be president of this country one day," Ms. Banks asserted.

She has grown to love drinking margaritas and eating Tex-Mex food almost as much as koala bears love to munch eucalyptus leaves, she said.

Fish and chips and "meat pies," however, will be priority food items when she returns home, she said.

Differences in words — especially those describing foods — have been a source of amusement to her and the fifth graders she taught while at James Bowie Elementary this year.

Ketchup is called "tomato sauce" in Australia; carry out is "take away;" Seven-Up soda is "lemonade;" candy is "lollies;" and cookies are "sweet or dry biscuits," she explained.

Eating habits of Americans were funny to her at times, she said. In Australia, people will cut something with a knife and push it up to the backside of their fork.

In America, "you all cut the food, put the knife down, change your fork to your other hand and *then* eat it," she said laughingly.

"And my fifth graders would love it when I would say for them to put something in the 'rubbish bin,' " she said.

Before returning to Melbourne, Ms. Banks will spend five days in Hong Kong she said.

"I just want to thank Midland. This will live in my mind and heart forever."

She said she will travel donned in her new western dress — boots, belt, long denim skirt, cowboy hat and armadillo sweater and earrings.

"The funny thing is though, I never saw a live armadillo...just saw them smashed on the side of the road."

LAWS

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Several driving bills also will become law Jan. 1, including one that places provisions on owners of all-terrain vehicles — the small, fat-tired, dirt-bike looking vehicles that can have either three or four wheels.

Under the law, operators will have to register the vehicles with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation and pay an annual license fee of $6. Owners also are required to pay a $6 safety fee.

The law also prohibits children under the age of 14 from operating the vehicles without supervision from an adult.

Another new driving law requires the operator of a motor carrier — any vehicle that transports machinery, passengers or products — to maintain liability and property damage insurance and file proof of that insurance with the Texas Railroad Commission.

Carriers who transport hazardous materials also will be required to meet certain safety regulations above those set by the federal government.

Another new law set to go into effect allows county commissioners to impose restrictions on operators of junkyards or automobile wrecking and salvage businesses.

The measure gives counties the authority to pass ordinances, impose fees, require licenses and establish grounds for license revocations.

ICE

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Down at Crane, Edwards noted that the Cowden Ranch solved water-freezing problems, at least near the ranch house. The rancher put an electric heater in a livestock-watering trough to prevent the water from freezing.

But that technique doesn't always work elsewhere on the ranch.

"They'd have to have too long of an extension cord," Edwards said, chuckling. "There may be a few more (heaters) now than there used to be." Some non-electric heaters are fueled by propane and diesel.

Out on the range, "the grass is better than usual," said Edwards, who feeds his cattle mostly on winter wheat.

"I didn't have much grass," he said. "I was running them on wheat. But the grass is not bad. This old grass is pretty good all over this country."

DeWayne Lindsey, who operates the Lindsey & Sons Ranch near Rankin, is feeding about 6,000 sheep and has an additional 25,000 sheep on grazing land in the Northwest.

"We haven't broke ice this morning," Lindsey said Saturday. "We will have to break ice in the morning" in the wake of the expected hard freeze, so that the sheep can water.

Sheep can break a thin layer of ice, which is what formed Saturday at his ranch about 50 miles south of Midland. On his ranch, the temperature on Saturday dropped to 23 degrees. Midland's low temperature was 5 degrees lower.

THIS MORNING, Lindsey expects thick ice, which will need more than sheep's hooves to break if the sheep are to water.

Wood-chopping axes will be plunging headlong into the ice.

Lindsey's grassland, which is low in protein this year, is beset by the provalent broomweed. Though not toxic to sheep, the broomweed is a "deterrent to grass," he said. "It shades the grass, so the grass can't grow, and absorbs moisture.

"We have a tremendous amount of broomweed throughout West Texas," he said.

"The protein content of this grass is extremely low — about 4 percent," Lindsey said. "Normally, you get 5½ to 6 percent. It makes a tremendous difference on the amount of nutrients that animals need, and you have to supplement that with custom-bought feed."

"The only thing that we market is grass," Lindsey noted. "We market the grass through the animals that we produce, such as sheep or cattle. A rancher is nothing but a grass farmer."

Lindsey, who raises sheep in Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming, noted it has been "an extremely mild winter up North and throughout the Northwest."

His sons look after 25,000 sheep on ranches in the Northwest.

OUT ON THE farm and at the gin, harvesting is virtually finished. Most of the ginning is completed.

"We're just so close to being done we don't have no problem with it (the wintery ice)," said Charlie Wright, general manager of the Midland Farmers Cooperative.

"Most of the cotton in our area is off the stalk and in modules," he said.

"We're basically through ginning here. I'm going to gin one more day next week." Wright expects to gin an additional 15 or 20 bales. "Some of the farmers have a little jag of cotton left." So far, the co-op has ginned about 15,130 bales of 1987 cotton.

Wright noted that due to the freeze in the Midland area, ranchers "had to go break a little ice (in tanks, ponds and troughs) and break out a few (supplemental-feeding) cubes."

Bobby Matthews, foreman of the Lazy Z Ranch north of Midland, noted that right now "It's not too bad" early in the freeze. Although, "The roads are slick."

Still, he's having to break ice in watering troughs and to feed his cattle from his pickup truck.

"The grass is covered with ice, so we are feeding them hay and cubes," Matthews said. "They (the cattle) are looking good. The ice hasn't been on the ground long enough to hurt them."

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LETTER FROM COLLEGE

Radiography students pass examinations

By H.A. TUCK

Tuck

Students in Midland College's first class in Radiography completed their two-year program earlier this year. Now we've received word that all of them passed their American Registray of Radiologic Technologist exams.

Congratulations go to their instructors, Quinn Carroll and Bill Heathman, along with thanks to all the physicians and radiologic technicians who assisted the students.

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We've just learned that former MC art student Cynthia A. Corley is the 1987-88 recipient of the De-Vitt Jones Doctoral Teaching Fellowship at Texas Tech's Department of Art. Cynthia, who was a student at MC in 1975-76, received her B.A. in Art and Art History from Rice University and her M.A. in Art Education from the University of New Mexico. She had been working as Curator of Art and the Abilene Fine Arts Museum. She's now working toward a Ph.D. with an emphasis in Art Education.

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What's new for the spring semester? Quite a number of courses, either in the credit or non-credit area.

In English, for example, Dr. Pamela Howell is offering a new class called "Women In Literature" that will explore the significant female writers of British and American literature for the past several centuries. It will meet on Mondays from 7-9:50 p.m.

Larry Griffin again is offering one of his periodic classes in Poetry, surveying British and American poets. Larry is a published poet with a keen regard for this type of writing. The class is scheduled to meet from 12-1:20 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Rebecca Tillapaugh knows how to help writers become both polished and published. Her creative writing classes have done both. This semester, her creative writing class meets on Wednesdays from 6-8:50 p.m.

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If history is more your style, there are three different subjects you could choose from, each dealing with a separate aspect of U.S. history.

Dr. Wayne McClure will teach about the expansion of the nation from the Trans-Mississippi area to the West. This class meets from 9-9:50 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Dr. Will Morris is offering a class in U.S. history since 1945, examining the historical aspects of the post-World War II era, Korean Police Action, Vietnam, as well as the current U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf, Central America, and Far East. The class also covers the domestic developments and changes in government, economics, agriculture, and finance. His class meets from 10-10:50 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Jack Scannell will offer a history of the U.S. military from 7-8:20 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

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Flexible entry courses also are being offered again in Computer Information Systems, Health Sciences, Legal Assistant, Office Education, and Real Estate.

These classes may start at the same time as the regular semester, but last a shorter period of time, or they may start later than the regular semester.

The Health Sciences class is on "Medical Terminology," which meets from 2-3:50 p.m. on Monday. It's suitable both for those planning to take a health sciences course, those working in the health care field, or for those just wanting to understand more about the language of medicine.

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For those over 50 (and you don't have to admit your exact age to enroll), the Continuing Education Department again is offering a Plus 50 Aerobics Class, as well as a new Plus 50 Country and Western Dance Class.

The Aerobics Class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. starting Jan. 18 and ending April 29. The Country and Western Dance Class is being offered twice, on Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. from Feb. 2-March 10 and again on the same days and hours from April 5-May 12.

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The state Coordinating Board for Higher Education recently approved Midland College's application to institute a degree program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling. The first course was taught this fall and another is planned for this spring.

It is called "Etiology of Substance Abuse" and is to meet on Tuesdays from 7-9:50 p.m. Etiology means dealing with causes. Debra Pocket, a family counseling specialist with Clearview Hospital, will teach the course.

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This isn't all the courses...just a sampling to whet your appetite. For a complete listing of all the credit and continuing education classes that will be offered this spring, pick up a course bulletin at any Midland bank, the Midland County Library, or the Midland Chamber of Commerce office.

When the college reopens Jan. 4, you may begin registering for any of the continuing education courses or pre-registering to take credit classes.

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A Happy New Year to each of you from the faculty, staff and administrators of Midland College.

H.A. Tuck is public relations director at Midland College.

MAKING THE GRADE

EDUCATION

Smith

The Negro Business and Professional Woman's Club has named **Tiffany Trivona Smith** as its Student of the Month. She is a senior at Lee High School with a 4.5 grade point average.

Miss Smith, the daughter of Jo Ann and Robert Smith of 401 E. Pecan, is a member of the National Honor Society, senior girls, and the All-Star Spirit Committee. She has served as senior class officer, president of Young Women's class at her church and is also now in her third year of seminary classes at her church. She plans to pursue a medical career as an allergy specialist at Brigham Young University.

The Texas Zeta chapter of Alpha Chi national honor society of West Texas State University inducted **Becky Gee**, daughter of Louise and John Gee of Midland and **Renvy Evans**, daughter of Lurline and Bob Evans of Midland, in cermonies on December 3. Membership is one of the highest academic honors at WTSU student can achieve.

Miss Gee is secretary of Chi Omega, vice president of the Greek Honor Council and a member of Student Senate and the Lifestyle Management Club.

Miss Evans is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, TSEA, and Texas High School Coaches Association. She has been nominated to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and received the recognition award from AAHPERD this semester.

The Midland Branch of the American Association of University Women has named **Mary Frances Foster** as Outstanding Girl for the Month of November and **Carole Ann Campbell** as Outstanding Girl for the Month of December.

Foster

Miss Foster, daughter of Janet and Lee Foster of Midland, is a senior at Midland High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society, JETS, band, choir and numerous sports. She has been a member of the student council, a free-lance writer for the Bulldog, J.V. cheerleader, and vice-president of the sohomore class. She was Sweetheart of the German Club for two years. She also was Symphony Deb, a member of Young Life, and a member of the Celebration Singers. She was employed as a junior counselor at Camp Longhorn and has worked part-time at Foods Fantastic. She has also coached an elementary girls soccer team and volunteers as a candy stripper at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Campbell

Miss Campbell, daughter of Donna and Joe Campbell of Midland, is a senior at Midland High School where she is a member of the National Honor Socity and has earned three academic letters. She has been a member of the school bands for six years and qualified for the all-city band and the all-district band. She also participates in the student council, the All-Star program and is the Flag Corp Captain. She is in many athletic activities and has been on the All-Star softball team after 10 yearsof playing. She serves as deacon of the First Christian Church and works at Abstract Title Company in the summers.

Steven Wayne Conn, formerly of Midland, graduated from the University of South Carolina with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. He was among 2,047 candidates for degrees from through the university's nine-campus system.

Paige A. Humes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Humes of Midland, was recently elected to membership in Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA), the national student honor society at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. Membership in AOA is based on superior scholarship achievement in the clinical and preclinical years of medical school.

Fall Quarter Honor Rolls have been announced at Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater. **Robert Johnson**, formerly of Midland, was among those eligible for the Dean of Instruction's Honor Roll. To qualify for the list a student must maintain a 2.5-3.99 grade point average in all subjects for the quarter and can be enrolled either as a part-time or full-time student.

Paul M. Libby of Midland was among 2,216 candidates for academic degrees at the end of the 1987 fall semester at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. No commencement ceremony is planned for this group; however, each graduate will be listed in the spring commencement program and encouraged to participate in graduation ceremonies at Lewis Field on May 7, 1988.

Laredo representative commutes to Austin to attend classes at UT

By JANET WEBB

AUSTIN (AP) — University of Texas officials can rest assured that higher education funding is not just another issue to some state legislators.

Especially reassuring is the fact that one representative thinks enough of the University to commute weekly from Laredo, about 250 miles southwest of Austin.

After completing his first legislative session, which ended this summer, Rep. Henry Cuellar began doctorate-level government studies at the university.

Cuellar, D-Laredo, said UT instructors and the classroom experience reinforced his vote for higher education funding.

"Now I know why it's important that those (faculty) salary increases were given," he said.

Having a 32-year-old state representative in class does not intimidate Cuellar's instructors.

"I have lots of different people in my class with different backgrounds, and he's just one of them," said Gavan Duffy, instructor in government. "There's also a guy who works in a record store — it's no different."

But Cuellar's experience is sometimes useful in the classroom, said Mark Graber, government instructor.

"It's come in handy a couple of times when discussing issues about the relationships between local and state governments," Graber said.

Back home in Laredo, Cuellar is his city's connection between state and local government. Cuellar represents a new class of South Texas politicians, replacing the old "patron," — Spanish for boss or chief — politicians in Laredo and other areas of South Texas.

"Now, in Laredo there is no single entity that can deliver the votes," Cuellar said.

So far, Cuellar said, his position as state legislator permits him to change Laredo more than if he were a politician in his city.

His legislation influencing the Laredo district "is easier to pass over here, but politically not always popular."

Those new laws passed during Cuellar's first term included measures that created a public defender position in Laredo's Webb County, prohibited the Webb County district attorney from participating in private practice and increased the penalty for removing ballots from a ballot box.

Despite possible local resistance from the Hide and Animal Inspectors in Webb and nine other counties, whose position will be eliminated in January, Cuellar's efforts to update the political structure should go smoothly, said Raul Vasquez, Webb County county court-at-law judge.

"I don't even think he's (Cuellar) going to get opposition" in the next election, Vasquez said.

"Henry made the office open," he said. "At first everybody thought he was going to do well, but no one expected him to jump the gun and go gung-ho."

Although Cuellar concentrated on local issues during his first term, he hopes to help Texas out of its economic slump by emphasizing international trade in the future, especially with Mexico and Latin American countries.

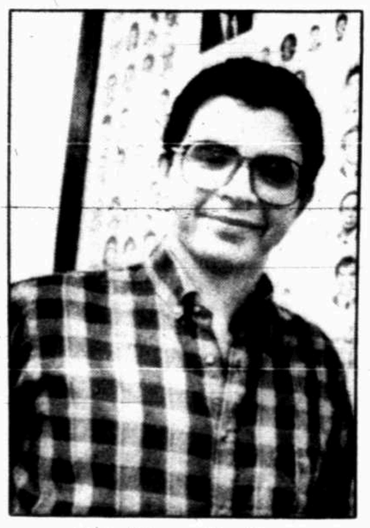
"Texas should also get involved everywhere else, with every country that wants to import or export with us," Cuellar said.

Cuellar plans to study international trade in an interim committee created to "get some practical results," he said.

"I'm the type that believes in studying, but I don't believe in studying something and just leaving it alone," Cuellar said. "I believe in studying something and putting it into action."

"Now I know why it's important that those (faculty) salary increases were given."

— Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo


Rep. Henry Cuellar

'Black Hole' actually dungeon

A group of British soldiers in India was imprisoned in 1756 in a suffocating dungeon that became known as the Black Hole of Calcutta.

Originally, 123 out of 146 men were said to have died there, but in recent years historians have charged that both figures were exaggerated.

Chemical train derails causing explosion; Town evacuated

MARSHALL (AP) — A chemical-laden 23-car freight train derailed when rain-weakened culverts collapsed Saturday, triggering explosions and a fire that shot 300 feet into the air, officials said.

The four crewmen on the Union Pacific freight train were injured, but none of the injuries were life-threatening, officials said. Chemicals on the train were flammable, but not toxic.

The locomotive, the trailing locomotive, and 22 of the 23 cars derailed, Union Pacific spokesman Tom LaHood said. Only the last car on the train remained on the tracks.

An evacuation was ordered to the north and northwest of the derailment, primarily because of threat of fire in the heavily wooded area, said Marshall Fire Marshal Bill Elliott. Marshall is 152 miles east of Dallas and 22 miles west of Shreveport, La.

LaHood said from the company's headquarters in Omaha, Neb., he was told 10 families were evacuated.

Heavy rains have drenched Northeast Texas for the last several days, swelling some creeks and rivers from their banks.

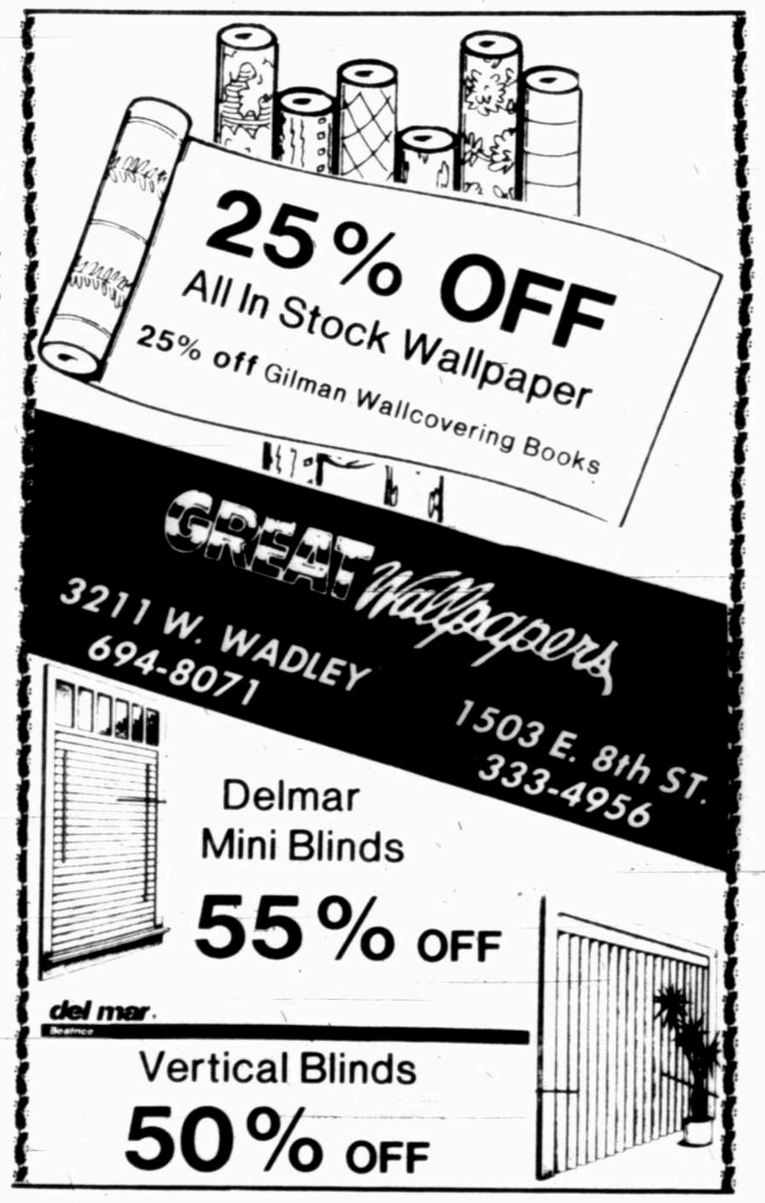
"There was an area of track where there were four culverts that were visually inspected, and it was thought they would support the weight of the train, but they did not," Lahood said. "When the lead locomotive went over that culverted area, the culvert just sort of collapsed,"

The 3:10 p.m. derailment about five miles northwest of Marshall sparked a blast that shot flames up to 300 feet into the air, and several trees in the wooded area caught fire, officials said.

The chemicals were loaded at Texas Eastman's Longview petrochemical plant, a division of Rochester, N.Y.-based Eastman Kodak, Texas Eastman spokesman Jack Goodwin said.

Award winner

"Runnels County Road," an oil painting by Midland artist Gladys Davis, has been selected the painting-of-the-month by the Midland Palette Club. The painting of bluebonnets was based on memories of Ms. Davis' childhood spent west of Coleman near Ballinger.



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Peace on earth worthy of pursuit

Christmas is over, now, and for all practical purposes life will return to something resembling normal shortly after the first of the year. And without a doubt, that return will be welcomed by numerous people. The Christmas season, for all the peace and good cheer it brings, also often brings hectic activity that can lead to tension, shortened tempers and ill feelings.

That's true even in Washington, D.C., and Moscow, but there's a difference when it occurs in those centers of international relations. "Normal relations" in international dealings can translate to resumed discord and mistrust, an atmosphere that can lead to worsened relations and heightened world tension.

In the congenial spirit that surrounded Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Washington in early December, it seemed that the two nations' leaders were conceding that, perhaps, neither side had been willing to take the necessary steps to create a relationship in which meaningful change could come about. It seemed as though neither nation had been willing to actually *risk* peace.

Yet here is a new Soviet leader, young by that nation's standards, and an elderly American president, who long has branded the Communists as untrustworthy and deceitful, suddenly professing a new start by dismantling some nuclear weapons instead of building more. That certainly could not be labeled a typical scene in the relationship between the United States and Soviet Union.

There are those in the United States so fearful of change — and of Communists — that they will only believe this is another Soviet ploy. And, of course, that very fact does not negate the possibility that the Kremlin leaders could be hoping to gain an advantage through the treaty signed by President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev.

But if there is ever to be any hope for peace on this earth it must begin as the relationship proposed by Gorbachev and President Reagan. Both sides must be willing to bend. Peace must be given a chance if it is to grow.

Certainly there will always be a need to remain vigilant where our freedoms are concerned and remain at the ready to defend this nation from all attackers, but that does not mean we should not cultivate peace.

The tiny seed of peace planted by the two leaders earlier this month must be nurtured in the new year. As it grows, changes in the relationship may need to be made. Yet, if the goal of peace remains the vision before the two countries, the relationship should only improve. One fact is clear: As the two nations expand their arsenals, war — not peace — is on their minds.

Peace on earth may at times seem a futile goal. But it's still a goal worth pursuing.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Summit talk: When frank isn't earnest

The world's ears were poised to pick up the awaited word. As Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev stepped into the rain to say farewell after a newsless summit, the diplomatic words that would signal genuine progress in superpower relations would be *fruitful* and *productive*.

William Safire

Instead, we heard the leaders characterize their dealings as *frank and businesslike* or call the meetings *a useful* exchange of views. In diplomatese, *frank* does not mean "candid, earnest, forthright," as it does in ordinary language; it means "we got nowhere, and he even hollered at me once or twice." Worse, an *exchange* is not a mere "chat, talk, interchange, colloquy"; among the striped-pants set, it connotes an exchange of salvos by ships of the line. As the Soviet translator was saying *exchange of* views Dan Rather was secondarily translating for his CBS audience, "that means 'little or no progress.'"

International confabulations, with diplomats drawn up in what Winston Churchill called "vast cumbrous array" (and it was Churchill who first used "parley at the summit"), churn up exciting and sometimes stunning usages.

My first shock of the Washington summit came with the publication of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty, Article XV, Section 2: "Each Party shall, in exercising its national sovereignty, have the right to withdraw from this Treaty. ..."

A misplaced modifier! *In exercising its national sovereignty* is a prepositional phrase (*in* is a preposition, followed by the gerund *exercising* and the rest of the phrase). As such, the phrase modifies, and therefore should be placed either immediately before or after, the subject *Each Party*. But this obviously flawed treaty (grammatically, perhaps not *fatally*, flawed) unnecessarily separates the auxiliary verb *shall* from the main verb *have*. You can get away with such a separation of a verb phrase to interrupt with a contradiction — as in *shall, however, have* — but no such contradiction is intended here. Somebody goofed.

As the Senate debates this, some roundheeled handmaidens for permissivism will claim that the prepositional phrase is being used adverbially, to modify the entire sentence, and not adjectivally, to modify the subject; these are the same apologists for detente who will swallow "designated facilities" as being adequate for "on-site testing." They are trying to avoid *killer amendments*.

"The important count is not how many votes there will be for (the treaty)," said Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., "but how many votes there will be to withstand *killer amendments*." These amendments, explained Susan F. Rasky in The New York Times, "are those that would so substantially alter the treaty that it would have to be renegotiated with the Soviet Union."

In this noun phrase, the word *killer* becomes an attributive noun, performing the function of an adjective; its first appearance as such came in 1884 with *killer whale*. Then it leaped forward in 1931 with *killer instinct*, resurfaced two decades later with *killer bee* and, when Ronald Reagan once explained to angry environmentalists that trees sometimes absorb useful elements from the air, spawned the derisive *killer trees*.

On the subject of White House efforts to encourage Senate ratification, Sen. James A. McClure, R-Idaho, said, "I'm not feeling pressure; I'm feeling *suasion*." A revealing distinction: *pressure*, from the Latin for "the application of force," has kept in its figurative extension the notion of force, as in *arm-twisting; suasion*, on the other hand, denotes the bringing of influence without compulsion, closer to *coaxing*, inducing than *forcing, coercing*.

The summit provided a few redundancies. The Squad Squad winced at Reagan's *fellow countrymen* solecism (it should be *my countrymen* or *my fellow citizens*), and we were offered an "old" proverb — "Trust but verify" — as if any proverb could not be old.

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STEVE LEVINE

Hike in capital taxes should bring screams

AUSTIN — Wait, say, about 80 days for the screaming to begin — screaming that just may be loud enough to overcome the bullheadedness of some of Texas' leaders.

Levine

Beginning next week, the rate on one of Texas' least understood taxes increases by 28 percent for most of the state's corporations. The rate more than doubles for some of the smallest corporations, jumping 120 percent.

We're talking here about the corporate franchise tax, the state's only direct tax on corporations. Comptroller Bob Bullock expects the franchise tax to bring in $1.86 billion — about 7.5 percent of total state tax collections — over the 1988-1989 budget cycle.

Corporations pay the tax based on their capital investment in the state. The greater the investment, the more taxes they pay. Until the higher rates take effect Jan. 1, corporations pay $5.25 per $1,000 of taxable capital with a minimum annual tax of $68.

As Bullock and many other state leaders have argued for years, the state's tax structure is way out of synch with its economy. The corporate franchise tax is probably the most glaring example.

Since the tax's inception 70 years ago, lawmakers have changed the rate several times but not the structure. For most of its history, the franchise tax adequately captured a portion of the business activity in the strongest sector of the Texas economy: manufacturing. The energy, steel and petrochemical industries represented the heart of the economy.

The economy has shifted toward the service sector in recent years. Those industries tend to be labor — not capital — intensive, and hence pay little in franchise taxes. The burden on the ailing manufacturing sector, meanwhile, has grown with each passing rate hike.

In fact, 10 percent of the franchise taxpayers now pay 92 percent of the tax.

During the summer, when the Legislature drafted the largest tax increase in state history, some lawmakers tried to inject a bit of fairness into the franchise tax structure. Unfortunately, that proposal came a little too close to the Texas bugaboo, the "I" word, and died from a combination of political cowardice and stubborn ignorance.

"Capital investment in Texas is something we want to encourage," Sen. Hugh Parmer, D-Fort Worth, said in defense of his plan last July. "Raising the tax on capital will simply have the effect of discouraging investment in Texas in the middle of a recession."

Parmer said he wanted to avoid a massive tax increase on businesses that already are losing money. His plan linked the franchise tax increase — not the whole tax, just the increase — to a corporation's profits.

"It assumes that any business in Texas that's losing money — and there are a lot of 'em — will not pay any additional franchise tax," Parmer said. "It will come from those companies that are making money, ... that are able to pay."

Just rumors of Parmer's proposal set off strong rumbles of discontent in other parts of the Capitol. House leaders maintained that Texans weren't yet ready for anything close to an income tax. Gov. Bill Clements declared that he would veto anything like that, a promise he repeated a few weeks ago on his monthly public television show.

Parmer acknowledged the "great fear" that opponents would label the plan "with that horrible word 'corporate income tax.'" But he urged his colleagues to draft a fair tax plan "without being scared of words."

He lost. The proposal never even made it out of subcommittee. The four men who voted against it either parroted the House position or refused to take on the governor.

Instead of a fair tax increase, the Legislature ended up simply increasing the rates of an already unfair tax. The new rate is $6.70 per $1,000 in capital, with the new minimum set at $150 a year.

Ronnie Volkening, senior vice president of the Texas Association of Business, called the $440 million, two-year franchise tax hike "a great burden on our industries that can hardly bear an additional hit."

The first payments under the new rate are due March 15. Listen for the screams.

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WHOM TO WRITE

Following is a list of the names and addresses of various state and federal officials Midlanders may wish to contact from time-to-time:

PRESIDENT: Ronald Reagan (R), The President, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

SENATORS: Lloyd Bentsen (D) and Phil Gramm (R), Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

RUSSELL BAKER

Fame's fairly fleeting in 15-minute America!

NEW YORK — As the year fades, we salute all 15 Minutes of Fame performers who sustained our faith in human folly and failure in 1987.

Russell Baker

Let's tip the hat to the passengers on the fun ship Monkey Business that took Gary Hart to sea in company with a famous young woman named ... What was that famous young woman's name? Later she performed in a TV commercial. For jeans. That 15 minutes was so long ago. But why does the name Calphurnia Kinnock leap to mind?

Let us pace the floor and try to make memory speak.

Ah ha! Donna Rice was the Monkey Business woman, not Calphurnia Kinnock. Calphurnia was Caesar's wife. Not the gambling casino Caesar or the salad Caesar, either, but Julius Caesar. Her name was Calphurnia Caesar. Odd, isn't it, that we remember famous women of 2,000 years ago but can remember almost nobody who was famous last summer?

Of course the Romans didn't have any media to speak of. . . .

Wait a minute: it was Neil Kinnock, not Calphurnia Kinnock! He became 1987's famous-for-15-minutes British politician after Sen. Joseph Biden delivered one of his old speeches. A tug of the forelock for Kinnock.

And for Adm. John ("The Buck Stops With Me") Poindexter, a yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum. The admiral astounded all sentient humanity for 15 minutes last summer by claiming he exercised presidential power in foreign policy matters too vital to be left to President Reagan.

Let's not forget the year's most mendacious 15 Minutes of Famer, Manucher Ghorbanifar, who came and went before most of us could learn to pronounce his name. His claim to Most Mendacious was officially certified by Director of Central Intelligence Casey, who said Ghorbanifar was such a dedicated liar that on a lie-detector test he lied about everything but his name.

An "Oyez, oyez" to the most hip Reagan-Meese Supreme Court nominee of 1987, Judge Ginsberg. The judge didn't get his full 15 minutes of fame, which is why practically nobody can remember his first name and whether the number of marijuana cigarettes he smoked in his salad days was one, two or three.

To the judge we raise a glass of water untainted by mind-bending alcohol additive and thank him for dramatizing the deep-down purity of a people whose demand for narcotics makes the international drug trade a many-billioned-dollar splendor.

Speaking of splendor, what ever happened to the "Ollie for President" campaign? It was here one minute and gone 15 later, leaving no trace beyond a few old T-shirts packed away in camphor balls. Cheers, Ollie, and thanks for the memory.

And there was Jessica Hahn. Yes, admittedly, I had to walk the corridors awhile, stopping people, asking, "The young woman whose 15 minutes occurred in the Jim Bakker scandal, what was her name?" "Jessica," said the eighth person stopped. "Jessica Something, what was it now?"

How all hearts ached for Jessica Hahn during her first five minutes. We have known that parsons are human ever since Sadie Thompson (Joan Crawford) made the preacher (Walter Huston) lust in "Rain" (Somerset Maugham). Still, Jessica Hahn was no Sadie, but a nice church girl from Long Island.

And Jim Bakker treating her like that — it wasn't a good enough excuse to say, "What can you expect of a man who can't even spell Baker right?" There was true rot here, rot in the moral fabric of America, and during the first five minutes, Hahn's innocence made us realize how foul our society had become.

This being America, however, nothing, not even the most rigorous moral lesson, lasts forever, or even 16 minutes. In this case, our faith that everything would come out absurd in the end, and that the end would come before Minute 16 struck, was justified when Playboy showed the nation Hahn posing topless.

So let a flashbulb be exploded in honor of Hahn, whose 15 minutes remind us all not to despair when life treats us shabbily because, in America at least, and probably every place else where money talks, it is a rare adversity that cannot be converted into a cash profit.

Which reminds us of Donald Trump, boy billionaire, who published a book celebrating himself. By his own admission, Trump is the most terrific guy for miles around. He is now in Minute Three of his famousness. Only 1988 will tell if he will survive a full 15 minutes. The New York Giants didn't after half of them published books about how terrific they were.

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EVANS & NOVAK

Ceremony drew Bush into fray with Baker

WASHINGTON — Texas millionaire oilman and ex-Olympic yachtsman Robert A. Mosbacher, chief political fund-raiser for Vice President George Bush, was so angry that Howard H. Baker Jr. had arranged a White House ceremony for Sen. Robert J. Dole to endorse the INF treaty that he took direct action.

Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

Mosbacher telephoned members of Baker's former Washington law firm pleading for intervention with the chief of staff. The vice president himself took personal issue with Baker, hectoring him in a head-to-head conversation one insider described as "torrid."

Baker and longtime aide Tom Griscom, the White House communications director, were infuriated. Making an enemy out of Howard Baker is no serious roadblock on the road to the nomination. What hurt Bush was what the incident showed about his own political style.

Dole operatives snickered over the anxiety exhibited by the Republican presidential front-runner. Not only did Bush's overreaction expand Dole's expected treaty endorsement into top political news, but the vice president also propelled himself into political infighting.

For all their cultural and cosmetic differences, Bush and Dole are strikingly similar in preoccupation with tactical politics and tendency to intervene in campaign management. Their duel over the intermediate-range missile treaty is geared more to presidential nomination politics than national security.

Bush strategists were euphoric when Dole delayed endorsement of the INF treaty. They rushed out a "peace" commercial for Iowa television, climaxed by a freeze of the vice president shaking hands with Mikhail Gorbachev. Dole's Iowa forces pleaded with him to endorse too, and so did his campaign manager, William Brock. Unable to maintain a principled neutrality as conservative advisers urged, Dole looked like a trimmer as he drifted toward qualified endorsement. He ended up saved by his opponent.

As his predecessor as Senate Republican leader, Baker appreciated the importance of getting Dole behind the treaty and had been working on the press-room ceremony for weeks. Bush and Co., investing so much time in the summit, could not bear the thought of a tardy Dole sharing the spotlight with Reagan. Vice presidential aides blamed deputy chief of staff Kenneth M. Duberstein, an avowed Bush backer before returning to the White House last March, for playing a double game with both sides.

The bitter infighting heated up with coincidental release of previously classified notes linking Bush to the Iranian arms sales. His operatives claim Baker promised the notes would not be declassified but reneged under pressure from Sen. Warren Rudman. Vice chairman of the Iran-contra investigating committee, Rudman switched to Dole after Howard Baker, his first choice for president, said he would not be a candidate.

In fact, vice presidential chief of staff Craig Fuller rejects bad faith by Baker on that matter. Democratic counsel Arthur Liman and the committee staff, not just Rudman, insisted the document be declassified. Still, Baker was targetted by Bushites as furthering Dole's campaign.

What followed was Bush's dressing down of Baker and what could be read as a threat in Mosbacher's calls to the law firm to which Baker may return. Gossip flew that Baker was trying to ingratiate himself so as to become Dole's running mate (a most improbable ticket) and was afraid a Bush presidency would install not Howard but another Baker, James A. III, as secretary of state.

Bush's sentiments toward Baker are reciprocated by White House staff feelings about Bush and Lee Atwater, his 36-year-old campaign manager. "We all know that adult supervision is needed in the Bush campaign," a senior White House aide told us. "At the same time, the vice president cannot escape responsibility."

If there are long-lasting ill effects for Bush from the pre-Christmas tiff, they will not stem from a Dole coup by virtue of his press-room appearance with the president or from coincidental news of Bush's renewed connection to the Iran-contra tar baby.

The problem for the vice president is that a small incident easily handled by praising Dole for backing the INF treaty instead led to overreaction and intervention, political games-playing ill-suited to the real competition about to start.

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BILL MODISETT

The story of Jessica is 'number one in my book'

Modisett

Every year about this time it's typical for the Associated Press and other news organizations to rank the year's top stories. Some of the stories nominated are predictable enough. Natural and man-made disasters and stories detailing man's inhumanity to his own kind always rank right up at the top. They have to — if the definition of news is applied. Unfortunately, that's the nature of the beast, as they say.

But occasionally a story comes along that breaks all the barriers and draws a number of nominations not because it is shocking or bears horrifying results. There was such a story this year; a true "good news" story. It was the story of a little girl who fell into a well and detailed how a city pulled together to save her life. It also was the story of how countless people around the nation and the world were touched by the selfless effort of the rescuers.

I would rank the Jessica McClure story as Number One — and not necessarily for the same reasons others may attach to it, even though many others in this business also class it as one of the top stories this year. In fact, the Texas Associated Press newspaper editors and broadcasters ranked the Jessica story the top one in 1987. The story started slowly, in part because it wasn't a typical "rescue" story or a typical news event.

It developed over a matter of hours, as would-be rescuers began to realize what actually would be involved in getting that little girl out of the well alive. Then, when the task became clear, Midlanders began awakening to the realization that much of the nation and the world was as involved in the rescue as we were.

Of course, now the entire world knows that Jessica was rescued thanks to the tireless efforts of many people, and that her recovery has been proceeding nicely. All that is wonderful, bringing to the story the touch of a fairy-tale ending. But that isn't the reason I'd give it top prize for news in 1987.

The Jessica story was a "good news" story in the way that few stories can claim. It was a story of desperation, near-tragedy, determination, perseverance, human courage and faith. It reached out and touched people in the hidden recesses of their humaneness that society tells them over and over they must keep hidden from view.

During the 58-hour rescue effort, in the parade through downtown Midland several days after her rescue, and when Jessica was released from Midland Memorial Hospital, people wept openly for joy. There was no hiding the love and concern that engulfed this city — and the experience was beautiful!

That sort of caring and sharing is what this season of the year is all about. And, interestingly enough, it came at a time when a lot of people in Midland were feeling a little lost and without direction. It gave them a way to find their bearings again, and to strike out anew in life with hope and courage.

Maybe it's corny, but the Jessica McClure story meant a lot to thousands of people. It restored faith in the ability of man to conquer enormous tasks and in the basic goodness of people.

And any story that can accomplish that — particularly a "good news" story — is Number One in my book.

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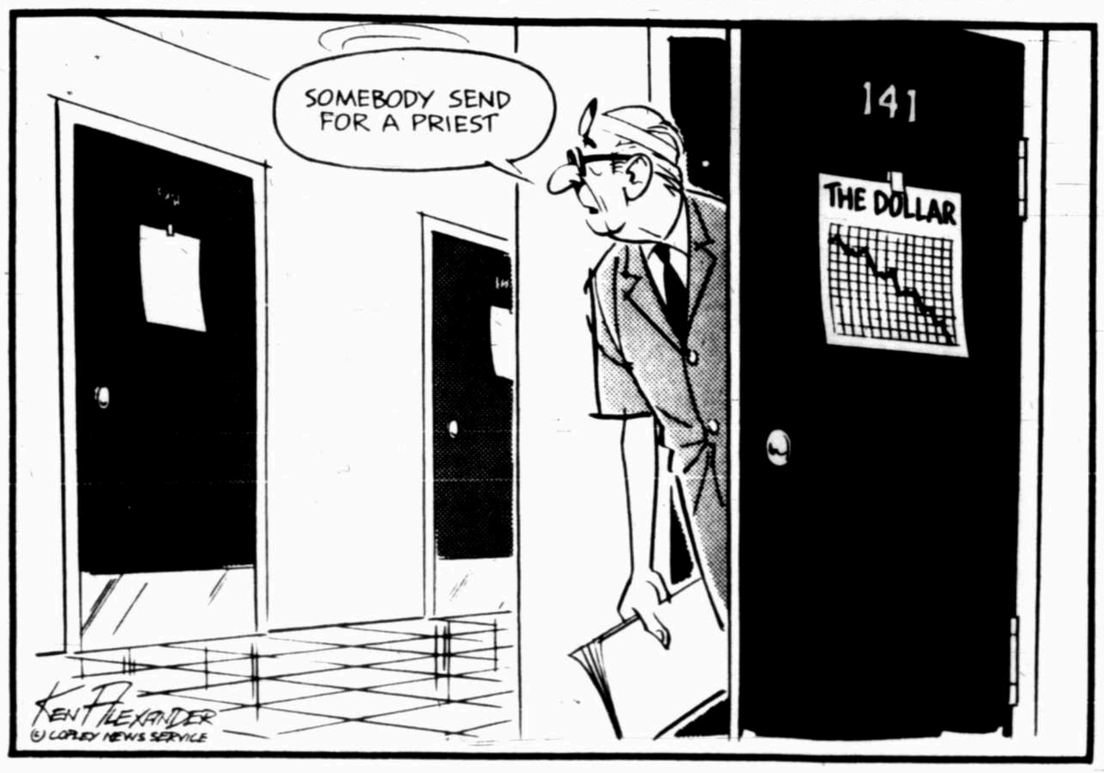

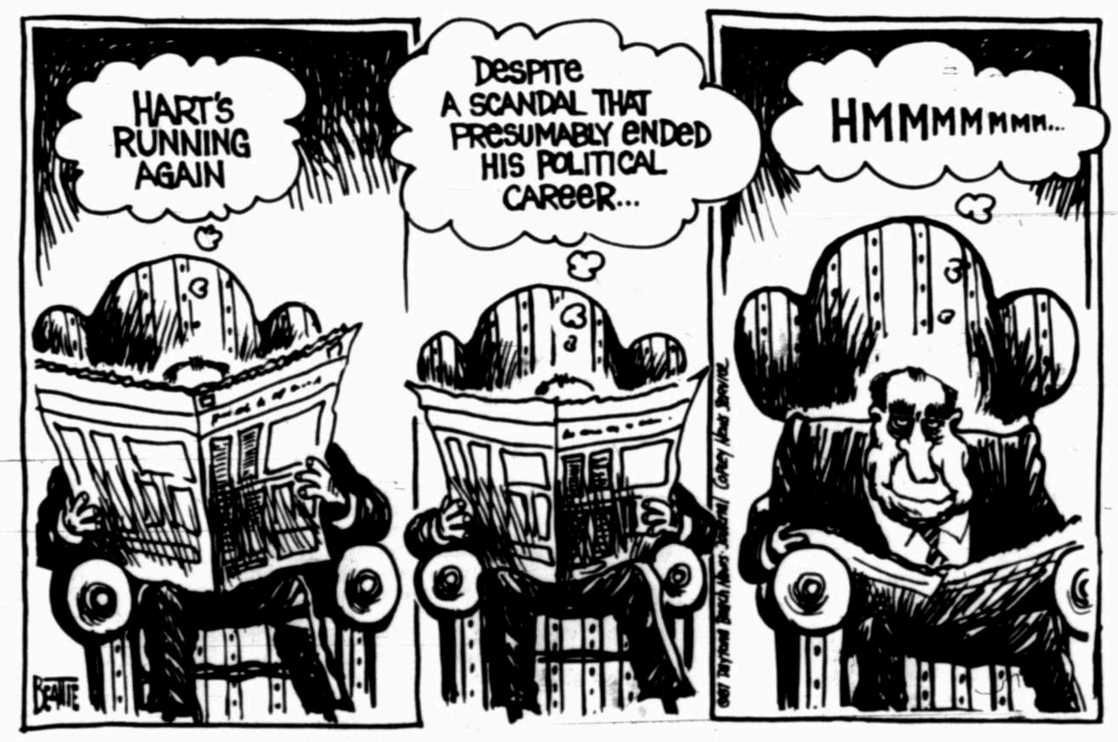

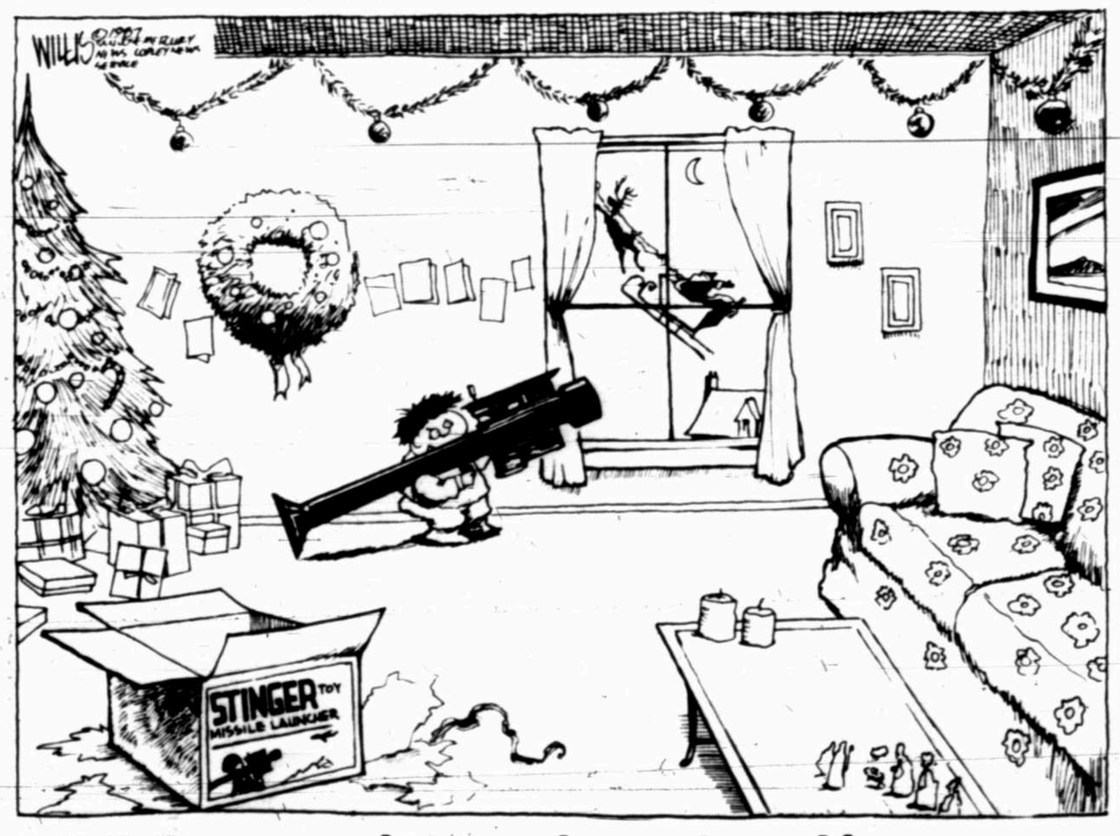

LETTERS

City councilmen need constituents' view

Councilman Marcum was quoted as saying, "You'd be spending $16 million for the three times a year that you might have a 15-to-20 minute inconvenience."

I suggest two much less expensive ways to reduce the inconvenience suffered by regular Wadley Avenue drivers:

1. Eliminate the traffic light at "I" Street — or at least make it traffic-actuated. How many times have you sat there at a red light with nary a car in sight in any direction?

2. Eliminate the all day school zone in front of Hillander School — or have it in force only during those brief periods when children may actually be crossing Wadley. I have talked to the crossing guard there and was informed just how brief these periods are and how very few children actually walk to Hillander.

These two simple, inexpensive actions would immediately improve the dispositions of the many Wadley drivers — not to mention the many dollars saved on gasoline, etc., now spent stopping at a useless traffic light — who are now inconvenienced.

Personally, I would take the convenience of a fairly obstacle-free drive down Wadley everyday over the occasional inconvenience of a flooded street.

City councilmen, why not ask your constituents what they would prefer?

Mrs. H.W. Hugly
Midland

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Let C5-As continue their routine flights

As I stand here gazing at the beautiful clear West Texas sky, I'm looking forward to the next time (if there is a next time) I can see the C-5A. I remember the first time my husband and I saw the plane at the air terminal; the awesome feeling anything so gigantic could really fly. Yes, we watched it take off and really there is a graceful beauty watching it fly.

I, too, live in northwest Midland, undisturbed by the C-5A's infrequent flights over my house. I really can't recall, but I know I don't hear it daily or even weekly. I do listen for the sound of the engine where we can go outside to watch the plane in all its splendor. I must admit I am more disturbed by routine passenger flights and smaller private planes out of Midland International than the C-5A.

Personally, I want to know that plane is available with qualified personnel to fly it should the situation arise. I feel a great sense of pride knowing my hometown might have had a part in training these pilots.

The United States of America continues to have the freedom of celebrating the Christmas season because of our defense.

Let it continue.

Juanell Potter
Midland

Dole would be better for city, state than Bush

I recently read where Ernest Angelo jumped on the Bush for President team. I am wondering why. Could it be political cronyism? In 1980 Bush made a statement that has proved to be basically true, that Reaganomics is voodoo economics. But when he got the chance to become Reagan's running-mate, he flip-flopped and has been nothing but a "me too" man ever since.

Bush claims to be a Texan, and it seems a little odd that his only residence in the state is a Houston hotel room. He is so much a Texan that he sent his son back east for an education. Texas institutions apparently were not good enough. George Bush came to Texas to make his fortune, and he apparently did a good job of it. I went to Venezuela to make my fortune, but I didn't make a fortune nor did I become Venezuelan in the process. It is obvious that Bush is still a New Englander and is more concerned for them than for Texas. All of us have heard him say he is absolutely opposed to an oil import fee. The last OPEC meeting should prove to all that an import fee will be the only way to get stability in the oil industry for the next few years.

Reagan does not have the ability to come to grips with our foreign trade problems. George Bush and his "me too" attitude can do no better. We play the nice guys and the rest of the world laughs at our stupidity.

It is true that I voted for Reagan both times, but I think it is time to smell the roses and not perpetuate his legacy any longer. It is time we started paying off government debt instead of adding to it. In my opinion Bob Dole would be much better for Midland and Texas than George Bush.

M.B. McMurry
Midland

FLORA LEWIS

Allies having disarmament jitters

New York Times News Service

Lewis

PARIS — The reason America's European allies have firmly endorsed the new treaty to destroy Soviet and American medium-range missiles is that it would be politically damaging to refuse. Their own voters would be indignant.

But many governments and defense analysts are troubled. They aren't against the treaty but they worry what further steps portend for their security. The French, particularly, and the British, to a certain extent, dislike any idea for nuclear disarmament that could lead to pressures against expansion of their nuclear forces.

They have always paid lip service to the notion of superpower disarmament as the condition for joining in reductions when levels are much lower. But now President Mitterrand has suggested France would never agree.

The resistance has little to do with security needs, much to do with domestic politics. Politicians across the board have long boasted that France is the only Western country without strong peace and anti-nuclear movements, and they attribute it to the consensus behind the Gaullist myth of a completely independent defense.

But it is getting ever more difficult to sustain the myth, and there are some signs that the consensus is cracking. As a result, France is sidling toward important policy changes.

There is a lot of talk about building a "European defense," which means not relying so much on the United States, although French officials are now much quicker than they used to be in saying they don't want to exclude the United States. But there is still a deep reluctance to face the hard issue of the Gaullist legacy, which pulled France out of NATO's integrated command and rejected any kind of cooperation on nuclear force.

Both contradict the effort to establish real security links with Germany and nuclear ties with Britain, now being approached with small steps but an increasing sense of urgency.

A French-British study on the possibility of joint production of an air-launched nuclear cruise missile was announced last week. A French presidential aide revealed that there had also been talks with the British on coordinating nuclear submarine patrols, which would imply joint targeting.

This would be a far-reaching move, always rejected before on grounds that any commitment of the French Force de Frappe would infringe absolute sovereignty of decision. The aide said the talks hadn't progressed because Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher wasn't as keen on the idea as her defense minister, George Younger. It would pose problems for NATO unless France took the still-unthinkable step of being reintegrated in the alliance, and could affect British-American nuclear arrangements.

Washington has focused so intently on its arguments that the Europeans should accept more of the NATO burden or the United States won't keep paying that it has neglected the underlying meaning of NATO. It is a mistake for Secretary of State Shultz to dash about reassuring allies after the Washington summit meeting with the pledge that the United States will keep nuclear weapons in Europe because "they've kept the peace for two generations."

What he should have been saying is that the U.S. commitment to the defense of Europe has kept the peace here. And he should be telling Americans as well as Europeans that having had to intevene twice after war broke out, the United States knows its own security depends on preventing a hostile power from dominating Western Europe.

The day may eventually come when Europe can look after its own defense, even when East-West relations are so good that alliances can be dissolved. But it is still very far away, and timing is everything in the search for a firm peace. Both Europeans and Americans need patience in probing shifting Soviet policies. Disarming wisely is harder than the foolish arms race.

1988 predicted to be 'best year of Reagan administration'

By WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST JR.
Editor in Chief, The Hearst Newspapers

Hearst

SAN SIMEON — I have had some really good news this week about the prospects for the New Year that we enter this coming Friday. It comes to me through Joe Kingsbury Smith, our national editor in Washington. Joe had a private meeting with White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker, the President's closest adviser, and who as Senate Majority Leader and a Senator for nearly 20 years was held in high esteem by members of both politcal parties. I am just going to share with you Joe's report as follows:

"Dear Bill:

"At the White House Christmas reception this week, I conveyed to the President your warmest good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. At the mention of your name, the President grasped my arm and with that warmth and radiant smile that comes so naturally when he is pleased, he asked me to send you his best wishes. He is obviously very grateful for your editorial support. I told the First Lady we have tremendous admiration for her fortitude, courage and grace under pressure and she seemed very pleased.

"Next morning I met at the White House with Howard Baker on behalf of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation in connection with its United States Senate Youth Program. As you know, the former Senator was one of the strongest supporters of the Senate Youth Program which brings two senior high school students from each state to Washington for a week's visit to meet with members of the Senate, Administration and the Supreme Court.

"When we finished discussing arrangements for the students' visit in February, I told Mr. Baker you were planning to devote your Sunday column to prospects for the New Year. I asked if he had any encouraging thoughts about 1988 that you could bear in mind. Without a moment's hesitation, he replied: " 'You can tell Bill Hearst, and he can quote me, that 1988 is going to be the best year of President Reagan's administration.' "

"He then went on to cite the reasons for this confidence.

"He believes the economy will continue to grow in the coming year, perhaps not as much as it did this year, but enough to maintain the record of consecutive growth it has had for more the five years. He also believes inflation will remain moderate; that there will be some further decline in unemployment and young people coming into the work force will find new jobs. He noted the recent New York Times prediction that American consumers will save billions of dollars next year because of the recent failure of Arab and other foreign oil producing nations to agree on curbing oil production, thus assuring continuation of the oil glut.

"The Times report said consumers could benefit as early as February when prices of gasoline and home heating oil could fall by as much as 7 to 8 cents a gallon. The oil price decline is also expected to reduce inflationary pressures throughtout the country.

"Other encouraging signs for the New Year include the historic pact Congress and the President finally concluded to reduce the federal deficit by $79 billion over the next two years. The U.S. and the six other industrialized nations also reached an agreement this week to cooperate in stabilizing the dollar on the foreign exchange markets and the Wall Street Journal reported that 11 eminent economists foresee no recession in 1988. So the economic outlook for the New Year is much brighter than the Stock Market's ups and downs — mostly caused by Wall Street speculators — might lead one to assume.

"On the foreign front, Howard Baker was particularly optimistic.

" 'We will,' " he said, " 'get the INF Treaty (to eliminate Soviet and American intermediate and medium range nuclear weapons) ratified by the Senate. We will make progress with the Soviets on the plan for a 50 percent reduction in the strategic nuclear weapons, even if we do not complete the agreement at the Moscow summit next spring, it will take time to work out the details once agreement in principle has been reached.' "

"The Chief of Staff also foresees progress with the Soviets next year on regional issues, such as Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf and possibly Nicaragua.

"So on both the economic and foreign fronts, there seems to be solid reason to hope for a good New Year — one which will have been nurtured by the inspirational leadership of an Irishman named Ronald Reagan."

HOW THEY VOTED

WASHINGTON — Votes of area members of Congress on key issues during the week ending Dec. 25, 1987.

KEY HOUSE VOTES

House passes $604 billion catch-all spending bill. The House, weary of wrestling over controversial issues and eager to head home for Christmas, worked through the night and into the morning hours Dec. 22 to pass a $603.9 billion omnibus appropriations measure to fund the federal government through fiscal 1988. The compromise measure, adopted by a narrow 209-208 vote, was passed a few minutes later in the Senate and cleared for the president's signature.

With passage of the spending bill — nearly three months after the start of the fiscal year — a potential government shutdown was averted as a fourth stopgap funding measure ran out midnight Dec. 21. The omnibus measure, known as a "continuing resolution," combines for the second year in a row all 13 regular appropriations bills, which are designed to be passed individually.

The bill was a product of a contentious eight-day conference between House and Senate negotiators. Most parts of the bill were settled last week, but conferees remained at an impasse over two major issues until Dec. 21. The first was over aid to the Nicaraguan "Contras." Early on Dec. 21, conferees agreed to a White House-congressional leadership compromise package providing an estimated $14 million for non-military aid and transport assistance to the contras.

The second tie-up was over inclusion of the so-called "fairness doctrine," which requires broadcasters to air all sides of controversial issues. President Reagan had threatened to veto the spending bill unless the provision was removed. Through last-minute negotiations, however, the House agreed to drop the fairness provision, thus smoothing the way for passage of the bill.

In line with the Nov. 20 summit agreement between Congress and the president, the omnibus spending measure cuts $7.6 billion from current spending levels — $5 billion from defense and $2.6 billion from other programs. Among the bill's provisions were $3.9 billion for the strategic defense initiative (SDI); $13.6 billion for foreign aid; $905 million for AIDS research; and a 2 percent pay raise for most federal employees.

Supporters of the bill maintained that its passage would show that Congress is capable of rising above partisan politics to achieve its fiscal responsibility. Despite concessions made on contra aid and the fairness provision, some Democratic supporters noted, they were successful in reducing defense funding, increasing education funding and ending lethal military aid to the contras.

Opponents of the measure were divided on several fronts. Many of the 128 Democrats who voted against the measure did so to protest its contra aid provisions and chastised other Democrats for surrendering to the administration on this issue and the fairness provision. Others, mostly Republicans, objected to the bill's price tag and the method of stuffing all appropriations once again into one big package.

Voting for the spending bill: Smith (R), Stenholm (D), Boulter (R).

Voting against: Combest (R), Gonzalez (D).

House approves deficit-reduction bill. Following a late-night session Dec. 21, the House adopted, 237-181, a bill designed to cut the U.S. deficit by saving the government money and raising taxes.

The budget "reconciliation" measure, hammered out in eight days of marathon negotiations, included a $9 billion tax increase, aimed primarily at corporations; a $2.1 billion cut in Medicare growth; $1 billion reduction in farm-subsidy increases; and other changes in permanent spending programs in fiscal 1988, all mandated by the Nov. 20 budget summit agreement between White House and congressional negotiators.

The bill, which also called for $14 billion in new taxes in fiscal 1989 and laid out spending levels for appropriations for both fiscal 1988 and 1989, passed the Senate early Dec. 22 and was signed into law by President Reagan later that day.

Both the budget reconciliation bill and the $604 billion fiscal 1988 spending bill are designed to meet the requirements of the budget summit agreement by achieving $76 billion in budget cuts over two years. Passage of the bills repeals the $23 billion spending cuts in Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced-budget law that had been formally in effect since Nov. 20.

Supporters of the measure claimed that passage was necessary to show Wall Street and foreign markets that the U.S. government can get its financial house in order — rather than having to rely on automatic cuts designated in the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law. "(W)e are going to save about $30 billion for the taxpayers of this country. That is what is in reconciliation," said Butler Derrick, D-S.C. "If we do not pass this...we are not living up to our (budget summit) agreement and we cannot rescind the mindless sequestration cuts imposed under Gramm-Rudman-Hollings."

However, some opponents complained that the bill's spending cuts did not go far enough and others criticized the inclusion of $23 billion in new taxes over two years. "Reconciliation is the most ludicrously misnamed piece of political finagling ever devised by man or beast," complained William E. Dannenmeyer, R-Calif. "We are reconciled to nothing save higher taxes and higher spending."

Voting for the deficit-reduction bill: Stenholm (D).

Voting against: Smith (R), Combest (R), Gonzalez (D), Boulter (R).

KEY SENATE VOTES

Senate OKs omnibus funding bill. The Senate managed to avoid much of the bickering in the House but still waited until early Dec. 22 to adopt a $603.9 billion appropriations bill to fund government programs for the remainder of fiscal 1988. The 59-30 vote came minutes after the House passed the bill, which was signed into law by President Reagan later that afternoon.

The compromise measure consolidates 13 appropriations bills that were to have been enacted separately.

In addition to making modest cuts in defense and discretionary programs, the bill bans smoking on short commercial flights; extends for eight months a Dec. 31 deadline requiring localities to meet air-pollution standards set in the 1970 Clean Air Act; and continues funding at reduced levels for the MX and Midgetman missiles.

Senate and House conferees initially haggled over whether to include "Contra" aid and "fairness doctrine" provisions, but finally agreed to delete the fairness provision and add a Contra aid compromise.

Supporters of the bill welcomed the opportunity to extend aid to the contras until the Central American peace agreement is implemented.

They also echoed House members' contention that passage of the bill proved they were capable of compromising on major fiscal issues.

Opponents of the measure said it failed to make a sizable dent in the federal deficit. As with many House members, they also complained that the all-inclusive bill precludes them from voting separately on the merits of each of 13 appropriations bills.

Voting for the spending bill: None.

Voting against: Gramm (R).

Not Voting: Bentsen (D).

Senate easily passes deficit-reduction bill. The Senate's work into the wee hours of the morning paid off, when shortly before 1 a.m. Dec. 22 the chamber passed, 61-28, a bill combining overall federal spending changes with tax increases.

The measure, known as budget "reconciliation," would reduce the budget deficit by $17.6 billion in fiscal 1988 and $22 billion in fiscal 1989. It also includes $9 billion in new taxes in the first year and $14 billion in the second year.

The bill was rewritten to conform to deficit-reduction targets set by congressional and White House negotiatiors in a budget summit that ended Nov. 20. The measure cleared both houses of Congress early Dec. 22 and was signed by President Reagan later the same day.

Both this bill and the $604 billion spending bill — which also passed the same day and was signed by the president — are designed to meet the requirements of the Nov. 20 budget summit by achieving $76 billion in budget cuts over two years.

Supporters of the measure called its passage a "victory" for Americans because it showed that a Democratic Congress, a Republican president and a Republican minority in Congress can work together to reduce the deficit.

Senate opponents offered the same complaints as their House counterparts — that the bill would not make a big enough dent in the deficit and that more government spending cuts were needed, not more taxes.

Voting for the deficit-reduction bill: None.

Voting against: Gramm (R).

Not Voting: Bentsen (D).

Wright's actions infuriate opponents

By STEVEN KOMAROW

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly Christmas, it was finally time for the debate on the long-overdue spending bill. A punchy, exhausted House Speaker Jim Wright climbed the podium and gaveled the House into session.

He recognized Majority Leader Thomas S. Foley, who tossed back a surprise package of flowery oratory.

"Mr. Speaker, the time is now 5 minutes after midnight on the 22nd of December 1987, which is the 65th anniversary of the birth of our distinguished speaker and I would like to offer on behalf of our members and I'm sure all of the members of the House our warmest congratulations and best wishes," said Foley, D-Wash.

A more simple "Happy Birthday" was not enough. In 169 days in session, almost 1,000 hours of debate, it was one of the rare moments that the House was united behind its speaker in good spirit. Wright savored the applause.

The gentleman from Texas had from the start of his term last January grabbed the House by the longhorns, bullishly pursuing his Democratic agenda with daring that sometimes shocked supporters and infuriated opponents.

"I believe in an activist role of government," says Wright. And he acts upon that belief with fervor.

While his predecessor, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr. of Massachusetts, followed the classical speaker's role of consensus builder and institutional anchor, Wright is a risk-taker.

"Tip would take all 435 of us in a big bear hug, and try to gradually move us one way or another," said Rep. Pat Williams, D-Mont. "Jim Wright goes way out there, where you can barely see him, and waves, 'Come on!' "

Way out there has extended all the way to Nicaragua.

Democratic colleagues warned Wright against taking up President Reagan's invitation to become involved in the Central American peace efforts. But their fears turned to cheers when the speaker, fluent in Spanish and with his own contacts in the region, injected himself further into the process than the White House expected and helped shepherd forth a peace plan that, if successful, will result in a cease-fire next month.

But Wright didn't have to leave the Capitol to get noticed.

Quickly, with his leadership still new, the House and Senate passed two huge public works bills, for transportation and water projects, and then overrode Reagan's veto.

The president attacked the bills as loaded with pork barrel projects. Not only did Wright defend them, but he also called for the creation of a permanent trust fund to pay for future federal construction aid.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 had a holy aura to many members. With O'Neill's stance that no tax bill would be considered unless Reagan proposed it, Democrats added to their majority in the 1986 election.

But Wright came out in favor of canceling the scheduled 1988 reduction in top tax rates as part of a plan to reduce the deficit.

He didn't win, but by year's end, under pressure from the Wall Street collapse, Reagan was forced to back off his "over my dead body" pledge to veto any new levies.

Wright pushed through the House, although not to final passage, Democratic bills on welfare, catastrophic health insurance and trade. The trade bill had started off as a bipartisan effort, but Wright cut that off when he allowed an amendment by Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., which Republicans protested was protectionist.

"Jim Wright couldn't resist the temptation to inject partisanship," said Rep. Bob Michel, R-Ill., the House minority leader.

Wright's stewardship of the House is by his own admission marred by his relationship with the minority Republicans. Polite at best, the GOP rhetoric aimed at him sometimes appears laced with hatred, although House members always deny any personal animosity.

Perhaps the most bitter partisan battle of the year occurred in October when Wright insisted on pushing through a budget bill even though deficit reduction talks with the White House were under way.

Republicans joined with conservative Democrats and blocked the speaker's first attempt to bring up the bill, which at that point called for both tax increases and new welfare programs.

Wright stubbornly refused to let Republicans triumph.

Using strong-arm parliamentary techniques rarely seen in Congress, he briefly recessed the House to create a new legislative day, split off the most controversial section on welfare reform and pushed it back before the House.

Then, with the package seemingly going down 206-205, Wright held open the vote for 10 minutes until Texas colleague Jim Chapman switched his vote.

Wright joked about it as his version of the "hidden ball play," but it was a watershed event in Wright's relations with his GOP colleagues.

Only a few days before, Rep. Dick Cheney of Wyoming, the No. 3 Republican leader, told reporters that Wright was "probably the best speaker we could get other than the 176 Republicans in the House."

After Wright's power play, he compared the speaker unfavorably with O'Neill.

"With Tip, there was warmth and affection," he said. "There are no such feelings for Jim Wright."

House Minority Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., said the House was being run by "Jim Wright and his goons."

Conservative House Republicans seized on reports questioning Wright's personal finances as proof of his corruption, taunting him with speeches and demanding an investigation.

Wright shrugged off the personal attacks as the work of a small minority of malcontents. He referred reporters to a two-year-old article in which the same GOP right wing had called O'Neill a thug.

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Holding a candle during the quiet beginning of Las Posadas — the re-enactment of the search by Mary and Joseph for a place to bear baby Jesus — is Nancy Salas of San Antonio. The annual event, beginning at San Fernando Cathedral and proceeding along the historic River Walk, is one of the many things that makes Christmas in this Texas city unique.

Texans take time to share

Associated Press

Christmas found most Texans snug at home with family fun and food, but others willingly put personal plans on hold to help make the holiday a little brighter for the less fortunate.

Pat and Glenna Bryant of Vernon served Christmas dinner to more than 500 people in Wilbarger Auditorium and gave presents to more than 100 children.

A Vernon taxi service delivered meals to about 150 people, and the leftover food was taken to shelter for recovering alcoholics, Bryant said.

"It was absolutely fantastic," he said.

The couple had served a similar Thanksgiving dinner to about 400 people. The Bryants financed part of the Christmas dinner, with some of the food and about $800 contributed.

Diane Loughridge can't forget the stuffed animal someone gave her daughter, Wendy, who died at Children's Medical Center in Dallas 11 years ago. So every Christmas since 1976, the patients at Children's have received stuffed toys and other gifts from Mrs. Loughridge.

"The rabbit gave her so much joy, and I wanted to give some of that joy back," said Mrs. Loughridge, whose daughter suffered from cystic fibrosis. "I didn't realize I guess until last year what a tradition it had all become."

Glenn Larkin, a retired state employee, repeated his tradition of handing out dollar bills at the Salvation Army in Austin.

"I was driving in the...area one day on Christmas, it must have been 10 years ago, and I saw people shivering, shivering from the cold," Larkin said. "Here I was sitting and eating my Christmas dinner. You know... turkey, dressing, pumpkin pie. I said to myself that if I can do anything, even if it can buy them just a cup of coffee somewhere, I would."

Larkin gave a wad of dollar bills to Salvation Army Maj. Robert Bagley and asked that the money go to those who would benefit most.

Bagley, who saw up to 500 homeless people sit at the Salvation Army's seven tables for Christmas dinner, said he would have no problem finding those who were needy and deserving.

Asked about Larkin, Bagley said, "I don't know his name. But I know I will see him every year."

Mayor Henry Cisneros made his annual visit the children's ward at Methodist Hospital, stopping to talk with and give presents to about a dozen youngsters spending Christmas away from home.

"It's a very warm moment for me," said Cisneros, who later visited the Children's Shelter, which houses children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned or whose parents cannot afford to keep them.

In Port Arthur, the South Jefferson County of Texas Hospitality Center celebrated its grand opening with a Christmas dinner. Organized by Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas for people in need of food and assistance, the center was built and furnished by volunteers.

Jessie Perrot ate dinner there with two friends. Her husband, Gilbert, set up the center's plumbing. "Jobs had been slow, and I told him: 'Why not donate (your) time to the church and God?'" she said.

Joe Walker spent part of Christmas Day searching downtown Dallas streets and alleys for the hungry.

Walker, a Salvation Army employee and Christmas volunteer, spied several individuals rummaging through a garbage dumpster behind a convenience store for food. "Come with me. I can get you a good meal," Walker said as he beckoned them out of the drizzle and into his van.

About 2,000 people streamed into the Salvation Army center for a generous turkey dinner, a warm seat and a bit of companionship. Across town, several hundred more were treated to a holiday feast at the Dallas Life Foundation's homeless center.

"I'm down on my luck. I haven't got any money," said Jack Cole, a 36-year old laid-off steelworker, as he waited to eat at the Salvation Army Center. "If it wasn't for this place, I'd probably be going hungry."

Dorothy Chatham, a 54-year-old widow, said she has no money to buy groceries until her Social Security check arrives in January.

"I had nothing to eat. Now I'm full and I'm happy," she said.

More than 100 volunteers spent their Christmas cutting pies, serving iced tea and clearing dishes.

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Discarded trees staked in place to build up eroding sand dunes

HOUSTON (AP) — Christmas trees usually become obsolete almost as soon as presents are unwrapped, but officials say the holiday leftovers can be used to shore up Texas beaches.

The trees, staked to the beaches along Texas' Gulf Coast, help trap sand and build up needed sand dunes, said Stephen Richardson, assistant director of the city of Galveston planning department.

"It's a way of putting your tree to good use instead of throwing it in the trash dumpster," he said.

"In areas where the dunes are pretty much destroyed, they stake these trees down on their side," he said. "They really do provide excellent erosion control."

This is the 10th year that the Trees for the Dunes Project has used discarded Christmas trees to build up Texas' beaches.

Because of a market glut, organizers in Surfside said they received about 20,000 trees last year. This year, they estimate about 10,000 trees will be donated.

During the Jan. 16 Dunes Day in Surfside and around Brazoria County, volunteers will be staking the trees to the dunes.

"We need all the workers we can get," said Surfside Mayor Burt Strouse. "They'll be rewarded with chili dogs and homemade desserts."

Strouse said that while organizers would be providing stakes and rope, volunteers were asked to bring their own hammers.

While two Houston-area tree suppliers have called offering trees, Surfside city officials say they lack the equipment needed to pick up the trees.

When last year's market glut brought thousands of trees to Surfside before Christmas came, city residents invited families who could not afford trees to come and pick one out.

Drop off locations in Galveston and Houston have been established, so Christmas tree owners need not transport their own trees to project sites, organizers said.

French couple chooses San Antonio celebration

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A French couple on a 230,000-mile driving journey that began nearly 2,000 days ago could have chosen any spot on the globe to celebrate Christmas this year.

But Jean-Claude and Jocelyne Hunin wanted to be in the Alamo City because, they said, it "is something special."

The peripatetic Hunins have traveled to the remotest corners of Southeast Asia, crossed the Sahara Desert and visited the Taj Mahal, Ayers Rock in Australia and the Great Wall of China in seven years of nearly continuous travel from their home in Paris.

"It was good for us to spend Christmas in San Antonio and not in Houston, Los Angeles or New York" because too many U.S. cities are the same, the 48-year-old free-lance photo journalist said Friday.

His wife, a 29-year-old former tour guide, nodded her head in agreement.

"San Antonio is something special," Mrs. Hunin said. "There is some history."

"Some past," her husband added.

The couple, who have been traveling via Toyota Land Cruiser since May 1981, first stopped in Texas in March 1984 to see the Alamo — made famous, they said, by John Wayne's 1960 movie.

"We came to Texas only to see the real fort Alamo," he said of the journey, sponsored in part by the Hotel Concorde La Fayette in Paris. "I saw the movie."

Hunin, a civil engineer and former real estate developer on the French-controlled island of New Caledonia, asked if San Antonio had a statue to John Wayne, adding that he saw a giant one of the late actor in Beverly Hills.

This year the couple spent Christmas Eve on the River Walk and ate fajitas for the first time, Mrs. Hunin said.

Before returning to Paris, Hunin said they will go to Venice, Fla., where they will stay with a man who claims he is a descendant of Col. William Travis, one of the famous defenders of the Alamo.

He said Ray Travis, a retired Exxon employee, has traveled as extensively as they have.

"I don't know the distance between the Earth and moon, but we have traveled about that much," Hunin told the San Antonio Light.

The Hunins have studied native people in North Pakistan and South Australia, taken 10,000 slides and plan to hold conferences about their experiences and write a book, he said.

Their expedition began in Paris with three Toyota trucks with two crew members each. They drove to Madras, India, and rode a ship to New Caledonia, an island off the eastern coast of Australia.

He said he reportedly was the first to drive through the three jungle states on the island of Borneo, relying on uncharted paths through the thicket — the only way to get to all three states.

The other four crew members dropped out following a head-on collision on Saudi Arabia's main highway in June 1981, which destroyed one vehicle, he said.

In a tour of the Americas, the couple drove from Nova Scotia, Canada, through 42 U.S. states plus Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvador. They also visited several islands in the Caribbean including the French Antilles.

Other stops have included the Taj Mahal in India and the Great Wall of China in Beijing. They have driven through the Sahara Desert in North Africa, the Great Victoria Desert in Australia and through much of Japan and South Korea.

The Hunins said they would learn 80 to 100 basic words to communicate simple ideas with the local people in their journeys, he said. In addition to French and English, Hunin speaks German and his wife Spanish.

Learning about the people is what makes their travels interesting and exciting, he said.

"We are very rich for the experience — to travel, to have adventure," he said.

He first got the travel bug during month-long vacations from his work as a developer and engineer, and often dreamed of such a world tour. The couple then sold everything they owned before embarking on their journey, they said.

But it is not over. Once they return to Paris about Jan. 10, they plan to make arrangements to drive from France to Beijing, he said.

'Quad Squad' called in on Christmas

HOUSTON (AP) — In the first hours of Christmas, Larry Vano's true love gave him four calling kids.

His wife, Susan Vano, gave birth to quadruplets — two boys and two girls — on Christmas Day in Women's Hospital of Texas with a team of nurses and doctors dubbed the "Quad Squad" on hand to help out.

"There is definitely some meaning to it," Vano said Friday. "The pregnancy was tremendous. Having the babies on Christmas is a special blessing to us."

"It's a miracle," said Mrs. Vano, resting comfortably after the births. "It's wonderful. We're very thrilled."

The babies, each weighing between 2½ and 3 pounds, were all in serious but stable condition. Because of their small size and the size of their lungs, each was placed on a respirator.

The births left the Brownsville couple, who also have an 8-year-old daughter, full of holiday cheer. But the Vanos weren't alone: the hospital staff that cared for Mrs. Vanos for five weeks, also took special joy in the deliveries.

They had formed what they affectionately called the "Quad Squad," a team of doctors and nurses who remained on call awaiting the deliveries.

While doctors knew there was a chance for Christmas births, they thought the moment would come two weeks later. That would have marked the completion of Mrs. Vano's seventh month of pregnancy.

"We knew they would come early, but to have them on Christmas is just an added bonus," said Cathy Robertson, the nurse in charge of labor and delivery. "I've had triplets before. That was real exciting, but nothing like this, on Christmas morning."

Dr. Rachel Thompson, who delivered the children by Caesarean section, told the Houston Post she hoped the Christmas births were "a good sign the babies would do well."

Quadruplets occur only once in about every million births, she said. Mrs. Vano had taken the fertility drug Pergonal, increasing her chances, but she wasn't taking the drug with the hope of a multiple delivery.

"We wanted some more children," Vano said. "We were told of the possibility of multiple births, but that always happens to someone else."

In the summer, the couple learned there would be more than one new youngster. Mrs. Vano, an accountant, was cared for in her hometown for the first 24 weeks of pregnancy. She then was placed in Women's Hospital as a precaution.

"There really were no threats," Thompson said. "But there is a real risk of premature births."

Mrs. Vano went into labor about 12:30 a.m. Friday. Larry Vano, the manager of a glass shop, was called in Brownsville about that time. At 2:30 a.m., he got the second call telling him his children had been born in boy-girl, boy-girl order.

The mother awoke during delivery and saw each of them, Ms. Thompson said. The babies — Aaron Stephen, Ashley Suzanne, Ryan Joseph and Jessica Ann — were quickly placed on a respirator in intensive care. The respirators may be removed in the next few days, according to Thompson.

Mrs. Vano came out of the ordeal feeling fine.

"She actually feels better now than when she was pregnant," Ms. Thompson said.

Vano and his daughter, Jenny, caught a 6:25 a.m. flight from Harlingen and saw the children early in the morning.

"We're just as happy as can be," he said. "Everybody is thrilled. They're little, but they're bigger than I thought they would be, and they look so good."

Holiday highway accidents claim at least 20 lives throughout Texas

Associated Press

At least 20 people have died on Texas highways during the holiday weekend; well below the prediction of 42 deaths, officials said Saturday.

Many of the state's residents appeared to be staying home rather than negotiate nasty weather and icy roadways as winter storm warnings covered some of West Texas while rain fell elsewhere.

The Department of Public Safety prediction of 42 traffic deaths covered a holiday counting period that began 6 p.m. Wednesday and ends at midnight Sunday.

In Friday accidents, Jerry W. Steed, 31, of Sierra Vista, Ariz., was killed after his car left Interstate 40 about 5 miles west of McLean in Gray Co. at 12:30 p.m. Friday. He was pronounced dead early Saturday at a Shamrock hospital, said DPS spokesman Mark Riordan.

Two teen-agers were killed at about 10 p.m. Friday. Robert Machado Jr., 16, of Killeen, the driver, and Shauna Lanee Conlin, 18, of Temple were killed after their car and another vehicle collided head-on at Farm-to-Market Road 439 just north of Nolanville.

The toll includes two East Bernard women who died in a two-vehicle collision at 7:54 p.m. Friday on U.S. Highway 59 at the intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 360 in Fort Bend County. Josephine Fuchs Orsak, 65, and Katherine Fuchs Barrett, 69, died after their vehicle and a tractor-trailer rig collided.

Rex C. Smith, 26, of Austin died at about 12:30 a.m. Friday as a passenger in a one-vehicle rollover accident in Austin, a DPS spokesman said.

Earlier deaths included four people who died after their van struck a culvert and overturned early Christmas morning, the DPS said.

Traffic accidents claimed the lives of 11 other people, including four pedestrians, authorities said.

Officials predict 35 more people will lose their lives on the state's streets and highways over the New Year's holiday period, which also will run for 102 hours, from 6 p.m. Dec. 30 through midnight Jan. 3.

Woman drops daughter, jumps to safety as her apartment burns

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman trapped in a burning second-story apartment dropped her baby into a neighbor's arms and then jumped to safety through a broken window after a candle touched off a fire, officials say.

"They were both fine," said the sure-handed neighbor, Stace Carney, 19, who managed to break the baby's fall after rushing to the scene of the 1:45 a.m. fire Christmas Day.

Rachel Fernandez's 10-month-old daughter, Maxine, was treated for smoke inhalation at Medical Center Hospital and then released after the incident, which began when a Christmas candle fell on a couch, fire officials said.

"I heard somebody yelling for help," said Ms. Carney, who lives around the corner from Ms. Fernandez. Rushing to the scene, she found that Ms. Fernandez, unable to escape from the apartment, had broken a bedroom window.

"She said, 'Please help me get my baby out,'" Ms. Carney said. "There really wasn't much else that we could do, so I told her to go ahead and throw it. I kind of broke the fall. The baby was fine."

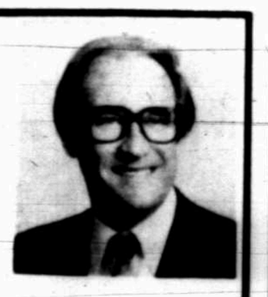
Ms. Fernandez, 20, then climbed out of the window and jumped.

The fire in a front room had prevented Ms. Fernandez from reaching the front door, and she was unable to escape through the back door because the dead-bolt was locked and she did not have a key.

The fire caused about $15,000 in damage to the apartment and its contents, fire officials said.

The two women said they had not met before the fire, which destroyed the Christmas gifts which Ms. Fernandez and her roommate, a cousin, had kept in the front room.

EXTENDED COVERAGE
By Bill Dillon



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Mayor Cisneros visits hospitalized children

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Mayor Henry Cisneros made his annual gift-giving rounds at Methodist Hospital Friday, dispensing Donald Ducks and Mickey Mouses to delighted children who couldn't be home for Christmas.

It was a puzzling visit for 5-year-old Rudy Martinez when Cisneros burst into his room followed by a television crew.

Rudy, who is being treated for leukemia, did not recognize Cisneros, and appeared a little puzzled by the gift-bearing man who was visiting more than a dozen children at the hospital. Cisneros sat on the side of Rudy's bed and gave him a Donald Duck figure.

Rudy's mother, Grace Martinez, said later, "I don't think he recognized him (Cisneros). He's a little confused."

"I don't see you smiling," Cisneros told Rudy, who suddenly beamed under the surgical mask he is required to wear. "I can tell you're smiling because your eyes light up."

Cisneros went from room to room, giving out presents and chatting with children and parents.

Later in the day, Cisneros visited the Children's Shelter, which houses children who have been abused, neglected or abandoned or whose parents cannot afford to keep them.

Wife arrested in shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — A retired postal worker who thought his wife was spending too much on Christmas gifts was shot to death after an argument, police say.

Helen Chapman, was arrested Friday in connection with the Thursday shooting of her husband — Harold Douglas Chapman, 58 — and charged with murder, Houston homicide Sgt. T.C. Bloyd said.

The couple had argued Wednesday about how much money was spent on holiday gifts, Bloyd said.

Chapman died from a single gunshot wound to the chest, police said. The couple had been married 28 years.

Falwell visiting Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Television evangelist Jerry Falwell will preach today at three worship services at First Baptist Church, said Rev. W.A. Criswell, the church's pastor.

Falwell's visit was arranged by businessman Aaron Manley, a deacon at the church and trustee at Falwell's Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., Criswell said.

Falwell became one of the nation's best-known preachers when he drew the growing fundamentalist religion movement into the political arena during the 1980 political campaign.

He was drawn into the public spotlight more recently when he took over the scandal-ridden PTL television ministry of Jim and Tammy Bakker.

Criswell said his absence from the pulpit Sunday does not mean he will soon step down as pastor of the Southern Baptist Convention's largest church, which he has led for more than 40 years.

Students raise funds

GARLAND (AP) — About 700 students raised $2,300 to help pay for a teacher's visit to a cancer-treatment center in Houston.

Bill Rolfson, 45, sometimes had to lie on the floor of his classroom at Garland Christian Academy because of the pain, but he taught school whenever he was able.

For the last two months, students took up collections each day.

Cartoonist orders up subjects in Jasper restaurant

By DAVE SAELENS

JASPER (AP) — If you happen to be eating lunch at the Cedar Tree Restaurant one of these days, don't be surprised if you get the feeling someone's watching you.

Most likely, someone is.

He's Audrey Jarrell — Jasper's very own Walt Disney, of sorts. The 79-year-old retired insulation worker has been drawing cartoons since he was old enough to hold a pencil, and has spent his afternoons for the past two years sketching caricatures of lunchtime customers at the homey little restaurant.

"You see every shape and size of people when you're drawing. I just get a kick out of watching people. I guess," he says, plopping down in one of the restaurant's comfy, high-back chairs. "Most folks get a kick out of the drawings, but I just give 'em the reds once in a while."

Jarrell pays close attention to the table he picks for lunch each day at the restaurant where the customers know all the waitresses by their first name — and vice versa.

Several minutes later he'll begin drawing suspicious looks from customers wondering why a little old gentleman in the corner is staring at them and scribbling onto a yellow note pad. But most of their expressions turn to shock and laughter when they see they've been captured in caricatures ranging from overendowed waitresses to good ol' boys with beer bellies.

"People have a fit when he comes in, 'cause they can't wait to see what he's going to draw," laughs one waitress as she refills Jarrell's cup of coffee, which, by the way, is always on the house.

You can practically set your watch by Jasper's town cartoonist. Every day at one o'clock sharp he strolls into the restaurant on the edge of U.S. 96, casually eyeing afternoon subjects dining on chicken-fried steak or barbecue.

"Sometimes you'll see some old fat guy with a crooked nose that'll catch your attention, so I'll draw him with a big ol' pot belly," he laughs.

Suddenly, one particularly drawable customer catches the corner of his eye, and he reaches for the sketch pad that the waitresses always plop down on the plastic green tablecloth next to his complimentary cup of coffee.

He squints and begins to concentrate. The stubby pencil in his strong wrinkled hand skitters and slides rapidly over the tablet as he quickly glances from his subject back to the drawing.

"I don't know, this kind of favors him a little," he says seconds later, holding up a goofy drawing.

Jarrell discovered his knack for drawing in the second grade, and from there he says he taught himself to draw by watching other artists at work.

Though his chosen profession for years remained with several large home insulation firms traveling across the country, his talents and interests in the arts brought him terms as president of the Beaumont Art League and the Gold Coast Fine Arts Assocation.

"It's just something I've always enjoyed, but I never have done it for a living. I'll leave that to the other guys," he says.

Occasionally you'll find Jarrell chatting with a local artist who's tracked him down to ask for pointers and advice, or helping school kids learn their "ABCs" by transforming the letters into clowns, animals and pipe-smoking sailors.

But most of the time he just doodles for fun at his favorite restaurant.

Police seek suspect in Texas killings

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police searched Saturday for an unemployed auto mechanic charged in the killing of one man and wanted for questioning about the Christmas Eve deaths of two other men and an infant.

A nationwide bulletin was put out Friday for James E. Bigby, 32, after a warrant charged him with the shotgun murder of a man in Fort Worth on Thursday morning.

Two men said to be acquainted with Bigby were discovered shot to death shortly thereafter in nearby Arlington. The 4-month-old son of one victim also was found either drowned or strangled in a sink, police said.

The bulletin described Bigby as a man who has said he wants to go out in a "blaze of glory," the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Saturday. It also says Bigby has "stated he wants to kill a bunch of people and that he would shoot police officers," the newspaper said.

He was believed to be armed with a shotgun and a .357-caliber Magnum revolver, said Fort Worth homicide Detective Curt Brannan.

Arlington and Fort Worth police were coordinating efforts to locate Bigby Saturday.

Police said there were no known motives, and that two of the victims were found with considerable sums of money in their pockets, ruling out robbery.

"What kind of motive can there be for killing an infant?" Brannan said Friday. "I don't think anyone with a sane mind can see a motive for killing a 4-month-old child."

The warrant accuses Bigby of killing Calvin Crane Jr., 38, whose body was found with a gunshot wound to the head about 2 a.m. Thursday beside a city street, police said. A car at Crane's apartment was traced to Bigby, Brannan said.

In Arlington, mechanic Frank Curtis Johnson Jr., 33, was shot three times with a shotgun on his front porch about 3:20 a.m., police said.

Just before 4 a.m., Grace Kehler, a typesetter, found Michael Trekell, 26, dead on the kitchen floor of the couple's mobile home. Trekell's son, Jayson Kehler, was found dead in a vanity sink in a bedroom, police said.

Detectives from Fort Worth and Arlington compared notes and realized that Bigby knew Trekell and Johnson as well as Crane, police said.

"We verified that they knew each other and saw each other frequently," Brannan said.

Bigby, who had worked sporadically as an auto mechanic, lived with his mother in Fort Worth and was divorcing his wife, said his father, William Bigby.

Texas couple robbed at gunpoint in hotel's glass-sided elevator

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A stylishly dressed man held two people at gunpoint in a hotel's glass-enclosed elevator for about 20 minutes, shuttling between floors several times before leaving with $101.25 from the couple.

Christopher L. Canestaros, 33, and Mary O'Grady, 32, both of Austin were shaken but uninjured by the ordeal early Christmas morning.

The two said they stepped on to the elevator at the downtown Hyatt Regency shortly after midnight when a man behind them said, "You're in trouble."

Canestaros said the man indicated he had a pistol hidden in a coat pocket and ordered them to give him money.

He said the two tried but failed to get the attention of passers-by or hotel desk employees as the elevator traveled up and down six or seven times.

At one point a woman stepped in to the elevator, but left immediately at the next floor.

"She knew what was happening and went to her room and called security," Ms. O'Grady said she was told later.

Finally, the man forced the couple out on a deserted mezzanine floor, where Ms. O'Grady shook some decorative ivy, knocking leaves down into the lobby, but was not able to get anyone's attention. She said she was able to toss her purse into the lobby and flee down a flight of stairs as the man stepped back into the elevator.

She said she shouted for someone to stop the man, but he was gone before security guards arrived.

The two said they do not believe the hotel security was adequate.

Hyatt Regency-San Antonio shift manager Michael Schroeder said he had no comment on either the incident or the couple's complaints.

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Brazos River gin serves as rustic reminder

Tin-walled Burton ruin recalls days when 'white gold' was king

By ROY BRAGG

BURTON (AP) — Sitting in high weeds near downtown, the ratty gray building appears to be just another abandoned farm building like the tilting barns and rusted windmills that dot the countryside.

But preserved in this dilapidated three-story wreck are mementos of the days when cotton — "white gold" to the Brazos River bottom — was king.

A 1920s-era five-ton diesel engine, with its yellowed parts list still tacked to a nearby wall, sits on the ground floor. The gin was last used in 1973, but mounds of cotton balls still dot the floor. Chalk marks that were made by machine operators remain on the tin walls.

On the next level sit the gin stands where cotton was cleaned and cut. Next to them is the office, with its canceled checks, daily logs and assorted other business records still intact.

The old Burton Farmers Gin is a time capsule.

"This is the kind of thing that needs to be preserved," said Peter Daniels, curator of agriculture and natural resources for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. "It's a valuable thing to have for people to come to see and study."

And that's the goal of Burton businessman Doug Hutchinson and the Operation Restoration foundation, the non-profit group formed to preserve the last cotton gin left in Washington County.

"It's so neat," he said. "The question was: What do you do with it?"

Plans are to restore the 70-year-old gin so it can actually gin cotton for demonstration purposes. Next to it will be a museum, showing the ginning process and the importance it had on agriculture and the economy of the South.

Hutchinson's group has a fund-raising goal of $500,000. So far, $20,000 has been raised.

To help secure federal grants and avoid red tape with agencies reluctant to give money to small-town groups, Hutchinson has arranged for the National Historical Trust to administer any grant money. The arrangement also keeps the local group from getting bogged down in complicated Internal Revenue Service regulations.

To show that care will be taken to maintain the project's dignity, Hutchinson is drafting an advisory board that will include historical preservation and museum specialists from across the nation.

If an outside wall of the gin, for example, is in desrepair, the board will decide whether it would be acceptable to replace it with newer material or strive to use authentic material that was in use at the height of the gin's operation.

"The key word is common sense," he said.

The advisory board is scheduled to meet in Burton next month and tour the gin.

Also on tap are plans for a documentary on the restoration of the gin. A film crew has already started its work, and Hutchinson hopes to peddle the final version to the Public Broadcasting Service. Proceeds would go back to the gin project.

Cotton gins still stand in other parts of Texas, but the one in Burton, 85 miles northwest of Houston between Brenham and Giddings, is unique because it's retained its architectural and mechanical integrity, Hutchinson said.

"The more we checked, the more we found that this is one of the last of its era left standing," he said. "If we hadn't purchased it, it was destined to hit the dust."

The old Bessemer engine, although it was replaced in the 1960s by a much smaller electrical engine, hasn't been sold or stolen.

Continual use of the same machinery with only slight modification, Daniels said, is unusual since most of the gins have either been completely redone or demolished. The Burton gin's engine contains many of the original parts.

The building wasn't repainted or rebuilt when damaged or decayed — the farmers simply patched the holes with metal and left the rest alone.

Hutchinson, economic development coordinator for the city of Brenham, came across the old gin when he bought a downtown house here with plans to turn it into a bed and breakfast inn.

At first, he wasn't sure he wanted to discover it.

"I was more concerned with what could be lurking in the weeds," he said, holding his hand to his chest to show the height of the growth around building.

Once inside, he became fascinated. The building, located only a block from the town police station, was untouched by vandals. It looked like it did the day it closed.

The large belts that drove the machine were still slung over the drive shaft of the engine. He found the suction tubes that drew the raw cotton into the gin still in place. A radiator used to cool the engine, along with the shower for the employees built underneath it, stood beside the building, as did the water tower, seed bin, incinerator and the slide down which the finished bales were tossed.

Cone-shaped buckets — shaped that way to make it easier and quicker to dunk them into water during the frequent fires that broke out — were still sitting against the second-floor wall.

The gin was closed in 1975 and sold in 1978. Before the sale, it was thought it would be reopened, Hutchinson said, so the gin's staff oiled the machinery and made it ready to use. That explains its near-mint condition when Hutchinson found it.

"Everything's geared," he said. "Everything turns."

Most astonishing of all the finds, however, was the office.

There, in shelves, drawers and stacks strewn across the floor, were the complete business and historical records for the gin.

One shelf has canceled checks, drawn on the local bank, written in pencil. "Remember, this was a small town where everyone knew else," Hutchinson said.

From the historical records contained in the office and some interviews with people who used to work at the gin, Hutchinson's group was able to come up with a history of the gin.

The gin association was started in 1913. Two gins already existed in town. This one was to be a cooperative, according to the records. Directors were elected and ordered shares sold at $50 each.

For $1,500, land was bought. Another $11,853 bought a gin works building, seed storage building and gin, all of it bought probably as a kit, Hutchinson said.

The gin first used a steam engine, but that was replaced in 1925 with the diesel engine. Records show the farmers built a 200-foot-long wooden track stretching from the gin to the train tracks.

Farmers often came to the gin with wagons of cotton and slept on their crop while waiting for the gin to open, according to the research by Hutchinson's group. It took only a handful of workers to operate the gin.

The heart of the operation was the gin manager, who sat on a plywood bench in front of the gins in a constant cloud of cotton dust. From his vantage point and depending on the humidity, he could see the office and peer out a window at the drive-through area where farmers unloaded their cotton.

The last gin manager, Herbert Kunkel, died a few months ago. A lot of knowledge about the gin went with him.

Hutchinson, through reading some of the instruction books found at the site, has become something of a ginning expert.

So intent is he on keeping the Burton Farmers Gin intact that he hasn't picked up the papers in the office, nor rifled through the stack of old metal parts and refuse behind the building.

"We had some (Texas) A&M people come over the other day to look at the gin, and they fell in love with the junk pile," he said, adding that the refuse stack is where the old items — parts and machines that predate the equipment in place — was tossed.

Austin area shooting for more movie deals

By PATRICK TAGGART

AUSTIN (AP) — The words "third coast" may be a brag the facts don't support, but it can now be said that Austin does indeed have a movie business.

And not just in terms of serving as housekeepers for production companies from out of state. With enough production people to crew at least one movie and a growing talent pool in front of the camera, production companies from out of town now hire up to 70 percent of their personnel from among people who live and work here.

"We're at a turning point," said Tom Copeland, assistant director of the Texas Film-Music Office. "We have never before been able to keep anyone here long enough," he said of people who crew films by working as electricians, makeup and wardrobe artists, cinematography assistants, location managers and general handymen.

" 'Blood Simple' had a good local crew, but a lot of them moved to Dallas and other places. Now we're getting good new people who aren't leaving."

Gary Bond, who is the city of Austin's film liaison, agrees. Recently working with the Disney production "Save the Dog!," Bond says film people from out of state frequently cite the "good crew" as their reason for selecting Austin as a place to film.

"It's basically a small industry, and the word gets around," he said.

Perhaps that is why, in the last year and a half, Austin has served as home base for the production of "Texas Chainsaw Massacre II," "Doodles" (a TV movie), "Nadine," "D.O.A.," "Save The Dog!" and the locally produced "Murder Rap."

People like Copeland and Bond, who serve the film business locally and for companies arriving from out of state, list several reasons for the city's recent attractiveness to filmmakers.

In addition to enough crew to staff "about one and a half" pictures, Copeland said, the area has sufficient acting talent, post-production facilities and production equipment to get most pictures made.

"I've had some people tell me Austin's crew is as good as Houston's," Copeland said. "They're hungry; they want to work. If we had difficulty getting people to film here before, it's because we didn't have a track record. Now we have one."

Laura Kooris, in partnership with her husband, Richard, in Texas Pacific Film-Video, said the breakthrough probably occurred with the production last year of Cannon Films' "Texas Chainsaw Massacre II." Not only did it feature a famous, Austin-born director in Tobe Hooper, the horror film also included Austinites in key cast and crew positions.

Local actor Lou Perry had an important supporting role in the film. Richard Kooris was director of photography. Austinite Cary White, who subsequently worked on Robert Benton's "Nadine," was production designer. Dozens of others worked a variety of jobs in cast and crew.

"It was the first picture of its size that used department heads almost entirely in Austin or other cities in Texas," Laura Kooris said.

"We always felt we could produce a film ourselves, and we found out we were right."

Texas Pacific also rents equipment and provides services from companies who request specific items. Those companies even include Benton's production of "Nadine," which was a heavily "imported" company. They rented "a certain amount of equipment" from Texas Pacific, Kooris said.

And when the "Nadine" cast and crew wanted to view dailies — the unedited footage filmed the previous day — they turned to Texas Motion Picture Service, which is housed in a suite of offices in North Austin.

TMPS has the only screening facility in town for the viewing of dailies, and as such has proved a popular place with film companies. Burt Reynolds watched his dailies from "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" there. Other film companies to use the facility include "Songwriter," "Blood Simple," "The Aurora Encounter," "D.O.A.," and "Save the Dog!" The company also provides editing and sound-mixing facilities.

Austin has good weather, a varied landscape, and a film liason who smooths the path between filmmakers and city government over such things as street closings and use of public buildings. But it doesn't have everything.

Film industry people here point to a few weak areas which must be bolstered before the business as a whole can achieve substantial growth. These areas are:

— Equipment. While companies like Texas Pacific and TMPS provide some equipment needed for shooting and post-production, more is needed. Cameras are always brought in from out of town and editing equipment is frequently brought in.

— Directors of photography and operators. While Austin has plenty of writers (Bill Wittliff, Bud Shrake, Ross Milloy), a few directors and dozens of actors, the area is soft when it comes to photography, one of the film-industry specialties that blends artistic vision with technical facility. Camera operators, who work with the DP, or director of photography, also are in short supply.

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Peck will be Rose Parade grand marshal

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Actor **Gregory Peck**, former astronaut **Buzz Aldrin** and boxer **Muhammad Ali** will join floral replicas of space aliens, squawking parrots and Garfield the Cat during the 99th Rose Parade on New Year's Day.

Peck will serve as parade grand marshal this year, despite the protests of some conservative groups angered by the actor's public opposition to President Reagan's unsuccessful effort to put Robert Bork on the U.S. Supreme Court.

"As an actor, he has reached across continents, social classes and racial barriers to convey messages of profound importance," said Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association President Harriman Cronk in defending Peck's parade appearance.

Peck, known for such films as "To Kill a Mockingbird," "12 O'Clock High," "Moby Dick," and "The Yearling," recently appeared in a nationally broadcast television commercial opposing the Bork nomination.

The parade, with a "Thanks to Communications" theme, also will include an American Red Cross float ridden by Mohammed ag Albakaye, 15. The boy was adopted by an Indianapolis couple in 1985 after CBS' "60 Minutes" television news magazine told how his father starved during famine in the African nation of Mali, and how he became separated from his mother.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — **Barbara Townsend** is another actress who won't reveal her age, even after executing a series of graceful flips and spins on the trapeze in a gymnastics class featuring women over 60.

"I tell casting directors, 'I'm exactly whatever age you think I am,' " the silver-haired Miss Townsend says.

Miss Townsend, an actress best known for her television role as Col. Sherman Potter's wife in the series "AfterM*A*S*H," started doing gymnastics for fitness.

"I think consistency is the key," she said. "The people who start out coming every day and do it as a fad never last. You have to steadily keep meeting the challenges."

Most of the women in her class are in their 20s or 30s but the main attractions are the four between 62 and 83, Miss Townsend's range.

They swing on trapezes, flip upside down on rings and perform other stunts that bely their age.

"They are a lot of fun to work with because of their attitudes," said coach Bob Carreiro, a former national champion and college All-American in gymnastics. "They seem to really enjoy what they are doing, even more than the younger students. Maybe it's because they are so surprised at what they can do."

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NEW YORK (AP) — A black woman could soon appear as one of the high-kicking Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall for the first time in the troupe's 62-year history.

The New York Times reported Saturday that a black woman was one of 23 selected at an audition to be on-call for vacancies in the New York production of the world-famous chorus line.

The woman, who wasn't named, has agreed to appear with the Rockettes Jan. 31 in a special dance line at halftime during the Super Bowl, the Times said.

Another black woman has appeared in the Rockettes' West Coast line and a Japanese woman has been dancing in the New York line for more than a year.

But despite the cries of civil rights lobbyists, the 36-member New York troupe has stayed "lily white all these years," said Hazel N. Dukes, president of the state chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Before he died Rockettes' founder **Russell Markert** said he didn't even allow a white dancer to be suntanned because "it would make her look like a colored girl."

Just five years ago Rockettes' director **Violet Holmes** said the dancers should be "mirror images" of each other.

"One or two black girls in the line would definitely distract," she said. "You would lose the whole look of precision, which is the hallmark of the Rockettes."

The city Human Rights Commission said no discrimination complaints have been filed against the Rockettes and the commission hasn't initiated any inquiry.

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VACAVILLE, Calif. (AP) — An Air Force couple who sought fertility drugs to promote pregnancy celebrated Christmas with healthy quadruplets born while 10 doctors stood by handing each child to the father.

"They just kept bringing this little parade of babies to me," said Sgt. John Cross, 39, who sat in his wife Denise's hospital room on Christmas Day describing the delivery of Robert, Daniel, David and Merinda.

The three boys and a girl, who weighed a total of 18 pounds, were born about 1:30 p.m. Thursday by Caesarean section at the David Grant Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, 40 miles northeast of San Francisco.

"As each baby was born, I listened to hear them cry," said Mrs. Cross, sitting up in her hospital bed and appearing pale but smiling.

"As soon as they cried, I starting crying too because I knew that was a really good thing," she said.

The couple, already parents of a 3-year-old and a 5-year-old, doubled the size of their family and said Cross' $1,850-a-month salary as an airman at the base will be stretched thin.

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Alysheba to Zachery: A good year for Midland

By TED BATTLES
Sports Editor

No doubt, Midland College's bid for the National Junior College Athletic Association basketball title had to be the standout event of 1987.

The Chaparrals just missed winning their second national title by an injury and a whisker.

But that was in March. Then, along came Alysheba to capture the nation's imagination with victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness.

The pride of Dorothy and Pam Scharbauer, and Midland, made folks forget the Tall City's economy for a couple of months as the half million dollar thoroughbred made its bid for a rare Triple Crown.

Alysheba didn't make it, but the story focused the attention of the nation's media on West Texas, just as a few months later the rescue of Jessica would turn the eyes of the world on Midland.

But there was more than just a racing story here. In 1959, Dorothy Scharbauer's father, Fred Turner, won the Kentucky Derby with Tomy Lee and now Alysheba had topped that feat.

The dramatic Triple Crown bid came to an end when Bet Twice, the rival Alysheba had beaten in the first two legs of the Triple, won the Belmont.

But the Alysheba story isn't over yet. The Breeder's Cup, in which Alysheba lost by a nose to Ferdinand, the 1986 Kentucky Derby winner, just served to whet the appetite for when these rivals meet again in 1988. A March rematch already seems probable.

And who knows what else the Scharbauer's may have in their stable for the future. Clarence Scharbauer, Jr., assured that the family was back in racing and it wasn't just as a hobby.

But the Alysheba story was the crown-jewel of another royal year of sports successes with the inevitable thorns of disappointment, thorns

File Photo

Mookie Blaylock, now playing for high-flying Oklahoma, led Midland College to the 1987 NJCAA finals.

whose pricks may draw a little blood, but may also provide the resolve that may lead to future successes.

That could be the case for the Chaps and a Midland Lee football team that won the District 4-5A title outright, ranked No. 2 in the state and then lost to Arlington in the third round of the state playoffs.

OTHER 1987 highlights saw Coach Jerry Stone leave Midland College for the head coaching job at the University of Texas at Arlington, the opportunity to coach at a four-year college.

Reggie Franklin, Stone's assistant since 1982, came back from Northwest Louisiana to take Stone's place.

Rick Holtzman, a Chicago real estate entrepreneur, bought the Midland Angels...

Todd Duncan, Mookie Blaylock and Lincoln Minor, members of MC's NJCAA runner-up, signed major college letters-of-intent. Duncan was recruited by Texas Tech, Blaylock joined former teammate Ricky Grace at Oklahoma, and Minor, went to Kansas. It was Blaylock's loss in the semifinals of the Hutchinson tournament that probably cost MC the national championship.

The City of Midland Swim team celebrated its 20th anniversary, the highlight of which was the College Invitational. Southern Methodist University beat out Texas, Texas A&M and TCU for the title in the November meet.

Midland High's football team posted its first winning season since 1975 with a 6-3 mark.

MIDLAND COLLEGE, a national tennis power in junior college ranks, had several national champions...Rachel Wilson in No. 6 women's singles; Sara Hancock and Helen Schildknecht at No. 2 doubles and Natasha Koprivica and Rebecca Nevarez at No. 3 women's doubles.

The MC men won No. 4 men's singles with Giles Ameline and No. 2 doubles with Johan Dysholm and Herve Rousseau.

Amy Cumings of Midland High became the first girl in 5A track history to qualify for eight separate Region I events...Sophomore Michaela Hasek won the state 200-backstroke UIL swimming championship...

Judy Rankin, the first woman to win $100,000 in a year on the LPGA tour, was inducted into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame....

Randy Velarde, former Midland

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- Alysheba brings national attention to Midland with victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness.
- Midland College reaches NJCAA finals before losing in a thriller to Southern Idaho.
- Jerry Stone, after 10 years, resigns as Midland College basketball coach at UT-Arlington. Reggie Franklin returns from Northwest Louisiana to succeed Stone as coach of the Chaparrals.
- Midland Lee Rebel/Denver Bronco Keith Bishop named to the 1987 AFC Pro Bowl team as a starting guard.
- Susan Britton reclaims Women's City Golf Championship and young Bobby Gee captures the men's title.

- Midland Lee wins outright District 4-5A football championship, going undefeated in regular season.
- Division 1 colleges pluck Todd Duncan (Texas Tech), Lincoln Minor (Kansas) and Mookie Blaylock (Oklahoma) from MC's NJCAA finalists.
- Wally Kleine is picked in the second round of the NFL draft by the Washington Redskins.
- Relief pitcher Bryan Harvey notches 20 saves while lefty Marty Reed ties franchise record with 14 wins.
- Midland High posts first winning football season since 1975.
- Midland's Randy Velarde starts pro baseball season in Class AA ball and is called up to New York Yankees before the season's end as first native Midlander to make the Major Leagues.
- Joe Redfield, Doug Jennings and Stan Holmes each hit club-record tying 30 homers in leading Midland's Texas League Angels to a winning season.

Dallas-St. Louis game suddenly has meaning

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys-St. Louis Cardinals game on Sunday has a playoff air about it because of Minnesota's loss on Saturday that kept the Cardinals' hopes alive for the last NFC playoff spot.

A Minnesota victory over Washington would have made the Dallas-St. Louis game meaningless and allowed Cowboys Coach Tom Landry to wheel-and-deal with two new quarterbacks, Paul McDonald and Kevin Sweeney, and other seldom-used players.

But Washington's 27-24 overtime win over Minnesota will cause Landry to turn the crank hard against his former assistant Gene Stallings, trying to spoil St. Louis' NFC wild card playoff chances. St. Louis will take the playoff spot from Minnesota by beating Dallas.

Kickoff is at noon.

The Cowboys, snapping a four-game losing streak, knocked the Los Angeles Rams out of the playoffs Monday night with a 29-12 victory in Anaheim.

Landry said he'd do the same thing to Stallings.

"I'd feel bad for a moment, but not for too long," said Landry.

"I'm sure Tom would like to whip us and you can't blame him for that," said Stallings, who led St. Louis to a 24-13 victory over Dallas iin the season opener.

"That win over Dallas was a long, long time ago," Stallings said. "I know how hard it is for a visiting team to win in Texas Stadium."

"There's not a better football coach than Tom Landry," said Stallings, an assistant under Landry for 14 years.

"I was surprised he caught some criticism (from Cowboys owner Bum

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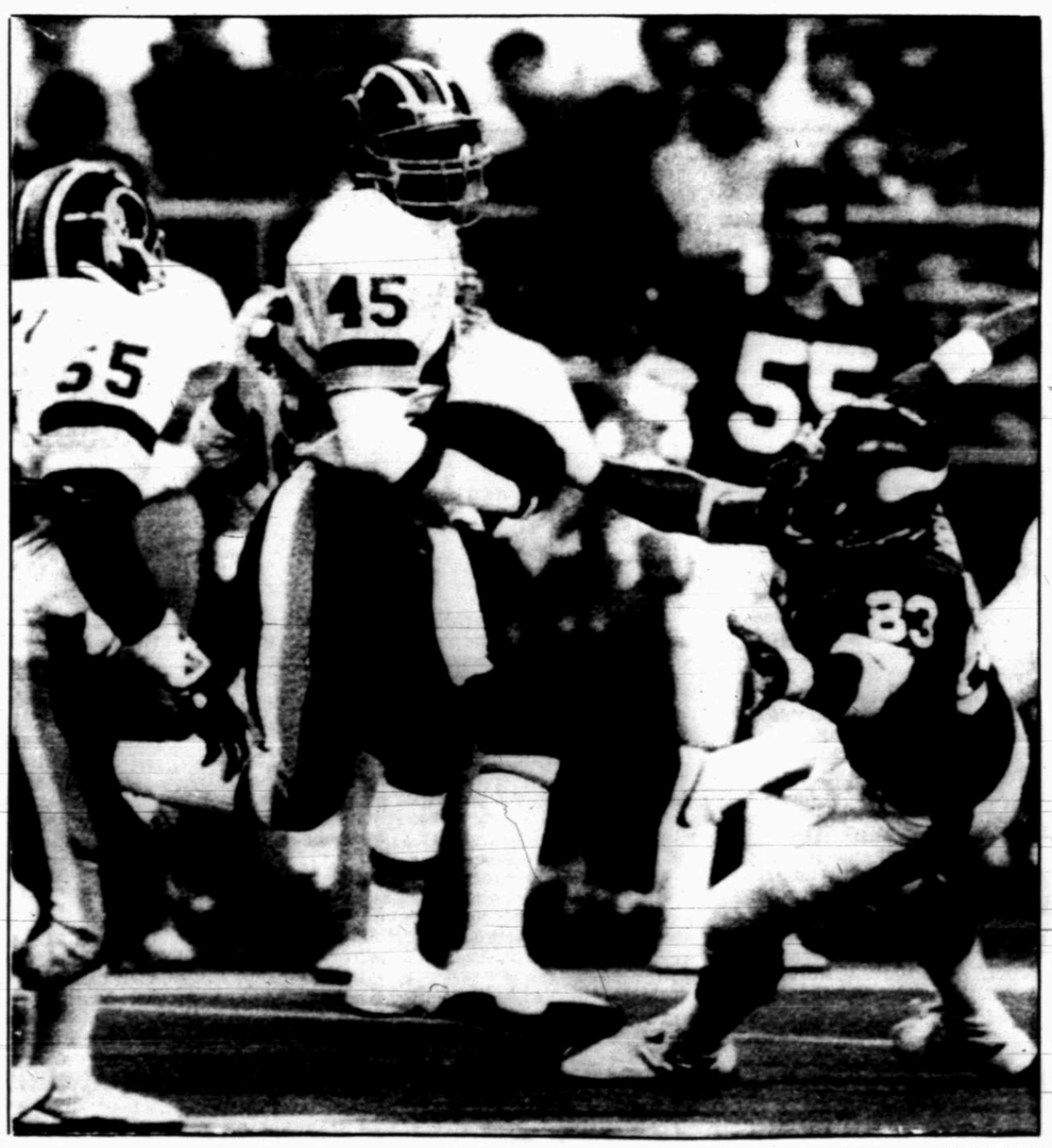

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Washington cornerback Barry Wilburn (45) sidesteps Minnesota tight end Steve Jordan (83) on his way to the end zone for a 100-yard interception return.

'Skins put Viking playoff chance in Cowboy hands

By MIKE NADEL
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — The Dallas Cowboys may no longer be America's Team. But for Sunday, at least, they will be Minnesota's favorite team.

Ali Haji-Sheikh, who missed a 33-yard field goal with 46 seconds left in regulation, kicked a 26-yarder 2:09 into overtime Saturday to give the Washington Redskins a 27-24 victory and prevent the Minnesota Vikings from earning the final NFC wild-card spot.

The Vikings, 8-7, won't be in the NFL playoffs unless Dallas can defeat the visiting St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday. If St. Louis wins, the Cardinals would also finish 8-7 and would be the NFC's last playoff entry based on overall conference record.

Asked if he was comfortable at the prospect of Dallas beating St. Louis, Minnesota running back Darrin Nelson said: "No. No. But right now that's all the hope we've got."

Added Vikings tight end Steve Jordan: "I don't care if we get into the playoffs by winning every game ... or by forfeit."

Haji-Sheikh's winning three-pointer was set up by a 36-yard kickoff return at the start of overtime by Ricky Sanders, who also caught eight paseses for 164 yards and touchdowns of 51 and 46 yards. After Sanders' return, he caught passes of 22 and 10 yards from Doug Williams before the winning kick.

Haji-Sheikh was confident even though he also missed a 35-yarder in the contest.

"In the five years I've been in the league, I haven't missed one under 30 yards," he said. "I was ready to go. If you can't make that kick, you should look for another line of work."

Sanders, who replaced injured wide receiver Art Monk in the lineup, said it was about time he started to carry his weight.

"All week I was thinking that I wasn't doing anything to help the team like Art was doing," he said. "Today I did. Doug and I have some

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Washington	0	7	7	10	3—27
Minnesota	7	0	0	17	0—24

Min—Anderson 9 run (C.Nelson kick), 4:50
Was—Wilburn 100 interception return (Haji-Sheikh kick), 9:47
Was—Sanders 46 pass from Williams (Haji-Sheikh kick), 9:04
Min—Anderson 1 run (C.Nelson kick), :02
Min—Wilson 1 run (C.Nelson kick), 2:46
Min—FG C.Nelson 20, 5:22
Was—FG Haji-Sheikh 37, 9:55
Was—Sanders 51 pass from Williams (Haji-Sheikh kick), 13:14

Overtime

Was—FG Haji-Sheikh 26, 2:09
A—59,160

	Was	Min
First downs	18	24
Rushes-yards	19-77	44-204
Passing	291	177
Return Yards	146	41
Comp-Att-Int	20-39-4	14-27-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-11	4-29
Punts	2-37	4-40
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-40	3-25
Time of Possession	24:28	37:41

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Washington, Rogers 10-51, Verdin 1-14, Bryant 4-7, Smith 3-4, Williams 1-1. Minnesota, Wilson 10-75, D.Nelson 14-73, Anderson 8-29, Dozier 8-19, Rice 4-10, Lewis, 2-(minus 2).

PASSING—Washington, Schroeder 9-17-2-85, Williams 11-22-2-217. Minnesota, Wilson 14-27-3-206.

RECEIVING—Washington, Sanders 8-164, Clark 5-53, Bryant 4-50, Orr 3-35. Minnesota, Jordan 5-66, Lewis 3-63, Carter 2-47, Rice 2-16, D.Nelson 1-9, Mularkey 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Washington, Haji-Sheikh 36, 33. Minnesota, C.Nelson 51.

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Trivia Teaser...

Sunday's Question: The all-time leader in playoff stolen bases with nine is ....a- Willie Wilson. b- Davey Lopes. c- Willie Randolph. d- Ozzie Smith. e- Maury Wills.

Saturday's Answer: Players still active from the 1969 baseball playoffs, Phil Niekro and Nolan Ryan.

Browns wrap up third straight title

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

PITTSBURGH — For the Cleveland Browns, clinching their third straight AFC Central championship means that the Three Rivers Stadium jinx may have been simply a matter of ability.

With a defense led by linebacker Eddie Johnson limiting Pittsburgh to 221 yards and Bernie Kosar throwing for 241 yards in a controlled offense, the Browns beat the Steelers 19-13 Saturday. That gave Cleveland a 10-5 final record and the home-field advantage for at least one playoff game.

It was the second straight win in Pittsburgh for Cleveland, which had lost the first 16 games it had played at Three Rivers Stadium. It also eliminated the 8-7 Steelers from playoff contention.

It was the second straight win on the road for Cleveland, which beat the Los Angeles Raiders last week.

"We may have to play on the road in the playoffs and now we've played two real physical teams on the road and we've won," said tight end Ozzie Newsome, who caught six passes for 94 yards.

IT WAS a brawl-filled game, with scuffles breaking out continuously. The last, on which Pittsburgh's Delton Hall was ejected, set up the final Cleveland touchdown.

"It's the only way to play Pittsburgh and that's physically, especially in their own back yard," said cornerback Hanford Dixon."

"It was two football teams that wanted to win very badly. That makes for a very physical game," said Pittsburgh Coach Chuck Noll.

While Kosar was 21-of-38 for his 241 yards and Matt Bahr kicked field goals of 31 and 30 yard, the win was largely the work of the Cleveland defense. Pittsburgh's only touchdown came on a 45-yard interception return by Cornell Gowdy with 7:33 left in the game.

The last of those brawls led to the second Cleveland touchdown — a roughing penalty on Hall after the Browns had been stopped at the Pittsburgh 7 five minutes into the fourth quarter and were ready to settle for a field goal.

Instead, it gave the Browns a first down at the 4, setting up Earnest Byner's 2-yard touchdown run that made the score 19-6 with 9:36 left in the game.

Cleveland's only other touchdown came in the second quarter on a 2-yard TD pass from Kosar to Derek Tennell, a backup tight end.

The Pittsburgh offense, meanwhile, got only field goals of 39 and

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Cleveland	3	6	3	7	—19
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	10	—13

Cle—FG Bahr 31, 11:23
Cle—Tennell 2 pass from Kosar (kick failed), 2:15
Pit—FG Anderson 39, 6:12
Cle—FG Bahr 30, 5:40
Pit—FG Anderson 27, :03
Cle—Byner 2 run (Bahr kick), 5:24
Pit—Gowdy 45 interception return (Anderson kick), 7:27
A—68,394

	Cle	Pit
First downs	22	10
Rushes-yards	30-85	29-86
Passing	230	126
Return Yards	26	51
Comp-Att-Int	21-38-1	11-18-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-11	0-0
Punts	4-28	4-40
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	11-80
Time of Possession	32:58	27:02

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cleveland, Byner 12-48, Mack 10-37. Pittsburgh, Pollard 11-42, Jackson 6-26, Malone 4-24, Abercrombie 5-1.

PASSING—Cleveland, Kosar 21-38-1-241. Pittsburgh, Malone 11-18-2-126.

RECEIVING—Cleveland, Newsome 6-94, Slaughter 4-66, Byner 3-16, Langhorne 2-39, Mack 2-17, Brennan 2-13, Tennell 1-2, Weathers 1-2. Pittsburgh, Stallworth 6-63, Lupe 2-34, Thompson 1-33, Abercrombie 1-10, Young 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Pittsburgh, A.Anderson 42.

Blackman blocks Rockets hopes of upsetting Mavs

Associated Press

DALLAS — Rolando Blackman hit a 15-foot jump shot with 40 seconds left to give Dallas a one-point lead, then blocked Eric Floyd's jump shot 10 seconds later to help the Mavericks to a 105-100 victory over the Houston Rockets Saturday night at Reunion Arena.

Houston had taken a 100-99 lead with 56 seconds left when Joe Barry Carroll converted one of two free throws. Blackman then banked in what proved to be the game-winner.

Floyd attempted an 18-foot corner jumper on Houston's next possession but Blackman thwarted the effort.

Akeem Olajuwon, who led Houston with 24 points and 14 rebounds, fouled Dallas' James Donaldson on the ensuing scramble for the ball. Donaldson made one of two free throws with 27 seconds left for a 102-100 lead.

Carroll's 14-foot corner jump shot with 14 seconds left rattled in and out of the basket and Blackman, fouled while trying for a rebound, nailed two free throws to close out the Rockets.

Derek Harper led Dallas with 25 points and Mark Aguirre added 18. Floyd had 17 for Houston.

Dallas, which has nine straight victories at home, won its fourth straight meeting with Houston and first this season. The Rockets lost for the fifth time in six games.

The Mavericks maintained a six-point halftime edge heading into the fourth quarter. Dallas' 83-77 edge was helped in part by Harper's back-to-back 3-point shots midway through the third quarter.

But Houston hit its first four shots of the fourth quarter and jumped on top, 86-85. That was the Rockets' first lead since the game's opening four minutes.

Lakers 117, Jazz 100

SALT LAKE CITY — Byron Scott scored 26 points and Los Angeles outscored Utah 15-0 in the final 3:28 en route to a victory over the Jazz for its eighth straight win.

Scott scored the Lakers' final eight points, including six from the free throw line.

NBA Roundup

John Stockton put the Jazz ahead 109-102 with 3:28 remaining, but Utah did not score again.

After Stockton was awarded a basket on a goaltending call, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored underneath, Michael Cooper scored a 3-point basket and Magic Johnson, who had 25 points, tied it 109-109 with 1:40 left.

Scott put his team ahead for good on a field goal with 1:00 remaining, then he finished out his scoring with six straight foul shots.

Bucks 102, Bullets 97

MILWAUKEE — Jack Sikma scored six of his 25 points in a 10-5 run that closed the game, breaking a 92-92 tie and giving Milwaukee a victory over Washington

Randy Breuer scored 24 points for the Bucks, who led 77-66 with a little more than four minutes left in the third period before the Bullets rallied take a 90-87 lead with 6:31 to play. Bernard King had three straight baskets in Washington's late run.

Pacers 106, Bulls 92

INDIANAPOLIS — Vern Fleming scored 10 of his 22 points in the third period as Indiana opened a 20-point lead and the Pacers handed Chicago its sixth straight road loss.

Indiana, leading 55-48 at halftime, saw the Bulls close to three as Brad Sellers' 18-foot jumper made it 57-54 with 10:47 left in the third period. The Pacers then scored 12 straight points and 22 of the next 27 to open a 79-59 lead on Chuck Person's 18-footer with 1:51 remaining in the quarter. Person and Fleming each scored six points in the run.

Spurs 105, Warriors 96

SAN ANTONIO — Forward Kevin Mitchell came off the bench in the fourth quarter to score 17 points and lead San Antonio to a victory over Golden State.

Alvin Robertson was high scorer for the Spurs with 24 points, 16 of them in the second half, as San Antonio erased a three-point deficit at the third quarter's end.

Forward Robert Higgins scored 21 and guard Steve Harris hit for 16 to lead Golden State. The Warriors lost on the road for the twelfth straight time and have not won a regular season away game since April 18 in Seattle.

With San Antonio trailing 74-71 at the beginning of the fourth quarter, Mitchell scored the next nine points and 15 of the first 17.

Cavaliers 120, Trail Blazers 117

RICHFIELD, Ohio — Craig Ehlo made a 20-foot jumper to break a 116-116 tie with 27 seconds left, and Cleveland came back from a 16-point deficit in the first half to end Portland's five-game winning streak.

Ehlo's basket broke the 16th tie of the second half, and Phil Hubbard sank two free throws with five seconds to play, putting the game out of reach.

Jerome Kersey brought the Trail Blazers within a point at 118-117 when he made one of two free throws with 18 seconds to play. His second free throw bounced off the rim as he was whistled for a lane violation.

Hubbard was then fouled by Clyde Drexler and hit both free throws for a three-point Cleveland lead with five seconds left. A 3-point shot by Portland's Terry Porter missed badly at the buzzer.

Hubbard and John Williams each scored 21 points for Cleveland, which has won six of its last seven home games. Brad Daugherty scored 19.

Steve Johnson scored 29 for Portland, 21 of them in the second half. Drexler added 24 and Kiki Vandeweghe had 23.

Pistons 110, Nets 75

PONTIAC, Mich. — Adrian Dantley scored nine of his 36 points in the first 6:49 of the game as Detroit rode a 23-4 start to their 10th straight, a triumph over New Jersey.

The Pistons, off to their best start ever, tied the team mark for consecutive victories, set Feb. 12-28, 1986, and improved their record to 17-5, best in the NBA.

Detroit scored 15 straight points to start the game and hit its first 10 shots while racing to a 23-4 lead. Dantley scored 13 points in the first quarter as the Pistons took command, 30-15.

The closest New Jersey got after that was in the third period, when Ben Coleman and Pearl Washington scored four points each during a 10-2 run to trim the Pistons' lead to 64-52 with 6:25 remaining.

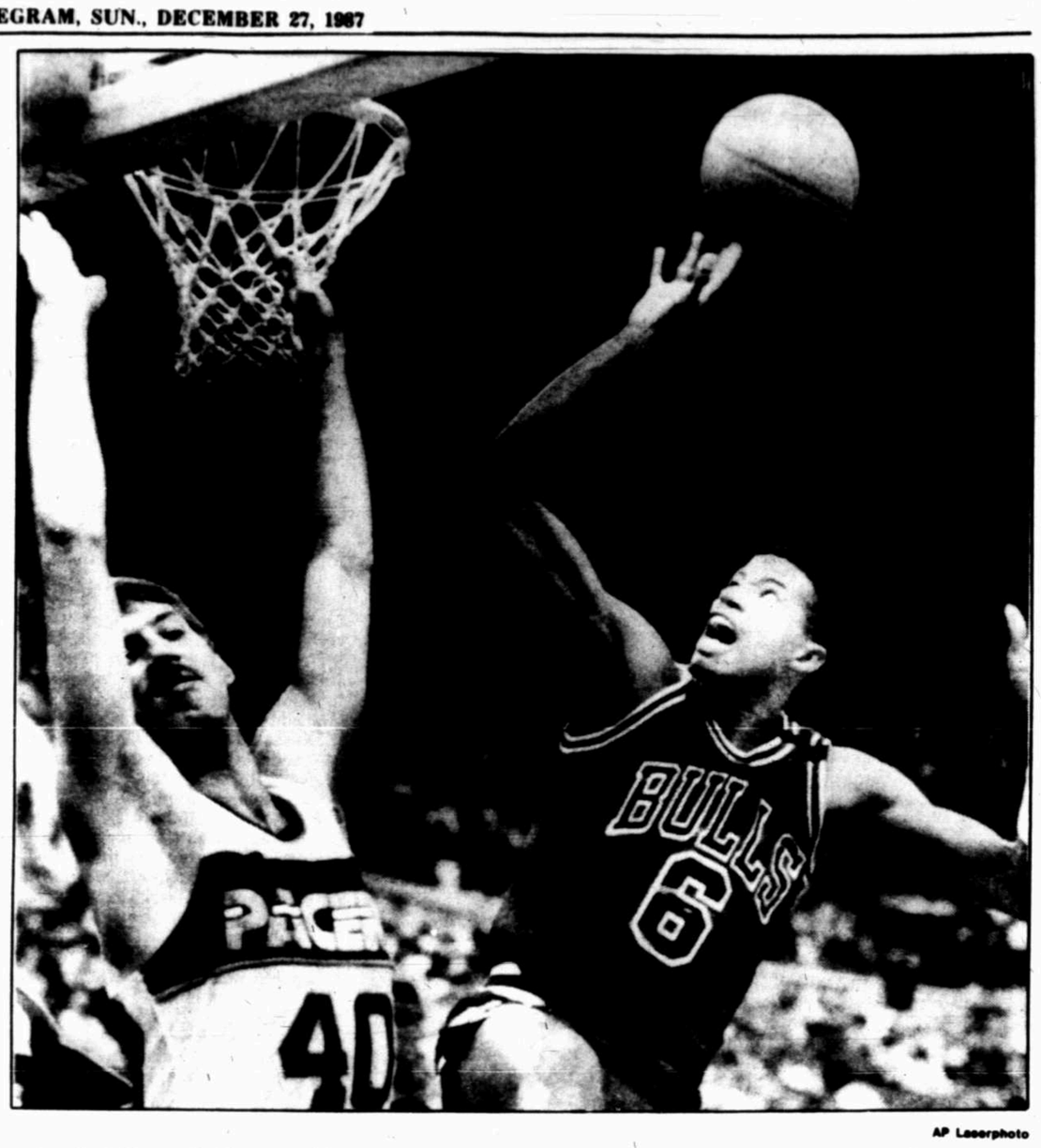
Mike Gminski scored 19 points and Washington 17 for the Nets, who dressed only nine players. Among the missing were Buck Williams and Otis Birdsong.

Hawks 125, Knicks 98

ATLANTA — Dominique Wilkins scored 37 points and Cliff Levingston added a career-high 29 to lead Atlanta to a victory over New York.

Levingston, a strong forward in his fifth pro season, also set a career high with 17 rebounds as the Hawks, 18-7, improved their home-court record to 11-1.

The Hawks went ahead to stay with a 14-2 run late in the first quarter during which Wilkins hit eight and Levingston got the other six to put Atlanta up 34-23. The Knicks scored the next 10 points to pull within one, 34-33.



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Brad Sellers of Chicago lifts a one-handed jumper over Steve Stipanovich of Indiana in Saturday's NBA action. The Pacers edged the Bulls, 106-102 in Indianapolis.

Baseball owners play non-tender salary game

By MURRAY CHASS
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Ever desirous of reducing player payrolls, the owners seemed to have developed another element for their strategy a year ago when they played what might be called the "non-tender" game. The game produced such significant savings that they had been expected to carry it even further this year. Surprisingly, they have not.

The rules of the non-tender game are simple, especially if teams aren't signing other teams' free agents. Teams must tender contracts to all players on their 40-man rosters by Dec. 20, or the players become free agents. Last year some teams deliberately did not tender contracts to some players, not because they didn't want them, but because they didn't want to pay them as much as they would have been required had they tendered contracts. The rules permit a maximum salary reduction of 20 percent from the previous year.

In all, 34 players did not receive contract tenders last year. Of that group, 16 players had earned $300,000 or more in 1986 and the group had a total income of $8,928,333. Fifteen of the 16 signed major league contracts for 1987 but earned a total of $5,290,719, a decrease of 40.7 percent.

That result figured to encourage teams to engage in the practice even more aggressively this year, but when the Dec. 20 deadline passed this year, only 26 players had failed to receive contracts, and only 12 of them earned $300,000 or more for 1987.

ONE OF those 12 players, Steve Balboni, was also was one of the 16 a year ago. Balboni, the Kansas City first baseman and designated hitter, had a $525,000 salary in 1986, but the Royals wanted to pay him less than $420,000 (80 percent of $525,000) so they let him become a free agent by not offering a contract, then re-signed him to a contract that called for a $100,000 salary and bonuses based on his physical condition. Balboni, who finished the 1986 season with a bad back, earned $200,000 on opening day for being healthy, then picked up $65,000 for each set of 30 games the rest of the season.

He wound up earning $100,000 more than he did in 1986, but the most noteworthy aspect of his time as a free agent was that no other team showed any interest in him. No one but the Royals, it seemed, needed a player who had his talent for hitting home runs and driving in runs. (This year he batted only .207 but hit 24 home runs and knocked in 60 runs in 386 times at bat.)

Now that he is a free agent again, Balboni has said he does not plan to sign with the Royals again. Lee Tunnell, on the other hand, became a free agent a week ago and has already rejoined the St. Louis Cardinals. As with Balboni, this was the second successive year that Tunnell was not tendered a contract. Last season his salary dropped from $182,500 to the minimum $62,500 because of the non-tender, but if he pitches in the majors next year, he could double his salary to $125,000.

AMONG THE other players not tendered this year were: from Minnesota, Don Baylor ($875,000, or $749,618 with deferred portion discounted), Mike Smithson ($540,000) and Dan Schatzeder ($425,000); Bob Forsch ($750,000) by St. Louis, Mike Easler ($700,000) and Ron Kittle ($425,000) by the Yankees, Tony Bernazard ($630,000) and Tony Phillips ($425,000) by Oakland, Greg Harris ($620,000) by Texas, Bob James ($470,000) by the Chicago White Sox and Glenn Hoffman ($320,000) by Los Angeles.

The 1987 salaries for the 12 players who earned more than $300,000 totaled $6,805,000, which is three-fourths the total salaries earned by the equivalent group of 1986. In other words, the clubs may not emerge from this year's non-tender game with as great a salary savings as a year ago.

White Sox finish no disguise

New York Times News Service

Engaged in a severe austerity plan, the Chicago White Sox have traded two of their three highest-paid players, Richard Dotson and Floyd Bannister. While they are not necessarily to be commended for trading themselves into a non-competitive position, the White Sox do win points for not being lured into a false sense of security.

The White Sox spent most of last season in last place, holding that spot every day from June 9 to Sept. 29. However, they finished with a spurt that catapulted them all the way to fifth, winning 17 of their last 21 games. Some teams would have emerged from that finish and pronounced themselves ready to make a run for the division title next season. The White Sox were more realistic.

"A general manager has to be objective," Larry Himes, the team's general manager, said. "You have to step back and see why we had the strong finish. It's one of the hardest things a general manager has to do."

Himes, in his first year as general manager, had not gained a reputation for his brilliant moves. He had, in fact, been best known for fining a few players for failing to wear socks to the ball park. Nevertheless, when he looked at his team's performance in the final weeks, he was not fooled into thinking the White Sox suddenly had clothed themselves in regal raiments. He saw that they still were dressed in dross. What explanation did he have for the good finish?

Bannister, he noted, won 12 of his last 16 decisions, including four of five in the final 21 games, and Dave LaPoint and Jack McDowell, a rookie, each won three times without losing in that period.

"I didn't feel that the same group could do the same things and do enough to win the Western Division title," said Himes, a refreshing realist.

BASEBALL NOTES: Sparky Anderson, the irrepressible Detroit manager, was asked recently if he thought he could do anything to get Gary Pettis, his new center fielder, to cut down on his strikeouts and raise his batting average. "There's nothing I can try that Gene Mauch hasn't," Anderson said, referring to Pettis' manager with the California Angels....

Metcalf, Ironhead in spotlight

Bluebonnet Bowl

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Pittsburgh's Craig Heyward, the No. 2 rusher in the nation, and Texas' Eric Metcalf, the third-ranked all-purpose runner, will lead their teams New Year's Eve in the Bluebonnet Bowl in the Astrodome.

Heywood, "Ironhead" to his teammates, gained 1,655 yards as a 268-pound tailback this season as a junior leading the Panthers to an 8-3 record.

Metcalf, the Southwest Conference player of the year this season as a junior, rushed 1,161 yards and had 1,925 total yards for a 175 yards per game average.

"He's got that knack to break one for you," Texas Coach David McWilliams said. "He can make the plays as a runner or receiver."

Metcalf, 5-9, 175, caught 33 passes for 238 yards and had 526 kick return yards this season.

The Longhorns, 6-5, fought down to the final game of the season for a berth in the Cotton Bowl as the SWC representative before losing to the Texas Aggies 20-13 in the season finale.

Kickoff for the Bluebonnet is 7 p.m. CST New Year's Eve.

"There was a time when there wasn't much bowl talk at all so I'm certainly glad to be here," McWilliams said. "We're happy somebody wanted us."

Heyward could break one of former Panther runner Tony Dorsett's rushing attempts record if he carries 14 times in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

Dorsett set season school records of 2,150 rushing yards and 370 carries in 1976. Heyward has 1,655 yards and 357 carries.

The Panthers switched quarterbacks in the eighth game of the season against unbeaten Syracuse when freshman Darnell Dickerson came off the bench to replace senior Sal Genilla.

"It was tough because we had a senior quarterback when we made the change," Pittsburgh Coach Mike Gottfried said. "But Darnell's such an outstanding athlete.

"He could walk into any Division I schol and play on their basketball team. He's probably the best athlete on our roster.

"He played the second half of the Syracuse game and he's been there ever since."

USOC considers relocation

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The U.S. Olympic Committee is considering relocating the Olympic Training Center from its home at the foot of the Rocky Mountains to San Diego, citing problems with location and climate.

"This is not the most competitive air hub in the country and it never will be with Denver up the road. It's not year-round weather for training," Larry McCollum, director of the USOC's training center program, said in an interview published in Sunday's Rocky Mountain News.

"San Diego would offer far greater visibility than any existing center," McCollum added.

The San Diego task force has until April to develop its proposal. If the USOC goes ahead with the move, it would be the turn of the century before a new facility would be prepared to shoulder the burden of a major residential training program, according to the Rocky Mountain News.

The negotiations have put on hold a $75 million renovation project for the Colorado Springs complex.

"I wouldn't recommend to the USOC that we spend $75 million here ... I think there will be very close examination before we commit $75 million to a final solution in Colorado Springs," McCollum said.

"Everything you can do in Colorado Springs, you can do in San Diego, and there are a hell of a lot of things you can do in San Diego that you can't do in Colorado Springs," he said.

Still, the program director said he did not see abandonment of the center.

"My sense is over 10, 15, 20 years, there will be a natural migration to these more attractive locales by the national governing bodies (of various Olympics sports)," McCollum said.

McCollum's new criteria for training centers include year-round training weather, top transportation facilities and a population base and tourist trade that will help pay the bills.

He said he would not select Colorado Springs today as a new training center.

Cycling training was one example McCollum used to illustrate the new thinking on training centers.

"Cycling has been one of the most constant users of this facility, but it's a hell of a lot easier to cycle in the winter in San Diego, where it's 70 degrees, than it is to cycle in the winter here," he said.

Although the 7-Eleven Velodrome is only a couple of minutes from the center here, cyclists generally stay in California, he said.

All three USOC training centers — Lake Placid, N.Y.; Marquette, Mich., and Colorado Springs — are in northern climes. None is home to a competitve air transportation hub, and transporting athletes to any of them is a cumbersome task, the official said.

"If we're going to have training centers, why put them in the middle of nowhere?" McCollum asked.

The rationale for establishing the training centers at their existing sites was based on economics.

The Colorado Springs center is on the abandoned site of Ent Air Force Base with a $1 annual lease from the city. Lake Placid occupies Olympic facilities constructed for the 1980 games. Northern Michigan University opened the doors of its facilities to the USOC.

The continuing problem with the Sheare training center here is not enough training facilities, McCollum said.

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Sports Scoreboard

NBA at a Glance

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	16	8	.652	—
Philadelphia	12	11	.522	3
Washington	8	16	.333	7½
New York	8	18	.308	8½
New Jersey	4	20	.167	11½
Central	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	17	5	.773	—
Atlanta	18	7	.720	½
Milwaukee	14	9	.609	3½
Chicago	15	11	.577	4
Indiana	13	12	.520	5½
Cleveland	12	13	.480	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	16	8	.667	—
Denver	16	9	.640	½
Houston	12	12	.500	4
San Antonio	12	12	.500	4
Utah	12	14	.462	5
Sacramento	7	18	.280	9½
Pacific	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	19	6	.760	—
Portland	16	9	.640	3
Seattle	13	13	.500	6½
L.A. Clippers	8	14	.364	9½
Phoenix	8	15	.348	10
Golden State	4	19	.174	14

Friday's Games

Detroit 91, New York 87

Atlanta 106, Philadelphia 100

Saturday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Indiana 108, Chicago 92

Los Angeles Lakers 117, Utah 109

Atlanta 125, New York 98

Cleveland 120, Portland 117

Detroit 110, New Jersey 75

Dallas 105, Houston 100

San Antonio 105, Golden State 96

Milwaukee 102, Washington 97

Denver 115, Seattle 111

Sacramento 112, Phoenix 110

Boston at LA Clippers, (n)

Sunday's Games

Cleveland at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.

Boston at Sacramento, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games

Philadelphia at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.

Denver at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.

Box Scores

CHICAGO (92): Oakley 1-7 5-6 7, Sellers 6-14 4-4 16, Corzine 3-10 0-0 6, Jordan 6-22 5-6 17, Paxson 3-8 0-0 6, Grant 2-5 1-2 5, Pippen 3-12 3-4 9, Brown 5-6 0-1 10, Sparrow 2-5 3-3 7, Threatt 4-4 1-2 9, Walters 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-93 22-28 92.

INDIANA (108): Person 8-16 0-0 16, Williams 5-12 8-9 18, Stipanovich 5-9 0-0 10, Fleming 7-11 8-10 22, Long 4-11 3-4 11, Tisdale 3-12 7-8 13, Miller 2-4 0-0 4, Anderson 1-3 1-2 3, Wheeler 3-5 0-0 6, Gray 1-3 1-4 3, Drelling 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-88 28-37 106.

Chicago	16	32	16	29	92
Indiana	32	23	28	23	106

Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 61 (Oakley, Corzine 12), Indiana 59 (Person 13). Assists—Chicago 27 (Paxson 7), Indiana 25 (Fleming 7). Total fouls—Chicago 28, Indiana 27. A—16,041.

L.A. LAKERS (117): Worthy 6-13 4-5 16, A.Green 5-11 5-6 15, Abdul-Jabbar 7-11 3-4 17, Scott 10-16 5-5 26, Johnson 10-25 4-5 25, Cooper 3-9 0-0 7, Thompson 4-9 1-2 9, Tolbert 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 46-96 22-27 117.

UTAH (109): Malone 10-20 6-8 26, Bailey 6-18 6-8 18, Eaton 3-7 1-1 7, Tripucka 8-12 0-0 21, Stockton 6-12 2-2 14, R.Green 3-4 1-1 7, Iavaroni 1-1 0-0 2, Scurry 1-2 0-0 2, Griffith 3-6 0-0 6, Turpin 2-6 2-2 6. Totals 43-87 18-22 109.

Los Angeles	29	31	30	27	117
Utah	30	21	24	26	109

3-Point goals—Tripucka 5, Scott, Johnson, Cooper. Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 53 (Abdul-Jabbar 9), Utah 50 (Malone 14). Assists—Los Angeles 30 (Johnson 14), Utah 30 (Stockton 15). Total fouls—Los Angeles 18, Utah 20. Technicals—Malone, Cooper, Los Angeles Coach Riley. A—12,212.

NEW JERSEY (75): Comegys 2-6 0-2 4, Coleman 5-12 1-1 11, Gminski 7-17 5-6 19, Hopson 2-10 0-0 4, Bagley 3-8 6-7 12, Bradley 2-6 0-1 4, Washington 6-16 5-6 17, Engler 0-2 0-0 0, O'Koren 2-5 0-4 4. Totals 29-82 17-29 75.

DETROIT (110): Dantley 13-16 10-14 36, Bailey 3-3 4-5 10, Laimbeer 2-6 2-2 6, Johnson 1-8 2-2 4, Dumars 5-11 5-7 15, Rodman 8-15 2-4 18, Lewis 3-10 1-4 7, Bedford 4-12 0-0 8, Moore 1-4 2-4 4, Nevitt 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-88 26-42 110.

New Jersey	16	26	23	12— 75
Detroit	30	27	23	30—110

Fouled out—Coleman, Washington. Rebounds—New Jersey 39 (Gminski 8), Detroit 57 (Rodman 18). Assists—New Jersey 16 (Bagley, Washington 5), Detroit 23 (Johnson 10). Total fouls—New Jersey 32, Detroit 24. Technical—Laimbeer. A— 23,330.

SACRAMENTO (112): Pressley 6-12 0-0 12, Thorpe 9-14 10-11 28, Kleine 3-6 1-2 7, K.Smith 5-11 1-1 11, Theus 5-13 3-4 13, L.Thompson 3-5 0-0 6, McGee 8-16 3-5 20, Tyler 3-5 1-1 8, F.Edwards 0-1 0-0 0, Pinckney 3-3 1-1 7. Totals 46-86 20-26 112.

PHOENIX (110): Johnson 8-15 1-2 17, Nance 12-21 3-3 27, J.Edwards 9-20 4-9 22, Hornacek 6-12 2-2 14, Humphries 3-6 5-6 11, Bailey 4-10 1-2 9, Adams 1-2 0-0 2, Davis 1-2 0-0 2, B.Thompson 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 47-94 16-24 110.

Sacramento	21	26	39	24	112
Phoenix	33	22	22	23	110

3-Point goals—McGee, Tyler. Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 40 (Thorpe 10), Phoenix 61 (J.Edwards, Hornacek, Bailey 9). Assists—Sacramento 26 (Theus 13), Phoenix 26 (Humphries 9). Total fouls—Sacramento 24, Phoenix 26. Technicals—Phoenix illegal defense 2, Sacramento illegal defense. A—10,326.

NEW YORK (98): Cartwright 7-10 7-7 21, Newman 2-5 2-4 6, Ewing 4-11 8-10 16, Jackson 1-5 0-0 2, G.Wilkins 2-12 0-0 5, Green 7-11 0-0 14, Walker 4-13 1-1 9, Tucker 3-6 0-0 6, Cummings 3-7 2-4 8, Donovan 4-4 0-0 8, Orr 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 38-87 21-28 98.

ATLANTA (125): Levingston 9-15 11-12 29, D.Wilkins 11-20 16-16 37, Rollins 3-6 4-4 10, Rivers 4-7 2-3 10, Wittman 6-12 0-0 12, Koncak 0-3 1-4 1, Battie 4-10 1-3 10, Carr 2-4 2-2 6, Webb 1-1 2-2 4, Hastings 2-3 0-0 4, Washburn 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 42-81 40-47 125.

New York	27	21	23	27—	98
Atlanta	34	29	30	32—125	

3-Point goals—G.Wilkins, Battie. Fouled out—Cartwright. Rebounds—New York 40 (Ewing 7), Atlanta 62 (Levingston 17). Assists—New York 17 (Tucker 4), Atlanta 25 (Rivers 8). Total fouls—New York 33, Atlanta 24. Technicals—New York Coach Pitino, New York illegal defense, Atlanta Coach Fratello. A—16,451.

PORTLAND (117): Kersey 6-11 1-2 13, Ca.Jones 1-1 0-0 2, S.Johnson 13-22 3-7 29, Drexler 10-21 4-7 24, Porter 7-11 0-0 15, Vandeweghe 9-17 4-4 23, Holton 2-4 0-0 4, Duckworth 1-3 1-2 3, Anderson 2-4 0-0 4, Lucas 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 51-95 13-22 117.

Cleveland	28	27	32	30—	117
Portland	16	33	39	32—120	

3-Point goals—Price 2, Ehlo, Curry, Porter, Vandeweghe. Fouled out—Williams. Rebounds—Portland 56 (Porter 10), Cleveland 60 (Williams 11). Assists—Portland 37 (Porter 14), Cleveland 32 (Price 9). Total fouls—Portland 29 Cleveland 22. A—14,225.

HOUSTON (100): McCray 1-5 3-4 5, Petersen 2-6 1-1 5, Otajuwon 10-24 4-6 24, Floyd 7-15 2-2 17, Leavell 7-14 0-0 14, Carroll 5-9 2-4 12, Short 7-11 2-3 16, Reid 1-1 0-0 2, Maxwell 0-0 3-4 3, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Free 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-88 17-24 100.

DALLAS (108): Aguirre 5-17 8-10 18, Perkins 5-12 2-2 12, Donaldson 2-6 3-4 7, Harper 11-20 3-5 27, Blackman 5-16 5-5 15, Tarpley 1-6 1-2 3, Blab 1-1 4-4 6, Davis 4-5 0-0 8, Schrempf 3-3 3-3 9. Totals 37-88 29-36 108.

Houston	25	24	28	23—	100
Dallas	28	27	28	22—	105

3-Point goals—Harper 2, Floyd. Fouled out—McCray. Rebounds—Houston 50 (Otajuwon 14), Dallas 61 (Donaldson, Perkins 12). Assists—Houston 24 (Leavell 7), Dallas 18 (Harper 8). Total fouls—Houston 29, Dallas 22. Technicals—Floyd, Petersen, Schrempf, Perkins. A—17,007.

GOLDEN STATE (96): Higgins 9-14 2-4 21, Frank 0-3 0-0 0, Sampson 6-11 3-4 15, Harris 8-15 0-0 16, Garland 1-9 0-0 2, Teagle 3-10 0-0 6, McDonald 7-10 0-0 14, White 3-9 2-2 8, Whitehead 3-4 2-2 8, O.Smith 2-2 2-2 6. Totals 42-87 11-14 96.

SAN ANTONIO (105): Berry 8-11 1-2 17, Greenwood 5-12 2-4 12, Brickowski 5-9 3-4 13, Robertson 11-24 2-4 24, Dawkins 3-7 0-0 6, Wood 1-6 1-2 3, Nimphius 1-3 0-0 2, Anderson 1-3 0-0 2, Davis 3-4 0-0 6, Nealy 1-4 1-1 3, Mitchell 8-13 1-1 17. Totals 47-98 11-18 105.

Golden State	25	27	22	22—	96
San Antonio	22	25	24	34—105	

3-Point goal—Higgins. Fouled out— None. Rebounds—Golden State 42 (Sampson 13), San Antonio 62 (Greenwood 12). Assists—Golden State 26 (Sampson 6), San Antonio 37 (Dawkins, Wood 8). Total fouls—Golden State 21, San Antonio 18. A—10,632.

WASHINGTON (97): Catledge 6-13 3-4 15, Jones 1-2 0-0 2, M.Malone 8-11 3-4 14, Johnson 1-1 0-0 2, J.Malone 5-9 2-3 12, Colter 3-9 0-1 6, King 12-21 0-0 24, Williams 3-5 2-2 8, Bol 3-5 0-0 6, Alarie 4-9 0-0 8, Bogues 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 43-89 10-14 97.

MILWAUKEE (102): Cummings 3-15 3-4 9, Sikma 11-20 3-3 25, Breuer 10-16 4-5 24, Lucas 8-13 4-5 20, Pressey 2-6 1-1 5, Reynolds 2-8 2-2 6, Hodges 2-6 0-0 4, Mokeski 2-5 1-2 5, Mannion 1-1 0-0 2, Henry 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 42-91 18-22 102.

Washington	26	26	26	17—	97
Milwaukee	34	26	21	22—102	

3-Point goal—M.Malone. Fouled out— None. Rebounds—Washington 52 (Bol 8), Milwaukee 51 (Cummings 11). Assists— Washington 23 (J.Malone, Williams 5), Milwaukee 27 (Pressey 8). Total fouls— Washington 22, Milwaukee 18. Technical—Washington Coach Loughery. A—11,052.

SEATTLE (111): Chambers 5-14 3-4 13, McDaniel 11-17 4-6 26, Johnson 3-3 0-0 6, Ellis 5-21 4-6 15, McMillan 2-2 0-0 4, Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Young 0-5 0-0 0, Lister 3-3 6-6 12, S.Vincent 3-9 1-2 7, Schoene 5-8 0-0 11, McKey 8-12 1-2 17, Polynice 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 45-97 19-26 111.

DENVER (118): English 10-22 7-8 27, Schayes 4-10 8-10 16, Cooper 2-8 3-5 7, Lever 10-18 5-6 25, Adams 6-12 4-6 17, J.Vincent 2-5 0-0 4, Hanzlik 0-1 1-2 1, Dunn 1-2 0-0 2, Rasmussen 8-16 0-0 16, Evans 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 43-95 26-37 118.

Seattle	22	27	24	38—	111
Denver	24	28	30	33—115	

3-Point goals—Ellis, Schoene, Adams. Fouled out—Chambers. Rebounds—Seattle 56 (Lister 11), Denver 66 (Cooper 17). Assists—Seattle 26 (S.Vincent 6), Denver 27 (Lever 8). Total fouls—Seattle 28, Denver 21. A—12,403.

Bowl Lineup

Saturday, Dec. 12
California, Fresno, Calif.
Eastern Michigan 30, San Jose State 27.
Saturday, Dec. 19
Independence, Shreveport, La.
Washington 24, Tulane 12.

Tuesday, Dec. 22
All-American, Birmingham, Ala.
Virginia 22, Brigham Young 16.
Friday, Dec. 25
Sun, El Paso
Oklahoma State 35, West Virginia 33.
Blue-Gray At Montgomery, Ala.
South 12, North 10.
Aloha At Honolulu
UCLA 20, Florida 16.

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Liberty at Memphis
Arkansas, 6-3-0, vs. Georgia, 6-3-0, 7 p.m. (Raycom)
Wednesday, Dec. 30
Freedom At Anaheim, Calif.
Air Force, 9-3-0, vs. Arizona State, 6-4-1, 7 p.m. (Mizlou)
Holiday At San Diego
Wyoming, 10-2-0, vs. Iowa, 8-3-0, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 31
Gator At Jacksonville, Fla.
South Carolina, 6-2-0, vs. Louisiana State, 9-1-1, 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Bluebonnet At Houston
Pittsburgh, 8-3-0, vs. Texas, 6-5-0, 6 p.m. (Mizlou)
Friday, Jan. 1
Citrus At Orlando, Fla.
Clemson, 9-2-0, vs. Penn State, 8-3-0, 11 a.m. (ABC)
Fiesta At Tempe, Ariz.
Florida State, 10-1-0, vs. Nebraska, 10-1-0, 12:30 p.m., (NBC)
Cotton At Dallas
Notre Dame, 8-3-0, vs. Texas A&M, 9-2-0, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Rose at Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan St., 8-2-1, vs. Southern Cal, 8-3-0, 4 p.m. (NBC)
Orange At Miami
Oklahoma, 11-0-0, vs. Miami, Fla., 10-0-0, 7 p.m. (NBC)
Sugar At New Orleans
Syracuse, 11-0-0, vs. Auburn, 9-1-1, 2:30 p.m. (ABC)
Jan. 2
Peach at Atlanta
Tennessee, 9-2-1, vs. Indiana, 8-3-0, 1 p.m. (Mizlou)
Hall of Fame At Tampa, Fla.
Michigan, 7-4-0, vs. Alabama, 7-4-0, noon. (NBC)
Jan. 16
East-West At San Francisco
TBA
Jan. 23
Senior At Mobile, Ala.
TBA

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NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	276	232
Miami	8	6	0	.571	352	311
Buffalo	7	7	0	.500	263	268
New England	7	7	0	.500	298	283
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	327	340
Central	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Cleveland	10	5	0	.667	390	239
Houston	8	6	0	.571	324	332
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	266	299
Cincinnati	4	10	0	.286	268	349
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Denver	9	4	1	.679	356	288
Seattle	9	5	0	.643	351	273
San Diego	8	6	0	.571	253	293
L.A. Raiders	5	9	0	.357	298	283
Kans City	3	11	0	.214	232	368
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Washingtn	11	4	0	.733	379	265
St. Louis	7	7	0	.500	346	347
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	320	373
Dallas	6	8	0	.429	319	332
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	260	305
Central	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Chicago	10	4	0	.714	350	279
Minnesota	8	7	0	.533	336	335
Green Bay	5	8	1	.393	231	267
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	280	336
Detroit	3	11	0	.214	239	371
West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-San Fran	12	2	0	.857	411	263
y-N Orleans	11	3	0	.786	369	259
L.A. Rams	6	8	0	.429	317	313
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	192	406

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games

Cleveland 19, Pittsburgh 13

Washington 27, Minnesota 24, OT

Sunday's Games

Buffalo at Philadelphia, noon

Cincinnati at Houston, noon.

Detroit at Atlanta, noon.

Green Bay at New Orleans, noon.

NY Jets at NY Giants, noon.

St. Louis at Dallas, noon.

Seattle at Kansas City, noon.

Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon.

San Diego at Denver 3 p.m.

Chicago at LA Raiders, 3 p.m.

LA Rams at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

Monday's Game

New England at Miami, 8 p.m.

NFL Playoff Possibilities

The playoff picture for the NFL as supplied by the league:

AFC Playoff Picture

PREFACE — Houston, Indianapolis and Seattle control their own destiny and can qualify for playoffs simply by winning their final games. Denver has already clinched playoff berth and can win division title with victory over San Diego. Conversely, Houston, Miami, New England and San Diego are eliminated from the playoffs with a loss.

AFC East

PREFACE — Indianapolis clinches divison title with win over Tampa Bay. Loss by Indianapolis makes winner of Monday night's game between New England and Miami AFC East champ.

INDIANAPOLIS — Can clinch division title by defeating Tampa Bay based on overall record or better division record than Miami (5-3 to 3-5). Indianapolis still alive for Wild Card with loss if Houston, Pittsburgh, and San Diego also lose based on better conference record (8-6) than any other 8-7 team.

MIAMI — Can clinch division title by defeating New England on Monday night plus an Indianapolis loss to Tampa Bay on Sunday based on overall record. Miami cannot win any multiple tie for division title and is eliminated from playoffs with a loss. Miami can be Wild Card with win over New England plus losses by Houston and San Diego coupled with a Seattle win. This would set up a 9-6 tie between Miami and Pittsburgh whom Miami defeated. Miami can also clinch Wild Card berth with a victory over New England plus losses by San Diego, Houston and Pittsburgh. In this scenario, Miami could be tied only with Seattle at 9-6 and would play Wild Card game at Seattle or at Denver.

NEW ENGLAND — Can clinch division title with win over Miami on Monday night plus a loss by Indianapolis on Sunday. This would set up two possible multiple-team ties. In three-way tie among New England, Miami and Indianapolis, New England clinches division based on better head-to-head record (3-1) vs. Indianapolis (2-3) and Miami (1-5). New England also wins four-way tie (5-1) over Indianapolis (3-3), Buffalo (3-3), and Miami (2-4) based on head-to-head records. New England can still be Wild Card at 8-7 (Indianapolis would win division title at 9-6). If Houston (6-5), Pittsburgh (6-5) and San Diego (6-7) all lose, based on a superior conference record (8-4), Miami at 8-7 would finish at 5-7 in conference.

AFC CENTRAL

CLEVELAND — Has clinched division based on overall record.

HOUSTON — Will be a Wild Card by defeating Cincinnati based on a better conference record (7-4) than any other 9-6 team.

AFC WEST

PREFACE — Denver clinches division title plus home field advantage throughout the playoff by defeating San Diego. Seattle clinches division title with a win over Kansas City plus a Denver loss. San Diego cannot win division title.

DENVER — Has clinched a playoff berth and can claim division title with a win over San Diego or a Seattle loss to Kansas City. Denver could have home field advantage throughout the playoffs by defeating San Diego. If Denver does not win AFC West, they will be host for the Wild Card game.

SEATTLE — Can clinch division title with a win over Kansas City plus a Denver loss to San Diego based on overall record. If Denver wins AFC West, Seattle is the automatic Wild Card Host with a victory based on overall record. Seattle can still be a Wild Card with loss plus losses by Pittsburgh or Houston. This could set up 9-6 tie among Miami, San Diego, Houston or Pittsburgh in which case Houston or Pittsburgh would be first Wild Card based on superior conference record (7-4) and Seattler oudi be second Wild Card based on head-to-head victories over Miami and San Diego.

SAN DIEGO — Cannot win division title. San Diego clinches a Wild Card berth with win over Denver plus losses by Pittsburgh and Houston based on overall record. San Diego is eliminated from playoffs with a loss.

NFC EAST

WASHINGTON — Has clinched division title based on overall record.

ST. LOUIS — Will be Wild Card if it defeats Dallas based on better conference record (8-6 vs. 8-6) than Minnesota.

NFC CENTRAL

CHICAGO — Has clinched division title based on overall record.

MINNESOTA — Will be Wild Card if St. Louis loses to Dallas based on overall record.

NFC WEST

PREFACE — San Francisco and New Orleans have clinched at least a Wild Card berth based on overall record and one will be host for the First Round game on Jan. 3.

SAN FRANCISCO — Can clinch division title if it defeats the Los Angeles Rams or if New Orleans loses to Green Bay based on overall record. Can clinch home field advantage throughout playoffs if it defeats the Los Angeles Rams.

NEW ORLEANS — Can win division title if it defeats Green Bay and San Francisco loses to the Los Angeles Rams based on better division record (4-1 vs. 4-2).

Transactions

FOOTBALL

National Football League

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Activated Russ Grimm, guard, and Anthony Allen, wide receiver. Placed Clint Didier, tight end, on the inactive list and Ray Hitchcock, center, on injured reserve.

COLLEGE

LOUISIANA TECH—Announced the resignation of Carl Torbush, head football coach.

NHL at a Glance

Standings

WALES CONFERENCE						
Patrick	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	18	13	5	41	126	127
NY Islanders	19	13	2	40	140	115
New Jersey	17	15	4	38	119	126
Pittsburgh	16	14	5	37	136	137
Washington	15	17	4	34	117	112
NY Rangers	12	19	4	28	135	141
Adams	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	21	8	9	51	141	106
Boston	21	13	3	45	144	124
Buffalo	13	15	6	32	113	140
Hartford	13	15	6	32	107	114
Quebec	14	16	2	30	118	123
CAMPBELL CONFERENCE						
Norris	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	15	15	4	34	132	116
St. Louis	14	15	5	33	117	119
Toronto	14	18	3	31	130	136
Chicago	14	19	2	30	129	152
Minnesota	11	20	5	27	116	148
Smythe	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	21	11	4	46	172	133
Edmonton	21	12	3	45	167	129
Winnipeg	15	15	3	33	124	129
Vancouver	11	18	5	27	112	121
Los Angeles	9	23	4	22	130	174

Friday's Games

No games scheduled

Late Game Not Included

Saturday's Games

NY Rangers 5, New Jersey 3

New York Islanders 2, Boston 1

Quebec 4, Hartford 2

Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 3

Montreal 4, Toronto 2

Winnipeg 5, Minnesota 4, OT

Edmonton 5, Calgary 4

Philadelphia 3, Washington 2

St. Louis 5, Chicago 4

Vancouver at Los Angeles, (n)

Sunday's Games

Hartford at Quebec, 1:05 p.m.

Chicago at St. Louis, 6:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 6:05 p.m.

Detroit at Minnesota, 7:35 p.m.

Boston at NY Rangers, 7:35 p.m.

Monday's Games

NY Islanders at New Jersey, 6:45 p.m.

Washington at Toronto, 6:35 p.m.

Montreal at Calgary, 8:35 p.m.

Vancouver at Edmonton, 8:35 p.m.

Winnipeg at Los Angeles, 9:35 p.m.

Summaries

At East Rutherford, N.J.

N.Y. Rangers	3	0	2	—5
New Jersey	1	1	1	—3

First Period—1, New York, Shaw 6 (Deblois), 8:21. 2, New York, Tinordi 1, 9:46. 3, New Jersey, Broten 12 (Muller, Verbeek), 10:15. 4, New York, Poddubny 20 (Dionne, Sandstrom), 14:59.

Second Period—5, New Jersey, Cirella 3 (Driver, Broten), 5:08 (pp).

Third Period—6, New York, Mullen 14 (Kisio, Petit), 4:54. 7, New Jersey, Driver 8 (Broten, Cirella), 10:26 (pp). 8, New York, Sandstrom 10 (Ogrodnick), 19:14 (en).

Shots on goal—New York 11-6-12—29. New Jersey 12-11-14—37.

Goalies—New York, Vanbiesbrouck. New Jersey, Chevrier. A—19,040.

Quebec	1	2	1	—4
Hartford	0	2	0	—2

First Period—1, Quebec, Haworth 9 (A.Cote, Eagles), 15:42.

Second Period—2, Hartford, Babych 8 (Ferraso, MacDermid), 2:30. 3, Hartford, Ferraro 7 (Anderson, Turgeon), 5:18. 4, Quebec, A.Stastny 13 (P.Stastny, Brown), 7:43 (pp). 5, Quebec, Brown 9 (P.Stastny, Goulet), 19:43 (pp).

Third Period—6, Quebec, P.Stastny 23 (Jackson), 19:52 (en).

Power-play Opportunities—Quebec 2 of 6; Hartford 0 of 6. Goalies—Quebec, Gosselin (22 shots-20 saves). Hartford, Liut (32-29). A—15,203.

Boston	1	0	0	—1
N.Y. Islanders	1	0	1	—2

First Period—1, Boston, Neely 17 (Middleton, Sweeney), 6:50. 2, New York, LaFontaine 21 (Kerr, Lauer), 13:56 (pp).

Second Period—None.

Third Period—3, New York, Leiter 3 (Makela, Trottier), 10:14.

Power-play Opportunities—Boston 0 of 5; New York 1 of 5. Goalies—Boston, Lemelin (25 shots-23 saves). New York, Smith (31-30). A— 15,922.

Detroit	2	1	0	—3
Pittsburgh	3	1	2	—6

First Period—1, Detroit, Klima 19 (Chabot, Snepsts), 3:53. 2, Pittsburgh, Cunneyworth 21 (Callander, Bourque), 5:58. 3, Pittsburgh, Quinn 12 (Johnson, Lemieux), 9:13 (pp). 4, Detroit, Yzerman 26 (Halward, Veitch), 10:54. 5, Pittsburgh, Cunneyworth 22 (Lemieux, Callander), 14:34.

Second Period—6, Detroit, Klima 20 (Chabot), 2:46 (sh). 7, Pittsburgh, Lemieux 31 (Callander, Bourque), 8:18 (pp).

Third Period—8, Pittsburgh, Gruhl 1 (Hillier, Bourque), 12:01. 9, Pittsburgh, McLlwain 8 (Gancher, Cunneyworth), 13:31.

Power-play Opportunities—Detroit 0 of 5; Pittsburgh 2 of 6. Goalies—Detroit, Stefan (30 shots-27 saves). Hanlon (10:02 third, 0-0), Stefan (10:21 third, 6-4). Pittsburgh, Meloche (27-24). A—16,168.

St. Louis	0	2	3	—5
Chicago	0	3	1	—4

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Chicago, R.Wilson 2 (T.Murray, Noonan), 2:17. 2, Chicago, McGill 1 (Savard, Sanipass), 4:42. 3, St. Louis, McKegney 14 (Ramage, Hrkac), 9:44. 4, Chicago, Bergevin 1 (Savard, Sanipass), 16:17. 5, St. Louis, McKegney 15 (Hrkac), 19:47 (sh).

Third Period—6, Chicago, Noonan 5 (Larmer, Sanipass), 2:50 (pp). 7, St. Louis, Turnbull 4 (Benning, Bourgeois), 3:04. 8, St. Louis, Federko 7 (Gilmour, Ramage), 8:35 (pp). 9, St. Louis, Federko 9 (Ramage, Gilmour), 14:01 (pp).

Shots on goal—St. Louis 11-8-13—32. Chicago 10-10-14—34. Power-play Opportunities—St. Louis 2 of 7; Chicago 1 of 7. Goalies—St. Louis, Millen (34 shots-30 saves). Chicago, Pang (32-27). A—17,542.

Montreal	0	2	2	—4
Toronto	0	1	1	—2

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Toronto, Daoust 7 (Iafrate), 4:46. 2, Montreal, Richer 23 (Naslund, Corson), 12:19. 3, Montreal, Walter 5 (Lemieux, Smith), :5
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Third Period—4, Montreal, Gainey 3 (Kordic), :29. 5, Montreal, Richer 24, 16:57. 6, Toronto, Richardson 4 (Iafrate, Fergus), 17:38.

Shots on goal—Montreal 11-11-17—39. Toronto 7-12-11—30. Power-play Opportunities—Montreal 0 of 9; Toronto 0 of 3. Goalies—Montreal, Hayward (30 shots-28 saves) Toronto, Beater (39-35). A—16,382

Philadelphia	0	1	2	—3
Washington	1	1	0	—2

First Period—1, Washington, Gartner 21 (Hunter, Franceschetti), 1:14.

Second Period—2, Washington, Adams 7 (Laughlin), 5:35. 3, Philadelphia, Mellanby 13 (Zezel, Marsh), 11:42.

Third Period—4, Philadelphia, Craven 12 (Howe, Mellanby), 5:11. 5, Philadelphia, Sinisalo 12 (Howe, Samuelsson), 17:35.

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 9-12-10—31. Washington 15-10-6—31. Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 4; Washington 0 of 3. Goalies—Philadelphia, Hextall (31 shots-29 saves). Washington, Peeters (9-9), Malarchuk (20:00 2nd, 22-19). A—18,130

Minnesota	2	1	0	—4
Winnipeg	2	0	2	—6

First Period—1, Winnipeg, Hawerchuk 19 (Carlyle, Elliett), 5:51 (pp). 2, Winnipeg, MacLean 15 (Hawerchuk, Carlyle), 7:42 (pp). 3, Minnesota, McRae 2 (Zemlak, Acton), 12:22. 4, Minnesota, Graham 6 (MacLellan, Brooke), 18:59 (pp).

Second Period—5, Minnesota, Broten 8 (Graham, Giles), 5:14 (pp).

Third Period—6, Winnipeg, Carlyle 6 (MacLean, Duncan), 1:13. 7, Winnipeg, Boschman 12 (Tagliaretti, Steen), 3:34 (pp). 8, Minnesota, Ciccarelli 22 (Bellows, Price), 6:02.

Overtime—9, Winnipeg, Boschman 13, 3:09.

Shots on goal—Minnesota 19-15-9-1—44. Winnipeg 14-5-11-6—36. Power-play Opportunities—Minnesota 2 of 6; Winnipeg 3 of 4. Goalies—Minnesota, Casey (36 shots-31 saves). Winnipeg, Berthiaume (44-40). A—12,721.

Edmonton	2	1	2	—5
Calgary	1	2	1	—4

First Period—1, Edmonton, McClelland 6 (Muni), 3:20. 2, Edmonton, Krushelnyski 7, 9:54. 3, Calgary, Nieuwendyk 23 (Suter), 10:41.

Second Period—4, Edmonton, Anderson 18 (Huddy, Messier), 4:10 (pp). 5, Calgary, MacInnis 12 (Suter, Loob), 12:15 (pp). 6, Calgary, Bullard 20 (M

Colts only need to beat Bucs to gain playoff berth

Associated Press

The last time the Colts made the playoffs it was 1977, they were based in Baltimore and Bert Jones was the quarterback. From then until this season, they won 38 games, lost 98 and tied one.

Suddenly, all they have to do is beat Tampa Bay today and they win the AFC East title. The Bucs have lost seven in a row, Indianapolis is a double-digit favorite for the first time in anyone's memory, and Coach Ron Meyer is playing things VERY low-key.

"Emotions can have a negative effect as well as a positive effect," Meyer says. "I like to see emotion build with good, solid execution during the game. We're not going to write a new fight song or cheer for this game in practice."

The Tampa Bay-Indianapolis contest is typical of the strike-marred season. When the schedule was drawn up last spring, it was probably viewed by NFL officials as the least important game of the final weekend.

Instead, it's the pivotal game in the AFC, which entered the Saturday-Sunday round of games with nine of its 14 teams still alive for playoff berths. Three of the six division ti-

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tles also remained unsettled with Washington in the NFC East, Chicago in the NFC Central and Cleveland in the AFC Central having clinched.

But things can be relatively simple.

San Francisco, New Orleans, plus the Bears and Redskins have already qualified in the NFC. Minnesota lost 27-24 to Washington in overtime Saturday and can only gain a wild card spot if Dallas beats St. Louis on Sunday. Denver has clinched an AFC wild-card and the Colts, Houston and Seattle can all make the playoffs with wins Sunday.

Tampa Bay, 4-10, has played in a state of shock since it blew a 28-3 fourth-quarter lead to St. Louis seven weeks ago, losing 31-28. The Bucs are now officially playing for last year, having installed Vinny Testaverde at quarterback.

What Testaverde can do is one more favor for the Miami area — he won the Heisman Trophy at the University of Miami a year ago — by knocking off Indianapolis. That would leave the Colts alive for a wild-card spot but give the AFC East title to the winner of Monday night's game between New England and the Dolphins at Joe Robbie Stadium.

The Colts reached their position when Buffalo, which could have clinched by winning its last two, lost to New England last week. But despite their coach's warnings, the Indianapolis players know what's at stake.

"These are the dreams that we set in July to have, to get to the playoffs," Cooks said. "If we don't get this one Sunday, it will be like a wasted season. Tampa Bay is the only thing on my mind."

In addition to the Colts-Bucs game, the rest of the schedule includes Buffalo at Philadelphia; Cincinnati at Houston; Detroit at Atlanta; Green Bay at New Orleans; the New York Jets at New York Giants; St. Louis at Dallas; Seattle at Kansas City; San Diego at Denver; Chicago at Los Angeles Raiders and the Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco Sunday night.

Then comes the New England at Miami finale Monday night.

Cincinnati (4-10) at Houston (8-6)

The Browns' victory ended the Oilers' chances at the AFC Central title, but they still can clinch a wild-card berth with a win.

About all that's on the line for the underachieving Bengals is Coach Sam Wyche's job. He is widely assumed to be gone in any event, but Paul Brown isn't inclined to eat live contracts so it may not be a huge upset if he stays.

San Diego (8-6) at Denver (9-4-1)
Seattle (9-5) at Kansas City (3-12

The Broncos can both win the AFC West and clinch the home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs with a win here.

The Chargers, who have lost five straight since an eight-game winning streak, are on the edge after looking like a lock for the playoffs. The Chargers can't win the division title, but need losses by Pittsburgh and Houston in addition to a win here to make it as a wild card.

If Denver loses and the Seahawks win, Seattle wins the division.

But the Seahawks, with big wins over Denver and Chicago the past two weeks, have had trouble in Kansas City and the Chiefs gave Denver all kinds of problems last week. Win or lose, they're in as a wild card, but a win guarantees the home wild-card game.

New England (7-7) at Miami (8-6)
St. Louis (7-7) at Dallas (6-8)

The Patriots, Dolphins and Cards will all know by game time whether they're playing for the playoffs or the fun of it.

St. Louis' task is easier — since Minnesota lost, the Cards are in if they win as the second wild-card team.

The Patriots can win the division only by beating the Dolphins if the Colts have lost on Sunday. They can not be a wild card.

The Dolphins can be a wild card if they win — but only if Seattle wins and Houston, San Diego and Pittsburgh lose.

Chicago (10-4) at LA Raiders (5-8)

The Bears have lost two straight, surrendering 75 points in the process and need this one to get at least one home game in the playoffs. Mike Ditka has already benched three defensive starters — William Perry, Todd Bell and Mike Richardson — and is threatening to bench three more on offense.

The last time these two got together, Jim McMahon was knocked out for the 1984 season. It could get that brutal again, though McMahon will again be resting his hamstring injury.

Detroit (3-12) at Atlanta (3-12)

The Tim Brown Bowl.

Although Kansas City is still in the running, the loser here could get the first pick in the draft. That's determined by schedule strength and the league will announce the loser (winner) after the season, but this is a key contest.

NY Jets (6-8) at NY Giants (5-9)

Forget the records, this is liable to be a rout for the Giants.

The Jets, the fans and their coaching staff are demoralized, the Giants are getting ready for next year. Moreover, a win gives them a 6-6 record in non-strike games, not very good following a Super Bowl, but not the disaster their season appears to be.

Buffalo (7-7) at Philadelphia (6-8)

Two coming teams who may arrive next year.

Though neither can make the playoffs, each has a lot to look forward to and this is likely to be other than an exercise in going through the motions. It's also a good chance to see three of the players who will be among the game's best defenders for the next decade — Reggie White of the Eagles and Cornelius Bennett and Shane Conlan of the Bills.

BROWNS

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27 yards from Gary Anderson. Other than Gowdy's TD return, the Steelers reached the 10 twice, once setting up an Anderson kick. The other time, late in the first half, Johnson ended the drive with an interception.

But Cleveland got a scare on Gowdy's play.

"We don't do anything easy around here," said Browns Coach Marty Schottenheimer.

FOR PITTSBURGH, it's the third straight year out of the playoffs.

"It's a very disappointing ending," said center Mike Webster.

"It hurts," said fullback Frank Pollard. "Nobody on the team is ready to go home yet.

The Steelers consumed the first 6:37 of the game, taking the opening kickoff from their own 21 to the Browns 25 for almost a third of the total offense they got in the game.

But Anderson's 42-yard field goal attempt was blocked by Bubba Baker to end the threat.

The Browns then moved 55 yards in 10 plays to the Pittsburgh 13, from where Bahr kicked a 31-yard field goal to give Cleveland a 3-0 lead wuth 3:37 left in the quarter.

The Browns made it 9-0 2:15 into the second period on Kosar's 2-yard touchdown pass to Tennell at the end of a seven-play, 55-yard drive. But Bahr's extra point attempt was blocked by Pittsburgh's Rod Woodson.

Anderson's 39-yard field goal on the next series cut it to 9-3. It came after an eight-play, 54-yard drive that ended with Mark Malone's first incomplete pass after six straight completions.

PITTSBURGH THREATENED late in the half after a 25-yard punt by Cleveland's Lee Johnson followed by a pass interference call on Dixon gave the Steelers a first down at the Cleveland 10 with 105 left. But Eddie Johnson intercepted a Malone pass on the first play to end the threat.

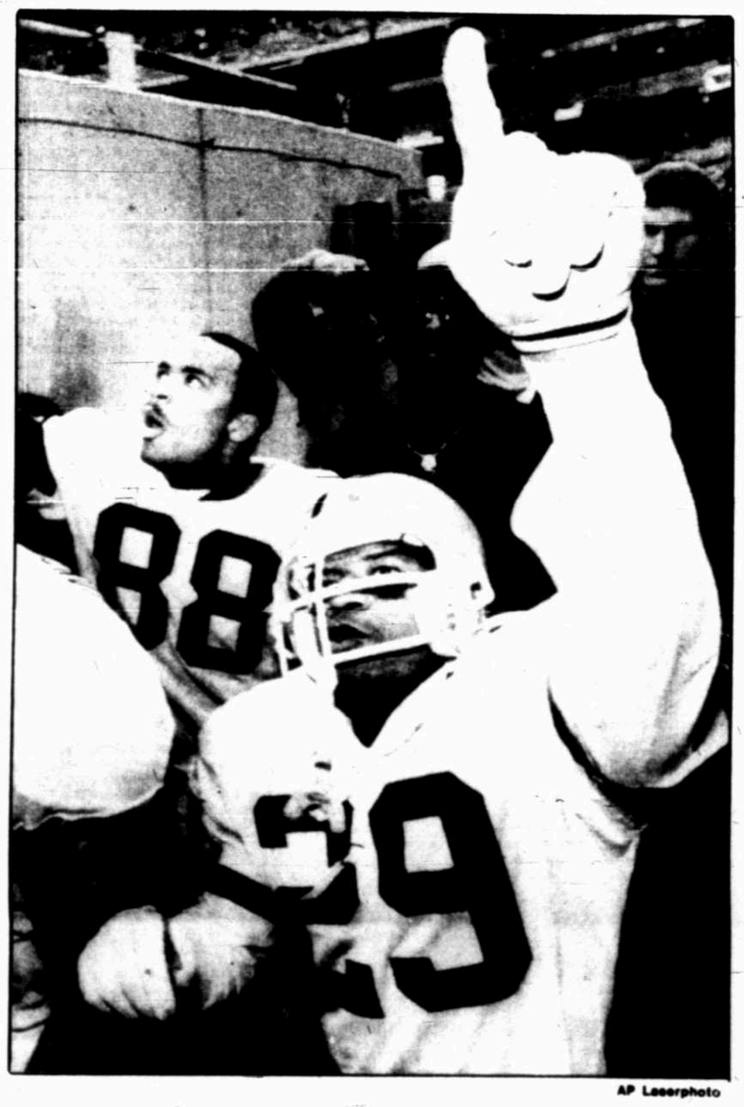
Bahr made it 12-3 5:40 into the third period with a 30-yard field goal that hit the left upright and bounced through. It came after a drive of seven-play and 47 yards, 24 of which came on a pass from Kosar to Ozzie Newsome.

Anderson kicked a 27-yard field goal on the first play of the fourth quarter to make it 12-6. It was set up by a 27-yard pass play from Malone to Louis Lipps, who made a leaping catch at the Cleveland 18.

But the Browns came back to go 76 yards in 10 plays to make it 19-6 on Byner's TD run.

Dixon intercepted for Cleveland on Pittsburgh's next drive but Gowdy, a replacement player signed during the strike, more than returned the favor, picking off a Kosar pass that deflected of the hands of Curtis Weathers and racing untouched to the end zone.

But Cleveland was able to retain possession for the final six minutes, reaching the Pittsburgh 18 as the game ended.



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Cleveland Brown Reggie Langhorne (88) and Manford Dixon (29) bark at fans as they leave Three-Rivers Stadium after beating the Pittsburgh Steelers 19-13 to win the AFC Central Division title Saturday.

SKINS

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type of magic out there. He can read his receviers. They leave the middle of the field open and you can get those crossing patterns."

THE REDSKINS, 11-4, can play host to their opening playoff game if the Chicago Bears lose Sunday to the Los Angeles Raiders.

Washington's first touchdown came on a 100-yard interception return by cornerback Barry Wilburn, the longest in Redskins' history and the longest ever against the Vikings. Wilburn's TD with 5:15 left in the second quarter tied the game 7-7 after Alfred Anderson's first scoring run had given Minnesota the lead.

Williams came off the Washington bench to replace an ineffective Jay Schroeder and threw a 46-yard touchdown pass to Sanders that gave the Redskins a 14-7 lead with 5:56 left in the third quarter. But the Vikings tied the score on Anderson's second TD, a one-yard run.

Minnesota went up 24-14 on Wade Wilson's one-yard quarterback sneak and Chuck Nelson's 20-yard field goal with 9:38 to play.

Washington, which rallied from a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Vikings in overtime last year, then pulled within 24-17 on Haji-Sheikh's 37-yarder with 5:05 remaining. The Redskins tied the score on Williams' 51-yard pass play to Sanders, who caught the ball at the 35, cut to the left sideline and stepped into the end zone with 1:46 left to go in regulation.

Even though a tie would have clinched a playoff spot for Minnesota, the Vikings went right to the air and Wilson was intercepted by Alvin Walton, his second pickoff in the game. Washington ran three plays and went for a field goal, but Haji-Sheikh missed wide left after Schroeder, the holder, momentarily bobbled the snap.

THE VIKINGS' offense dominated play in the first half, and four interceptions by the Minnesota defense set up 17 points.

Wilson hit Steve Jordan with a 23-yard pass and then scrambled for 38 yards to set up Anderson's second TD to make it 14-14. Two plays later, Williams was intercepted by Joey Browner, whose 15-yard return set up Wilson's go-ahead plunge.

Williams was intercepted again, this time by David Howard, and Chuck Nelson made a 20-yard field goal with 9:38 left for a 24-14 lead.

Schroeder was 9-for-17 for 85 yards and was intercepted by Ike Holt and Wymon Henderson before being replaced midway through the third period.

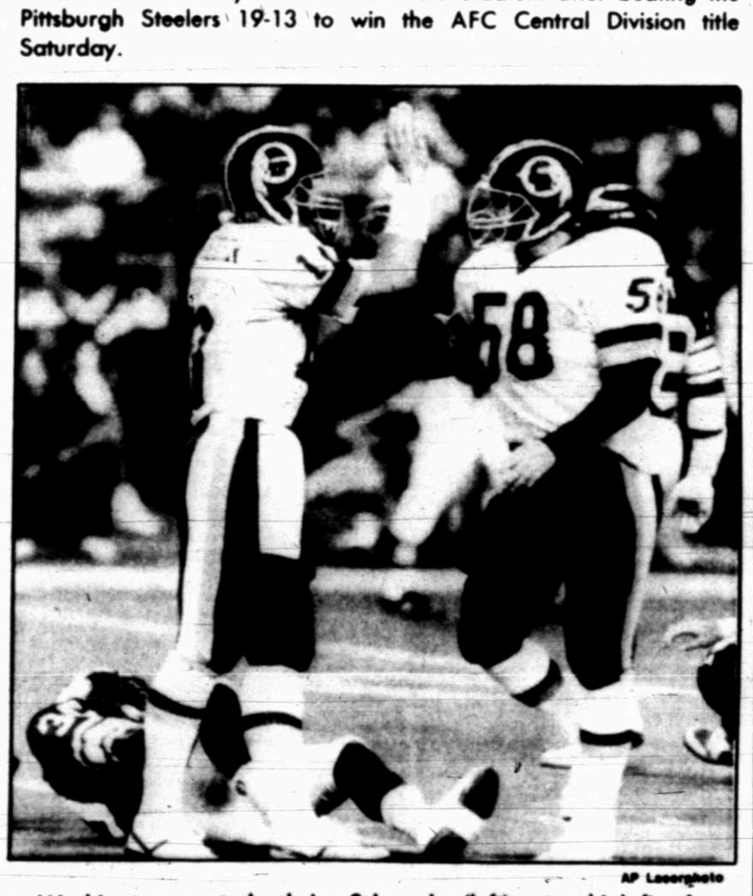
Wilson led all runners with 75 yards, mostly on scrambles out of the pocket. It was the second-highest rushing day ever for a Minnesota quarterback behind Fran Tarkenton's 99 yards on Nov. 5, 1961. Wilson also completed 14 of 27 passes for 206 yards but threw three costly interceptions.

Williams was 11-for-22 for 217 yards and was intercepted by Joey Browner and David Howard.

The Vikings controlled the football for more than 20 minutes of the first half but had only Anderson's touchdown to show for it.

Three separate drives stalled at Washington's 20-, 14- and 2-yard lines. Chuck Nelson, who has missed nine of his last 15 field goals, was short on a 51-yarder; the other drives ended when Wilson was intercepted by Walton and Wilburn.

Wilburn — who leads the NFL with nine pickoffs this season — made his interception of a forced Wilson pass at the goal line, broke a few arm tackles, cut to the left sideline, and then went the last 70 yards untouched.



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Washington quarterback Jay Schroeder (left) gets a high-five from center David Jones after Ali Haji-Sheikh kicked a field goal in overtime to defeat the Minnesota Vikings 27-24 Saturday.

COWBOYS

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Bright) but that's the way it happens in this business. The people you work for don't care what happened nine or 10 years ago. They want to see results for the money they have invested."

The Cardinals, 7-7, have closed with a surge after starting the season 2-5. The seven victories are the most by the Cardinals since 1984.

"This team is starting to learn how to win," Stallings said. "We've worked extremely hard to get into a position for a playoff spot."

Stallings said he didn't want to hear "any poor mouthing" from the Cowboys about their 6-6 season.

"I saw what they did to the Rams," Stallings said.

Landry said Steve Pelluer, who directed the victory over the Rams, would see action and Danny White might test his sore wrist.

"Steve made a lot of progress against the Rams," Landry said. "He's still not our No. 1 quarterback yet. It was encouraging but we still have the whole off-season and training camp to make a decision for next year."

The Cowboys go into the game without linebackers Jesse Penn, Eugene Lockhart and Mike Hegman, all out with broken legs suffered in the last three weeks.

"I've never heard of anything like it," Landry said. "We haven't had a linebacker with a broken leg around here in decades, then we have three. It's been that kind of season."

Dallas owns a 31-18-1 advantage in the series which began in 1960.

Oiler receivers Hill, Givins make for good tandem

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Houston wide receiver Drew Hill catches half the passes and does all the talking for the most productive wide receiver combination in the NFL this season.

He and Ernest Givins will go into Sunday's regular season finale against Cincinnati with a combined 1,720 yards and 12 touchdowns between them.

Hill, with 880 yards on 43 catches, needs 120 yards to reach 1,000 yards for the third straight season. Givins has 840 yards on 49 catches and could become the fourth receiver in NFL history to gain 1,000 yards in his first two NFL seasons if he gets 160 yards against the Bengals.

Kickoff is at noon CST in the Astrodome with the Oilers, 8-6, gaining a spot in the playoffs if they win, or elimination from post-season play if they lose to the Bengals, 4-10.

Hill and Givins represent a team within a team, Hill said.

"Sometimes I have to be a decoy for him to clear out, but if I do a good job, he'll make the play," Hill said. "When it's his turn to do the same for me, he does it, so we complement each other."

The two were among four wide receiver duos to each gain over 1,000 yards last season, and they've approached a similar feat this season despite missing three games during the NFL players strike.

This season, the Oilers duo has more combined yards than Buffalo's Andre Reed and Chris Burkett, who have 52 catches each, 1,421 yards and eight touchdowns.

Givins has remained cordial as the Oilers moved into playoff contention this season, but he's decided to let Hill do the talking for the pair.

"Ernest just wants to keep to himself right now," Hill said. "He's really psyched up about the game. I think once the game starts and we win, he'll feel a little more at ease."

The pressure to get another 1,000-yard season season may be plaguing Givins, Hill said.

"Ernest set goals and the strike messed us all up, I think he's still a little upset about that," Hill said. "He's just approaching this in a business-like manner."

Hill was traded from the run-oriented Los Angles Rams three seasons ago for his opportunity to catch more passes. Although Givins joined the team last season, Hill's production hasn't suffered.

"We play well together as a team," Hill said. "I don't think either of us is selfish of the other. We approach this like, 'Hey, this is a team game and we're here to win.'"

Neither receiver was named to the Pro Bowl team, but Hill will be satisfied by achieving other goals.

"I've never made the Pro Bowl and probably never will," he said. "We just concentrate on winning as a team."

Getting 1,000 yards would be nice, however.

"That makes negotiating pretty good when you go to the table," he said.

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STREAKS

Dallas will have two straight losing seasons after 22 consecutive winning ones. ... Nick Lowery of the Kansas City Cheifs has kicked 144 consecutive conversions. ... New Orleans has won eight consecutive games. ... The New York Jets have lost six straight in December. ... Chicago has not lost three straight since 1981.

SWINGS

The New Orleans Saints were last in time of possession last season at 27 minutes, 59 seconds. They are first this year at 33:56.

SERIES

The New York Giants and the New York Jets have split their four previous games. The Giants beat the Jets 20-10 in 1984 in their last meeting.

SPEAKING

"Jinx? What jinx? I've never lost there." — Webster Slaughter of the Cleveland Browns. Cleveland is 1-16 in Three Rivers Stadium.

STATS

Barry Wilburn has eight interceptions, the most in the NFL. ... Buffalo has not had a winning season since 1981. ...

Golic's season comes to early end

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Bob Golic, the Cleveland Browns' veteran Pro Bowl nose tackle, suffered a fractured right thumb in Saturday's 19-13 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers and will miss the AFC playoffs.

"He's done for the season," Browns coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "It's a blow."

Golic was injured in the first quarter of the Browns' AFC Central Division title-clinching victory and the break was discovered after X-rays were taken.

Golic, 30, played at Notre Dame before joining the Browns in September 1982 after being released by the New England Patriots. He had 20 tackles and was credited with one-half of a quarterback sack in the Browns' 11 non-strike games this season.

An AFC Pro Bowl pick the last two seasons, Golic suffered a broken thumb during the 1986 playoffs but played in the Pro Bowl with a cast on his hand.

Rams activate Millen, Evans

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Rams activated quarterback Hugh Millen and fullback Donald Evans for Sunday's game against the San Francisco 49ers, a Rams spokesman said Saturday.

Meantime, five players were placed on the inactive list. Quarterback Jim Everett, guard Dennis Harrah, running back Mike Guman and defensive end Shawn Miller were placed on the list due to injuries.

Steve Dils will start in place of Everett.

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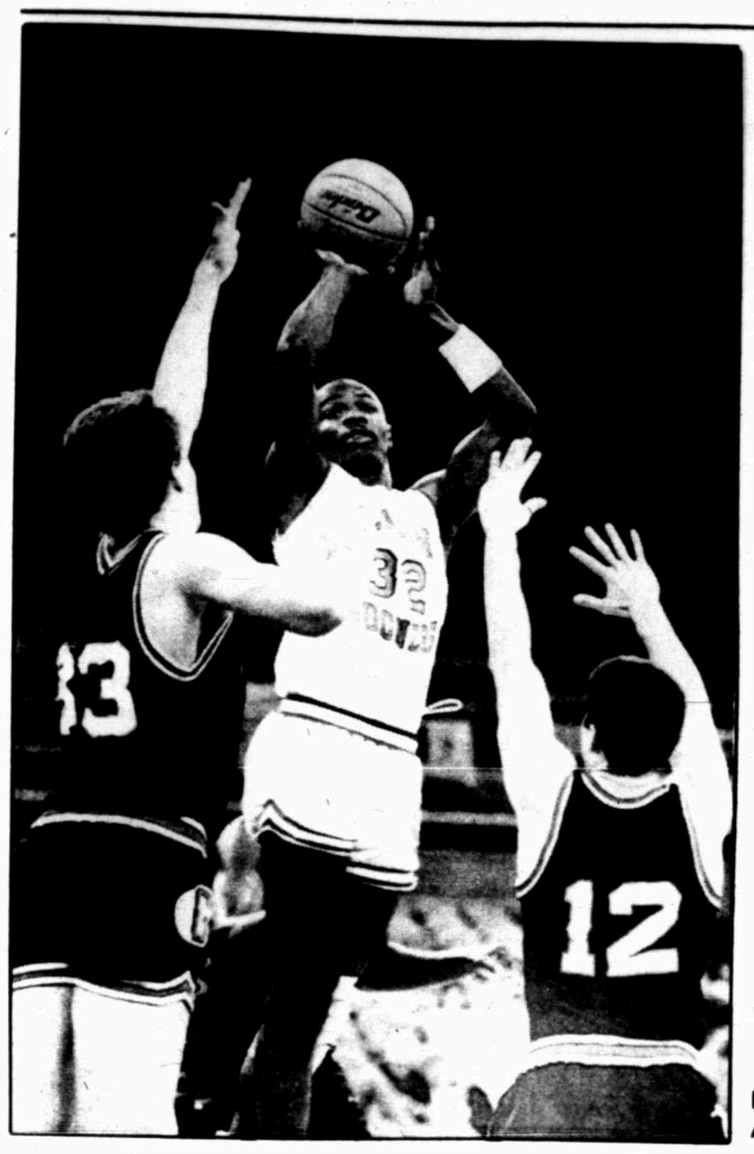

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Oklahoma's Andre Wiley (32) puts up a shot over Georgia's Alec Kessler (33) and Jody Patton (12) Friday in the Chaminade Classic in Honolulu.

Canadiens sweep series from Leafs

Associated Press

TORONTO — Stephane Richer scored two goals to help the Montreal Canadiens beat Toronto 4-2 Saturday night, completing a sweep of their three-game series with the Maple Leafs this season.

Richer sandwiched his goals around Montreal scores by Ryan Walter and Bob Gainey and the Canadiens improved their league-leading point total to 51 points after 38 games.

Dan Daoust and rookie defenseman Luke Richardson scored for Toronto.

Montreal held a 2-1 lead after the second period and put the game away 29 seconds into the third when John Kordic stole Toronto goalie Allan Bester's clearing pass behind the net and fed Gainey, who lifted the puck into the empty net.

Richer got his second of the game with some hard work, stealing the puck behind the Toronto net from defenseman Borje Salming and spinning around to slide a shot along the ice past Bester.

Richardson got one back late in the game when his slapshot from the point beat Montreal goaltender Brian Hayward at 17:38.

Oilers 5, Flames 4

CALGARY, Alberta — Wayne Gretzky and Craig McTavish scored third-period goals to give Edmonton a victory over Calgary.

NHL Roundup

The victory leaves the Oilers one point behind behind the Smythe Division-leading Flames.

Kevin McClelland, Mike Krushelnyski and Glenn Anderson added goals for the Oilers. Gretzky scored his 29th goal at 7:32 of the third period to snap a 3-3 tie and McTavish scored his fifth goal at 9:23.

Blues 5, Blackhawks 0

CHICAGO — Bernie Federko scored twice in the final period, including the game-winner with 5:59 left to play, to give St. Louis a victory over Chicago.

After a scoreless first period, Chicago went ahead 2-0 in the second period on goals by Rik Wilson and Bob McGill. St. Louis' Tony McKegney scored twice, the latter a shorthanded goal, sandwiched around a goal by Chicago's Marc Bergevin.

Flyers 3, Capitals 2

LANDOVER, Md. — Ilkka Sinisalo scored with 2:25 left in the game to give Philadelphia a victory over Washington and extended the Flyers unbeaten streak to 14 games.

Sinisalo scored his 12th goal of the season by beating goalie Clint Malarchuk on a breakaway set up by defenseman Mark Howe's steal of a Washington pass in the neutral zone.

The Flyers are 12-0-2 in their last 14 games and maintained a one-point lead over the New York Islanders in the Patrick Division.

Nordiques 4, Whalers 2

HARTFORD, Conn. — Anton Stastny and Jeff Brown scored power-play goals in the second period to lift Quebec to a victory over Hartford.

Stastny scored from the left side at 7:43 and Brown broke a 2-2 tie with 17 seconds left in the period on a blast from the left point. Both goals were assisted by Peter Stastny, who scored an empty-net goal with eight seconds left in the game.

Islanders 2, Bruins 1

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Ken Leiter's goal midway through the third period gave New York a victory over Boston, snapping the Islanders' four-game losing streak.

After trading goals in the first period, the teams played a scoreless second period before Leiter scored the game-winner on a 40-footer from the right circle at 10:14 after taking Mikko Makela's drop pass. The shot went between goaltender Reggie Lemelin's legs.

Penguins 6, Red Wings 3

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux snapped a second-period tie with his 31st goal and added two assists as Pittsburgh beat Detroit.

Lemieux broke a 3-3 tie with a power-play goal at 8:18 of the second period. He took a pass from Jock Callander and put a 10-foot shot between the legs of goaltender Greg Stefan.

Rangers 5, Devils 3

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Walt Poddubny's 20th goal of the season capped a three-goal first period by New York and the Rangers went on for a victory over New Jersey.

The victory broke the Rangers' three-game losing streak and marked only their third win in the team's past 14 road games (3-11-0).

For the Devils, it was only their fourth loss of the season at home, (12-4-1.)

Jets 5, North Stars 4 (OT)

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Laurie Boschman scored at 3:09 of overtime to give Winnipeg a victory over Minnesota.

On the winning play, Boschman grabbed a loose puck behind the Minnesota net and tucked it under goalie Jon Casey for his second goal of the game.

He scored the Jets fourth power-play goal of the game early in the second period after the North Stars' Basil McRae was called for high-sticking.

Boschman tipped in a shot from the blue line by Jets defenseman Peter Taglianetti at 3:34.

Three Iowa defenders suspended from Holiday Bowl

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — The Iowa Hawkeyes, their preparations for the Holiday Bowl disrupted by the suspensions of three defensive players, had a lackluster practice Saturday, their final session in full pads before meeting Wyoming Wednesday night.

"We've had real good practices. We've had terrible practices. Today was one of the bad ones," Iowa Coach Hayden Fry said.

Fry said the team, which arrived in San Diego Tuesday, will have two more light workouts before the game at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium.

"Today's the last practice with full pads," he said. "We'll have helmets and shoulder pads for the final two."

Iowa, 9-3, the runner-up in the Big Ten and winner of its last five games, came to San Diego without free safety Dwight Sistrunk, defensive end Joe Mott and reserve defensive lineman Paul Gionek. All three were suspended for disciplinary reasons that Fry left unspecified except to say that suspensions were not drug-related.

"No, No," said Fry when asked to elaborate on the reasons behind the suspensions. "That would just be embarrassing to the players we left back home, and that's embarrassment enough, to play all year and not get to go to a bowl game.

"We've always had rules and regulations from a disciplinary standpoint," Fry added. "This is just something that's too serious for us to overlook. The players that were disciplined understand that completely. They were certainly receptive. I would imagine it made our whole team kind of circle the wagons a little tighter."

Iowa defensive coordinator Bill Brashier indicated Saturday that reserve defensive back Jay Hess would start in place of Sistrunk. Hess will be spelled on occasion by Tork Hook.

On the defensive line, end Mike Burke will switch from the weak side to to the strong side to replace Mott. Sean Ridley is Mott's numerical replacement, with fellow reserve defensive lineman Jeff Beard also expected to see considerable playing time.

Wyoming quarterback Craig Burnett described Mott and Sistrunk as two of Iowa's best players, but added that the Hawkeyes are known for their depth.

"I wouldn't be surprised if they pull in guys who are almost as good if not better," Burnett said.

No. 3 Pitt beats Dolphins, 81-67

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Rod Brookin came off the bench to score 15 points and Pittsburgh's defense allowed only one 2-point field goal in the first half Saturday night as the third-ranked Panthers defeated Jacksonville 81-67.

Pitt's 6-0 start is the school's best since 1929 when the Panthers won their first 12 games. Jacksonville, which starts three sophomores and a freshman, fell to 4-5 despite a 30-point performance by Troy Mundine.

Charles Smith and Demetreus Gore added 13 points and Jerome Lane had 10 for Pitt, which built a 41-19 halftime lead while holding Jacksonville to 25 percent shooting from the field.

Mundine hit five 3-point shots in the first half, but the Dolphins made just one of fifteen 2-point shots. Pitt led by as many as 28 points after halftime before Jacksonville rallied.

Jacksonville stayed close in the first 10 minutes on the shooting of Mundine, who hit five of seven 3-point shots to account for 15 of Jacksonville's 19 points before halftime.

Pitt gradually pulled away, though, with some long-range shooting of its own.

A nine-point burst capped by Jason Matthews' 3-pointer gave the Panthers a 13-point lead with seven minutes remaining in the first half. Pitt led 37-19 after Brookin hit his third consecutive 3-point shot from the left corner.

Jacksonville, outrebounded by the taller, quicker Panthers, fell behind 48-21 in the opening minutes of the second half before fighting back behind Mundine and Dee Brown, who finished with 12 points.

The Dolphins, who have lost three straight, brought the small crowd of 4,826 in the Jacksonville Coliseum to its feet several times during its comeback, but never cut Pitt's lead to less than 14 points.

College Roundup

New Mexico 77, N. Texas St. 69
Ohio St. 93, Long Beach St. 86

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Forward Hunter Greene scored 28 points and had 14 rebounds to lead a ragged New Mexico offense to a 77-69 win over North Texas State in the first round of the Lobo Invitational.

Forwards Perry Carter and Jerry Francis each scored 22 points as Ohio State survived a 3-point barrage from Long Beach State to take a 93-86 win in the opening game of the tournament.

New Mexico, 9-3, meets Ohio State, 6-2, in Sunday's championship game while North Texas State, 2-6, plays Long Beach State, 5-3.

New Mexico built a 23-point lead early in the first half by outscoring North Texas State, 18-1, for a 32-9 cushion. But the Lobos lost their momentum and most of the lead with a series of second half turnovers and 39 percent shooting.

North Texas, led by forward Tony Worrell, freshman center Ronnie Morgan and reserve guard Deon Hunter, got within 63-56 with 8:32 left. New Mexico then scored nine straight points for a 74-58 lead with 4:28 left.

Worrell scored 23 points, Morgan had 17 and Hunter 13, all of them in the second half.

Charlie Thomas and 7-foot center Rob Loeffel each scored 11 for New Mexico. The Lobos also got help from reserve point guard Jimmy Rogers, who had six second half points and steadied an offense that had 18 turnovers.

North Texas State hurt its comeback chances by missing 11 of 18 free throws. The Eagles hit only 28 of 82 shots, and were 6-of-30 from 3-point range.

Ohio State trailed through most of the game, but took control after Long Beach State guard Morlon Wiley fouled out with just over three minutes left. Wiley, who hit his first eight shots and four of the nine Long Beach 3-pointers, finished with 30 points.

Long Beach trailed 81-79 when Wiley fouled out, and the 49ers' offense was not the same after that.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Oklahoma 93, Georgia 90

HONOLULU — Oklahoma, which was outscoring opponents by an average of 30 points a game, finally had a close call at the Chaminade Christmas Classic.

The 12th-ranked Sooners failed to score 100 points for only the third time this season Friday night, but they still scored enough to beat Georgia and improve their record to 10-0.

The Sooners needed two free throws by former Midland College Chaparral Mookie Blaylock with four seconds left to clinch the win.

"We expected to be 10-0 at this point, even 37-0 at the end of the season," Tubbs said. "You always plan to win. We're happy that our expectations have come through so far."

Blaylock led Oklahoma with 30 points, while Harvey Grant added 26. King, the Sooners' leading scorer, was held to eight points.

La Salle 69, Dayton 66

Lionel Simmons scored 26 points to lead La Salle.

Simmons had 10 points and 10 rebounds as the Explorers took a 29-21 halftime lead. Dayton rallied to tie the game three times in the second half, but Rich Tarr's 3-pointer put La Salle ahead for good 61-58.

Virginia 66, Chaminade 58

Richard Morgan scored 20 points as Virginia avenged its shocking 1982 loss to Chaminade. It was the first meeting between the schools since that famous upset of the Ralph Sampson-led squad.

Mel Kennedy added 16 points for the Cavaliers, who improved to 6-5.

Oregon State dumps TCU

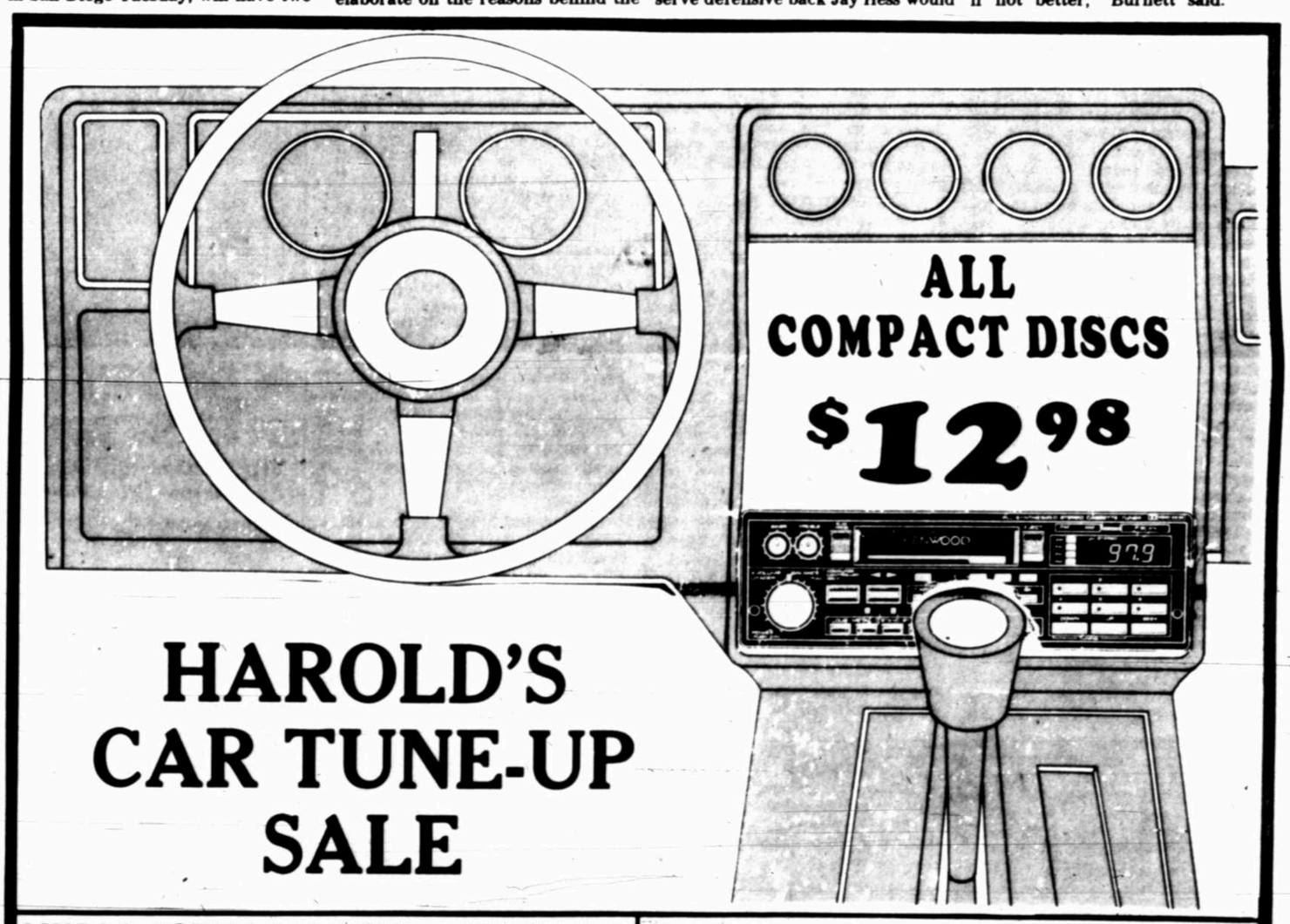
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Bill Sherwood scored 14 points Saturday night to lead Oregon State to a 63-49 victory over Texas Christian in the first round of the Far West Classic basketball tournament.

Oregon State, 4-3, built a 30-22 halftime lead as forward Shaun Freeman scored all of his 10 points in the first half.

Oregon State opened the second half by outscoring Texas Christian 16-5 to take a 46-27 lead with 11 minutes remaining. Beavers forward Earl Martin scored all of his eight points in that spurt. Oregon State's biggest lead came at 59-34 with 6:05 remaining.

Tim Chase led TCU, 5-4, and all scorers with 19 points, including 4 3-point baskets.

Will Brantley added 11 for the Beavers.



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Sayers' game, not his fame, was fleeting

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Sandy Koufax only won 165 games in his baseball career. Dizzy Dean only 150.

Should they be in the Hall of Fame?

Well, let me put it this way: Should the Mona Lisa be in the Louvre? Michelangelo in the Vatican?

Could they pitch? Could Shakespeare write?

They had careers of such incandescent brilliance, skills of such surpassing superiority, they are ornaments to the Hall of Fame. If they aren't in it, it ain't a Hall of Fame.

But they get in the game on short money and, sometimes, the purists hold to alternate views.

It superimposes the question of what is true virtuousity or fame. Is it longevity? Durability? Mozart only lived to be 35 years old. Shouldn't his music count? Alexander only made 24. How come we call him The Great?

A friend of mine once mused that he couldn't quite get a handle on some of baseball's legends. Were they extraordinary men doing extraordinary things or were they ordinary men doing an ordinary thing over and over again? Were they just complicated 9-to-5 guys?

If a man gets 300 hits in a season is he of lesser fame than a man who gets 190-200 hits a season over 20 seasons?

SOME CANDLES burn too brightly to last long. Take Gale Sayers ...

Gale Sayers may have been the only person in the United States who was surprised when he went into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on the first bounce.

Gale Sayers had only played 4½ seasons in the NFL. But no one who ever saw him could ever forget him. Bill Cosby, no less, put it best when he said Gale Sayers was the only player he ever saw who split himself in two and left the tackler with the half that didn't have the ball.

The players called him "Magic." Not the press or his fans, but the guys who had to catch him. George Halas called him "the greatest I have ever seen on a football field" and George Halas had seen Grange and Thorpe and Bronko Nagurski, for all of that.

His numbers were inconceivable for that time. His rookie year, 1965, he rolled up 867 yards rushing, 507 yards receiving, 660 yards returning kickoffs and 238 yards returning punts and he turned off the lights and locked the doors. He scored 22 touchdowns. He scored six in one game, rolling up 336 yards in a 61-20 rout of San Francisco.

If he had retired right then, he would have been a candidate for the Hall of Fame, but Sayers continued to terrorize NFL gridirons for seasons to come. He was to return a half a dozen kickoffs for touchdowns, the longest 103 yards and the shortest 90. His kickoff return average was 30.56.

A lot of people were shocked when Sayers got hurt when he got tackled by San Francisco's Kermit Alexander in 1968. Not that he got hurt, that he got tackled. People didn't think Gale Sayers could be tackled. Run out of bounds, perhaps. Slip and fall down, probably. But, stay in the grasp of a tackler? Not Sayers.

He had 20 100-yard games rushing. He did this in the days before 80 percent of the league went to artificial surfaces. "If Gale Sayers had carpets to run on, they'd have had to outlaw him," the late Carroll Rosenbloom used to say.

GALE SAYERS is in the Hall of Fame but he's not in football. You may have noticed the other day where Sayers' team, the Chicago Bears, retired Walter Payton's uniform (also Walter Payton) with the promise of a lifetime job for Walter.

Payton may not have been as good as Sayers — but he was as good longer. Gale Sayers accepted jobs as athletic director (at his alma mater Kansas and at Southern Illinois University) with a view to learning the business so he could move into an NFL front office. But calls to all 28 NFL franchises resulted in polite turndowns.

Sayers, now a computer-supply business owner in Chicago and Phoenix, is touring the hustings in the intent of drumming up interest in the Old Spice/NFL Rookie of the Year contest. Sayers was chosen because his marks still stamp him as the Rookie-for-all-years.

The competition is unique in that the winner (chosen by fan ballots) gets $25,000 donated to his favorite charity. Candidates are picked preseason, which has resulted in a Gale Sayers-type candidate, Bo Jackson, currently residing in sixth place because, when the balloting started, Bo was a baseball player.

It gives Gale Sayers a chance to get back in the game he loved — a game in which his own highest salary was $60,000. He signed with the Bears for a $25,000 salary despite the bidding war which was going on between the AFL and NFL in that era. Sayers wanted to play the Palace, not the art houses. I mean, Caruso sings in the Met and Gale Sayers runs in Wrigley Field.

THE NAME Gale Sayers still draws a crowd and attention to the Old Spice/Rookie contest wherever he goes. Does he resent the fact No. 34 has been retired by the Bears and not No. 40? "Absolutely not. They just hang it up some place. You remember the man, not the number."

Does he still feel surprised at making the Hall of Fame unanimously his first year of eligibility? "Well, I'll tell you," admits Sayers, "you get honors for the big numbers. But I can remember games like the one where I gained only 33 yards and the headlines would say "Giants Stop Sayers."

"I had carried the ball 10 times but on 8 of those carries it was third-and-three or third-and-two and I made a first down on all 8 of those carries and we won the game, 13-10. Those are Hall of Fame games."

Every game Gale Sayers played was a Hall of Fame game. Meteors don't last long. But they light the world while they're here.

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These flakes have to wait

Deadline for this year's balloting for the Hall of Fame is Thursday, and the ballot includes some interesting first-time players. None of the following five candidates will be voted in this year (only one of them has a chance ever to gain entry) and they certainly won't gain votes on the strength of the flakey feats listed here:

—**Sparky Lyle** (the lone legitimate possibility) used to sit on cakes in the clubhouse and once showed up for the first day of spring training in a leg-long cast that turned out to be a fake.

—**Bill Lee** didn't get his nickname of the Spaceman for nothing. His bizarre comments and actions surpassed anything he did in his role as a pitcher.

—**Luis Tiant**, who was on the same Boston pitching staff with Lyle and Lee in 1971, smoked big, fat cigars while taking showers.

—**Al Hrabosky**, the self-styled Mad Hungarian, looked downright menacing with his beard and mustache and his inimitable glare and added to his intimidating image by storming round the mound and firing the ball into his glove. (Today he is a baseball announcer, clean-faced, bright-eyed and looks downright tame.)

Are stress tests necessary?

By WILLIAM STOCKTON
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — The exercise stress test, long a medical standard for detecting heart disease, is frequently ordered for those in their mid-30s or older who follow sound advice and see a doctor before they begin to work out.

But a growing number of cardiologists are concluding that the test, which can cost more than $200 and is not without slight medical risk, is frequently unnecessary for the healthy recreational athlete. In most cases, the cardiologists contend, a routine physical examination and careful attention to the patient's medical history are sufficient. Only if the history and the examination reveal the risk of heart disease, they say, is the expense of a stress test necessary.

Doctors said the most serious problem with the test is its propensity to find something wrong when the patient is perfectly healthy. Such erroneous results are called false positives. In a smaller percentage of cases, the test can produce false negatives, in which it finds nothing wrong but coronary disease is present or likely to develop.

"I think the predictive value of the test is much lower than we thought, which means that because of false positives, we label a lot of people who are normal as having disease, which is unfair," said Dr. Victor Froelicher, chief of cardiology at the Long Beach (Calif.) Veterans Administration Medical Center. He has devoted much of his career to studying the exercise test, and he is not alone in his criticism of it.

Of course, there are many other cardiologists who use the test frequently because they deem the possibility of an error less important than the data produced. And in the cases of patients being treated for heart conditions, the test remains an important tool for cardiologists.

Froelicher believes that a cardiologist examining someone who wants to begin or continue exercising should carefully consider the patient's medical history and lifestyle before turning to an exercise stress test.

The most important elements in such a medical history are the well-established coronary disease risk factors: smoking, high cholesterol levels, weight problems, high blood pressure, and diabetes or an incidence of heart disease under age 60 in a close family member.

Studies have found that when any of these risk factors are present, the test's ability to detect the presence or the potential of coronary disease becomes greater. In a healthy person with no factors present, the test provides no additional information.

The idea behind the stress test is that cardiac abnormalities not apparent when a person is resting might show up when he is working out.

A patient exercises while hooked to an electrocardiograph, or EKG, which measures the electrical signals within the heart as it beats. Sometimes a stationary bicycle is used, but increasingly the sophisticated doctor's office has a treadmill on which the patient first walks and then jogs while the incline of the machine is steadily increased.

The patient starts out at walking pace and gradually moves faster as the incline of the treadmill is raised. Doctors measure performance in terms of metabolic equivalent terms, or METs, which represent the multiples of oxygen the body consumes at rest. A typically healthy male reaches a three-MET level, in which his body is using three times as much oxygen as it would at rest. A super athlete might reach 18 or even 20 METs.

During the test, if the patient shows signs of discomfort that might warn of cardiac distress, or if the EKG reveals trouble, the test is stopped. If not, then it continues to what doctors call the maximal point or the submaximal point.

In a maximal test, the exercise continues until the heart rate stops rising, a point at which many people are exhausted. Some cardiologists, including Froelicher, prefer the maximal test, but only if a doctor supervises it throughout and if emergency medical equipment, including a defibrillator, is on hand. Proponents believe the maximal test reveals more about the heart at its peak performance.

Other doctors favor the submaximal because they believe that it greatly lowers the risk of medical complications during the test. The submaximal end point is usually calculated by subtracting the patient's age from 220, to obtain a theoretical maximum heart rate. The test is stopped when the heart rate reaches 85 percent of this value. For someone who is 45, this heart rate would be 149.

What is so seductive about the stress test for the recreational athlete is that a doctor has watched your heart perform while you worked out and has found nothing abnormal. But the false positives and false negatives are sobering reminders that the test is fallible. In some studies, as many as 75 percent of those who had abnormal heart tests but no other physical indications of heart disease were found after further study not to have heart disease.

It is not uncommon for some recreational athletes to have a stress test annually. But having the test annually serves little purpose if no heart disease risk factors have appeared.

The annual test does provide a benchmark to gauge one's fitness level. For some people, the prospect of next year's test is a goad to continue exercising, to eat properly, to lose weight or to otherwise order one's lifeyle so that, on the next stress test, the end point will come at four METs instead of three.

"We have found it can be a strong motivational tool," Froelicher said.

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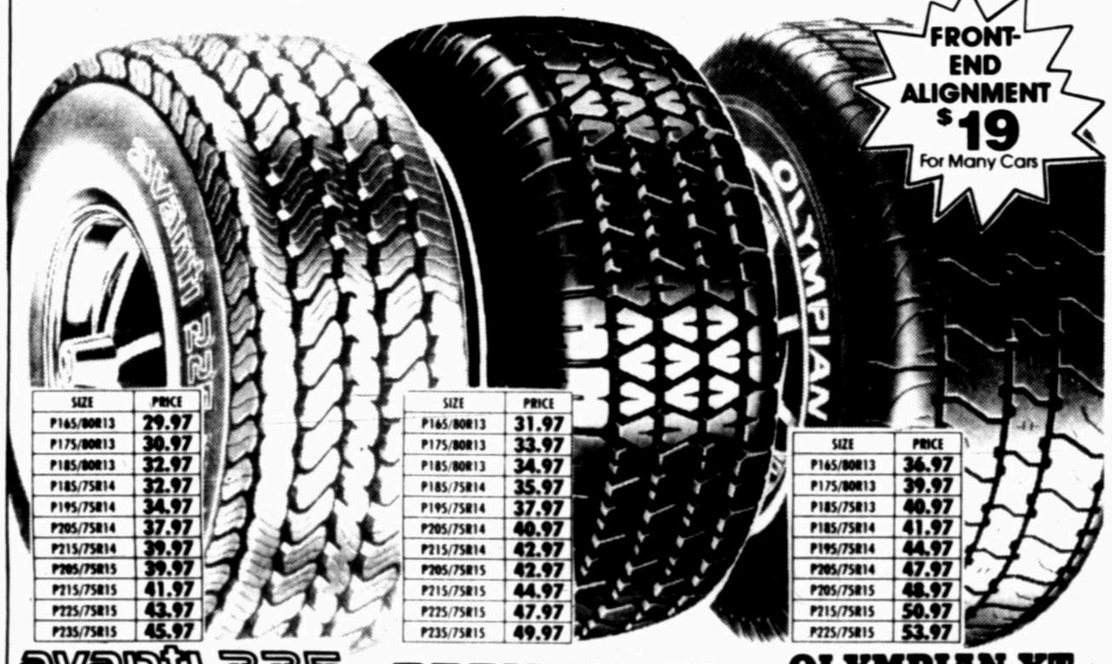

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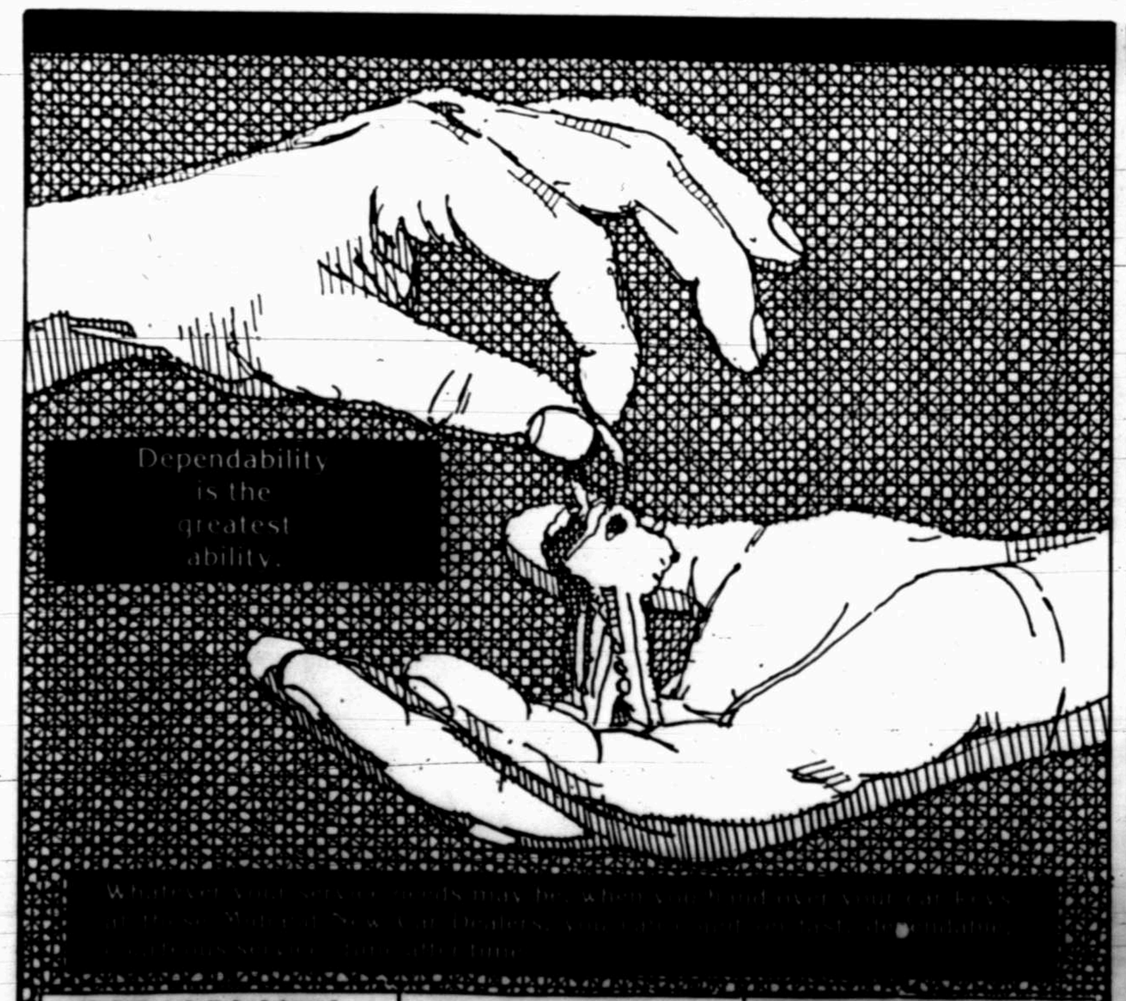

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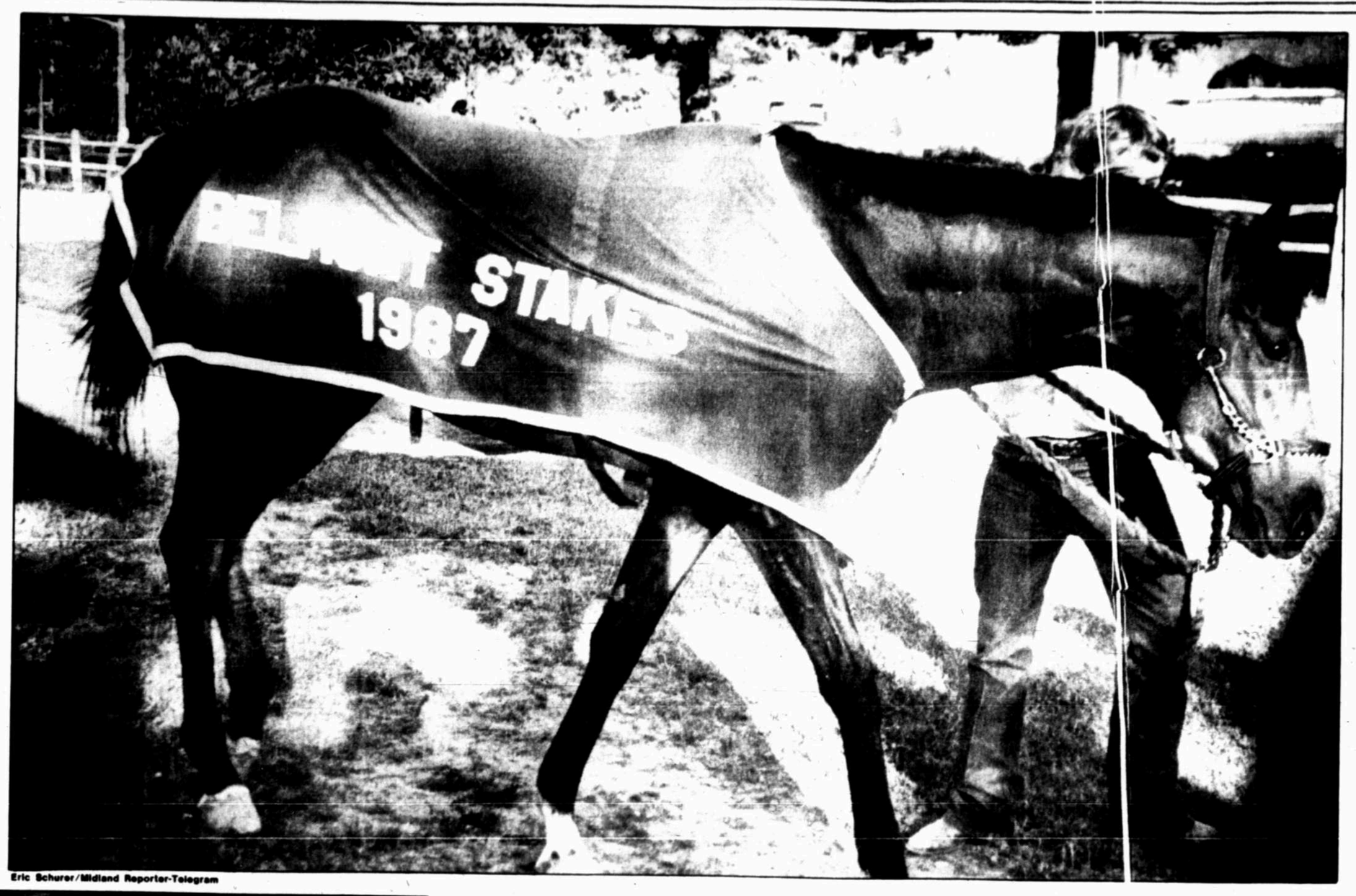

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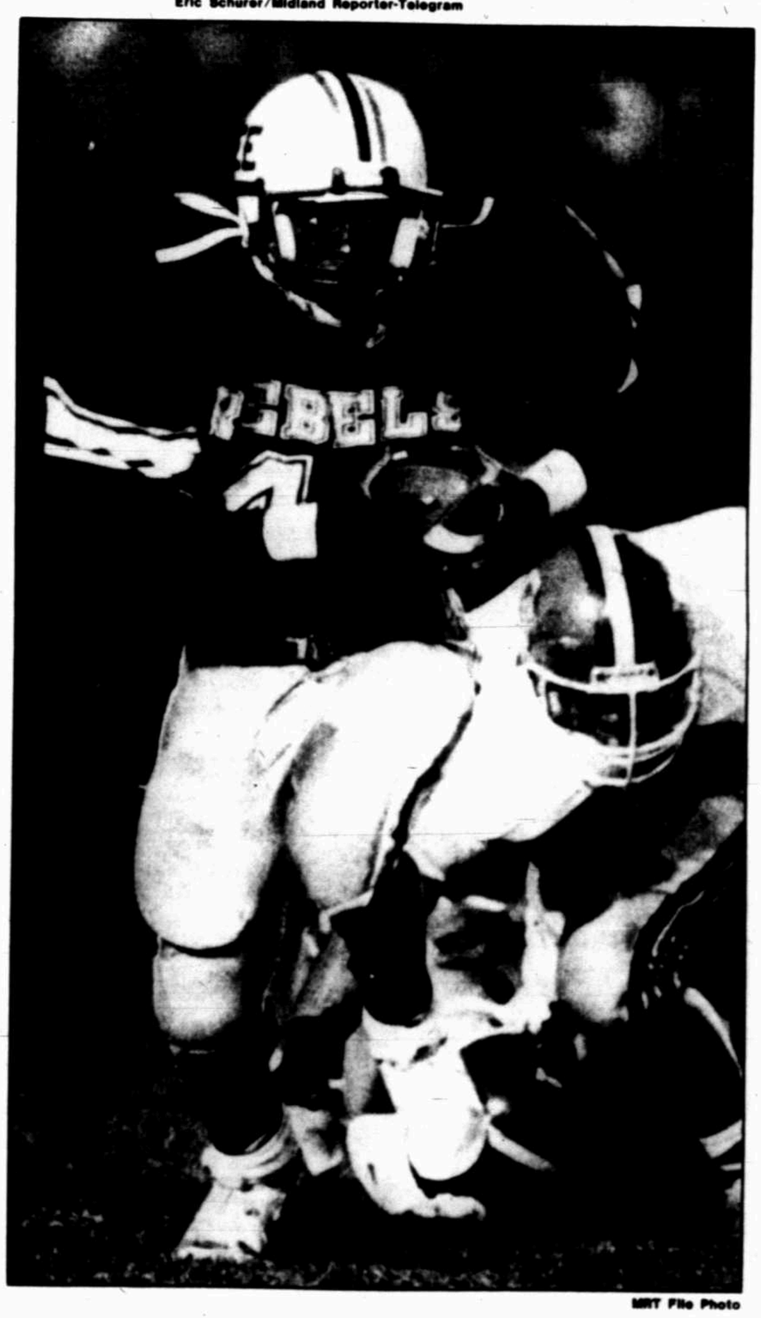

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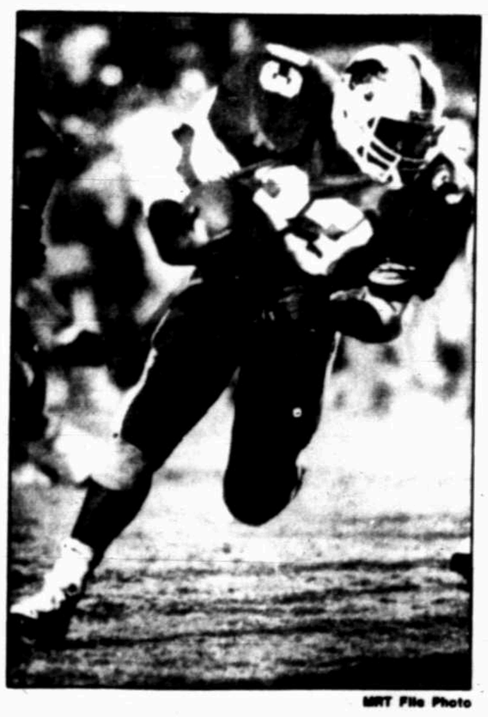

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Lee shortstop-pitcher and an All-America at Lubbock Christian College, started the season with a Class Double-A Albany of the Eastern League, was promoted to Triple-A Columbus and called up to the major leagues by the New York Yankees before the season was out, becoming the first native Midlander to make it to the majors...

Another Midlander making it in the big time is Denver Bronco offensive lineman Keith Bishop, a Midland Lee grad, who was named to the 1987 AFC All Pro team as a starting guard...

Wally Kleine, a defensive lineman at Notre Dame, was drafted in the second round by the Washington Redskins...Another ex-Midland Bulldog, Joe Goebel, center of UCLA's Rose bowl teams in recent years, was picked by the San Diego Chargers, but opted for a career in the military...

James Zachery, ex-MHS and Texas A&M, was a Defensive Player of the Week for the Edmonton (CFL) Eskimos...while Wesley Williams, Midland High's last 1,000-yard rusher, played in the same league for Ottawa, although hampered by injuries much of the season...

SUSAN BRITTON, whose reign as Midland Women's City golf champion seemed to rival that of Queen Victoria before finally losing, was back again in 1987 as City champion... Bobby Gee, ex-Midland Lee golfer, won the Men's City title...

Bob Estes, University of Texas golfer from Abilene Cooper, edged Midland's Steve Whiteside at Green Tree CC for the Men's WT championship in another exciting duel of rivals who two years earlier went six extra holes at Ranchland Hills CC, Whiteside winning....

Midland High's girls basketball team made it to bi-district before elimination...

And Midland didn't just win national attention in horse racing. The Tall City-based VDS, which supplies racing cars with engines, took the CART points title for the year with Bobby Rahal driving for the team....

Lee's championship football season saw the Rebels lose to Arlington before the much-anticipated rematch with Odessa Permian in the state quarterfinals, but the Rebels left records to shoot at. Lee became the first Rebel team to beat Permian in successive seasons, although the Rebels once did it twice in one year on the way to the state finals in 1982. Lee set a single game rushing record twice, the 574 against Eastwood the mark that future teams must shoot at. Waymon Goodley and Dennis Sterling became the fourth and fifth Rebels to gain 1,000 yards a season.

FIRST-YEAR Manager Max Oliveras led Midland to its third winning season in 16 years of Texas League play, although the Angels came up short of the playoffs.

The Angels posted a 75-61 record which was third best in the league, 3½ games behind Shreveport's 78-57 and 1 behind El Paso's 75-59. And for the third straight year, the club set a record at the gate, 137,910.

One reason might have been the punch packed in the Angels lineup. Not since Jim Tyrone and Jerry Tabb when each hit 29 homers to tie for the Texas League, has a Midland lineup packed as much muscle. Joe Redfield, Doug Jennings and Stan Holmes hit a club-record tying 30 homers each and all three knocked in more than 100 runs. Midland has never seen anything like it in the past.

Relief pitcher Bryan Harvey of the 90-plus mph fastball and 85-mph forkball recorded 20 saves and might have had more, except for a mid-season trip to the majors. As it was, Harvey was ranked as one of the Texas League's top 10 prospects by Baseball America, the North Carolina publication that specializes in covering minor league baseball...

Midland lefthander Marty Reed tied Donnie Moore's record (1975) for most wins by a Midland pitcher in compiling a 14-8 record.

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Midland-owned Alysheba, top left, made a bid for horse racing's Triple Crown. Midland Lee's Waymon Goodley, above, was one of two 1,000-yard Rebel rushers, while Duane Roberts led Midland High's Bulldogs to a 6-3 record. Doug Jennings and Joe Redfield provided the pop in the Midland Angels' lineup, right, while Lincoln Minor slammed the Chaparrals into the NJCAA finals.

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Plastic worms give today's anglers edge

OUTDOORS

By RAY SASSER

DALLAS (AP) — The worm has turned 180 degrees since the early 1970s, when bass fishermen wound their red reels full of "well rope" monafilament, used pliers to tighten the drag until line could not be pulled off the reel, and used a worm rod with an approximate action of an industrial strength broom handle.

I witnessed a classic worming experience late one afternoon during the first glory days of Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Rayburn has since revitalized, but that's another story.

This particular day, I was fishing with Tim Jones, a wiry, self-taught zoologist who weighed about 150 pounds with his pockets full of snakes. Jones was using the typical fiberglass "worm rod" of the era and was probably casting a straight-bodied, black worm.

At any rate, Jones somehow detected the hard rap of a bass engulfing the worm. He went "on point." Remember that, when a fisherman thought a bass had his worm? The angler tensed his whole body, reaching as far toward the fish as his arms would extend, reeling in slack, counting to the magic 10 to make sure the bass had the worm in its mouth, then setting the hook as if trying to rip the fish's head off.

To make up for his small frame, Jones had a habit of creeping to the edge of his seat, then launching his entire body backward when he set the hook. This time, the back of his bass boat seat could not stand the sudden impact of the fisherman's body. The seat sheared off cleanly and Jones wound up in the middle of the boat, flat on his back. The fish got away.

Today's fisherman has evolved considerably in technique and equipment, and the plastic worm has evolved right along with him, becoming, somewhere along the way, the undisputed bass catching champion.

Bill Barlow's The Tackle Shop in Richardson has some good examples of how far worms have turned in recent years.

Barlow figures he keeps about 1.5 million plastic worms in stock. His mail-order catalogue lists almost 300 different worm colors and color combinations.

"We've got an unbelievable number of plastic worms," Barlow said. "Worms are effective bass lures, and they're very reasonably priced when compared with most lures.

"Every year I say it's impossible to think up any new colors for worms and every year we get more colors. The best sellers right now are plum, electric blue, the new salt and pepper colors (clear with black glitter), firecracker (clear with red, blue and silver glitter) and, well, just about anything to do with glitter."

Do flashy worm colors catch more fishermen than fish? There's irrefutable evidence that a hot color on one lake may not necessarily be good on another lake, probably because of a difference in water clarity.

Bass pros such as Jimmy Houston, a firm believer in the importance of lure color, believe metalflake, or glitter, in worms is effective because the glitter reflects light and creates the illusion of many different colors, theoretically producing something the fish find attractive.

The best way to buy plastic worms is in bulk from retailers. Barlow, for instance, sells bulk plastic worms for $6.95 per 100. You can pick your own worms.

A typical price for packaged name brand worms is $2.59 to $2.99 per 20 worms. In case you think the packaged worms are somehow better, Barlow says that as few as 12 major plastics companies crank out virtually all the plastic worms sold in the U.S.

Various lure companies buy worms from the major manufacturers and market them under their own label. Some of the larger lure companies that don't make their own worms may purchase customized molds so their worms will come replete with a company logo that makes them distinctive, if not exclusive.

Bass pros such as Larry Nixon of Hemphill, Texas, winner of the Bass Masters Classic in 1983, don't worry much about the cost of plastic worms, just that worms are essentially the most effective bass lures yet invented.

Nixon uses plastic worms most of the time, whether in tournaments or fishing for fun. Like most bass anglers, Nixon primarily rigs his worms Texas style.

A Texas-style worm rig incorporates a bullet-shaped slip sinker on the line above the hook. Use a 1-0 or 2-0 worm hook for most situations, a 3-0 to 5-0 where trophy bass are at stake.

Rig the worm by impaling the hook point into the worm's head, bringing the point out a quarter inch or so below the head and then pulling the hook through the worm head until the eye of the hook is hidden in the head. The hook is then turned and the point buried in the worm body in such a way that the worm hangs straight with no curves or kinks.

Worms rigged Texas style are remarkably weedless and can be fished in water depths measured in inches or fathoms.

"In clear water, cold water or shallow water, use the lightest sinker you can manage, something in the ⅛- to 3-16th-ounce size," Nixon says. "For water that's 15 feet or deeper, the best choice is usually a sinker in the ¼-to ⅜-ounce range.

"I use a heavier weight if it's windy and I need to maintain a feel for the lure against the wind. I also use a heavier weight when I'm casting to objects like logs or bushes. It's hard to cast accurately with a light sinker. Also, if the fish are tight on the cover, a heavier weight will sink the worm quicker so it gets right down next to the cover. A 3-16th-ounce weight is probably the best all-around size."

In fishing the Texas rig, it's important that the worm stay in contact with the bottom as much as possible. Nixon casts out and leaves his conventional reel out of gear as the worm falls.

"With a plastic worm, you'll get most of your strikes on the initial cast and the first 10 to 15 feet of your retrieve," he said. "I have the reel out of gear because I want the worm to sink as near as possible to the target I've cast toward.

"I'm a line watcher all the time, but I pay special attention to the line on the cast while I'm waiting for the worm to sink. If the line jumps or moves sideways, I know a fish has hit it."

When a bass hits Nixon's worm, he lowers the medium action graphite rod about 6 inches and sets the hook with a quick wrist snap.

Rod speed generated through the quick wrist snap is more valuable than brute strength in hook setting. Also valuable is a sharp hook. Nixon uses an electric hook sharpener to hone all his hooks, particularly worms hooks, which must first penetrate the body of the plastic worm before hooking the fish.

"I don't set the hook repeatedly unless the fish was swimming toward me when I hit him. In the old days, when we were using such heavy equipment, I believe we tore the hooks right out of a lot of fish we should have caught.

"The plastic worm is a high-percentage lure once you've got a hookup. The odds of landing a fish you've hooked are excellent. It's hard for a bass to throw a worm.

"I think most fishermen these days realize that the plastic worm is a lure that will nearly always catch a fish."

Hunters watch out, your wife might turn you in

By LAURA WILKINSON
Associated Press Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Wives angry at being abandoned while their husbands go hunting are among the most frequent callers to hotlines set up to catch poachers, operators of the hotlines and wildlife experts say.

"A lot of it's grudge information, wives turning in their husbands. They're tired of their man out hunting," said William B. Morse, a retired field representative for the Wildlife Management Institute, a private organization which advises the government and provides public education on outdoor issues.

Other relatives and neighbors often use the hotlines, too, he said.

"A lot of them refuse the reward. I guess they get their kicks out of turning them in," said Morse, who has studied anti-poaching hotlines.

Many callers are motivated by a desire to do the right thing, said Debra Dammen, executive director of Minnesota's Turn In Poachers program.

"It was just getting to the point where they were sick and tired" of poachers getting away with illegal hunting, Dammen said of the founders of the private, non-profit organization.

New Mexico claims to have established the first hotline in the country in 1970. The idea began catching on around the country in the late '70s.

Minnesota began its TIP hotline in 1981. Though the hotline is staffed by Department of Natural Resources employees, the program is administered separately to cut down on bureaucratic red tape and offer larger rewards.

Money to run the 24-hour, toll-free hotline comes from private donors and fund-raising events. About 20 outdoors organizations are represented on TIP's governing board.

TIP has paid $137,570 in rewards since its inception. The rewards range from $100 for reports about small game and fishing violations to $1,000 for reports about the taking of endangered species or commercial poaching. Callers don't have to identify themselves in order to get a reward. Dammen said more than half refuse the money.

A few states don't like the idea of paying for information.

"It's like paying off the stool pigeon. Some states don't like the morality of that," said Kirk H. Beattie, who teaches wildlife law enforcement at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

In Michigan, there are surcharges on hunting licenses to help pay the rewards, Beattie said.

Of the 48 states with poacher reporting hotlines surveyed two years ago by the Illinois Department of Conservation, only 11 didn't pay rewards, said Jennifer Henry, an Illinois conservation police sergeant.

"States with rewards showed an average of 182 arrests per year as compared to only 8 arrests per year for those states that offered no rewards," Mrs. Henry said.

Illinois conducted the survey to help decide how it should operate its own program. Target Illinois Poachers, which was started in 1985. Officials decided against offering rewards based upon other states' experiences.

"If they had a reward program dependent upon public funding, they were having trouble keeping that funding up," Mrs. Henry said. However, she said the study found that an overwhelming majority of the states surveyed believed that rewards had improved the quantity and quality of reports.

Arizona, which since 1978 has run a state-sponsored hotline, Operation Game Thief, has paid rewards of up to $4,000 by turning to a coalition of sportsmen's groups to supplement the state's payment, said Bill Powers.

Poachers in Arizona are assessed civil as well as criminal penalties, and the reward fund benefits. "The poacher is actually paying to catch more poachers," Powers said.

Arizona's hotline has been a big success, growing from 161 calls in 1978 when it began to about 1,000 reports last year, Powers said.

"We're running our officers ragged with them. The beauty of it is ...we're making the cases we never could have made without it," he said. "We're getting more complex cases, the commercial cases."

That's true in Minnesota, too, Dammen said.

As a result of three calls this fall, authorities broke up a walleye pike poaching operation which authorities say was supplying fish to Twin Cities restaurants and grocery stores.

"Because of those TIP calls, they were able to arrest one person. We got the driver who was driving the truck, and inside there were 30 coolers of walleye pike," Dammen said.

The driver was charged with two counts of illegally buying fish. When he was apprehended Aug. 30, authorities found 10,000 pike fillets in his pickup truck, said Mike Grupa, who investigates commercial poaching cases for the state.

No rewards have been paid for information in this case because it remains under investigation.

Calls from tipsters have led to more than 2,000 arrests in Minnesota, and the number has increased each year, Dammen said.

Hotlines are helping to change attitudes about poaching, said David L. Hall, a special agent with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Slidell, La.

Hall, who has videotaped interviews with repentant poachers throughout the South for use in anti-poaching campaigns, believes American society's tolerance of poaching is rooted in its English heritage.

"I call it the Robin Hood syndrome. He was a hero and a poacher. This is what's happened in rural communities in America," Hall said.

University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse psychology professor Robert M. Jackson, who has studied poachers, supported Hall's characterization. "Some do it to get even with the warden. It's a game," he said.

TIP fights this attitude by having members, many of whom are hunters, give speeches to civic groups explaining how poaching can hurt wildlife populations, Dammen said.

50 LEGAL NOTICES

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

WHEREAS by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 142nd Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 11th day of December 1987, in Cause No. A-35,608, where Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was Plaintiff, and R. Searle McGrath was Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of $511,619.88 and $2,590.97 DOLLARS, with interest thereon at the rate of 18 & 10 per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 14th day of December, 1987, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Midland County, Texas, as the property of R. Searle McGrath
to wit:"

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110 LODGE NOTICES

Keystone Chapter & Council R.A.M. & R.S.M. 1st Tuesday of month, 7:30 p.m. Midland Commandery #84 1st Thursday of month, 7:30 p.m. Practice Wednesday nights 7:30 p.m.

110 LODGE NOTICES

Midland Lodge 623 AF & AM, 1600 West Wall, 682-3292. Regular stated meetings, second and fourth Thursday, 7:30pm. Offical visit - District Deputy Grand Master, January 14th, 7:30pm. Dale Ivie, W.M. R.G. Kiker, Secretary.

110 LODGE NOTICES

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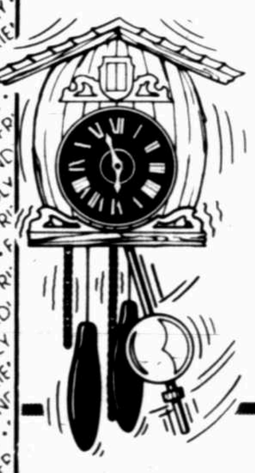

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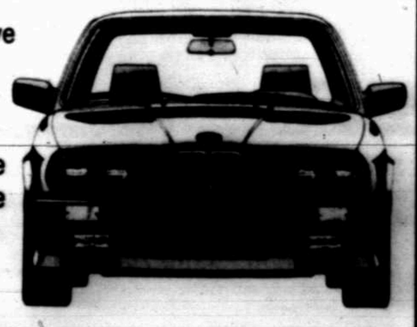

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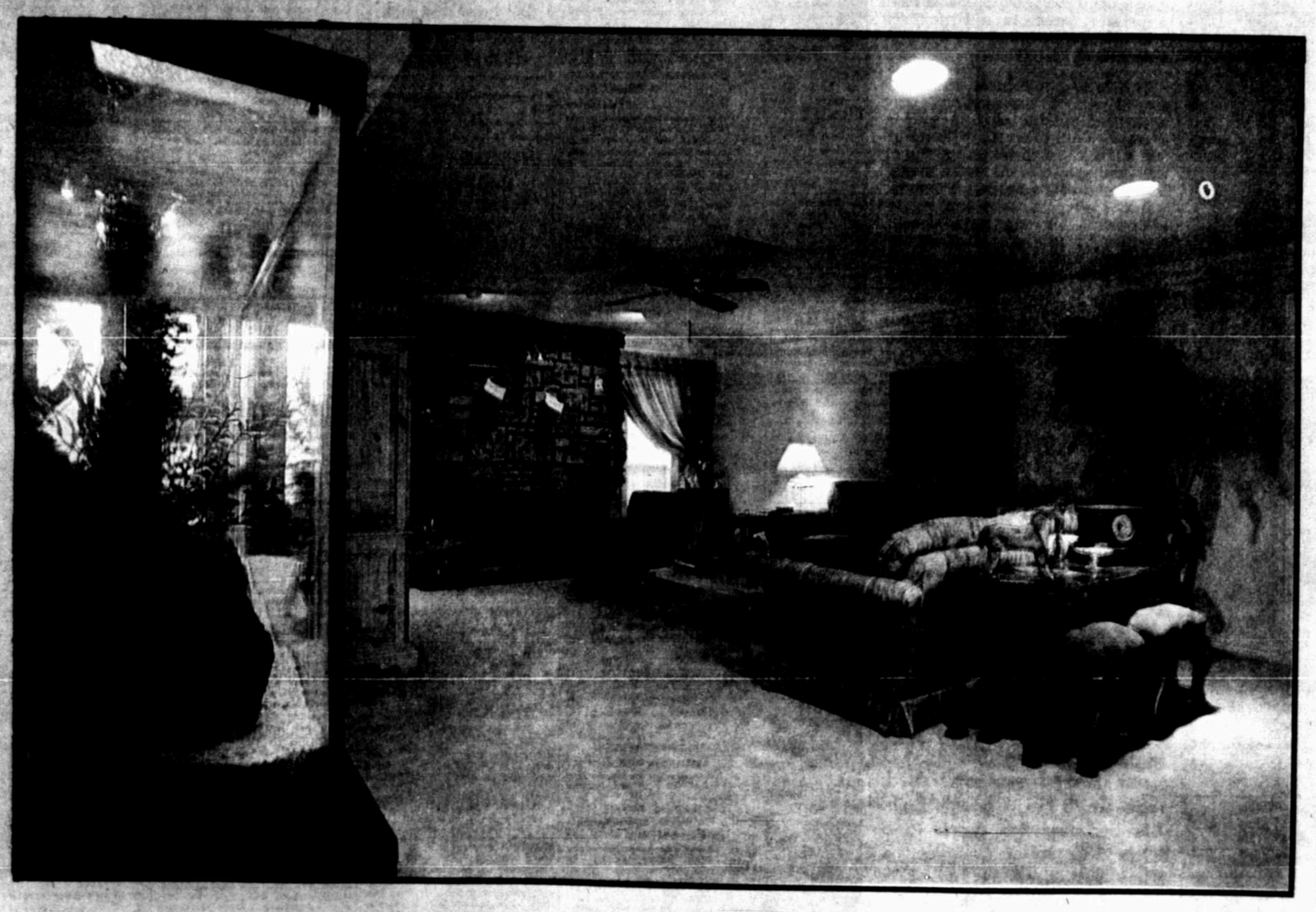

Beautiful English Traditional

This week's featured home is a beautiful English style home located in Greentree Estates. This two story home has four bedrooms, three and a half bath and features one main living area and a sequestered study.

An attractive landscaped yard with a rock walkway greets visitors upon arrival to the home. A brass chandelier can be seen from a second story window creating an elegant effect.

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The entrance to this lovely home features an atrium with an aquarium and the main living area focuses on a rock fireplace.

Text by Jill Hancock
Photo by Curt Wilcott

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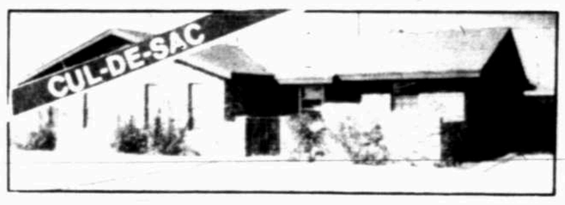

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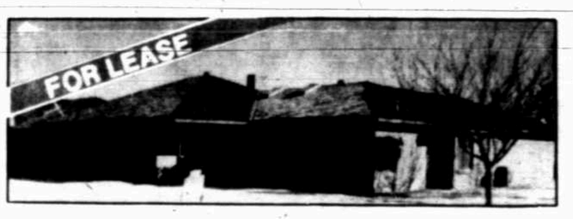

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Executive home. 3 bedroom, 2 bath sprinklered yard in Plantation Hills. $950 mo. $950 deposit.

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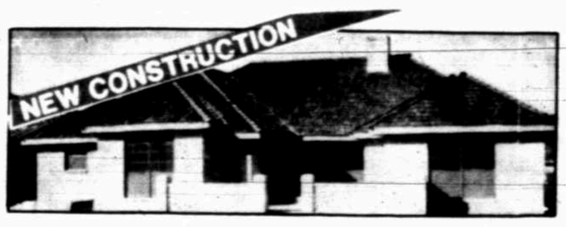

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BEAUTIFUL

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An atrium with an aquarium highlights the entrance to this home. A large living area with a rock fireplace is conveniently located to the other areas in this home. This room contains detailed wood trim along the ceiling and a lovely ceiling fan.

The sequestered formal dining room and study are located to the right of the entrance. The dining room features a custom window treatment and the study has detailed cabinet and shutter work. The study is a versatile room that could be a wonderful retreat for any man after a day at the office.

The kitchen in this home is any gourmet's dream. The breakfast room is adjacent to the kitchen and the garden window overlooks the Greentree Country Club golf course. The kitchen features Whirlpool appliances that include a built-in stove top with grill, a microwave oven, a self-cleaning oven, a dishwasher and trash compactor. The pantry of this kitchen is unique with built-in shelves in the door.

A utility room and mudroom are conveniently located next to the kitchen. The utility room has a sink and built-in ironing board.

The master suite of this home is adjacent to the main living and features a rock fireplace and a cathedral ceiling with fan. The bathroom has separate dressing areas with onyx vanities and walk-in closets. This bathroom is highlighted by a gorgeous onyx tub. This sunken jacuzzi tub has lights underneath and creates a beautiful effect through the onyx marble. The master bath also has a shower, lots of storage space and a mirrored wall in the ladies vanity area.

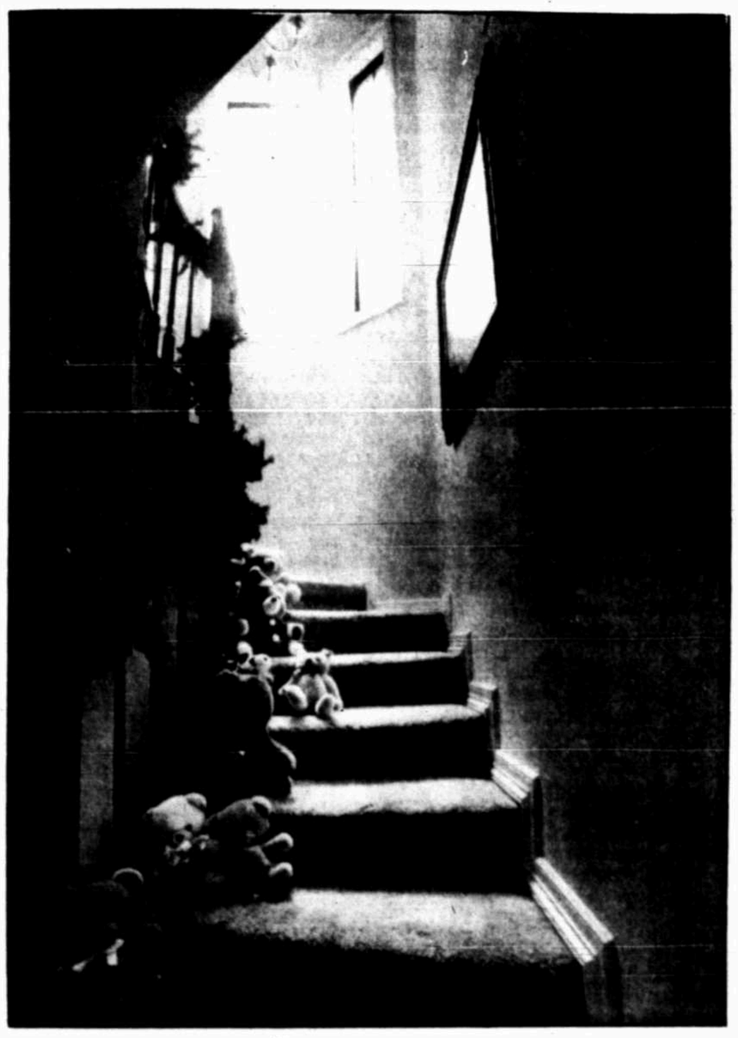
The circular staircase is another unique feature of this home. A stunning brass chandelier highlights this area as a visitor ascends upstairs. Three bedrooms with two baths are located upstairs. A small open study is centrally located to the bedrooms with built-in cabinets and a desk with a marble top.

The first bedroom at the top of the stairs features a laundry drop and is well suited for a small child. The second bedroom has two large closets and a private door to the separate vanity and bath. This bath arrangement is perfect for family living because different people can use this bath at the same time. The third bedroom has a private bath and would be ideal as a guest room. The second and third bedroom have a private access to a large deck which has a panoramic view of the golf course.

This lovely manicured and landscaped yard of this home has many amenities outside that include a driveway with the state of Texas inlaid in rock, a drill bit on the top of the flag pole, a brick and wrought iron fence and a sprinkler system.

Inside, the amenities include an intercom system, a security system, a central vacuum, two air conditioning units and a three car garage with a door opening on to the golf course.

This elegant five year old home is being offered for $247,000 by Don Harvey, Realtors.



This two story home, pictured above right, is a traditional English style home. This home has a beautifully landscaped yard that features a rock driveway and walkways. This brick and rock home also has a flagpole with a drill bit on top.

At left, the circular stairway in this home features a gorgeous brass chandelier that can been seen from the second story window in the front of the home.

Three bedrooms and a small study are located upstairs. Pictured at right is a lovely bedroom which has a private bath. This bedroom has access to a large deck in the back of the home that overlooks the 17th and 18th greens of the Greentree Country Club golf course.

Photos by Curt Wilcott

Professionals advise homeowners to be aware of utility costs

Some money-minded home owners wouldn't think of diving into a major renovation without first establishing a fund, or purchasing a roomful of expensive furniture without first deciding what they can afford as a monthly payment.

Yet, many don't realize precisely what the energy costs are for their home.

Since utility bills are paid on a monthly basis, it's not easy to see the yearly financial impact that an energy-guzzling home can have. And a hefty bill seems a necessary evil when the alternative is an uncomfortable home.

Consumers can control energy costs by creating a home energy budget that increases awareness of home energy usage. Here are a few suggestions from energy conservation experts at Trane Dealer Products Group, a manufacturer of energy-efficient home heating and cooling products:

Review utility bills. To find out how much energy you use, what you pay for it and what your household's pattern of energy use is, compile the utility bills you've incurred for your residence during the last two years and compare them. Compute annual totals and note the effect of factors such as weatherization measures, increases in utility rates, changes in the number of people in the household, unusually hot or cold weather and the addition of major appliances.

Enlarge your comfort zone. To reduce heating and air conditioning costs, raise the thermostat to 78 degrees in the summer and lower it to 68 degrees in winter. Maximize savings with a programmable set up/set back thermostat that automatically adjusts the temperature setting of heating or cooling equipment according to your daily schedule.

Invest in energy-efficient appliances. Familiarize yourself with the yellow Energy Guide labels on appliances. When buying a new major appliance — such as an oven or refrigerator — remember that the initial purchase price for an energy-efficient model may be higher, but the long-term energy savings help recoup your investment in just a few years.

Involve the whole family. Teach children that energy costs money and that leaving a television on when not watching it really adds to the electric bill. Make energy conservation a game: for example, kids can play "draft detector" by attaching lightweight paper to a hanger and using the device to locate places where outside air is leaking in. Hold family energy conferences periodically so all household members can discuss methods of saving energy and how to spend the money saved.

Get your furnace in shape. This winter, get more for your heating dollar by making sure your furnace is in perfect working order before it's time to turn up the heat.

Be sure to change the filter approximately every 30 days during the months you're using your furnace. Check your service manual for specific instructions. This is an inexpensive and essential part of keeping your furnace running smoothly and the heated air in your home fresh and clean.

It's a good idea to have a serviceman give your furnace a periodic checkup. The serviceman will: make sure the pilot and burner flames are properly adjusted; check the flue and draft to ensure that air is circulating through the furnace correctly; and adjust the fan switch if necessary.

A furnace requires a constant supply of fresh air, so keep the furnace room well-ventilated.

Check your progress. After a few months, compare utility bills with the same period last year. Unless outside factors — such as extreme weather conditions or utility rate increases — have affected your utility bill, energy usage and costs should be reduced. However, if your bills haven't decreased, consult a professional home energy auditor to determine if additional steps are necessary.

The problem may be your furnace or central air conditioner; if this equipment is more than 12 years old, it's probably not running efficiently.

Commit it to paper. When you're satisfied with your utility bills, decide what your goal for energy expenditures will be each month and commit your home energy budget to paper. As a budget incentive, remind yourself (and the family) how much money you've saved so far and what you plan to do with your savings.

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Enid Ellis is professionally and personally committed to serving and contributing to the growth and the quality of life that sets the city of Midland apart from the rest.

Ms. Ellis, a native of Denton, Texas, attended North Texas State University, Abilene Christian University and Midland College, where she completed her course work in real estate.

Ms. Ellis moved to Midland in 1971. She began her distinguished career in real estate in 1976. Earning the Top Ten Producer categories since 1983 are only a few of Ms. Ellis' career achievements.

Continuing her education in real estate, Ms. Ellis has obtained her Texas Real Estate Broker's license. She is very well versed in all aspects of real estate, including financing, market evaluation, contract forms, negotiations and closing procedures just to name a few.

Raising a family of five children, while pursuing a real estate career, Ms. Ellis was still found the time to be active in many social and professional organizations. Among them are the Texas Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors, and a member of Women's Council of Realtors.

Karen Foster, an associate of Don Harvey, Realtors has earned local, state and national production honors in residential sales. She has been a member of the National Million Dollar Club since 1979 and over the past eight years has developed a tremendous referral business as a result of a huge number of satisfied customers. She has been in Midland since 1966 and has been active in real estate since 1978.

A member of the Midland Board of Realtors, Karen has served on several committees and is also a member of the National Association of Realtors and the Texas Association of Realtors. She is active with the Transforce Relocation Group and the Women's Council of Realtors.

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Due to cost, young families still cannot afford to buy their first home

By JAMES M. WOODARD
Copley News Service

Young, first-time home buyers are still having a tough time of it.

After 50 years of effort on the federal level to structure public-funded programs to help these fledgling home buyers, the dream of home ownership for young families is fading farther into the misty realm of economic impossibilities.

A half-century ago, government leaders committed themselves to provide "decent, affordable housing" when hammering out the initial housing acts. The U.S. Housing Act of 1937 established the first program to help people with low incomes acquire a home.

In recent years, there has been an ominous decline in the proportion of young families who own their own home. In 1978, about 53 percent of those families (age 25 to 34) owned their home. Last year, the ratio dropped to 46 percent.

The problem is not decreasing desire for home ownership, but affordability.

Today, there appears to be a renewed congressional focus on housing issues. The housing authorization bill, currently going through Congress, contains many elements that could be very helpful to young and other low-income families.

In the meantime, the most effective program now in place is the tax-exempt mortgage revenue bond program. It makes it possible for qualified families to purchase a home at an interest rate lower than the prevailing rate — thus making a home more affordable to the first-time buyer.

Such a program is available in many U.S. cities. For example, in my home-base coastal city of Ventura, Calif., the program is utilized by The Cape at Weston Village, a new town home development offering units priced from $125,900.

To qualify for the special "first-time home buyer program" financing, buyers must meet income requirements — not less than $46,000 or more than $55,050 annually.

Also, they cannot have owned a primary residence in the United States for the past three years, and they must reside in the newly purchased home.

The maximum family income is set at 150 percent of the median income for the county where the bonds are issued. In Ventura County, that's $55,050.

The minimum income of $46,000 is based on a 10 percent down payment. If the buyer pays a larger down payment, the income could be less.

"It's a good program, and it has generated a lot of interest by prospective buyers," said Bob Jones, director of marketing for Weston Communities, developer of The Cape town homes. "However, some developers don't like to deal with the first-time home buyer bond program because of the non-refundable, up-front capital required."

In addition to helping young families, the program also benefits retirees who earned more than the maximum allowable income while working, but whose retirement income now falls within the qualifying parameters, Jones pointed out.

"First-time home buyers and other low-income families desperately need more help and support from the government in making home ownership more achievable."

Jones currently serves as first vice president of the Sales and Marketing Council of Ventura, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties.

Q. In a column last spring, you reported that Santa Rosa Island, off the coast of Southern California, was opening for tourist visits. How many people have visited the island, and is the opportunity still open?

A. Since last Memorial Day, about 2,000 persons have visited Santa Rosa Island, purchased last winter by Channel Islands National Park for $29.58 million.

To date, only specific areas of the 53,364-acre island are available for visitation. And all groups must be accompanied by a park ranger. But those requirements are expected to be relaxed in the future.

"The response from persons who recently visited the newly opened island has been excellent," said Nick Whelan, assistant administrator of Channel Islands National Park. "It has been a uniformly happy and educational experience for visitors."

Q. As a real estate broker, I'd like to give my home buyers who move here from other cities an unusual gift, like the new calculator-type gismo that delivers important phone numbers in any major city. Where can such an item be obtained?

A. It sounds like a product called TravelMate. It instantly calls out the phone numbers in specified cities of such information sources as weather, time, tourist information, etc. It also lists the frequency of local radio stations, broken down by various types of music/talk formats. It's created by Laser Data Technology, 1244 Dielman Industrial Court, St. Louis, MO 63132.

Inquiries are invited and may be answered in this column. Write James M. Woodard, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190.

Professional roofing contractor should evaluate roof every two to three years

By GENE GARY
Copley News Service

Q: Our home is approximately 10 years old. Lately I have had some concern about the cedar shake roofing.

During a storm last spring a number of shakes were either blown off or broken. These were replaced. But now I'm concerned about the overall condition of the roof.

How long should I expect cedar shake roof to last? Should I now be looking for a new roof, or an inspection for re-roofing? When a replacement is needed, can new roofing be installed over the existing roof or should the current roofing be removed prior to a new installation? If a new roof is required are there other alternatives to the cedar shakes, which would be long lasting? — K.C.

A: A number of factors can determine the life a cedar shake roof, such as weather conditions in your area and the quality of the original installation.

All too often, roof problems are discovered after leaking and other serious damage occurs. It is best to have a professional roofing contractor inspect the roof every two or three years to look for signs of aging and wear. Periodic inspections can often uncover such things as cracked, warped or missing shingles that can be repaired without a complete roofing.

When the time comes that repair of the roof is only a temporary measure, you should seriously consider replacement.

There is a wide range of roofing materials, designs and colors available today. Consult with a professional roofing contractor for selecting the most suitable for your home and climate.

One of the most popular roofing materials is the asphalt shingle. Asphalt shingles are available in a wide range of traditional and modern colors and styles, including the popular earth-tone hues and three-dimensional designs that would be compatible with the cedar shake look. Most of today's asphalt shingles are designed to provide satisfactory service for a period ranging from 15 to 25 years. They require low maintenance, are fire and wind resistant.

It usually is possible to install a second roof over the existing roof, which will save you a good deal of inconvenience and trouble, as well as money. However, it is not recommended to install a third roofing layer over existing roofing due to increased weight that can damage the overall structure.

Q: We are in the process of remodeling our home, with the addition of a master suite plus a family living area off a remodeled kitchen. The additions have required some major changes in the roofline and we are now working on the design of the exterior and contemplating the type of roofing material that would look best on our newly designed home.

I like the look of slate and would like to consider it instead of shingles that were used previously. I understand this should be long lasting. Are there any pros and cons concerning slate as a durable roofing? — R.B.

A: The major drawback in using slate on an existing structure would be the added weight when compared to other roofing materials. You will need to inspect the structure of your existing home and the support of the roof to assure that it can withstand the added weight of slate. You may find that added support (involving some major reconstruction in both the existing and remodeled portions of your home) will be necessary for the installation of the slate roof.

Contact a qualified roofing contractor for an expert opinion. Other than the problem of weight and the added expense of slate, this material will give you many added years of service compared to most other commonly used materials.

Q: Regarding the removal of bathtub flower adhesive that you recently ran in your column, I have a suggestion. This problem is common to the industry regarding the removal of old contact or pressure-sensitive adhesives.

First and foremost, is safety. Never use a heat gun in the presence of flammable solvents. Explosion and fire might occur. The heat gun may assist in removal of the flowers, but not the adhesive.

Several techniques are effective. First try paper towels or pieces of rag dampened with isopropyl alcohol. Lay over adhesive and cover with plastic film to prevent drying. After adhesive is softened, pick it up with strips of masking tape. A 50-50 mixture of xylene and isopropyl alcohol finishes cleaunup. Alcohol mixed with solvent reduces smearing often created when using a solvent alone. — W.H.C.

A: The removal of adhesive products and the residue left is a continuing problem among consumers. We have often recommended using a heat source such as hair dryer (not a heat gun) to help soften the adhesive for removal of products such a bathtub adhesive decorations.

Following this procedure the residue left from the adhesive must also be removed. Unfortunately, adhesives vary and so do the solvents that are effective in their removal. Various solvents that we have recommended for testing on adhesives have included lacquer thinner, MEK (methyl ethyl keytone) rubber cement solvent, 34X and naphtha.

For residue left from sticky labels we have also recommend amyl acetate (banana oil), which is also the same as fingernail polish remover, and some of our readers have recommend Spray & Wash. We are happy to pass along W.H.C.'s suggestion as another method of attacking this frustrating and difficult problem.

Send inquiries to Here's How, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Only questions of general interest can be answered in the column.

College graduates having a hard time finding jobs due to tight labor market

By DAVID S. MARTIN
Associated Press Writer

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — This year's college graduates are having a harder time finding jobs and won't make much more money than last year's graduating class, according to a pair of nationwide surveys.

"Right now it's a pretty tight labor market for this year's graduates," said Warren Kauffman, acting executive director of the national College Placement Council.

A survey by the College Placement Council of 164 college placement offices shows salary offers lower this year in business administration, computer sciences and management training.

Meanwhile, employers have 2.4 percent fewer jobs available for new college graduates, the first drop in four years, according to a nationwide survey of employers.

L. Patrick Scheetz, co-author of "Recruiting Trends," said a number of factors have lessened the demand for the applicant fresh out of school.

"Computers are becoming more and more prolific throughout corporations," said Scheetz, assistant director of placement at Michigan State University. The high-tech boom has lessened the need for many middle managers, often a graduate's first job, he said.

"Machines don't need coffee breaks and vacations; people do," added Scheetz, whose survey canvasses 761 employers nationwide in business, industry, government and education.

Also hurting recent graduates are cutbacks by large corporations, uncertainty about the economy, and global competition, Scheetz said.

Minorities and women college graduates are in better shape than the workforce as a whole, the recruiting survey showed.

"Employers are still putting extra efforts of recruiting of minorities and women for their new hires," Scheetz said.

Minorities graduating this year will find 4 percent more jobs open to them than last year, while quotas for women are 2.5 percent higher, according to the recruiting survey.

With fewer jobs available, employers are waiting longer before tendering offers to this year's graduating class, Scheetz and Kauffman agreed.

When this year's graduates get the offers, the salary might be a little skimpier than the Class of '86, according to the College Placement Council.

Salary offers in business administration this year dropped 2.3 percent from $19,512 last year to $19,068; computer sciences dropped 1.7 percent from $26,940 to $26,484, and management training 3.4 percent from $19,824 to $19,152.

Offers in accounting and auditing, engineering, advertising and marketing, and wholesale and retail sales all registered small gains, according to the placement council, a non-profit corporation.

The average accounting and auditing salary offers increased 1.8 percent from $21,216 to $21,600; engineering 1 percent from $27,900 to $28,176; advertising and marketing 3.8 percent from $20,388 to $21,168; sales 2.2 percent from $19,668 to $20,100.

Looking at college majors, petroleum engineering sits at the top of the financial heap with average salary offers of $31,488, according to the placement council survey.

The lowest paid graduates are liberal arts students, who major in fields such as political science, literature, art and languages. The average salary offer to liberal arts majors was $17,652.

Average offers for humanities majors also dropped by the highest percentage in the 1987 survey, down 8.5 percent from the $19,296 average of 1986.

Health professions such as hospital management registered the largest gain, a 21 percent jump from $20,424 last year to $24,720.

While liberal arts majors' average salary offer is decreasing, their demand is increasing, according to the College Placement Council.

Job offers for humanities and social science graduates have doubled from 3 percent of the total last year to 6 percent, said Dawn Gulick of the College Placement Council's salary survey.

Kauffman said, "There are more small employers — service-type employers — recruiting. This seems to be giving interest in humanities graduates."

Demand for business majors rose from 38 percent last year to 46 percent this year, while engineering majors dropped from 49 percent to 38 percent. Science majors have received 10 percent of the job offers this year, up from 9 percent a year ago.

"Recruiting Trends" shows the largest increase in openings this year are in hotel, restaurant and institutional management, with 2.9 percent more openings than last year.

The recruiting survey also revealed:

— The best places to find a job are on the two coasts. Scheetz said that's where technological advances are spurring jobs opportunities.

— One of five employers said they planned to test new college graduates for drugs, and 95 percent of them said they wouldn't hire a candidate who tested positive for drugs.

— Five percent of employers said they never hire people who admit to smoking cigarette, cigar or pipe regularly on the job, while 2 percent seldom do and 81 percent will almost always hire them.

— Twenty percent of jobs available to new graduates could be filled by paraplegics, while 6 percent could be filled by blind applicants.

Experts agree that home video games are making a comeback this season

By The Associated Press

Have home video games gone the way of the pet rock and the hula hoop?

Not according to Video magazine, which says video games are making a comeback this season after plunging precipitously from what once was a multibillion-dollar business.

In the early '80s, electronic games were one of the hottest fads around, the magazine notes, and 1982 alone saw Atari sell some $1.7 billion worth of its 2600 Video Computer System equipment.

But a proliferation of what some industry observers considered inferior software resulted in a sharp dropoff in sales.

Now, the experts see a resurgence of interest in home video games — though few expect the industry to bounce all the way back.

"Video games are one of the only hot categories in the toy industry" this season, says Michael V. Katz, president of Atari's entertainment electronics division. "Computer sales might be somewhat affected (by the stock market crash) at the high end, but we're one of the most price-conscious companies in the industry and I think we'll do well."

Five different video game systems are now available, Video magazine reports.

"All are sleeker, smoother and better designed than their predecessors," it says. "At the low end for $80 is the old-standby Atari 2600 VCS in a new package. It plays all the old software, and Atari claims there is a huge inventory of games for it.

"The Atari 7800 Pro System is a step up at $90. It has more memory and that lets it play some of the newer cartridges. It comes with two joysticks.

"Also at $90, the Nintendo Entertainment System features a control deck and two pushbutton controllers. A variety of optional peripherals, such as a Zapper light gun, are also available.

"Sega is offering its basic system for $80, which includes two touchpad controllers and the Power Base. This will accept the smaller card software and the more powerful cartridges. Options, such as a Sports Pad trackball for $60, are available.

"The most powerful system is Atari's new XE for $150. It has more memory than any other system and comes with a light gun, a keyboard and a joystick."

But the systems are only as good as the software that goes into them, according to Video, and buyers should first decide what games they want to play before selecting a system.

Among the new games being offered is one from Acclaim Entertainment, playable in either a two-dimensional or three-dimensional mode. Developed for the Nintendo system and called "WorldRunner," it comes with 3-D glasses included in the package.

From Milton Bradley comes "Max Backtalk," billed as the first game that talks back to from two to four players aged 8 years and up in their own voices. The company also has two new VCR board games featuring Mickey Mouse and friends.

Two new cartridges have been released by Absolute Entertainment — "Title Match Pro Wrestling" and "Skateboardin'." Players of the wrestling game may match themselves against the computer or battle head-to-head with another player.

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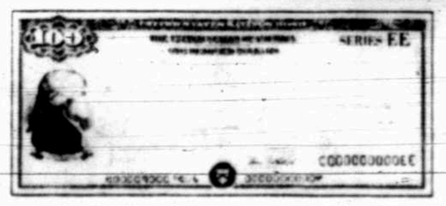

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Labor Department advises professional fields for long-term career outlook

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Engineering, computers, business services and health professions continue to provide the nation's top job prospects, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

Those areas have the best long-term career outlook for young people planning ahead, reports Neil Rosenthal, chief of the department's Occupational Outlook Division.

"The service industries are the ones that are growing, especially the business services such as accounting firms and legal services," Rosenthal said in a telephone interview.

Indeed, overall service businesses have grown faster than goods-producing operations in recent years as rising incomes and living standards have helped produce demand for service workers.

And at the same time, while imported goods have captured a share of the market for American-made products, the same has not occurred in the service business field to any great extent.

A Labor Department analysis of expected trends, in fact, calls for as many as nine out of 10 new jobs between now and 1995 to be in the service sector of the economy, rather than in manufacturing or other goods producing activities.

Service occupations cover a wide range of employment, of course, ranging from the lawyers and accountants mentioned by Rosenthal to cleaning people, security guards, fire, police and corrections officers, bartenders and waiters and waitresses.

Health workers were also selected for special mention by Rosenthal, a category that covers not just doctors and dentists but also nurses, health technicians, dietitians, pharmacists and therapists.

"Employment in most of the health occupations is expected to grow faster than the average as the population growth — especially in the number of older people — increases the demand for health care," reported the Labor Department analysis.

Registered nurses, nursing aides and orderlies are expected to be among the leading new job categories. Strong growth is also expected for physician's assistants, medical record technicians and medical assistants.

Automation, however, may reduce some of the growth among laboratory technologists.

Computer systems analysts and engineers are also expected to see strong job growth, Rosenthal noted.

These groups will benefit from increased military spending and from growing automation in many areas of the economy, the department said. And general research is expected to offer more jobs for scientists.

Technicians who assist engineers and others should also see good job growth, although changing technology can affect the prospects in some specific areas.

"Employment of travel agents, security, sales workers and real estate agents is expected to grow faster or much faster than average," the department says.

Many full- and part-time jobs are also expected to open for cashiers and other retail workers as well for bookkeepers, accounting clerks, secretaries and shipping and receiving clerks. Again, however, improved office machines could limit some of this growth.

As offices add new machines to their inventories, prospects for repair technicians could improve, but the department warns that machines with better reliability could reverse that.

Other repair workers, such as auto mechanics, should see their job prospects improve at about the same rate as population growth, the Department says.

But the job outlook looks better than average for construction workers, with household and business growth and modernization expected to create new opportunities.

Construction employment is very sensitive to changes in the national economy, however, the department warns.

Another field where job growth is expected to be strong is social services, the department said, but it cautioned that "due to the number of people interested in these fields, competition for jobs is expected in many occupations — especially for academic positions ... social and recreation workers in public and voluntary agencies as well as for salaried positions for lawyers."

Declining enrollment and an abundance of qualified job-seekers is expected to create problems in finding college teaching jobs, and employment growth for high-school teachers is expected to be slow. Rising enrollment should improve prospects for grade-school teachers, however.

Reasonable job growth is expected in advertising, public relations and print and broadcast communications. However, "stiff competition for jobs in these occupations is likely, due to the large numbers of people they attract."

The best prospects for writers and editors are expected to be in business and trade publications.

Employment is expected to decline in most agricultural or forestry occupations. And growth is expected to be slow in production jobs, where industrial robots and other improved technology will reduce the need for human workers.

Computer software allows people to work together in groups

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Computer software that allows people to work together in groups has been developed by a former University of Michigan professor.

"This seemingly futuristic creation allows members of a group to use their personal computers to create, review, revise, transfer and manage documents electronically," according to Lawrence Brilliant, chairman of Network Technologies, developer of the docuFORUM software.

Each member of the group can make comments on the margin, suggest changes with markups, give approval and print out a hard copy. All changes between revisions are highlighted with bold red lines, making it unnecessry to compare one version of the document with another to find out what's new. The system also keeps track of the dates, times and names of people making margin notes or changes.

"There is no shipping of material. No days of waiting for questions to be answered and changes returned. What once took days and weeks can now often be completed in 24 hours," says Brilliant.

To prevent unauthorized individuals from seeing the document, members of the team are given a personal password to enter the system. Only the author, or whoever is designated, can incorporate changes in the document.

He says it is compatible with many other word processing programs.

Entry to home makes a good first impression

By KAREN CALDWELL
Copley News Service

Entrances never are a problem in stately mansions. Who could forget a dramatic arched doorway that leads to a chandeliered reception room appointed with marble, crystal, mirrors and a butler waiting to take your coat?

But in mainstream homes, the entryway all too often is little more than an anonymous stepping stone into the more interesting living areas. Many are indistinguishable because they melt into a living room, while those that are defined by walls and a few square feet of space often serve as the drop-off point for muddy shoes, wet umbrellas and piles of coats.

If you want your home to make a good first impression, the entryway is the best place to start, say design experts. It should draw guests in, surround them in a warm, welcoming way and set the scene for what is to follow.

If your home wasn't born with a memorable entrance, simply create one. Forget the red carpet, the butler and the billionaire budget, though. A few changes, such as one or a combination of the following ideas, can make what's now forgettable a grand entrance.

Before doing anything, give your home the "guest test." Step outside, then walk back to your doorstep, assessing the design elements as if you were visiting your home for the first time.

Ideally, there should be some sort of well-lit shelter outside the front door, according to Terence Conran's "The New House Book: The Complete Guide to Home Design" (Villard Books). Besides the shelter it provides, a covered porch enhances the front of your home.

Depending on your decorative tastes, you can add a few accessories to make your doorstep distinctive. Doorstops, welcome mats and hanging decorations and wreaths for the door are just a few ideas, but remember to keep it simple. A ledge can provide a handy place to balance packages while you search for your keys.

The door itself deserves some attention, both in terms of the security it provides and the aesthetic statement it makes. If yours is a dull door, replace it with something more interesting, such as an oak door or a partially glazed door that lets light in. You also can paint or stencil designs on your existing door, or add decorative hardware — handles, knockers and bells — that match the style of your house.

Now walk into your home, carefully surveying the area you'd like to claim as the entryway.

For the sake of functionality, you'll need a coatrack or umbrella stand, a large doormat and, if space permits, a small table nearby where you can leave mail, messages, newspapers and keys. A small chair or love seat can be inviting.

If you don't have a separate entrance area, create one with a screen, a floor-to-ceiling curtain, folding track doors, a row of tall plants, a wall or half wall of glass brick or stack storage units, suggests an article in Glamour magazine.

You can use the same ideas to block a distracting view. Or, divert attention with a large-scale decorative element such as a quilt, artwork or a mural, suggests the Glamour article.

Good lighting is a must if you want your entryway to be cheery and welcoming. Windows, of course, are the ideal source because they admit light and allow you to see outside. Artifical light should come from several directions, according to "The New House Book," and a light switch should be placed just inside the door.

Only the most durable surfaces belong in an entryway, say home remodeling experts at Color Tile, a nationwide specialty retail chain. Floors here must be able to withstand moisture, dirt and mud tracked from outdoors, and should be easy to clean and resistant to traffic wear patterns. Ceramic tile is one flooring material that meets all these criteria. Sealed wood is another attractive option.

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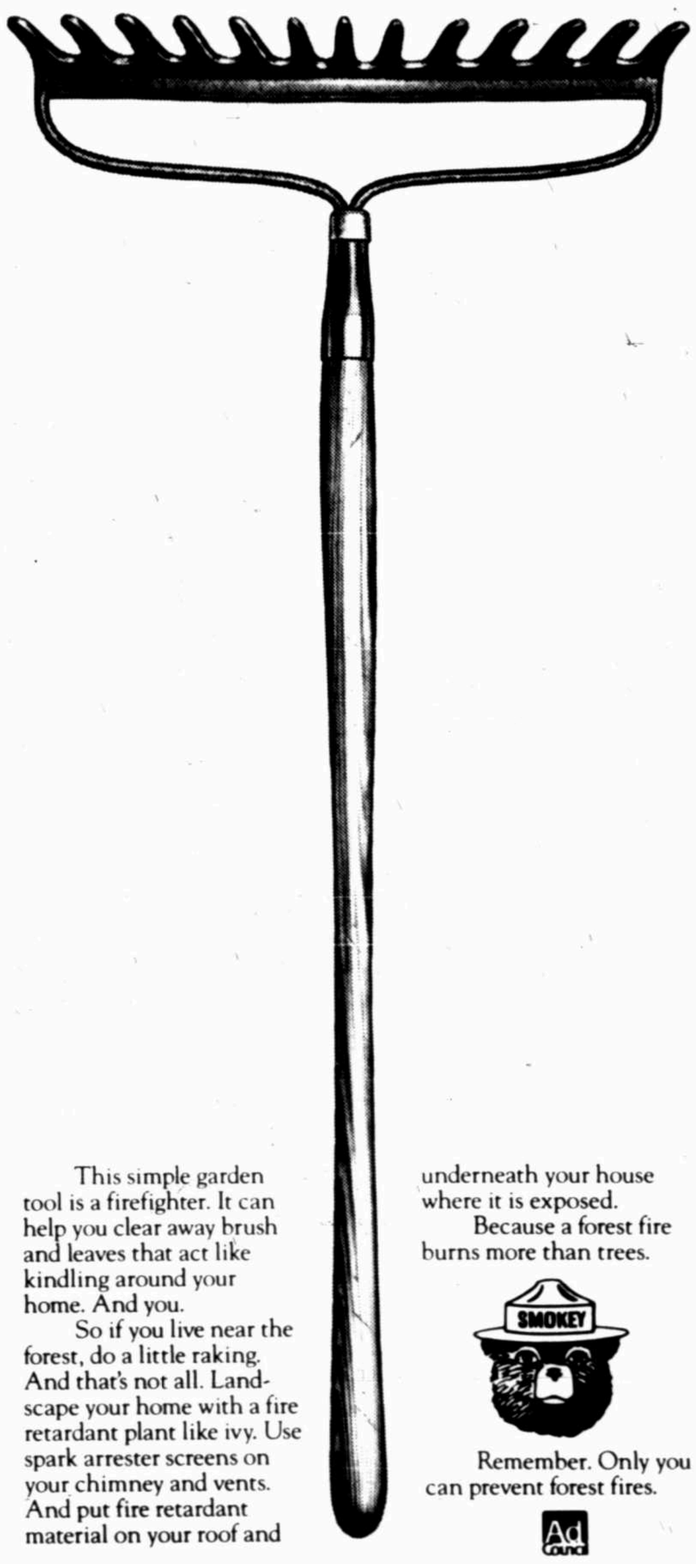

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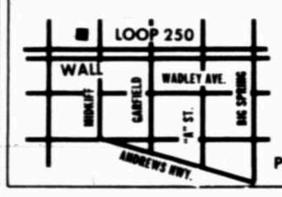

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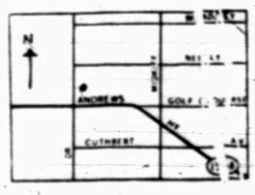

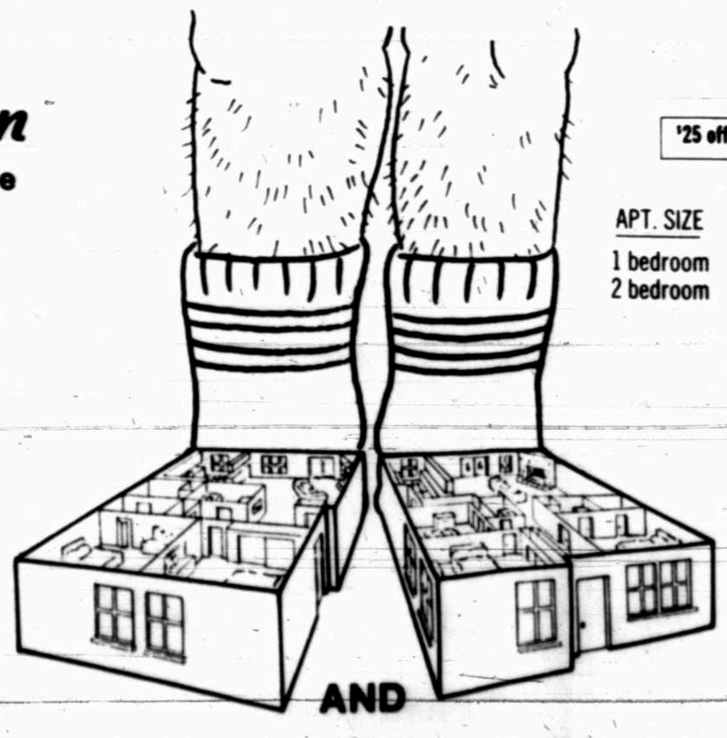

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TEALWOOD-3-2-2-2 living	122,500
CHANDELLE-2-2	58,000
CO. RD. 130 S.-3-2-2	105,000
CO. RD. 56 W-3-2 custom	92,000
DAVENTRY-4-3-2	145,500

CORPORATE HOMES

AUBURN-4-2½-3 living areas	105,500
SENTINEL-5bd, basement	142,000
MINEOLA-3-1-1 cp	18,500
DEWBERRY-3-2 new paint	51,500
WHITTLE WAY-3-2 living areas	83,500
FANNIN-3-2 living areas	78,900
AMISTAD-3-2 just reduced	71,900
SEMINOLE-3-2 living areas	78,900
CULVER-4-2 formal dining, basement	74,500
JUAREZ LANE-building special financing	25,000
BOYD-3-1¾ neat & clean	52,500
RITA'S ROAD-2-2 cute country home	29,900
KENTUCKY-4-2½-1 fp	39,900

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Doyle Mason	694-0803	Rod Foster	697-1105
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William Beasley	683-8025	Clemmie Sorge	697-1848
Joyce Bennett	689-8025	Kara Kirby	683-2619
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HUD...YOUR CONNECTION TO AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Purchasers must obtain their own financing for all sales.
- Please contact a real estate broker of your choice to see-or bid on any of the properties listed.
- These properties may contain code violations.
- HUD reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bids.
- HUD will not pay for a title policy.
- An earnest money deposit of $1,000.00 is required with each offer to purchase.
- An additional 10% down will be required on the amount bid above the listing price on Eligible for FHA Insurance.
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- BID OPENING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- Bids received until 1-5-88 4:45 P.M.
- Bid Opening 1-6-88
- Start Date 12-27-87

Each Broker with an acceptable bid will be notified the first work day following bid opening. No phone calls will be accepted regarding the bid opening until the first work day following bid opening.

Properties which have not sold as a result of the competitive bid offering shall remain available for sale until such time as they are subsequently relisted under different terms. Offers submitted under this procedure shall be in an appropriately marked sealed envelope and shall be complete.

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MIDLAND

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ADDRESS	FHA CASE NUMBER	LIST PRICE
3605 AMELIA DR. LEGAL: L21 B79 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-134764-703	$37,400
4707 ANETTA LEGAL: L4 B4 WESTERN HILLS	494-123683-703	$64,300
5002 ANETTA LEGAL: L63 B22 WESTERN HILLS	494-135523-203	$46,250
3509 APACHE LEGAL: L5 B11 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-113587-565	$26,200
4007 AVONDALE LEGAL: L4 B48 PERIAN ESTATES	494-115628-503	$18,650
602 BECKLEY LEGAL: L4 B46 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-103794-203	$19,700
604 BECKLEY LEGAL: L3 B46 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-110535-265	$39,600
4721 BEDFORD LEGAL: L21 LESS W35' W15' L22 B2 WESTCLIFF	494-125246-245	$39,950
4723 BEDFORD LEGAL: L20 LESS W55' W35' L21 B2 WESTCLIFF	494-125075-203	$48,700
5122 BELAIRE LEGAL: L31 B157 WILSHIRE PARK	494-118303-203	$41,300
5211 BELAIRE LEGAL: L B156 WILSHIRE PARK	494-113798-503	$37,800
4607 BOWIE LEGAL: L7 B5 REPLAT OF BELAIR	494-116663-596	$39,800
4709 BOWIE LEGAL: L26 B4 BELAIR	494-118948-503	$28,700
4711 BOWIE LEGAL: L25 B4 BELAIR	494-092070-203	$22,200
4705 BROOKDALE LEGAL: L8 B5 WESTERN HILLS	494-130850-203	$50,750
1106 CANYON DR. LEGAL: L15 B69 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-111442-203	$23,500
4001 CEDAR SPRINGS LEGAL: L6 B44 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-114999-203	$18,450
4305 COUNTRY CLUB DR. LEGAL: L2 B2 BECKLAND TERRACE	494-117389-503	$42,150
4733 COUNTRY CLUB DR. LEGAL: E50' OF W65' OF L17 B1 WESTCLIFF	494-125953-203	$45,300
1313 E. COWDEN LEGAL: L17 B1 E GLENDALE SEC 2	494-121429-203	$13,900
4726 CROCKETT LEGA: L14 B4 REPLAT OF BEL-AIR	494-115033-296	$22,600
2705 DELANO LEGAL: L18 B14 PARKLEA PLACE	494-113722-203	$15,950
2706 DELANO LEGAL: W15' L4 E45' L5 B20 PARKLEA PLACE	494-122516-703	$28,750
4317 DENGAR A&B LEGAL: PART OF L10 B26 WEDGEWOOD PARK 4TH SEC	494-125171-203	$42,500
304 DORMARD LEGAL: W26' L5 E43'L6 B13 BARBERDALE	494-123327-203	$15,800
416 EASTWOOD LEGAL: L17 B149 WILSHIRE PARK	494-119655-203	$31,350
606 W. ESTES LEGAL: L4 B3 CRESTLAWN	494-117641-203	$26,200 *LBP
3503 FAIRMONT LEGAL: L16 B79 PERMIAN ACRES	494-118533-203	$19,000 *LBP
3001 GOLF COURSE ROAD LEGAL: L1 E/2 L2 B2 SKYLINE HEIGHTS	494-122542-203	$34,700
4420 HARLOWE LEGAL: E3.6' L25 L26 LESS E10.5' B135	494-100286-203	$25,650
1817 HEMLOCK LEGAL: W18' L4 E43.5' L5 B18 RANCHLAND HILLS	494-115220-561	$14,00
2210 HOLLOWAY AVE. LEGAL: L7 W16' L8 B13 COLLEGE HEIGHTS.	494-114256-503	$33,200 *LBP
204 HOLLY LEGAL: L9 B19 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-126237-203	$17,200 * LBP
2710 KESSLER AVE. LEGAL: E28' L13 W29' L12 B29 PARKLEA	494-130889-203	$35,000
4616 KIOWA LEGAL: L2 B6 CASA LOMA	494-115479-503	$39,500
3206 W. LOUISIANA LEGAL: L4 B2 BAUMANN HEIGHTS	494-125151-203	$36,100 *LBP
712 MOGFORD LEGAL: S49' L15 N4' L14 B2 WESTOVER PLACE	494-103505-203	$42,600
3817 MONTY DR. LEGAL: L18 B25 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-118984-203	$17,750
3906 PLEASANT DR. LEGAL: L26 B75 PERMINA ESTATES	494-118824-203	$20,250
103 E. PINE AVE. LEGAL: W45' L7 E15' L8 B26 LOMA LINDA	494-115127-203	$21,500
4817 RIC DR. LEGAL: L15 B154 WILSHIRE PARK	494-127542-503	$47,750
4312 SENTINEL AVE. LEGAL: L17 B9 BECKLAND TERRACE	494-130848-203	$39,850
1603 SPARKS LEGAL: L1-A B1 SAN JACINTO PL. SEC 2	494-119045-203	$53,000
1102 SPRABERRY LEGAL: L15 B87 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-127369-703	$22,850
2317 W. STOREY AVE. LEGAL: L9 BA-2 TR A E/2 TR B JOHNSON-MORAN	494-125220-203	$45,250
5203 SUNNYSIDE LEGAL: L4 B155 WILSHIRE PARK	494-122949-203	$58,000
3207 SYCAMORE LEGAL: E45' L23 W125' L24 B12 CRESTVIEW HGTS	494-117139-203	$28,400
3405 TANNER LEGAL: S2.6' L3 L4 B16 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-113124-270	$33,600
3107 THOMAS LEGAL: E46' L20 W27.5' L23 B20 CRESTVIEW	494-122297-703	$25,850
3508 THOMAS LEGAL: L5 B1-B REPLAT 1-B N/2 B22 W PORTION B1-A &A B2 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-116453-203	$38,150
4400 B. THOMASON DR. LEGAL: L2 B132 WILSHIRE PARK	494-114974-503	$33,500
4406 A. THOMASON DR. LEGAL: E37.9' OF W60' L5 B132 WILSHIRE PARK	494-111882-203	$32,150
4408 A. THOMASON DR. LEGAL: E/2 E31.2' L7 W44.8' L6 B132 WILSHIRE	494-109641-203	$33,000
4408 B. THOMASON DR. LEGAL: W/2 E31.2' L7 W44.8' L6 B132 WILSHIRE	494-108694-203	$27,250
4704 THOMASON LEGAL: L3 B127 WILSHIRE PARK #2	494-103210-203	$30,000
3214 TRAVIS LEGAL: L3 B11 CRESTVIEW	494-101336-203	$16,800
201 WAVERLY LEGAL: L11 B17 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-130317-703	$24,250
303 WAVERLY LEGAL: L21 B16 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-128704-703	$29,050
905 WAVERLY LEGAL: L34 B78 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-113858-503	$33,300
324 WILLOWOOD LEGAL: L29 B103 WILSHIRE PARK	494-117159-203	$41,050

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1305 S. ATLANTA LEGAL: L8 B19 SOUTH PARK	494-100098-221	$9,850
2100 N. BENTON ** LEGAL: L1 B11 TRUELOVE	494-102179-203	$11,800
715 S. CLAY ST. LEGAL: L9 B39 GREENWOOD	494-127152-221	$7,750
2409 COLLEGE LEGAL: L5 B22 COLLEGE HEIGHTS	494-131097-703	$19,950 *LBP
1300 E. COWDEN LEGAL: L13 B2 EAST GLENDALE	494-11430-203	$11,750
1323 E. COWDEN LEGAL: L12 B1 EAST GLENDALE	494-119540-203	$9,650
3402 CUNNINGHAM LEGAL: L17 B8 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-100857-203	$12,400
1614 ENGLISH LEGAL: L15 B4 REPLAT TRUELAND	494-118236-203	$7,600
1904 ENGLISH LEGAL: W15' L4 & L3 EXCEPT W10' B7 TRUELAND	494-122319-203	$9,850
1920 ENGLISH ** LEGAL: L11 B7 TRUELAND	494-123139-203	$11,400
4624 ERIE LEGAL: L13 B14 WILSHIRE HEIGHTS	494-102947-203	$23,850
1300 E. ESTES LEGAL: L35 B3 E GENDALE 2ND ADDITION	494-120567-203	$12,000
1314 E. ESTES LEAL: L28 B3 E GLENDALE	494-120569-203	$9,500
1324 E. ESTES LEGAL: L23 B3 EAST GLENDALE 2ND	494-120780-203	$7,700
3206 FRANKLIN LEGAL: L4 B8 CRESTVIEW	494-113395-203	$11,300 *LBP
3600 GASTON LEGAL: L17 B19 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-114830-203	$10,600 *LBP
3224 HILL LEGAL: W53' L12 E4.5' L13 B14 CRESTVIEW HGTS	494-105129-203	$11,800 *LBP
702 & 702½ W. KANSAS LEGAL: L25 B2 COUNTRY CLUB HGTS	494-125131-203	$19,900 *LBP
1907 W. KENTUCKY LEGAL: L4 E/2L5 B119 WEST END	494-119881-203	$28,100 *LBP
1101 N. LAMESA RD. LEGAL: L6 B4 HOLLOWAY	494-115765-203	$11,050 *LBP
1509 S. LORRAINE LEGAL: L8 B17 BELMONT	494-108776-203	$9,150
411 MAPLE AVE. LEGAL: E60' L1 B15 LOMA LINDA	49-113730-221	$8,250
208 E. OAK LEGAL: L11 B26 COWDEN	494-118547-503	$12,550 *LBP
402 W. PARKER LEGAL: L11 LESS E12' THEREOF B8 RANCHLAND HILLS II	494-113317-203	$10,350
1701 E. PINE LEGAL: W8.3' L2 E50.1' L3 B16 CRESTVIEW	494-120565-521	$20,000
3104 ROOSEVELT LEGAL: L14 B44 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-104913-203	$15,200
408 SPRAYBERRY LEGAL: L8 B22 CRESTVIEW	494-09639-221	$14,550
3214 THOMAS LEGAL: L31 B63 PERMIAN HEIGHTS	494-114946-203	$17,300
4324 THOMASON DR. LEGAL: L27 B13 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-119620-203	$9,800
3504 TRAVIS LEGAL: L12 B36 PERMIAN ESTATES	494-118656-203	$13,900 *LBP
614 WAVERLY LEGAL: L2 B9 TRUELAND		$16,200
1802 WEBSTER		$15,800

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Look no more because there are three quality homes in Midland priced in the the $40's. That will please the eye and pamper the pocket book, start the new year right with a call to:

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$3,000 DOWN, take up payments of $641 on non-qualifying loan. Three bedroom, 1¾ bath, large living area and kitchen, extra large den with fireplace. Separate utilities and two car garage. Less than 23 years left on note. 684-5564

APPROX $300 MONTHLY
SOUNDS GOOD, DOESN'T IT?

For a lovely 2 bedroom red brick home in a "Home Owner Neighborhood". New exterior paint, new cabinet tops, hardwood floors, drapes & blinds, single car garage, nice trees & shrubs, fenced yard.

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EXECUTIVE custom home on one acre just minutes from downtown. Spacious three bedroom, great room, plus entertaining game room and three car garage. 104 Cheryl. $126,900. By owner. 687-4017.

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Three bedroom, one bath, central heat and air, carpeted, new fence, newly painted inside and out. Qualifies for low FHA financing. $27,500. Owner will consider partial financing.

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Great Buy, 3BR, 3BA, in Plantation Hills. Hot tub off master bedroom and bath. Great entertaining home for the executive. See to appreciate. Call:

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Along with this 3BR, 2BA, double car garage, well kept see to appreciate, Call:

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LUXURIOUS

Spanish styled 4BR, with many custom features. Sparkling pool with closed patio - Super priced at $225,000.

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THREE bedroom, two bath, garage, fenced yard, large stone patio on Fairmount in Midland. Under $50,000. Call 332-6226 after 2pm or weekends.

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Goddard, Lee area, 4BR, 2BA, 2LA, exceptionally clean Call:

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9⅝% NON-QUALIFYING FHA ASSUMPTION. 3203 Shandon. Three bedroom, 1¾ bath, screened porch. For appointment call 697-5302.

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OWNER'S SAID 'SELL THIS PAD'

He must go and give up a home he lavished time, affection and expense. His loss is your gain on this 3BR, 2BA, 2 car rear-entry garage, fireplace, vaulted ceilings and more. Call:

Linda Russell

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699-0909

FOR sale by owner. 4622 Leisure Drive. Approximately 1542 square feet. Three bedrooms, two bath, two living areas, refrigerated air, five ceiling fans, dishwasher and stove. 697-8740.

* OLDER AREA
Great family home! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 living areas, fireplace, central refrigerated air, concrete block fence and covered patio. Located on a pretty street. Priced in the $70's.
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evenings 694-0247

*** ONE OF THE FEW**

3 bedroom townhouse with large living area, fireplace and wood storage, formal dining, breakfast room with bay window, walk thru master bath with 2 walk-in closets, half bath downstairs, 2 baths and bedrooms upstairs.
CALL B.L. YOUNG, Associate,
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* GREEN TREE ELEGANCE
Enjoy the comforts of this 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, 2 living area home in prestigious Green Tree Country Club area. Large country kitchen, wood parquet floors, track lighting and much more.
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NICE VA ASSUMPTION

Consider this. 9.5% interest; 21 yrs remaining on loan; large Hickey built home, well kept. Big living-den combination, fireplace, 3 large bedrooms, good-sized closets, formal dining could be additional living area, ceiling fans in every room, end of cul-de-sac, near Midland College.

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LOADED WITH EXTRAS

Beautiful and at a fantastic price. Enjoy the hot tub, wet bar, skylights, high ceilings, sprinkler system & pretty circular drive. Not to mention the 4 bedroom, 2½ bath, 2 living areas & formal dining. Handy location. You'll love it at $93,500.

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JUST A 'LOOKIN' FOR A HOME?

You won't break your back caring for this 3 bedroom, 2 living area, 2 bath home. No need to paint - vinyl siding and no-paint metal trim outside and lots of panelling inside. Not a lot of yard front or back to keep you at the ol' lawnmower either. Seize upon this warm, homey place and begin to ENJOY life with but a small price to pay.... $42,500. Call

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730 Suburban Property

BY Owner: Two acres, two mobile homes, Greenwood district, improved, excellent water, trees. $29,500. 682-5639

*** DREAMING OF HORSES**

Wonderful home with super living area, country kitchen, 2 large bedrooms, beautiful fireplace and double car garage. Call:
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RURAL PROPERTIES

CO. RD. 116 W- 3BR. 2BA. on 1 acre.
CO. RD. 1208 S- 3BR. 2BA. on 1 acre
CO. RD. 1065 S- 3BR. 2BA. on 10 acres.
Call:
Dennis Rambo

686-7000
683-7147

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730 Suburban Property

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TRADITIONALLY COUNTRY

Large 3 bedrooms, study, enclosed patio. See to appreciate, Call:

Dorothy Edge

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697-3669

GREENWOOD: Good three bedrooms, two baths, one car garage, fireplace, ½ acre. Assume loan, no equity. 366-4947

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RELAXED LIVING

Gazebo w/hot tub overlooks 5 acres, barn and a 3BR, 2BA, 2LA, 2 car garage home, fireplace ceiling fans, 3 wells, Call:

Susan Hurta

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686-9031

308 IRVIN Beautiful home, 4 bedroom, 2½ bath, office, many extras, workshop and above ground pool. Louise Baxter, Century 21 Midtex, 689-0021 or 694-3022.

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MINI FARM PROVIDES MAXIMUM PLEASURE

14.62 Acres, 2 water wells, 2BR house included, wonderful view, owner financing 10% interest with 10% down. Call:

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740 Out of Town Property

395 ACRES NW of Colorado City. Some minerals, good hunting. $250 per acre. Call (915)728-2856.

750 Lots and Acreage

LAND for sale by owner, good soil and water. Mobile home lots for rent or sale. Phone 684-8831.

FOR Sale. Two acres with well and septic near T.I. and Terminal with or without two bedroom mobile home. 561-9287.

1 to 10 ACRE tracts. Owner financing, no down payment required. Discount for cash and VA sales. 684-6851, 682-3289.

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GREENTREE lot - $16,000. Greentree Club Membership still available. Call 806-794-8848.

760 Farms and Ranches

COLEMAN COUNTY
Small ranch with custom built executive class home. Lovely view of Lake Coleman. Deer, turkey and quail. 3 stocked lakes. Financing available. Call Pat Patterson. 915-382-4601.

720 Homes For Sale

760 Farms and Ranches

403.85 ACRES in Reagan County. Approximately 6 miles north of Stiles. Written bids to purchase will be accepted up to and through Monday December 28th, 1987. Contact Brian Meeks, Federal Land Bank Association, P.O. Box 841, San Angelo, Texas, 76902. 915-658-8548.
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December 19-27, 1987

FORT DAVIS MTS.
JEFF DAVIS COUNTY
14,184 acre ranch
in Fort Davis Mountains
$125 per acre
Owner will finance
687-2447

770 Resort Property

LUXURIOUS Condominium (Ruidoso, New Mexico). Furnished, all utilities, phone and cable, daily, weekly, and monthly rates. Call for reservations. Winston Ranch. Days (409)634-6321 Evenings (409)634-6187.

WILL trade or sell. Three bedroom, 2½ bath Ruidoso Condo. Near ski slopes. 683-9824, 682-9361

CEDAR Cove Development at Lake Spanaw. 1/2 acre waterfront and lakefront lots. Financing available. Call (915)366-8425 or 381-0895.

780 Business Property

OFFICE/Warehouse: Fenced yard, nice offices between Midland and Odessa. Call Alan 563-2637.

2148 Warehouse Rd.-Lgs warehouse with 2 private offices, fenced yard, lease for $450 mo., $200 security deposit, sell for $55,000.
1711 Carol Drive-3250 sq. ft., one private office, receptionist area. Lease for $600 month, $250 security deposit, sell for $65,000.
To see these properties contact Clemmie Sorge at STEPHENSON REALTORS 697-1091, evenings 697-1848.

*** NEAR HOSPITAL**
5,000 sq. ft. for sale or lease.
CALL JOE VAN ARSDALL, Associate,
DON HARVEY, REALTORS
Commercial Department 699-7913

*** OWNER FINANCING**
1000 S. Wakefield, Office/warehouse.
CALL JOE VAN ARSDALL, Associate,
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*** OWNER FINANCING**
7,000 sq. ft. retail selling all inventory, fixtures and real estate. Zoned C-3 on East Illinois near downtown.
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RUIDOSO rental property. Owner financing. Three parcels-17 rental units. Total parcels can be purchased separately. Owner/agent 689-7361.

*** FOR SALE OR LEASE**
Midland Industrial Park warehouse with rail head. Great location, $1.20 per sq. ft. per year.
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DON HARVEY, REALTORS
Commercial Department 699-7913

790 Investment Property

SACRIFICE $35,500
Owner/Agent must sell 3218 Bowman, corner Midkiff and Bowman. One large lot with two houses - a large two bedroom, one bath brick with sun room. Plus an efficiency house in back. Both presently leased for $600/monthly.
687-0035

WE pay top dollar on first lien real estate notes. Call 563-0707

720 Homes For Sale

A HOME FOR ALL SEASONS

Forever memories will be etched with family traditions in this Uncompromisingly beautiful 4 bedroom, 5 bath, 3-story Federal Colonial. Formals, exercise room, artist studio/office, garden room plus fully contained servants quarters. 20x40 pool, poolhouse and jacuzzi. Reduced to $600,000.
Call Bonnie Cox/owner/agent
697-7747 - 697-6234.

Action REALTY
BONNIE COX

TALL CITY, REALTORS
1301 N. Big Spring 686-8114

ASHDOWN-Townhouse. 3 bdrm. 2 ba	$95,000
S. JEFFERSON-3 bdrm. 2 ba	27,000
DONALD-3 bdrm. 2 ba	10,000
#10 DUSTY LANE-Greenwood area. 2 bdrm. 1 ba	30,000
N. JACKSON-2 bdrm. 1 ba	13,250
RANKIN HWY.-6 bdrm. 6 ba. large house. barn. corrals. a smaller house. 1 section of land-Qualifies for CRP program with annual income	24,000 / CALL
CO. RD. 130 EAST-11.24 acres. 3 bdrm. 2 ba-3 water wells. septic. barn. corral. storage. workshop. circle drive. Clean. quiet area. Greenwood School	160,000
CORNER 2600 N. FAIRGROUNDS-8.27 Ac., MF-1 & Comm	48,950
CO. RD. 1130 & E. 55-10 Acres	CALL
N. CARVER & ELM Zoned MF-2	CALL
I-20 S. SERVICE RD.-5.34 Acres. make offer	40,000
RANKIN HWY. 20 Ares	25,000
CO. RD. 300 E-10 acres fenced & corral	10,000
SHELL ST.-two lots zoned duplex	20,100
1100 BLK. N. LAMESA-Corner lot	20,000
400 BLK S. JACKSON-Lots 1 thru 6 ea	3,500
Lots 7 thru 12 ea	3,500

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY-THE JEWELWORKS
located Delwood Mall, furniture & fixtures
Inventory sold separate.....5,000

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SCHARBAUER-vacant commercial site, zoned office, paved, public access, 79,000 square feet...$46,000.

TENNESSEE-2/1, older home 4 blocks from Midland High. Very clean. Nice yard. Great for starter home or retired couple. Good investment property...$25,000. Ask for E.J. Pryor.

LEHIGH-4/3, Immediate occupancy, beautiful woods, seq. MBR and guest room. 15 oaks & 2 pecan trees. Storage building. Much street appeal...$94,900.

SINCLAIR-5/3, plus gameroom upstairs, designed for the family & located in lovely Berkshire Place, if you love the hustle & bustle of the BIG CITY, you'll love this location...$79,500.

BEDFORD-5/3, Very large 5 bedroom home in older part of Midland. Two fireplaces, one in country kitchen, see this spacious home and make an offer the Seller can't refuse...$112,500.

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Efficiency condo, Innsbrook Ruidosa. Will Trade	$45,000
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ABBEY-(02) Picture perfect! 4 bed, Wydewood home w/decorator touches ... 88,000
AMHURST-(01) Beautiful home w/Kimberlea tennis & pool available ... 110,500
ASHDOWN-(03) FDIC Listing. Call office for information
BUCHANAN ... UC
CASTLEFORD-(09) Saddle Club So. offers this gorgeous Bill Brown built home w/all extras ... 167,600
CASTLEFORD-(10) Pretty home in Polo Park w/all the extras. Call for showing ... 108,500
COUNTRY CLUB-(16) Great starter home for the money ... 46,900
ST. ANDREWS-(81) Townhouse w/formal din in Fairmont Park .. 55,900
PLEASANT-(69) Nice drive-up appeal. Interior being painted. ... UC
STUTZ-(83) Grafa built 4 bed home that is house beautiful! ... 104,900

FOUR BEDROOMS

AINSLEE-(00)FHA assumable equity on this 4 bed, spacious home 72,000
AURORA-(04) Excellent location & condition! 4bd, walk to Lee & Rusk ... 72,500
BEDFORD-(04A) Large 4 bd home w/guest house & pool. Older Midland at its best ... 135,000
COLEMAN-(15A)-New 4bed, in prestigious location, loaded w/extras. Under construction by Jim Leonard ... 165,900
CRESTRIDGE-(11) For your most discriminating buyer. Gorgeous 4 bed, in Crestridge ... 134,900
CULPEPPER-(19) Beautiful decor in this executive home w/pool ... UC
EMERSON-(28A)-Spacious 4 bd, 2 liv custom w/beautiful pool & lovely patio ... 125,000
GODFREY-(33A) Walk to Parker Elem. from this lovely 4 bed home in skyline ... 99,500
HUNTINGTON-(41) Huge footage! Excellent location, wonderful for large family ... 90,000
MAXWELL-(50) 4 Bed, w/pool walk to Emerson/Goddard ... 129,500
METZ-(54) Fresh & new looking in this spacious living 4 bd home 119,500
NEELY-(59) Spacious family living w/glassed in sun rm ... 88,000
RUSSELL-(74) Immaculate condition! 4 br in Northwood Addn ... 99,000
TERRACE-(87A) 4 bed home on beautifully landscaped corner lot w/pool ... 139,000

EXECUTIVE CHOICES

CUTHBERT-(20) Updated estate in beautiful condition. Home on 3 lots + pool. Everything you want.
HIALEAH-(38) Magnificent quality & design in Saddle Club North. Call for amenity list.
SADDLE CLUB-(76) Stunning home w/pool & tennis courts. Call for your personal showing.
SINCLAIR-(79A) Warwick for the most discriminating buyer. All the amenities ...

SPACE, & STYLE, ALL IN THESE THREE & TWO BEDROOM HOMES

BESCHWOOD-(05) Luxury contemp home in Greentree ... 138,500
BOYD-(07A)-Clean & neat 3bd, w/water well ... 57,500
BRAZOS-(08) Delightful decor w/darling children's bedrms. w/high ceilings in Northgate ... 65,000
BRAZOS-(08A) Owner custom built, 3 bd. nice condition/Northgate ... 60,000
CEDAR SPRINGS-(12) Great property for investors. 3 bd, 2 ba . 35,000
CLAY-(14A) Good investors property close to Washington & Carver Schools ... 15,000
CRESTVIEW-(18A) Great family neighborhood; home has new carpet & roof ... 35,000
CUTHBERT-(19A) PMI workout in Ridgiea. Sunrm w/skylites ... 45,000
DENGAR-(24) 3 bedroom, 2 liv areas w/lots of floor space. Carport and circle drive ... 25,000
DEVONIAN-(24A) a steal at this price! 3BD close to shop & schools ... 42,500
DORMARD-(26) Light & bright! One-Of-A-Kind! Workshop, open plan, low maintenance yard ... 129,900
EMERSON-(29) Owner says "Sell"! Lovely northwest location. Lg bedrooms, cath ceil. ... 69,500
GOLF COURSE-(34) Immaculate condition. Incl hothouse, w/shop bldg, satte. dish ... 79,500
GOLF COURSE-(34A)-Beautifully maontained home w/perfect yard & pool ... 117,000
KESSLER-(42A) Nice starter home. New paint & good carpet ... 45,000
LANHAM-(43A) Updated & lovely! New roof & paint. Great landscaping & neighborhood ... 82,500
MARIANA-(49) 3 bed, 2 ba, walk to shopping, school, church ... 44,500
MERCEDES-(53) FHA Assum. + new carpet, paint, dishwasher, disposal in this 3 bed home ... 49,900
PRESTON-(70) Unique Style 2 story townhome in Wydewood. Pml workout ... 62,000
ROOSEVELT-(73) 2 bed, 2 ba home in Permian Estates w/perimeter heat & new ac ... 49,500
SENTINEL-(75) Lovley older home in great location! Spacious, light & bright ... 79,500
SHADYLANE-(77) Bond money! Beautifully maintained 3 bed w/earth-tone decor ... 59,500
SHANDON-(76A) Versatile floorplan in this 4bd home w/hardwood floors ... 41,850
VERSAILLES-(89) West side home w/large kitchen. Workshop w/ ½ bath a plus ... 42,500

TOWNHOME & DUPLEX LIVING AT ITS MOST CONVENIENT

CHANDELLE-(13) Elegant & gorgeous describes this one! Mirrors, fabrics walls, etc, etc, etc ... 63,900
DAVENTRY-(22) Custom built, unusual plan. Small yard w/hot tub ... 114,900
FIELDER-(30) Honeymoon house w/all the extras. 2 bed, w/luxury carpet ... 77,000
GODFREY-(33) What a beauty! Cath ceil, gamerm up w/skylite, mexican tile, wet bar, & fireplace ... 69,950
HAYNES-(37A) Live in one side and rent the other. Great investment ... 110,000
LIDDON-(46) Lovely condo by pool. Perfect for singles. ... 31,500
LIVINGSTON-(47) 2 BD TH. in Northgate w/sprinkler system ... 45,000
NOEL-(62) Privacy in a super location! High ceilings, mexican tile, low maintenance beauty ... 75,500
PINE-(66) Immaculate & redecorated Carpet, floors, paint, drapes, etc. Lovely ... 137,500
SHIRLEY-(79) All the amenities you could hope for/lrg 3 br TH ... UC
SHIRLEY-(78) Private living in spacious townhome. Redecorated & lovely. Much new ... 169,000
WADLEY-(96A) Quiet elegant living in spacious TH, lovely decor 99,900

SUBURBAN LIVING AT ITS BEST

KATIE LANE-(42) Ideal for entertaining! Secluded area w/4 ac. 110,000
NATALIA-(58) On 1 + acres, water well, Reduced to ... 89,500
WADLEY-(94) Lovely 2 story condo w/pool priviledges ... 72,500
RANKIN (72)-3 Bd Home w/basement and 12X24 Workshop ... 55,000
CO RD 130E-Horse lovers delight! 3 BD, 4AC, 14 stalls, walker & pens ... 49,500
CO RD 145E-Country home w/huge kitchen & bkfst on 2+ acr. 49,995
CORD 160E-16+ acres in Valley View. Good for hunting, homestead or farm ... 30,000
CO RD 1247N-3 bed on ½ acre. City luxury in Northwest Midland ... 73,500
SOUTH OF FM 307-Ideal for a mo. home. Water well & septic ... 5,500

COMMERCIAL

BIG SPRING-(06A) Zoned LR2, suitable for conversion to office.. 89,500
BIG SPRING-(07) Excellent corner lot in high traffic area ... 225,000
GARFIELD-(99) Office building of extraordinary quality. Raquet ball & health club ... CALL
RANKIN-Bldg has 4 offices and 2 baths + 100 mini warehouses 125,000
SAGE-Excellent location for doc's offices. Close to hospital ... 250,000

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LOOP 250-& N. Big Spring. One of the busiest corners in city .. 950,000
CAMERA-3 lots available. For $20,500, or sell each for $9,500 ... CALL
CHERRY-1 Lot has septic system and water well. Ready to occupy ..7,000
CHERRY-1 Lot in Elkins Ranch ... 3,500
LAMESA-5 Acres with 3 wells, 3 septic systems, room for 11 mobile homes ... 35,000
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SHELL-100% FINANCING! Low interest rate! ... 59,700
CRENSHAW-FNMA SPECIAL FINANCING! Low downpayment ... 45,500
SPRUCE-Unique home w/large country kitchen! ... 44,500
CEDAR SPRINGS-Seller ready for quick sale! 3BR/2BA ... 26,900
ANETTA-Lots of remodeling, lovely 2BR/2BA ... 25,900
MAIN-Cute contemporary, seller will pay disc. pts! ... 25,000
TANNER-Good condition, lots of new! 3BR/1BA ... 20,000
COTTONWOOD-FNMA SPECIAL FINANCING! Low downpayment! ... 19,900
ASHDOWN-6 beautiful lots in Saddle Club! Each only ... 12,500

AMONG OUR FINER HOMES

BEDFORD-Stunning, executive estate. Absolutely perfect condition. Pool, guest quarters & 5 bedrooms, 10 BAs ... 600,000
ASHLEY-Fabulous home in exclusive area. Soaring ceilings, flagstone floors, lush grounds. Covered patio, wet bar! ... 495,000
CITATION-Spectacular custom 3 bedroom in Saddle Club North! 3 living areas, wet bar, high ceilings 7 more! ... 450,000
MAGBERRY-Stately Georgian 2 story, 3FPs, seq. mstr., den, plus study, central location w/beautiful landscp.! ... 395,000
SINCLAIR-This home has it all! Newly refurbished. Pool, gourmet kitch., Warwick location! Perfect for a family! ... 390,000
RACQUET CLUB-Lovely family home in highly coveted area! Warm traditional, seq. mstr, spacious children's wing! ... 330,000
MOCKINGBIRD-Many extras in this country estate! Wonderful for a green thum; 1 acre veg. garden! ... 280,000
WEDGEWOOD-Gorgeous custom with gourmet kitchen, sunny garden room, huge den, lovely spacious formals! ... 259,700
COUNTRY CLUB-High ceiling, much glass, 5 bedrooms, pool, cabana, sun room & den plus formals ... 259,000
LOCKHEED-Spacious and open, indoor pool, rock fireplace, lots of amenities, beautiful landscaping ... 199,000
OHIO-Possibility for future commercial space, 1 BR apartment upstairs! Covered patio, storage! ... 197,500
WALLACE TH-Elegant, large bedrooms. Wonderful sun room. Seq. mstr., ceiling fans, sprinkler system! ... 195,000
TEAKWOOD-Stunning, spacious patio home, located in prestigious Greentree! Elegant decor, lovely crtyrd! ... 169,000
HACKBERRY-Lovely custom on course at Greentree! Ceiling fans, sprinkler system and much, much more! ... 157,500
LOVELY TOWNHOME-Contemp. w/expansion possibilities, Seq. mstr., covered patio, wet bar, bookcases! ... 149,999
PINE MEADOW-OWNER CARRY! Custom, designer built! 145,000
ASHDOWN-Saddle Club! Huge LA, fmn. din., super mst.! 130,000
SPARKS-Gorgeous TH, high ceilings, wet bar, sprinkler ... 126,950
SEABOARD-Unique tri-level in Manor. Redwood hot tub! 119,900
CALDERA-Builder's own home! Fabulous upgrading! ... 109,000
WESTERN-Redone inside/out! Pool, great VA ASSUMABLE! ... 100,000

CORPORATE AND REACQUIRED

DARLING TOWNHOUSE-Lee High area-neutral shades ... 69,500
McDONALD-New paint, seq mstr. bedroom, foreclosure ... 63,900
W. SPRUCE-Foreclosure. Repairs being made ... 52,000
HARVARD-Great duplex for investors. Priced right! ... 50,000
STOREY-Repaired price, close to school, foreclosure ... 43,900
BONHAM-Recent foreclosure, new paint, good condition! ... 43,000
HARVARD-100% financing. Near 20R, 1/2 duplex ... 33,500
KESSLER-Great opportunity for 1st time buyers! ... 32,000

THIS 'N THAT

GREENWOOD-320 acres, 2 farms all in cultivation, all irrigated w/pivot, equipment stays ... 480,000
CO. RD. 116OS-Beautiful country home on 10 acres with horse barns & 3 water wells. Also 30 Acs. w/pecan trees ... 295,00
CO. RD. 116W-NON QUALIFYING VA! Lrg. Master! ... 69,000
N. GLENWOOD-Wonderful duplex, smart for investors ... 57,900
MT. VIEW ARKANSAS-3BR w/35ac, trade for Midland prop ... 57,500
E. MORAN-Smart investment, 2 houses, both rented ... 40,000
N. E. LOOP 250-Mobile home, 2 strg. bldg., fruit trees ... 31,500
CONCORD-Lrg. lot in prestigious townhome area ... 25,000
CO. RD. 56W-1 lot, 2.5 acres, restricted residential ... 17,500
N. EISENHOWER-Nice lot in Lee District! ... 8,000

PRICE REDUCTIONS

AINSLEE-Lovely contemporary in quiet neighborhood! ... 99,500
DOUGLAS-2 1g LA, big country kitchen, 3 bedrooms ... 69,950
DENGAR-Contemporary charm. Lovely high ceilings ... 69,900
S. BENTWOOD-4BRs, Central air, 2 living areas ... 37,950
CO. RD. 112W-4.3 acres; owner financing! Great Buy! ... 34,900
STOREY-Possible lease/purchase, lots of new, 2LAs ... 34,900
TANNER-New paint inside & out! Close to grade school ... 39,000
DALLAS-"As is", Brick, Rear apt w/potential ... 11,900

A FEW OF OUR 2-3 BR'S

SHELL-Super condition, lots of new w/circle drive! ... 98,500
SUPER TOWNHOME-3 large BRs, lots of storage ... 87,000
WESTMONT-FHA qualifying, low equity, cul-de-sac ... 81,500
MOSS-Lovely light townhome w/many extras! Lush atrium! ... 82,900
NORWOOD-Non qualifying FHA! Pretty w/high ceilings! ... 81,000
ABBEY-On Cul-de-sac. lrg. Brs., sitting area in MBR! ... 79,000
KNIFFEN-Spacious, country living close to city ... 77,500
ELK-Lovely, lrg 2 story, next to Bowie, 3BR, 2BA ... 76,000
HUBBLE-Charming comfortable plan. Lovely lawn ... 75,000
McDONALD-New paint/carpet, close to school ... 75,000
FANNIN-Well maintained with a wonderful floor plan! ... 72,900
PRINCETON-Fabulous price! FHA ASSUMABLE! ... 72,500
LOUISIANA-Country decor, 3BR, 2LAs, nice neighborhood ... 69,000
LANHAM-Cute, light & bright. Complete privacy ... 66,500
MARY CB-ASSUMPTION-nothing down! 9% int! ... 66,057
SPACE GALORE-Lots of redecorating in Old Midland! ... 59,500
DOUGLAS-Spacious starter home, established neighborhood! ... 56,500
CIMMARRON-Good location! Much potential, offers please! ... 57,000
MOGFORD-Newer roof & carpet. Large rooms, only ... 51,500
GODFREY-FNMA SPECIAL FINANCE! Patio, wet bar! ... 49,900
LORAINE-Beautifully kept, near downtown, shop & strgl ... 46,500
VERSAILLES-New paint, lots of room, good location ... 45,000
CANYON-Cute cottage on a corner lot, a must to see ... 40,000
ANETTA-Nice 3BR/2BA, eligible for special financing ... 39,500
MARIANA-Lg. Master BR, outside stairs, lrg cov'd patio ... 38,600
WAVERLY-Immaculate w/lrg. master, new outside paint ... 38,000
DAKOTA-Lovely 2 bdrm., great starter home ... 30,000

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CO. RD.-4br, 3ba, cmpctr, dshwshr, bltin range **$391,000**
SADDLE CLUB-4br, 4ba, sprnklr, opn pat, prkng pad **$299,999**
TEAKWOOD-3br, 4ba, refrig, wndw cvrngs, sprnklr, strg **$298,500**
TEAKWOOD-(golf course) Custom 5br, 4ba, 2 story **$279,900**
SHADY OAK-4br, 4ba, 2LA, 2 frpls, frml dng **$259,000**
RT. 1 BOX 158-3br, 3ba, opn pat, hgh clngs, skylghts **$255,000**
SUFFOLK-4br, 5ba, hgh clngs, bltin range, dspsl **$249,000**
TRINITY-Custom in Gracious Estate, 4br, 2ba, 2 lrg LA **$230,000**
EMERSON-4br, 2ba, 2LA, 18.25acs, metal bldg/bus. **$222,000**
EDINBURGH-2 story custom, 2.5 ac, 4br, 3ba, 3LA **$219,500**
KNIFFEN-1.5 ac, 5 car garage, 3br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl **$195,000**
GOLF COURSE-2br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr **$165,000**
BLUEBIRD-Well and city water, spa rm, 4br, 3ba, 1 acre **$155,900**
MEADOWPARK-4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, frml din, pool **$154,900**
AUBURN-Rooms lrge, tile wrkshp, 3br, 4½ba, 1LA, frpl **$150,000**
TEAKWOOD-3br, 3ba **$139,900**
HACKBERRY-Hot tub, on tee box, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, extras **$139,900**
CO RD 1242-3.86 ac, 4br, 3ba, sauna, barn, crossfenced **$139,900**
WEDGEWOOD-Light, spacious, beautifl decor, 4br, 2ba **$139,900**
OAKRIDGE-4br, 3ba, 2LA, 2 frpls, frml din, hrdwd flr **$139,500**
LOS ALAMITOS-Tennis/swmmng membrshp, 4br, 3ba **$138,900**
LANCASHIRE-4br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, energy efficient **$137,500**
SEABOARD-5br, 3ba, 3LA, frpl, super family home **$130,000**
SENTINEL-3br, 3ba, opn pat, wt br, grg dr opnr, bkcs **$129,900**
COMMUNITY-Strg, 2 car grg, paneling, 4br, 3ba, 2LA **$129,900**
NORTHTOWN-Lrg LA w/frml din, frpl, 4br, 2ba **$129,500**
CASTLEFORD-4br, 3ba, hgh clngs, wt br, intrcm, dspsl **$129,500**
VENTURA-3br, 3ba, hgh clngs, clng fans, grg dr opnr **$128,000**
GREENTREE-3br, 3ba, 1LA, 2 frpls, lovely town house **$128,000**
CUTHBERT-2br, 2ba, free stndng range, wndw cvrngs **$127,500**
CLOVERDALE RD-4br, 2ba, hrse lvrs dream, 2 wtr wlls **$124,500**
RIDGMAR-4br, 3ba, bltin range, mcrwv ovn, dshwshr **$121,500**
VALLEY-3br, 2½ba, lvly cstm, spacious pool & jacuzzi **$120,000**
NORTHFIELD-Frpl, Trinity Estates, 4br, 3½ba, 1LA **$119,500**
AUBURN-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, frml din, updated decor **$117,500**
CASTLEFORD-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, frml dng, sft pstlclrs **$113,000**
SENTINEL-4br, 3ba, pool and gameroom **$112,500**
SHELL-4br, 3ba, cvrd pat, frpl scrn, bltin range, dog run **$109,000**
GOLF COURSE-Beautiful updating, 4br, 3LA, strg **$109,000**
DALTON-Open spacious, cathedral ceiling, 4br, 3ba **$108,000**
OAKMONT-3br, 2ba, skylghts, cvrd pat, bltin range **$105,000**
MAXWELL-3br, 3ba, pool in grnd, mcrwv ovn, frpl scrn **$105,000**
AUBURN-4br, 3ba, dck, cvrd pat, wtr sftnr, dspsl **$100,000**
QUAIL POINT-2br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, crtyrd, btfl twn hse **$100,000**
ST. ANDREWS-3br, 2ba, frml din, frpl in mstr, loft, wt br **$99,900**
ST. ANDREWS-Lrg rms, except kitch, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$99,800**
STUTZ-2LA, extra parking for RV, 4br, 3ba **$98,500**
ISLAND RD-3br, 2ba, brn, coral, frpl scrn, clng fan, dspsl **$97,500**
FAIRBANKS-4br, 2ba, skylghts, frpl scrn, dog run **$96,000**
MAXWELL-4br, 2ba, grg dr opnr, clng fan, frpl scrn, dspsl **$95,900**
PRINCETON-Updated hm, lrg util, 2 hot wrthrts, 3br, 2ba **$95,000**
MAXWELL-4br, 4ba, 2LA, frpl, ceiling fan, lots of new **$92,500**
CO. RD. 56W-Energy eff, jacuzzi in master, 3br, 2ba **$92,000**
WYDEWOOD-3br, 2ba, whrlpl, sprnklr, bltin range, dspsl **$91,900**
WYDEWOOD-3br, 2ba, sprnklr, scrty systm, wt br, dspsl **$89,900**
GREENTREE-3br, 2ba,wt br, frpl scrn, crcl, drv, opn pat **$89,900**
HUGHES-3br, 3ba, frpl scrn, clng fan, bltin range, wtr sftnr **$89,500**
REGAL-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, built-in vacuum, pool size yrd **$89,500**
COMPTON-3br, 2ba, strg, sqstrd mstr br, bltin ovn, dspsl **$89,500**
D-Low maint, lrg light/bright rms, 3br, 2ba, ILA, frpl **$89,500**
WYDEWOOD-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, frml din, lrg seq master **$88,500**
MOSS-Storage, 3br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, fenced **$88,200**
WESTMONT-Beautiful woodwork, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl **$88,000**
MERRILL-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, frml din, seq 4th br **$87,500**
MAXWELL-4br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, frml din, nice, spacious **$86,500**
PECAN-2LA, extra insulation, 4br, 2ba, frpl, grg dr opener **$86,500**
IMPERIAL-3br, 2ba, btfl lndscpg, cln & bttr thn new **$85,900**
ASHDOWN-3br, 2ba, bltin range, dshwshr, dspsl, bkcs **$85,000**
REGAL-pool, tile fence, wet bar, tile floors, skylights **$85,000**
HAYNES-3br, 2ba, wt br, skylghts, cvrd pat grg dr opnr **$85,000**
GOLF-3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, frml din, carpet allowance **$84,500**
CRESTWOOD-Special FNMA financing, 3br, 3½ba, 1LA **$83,500**
CO RD 1125N-3br, 2ba, 2LA, 4 acres, waterwell, strg **$82,900**
CALDERA-Sunken den, super buy, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl **$82,500**
MAXWELL-3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, grt strge, low maint yrd **$82,500**
McDONALD-3br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, 1st class decor **$82,500**
CHON COVE-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, lrg LA, great storage **$81,900**
TAMMY COVE-Clyde Brown hm, heated pool/spa, 3br **$81,500**
BRAZOS-Cute & clean, assumption, 3 br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl **$81,000**
KANSAS-4br, 4ba, free stndng range, wndw cvrngs **$79,900**
HYDE PARK-3br, 3ba, skylghts, strg, frpl scrn, dshwshr **$79,900**
SENTINEL-3br, 2ba, frpl scrn, pool in grnd, dshwshr **$79,900**
MANOR-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, frml din, 6ft tile fnce, clng fan **$79,900**
KANSAS-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, frml din, 5 ceiling fans **$79,900**
ALCOVE-FNMA financing, 3br, 3ba, 3LA, frpl, 2 car grg **$79,900**
BELTON-Lrg custom blt hm, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, fans stay **$79,900**
PRESTON-Buyer to buy new ins, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, strg **$79,900**
HYDE PARK-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, good family home **$79,500**
N-Lot of house for the money, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl **$79,000**
NORTHRIDGE-Int repainted 8/87, light/bright, 2br, 2ba **$79,000**
HOGGARD-4br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, room for pool table **$78,500**
DENGAR-Good location, frml din, 3br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl **$77,500**
WYDEWOOD-Pretty, light/bright, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl **$77,500**
BELLEGROVE-2br, 2ba, skylights, sprnklr, sqstrd mstr br **$77,500**
CONCHO-4br, 2ba, clng fan, insltd wndws, bltin range **$76,900**
RT. #4 BOX 8C-3br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, wrkshp, storm shelter **$76,500**
CO. RD. 146W-4br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, strg, 2 car grg **$76,500**
CALDERA-FHA Assump., just painted, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl **$75,900**
ST. ANDREWS-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, fenced, 2 car garage **$75,500**
BIG SPRING-Zoned commercial, 2br, 1ba, 1LA **$75,000**
DALE WARD-Restricted area w/barn & corrals, 3br **$74,900**
RIDGLEA-4br, 3ba, strg, frpl scrn, dshwshr, prkng pad **$74,500**
SHANDON-4br, 2ba, clng fan, frpl scrn, bltin range, dspsl **$74,500**
SHELL-3br, 2ba, strg, cvrd pat, bltin range, dshwshr, dspsl **$74,500**
BOYD-3br, 2ba, 3LA, frpl, new crpt, new paint, inside/out **$74,000**
PHILLIP-Owner wants quick sale, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl **$73,900**
WYDEWOOD-3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, large utility, quick sale **$73,500**
FRONTIER-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, lrg opn LA, bonus room **$73,500**
ARMSTAD-FHA assump., 3br, 2ba, 2LA, sprinkler **$73,500**
BEDFORD-Country kitchen, lots of updating, 3br, 2ba **$73,500**
SHAGGARD-3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, new exterior paint **$73,000**
PRINCETON-Ready to move in, close to schls, 3br, 2ba **$73,000**
RANGER COURT-Buyer to buy new ins, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$72,900**
McDONALD-3br, 2ba, bltin range, frpl scrn, cvrd pat **$72,000**
SARAH LANE-Clng fan, dshwshr, 3br, 2½ba, 1LA, frpl **$72,000**
PLEASANT-3br, 2ba, pool, spa, workshop **$69,900**
WHITNEY-3br, 2ba, dck, wt br, vlvtpl, strg, clng fan, dspsl **$69,900**
LOUISIANA-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, ice mkr cnnctn **$69,900**
MIDKIFF-3br, 2ba, wt br, frpl scrn, skylghts, bltin range **$69,900**
FANNIN-Ceiling fan, 4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, grg dr opener **$69,500**

NEW OFFERINGS

PRIVACY and isolated from the rest of the bedrooms, the master is spacious and quiet. Amenities to make living easy include kitchen built-ins, sprinkler system, garage door opener and more. TALK TO J. FRANK NALL, Associate, evenings, 697-3915.

OLD MIDLAND with location, floor plan and charm abounding in this spacious 3 bedroom, 2 living area home. Seller will consider assumption of VA loan, $68, 400. CALL PAT CARL, Associate, evenings, 682-4000.

CUL-DE-SAC near Midland College has an attractive VA loan which is assumable with release of liability (even to a non-veteran) and is priced for a quick sale at $60,000. CALL PAT CARL, Associate, evenings, 682-4000.

UNBELIEVABLE & ASSUMABLE and walk to school. This lovely home has fireplace, 2 living areas, 2 bedrooms, snack bar, large kitchen with room for breakfast table. 2 car rear entry garage with workshop. Priced at $29,900. CALL RUTH YOUNG, Associate, evenings, 697-1217.

NEW CONSTRUCTION in beautiful re-platted Meadowpark. Beautiful new floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, 2 living (this plan can also be 4 bedrooms), formal dining, huge living room and 3 car garage. CALL RUTH YOUNG, Associate, evenings, 697-1217.

CO. RD. 143-5ac, 2 wtr wells, 2 septic, lrg LAs, 3br, 2ba **$69,900**
SHADY LANE-Duplex **$69,790**
MARCIE CT-Quiet cul-de-sac, 3br, 3ba, 1LA, frpl, frml din **$69,500**
CRENSHAW-Foreclosure, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, 100% fincng **$69,500**
BEDFORD-Duplex **$69,500**
CO. RD. 162W-Light/bright, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, sprinkler **$69,500**
BEDFORD-Equity offers, extras parking, duplex **$69,500**
WADLEY #26-Low maint&security, 3br, 2ba **$69,500**
LOCKHEED-Great location, seller wnts qck sale, 3br, 2ba **$69,500**
MICHIGAN-Close to elem, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl **$69,000**
PRINCETON-Huge mstr bedroom, VA loan, 3br, 2ba **$68,400**
FANNIN-New roof/carpet/paint/shingles, 3br, 2ba, 2LA **$68,500**
SUNSHINE PKWY-Joe Long hm, gd condition, 3br, 2ba **$67,500**
GULF-3br, 2ba, bltin range, wndw cvrngs, clng fans, strg **$66,500**
SINCLAIR-3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, clng fan, lrg rooms **$66,500**
N D-3br, 2ba, 2LA, frml din, need quick sale **$65,500**
COLORADO-3br, 3ba, prkng pad, sprnklr, strg, wtr wll **$65,000**
LEISURE-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, clng fans, sprnklr **$65,000**
CIMMARON-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, lovely pool **$64,900**
ASPEN DR-Foreclosure, 3br, 2ba, sqstrd mstr br, opn pat **$64,900**
CO RD 1140S-3br, 2ba, 1LA, 1.5acs, satellite dish **$64,900**
NELSON-3br, 2ba, bltin range, opn pat, grg dr opnr, dspsl **$64,900**
STOREY-3br, 2ba, bltin range, ice mkr cnnctn, opn pat **$64,500**
SPARTAN-2LA, lrgbackyrd, wtr well, atrium, 3br, 2ba **$64,500**
LOCKHEED-3br, 2ba, frpl scrn, clng fan, kit vnt fan **$64,500**
PALMER-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, clng fan, strg, flexible seller **$64,000**
LOUISIANA-2br, 1ba, wndw cvrngs, opn pat, smk alrm **$63,500**
GOLF COURSE-3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, strm wndws, wtr well **$63,500**
AMISTAD-Yard on water well, 2LA w/2 frpls, 3br, 2ba, strg **$63,500**
CO. RD. 138-3br, 2ba, bltin range, ice mkr cnnctn, dspsl **$62,500**
BRAZOS-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, ceiling fan, assumable **$62,500**
CO. RD. 1127-3br, 2ba, bltin range, kit vnt fan, hgh clngs **$62,000**
BUCHANAN-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, clng fan, under 2 yrs old **$62,000**
SPRABERRY-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, dspsl **$61,900**
RIDGLEA-2br, 1ba, custom brick, circle drive **$61,500**
McDONALD-3br, 2ba, bltin range, kit vnt fan, dshwshr **$59,950**
MIDLAND DR-2 ac, barn, remodeled, 3br, 2ba, city util. **$59,900**
MICHIGAN-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, kit vnt fan **$59,900**
SAN ANTONIO-Beautiful 1 owner home, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$59,900**
DOUGLAS-Wtr well, good flr plan, brng offrs, 3br, 2ba **$59,900**
ANETTA-Huge den, cvrd patio, strg, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, 2 frpls **$59,900**
RUIDOSA COURT-Byr to buy new ins, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$59,900**
KENTUCKY-Recent remodel, spac den, 3br, 2ba, 2LA **$59,500**
PRINCETON-Cute & clean, ref. air, 4br, 2ba, 2LA **$59,400**
CO RD 1140-4br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, 1.16acrs, big mstr bdrm **$58,000**
NORTHRIP-Big LA, good location, 3br, 2ba, frpl **$58,000**
BENTWOOD-Recent repainted, strm wndws, 3br, 2ba, frpl **$58,000**
LOUISIANA-VA assump., low equity, ref. air, lg yard **$57,900**
PALMER-3br, 2ba, dshwshr, ice mkr cnnctn, cvrd pat, strg **$57,100**
DENGAR-3br, 2ba, bltin range, kit vnt fan, dog run **$56,500**
THOMASON-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, lots of updating **$55,900**
LOCKHEED-Large ktchn, ref air/cent heat, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$55,900**
KANSAS-4br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, opn pat **$55,000**
THOMASON-Consider owner financing, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$55,000**
BENTWOOD-Owner will off lyr HOW, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl **$55,000**
SUNNYSIDE-Bring offers, good assump, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$55,000**
RT. #8-Anxious owner, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, 10 acres **$55,000**
OHIO-3br, 2ba, 2LA, 8ft. msnry prvcy fnce, cvrd pat **$54,900**
BENTWOOD-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, kit vnt fan **$54,900**
THOMAS-3br, 2ba, gd assum. FHA loan, cnvnt kctn **$54,900**
CR 140-3br, 2ba, kit vnt fan, wndw cvrngs, hgh clngs, strg **$54,500**
MICHIGAN-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, opn pat **$54,500**
SPENCE-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, clng fan, spcl FNMA fncng **$54,500**
PARKWOOD-4br, 2ba, wndw cvrngs, kit vnt fan, dshwshr **$53,900**
STOREY-2br, 1ba, grg dr opnr, clng fan, sprklnr system **$53,900**
CANADIAN-3br, 2ba, dshwshr, dspsl, opn pat, hgh clngs **$53,500**
RIDGE-2br, 1ba, 1LA, frpl, 1 acre **$53,000**
STONEYBROOK-4br, 2ba, dshwshr, dspsl, hgh clngs **$52,900**
BROADWAY-2br, 2ba, free stndng range **$52,500**
SHELL-3br, 2ba, 2LA, nice beginner home, strg **$52,500**
BENTWOOD-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, clng fan, lvng/den **$52,500**
CO. RD. 60E-Huge den + parlor, cntry kitchn, 2br, 2ba **$52,500**
BROOKDALE-3br, 2ba, kit vnt fan, dshwshr, clng fan, **$52,000**
SUNNYSIDE-3br, 2ba **$52,000**
BEDFORD-3br, 2ba, dshwshr, ice mkr cnnctn, opn pat **$50,000**
RT 9, BOX 9541-2br, 1ba, 2LA, 2.61acrs, 2 car garage **$50,000**
MONTY-3br, 2ba, 2LA, hardwood flrs under carpet **$49,900**
WILLOWOOD-3br, 2ba, dshwshr, dspsl, ice mkr cnnctn **$49,900**
TARLETON-3br, 2ba, new roof replcd 1/87, furn rmns **$49,900**
VERSAILLES-Ref. A/C, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, frpl, frml din **$49,900**
LOUISIANA-3br, 2ba, kit vnt fan, dshwshr, dspsl, strg **$49,900**
KANSAS-3br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl, lrg kit., grt den w/french drs **$49,500**
KANSAS-Great older hm, apt in back, 2br, 1ba, 1LA, frpl **$49,500**
CLOVERDALE-2 or 3 br w/hot tub, 2br, 2½ba, **$49,000**
MERCEDES-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr **$49,000**
BAIRAMI-Foreclosure, 3br, 2ba, opn pat, paneling **$49,000**
WILSHIRE-3br, 2ba, 2LA, clng fan, FHA assumption **$48,000**
SUNNYSIDE-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, ceiling fan **$47,900**
TANNER-3br, 2ba, bltin range **$47,500**
DEWBERRY-Clean home, 3br, 2ba, 2LA, dishwasher **$47,500**
HEPLOCH-2br, 1ba, wndw cvrngs, ice mkr cnnctn, strg **$47,000**
ARETTA-3br, 2ba, dshwshr, wndw cvrngs, clng fan, strg **$47,000**
EISENHOWER-3br, 2ba, dshwshr, cvrd pat, clng fan **$46,900**
COUNTRY CLUB-Special FNMA financing, 3br, 2ba **$46,500**
PARKDALE-Country kitchen, 4br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, strg **$46,000**
PARKDALE-3br, 2ba, bltin range, ice mkr cnnctn **$46,000**
RT. #4, BOX 1089-Completely remod, 3br, 1ba, 2LA **$46,000**
GLENWOOD-Charming strter, fresh paint, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$45,000**
TRAVIS-4br, 2ba, 2LA, frpls, frml din, bond assumtp **$44,900**
CUTHBERT-Lrg, light, roomy older hme, 3br, 2ba, 2LA **$44,500**
BYRD-Close downtown, tile fence, 2br, 1ba, 2LA, frpl **$44,500**
WILSHIRE-Much redone, frpl, 3br, 2ba **$44,500**
RIVERA-3br, 1ba, 1LA, frpl, clean, lrg brs **$44,500**
ELLWOOD-3br, 2ba, 1LA **$44,500**
ARMO-3br, 3ba, 2LA, lots of space & storage **$44,500**
CO. RD-3br, 2ba, bltin range, kit vnt fan, dshwshr, strg **$44,200**
CUTHBERT-Motivated seller, 2br, 2ba, 1LA, 1 car garage **$44,100**
ILLINOIS-ref. air, 3br, 2ba, lg. lot **$43,900**
GOLIAD-3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, crpet/vinyl to be replaced **$43,900**
SIESTA-2br, 2ba, free stndng range, kit vnt fan, dshwshr **$43,500**
COUNTRY CLUB-Great strter hm, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl **$43,500**
WILSHIRE-New furnace, ref. air, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$42,500**
VERSAILLES-Lrg kitch, refair, hrdwd flrs, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$42,500**
ALAMO-Seq master, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, fenced **$42,500**
AVONDALE-3br, 1ba, 1LA, much redone, cute as can be **$42,000**
PRINCETON-2 mstr suites, 2 bay windows, 2ba, 1LA **$42,000**
MAPLE-5br, 3ba, kit vnt fan, dshwshr, wndw cvrngs **$41,900**
FORT WORTH-4br, 2ba, 1LA, lrg home in NE location **$41,900**
PUEBLO-3br, 2ba, dshwshr, dspsl, wndw cvrngs, opn pat **$40,000**
PARKDALE-3br, 2ba, bltin range, kit vnt fan, dshwshr **$39,900**
MONTY-2br, 1ba **$39,900**
ST. PETER-3br, 1ba, clse to dwntn, gd begnrs hm **$39,900**
AMIGO-3br, 2ba, 1LA, trees, lrg wrkshop, water well **$39,900**
MARIANA-Lots of updating, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$39,900**
GLENWOOD-Landscpd, updtd kitch, bright, 3br, 2ba **$39,900**
HARLOWE-1 ownr hm, gd flr plan, 3br, 1ba, 1LA, strg **$39,900**
MARIANA-Double carport, wrkrm, 3br, 2ba, 2LA **$39,500**
CROCKETT-3br, 3ba **$39,500**
VERSAILLES-3br, 2ba, kit vnt fan **$39,500**
KESSLER-3br, 1ba, lght brght & opn, contemp hme **$39,000**
CROCKETT-3br, 2ba, kit vnt fan, dshwshr, ice mkr cnnctn **$39,000**
N D-3br, 1ba, 1LA, frpl, hrdwd flrs, under carpet **$39,000**
CROCKETT-3br, 3ba, kit vnt fan, dshwshr, ice mkr cnnctn **$38,500**
RIC-2br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, dollhouse, bond mny assumption **$38,500**
GREENVIEW-Seller will help w/closing, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$38,500**
BARKLEY-3br, 2ba, ownr wll cnsdr $10,000 to redecor **$38,500**
WEATHERFORD-3br, 2ba, clng fan, smk alrm, strg **$38,000**
NAVAJO-3br, 2ba, 1LA, fenced **$38,000**
NAVAJO-3br, 2ba, 1LA, fenced **$38,000**
SHAWNEE-3br, 2ba, 1LA, fenced **$38,000**
GARDENDALE-3br, 1ba, wndw cvrngs, clng fan **$37,900**
KENTUCKY-Lrg den, grg apt, 3br, 2ba, 2LA **$37,500**
PUEBLO-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, sprnklr **$37,500**
PUEBLO-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, opn pat **$37,500**
PUEBLO-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, sprnklr **$37,500**
PUEBLO-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, sprnklr **$37,500**
PUEBLO-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, sprnklr **$37,500**
HOPI-3br, 2ba **$37,500**
SHAWNEE-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, opn pat **$37,500**
HOPI-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, opn pat **$37,500**
HOPI-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, opn pat **$37,500**
HOPI-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, dspsl, opn pat **$37,500**
PUEBLO-3br, 2ba, 1LA, fenced, 1 car garage **$37,500**
ERIE-Buyer to buy new ins., 3br, 2ba, 2LA, fence, clng fan **$37,500**
GREENVIEW-Special FNMA financing, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$36,900**
BURCHILL-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, dshwshr, dspsl **$35,900**
KESSLER-3br, 2ba, 1LA, attractive, nonqualfying loan **$35,500**
LIDDON-1br, 1ba, bltin range, refrig, pool in grnd **$35,000**
STOREY-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, strg **$35,000**
WASHINGTON-4br, 1ba, 1LA, 4br or 3br w/2LA **$35,000**
MAPLE-4br, 2ba, 2LA, "as is" sale **$35,000**
CO RD 123W-3br, 2ba, 2LA, clng fan, 20x30 shop **$35,000**
EISENHOWER-3br, 2ba, 1LA, brick/veneer, cute **$35,000**
E. HWY 158-3br, 1ba, 2LA, storage, dishwasher **$35,000**
OHIO-4br, 2ba, 1LA, special FNMA financing **$34,900**
LOUISIANA-2br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, chrmng cottage w/ref air **$34,900**
KENTUCKY-3br, 2ba, kit vnt fan, opn pat, clng fan, strg **$34,500**
TERRELL-Good starter home, paneling, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$33,500**
TANNER-FNMA financing, nice strtr hm, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$33,000**
FRANKLIN-VA assump., super house, like new, fenced **$32,900**
CANYON-3br, 1ba, 2LA, frpl, lrge frpl w/mantle, wtr well **$32,500**
WASHINGTON-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, refrig **$32,000**
TENNESSEE-New roof/carpet, fresh pnt, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$31,950**
ILLINOIS-3br, 2ba, 1LA, dishwasher, vent fan **$31,750**
RT 1, BOX 58-G-Lrg home, water well, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$31,500**
WASHINGTON-2br, 1ba, free stndng range, dshwshr **$30,900**
WAIKOPIS-3br, 2ba, mbl hm, ldscpd w/br trrc, sprklr **$30,000**
ROOSEVELT-2br, 2ba, 1LA, any offer **$30,000**
ENGLISH-5br, 2ba, 2LA, vaulted clngs, skylights **$30,000**
FRANKLIN-Storm windows, spacious, 3br, 3ba, 2LA, frpl **$30,000**
CO. RD. 57W-3br, 2ba, 1LA **$30,000**
PRINCETON-3br, 2ba, 2LA, double frpl, water well **$29,975**
DELMAR-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, wndw cvrngs **$29,900**
PLEASANT-Assum., frpl, 2 car rear entry grg, workshop **$29,900**
DELMAR-3br, 2ba, 1LA, buyer to buy new ins **$29,900**
BRENDON-FNMA financing, 2br, 1ba, 2LA, fenced **$29,900**
HOLLOWAY-Foreclosure, 2br, 1ba, hardwood flrs, offers **$29,500**
HILL-3br, assump., offers, paneling **$29,500**
RANKIN HWY-2br, 1ba, 1LA, cottage can be home **$29,500**
CO RD 1135-2br, 1ba, 1LA, .95 acres, "A" frame home **$29,500**
BROOKS-Assump. only, lrg kitchen, 2LA, 2br, 1ba **$29,500**
CARRIED-3br, 1ba, leased thru HUD for $349/month **$29,000**
COLLEGE-Dollhouse, ref. air, hardwood floors, w/s **$28,500**
SPRABERRY-2br, 1ba, free stndng range, paneling **$28,000**
CANTON-3br, 1ba, ice mkr cnnctn, prkng pad, paneling **$27,500**
HARVARD-2br, 2ba, 1LA, good starter home **$27,500**
HARVARD-2br, 1ba, 1LA, interior to be painted **$27,500**
HARVARD-2br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, special FNMA financing **$26,900**
MAPLE-VA assump, beginners home, 2br, 2ba, 1LA **$26,000**
MONTY-3br, 2ba, wndw cvrngs, cvrd pat, strg, clng fan **$25,000**
RITA ROAD-Off Elkins Ranch Rd, 3br, 2ba, 1LA, fence **$25,500**
HARRISFIELD-Neat & clean, motivated seller, 2br, 1ba **$25,000**
ROOSEVELT-3br, 1ba **$25,000**
ROOSEVELT-3br, 2ba, 1LA **$25,000**
ROOSEVELT-3br, 2ba, 1LA **$25,000**
LOUISIANA-3br, 1ba, 1LA, frml din, owner financing **$25,000**
HWY 158-3br, 1ba, 1LA, dishwasher **$25,000**
CEDAR SPRING-3br, 1ba, 1LA, ceiling fan **$24,000**
KING ARTHUR-Mbl hm on ½ ac, 2br, 2ba, 1LA **$24,000**
TRIPLADERO-3br, 1ba, free stndng range, dshwshr **$24,000**
WASHINGTON-3br, 1ba, 1LA, good starter home **$24,000**
SEMINOLE-3br, 2ba **$22,000**
PECAN-2br, 2ba, 1LA, frpl, garage **$21,500**
CR 1285-3br, 2ba, mcrwv ovn, dshwshr, paneling, opn pat **$20,000**
JAX-Very good buy, 3br, 2ba, 2LA **$20,000**
FISHER-3br, 1ba, 1LA, owner assistance w/financing **$19,900**
ANETTA-2br, 1ba, opn pat, clng fan **$19,900**
L-Buyer to buy new ins, 2br, 1ba, 1LA **$19,900**
DORMAD-2br, 1ba **$19,900**
ANETTA-Owner will finance, 3br, 1ba, 1LA, fenced **$19,500**
ILLINOIS-Special FNMA financing, 2br, 1ba, 1LA **$16,900**
HOWARD-3br, 1ba, 1LA, 1 car garage, fence **$16,500**
CO. RD. 52W-3br, 2ba, free stndng range, wtr wll **$15,000**
MINEOLA-Bring offers investors, 3br, 1ba, 1LA **$15,000**
STOKES-"As Is" condition, 3br, 2ba, 1LA **$15,000**
TERRELL-Cute as can be, 2br, 1ba, 1LA **$13,500**
COLLEGE-2br, 1ba, 1LA, kitchen redone, will carpet **$13,000**
MORGAN WAY-3br, 1ba, kit vnt fan, wndw cvrngs **$12,500**
FRANKLIN-1br, 1ba, 1LA, ceiling fan, free stndg range **$12,200**
MONTGOMERY-2br, 1ba, free stndng range **$6,000**

SALES PENDING

TEAKWOOD-4br, 3ba **Corporate**
WADLEY-3br, 3ba **Helen Mason**
CO. RD. 1083-3br, 2ba **J

Surviving Seasonal STRESS

At this time of year, in the midst of the holiday season with Christmas just past and New Year's Day approaching, people believe they are supposed to be the happiest and friendliest. It is supposed to be the most warm and loving time of all.

If this is true, why are so many people so physically and emotionally exhausted, so drained, so — stressed?

The holiday season, which roughly spans from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, is "the time when society says we will be happy, families will be together," said Jim May, marriage and family therapist in Midland. "We believe we should be happy, be loving and kind, and have wonderful feelings toward each other. The fact is, we're people" who can't turn our feelings on and off to fit the time of year, May continued.

For some people, Christmas time is a very stressful time of year, May added, but, "For some people it's an extremely good time."

Not all stress is unexpected. "There's some normal stress because of the pressures of the Christmas season — there are so many activities people are involved in," said Norman Godfrey, marital and family therapist, and executive director of Samaritan Counseling Center. "Persons who seem to do best are persons who have planned for Christmas," longer than than just during the last month.

"This season of the year is one of the biggest stressful times anyway — if you need more free time for the things you need to do, you're not going to get it," Godfrey said.

Personal crises during the year can make the holidays more stressful, he added. "Stress at Christmas is worse for persons who have had major losses within the last year," such as the death of a loved one, illness, divorce, financial upheaval or job loss.

However, not all stress is negative.

Hans Selye M.D., in his book, "Stress Without Distress," describes stress "on a continuum, with 'distress' on one end and 'eustress' on the other," said Godfrey. "What he is saying is that we need to stay some place in the middle."

Distress, he said, is when a person's coping mechanism has failed, while eustress is positive and "inspires us to take action. All of us need a little bit of stress in order to be productive."

May agreed: "Without stress, you don't do anything. Stress is the incentive it takes to move us forward. It's a questions of balance. Our coping skills and resources help us balance these stresses.

"When stress gets to be too much and coping skills can't keep it in balance, you have distress."

GODFREY LISTED some of the signs and symptoms of excessive stress, as written by Selye:

- Difficulty in expressing inner feelings.
- Easily hurt by superiors.
- Keeps conflicts out of awareness at work.
- Easily upset by criticism, disorder and imperfection, but doesn't know how to handle upsetting situations.
- Compulsive striving, would rather die than fail.
- Measures the value of one's total personality by the number of achievements.
- Anxious to please and longing to rebel.
- Moody, fearful, full of conflicting feelings.
- Dissatisfied with life and disrespect for his accomplishments.
- Insecure, wanting to be loved, settling for admiration or approval but uncertain who to trust.
- Difficult to accept affection.
- Deep feeling of utter helplessness.
- Anxiety, hostility to helpful authority, senseless violence.
- Free floating, but extraordinarily well rationalized hostility.
- Depression and apathy, vacillation in decisions.
- Crawls into shell — withdrawal.
- Feels continually bugged or harassed and wants to reduce the number of decisions he must make.
- Boredom, forgetfulness, distraught with trifles.

The human body reacts both physically and emotionally to stress, with such disorders as neck pains, ulcers, heart attacks, chronic hypertension, reliance on drugs or alcohol, depression, anxiety and irritation occurring in order to cope with the stress, according to the counselors.

But stress can be overcome, they said. Individuals don't have to live stressed-out lives. The new year *can* be faced on a calmer note.

"I have a basic philosophy," said May, "No one and no situation can stress you. You permit stress to happen. You have to believe that you can manage your own stress. You can decide whether you want to be stressed or not stressed ... Make a *conscious* decision as to what stress you will accept."

Godfrey defined Selye's VIRA system of stress recovery as:

- V — Ventilation of feelings. Find a support group to talk to and share feelings with.
- I — Identify stressors, or sources of stress.
- R — Seek relief or try to change something in the situation.
- A — Adapt, or accept things that you cannot change.

"Anything you cannot do anything about should not be a source of stress," May said.

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SLOW ME DOWN, LORD

Slow me down, Lord.
Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.
Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time.
Give me, amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the everlasting hills.
Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory.
Teach me the art of taking minute vacations — of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to smile at a child, to read a few lines from a good book.
Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values, that I may grow toward my greater destiny.
Remind me each day that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than increasing its speed.
Let me look upward to the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well.

Orin L. Crain

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Have you heard...?

By MARILYN McKNIGHT HARRISON

Eleven young women made their bows before family and friends at the Minuet Club's 32nd annual Presentation Ball Tuesday evening at the Petroleum Club. Approximately 400 persons attended the ball, which featured the music of the Jerry Burgess Orchestra of Houston.

The debutantes and their escorts were **Elizabeth Beal** and **Jeff Alsup, Paige Black** and **Leo Grumulaitis Jr.** of Conroe, **Shannon Burnett** and **Ted Fergeson III, Sabrina Haley** and **Jeff Haley, Amy Hubbard** and **James Wurtz, Kathleen Kelly** and **Tim Madonna, Kaye Knox** and **James Tom Jr., Sara Purvis** and **Kelly Johnson, Laura Steele** and **Danny Jordan, Nancy Sumner** and **David Rogers,** and **Kristi Way** and **Jeff Davis** of Harlingen.

The ball was followed by a breakfast given by the debs to honor their escorts at the home of **Mary Alice Knox.**

The parents of the 1987 debs entertained with a party for the girls and their friends Wednesday night at Midland Country Club. Music for dancing was provided by "Michael — Michael and the Max."

The debs have been honored at a number of other festivities during the Christmas season. An "Opening the Holidays" party on Dec. 18 in Shannon's honor was the first of the many events. Held in the home of **Janet and Bob Pollard,** the party was co-hosted by **Modesta and Clayton Williams.**

The festivities continued on Dec. 19 with a luncheon honoring Sabrina at Midland Country Club. The hostesses were **Carolyn (Mrs. James) Fitz-Gerald, Mab Fitz-Gerald** and **Jane (Mrs. Al) Dillard.** In addition, there was a manicure party at the Back Stage to honor all the debs. Hostesses were **Nancy (Mrs. Buddy) Anguish, Kaye (Mrs. Bill) Franklin, Bettye (Mrs. Don) Jones, Barbara (Mrs. Jack) Nini, Carole (Mrs. Johnny) Warren** and **Myna (Mrs. Jack) Young.**

Also that day, a supper was given at the home of **Marianne and Wilbur Yeager** to honor Kaye, Laura and Sara. **Wyoma and Whit Whitlow** were co-hosts. Laura's sister, **Debra (Mrs. Nick) Wallace** of Evanston, Wyo., and a former Minuet Club deb, was a special guest. A bowling party followed at Fairmont Lanes to honor Elizabeth. The hosts were **Lynda and Carty Beal.**

Last Sunday's events included a luncheon honoring the debs and their fathers at Midland Country Club. The host couples were **Karen and Roy Williamson, Eloise and Bob Davenport, Betty and Don Ewan, Norma Jean and Bud Boles, Doris and John Redfern, Carol and Pete Crain** and **Margaret and Courtney Cowden.**

In addition, there was a "Chili and Jeans" party at the home of **Patty and Watson LaForce** to honor all the debs. The other hosts were **Sandy and Jim Alsup, Suzy and Jim Boldrick, Barbara Jowell,** and **Louan and Dr. Glenn Rogers.** Afterwards, Kristi was the honoree at a dessert party and Christmas gift exchange at the home of **Karen and Rick Davis.**

On Monday, the Minuet Club's board of directors entertained for the debs with a wine and waltz party and dinner at the Petroleum Club. Earlier that day, Kaye was the honoree at a luncheon in the home of **Pat (Mrs. Lloyd) Innerarity** and co-hosted by **Barbara (Mrs. Don) O'Shaughnessy, Barbara (Mrs. Bob) Duke** and **Dale (Mrs. Roy) Kimsey.** Paige was the guest of honor at a pre-waltz party at the home of **Linda and Rodney Satterwhite** and co-hosted by Lynda and Carty Beal.

A luncheon at Midland Country Club on Tuesday was given by **Keleen (Mrs. Carlton) Beal** to honor Elizabeth.

Raye Ann and Boley Embrey, Donna and Ted Fergeson and **Sandra and George Staley** honored the debs Wednesday with a luncheon at Midland Country Club.

Gertrude (Mrs. Edwin) Alstrin, Susan (Mrs. Ron) Britton and her daughters, **Carolyn** and **Elizabeth,** honored Elizabeth, Kaye and Nancy with Tea and Crumpets at Gertrude's home later that afternoon. A cocktail party in the Brittons' home that evening was given by last year's debutantes to honor their successors before the parents' party.

CONTRATULATIONS TO Eileen and M.T. (Rosy) Stallter, who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary! Although no formal observance is planned, the Stallters celebrated at the Minuet Club's debutante ball Tuesday evening, which happened to coincide with their actual wedding date. Eileen was president of the club in 1956 when the deb tradition was begun here.

Midland residents since 1950, the Stallters were married on Dec. 22, 1927, in Austin. Rosy is an independent oil operator.

The couple have two children, **Sharon Putnam** of Dallas and **Terry Stallter** of Midland, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON, Elsie and Harry Hugly entertained with a delightful open house recently. Guests enjoyed a delicious cocktail spread.

Among those seen at the event were the Huglys' daughters, **Sandra Hugly** and **Linda Wallace;** Linda's husband, **Cody; Lou and Win Brown, Marge Snoddy** and her daughter, **Jana Prigmore, Eleanor Josting, Miriam and Gene Hanks, Connie and Jack Naumann** and **Bettye and Jim Calvert.**

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

STRESS

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To eliminate stress, he suggested that "the first step is to identify what and when you are stressed. Then determine, out of the list of stressors, which you are going to accept and at what level."

He also suggested an action that many stressed individuals find nearly impossible to accomplish — "Tell people, 'No!' Stress will come out of that, but stand by your 'no' and don't let it stress you."

To get rid of stress, "do something different," May added. "If you know it doesn't work, don't try harder, try something else."

Another step to a more stress-reduced life is to work toward realistic goals, May said. "Working toward unachievable goals, trying to be something you're not — *that's* stress."

Setting priorities is important to eliminating long-term stress, but for relief *right now,* Godfrey suggested, "Doing relaxation exercises can help. So can sitting in a quiet chair and listening to music, sitting in a hot bathtub or standing under a hot shower. Use your sense of humor — it can be a great stress breaker sometimes. Or spend time with other people where you can just relax."

May said, "Everyone must have quiet time."

At this time of year, keeping the real meaning of Christmas — the birth of the Christ Child — more important than commercialism would help relieve holiday stress, Godfrey said, "but I don't think that's ever going to happen. Some stress at Christmas is from pushing to buy things and spend money we don't really have."

Support groups and their guidelines can help relieve stress, May said. "You could take the underlying 12 steps of AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and live one heck of a life because they all point to the importance of our relationship with God and with society.

"So much of stress is woven into our way of life and what we decide is indispensable," he said. "If we *really* want to lower stress, we must make a conscious attempt to change our lifestyle. ... We have to change the American concept — that if you work hard enough, everything will work out. We get caught up in that model."

According to Dr. Daniel Fingerer of the Miami Stress Control Center, "People don't die from overwork, but from getting upset about their work. ... Getting people to realize they are under stress is half the battle. ... Busy people have to set priorities in their lives. ... We have to realize there are certain situations in our lives we can't change ... set up a hierarchy of what's very important, what's less important, and what's least important. Step off the treadmill, go to a movie, read awhile, visit a friend. There's always tomorrow!"

Therapist Mirian Musser suggests, "Hunger leads to stress. Never skip breakfast. An anti-stress diet is high in protein, low in fats, additives and sugar, and big on fresh fruits, vegetables and fiber."

Although stressors are different for everyone, it "all goes back to what you decide is the center of your life," May said. "When you do that everything else will fall into place."

Both Godfrey and May emphasized the importance of laughter.

"If you see humor in a situation," May said, "you can't be stressed — that's solid coping."

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following Allison Center Bridge winners are for the week of Dec. 15-20.

TUESDAY

1. Louina Smith-Jane Myers
2. Lib French-Jerry Williamson
3. Aggie Anguish-Ricki Perry
4. Ruby Castle-Jerry Chapman
5. Leonora Slusher-Dixie Gifford
6. Gerry Baugh-Jean Cook

Tuesday Novice

1. Shirley Barragan-Craig Thompson

2,3 and 4 tie: Leo Hagler-Matt Harter, Kevin Pfister, Vern Hull, Janice Klaproth, David Klaproth

5 and 6 tie: Debbie Sciscoe, Jim Sciscoe, K.R. Dement, Wayne Rector

WEDNESDAY

1. Bob Myers, Dixie Gifford
2. Gloria Crites, K.C. Evans
3. Betty Crooker, Jerry Crooker
4. Fred Kester, Jane Kester
5. Marian Sims, Sue Gardiner
6. Shirley Barragan, Nancy Andrews

THURSDAY

1. Marian Sims, Dixie Gifford
2. Mary Speers, Joe Blackwood
3. Jean Cook, Gerry Baugh
4. Helen Wilson, Mary Ann Ochs

5,6 and 7 tie: Helen Owen, Betty Marlow, Geneva Short, Ruby Castle, Lydia Wilkinson, Jerry Chapman

FRIDAY

North-South

1. Midge Taylor, Jane Myers

2 and 3 tie: Jerry Williamson, Ellie Kerr, Beulah Prichard, Frances Mills

4. Allene Storie, Verna Chambers
5. Bonnie Roye, Marie Morris
6. Gerry Baugh, Jean Cook

East-West

1. Aggie Anguish, Ricki Perry
2. Ginna Potts, Lib French
3. Dixie Gifford, Billie Jean Lively
4. B.J. Filley, Betty Jane Norwood
5. Francis Levin, Laura Williams
6. Betty Hill, Mary Ann Ochs

SATURDAY

1. Midge Taylor, Linda Warden
2. Sara Curry, Mutt Ellis
3. Becky Kinsey, Lyle Kinsey
4. Al Gifford, Wayne Rector

5 and 6 tie: Leonora Slusher, Sue Gardiner, Marian Sims, Bob Baker

SUNDAY

1. Alan Copeland, Cliff Miller
2. Francis Levin, Jerry Chapman
3. Ann Servatius, Laura Williams
4. Bob Baker, Bob Myers
5. Ruby Greenhaw, Jean Pistole
6. Lyle Kinsey, Becky Kinsey

Much holiday spirit not good for some women

CARMEL, N.Y. (AP) — The holiday season can be stressful for everyone, but for women struggling with a drinking problem it can be devastating, says an expert on alcohol and drug abuse.

The holidays tend to intensify feelings of shame, guilt and failure that women drinkers experience, explains Susan Heath, director of the women's program at Arms Acres, an alcohol and drug abuse treatment center in Carmel.

"Many drinkers set very high standards for themselves, especially around religious holidays," she says. "But alcoholics recognize there's a big gap between the way they think they should behave and the way they actually behave. If they keep doing things that go against their values, their self-esteem plummets. So they drink even more, spiraling down faster."

Women juggling additional holiday responsibilities carry another burden, Christine Lubinski, Washington representative of the National Council on Alcoholism points out.

"The holidays are supposed to be a family time," she says, "and expectations for peaceful, loving behavior are at their highest. Stress is at its highest, too, because of all the pressures on women to perform as the ideal wife, mother and hostess. This can be a dangerous combination, especially for alcoholic women."

As stress increases with the holidays, so do the number of opportunities to drink, she notes, adding that the availability of alcohol at most holiday parties can often mask a serious drinking problem.

An estimated 4 million problem drinkers are female, according to an NCA study. During the holidays the hot line operated by the Washington office of the NCA is deluged with telephone calls, many from family members upset because mom was drinking and burned the turkey or knocked over the Christmas tree.

Still, few confront mom right away, says Mark Shottinger, executive director of Arms Acres, who suggests that friends and relatives of alcoholics look the other way because they don't want to upset the family.

"Women in particular want to maintain a semblance of family peace during the holidays," Shottinger says. "To pressure a woman drinker is to take her out of her role as nurturer and care giver, and that's too disturbing for family members to face at this time of the year."

After the holidays, though, family members face reality, Heath says. They've just observed the disastrous effects of alcoholism first-hand, and now urge mom into treatment.

Alcohol treatment experts report that most men seek help because of pressure from their employers, but most women are motivated by family pressure.

These experts have recently begun to recognize that women drinkers have their own special issues and needs that must be addressed. Facilities such as the Mediplex Group's Arms Acres and Mountain Wood in Charlottesville, Va., are among the nation's treatment centers now offering special women's programs. Women alcoholics meet in separate groups at such facilities as Conifer Park, Scotia, N.Y., and Spofford Hall, Spofford, N.H., also operated by Mediplex.

These are warning signals for women to look for during the holidays, according to the NCA:

- Drinking to relieve stress caused by the additional responsibilities women take on during the holidays — a major problem for women juggling home, career and family.
- Having a couple to "loosen up" before going to a party where liquor will be served.
- Combining alcohol with drugs such as tranquilizers and cocaine — especially common among women 30 and under, accordiing to an Alcoholics Anonymous membership survey.
- Sneaking more drinks because detection is less likely during holiday celebrations.
- Getting defensive about drinking. Although they may not show their anger like men, women drinkers will feel resentful if a holiday host questions their ability to drive.

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Family holiday gatherings: How to survive 'reunionitis'

By JANE E. BRODY
New York Times News Service

There's no place like home for the holidays,
For no matter how far away you roam,
If you want to be happy in a million ways,
For the holidays you can't beat home sweet home.

—

Unfortunately, many families who gather each year for the holidays experience something less than the warm sentiments suggested in this 1954 song by Al Stillman and Robert Allen.

These celebrators report that for various reasons, family reunions are not the joyous, fulfilling experiences of song and story. They are more to be endured and survived than enjoyed.

For some, the holiday gathering is anticipated with a mixture of dread and guilt. They know all too well that longstanding parent-child conflicts or sibling rivalries will taint holiday happiness. Or unspoken resentments about the visit itself will provoke caustic remarks or angry outbursts.

For others, who think each year that this time everyone will get along better, the hostilities that inevitably emerge at family reunions are an annual source of painful disappointment.

Regression at family reunions to old parent-child patterns is common even when the children are middle-aged adults.

Reunion problems that have long existed between parents, grown children and in-laws have become exaggerated in recent years with the great increase in divorce and remarriage. Second marriages can foster a whole new set of problems, from where the adults and children spend the holidays to how to deal with new in-laws you hardly know and former in-laws you still love.

But according to psychotherapists around the country who collectively have treated thousands of clients for family "reunionitis," there are a host of approaches that can reduce if not eliminate the conflicts and tensions that so often mar holidays. In many cases, the therapists' tips can be applied at other times of the year, whenever family get-togethers are in danger of becoming cold wars.

Before making plans, be clear about your motives. Are you going to visit family (or have family visit you) because you really want to spend time with your relatives, because you're expected to, because you think it's important for the children, or simply because you've always done it that way and never considered an alternative?

Assess your guilt. Will guilt over skipping the family reunion make you feel worse than the anguish you suffer when you join it? "If you really resent it, if it's that painful, why go?" asks Dr. Florence Kaslow, a psychologist in West Palm Beach.

Consult your spouse. He or she may not share your enthusiasm about a visit to your parental home and the undercurrent of resentment could spoil everyone's fun.

"People go home with their heads full of expectations about making up for lost time or making it the family they've always wanted it to be," noted Dr. Harold Goolishian, a psychologist in Galveston. This is unrealistic, he said, adding that with people separated from their normal routines, overworked, overtired, sleeping in strange beds, eating at strange times, "you can't expect everything to go smoothly." He suggests being less demanding on yourself, your children and your parents and being more modest about what you want the visit to accomplish.

If your family is beyond changing, then it may be up to you to change. Start by picking your battles. Not every comment, criticism or instruction from a parent or sibling is worth fighting about. Save your fights for the bigger issues. If siblings can't be talked to, try ignoring them when they bait you.

Humor, but not sarcasm, can take the edge off a potential conflict.

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Changes in living habits, attitude can help reduce stress

By DEBRA LEE BALDWIN
Copley News Service

You're late for a job interview and the car ahead of you is a snail. You're on the correct street but now you're not sure which building to go to. You finally find it — but there's no place to park.

If you handle stress poorly, you are either feeling the first throbs of a headache, wishing your palms wouldn't sweat so much or trying not to scratch a new batch of hives. Or maybe you're as calm as Walden Pond. You're not aware of it, but the stress you just experienced has submerged. It will surface in a few hours (or days) as an ache in your neck, stomach or back, or by weakening your immune system.

The good news is that ways to reduce the negative effects of stress are available. Best of all, many are virtually effortless.

One of the best stress-reducers is behavior modification. For example, when you have an experience like that drive to the job interview, don't waste time criticizing yourself.

According to Stanford University professor Carl E. Thoresen, Ph.D., in the book, "Here's to Wellness," "Some of us talk to ourselves in ways we wouldn't dream of speaking to others, which is often a major problem to be dealt with in terms of the kind of chronic stress we experience."

Thoresen suggests that we develop "healthier coping habits," such as saying "helpful, relaxing things" to ourselves and leaving earlier for appointments.

WHEN YOU return home after a stressful day, treat yourself to a half hour of mind and body relaxation. Audio tapes can help. Stress expert Daniel Goleman, Ph.D., a Harvard Medical School psychologist, has produced two tapes: "Muscle Relaxation," and "Mental Relaxation." The first instructs you step-by-step how to unwind physically; the other soothes you mentally via meditation.

If the tapes are not at your local bookstore, you can order them by sending $11.85 to American Health, P.O. Box 2830, Hendersonville, N.C. 28793.

"Stress" may be your middle name if you're a typical "Type A." You're impatient. You're driven by your work. You talk fast and eat fast. You're also worried that the ol' ticker may not be able to handle it all, but you can't seem to slow down.

You may have nothing to worry about. According to Margaret Chesney, head of behavioral medicine at Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park, Calif., "It's only when a work-involved person becomes competitive, easily frustrated and struggling against others that a relationship to heart disease shows up."

She adds, "The real negative factor appears to be the hostility."

Dr. Theodore Dembrowski, director of biopsychology at the University of Maryland, agrees. "Some Type A's are enthusiastic, but not hostile, and those types don't get heart disease."

What if you're a hostile Type A? Learning to modify your behavior may save your life. Ask your doctor to recommend a clinic or a therapist who can help you learn to express yourself without exploding at people, how to stop fretting, and how to relax. (You also may find you enjoy life a lot more!)

TO SOME people, "stress" means "stuff," as in "stuff yourself." If you overeat in response to life's hassles, here's help: the Weight Control Hotline, 800-361-3651 (in the United States only). When you call, ask about biofeedback equipment and cassette tapes that help you monitor stuff-inducing stress levels.

If you respond to stress with sleeplessness, there are ways to cope with a mind that revs up after the lights go out.

No one knows the ins and outs of sleeping like the Better Sleep Council. According to this non-profit educational organization, "If you're under stress, make time during the day for exercise, reflection and relaxation. An hour before bedtime, try to take your mind off your worries. One woman imagined herself putting her problems into a sack and tying it to a tree before getting into bed."

Other ways to induce sleep are PMR (progressive muscle relaxation), yoga, imaging, and mind games. Counting sheep does work.

"As you keep track of the wooly creatures skipping through your mind, you literally bore yourself to sleep," according to the council.

The Better Sleep Council also recommends having a "sandman's snack" rich in L-tryptophan. It's an amino acid found in milk, eggs, tunafish, cottage cheese, chicken and turkey.

If your eyes still refuse to close, there's an appropriate video you can watch. It's called "The Sleep Tape," and it's available in department stores, video and gift shops and pharmacies, for $19.95. The tape will tell you "everything you need to know about sleep, from A to ZZZZZZ."

Many stress-related ailments respond best to medical attention. Migraine headaches, for example — though often triggered by anger, anxiety and tension — can usually be cured (or minimized) through proper medical treatment.

NEW RESEARCH indicates that phobic behavior, though commonly thought to be stress-related, may be in many cases a medical problem.

According to Dr. Harold Levinson, a clinical associate professor of psychiatry at New York University Medical Center, irrational fears of heights, open or closed spaces, crowds, flying, etc. "are often due to an easily diagnosable inner-ear malfunction, not to deep-seated neuroses or emotional illness."

In his book, "Phobia Free," (M. Evans & Co., $14.95), Levinson describes his success in treating phobic patients with anti-motion sickness medicines and natural substances.

Common sense best form of ulcer control

Copley News Service

The best way to handle a potential ulcer is by first not jumping to conclusions. That burning sensation in your abdomen may be nothing more than dyspepsia or acid indigestion.

Only half of patients who complain of pain actually are diagnosed as having an ulcer, while 50 percent of those who do have ulcers seldom experience any discomfort at all.

Though ulcers do go into remission, once you have one attack, chances of recurrence are about 60 percent. The best way to prevent a relapse is to practice a healthy lifestyle. Don't smoke; minimize the use of medications that can damage the stomach's lining; avoid excessive caffeine and alcohol consumption.

Contrary to popular belief, "People on bland diets don't heal ulcers faster than those who eat normally," according to Jon I. Isenberg, M.D., Professor of Medicine and head of the gastroenterology division of the University of California at San Diego School of Medicine.

Ulcers today are much easier to manage, thanks to new drugs like Tagamet, Zantax and Carafate. Most doctors now believe that with modern medical treatment designed to suppress acid secretion, you can probably resume your regular diet.

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Weddings

IBACH-SHAUNESSY

DALLAS — Linda Mendenhall Ibach of Austin became the bride of Michael Anthony Shaunessy of Dallas 11 a.m. Dec. 19 in Dallas. The Rev. Michael Duca officiated.

Parents of the bride are Dr. and Mrs. Harold Ibach of Oconomowoc, Wisc. The bridegroom is the son of Dena Shaunessy of Midland and Walter Shaunessy of Houston.

Mary Jo Starkweather of Scottsdale, Ariz., was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Michele Shaunessy of Austin and Anne Shaunessy of Midland.

Patrick Shaunessy of Dallas served as best man. Groomsmen were Daniel Shaunessy of San Diego, Calif., and Joseph Shaunessy of Memphis, Tenn. Ushers were John Gould of Austin and Don Heinen of Dallas.

The bride earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin and a juris doctor degree from Southern Methodist University in May. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and is assistant attorney general for the State of Texas. Her husband recieved a bachelor of business degree in accounting and finance from the University of Texas, and a juris doctor degree from SMU, where he was on the Law Review. He is an attorney with Moore and Peterson in Dallas.

Following a wedding trip to Washington, D.C., the couple lives in Dallas.

Mrs. Michael Anthony Shaunessy

BEARDEN-BRYANT

North A and Tennessee Church of Christ was the setting for the 2 p.m. Dec. 20 wedding of Lesli DeAnn Bearden of Midland and Nicholas Reynolds Bryant III of Crystal River, Fla. Colquitt Nash officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Layne R. Bearden of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas R. Bryant Jr. of Crystal River.

Buffie Guiche of Bentonville, Ark., was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Laurie Parker of Midland and Beverly Bryant of Crystal River, sister of the bridegroom. Cindy Bearden of Annandale, Va., was bridesmatron. Flower girl was Alyssa Blum of Midland.

Dan Allegood of Crystal River served as best man. Groomsmen were Bill Faint of Louisburg, Pa., Richard Goff of Shreveport, La., and Bryan Bearden of Annandale, brother of the bride. Neal Bearden of Midland, brother of the bride, was ring bearer.

Mrs. Nicholas Reynolds Bryant III

After honeymooning in Ruidoso, N.M., the couple lives in Searcy, Ark.

JONES-BROWNING

Kathy Lynn Jones of Midland became the bride of Wade L. Browning, also of Midland, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 22 at First United Methodist Church of Midland. The Rev. Dr. Charles Lutrick officiated.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Grady R. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Browning, all of Midland.

Shana Stanaland of Granbury was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Valencia Hickey of Houston, and Shelly Stephenson and Vickey Gay of Midland. Shea Hulme was flower girl.

Harry Smead of Midland served as best man. Groomsmen were Gary Browning, Tony Dilley and Shawn Dilley, all of Midland. Robbie Miller was ring bearer.

The couple lives in Georgia.

Mrs. Wade L. Browning

TEAGUE-DORY

Kathleen Teague of Kansas City, Kan., and Pfc. Miles E. Dory of Fort Sill, Okla., were married 11 a.m. Saturday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Teague Jr. of Midland. The Rev. Bob Porterfield officiated.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dory of Bridgewater, Iowa.

Attendants were Mrs. David A. Sparks of Midland, sister of the bride, and Paul Dory, father of the bridegroom.

Special guests included Mrs. David M. Rudd of Midland and Mrs. Hugh G. Teague of Plainview, grandmothers of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Midland High School and Texas A&M University. She is a court services officer for Wyandotte County Juvenile Court in Kansas City. Her husband graduated from Bridgewater High School, and Kirkwood College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is stationed at Fort Sill with the U.S. Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles E. Dory

Lifestyle policies

Policies for publication of announcements in the Lifestyle Department of The Midland Reporter-Telegram are:

Information for Sunday pages must be in our office by 5 p.m. the preceding Tuesday. For publication in a weekday paper, we must receive the information by noon two days before the information is to be published. For example, an item for Wednesday's paper must be received by noon Monday.

Engagement announcements must appear at least two weeks before the wedding date. Wedding announcements must appear within one month of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — must be published within one month of the anniversary date.

All articles must be submitted in writing. Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries, only published Sundays, are available in the Lifestyle office. All materials must include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

We cannot mail forms to persons within Midland. Pictures must be picked up in the Lifestyle office within one month after publication. To have a photo returned by mail, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Unclaimed photos are discarded after a month.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required. A portrait of the bride-elect or of the future bride and bridegroom together may be submitted with engagement announcements. Portraits of the bride only or of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements. A different photo must be submitted for the engagement and wedding announcements.

Photos should be vertical, black and white, glossy finish, studio portraits. Studio color pictures may be submitted, but quality reproduction cannot be assured. Snapshots generally are not acceptable and Polaroid shots are not accepted. The MRT reserves the right to deny publication of any photo due to quality or content.

There is no charge for publication of photographs and stories.

Anniversaries

Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

John and Kathy Stewart of Midland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today with a reception at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. Hosts will be Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Freeman.

Stewart and the former Kathy Krebs were married Jan. 1, 1938, in Vernon. They have two children, James Stewart of Camden, Ark., and Sondra Freeman of Houston, as well as seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The couple lived in Big Spring, Wink, Eunice, N.M., Kermit, Crane and Odessa before moving to Midland in 1943.

Stewart was employed with Gulf Oil Corp. The couple attends Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

John and Kathy Stewart

Adams' celebrate with Hawaiian trip

O.R. and Alma Adams of Rankin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii Wednesday. Adams and the former Alma Bayless were married Dec. 26, 1937, in the Methodist Parsonage in Rankin. They have one son, Joe Adams of Farmer's Branch, and one grandchild.

The couple has lived in Rankin since their marriage. Adams has been self-employed since 1946. His wife was employed with the First State Bank of Rankin for 14 years. They are affiliated with the Methodist Church in Rankin.

Mrs. and Mrs. O.R. Adams

Reunion marks parents' anniversary

Jim "Pop" and Maxine Stevens of Midland were honored with a 47th anniversary reception Thursday in the home of their daughter, Kitty Fontenot, in Midland. Attending were their nine children: Wayne Stevens of Phoenix, Ariz.; Donna Flatt of Jasper, Ind.; Carol Payne of Riverside, Calif.; Nonie Frasier of Midland; Denny Stevens and James Stevens, both of Houston; Jeanie Stephens of Midland; Ms. Fontenot of Midland; and Pat Stevens of Scotland.

The couple has 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Stevens and the former Maxine Culwell were married Dec. 24, 1940. Stevens is a retired pipe fitter. He and his wife have lived in Midland five years and are members of the West Kentucky Baptist Church.

House hunters: Check for signs of age

NEW YORK (AP) — To command higher selling prices, houses are frequently passed off as being less than 20 years old when in fact they may be much older.

To uncover the true age, peek inside the toilet tank, says Family Circle magazine. Stamped into the ceramic back of the tank's interior wall is the date it came off the assembly line. If the tank is older than you have been told the house is, you may be in a position to gain the upper hand in the negotiations.

Marriage 'in;' living together 'out'

Hearst News Service

LOS ANGELES — Living together is out.

The days of premarital shacking up — of hanging the clothes in the same closet and divvying up the electric bill, without benefit of a wedding band — may be coming to a quiet end.

"I thought about moving in with my boyfriend, and then I said, 'No way, Jose.' I want the big commitment rather than kind of stalling around," remembers Cathy Lollar, a 24-year-old Santa Monica paralegal attorney who married her boyfriend this summer after only a four-month courtship.

Although there are no available statistics to substantiate the trend, area psychologists agree that the social experiment that reached its zenith in the early 1970s is coming to an end.

"Living together doesn't work," says Walter Brackelmanns, an associate professor of clinical psychiatry at UCLA.

"People used to think, why not live together and work the bugs out before getting married — that it was another stage toward full commitment," Brackelmanns explains.

"But operationally, that hasn't been true. There really is no commitment until marriage. It has been thought that it would better prepare one for marriage. But in many cases, it has worked the opposite way. It has been a way of avoiding commitment."

As a result, Los Angeles couples are experiencing a return to live-in relationships that begin only after wedding vows have been exchanged. At the same time, dating the same person exclusively for years without living together also has emerged as a significant new trend.

Exclusive dating is steeped in pragmatic considerations, such as avoiding the specter of AIDS. But the decline in premarital cohabitation seems to be borne out of women's growing impatience with their partner's inability to make a long-term commitment.

"It's almost an anti-commitment, living together," says Marian Solomon, a couples therapist in Westwood. "I do see a trend away from living together. People — mostly women — are beginning to take a second look at it."

Pearl Brown, a clinical social worker in Encino, laughs that living together used to be so commonplace in the mid- and late 1970s "that parents would get upset if their kids got married without living together first."

Says Brackelmanns, who counsels couples in Sherman Oaks and Encino, "I have been watching this situation for the past 20 years, and I can hardly think of a couple that lives together in the classic way anymore.

"It used to be: you meet, then sex, then dating, exclusivity, then living together. Now, it's meeting, dating, sex and the commitment to marriage," Brackelmanns says.

Dr. Kenneth Silvers, an Encino-based psychiatrist, says that many couples have come to realize that a comfortable living together arrangement doesn't necessarily guarantee a rewarding marriage.

"Marriage is a major psychological commitment," Silvers says. "But living together in a sort of roommate situation, it's difficult to deal with the in-depth psychological issues of intimacy. One can only partially work out those problems. A commitment to marriage must be made first."

Solomon says she detects a greater preponderance of one partner — usually the woman — offering a matrimonial ultimatum.

It may be too early to determine whether the divorce rate will be affected by the growing disenchantment with premarital cohabitation. But it is clear that more and more couples are diving head-first into marriage before they've had the opportunity to scrutinize each other's most annoying personal habits.

Or, as Silvers describes the phenomenon: "Living together used to be like swimming. You get your feet in, then you get in up to your knees, and then you take the final plunge (into marriage). It was a way of getting married by degrees. But now, the trend is swinging back to (immediate) marriage."

Aztecs blended drink

Copley News Service

The Aztecs of Mexico concocted a drink that blended vanilla pods and cocoa beans long before the first Europeans reached the New World. Thus began the happy marriage of vanilla and chocolate.

Time limited for two-career couples

By PHYLLIS BATTELLE
Hearst News Service

NEW YORK — When both a husband and wife have jobs, how much time do they have to enjoy each other's company? And how do they spend those precious moments?

Wives in such dual-career families were recently surveyed on the matter, and the results were reported in American Sociological Review. Each day, the wives said, they and their spouses spend:

- 44 minutes watching TV together
- 36 minutes sharing homemaking and personal care duties
- 33 minutes a day eating meals together
- 17 minutes talking with each other.

The accumulated average time working couples devote to shared activity turns out to be two hours and five minutes, the largest segment of it spent passively before the TV. The most startling news is that they spend only 8/10 of one percent of each day in conversation. Are they too exhausted to talk? Too dyspeptic after rushing through 33-minute meals? Or too bored with their relationships to dwell verbally on them?

"There's no way to assess broad statistics like these," says a marriage counselor who did not want to be quoted by name until she could analyze the total survey. "For some couples who have happily functioning marriages, 12 minutes of exchanged views is certainly enough — they are comfortable whether without talking a lot. Very busy people in stressful careers can certainly be understood if they come home, briefly fill in a partner on the events of the day, then kick off their shoes and enjoy the silence."

THE ONLY couples she worries about — "and we don't know how many of them were factored into this survey" — are those she sees daily in her suburban New York clinic: spouses who find communication not only difficult but dangerous. "For whatever complex reasons, some husbands and wives have learned from bitter experience that keeping their thoughts to themselves is the best way to keep the relationship intact," the marital psychologist says. "They've reached a level of animosity where one or the other, and sometimes both, find hidden meanings in what to others would seem the most innocent comment, and there's a verbal explosion."

The counselor points out that such "withholding couples" are a fairly common sight in therapists' offices. Some respond to counseling, if the resentments haven't built up for many years. "With an unprejudiced third party, they can often open up and bare their feelings for the first time. Often these terrible tensions began with an extreme sensitivity in one mate, combined with thoughtlessness in the other," she says.

"I'll give you an example. One couple who had been married two years came to me last January. The 25-year-old wife was pretty fast phrase, constantly dieting. For Christmas, her husband had given her a filmy lace nightgown, one size too small. She was furious. She accused him of making fun of her, of being a 'sex maniac,' and exchanged the gift for a silk blouse. The husband admitted he was 'bone-headed' to have bought the wrong size nightgown, but insisted he wasn't trying to 'put her down or make her a sex symbol.' He was offended by 'overreaction and lack of appreciation.'" From such seemingly simple incidents, if they are not discussed openly, do family silences begin.

MISUNDERSTANDINGS, OTHER psychologists agree, are particularly likely to erupt at this season of the year. Christmas and Hannukah are a time for joy and loving boisterousness, but the gift-giving aspect is fraught with potential problems for people who are already under stress by the activities of the holidays. Some doctors have warned that presents often have "hidden meanings" which couples can find offensive.

"It is from such small things that big chills begin," notes the marriage counselor. "They could be prevented with some love and thoughtfulness, and they would even be cured quite quickly if people would just discuss their feelings the moment they feel resentment, instead of letting it build up." And for the sociological survey that shows working couples spend only 12 minutes a day talking to each other? "It doesn't sound like very much," says the counselor, "but it's quite enough if you're content and fulfilled in the relationship. If the marriage is severely strained, 12 minutes might seem an eternity."

Engagements

ADAMS-FOUST

Gina Marie Adams and Mark Douglas Foust, both of Midland, are planning a 2 p.m. Feb. 6 wedding at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Clint Adams and Patricia Adams, both of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gene Foust of Midland.

Miss Adams graduated from Lee High School and attended Midland College. She is employed with Permian Emergency Center. Her fiance also is a graduate of LHS and attended MC. He is employed with Martin Painting.

Gina Marie Adams and Mark Douglas Foust

BRIGHAM-SHEARER

Maria Rose Brigham of Lubbock will become the bride of Jim Harden Shearer, also of Lubbock, 2 p.m., May 14 at First Christian Church in Lubbock. The bride-elect is the daughter of Rose M. Brigham of Midland and the late Ben M. Brigham Jr. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Jim R. Shearer of Lubbock.

Miss Shearer is attending Texas Tech University. Her fiance received a bachelor of science degree in family relations from Texas Tech. He is employed with the Lubbock Adult Probation Department.

Maria Rose Brigham and Jim Harden Shearer

DAVIS-RICHARDSON

Melonye Annette Davis of Odessa and Steven Wayne Richardson of Midland are planning to be married 7 p.m. Jan. 9 at Mabel Holt Glass Memorial Chapel of First United Methodist Church. Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Davis of Odessa. The future bridegroom is the son of Tiene Richardson of Midland and the late Wayne Richardson.

Miss Davis is a graduate of Odessa High School and Aladdin Beauty College. She is a hairdresser in Dallas. Her fiance graduated from Lee High School and Canyon College. He will graduate this month from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, and will be employed in Dallas.

Melonye Annette Davis and Steven Wayne Richardson

BROWN-YOUNG

Melanie Elaine Brown of Dallas will become the bride of Alan Scott Young, also of Dallas, 11 a.m. Feb. 13 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren A. Brown Jr. of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. David Young of Dallas.

Miss Brown graduated from Lee High School in 1980, and earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech University in 1984. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and is employed with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. Her fiance is a 1978 graduate of Richardson High School. He attended the University of Texas, where he was a member of Texas Wranglers, and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1984 with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is employed with State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Melanie Elaine Brown and Alan Scott Young

Club news

MIDLAND STUDY CLUB

Midland Study Club met for a Christmas luncheon at the Plaza Club with 23 members attending. Alice Moxey played Christmas music on a keyboard and Janet Pollard sang. Guests were Wilma Berry, Lorie Melton, Frances Black, Sally Atnipp and Janice Toney.

PEO SISTERHOOD

Chapter DD of the PEO Sisterhood met at the home of Beverly Holmberg. Co-hostesses were Cheryl Thompson, Becky Engelstad, Dee O'Neill and Sarah Frye. Barbershop quartet performers, Dave Frye, Scott Fleming, Donnie Wheeler and Drew Anderson, entertained the chapter. Mary Lynn Stanton and Ms. Englestad sang duets accompanied by Joan Griggs. Guest was Ms. Stanton.

PRECEPTOR ALPHA OMEGA, CHAPTER BSP

Preceptor Alpha Omega Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for a couples' Christmas dinner at Green Tree Country Club. The chapter gave Eunice Dersch a gift of appreciation. Attending were Leona and James Armentrout, Lois and Ed Heath, Nancie and Jack Nunan, Jean and Dick Wilson, Kathleen and Henry Wurtz, Elaine and Bill Conrad, Dot and Bob King, Karren and Bob Ogg, and Myrtle Russell.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, PETROPLEX CHAPTER

Petroplex Chapter of American Business Women's Association met for a Christmas party at the Hill House, which they toured. Members exchanged gifts. Shirley O'Neal presided and said that the "Woman of the Year" would be announced next meeting. Guests were Trudie King and Mrs. Bob Kretzinger.

PERMIAN BASIN GEOLOGICAL, GEOPHYSICAL AUXILIARY

Permian Basin Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. E.L. "Bo" Fennell with 120 members attending. The program was a "Candy Cane Christmas." Mrs. L. Decker Dawson presided.

Hostesses were Mrs. Jack Darden, Mrs. Richard Mendenhall, Mrs. Herb Stanley, Mrs. Don Green, Mrs. Don McGregor, Mrs. Charles King, Mrs. Jack Kirby, Mrs. J. Keith Somerville and Mrs. O. Kenneth Green. Co-chairmen were Mrs. Jim McCreight and Mrs. John Van Auken.

PRAIRIE LEE CLUB

Prairie Lee Club met for a Christmas party in the home of Nora Thornhill with 17 members attending. Members went to Harry's Bar and Grill for a luncheon and exchange of gifts.

ALPHA PHI MU CHAPTER, BSP

Alpha Phi Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Donna Smith with Judy Henson presiding. Attending were Debra Hostas, Angela Goff, Linda Gardner, Kay Martin, Terri Morris, Donna Smith, Brenda Harrell, Twyla Cutter and Pam Vannoy.

The chapter had a ritual for new members, Kathy Nickels and Amy Franks. Sara Summerall, a transferee, joined the chapter. The chapter discussed the Christmas party. The board discussed the rushees. The chapter will make a donation to the Big Spring Hospital.

PYRACANTHA GARDEN CLUB

Pyracantha Garden Club met for a luncheon in the home of Mrs. R.A. Holmberg with 17 members attending. Members exchanged gifts. Clark Storm gave the collect. Mrs. J.A. Auken presided. Mrs. J.C. Powers took members donations to a local nursing home. Co-hostess was Mrs. Robert Pervinsek.

BETA DELTA CHAPTER, BSP

Beta Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Cathy Sherman for a covered dish supper. Secret sisters exchanged gifts.

Attending were Mary Ann Legg, Roseanna Quinlan, Barbara Anderson, Gail Jones, Carlye Keyes, Shelle Stautzenberger, Kay Lamkin, Ann Adams, Carlene Roberson, Cathy Sherman and Birdie Lamkin, advisor.

The chapter discussed the progressive dinner Christmas party which began at the home of Ms. Adams, then went to the homes of Ms. Legg, Ms. Roberson and Ms. Sherman. Attending were Carlene and Mark Roberson, Gail and Joel Jones, Cathy and Larry Sherman, Mary Ann and Al Legg, Toni and Robert Settles, Jane Billingsley, Ms. Lamkin, Ms. Adams and Ms. Quinlan.

PERMIAN BASIN LANDMEN'S AUXILIARY

Permian Basin Landmen's Auxiliary met for a Christmas tea in the home of Ernestine Parkerson. Hostesses were Candy Hadley, Mimi Blackmon, Nancy Matteson and Jo Hart.

GWYN GARDENERS

Gwyn Gardeners met in the home of Mrs. Ron Eidson. Members made a donation to veterans. Co-hostesses were Geneva Monkress and Carol DePaul. Diann Dow introduced Steve Porterfield, who displayed antique dolls and presented the program "Dolls by Steve." Beth Buster introduced the guest, Mrs. John Rotar of California.

BETA PI CONCLAVE, KAPPA KAPPA IOTA

Beta Pi Conclave of Kappa Kappa Iota met for a Christmas tea in the home of Jimmie Lea Mann with 24 members attending. Hostesses were Evelyn Shelby, Maxine Robertson and Evelyn Hamilton.

MIDLAND WOMEN'S CLUB

Midland Women's Club met for a luncheon with Madge Wallis presiding. Ruth Wenck gave the devotional. Hazel Smith presented the program "Did You Know?," on some club's history. Carol Hall introduced Andra Rodden, who presented "Heavenly Christmas Sounds" on the harp.

MIDLAND ALUMNAE CHAPTER, ZETA TAU ALPHA

Midland Alumnae Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha met at the Raquet Club with 40 women and children attending. Special guest was Santa Claus.

Romance, history make furniture best sellers

By BARBARA MAYER
Associated Press

Does romance sell furniture?

The answer seems to be yes, since furniture companies were using the romance of history and locale to sell furniture introduced this fall.

Will Somers, president of Mersman Waldron Furniture Co., says a romantic story about a piece's origins and backgrounds adds a special touch that helps make the cash register ring.

The company found its story in a Canadian antique shop where the firm's design director Dave Miedema saw a small 19th-century table with a $2,600 price tag on it. To the trained designer's eye, the piece revealed an American stylistic influence that suggested it was made by someone familiar with American cabinetmaking.

Perhaps its creator was one of the American Tories who emigrated to Ontario after the American Revolution rather than forsake the British crown. Some of these New England Yankees and Pennsylvania Germans brought their furniture-making skills along and a distinctive American-Canadian furniture was the result.

The romance of the thought intrigued Miedema and the eventual result was a 19-piece "Old Tavistock" collection of wood and upholstered furniture which will be showing up on retail sales floors soon.

"This is not just a table, but a Canadian-American table with the play of history in its every line," said Somers during the recent furniture market in High Point, N. C.

"Our salesmen really got excited about it and the way we are romancing the collection," added the executive, who has instructed salespeople to make sure retailers share these historic tidbits with customers.

Then there's the romance of the West where cowboys roam and furniture can be made of rough-hewn wood and even debarked tree trunks. A bed with four tree-trunk posts created a stir among the retailers attending the market. It was one of a group of roughhewn woodsy beds, tables and chairs created by Rocky Mountain Woods, The Furniture Company of the Naturalist.

This small company with a big name is located in Provo, Utah. The company has been producing furniture for only about four years. However, its unusual raw wood and weathered barnwood beds inset with coral and turquoise stones, its twig chairs with rawhide seats, its lamps and accessories made of tin, logs and rope have been attracting a following in California.

The company got its start in the late 1960s as The Naturalist, according to Jon Clark, co-founder with his wife, Janet. The couple made giftwares from raw materials found in nature, such as pressed dried flowers, birdwhistles and birdhouses.

Eventually, there were Naturalist stores in California and Utah and boutiques in department stores such as Marshall Field and Bloomingdale's. The furniture, designed by Salt Lake City artist Gary Collins, has become so popular the company is phasing out giftwares, said Clark.

Michael S. Greengard, president of John Widdicomb Co., was also high on romance as a sales appeal. He tapped the Art Nouveau era in Europe with reproductions of spectacular originals by European masters.

"The watch, jewelry, clothing and car makers have fulfilled the desire of those who have made a lot of money very young to buy the best," according to Greengard.

Besides history and exotic places, pets are another category of sheer romanticism.

Perhaps that's why B. Brent Atwater took her specialty line to market. Atwater paints exact likenesses of people's pets on materials such as linen canvas and silk moire, and then mounts the pictures on a pillow.

She launched her custom portrait business in 1986 and says in order to accurately detail the pet's markings as well as capture its personality, she usually requires personal interaction with her subjects.

Planning ahead helps couples survive crises

Associated Press

Some marriages seem to hum along for years without troubles, but most eventually face a stern test of the "for better or for worse" vows. Professional counselors know that facing a crisis in the right frame of mind is the key to a marriage's survival.

Even rock-steady marriages can be stressed by the jolt of a crisis. Whether it's facing cancer surgery or learning a spouse is addicted to drugs, stress points arise in every couple's life.

Not all stress points develop from tragedy, says Better Homes and Gardens magazine. Many predictable, life-in-progress episodes such as the birth of a first child or retirement can cause strain. Any sudden shift in the direction of either or both members of the marriage carries the potential for generating stress.

All of these situations cause stress because they require change, upsetting the "ground rules" on which the marriage was based. "Unless a couple is good at coordinating the process of change, they will be torn apart," says family therapist and psychiatrist Dr. Frank Pittman of Atlanta.

Most couples can identify one or more ways to solve their problem, notes Pittman. The difficulty lies in overcoming the inflexibility that interferes with putting those solutions to work. "As human animals, we devote much of our energy striving to avoid change," Pittman says. Yet, couples who can change are the ones most likely to survive and even grow from the inevitable stresses.

Often 20-20 foresight is the best way to get through a crisis. Couples who have planned for the storm before it brews are best able to weather the crisis. But no matter how well prepared, there will be stress points in marriage. Here are some strategies to help stress-proof a marriage.

- First, talk to one another and ask each other what the options are for dealing with the problems. Discuss feelings, fears and hopes.
- Try to get help from others. Too much sharing can be a burden when the couple has no outside support.
- A third strategy is to be ready and willing to change roles and rules. Established patterns may need to be changed abruptly in a crisis. Adapting to even small changes of routine can lead to big arguments. Rigidity often produces more problems than the stressful event itself.
- Another important consideration is to allow angry feelings. Anger is a common response to stress, yet many people feel they must always be caring and understanding. Couples need to be willing to conflict to solve problems and discover what the other partner might be feeling. Anger doesn't have to be directed toward a spouse, however. Anger can be directed toward the circumstances and can be released outside the marriage.
- Keep active in times of crisis. It's important to have a plan for coping with the problem. Schedule activities such as meetings or exercise classes.
- Another strategy is to be prepared to change established family goals. Couples usually agree, either tacitly or openly, on certain objectives for the marriage, yet even the most important goals may be altered in a crisis. However, avoid unnecessary changes.
- Finally, recognize that life has suffering

Diamonds shine in men's world

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — While diamonds have always been considered a girl's best friend, diamond jewelry for men is fast becoming popular also, according to Woodrow Fleming, jewelry expert for a Richmond-based retailer.

He advises the buyer to pay special attention to the wearer's occupation, considering such questions as: Will he wear the ring or bracelet all the time? Is it comfortable on a moving hand?

Fleming notes that diamonds come in all shapes and forms and vary in quality. He suggests that anyone planning to buy a diamond bracelet, ring, chain or earring for a man should check the American Gem Society's four basic considerations before making a selection: carat, color, clarity and cut.

- Carat weight: the price of a diamond is determined not so much by carat weight as by its cut, color and clarity. A smaller, higher quality stone will be worth much more than a larger, badly cut or yellow-hued diamond.
- Color: while there are rare diamonds that are very valuable because they have an unusual color, absence of color is what makes most diamonds valuable.
- Clarity: this term refers to any marks, bubbles, clouds or scratches inside or on the surfaces of the diamond.
- Cut: even the biggest diamond will have less value if it's cut incorrectly. If the stone is cut at the wrong angle, light will not be reflected properly and the diamond will not sparkle.

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Minister blames society for holiday depression

By IRENE GARDNER KEENEY
Hearst News Service

Milo Thornberry says one of the best Christmas gifts he heard about last year was a Christmas Day out of the kitchen — no grocery shopping, cooking or cleaning — for an Ohio mother, the hostess for large annual family Christmas dinners. Another gift was a hand-sewn cross-stitched picture of 12 grandchildren for a Connecticut grandmother; a third was a video tape made from a 1932 film of her parents' wedding for a mother in Maryland.

Thornberry is a Methodist minister and the director of Alternatives, a not-for-profit organization in Ellenwood, Ga., founded in 1973 as a protest against the commercialization of Christmas. Every year he invites consumers to enter his annual contest for the best and worst Christmas gifts. Winners have $500 contributed to the non-profit, humanitarian organization of their choice. Runners-up have $100 donated in their names.

While he believes that giving gifts is an important ingredient in human relationships, Thornberry says the practice is often abused. The custom of gift-giving at Christmas in our culture has grown to exaggerated absurdity, he says, and has led to something psychologists call the "holiday depression syndrome," or HDS.

Thornberry says no Christmas season is complete without psychologists and therapists hitting the air waves to give advice about coping with HDS. He says he has no quarrel with what he hears on those programs — it's what he doesn't hear that bothers him.

THERE ARE some important contributing factors to HDS that the psychologists and therapists seem to ignore, says Thornberry. Those factors are all related to the mass media images of the "good Christmas" — an artillery barrage that begins to rain down on us just about the time we are carving scary faces on pumpkins. That's not surprising, he says, because about half the year's advertising dollars are spent in the last quarter of the year.

But, what does that have to do with HDS, you may ask? Plenty, he responds, offering seven good reasons for holiday depression:

■ If you are going to be alone at Christmas, you must confront daily reminders from ads and programs that celebrating Christmas is for family and friends. You don't measure up to this society's standards for a "good Christmas." Being lonely is bad any time, but being constantly reminded of your situation is worse.

■ Even if you are going to be with family and friends, you have to contend with the standards set for "happy family and friends." When we see commercials or the programs, we see idealized pictures of family harmony. We, on the other hand, know that when our family gets together, there are tensions, and sometimes warfare. The problem is not family tensions or conflicts; the problem is that we measure ourselves by the media images of a "happy family." Of course, we come up short and feel guilty.

■ If you want to observe Christmas as a holy day, you realize that all around you the center of attention is the advent of Santa Claus, not the birth of a baby two thousand years ago. That jolly old man in the red suit has been transformed from a selfless giver into a Madison Avenue huckster who sells our children everything from beer to killer dolls.

BUT, IT'S more than Santa Claus. Thornberry says the dust had not settled around the rubble on Wall Street after the "Crash of '87," when headlines carried dire warnings of the consequences of reduced consumer spending this Christmas. The message was clear: What is really important about Christmas is spending money — lots of it.

■ If you are Jewish, you have a tough time keeping Hanukkah from being a "Jewish Christmas." The significance of the Feast of Hanukkah lies in the struggle of Jews to preserve their integrity against social pressure for assimilation. It is ironic that its popular celebration in some Jewish homes is often an example of just such assimilation, thanks to the tremendous cultural and economic forces swirling around Christmas. Thornberry says one need not be Christian, Jew or have any religious affiliation at all to be concerned about the influence the commercialization of Christmas has on children and adults alike.

■ If you are poor, Christmas is not for you. Although we are told that Jesus' coming was "good news to the poor," the way we celebrate His coming in this society could hardly be so described, he says. If you believe the not-so-subtle messages in Christmas advertising that spending more is better, then Christmas seems to have become a time to remind the poor of their poverty.

■ Even if you are not poor, but your resources are limited, you may feel the pinch at not being able to provide this society's notion of a "good Christmas." Sometimes it is only when you see all the stuff under the tree that you realize just how much you have gone into debt to provide a "good Christmas." If Christmas morning doesn't do it, the arrival of the bills in January will.

■ If you are not poor, and can buy whatever you want, joy at Christmas does not automatically follow.

ALL IN all, Thornberry concludes, there are a good many reasons to be depressed at Christmastime. It may be that HDS is like the red warning light in our car; it comes on to let us know that something is wrong.

In the midst of the holiday season, if you get a little sad and depressed, Thornberry suggests you might consider that the screw that's loose might not be in your head, but in our society. You might even consider getting mad.

Joys of childhood lost to depression

By BARBARA FITZSIMMONS
Copley News Service

Six-year-old Kimberly was having trouble sleeping at night and didn't feel much like eating, not even peanut butter and jelly sandwiches — her favorite.

At school, the first-grader dawdled over her studies and seemed to have lost interest in her friends.

Though she didn't tell anyone, Kimberly also began to wish she would die, and started thinking about how to do it.

When her mother took the child to a doctor to see what was wrong, she was stunned to learn that Kimberly was suffering from a deep, long-term depression. The exact cause was difficult to determine — there were stresses at home and a close relative had died the year before — but whatever the reason, like adults and teenagers who experience the disturbing disorder, young Kimberly had lost her joy in life.

"Fifty years ago, no one would have believed it could happen," said Susan Nolen-Hoeksema, a Stanford University professor and pioneer in the field of childhood depression. "It was thought that because of the way young children think about the world that they didn't get depressed. It has only been 10 years since it has been taken seriously. Children do get depressed."

In fact, long-term or "clinical" depression, that frightening void that can last for months and interfere with normal functioning, can touch children as young as 4, and may strike even younger.

THE NATIONAL Institute of Mental Health estimates that between 6 and 10 percent of all children between the ages of 6 and 12 have suffered or do suffer from clinical depression. (Figures for younger children are not available.)

And there are indications that the phenomenon is growing.

"There is a despair, a loneliness out there," said Nolen-Hoeksema, noting that the rate of adult depression has risen sharply over the last 30 years and that depression among children may reflect that rise when more figures are compiled.

"There is instability in the family unit. There is a lack of community," she continued.

Once depression sets in, symptoms can be much the same for youngsters as they are for adults, right down to thoughts of ending life.

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"These children often have suicidal thoughts," said Merriel Mandell, a marriage, family and child counselor who regularly works with depressed children. "They may feel that life is not worth anything, that they are not worth anything."

Children don't carry out such thoughts often, but the National Center for Health Statistics lists suicide as the sixth leading cause of death among 5- to 14-year-old children. About one in every 123,000 children actually takes his own life.

Despite such grim figures, those who work with depressed children say that when the problem is recognized early, treatment can be successful and long-lasting. A variety of family and recreational therapies is used. Anti-depressant drugs, the answer for many adults and teenagers, also may be prescribed to children today.

BUT WHAT exactly is it that sends a 6-year-old to the brink of despair? Those who work in the field cite a number of possibilities.

Nolen-Hoeksema's studies, done in conjunction with researchers from Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania, focus on two likely causes: major life events, such as the divorce of parents or the death of a parent; and something the researchers feel may be even more important, called "explanatory style."

"This is how children explain life events," Nolen-Hoeksema said. "For instance, if they get a bad mark on a test, do they say, 'Oh, I guess I wasn't very well prepared,' or do they say, 'I failed because I'm stupid?' "

Double trouble prevails when a child with pessimistic explanatory style experiences major life events, Nolen-Hoeksema said.

Mandell agreed with Nolen-Hoeksema's assessments and gives the problem an even broader interpretation. She sees four main catalysts in youthful depression:

■ There is a history of depression in the family. "It is not clear how it is passed on, but my sense is that it is in some way biologically determined," she said.

There is a general belief among mental health professionals today that some cases of depression are caused by chemical factors in the body, which can be passed from generation to generation.

■ There is a major crisis in the family or a number of overwhelming things happen at once — a child suffers a disabling injury, his favorite pet dies and the family moves to a new neighborhood, all within a short period of time.

■ The child has a disability that is not readily apparent, such as a learning disability, severe allergies or poor bladder control.

"All of these things can lower a child's self-esteem," Mandell said.

■ There is long-term stress in the family. One parent may be alcoholic or disabled. There may be troubling financial difficulties. Or, the parents may have unrealistic expectations of the child.

EVEN WORSE can result if one or both parents suffer from long-term depression.

An ongoing study by the National Institute for Mental Health has produced findings that children of depressed parents experience more problems — and more depression.

Mandell is quick to point out that not all depression is bad, however. Short-term depression caused by some type of loss is a healthy part of a natural grieving process.

Any depression that interferes with regular functioning for more than several weeks is cause for concern, however, Mandell said.

The child may have problems eating and sleeping, he may appear anxious and he may have difficulty concentrating. He may act up in school or he may become unusually withdrawn.

At times, because children have difficulty expressing themselves, depression can be difficult to determine. "Lots of times, just the smile goes out of their eyes," Mandell said.

For her initial assessment, Mandell has children draw pictures of their families or play in a sandbox she keeps in her office.

Though depression can be devastating, those who work with depressed kids believe the younger the patient, the better when diagnosis is made. If young children learn how to handle depression, they may be able to escape its grip as adults.

Holiday 'blues' can be overcome

WASHINGTON (AP) — Holidays are happy, family times, advertising and seasonal displays say. But not everyone has family at hand, or can get to them at this time of year.

People who live alone find the holiday season the most isolating time of year, combining the seasonal pressures to be with family and the natural dreariness of winter, reports the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maryland.

Human development specialists at the university offer several suggestions for coping:

■ Learn the difference between being lonely and being alone. People ill at ease can feel lonely even in a crowd, but people by themselves don't have to be lonely or depressed.

Time spent alone can be used creatively and productively — learning a new language, for example, or working out at a gym. Absorbing pastimes keep the mind off being alone.

■ Take a short trip. Getting away provides real refuge from the holidays. But find someplace that doesn't remind you of home or the holidays.

■ Take your mind off yourself by helping others. Volunteer to spend time with needy children, senior citizens, hospital patients or the handicapped. It's surprising how much reaching out can build self-esteem.

■ Indulge yourself. Don't limit charity to others. Buy a luxury item you've always craved, but repeatedly resisted. Or set aside an entire day devoted to your favorite pastime — window shopping, listening to music, redecorating, whatever. Your mood will soar.

■ Invite other singles for a celebration with all the trimmings. You may not have your own family, but can create a new one of friends.

'The nose' knows: Fragrances soothe

Copley News Service

Yale scientists are proving what your nose already knows: Certain fragrances alter your mood and mind.

The science is called aromatherapy and, until now, it has received about as much respect as reading tea leaves. But in a study of 48 people, Yale researchers found that sniffing floral and apple fragrances lowered blood pressure and heart rate. Peach fragrance soothed one patient with severe panic attacks and epilepsy, and lavender was found to make people more alert.

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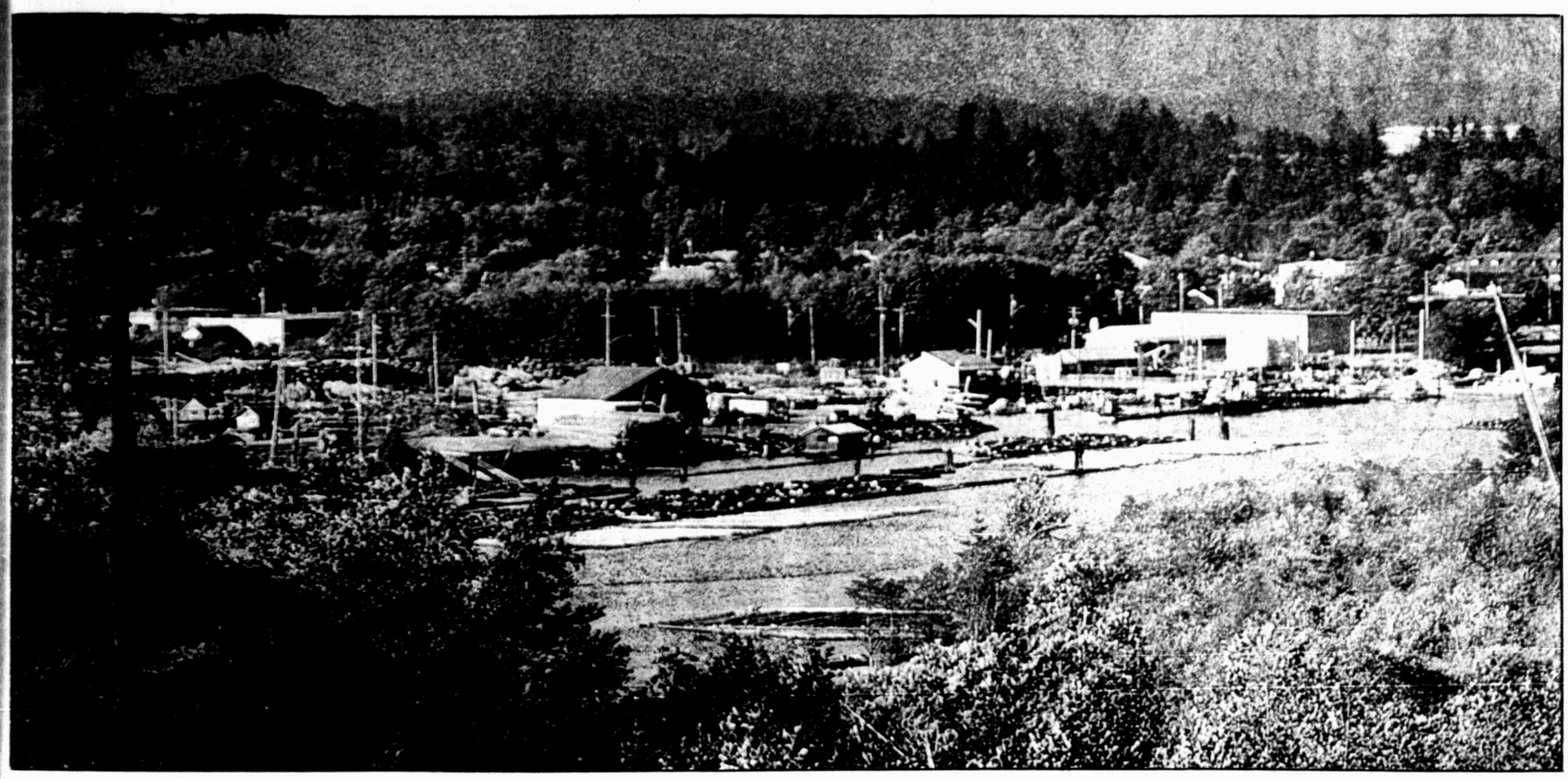

Abundant Isle

Text and Photos by JERRY MENNENGA

British Columbia is a diverse province located in southwestern Canada offering a solace for anyone seeking a little time away. One of the best ways to see this Canadian province is by car. Cars can be rented locally.

British Columbia has many environments encapsulated into one place.

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Driving throughout both Vancouver Island and the mainland, many small communities dot the roadways. Each community specializes in a different industry. Scenic, rural landscapes are abundant along the roadways to the smaller cities, all of which seem to offer a warm welcome to visitors.

The island community of Courtenay is surrounded by pastoral farm scenes where dairy farms are a predominant sight. Port Alberni, located in central Vancouver Island, has a strong heritage of forestry. Its first mill was built in 1864. It also has over 300 commercial fishing vessels operating out of the Alberni Inlet. Sport fishing is another major draw for salmon fishermen.

Along the western coast of the Vancouver Island runs the Pacific Rim Highway with hard sand beaches that extend for miles and a rain forest with hiking trails. The weather is enjoyable year-round. During the spring, migrating whales and sea lions can be seen off the beaches.

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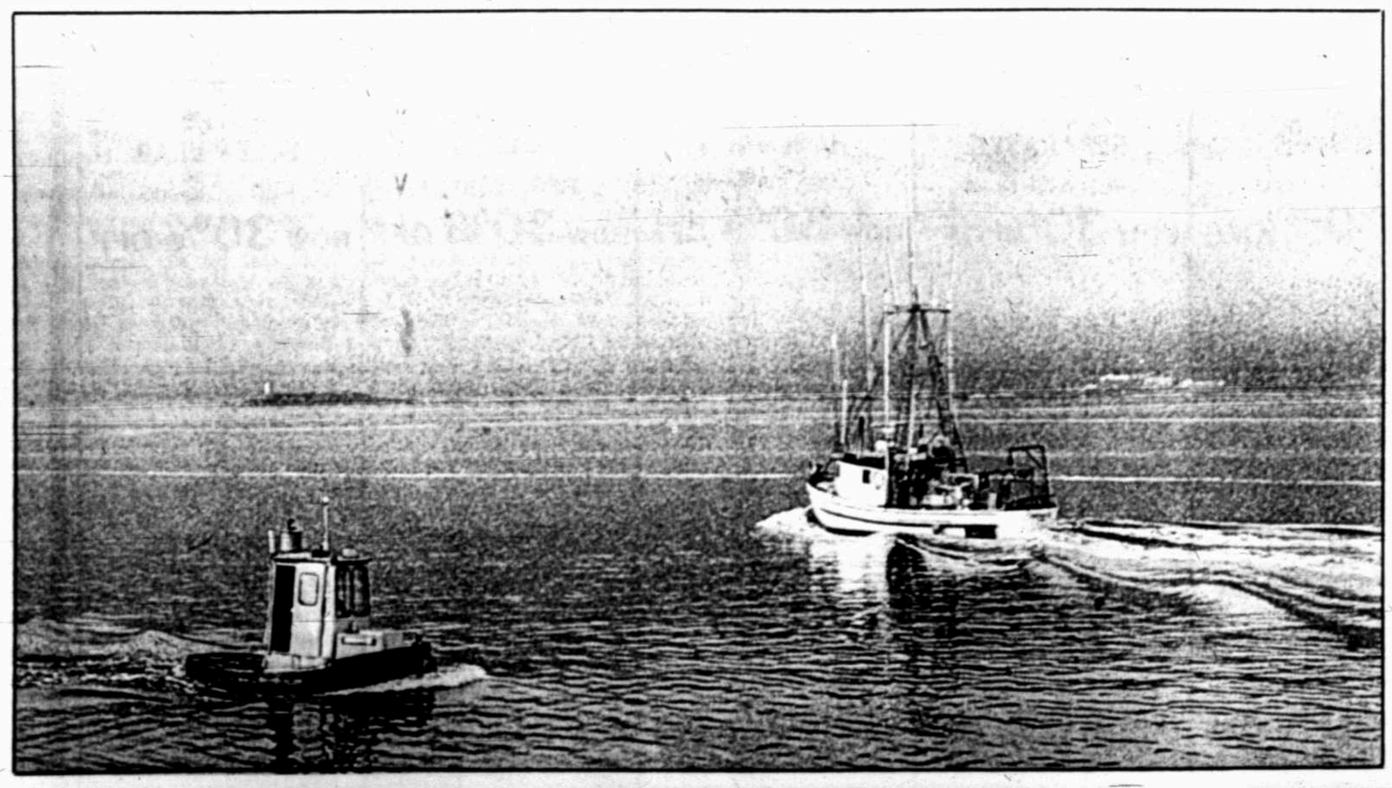

Lumber mills, such as this one (top photo) located at Lilooet, British Columbia, provide the Canadian province's number two industry, tourism being number one. British Columbia uses a rotating type of production for harvesting trees. Passers-by will encounter various forests that are marked for future production some time after the year 2088. Fishing is another vital industry (center left photo) in British Columbia. These two boats are operating in the Alberni Inlet on Vancouver Island. Rustic scenes (center right photo), such as this barn can be found in central Vancouver Island as well as on the mainland. Farm land is a common site (bottom photo) in central Vancouver Island near the city of Courtenay.

around town

Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show and World Championship Indoor Rodeo will be Saturday and Jan. 5-9 at Ector County Coliseum in Odessa.

There will be dances 6-9 p.m. nightly at Building "G." Entertainment will be provided by Darrell McCall and the Tennessee Volunteers, Jan. 2; Gary Bonnett Band, Jan. 5-6; Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke Band, Jan. 7; Augie Meyers Band, Jan. 8; and Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, Jan. 9.

General admission is $5 and loge seats are $6. All seats are reserved. For information call 366-3541..

...**THE SCIENCE PLACE** Museum in Fair Park, Dallas, will have an animated dinosaur exhibit through January. Created by Dinamation, the dinosaurs will be displayed in primitive habitats and are designed to look, sound and move like the actual prehistoric reptiles.

For tickets call (214) 421-DINO or Rainbow Ticketmaster outlets at (214) 787-2000 or (214) 787-1500. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and the museum is open holidays except for Christmas...

...**MIDLAND RAPE** Crisis Center is accepting men and women volunteers. Instruction will be offered in counseling, on child sexual abuse, medical and law enforcement needs and legalities. For more information call 682-RAPE...

...**MIDLAND REPORTER-TELEGRAM'S** Lifestyle department is looking for non-profit organizations who have published cookbooks to be featured in the "What's Cooking" series.

For more information call 682-5311, ext. 127...

...**MIDLAND COMMUNITY** Theatre will have auditions in April for its Dance Concert 1988, a dance performance produced in conjunction with Midland College.

The concert will consist of three acts: dances from musicals, a dance suite and a potpourri section which will include all styles of dances.

Anyone interested in auditioning or volunteering may call 682-2544...

...**SAN ANGELO** Museum of Fine Arts will feature an exhibit titled "Color Magic in Wool." It will be on display through Jan. 3.

The artist is Lloyd W. Blanks. His art works in this exhibit use only wool yarns in a full range and combination of colors.

The museum is located at East Ave. C and Burgess Street in the Quartermaster Building on the grounds of Fort Concho in San Angelo.

For more information or to arrange a guided tour call (915) 658-4084...

...**TALL CITY** Road Riders will meet 7:30 p.m. Jan. 7 in the meeting room of the Rodeway Inn, 3601 West Wall. For more information call 682-9669 or 684-2381...

...**LADIES ASSOCIATION** of Ranchland Hills Country Club will meet 11:30 a.m. Jan. 6 at the club for a luncheon, book review and informal modeling.

Reservations must be made by Jan. 5. For more information or to make reservations call 682-3729...

...**NORTHEAST MIDLAND** County Volunteer Fire Department will host a New Year's Eve dance 8:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Thursday at Midland County Exhibit Building on E. Highway 80.

Music will be classic Western swing, performed by Southland. Setups will be available — BYOB.

Tickets are $4 per person in advance or $5 per person at the door. Proceeds will help purchase equipment for the department.

For more information call 685-1985, 682-8972 or 683-6978...

...**MIDLAND COUNTY** Public Library's Amazing Events will feature "The Cat in the Hat" by Dr. Seuss, which is 30 years old, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Library, 301 W. Missouri.

This is a special celebration and there will be a film showing. Children and adults are welcome to attend. For more information call 683-2708...

...**FORT WORTH** Stock Show and Rodeo will be Jan. 22-Feb. 7 at the Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum. Tickets are available at the Rodeo Ticket Office in the lobby of the Coliseum or at all Rainbow-Ticket Master locations.

Call toll-free 1-800-992-8000 in Texas for more information.

Show times are 8 p.m. Friday-Sunday, 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 10 a.m. matinees Monday-Friday...

...**BIG SPRING** Chamber of Commerce announces upcoming major events for the city. The Rattlesnake Roundup will be March 26-27, Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will be June 22-25, Howard County Fair will be Sept. 19-24 and the Arts and Crafts Festival will be Oct. 15.

For more information call (915) 263-7641...

...**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS** Society Support Group will have an education/support meeting 7-9 p.m. Jan. 7 at Cardiocentral, 415 W. 8th, in Odessa.

Gayleen Ienatsch and Debra McPherson, registered dietician, will discuss diet and nutrition for persons with MS. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 697-6113...

Sam Hollis Photography

The 1987 Minuet Debutantes are, from left, Shannon Sue Burnett, Sara Lyn Purvis, Amy Louise Hubbard, Kathleen Michelle Kelly, Kristi Ruth Way, Paige Lynley Black, Kay Elizabeth Knox, Frances Sabrina Haley, Nancy Shelton Sumner, Elizabeth Ashley Beal, and Laura Lee Steele.

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Central British Columbia, north of Vancouver, is the home of more timber production areas. Off some backroads, one can catch glimpses of forests that have been harvested and burned off. From these harvested and burned areas will spring forth new forests which will be harvested a number of years later.

Some interesting sights can be found in little whistlestop towns such as Pemberton where freight and passenger trains pass through on a regular schedule. The town contains about 100 residents. A dirt road running 85 miles from Pemberton to Lilooet can take visitors through some pretty backcountry that is marked with landslide signs.

Driving through British Columbia is easy to do on available roads. It is a relaxing way to see the sights and spending some time by yourself or with the family.

Only agressive, impolite people get airport luggage carts

By FRED FERRETTI
Copley News Service

My friend Al says that when it comes to securing airport terminal luggage carts "you have to be absolutely aggressive and impolite."

Ordinarily, I don't subscribe to such harshness, for basically I am a gentle person, but I have concluded that Al is right. For these wheeled metal carriers, which so closely resemble those carts we fill with cereals and coupon specials and then push to supermarket checkout counters, become so necessary, so valuable when overstuffed luggage has to be moved from here to there that people will seemingly do anything to get one.

Strategies for getting hold of a cart before one's neighbor even knows he has been aced out of one differ, as do methods that are to be used, yet as I see them unfurling about me I know that Al is right.

It was just after a recent arrival at John F. Kennedy Airport's International Arrivals Terminal that I went to pick up a luggage cart. Carts are in different places in different airports. Some places, like San Francisco's International Airport, even charge for them and I have found it amusing to watch cart grabbers grow increasingly more angry as they try to force carts through locked bars in order to avoid paying a $1 use fee. I know how it feels. I tried once. At JFK this is not a problem. The carts just sit around waiting to be used.

At any rate I had just stepped off a flight from London, had walked through the immigration area of JFK where the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service thoughtfully keeps tourists and visitors penned up for a while so as to heighten the joy of their arrival in America, and was on my way to the moving beltway that would eventually disgorge my luggage, when I thought I had better get a cart.

I reached for one, only to have it snatched away by a woman who smiled at me with what I knew to be triumphant contempt.

I walked a few feet where another cart stood and reached for it.

"That's mine," said a man.

"Yours? Why is it yours?" I asked.

"My hand was on it," he said. "See, my hand is on it."

His hand was on it, I saw, so I gave up and went to another cart, only to see a hand resting on it.

"You can't have that cart. It's mine. I reserved it," said a woman, hanging her handbag from the cart's push-bar.

"How can you reserve a luggage cart?" I asked.

"Of course you can reserve a cart. You can reserve anything," the woman said.

With carts rolling all about me and being claimed by agile people, I became depressed. Then a fellow came up to me and asked, "Do you want a cart? Do you know how to get a cart?"

I shook my head, no.

"What you do is not get yourself involved in this rat race," he said. "Just go over on the other side of the customs inspectors. After people have had their luggage checked they have to go outside and those carts never leave this area. They can't fit through those bars. So what you do is hang around until somebody is ready to leave and then you ask him for his cart."

Sure enough, a couple passed through customs, reached the bars at the end of the counter and began looking for a porter. "Could I have your luggage cart?" I asked.

"If you'll help us unload it," the woman half of the couple replied.

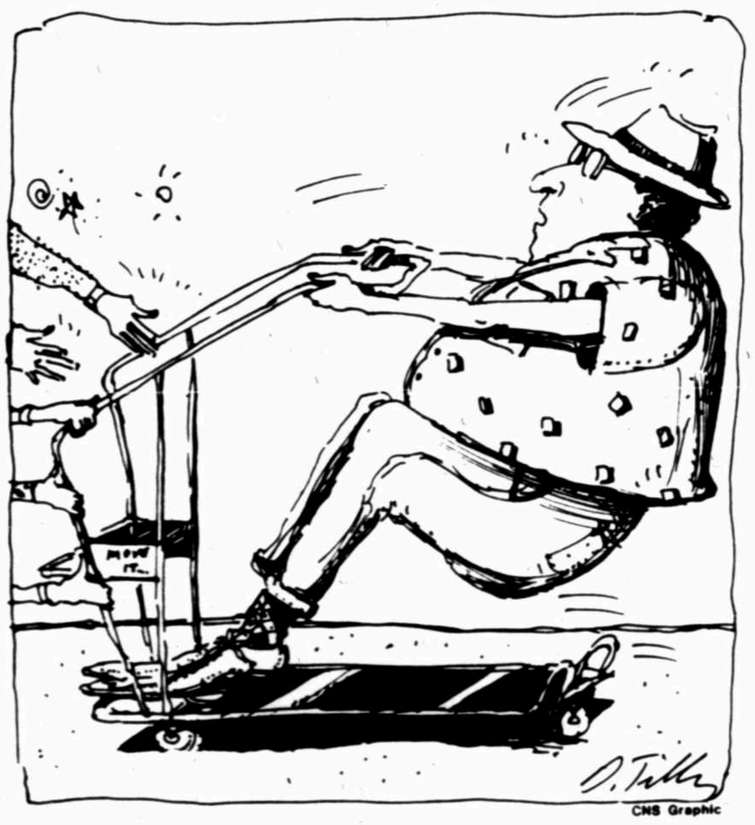
That was reasonable, I thought, and I lifted suitcases from the cart and put them on the floor. I then reached for the push-bar only to see two hands — not mine — clutching it. But the cart was mine, I said, I had unloaded it, earned it.

"But was your hand on it?" asked the fellow whose hands were on it.

"Well," I replied.

"Nonsense," he said, walking off with my cart.

I mean, is Al right or not?



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Canadian ski lodge rustic

By RUTH ROBINSON
New York Times News Service

Save for the purist who insists on skiing the 16 miles, most wintertime visitors to Mount Assiniboine Lodge in the Canadian Rockies are whisked in by helicopter, as we were. The 15-minute ride from the muddy Mount Shark Heliport above Bryant Creek and over Assiniboine Pass was exhilarating. Suddenly there was a new world below with white snow interspersed with dark patches of larch, spruce and fir.

Ahead, rising above a circle of jagged peaks, loomed the 11,780-foot pyramid of Mount Assiniboine. Here and there tiny figures gliding along ski tracks were visible. Then we swooped over some log cabins with red roofs and landed right outside the lodge. Barb Renner greeted us over the noise of the rotors and hurriedly steered us away so that those going out could take our places.

She and her husband, Sepp, operate the lodge, which harks back to the early days of skiing in North America. It was built in the summer of 1928 by the Canadian Pacific Railway on the recommendation of Erling Strom and the Marquis Nicholas degli Albizzi. Strom, then the ski instructor at the Lake Placid Club, and the Marquis, the winter sports director at the fashionable resort in New York State, had brought a party of Easterners to British Columbia, to the base of Mount Assiniboine the spring before. They had stayed at rustic cabins belonging to the Alpine Club of Canada and were impressed by the area's potential for a ski resort.

"BEFORE US lay the most beautiful little valley one could imagine, and as well adapted to skiing as any we could hope to find," he wrote in his book, "Pioneers on Skis." The passage described his first glimpse of the place he was to return to regularly for more than 50 years. And he extolled the Matterhorn of Canada, as Mount Assiniboine is known. "Its shape is more nearly perfect than the Matterhorn and the foreground with Lake Magog in the center, is much prettier than that of the Matterhorn."

Strom took parties into Assiniboine each spring for 11 years. In those days the trip entailed a ski trek of two or three days each way. But people were no longer willing to endure such a trip with the advent in the 1930s of downhill resorts to which they could drive. Though the lodge stayed open in the summer, ski business tailed off, and by the mid-1930s Mount Assiniboine Lodge was closed for the winter.

In the 70s, with cross-country skiing soaring in popularity, organizations like the Alpine Club of Canada and Canadian Mountain Holidays would occasionally bring in a group, but it was not until the Renners took over in 1984 that Mount Assiniboine Lodge was again open on a regular basis in the winter.

On our trip last April, our party of three was assigned to one of six outlying log cabins a short walk from the lodge. It was fitted out with two bunks, a single bed and a double bed, all with cozy down comforters. Some guests were accommodated in the lodge proper.

The Renners provide everything for the comfort of their guests except for electricity and, in the cold months, running water. Each cabin has a propane stove upon which buckets of snow can be heated to produce hot water for washing.

WATER FOR the main building and the sauna comes from a spring behind the lodge and is transported on a wooden sled made by Renner modeled after the ones he knew as a child in the Swiss Alps. While the lodge has indoor plumbing in the summer, all guests in the winter use outhouses, which are discreetly set in the trees a short stroll away. Some regulars feel the Renners are pampering their guests too much. "Please don't improve anything else," said a skier from Calgary, noting the propane lamp that had replaced the kerosene lantern in her cabin.

The Renners set an excellent table. Breakfast, served at 8 a.m., invariably included fresh fruit, yogurt, a dry and a hot cereal, freshly baked muffins or sticky buns, with the main course perhaps a cheese omelet with bacon, poached eggs and sausage, or blueberry clafouti, a custardlike confection.

Over breakfast, Sepp Renner, a qualified mountain guide certified by the International Federation of Mountain Guides, would outline the two trips scheduled for the day, taking one group himself, delegating the other to a qualified member of his staff. Guests are welcome to take jaunts on their own, and many do, but it is advisable for newcomers to participate in an organized trip. The guides know where to find the best snow and how to avoid avalanches. No guests have ever been caught in a snowslide, according to Mrs. Renner.

Formal lessons are not offered at Assiniboine. However, on each trip the guide gives pointers on technique, particularly with regard to descending steep slopes. It's a good opportunity to master the telemark turn, used most often on wide, open slopes where there is room for a series of long graceful arcs. Altogether, a day's outing runs six or seven hours, covering perhaps 10 or 12 miles, though skiers are always free to head back early on their own.

MRS. RENNER, who with the couple's children — Andre, Sara and Natalie — spends weekends, holiday weeks and summers at the lodge, leads a nice leisurely tour. Our first day she took seven of us by easy stages up through the sparse trees to Wonder Pass, which at 7,850 feet is on the Continental Divide, the boundary with Alberta. Since the temperature was high, around 80 degrees, the snow was slushy and we used skins, imitation sealskin fitted over the skis to prevent them from sliding backward.

We took a run down to a lookout, where we ate lunch and amused ourselves watching little avalanches rolling off the peaks. With the sun beating down we were glad we had borrowed baseball caps to shade our faces. The return was a pleasant downhill by way of Gog Lake and the Naiset Cabins, where Erling Strom stayed on his first visit to the park. Situated on Lake Magog, they are about a quarter of a mile from Assiniboine Lodge and still take guests.

On succeeding days our horizons broadened. We became familiar with the distinctive Nublet and Nub Peak, could distinguish Assinboine Pass, between Cave Mountain and Mount Cautley, and Wonder Pass, flanked by Wonder Peak and The Towers.

Lunch, always taken on the trail, was sometimes shared by cheeky whisky-jacks that flew down and took food right from our hands. Lunch was assembled after breakfast from a vast quantity of ingredients laid out on a table, and there was hot tea or coffee for thermos bottles.

Upon our return from skiing, tea was served on the porch outside the dining room in good weather, otherwise in the living room that Mr. Strom added between 1958 and 1963.

SEATING IS on log sofas covered with rawhide and red-and-black-checked blankets. The red door and the cement above the corner fireplace are ornamented with rosemaling, flowery Norwegian patterns. There were always pitchers of fruit juices as well as tea. Sometimes rich cake was served or cheeses, nuts and smoked oysters. Another day we sat out in the sun and gorged ourselves on nachos swimming in hot melted cheese with olives and fresh tomato.

Three days a week, activity at Assiniboine Lodge revolves around the arrival of the helicopter. On Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays ski trips may be cut short so that the staff can be on hand to unload and load the helicopter. This tends to disrupt the harmony for those staying on. Yet it is comforting to know that in the event of an accident the injured person can be whisked out to a hospital in 30 minutes.

My Mom has always been a worrier. I have told her many times that she just couldn't be happy if she weren't worrying about something.

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Serious skiers dream of Jackson Hole, Wyo.

By DAVE SICCARDI
Copley News Service

Jackson Hole is a name that inspires reverence in anyone who has stepped onto a pair of skis for anything more than a casual fling.

Set at the edge of the rugged Tetons in the cowboy state of Wyoming, Jackson Hole strikes at skiers' dreams with slopes so steep and powder so deep only the expert and the daring need apply. It is a place of crags and rocky chutes popularized by posters of skiers performing aerial maneuvers bordering on the insane.

As the largest U.S. ski area, Jackson Hole deserves the awe it inspires. The resort sprawls across two mountains rising sharply from a valley floor. The mountains, Rendezvous and Apres Vous, offer 2,400 skiable acres and a 4,139-foot vertical rise. It is this rise, served by five chair lifts and an aerial tram, that makes skiing here so special. The mountain seems to just drop away to the valley below. Fantastic views are everywhere.

THE BIG secret about Jackson Hole is that to enjoy all this you don't have to be an expert skier who eats broken skis for breakfast.

Steep but well-groomed bowls named Caspar, Laramie, Cirque and Amphitheatre offer great terrain for the average skier. Intermediates can find a new challenge on each run with a more advanced route always available as confidence increases. Some of these are like a comfortable country road, while others will make you think that somehow you lost the ski area and wandered onto a cross-country trail.

Lift lines are not a problem. The area is so big, the wait is never long — with the possible exception of late spring, when the best snow may be found only on the higher slopes.

There is a European flavor to this ski area, attributable in part to Austrian skier Pepi Steigler, an Olympic gold medalist, and others who have been involved with Jackson Hole since the resort opened in 1965. Before becoming a ski area it was known as the Crystal Springs Girls Camp and Dude Ranch.

Strains of yodeling can be heard on the mountain, as well as the rock 'n' roll blaring from outdoor speakers at the clock-tower restaurant at midmountain. Completed in 1986, the restaurant provides a large, comfortable stopping place with its high ceilings, clean restrooms and ample indoor and outdoor seating.

At the mountain's base, Teton Village, restaurants offer everything from a quick beer and hot dog to excellent meals of venison and elk in the four-star dining room of the popular Alpenhof. Apres-ski watering holes such as Dietrichs and the Mangy Moose are great places to unwind and tell tales of derring-do. The village offers condominium accommodations and resort hotels, all within walking distance of the lift lines.

THE RACQUET Club, four miles south of the ski area, has modern, well-decorated condominiums with attention to quality and luxury. It is not unusual to find a moose munching willows outside your window here. The Racquet Club has a complete athletic facility with saunas, whirlpools and steam rooms for tired muscles. Free bus shuttles to Teton Village run from the club's center, which boasts a well-stocked market and Stiegler's restaurant, which serves fine food in a small, but warm and comfortable, dining room.

It is 12 miles from the ski area to the town of Jackson. Jackson offers more lodging, including the Americana Snow King resort. Night skiing at the smaller Snow King makes it a favorite spot for local ski parties.

Jackson is also home to the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar, with live country and Western music six nights a week. Rather than the usual bar stool, the cowboy bar has saddles. Ladies may, of course, sit sidesaddle.

A stroll down the authentic board sidewalks and browsing in Jackson's many art galleries and Western shops should be a part of even the most die-hard skier's trip to this area.

Jackson is bordered to the north by a 24,300-acre elk refuge. A 45-minute trip by horse-drawn wagon will bring sightseers to grazing elk as thick as a herd of cattle.

One hour west of Jackson is the Grand Targhee ski resort in Alta. It is hard to talk to a local skier without hearing about this area. Grand Targhee is on the west side of the Tetons and offers almost an entire mountain of intermediate skiing and what some claim is the best powder around.

Bus service is available to Grand Targhee, as is air service, but renting a car and driving through "Marlboro Country" might be the best way to get there.

A FISHERMAN will want to stop and look over streams to come back to in the summer; a photographer will want to stop everywhere.

Little towns like Wilson, population 200, offer great local eateries for a hearty breakfast or lunch. Just look for the battered pickup trucks outside restaurants such as Nora's Fish Creek Inn, with its log cabin hominess and trout and eggs for breakfast.

You can fly to Jackson on jet service offered by American Airlines, Delta and Continental. Locals are an educated, outdoor-oriented lot. They ski, hunt, fish, climb, hike, bicycle, shoot rapids — you name it — everything but surfing. Living in a place like this, they have a relaxed, unhurried air about them that will rub off on even the most harried vacationer.

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The American Cancer Society has established guidelines for mammography in asymptomatic women. (Women who have no symptons of disease). Those guidelines have been adopted by the American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and The American College of Radiology. Those guidelines are:

I. 35-40 years of age-One baseline mammogram.

II. 40-50 years of age-A mammogram every 1-2 years depending on breast type and risk factor.

III. 50 years of age and over An annual physical examination and annual mammogram.

IV. Asymptomatic women under years of age with significant high risk factors should be examined at appropriate intervals. These risk factors include previous breast cancer and family history of cancer.

V. A symptomatic woman should have a mammogram at any age when she experiences a mass, nipple discharge, skin changes or unexplained breast pain.

A screening mammogram is an x-ray of the breast using extremely low dosages of radiation (usually comparable to dental x-rays) and is designed to find very early cancers.

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Approved by the American Cancer Society.

DEAR ABBY

Fond farewell to fallen stars, welcome to newest sparklers

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Van Buren

DEAR READERS: What a year!

It was the last curtain call for such luminaries as Fred Astaire, Jackie Gleason, Ray Bolger, Danny Kaye, Robert Preston, James Coco, Lee Marvin, Lorne Greene, Randolph Scott, Geraldine Page, Hermione Gingold and Liberace.

We will no longer swing and sway with Sammy Kaye — or Woody Herman, either. And a final drumroll for the incomparable Buddy Rich. Remember Rudy Vallee, whose theme song was "My Time Is Your Time"? Well, his time was up in '87. And there was no overtime for Ohio State's irascible football coach, Woody Hayes.

Exit legendary beauties Rita Hayworth, Mary Astor, Madeleine Carroll and Pola Negri. And farewell to Mervyn Leroy, John Huston, David Suskind and Claire Booth Luce. Ditto for Andy Warhol, who transformed a Campbell's tomato soup can into a lucrative work of art.

Alf Landon, the crusty Republican governor of Kansas who ran against Franklin Roosevelt in 1936, died at 100. California had an earthquake. Cybill Shepherd had twins. Dolly Parton went from a 44D to a 34B.

Shucks, Tom Selleck got married. So did Tom Cruise. Sylvester Stallone's rocky marriage was KO'd, and Johnny Carson, who said he'd never marry again, did.

The Cabinet lost one of its best when Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige was killed by a horse in a freak accident. And William Casey, chief honcho of the troubled CIA, died leaving many unanswered questions. Naturally.

Gary Hart lost face. Donna Rice gained recognition. Jessica Hahn fell from grace. Little Jessica McClure fell down a well, but, praise the Lord, she was rescued and the whole world rejoiced.

Ollie North won the hearts of America when, during the Iran-contra hearings, he admitted to lying, withholding information and shredding evidence.

Costa Rica's President Oscar Arias Sanchez won the Nobel Peace Prize for his plan on how to restore peace to Central America. The prospects for world peace are looking brighter as we prepare (as I write this) to welcome Gorbachev and Raisa.

The Minnesota Twins won the World Series. Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker lost their multimillion dollar PTL ministry, their "his" and "hers" Rolls-Royces, all their homes, and are now living in Malibu in a modest little shack that rents for $7,000 a month.

Jerry Falwell, who temporarily took over the Bakkers' PTL (to "save" it), gave it back. Pat Robertson turned in his collar and announced that he was running for president. Mario Cuomo announced that he was not.

Oral Roberts told his flock on national television that if they didn't cough up $8 million in 60 days, the Lord would call him home. (The Smith Bros. couldn't have coughed up the money faster.)

Elizabeth Taylor celebrated her 55th birthday. The Constitution celebrated its 200th.

In October, the stock market took the worst nosedive since the crash of '29, but "nobody" got hurt because "everybody" said he saw it coming and sold in August. Oh, sure!

Bring on 1988 — with the Olympics and the elections. There's a lot to look forward to! Love, Abby.

Abigail Van Buren is columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.

IT'S YOUR LIFE

Mental changes most disturbing to everyone

By STEVE EDWARDS

Edwards

Of all the medical problems common in the elderly, "mental changes" are probably the most disturbing, both to the elderly person and to those watching his/her slow intellectual decline.

These common mental conditions, known as "organic brain syndromes" or "mental syndromes," can be divided into acute (reversible), chronic (irreversible) or mixed brain syndromes.

Acute brain syndromes, also known as "delirium," are characterized by mental changes that are of recent (hours or days) onset, and are most often caused by physical disease such as heart attacks, infections, strokes, dehydration or drug toxicity. Symptoms are confusion, disorientation, inattention, stuporousness, agitation and excitement. These conditions may be mistaken for chronic brain syndromes, or written off as expected in an elderly person.

Acute brain syndromes are *often* treatable and reversible, but recognizing and managing the specific underlying medical problem is vital.

Chronic brain syndromes also are known as "senility," or a generalized loss of intellectual functions and memory. Onset is slow and uncertain, but usually has been progressive over six months or more.

Initial changes are gradual and subtle; the family is usually the first to notice small changes in thinking and behavior. The older person will have trouble thinking through projects, comprehending messages and making decisions. Memory loss is characteristic; recent memory first, including the day's activities or date, and remote memory later. They eventually may not be able to recognize even family or close friends.

Behavior changes also occur, often including suspiciousness, making up bizarre stories or answers, and moodiness. Most elderly people can recognize some of these changes in themselves and become severely depressed over their mental decline. Later, they have little or no realization of their thinking difficulties.

Alzheimer's disease or Alzheimer's-like diseases have typical brain changes which are identifiable under the microscope and by shrinkage of brain tissue. Other chronic brain syndromes may be caused by arteriosclerotic dementia, occasionally low thyroid hormone, pernicious amnesia, hereditary dementias, and other diseases.

Although most Alzheimer's and Alzheimer's-like dementias are untreatable, some of these diseases can be treated, or at least halted.

Always look for the cause of any mental change and treat it promptly, if possible. It is *never* correct to assume that the decline in mental functions is a part of normal aging, or "hardening of the arteries." Although treatable cases may be few, nearly all patients with chronic brain syndromes can be helped to get more out of their lives.

Such individuals should be accepted without reservation or criticism, not infantilized or depersonalized. Stimulate the person through personal and physical contact. Remind him/her of where they are and who you are. Try to keep daily activities organized and consistent. Avoid confusion. Watch for sudden worsening physical or mental changes and seek appropriate help.

As much as possible, protect the person from injury. Use supportive services such as friends, churches or the Visiting Nurse Service. In getting help for the individual, don't forget to get help for yourself. Watch for loss of communication or function, visual or hearing loss, no contact with people or television, and being bedridden — all of which will worsen a dementia. Maintaining or improving communication will benefit the patient.

Understanding medical problems common found in the elderly is important in planning care for an individual, and in the family's handling of the situation.

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Barbie's changing image seen as 'more than a doll'

New York Times News Service

As ultrafeminine forms and doll-like frills recapture the fashion scene this season, Barbie, at age 28, is being taken very seriously.

Popularity is nothing new to the shapely, 11½-inch plastic doll, whose fan club members number more than 600,000 and whose sales total more than 16 million a year. Yet the doll, recent research suggests, has become more than a doll. Having dressed through the decades as a fashion model, best friend and bride, she is now an object of pop art.

Barbie is viewed as an icon of American culture in her new biography, "Barbie: Her Life and Times" (Crown, $25), written by Billy Boy, a clothing and jewelry designer in Paris.

In the department of popular culture at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, she is treated as a symbol of consumer culture and a barometer of attitudes toward women.

And she plays the leading role in "Superstar," an experimental film about the life and anorexia-related death of the singer Karen Carpenter, now showing on video at the New Museum on lower Broadway.

According to Laurie Simmons, a New York photographer of dolls who was commissioned by Vanity Fair magazine to do a 25th-anniversary portrait of Barbie, there is a "Barbie doll esthetic" in popular culture.

Billy Boy, who at age 27 has collected about 11,000 Barbie dolls, calls it a "sensibility." He spent 10 years researching his book, which, he said, "merges the worlds of fashion and sociology." His "Barbie," a pastel-colored compendium of photographs and commentary, documents Barbie's lifespan through her outfits and accessories.

Born a busty, bathing suit-clad "teen-age fashion model" in the 1959 Mattel catalogue, Barbie in the book is shown dressed for success as "Campus Belle," "Career Girl" and "Student Teacher" in the mid-1960's; as a nurse and a doctor by 1973, and, most recently, as a silver-gilded astronaut and glitter rock star.

The book finishes with 53 pages of Barbie in fashions by couturiers like Yves Saint-Laurent, Kenzo and Perry Ellis. The photographs draw from Billy Boy's "The New Theater of Fashion," an exhibition of his own collection of the designer-dressed dolls, which toured the United States and France in 1985 and '86.

Marilyn Motz, a professor of popular culture at Bowling Green State, has a different view.

"The whole point of the Barbie doll is that she owns things and buys things," said Motz, who published a study of Barbie in 1983. She said that the doll, if copied to scale as a life-size woman, would have a torso measuring 33 inches at the bust, 18 inches at the waist and 28 inches at the hips — a feminine ideal that, she pointed out, is "almost not possible anatomically."

Todd Haynes, a 1986 graduate of Brown University's program in semiotics and the creator of the film "Superstar," said: "Barbie is a loaded cultural icon that stands for a whole prescribed femininity that little girls are confronted with at an early age."

According to Billy Boy, Barbie's current collection of "glitzy" metallic spacesuits, like the ornate outfits now modeled by her high-fashion human counterparts, are a sorry sign of the times.

With his "Feelin' Groovy Barbie" doll set, designed this year for Mattel, Billy Boy has created his own doll ideal. The doll, black-haired and pale-skinned, wears a simple pink minidress, large earrings, black sunglasses and a tight-lipped smile.

Anthropology professor questions validity of universal literacy

Copley News Service

Is universal literacy a proper measure for modern civilized society?

Or has the ability to read and write actually hampered human progress?

Anthropology Professor Lionel Tiger of Rutgers University seriously questions the direction our species has taken since the advent of the Guttenberg press and the Industrial Revolution in his new book, "The Manufacture of Evil: Ethics, Evolution & the Industrial System," published by Harper & Row.

Tiger gleefully points out that once an infant is able to walk, he or she will turn on the TV daily without prompting and watch it for 75 years.

Yet to teach that same child to read requires a battalion of teachers, worried parents, pop-up books, "Sesame Street," dyslexia experts — and chances are, the youngster still won't read recreationally.

Lionel also charges our system of literacy has forced businessmen and politicians to become plagiarizers, because they must hire speech writers to translate specialized jargon into plain speaking.

Tiger willingly admits that literacy is beneficial to the storing, coding and communication of vast amounts of information.

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With proper care, holiday plants last for months

By ED HUTCHISON
Hearst News Service

Holiday plants used to be just that — a flowering plant that looked good for only a few days before and after the holiday. The poinsettia was especially short-lived.

Thanks to breeding efforts that delivered longer lasting, less tempermental varieties, the poinsettia now ranks as one of the holiday's longest lasting plants. With just a little care, its flowers will last through Easter. Here are tips on caring for it and other popular holiday plants.

■ Poinsettias don't like drafts, especially chilly ones from doors or windows. They do like at least four hours of natural light a day, such as in front of a south or southwest facing window. Water only when the soil feels dry. Too much water causes its leaves to curl and drop off.

■ Jerusalem Cherries thrive on moisture, so keep the soil constantly moist, but not muddy. A nightime termperature of 55 is ideal; much warmer and the leaves will yellow and drop away. It likes as much natural sunlight as you can provide.

■ Gloxinias are sensitive. Keep the soil on the dry side to prevent rot from setting in and causing sure death. The gloxinia likes bright, indirect light. A south facing windowsill may be too intense. Handle the plant carefully to prevent its brittle leaves from snapping off.

■ Rieger Begonias will stay in flower up to four months, providing its needs are met. It especially likes bright, indirect light with day temperatures about 70 and evening temps about 55. Water it only when the soil feels dry to the touch. Like other begonias, excess moisture is trouble. High humidity is good, however, and if your home is much below 40 percent relative humidity, setting a pot on a bed of moist gravel will help somewhat.

■ Kalanchoe is a succulent, and grows best when it has lots of bright sunlight. Too little light causes it to grow leggy. Day temperatures in the low 70s and evenings in the mid-50s are good. Overwatering may cause the stem to rot where it meets the soil. Since it is a succulent, it stores water in its leaves so the soil can seem quite dry and the plant is quite happy.

■ Cyclamen like cool (60s in the day, 40s in the night) temperatures. Provide this and they'll reward you with a long-lasting blossom cycle. It thrives on sunlight. Give it the brightest, sunniest window in your home. Watering can be tricky. Keep the soil barely moist. Too little water will cause the flower buds to drop. Choose a plant with lots of buds emerging from the center.

■ Amaryllis bulbs are usually sold potted without any top growth. They will begin growing, and do so quickly, when water is added to the soil. Blooms come about eight weeks later. They like a sunny window and water only when the soil is dry.

General tips: Plants in bloom are heavy feeders and will benefit by a twice-monthly feeding with a houseplant fertilizer. This is especially important for holiday plants with long potential bloom cycles, such as the cyclamen and Rieger begonia. While good feeding practices won't affect poinsettia blossoms, it will keep its leaves shiny and the plant strong to grow outside when warm weather returns.

Many holiday plants are sold wrapped in decorative foil. As such, water gets trapped between the foil and container and can damage the roots, not to mention the furniture. Avoid this by punching a hole in the foil and setting the plant on a saucer. Water that collects in the saucer should be thrown away a few minutes after it has drained through.

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Lumber baron's gift-giving legacy lives on

New York Times News Service

DANBY, Vt. — Silas L. Griffith, a 19th-century lumber baron, gave much to the town of Danby, including the municipal water system, the public library, the orphans' fund and money for the beautification of the Congregational church. But of all the gifts Griffith gave, none is so cherished as his Christmas tree.

The Silas Griffith Tree is what local people call the annual Christmas party financed by the interest on an account set up by S.L., as Griffith is still known, upon his death in 1903. The purpose of the party is to provide gifts to children between 2 and 12 from some parts of Danby — a town of about 1,100 south of Rutland, Vt. — and from the neighboring community of Mount Tabor, population 201.

In hard times, residents say, the gifts under S.L.'s tree were often the only ones they received. Even today, the gifts are an important contribution to Christmas in an area where the median annual family income is under $14,000.

For the children, the party is a cause for anticipation and speculation. For the adults, it is time to relive Christmases past.

"The year a girl turned 6 was the year she received a doll," recalled Gloria White, 59, a retired teacher and a Mount Tabor native. "I remember that year, watching as the dolls were given out, one by one, and hoping I'd get one, and worrying that maybe they'd forgotten." She remembers her pure delight when a doll was placed in her arms.

Sharon Wescott still has the cedar box she received at age 7, 30 years ago. "I remember opening it up that first time and smelling that cedar," she said. "I thought that they made a mistake, that they wouldn't give anything this beautiful to such a young person." But there was no mistake, and the inside lid of the box still bears Mrs. Wescott's name and age, in youthful script.

On a below-freezing night in mid-December 1987, 88 youngsters and their parents walked through the snow to the white clapboard Congregational church to take part in the 84th party since Griffith's death. The children fidgeted through the carols and through the Rev. Lester E. Tufts's short homily to S.L. and to his wife, Katherine Tiel Griffith, who added to the fund at her death in 1939.

All eyes were on the 88 unwrapped toys arranged on the altar and hanging on the boughs of a Christmas tree so tall that it scraped the tin ceiling of the sanctuary.

Beatrice Tifft, a small, dark-haired woman who is in charge of distributing the gifts, buys them each year with the interest from the $5,000 trust left by the Griffiths. Griffith's will said that the children from certain sections of Danby — those where he drew most of the labor for his businesses — are eligible for gifts, along with all of those from Mount Tabor. Also in the will is the stipulation, Tifft said, that each child receive a bag of candies and an orange.

"My dad always said that in the old days, the orange was even better than the present," said Edward Griffith — a distant relative of the lumber baron, and one of the few left in town — who attended the party with his daughter Dulcie.

Ann Rothman, who had vacationed in Danby for years before moving here to research a book she is writing on Griffith, described her subject as a shrewd, unscrupulous businessman who was a Scrooge with wages but a Santa Claus when it came to giving to the town. Self-taught and self-made, he had an ear for good music and an eye for attractive women, she said.

Dieters advised to 'tread water' over holidays

Associated Press

Dieters who can hold the line — the waistline, that is — during the holiday season are winners in the weight-loss game.

So many people have trouble sticking to diets after Dec. 15, according to an article in a reacent issue of Cosmopolitan, that diet counselors now advise just treading water over the holidays.

"Anything more than modest restraint just creates tension, which has a way of resulting in worse overeating," said Martin Katahn, author of "The Rotation Diet."

The holiday season is a time of heightened emotions for most people, said Sybil Ferguson, founder of Diet Center, and feeling either happy or sad can make you eat more.

"We probably eat more food as a way of making a pleasant occasion even more pleasant than in response to all our negative feelings put together," said Dr. Henry Jordan, author of "The Doctor's Calories-Plus Diet."

Instead of trying to lose weight, just try not to gain during the holidays by continuing to eat intelligently. Here are some tips for making it through the New Year with waistline intact.

■ **Eat like a gourmet.** Gourmets take small portions of a variety of beautifully prepared foods and lovingly savor each bite. They eat less but enjoy their food more.

■ Rehearse for dinner. Decide in advance what to eat and what to skip. "Avoid using the word 'try,'" Ferguson said. "Tell yourself you will not eat something, not that you will try not to eat it."

■ Camouflage uneaten food. Instead of telling everyone about your diet, take small portions of everything, but don't eat it all. Cut what you don't eat into small pieces and move them toward the edge of the plate. It will look as if you've eaten more than you have.

■ Never party on an empty stomach. Eat low-calorie filler-uppers beforehand so you will not be tempted by hors d'oeuvres. One ounce of potato chips dunked in sour cream is 300 calories. Instead eat carrot or celery sticks. Soluble fiber in the digestive tract can lower absorption of fatty or sugary foods you eat afterward by as much as one-third.

■ Baking? Cheat. The Columbia University Institute of Human Nutrition says in most recipes you can reduce sugar by one third to one fourth without changing flavor or texture.

■ **Praise yourself if you get through the holidays without gaining weight. If you do gain, don't sabotage yourself with negative thoughts. Put the holidays behind you and begin again.**

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Banks bear brunt of state's economic hard times

From Staff and Wire Reports

In a classic case of things coming full circle, the buck finally stopped in 1987 with many of the Texas bankers who helped fuel the energy and real estate boom of the early 1980s with easy money.

The red ink plague on the Texas economy, after running roughshod in recent years over real estate and energy, zeroed in on Texas bankers, leaving an unprecedented $5 billion trail of bank and savings-and-loan failures.

From Canyon to Del Rio, from Texarkana to Weslaco and points in between, banks and savings and loans failed at a rate of nearly one a week throughout the year.

Locally, only one bank — Midland's Security National Bank — succumbed to the ravages of depressed real estate and energy values, compared to two failures in 1986. The Feb. 12 closing of Security National was quickly and calmly paid off by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., due in part to the agency's experience with Permian Bank & Trust, which was paid out in July 1986; and the $66-million failure of Western Bank which was purchased by United Bank.

In 1986, an unheard of 26 banks failed in the state. But in 1987, the year wasn't even half over on May 28 when Texas National Bank-Westheimer shut in Houston to become Texas bank No. 27 to bite the dust.

For the year, the tally included 50 banks and four thrifts.

"I don't think I would have guessed it would have been that many.

We're still going to have a rough year in '88," said George Hempel of the Southwest Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University.

The carnage included the Vernon Savings & Loan Association of Dallas with $1.35 billion in assets and Independent American Savings Association of Irving with assets totaling $1 billion.

When Vernon failed in March amid allegations of fraud and looting by management, it had a loan portfolio in which an incredible 96 percent of the loans were not paying. Eight months later, federal regulators agreed to pump $1.3 billion into the troubled association, making it the most expensive thrift bailout in history.

Fraud also was charged in connection with the 1984 collapse of Empire Savings & Loan Association of Mesquite. In October, a federal grand jury indicted seven developers and businessmen accused of defrauding five thrifts through inflated land deals.

Federal authorities said the investigation, which mainly focused on condominium developments along Interstate 30 east of Dallas, was one of the most exhaustive thrift probes in U.S. history.

Among banks, the one that didn't fail seemed to make the most news. Houston-based First City Bancorporation won a more than $1 billion bailout from the federal government, making it the second-largest bank bailout ever.

Meanwhile, the holding company for Midland's largest bank holding company, First RepublicBank Corp. of Dallas, struggled with a projected fourth-quarter loss of up to $350 million. Only months earlier, the state's largest banking firm, had acquired troubled InterFirst Bank, also of Dallas, in a deal both bank companies boasted maintained sound Texas roots.

Across the state, banks found themselves drained mainly from loans onn real estate with land values falling right along with the price of oil.

Many individual investors were among the victims as well. Former Texas Gov. and onetime U.S. Treasury Secretary John Connally declared both business and personal bankruptcy, thanks to millions invested and lost in condominiums and office developments.

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SMART MONEY

Jerry Mennenga/Reporter-Telegram

Dr. James Tully, left, and Dr. Harry Ideus put more than 70 years of educational expertise at the fingertips of members of the Midland-based Collegiate Advisory Association.

College consultants help chart course for families

By ALLEN E. HOWLAND
Assistant Business/Oil Editor

Few investors would think of making a deal worth $40,000, $80,000 or more without a thorough investigation and the input of expert consultants. But that is exactly what many parents do when it comes time to send "Junior" off to college, says the president of a new Midland firm.

Charles A. Loper Jr., president of Collegiate Advisory Association Inc., admits that students or parents are able to make the necessary choices themselves but using the services of an adviser makes sense for "the same reason that you have an accountant file your taxes — you want to make sure it is done right."

In just more than six months of marketing, CAA has signed up more than 500 families in eight Southwestern states who are convinced that the association's myriad services are worth a $795 initial fee plus $90 per year dues.

CAA boasts a full complement of services, beyond the obvious school selection and financial aid counseling. "Interest testing, career planning and help in completing forms and applications are all services that parents can't turn elsewhere to find," explained Dr. Harvey S. Ideus, director of administrative services and career planning for CAA.

"We've lowered the blood pressure of a lot of parents concerned with where and how to get financial assistance," said Dr. James E. Tully, CAA's director of counseling and former director of student financial aid at Western Texas College in Snyder.

According to the National Commission on Student Financial Assistance there was about $16.1 billion in scholarships available last year, of which more than a third — $6.6 billion — went unclaimed because givers and qualified applicants never connected.

And the commission says that it's not just "top of the class" types who should be looking for scholarships because only three percent of the $16.1 billion was given out solely on the basis of grades.

Computerized individual scholarship, grant and loan searches and analyses are a key service to members with soon-to-be graduates on their hands, but CAA services can come into play much earlier.

"Tenth grade is an opportune time get started on serious college planning," Tully said.

Annual evaluations of career interest, such as the Vocational Interest, Experience & Skill Assessment, and self-directed career searches are an important step in starting the hunt for the right school, Ideus added. From there the search for appropriate post-secondary schools has a focus.

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Profits not downhill for resort developers

Entrepreneurs flourish where corporations fail

By JOHN FRY
New York Times News Service

The sign hangs over Tom Corcoran's desk, a constant cautionary about the business he is in, running one of New England's largest ski resorts. Outside Corcoran's office in Waterville Valley, N.H., from high on the mountain, a visitor can hear the roar of compressed air and water showering man-made snow onto downhill trails, building a base for the 1987-88 ski season.

The signs reads: **The ski business is an odd little segment of industry that is better left to people who understand it, who deeply care about it, and who are willing to have a less predictable bottom line than most big corporations will tolerate.**

"I read that in Fortune magazine about 20 years ago and had it framed," said Corcoran, a 56-year-old Harvard MBA who once raced on the United States Ski Team and is a past chairman of the National Ski Areas Association. "I can't say that the ski industry has changed much since. It's a business for entrepreneurs. Large corporations have tended not to do well in it."

Among the corporations that have tried the ski business and then bailed out are 20th Century Fox (Aspen and Breckenridge, Colo.), the Chrysler Corp. (Big Sky, Mont.) and Scott Paper (Squaw Mountain, Me.

Of course, there are exceptions. The Keystone-Arapahoe resort, for example, owned by Ralston Purina and positioned just over the Colorado Divide, intercepts increasing numbers of skiers before they go on to Copper Mountain, Vail or Aspen.

But in general, the individual entrepreneurs, such as Corcoran, Alex Cushing of Squaw Valley, Calif. and Dave McCoy of Mammoth Mountain,

Calif., have proved to be more successful than the corporate giants.

"A ski area is not going to produce a stream of uninterrupted earnings that you can rely on for dividends," Corcoran said. "The business is seasonal. It's a weather-sensitive business, perhaps more so than farming. And it attracts managers who are individualistic and independent, not the kind of people who fit the corporate mold."

Glancing again at his sign, however, Corcoran is willing to concede that the ski business perhaps is no longer "an odd little segment of industry." Across the country, the resorts have an annual payroll of $350 million. Ski areas are pivotal to the economic health of scores of mountain communities from rural Maine to the high Sierras of California.

This winter the nation's 600 ski areas are hoping to attract a record number of visitors, piercing the 1986-87 high of 53.7 million skier days logged by 9.7 million downhill skiers. Boding well for the coming season, advance reservations at Colorado's Vail are up 20 percent, and at Beaver Creek up 40 percent over a year ago. The Winter Olympics — to be held in February in Calgary, Alberta, in the Canadian Rockies — traditionally pep up the ski business.

A growth spurt would be welcome. In the 1960s, the ski industry enjoyed annual growth rates of 10 percent to 15 percent, as the post-war baby boom brought millions of young people to the sport. But in recent years demand has flattened. Nationally, skier visits have hovered just over the 50 million mark for nearly 10 years, showing little increase. And the proportion of frequent skiers — those who ski more than 12 days a season — has declined.

Those numbers are somewhat deceptive though, masking the fact that the number of ski areas has also declined. Marvin Kottke, who measures skier visits annually for the National Ski Areas Association, says his figures now come from 175 fewer ski areas than existed in 1978-79. In effect, Kottke argues, the same skier volume shared by fewer suppliers has meant a 20 percent growth in business for the ski areas that survived the shakeout.

To promote high attendance, successful ski areas pay close and continual attention to the quality of their snow, said Jim Branch, president of Sno Engineering, Lyme, N.H., a ski area consultant. "Areas have to make it, many of them nightly," Branch said, "and they have to groom it once, or more than once a day. It's expensive. But quality snow is what today's customer wants."

But resorts pay close attention to peripheral details, as well. Tom Leonard, president of Crystal Moun-

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OIL BUSINESS

Exploration firm diversifies to beat the bust

By TOM STEINERT-THRELKELD
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Good timing is critical in starting a business. That's why Buffton Corp. got going in 1981, exploring for oil and gas. Just in time for the oil bust.

So what is the Fort Worth-based company doing six years later? Struggling, like so many other oil companies, just to survive?

Hardly.

Here are the sounds of "survival" at Buffton: Revenues for its most recent fiscal year are up 43 percent to $72.5 million; operating profits are up 56 percent to $3.2 million; and net profits up 15 percent to $1.8 million. Each share of Buffton stock earned 47 cents, up 42 percent from last year.

To rack up those healthy gains, Buffton adopted two rather simple strategies.

First, the company did what almost any rational oil and gas operator would do: It got out of oil and gas.

Second, the company decided to become a conglomerate.

"We have a diversified company, which puts us in a lot better shape to weather a recession," says Buffton's president and chief executive, Robert H. McLean.

If anything, Buffton has diversified out of recession and other things. For example, by mid-1986, Buffton had shed all its oil and gas business.

That, in turn, diversified Buffton out of Texas. Buffton may be the only $72 million company headquartered in Fort Worth with no Texas operations.

It holdings today include:

- Plastics companies, including National Pipe Co. of Vestal, N.Y., maker of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipeproducts, and Flo Control Inc. of Burbank, Calif., and Pompano Beach, Fla., maker of PVC fittings and related products.
- Electronics companies, including Electro-Mech of Vestal, maker of electronic harnesses and cable assemblies for computers, and Helix Wire of Leominster, Mass., maker of wire and cable.

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THE YEAR AHEAD

Money management choices tough for 1988

By CHET CURRIER
AP Business Writer

ON THE MONEY

NEW YORK — As they survey the financial menu for 1988, many savers and investors may have trouble finding much that looks appetizing.

Stocks and bonds are both under a cloud after the way they performed in 1987. By extension, so are mutual funds that invest in those markets.

Bonds suffered a minimassacre last spring, when interest rates jumped. Owners of many supposedly conservative bond mutual funds saw the value of their investments drop by 10 percent to 15 percent in just a few weeks' time.

The stock market, of course, had its famous crash in the fall, at its worst falling 22 percent in a single day.

In the wake of the market drop, many analysts are debating the likelihood of a recession, which would seem to mandate a cautious approach toward any high-risk strategy in the months ahead.

At the same time, fears of reviving inflation, whether justified or not, have increased since a year ago. An increase in the inflation rate would stand to reduce the appeal of many alternatives, such as bank certificates of deposit, that are otherwise regarded as low-risk.

On top of all that, the nation's tax laws are in the midst of radical change.

For many people, 1988 will bring increasing urgency to the task of reappraising their consumer debt.

Under tax reform, 65 percent of interest paid on credit card borrowing and other consumer loans was still tax-deductible in 1987. In 1988, the deductible portion drops to 40 percent.

One possibility is to rearrange the debt so that it is backed by homeowners' equity in their property. Within certain limits, interest on this kind of borrowing remains fully deductible.

But in such uncertain economic times, it may be a chancy proposition to leverage your house.

By next April 15, many people with incomes of more than $25,000 — $40,000 for married couples — will have to decide whether to make individual retirement account contributions for 1988 that are no longer fully deductible.

The deduction is gone completely for single taxpayers earning $35,000 or more — $50,000 for married couples — who are covered by other pension programs.

Most analysts agree that many people who no longer qualify for the deduction will shy away from making new IRA contributions, even though these accounts still offer tax-deferred compounding of interest, dividends and capital gains.

The question is, will these people pursue other investments for retirement or simply let things slide?

There is the distinct prospect of more changes in the tax rules as Congress struggles with the federal budget deficit. The legislators have yet to complete a "technical corrections" measure for the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

"Events throughout the '80s have caused many of us to take a relatively short view when planning our affairs," says William Brennan, an adviser on tax and financial affairs in Valley Forge, Pa. "Unfortunately, this trend is destined to continue."

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Pre-cellular

Tom Carter's Carterfone connected two-way radios to the telephone system in the 1960's. The Texas entrepreneurs successfull lawsuit against AT&T helped spark the revolution that changed the phone business forever. See Page 4G.

Pitts

Business/Oil editor John Paul Pitts is on vacation. His column will resume upon his return.

Invention expected to draw a bit of business

Black & Decker touts innovation

By PETER COY
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Peter Chaconas is the kind of guy who likes to work on cars, hunt deer, dig holes with a backhoe and think up new designs for tools.

A regular guy, in other words. One who just might be making millions of dollars for his employer, Black & Decker Corp. of Towson, Md.

Chaconas invented one of the best-selling tool accessories in Black & Decker's history, the Piranha circular saw blade, which was introduced in 1985.

Now he has invented the Bullet, a bit for home power drills that Black & Decker claims "represents the first major innovation in the industry-standard product in almost 100 years."

The Bullet drills clean holes, bites into wood or metal without skating, and doesn't "lock up" in a hole. Black & Decker claims it drills four times faster, stays sharp seven times longer and produces six times as many holes per battery charge as other drill bits.

The company has delayed its introduction until February to give its factory time to build up enough inventory to meet the expected high demand.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Murray Harrow, chairman of U.S. General Supply Inc. of Plainview, N.Y., which owns 30 hardware stores in the Northeast.

Chaconas, 33, is a former auto mechanic who tries out his tool ideas on friends who are carpenters, electricians and plumbers.

"I take the prototypes, hand them out to my buddies and say, 'See what you think,'" Chaconas said in an interview. "It was a winner from the word go."

Chaconas was not even supposed to design a drill bit. He was told to select one from 30 or 40 designs submitted by outside suppliers. But he didn't like what he saw.

The drill bit he created has: a split tip that bites into material with less thrust; more sharply angled cutting surfaces; a backwards taper, so it is thickest near the tip, and deep channels that give room for chewed-up material to be funneled out of the way.

Chaconas, who works in Hunt Valley Md., says he loves his job. "I sit down, see what's wrong with products and redesign them. Most engineers, they have to putz around with the paperwork, all the miserable stuff.

"I don't have to worry about the day-to-day business of the company," Chaconas said. "I just do the neat stuff."

Chaconas is the only engineer in Black & Decker's accessories unit who devotes full time to designing new products, says his boss, Randy Blevins.

"I consider Pete one of our stars," Blevins said.

In addition to freedom on the job, Chaconas gets time off when he wants it. He took a 1½-month Christmas break to go deer hunting and work at his moonlighting job, excavating foundations and grading land.

Blevins won't comment on how much Chaconas earns except to say, "Pete has made out very well at Black & Decker."

All by itself, Chaconas' drill bit won't strike gold for a company with $2 billion a year in sales, but analysts call it a step in the right direction.

"It's very consistent with their strategy of introducing products that are innovative and value-added instead of just the starter models," said Franklin Morton, an analyst for Alex. Brown and Sons Inc. of Baltimore.

The Piranha "really revolutionized the (sawblade) market, and I look for this to do about the same thing for the drill bit market," said Bill Stauffer, the buyer of tools and hardware for Hechinger Co. of Landover, Md., which has 66 retail stores.

Chaconas graduated from high school in 1972, worked as an auto mechanic, and then went to the University of Dayton in Ohio, which graduated him in 1978 with a degree in mechanical engineering technology.

He went straight to Black & Decker. Along the way he was married and became the father of two children, with another on the way.

His job he describes laughingly as "euphoria." And his approach: "Once you identify a problem, it's easy to fix it."

AP LaserPhoto

Peter Chaconas' employer Black & Decker Corp. claims that the inventor's new 'bullet' bit is biggest thing in drills in 100 years.

"I sit down, see what's wrong with products and redesign them. Most engineers, they have to putz around with the paperwork, all the miserable stuff. I just do the neat stuff."

Inventor Peter Chaconas

Japanese can't stomach increased beef imports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Excess fat, Buddhist customs and the length of the Japanese digestive tract all work to prevent any quick increase in his country's U.S. beef imports, a Japanese trade authority said.

Former Agriculture Minister Tsutomu Hata told a Capitol Hill luncheon that Japanese intestinal tracts are longer than those of Americans and thus "to the intestinal system it will mean a very big change" to eat more beef.

He also said through a translator that a religious aversion to eat the meat of four-legged animals plus fear about the health effects of a beef diet also are working to head off increased imports from the United States.

The comments from Hata, who now heads a Japanese farm-trade organization, upset the clubby atmosphere of the Mansfield Room adjacent to the Senate chamber. It was called to push the Tokyo government to allow beef quotas to die on schedule April 1 and not seek to renew them.

Hata's remarks brought an immediate riposte from Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who said Americans had adjusted to the smaller size of Japanese cars because they were more fuel efficient and better built. He said Japanese consumers should have the freedom to decide for themselves whether to buy more beef.

Hata began to reply by saying that it was unreasonable to compare the fuel efficiency of a car "to the efficiency of a digestive system."

"The issue is freedom," cut in Gramm.

Hata stressed that Japan has been increasing its beef imports over the last few years but did not favor greatly increased shipments.

His comments about the unsuitability of beef for the Japanese because their intestinal tracts are longer brought skepticism from other American officials.

"I've never heard that argument before," U.S. Trade Representative Clayton K. Yeutter chortled to reporters. "I've heard all the rest of them."

"I think what we heard today was excuses and delays from the Japanese," said Rep. Robert F. Smith, R-Ore., chairman of the congressional Beef Caucus. "We've heard that before."

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Keep your chin tucked in

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Aiming to be second rather than first is a time-honored and successful philosophy.

It is an outlook that helps avoid errors, but which allows you to capitalize on the errors of others. It is less risky than being first; the downside is modified. It is less stressful. It probably has a bigger payoff.

BUSINESS MIRROR

It puts an emphasis on caution and patience. It specializes in the wait-and-see attitude. Some may criticize it as gutless, but they cannot deny that when the guts are yours it is wise to preserve them and let others risk theirs.

It is a philosophy now widely espoused in year-end statements full of platitudes made by so-called investment advisers who, only a few weeks ago, had told you not to argue with, but get with, the soaring investment market.

Inherent in most investment advice now being offered is the caveat that second best isn't always bad. It is not stated that precisely, but it is there nevertheless in such advise as "be selective" or "don't be greedy," or "look for conservative, dividend-bearing stocks rather than high fliers."

But, while second-best as a way of life was cast aside by the stock market in 1987, it has never ceased to be the guiding rule in some other investment areas. Ask the Japanese, who long ago chose to be second in basic research.

For years, Americans prided themselves on pursuing the scientific frontier. The Japanese watched, examined the research and technology, and then developed some of the most commercially successful high-tech products.

Professor Nathan Rosenberg of Stanford University observes that "the strategy of a rapid imitator, or 'fast second,' benefitting from the mistakes of the pioneer, has much to recommend it."

He notes that while the United States pioneered both the science and technology of the transistor, the first country to succeed in the large-scale commercialization of transistor technology for radios was Japan.

Japan also obliterated the early U.S. dominance of color television. And more recently, the video cassette recorder, invented in the United States, has been commercialized and exported almost entirely by the Japanese.

A tenet of the second-best philosophy is that the leader makes the errors, spends the money, subsidizes the inventors, perfects the product, and does all the mundane work such as clearing patents.

Second best, meanwhile, is waiting patiently, conserving its cash, tooling up for the commercial market and planning its market strategy. Its research budget is limited to observing what not to do — or how to do something better.

It is an attitude widely practiced in real estate, where some of the best and most courageous practitioners have suffered the most cruel defeats.

Having conceived the project, assembled the land, obtained the permits, funded the budget excesses and brought the project to market they are greeted by a downturn in the economy. Their cash drained, they lose control.

The timing is ideal for second best, who comes in with a low-ball bid, takes over the project and corrects the errors — and does so just in time for the next upturn in the economy.

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COMMERCIAL

Showroom/Office/Warehouse containing approx. 10,500 sq. ft., Lot 3 and a portion of Lot 2, Block 111, Original Town, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas
410 S. Pecos, Midland, TX
Opening bid $150,500

Office/Warehouse Building containing approx. 23,648 sq. ft., Lots 1 through 5, Block 113, Original Town, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas
401 W. Industrial, Midland, TX
Opening bid $84,000

Vacant Commercial Lot
Approx. 9,230 sq. ft., Lot 4, Block 51 West End Addition and a portion of Lot 1, Block 111, Original Town, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas
South Pecos & B Streets, Midland, TX
Opening bid $20,650

Apartment Complex El Paisano Apts., 58 unit complex on 1.53 acres out of the S.W. part of Block 1, Hatfield Addition, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas
2400 Whitmire, Midland, TX
Opening bid...No minimum

For more information, contact:
Wally Craig
915/685-6432

Two Metal Buildings each approx. 6,000 sq. ft. on two lots located at Francis and Elwyn Streets, Lots 3 & 4, Block "E", K & C Industrial Place, Phase I, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas.
1531 Elwyn Street, Midland, TX
Opening bid ..... $36,600 aggregate or $18,300 each

For more information, contact:
John F. Cope
915/685-6716

RESIDENTIAL

2 bedroom, 1 bath home, approx. 1,120 sq. ft., Lot 6, Block 4, Moran Addition, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas.
308 East Estes, Midland, TX
Opening bid $10,100

2 bedroom, 1 bath home, containing approx. 1,120 sq. ft., Lot 18, Block 3, Moran Addition, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas. 405 East Estes, Midland, TX
Opening bid $10,100

2 bedroom, 1 bath home, containing approx. 994 sq. ft. with 3 attached storage units. Lot 6, Block 3, Cowden Addition, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas
1701 Bryant, Midland, TX
Opening bid $8,450

3 bedroom, 2½ bath home, with study, 2 fireplaces, containing approx. 4,294 sq. ft. on 2.5 acres out of NW/4 Sec. 5, Blk. "X", H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas.
3304 Bluebird, Midland, TX
Opening bid $105,800

2 bedroom, 2½ bath home with wet bar, flagstone patio and fountain, containing approx. 1,986 sq. ft. Lot 24, Cluster 10, Blk. 1, Meadowpark Addition, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas.
4723 Spring Meadow, Midland, TX
Opening bid $64,900

Residential lots in Midkiff Plaza, 7 improved vacant residential lots.
Opening bids start at $8,500

Residential lots in Fairmont Park Addition, 26 improved vacant residential lots.
Opening bids start at $5,200

Residential lots in Skyline Terrace West 7 improved vacant residential lots.
Opening bids start at $4,300

Nine Townhouses in Block 7, Trinity Estates Addition, City of Midland.

3 bedroom, 2½ bath, 2-story townhouse containing approx. 1,931 sq. ft. plus garage.
3316 Wedgewood
Opening bid $50,200

3 bedroom, 2½ bath, 2-story townhouse containing approx. 1,818 sq. ft. plus garage.
3400 Wedgewood
Opening bid $51,600

2 bedroom, 2½ bath, with game room, 2-story townhouse containing approx. 1,754 sq. ft. plus garage.
3402 Wedgewood
Opening bid $51,400

3 bedroom, 2½ bath, 2-story townhouse containing approx. 1,834 sq. ft. plus garage.
3404 Wedgewood
Opening bid $53,400

2 bedroom, 2½ bath, with playroom, 2-story townhouse containing approx. 1,818 sq. ft. plus garage.
3406 Wedgewood
Opening bid $52,600

2 bedroom, 2½ bath, with playroom, 2-story townhouse containing approx., 1,676 sq. ft., plus garage.
3408 Wedgewood
Opening bid $49,400

3 bedroom, 2½ bath, 2-story townhouse containing approx. 1,855 sq. ft. plus garage.
3410 Wedgewood
Opening bid $53,100

3 bedroom, 2½ bath, 2-story townhouse containing approx. 1,858 sq. ft. plus garage.
3412 Wedgewood
Opening bid $52,500

2 bedroom, 2 bath, with study, 2-story townhouse containing approx. 1,621 sq. ft. plus garage.
3414 Wedgewood
Opening bid $47,500

Two Townhouses in Block 3, Skyline Terrace West, Midland.

2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1-story townhouse containing approx. 1,586 sq. ft. plus garage.
4421 Norwood Street
Opening bid $47,700

2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1-story townhouse containing approx. 1,586 sq. ft. plus garage.
4513 Norwood Street
Opening bid $47,700

For more information, contact:
John F. Cope
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3 bedroom, 2 bath home with fireplace, covered patio, cinder block fence. Approx. 1,862 sq. ft. Lot 4, Block 20, Wydewood Estates Addition.
4901 Sunshine Parkway
Midland, TX
Opening bid $38,051

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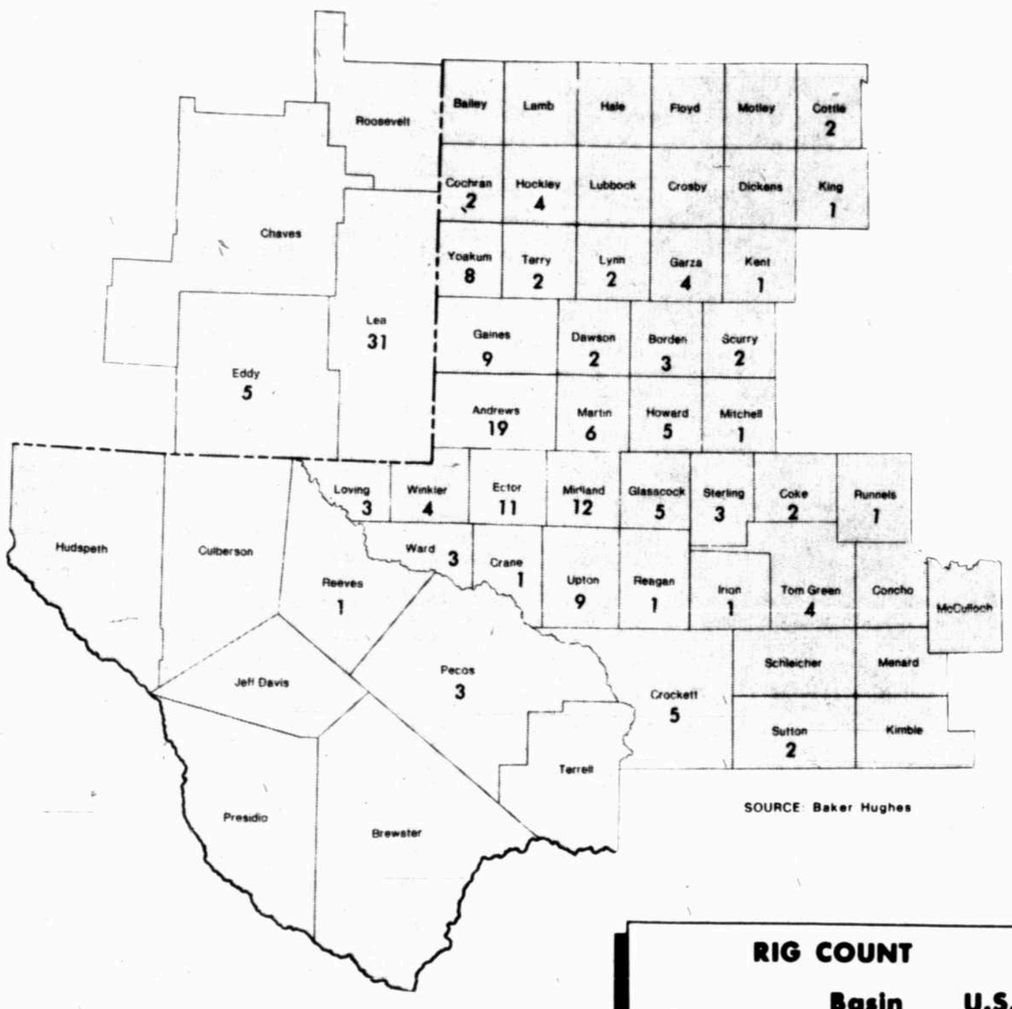
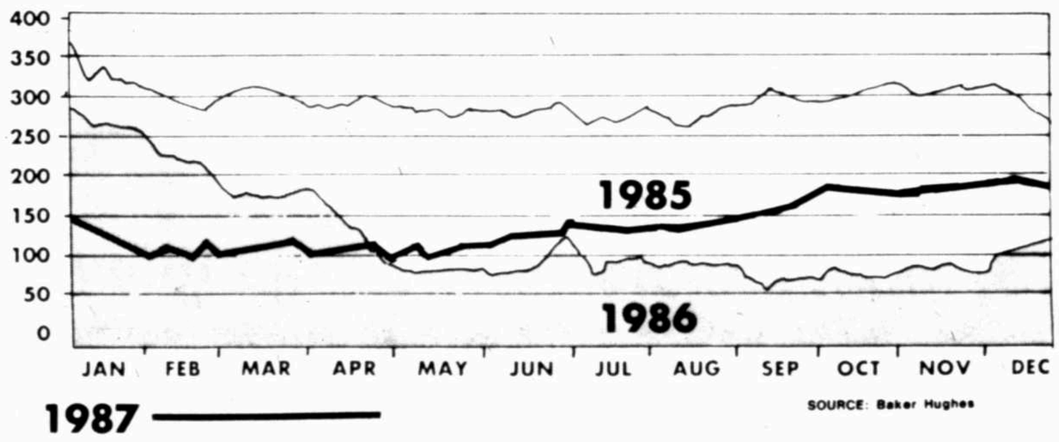


RIG COUNT

	Basin	U.S.
This Week	180	1,168
Last Week	188	1,181
Year Ago	139	969

Tracking the Basin Rig Count



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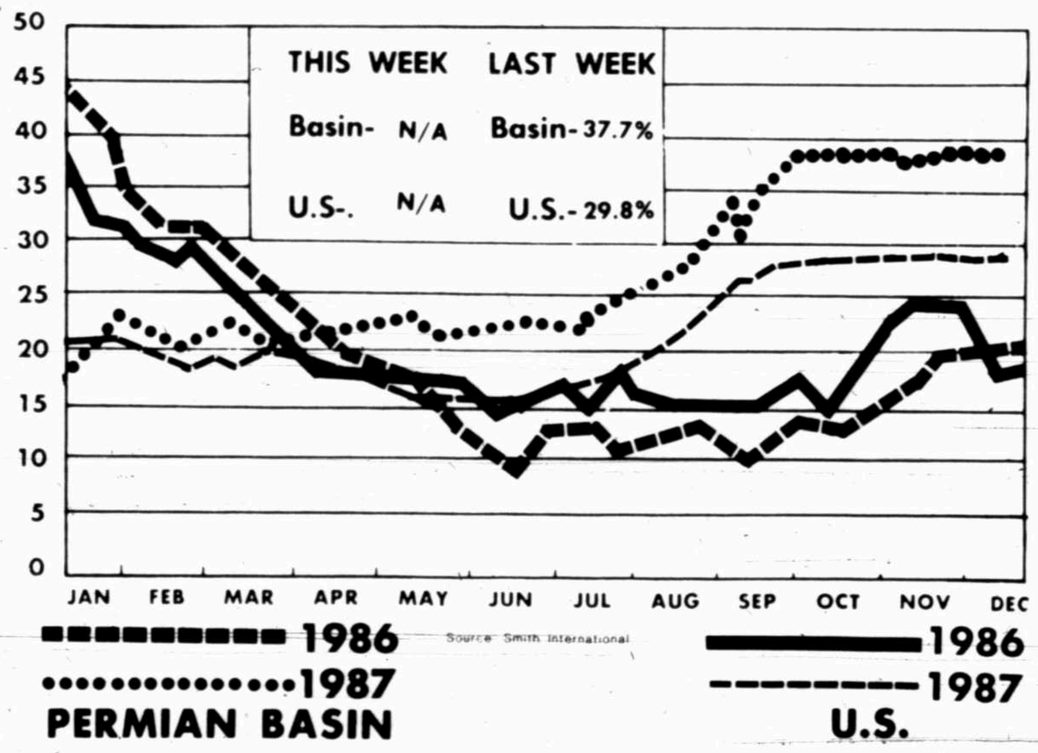

Rig count off for both Basin, U.S.

From Staff Reports

Both the Permian Basin and U.S. rig counts were off this week, according to Baker Hughes of Houston.

In the U.S., the rig count slipped 13 to 1,168 rigs, while the Basin tally fell eight to 180.

Lea County, N.M., the most active in the Permian Basin, had 31 rigs making hole within county lines, followed by Andrews County with 19 rigs and Midland County with 12. Ector County had 11 rigs working.

Among major oil producing states, Texas remained stable while Oklahoma's rig count jumped by eight rigs.

Louisiana lost nine rigs and New Mexico five. Other states losing rigs include California and Pennsylvania, two each and North Dakota, one.

Permian Basin completions

TRC Districts	7C	8	8A	N.M.	Total
This week	19	14	32	9	74
Last week	26	27	35	12	100

Source: Petroleum Information

OIL PRICES THIS WEEK

West Texas Intermediate

SPOT MARKET

Average This Week $15.86

Average Last Week $16.84

Monday	$15.60
Tuesday	$15.15
Wednesday	$16.05
Thursday	$16.65
Friday	Holiday

Posted Price

Amoco	17.00*	Mobil	16.50*
Arco	16.50	Navajo	16.50*
Chevron	17.00	Permian	16.50*
Citgo	16.50	Phillips	16.50*
Conoco	16.50	Pride	16.50*
Crown	16.50*	Scurlock	16.50
D. Shamrock	16.50*	Shell	17.00*
Enron	16.50	Sun	16.50*
Exxon	17.00	Tesoro	16.50*
Fina	16.50*	Texaco	16.50
Koch	16.50	UPR	16.50
Marathon	16.50*	Unocal	16.50*

Median This Week $16.50

Median Last Week $16.50

EDITOR'S NOTE: Prices effective Friday preceding publication. Listed prices may be subject to pipeline and trucking charges, which vary by firm and lease location. Contact crude oil buyers for charges.

* Denotes net price — no transportation charges.

API: Deliveries of heating oil up 6.1 percent

WASHINGTON — Deliveries of distillate fuel oil (home heating oil and diesel fuel) in November were 6.1 percent higher than November 1986, even though the weather was 13 percent warmer, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

The API's *Monthly Statistical Report* also reported that output of crude oil in Alaska hit a record high of almost 2.1 million barrels per day, which amounted to one-fourth of U.S. crude oil production. At the same time, the lower 48 states reached a new recent-year low of about 6.2 million barrels per day and continued production at levels not seen in thirty years, the API said.

Despite Alaska's output, U.S. production for November was about 900,000 barrels a day lower than in early 1986, when the price of crude began dropping drastically.

Other statistics compiled by the API include:

■ U.S. petroleum imports (crude and products) in November were just under 7.1 million barrels a day; imports for November 1986 were 6.5 million barrels a day.

■ Imports as a percentage of total U.S. petroleum deliveries were 42.6 percent, up from 40.4 percent for the month of November, 1986.

■ Persian Gulf petroleum reperesented 21.5 percent of total U.S. petroleum imports in September, up from 16.6 percent for the same month in 1986.

■ The amount of crude oil exported by Persian Gulf countries in November totalled about 10.9 million barrels a day, of which about 7.5 million barrels a day passed through the Strait of Hormuz.

■ Non-communist world production of petroleum including the U.S., totaled about 45.3 million barrels a day in November.

■ The average OPEC price for a barrel of crude oil as of Dec. 4, 1987 was $17.16.

■ U.S. natural gas marketed production was 44.1 billion cubic feet daily in September; for September 1986, marketed production was 42.7 billion cubic feet a day.

■ The percentage of U.S. crude oil from offshore wells was 14.4 percent in 1986; the percentage of U.S. natural gas from offshore wells was 26 percent in 1986.

Oil production rises, gas output falls

AUSTIN — Figures released by the Railroad Commission indicate that the state's crude oil production was up in October.

The state's crude oil production averaged 1,956,608 barrels daily, up from the Commission's preliminary production of 1,949,782 barrels produced daily in September. Final production reports for September indicate the state produced an average of 1,962,440 barrels daily.

According to the Commission, the preliminary October production figure is 60,654,853 barrels, up from 58,493,447 barrels in September.

While the state's oil production was up, the state's natural gas production was down in September, the Commission said.

During September, Texas oil and gas wells produced 434,319,289 Mcf (thousand cubic feet), compared to August gas production of 454,627,494 Mcf. However, September 1987 production was 1.2 percent higher than September 1986 production of 429,167,485 Mcfd.

Marketed gas production — the gas left after liquid hydrocarbons are separated on the lease from the "wet" gas ususally produced at the wellhead — totalded 338,668,210 Mcfd, an 8.69 perent decrease from August volume. Production of marketed gas in September 1986 was 352,877,423 Mcfd.

Gasohol use highest in Neb.

A study by the Federal Highway Administration reported that 35 per cent of the motor fuel used in Nebraska was gasohol (a gasoline substitue), the highest rate of consumption in the U.S.

USE OF GASOHOL FOR HIGHWAY TRAVEL, 1985
In percent of gasohol use of all motor fuels

Note: All states not listed have a gasohol use of less than 0.1 percent of total fuel

SOURCE: Federal Highway Administration

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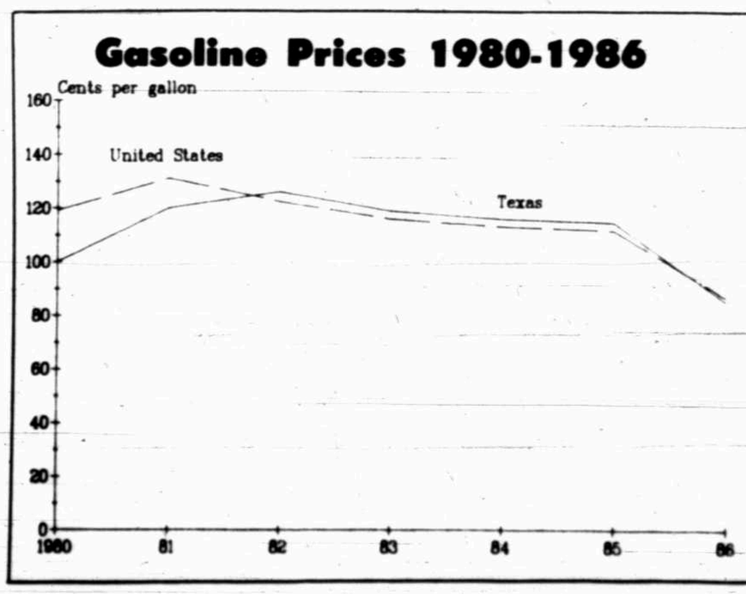
Gasoline Prices 1980-1986



Tracking gasoline prices

Texas motorists were paying 20 cents less than the rest of the nation for gasoline in 1980, but began paying slightly more than the rest of the country in late 1981, a trend that continued until oil prices collapsed in early 1986. Gasoline prices peaked at roughly $1.35 in 1981, and fell to approximately 90 cents in early 1986.

Source: Texas Railroad Commission

ARCO's pipeline project 80 percent complete

INDEPENDENCE, Kan. (SWN) — ARCO Pipe Line Co., reported that it is 80 percent complete with its project to permit reversal of crude shipments on its crude trunk lines between Houston, Texas, and Cushing, Oklahoma.

The project, which is scheduled for start-up by the end of January 1988, will have an ultimate pumping capacity of 110,000 barrels per day.

A tariff of 41 cents per barrel from Houston to Cushing was filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on December 17, 1987, to be effective January 16, 1988.

The project includes modifications to pump stations in Teague, Jacksboro and Wichita Falls, Texas. All stations will be capable of pumping in either a northerly or southerly direction.

TEXAS BUSINESS

Entrepreneur: Beating AT&T was self-preservation

By ROB FIXMER
Dallas Times Herald

GUN BARREL, Texas (AP) — There's nothing in Tom Carter's appearance — a thick tuft of snow-white hair atop a face carved of Texas bedrock — that suggests a revolutionary.

As he strolls the grounds of his spacious estate here, near the western shores of Cedar Creek Lake, the 64-year-old retiree speaks in a slow, quiet drawl, talking about fishing for large-mouth bass and founding the local chamber of commerce.

There's no hint of the rebel whose lawsuit against AT&T in the late 1960s sparked a revolution that would forever change the telecommunications industry and make Dallas its epicenter.

Carter didn't intend to single-handedly create an industry when he filed suit against American Telephone & Telegraph in 1966 — nor did he realize what the victory ultimately would cost him.

"It was pure self-preservation," he says. "All I wanted to do was sell my Carterfone."

As it turned out, he says, that was enough to send the world's largest telephone monopoly into vindictive fits and change the face of an entire industry.

Carter's device, a precursor to the mobile telephone, connected a two-way radio to the telephone system. By today's standards of technology the Carterfone was fairly primitive. But this was the 1960s, and technology was not the issue.

Since 1893, when the Supreme Court upheld Alexander Graham Bell's broad claims to all patents on the telephone, Bell's AT&T had held telecommunications in a stranglehold through its regulated monopoly.

AT&T's Western Electric made all phone equipment; its Bell Laboratories research assured that all significant new telecommunications patents remained with the mothership; and the Bell operating companies dominated the local telephone system, linking them for long distance service to AT&T — then the only player at the table.

AT&T not only made your phone but owned it. Ma Bell could — and occasionally did — withhold service for an infraction.

Carter had intended to return to Dallas in 1946, after a stint with the Army Signal Corps, to finish earning his degree at Southern Methodist University. But when he returned, he saw opportunity booming in radio, his hobby and army specialty.

The FCC has just opened a band of broadcast frequencies for what was known as professional mobile radio. With a range of 30 to 60 miles, a business could install base stations and communicate with workers in the field where telephones were unavailable. Doctors, oil companies, repair services and utility companies found it invaluable.

Carter opened for business that year in Snider Plaza, specializing in facsimile transmisson of weather maps and mobile two-way radio. His biggest customers were the Weather Bureau, then headquartered at Love Field, and oil companies.

The oil industry, with its remote West Texas drilling and pumping operations, used mobile radio to assure an uninterrupted flow of supplies and equipment. But the industry also found that radios couldn't replace the phone.

"Invariably," Carter recalls, "they were all wanting to tie their mobile radios into the telephone network. It was always their first request. The problem was that they'd call their office on the radio and tell the girl at the desk what to order them, but when the material arrived it was almost always the wrong stuff. They said, 'Look, we've got to talk directly to the suppliers.' "

AP LaserPhoto

In Tom Carter today there's some trace of the rebel whose lawsuit against AT&T in the late 1960s sparked a revolution that would forever change the telecommunications industry.

So Carter began work in the early 1950s on a device that would eventually evolve into the Carterfone, but he shelved it because he knew it would be illegal, he says.

Carter's prototype might have sat forever on a closet shelf if it had not been for AT&T's attempt to crack down on the most unlikely and benign of devices.

The Hush-A-Phone consisted of a scoop-shaped plastic cup the size of a grapefurit that slipped over a telephone mouthpiece to muffle a speaker's conversation so it wouldn't distract nearby workers. Although this was on a technical par with the Hula-Hoop, ever-vigilant AT&T filed a routine complaint with the FCC, saying it violated the company's exclusive tariff on phone equipment.

In a little publicized 1955 ruling, the FCC disagreed. The commission ordered AT&T to modify its tariff so customers could attach any device to their phone.

When Carter got wind of the decision, he saw it as a crack in the monolith through which he might easily slip his own device. In 1959 he pulled if off the shelf, redesigned it with transistors instead of vacuum tubes and set up production in Dallas.

Customers were impressed with his Carterfone. Ma Bell wasn't:

"Immediately the phone companies began contacting the purchasers and told them, 'If you use the device, we're going to terminate your phone service,' " Carter says. "Well, that scares the hell out of a businessman, let me tell you."

As it turned out, Southwestern Bell was the only operating company that ever made good on its threat. In 1964, it cut off all service to a hospital in St. Louis that had refused to disconnect a Carterfone it was using for ambulances servicing remote areas of Missouri. The FCC stepped in and forced Southwestern Bell to restore service the same day.

"I ended up getting about 3,500 units installed throughout the country," Carter recalls. "Most of those were sold a number of times, though. We'd sell them to a company and they'd call up and say, 'Look, the phone company won't let me use this thing.' They'd send it back, and I'd refund the money and ship the unit out to sombebody else. I was refunding money just about as fast as I was getting it in."

In 1966, Carter walked into the federal courthouse in Dallas and filed a suit againt AT&T, the 22 Bell companies and General Telephone.

"What Carter didn't realize — and may never have realized — is that he probably couldn't have won that case had he been from any state but Texas," says Ed Spievack, then FCC legal counsel and now president of the North American Telecommunications Association. "Texas was the only state in the union at that time that didn't have a public utilities commission and therefore didn't regulate intrastate telephone companies."

In any other state, Spievack says, Carter would have had to challenge Southwestern Bell and AT&T first at a state commission, the decision then would have been appealed in state courts. Only when appeals to those jurisdictions had been exhausted — very likely at great expense given the resources of Ma Bell — could he have sued in federal court.

"It was really a quirk that he was able to change the telecommunications industry in ways that are still being felt," Spievack says. "In fact, it would be fair to say that Carter really started the telecommunication industry, because without that decision there probably would still only be AT&T."

Although AT&T immediately appealed the Carterfone decision to the federal appeals court in New York, it eventually offered to settle in 1969: AT&T would pay Carter $500,000 and allow anyone access to the telephone system.

Carter admits the settlement didn't even pay his legal bills, which were so large that his attorneys eventually won control of the Carterfone company.

The strain of litigation also wore on his health: "By the time it was all over, I had an ulcerated colon and I was on Valium for three years trying to get over it."

But history will also note that it was the feisty native Texan who finally muscled a public entrance into the fortress that AT&T had built and monopolized for 75 years.

"That ruling benefited you, me, and everyone else," Carter says. "It ushered in an age of competition, and that prompted scientists and engineers to begin designing all kinds of new equipment."

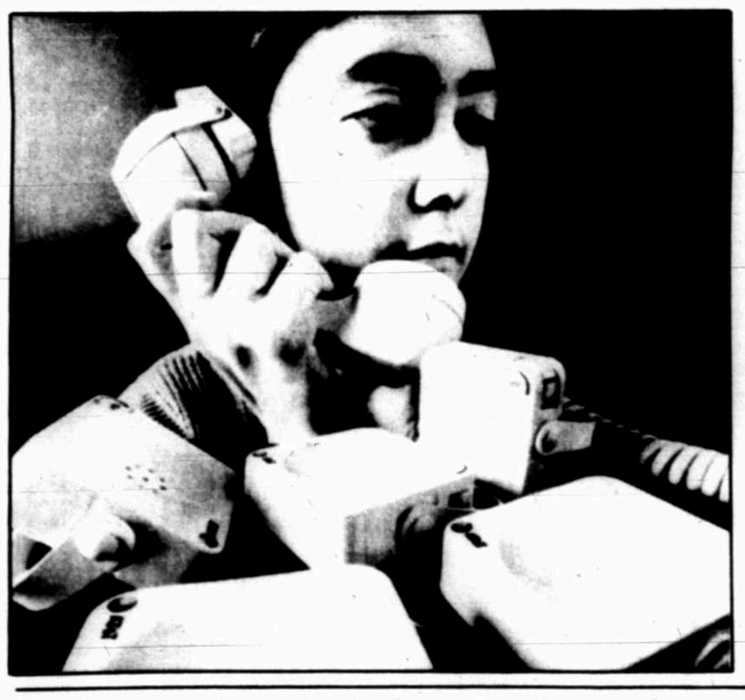
Perhaps Carter's most lasting monument, however, is the North American Telecommunications Association, the trade group he founded in 1970.

Its first meeting was attended by 12 people, representing the seven companies that together comprised AT&T's total competition in the telecommunications industry. The association now serves more than 700 member companies — including Carter's old nemesis AT&T.

These days, Carter even finds a conciliatory word or two for AT&T. "I don't think we can overlook the fact that we've got the very finest communications system anywhere in the world," he admits. "And when I say that, I'm talking about AT&T. That company blanketed this whole country with good communications. They were very well rewarded for it, but they did it themselves."

"The Bell operating companies are really what's wrong with our industry today," he fumes.

But ultimately that's a battle for another generation, he says.



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A technician at AT&T test facilities in Parsippany, N.J. inspects portable amplifiers. The two-inch by two-inch device which attaches to a telephone with a rubber strap and suction cup, boosts volume by up to 30 percent and makes hearing in noisy areas easier.

File photo

U.S. manufacturers suffer multiple ills

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shoddy workmanship, high cost and sluggish innovation is crippling American manufacturing and tarnishing the reputation of products "Made in the USA," an private management expert says.

Flaws in the American system are causing the United States to lag behind Japan and other countries in key measures of manufacturing strength, Lester C. Thurow, dean of the School of Management at Masschusetts Institute of Technology, said in an article published in this week's Science magazine.

Correcting the problem may be difficult because it is part of the "American character to argue that a problem has not been solved if one overriding cause has not been isolated," he said.

"Wisdom starts with recognizing that there is no 'silver bullet,'" Thurow writes. "No one action — no matter how major — is going to cure the problem. The solutions essentially involve changing many of the organization details of the U.S. economy ... education system and the U.S. firm."

Among the problems cited by Thurow:

—U.S. service productivity increased annually at the level of 3 percent in the 1950s and 1960s, but it now usually is less than 1 percent, while the rest of the world's service productivity is increasing by about four times that rate.

—Manufacturing productivity grew at an average rate of 3.1 percent per year from 1979 to 1985. This is slower than the major European countries and far behind the 5.7 percent rate experienced by Japan.

—"The United States definitely lags" in product quality, Thurow said. In manufacturing industrial robots, for example, he said Japanese machines are five times more accurate than those produced in the U.S. The failure rates of some American air conditioners is 500 to 1,000 times greater than the Japanese machines.

"The average U.S. manufacturer suffered 70 times as many assembly-line defects and made 17 times as many service calls in the first year of services as others," he writes. Also, U.S. nuclear reactors average 5.5 emergency shutdowns annually, compared with only 0.3 for the average Japanese reactor.

—"When it comes to process technologies, Americans are slow to invent and slow to adopt," Thurow writes. For example, he said U.S. manufacturers use less than one-third as many robots as Japan and has fewer robots per worker than Sweden, Germany or Belgium. In steel technology, Japan far surpasses U.S. companies in the use of advanced furnaces and techniques.

Even in low-technology innovations, he said, Americans lag. European stone cutters now can slice construction granite to a precise one-half inch thickness. U.S. workers cannot yet slice granite thinner than two inches.

—"The rest of the world has become faster to move products from their laboratories to the market place," he said. It takes, for example, an American car company 62 months from design to delivery of a new car. In Japan, it takes only 43 months.

Thurow said an American turnaround would require a variety of corrections. He said among the problems that must be solved are:

—A shortage of engineers. More U.S. scientists and engineers go into research and into defense than into industrial production. Foreign countries give industry a higher emphasis.

—U.S. top management is generally not technically oriented and is less likely to adopt innovations than are foreign competitors. "Production is not the route to the top in American industry," he said, "and few chief executive officers have ever run a production facility."

—High school and technical education is "of poorer quality than that found abroad," he said. Americans lack the math skills to compete in an increasingly complex assembly line and the United States "now has a higher functional illiteracy rate and high school dropout rate than those of all its major competitors."

Job outlook improving for current crop of graduates

CHICAGO (AP) — Optimistic over economic growth, businesses will significantly increase their hiring of college graduates in 1988 and also will boost starting salaries, says a Northwestern University survey released Thursday.

Businesses polled for the survey, taken after the October stock market crash, indicated they would increase employment of college graduates with bachelor's degrees by an average of 10 percent next year and boost starting salaries by an average of 4 percent.

"Despite the economic doomsayers and the stock market crash in October, corporate personnel executives are confident that the economy will continue to grow," said Victor R. Lindquist, director of Northwestern's placement office. He is the author of the 42nd annual Lindquist-Endicott Report, a respected indicator of job prospects for college graduates.

The report on 1987 grads had predicted a flat job market and an average salary increase of 2 percent.

Of the 226 medium- to large-size companies surveyed this year, 64 percent said business had improved in 1987, and 56 percent said they expected improvement in 1988.

"The tentative mood of early 1987 has been replaced by optimism among the nation's marketers of goods and services," Lindquist said in a statement accompanying the report.

"It should be a profitable year for college graduates. All major survey indicators point up — both for the economy in general and the class of '88 in particular," he said.

Lindquist warned, however, that the open door to the employment office "can close with the certainty and quickness of a guillotine if the forces driving the present market begin to change."

The job market looks brightest for graduates with bachelor's degrees in engineering or master's degrees in non-engineering fields, the report found. Businesses expected to increase hiring of graduates in each of those groups by 14 percent in 1988.

The corporations expected to increase their hiring of graduates with non-engineering bachelor's degrees by 8 percent and graduates with master's degrees in engineering by 6 percent.

Engineering graduates also will be paid the highest starting salaries, the report showed. Those responding to the survey expected to pay workers with engineering bachelor's degrees an average of $29,820 — up 4.5 percent from this year — and workers with engineering mster's degrees an average of $34,776, up 3.3 percent from 1987.

Graduates with bachelor's degrees in mathematics or science also will be well paid, the study found. Those degrees will be worth of an average of $26,112 in a starting position — an 11.8 percent increase over this year's average.

Starting Salaries

Northwestern University's survey on college graduates' starting salaries for 1988 and percentage increase from 1987 figures.

Bachelor's Degree		
Engineering	$29,820	4.5%
Accounting	24,324	5.8
Sales-Marketing	22,848	11.1
Business Administration	22,920	6.0
Liberal Arts	22,608	3.7
Computer	27,372	6.1
Chemistry	25,692	8.8
Mathematics or Statistics	26,112	11.8
Economics or Finance	23,136	10.5
Other Fields	26,316	6.1

Master's Degree		
Engineering	$34,776	3.3%
Other Technical Fields	30,936	7.0
MBA with Technical BS	38,412	10.4
MBA with Non-Technical BA	36,120	5.1
Accounting	29,700	1.7
Other Fields	30,840	9.0

Namedropping Policy

Namedropping is intended to inform readers of promotions, achievements, and changes among the professional business personnel and leaders of Midland.

New presidents, chairmen of the board, directors of major corporations or new officers of organizations are normally treated separately as free-standing stories.

Information for Sunday pages must be in the Business-Oil Department by the preceding Thursday at noon.

All information must be submitted in writing and include the name and telephone number of the person submitting it.

If a photograph is included, the person in the picture must be professionally dressed.

Pictures should be black and white, preferably glossy finish, studio portraits. Studio color portraits may be submitted, but they may reproduce poorly. In general, snapshots are not acceptable.

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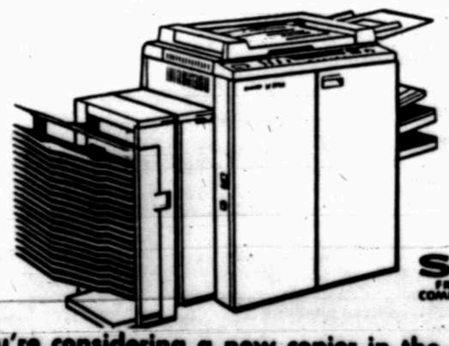

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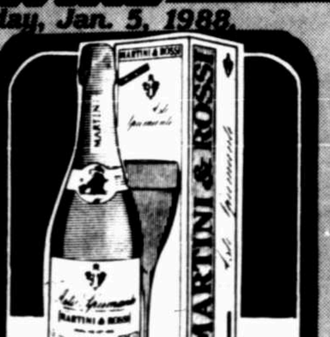

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Spence

RONALD G. SPENCE, president and chief operating officer of Ladd Petroleum Corp., has been named to the additional post of chief executive officer, replacing John H. Moore, chairman, whose retirement is effective Feb. 1, 1988.

Ladd is an affiliate of General Electric Co. and employs 350 people, including 15 in Midland and Odessa.

Gov. Bil Clements has appointed Midlander **EILEEN PIWETZ, R.N., Ed.D**, to the state's Board of Nurse Examiners. Piwetz, a graduate of Hermann Hospital School of Professional Nursing in Houston, is currently chairman of the Health Sciences divisionof Midland College.

JOHN B. LOWE, director of utilities for the city of Midland, has been elected vice-chairman of the Texas section of the American Water Works Association. He will serve as chairman-elect in 1988-89 and chairman in 1989-90.

Southwest Multimedia Corp. has appointed **JOSEPH A. SUGG** general manager of KPEJ-TV, the Midland-Odessa independent station. SUgg was formerly sales manager at WXTX in Columbus, Ga. before joining Southwest Multimedia.

KTPX/KWAB-TV has appointed **DAN ROBBINS** as general manager. Robbins was previously general manager of KPEJ-TV and KTXS-TV in Abilene.

FOREIGN OPPORTUNITIES

Information about the following international contracting opportunities can be obtained through the Center for Energy & Economic Diversification at 367-2370 or 563-2400, ext. 2370.

The center will assist interested businesses in obtaining project profiles from the Overseas Private Investment Corp.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION: Somali Republic — Assistance sought to expand a cattle ranch on nine square kilometers with a water reservoir. Project entails fattening 5,000 head of cattle per year and establishing a poultry farm.

CONSTRUCTION: Nigeria — Project sponsor seeks to establish a pulp-/paper mill and to improve on forest reserves as a source of raw materials.

MINING, ENERGY AND CHEMICALS: Grenada — Project sponsor seeks equipment supply, financial and technical assistance to establish a facility to manufacture fiberglass products including boat hulls, washbasins and toilets.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits in the City of Midland for the period of Dec. 14 to Dec. 18.

New residential
Kahler Construction, 5003 Sherwood, $59,500; Grafa Construction, 3509 Northfield Drive, $110,000.
Total: 2 permits, $169,500.

Residential alteration/repair
Don Manley, 310 Mariana, $500; Robert Apple, 1407 Community Lane, $32,000; Homeowner, 513 E. New York, $1,500; Harlan Reynolds, $4,500; Homeowner, 1708 S. Belmont, $2,000; Scott Casey, 2201 Boyd, $3,200.
Total: 6 permits, $43,700.

Residential detached accessories
Homeowner, 1805 N. D, $2,500; Homeowner, 706 N. Loma Vista, $1,500; Homeowner, 2405 Arbor Circle, $200; Homeowner, 1704 S. Marshall, $20,000.
Total: 4 permits, $24,200.

Mobile homes
Homeowner, 1721 S. Jefferson, $1,500; Homeowner, 307 E. Elm, $3,000.
Total: 2 permits, $4,500.

Commerical alteration/repair/accessory
Don Manley, 2211 Carter, $8,000.
Total: 1 permit, $8,000.

Westmark Systems completes Tracor acquisition

AUSTIN (AP) — Chairmen Bobby Inman of Westmark Systems, Inc., and Frank McBee of Tracor, Inc., have announced the completion of Westmark's acquisition of Tracor, effective Dec. 18.

Westmark is a privately held corporation with headquarters in Austin. It was established in 1986 for the purpose of acquiring technology companies.

Tracor, an international technological products and services company with 1987 sales of $674.8 million, is Westmark's first acquisition. Tracor is located in 18 states and five foreign countries and has 11,000 employees.

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Testing and evaluation, along with ACT and SAT score improvement programs, are a part of CAA's professional counseling services. "We're not trying to compete with school counselors, but at the same time we realize the many demands they have on their time," Loper said.

Armed with the proper personal background information, adviser and family can begin selecting appropriate schools. "You have to consider the return on your college investment," Ideus said.

He added: "If a particular company you are interested in goes only to specific campuses to recruit, you need to know that."

The universal desire among parents is for their children to have a better life than theirs. Confusion comes in as to what the process is to accomplish that, Ideus added.

"Families of different income and education levels need us for different reasons," said Loper. Families with annual incomes ranging from $3,000 to far in excess of $100,000 have signed up, he said.

"Many families are intimidated by the forms and deadlines," Tully said. "One of our member's sons had a full-ride football scholarship put away in a drawer that almost went to waste because no one acknowledged receiving it."

Longtime Midland oil operator and drilling contractor W.V. "Red" Roberts is bankrolling CAA's activities, "to develop our country's most important resource — its youth."

In the year since the concept for CAA came across Roberts' desk, it has grown from an idea to an organization with 11 members, including a telemarketing staff. The telemarketers set up appointments for about 30 contract sales representatives who directly market the service through home visits.

The company currently has brokers in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Missouri, Arizona, California and Colorado and plans to expand into Louisiana, Florida and four other states in the first quarter of 1988, with plans to eventually develop a nationwide sales force.

The company already provides national service for member families, regardless of where they are attending school, Tully explained. "A family membership entitles all children to our services so long as they qualify as their parents' dependent."

Among the services CAA provides for students already enrolled in post-secondary institutions are transition seminars and assistance in finding tutors, co-operative education and other services.

Parents can also avail themselves of the CAA's research resources to investigate correspondence courses, specialized training programs and other educational services.

BUFFTON

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■ Flight technology, comprising the operation of B&D Instruments, Valley Center, Kan., maker of computer display systems and other flight instruments for airplanes.

That's three main business lines in vastly different and generally obscure fields. Yet McLean said he foresees expanding Buffton into at least four lines of business and possibly as many as six.

Already, the writing is on the wall for four lines. The plastics operations are being recast as two separate divisions, based on the method of manufacture.

National Pipe, which extrudes plastic to make its products, is being retitled National Plastics Company. The company is adding more capacity and seeking a wider geographical market as well as new types of customers.

Flo Control, by contrast, injects plastics in molds to make its products. That requires a lot of tooling, said McLean, and a different set of skills.

You're most likely to see Flo Control's type of products in underground home sprinkler systems or spas. National Pipe makes big water and sewer pipes that you may never see, since they are buried by utilities, municipalities and home builders.

Together, the companies generate $49.5 million in sales annually.

The future strategy: Buy additional small companies in each of the two spheres, to create national companies out of small, regional outfits.

Not that Buffton has gotten where it is today by following a grand strategic plan too closely. In fact, if the company had followed the original plan, it might well be out of business.

As it is, the company's original investors still are waiting to get a return on their money. Despite the company's successful broken-field run out of the oil and gas business, "All the original investors in Buffton lost money," said Vernon Minton, a securities broker who helped Buffton in its 1981 underwriting.

What happened is this: Buffton scraped together $6 million from public investors by May of 1981, at $1 a share. Almost immediately, the market for low-priced oil and gas offerings collapsed. Buffton's stock price went up to $1.25, but in a matter of weeks fell to 15 cents a share.

"We barely made it out," said McLean.

A subsequent reverse split of one share for every five shares put the effective initial investment in Buffton at $5 per share. Recently Buffton has traded at prices just over $3 a share.

With survival at stake, Buffton fled oil and gas quickly. Design gave way to opportunism.

The first turning place: Fort Worth-based Robintech, foundering under Brad Corbett, best remembered as the man who preceded Eddie Chiles as owner of the Texas Rangers.

The connecton: McLean had served for years as Robintech's legal counsel.

The opportunities: The Vestal, N.Y., operations, which included National Pipe, the plastics outfit, and Electro-Mech, the electronic harness folks.

"They were prudent enough to not go out and spend all their money right away," on oil and gas exploration, said Bill Dedman, senior vice president of Southwest Securities Inc., the lead underwriter of Buffton's initial public offering. "They were still sitting on a considerable amount of cash" that allowed the company to make acquisitions outside the oil and gas field.

The two Robintech buys became the foundation for Buffton's transition. Even today, the two units comprise 58 percent of the company's total sales. More importantly, bigger things are still expected.

Since being acquired by Buffton five years ago, Electron-Mech has doubled in size, estimates its president, H.I. "Bud" Bowers. Not bad, considering the company is more than 30 years old.

Buffton's success is most directly linked to its fulfillment of an entrepreneur's dream: How to cash in on your startup and still remain in control of its operations.

And unless Buffton can keep a company's management, Buffton won't buy.

"Management leaves, and you're sitting there with a problem," he said.

But when it buys a company, Buffton does a series of things to keep the entrepreneurs happy and in place.

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"This is one of the most difficult things I have ever done," Connally said. "I regret that acquisitions of a lifetime must now be lost, but I willingly sacrifice them in an attempt to repay those who had faith and confidence in me."

While bankers worked to ease the fears of worried depositors, oilmen learned to appreciate $20-per-barrel crude.

West Texas Intermediate spot market prices recovered from the devastating single-digit levels of mid-1986, flirting briefly with $22 per barrel before settling just below $20.

Posted prices peaked at $20, before sliding back to $16.50 by mid-December.

Spot market prices began to tumbled precipiously due to oversupply and OPEC's inability to enforce production limits and futures fell below $15, chilling the optimism of oilmen and state officials. However, a rebound this week of more than $1.20 per barrel had traders wondering just how weak the market is.

The Baker Hughes rig count followed accordingly, closing in on 1,200 drilling rigs exploring for oil, up about 300 from the end of the previous year.

In the Permian Basin, the rig count climbed from below 130 at the beginning of the year to flirt with the 200-rig mark earlier this month. In the past two weeks, the count has lost eight rigs to fall from its year-long high of 196.

The rig count itself underwent a name change symptomatic of the troubled times in the oil patch. In March, shareholders of Houston-based Hughes Tool Co. and California-based Baker International agreed to a merger, the biggest in the oilfield service sector.

One industry booming because of the oilpatch depression was the pawnbroker business, with Houston pawnshops competing to sell second-hand Rolex watches, once the status symbol of good times.

Despite year-long rebuffs from the Reagan Administration, some oilmen persisted in their belief that salvation for the energy business rested with an oil import fee.

And although some officials worried that not enough qualified oilfield workers were available, caution appeared to be the industry watchword.

"The biggest risk now is a national economic downturn just as we are escaping the twin troughs of economic base and construction activity," Barton Smith, chairman of the Department of Economics at the University of Houston, said. "Fears of national recession within the next two years may be exaggerated, but they are not without foundation."

The state's unemployment rate became more respectable as the oil prices improved. After starting the year at 9.8 percent, the rate fell by more than two full percentage points by year's end, although that still meant more than 600,000 Texans were looking for jobs.

In Midland and Odessa, unemployment rates closed 1987 at less than half their record high levels reached in June 1986. Last month, the Texas Employment Commission estimated total unemployment in the two cities at about 8,400, compared with more than 20,000 in mid-1986.

Some good news came with the announcement that J.C. Penney would relocate its headquarters from New York to Plano, a Dallas suburb, bringing jobs and tax revenues with it.

But Southland Corp., one of Dallas' biggest employers, went private and began selling off some divisions including 1,000 of its 7-Eleven convenience stores. The company was bought out its founders, the Thompson family, to fend off unwanted takeover attempts.

In other boardrooms, the continuing battle between Texaco and Pennzoil continued to capture attention.

Texaco, rather than post a possible financially ruinous bond to appeal a Houston jury's landmark $10.53 billion judgment in 1985 for interfering in a planned Pennzoil-Getty Oil Co. merger, filed for protection under federal bankruptcy laws. Pennzoil thus became Texaco's biggest creditor.

The Texas Supreme Court, without formal hearings, upheld the award to Pennzoil, and angry Texaco executives promised to take the case the U.S. Supreme Court. Before the high court heard the companies' arguments, a $3 billion cash settlement was worked out between the parties.

In the sky, Texas-based Continental Airlines became the nation's largest domestic carrier, with Chairman Frank Lorenzo at the helm, when it merged operations with New York Air, Frontier Airlines and People Express. The merger also prompted Texas-size numbers of problems and complaints from customers.

But TranStar Airlines, an independently operated subsidiary of Southwest Airlines, called it quits, leaving 1,300 people without work. The airline had lost nearly $20 million in the preceding 10 months.

There were major mergers on the ground, too.

Dallas-based Greyhound acquired Trailways in an $80 million merger of the nation's two largest bus companies.

In the non-transportation sector, Dillard Department Stores of Little Rock, Ark., took over Dallas-based Joske's, while the Ohio-based parent company of Sanger Harris of Dallas and Foley's of Houston merged those two chains into one.

Two of the state's largest newspapers got new owners in 1987. The Houston Chronicle was sold by the Houston Endowment for $415 million to Hearst Corp. The Houston Post was purchased by William Dean Singleton's Dallas-based MediaNews Group Inc. for $150 million from Toronto Sun Publishing Corp. of Canada. Singleton, who owns the Dallas Times Herald, also bought the Denver Post.

SKI

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tain in the Cascades, outside of Seattle, says he spends a lot of time motivating the employees who put the customers into chairlift seats and serve them food to insure that patrons have "a fun experience."

At Waterville Valley, Corcoran emulates the frequent flier programs of the airlines to promote repeat business. A person skiing midweek at Waterville pays $25 for a full day ticket and receives a countdown card. Each successive day he skis between Monday and Friday, he pays two dollars less until the ticket reaches $10 a day, good for the rest of the season. The frequency discount does not apply on weekends, when areas usually are crammed to capacity.

According to Corcoran, a ski resort does not have to be large to make money. "Some smaller areas are very profitable," he said. The crucial elements, he maintains, are cost control and marketing: "Build and run resorts that attract high attendance and revenues relative to the capital invested."

This formula is getting harder to follow, however, as the cost of improvements accelerates. Many ski complexes have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in recent years on snowmaking, new lifts, base lodges and wider trails. Many of them have acquired fleets of $100,000-plus snow-tilling machines that groom the slopes to the creamy, easy-to-ski texture that is so important to customer satisfaction.

Even more expensive are the recently introduced "high-speed quad" lifts, in which the chair detaches from the fast-moving cable and inches along so that four skiers at a time can be comfortably seated. Then the chair grabs on to the cable again and the skiers are whisked off at a speed of 1,000 feet a minute uphill, more than twice as fast as fixed-chair lifts.

Skiers who ride the new high-speed chairs like them so much that they resent going back to the slower fixed chairs. But the high-speed detachables can be more than twice as expensive as conventional chairlifts. One three-quarter-mile-long detachable quad alone can represent an investment of more than $2 million.

Additionally, area owners must widen trails and add snowmaking and grooming to take care of two-and-a-half-times more skiers poured onto the slopes by a high-capacity detachable chairlift. At the same time, many areas are still amortizing a huge number of recently built fixed-chair lifts.

Still, ski resort operators can't afford to ignore the public's desire to ski more and sit less. One solution may be to devise a premium-priced "first-class ticket" to ride the high-speed chairs.

A long-time industry analyst, Charles Goeldner, of the University of Colorado, believes ski areas need an immediate increase in lift ticket prices of at least 10 percent over inflation to compensate themselves for their huge recent investments in new lifts, lodges, snowmaking and grooming.

"The ski areas," Goeldner said, "are delivering a much more valuable product to the skier, but they're not pricing it adequately."

The Aspen Skiing Co., for example, has invested $33 million in new and better facilities over the last four years. When it raised the one-day ticket price to $35, though, townspeople marched in protest last summer.

The Aspen company "greatly improved the value of the skiing experience," Goeldner commented. "The hullabaloo about the price increase was totally unjustified."

Skiers vacationing at Aspen and other well-known resorts, however, usually buy tickets good for five or more days of skiing, and this can lower costs significantly. A six-day pass at Aspen, for example, means the customer pays just $30 a day to ski. A person willing to ski 14 consecutive days at Aspen will pay only $24 a day.

Elsewhere this season, daily lift passes are up by about $2 from last winter. Goeldner estimates the average cost to an American skier for an adult one-day weekend lift pass this winter will probably be $22 to $23.

MONEY

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In such an environment, the natural impulse may be to increase the emphasis on safety and liquidity, opting for a money market mutual fund that now yields 6 percent to 7 percent, or a federally insured money market deposit account returning perhaps a little less.

That kind of choice offers peace of mind, and a measure of protection from any further financial jolts.

But while such a strategy may make a lot of sense, investment advisers do not recommend simply hibernating until the climate improves. In uncertainty often lies opportunity, they point out, especially if you are willing to take a long-term view.

The point, they say, is that a rocky year for the markets and the economy might put prices of assets like stocks or real estate at attractive buying levels. In that event, they conclude, 1988 might one day be seen as a year that produced a bounteous harvest of investment opportunities.

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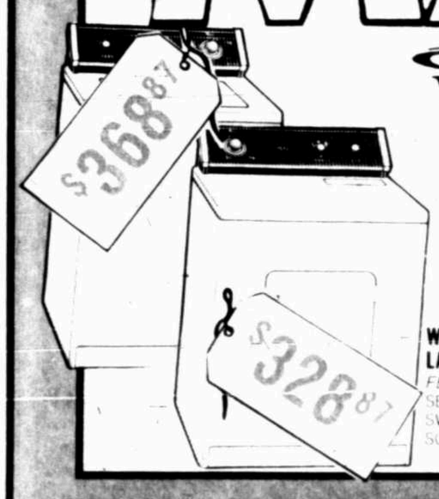

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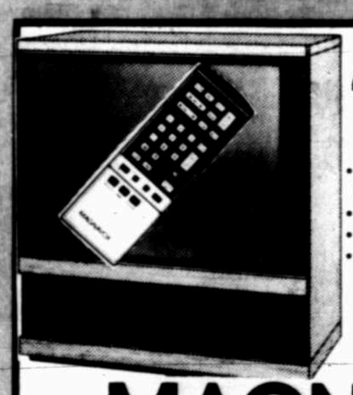

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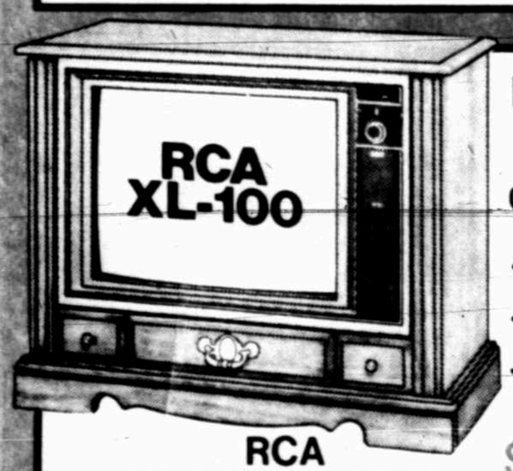

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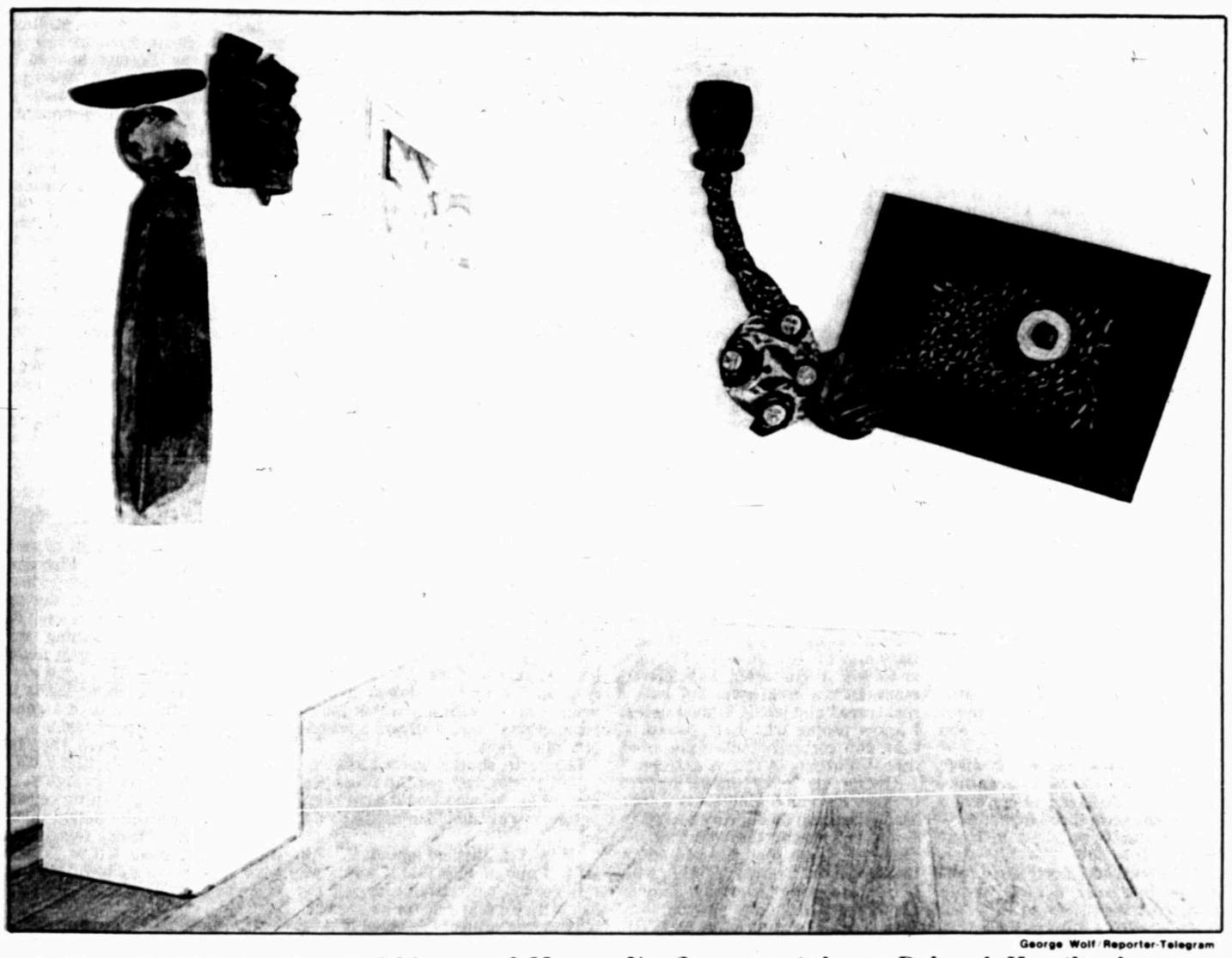

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Gallery 1114 is hosting its fifth annual Member's Show through January 15. Pictured here in the gallery's front room are, from left, Boyd Harris' pit-fired ceramic Site 87-A sculpture, behind it on the wall is another Harris piece titled Clay No. 2, next to it hangs Deborah Hamilton's watercolor "One Banana" and, on a wall of its own, hangs John Harmon's mixed media, "Venus as a Scream."

Art gallery

By GEORGIA TODD TEMPLE
Entertainment Writer

Three Ds — drive, determination and dedication — have kept the doors of Gallery 1114 open to the public since its Dec. 5, 1983 grand opening.

Mike Banschbach, president, credits the successful operation of the gallery during some of the worst of economic times in West Texas to its not-for-profit motive.

"I think we are still around and have outlasted a couple of other galleries, not that we are in any competition, because our primary motivating force is not profit," Banschbach says. "I think someone, gallery owner or whoever, whose primary motivating reason for doing it (operating a gallery) is profit, will find an exceedingly difficult time in succeeding.

"Our primary interest is to bring fresh, contemporary art work to West Texas as well as grow individually as artists," Banschbach says. "Because that's our primary motivating factor for doing this, and we all have such a stake in the gallery — a lot of time invested — and an interest in personal artistic growth, I think that is why we have stayed around."

None of the 10 current member artists in the cooperative gallery view art as a hobby.

"A hobby is something you can put down and come back to in six months or a year. For the folks involved here, art is not a hobby. It's something that is a part of them. Because it is so important, we will put in a great amount of work to see that the gallery stays around."

The gallery's grand opening featured a membership show. This year marks Gallery 1114's fourth annual Member's Show. The exhibit, which hangs through Jan. 15, features work by former members Jane Becker, John Harmon, Jack Hickman, Ruth Hill Radcliffe, Susan Randle and Warren Taylor as well as those by current members Carol Bailey, Banschbach, Travis Beckham, Christi Branum, Paula Babb Cox, Deborah Hamilton, Boyd Harris, M. Jurras Mayberry and Sharon Seay.

The show contains oils, watercolors, acrylic paintings, oilsticks, charcoal and pastel paintings, ceramic and wood-relief sculptures and photography.

The gallery is "always glad" to show work created by former members.

"We're indebted to them for the work they've done," Banschbach says. "They have helped us attract quality shows."

Works in the show demonstrate "a lot of personal growth."

"I think that's the most important thing. People who have frequented the gallery over the last several years will be able to notice individuals that have grown tremendously over the last several years."

Although Banschbach was not "personally" involved during Gallery 1114's inception, he is familiar with its history.

The idea for a cooperative gallery which displays contemporary work began at Midland College, Banschbach says. Several MC art instructors along with individuals in the community, such as Travis Beckham, shared the dream of starting such a gallery. They put those dreams into action in early 1983 and began looking for an appropriate structure.

"They found a run-down house on Big Spring," Banschbach says. "It was a dog grooming business, so needless to say, there was a lot of work on the interior and exterior that needed to be done to make it look presentable."

He cites Christi Branum, John Harmon and Kristy Koch as playing major roles in the formation of Gallery 1114 and says, "Those three names are etched in my mind as being the primary actors in the gallery."

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Jack Hickman's "I Thought It Was Love But It Must Have Been Gas," above, greets viewers as they walk through Gallery 1114's front door. Mike Banschbach, the gallery's president, right, stands next to a raku work by Boyd Harris.

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Etching display still at museum

"Piranesi: The grandeur of Ancient Rome," an exhibiton of 45 etchings by one of the greatest masters of the art of neoclassical etching, is on display at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through Jan. 15.

Many of the etchings are views of ancient Roman architecture still in existence during the artist's lifetime.

Giovanni Battista Piranesi, a Venetian born in 1720, aspired to be an architect. Since employment prospects were not good in architecture, Piranesi turned to art, concentrating on architectural subject matter.

"He was known as a superb technician and was influential in the development of neoclassicism," states a news release from the museum.

Piranesi's study of engineering and his interest in perspective make his views particularly interesting. These include bird's-eye views as well as panoramas. He was known to sketch in mid-air while hanging from a rope and to climb walls for a different perspective on a view.

In his 56 years, Piranesi produced over 1,000 ethcings. Many of his views of Rome were sold to tourists as souvenirs.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum will be closed Dec. 31 through Jan. 3.

New Years party set

KERRVILLE — Inn of the Hills River Resort is "Puttin' on the Ritz" for New Year's Eve beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The Cone Sisters and Orchestra, a San Antonio-based group, will furnish music for dancing. Tiaras and top hats for the guests, entertainment by "Fred and Ginger" during the orchestra intermission, free souvenir photos, snacks during the evening and an open bar are included in the admission price of $29.88 per-person. At midnight, champagne corks will fly and a full breakfast will be served.

For those guests who wish to stay the night, Inn of the Hills offers a special room price of $19.88 per-person, plus tax, double occupancy. Those staying New Year's Eve and the following night will get a third night free.

For more information call 1-800-292-5690.

Pruitt works featured

The Frame Korner Gallery, 2205 N. Big Spring St., is featuring the latest works of Charles N. Pruitt this month.

Pruitt is a landscape artist who primarily paints on location. He likes to capture the serenity and gentleness of the Southwest in his paintings.

The exhibit also contains work from his trips to Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Fort Davis, made earlier this year.

Pruitt has conducted demonstrations and workshops throughout West Texas.

Opera to be broadcast

Jacques Offenbach's "Les Contes d'Hoffmann" (The Tales of Hoffmann) will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metroplitan Opera, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 1988, over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera Radio Network. It will be heard locally over radio station KWMJ/103.3FM.

The cast includes conductor, Charles Dutoit; Hoffmann, Neil Shicoff; Olympia, Gwendolyn Bradley; Antonia, Roberta Alexander; Guilietta, Tatiana Troyanos; and Nicklausse, Susan Quittmeyer. Lindorf, Coppelius, Dappertutto, and Dr. Miracle will be portrayed by James Morris.

Toys shown at museum

"Timeless Toys" at the Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway, San Antonio, will remain on display through Feb. 7, 1988. The exhibition is made possible through Bolner's Fiesta Products, Inc., the Clifton J. Bolner family and Lynwood Farms Division.

This collection includes toys varying from hobby horses, dolls, baby rattles, stoves, cookware, tea sets, wooden mechanical toys and ethnic toys.

Artistic entries sought

All American artists are invited to enter New American Talent 1988, a national survey competition sponsored by the Texas Fine Arts Association.

Juror for the exhibition is Richard Armstrong, adjunct curator, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, N.Y.

Deadline for receipt of slides is Jan. 19, 1988. Works in all media are eligible. At least $2,000 in amounts of no less than $50 each will be awarded as honoraria to all accepted artists. Armstrong will view accepted works in person to select cash and honorary awards. Illustrated documentation will be sent to all accepted artists, and mailed to selected national museum curators.

The exhibition will be on view at Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin's museum of 20th century American art, from May 7 through June 26, 1988. Armstrong will select a traveling exhibition which will tour art museums and galleries statewide.

For more information, contact Texas Fine Arts Association, Box 5023, Austin, 78763, or call (512) 453-5312.

'Saints' show continues

The Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, will have on display "Saints Preserve Us" through January 9, 1988. It has been provided to the museum by the Pan American Roundtable of Odessa and in part from a grant from the Odessa Cultural Council. It features 24 color reproductions of retablos — Spanish for altarpiece — and an interesting mix of Mexican folk art.

The museum will be closed for the holidays through Dec. 28, and on January 1-4. Regular hours will resume on Jan. 5. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. There is never an admission charge.

Chorale sets auditions

The Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale (MOSC) will hold auditions for its 1988 spring season from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 5, and Thursday, January 7, in the Symphony Rehearsal Hall. The Chorale will perform two concerts in April and will present selections by Rodgers and Hammerstein with the Symphony in May. Those auditioning will be asked to sing "The Star Spangled Banner." To schedule an audition, please call the symphony office at 563-5269.

GALLERY

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To those three names, Banschbach adds two more — Ms. Radcliffe and Beckham.

"I single out Ruth and Travis as being key members because they were and are active working artists. Some of the other people involved are also working artists, but they work at something else also.

"I think that the gallery has benefited in ways that I can't really quantify from those two. When you get a mix of people who do art part of the time and something else all the time, those people are not as close to art as they really would like to be.

"Ruth and Travis are involved in art all of the time, and they provide some insight that the rest of us don't have. We are spread in a number of different areas so we sometimes lose the perspective of an artist who is working at it full time."

Banschbach's involvement with Gallery 1114 began in April of 1984.

"I knew Ruth (Hill Radcliffe) and Sharon Seay and John Harmon and I knew of Warren Taylor — those folks at Midland College — because I was taking photography classes out there. Ruth was actually a dark room instructor, and she encouraged me to submit work for review by the gallery. And I was accepted."

He became president in 1985.

He recommends that those artists who would like to join Gallery 1114, attend one of the monthly meetings to get an idea how the gallery operates and to meet the members. Those meetings are held at 5 p.m. the last Thursday of every month.

"And then if it sounds like something you would be interested in, bring about five or six works into the gallery. The gallery membership will between then and next monthly meeting take a look at the work and decide if it's suitable for the gallery."

Membership is not restricted to artists. Rosa Ellis Clark, who is not an artist, but her late husband, R.C. Ellis, was, is a member.

"She is interested in art and keeping that spirit alive," Banschbach says. Mrs. Clark, who splits her time between Midland and Taos where she has an art gallery, has been instrumental in arranging some solid shows for Gallery 1114, Banschbach says.

Banschbach recommends that those who are not artists but would like to become involved in the gallery look into becoming a patron.

"You can become a patron by working at the gallery five times a year or by paying $50," he says. He adds that patrons are included in all gallery activities.

Since its opening, Gallery 1114 has shown, in addition to the work of its own members, works by artists from the area and the region, three summer invitationals and shows for local craft groups. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

This fall, the gallery held its first Open Show. The idea for an Open Show came from member Christi Branum who is also a member of 500 X Gallery in Dallas, a gallery which hosts just such a show annually in May.

"The bulk of their operating budget for the year comes from the open show. The whole space is filled, and it's gathered a reputation around Dallas as a show to see."

The objective of Gallery 1114's Open Show was to offer those who engage in a creative endeavor, who might not consider what they did to be art, to have a place to express their creativity.

The gallery accomplished its goal.

"For the first time, we attracted a lot of people who would not ordinarily have their work seen by a lot of people. I had fully expected to see 90 percent of the work from people in organizations, such as Midland Arts Association, but I was surprised and pleased to see that most of our entries came from people who are not involved in any formal art organization."

During the first year of its existence, numerous Midlanders came through the gallery. Then, in 1986, gallery attendance hit a low.

"I wish I had a dollar for every time I've heard somebody say, 'Yeah, I've seen the sign but I've just never stopped in,'" Banschbach says.

Attendance has increased in 1987. Banschbach credits the printing of an informational brochure, which members have taken around town, increased publicity and word of mouth.

"It just takes a long time for people to know you're there — to build up a very steady clientele," he says. "I'm encouraged recently by the amount of new faces that we're seeing."

At thirthysomething, actor fits role

By SUSAN CHRISTIAN
Copley News Service

Vital statistics:

Residence: a modest, minimally furnished house in Santa Monica, Calif.

Occupation: reluctant deb on new TV series.

Height: tall.

Hair: long

Birthdate: Aug. 20, 1950 something.

Peter Horton's well-rehearsed punch line kicks in like a Pavlovian reflex. "How old are you?" inquires the straight man. "Glad you asked," replies the grin.

"Thirty something."

His vaguely stated age shares space and form with one of television's most talked-about shows, "thirtysomething" — a witty, rather unstructured, part yuppie, part anti-yuppie and harshly realistic eavesdrop into the lives of a hodgepodge of lovable (or are they?) egocentrics.

The flesh-and-blood actors and celluloid characters have in common at least one essential ingredient: age.

"We're all in our early 30s, which means we were all just a little too young for the crux of the revolution," Horton says. "We were only in junior high in the late '60s, and by the time we got to college the demonstrations had stopped. But somehow we relate to that time period."

AWKWARD AGE

That's "thirtysomething" — a little too young, a little too old, stalled midway between '60s idealism and '80s materialism.

The fledgling series, which made its debut in fall 1987, wanders through the kitchens and bedrooms of its seven spotlighted characters — all mildly neurotic, all bitingly familiar.

There's wise and pretty Hope, who dotes on her baby, humors friends less perfect than she and rules her husband with a hot-and-cold temperament. There's boyish and handsome Michael, who dotes on Hope, worries himself into a tizzy over every marital spat, longs for more carefree days and toils away at his yuppie job to afford the yuppie lifestyle that embarrasses him.

There are Elliot and Nancy, who struggle to hold together a foundering relationship. There's Ellyn, who envies best friend Hope's marriage, wears business suits and scopes out available men with dignified desperation. There's Melissa, who envies cousin Michael's marriage, wears miniskirts and baggy sweaters and speaks her offbeat mind.

And there's Gary Shepard, aka Peter Horton, who teaches English at the University of Pennsylvania, doesn't much envy best friend Michael's marriage, dates college coeds and can't quite let go of his 20-somethings.

AFRAID TO GROW UP

"Gary is afraid to grow up, because to grow up is to admit your limitations," Horton says, explaining his TV persona. "When you're a kid, everyone's attitude toward you is, 'What are you going to become?'

"I had my parents tell me over and over again, 'You can do anything you want.' But you get to a certain point where you finally have to say: 'This is the area within which I'm going to achieve; this is my potential. I'm not necessarily going to be Albert Einstein in this life, or Mozart. I'm just me, which is fine.' That's a scary thing to admit."

Frustratingly immature though Gary may be, Horton says, "I've never loved a character I've played more. He's a great guy. But he's a real scared and lonely human being. I know people who have pieces of that, and certainly I have pieces of that — but not to Gary's extreme."

Among his many endearing yet bothersome vulnerabilities is Gary's fear of settling down. He's scared to death to commit to a woman, because he would then have to admit that this is the woman for him, with her shortcomings, and that implies his own shortcomings, Horton says. "If she can't be Aphrodite, she's not good enough."

No, Horton vows, the real-life person doesn't suffer the fictional person's commitment phobia.

"I'm a huge fan of marriage and kids and all that stuff," Horton says. "There's a side to me that's afraid of all of that, so I can relate to Gary, but I certainly don't have his problem with love. I don't fall in love often, but when I do, I do it wholeheartedly. I enjoy it."

ALMOST MISSED THE BOAT

When "thirtysomething" creators Ed Zwick and Marshall Herskovitz first contacted their friend to offer him the role of Gary, Horton turned them down. A star in the series "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers" ("short-lived, thank God," he comments) and numerous made-for-television movies, he had sworn off TV acting — or so he thought.

"I'd been doing some directing (such as the TV film 'One Too Many')," Horton says. "And I'd told myself, OK, my career is directing and acting in feature film — period. I'd decided I was going to make that stand.

"Then Ed and Marshall called me up and said, 'We have this terrific pilot we've written." I said, 'Thanks but no thanks.' They said, 'Well, at least read it.' I did, and said, 'Great script, guys, but no thanks.'

"They said" — Horton playfully paraphrases, breaking into laughter — 'We just want to make the best pilot we can. It'll never get picked up, because it's too good for TV.'"

Persistence paid off; Horton eventually agreed to take part in the pilot. The pilot paid off; ABC eventually picked it up and slotted it at a prime time — with hopes that "thirtysomething" would attract upwardly mobile fans.

So far, the show is holding its own.

Had Horton refused the role once and for all, he soon would have been pulling out his shoulder-length blond hair.

"Now I'm thrilled about it," he says. "I had no idea that it would be this good. I can imagine myself today if they'd taken no for an answer. It's the first project I've acted in that I have no apologies for."

MUSICIAN TURNED ACTOR

From the beginning, fate has led Horton down the road to Hollywood. The Bellevue, Wash., native graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara with a degree in music composition. While playing piano for a Santa Barbara repertory company, the director nudged him into an acting role. Television parts followed, then directing jobs — and a decade later, "thirtysomething" caught up with him.

Like many "thirtysomething" faithfuls, Horton's own friends express a love-hate for the whining characters who — as humans will do — make mountains out of molehills.

"You get an interesting reaction toward the show," Horton says. "It's threatening to people."

"Thirtysomething" exhibits a knack for presenting the characters who were likable one week in an unflattering light the next week. For instance, in one episode, Gary romanced then cruelly jilted ex-girlfriend Melissa.

"We're asking the audience to genuinely love these people, even with their flaws, just like you have to genuinely love those around you," Horton says. "Love is a process. Just like art, it takes tremendous pain and growing."

Don't we turn on the TV to escape reality's rough edges? Why would we want to watch "thirtysomething," which subjects us to the same little agonies we must face each day?

Sure, the "thirtysomething" seven are a bunch of narcissistic malcontents. But then, perhaps the reason they can seem so annoying is that they mirror the quirks of a generation dead set on perfection.

"Baby boomers have this false sense of puritanism, in that if it's not absolutely right, it's not right," Horton says. "We've grown up constantly assaulted with the notion that we can have more. Movies, television sitcoms, commercials tell us, 'You can have this, you can have that, who says you can't have it all?' It's just on and on.

"It's hard to appreciate and embrace what you have if you're constantly looking toward what you don't have."

NBC has top five shows in week's ratings race

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NBC had the top five shows in the A.C. Nielsen Co. ratings during a week dominated by Christmas programming and holiday specials.

"The Cosby Show" was No. 1 for the week that ended Sunday, followed by its spinoff "A Different World," "Cheers" "Night Court," and "The Golden Girls".

NBC won the week with an average prime-time rating of 16.3. CBS was second with 13.8, followed by ABC's 12.6. For the season, NBC s leading with 16.3, CBS has 13.7 and ABC 13.5.

The rating is a percentage of the nation's 88.6 million households with televisions.

"The CBS Evening News" led the network news shows, followed by the "NBC Nightly News." "ABC World News Tonight" was in third place.

Here are the prime-time television ratings as compiled by Nielsen for the week of Dec. 14-20. Top 20 listings include the week's ranking, with full season-to-date ranking in parentheses, rating for the week, and total homes.

An "X" in parentheses denotes one-time-only presentation. Shows from 21 on include only the weekly ranking. A rating measures the percentage of the nation's 88.6 million TV homes.

1. (1) "The Cosby Show," NBC, 29.3 rating, 26.0 million homes.
2. (2) "A Different World," NBC, 26.9, 23.8 million homes.
3. (3) "Cheers," NBC, 25.5, 22.6 million homes.
4. (4) "Night Court," NBC, 25.0, 22.2 million homes.
5. (6) "Golden Girls," NBC, 22.0, 19.5 million homes.
6. (16) "NFL Monday Night Football: Chicago vs. San Francisco," ABC, 21.9, 19.4 million homes.
7. (12) "ALF," NBC, 21.1, 18.7 million homes.
8. (8) "60 Minutes," CBS, 19.9, 17.6 million homes.
9. (11) "L.A. Law," NBC, 19.8, 17.5 million homes.
10. (14) "Christmas Comes to Willow Creek" — "CBS Sunday Movie," 19.2, 17.0 million homes.
11. (10) "Moonlighting," ABC, 18.8, 16.6 million homes.
12. (X) "Bob Hope's Christmas Special," NBC, 18.4, 16.3 million homes.
13. (5) "Growing Pains," ABC, 18.2, 16.1 million homes.
14. (15) "Amen," NBC, 18.0, 15.9 million homes.
15. (X) "Candid Camera Christmas Special," CBS, 17.7, 15.7 million homes.
16. (X) "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," CBS, 17.4, 15.4 million homes.
17. (7) "Who's the Boss?", ABC, 17.2, 15.2 million homes.
18. (13) "Family Ties," NBC, 17.0, 15.1 million homes.
18. (22) "Matlock," NBC, 17.0, 15.1 million homes.
20. (9) "Murder, She Wrote," CBS, 16.6, 14.7 million homes.
20. (28) "Designing Women," CBS, 16.6, 14.7 million homes.
20. (19) "Newhart," CBS, 16.6, 14.7 million homes.
23. (17) "My Two Dads," NBC, 16.4.
24. (X) "Muppet Family Christmas," ABC, 16.1
25. (X) "Family Ties Special," NBC, 15.7.
26. (31) "Knots Landing," CBS, 15.3.
26. (30) "Kate & Allie," CBS, 15.3.
28. (X) "Circus of the Stars," CBS, 15.1.
29. (42) "St. Elsewhere," NBC, 14.9.
30. (X) "Motown Merry Christmas," NBC, 14.8.
31. (23) "Dallas," CBS, 14.7.
32. (X) "Julie Andrews Christmas Special," ABC, 14.6.
33. (47) "20-20," ABC, 14.5.
33. (X) "Secrets Women Never Share," NBC, 14.5.
33. (X) "Valerie's Family Special," NBC, 14.5.
33. (26) "Teen Wolf" — "NBC Sunday Night Movie," 14.5.
37. (34) "Dolly!" ABC, 14.1.
38. (X) "The Sound of Music" — "Movie of the Week," NBC, 13.9.
39. (X) "Jack Paar Is Alive and Well," NBC, 13.7.
40. (46) "J.J. Starbuck," NBC, 13.5.

Eddie Murphy's film seems to please weekend viewers

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — "Raw," Eddie Murphy's verbally explicit comedy concert film, was considered tasty fare by weekend moviegoers who paid $9 million to see it and send it to the top of the national box office charts.

The Paramount movie, which has received mixed reaction from critics because of the comedian's uninhibited and uncensored routines, earned an average of $6,625 per screen for its debut week at 1,391 theaters.

"Raw" had several minutes trimmed from it by the Motion Picture Association of America to achieve an "R" instead of an "X" rating.

Three other debut movies made the Top 10 list, including the Steven Spielberg-produced "Batteries Not Included," the Goldie Hawn-Kurt Russell comedy "Overboard," and the much-maligned "Leonard Part VI," which has been disowned by star Bill Cosby.

Staying in second place was Buena Vista's "Three Men And A Baby," earning $7.5 million for its fourth week.

"Throw Momma From The Train," dropped a notch to No.3. The Danny DeVito-Billy Crystal comedy earned $5.6 million.

In fourth place was Universal's "Batteries Not Included," about little folks from outer space who land in lower Manhattan to help an elderly couple played by Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy. The movie earned $3.3 million for its first week.

"Wall Street" stock dropped in the face of new commodities on the movie market and finished the weekend in fifth place with more than $3 million in ticket sales, down from third place last week.

"Planes, Trains And Automobiles" made it to sixth place with $2.6 million at more than 1,600 screens.

In seventh place was "Overboard," starring Miss Hawn as an amnesia-stricken socialite and Russell as the handyman who convinces her she was his wife before things went blank. The MGM-UA movie earned $1.8 million.

In eighth place was the long-running "Fatal Attraction," earning $1.5 million, followed by "Nuts," which earned $1.3 million.

The box office gross is determined by the amount of tickets a movie sells during the weekend, always a much stronger sales period than the rest of the week.

Here are the top films for the weekend as tallied by Exhibitor Relations Co., with distributor, weekend gross, number of theater screens, average per screen, number of weeks in release and estimated production costs.

1. "Raw," Paramount, $9.07 million, 1,391 screens, $6,525 per screen, $9.07 million, one week, n-a.
2. "Three Men And A Baby," Buena Vista, $7.5 million, 1,753 screens, $4,284 per screen, $44.02 million, four weeks, n-a.
3. "Throw Mama From The Train," Orion, $5.68 million, 1,514 screens, $3,752 per screen, $15.2 million, two weeks, n-a.
4. "Batteries Not Included," Universal, $3.3 million, 1,328 screens, $2,505 per screen, $3.3 million, one week, n-a.

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REVIEWS

'Leonard Part 6' a lost Cos'

By MYRA LEE SALCEDO

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"His daughter is engaged to a man old enough to be his father. His estranged wife behaves like she is younger than their daughter. And now the government has asked him to save the world. Again," reads the movie poster teaser of "Leonard Part 6." As blase as the teaser sounds, the movie is even more blase, which is a surprise. Who would have thought that Bill Cosby, the star of "Leonard," could ever be anything but funny?

Despite the fact that Cosby has made several television appearances urging his fans not to see the film in its current edited version, it is doubtful that editing alone is to blame for this sleep-inducer. There is more humor, personality and plot in most of Cosby's 60-second commercial spots than there is in the entire film of "Leonard."

The premise involves a deranged vegetarian, Medusa Johnson (Gloria Foster), attempting to take over the world by turning fish, fowl and animals into ferocious killers. She plans to do this from her hide-away, International Tuna, some sort of warehouse/animal laboratory run by body builders. Only Leonard Parker — retired secret agent extraordinaire — can stop her.

But alas, Leonard has problems of his own. He is still mooning over his wife, after a seven-year separation, and she is the kind of woman who does things like invite him to an elegant dinner, then ladle soup all over his clothes. Another problem is that his 20-year-old daughter gets engaged to a 66-year-old man — only their relationship is so boring, it seems like Leonard is worried over nothing. In fact, the most memorable moment of the father /daughter confrontation is the way Cosby carefully turns his Coca-Cola bottle towards the camera to be sure the audience can read the label. (Columbia Pictures, which produced "Leonard," is owned by Coca-Cola).

The film opens with a choppy juxtaposition of scenes of Leonard allegedly (allegedly because every scene switch to an extra is painfully evident) flying through the air in a Porsche, on the back of an ostrich and while leaping in ballet shoes. All the problems in the film — choppy camerawork, confused direction and lack of timing — are encapsulated in this shaky beginning. The camera moves so fast that the fleeting glimpses of scenes, possibly meant to cover up special effects flaws, serve only to be a major source of irritation.

All kinds of silliness ensues, including Leonard consulting a fortune teller, who lives in a bus and speaks gibberish; an attack of killer frogs; and Leonard keeping murderous lobsters at bay with melted butter (But, wait, I'm getting to the good part!) My "fav" scene (for exhibiting the ultimate in tackiness) has Leonard warding off a vegetarian "baddie" by wiggling a frankfurter in his face. The "baddie" promptly bites the frankfurter in half, and eating it causes his head to explode into yellow dust and his bloody neckless body to bob up and down (need I go on?).

Later on, a dance/fight scene, which begins with a slick video look, is destroyed the moment the actors start dancing. The camera jumps from person-to-floor-to-ceiling-to-person, etc. (I have seen smoother homemade videos done from the seat of a roller coaster). The director's refusal to let the camera linger on a single person throughout the film makes for a dizzying, eventually boring experience for the audience. A few audience members gave up and left.

There are a few strangled laughs and more almost-laughs. My ten-year-old daughter laughed all through a scene with an ostrich. The question is: Are you prepared to endure the entire film just to see Best Performance By an Ostrich? Probably not.

By the time the vegetarian queen Medusa sums up Leonard's (and Cosby's) performance with "you're clever but dumb," the audience has to agree (those members whom the vegetarians' boring antics haven't "vegged out," that is).

Sorry Cosby fans, but even though "Leonard" is the first film the lovable Huxtable has made in nine years (since "California Suite"), "Leonard Part 6" is a lost Cos'.

"Leonard Part 6," rated PG, is playing at the UA Cine on Cuthbert.

Murphy's 'Raw' lives up to its name

In Eddie Murphy's "Raw" (the Concert Movie), Murphy is mean, but democratic. He insults everyone — from Michael Jackson to Mr. T. Bill Cosby, Italian-Americans, white disco dancers, Johnny Carson's former wives and even Murphy's father come under the fire of the relentless Murphy wit.

"Raw" opens with a mythical vignette of a 1968 Thanksgiving in the Murphy household. Several children get up in front of the family and give an impromptu talent show. One boy dances, a little girl sings (in a wonderfully endearing rendition of "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?") and Murphy gets up and tells an off-color joke, laden with bathroom humor.

Shift to enthusiastically upbeat music a la "Beverly Hills Cop" accompanying scenes of pre-concert fans dripping praise for Murphy during the credits. Then the screen suddenly glows red and Murphy appears, silhouetted in black against the red, rising like a God. Applause breaks out, the lights come on and Murphy struts out grinning and full of meanness. The concert audience is on its feet. From the opening moments with Murphy commanding the audience to "Sit down, I said sit down," it's evident that Murphy is in top form and no one will be spared.

In what seems to be an attack on all the critics who have complained about Murphy's profanity, he goes "for the gusto" and peppers every few words with language that can't be printed in a newspaper.

He launches into a tirade on Mr. T, who despite his "bad" looks, Murphy says, is basically harmless "because he's dumb." Murphy said, "Mr. T came up to me and said, 'I heard you've been doing some jokes about me.' So, I decided to do some Jedi-mind tricks on him and said, 'No, I didn't.' Mr. T looked at me and said, 'Maybe, you didn't.'

Murphy draws from his real-life experiences — that of being involved in a barroom brawl at a disco, and upsetting the homosexual community with his jokes — and adds them to his repertoire.

The battle of the sexes occupies much of Murphy's scatological monologue. He explains his commitment to bachelorhood with one word — "half," in reference to the amount of money that Carson's last wife got in their divorce settlement. Murphy portrays women as mindless sex objects in the pursuit of money, and men as easily manipulated dunces in pursuit of sex.

"Love and money don't mix," Murphy warns, but then says, "There's no romance without finance." He touches on serious issues — "Having casual sex nowadays is like playing Russian Roulette," before he goes into graphic detail about sexual trysts.

Murphy does some laugh-out-loud imitations (especially of Cosby and his physical impressions of homosexuals). His parody of what people think of him, as an entertainer that comes out, says a string of profanity, followed by "good night," is also funny.

The only material in the entire film that doesn't work is in the final scene when Murphy ventures into the surreal. He describes a fictional impoverished childhood, where his family was so poor that his father (who worked for a toy factory) had to bring home toys for the kids to eat. The monologue gets tedious and is more silly than funny.

Murphy shows more imagination in describing his solution to the problem of trying to marry an American woman who is liable to refuse to sign a pre-nuptial agreement. Murphy said he would go to Africa and find a naive "bush" woman to marry. The only problem is, if he brought her back to America, other women would talk to her and soon he would have a "bush woman with an attitude."

When doing his lethal imitations, Murphy demonstrates a sharp mental agility and excellent timing. The only problem is Murphy's seering dialogue and venemous jabs at women are "raw" enough to offend everyone.

In fact, the Motion Picture Association of America threatened the film with an X rating, based entirely on objections to salty language. Paramount Pictures made enough excisions to obtain the less-restrictive R rating, but moviegoers whose ears burn under flaming profanity will literally be scorched by Murphy's dialogue.

It should be noted that most of the audience members were hooting and yelling enthusiastically along with the concert audience on the screen. In fact, when Murphy asked men to clap in response to a question, members in the theater audience complied as well.

Murphy has some real hilarious moments. Unfortunately, he didn't say two consistent lines that are printable. Neither could they be edited to any coherent form. However, Murphy fans who can handle the constant stream of profantity will enjoy "Raw." As for anyone else with higher sensibilities, you have been warned.

Eddie Murphy's "Raw" (the Concert Performance), rated R for graphic descriptions of the sexual act and a constant stream of profanity, is playing at the UA Cine 4 on Cuthbert.

'Batteries' too cute to be powerful

"• batteries not included," is every bit as disappointing as receiving a brand new toy, finding out it needs batteries and that they are not included.

With Steven Spielberg as executive producer, "batteries" emerges with the glossy special effects expected of the master. And yes, Spielberg's touch is evident. All the alien cuteness (present in "E.T. — The Extraterrestrial" and in "Gremlins") is present in "batteries," a sort of "War of the Worlds" meets Mr. Fix-It movie. You get the feeling if one of the murderous beings in "Alien" showed up in a Spielberg film it would wind up looking like an Ewok and acting like Pee Wee Herman — too cute for words and highly marketable in the toy world.

This sickly sweet fantasy is about five lovable losers, who live in a decaying building which is slotted for demolition. A nefarious developer intends to level the area before turning it into a high-rise tribute to chrome and glass. Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy are among the last residents of a decaying East Village tenement, and are the owners of a mom-and-pop diner on the first floor.

The developer enlists street gangs to "coax" the tenants out of the building. It soon appears that the elderly residents have no hope or recourse save divine intervention. Enter Speilberg, er..., some tiny saucer-like spaceships, with kind-hearted mechanical souls.

These are not just any little spaceships, though, like helpful little elves, they reconstruct torn photos, repair broken glass, ward off bullies, and can fix a mean hamburger.

Accepting the fact that we are supposed to be touched by these saucers is tough enough. The biggest stretch for the audience, by far, is buying the sappy, enthralled looks on the actor's faces as they witness one of the spaceships having "babies" — akin to getting rapturous over your toaster reproducing.

The script is so-so, acting agreeable, but the actors all play second fiddle to the now familiar special effects generated from the mind of Spielberg. We have the shed spewing light through cracked boards a la "E.T.", and the cute blinking, reproducing alien things a la "Gremlins."

Miss Tandy as an airily senile woman and Cronyn as her concerned spouse give the film some humor and class, though. Miss Tandy has some of the best lines, including her reasoning for why umbrellas are put in pineapple and rum drinks. "That way, when it rains it don't thin out the liquor," she says.

"• batteries not included" was directed by Matthew Robbins and executive produced by Steven Spielberg. It's been well made and, especially in Miss Tandy's case, acted with a sense of fun. But gee-whiz Mr. Spielberg, don't you think the time for this brand of fantasy may have come and gone?

The film suffices to be one of those "aaaahhhh" movies, except that while the children say "ahhh" as an endearment, the adults will be uttering the same thing as a groan. Miss Tandy and Cronyn are entertaining, and they nearly make the battery deficient toy run. But's not enough to make the "toy" really hum to life.

"• batteries not included," rated PG for some strong language, is playing at Midland Park Mall Cinemas.

Streisand proves hard 'nut' to crack

Barbara Streisand shows a robust comic toughness as Claudia Draper, the $500-an-hour call girl in the courtroom drama "Nuts." The title refers to Ms. Draper's state of mind, a state that she seems to have been driven to by her parents and former husband.

Ms. Draper is on trial for manslaughter in the first degree. We discover through a series of flashbacks that she slashed the throat of a particularly vicious client during a struggle. Her dilemma is to prove that she is mentally competent to stand trial. Unfortunately for Ms. Draper, the psychiatrists who examined her want her institutionalized. Her parents, for reasons of their own, also want to see her put away.

The only person who believes in Ms. Draper is her court appointed attorney, Aaron Levinsky (a gray-bearded Richard Dreyfuss).

The film soon evolves into a dramatic courtroom drama shaped by brutal revelations. But for the film to truly work, the audience has to feel some uncertainty as to the outcome of the trial. The audience, too, needs to doubt Ms. Draper's sanity. Unlike Glenn Close in "Fatal Attraction," Miss Streisand doesn't appear to be a person bordering on the edge of insanity. Because of this, "Nuts" becomes a film with a foregone conclusion which doesn't offer the audience the shadow of a challenge.

Ignore this considerable defect, however, and you can still enjoy "Nuts" for Director Martin Ritt's familiar craftsmanship, and some fine acting. Most notable is Miss Streisand's funny and ferocious portrayal of the foul-mouthed Ms. Draper, with some credit due to Ritt. Ritt is an actor's director, as he has proved with such films as "Hud" (Academy Award, Patricia Neal), "Sounder," "Norma Rae" (Academy Award, Sally Field) and "Murphy's Romance."

Miss Streisand is backed up by a finely tuned cast: Maureen Stapleton as the solicitous tearful mother; Karl Malden as the father with more mental instability than the daughter; Eli Wallach as the oily court-appointed psychiatrist; and James Whitmore as the canny judge.

Miss Streisand has some great moments — in describing her call girl fees and confronting the judge after a final summation — and proves that she is capable of serious dramatic acting. She also acted as producer and managed to find time to compose the "Nuts" soundtrack. "Nuts" is definitely the vehicle which will win Miss Streisand acclaim as a dramatic actress and may put her in the running for an Oscar (after being ignored for her work in the 1983 "Yentl)."

Even though an unnatural family setting during Ms. Draper's childhood is suspected by the audience, by the time the tale is told, it is none the less shocking. To tell any more would ruin the impact of the film.

If only we could have believed, for an instant, that Ms. Draper's accusers had some real reasons to suspect Ms. Draper of insanity, then "Nuts" could have been a more compelling drama. Nonetheless, Miss Streisand gives a memorable performance, and proves to be a hard 'nut' to crack.

"Nuts," rated R, for adult situations, sex talk, and language, is playing at Midland Park Mall Cinema.

Myra Lee Salcedo is movie critic for the Reporter-Telegram.

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Three-theater performing arts complex makes its debut in Florida

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — As the curtain rises at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, sounds of Mozart, Puccini, Joplin, Monk and Sousa add a new dimension to this city in the spotlight.

The $87 million three-theater complex, the largest south of the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., is the culmination of an eight-year effort begun by Gov. Bob Martinez when he was mayor of Tampa.

TBPAC made its debut recently with a two-day gala to show off Festival Hall, a four-level theater that seats nearly 2,800; the Playhouse, a three-tier theater seating 960; and Jaeb Theater, a flexible, open-space hall where seating for 200 can be rearranged to build a cabaret for jazz or a recording studio.

The dream of bringing an arts hall to this Gulf Coast city took seed 20 years ago but ran a rocky course until 1979 when a commitment was made and a committee was appointed. November 1982 brought another setback when voters turned down a referendum on a one-cent sales tax hike.

Arts supporters, determined this time, pushed ahead and found financial backing in the private and corporate sectors, which contributed more than $11 million. The city put up the rest.

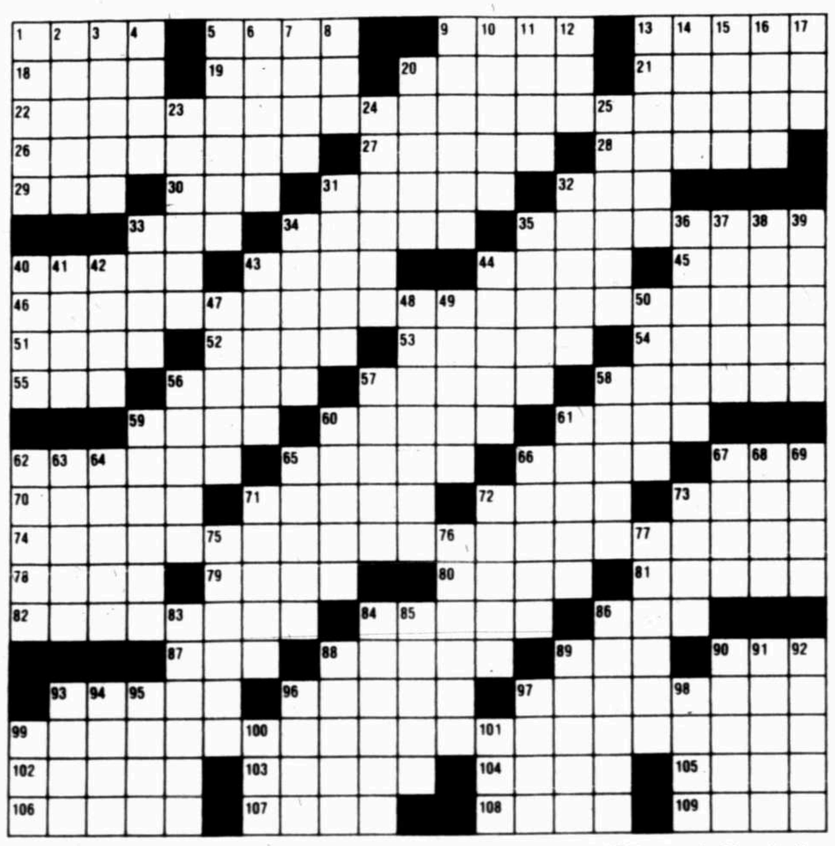
Economic impact on Tampa is projected at $60 million annually in the early years of operation with proceeds from ticket sales, restaurant sales, hotel rooms, gift shops and incidentals from the influx of performers.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

By Alfio Micci

ACROSS
1 Leftovers dish
5 Fall sound
9 "The Art of Fugue" composer
13 Jazz style
18 Entertainer Adams
19 River in Zaire
20 Oriental inn
21 "What's in —?"
22 Start of a four-line New Year's verse
26 Sweet syrups
27 "A Lesson from —" Fugard
28 Ruth's mother-in-law
29 Desire
30 Ess trailer
31 Free as —
32 An Arthur
33 Myrna of Hollywood
34 Skip over
35 Interprets incorrectly
40 Interim money
43 Privy to
44 Now, in old Rome
45 Redact
46 Second line of the verse
51 Hercules captive
52 — perfumed sea" Poe
53 Namesakes of a Verdi heroine
54 French income
55 Curly's pal
56 Melee
57 Kind of servant
58 Leave high and dry
59 Security
60 Author Horatio
61 Stocking troubles
62 Adviser to Numa Pompilius
65 Dueler's choice
66 Wrestler, for example
67 Indistinct sound
70 Perched
71 Use a plane
72 Corrode
73 Kyoto quaff
74 Third line of the verse
78 Coop mothers
79 Brood of pheasants
80 Rose's love
81 Greeted the dawn
82 Confuse
84 Planted
86 Wood layer
87 Hasten
88 Small bottle
89 Sparta's river
90 Coming-out girl
93 Northwest capital
96 Texas treat
97 Short account
99 End of the verse
102 Tuscany commune
103 Sanctum or tube
104 Fortuneteller's words
105 Indian Ocean isle
106 Playful mammal
107 Batt. type
108 Olivier's title
109 Counting-out word

DOWN
1 Substantial
2 Venerate
3 Lorelei, for one
4 "For — jolly good..."
5 Grooved wheel
6 Embankment
7 Music to a torero
8 For each
9 Rather than
10 Ready for battle
11 Coastal reefs
12 Start of a cheer
13 Oriental market
14 "La Gioconda" hero
15 Healing ointment
16 Buddhist mountain
17 Footlike organ
20 Firm
23 Devilfish
24 East Texas river
25 Int. org.
31 Oahu greeting
32 Constrains
33 Luce publication
34 List item
35 Sert work
36 Moray seekers
37 Hersey's bell town
38 The same
39 "Matador" author
40 Emulate Spitz
41 Half a Chattanooga sound
42 Actor's quest
43 Utopian
44 The pits
47 Water wheel
48 Simenon detective
49 Stored for future use
50 Diarist Anne
56 Hard to read
57 Garlic unit
58 Kind of millionaire
59 Tour a store
60 Up and doing
61 Charlotte —
62 Noted Root
63 Specified
64 Collars and jackets
65 Window or sun follower
66 Like the tropics
67 Angelic headwear
68 Maui music makers
69 Adjective for bagatelle
71 Photographer's request
72 Rise up
73 Agile
75 Punctual
76 Michener title
77 Spite
83 Thumb part
84 Black eye
85 Merchant vessel
86 — upon (victimized)
88 Barbital lead-in
89 — alia
90 Motherless calf
91 Frome or Allen
92 Ross or Palmer
93 Conniption
94 17th cen. French violinist
95 Queue
96 Copper
97 Indeed!
98 Eat in style
99 Prefix with tope or bar
100 "— the season..."
101 Hodges or Blas.



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White supremacists infiltrated for movie

By JERRY BUCK
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Screenwriter Anna Hamilton Phelan went undercover to research white supremacist organizations for the HBO movie "Into the Homeland."

Ms. Phelan picked the name of the group she visited out of the telephone book, called and asked if she could hear the leader speak.

Out of that visit and additional research came the screenplay for the movie, which Home Box Office began running Saturday.

Ms. Phelan, who also wrote the screenplay for "Mask," says she has received several death threats as a result of her work. "I don't worry about the skinheads," she said. "They're out in front. It's the people in the background who contribute to these organizations. The people you would never suspect."

"Into the Homeland" stars Powers Boothe as a former policeman and Paul LeMat as the leader of the American Liberation Movement. Boothe is searching for his daughter who has apparently disappeared with LeMat's son. Boothe resigned from the police after accidentally killing a child during a raid on a crack house.

"I spent about eight months researching the story," she said. "I spent some time at a white supremacist group. There are over 200 of these groups active in the country today. I had trouble finding a name for the organization in the movie because there are so many real groups."

Ms. Phelan said she got to know some of the people and listened to their views.

"They were mostly middle class and there were a lot of family groups," she said. "Some even brought the grandparents. There were no single women with kids. Women were held in high esteem, but they held no positions of power. I expected to see crazed people, but they were very ordinary. Except the speeches, which were very racist."

She said more than the politics, she was interested in the families. "I wondered what would happen if a son strayed from their philosophy," she said.

Ms. Phelan said she prefers to write on speculation rather than selling a script and having to tailor it to suit a producer.

"I wanted to write it the way I saw it," she said. "I didn't want other fingers in it right away. I wrote 'Mask' on spec, too. The tradeoff is you don't get paid until you sell it. And there's always a chance you won't.

"When I finished, I was offered development deals at two studios. But HBO wanted to film it as I'd written it. I was afraid of it getting lost in development."

This is her first project for television. In addition to "Mask," she's written "Gorillas in the Mist," which stars Sigourney Weaver as naturalist Diane Fosey. The movie was filmed in Africa and is due out in 1988. Ms. Phelan went to Karisoke, a research center in Rwanda, to research the story of Ms. Fosey, who was murdered in December 1985.

Ms. Phelan has also completed a screenplay based on the life of painter Amedeo Modigliani.

Ms. Phelan, a former actress, said she started writing when she needed auditional material.

"Producers and directors get tired of hearing the same monologue over and over. My monologues were pretty good and word got around. I was soon writing monologues for other actors for $25."

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1987

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: New career and romantic opportunities abound! Your health can be affected by your emotions. Try to keep your cool when under pressure. The financial outlook is brighter than ever. A windfall is possible in April! New relationships help you achieve greater business success. Love blossoms. You find yourself feeling more comfortable with a long-term romantic commitment.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: third baseman Ray Knight, actor Martin Milner, 28th U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, musician Fatha Hines, actress Maggie Smith, comedian Cliff Arquette.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A favorable day for negotiating contracts and signing agreements. Influential person suggests an important career move. Follow through! Romance dominates your choices now. Curb spending.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The work week gets off to a quiet start. A financial project to increase profits is still in the planning stage. Avoid the "old pals" come-on. Loved one tends to be emotional. Show affection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look for ways to boost profits by cutting labor costs. Travel is favored. Look up old friends or former associates. Romance will be happy for singles. Be alert for signs of indiscretion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put more effort into your work. You can increase your earnings through regular channels. Behind-the-scenes activities involve working with an attractive member of the opposite sex. Play a waiting game.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Incoming mail contains some surprising news. Keep communications open. Tax and insurance matters enjoy beneficial influences. Domestic harmony improves following a heart-to-heart talk. Show consideration.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are forced to deal with a tricky problem today and come off with flying colors! Attend to the practical side of life; catch up with your domestic chores. Relax at home tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Real estate affairs are favored at midday. Tax and insurance matters enjoy beneficial influences. A stimulating partnership gives you a feeling of security. Count your blessings! True rapport is rare.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Advertise your ambitions to people interested in your goals. A financial windfall or new admirer is part of the picture. Seize an opportunity to travel for pleasure. Counsel a young person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Vital choices have to be made. Put more emphasis on communication than emotional display. A major financial decision could be based on deception or illusion. Go slow. Romance begins to heat up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Check travel schedules before leaving on a business trip. Reviving an old relationship could spark business expansion. Domestic harmony returns after you share a secret. Keep spending down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get cracking on that new project you have been thinking about. Substantial career or business gains are possible. You need to give serious thought to another person's views. They could be right!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Real estate projects and joint investments continue to prosper. A sudden proposal is not out of the question. Enjoy the feeling of sweet success! Confer with a family member about a savings plan.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

GOLDWATER'S RULE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 7
♡ Q 9 7 6
◇ K 10 6
♣ K 10 8 6 2

WEST
♠ A K 9 8 4
♡ 10 5 2
◇ Q 7 5 4
♣ 5

EAST
♠ Q 10 5 3
♡ J 4
◇ J 9 2
♣ A 9 7 4

SOUTH
♠ J 6 2
♡ A K 8 3
◇ A 8 3
♣ Q J 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♡	1 ♠	3 ♡	3 ♠
4 ♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

How do you treat a lead out of turn? Tournament director Harry Goldwater offered a theory that has become known in the trade as Goldwater's Law: "When you get a lead out of turn, accept it. If the player isn't good enough to know whose lead it is, what makes you think he knows enough to make the right lead?" Declarer ignored this sage advice, and paid the price.

North-South bought a competitive auction at four hearts. As the cards lie, four spades would go down only one trick, but that is only because of the fortuitous lie of the diamond suit.

Against four hearts, *East* led the three of spades when West was on opening lead. Declarer did not like the look of his three spade losers, so he exercised his rights and barred a spade lead.

The lead now reverted to West, who led the five of clubs. The play was soon over. East won the ace of clubs and returned the nine of clubs, a suit preference signal showing a spade reentry, for his partner to ruff. West dutifully underled his ace-king of spades, so East was able to win the queen and give his partner a second club ruff. That was just enough to defeat the contract.

Observe that, with a spade lead from either defender, the contract cannot be defeated. Even if the defenders shift to a club at trick two, West can get only one club ruff—he has no way to get back to East for another ruff. So the defenders can get no more than three tricks.

Harry Goldwater has been around the game for a long time. If you ignore his advice, you deserve to pay the piper.

For information about Charles Goren's newsletter for bridge players, write Goren Bridge Letter, P.O. Box 4426, Orlando, Fla. 32802-4426.

Exhibit immortalizes wine labels that featured art

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Baron Philippe de Rothschild has taken famous art off the wall and put it on bottles of his exclusive wine. Now his daughter is once again hanging those labels in art galleries around the world.

In the traveling exhibit, "Mouton Rothschild: Paintings for the Labels," Baroness Philippine de Rothschild has gathered the many labels her father commissioned from such artists as Chagall, Picasso and Dali for his Chateau Mouton Rothschild, one of the world's most celebrated wines.

The exhibit is in the middle of a five-year tour of the United States under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution.

"The exhibition is a sort of strange affair," she said at a recent opening at Carnegie Mellon University. "Is it art? Is it wine? What it is really is art put on bottles of wine, which happened to be art themselves."

For about the first 10 years after World War II, the labels were painted by Rothschild's artist friends. Since then, other artists have wanted to design them.

That's partly because the pay-in-kind was wine — 10 cases of Chateau Mouton Rothschild which, like fine art, increases in value over the years. The artists get some cases from the year they have illustrated and also a few cases from any other desired year.

The most recent vintage, 1985, sells for $70 a bottle in the United States. Older vintages cost hundreds of dollars, said the baroness, who is vice president of her father's company, La Baronnie.

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BEST SELLERS

New York Times News Service

The listings below are based on computer-processed sales figures from 2,000 bookstores in every region of the United States, statistically adjusted to represent sales in all bookstores. In Advice and How-to, five titles are listed because, beyond that point, sales in this category are not generally large enough to make a longer list statistically reliable.

FICTION

1. THE TOMMYKNOCKERS, by Stephen King. (Putnam, $19.95.) Two writers' zealous attempt to unearth mysterious artifacts creates nightmares in a Maine village.

2. KALEIDOSCOPE, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, $18.95.) Three sisters, separated by fate, and the lawyer whose mission is to find and reunite them.

3. THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES, by Tom Wolfe. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, $19.95.) An investment banker caught in the jungles of New York.

4. LEAVING HOME, by Garrison Keillor. (Viking, $18.95.) A collection of Lake Wobegon Monologues, from the radio program "A Prairie Home Companion."

5. PATRIOT GAMES, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, $19.95.) The CIA's Jack Ryan battles international terrorists in England, Ireland and America.

6. THE POLAR EXPRESS, written and illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg. (Houghton, Mifflin, $15.95.) A small boy's Christmas Eve train ride to the North Pole and the magical events that follow.

7. PRESUMED INNOCENT, by Scott Turow. (Farrar, Strauss & Giroux, $18.95.) A brutal murder creates a crisis among a big city's politicians.

8. HEAVEN AND HELL, by John Jakes. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, $19.95.) A tale of two families, the Mains of South Carolina and the Hazards of Pennsylvania, in the aftermath of the Civil War.

9. 2061: Odyssey Three, by Arthur C. Clarke. (Del Rey-Ballantine, $17.95.) Continuing the space saga begun in "2001" and "2010."

10. SARUM, by Edward Rutherfurd. (Crown, $19.95.) Ten centuries of English history seen through the experiences of five families.

11. BELOVED, by Toni Morrison. (Knopf, $18.95.). Memories of her past haunt an escaped slave in post-Civil War Ohio.

12. WINTER'S TALES, by Jonathan Winters. (Random House, $13.95.) Unusual short stories by the comedian and television personality.

13. LEGACY, by James A. Michener. (Random House, $16.95.) The ordeal of a military officer charged with high crimes.

14. RUBBER LEGS AND WHITE TAIL-HAIRS, by Patrick F. McManus. (Holt, $14.95.) Humorous tales about an outdoorsman's life.

15. BLUEBEARD, by Kurt Vonnegut. (Delacorte, $17.95.) A painter's life in the artists-and-writers world of Long Island's Hamptons.

NON-FICTION

1. TIME FLIES, by Bill Cosby. (Dolphin-Doubleday, $15.95.) Counting his blessings and his losses, the television star muses on life at 50.

2. FAMILY: The Ties That Bind ..and Gag! by Erma Bombeck. (McGraw-Hill, $15.95.) Anecdotes about a reunion of the humorist's grown children.

3. TRUMP: The Art of the Deal, by Donald J. Trump with Tony Schwartz. (Random House, $19.95.) The career and business style of the New York entrepreneur.

4. THE CAT WHO CAME FOR CHRISTMAS, by Cleveland Amory. (Little, Brown, $15.95.) A self-styled curmudgeon's memoir of a cat that adopted and soon owned him.

5. FREE TO BE...A FAMILY, edited by Marlo Thomas with Christopher Cerf and Letty Cottin Pogrebin. (Bantam, $19.95.) Stories, poems and drawings about family relationships.

6. MAN OF THE HOUSE: The Life and Political Memoirs of Speaker Tip O'Neill, with William Novak. (Random House, $19.95.) Memoirs of the former Massachusetts congressman and speaker of the House.

7. I THINK I DON'T REMEMBER, by Art Buchwald. (Putnam, $16.95.) Humorous columns about the late afternoon of the Reagan era.

8. A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE SOVIET UNION. (Collins Publishers, $39.95.) The vast country on May 5, 1987, as recorded in pictures by 100 of the world's leading photojournalists.

9. A DAY IN THE LIFE IN AMERICA. (Collins Publishers, $39.95.) The nation on May 2, 1986, as recorded in pictures by 200 photojournalists.

10. SPYCATCHER, by Peter Wright with 22 Paul Greengrass. (Viking, $19.95.) The autobiography of a former senior member of the British secret service.

11. THE DISCOVERY OF THE TITANIC, by Robert D. Ballard with Rick Archbold. (Madison Press-Warner, $29.95.) Recent findings about the sinking of the legendary ship 75 years ago.

12. CHRONICLE OF THE 20TH CENTURY, edited by Clifton Daniel. (Chronicle Publications, $49.95.) Profusely illustrated history of the world, month by month, from 1900 through 1986.

13. THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, by C.D.B. Bryan. (Abrams, $45.) The 100-year history of an American institution in pictures and words.

14. PERESTROIKA, by Mikhail Gorbachev. (Bessie-Harper & Row, $19.95.) The Soviet leader's views on changing his country and the world.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. THE FRUGAL GOURMET COOKS AMERICAN, by Jeff Smith. (Morrow, $17.95.) New recipes and techniques for preparing many regional dishes.

2. WEBSTER'S NINTH NEW COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY. (Merriam-Webster, $14.95.) A standard reference work in a 1983 revision.

3. WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY. (Simon & Schuster, $16.95.) The Second College Edition of a standard work, updated in 1982.

4. THE 8-WEEK CHOLESTEROL CURE, by Robert E. Kowalski. (Harper & Row, $15.95.) Ways to lower your blood cholesterol level without drugs.

5. BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS NEW COOK BOOK. (Meredith, $16.95.) The ring-bound edition.

MIDLAND MARQUEE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Midland Arts Assembly: SHOW & SALE: "Gallery of Midland Arts," arts and crafts through Dec. 31, during regular business hours at Midland Park Mall.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITIONS: "Heurtoirs: French Door knockers," through Jan. 11, And: "Dollhouses - A World Made Small," through Jan. 10, And: "Piranesi, the Grandeur of Rome," etchings through Jan. 15, And: Romanesque Murals," photographic studies through March 13, 1705 W. Missouri, open Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, for more information call 683-2882, FREE.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITION: "Strictly Portable," through Jan. 24, open Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., call 683-4403 for information. Small ADMISSION CHARGED.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: EXHIBITION: "A Christmas on the Range," through Dec. 31, open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., for information call 682-5785, FREE.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Midland County Library: FILM: "Cat in the Hat 30-Year Celebration," film, etc., 2:30 p.m., children and adults welcome, 301 W. Missouri, for more information call, 693-2708, FREE.

Information on Midland cultural groups listed in this column is provided by Midland Arts Assembly.

To be included in the Midland Marquee, call Midland Arts Assembly, 687-1149. For further information about local events call the Midland Marquee Information Line, 683-6048. (Beginning Jan. 4, the new number will be 682-ARTS.)

See directory below for addresses and contacts for events listed in the Midland Marquee.

DIRECTORY LISTINGS

American Guild of Organists: contact Edith Hardy, 697-6745.
Ballet de Mujeres Profesionales: contact Sylvia Quinones, 682-7042.
Ballet Midland: performances held at Theatre Midland, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., Allison Fine Arts Auditorium, Midland College Campus, and Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave.; call Ballet Midland, 686-0731.
Calligraphy Guild: Palette Club, contact Mrs. Neil Richmond, 683-5003.
Doll Club of the Permian Basin: contact Pat Howlett, 694-1849.
Faceter's Guild: contact Clifford Chapman, 694-6352.
High Sky Squares, Square Dance Club: contact Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fulton, 694-0751.
Marian Blakemore Planetarium: Haley Park, corner of Indiana Ave. and K Str., contact John Hicks, 683-6441.
McCormick Gallery/Allison Fine Arts Building: Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Information on art exhibits contact art department or John Harmon, 685-4652, or the Art Department, 685-4640.
Midland Archaeological Society: Marian Blakemore Planetarium, contact Teddy Lou Stickney, 682-9384.
Midland Arts Association: contact contact Dan Haller, 683-2295.
Midland Camera Club: Marian Blakemore Planetarium, contact Jack Jordan, 683-9533.
Midland College Chaparral Center: located on MC campus, call Mike Stevens, 685-4584, for details of scheduled events.
Midland Community Concerts Association: concerts held at Midland High School auditorium, 906 W. Illinois Ave., contact linda Stephens, 694-2273.
Midland Community Theatre: Theatre Midland, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., box office, 682-4111.
Midland County Historical Society and Museum: 213 N. Weatherford St., Brown-Dorsey House seen by appointment, contact Nancy McKinley, 682-2931, Museum located in the basement of Midland County Library.
Midland County Library and Historical Museum: 301 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2708.
Midland Fiber Guild: contact Cheryl Sullivan, 699-5357.
Midland Gem and Mineral Society: Marian Blakemore Planetarium, contact Valerie House, 689-7383.
Midland Genealogical Society: P.O. Box 1191, Midland, 79701, contact Martha Preston, 684-4037.
Midland Independent School District: call 682-8611 for information.
Midland Jazz Association: contact Bobby Crues, 694-2136.
Midland-Odessa Syumphony & Chorale, Inc.: performances held at Lee High School auditorium unless otherwise stated in Marquee, 3500 Neely St., for season tickets, single admission tickets or information call the symphony office, Termimal, 563-5269.
Midland Opera Theater: contact Nancy Anguish, 684-4101.
Midland Palette Club Art Center, Inc.: contact Lula Belle Klingler, 684-8898.
Midland Quilters Guild: meets at 3500 Golf Course Road, contact Barbara Kissling, 689-7585.
Midland Woman's Club: Hogan Park, P.O. Box 4974, Midland, 79701, contact Madge Wallis, 682-3907.
Midland Writers Club: contact Mary J. Goodwin, 682-3184.
Museum of the Southwest: 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.
Musicians Club: contact Mrs. Harold Heckathorne, 682-8953.
Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: 1805 Indiana Ave., contact Robin McWilliams, 682-5785.
Paint Daubers Arts & Crafts Guild: contact Trudy bateman, 694-2106.
Permian Basin Chapter SPEBSQSA, Inc.: barber shop singing group, contact David Frye, 687-4283.
Permian Basin Petroleum Museum and Library Hall of Fame: 1500 I-20 West, 683-4403.
Permian Basin Square & Round dance Association: contact gary Nokes, 687-0991.
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Marriage needs humor, Viorst advises

By MARJORIE ANDERS

NEW YORK (AP) — Anybody who is married and raising a family needs humor to make it from one day to the next, says poet and author Judith Viorst.

"There are moments when your two options are laughter and homicide. You might as well laugh," says Mrs. Viorst, who has compiled a witty and poignant little book of poems that sum up a woman's experience from age 20 to 40.

Most of the 44 poems in "When Did I Stop Being 20 and Other Injustices," are from previously published collections, selections intended to tell a story as a woman goes from being single to married to midlife.

It's about realizing that child bearing is over, and that "we've all turned into women with a standing hair appointment," and that "my acne has vanished and it's sagging kneecaps already."

Mrs. Viorst writes about the life she knew — "the people I knew, the world I knew; the middle-class girl from New Jersey who moves to Greenwich Village looking for the life of wicked abandon, who is not able to shake off her middle-class values.

"It's something I've wanted to do for a very long time, because I realized that without having ever planned it, that over the years as I was writing these books, I was telling the story of a woman growing up," said Mrs. Viorst, who has had a column in Redbook magazine since 1968 and has written five other collections of poetry, eight children's books and four non-fiction works.

"It's about a woman starting out with naive and foolish expectations, of bumping into the realities of married life and trying to work them out and then having finally settled that, and thinking she could finally lean back and relax, she was having to deal with the next issue, which was middle age."

The slim little book, illustrated with line drawings by John Alcorn, draws on "pieces of everybody I know and even pieces of people I've eavesdropped on," she said in a recent interview here during a promotional tour. "Certainly I am in it too. It's just that when I write about myself, it's the truth, but it's not the whole truth."

Mrs. Viorst's last book, "Necessary Losses," a best seller for more than six months, is about how people grow emotionally through the inevitable losses of life.

"During lectures about the concepts in 'Necessary Losses,' I illustrate them with poems from the book," she said. "The poems are another way of talking about loss...about coming to terms with what you have and giving up impossible expectations."

When she talks about marriage, she reads "When the Honeymoon Is Over".

"... The honeymoon is over
"And we find that dining by candlelight makes us squint
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"I was letting him borrow my comb and hang up his wet raincoat in my closet,
"I was really waiting
"To stop letting him.
"And that all the time
"He was saying how he loved my chicken pot pie,
"He was really waiting
"To stop eating it.
"(I guess they call this getting to know each other.)"

Mrs. Viorst lives in Washington with her husband of 27 years, Milton Viorst, a political writer. They have three sons.

"We are doing very, very well. I think our general feeling is that it takes a long time to figure out how to be married...," she said.

Santa's helpers apply tools to needy vehicles

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) — Santa's helpers wore mechanics' overalls and their gifts were repair jobs, much to the delight of 40 needy residents whose cars needed a little holiday help.

"This has helped me out a lot," said Angela Albert, whose car got a free brake job, idler arm replaced, front end aligned and four new tires. "I work two jobs but with four kids there isn't any money left to spend on the car."

Four auto parts stores donated filters, belts, hoses and other items for repair jobs. Other businesses sent food for people waiting at the Dave Taylor Ford dealership.

The free-repair project started when Taylor's employees decided to do volunteer work on cars of needy Longmont residents in lieu of their Christmas party.

Sixty people chosen by the Boulder County Department of Social Services drove away with free oil changes and other routine work. A few got as much as $300 worth of repairs.

"It looks like we're going to get through Christmas after all," said J.J. Jones, a native of Norway, whose car got a free oil change, new headlight and a broken door fixed.

"In Europe people think that in America if you don't have money, then you can't make it," she said. "But we're doing OK because of all the nice people like this. I wish I could do something for them in return."

Book marks blizzard's centennial

By BRENT LAYMON

VERNON, Conn. (AP) — Forecasters were predicting fair weather and the New York Herald was all set to publish a poem by Walt Whitman celebrating the arrival of spring.

Then the blizzard of 1888 slammed into the Northeast on Sunday, March 11, burying the region in as much as 4 feet of snow over three days and causing an estimated 400 deaths.

Judd Caplovich, a computer analyst-turned-antiques dealer, spent a year collecting photographs, newspaper clippings and accounts from private diaries for his new book marking the storm's centennial, "Blizzard! The Great Storm of '88."

A more ferocious storm struck the West three months earlier and is also known as the Blizzard of '88. But Caplovich insists that the March storm occupied a larger place in folklore, partly because it occurred in the densely settled East, where people were unaccustomed to getting so much snow over so wide an area — 40,000 square miles.

"I don't think there is any other storm that's been talked about so much, anywhere," the 40-year-old Caplovich said in a recent interview. People in the West, where 237 died in the 1888 storm, were more used to extreme weather.

Caplovich took a year off from his antiques business in Vernon to research the book and took out a $80,000 second mortage on his house to pay for the project. He hired a ghost writer, an editor, book designer, even a NASA meterologist to prepare weather maps and charts, and started his own company, VeRo Publishing, to print it.

He published it himself because he he didn't think he'd be able to recover his investment if he sold t through an agent to a publisher then only got royalties.

Caplovich, whose car sports the license plate "Bliz-88," wanted to do the book because it was a good idea. Also, antique pictures are one of his specialties. He had seen many photos of the storm and was interested in it, and was particularly touched by the humor in some of the photos.

Robert Trent, curator of the Connecticut Historical Society, said Caplovich has compiled what is perhaps the most complete photographic record of the storm.

"It's an amazing book," Trent said.

"Blizzard! The Great Storm of '88" can by ordered by writing: VeRo Publishing Co., P.O. Box 1888, Vernon, Conn. 06066-1888. Cost is $24.95 plus $2 for shipping.

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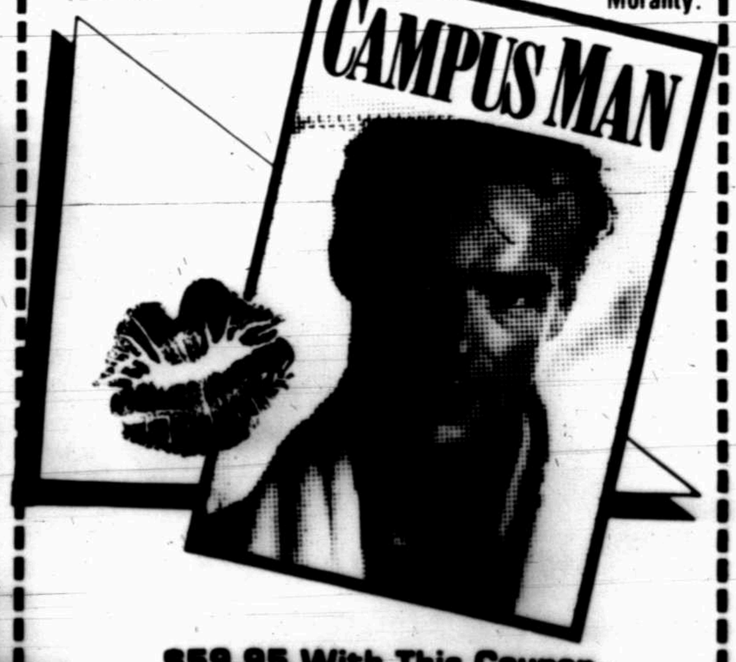
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Hopes pinned on slopes

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Skiers poured onto the New Mexico slopes last year when the state had a surplus of fluffy white stuff and neighboring states had none.

That, coupled with a $100,000 advertising campaign by Ski New Mexico, has tourism and ski industry officials hoping this year's season will be another record-setter — if the weather cooperates.

Bookings for rooms around the ski resorts for the Christmas season are up from what they were in early November 1986, said Chris Stagg, president of Ski New Mexico, a professional organization representing ski areas in the state.

"We're definitely benefiting from the good snow and the good season we had last year," Stagg said.

Stagg, vice president of marketing for Taos Ski Valley, said bookings for Taos are up about 40 percent from what they were a year ago. And he said the bookings are up not only from the bargain-hunting short-term skier, but also from the destination skier who's likely to stay seven days.

He said the advertising campaign has helped New Mexico's skiing image. Taos has seen a 60 percent increase in the number of brochures requested over last year, the resort's busiest, he said.

India Hatch, owner of Santa Fe Central Reservations and executive director of Taos Resort Association, which make advance bookings, said reservations are up and the volume of calls has increased 60 percent from November last year.

"It's sort of discouraging to call any ski resort right now and have any choice of where you want to stay," she said.

She said television news programs mentioned snow in the Rockies last weekend, causing calls for reservations to jump.

Liz Groenendyk, director of the Ruidoso Visitors and Conventions Bureau, said reservations are running about the same as in November 1986, although a few motels were reporting a slightly higher number of people booking rooms earlier.

"Eighty to 85 percent are already filling up for Christmas. Some are already filled," she said.

Hotel life not all luxury for managers' wives

By KAUI GORING

WAILUKU, Hawaii (AP) — They rarely have to cook a meal, clean the house or iron a shirt. And when they arrive at an airport, it's often to a waiting car that whisks them to one of the city's best hotels, where they entertain lavishly and dine on international cuisine.

They are the wives of hotel managers. They pay for these luxuries with lives that often lack privacy, by having husbands who are on call 24 hours a day, and sometimes with loneliness.

"You have to be trained to live a life of complete ease," says Romayne Karl, wife of John Karl, general manager of the Sheraton Maui and senior vice president for Sheraton Hotels of the Pacific.

Ms. Karl has spent 35 years as a hotel wife, raised five children, run for public office and hosted her own television talk show. She admits that she loves the amenities that come along with her husband's position.

"I love to cook as a hobby," she says, "not as a job." Because she and her husband have always lived on hotel property, she says it's been necessary to have her own identity. But she gave up the idea of a career eventually, because she was always "starting all over again" with each move to a new hotel.

"Many wives can't handle the loneliness," she says. "Often you have no neighbors and know only your husband's subordinates, so you have to make youself independent and fall back on your own resources."

Ms. Karl does volunteer work and teaches English as a second language to students at Maui Hui Malama.

Still, she says she's loved something about every place they've lived — from Fort Worth, Texas, to New Orleans, La., Boston and Baltimore.

Nina von Imhof, wife of Maui Prince Hotel's general manager, Chris von Imhof, has not made many moves in her 20-year marriage. In fact, moving to Maui was the first real one.

A dancer, Ms. van Imhof was Miss Alaska in 1963. She met her husband when he was the director of tourism for the state, and they spent much of his career running a ski resort.

"It was a wonderful, small community," she says. Her children, three boys now 18, 15 and 8, were able to live relatively normal lives with woods and nature just outside the door.

Unlike the Karls, the von Inhofs live off the property, and Nina performs with convention shows, takes dance classes and teaches at the Maui Youth Theater.

Alberta de Jetley doesn't care if she never sees the inside of another hotel. At 23, she married Tony de Jetley, a veteran hotel man 22 years her senior. The couple spent their entire marriage, until he died in 1981, in the hotel business.

"I didn't realize how artificial our life was until I'd left it," says the Island woman, mother of two boys, who grew up on Lanai. But she sees their life together as totally spontaneous and often exciting. "Sometimes I miss it, but I could never go back now that I've had a taste of privacy."

Ms. De Jetley remembers arriving at the Hotel Hana Maui, where she and Tony spent most of their marriage, getting off the plane and being taken immediately to a cocktail party. The couple gave three cocktail parties every week for the first three years they were there. After that, the number dropped to two a week.

Because food and entertaining were always done at the hotel, she only learned to cook one meal. They had it every time someone came to the house they occupied near the hotel. It was a broiled beef tenderloin with garlic bread and a green salad.

Jeanine de Roode, on the other hand, prefers living in hotels. She is the wife of Maui Inter-Continental Wailea's general manager, Fred de Roode.

Not having to clean, cook or do laundry has left her with more time for her children, Alex, 10, and Anne-Laure, 7, her husband and friends.

The de Roodes met in Paris and lived in private quarters until Fred was transferred to a hotel in New York City. That was when Jeanine says she started enjoying the life.

"I didn't have to iron," says the Frenchwoman. "It is easier when you don't have to do all those things and you have the time for the children."

The de Roodes entertain a great deal. For small dinner parties they use one of the hotel's dining rooms or have the kitchen send food to their suite.

Inca king strangled

Atahualpa, the last Inca king of Peru, was strangled in 1533 on the orders of Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro.

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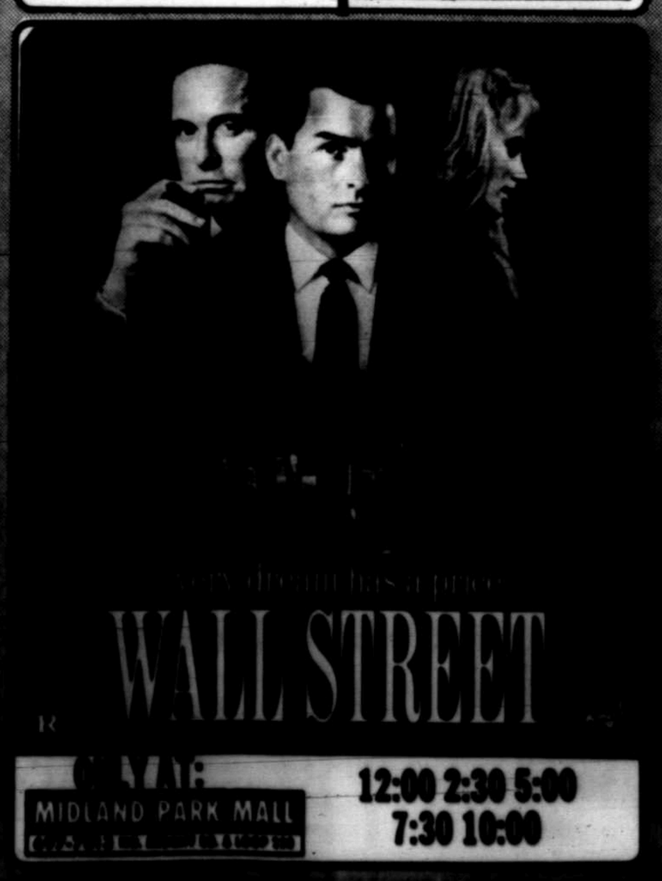
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