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Nothing can stop Christmas



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Coming of Christ celebrated despite world of problems

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Wars, invasions and revolutions failed to stop many from desperately trying to celebrate Christmas. Romanians dragged Christmas trees home amid gunfire. Lebanese shopped in sand-bagged stores and some Panamanians looted for gifts.

In many places, there was much to celebrate. Pope John Paul II praised the democratic reforms remaking the East bloc and called Christmas Eve a "wait full of hope." Thousands of joyous West Germans took their first stroll on the other side of the Berlin Wall after East Germany lifted visa and currency requirements in time for the holidays.

And millions throughout the formerly rigid Communist states of Eastern Europe enjoyed their first Christmas in four decades with the promise of freedom.

The pope noted that the changes have come 50 years after the outbreak of World War II, which he called the "beginning of the tragedy" of the Eastern Europeans, and said they are "finally emerging as winners."

He called Christmas Eve a "wait full of hope as we prepare to welcome Christ who comes to us as savior of the world."

Later, he planned a midnight Mass to be televised to about 50 nations, including East Germany for the first time.

"The events have been extraordinary, the way they have followed one another, beginning in my Poland and the way these events happened in a rather peaceful way is also extraordinary," John Paul told Italy's state-run RAI-TV.

"The only sad and painful exception has been the latest step in these days: Romania, the bloodshed, many victims. But it's a step in the same process. (It is) the past and the future of our continent."

In Bucharest, Romania, some families carried freshly cut Christmas trees during a morning lull in fighting between a revolutionary government and forces loyal to ousted Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu. Sniper fire later cleared the streets.

Snipers also made streets in Panama City dangerous and many families in the city of 1 million had nothing to give their children.

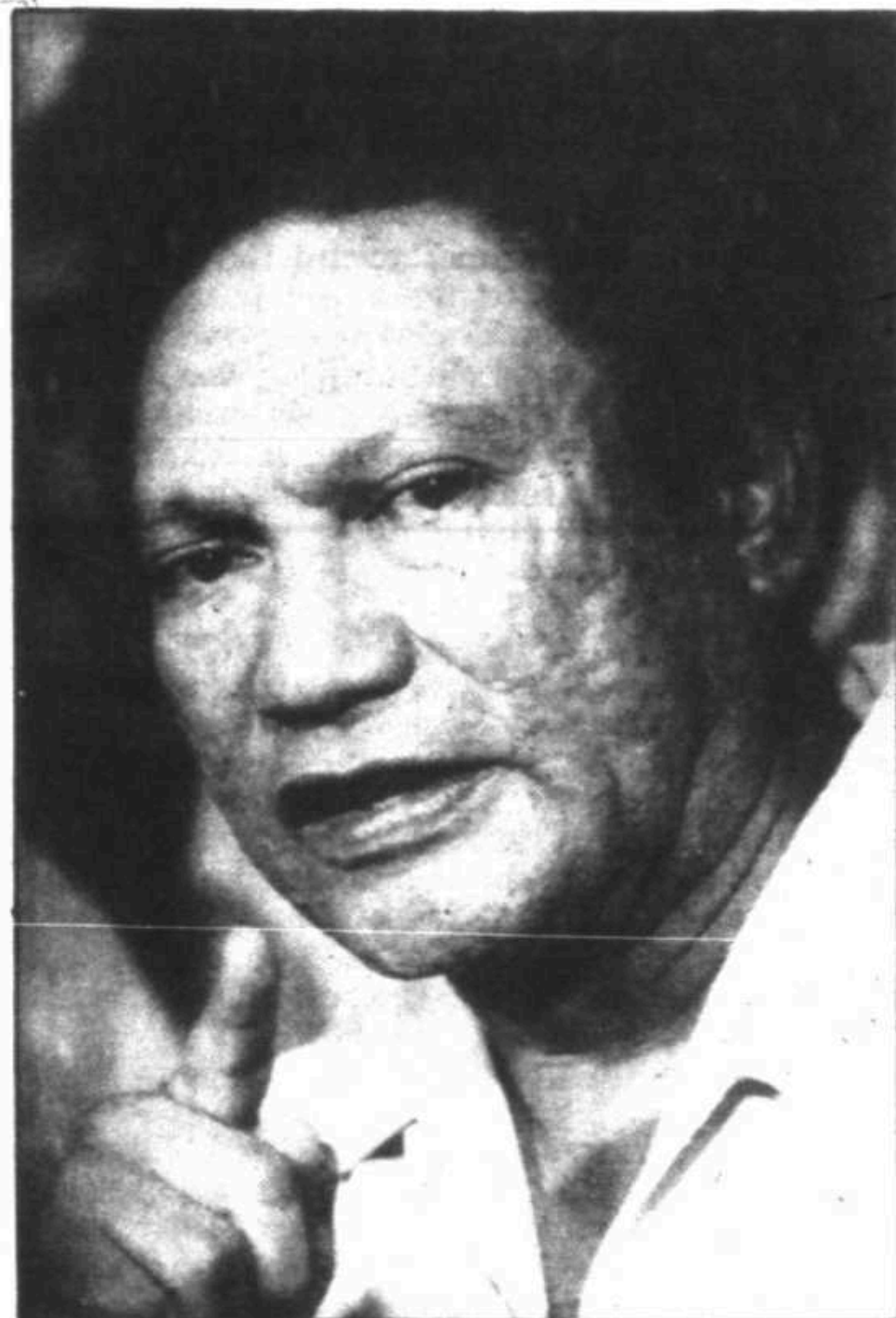
"What am I going to tell my 6-year-old daughter? I cannot tell her Santa Claus was killed by a bomb," one woman in a middle-class neighborhood said.

Some resorted to looting. Looters packed boxes and bags from debris-strewn shops. At one supermarket a man said he arrived too late for food, but had clothes for his children.

"This is their Christmas," he said.

Another told a case of champagne. "This is mine," he said grinning.

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AP Laserphoto

Gen. Manuel Noriega is seeking asylum in the Vatican mission in Panama City.

Noriega seeking asylum

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Ousted dictator Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega turned himself in at the Vatican embassy Sunday after five days on the run, and he requested political asylum to evade U.S. troops sent to capture him.

The Italian news agency ANSA quoted the papal nuncio in Panama City, Monignor Sebastiano Laboa, as indicating he would not hand over Noriega to the United States or U.S.-installed government in Panama.

The papal nuncio is the Vatican's diplomatic representative in Panama, and under international law, embassies are sacrosanct ground. U.S. forces cannot legally enter the building to seize Noriega if the nuncio chooses to grant him asylum.

Hundreds of people converged on the two-story embassy, which was surrounded by U.S. troops and armored vehicles. A helicopter hovered overhead. Some young men yelled that Noriega should be lynched.

Word that the elusive Noriega had resurfaced came first from Gen. Maxwell Thurman, chief of the U.S. Southern Command. President Bush announced later in Washington that Noriega had surrendered and "his reign of terror is over."

In a dispatch from Panama City, ANSA quoted unidentified sources as saying Noriega sought political asylum to negotiate his transfer to another country.

The report also said there were 32 people in the embassy, formally known as the papal nunciatura, including high officials of the Panamanian Defense Forces and political parties of the Noriega regime.

The Rev. Joseph Espeteri, the nuncio's secretary, confirmed that Noriega was at the embassy but refused to say whether he had been granted asylum or anything else on his status.

Noriega arrived by car at the embassy about 3 p.m., said an informed military source. At the time, there were no U.S. troops around the building, which occupies about half a city block in a well-to-do Paitilla neighborhood.

In Panama City, shattered after five days of fighting between U.S. troops and Noriega loyalists, people banged pots and pans together, cheered and honked horns when they heard the news about Noriega.

"Now we can have Christmas!" said one man, who grabbed a friend and hugged him. "I don't have a turkey in the house, we don't even have any hamburger. All we have is a can of sardines, but what the hell!"

"Is it true?" yelled a woman on a balcony. She squealed with delight when told it was.

"Mission accomplished," said a passing cab driver. "That coward."

Noriega had been at large since U.S. troops invaded Panama at midnight Tuesday in an effort to capture him. The Bush administration offered a \$1 million bounty for the military strongman.

Ironically, opposition leader Guillermo Endara, installed as president shortly after the invasion, obtained shelter at the papal nuncio's residence in October after being beaten and thrown out of his office by Noriega's soldiers.

There was no immediate comment from the Vatican. There was no answer at the phone number of Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro in Vatican City.

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Back to the attic

A post-holiday quiet has settled on Santa's Attic this morning. Midlander Cindy Pfile transformed the front window of her home at 3117 Stanolind to resemble the

North Pole locale. All she wanted for Christmas this year, she said, was a car counter, to monitor driveway traffic.

Spirit of giving takes many forms

Associated Press

Children across America waited excitedly Sunday for Santa to bound down their chimneys and bonfires were set in Louisiana to light Pere Noel's way down the Mississippi River as celebrities in Los Angeles laded out hot food to the homeless.

GIs wounded in Panama, the hungry and those without shelter were at the top of the guest and wish lists for many Americans as they celebrated their own holiday bounty.

Gifts and cards poured into military hospitals in San Antonio, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Lewis, Wash., for GIs wounded last week in the U.S. invasion of Panama, officials said.

At a supermarket in Clark, N.J., last-minute shoppers greeted the news of Panama strongman Manuel Noriega's surrender with cheers and whoops. The surrender was announced over the store intercom.

"That's a nice Christmas present," said a checkout clerk. "Now let's hang him."

Despite record cold in many places, 720,000 of an estimated 2 million homeless men, women and children were expected to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day without shelter, said Peter Smith, president of Partnership of the Homeless, a private shelter network in New York.

In Atlanta, 5,500 volunteers prepared to set tables and hand out gifts for 40,000 of the city's less fortunate residents.

In Los Angeles, Alex Trebek, host of the TV game show "Jeopardy," waited on tables at a shelter that expected to serve 5,000 meals.

"Hey, this isn't much," said Trebek. We all should be doing more. We shouldn't have this problem in this rich country."

In a Cajun celebration more than two centuries old, residents of St. James Parish, La., upriver from New Orleans light bonfires shaped like wooden boats, fire trucks and medieval castles and teepees filled with kindling so Pere Noel — Father Noel — won't get lost in the dark on Christmas Eve.

In Boston, the mood at the Shattuck homeless shelter was "festive and jolly" Christmas Eve, as the homeless gathered to watch a football game between the New England Patriots and the Los Angeles Rams, said shelter coordinator Bill Doyle.

Caterers and individuals donated hot food throughout the day, with new deliveries every 15 minutes, Doyle said.

"Somebody brought in five bags of morning stuff, like croissants and doughnuts, hundreds. Our problem is what we are going to do with the stuff that's left over," he said.

American journalists among injured; Revolutionaries find network of tunnels

— 10C

Fighting between secret police and soldiers backing the revolt continued in the capital, but the army appeared to be winning in the western city of Timisoara, where the revolt began a week ago. Four Western journalists, including Associated Press correspondent John Daniszewski, were shot and wounded there over the weekend.

Romanian radio said secret police used scores of secret safe houses and vast networks of tunnels in Bucharest and in Timisoara to store weapons and launch attacks.

Ceausescu's downtown palace was connected to the maze of tunnels and contained a bunker designed to resist nuclear attack, Bucharest radio said.

The revolutionary government said the Communist dictator who ruled for 24 years was captured Saturday along with his wife, Elena. Soviet television said they were found hiding in an underground bunker.

His son, Nicu, was reported arrested Friday and on Sunday a daughter, Zoia-Elena, appeared dazed as she was shown on Romanian television after she was caught at one of her Bucharest apartments.

The television also showed jewelry and cash it said totaled nearly \$100,000 in U.S. currency that was allegedly seized from the family. Ordinary Romanians are not allowed to hold foreign currency.

The Bush administration and the French government both said they would not object if the Soviets or other Warsaw Pact nations use their militaries to assist the revolution in Romania.

Thousands of people were believed killed as Ceausescu tried to stop the massive protests that began on Dec. 15 in Timisoara, 300 miles southwest of Bucharest. The protests spread to the capital, forcing Ceausescu to flee his palace Friday.

Since then, army units backing the revolt have battled the elite secret police and security forces loyal to Ceausescu. Hundreds and perhaps thousands have died.

Offers of emergency aid poured in from around the world, but East bloc media said few supplies were able to get through because of the fighting.

Seven killed in retirement home fire

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP) — A Christmas Eve fire swept through a retirement center, killing at least seven people and more deaths were expected, authorities said.

At least 26 people were taken to hospitals with injuries.

The fire broke out at the John Sevier Retirement Center around 3:30 p.m. in this eastern Tennessee city, and firefighters were still battling it more than four hours later, officials said.

A temporary morgue was set up at the Washington County Courthouse, said rescue worker John Charlton.

"We are preparing for 50 people at this point," said Charlton. "It could be four more, it could be 40 more. We really don't have a handle on it."

Workers expected to find more bodies upstairs in the 10-story building once the blaze is under control and smoke is removed, Charlton said.

About 145 people were living at the center, but

authorities said they didn't know how many were in the building at the time of the fire.

Some residents had left for the holidays, but others had families visiting them, said Community Relations Director Linda Gordon.

"But it being Christmas Eve, many residents were out of the building visiting families and many relatives were visiting at the center," she said.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known, but was believed to have started on the second floor, officials said.

The names of the seven confirmed dead were not released pending notification of relatives.

Three people were admitted to Northside Hospital, where they were treated for smoke inhalation, said hospital spokesman Dan Blevins. At least one person suffered serious burns, he said.

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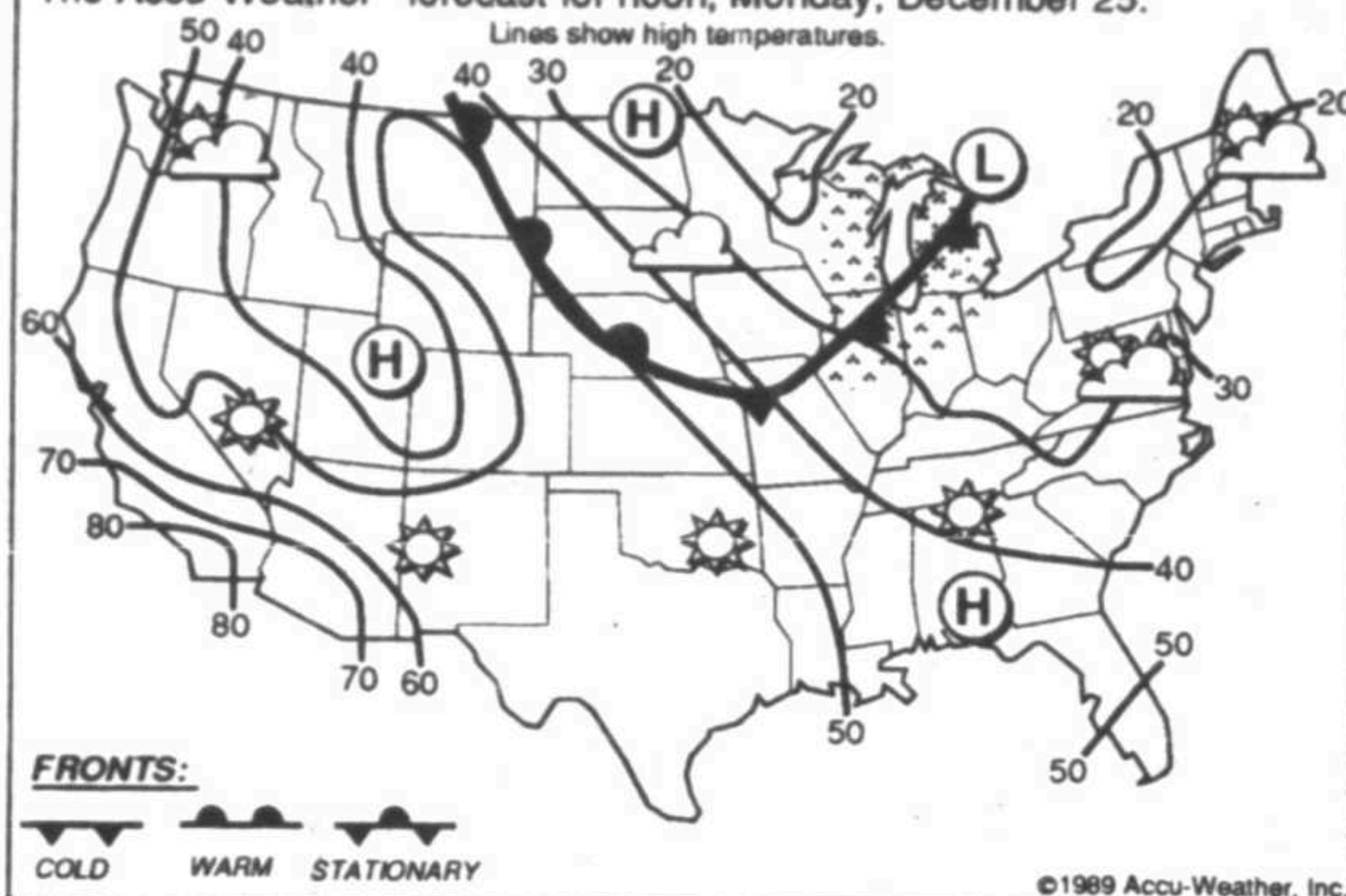
Sunny today, high in the mid-60s, northwest winds, 10-20 mph. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Monday, December 25.



Temperature may climb to 60s

From Staff and Wire Reports

It seems sure that Midland won't have a white Christmas in 1989. The sky will be sunny and the temperatures warm — in the mid-60s — if the forecast holds true.

Midland got little snow beyond flurries from winter's outset Thursday, when a three-day hard freeze set in.

Winds today are to be northwesterly at 10 to 20 mph, according to forecasters at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

Tonight is to be fair, with a low near 30.

Tuesday's high is to be in the mid-60s.

Sunday's peak temperature was 62 degrees, and the overnight low was 17 degrees. The record high temperature for a Dec. 24 is 82 degrees in 1955, and the record low for a Dec. 25 is 7 degrees in 1983.

STATE

Weather forecasters were displaying a most unusual occurrence on their weather maps Sunday — a warm front was moving into Texas from the northwest.

The arctic high that had put the state into a deep freeze for several days had bulled its way out of the state and into the Gulf of Mexico.

The mid air from the Pacific was bringing moderate temperatures back to West and Central Texas by Sunday afternoon.

Temperatures were in the 60s in an area of southwest Texas from Sander-son to Midland and Wink. The rest of West Texas was reporting readings in the 50s.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley also was reporting highs in the 50s for Sunday.

Only the extreme eastern sections of the state were still in the 30s.

Lows early Sunday morning had set records at several state cities, including Beaumont, Houston (11), Victoria (16), Corpus Christi (15), Brownsville (18), Port Arthur (13) and Bryan-College Station (11).

The skies over Texas on Sunday were clear, except for a few wisps of high clouds over the northeast.

NATION

The persistent cold wave gave Florida record lows Sunday, and stirred up a snowstorm that piled snow in 8-foot drifts in the Carolinas, but a slight warming trend moved onto the Plains.

Record or record-tying lows were reported for 56 cities from Texas to Florida and north to New England.

Temperatures dipped below zero as far south as Tennessee and freezing temperatures were reported as far south as southern Florida, where Miami cooled to a record 31 degrees.

The Florida Keys was the only place in the eastern half of the country without freezing temperatures from late Saturday into Sunday morning.

Sunday's official low for the Lower 48 states was 27 degrees below zero at Houlton, Maine, with unofficial lows of 33 below zero reported in the West Virginia mountain valley communities of Glady and Cheat Bridge.

Wind blew at 40 to 50 mph along the Outer Banks of North Carolina, causing considerable blowing and drifting snow and knocking down power lines. In Hyde County, on the coast of the mainland, the wind created snow drifts up to 8 feet high.

Midland statistics

Today Sunny, high in the mid-60s, northeast winds, 10 to 20 mph. Tonight: Fair, low near 30. Tuesday: Fair, high in the mid-60s.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's high 62 degrees

Overnight low 17 degrees

Sunset today 5:51 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 7:47 a.m.

Precipitation 0.00 inches

Last 24 hours 0.00 inches

This month to date 0.04 inches

Year to date 08.04 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 p.m. 34 6 a.m. 20

7 p.m. 26 7 a.m. 24

8 p.m. 21 8 a.m. 21

9 p.m. 21 9 a.m. 24

10 p.m. 21 10 a.m. 46

11 p.m. 20 11 a.m. 50

Midnight 18 12 a.m. 55

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6 p.m. 55

Weather elsewhere

Albany, N.Y. 18 -15 an

Albuquerque 53 22 an

Anchorage 28 25 05 an

Atlanta 33 06 an

Atlantic City 21 06 an

Baltimore 23 10 an

Boise 45 22 an

Boston 22 06 an

Buffalo 18 03 04 an

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Dayton 14 07 an

Denver 44 21 an

Detroit 12 08 an

Flagstaff 52 24 an

Grand Rapids 13 00 an

Great Falls 48 33 an

Honolulu 84 62 an

Indianapolis 14 11 an

Jackson, Miss. 32 06 an

Kansas City 31 10 an

Las Vegas 67 37 an

Little Rock 29 08 an

Los Angeles 61 59 an

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Minneapolis 19 07 10 an

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New Orleans 34 15 an

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Phoenix 76 45 an

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Richmond 54 20 an

San Diego 78 49 an

San Francisco 53 41 an

Shreveport 38 08 an

Sioux Falls 33 18 04 an

Spokane 37 31 an

Tampa-St. Petersburg 39 24 an

Topeka 38 12 an

Tucson 76 45 an

Tulsa 36 13 an

Washington, D.C. 23 10 an

Yonkers 18 05 an

Extended forecasts

Wednesday through Friday

West Texas: Fair through the period. Cooler Friday

east of the mountains. Panhandle: Highs lower 50s

Wednesday and Thursday and near 40 Friday. Lows

in the 20s. East: partly cloudy Wednesday and Thurs-

day, cooling to the lower 40s Friday. Lows upper 20s

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ian Basin and Concho Valley: Highs upper 50s

Wednesday and Thursday, cooling to the mid 40s

Friday. Lows around 30 each day. Far West: Highs mid

50s. Lows around 30s. Big Bend: Highs lower 50s

mountains to lower 50s valleys. Lows 20s mountains

to lower 30s valleys.

North Texas: West and central, fair and mid

Wednesday and Thursday. Partly cloudy and cooler

Friday. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s Wednes-

day and Thursday, cooling into the 40s Friday. Lows in

the 20s. East: partly cloudy Wednesday and Thurs-

day. Mostly cloudy and cooler Friday with a slight

chance of rain. Highs in the mid to upper 50s Wednes-

day and Thursday. Cooling into the 40s Friday. Lows

in the 30s.

South Texas: Increasing cloudiness Wednes-

day. Mostly cloudy Thursday and Friday. Hill Country and

South Central Texas: Chance of showers south

central Thursday. Lows Thursday in the 30s. 30s Hill

Country and 40s south central Thursday and Friday.

High 24 in the 40s. Lows Monday night 30s north

and 40s south. Highs Tuesday mainly in the 60s.

North Texas: Partly cloudy northeast Monday. Other-

wise sunny days and clear nights through Tuesday.

Warmer Monday through Tuesday. Highs Monday 52

to 56. Lows Monday night 27 to 34. Highs Tuesday 52

to 56.

South Texas: Mostly clear Monday through Tues-

day with a continued warming trend. Highs Christmas

day mid 50s to mid 60s. Lows Monday night 30s north

and 40s south. Highs Tuesday mainly in the 60s.

TEXAS AREA FORECASTS

West Texas: Fair through Tuesday. Highs Christ-

mas day mid 50s to mid 60s. Lows Tuesday night mid

20s to near 30. Highs Tuesday in the 60s, except mid

50s mountains.

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FIRE

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Two people were admitted to the

Veterans Administration hospital for

smoke inhalation, a spokesperson

said.

Firefighters and rescue workers

from around the region battled the

blaze in temperatures that only

reached the teens.

"We've received a tremendous

amount of help," Charlton said.

A basement rescue station was set

up across the street at Munsey

Memorial United Methodist Church,

where medical workers treated

residents initially. The American Red

Cross set up an information center

for relatives in the church

auditorium.

The fire is the second at the center

within recent weeks. The earlier fire

was contained to one unit, but the

building was evacuated.

Non-Christians also celebrating

By DAVID BRIGGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Moslem leaders from around the nation are meeting in an annual conference on the prophet Mohammed, some American Buddhists are giving new stature to Bodhi Day, and lighting Hanukkah candles has become the second-most widely practiced observance among American Jews.

It must be Christmastime. While Christian leaders bemoan the commercialization of Christmas, other religious groups are reporting revived interest in their own traditions in reaction to the relentless secular presence of the holiday.

"What that reflects, frankly, is the attempt ... to compensate for the overwhelming presence of Christmas in American society," said Rabbi A. James Rudin, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee.

Rudin said there has been a "mis-match" because the Jewish and Christian holidays fall near each other but are not equal in importance. "One is a minor Jewish holiday. One is a major Christian holiday," Rudin said. "The truth is Christmas is not the Christian Hanukkah and Hanukkah is not the Jewish Christmas."

But that has not stopped Hanukkah, the eight-day Jewish Feast of Lights that began Friday evening, from becoming an important tradition in the United States. Surveys show more than two-thirds of all Jewish people in the United States light Hanukkah candles, a ritual surpassed only by attendance at a Passover Seder.

Among many Buddhists, special emphasis has been placed on the Dec. 8 celebration of Bodhi Day, the day they believe the Buddha became enlightened.

The Rev. Carol Himaka, education director of the Buddhist Churches of America in San Francisco, said Bodhi Day is being more widely observed "because of the need to have our own young people recognize our own tradition."

Still, she said, many Buddhists celebrate Christmas the way a lot of non-devout Christians mark the holiday — with trees and presents and little regard for the religious significance of the birth of the person Christians believe is the son of God.

"It's more difficult to explain to young children, especially, why they should not celebrate Christmas," she said.

The Bahais, who say Jesus was a prophet sent by God, do not believe there is a spiritual conflict in observing Christmas, according to Katharine Bigelow, deputy director of the Bahai National Office of External Affairs in Washington.

"I don't observe Christmas with my Bahai friends, but with my family who is all Christian, I look forward to celebrating with them," she said.

Some Moslem leaders attending the Seerah Conference sponsored by the Council of Masjid of United States over Christmas weekend said that while Jesus also is a respected figure in their faith, all trappings of Christmas should be avoided.

"We want our children to know about our religion and an Islamic perspective," said Habib Malik, a teacher with the Muslim World League in Philadelphia.

"We are concerned when we see some Moslem families bringing Christmas trees home."

Imam Shamsheer Ali, director of the Islamic Religious Center of Long Island, said Moslem religious leaders emphasize at Friday prayer sessions before Christmas that their faith teaches Jesus was a prophet of God, but not the son of God.

Competition with Christmas is not always a positive thing, other religious leaders said.

Rudin remembers being told as a child to be thankful he was Jewish and receiving gifts for eight days during Hanukkah, while "those" quote "poor Christians" were only going to get gifts for one day."

His advice: "Let Hanukkah be Hanukkah."

Some celebrations this time of year are not tied to any religion.

Kwanzaa, a holiday modeled on traditional African harvest celebrations, is observed by some black Americans. It begins Tuesday and runs through Jan. 1.

And the Southern California wing of Atheists United exchanged gifts Thursday afternoon to mark the winter solstice.

"Basically, it's a time to party," said Atheists United President Alexander Prairie.

HOLIDAY

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Still, Christmas lights twinkled in some homes not wrecked by shelling and fighting.

Lebanese celebrated Christmas with a desperate intensity. Many tried to blot out the horrors and the hardships brought by 14 years of civil war.

"I want to spend the coming week drinking, dancing and just living. Who knows if we'll be alive tomorrow?" said Khalil Accad, a Christian in east Beirut.

Streets were choked with traffic as shoppers jammed stores, many of which had sandbags added to protect against gun shells. Supermarkets bulged with imported liquor and champagne, caviar and smoked salmon, nuts and dried fruit, chocolate and Christmas cakes, turkey and cheeses.

"It looks like every Lebanese is out buying gifts," one store owner said.

Eighteen Western hostages spent another Christmas in captivity in Lebanon. For American Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, it was his fifth

Christmas as a hostage.

In Bethlehem on the Israeli-occupied West Bank, soldiers with rifles stood watch atop the building where the Bible says Jesus was born, but only a few tourists gathered for the traditional

Christmas Eve celebrations.

"It doesn't feel like Christmas at all," complained tourist Eijah Kivi of Turku, Finland, surveying the sparse gatherings and the stores closed by Palestinians protesting the Israeli occupation.

South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu delivered a sermon at the biblical Shepherds' Field on the West Bank. He prayed that Arabs and Jews will find peace and endorsed the Palestinian call for an independent state.

"Peace is going to come in this land because it is God's will and nobody will stop it," Tutu told about 1,000 worshippers on the site where the first word of Jesus' birth was received by shepherds watching over their flocks.

PANAMA

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U.S. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, who flew to Panama, said he was "delighted" at the news on Noriega.

"He no longer is a factor in Panama," Cheney said. "Now it is up to the lawyers and the diplomats to figure out what is next. As far as I'm concerned, the military has done its job."

Thurman said he had the embassy surrounded because "I have the security responsibility for all of Panama, so I don't want (Dignity Battalions) blowing into the place. I would not want them to come with an armored car and blow their way into the embassy."

The 26,000-member U.S. force, bolstered by reinforcements sent in Saturday, made headway earlier Sunday in its fight to put down the resistance of Noriega holdouts after three high-ranking members of Noriega's army surrendered and another pledged loyalty to the U.S.-backed government.

U.S. authorities said about 1,800 of Noriega's original 15,000 Defense Force members were still fighting U.S. troops. It was not immediately clear how Noriega's move Sunday would affect them.

Since the invasion, 25 U.S. soldiers and two American civilians have been killed, according to the Pentagon. One soldier was missing, and 281 were wounded, U.S. officials said.

The U.S. military said 154 Panamanian soldiers had died, 113 were wounded, and 2,969 had been captured.

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HOME DEL

Houston actor's famous face 'Blazes' acting career

CONROE, Texas (AP) — That face, that face, that wonderful face — it 'snarls,' it 'bleeds,' all over the place. With apologies for the paraphrasing, this song may be an appropriate theme for Houston actor Brandon Smith.

Last year Robert Duvall smashed Smith's face into a bar in "Lonesome Dove." This year Paul Newman bites his forehead in "Blaze" and next year Peter Weller will lift him off the ground by his nose in "Robo Cop II."

In the future Hollywood directors may not remember his name, but they are sure to ask for "that face" which can be so readily pummeled into mincemeat.

But Smith didn't start out in acting by laying his face on the line. He

began as a child actor at the Alley Theater in Houston. As a teenager he attended Lamar High School and recalls competing in speech tournaments against major competitor Belaire High School.

"We were competing against Randy Quaid, Brent Spiner and Cindy Pickett," he smiles, knowing those names bring instant recognition to film and television fans.

But unlike some who are involved in acting as children only to go into law or medicine or construction work as adults, Smith stuck with it. After living abroad for a time, Smith returned to Houston, helping his mother, Chris Wilson, at her acting studios and eventually joining the Alley company at the invitation of Nina Vance.

"I was never typecast there," he says of his active seasons. "They always challenged me."

He recalls those years with fondness. "If you did the lead upstairs (on the large proscenium stage), you'd be in rehearsal in a smaller part downstairs (on the arena stage). You were kind of a team player."

Smith gained experience in a wide variety of roles in plays as diverse as "True West," "The Miss Firecracker Contest" and "Starry Night." He says he left the company after "A View From the Bridge" because "Everything was in such turmoil. The politics on the third and fourth floors began to affect what took place on stage."

Today he says, "Right now I'm just another unemployed actor." But he

says it with a grin on his face.

While it's true he may not be employed this particular day, his current work is out there in movie houses for everyone to see.

Smith plays opposite Paul Newman in Touchstone Pictures' "Blaze." Although the part isn't large it is crucial to the film in that Smith plays the political burr under the saddle of Louisiana Gov. Earl Long, played by Newman.

"I learned an awful lot from Ron Shelton (director and screenwriter) and Paul," he says. "We all got along well."

One of Smith's favorite memories is an afternoon spent running lines with Newman and Shelton while the three played Frisbee.

Of the star, Smith says, "Paul has

an eccentric side and a private side. Joanne (Woodward) was with him on the set and between takes Paul would go into the trailer with her and their puppy."

On the set, Smith recalls, "Paul was not afraid to give camera to you to let you look good. He was not afraid to look you right in the eye."

With six weeks of filming for his part, Smith says this was his largest film role.

He also recently played a small bit

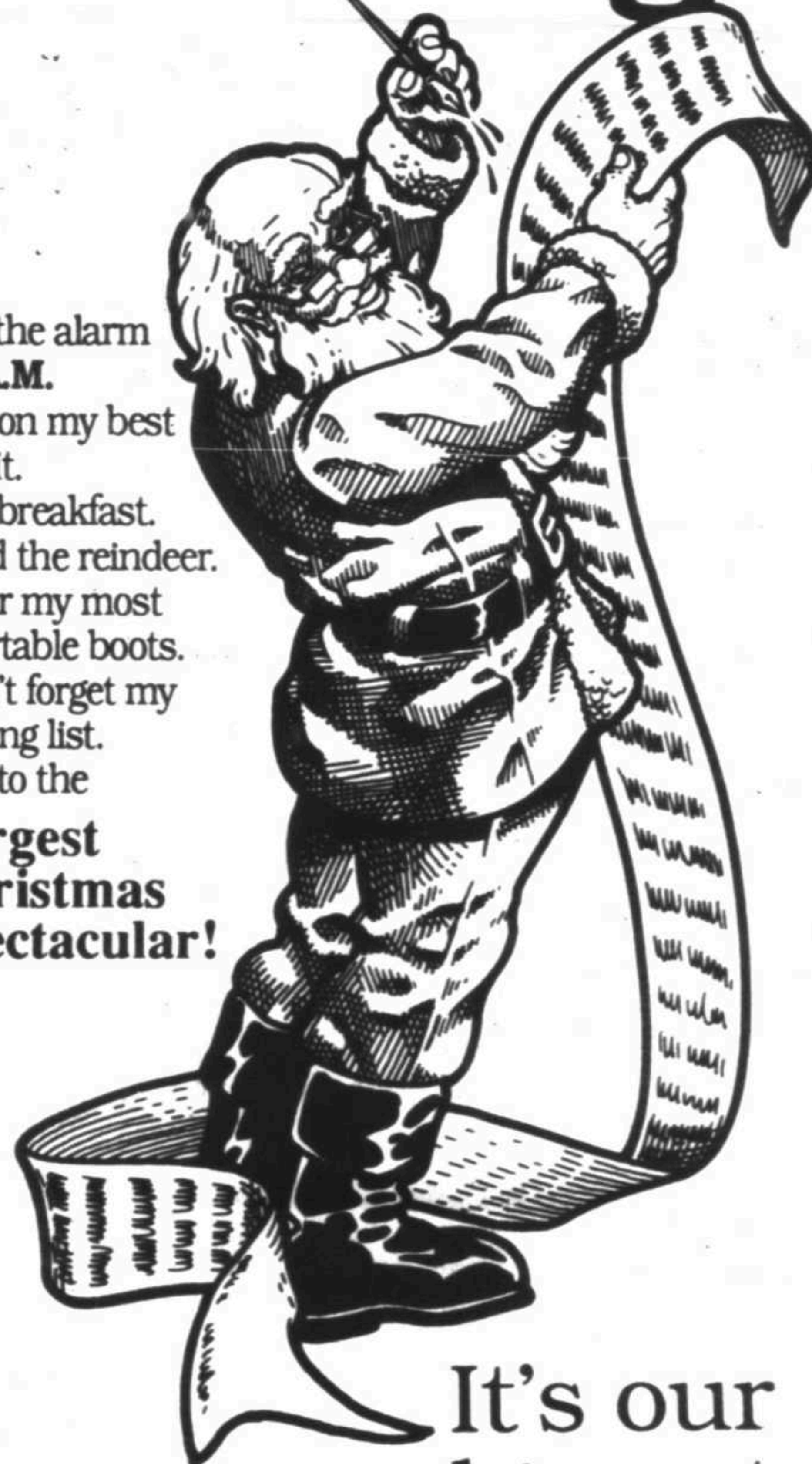
in "Robo Cop II," filming in Houston. He's only in one scene but it's an "establishment shot" that explains the direction of the movie. Smith and three stunt men rob a gun store. Robo Cop kills the other three, but only wounds Smith's character. Originally slated to lift the character by the neck, Peter Weller wanted to try something different.

"He takes my nose and lifts me up." It's that face. It just lends itself to film abuse.

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Man loses jolly holiday spirit after getting stuck in chimney

N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Firefighters rescued a man who got stuck while climbing down a chimney — but he wasn't fat, he wasn't dressed in a red suit and he was anything but jolly.

No, Virginia, it wasn't Santa Claus, it was 20-year-old Carlos Giron, of Los Angeles, who was trying to help his brother Saturday retrieve keys that had been locked in the brother's house in suburban Sherman Oaks.

The two brothers thought that going down the chimney would be the easiest way to get back inside, said Roberto Giron, 25. Carlos, who was wearing blue jeans and a black shirt, volunteered to do the dirty work.

"He got stuck near the damper — the part you open up — and we had to get him out," said Los Angeles City Fire Department spokesman Jim Wells.

Roberto Giron called the Fire Department after his brother started shouting "ayudame, ayudame," Spanish for "help, help." He was having difficulty breathing in the flue because of the heavy clouds of soot his passage had dislodged.

"He wasn't scared, he wasn't embarrassed, he was just angry," Roberto Giron said. His brother could not be reached for comment.

During the half-hour rescue operation, firefighters used sledge hammers and a battering ram to punch a hole in the chimney and finally pulled out the victim, Wells said.

Carlos Giron, who suffered minor scratches, was of normal weight, Wells said.

"You don't have to be that large to get stuck in a chimney," he said. "If you're a 20-year-old male, you're not going to fit through."

Chimney rescues aren't common, but it's in a fire official's line of duty, Wells said.

"This usually happens to repair workers or even burglars," he said. "For one reason or another, we get these calls from time to time."

Life in large family calls for 'hanging tree'

By JULES LOH

AP Special Correspondent

OLD TAPPAN, N.J. — The phrase "hanging tree" most often evokes images of the Wild West, vigilantes and horse thieves. Not in this house.

Here, the images that flood the memory are all bright: twinkly lights, bright wrapping paper, sugar cookies with red and green sprinkles.

Here, the annual admonition to keep Christmas in solemn perspective is annually violated. Here, the Prince of Peace reigns over worldly excess and unbridled chaos. Our notion is that the Prince of Peace would approve.

Lasting evidence of that chaos is that the Christmas gift that has endured more years than any other among the members of our family is a gift not to the spirit of Christmas but to its vocabulary. It is a simple verb. To hang. We do not, as others do, "put up" a Christmas tree. We hang it.

Well, we don't any longer. Now that you can get four-footed tree stands that are more or less reliable and that we can more or less afford and the children are more or less grown and the dogs more or less tame, we put up the tree like normal people. Yet the old verb remains.

"When do you want to hang the tree, dear?"

"Let's hang it this weekend."

Ours is considered a large family, eight children. They did not arrive



all at once of course, but on reflection it seems like there always has been a whole bunch of them.

What is now called "parenting" had not been invented back then. My notion of child rearing, at least in a large family, could be better formulated as "a little tyranny and a little neglect."

Tyranny was absolutely necessary to keep any semblance of order. Neglect was the natural result of the inability to give any one of them the individual attention he (three of those) or she (five of those) deserved. So all of them had to do a lot of shifting for themselves. Looking over the results, the T&N method seems to have worked all right.

Christmas morning, though, is not a day for either tyranny or neglect. The result, of course, was something

close to bedlam.

Picture a gaggle of little people running around trying to see everything, touch everything, do everything, show everything all at once, a dog or two romping around as if it were all arranged for their fun, crumpled wrapping paper everywhere, no place to walk without stepping on something, or somebody, everybody stumbling, laughing.

And picture in all that confusion the tree getting knocked over time and time again. The flimsy little tree stands available in those days, at least to people on our budget, were simply not up to the job. Not in our house.

Each time the tree would fall I would swallow hard, yell at no one, prop it up and tie yet another string onto something for support. Before long strings ran from the tree to a stair rail, the tree to a door hinge, a piano leg, a window latch, a bookshelf.

By nightfall, when the hellions were nestled all snug in their beds and the dogs throwing up on the rug, the tree looked like a bedraggled butterfly caught in a spider web. Pine needles and ornament fragments littered the floor. They crunched when I crawled through the rigging to unplug the tree lights. There came a year when I decided never again.

A gallery assembled as usual to observe the annual raising of the tree, boxes of ornaments stacked at the

ready.

"What are you doing, Daddy?"

"I'm putting a hook up here, honey."

"Oh."

"You're putting a hole in the living room ceiling is what you're doing," remarked one critic.

"I'll plug it after."

"With what?"

"Soap. So I can use the same hole next year."

See? No detail had been overlooked. One tree, one string, ceiling to treetop. No, not string, wire. And here's the best part. The star would hide the wire!

It worked. Of course it worked. I gave the tree a push. It swung in gentle arcs, as if in a soft breeze. But it did not fall. Ingenious. The kids loved it. They wanted to swing on it but that was tyrannically outlawed.

But the critic was not satisfied. She observed that the hanging tree canted to one side, that it kept circling, that the good side was not always facing out. Petty objections.

"Nice try," she said, "but no."

All right, one detail had been overlooked, easily remedied.

"What are you doing now, Daddy?"

"I'm driving a couple of nails through the trunk of the tree into the floor. Thin nails. The holes won't even show."

And that was the technique that prevailed, Christmas after Christmas, for years. The tree stood upright and never once fell.

Bonfires will light up Cajun Christmas

GRAMERCY, La. (AP) — The wooden airplane sits perched on the Mississippi River levee in Gramercy surveying scores of tepee skeletons packed to their points with kindling.

Scattered through the surreal scene upriver from New Orleans are a wooden 1927 fire truck, a wooden medieval castle and a wooden boat.

These items are not discarded props from "The Twilight Zone" but fodder for an elaborate bonfire lighting ritual that has been celebrated on Christmas Eve in St. James Parish for more than 200 years.

St. James residents burn the fires to light the way for Pere Noel, or Santa Claus, as he makes his way

down the Mississippi River. This year, thousands of people in boats, cars and buses will travel to Gramercy and Lusher to view the ceremony.

"Probably anywhere from 30,000 to 50,000 people will be in the area, depending on the weather," said A.J. Laiche, Gramercy town clerk.

The traditional bonfire structure is the tepee stuffed with wood, decorated with signs and topped with a flag. But in the early 1980s, unusual structures began popping up on the levee, beginning with a little shack resembling a Cajun house, built by the Gramercy Volunteer Fire Department.

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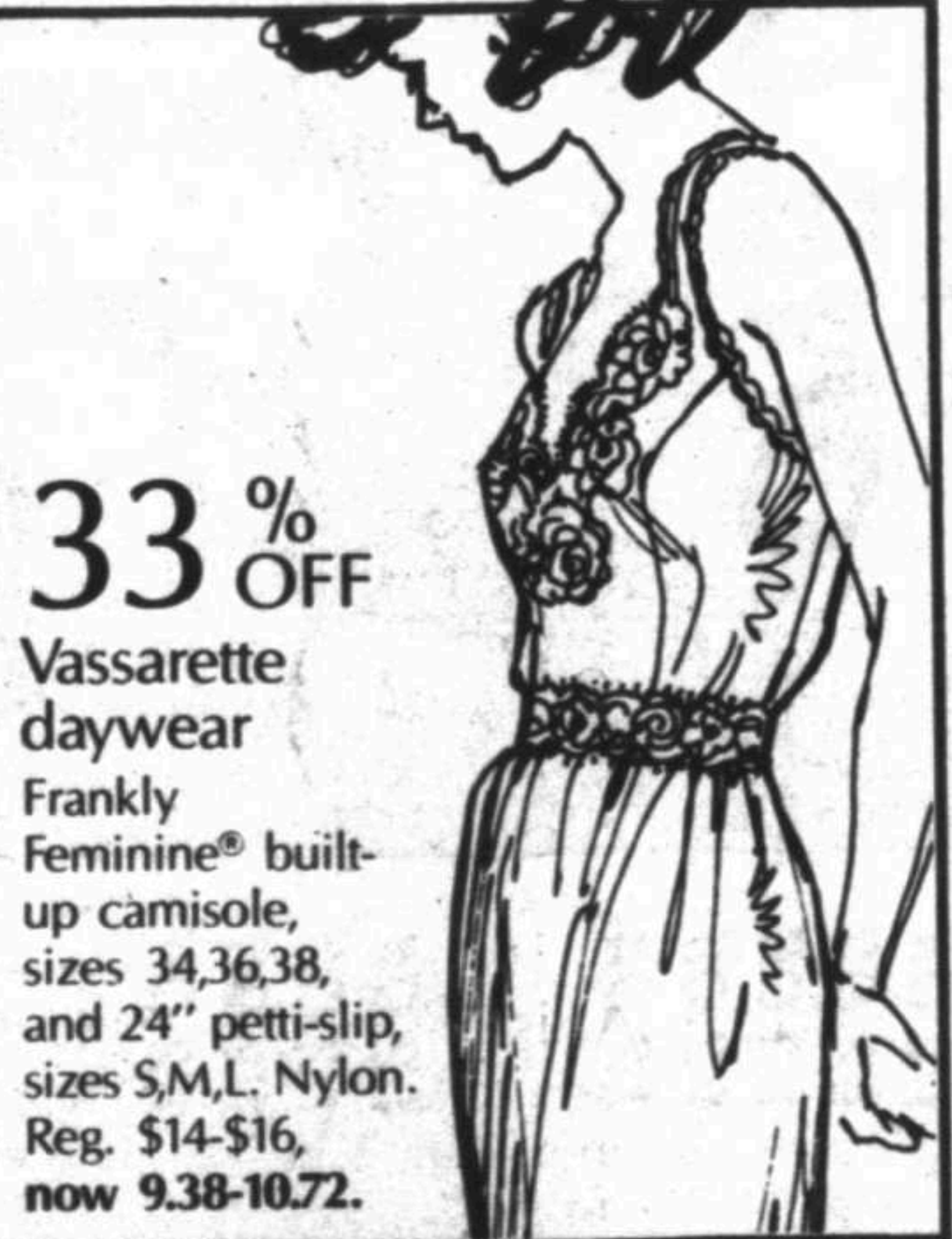
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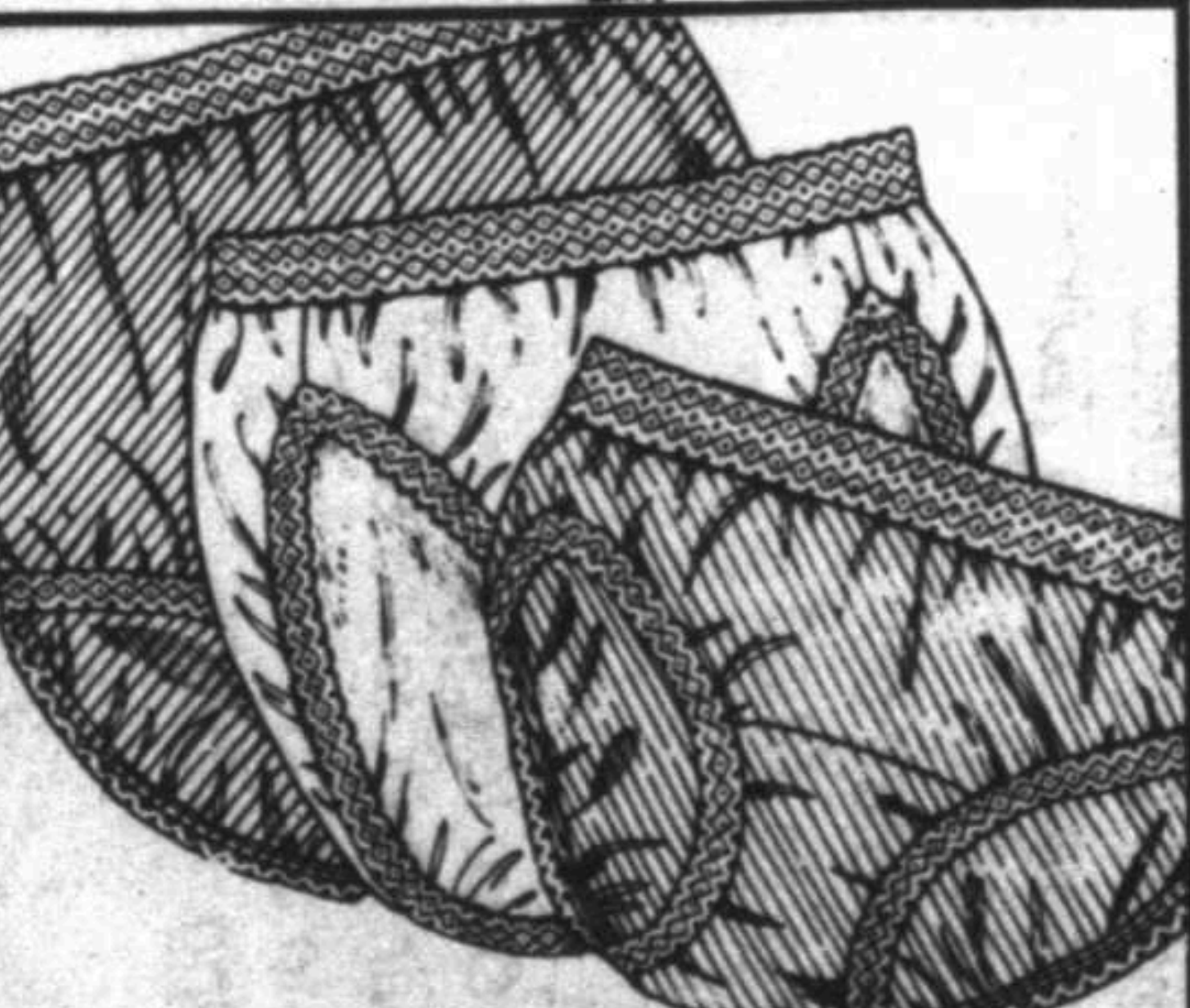
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Sherman boy gets part in space camp film

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — Stephen Geiger is planning a pretty interesting Christmas vacation. He's not only going to space camp in Florida, he's going to be in a movie about it.

Stephen, 10, a fifth-grader at S&S Consolidated School, attended space camp at the Kennedy Space Center in Titusville, Fla., last July. He met several astronauts and retired Air Force test pilots, and participated in such things as building an underwater structure, flying a strategic air jet and experiencing weightlessness. Former test pilot Dan Block, who

ran the space camp, has plans to make a movie about the camp, and he asked Stephen and six other boys from the camp to play leading roles.

"They'll go through the entire routine of space camp," said his Stephen's mother, Nancy Geiger.

When asked if Stephen was excited, she replied, "Excited doesn't cover it!"

She said his ambition in life is to be an astronaut or a jet fighter pilot. Also, she said, Stephen is usually a straight A student in school. That combination, Mrs. Geiger said, is

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Stephen. We wouldn't let him pass it up in million years."

— Nancy Geiger

how the whole opportunity came about.

"In second grade, Stephen made his first B. He was just devastated. We told him that if he pulled that B up to an A, and made all A's for the rest of the year, we would send him

to space camp."

As a result, Stephen has now had three years of straight A's. Block is planning on shooting the promotional film at his new home near the Space Center Executive Airport. The house includes an eight-foot electronic movie screen, 50-foot

heated swimming pool, bunk beds for 14 campers, a one-acre back yard, as well as large rooms.

Block has told Stephen that if the movie became a commercial success, he and the other boys would be paid royalties.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Stephen," said his mother. "We wouldn't let him pass it up in million years."

Stephen and the other boys are only expected to miss a week of school while the parts they play in the movie are being filmed. Block

will pick Stephen up Tuesday at the Grayson County Airport in his jet, Mrs. Geiger said.

Stephen said he is really looking forward to the trip and the movie. He is also looking forward to attending another space camp, possibly next summer.

The rest of his family, including his parents and sister, Stephenie, will stay behind at their home in Sherman. Stephenie won't enjoy her Christmas vacation quite as much, Mrs. Geiger said. She is scheduled for a tonsillectomy.

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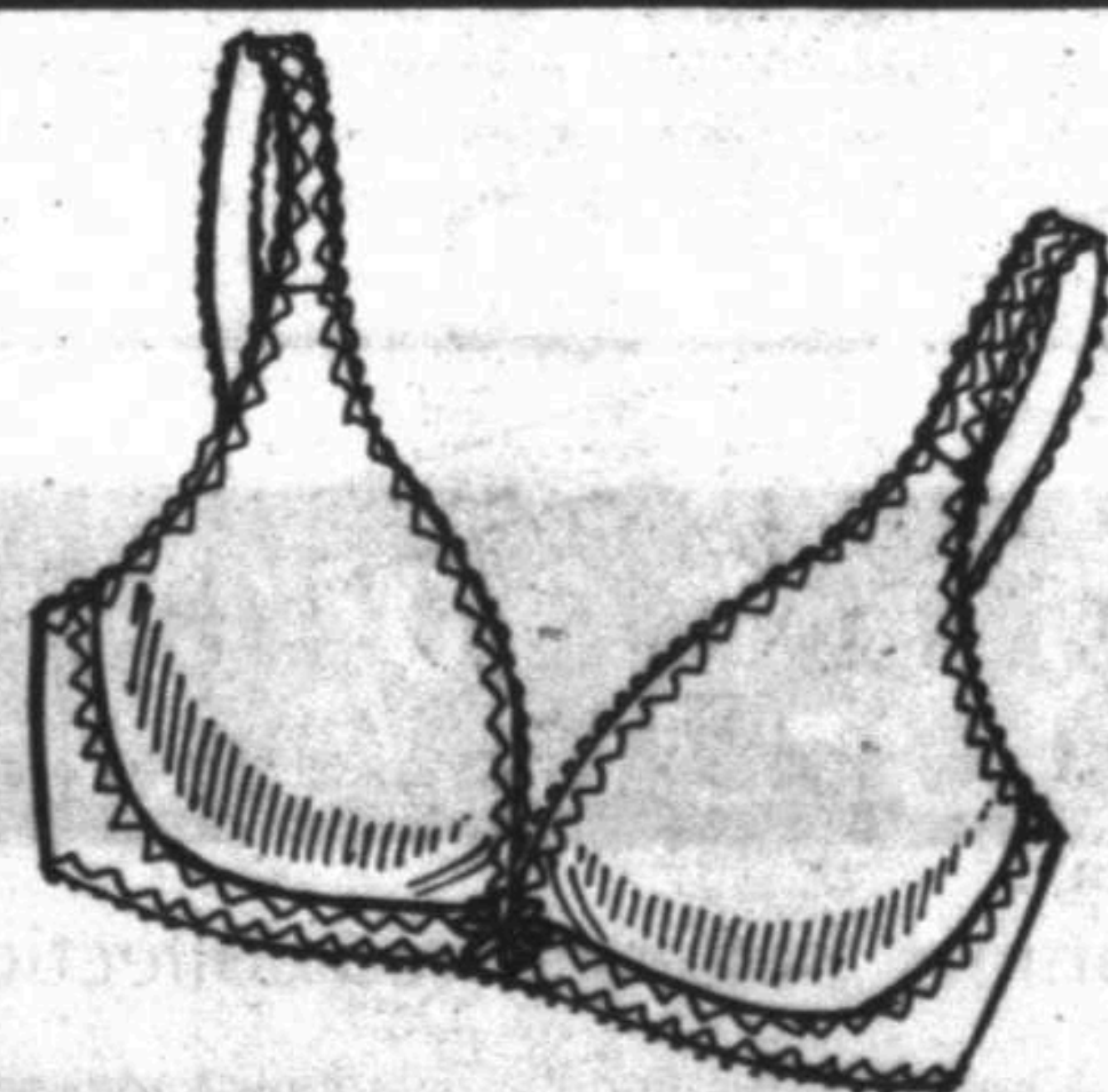
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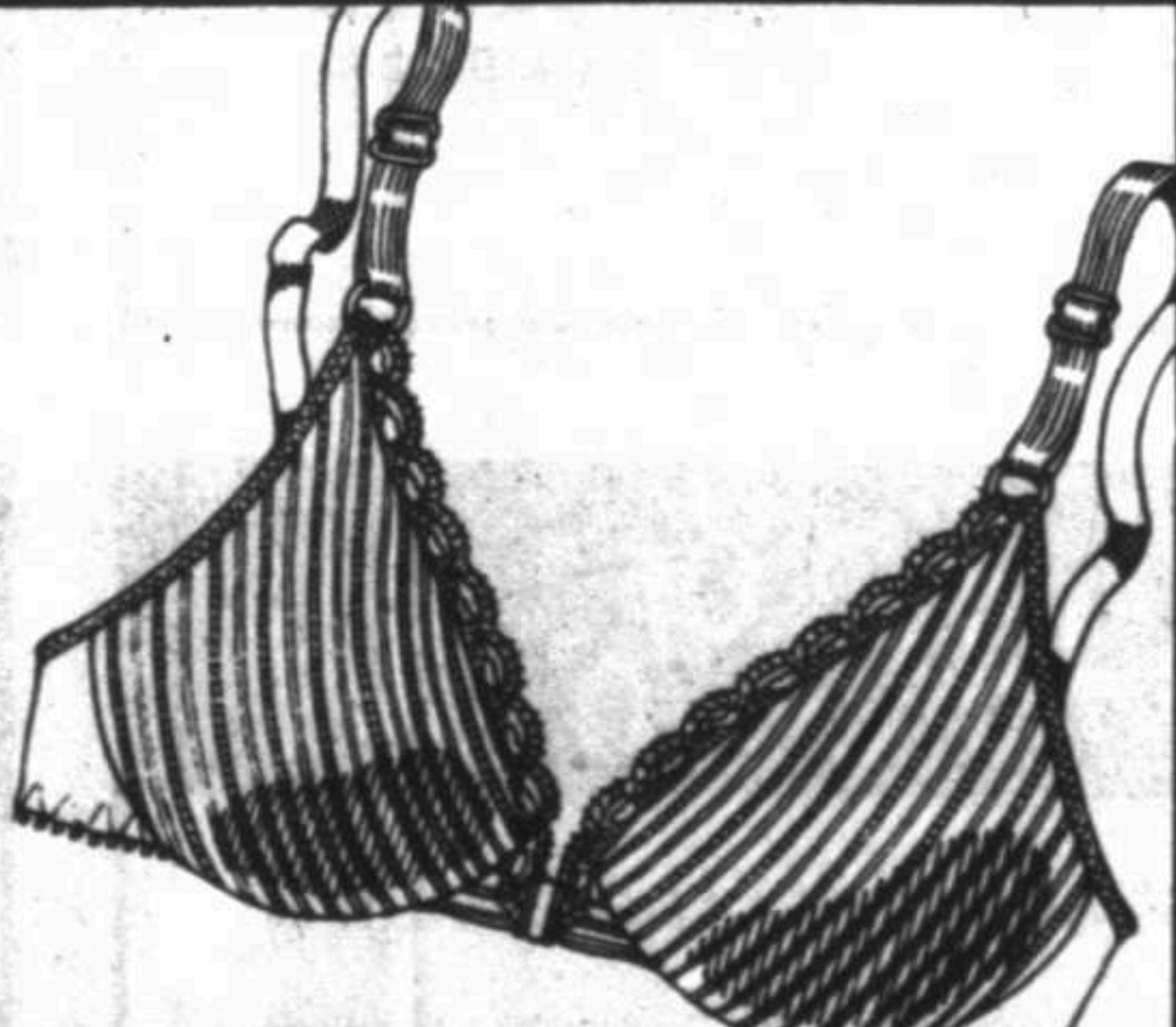
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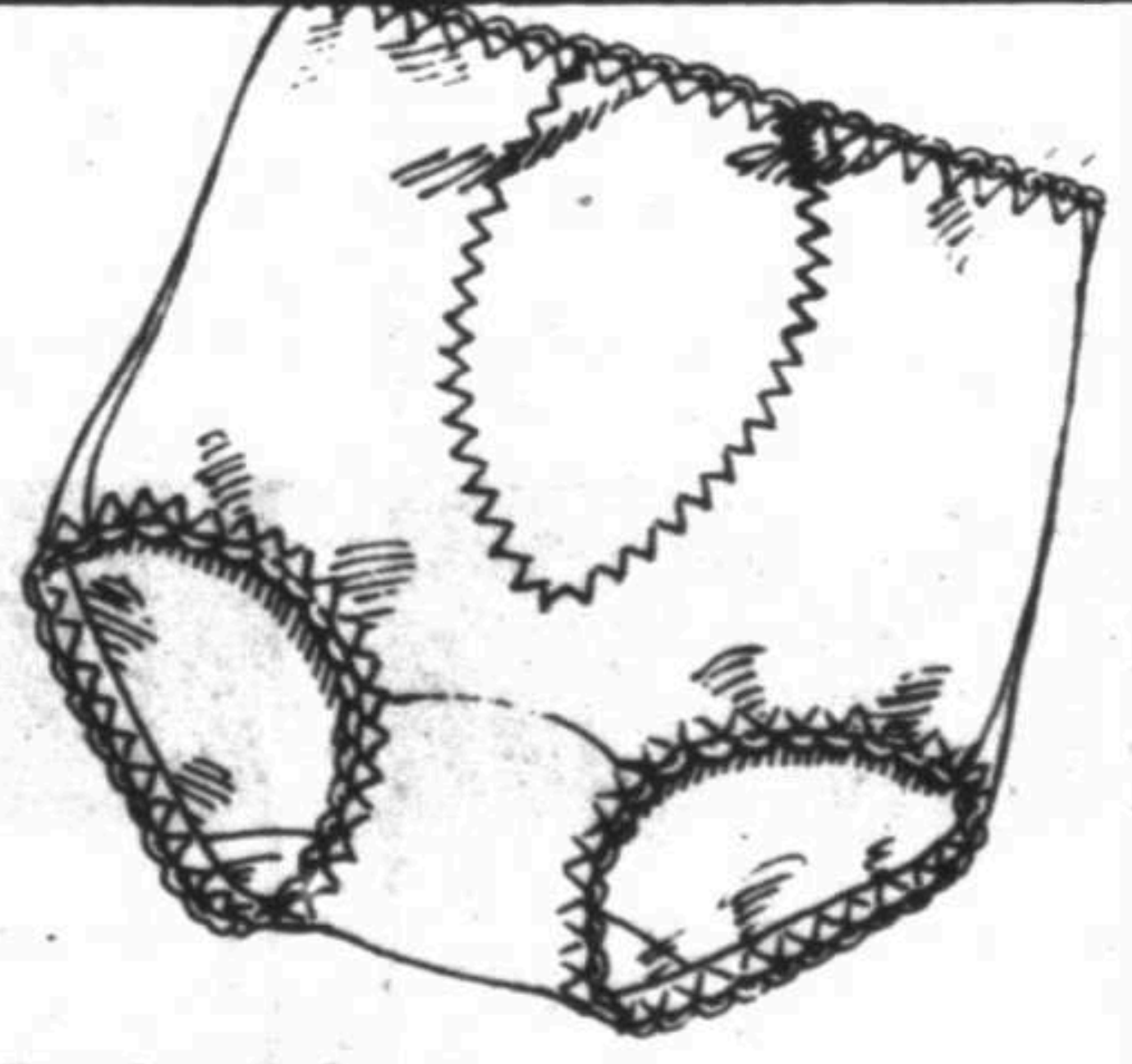
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Iceicles weigh down a baby orange tree, inspected here by Jay Chicone of Windermere, Calif.

Florida sees rare snowfall

Associated Press

A state of emergency was declared Sunday in Florida because of the record cold wave, which stranded travelers and overloaded power plants and gave parts of the South their first white Christmas in more than a century.

Snow drifts stood up to 8 feet high. But warmer weather moved eastward with temperatures hitting 40 at Chamberlain, S.D., and Minneapolis warmed into the 20s after nearly five straight days below zero. Kansas City, Mo., had a December record of 16 below zero Saturday, but highs in the 30s and 40s were predicted in the region Monday.

At 5 a.m. Sunday, the wind chill at Orlando, Fla., was about 5 below zero compared with 5 above at Minneapolis-St. Paul, the National Weather Service said.

At least 77 deaths have been blamed on the weather since Dec. 15 from the Plains to the East Coast.

Florida Gov. Bob Martinez declared a state of emergency Sunday as even Miami plunged to 31 degrees. The cold damaged citrus, sugar cane and strawberries, stranded holiday travelers and forced utilities to impose rolling blackouts.

Record lows were recorded Sunday in nearly every major Florida city, from 11 in Pensacola to 44 at Key West, where the previous record of 47 had stood since 1906.

Martinez overnight mobilized National Guardsmen and other state workers to rescue motorists from gridlocked, icy highways. With many motels packed, emergency shelters were opened in six northern Florida counties and 5,200 people spent the night in them, officials said.

"There is no one smiling in Florida agriculture today," said Roy Parke of Parkesdale Farms in Plant City, self-proclaimed winter strawberry capital of the nation.

The airport for Wilmington, N.C., was shut down by snow Saturday morning and remained closed Sunday. Snow also closed the airport at Myrtle Beach, S.C.

In Florida, the Jacksonville and Gainesville airports remained closed because of icy runways Sunday. Air service was nearly back to normal in Tallahassee and Daytona Beach after numerous cancellations Saturday.

The North Carolina coast got the most snow Sunday, with at least 13 inches at Wilmington.

The Hyde County, N.C., sheriff's department reported drifts of 6 to 8 feet. Only large, dual-wheel trucks were able to travel, and some of them got stuck.

Wind blowing at 50 to 60 mph on the Outer Banks islands off North Carolina knocked down power lines as fast as utility crews could get them back up.

It'll be the first white Christmas in Wilmington since 1870 and on the Outer Banks since 1874, the weather service said.

Along the South Carolina coast, the resort town of Myrtle Beach had 14 inches of snow on the ground Sunday and 8 inches blanketed streets in Charleston.

"I just moved up from Florida in time for (Hurricane) Hugo, and now this," said Rick Hawkins in Charleston. "Isn't it lovely? It's a mess."

In Florida, Parke of Parkesdale Farms said he expected 40 percent losses. The state's winter strawberry crop is worth some \$162 million.

"Significant" damage was reported to Florida's \$3.5 billion citrus crop and possible damage to the \$1.6 billion sugar industry, Martinez said. The governor's emergency declaration authorized the state Department of Transportation to loosen weight restrictions on roads and bridges to help growers move freeze-damaged crops quickly.

Florida utilities, faced with high demand for electricity, called for conservation and said there was no excess power to be bought from frigid Northern states, meaning rotating blackouts would be imposed for many Floridians through Christmas morning.

Snow dusted some northern Florida cities, such as Jacksonville, where icicles hung Sunday morning from rooftops and ice closed roads and bridges.

"It's a winter wonderland in Jacksonville," said Mayor Tommy Harzouri. "It's a beautiful sight for a city that doesn't get snow very often, and it's also a dangerous situation for the same reason."

"They can take it back," grumbled resident Randy Dukes. "I want a green Christmas."

Nobody's running, but nobody's sitting still

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON — The name doesn't matter. Any Democratic heavyweight will do. They're all professing no interest whatsoever in taking on President Bush in 1992.

"I have no plans to run for president in 1992," declares Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia.

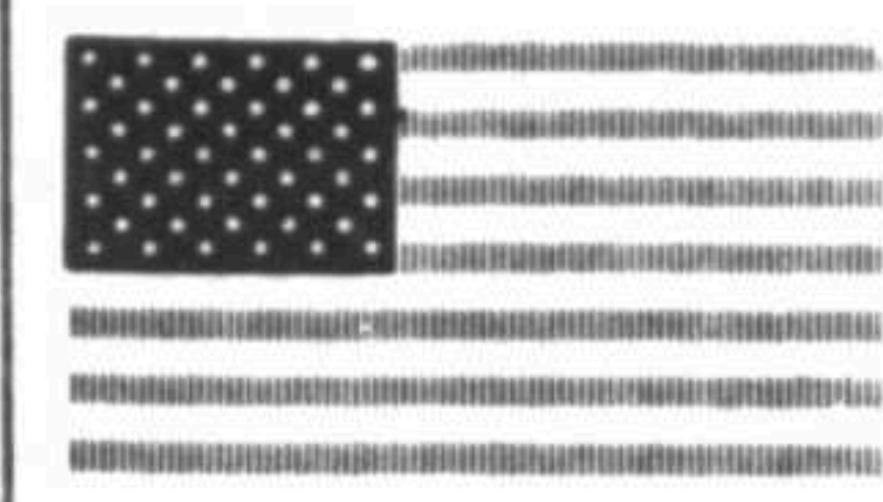
"I'm focusing on my re-election next year," says Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee.

"I'm not running and I'm not making any plans to run," chimes in Sen. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas.

Ditto for Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York and civil rights leader Jesse Jackson.

So is it Bush and Quayle unopposed for re-election in 1992? No chance.

While there is remarkably little



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overt activity among the potential Democratic challengers, there is always something stirring in presidential politics. Even those who deny any interest find their hearts beat a little faster when they breathe the cool, clean air of Iowa and New Hampshire.

Bradley was in Des Moines over the summer to speak at a fund-raiser for Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who faces a tough Republican challenge in 1990. While he was there, he met with Tony Bisignano, a union official and state legislator.

Bisignano was impressed. He said they didn't talk about 1992, but he'd be eager to start a "low-key, grassroots organization" to drum up support for Bradley.

Bentsen, meanwhile, was the featured speaker at the Iowa Democratic Party's Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner this fall.

New Hampshire, the state which has the quadrennial distinction of holding the first presidential primary, has had visits in 1989 from Rep. Pat Schroeder of Colorado and Gov. Richard Celeste of Ohio. Both came

close to entering the 1988 presidential race.

Sen. Robert Kerrey of Nebraska had a long lunch in Boston this fall with a group of political operatives who have had extensive experience in Democratic presidential campaigns.

"He just wanted to know what was on people's minds," said Larry Rasky, a public relations executive who worked on Sen. Joe Biden's 1988 campaign.

Cuomo has said an indication that

he is planning a presidential bid would be an announcement that he will not run for a third term as governor of New York. He's not giving that signal, at least not now.

In a telephone interview, he said he's leaning toward another gubernatorial campaign.

"There's just nothing I can do that's as important as this," he said.

But somehow, Cuomo finds it impossible to stop thinking about running for president.

An example of his ambivalence came last summer when he invited a reporter to ask him about the possibility that he might seek the presidency.

"I want to talk about it, because I want to dispose of it," he said, declaring that he was tired of speculation about his plans.

"And so," he said, "for the time being I'm not going to discuss it."

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Families of USS Iowa victims find room at the inn

By STEWART M. POWELL
Reporter-Telegram Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — What brought them together around Christmas time was not joy but tragedy — the quest for answers in an explosion aboard the battleship USS Iowa that claimed their brothers, sons, fathers or husbands.

What they found instead in a nondescript inn on a busy thoroughfare in the nation's capital bespoke the Christmas spirit — comfort in the face of unexplained death in the gun-turret explosion that killed 47 crewmen last April 19.

Was it murder, suicide or an accident? The Navy and the victims' families asked that question time and again in the eight dark months before the first Yuletide season they would spend without their man who had lived and died on the sea.

The Navy called it murder-suicide — a "wrongful and intentional act"

by an allegedly lonely sailor who "most likely" inserted a detonating device into 470 pounds of highly explosive gunpowder in the open breech of a massive 16-inch gun. Five months of exhaustive research substantiated the finding, the Navy contended.

But many of the victims' families said no. To them, it was an accident.

And when the Navy pointed an accusing finger at Gunners Mate 2nd Class Clayton Hartwig, 24, the only son of Earl and Evelyn Hartwig of Cleveland, many of the victims' families rallied round.

At least nine families journeyed to the nation's capital during Congress' Christmas recess to watch committees of the House and Senate review the Navy investigation. The House Armed Services subcommittee on investigations completed its hearings last Thursday.

By day, the plainly dressed families sat on Capitol Hill near the

Hartwigs, warily eyeing the parade of senior Navy officers in sparkling dress blue uniforms who came to endorse the Navy's findings.

By night, the families gathered at their motel, an isolated Econo Lodge on New York Avenue, a long bus ride from the Capitol, near a crime-ridden neighborhood.

The 33 relatives would meet in a conference room off the lobby that the motel management let them use.

"We try to treat all of our guests as though they are special," said Roosevelt Cooper, the assistant manager of the 160-bed motel where a double room costs \$52.95 a night.

For these families, brought together from across the country by shared grief, the motel became a place apart, the evenings a time to remember. They pored over family albums. They spoke from their hearts. The tears soon followed.

"It was very emotional for all of us," said Robert James Gedeon Jr.,

who works in a grocery store in North Olmstead, Ohio. "Nobody in our hometowns who lost kids to accidents or disease can understand what we're going through. We don't know why our sons died."

Gedeon, 44, of Lakewood, Ohio, lost his 22-year-old son Robert III, six months before the young man was scheduled to leave the Navy.

Gedeon was asked about the government psychologists' finding that Hartwig "died as a result of his own actions, staging his death in such as fashion that he hoped it would appear to be an accident."

"I don't believe it," the grocer said. "I am not an investigator but I am a father who lost a son and there are 46 others of us. I think they found a scapegoat."

Referring to the night-time sessions at the Econo Lodge, Gedeon said: "We found out that we all have something in common. We learned too that our sailors had something in

common: They wanted to serve. They were all proud of that ship."

Gedeon, who lives in Lakewood, Ohio, visits his son's grave at nearby Holy Cross Cemetery on the 19th of every month to mark the date his boy died. On Dec. 19, he said, he brushed the first snow off his son's gravestone.

Eileen Shultis, 30, a manager at South Levittown Bowling Lanes on Long Island, N.Y. also disagrees with the Navy. Her brother, Peter Bopp, 21, who died in the explosion, was due to be leave the ship and the Navy by Christmas to enter college and go into teaching.

"What good did it do to hurt Hartwig's family and everybody else by telling 46 families that their kids were murdered?" Shultis asked. "Murder is a little bit tougher to accept than an accident. Why don't they just clear Hartwig's name and let everybody rest in peace?"

NATION in brief

Baton Rouge refinery burns

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — An explosion rocked an Exxon refinery Sunday, setting parts of the plant on fire, killing one person and leaving an undetermined number injured or missing, officials said.

The blast about two miles north of the state Capitol could be felt as far as 15 miles away, touched off a roaring fire which sent a plume of smoke 500 feet into the air, and sparked looting, authorities said.

"The fire is in three tanks and in three separation units," said Gov. Buddy Roemer. "They are trying to isolate it."

Exxon firefighters battled the blaze, and the refinery was sealed off, officials said.

An employee of a subcontractor doing work at the plant was killed when the pickup truck he was in caught fire in the explosion, worker David Abshire said outside the refinery.

The blast also knocked out electric power and telephone service around the plant, which sits along the Mississippi River in the North Baton Rouge area.

Windows up to six miles away were shattered, and looters hit businesses in a nearby low-income neighborhood where windows were out, police said. Roemer activated the National Guard to help police stop the looting.

Plant Manager Ed Galante said the number of injured workers was undetermined and that the cause of the blast was unknown.

Judge fights retirement

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — State Supreme Court Justice Louis Peck turned 71 on Sunday, putting him a year beyond the state constitution's retirement age for judges. But he still sits on the bench, making decisions and waging his battle against a rule he says is age discrimination.

Peck's case, which goes before a federal appeals court next week, pits him against the state of Vermont, which argues that a federal anti-discrimination law cannot supersede a state's power to choose its judges. On his side are others who believe that people should be judged on their ability, not on the calendar.

"The right of an able person to work regardless of his or her age is among the most basic in our society," the American Association of Retired Persons, which has more than 30 million members, said in its legal brief siding with Peck.

"It is the people of each state who establish the state's judiciary," the state of New Mexico countered in a brief filed on the side of Vermont.

Peck won the first round of his case last July when a federal judge, also 70, ruled that the federal age-discrimination law protects appointed state judges. But federal judges in neighboring Massachusetts have ruled the other way.

Bomb came through mail

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — Police on Saturday interviewed neighbors of a county judge and a letter carrier who delivered a package to his apartment, but found no leads into the bomb attack that wounded the judge, authorities said.

Postal inspectors confirmed Saturday night that the pipe bomb was delivered through the mail.

Washington County Circuit Judge John P. Corderman's condition was upgraded to good at Washington County Hospital, one day after a pipe bomb sent shrapnel into his hand and groin and damaged his eardrums.

Dr. Charles Chaney said the judge's ears were still ringing from the blast, but his hearing had improved. Corderman now suffers a 25 percent hearing loss in both ears, down from a loss of as much as 75 percent initially, Chaney said.

Fugitive back in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fugitive convicted as a leader of a cocaine-smuggling operation was flown to the United States on Sunday after the Colombian government turned him over to American authorities, the U.S. Marshals Service said.

Victor Eduardo Mera-Mosquera, 36, is the 11th person extradited from Colombia since that country began its crackdown against drug traffickers in August, U.S. Marshals Service Director K. Michael Moore said in a statement.

Mera-Mosquera, a native of Colombia, fled the United States in 1984, just before the trial in New York where he was found guilty of numerous cocaine offenses, the statement said.

The fugitive was arrested by Colombian police in the city of Cali on Oct. 13 and turned over Saturday night to U.S. marshals.



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A Saviour is born, Christ the Lord!

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

"And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria."

"And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city."

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David):"

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

"And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered."

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"For unto you is born this day

in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,"

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go now even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us."

"And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."

"And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart."

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them." — (Luke 2:1-20.)

Another View: Why rebuff Walsh?

Why is the White House rebuffing Iran-Contra prosecutor Lawrence E. Walsh? Walsh is fearful that the government's refusal to allow disclosure of certain classified information in the cases of Oliver North and Joseph F. Fernandez could create a class of high officials immune from prosecution. Agencies like the CIA could simply use their power to withhold information in order to protect colleagues or the senior officials about whom they might testify.

The North trial went forward, but only after restrictions on the use of classified information forced Walsh to drop the most important and potentially revealing charges. And charges against Fernandez, the former CIA station chief in Costa Rica, were dismissed altogether after the government, at the behest of the CIA, refused to declassify necessary material which, in the opinion of a number of experts, could easily have been made available in a somewhat edited form without in any way impairing national security.

Now Walsh is worried that the same problem will derail the prosecution of former National Security Adviser John M. Poindexter, who is scheduled to go on trial in January on charges of obstructing Congress and making false statements concerning the Iran-Contra arms deal. Poindexter obviously knows a great

deal about the involvement of both former President Reagan and President Bush.

What Walsh wanted was an arrangement with the White House for dealing with the classified information. Only the White House, he said in a letter to Bush, "can adjust the attitudes of the intelligence agencies." If the decisions on withholding materials is left solely to the "unreviewed judgment of the intelligence agencies," he said, there is "a very real risk of emasculation of the rule of law which the independent counsel was appointed to further."

The special prosecutor law, enacted in the wake of Watergate, was never a perfect instrument. But in cases where an administration faces accusations that serious crimes have been committed within its own ranks, it's the only way, short of impeaching the president, that the public can be assured that those crimes will be investigated and prosecuted. It may be understandable that Bush wants to distance himself from the issue. But for the same reason, the White House should go out of its way to avoid any appearance of a further cover-up. The flat-out rejection of Walsh's request — he was told a meeting with the president "was not appropriate" — hardly helps assuage suspicions.

— The Sacramento Bee

JACK ANDERSON

Yet another Vet runs up against the VA

WASHINGTON — Disabled Army veteran Thomas Tew of Noma, Fla., isn't having a big Christmas. He can't afford it. "I think this will be the worst Christmas I'll ever have," he says. "Not only can't I work and lead what I consider to be a meaningful life, I can't even buy my parents Christmas presents."



Jack Anderson

In 1981, Tew parachuted out of an Army plane, practicing what the Army calls HALOs — high altitude, low opening jumps. The altitude was correct, but the opening wasn't. His parachute opened incorrectly, and Tew hit the ground at about 40 miles per hour. He survived, but his knees were virtually destroyed.

Now, at 29, after 14 operations, Tew is unemployed and, according to him, unemployable. But the Department of Veterans Affairs considers him only 10 percent disabled, and that entitles him to \$73 a month.

When Tew joined the Army in

1981, he carried on a family tradition of military service and began what he thought would be a rewarding career. On the day of his accident, he was in Sogel, West Germany, preparing with his fellow soldiers for an inspection of the base by then-Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger.

Since the accident, the only fighting this soldier has been doing is with the VA.

His Army training before the ill-fated jump was as a nuclear weapons technician. That requires a mobility that he no longer has. To qualify for another job in the Army, he would have to pass a physical training test, and he can't do it. Desk jobs in the Army aren't open to a man with bad knees, even if the Army was responsible for those knees.

The Army and the VA declined to discuss Tew's case with us.

The VA has taken care of his medical needs. He had five operations before retiring in 1984. In all, Army and civilian doctors have operated on his left knee 13 times and his right knee once.

Tew says he cannot get a job in the private sector with a defense contractor using the skills the Army taught him as a nuclear technician, because he can't pass the physical exams. He has worked off and on as a journeyman carpenter, but can't keep those jobs, again because of his

knees. He walks with pain, aided by a walking stick and occasionally crutches.

Tew recently got word from the VA that he will soon be upgraded to 20 percent compensation for his disability. But he says things were better when he was only in the 10 percent category. Since he was upgraded in November, he has received no checks at all.

The VA doctors aren't at fault, Tew told our associate Tim Warner. Instead, Tew blames the agency that has become salt in the wounds for many veterans — the VA and its bureaucracy.

"The doctors said they could do total reconstructive surgery on my knees, but the bureaucracy told them it wouldn't be cost effective, so they can't do it," Tew says.

He lives with his parents, Benjamin and Quinn Tew, in the tiny town of Noma (population 200) in the Florida panhandle. He says he has no choice but to live off his parents' Social Security and his father's veteran's pension.

"I feel like a burden on my parents," Tew says. "They've helped me a lot and I appreciate it, but I'm a grown man and I should be taking care of myself."

IT'S BETTER TO RECEIVE — On this day of gift giving, we share

George Bush's list of presents that he received in 1988 when he was vice president. Bush was required to declare all the gifts of value given to him last year as part of his financial disclosure statement. They were worth \$21,000 and included: 10 cassette tapes worth \$100, two sets of horseshoes worth \$218, 12 miniature toy soldiers valued at \$125, a cowboy hat and jacket worth \$124, four baseball jackets worth \$145 and a silver plate from the president of Cyprus valued at \$125. Barbara Bush warranted better booty. She reported a \$7,500 Tiffany gold watch given to her by the Senate Red Cross chapter.

MINI-EDITORIAL — The folly of living on credit comes home to roost with many Americans today. Those purchases that seemed so necessary last week are littered on the living room floor, opened, admired and set aside already. And the bills haven't even arrived. We wish some of that spirit of Christmas credit would rest on Congress when it returns next month. A little unease about living in the red could go a long way toward eliminating the national deficit.

Jack Anderson and Dale Van Atta are columnists for United Feature Syndicate.

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CHARLEY REESE

It's time to stop America's secret diplomacy

Message to freedom fighters around the world from George Bush: If we say we back you, don't believe us.

Six months ago, Bush said he backed the Chinese students trying to lay a foundation for democracy on China. This month he vetoed a law that would have given Chinese students in the U.S. permanent residence.

Six months ago, Bush said there would be no high-level contacts with the Chinese government until there had been some atonement for the Tiananmen Square massacre. There has been no atonement. The crackdown continues in the most harsh and Stalinist manner. This month, Bush re-established high-level contacts.

His excuses are lame. He said he didn't want the Chinese people to be totally isolated. It is not we who are



Charley Reese

isolating them. It is the government in Beijing to whom he handed a propaganda victory. Then he hauled out the canard of China's strategic importance. What importance? A hard-line communist government that preaches virulent anti-American propaganda, which commits genocide and mass murder? This sorry regime has some strategic value to us? Bull. Its only value is commercial. Granted commerce is nice, but it has never been thought by Americans worth the price of U.S. honor — until now.

If George Bush extended the same leniency to Ollie North he has to the murderers of Chinese students, North would not only be pardoned, he'd be Bush's nominee for the next commandant of the Marine Corps.

Then Bush claimed the Chinese agreed not to sell a missile to Middle East countries. I don't believe it. They sold missiles to Middle East countries before the Tiananmen Square massacre. Are we to believe they have now been converted to Quakerism by Bush's kinder and gentler diplomacy? Bull. Oh, he added, we had to brief the Chinese on the Malta summit.

I don't know why Bush sent his national security advisor and the

deputy secretary of state to Beijing, but I don't think it was for any of the reasons he stated. If he was telling the truth, then he would not have handled it the way he did — doing it with no pre-announcement on a weekend while Congress was out of session.

Americans, including the press, have for years accepted secret diplomacy on the part of the executive branch of the government. We shouldn't. There is only one legitimate reason for secrecy in our country and that's to prevent the enemy from getting information he could use to hurt us. When our leaders talk to the enemy, there is no longer any reason for secrecy.

It is absurd, when you think about it, for Mikhail Gorbachev and Deng Xiaoping to know more about Bush administration foreign policy intentions than we do.

Am I implying Bush made some kind of secret deal or reached some secret understanding with Gorbachev? I am saying explicitly that such a deal is a possibility, based on past U.S. history. There is no reason why we can't have a stenographic record of summit meetings published.

We are not subjects of a king. We are a free people and except in the narrow instance mentioned above are entitled to know everything our government knows.

If nothing else was said between Gorbachev and Bush but what Bush's flacks revealed and what he talked about in his press conference, the Chinese could have read the newspapers — they didn't need a special briefing. They certainly don't deserve one. Since when do we brief the Chinese dictators but not our ally, Japan?

Bush has not only committed a diplomatic blunder, sending the wrong message to the people around the world who share our values, he has insulted our intelligence in an attempt to rationalize it. Well, Mr. Bush may think he is an aristocrat but the American people ought to remind him in 1992 that we are not peasants.

We will not be talked down to by politicians who hire flacks and professional media manipulators to tell them where to go and what to say.

Charley Reese is a columnist for King Features Syndicate.

LEWIS GRIZZARD

I don't think a stomach pump would help

I had a gastronomic disorder recently. Christmas and gastronomic disorders seem to go hand in hand.

This one put me to bed for 36 hours with stomach pains and various accompanying miseries.

All I could do was just lie there and watch an Elizabeth Taylor film festival on one of the cable stations as I tried to determine what caused my stomach to hurt like it did.

"Obviously it was something I ate or drank," I said to myself.

Let's see. There was the Christmas party Saturday night with a nice bar-



Lewis Grizzard

tender who asked me every 8 seconds, "Could I freshen that up a bit for you?"

The reason he could ask me that is because I was never out of pouring distance from him for any period longer than 8 seconds.

But that couldn't have been what made me sick. I'm too old to get sick from drinking too much at a party. I haven't thrown up from drinking since that unfortunate occurrence during my sophomore year in college that resulted in the heavy laundry bill for my date.

Perhaps it was the ice. That had to be it. Bad ice. Probably made out of tap water that didn't have one of those little filters on it that Paul Harvey is always talking about.

Then, maybe it was something I ate at the party? Let's see, I started with the little sausages, moved to the chicken wings, and then dilled for a time with the shrimp.

I followed that up with the

smoked oysters and cheese, cake, pie, brownies and a stick of butter.

But it couldn't have been something I ate that made me sick, because I didn't have but nine of the Swedish meatballs.

Maybe on the other hand, it's just a virus going around. That's got to be it. Probably Bush brought it back from Malta.

Wait. Didn't I go to a Christmas brunch Sunday morning. I did. But I only had eight Bloody Marys and I just tasted my bacon-cheese-tomato-onion-mushroom-sardine-Hershey bar omelet.

OK, so I ate the whole thing. And a waffle.

But that couldn't have made me sick. I washed the whole thing down with some champagne, and everybody knows champagne has all those bubbles which are good for your stomach.

Perhaps it was what I found in the back of the refrigerator — the beer

and pretzels and popcorn and cheese puffs and nachos and the bean dip me and the guys had Sunday afternoon watching the football games.

Is bean dip supposed to have all that green stuff on the top of it?

But nobody else got sick. Harvey had to have his stomach pumped later that night, but he figures it was due to the fact he dropped the mortgage payment taking the Chicago Bears.

And all I had before bedtime Sunday night was a quart of ice cream and what was left of the nachos and a fish stick sandwich, so that couldn't have been it either.

It had to be bad ice.

A dozen Tagamets, a jar of Maaiox, three packages of Pepto Bismol tablets and every Elizabeth Taylor movie from "Ivanhoe" to "Butterfield 8" later, I had my answer.

Lewis Grizzard is a columnist for Cowles Syndicate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 25, the 359th day of 1989. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 25, 1818, the Christmas carol "Silent Night," by Franz Joseph Gruber and Joseph Mohr, was sung for the first time, at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorff, Austria.

On this date:

In A.D. 336, the first recorded celebration of Christmas on Dec. 25 took place in Rome.

In 1066, William the Conqueror was crowned king of England.

In 1223, St. Francis of Assisi assembled one of the first Nativity scenes, in Greccio, Italy.

In 1776, Gen. George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for a surprise attack on Hessian forces camped at Trenton, N.J. The crossing is depicted in the famous painting by Emanuel Leutze.

In 1821, the founder of the American Red Cross, Clara Barton, was born in Oxford, Mass.

In 1868, despite bitter opposition,

President Andrew Johnson granted an unconditional pardon to all persons involved in the Southern rebellion that resulted in the Civil War.

In 1889, Lila Bell Acheson Wallace, who co-founded Reader's Digest with her husband, De Witt Wallace, was born in Virden, Manitoba.

In 1928, Hirohito became emperor of Japan.

In 1931, the Metropolitan Opera House in New York broadcast an entire opera over radio for the first time. Listeners throughout the United States and overseas heard "Hansel and Gretel."

In 1941, during World War II, Japan announced the surrender of the British-Canadian garrison at Hong Kong.

In 1977, Charlie Chaplin, known to millions of fans around the world as the "little tramp," died in Switzerland at age 88.

Ten years ago: Four clergymen from the United States were allowed to meet with groups of American hostages in Iran for a second day in order to hold Christmas services.

Investigative work leads to detective agency

WACO, Texas (AP) — When Helen Walker isn't attacking pests, she's working as a private detective.

It's a double life, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I try to keep the two separated," she said. "I love my pest control and I love my investigation."

Ms. Walker is the owner of Girl Friday Investigations and Quality Pest Control in Waco.

She started investigating while working for a Dallas company 20 years ago. After she moved to Waco, she opened the pest control business.

Her friends heard about her detective past and frequently asked Walker for investigative help.

Two years ago, she opened Girl Friday.

"I thought, I might as well," Ms. Walker said. "I was doing a lot of it for free."

Ms. Walker chose the name Girl Friday because she thought it was catchy and she liked the character Joe Friday on the old television program "Dragnet." She said she also wanted people to know the business is run by a woman. Many customers pick her because of her gender.

"When you think of an investigator, you think of a man with a suit and tie. I think I can get around and get some information that some men can't get."

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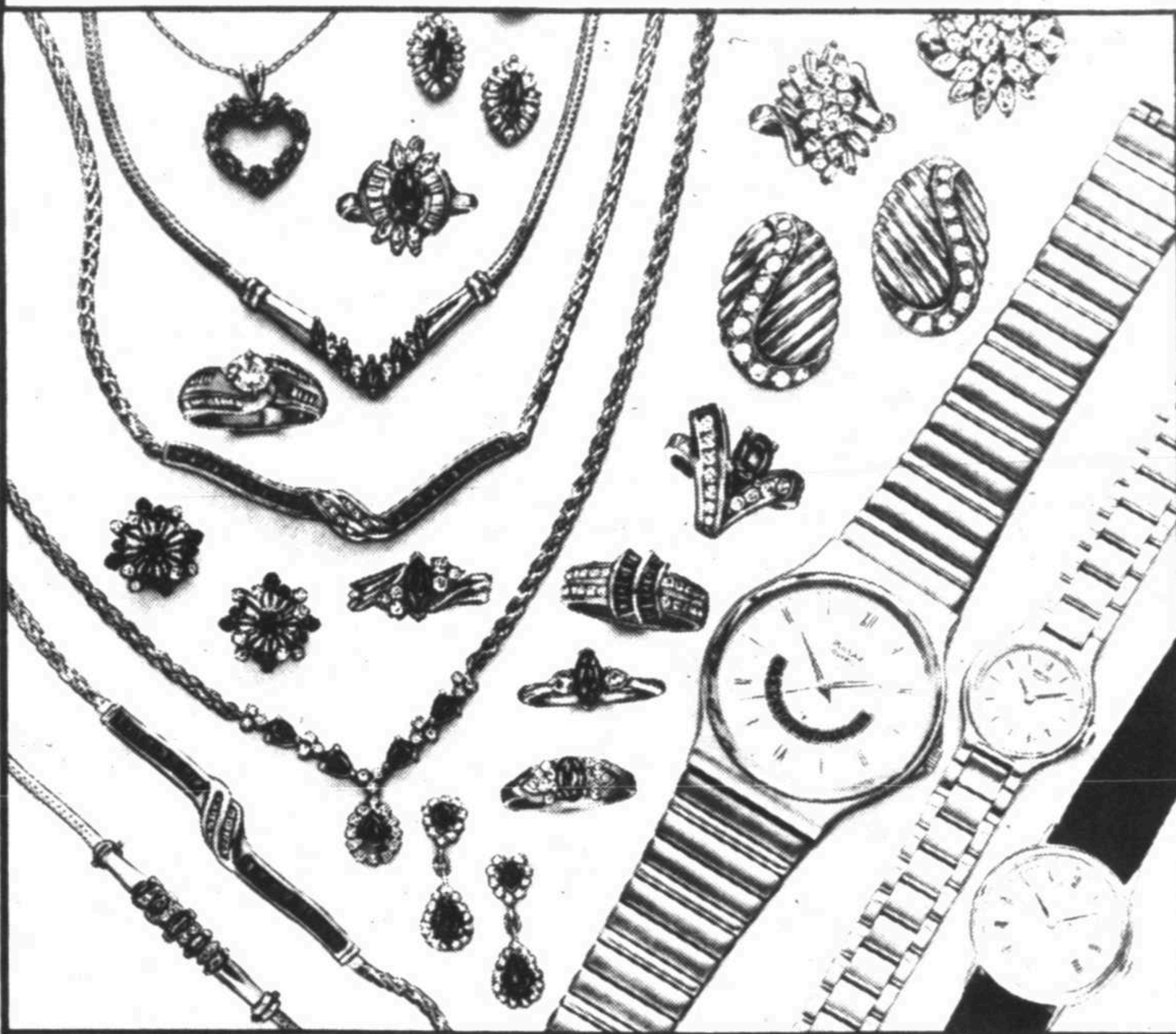
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HONEY



The Reverend Alan Williams inspects one of the wooden holders that the bees use as a frame in which they build their honeycomb. The honeycomb is where the bees store their honey.



Hobby keeps Midlander happy and busy as a bee

The Rev. Alan Williams has found a honey of a hobby. The Midland Memorial Hospital chaplain produces honey the way it's been done for centuries, and says his backyard will continue to be a hive of activity as long as the insects produce enough honey to satisfy his sweet tooth.

Williams never had to ask himself whether to bee, or not to bee. It just came naturally.

A native of Medina, Ohio — the honey capital of the world — Williams played basketball for the Medina High School Bees, and played football for the Medina Junior High School Bees.

For Williams, beekeeping and honey-making provide a trip down memory lane.

Since he converted part of his back yard into a beekeepers' paradise, Williams has cared for the

bees, extracted the honey from the hives, and bottled the sweet, sticky substance himself.

His product carries the label, "Mr. Beeman Smiles Again."

"If it's a good season, they'll make a surplus. This past year, for example, I harvested three times," he said.

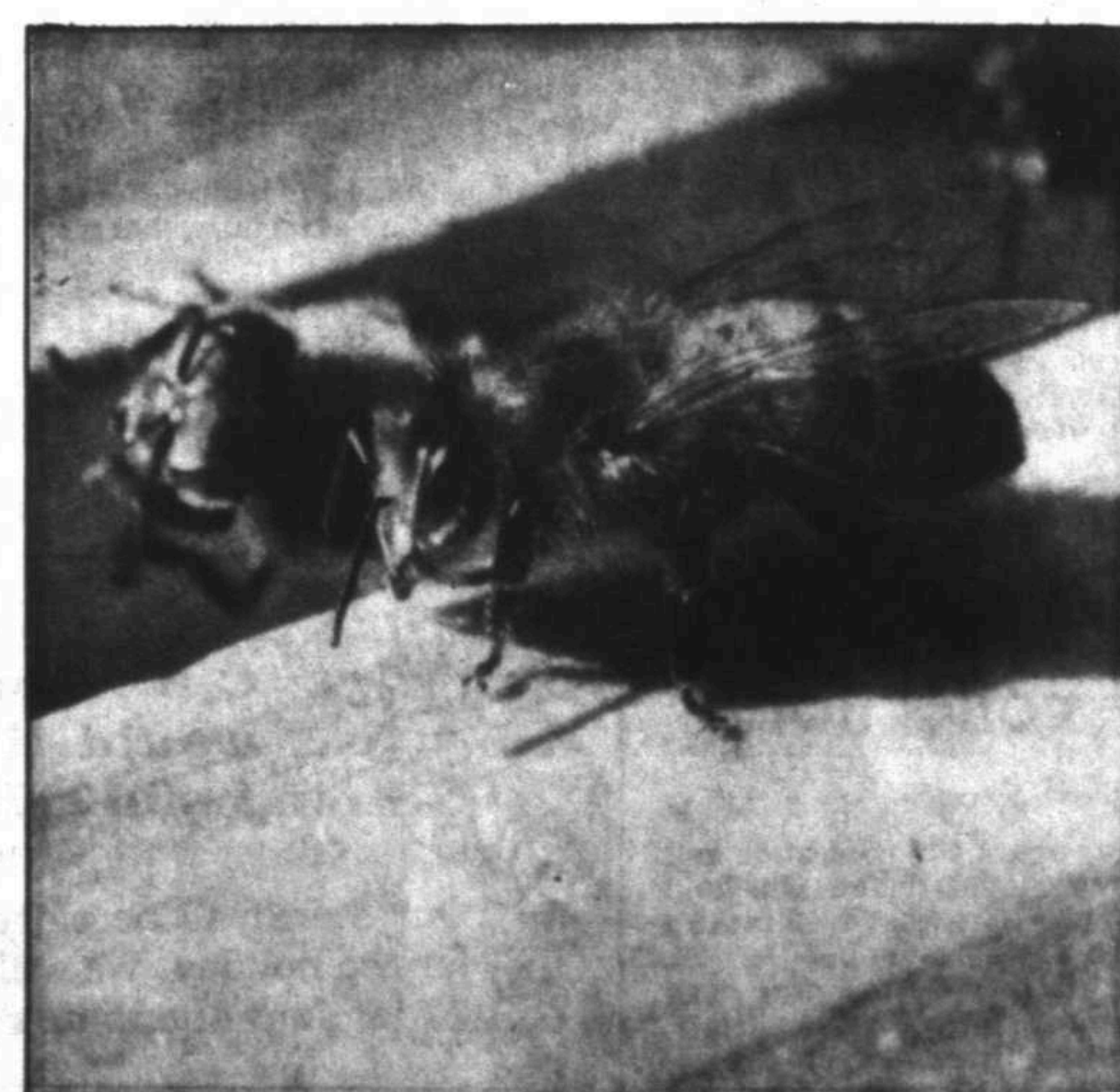
Williams has resisted the temptation to start a honey-making business, saying he does not have the time or facilities large enough.

Instead, he bottles the honey for his family and friends.

Williams' hives are different from those used by most beekeepers. They're part of an experiment called, "the two queen system," where the bees are tricked into working for queens in two separate colonies.

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Story By Julie Hilrichs / Photos By Curt Wilcott



ABOVE: A close-up of one of the bees that inhabits Williams beehive. LEFT: Thousands of bees cover a honeycomb. According to Williams, a colony can sometimes contain up to 60,000 bees.



AP Laserphoto

A home for the holidays

A not-yet-named 4-month-old Cairn terrier is carried from a Dallas pet store on the shoulder of Robbie Campbell on Christmas Eve. The puppy,

soon to become a Christmas present for Campbell's grandmother, got the gift of a home for the holidays.

Popular girl's death rocks town

ROUND ROCK, Texas (AP) — The stabbing death of Kelly Brumelow, a popular 13-year-old middle school student, has shocked this central Texas community and has left the families of Brumelow and the 12-year-old boy suspected in connection with her death asking why it happened.

Ms. Brumelow was a popular, straight-A student and cheerleader at C.D. Fulk Middle School. She was a good friend of her 12-year-old neighbor and seventh-grade classmate, who was a running back on the junior football team.

At 6:20 p.m. Dec. 2, as she had done many times, Kelly told her mother

she was going to play at the boy's house. But inside his home that night, police investigators say, Kelly's good friend may have become her murderer.

The boy, who friends describe as bright and well-mannered, allegedly stabbed his friend 97 times with a 10-inch serrated bread knife in the hallway of his house and then hid the girl's body under a woodpile in the back yard.

"I don't know if we'll ever know why it happened," Judy Brumelow, Kelly's mother, told The Dallas Morning News. "I have my own private thoughts about what happened, but they're just my opinions. Our

families were neighbors and friends. I drove him (the boy) and Kelly ... to school mornings so they'd be there an hour early for athletics."

The boy's father found Kelly's body the next day while the boy was attending church with his mother. Police said the boy admitted to his father, and later to police, that he stabbed Kelly. But he did not say why.

A Williamson County grand jury has approved a civil petition formally charging the boy in the stabbing.

If convicted, he could receive a 30-year sentence. The boy is being held in the William S. Lott Juvenile Detention Center.

BEES

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"It's a management technique," said Williams, who started the experiment back in 1978. "I've left them on this kind of system because it's easier to store, and I have a place to put the bees if I catch a swarm."

He said he learned the beekeeping trade from an expert on the "two queen system."

"I also bought some reference books that are useful because they're full of practical material from other beekeepers," Williams said. "Three years ago, I had 10 colonies, but it was just too much to manage so I sold them."

Williams said bees are good at sending signals to one another. "It seems like at spring break all of the flowers decide to bloom at one time, and the bees have an inside line on it. They know this is going to happen, so what they do is they made lots of honey bees ready to roll," he said.

The biggest misconception about the bee is that it has feelings; that it's vindictive.

"A lot of people learn about bees from cartoons," said Williams. "They see some cartoon character go into a natural beehive and, the next thing you know, he's being chased by an entire swarm."

Considered among the most useful

of all insects, the bee spreads pollen from one flower to another during food-gathering flights, thus fertilizing the plants they visit. This enables the plant to reproduce.

Williams also believes there are medicinal qualities to be found in the honey produced by bees. He said honey contains enough natural antibiotics to heal even cuts and scrapes.

He found proof of this theory while working at a cancer hospital in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

"In Red Deer, there was a young man working at a tire shop who had these split rims he was taking off without a cage and the tire blew up and broke his arm. So he went in to have it checked where it broke the skin because it wasn't healing, and they discovered he had acute leukemia," Williams said.

"The doctors who were doing a case study started putting honey on his arm, and showed progressively how the boy's arm had healed."

Williams takes a "ho-hum" attitude over the expected invasion of the African "killer" bees.

He said much of the public's fear about the intruders is unfounded. "The danger is more to honey production in this country than it is to people driving down the road," said Williams.

"It's not going to be like an Alfred Hitchcock movie, I promise."

At Baptist church, Chinese couple has 'a very American wedding'

N.Y. Times News Service

HOUSTON — Mamie Xuemin Zhu and Charles Kecheng Li were wed a few days ago in the recreation room of the Wilcrest Baptist Church.

Red and pink streamers draped the doors and pink satin hearts were on the wall.

The couple's parents could not attend. The government of China would not give them permission to leave.

So the bride asked two fellow immigrants who were friends of her parents to walk down the aisle in their place.

The bridegroom's mother and father were represented by church elders who share his family name, but are not related.

Relying on friends to fill the roles of distant relatives is part of the new life of young Chinese who leave their country to study abroad and then feel they cannot go home.

Mamie and Charles arrived about three years ago, she from Shanghai, he from Sichuan, for classes at Monroe University, Monroe, La.

She came to earn a master's in chemistry and he was completing a master's in physics.

They abandoned their Chinese names. Americans found them hard to pronounce.

A friend of Miss Zhu's nicknamed her Mamie, and it stuck. Li picked Charles because he liked the sound.

They met when Li, 28, gave Miss Zhu, 25, a lift to her driver's license test.

It took three hours. He waited for her and missed his next class. She got her license. They fell in love.

"He is good and honest and kind," she says.

He says: "She is beautiful. She deserves beautiful things."

They wanted to go home for their wedding to be with parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and friends who are still there.

"My parents never met Charles," Miss Zhu said. "He sent them letters and pictures. I wish they could meet."

Then, after the June 4 killings in Tiananmen Square.

"We were afraid that if we go back for the wedding we won't be able to come back here," said Miss Zhu.

They decided not to change her name because she might not get a new passport from the Chinese consulate general. "If we go back," she said, "we will have to stay."

"I got a letter from a friend," said Li. "It described things there that I just can't imagine. I don't think the situation is good. The Chinese life style, the way they live under the police; you can do things here that you don't do there. The religion, the freedom."

Their parents could not get a passport, so the couple decided to marry here without their families.

After graduation in August, they moved to Houston and found jobs, he as a software engineer with a pipeline company here, she as a laboratory technician at the Baylor College of Medicine.

They also adopted a new religion. They became Baptists.

They began to plan a "very American wedding," Li said.

They registered at Dillard's Department store for a list of necessities, including an electric wok. Li rented a gray morning coat.

Miss Zhu rented a white satin gown with big puff sleeves and a veil.

The afternoon of Dec. 16, Miss Zhu dressed in room 302 of the church's activities area.

She shared it with a kindergarten teacher who had spread paper plates on the floor and was turning them into Santa Claus faces for a children's party that week.

Friends arranged platters of cold sesame noodles, Chinese pastries, tea eggs, chicken drumsticks, glazed doughnuts, orange gelatin.

Finally 50 guests went to their chairs.

The ceremony was in Chinese, with translations. The pastor read the vows in Chinese. The bride and groom answered in English.

A very shy kiss; a walk back up the aisle. The guests turned their chairs around for the reception.

DEATHS

Beulah Palk

GAINESVILLE — Services for Beulah Palk, 93, of Midland are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Gainesville with Percy Parrish of Commerce Street Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville.

Local arrangements are by Ellis Funeral Home, where Mrs. Palk will be in repose until Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Palk died Sunday at a Midland nursing home.

She was born on April 14, 1896, in Dallas County and was raised there and in Oklahoma. She attended Cameron University in Lawton, Okla., and was graduated from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. She was married to William J. Palk in Hollis, Okla., on Nov. 11, 1920.

The couple lived in Hollis until 1921, when they moved to Breckenridge. Later, they moved to Grandfalls and then to Gainesville in 1947. They moved to Midland in 1977.

Palk died in 1978. A son, W.J. "Jim" Palk died in 1975.

Mrs. Palk was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, A.E. Palk of Midland; one sister, Bonnie Campbell of Lawton, Okla.; five

grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Ella Margaret White

Graveside services for Ella Margaret White, 43, of Brownwood and formerly of Midland are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are being handled by Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. White died Sunday at a local hospital.

She was born on April 7, 1946, in La Pryor, moved to Midland in 1952 and attended schools in Midland. She was married to Rommy White on Sept. 12, 1976.

Mrs. White lived in Midland until 1988, when she moved to Brownwood. She was a member of Westside Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Rommy Duaine White of Brownwood; her father, John Clay Brownwood of Midland; three brothers, J.W. Monday of Gatesville, J.L. Monday of Big Spring, and Robert Monday of Midland; two sisters, Estel Dormady of Midland and Marie Hazelwood of Tyler; and several nieces and nephews.

Troy Bob Landreth

Troy Bob Landreth, 80, of Midland died Sunday at a local hospital.

No funeral services are planned, according to Ellis Funeral Home.

Landreth was born on Dec. 13, 1909, in Hillsboro, was raised there, and lived in Amarillo for about 20 years and then lived in Fort Worth for 10 years.

He was a barber.

He moved to Midland in 1966.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Landreth of Amarillo; two daughters, Lana Heady of Monte Vista, Colo., and Jo Ann Gaona of Midland; two brothers, DeWitt Landreth of Seagoville and R.J. Landreth of Waxahachie; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials should be directed to the local chapters of the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Hallie Lechlitter

Services for Hallie Lechlitter, 75, are set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church with the Revs. Russell Parchman and J.B. Stewart officiating.

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

Mrs. Lechlitter died Saturday at her Midland home.

Alleged drug dealer killed by policemen

HOUSTON (AP) — A 22-year-old Houston man was fatally shot by police early Sunday after the officers interrupted an apparent drug deal in Southwest Houston.

Sgt. Dan Turner, police spokesman, said Joe Canales was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators said Canales had struggled with two officers.

Turner said Officers D.R. Donahue and G.L. Transeau were on patrol at 1:30 a.m. Sunday when they saw three men making an apparent drug deal. The men separated and the officers chased them, he said.

One man was apprehended and began fighting with Donahue. Transeau became involved in the fight and the suspect attempted to take an officer's service revolver, according to police reports.

"Donahue shot at the suspect twice," the report said. "After the shots were fired, everyone stopped fighting and the suspect turned and took one step and fell to the ground."

Turner said the two other suspects remained at large late Sunday.

City schedules tree collection

From Staff Reports

The city's park and recreation and public works departments will hold their annual Christmas tree pickup for three weeks beginning Dec. 26.

Trees will be collected near park signs at the following locations: Doug Russell, Grafa, Garrett Brown, Washington, Kiwanis, Trinity, House, Hidalgo, Sparks, Taylor, Dunagan and Ulmer parks.

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Tide turning on popular dolphin tours

HOUSTON (AP) — Dolphin feeding tours into the Corpus Christi Bay have sparked a controversy that could prompt a federal ban on such excursions, scientists say.

Erv and Sonja Strong, like many boat operators in Florida and North Carolina, transformed their water taxi service along Corpus Christi's shoreline into a dolphin-feeding cruise that allows tourists to hand-feed fish to the friendly mammals.

But Bernd Wursig, a professor at Texas A&M University in Galveston and the director of its Marine Mammal Research Program, said people should "respect these animals from a distance and not interfere in their lives in an intrusive way."

Scientists and environmentalists say dolphin-feeding cruises pose three main hazards: exposure to bacteria on fish or to human illnesses, alteration of their natural foraging behavior and becoming dependent on handouts, and acclimation to boats and humans prompting greater risk of accidental or intentional injury.

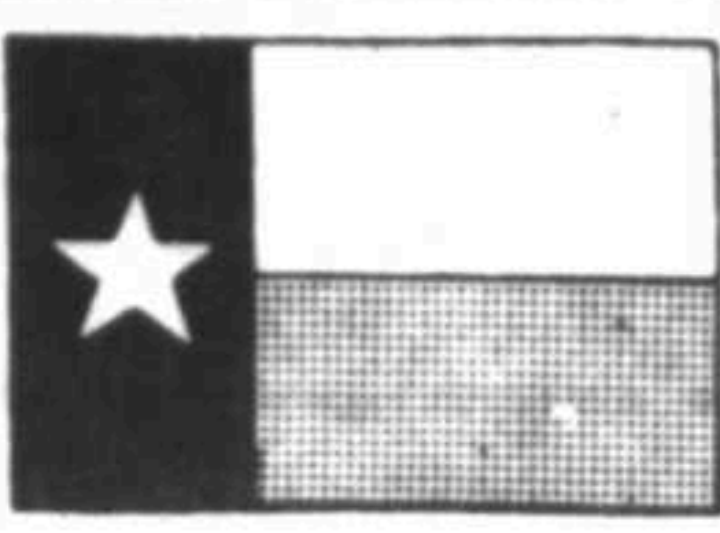
Port Aransas tour boat operator James Atkinson was the first to apply for a federal permit to add dolphin feeding to his sightseeing operation. The application drew opposition from national organizations like Greenpeace, the Center for Marine Conservation and the American Humane Association.

"If I get it, I get it. If I don't, I don't," Atkinson says of the permit. Federal officials and other scientists say the legal issues in the test case provided by Atkinson's application include questions of whether feeding dolphins in the wild constitutes harassment, and if it does, whether it is public display and can therefore be allowed.

"The vast majority of biologists I have contacted who specialize in marine mammals have pretty much indicated that feeding wild populations of any sort of marine mammals will alter their behavior, subjecting the animals to a myriad of potential risks," said Jeff Brown, a National Marine Fisheries Service biologist.

Brown said federal officials who administer the Marine Mammal Protection Act have known for a year or more that a number of dolphin-feeding cruises had started operating.

In an October report on the extent of the practice, Brown said seven large vessels, some holding 100 to 150 passengers, and six much smaller boats, such as the Strong's, have been running regularly scheduled dolphin-feeding excursions.



STATE



AP Laserphoto

L.D. Stewart, owner of an auto sales lot in Kirby, turns cars into ice sculptures to attract attention during the recent freeze.

After Texas' record-setting chill, power up but citrus crop down

Associated Press

Warmer air moved into Texas from the west Sunday, snapping the deep freeze that destroyed the Lower Rio Grande Valley's citrus crop and sorely tested the state's utilities. But weather authorities said it still could be a chilly Christmas Day in the Lone Star State.

Richard Hensz, director of the Texas A&I University Citrus Center in Weslaco, said it could be several weeks or months before the full extent of the citrus crop devastation is assessed fully.

"I think the freeze is probably over now, but it's going to take probably weeks and maybe months to determine how much damage we've had," Hensz said. "But it's very extensive."

Fruit frozen on the tree limbs Saturday remained hard as baseballs in some areas Sunday, even though temperatures soared into the lower 50s across much of the Rio Grande Valley.

But meteorologists from the National Weather Service forecast lows Sunday night for the upper 20s and lower 30s, except along the gulf coast where temperatures were to be in the low to mid 30s.

By mid-afternoon, temperatures in West Texas had reached into the upper 50s, while in the Panhandle, they rose to the lower 50s. But temperatures in Central Texas reached only the mid-40s.

Overnight lows early Sunday broke records for the third straight day in six cities stretching from Port Arthur south to Brownsville.

New record lows in each of the cities replaced ones set in the Christmas freeze of 1983: Brownsville, 18 replaced 24; College Station, 11 replaced 13; Corpus Christi, 15 replaced 20; Houston, 11 replaced 13; Port Arthur, 13 replaced 19; and Victoria, 16 replaced 17.

While many residents grappled with thawing pipes in the Houston area, the good news for the day was that electricity had been restored.

"Right now, we have about 1,500 customers that are still out," said Geri Konigsberg, spokeswoman for Houston Lighting & Power Co. "We still consider it important that we have to be careful about how much we use because we still could have problems, but there should be no more blackouts."

Firefighter, six other Texans killed in unrelated holiday weekend fires

From Wire Reports

Six Garland residents have died in Christmas tree-related fires and a Denison firefighter was killed when he fell through the roof of a burning building, according to weekend fire department reports.

Police and fire officials in Denison early Sunday recovered the body of a fireman who was killed while trying to fight a blaze that destroyed three downtown businesses.

Talmadge Fulce, an 18-year veteran of the Denison Fire Department, was killed Saturday night when the roof on which he was standing collapsed and he plunged into a burning building, officials said.

"The whole department's kind of in shock," said Lt. Larry Weaver. "It's Christmas. It's tough. He was the type of fellow that everybody liked."

Fulce, 43, was a driver and paramedic on the 15-member department. He was the first Denison firefighter to die since a church fire around the turn of the century, officials said.

Two other firefighters — Red Davis and Dennis Manning — received minor injuries during the fire, which consumed the Salvation Army thrift store, Denison Optical and Beall's department store.

Two other stores — Haring's Office Supply and Nathan Crouch Outlet Store — received smoke damage. Weaver said the fire was the worst in years in Denison.

"The weather hampered us real bad. The ice build-up and equipment freezing up just added to the problem," said Weaver, a 23-year veteran

of the Denison department.

Firefighters from Van Alstyne, Anna, Sherman, Bells, Whitesboro, Pottsboro, Howe, Preston and Colbert, Okla., came to assist the Denison department.

David Bayless, a Denison insurance man, told the Sherman Democrat he estimated rebuilding the stores could cost up to \$2 million.

"We don't have a lot of Main Street and when you lose maybe 100 feet of store front, it's going to hurt," said Grayson County Constable John W. Gay.

The fire, which began about 4 p.m. Saturday, temporarily knocked out electrical power for a large portion of downtown Denison.

Smoke continued to pour from the rubble Sunday afternoon. Officials said firefighters would monitor and clean up the scene for several days.

Funeral services for Fulce were pending at Johnson-Moore Funeral Home.

"He is one of those type of people who will be truly missed," Weaver said. "He was a good friend as well as good worker."

In Garland, a Dallas suburb, a mother and four daughters were killed when fire engulfed a house early Sunday.

The woman's husband and two sons escaped the fire, which officials said apparently started in a room with a Christmas tree.

When firefighters arrived at the home of Donald and Mary Parish just before 1 a.m., fire was coming "out of every opening we could see," said Ron Smith of the Garland fire department.

"The firefighters were unable to

get into the house to locate anyone.

the fire was so intense," Smith said. Killed were Mary Carol Parish, 31, and her daughters Susan Parish, 2, Karen Elizabeth Parish, 4, Erin Kelly Abbott, 8, and Teresa Carol Abbott, 9.

"One was in a bathroom trying to get out of a window. The others were in a bedroom near windows. All the victims were trying to escape," Smith said.

Parish fled the burning home with his 1-year-old son Donald Byron and ran to neighbors, who called the fire department. Parish and the baby were in Parkland Hospital recovering from smoke inhalation Sunday. They were in serious condition, hospital officials said.

A son, Michael Zagone, 11, also escaped the home, but was uninjured. Another son, Martin Zagone, 12, was not at home when the fire occurred. "It is looking like the fire was around the Christmas tree, but we have not been able to determine why," Smith said.

Early Saturday in Garland, a 16-year-old boy's death was attributed to a fire ignited by a faulty Christmas tree light cord.

The body of Robert Dunlap, a Naam Forest High School sophomore and band squad leader, was found Saturday near a barred window in his bedroom. Neighbors tried in vain to rescue the youth as he screamed through the burglar bars for help.

The boy's mother Dana Dunlap, 47, his sister, Jamye Dunlap, 11, his mother's boyfriend, Joseph Summers, 37, and Summers' son, Joseph Corie Summers, 13, were injured in the 4 a.m. blaze.

Water main break soaks theater

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Christmas weekend performance at the newly restored Majestic Theatre was canceled after a fire sprinkler main burst and shot gallons of water into the performance hall.

Neither the seats nor stage of the 1929 downtown theater were damaged, but officials said the Saturday afternoon pipe break soaked carpeting in the lobby and aisles.

"It was gushing out of there like a small river when we got here," said an unidentified San Antonio firefighter. "The water was about 4 inches high."

A 6-inch main in the ceiling of the theater's bar on the main floor ruptured, causing water to flow into the lobby, down the sloped performance hall and into the orchestra pit and

basement.

Doug Jones, a fire department engineer, said the subfreezing weather in San Antonio was not the cause of the break. A connector at the main's joint simply fell off, triggering the rupture, he said.

Fire department crews used squeegees to push water and ceiling debris outside. Water froze as soon as it hit the pavement, forcing police to set up barricades to keep motorists away.

Crews also used portable vacuums to suck up water and blowers to begin drying the lobby carpet.

J.R. Ford, president of Davis Construction Inc., which did restoration work on the theater, estimated damages at about \$150,000.

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Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev chats with other parliamentarians during a break Sunday in the Congress of People's Deputies session in the Kremlin.

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Soviet deputies protest crackdown in Georgia

MOSCOW (AP) — About 200 deputies stormed out of the Soviet Congress on Sunday to protest a defense of the army's brutal crackdown on ethnic unrest in the republic of Georgia. It took a personal appeal by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev to bring them back.

The discussion also implicated conservative Politburo member Yegor K. Ligachev in the decision to send troops against Georgian protesters in April. Nineteen protesters died when soldiers armed with shovels, clubs and gas charged them. Another person was shot to death later for violating a curfew.

Delegates condemned those violent tactics on Sunday.

Georgians, Balts, progressive deputies and others left the hall to protest a speech by the chief military prosecutor, Alexander Katusev, who defended the Soviet troops.

Katusev's speech followed a congressional commission's report blaming the army, local party leadership and Ligachev for the incident.

Ligachev chaired a meeting of top party leaders two days before the clash that decided to back Georgian party leaders' request for military help in breaking up the long-running protest, commission Chairman Anatoly Sobchak said.

Sobchak read a letter from Ligachev admitting that when the leadership discussed the protest in the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, Interior and Defense Ministry officials were informed of "the need to provide forces and means in case of dangerous and life-threatening events."

But Ligachev said in the letter he went on vacation the next day and only learned the extent of the violence from a television report afterward.

"If some leader makes a decision, I'd like to say he bears responsibility for that decision whether he finds out about its results on television or in his office," Sobchak said.

The Georgians and other deputies

left the 2,250-member Congress of People's Deputies after Katusev portrayed the Georgian pro-independence protesters as armed subversives who provoked the violence.

Minutes later, Gorbachev, surrounded by security men and reporters, emerged into the lobby and sought out the Georgian delegates, some of them in tears, near the cloakroom.

"Why are they persecuting the Georgian people?" a Georgian teacher, Natella Bokuchava, asked Gorbachev. "Defend us! Our children are watching us."

Several dozen Baltic deputies have walked out of the Congress occasionally to protest their helplessness as a vastly outnumbered minority, but this was by far the largest walkout since the Congress opened its first session in May.

In other action on the last day of its 12-day session, Congress:

- Followed the lead of Gorbachev and Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze in condemning the Kremlin's decision to send Soviet troops into Afghanistan 10 years ago. The panel that examined the decision said only four people were involved, all of them now dead: then-leader Leonid Brezhnev, Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov, Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and KGB chief Yuri Andropov. One deputy proposed the commission consider stripping all privileges from their widows and families.

- Was told that the Health Ministry's network of hospitals and sanatoriums reserved for the top party and government elite would be abolished and given to the public by Jan. 1. Yevgeny Primakov, head of the panel on privileges, also said the number of country houses and cars used by officials would be cut.

- Passed a resolution condemning the 1939 Soviet-Nazi pact that led to the parceling up of much of Eastern Europe, including the Baltic states.

First consumer goods in 10 months reach hungry southern Sudan city

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Residents of an isolated southern city gave a jubilant welcome to a convoy of barges that arrived with the first consumer goods in 10 months, the Sudan News Agency reported Sunday.

The barges' military escort repelled an attack by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army as it snaked along the Nile to reach Malakal, 425 miles south of the capital, Khartoum.

The agency did not say when the barges arrived. It said they carried

45,000 tons of sorghum, sugar, cooking oil and laundry soap.

The city's 100,000 people have faced severe shortages as a result of fighting between government troops and southern rebels. The fighting forced the government to suspend relief flights to the region, and the last commercial barge to reach the city arrived in February.

SUNA said the convoy had an army unit guarding it on board and another walking alongside it on the shore. It left Khartoum on Dec. 4.

Cold blamed for 17 deaths in Mexico



WORLD

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The blast of Arctic air that gripped much of the United States swept into northern and eastern Mexico over the weekend, and authorities attributed 17 deaths to the bitter cold.

Dubbed "El Norte" in Mexico, the weather system also produced driving rain and heavy fog that officials said contributed to a head-on collision between a bus and a tractor-trailer in Campeche state that killed 18 people and injured 17 others.

"The impact was brutal. Some passengers didn't have a chance to realize what was happening," the Notimex news agency quoted one survivor as saying.

The Autotransportes del Caribe bus was carrying 40 passengers from Coatzacoalcas, Veracruz, to Chetumal, Quintana Roo when it slammed into the truck near Escareca, about 800 miles east of Mexico City, at 5:00 a.m. CST Saturday, the federal highway police reported.

Eleven people died over the weekend of exposure to frigid air in Monterrey, capital of the northeastern state of Nuevo Leon, said Juan Antonio Villareal Ramos, director of the

local Green Cross.

Another 50 people were treated for carbon monoxide poisoning after breathing in fumes from faulty gas heaters, Villareal said. As temperatures dipped to 20 degrees Saturday, authorities dispatched rescue workers to locate homeless people on city streets and bring them to shelters. In Saltillo, 26 people were treated

for carbon monoxide poisoning, said Red Cross watch commander Evangelina Hernandez.

Three deaths were attributed to the cold in Sabinas in Coahuila state, said city coroner Pedro Guajardo Toboada, while officials reported three more deaths in Chihuahua.

Joaquin Olivas, a Chihuahua city spokesman, warned that temperatures reaching -13 degrees in the Sierra Tarahumara mountains nearby could claim more victims.

Freezing rain and snow squalls prompted officials to temporarily close highways in Sabinas, Monterrey and Saltillo. More than 100 scheduled bus runs in Saltillo were cancelled because of the weather, according to a dispatcher at the city bus station.

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Groups accuse Thailand of wildlife smuggling

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Wildlife groups say Thailand is decimating its own once teeming species and those of other nations through bear-feast tours for Koreans, caiman skin smuggling and the "Polish Connection."

The Swiss-based World Wildlife Fund for Nature and other environmental groups cite numerous examples of wanton destruction:

■ South Koreans fly to Thailand on organized tours to feast on bear meat, which they believe enhances vigor and strength, according to Phisit na Phattlung, the Wildlife Fund's head in Thailand.

■ Thailand was the major link in an operation to illegally smuggle about 120,000 skins of South American caiman alligators to Japan last year.

■ The International Primate Protection League charges that Thai traders fake permits to send white-handed gibbons and other protected

species to zoos in Poland. Lacking funds, the Poles obtain the animals on credit, keep about a third of them and sell the rest to Western zoos.

The Wildlife Fund has recently singled out Thailand and three other nations — Indonesia, Spain and Argentina — as blatant violators of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. Thailand is a party to the 1975 convention, which seeks to halt an illegal worldwide trade valued at some \$5 billion each year.

Frequently cited as reasons for Thailand's poor conservation record are its wildly capitalist economy, widespread corruption, poverty in rural areas and inadequate wildlife legislation.

A yawning legal loophole allows the export of even endangered animals from other than domestic sources, Phisit notes. Thus Thai traders obtain wild animals from nearby Laos, Burma and Cambodia or pro-

duce fake documents to show that animals captured in Thailand came from these countries. This loophole facilitates smuggling connections from South America, Africa, Australia and other parts of Asia.

Once a tropical wonderland, Thailand has ravaged its own forests and their once richly varied inhabitants. "Everything is for sale," said Phisit, who has monitored wildlife exploitation for two decades.

Elephants, tigers, wild cattle and deer are poached in national parks. Rare wild orchids are plucked for unregulated export. Cobras are slaughtered by the thousands for their skins, meat and the purported medicinal power of their gall bladders. Eagles, hawks and other birds of prey are sold to visiting Arab falconers.

Stress, poor food and lack of knowledge about animal care take their toll during and after capture. In snaring baby gibbons and other

primates, for example, the mothers are normally shot by hunters.

Further loss of life occurs during overseas shipment when the animals are often drugged and smuggled in airless boxes, false bottoms of containers and empty oil drums.

This year only seven of 114 slow lorises — small, large-eyed lemurs — survived a journey via forged export documents from Thailand to Japan.

"People have been buying and selling animals for centuries," Phisit told a group of journalists recently.

Phisit and other conservationists also assail what they call the lackluster performance of Thai authorities who in turn complain of inadequate resources and little legal power to move against the traffickers.

Vendors in areas frequented by foreign tourists try to sell slow lorises sometimes drugged with paint thinner to render them submissive, or gibbons whose teeth have been chipped to prevent possible bites.

Patient's family pleads for help

Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Olympic star Carl Lewis and the distraught family of a young San Francisco woman stricken with a serious form of hepatitis are pleading for a liver donor as she lapsed into a coma and clung to life.

Doctors said Wendy Marx, 22, would probably not live long without a new liver.

Marx, who moved to San Francisco in August to fulfill a lifelong dream, was diagnosed with a serious form of hepatitis three weeks ago and hospitalized at Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center eight days ago.

Doctors said they could not determine how Marx contracted the disease, which is normally transmitted through sexual intercourse, hypodermic needles or blood transfusions.

"They're mystified," hospital spokesman Jim Cullen said.

Hepatitis B is a serious form of the virus causing fatigue, skin rashes, aching joints and jaundice. About 5,000 to 10,000 cases are reported each year and in 99 percent of them the immune system battles the virus successfully.

Marx, whose mother said she had been completely healthy previously, was among the 1 percent who can't ward off the disease.

Normally, a balanced immune system fights off the virus without hurting the liver, said Pacific Presbyterian hepatologist Robert Gish.

But in Marx's case, an unusually strong immune system battled the cells containing the virus — for

which there is no known treatment — but damaged 90 percent of her liver in the process.

Energetic and determined, the recent graduate of Duke University told her family Monday that she "was going to fight this thing."

Doctors put her on a national organ donor list the same day. Her need was not considered critical at the time because doctors hoped to save her liver by administering the drug Prostaglandin, which has worked in rare cases in Canada.

By Thanksgiving, however, they had given up hope of saving her liver and she was grouped among patients most urgently in need of transplants nationally.

Family members who flew out from Washington, D.C., and New York, where Marx was raised, have been holding a bedside vigil. And they're hoping for a miracle.

Marx's brother, Jeff, 27, is working with Lewis on an autobiography of the athlete, who has won six gold medals in the last two Olympics. In recent years Lewis has become an advocate for organ donations. He flew out from Atlanta to plead for help.

"I am here today to speak about something far more important than any athletic contest," said Lewis. "I'm here to ask for help in saving a young woman's life."

In calling on Americans to make personal commitments to donate organs, Lewis said the situation was part of a national tragedy.

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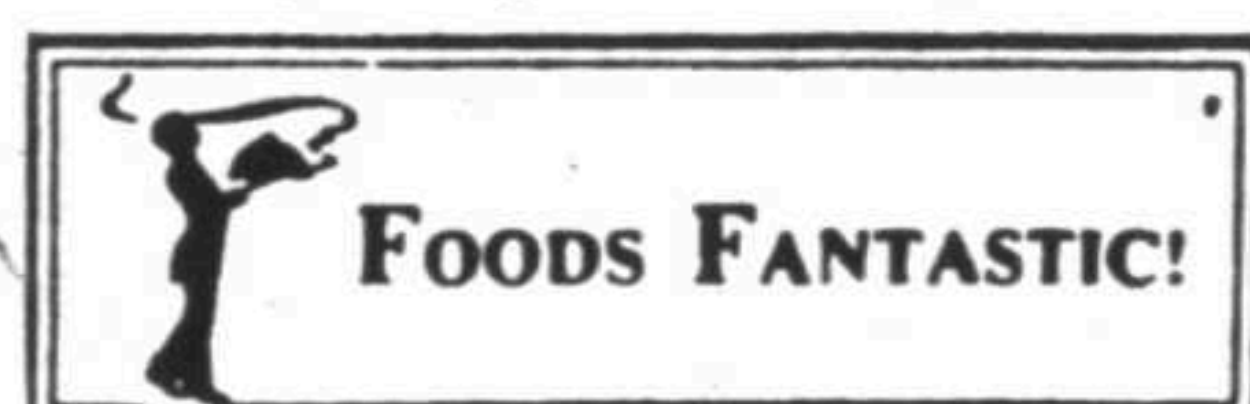
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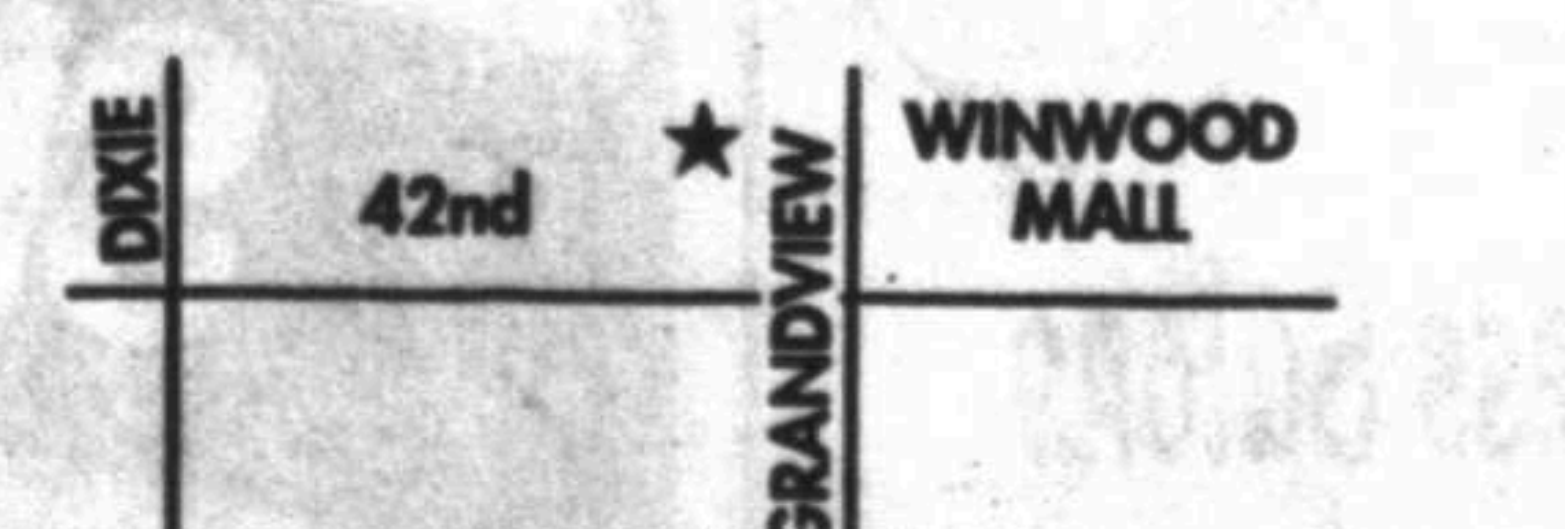
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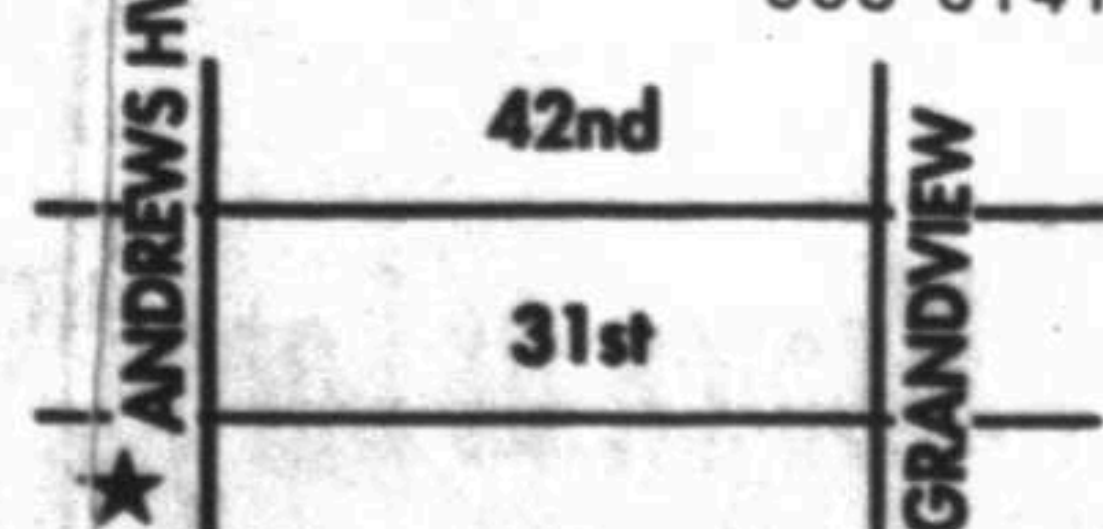
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East meets West on Keio High School campus

Associated Press

HARRISON, N.Y. — East will meet West on the campus of Keio High School, an experimental academy that will teach the children of Japanese executives posted in America.

The school, on the grounds of Manhattanville College in this suburb of New York City, is scheduled to open in September 1990. Construction of a classroom and administrative building, a gymnasium, cafeteria and dormitories began in the fall.

Keio was conceived as a way to attract Japanese businesses to New York state. But it is now seen as an important educational effort in its own right — an experiment in bilingual, bicultural education that could help expand the horizons of education in Japan and in the United States.

"The school is a bellwether for the state, if not the country," says J. Edward Meyer, the regional representative on the New York Board of Regents, the state's educational policy board. "It could become an instant model."

The catalyst for the creation of the

school was concern about the education of the children of the growing number of Japanese businessmen who work in America. An estimated 20,000 to 30,000 live in the Northeast alone, the most in any area of North America.

Yasumitsu Nihei, who will be principal of the new school, says the average stay of the Japanese businessman once was about five years. But now they're staying longer, and the needs of their college-bound children are more important.

Most Japanese children want to attend a university in their homeland "to be mainstream in Japan," says Nihei. In many cases, workers stay with a single company all their lives, and to get into that company they must get into the right school, he says.

But to get into the university, students must pass an examination. All of their previous education from the second grade on is geared toward drilling them with the facts necessary to pass that test. They attend school eight hours a day, 5½ days a week, 240 days a year.

By comparison, American students

attend six hours a day, five days a week for about 180 days a year. And American schools concentrate less on the rote memorization that is commonplace at Japanese schools.

There is an elementary school based on the Japanese system in New York City. But until recently, high school students often were sent home to Japan.

The Meiji Gakuin University of Tokyo plans to open a traditional Japanese high school in Sweetwater, Tenn., where 70 Japanese-owned companies, including Nissan, Sharp and Matsushita, have operations.

Meanwhile, Terry Lynam, a spokesman for Gov. Mario Cuomo, said New York's Department of Economic Development had seized on the establishment of a school to help Japanese businessmen already here and attract more.

Tokyo's prestigious Keio University was consulted. Matilda Cuomo, the governor's wife, even visited the university during negotiations.

They settled on Manhattanville as the site of the new school because it was close to New York City and because Manhattanville has a sister

school in Japan, the University of the Sacred Heart.

Half the faculty in the new school will be American and the curriculum will cull the best from the American school system, particularly an emphasis on writing, which is more American than Japanese.

The curriculum will meet graduation requirements of both New York and Japan and an outstanding student at the school would be assured entry into Keio University without the dreaded exam.

While it is expected that Japanese students will make up most of the student body, American students will not be excluded.

Entrance into the school will be based on an exam, grades, bilingual ability demonstrated in written essays, letters of recommendation and extracurricular activities.

The school will operate on two semesters and will accommodate both the Japanese school year, which runs April to March, and the U.S. school year. Tuition is projected at \$12,000 a year, room and board at \$4,000.

Yasumitsu Nihei displays an artist's rendition of Keio High School, an experimental academy that will teach the children of Japanese executives who are posted in America. Keio will be the principal of the Westchester school located on the grounds of Manhattanville College.



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Popular songs romanticize drug traffickers

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Like their country-and-western counterparts in the United States, these songs are filled with girlfriends and gunplay, betrayal and bloodshed.

The heroes of the popular Mexican songs, however, are cocaine traffickers. And the villain is often U.S. drug enforcement policy.

The exploits of drug traffickers — and sometimes their tragic fates — are romanticized in ballads such as "Death of a Snitch," "The Mafia Dies," "White Load," "The Red Car Gang" and "Contraband and Treason."

"The Mafia Dies" by Pepe Cabrera is a classic "corrido," or Mexican storytelling ballad, filled with nostalgia for the way things were before a great shootout in Sinaloa state wiped out whole families of "narcotraficantes."

"Tierra Blanca is so sad and its streets are deserted," goes the refrain to a slow oom-pah-pah beat and an accordion's lamenting counterpoint.

"New cars don't cruise there and the roar of machine guns is heard no more. The mansions of those who were kings are today abandoned."

The popularity of ballads about smuggling illustrates how attitudes can differ on the supply side of the drug problem. Mexico is a shipper, not a consumer or even much of a producer. The drug trade has bestowed wealth, not crack houses and cocaine babies.

In the supply-side subculture, cocaine kingpins can be popular heroes, Robin Hoods who take from rich, decadent gringos and give to poor Mexicans. They are often philanthropists who command their community's loyalty like benevolent feudal lords. Their foot soldiers are daring men who brave hails of bullets, fierce "federales" and treachery.

By tradition, corridos comment on

current events, on the famous — and the infamous. Many of the old songs are about revolutionaries.

The smuggling corridos are a contemporary variation that coincides with the rise in the drug trade in Mexico.

Shortly after Rafael Caro Quintero was arrested in the 1985 murder of a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent, a "corrido" to him appeared.

"It took 10 federal agents to guard him because he was a fine fighting cock," the song goes. "Guys like that aren't born every day."

Caro Quintero, a key Mexican link with the Colombian cartels, also is compared to the lion, a king of beasts even when caged: "The beast is now behind bars, but you can hear his roar in the midnight hours."

Although traditional Mexican music is popular in Colombia, smuggling songs are not, perhaps because they are of more recent vintage.

But collectors and music industry executives believe they have a select following in Colombia, where one cocaine kingpin, the billionaire Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha of Medellin, is such an aficionado of things Mexican that his nickname is "El Mexicano."

Some smuggling corridos are distinctly anti-American in tone.

One corrido about Caro Quintero — who was convicted and sentenced to 40 years in prison — laments thousands of peasants losing their jobs when one of his huge marijuana plantations, Hacienda Bufalo, was dismantled at the insistence of U.S. authorities.

There is also a corrido about the Honduran drug kingpin Juan Ramon Matta Ballesteros, whose 1988 extradition sparked anti-American riots in Honduras that left at least five dead and a U.S. Embassy annex burned.

Matta, a member of Colombia's Cali cartel, was convicted of cocaine



A montage of album and cassette covers romanticizing the exploits of drug traffickers and other miscreants. Many celebrate the exploits of Rafael Caro Quintero, convicted of killing U.S. DEA agent Enrique Camarena in 1985.

smuggling Sept. 6 in Los Angeles.

There have been attempts to squelch the smuggling corridos in Mexico, where the war on drugs has been vigorously pursued under the administration of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

In 1987, Gov. Francisco Labastida Ochoa of Sinaloa, a state famous for its drug trade and the birthplace of Caro Quintero, called on broadcasters to stop airing smuggling corridos.

"He argued that this type of song is really an apology for crime, something that encourages the narcotraficking subculture," said Labastida's

spokesman, Mario Busio.

The Sinaloa broadcasters and the governor signed an accord, Busio said, sealing the pact with a ceremonial shattering of several offending records.

"Since that date, the accord has held," Busio said. Elsewhere in Mexico, however, the bands play on. As long as there is a demand, there will be a supply.

"This is a company that has to sell records to survive, no?" said Miguel Angel Medina, a producer for the Mexican division of EMI Capitol. "If the market demands a particular type of music, we'll do it."

Air Force recruits hoof it in new running shoes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Better late than never. But when it comes to military clothing changes, one only can be grateful that it happened at all.

This was the first year that recruits at Lackland Air Force Base, the basic training ground for the Air Force, have been issued running shoes. Doctors are quick to point out that the change has resulted in fewer injuries and a lot less pain.

"We used to see an average of two to three stress fractures a day," said Dr. Rick Childers, a podiatrist at Lackland. "Now we don't even average one. I can't say it is solely due to that running shoe but it is a benefit."

While the rest of the nation has regarded the running shoe as an essential wardrobe and exercise item for years, Lackland did not start ordering the shoe until last year.

Instead, recruits were issued a shoe similar to a low-top Converse basketball sneaker made of white canvas with a heavy rubber sole.

Problems from the cumbersome footwear ranged from blisters to painful arches to shin splints and stress fractures, Childers said.

In the end, it was the military bent for standardization that pushed it through.

"It was a major decision to provide them to everyone," said Col. Ronald Jackson, vice commander of the Basic Military Training School at Lackland. "Before this we encouraged people to use their own but a lot didn't have them."

"Those without running shoes were suffering injuries and were having more difficulty. It just wasn't fair."

Childers, who has practiced podiatry at Lackland on and off for five years, said his first question when he arrived was why recruits were running in the shoes that were issued.

He said recent studies had shown running shoes cut down on some foot injuries, a factor in Lackland's decision to turn to podiatrists at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center to design a pair that would meet basic training needs.

The result was a nylon shoe with suede trim that includes a middle sole specifically to absorb shock.

Contracting for thousands of shoes, usually 10,000 at a time for the more than 40,000 recruits each year, has brought the price per pair to \$18.

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Experimental diving gear incorporating a microprocessor is under development at the Naval Coastal Systems Center and should be ready for use by early 1993, said Steve Gorin, project manager for what is dubbed the EX-19.

A diver using ordinary gear can stay down 100 feet for about a half-hour. "With this system ... we can get in excess of six hours at in excess of 300 feet," said Tony Ramey, head of the center's Diving Systems Branch.

Just how much in excess the Navy won't say. Workers at the center have been told not to disclose specific uses for the EX-19, although they could say it will be the first equipment used by all three types of Navy divers: fleet, explosive ordnance disposal and special warfare.

With regular scuba gear, known as an open system, a diver breathes air from a tank and exhales it into the water, creating the bubbles. Most of the air is wasted as the body consumes only a small portion of the oxygen in each breath.

The deeper a diver goes, the more air is wasted and the harder it is to breathe with an open system because air becomes denser. The diver has to breathe more air to get the same amount of oxygen and suck harder to get the dense air.

The EX-19 is a closed, or rebreather, system that recycles air instead of letting it escape into the water, Gorin said. It uses two tanks, one with pure oxygen and the other with ordinary air or with a helium and oxygen mixture for depths greater than 150 feet.

A scrubber removes carbon dioxide from the used air and additional oxygen is injected as needed before

it is breathed again through oversized hoses. The diver breathes as he normally would on the surface, Gorin said.

The Navy already uses rebreathers and at least one is available commercially, but the EX-19 advances the concept by using the microprocessor to control the recycling operation and handle other data. The diver wears a liquid crystal display unit on one wrist to read depth and tank pressure.

If something goes wrong, "idiot lights" like those on the dashboard of a car flash inside the face mask and an alarm, attached behind an ear, goes off.

Members of the development team

are civilians but many, including Bill Gavin — lead mechanical engineer and a record-setting cave diver — and Gorin, have had Navy dive training that lets them participate in testing.

"It's really strange to get into it because it makes no noise," Gorin said.

Gavin, also a frequent user of open system gear, said he had developed habits he didn't know he had until he tried out the EX-19. "When you get into a rig like this you have to almost retrain yourself. Your ingrained training says you should breathe a certain way ... and you don't have to do that."



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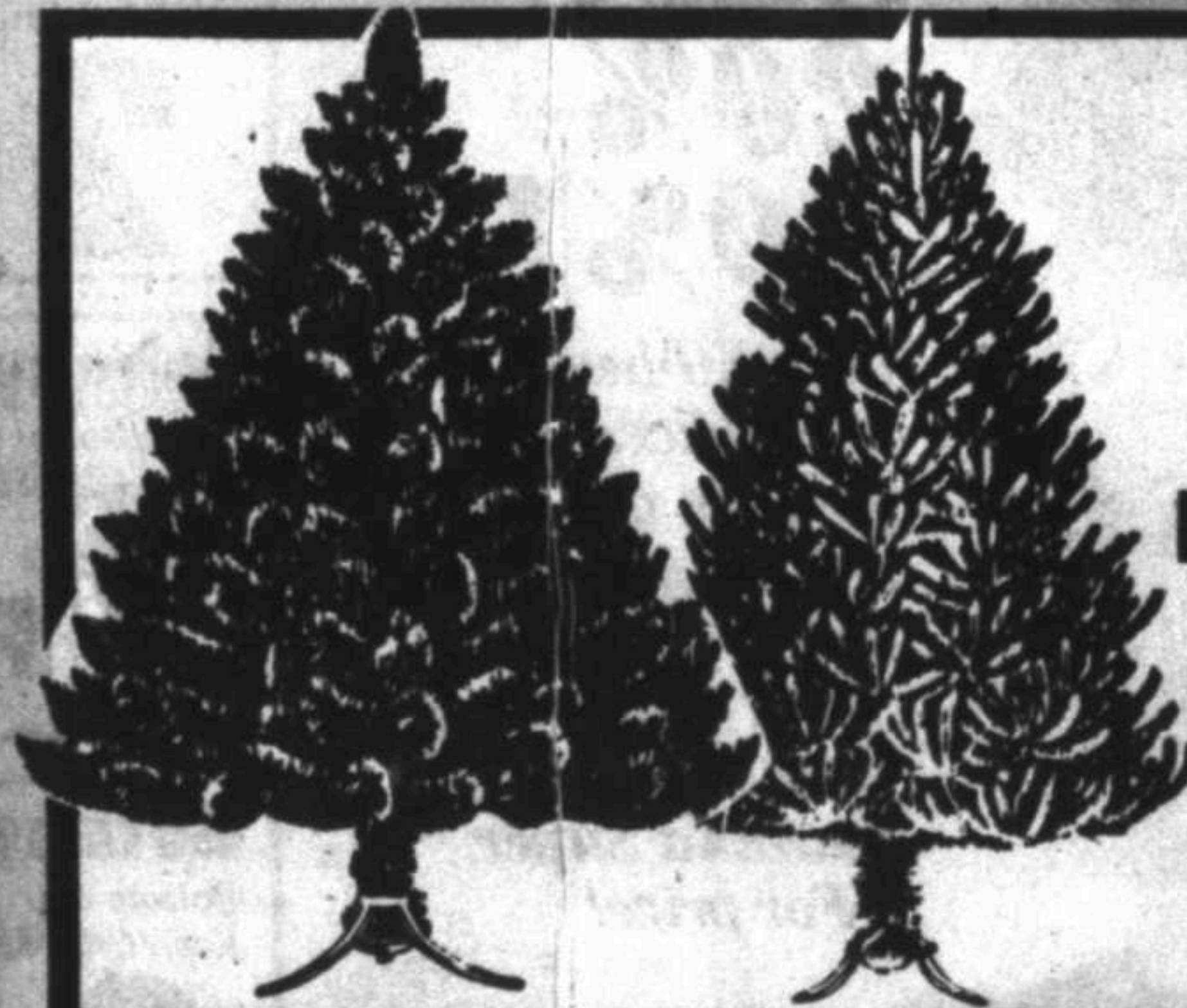


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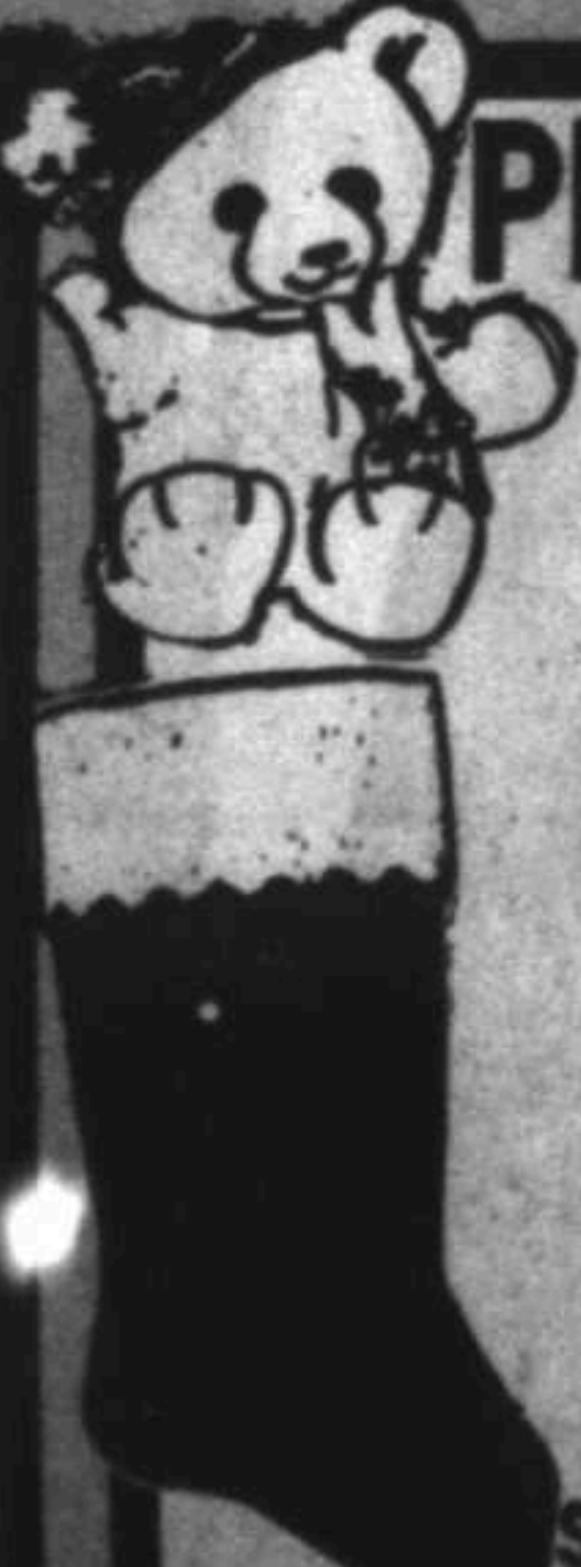


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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — George Bush, the most public of presidents, is surely among the most private of presidents, too. He meets anyone and travels anywhere yet he acts alone, surprising the world — and his own closest advisers.

He is his own secretary of state, his own director of Central Intelligence, his own China expert, his own national security adviser.

He is such a product of government — the House, the Republican National Committee, the CIA, the United Nations, the embassy in Beijing, the vice presidency — that he does not need advice from the professionals who surround him. He was there first.

"George Bush is very comfortable with himself," says Clemson University political scientist Charles Dunn, an observer of presidents. "He has a good sense of person, of who he is. He is not awed by the Oval Office or by the press."

Moreover, says Dunn, secrecy has worked for Bush. "He has thrived by

exceeding, at least modestly, the level of expectations for himself," Dunn says.

Bush says that's the way he is, take it or get someone else.

"You've got your job," he told reporters Thursday afternoon. "... But I have mine. And that is to conduct the foreign policy of this country the way I think best. If the American people don't like it, I expect they'll get somebody else to take my job."

"Bush doesn't like handlers," says Fred Greenstein of Princeton University. "He's going to do it his way."

Bush's tendency to look inward showed up even before he won office.

His most important political decision was the choice of a running mate. He made the selection of Dan Quayle by himself and kept it to himself.

Last June, he decided to propose a summit conference to Mikhail Gorbachev in December and kept it under his hat.

He sent Brent Scowcroft off to China and had it announced at 2 a.m. on a Sunday morning, astonishing

even the China experts on his team.

Later it came out that Scowcroft made a similar trip in July when Bush was publicly isolating China for the terror at Tiananmen Square.

When reporters complained Thursday that he had misled them, Bush at first fell back on a seeming technicality. "I said no 'high level exchanges' (had taken place). So please look at it carefully," he told reporters.

Questioned further about his decision to keep the secret, he said, "I have an obligation as president to conduct the foreign policy of this country the way I see fit."

Without asking the CIA for advice, Bush decided in October to sit out an attempted coup against Panama's Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Then, in maximum possible secrecy, on Sunday afternoon he decided to commit armed forces to the biggest U.S. military operation since Vietnam.

Yet this keep-a-secret president is among the most talkative of presidents. He conducts so many news conferences that reporters run out

of questions.

Someone who counted up early this month determined that Bush had held 105 one-on-one meetings with presidents, prime ministers and kings. Those he hasn't seen, he's telephoned. If he hasn't, he will.

Greenstein, chairman of Princeton's politics department, says he sees another aspect in Bush — an occasional "spasm of impulsiveness."

He cites Bush's "hotdogging at Malta" — his decision to ride a cutter through rough seas — and his determination to attend a hemispheric drug summit in Colombia, where drug producers have put a \$30 million price on his head.

Other presidents have been secretive, and as Bush pointed out they have to be when planning a military operation. The public understands.

Some secrets are political. Harry Truman called a special session of Congress from the rostrum of the 1948 Democratic National Convention without telling anyone beforehand. Lyndon Johnson astonished his closest advisers by tacking his announcement that he would not seek

re-election in 1968 to the end of a Sunday night television speech on Vietnam.

Bush, even while flying to the Republican convention in 1988, didn't tell most of his political advisers that he had chosen a little-known senator as his running mate. When he made the announcement upon landing, jaws dropped.

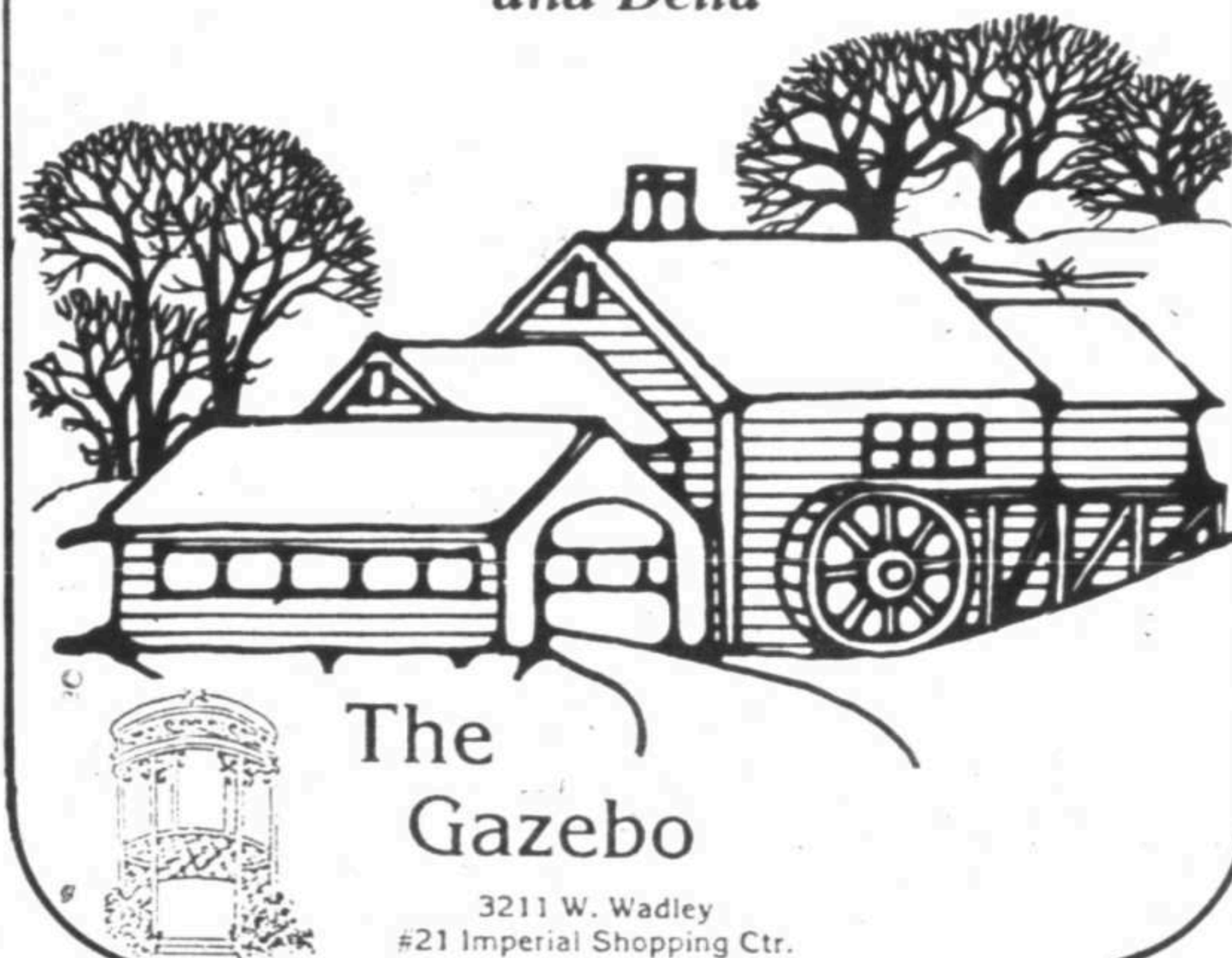
Presidential secrecy can be risky, says Greenstein, but so can

consultation.

"Students of decision making say that solitary decision-makers are likely to miss some facet of the problem, they're bound to have some blind spots," he says.

On the other hand, he says, "like-minded people can become isolated," locking out of the process all who are likely to disagree while reassuring one another of their astuteness.

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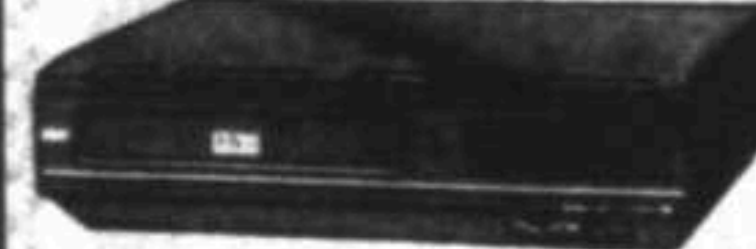
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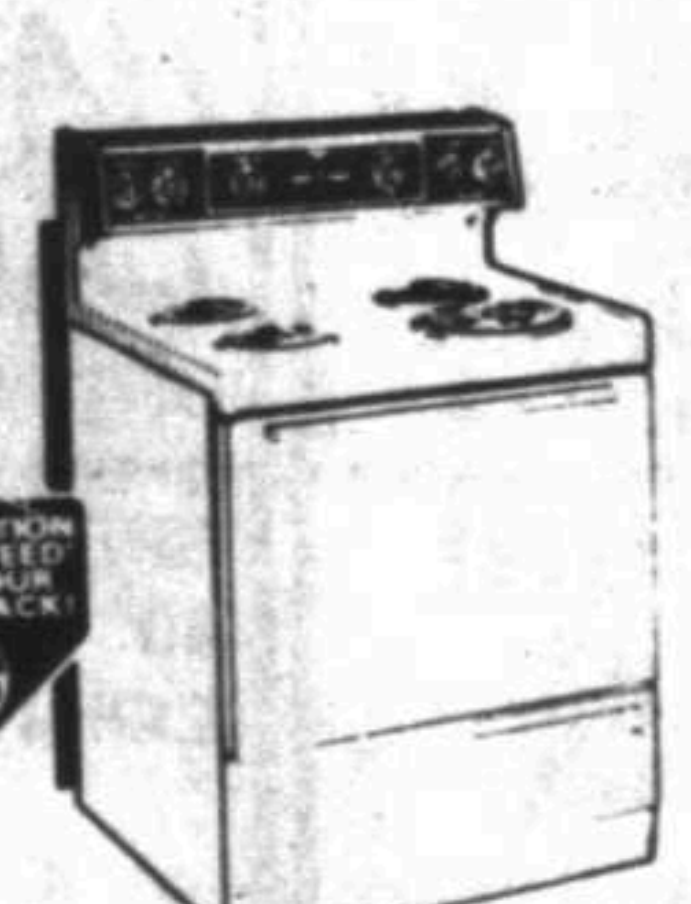
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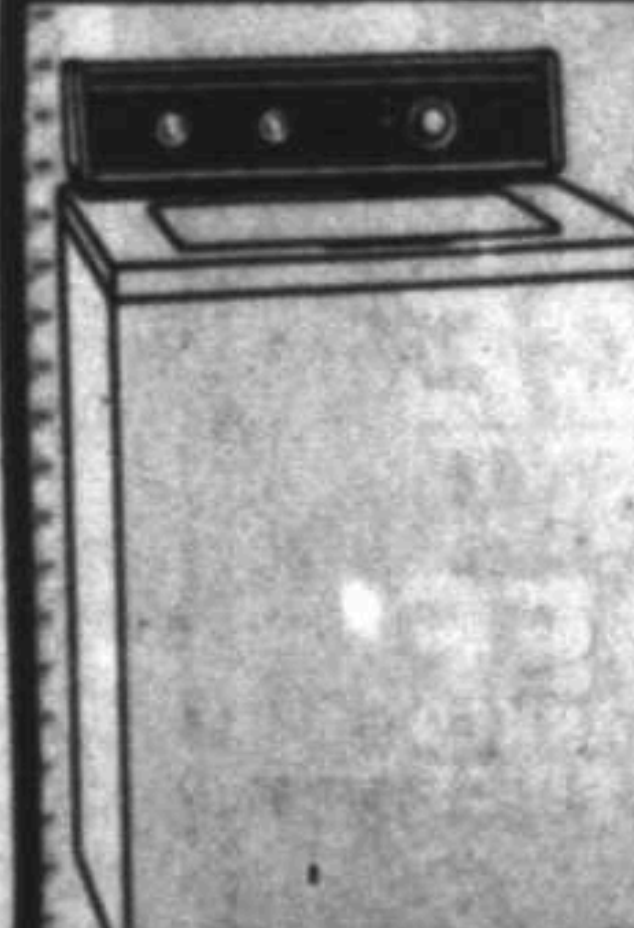


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Revamped Warsaw Pact seen in the offing

Hearst News Service

PARIS — In an attempt to hold the line in the face of communism's political rout in Eastern Europe, the Soviets reportedly are mapping a drastically revised role for the Warsaw Pact.

North Atlantic Alliance officials said Moscow is drafting plans to turn the pact that links the Soviet Union and six Eastern European nations into a genuine defensive alliance largely patterned on NATO.

The pact's new profile is expected to more accurately reflect the altered relationship between the Soviet Union and its erstwhile satellites that has emerged in recent months.

"Indications are the Soviets have decided to turn the Warsaw Pact into an eastern equivalent of NATO which, contrary to its own propaganda, it has never been," said Christopher Donnelly, a senior NATO staff analyst of East Bloc military affairs.

The Soviets appear to be moving quickly in an effort to halt their deteriorating security situation in countries that have already abandoned communist rule or are in the process of doing so.

According to Donnelly, President

Mikhail Gorbachev may also be seeking to transform the opposing alliances into instruments that can help prevent Europe's "destabilization" in the wake of the tumultuous events now occurring.

The conversion of NATO and the Warsaw Pact into political rather than military organizations already has been suggested by a number of Western political officials.

To accomplish the task, however, the Warsaw Pact would need to be revamped from top to bottom.

Although ostensibly created in 1955 as a response to NATO, the pact has never been much more than what Donnelly called "an extension of the Soviet general staff."

To this day, the Warsaw Pact, unlike NATO, possesses no political headquarters or staff.

"That was undesirable from the Soviets' point of view and even unnecessary," Donnelly said. "Military doctrine was formulated exclusively in Moscow. Under that doctrine, there could be no Warsaw Pact political input or policy as such."

Political decisions affecting the alliance also were made in Moscow. While local communist party leaders

occasionally could dispute them, they had to go to Moscow to do so and only as supplicants, never as partners.

Romania's Nicolae Ceausescu, now the last Stalinist left in power but long an irritant to Moscow, recognized many years ago that the pact was mainly a device to keep its members in Moscow's hip pocket.

His way of dealing with that has been to take almost no part in its activities — Warsaw Pact military maneuvers were banned in Romania more than 15 years ago — while remaining a nominal member.

The Soviets are expected to propose the establishment of a Warsaw Pact political secretariat, similar to NATO's in Brussels, possibly in Warsaw or Prague, with a non-Soviet as its head.

NATO officials think it likely that the pact's military structure also will be modified considerably.

Expectations are the commander-in-chief of the Warsaw Pact armies will remain a Soviet officer, as has always been the case.

But the commander's authority is expected to be substantially

trimmed — more or less to match those of his NATO counter-part, Donnelly said.

"Unlike the NATO commander-in-chief, the Warsaw Pact commander is a Soviet pro-consul with effective

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Postal carrier spreads spirit of Christmas

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — Glaring eyes peer suspiciously from behind a fence as Bob "Pappy" Copeland steps into the front yard of a home on Meadow Lane.

Suddenly, without warning, the morning air is pierced by an ear-shattering shriek.

"He's alerting the neighborhood that I'm here," Copeland says nonchalantly. "You get used to it after a while."

Copeland is a postal carrier. The riveted eyes and high-pitched howl belong to a cocker spaniel who can still be heard long after Copeland has deposited a handful of Christmas cards in its owner's mailbox.

The 40-year-old Marine reservist never breaks pace as he strides from home to home with a brimming pouch slung over his shoulder. After each delivery, he grabs a bundle of

mail destined for the next house. He says "hello" to another barking dog, ducks plants hanging beneath a carport and carefully sidesteps extension cords that illuminate holiday yard decorations.

Within 12 minutes, Copeland has walked the entire length of the block both sides and is preparing to move on to the next street.

Three hours earlier, the veteran mailman started his daily routine at the U.S. Post Office in Angleton. The first order of the day was to check the running condition of the vehicle he drives to the neighborhoods he has served for almost six years.

He then heads to the work station where he will sort or "case" three batches of mail belonging to customers on his route. It is only a fraction of the vast volume of letters, bills, circulars and magazines that began

arriving at the post office before dawn that day.

With cart in hand, he quickly walks across the massive back room of the post office and returns with a long tray of first-class mail. Among the usual array of correspondence are scores of red-and-green-colored envelopes indicative of the Christmas season.

"It usually picks up right after Thanksgiving," says Copeland, who takes his stance at the work station. Immediately in front and to his right stand two tables stacked with six metal shelves, each about four feet long. "Widgets" divide each shelf into numerous slots, one for each address on the route.

He flips the morning's first tray upside down on the table. He scoops up a handful of mail, glances at the address on each envelope and stashes it in the appropriate cubbyhole. His hand moves rapidly back and forth, almost like an electronic scanner, among the slots.

"It takes a while to learn it," Copeland says, "but once you do, it's like falling off a log."

Only changes of address or improperly addressed mail break his momentum.

"That's one of our problems this time of year," he says of the wrong zip codes and house numbers characteristic of holiday mail.

Copeland laughs when he recalls another carrier's story about a letter that came through the post office some years back.

"It was addressed To: The Big Two-Story Blue House on the Corner, Angleton, Texas," he says. Despite those odds, the letter did find its way to the intended recipient.

"A lot of your regular carriers know who you are," Copeland points out. And people are what he likes best about being a mail carrier.

"I've got some fantastic people on my route," he says sincerely.

With the every wedding invitation, birth announcement and sympathy call, a carrier silently shares a family's milestones. He or she also knows when something is amiss.

"If they don't pick up their mail, we start checking with the neighbors to see if they've gone on vacation," he explains. Copeland wishes more customers would take advantage of the Carrier Alert Program designed to keep a watchful eye on some addresses, in particular.

"It helps them especially people who live by themselves," he says.

By 9 a.m. he has delved into a third tray of mail. In addition to the usual

collection of Christmas cards, the tray is crammed with light bills Copeland cases with near-MACH speed.

Then one by one, each slot is emptied and the mail bundled. Copeland turns his attention to organizing larger items magazines, newsletters and the like. Before long, he puts on his jacket and hat in anticipation of plunging temperatures outside.

Does Copeland listen to weather forecasts?

"Very much so," he replies, smiling. "But sometimes they get it wrong and you overdress for it."

The adage about the postal service rings true: "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

"It's just normal routine," Copeland says.

Tests show dogs can discern color

Hearst News Service

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Contrary to popular belief, dogs can see in color, California researchers have concluded after a series of experiments.

Popular wisdom holds that dogs see only in black and white. For decades, scientists have debated whether the creatures see any color.

Now, a trio of pooches — greyhounds named Flip and Gypsy, and a toy poodle named Retina (CQ) — have demonstrated that dogs can see some colors, say psychologists at the University of California-Santa Barbara.

According to the researchers' report in the journal Visual Neuroscience, the dogs were trained to respond to colored lights on a display panel. In each test, two lights would be of the same hue, one would be different; the dog was expected to nudge the different light with its nose.

If the dog nudged the correct light, a snack rolled into a dish beneath the light. Wrong light, no snack.

The Santa Barbara dogs had no trouble distinguishing between red and blue, colors at opposite ends of the visible spectrum. They could even tell the difference between similar hues of blue and violet.

However, the dogs "could not discriminate among colors from greenish-yellow through orange to red," says an account of the research in January's Scientific American.

The researchers were psychologists Jay Neitz and Gerald H. Jacobs and psychology technician Timothy Geist. The study was partly funded by the National Eye Institute.

Communication helps executives deal with crisis

Hearst News Service

COLONIE, N.Y. — If the executives responsible for the infamous Love Canal in upstate New York or the Exxon officials in charge of the Exxon Valdez had better understood "risk communication," their plight would have been easier, a Columbia University professor says.

Risk communication, in plain English, is telling the public and the press about pollution and environmental hazards and any risk that they might pose to their health, says Vincent T. Covello of Columbia University in New York.

"It is a job that industry and government have done poorly and could learn to do better," he said.

Examples: Speak in sound bites. Simplify to a ninth-grade reading level. Show a human touch. And accentuate progress you are making in controlling pollution, instead of the "absolute numbers."

"When you talk about progress, people tend to forget about the absolute numbers," the scholar said.

"Love Canal was a failure of management, but also a failure of communication. Alar was both a technological problem and a problem in communication," Covello said during a recent talk to science writers and environmental officials meeting here.

Though he said he doesn't condone unethical distortion, Covello said packaging the message has become paramount. Savvy marketing is certainly a message not lost on the environmental groups, Covello said, noting that the Natural Defense Resources Council hired a public relations agency to help package its message about the dangers of alar, the apple preservative.

Keep it simple, Covello urged. "We have to talk at a level that most people understand," he said, who advocated using word-processing programs that warn writers who use language exceeding a ninth-grader's comprehension.

The most complaints about the press from officials are about being quoted out of context or being inaccurately paraphrased, he said. Those problems can be headed off if the industry and or government spokesmen learn to speak in quick, quotable sound bites.

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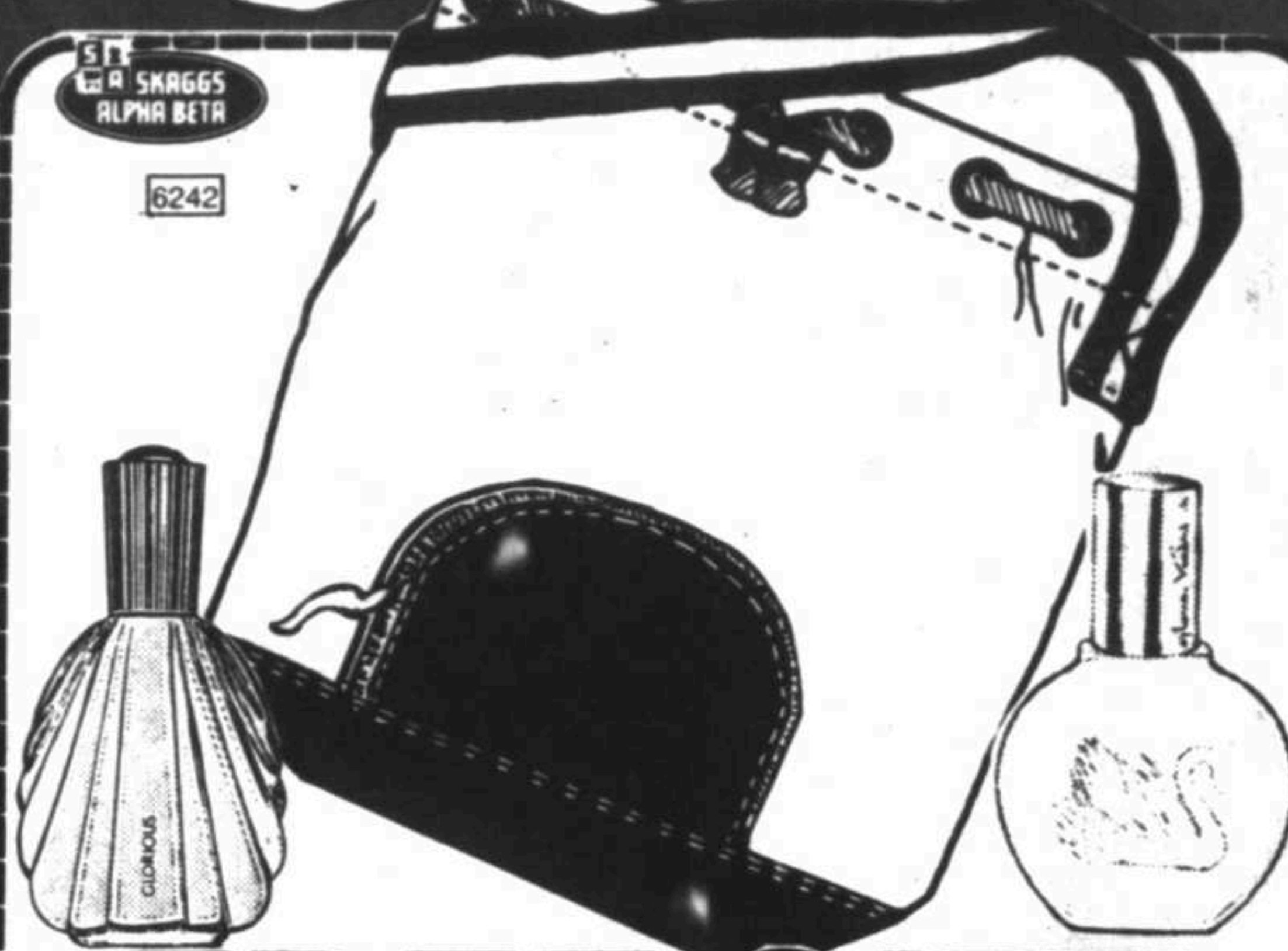
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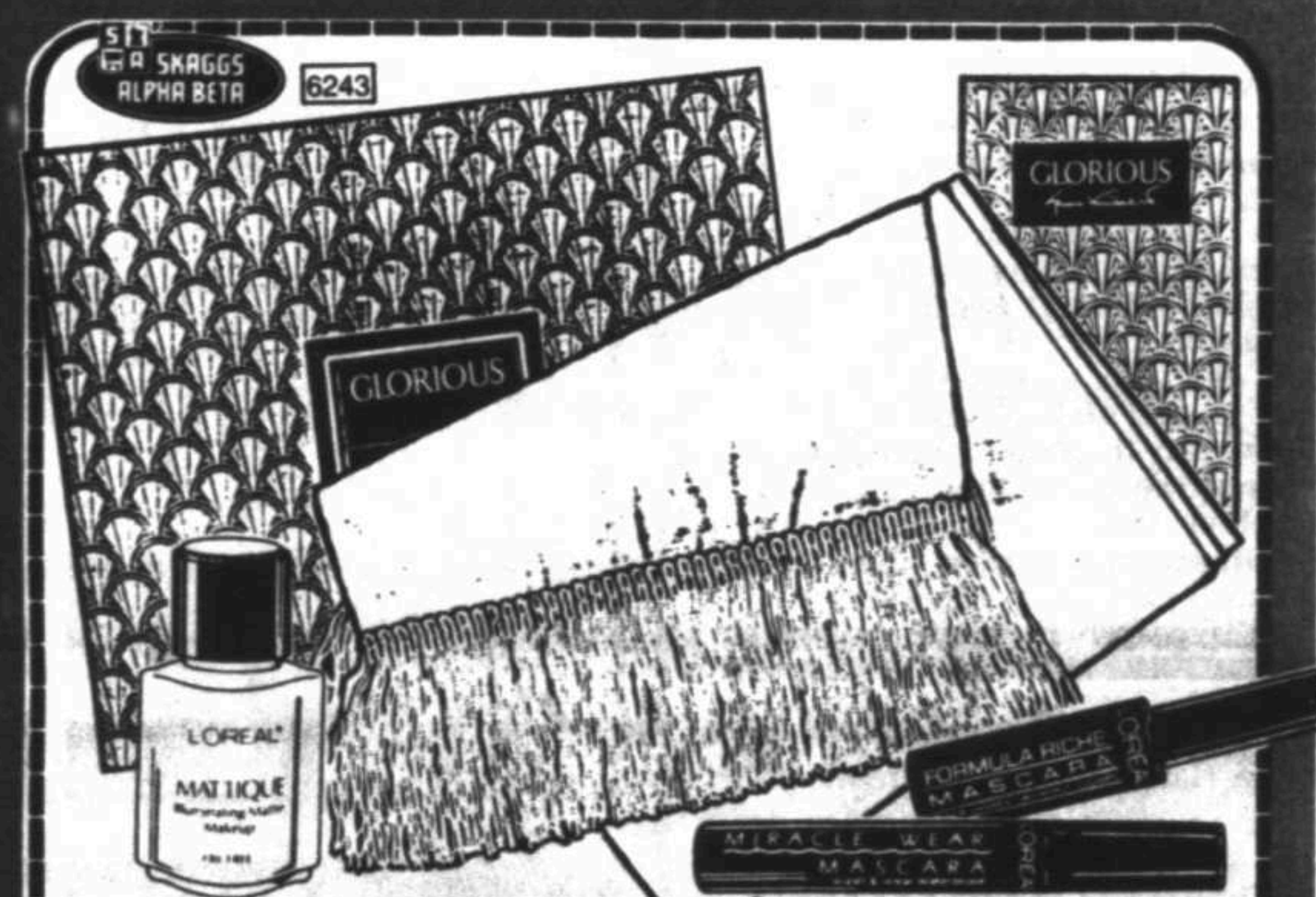
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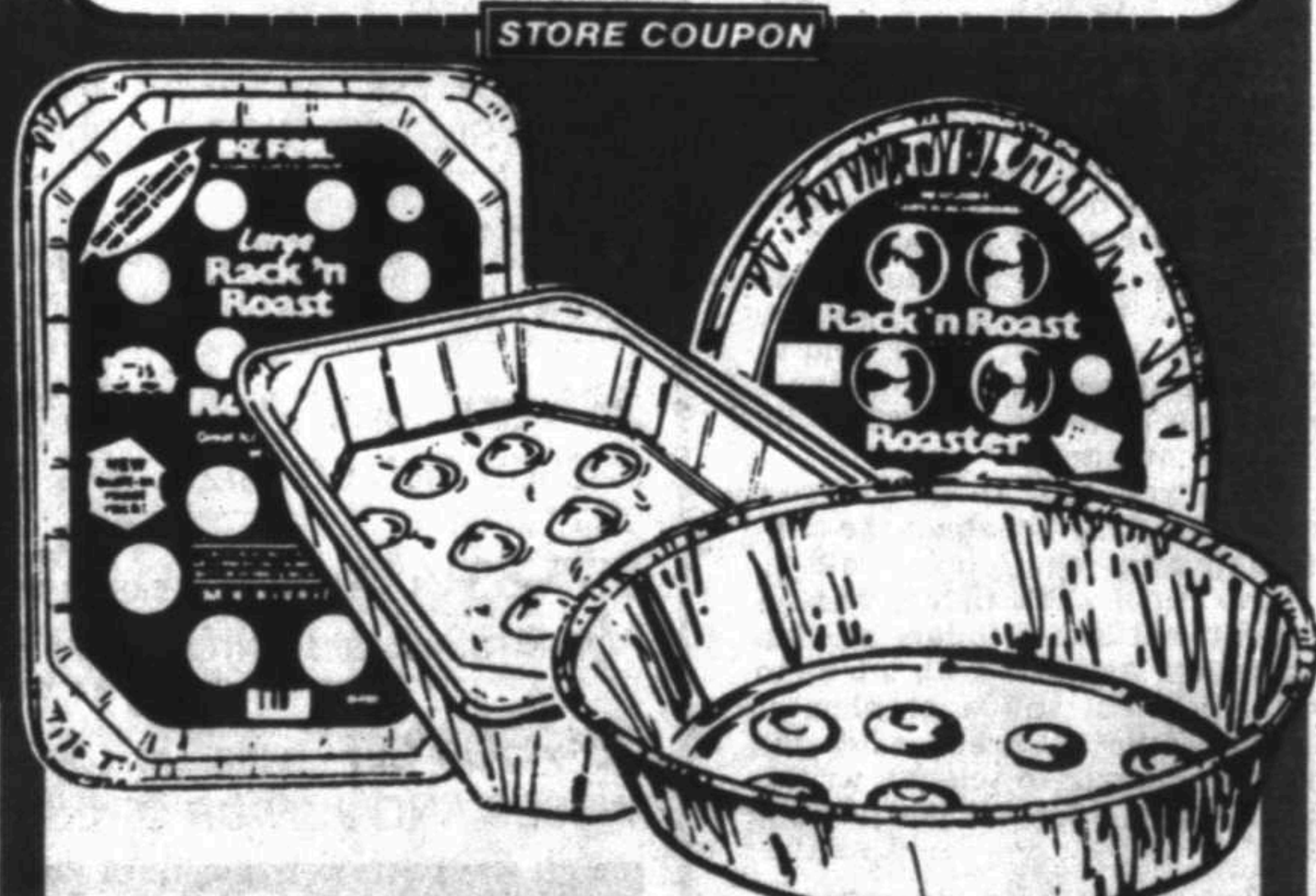
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Ho, ho, hum, season's end has come

Packers don't fill Cowboy stocking

By BILL PRICE
Sports Writer

IRVING — Mercifully for Dallas Cowboys fans, the 1989 season was put to an end on Christmas Eve Sunday as the Green Bay Packers kept their playoff hopes alive with a 20-10 win at Texas Stadium.

With the loss, the Cowboys ended the season with a 1-15 record, only the second time an NFL team has lost 15 games in a season.

The win lifted the Packers to 10-6 at the end of the regular season, but Green Bay still is uncertain if it is going to the Super Bowl tournament.

The Plan B, new-and-improved Pack now must sit idly by and wait for the outcome of Monday night's game between the Minnesota Vikings and Cincinnati Bengals. Should the Vikings lose, Green Bay will be the NFC Central Division champs. Minnesota's playoff hopes are also pared down to tonight's game, with the Philadelphia Eagles and Los Angeles Rams clinching wild card spots Sunday.

But even if the Packers do not make the playoffs, their turnaround from last season's 4-12 mark may have lit the tunnel for Dallas owner Jerry Jones and head coach Jimmy Johnson, both completing their first year with those titles.

"We have needs in a lot of areas. Even though the Packers only got a couple of starters from Plan B, it added a lot of depth to their team," Johnson said.

Jones concurred, and said he thought "what might help us the most next year is an active approach to Plan B."

Apparently, nothing much could help the Cowboys on Sunday. Rookie quarterback Troy Aikman threw four interceptions against Green Bay and rookie full-back Darrell Johnston fumbled the ball once.

"I don't think throwing the interceptions should hurt my confidence," Aikman said. "I can explain what happened on every one of them so hopefully I can correct it."



Cowboy fullback Darrell Johnston (48) is tackled by Green Bay Packer safety Mark Murphy (37) after a 15-yard gainer in the first quarter Sunday.

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Wait continues for four teams

Associated Press

The Eagles, Rams and Oilers are in. The Colts, Chiefs, Dolphins and Raiders are out. And the Steelers, Packers, Vikings and Bengals are waiting.

Sunday's games cleared up much of the NFL playoff picture, but it won't be fully developed until the final regular-season game Monday night between Cincinnati and Minnesota.

The outcome of that game will determine the NFC Central championship and the final AFC wild-card berth. Other teams learned their playoff fate on Sunday.

Philadelphia clinched an NFC wild-card berth by beating Phoenix 31-14. The Eagles' playoff opponent in Philadelphia next week will be the Los Angeles Rams, who wrapped up a postseason berth with a 24-20 victory over New England.

Houston lost the AFC Central title to Cleveland 24-20 Saturday night, but gained a playoff spot Sunday when Indianapolis was beaten by New Orleans 41-6.

The Oilers are tied with Pittsburgh for second in the AFC Central at 9-7, with Cincinnati a half-game behind. But Houston is guaranteed a wild card because it has a tiebreaker advantage over both Pittsburgh and Cincinnati in the event of a three-way tie.

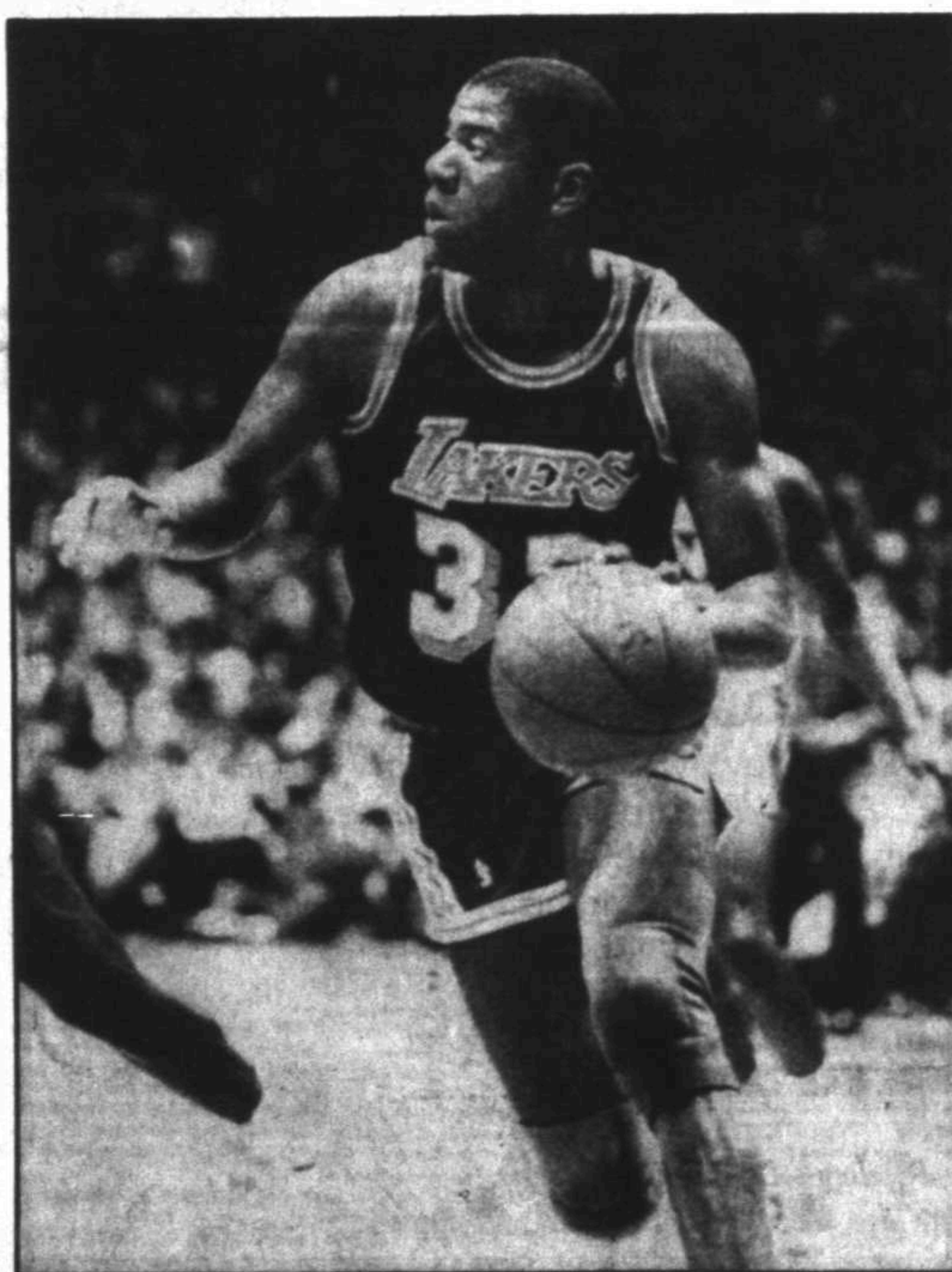
If the Bengals beat Minnesota, they would get the second AFC wild card because they have a tiebreaker edge over Pittsburgh. If the Bengals lose and finish 8-8, Pittsburgh would get the final AFC playoff spot with a 9-7 record.

Like Indianapolis, losses on Sunday eliminated Miami and the Los Angeles Raiders from playoff contention. The New York Giants beat the Raiders 34-17 to win the NFC East title and the Kansas City Chiefs defeated Miami 27-24.

Despite the victory, the Chiefs' bid for a playoff spot was spoiled by Pittsburgh's 31-22 victory over Tampa Bay. Kansas City needed Pittsburgh, Indianapolis and Cincinnati losses to make the playoffs.

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THE 1980's: L.A. LAKERS



Earvin "Magic" Johnson, left, and head coach Pat Riley were integral factors in the Lakers' success throughout the 1980s.



AP Laserphoto

Lakers selected as decade's top franchise

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

Two months before the 1980s began, Jack McKinney, the new coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, went out for his morning bicycle ride. It turned out to be the start of a one-way trip to the top of the NBA for the most successful franchise in sports over the last decade.

McKinney's ride ended in a crash landing, a frightening accident in which the coach suffered a fractured elbow and seri-

ous head injuries. He was replaced by his assistant, Paul Westhead, who took the Lakers to the NBA championship — the first of five titles and eight trips to the finals in 10 years. No team in any sport won as many titles during the decade.

Including playoffs — and the Lakers made it to the postseason every year with nine division titles, including the last eight in a row — Los Angeles posted a record of 702-277, a .721 winning percentage going into this season. That's better than seven victories in every 10 games, a remarkable

record of consistency in a sport whose teams sometimes seem to be riding a see-saw.

All of this was accomplished with only occasional help from the draft — LA never has had a rookie of the year — or trades — the Lakers rarely made significant deals during the decade.

So how did LA do it?

Magic.

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A&I's Bailey hopes for Christmas Day limelight

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — An eye-catching performance in the Blue-Gray All Star Football Classic on Christmas Day would be the best of all presents for 74 little-known college players who hope to make it big someday.

The game, which will be televised nationally by ABC-TV at 11 a.m. CST from Montgomery's Camton Bowl, is a showcase for players who might not otherwise get much exposure.

Take, for example, Texas A&I's Johnny Bailey — college football's all-time leading rusher with 6,320 yards — or Idaho's John Friesz, only the eighth quarterback in NCAA history to pass for more than 4,000 yards in a season.

Neither player's name is exactly a household word, but more than 200

Blue-Gray Classic

NFL scouts had a good look at them in the week of practice leading up to the annual charity game.

Wake Forest coach Bill Dooley, running the Gray offense, said the chance offered by the game can mean a lot to some players when draft time comes around.

"You would not believe what a game like this can do for a kid," Dooley said. "We've had kids that we thought would be lucky to become free agents suddenly become in high demand. There's no doubt that kids can use this game to improve themselves."

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Spartans, Rainbows fight for pot of gold

Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii sees the Aloha Bowl as an opportunity to earn the national respect it has long sought.

The 25th-ranked Rainbows (9-2-1), of the Western Athletic Conference, will try to add a bowl victory to a long list of 1989 accomplishments when they meet No. 22 Michigan State (7-4) of the Big Ten Conference on Monday.

"This is a chance to show the country what we're all about," Hawaii coach Bob Wagner said. "I mean, they come from one of the oldest conferences in the country and we come from the youngest. This is a very big step for our program."

For Michigan State, making its fifth bowl appearance in six years, a win would help prove that despite four losses this is one of its best teams.

"Obviously the 1987 Rose Bowl team was our best to date," Spartans coach George Perles said. "We won the championship and went to the Rose Bowl. I think this is our next best team. The record indicates as

Aloha Bowl

well, with the caliber of the teams on our schedule and the scores of games we lost to top 10 teams.

The Spartans lost to four of the top 11 teams — Miami, Notre Dame, Michigan and Illinois — by a total of 21 points.

This has been a year of achievements for Hawaii, including its first national ranking since 1981, back-to-back nine-win seasons and a first-ever bowl bid.

Hawaii played its 10 home games this season long after most mainland contests had ended, and until late in the season Wagner thought Hawaii was not getting the recognition it deserved. The Rainbows were 9-3 last season.

But a 56-14 rout of then No. 18 Brigham Young on Oct. 28 started a series of victories that vaulted Hawaii into the rankings and the Aloha Bowl.

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A bag of holiday cheer — sports style

DALLAS — 'Tis the season to be jolly and get your Christmas gifts from the Freeman File. The lucky ones...

To Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman — A linebacker-proof body because he's going to need it in the early 1990s until the Cowboys get a good team around him.

To Texas coach David McWilliams — A rabbit's foot and ear plugs so he can concentrate next year without hearing all the second-guessing from some Long-horn fans.



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To Texas Christian coach Jim Wacker — Enough victories to keep him and his schoolboyish enthusiasm around another year.

To Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum — A new Southwest Conference rule that says graduates can't officiate in their alma mater's games.

To University of Houston quarterback Andre Ware — The wisdom to make the right decision on whether to return for the Heisman Trophy winner's final season. Does he take the money and go pro before the salary cap hits the NFL?

To Baylor coach Grant Teaff — A blizzard of touchdowns to get the Bears back into the SWC title picture again.

To Texas Rangers manager Bobby Valentine — A better defense, better base running, and better dugout decisions.

To Ben Crenshaw — Some drives that find the fairways and another major.

To Tom Kite — A major championship to add the final crown jewel missing in his tremendous career.

To former Dallas Mavericks coach John MacLeod — Another chance to prove a nice guy can win an NBA title.

To Akeem Olatunji of the Houston Rockets — An NBA championship series to showcase his enormous talent.

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TV Sports...

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Blue-Gray All-Star Classic, 11 a.m., ABC.

Aloha Bowl, 2:30 p.m., ABC.

NBA — Cleveland Cavaliers at Atlanta Hawks, 2:30 p.m., CBS.

Quotebook...

"I took the three quarters to find a group that could work out there. It was a bit of Yuletide fever. Our intensity was at a season low. We're obviously not looking too hot." — New York Knicks head coach Stu Jackson, following the team's 94-85 win over New Jersey Saturday.

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Trivia Teaser...

Monday's Question — Three New Mexico State University basketball players started their college careers at Southwest Conference schools. Name them and their old schools.

Sunday's Answer — Running back James Gray, wide receiver Tyrone Thurman and defensive tackle Gabriel Rivera are Tech representatives on the SWC all-decade team.

WAITING

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Green Bay kept its playoff hopes alive with a 20-10 win over Dallas. The Packers can win the NFC Central if Minnesota loses to Cincinnati. A Minnesota victory would give the Vikings the division title and the final NFC playoff berth.

Atlanta finished its season with a 31-24 loss to Detroit, but the Falcons won a consolation prize — the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft. The Falcons (3-13) finished with the second worst record in the league, but gained the top pick because the Dallas Cowboys (1-15) forfeited their first-round selection by taking Steve Walsh in this year's supplemental draft.

In games without playoff implications, NFC West champion San Francisco beat Chicago 26-0 and San Diego beat Oakland 26-0 and San Diego beat Oakland 26-0 and San Diego beat Oakland 26-0.

In other games Saturday, Buffalo blanked the New York Jets 37-0 and Washington beat Seattle 29-0.

SUNDAY

Lions 31, Falcons 24
Barry Sanders ran for 158 yards and three touchdowns as Detroit (7-9) won its fifth straight. The winning streak was the Lions' longest since 1970. The Falcons (3-13) lost their seventh straight and ninth in 10 games.

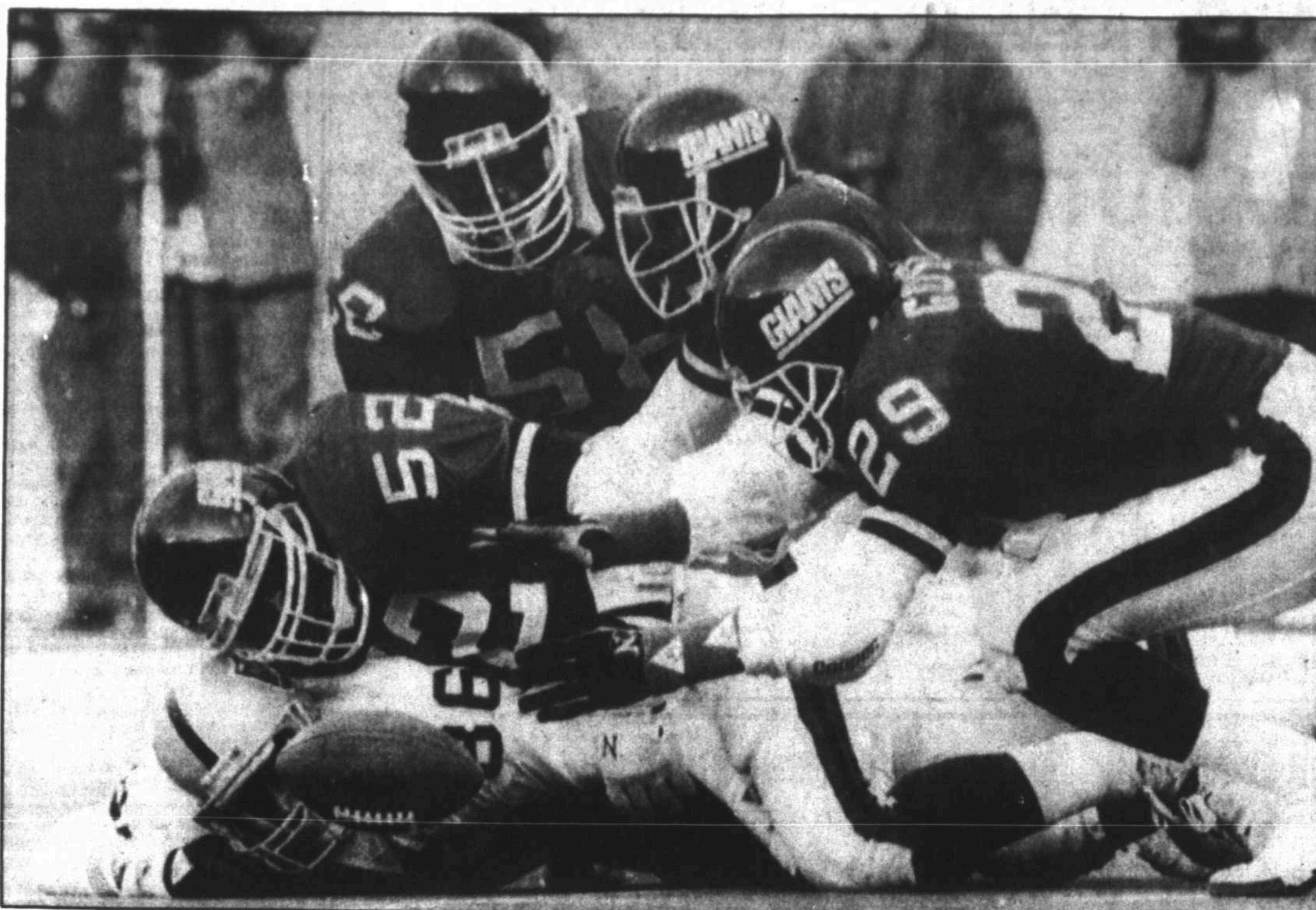
Saints 41, Colts 6
John Fourcade passed for two touchdowns and ran for one as the Saints completed their third straight winning season — a first in franchise history.

New Orleans, which never finished above the .500 mark in its first 20 seasons, failed to make the playoffs despite a 9-7 record. Fourcade, who had never started a regular-season game until three weeks ago, completed 21 of 28 passes for 291 yards and ran five times for 30 yards.

Chiefs 27, Dolphins 24
Nick Lowery kicked a 41-yard field goal with 1:31 left to lift Kansas City past Miami.

The Dolphins had rallied from a 24-14 deficit to tie the game with 4:24 left, but Kansas City then moved 44 yards in nine plays to set up Lowery's field goal.

Giants 34, Raiders 17
Veteran Otis Anderson and rookie Dave Meggett sparked the Giants. Anderson scored his 13th and 14th touchdowns of the season and rushed for 74 yards to push his season total to 1,023, his first 1,000-yard year since 1984. Meggett returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown and contributed two other long run-backs that set up field goals by Bjorn Nittmo.



AP Laserphoto

New York's Myron Guyton, at right, and a host of other Giants, moves to recover a fumble by Los Angeles Raider Mervyn Fernandez.

Rams 24, Patriots 20
Greg Bell rushed for 210 yards, including the winning 3-yard scoring run with 1:55 left.

Los Angeles had to rally after squandering a 17-3 lead in the third quarter. After Bell scored, the Patriots moved from their 37-yard line to a first down at the Rams 4 with nine seconds left. But Steve Grogan then threw three incomplete passes.

Eagles 31, Cardinals 14
Anthony Toney and Randall Cunningham provided the offensive firepower for the Eagles.

Toney carried 17 times for 82 yards and caught five passes for 48. Cunningham completed 19 of 36 passes for 162 yards and a touchdown and added 41 yards on the ground. Cunningham, who ran for 641 yards this season, became the first quarterback in the modern era to lead his team in rushing three straight years. Phoenix lost its sixth straight and finished 5-11.

Steelers 31, Bucs 22
Louis Lippis caught two touchdown passes and Rod Woodson set

up 10 points with a kickoff return and interception for the Steelers.

Lippis scored on receptions of 79 and 12 yards. Woodson returned the opening kickoff 72 yards and a second-quarter interception 39 yards to position the Steelers for a touchdown and field goal that helped the team build a 24-10 halftime lead.

49ers 26, Bears 0
Joe Montana set a single-season record for highest NFL quarterback rating as San Francisco (14-2) won its fifth straight. The Bears lost their sixth in a row and finished 6-10, their worst record in a full season since 1975.

Montana, returning after a one-week layoff due to sore ribs, completed 10 of 21 passes for 106 yards and a touchdown before Steve Young replaced him early in the third quarter. Montana finished the season with a quarterback rating of 112.4, surpassing Milt Plum's record of 110.4 with the Cleveland Browns in 1960.

Chargers 19, Broncos 16
Chris Bahr kicked a 45-yard field goal as time expired to give San Die-

go the victory over Denver, which lost for the third time in four weeks.

Bahr's fourth field goal concluded a five-play, 45-yard drive that began with 31 seconds remaining. Rookie quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver connected on all four of his passes during the winning drive, moving San Diego to the Denver 27 with six seconds remaining before Bahr came on for the winning kick.

SATURDAY

Browns 24, Oilers 20
Kevin Mack's 4-yard touchdown run with 39 seconds left gave Cleveland its fourth AFC Central title in five years.

The Oilers, who trailed 17-0 in the first half, rallied to take the lead with 4:46 left in the game on a 27-yard pass from Warren Moon to Drew Hill. But the Browns came right back and marched 58 yards for the winning touchdown at the Astro dome. Cleveland finished the regular season 9-6-1, a half game ahead of the Oilers.

Bills 37, Jets 0
Jim Kelly threw a pair of touchdown passes as the Bills won their

second straight AFC East championship.

Buffalo, which snapped a three-game losing streak, will enter the playoffs with a 9-7 record. The Jets finished 4-12, their worst mark since 1980. There is widespread speculation that Jets coach Joe Walton will be replaced after meeting with new general manager Dick Steinberg on Tuesday.

Redskins 29, Seahawks 0

The Redskins spoiled Steve Largent's retirement party at the Kingdome in a battle between non-playoff teams. Washington (10-6) finished with five consecutive wins, while the Seahawks ended up 7-9.

Largent, the NFL's all-time leading receiver, had two catches for 41 yards in the final game of his 14-year career. He holds the league record for receptions, reception yardage, touchdown catches and consecutive games catching a pass. Washington's Mark Rypien completed 22 of 31 passes for 290 yards and one touchdown, a 44-yarder to Gary Clark in the third quarter.

Tagliabue's brother shot in Romania

TIMISOARA, Romania (AP) — The brother of NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue was one of four journalists shot and wounded while covering the fierce fighting between revolutionaries and forces loyal to deposed President Nicolae Ceausescu.

John Tagliabue of The New York Times was one of three journalists wounded in separate incidents while driving in cars. The others were John Daniszewski of The Associated Press and an Italian photographer. A Yugoslav reporter was shot while dashing through the streets of the western Romanian city.

Three ambulances were sent into Romania from Yugoslavia on Sunday to evacuate the journalists. All four were expected to survive.

Tagliabue was wounded in the back by a sniper who fired on a car carrying him and other reporters, said Bernard Gwertzman, foreign editor of The New York Times. The exact nature of Tagliabue's injury was not clear, Gwertzman said in New York, but the reporter was reported in satisfactory condition at a Timisoara hospital.

Paul Tagliabue was in Denver and was told of the incident Sunday morning.

The commissioner said through an NFL spokesman he was pleased with the reports that his brother is in satisfactory condition and he is grateful to the New York Times and the State Department for keeping him well informed.

Walsh not interested in NY Jets post

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Former San Francisco 49ers coach Bill Walsh told the New York Jets he's not interested in coaching the team, which is expected to fire Coach Joe Walton on Tuesday.

Dick Steinberg, the Jets' new general manager, said Sunday he has discussed the Jets' coaching job with Walsh, currently an analyst with NBC. Walsh was in New York Saturday for the Jets-Atlanta game at Giants Stadium.

"I asked Bill if he had any interest in returning to coaching," Steinberg said. "He likes what he's doing now and wants to make a go of it."

Steinberg is scheduled to meet with Walton on Tuesday, at which time he is expected to announce Walton's departure.

Cowboy Lowlights

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Lowlights for the 1989 Dallas Cowboys after a season finale 20-10 loss to Green Bay:

- Shutout a record three times in one year. In the previous 29 years, Dallas had been shut out just four times.
- Worst losing season on record.
- Second worst winning percentage in 29 years.
- Lost all eight home games to set NFL record for 14 consecutive home losses.
- Tied NFL record of 15 losses in one season.

- Had a franchise low seven first downs in 15-0 loss to the New York Giants. The previous low was eight five other times.
- Had a club record low 108 yards offense in second game against Giants. It erased the previous low of 126 yards from a 1961 game in St. Louis.
- Rookie quarterback Troy Aikman, who made \$1 million, had 0-11 record in games he started. Aikman suffered a personal record four interceptions in his last game.
- For the second time in franchise history, the Cowboys had no player voted to the Pro Bowl.

COWBOYS

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Dallas opened the game seemingly having corrected plenty of wrongs from the previous 15 weeks. Green Bay outgained the Cowboys by only a 250-229 and through much of the first half the score was tied 3-3.

Even though the Pack led 10-3 at half time, it could easily have been 10-0. But with 10:49 left in the first half Aikman threw his first interception of the day after moving the Pokes from their own 32 to the Green Bay 11.

Packer linebacker Johnny Holland hauled in the Aikman mistake and returned the ball to the Green Bay 32-yard line.

"It's the same play we ran to the other side on the previous play and the inside linebacker came up with it. The inside linebacker shouldn't be a factor on that play. We'll just have to wait and see the film," Aikman said.

After dodging one Dallas bullet, Green Bay's offense went to work and was able to score on a 14-yard pass from Don Majkowski to Jeff Query.

The Cowboys' only touchdown of the game was delivered by the defense. In the third quarter, when linebacker Jack Del Rio returned a Brent Fullwood fumble 57 yards to tie the game at 10-10.

But the Packers stayed alive in the

Packers 20, Cowboys 10

Green Bay	3	7	7	3-20
Dallas	0	0	0	0-10
First Quarter				
GB—FG Jacke 28, 6:41				
Del—FG Zendejas 41, 12:12				
Second Quarter				
GB—Query 14 pass from Majkowski (Jacke kick), 14:29				
Third Quarter				
Del—Del Rio 57 fumble return (Zendejas kick), 6:09				
GB—West 5 pass from Majkowski (Jacke kick), 12:07				
Fourth Quarter				
GB—FG Jacke 24, 11:36				
A—41, 2:05				

First downs	16	16
Rushes-yards	22-43	24-113
Passing	207	116
Return Yards	45	14
Comp-Att-Int	21-32-0	10-27-4
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-25	2-9
Punts	4-44	3-39
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-15	6-36
Time of Possession	30:44	29:16

playoff race with their very next possession. Majkowski moved the Pack 62 yards in seven plays and four minutes, then put his team on top with a five-yard completion to tight end Ed West.

Green Bay completed the day's scoring with a 24-yard field goal by Chris Jacke with 3:24 left, moving the score to 20-10.

For the offensively inefficient Cowboys, the game made a bit of a change in philosophy.

Dallas relied almost exclusively on short patterns in the passing game and never completed a pass for more

than 21 yards.

"Troy did some good things but he also threw some interceptions. But we came into the game trying to do some different things that we hope we can carry on into next season," Johnson said.

Johnson, who admittedly wanted to look at different players in the finale, also found himself explaining why running back Paul Palmer was placed on the inactive list before the game.

"We have players who are inactive every week off our 47-man roster and we decided to have Paul inactive this ball game. We would like to have Paul with us (going into the 1990 training camp) and we would like to visit with everybody on the entire team.

"We want all of them to be with us, but obviously we are going to have to protect just 37. It's no reflection on them."

As for the 1-15 completion of his first season as majority owner of the franchise, Jones seemed humbled by the experience.

"The one thing I've got in common with everybody who knows how to spell Dallas Cowboys is that I want to win."

"I think the fans were a little sensitive about the changes at first, but you couldn't ask any more from our fans and what they did throughout the year," Jones said.

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Brigham Young vs. Penn State

(Subject to pre-emption for Midland College Basketball)

Saturday - December 30th

11:15 a.m. The John Hancock Bowl

TEXAS A & M vs. Pittsburgh

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:

New business and financial victories beckon. Developing a natural talent could alter the course of your life. Stay out of hot water in February by doing the right but difficult thing. Influential admirers help your cause in March. A promotion or raise increases your economic security. A summer vacation will put you in touch with fascinating new people. Romance could be even sweeter the second time around. Review your options carefully before making a major career decision in November.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: entertainer Steve Allen, catcher Carlton Fisk, comedian Alan King, actor Richard Widmark, China's Mao Tse-tung.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Family matters take center stage today. If you try to do too much or please too many people, you could neglect your own needs. Learn to delegate more authority.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): New ventures should not be bound by past restrictions. Allow room for change and expansion. Think things out logically. New public recognition is part of the picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

Stop dwelling on past mistakes and move with confidence into the future. Regular exercise and better eating habits will make you feel tip-top. Write thank-you letters. A special person pampers you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your partner or mate could be critical of your actions. Recognize the need for change. A flexible approach will help you find lasting solutions. Curb a tendency to eat or drink too much.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Avoid getting involved in a power struggle during the morning. Evening hours will be exciting. Your social calendar is busy! New friends are a source of inspiration. Sign agreements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You get prophetic flashes about your future. Roll out the red carpet for a traveler. New beginnings presage new triumphs. Self-improvement activities are favored. Know what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Diplomacy will help you win in a contest of wills today. Emphasize a team approach. Influential person is willing to hear your side of the story. A

promotion is possible. Be diligent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Steer clear of those who urge you to take sides in a power struggle. Include your partner in all spending decisions. Invite a parent or older relative to join you this evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Some unfinished business hangs over your head. Loved one comes to your rescue! Showcase your communications skills. Travel enjoys highly favorable influences. Call a friend tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone seeks your counsel. Control your emotions and put your public relations skills to work. A home beautification project occupies your thoughts. Consult family before making changes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Squelch an urge to be inflexible at an important meeting. Business, social or travel matters go well. Take an unbelievable tale with a grain of salt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Delays are possible at work as a power struggle develops. Stay above the fray. Focus on partnerships and self-improvement projects. Your social life accelerates. Romance looks bright.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠6 ♥AQJ106 ♦Q652 ♣K85
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1 ♥ ?
What action do you take?
A.—When the opponents have bid your best suit, it is almost always right to pass. If you double, you are in deep water should partner respond some number of spades. You don't have the values for a one no trump overall, which shows the equivalent of a 1 NT opening bid.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠6 ♥AQJ106 ♦Q652 ♣K85
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1 ♥ ?
What action do you take?
A.—From the auction, you know partner has some strength and some length in spades. Rather than any unilateral action, double for take-out. By implication, this suggests you could not act initially because of a strong holding in opener's suit.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AK762 ♥J1062 ♦4 ♣Q98
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?
A.—There are two schools of thought here. Some players always overcall one spade when they have a five-card suit. Others prefer a take-out double, because they don't want to lose a possible 4-4 heart fit. Our feet are in both camps, but since our spades are so much stronger than our hearts, we would vote for the overcall.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AKJ108 ♥A872 ♦Void ♣A752
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ 1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♠
Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A.—You are certainly going to game, but you should not overlook slam just because the opponents open the bidding. Bid three clubs to see what response that elicits from partner.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AKJ108 ♥A872 ♦Void ♣A752
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ 1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♠
Pass 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣
What action do you take?
A.—You asked partner to evaluate his club holding for game, and he has told you he is well fortified in the suit. This is not the time for dainty steps. The enormous distributional assets in your two hands merits bold action. Bid six spades.

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SCRAM-LETS WORD GAME

1 Rearrange letters of the four scrambled words below to form four simple words.

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DALNG
TABUYE

2 PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS

3 UNSCRAMBLE FOR ANSWER

SCRAM-LETS ANSWERS

1. ENTINY: ENTINY
2. BROOT: BROOD
3. DALNG: DALLING
4. TABUYE: TABOYE

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Evening TV Schedule

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PEOPLE

Morial, New Orleans' first black mayor, dies at 60

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Ernest Morial, New Orleans' first black mayor who spent a lifetime smashing racial barriers, died early Sunday after being stricken while driving. He was 60.

Morial was found slumped over the steering wheel of his car at 11 p.m. Saturday after leaving a party, said Jinx Broussard, a spokeswoman for Mayor Sidney Barthelemy. Morial apparently had suffered a heart attack.

He was taken to Mercy Hospital where efforts to revive him failed, and was pronounced dead at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Broussard said.

The feisty attorney became the city's first black mayor in 1978 at a ceremony loaded with symbols of black-white unity and tough promises.

He served two terms, leaving office in 1986 after an unsuccessful attempt to persuade voters to amend the city charter to allow him a third consecutive term. He then practiced law.

Becoming mayor wasn't the only time he achieved a first for blacks.

He was the first-black graduate from Louisiana State University law school in 1954. He was the first black assistant U.S. attorney in Louisiana, serving from 1965 to 1967. He became the first black Louisiana legislator in modern times, serving in the House from 1967 to 1970, when he was appointed to a juvenile court judgeship. In 1973, he was the first black elected to the Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal.

He also was a president of the National Conference of Mayors, a Democratic National Committee member, and an advisor to Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis in 1988.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Did it seem like a script for a movie? Former President Ronald Reagan showed up on the Southern Cal practice field for a pep talk and a short but snappy pass with the Rose Bowl-bound Trojan squad.

"Win one for the Gipper," Reagan said, repeating Pat O'Brien's line from the 1940 film "Klute Rockne-All American" in which Reagan starred as the doomed George Gipp.

Reagan, wearing blue jeans, a checked shirt open at the collar and track shoes, spent about 20 minutes Saturday chatting at the 50-yard line with the players.

Reagan, who was a right guard in college for the Eureka Golden Tornadoes, has shed his presidential neutrality since leaving office and is a big Trojans fan, Coach Larry Smith said.

"He's in Southern California now, so he's a fan of the Southern California football team," said Smith, whose squad will meet the Michigan Wolverines in Pasadena for the Jan. 1 Rose Bowl game.

Reagan was asked to throw a football to USC's top receiver, John Jackson, who ran about 10 yards and cut to his right.

"I think at my age, you better keep it a very short pattern," said Reagan, 78, as he cocked and fired a bullet right into Jackson's grip.

"I'll take him," Jackson, 22, later said. "He's got a nice, tight spiral."

Reagan was presented with a large-sized, cardinal and gold-colored sweatshirt and he slapped "high-fives" with the players and crouched on one knee for a team photo.

Then he strolled off.

"Everybody's familiar with the president, but few

get to catch a pass from him," Jackson said. "I'm going to go call my mom right now."

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Country-western star Reba McEntire spread a little Christmas cheer by donating \$500 to five local families.

The gift certificates were delivered Saturday to the five families by an aide to Gov. Norm Bangerter.

"It was a little unusual," said Doug Bischoff, deputy chief of staff. "But we're glad they called us."

McEntire wanted to make sure the money went directly to individuals, not to institutions, Bischoff said. He said the money had come to the Nashville, Tenn., singer from Utah fans.



McEntire

NEW YORK (AP) — Sting says the idea that rock 'n' roll music is rebellious is "totally dead."

"It has the semblance of rebellion but all these bands with their long hair, wearing their sister's clothes and playing heavy metal music, they strike me as being very close to Las Vegas bands," he told Street News, a newspaper sold by the homeless, for its January edition.

"They're not rebellious at all; they're conforming to very obvious norms and I'm not particularly impressed by that. I just don't think rock and roll is dangerous at all. It's everywhere, on all the airwaves day and night. There's nothing new or unusual about it," he said.

The 38-year-old musician left his band, The Police, after it became one of the most popular groups.

Sting says it doesn't always make sense even to him that he is starring in "3 Penny Opera," a Broadway musical closing at the end of the year.



Sting

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. (AP) — The losers in a medical malpractice trial claim in a request for a new trial that an episode of the TV series "L.A. Law" influenced the jurors to vote against them.

In a motion filed Friday, a lawyer representing a man whose wife died after a 1981 gallbladder operation suggested jurors were influenced by the Dec. 7 episode, which portrayed a doctor wrongfully accused of malpractice.

The jury in the case of widower Jacob Klein vs. Drs. Harvey O. Kaiser and Theodore D. Aylward decided on Dec. 8 that the doctors were not at fault in the death of Lillian Klein.

"The show was pure and simple propaganda for doctors defending malpractice cases," said the motion filed on Klein's behalf by Miami lawyer David F. Ennis.

"In effect, the defendant(s) had substantial additional time for argument made through trained, sympathetic, well-liked, well-known actors," the motion said.

"It is highly probable, and more likely than not, in light of 'L.A. Law's' nationwide popularity, that one or more jurors viewed this segment ... or even discussed same among them," Ennis concluded.

Tampa lawyer William Hahn, who defended Aylward, said he thought the motion was humorous.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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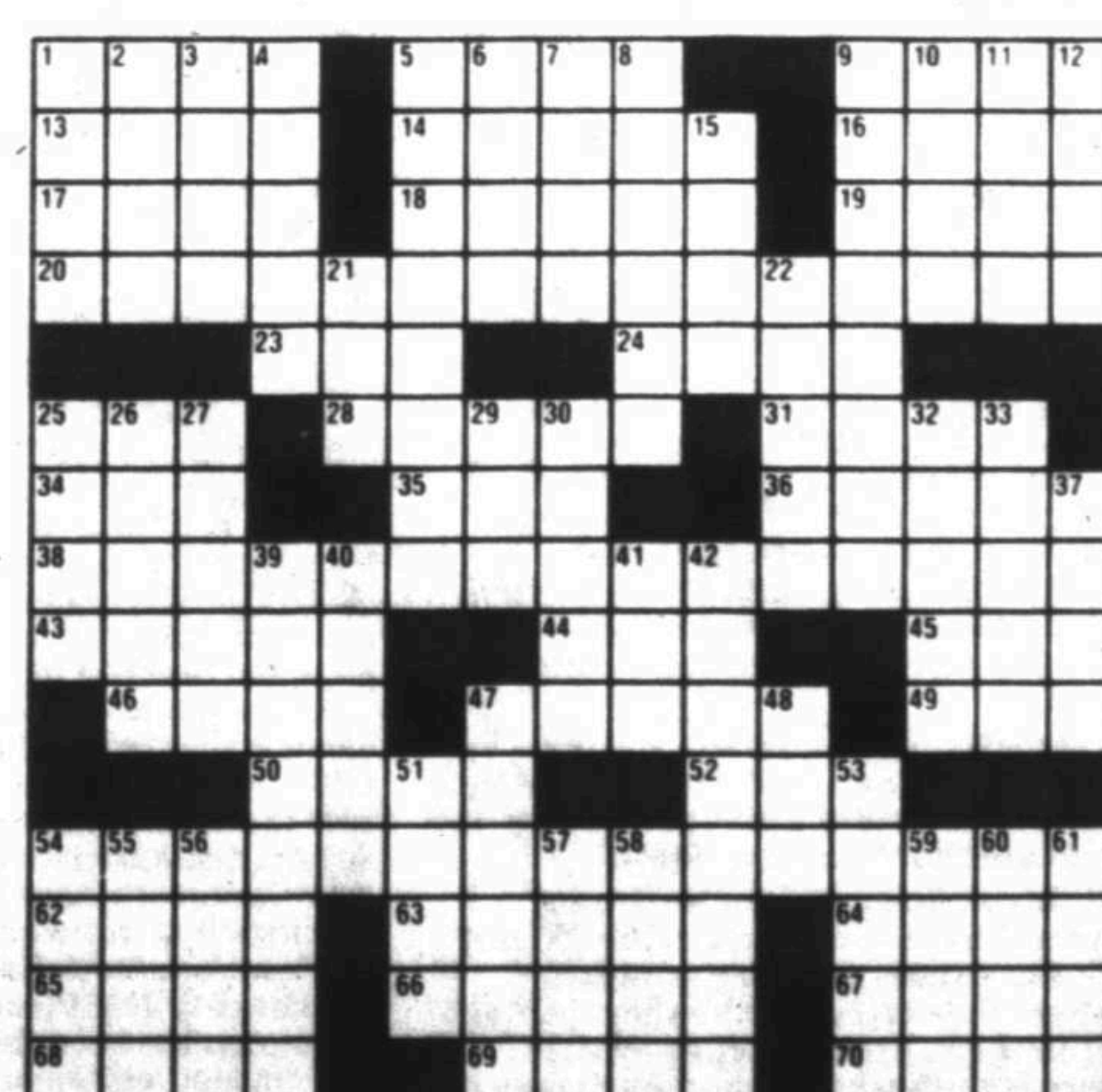
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Rural America has housing crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly three of every four rural households pay more for housing than the government considers affordable, with about a quarter of all rural residents living in substandard dwellings, says a new report.

"To many Americans, the low-income housing crisis is primarily an urban problem, calling up visions of homeless men and women sleeping on steam grates and of families in city welfare hotels," said Robert Greenstein, director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

"Yet in rural America, too, there is a crisis in housing for low-income people," Greenstein said.

His organization and the Housing Assistance Council coauthored the report released Thursday.

Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., said the report demonstrates the need for his rural housing legislation.

Sanford has introduced a bill that would increase funding for Farmers Home Administration rural housing programs by \$500 million over two years, targeting rural communities that traditionally do not get much help from the federal government.

"In my home state of North Carolina, 12 rural counties have poverty rates over 20 percent and occupied substandard housing rates over 10 percent," said Sanford. "Some 100,000 North Carolina households still use outhouses."

The report found that 42 percent of rural poor households spent at least half of their income on housing in 1985, the most recent year for

which data is available. It said 26 percent spent 70 percent or more for housing.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has standards that say housing is not considered affordable unless it is 30 percent or less of a family's income.

While an earlier Department of Agriculture study showed it's more expensive to live in urban areas, the study released by the two organizations Thursday says more rural residents live in substandard housing than city dwellers.

According to the report, the worst rural housing is in the South.

The study showed that 83 percent of all rural housing units with rats were in the South, as were 79 percent of the homes with inadequate

waste disposal, 73 percent with holes in the floor, 61 percent with inadequate heating, 53 percent with cracks in the walls and 52 percent with inadequate water supplies.

The study was based on data released in February 1989 by the Bureau of the Census and HUD in a study called the American Housing Survey of the United States in 1985.

The Center for Budget and Policy Priorities is an independent research organization that specializes in issues affecting low- and moderate-income groups.

The Housing Assistance Council promotes development of low-income rural housing through seed-money loans, technical assistance, research and information.

'Texas-size' collapse not likely for rest of nation

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Robert L. Clarke, the comptroller of the currency, says that bank problems with bad real estate loans were growing but were not yet serious enough to cause losses of the magnitude that led to the collapse of large Texas banks a few years ago.

Clarke, the primary regulator of national banks, said at a breakfast meeting with reporters, "I don't see where we are looking at a systemic problem."

Although weakness in many real estate markets, particularly in the Northeast, has caused prices of most bank stocks to fall sharply, Clarke said that not all banks were exposed to great loss from real estate lending.

Even among banks facing the greatest losses, he said, "at this time" he does not expect a flurry of failures.

In New England, where declining prices for real estate and slow sales of recently completed projects have caused large losses at many banks, Clarke said the problem was not so serious as in Texas.

Both Texas and New England have suffered from overbuilding, he said, but Texas was hit by the additional shock of a heavy loss of jobs in the energy industry. That sent tremors through other sectors of the Texas economy, making the decline in real estate markets even more severe.

In New England, Clarke said, there has been no comparable shock.

As teams of bank examiners visit banks with the largest portfolios of troubled real estate loans, the comptroller's office is collecting more data than ever before about market conditions. It will use those figures to estimate which banks are most vulnerable to loss and how severe their problems might be.

Information about real estate prices for 15 different kinds of properties is collected from sales of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and other sources.

EEC agrees to consult on product standards

N.Y. Times News Service

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The 12 nations of the European Community and the six members of the European Free Trade Association agreed Tuesday, as expected, to intensify negotiations about setting up a common economic space with minimal trade barriers.

In a small step toward that goal, the community and the free trade association — comprising Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland and Austria — also agreed to a pact that requires the community to consult with those six nations before introducing technical standards on products.

Companies in the free-trade association's member nations have complained that they are handicapped when competing in European Community markets because standards have been adopted without consulting them.

Members of the free-trade association said they hoped to conclude the broader agreement within a year.

But Frans Andriessen, commissioner for external affairs of the European Community, said he doubted an agreement would be reached

next year. He said a more important deadline would be the end of 1992, by which time the community plans to remove all internal trade barriers.

The free-trade association already has a privileged trading status with the community in that its member nations can export industrial goods — but not agricultural products — to the community duty-free.

The agreement the two sides hope to reach would expand upon this and would aim to create free movement of goods, capital, people and services within the 18 nations, which have a total population of 350 million.

Among the most difficult subjects to be negotiated would be how the six nations could help shape decisions by the European Community while it maintains independence of decision making, as it seeks.

The community is also eager for the six nations to contribute money to an existing aid program in which the wealthier community nations provide aid to poorer members, including Portugal and Greece.

The two sides have not agreed on what mechanism or judicial body should be used to resolve commercial and other disputes between them.

Shoplifting a major war for stores

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Jack Smith takes his job as loss prevention manager for K mart so seriously he sees the store as a battlefield. But 34-year-old Smith is also able to enjoy his work because he believes he is as good at what he does as some shoplifters are at what they do.

"It's like a different game every day when it comes to catching shoplifters," Smith said. "It's a never-ending story. There's a battle being fought inside every retail store in this country between the good guys and the bad guys."

As prevention loss manager for K mart on Eastex Freeway, Smith is trained in techniques the corporation uses to prevent thefts. For every thief they catch, the store assumes there are 20 who get away, representing huge losses for K mart as a whole.

"We have cameras and mirrors but still that is not enough," said store manager Earl Gates. "We probably catch less than 5 percent of total shoplifters."

During 1989 alone, the store lost more than \$150,000 in damaged inventory and shoplifting, Gates said. That represents almost 1 percent of yearly sales, which totals nearly \$15 million. Out of the 1 percent, half of that was paper and inventory waste and the rest was because of employee theft and shoplifting, he said.

"Most of our shoplifting is done by women," he said. "You know there's something wrong when they spend most of the time looking at employ-



Jack Smith, K mart's loss prevention manager in Beaumont, Texas uses a hunting rifle scope to

watch aisles for shoplifters. Shoplifting is a major problem during the holiday season.

ees rather than merchandise." Industry experts say Beaumont retail stores lose more than \$1 million

collectively because of inventory waste and shoplifting. "The figure is particularly high because of the

drug problem in the area," Gates said. "The shoplifting is very organized in the area."

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Arbitration procedures still stand

BY BILL DOYLE

Q. You often advise your readers who have disputes with brokers to take their cases to arbitration. You have explained that all stock exchanges and the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD) have arbitration procedures and that the investor can use any one of those forums, even if the stock involved is traded on a different exchange.

Furthermore, you have stressed that, if the brokerage firm is a member of the American Stock Exchange, the customer can seek arbitration through the American Arbitration Association.

Well, I recently read an article stating that the American Exchange has changed its constitution to remove the clause allowing investors to use that "Amex window."

Doesn't this mean aggrieved brokerage customers will have to depend on the "federal mercies" of securities industry arbitration panels, where they often get the short end of the stick? How can brokers get away with this? Where is the Securities and Exchange Commission, that so-called guardian of the investing public?

A. Calm down. In order, the quick answers to your three questions are: no; they can't; the SEC is reviewing the situation. The part of that article you mention contained grievous errors.

The Grinch did not steal Christmas. The

American Stock Exchange has not changed its constitution to close the so-called Amex window.

That exchange has proposed a rule change aimed at clarifying a customer's right to use American Arbitration Association procedures — not to take away that right.

The proposed rule has been sent to the SEC, which must approve all rule changes of stock exchanges and the NASD, the securities industry's self-regulatory organizations — "SROs," for short. The SEC has put the proposed rule out for comment by anyone who is interested and is expected to act on it in about a month.

Assuming the SEC approves the rule change, a customer of a brokerage firm member of the American Stock Exchange will still be able to take his or her dispute through American Arbitration Association procedures — unless the "Customer's Agreement" he or she signed, specifically states arbitration must be handled by New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange or NASD panels.

But that has been the situation all along. The "model" customer's agreement drawn up by the Securities Industry Association and used at many brokerage firms does not preclude use of the American Arbitration Association.

Q. Having come into an inheritance, including stocks, bonds and a goodly amount of money, I intend to open an account at a large brokerage house.

The broker assigned to me gave me a customer's agreement to sign. Before I sign anything, I have my attorney review it. He says the agreement is OK. Nonetheless, I have a question for you. Is there any "red flag" I should look for in that agreement?

A. Not really, if it is the model agreement widely used in the securities business. But I'll offer two notes of caution.

Read the agreement carefully to make sure it does not limit you to arbitration through stock exchange and NASD panels. If you ever have to go to the mat with your broker, you might prefer to use the American Arbitration Association, through which many brokerage customers feel they get a fairer shake.

And don't sign anything giving the broker "discretionary authority" to buy and sell without your specific approval of each transaction.

Q. If I have a dispute with my broker, why can't I sue, rather than go through arbitration?

A. You can, if you have not signed an agreement to use arbitration. But if there is a clause in your customer's agreement stating that arbitration must be used, you can't use the courts. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled on that twice.

Doyle welcomes written questions, but he can provide answers only through the column.

MARKETS

Oil prices retreat in thin trading

NEW YORK (AP) — Energy futures prices were generally lower in thin trading Friday as investors squared their positions in advance of the long holiday weekend.

Home heating oil prices, which surged in recent weeks as the temperature plunged, were mixed with the January and February contracts rising in anticipation of increased demand and the later months declining. The January contract rose 1.93 cents to settle at \$1.74 cents a gallon on the New York Mercantile Exchange after rising more than 4 cents on Thursday.

Crude oil and gasoline futures prices fell across the board.

The February contract for West Texas Intermediate, the leading grade of U.S. crude, fell 23 cents to \$21.29 per 42-gallon barrel after rising 31 cents in Thursday's session. The January contract for wholesale unleaded gasoline was down 0.18 cent after soaring 2.41 cents on Thursday.

William Byers, an oil market analyst with Bear Stearns & Co., said investors were liquidating contracts before the three-day

CRUDE OIL

SPOT MARKET

W.T. INTERMEDIATE

■ Friday's Close \$21.30
■ Previous Close \$21.50
■ One Year Ago N/A

W.T. SOUR

■ Friday's Close N/A
■ Previous Close \$19.95-20.00
■ One Year Ago N/A

SOURCE: NYMEX

POSTED PRICE

■ Last Week \$20.50
■ Previous Week \$19.75
■ One Year Ago \$15.00

Christmas holiday weekend because of forecasts of warmer weather in the Northeast. Trading was thin and the markets closed early.

Dollar falls in pre-Christmas trading

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar tumbled Friday in abbreviated pre-Christmas foreign-exchange trading, weighed down by continuing demand for the West German mark and expectations that U.S. interest rates are headed lower.

Gold prices edged higher in New York after turning in a mixed performance overseas. Republic National Bank in New York quoted an after-hours bid for a troy ounce of gold at \$413.75 as of 1 p.m. EST, up from \$412.20 late Thursday.

Traders said the dollar was little affected by the continuing U.S. intervention in Panama and the fall Friday of Nicolae Ceausescu, the long-time Romanian leader.

The currency markets finished the trading day at around midday, several hours earlier than normal as traders got a headstart on the three-day holiday weekend.

The dollar traded in a range early and fell off late in the session," said Jeff Mondschien, managing director of foreign exchange for Continental Bank in Chicago.

But he cautioned against reading much into the decline, saying trading was so light that a few orders were all that was needed to move the market.

The underlying factors that have affected the dollar for the past few days — a weakening U.S. economy and the expectation that interest rates are headed lower — continued to depress the currency, Mondschien said. Falling interest rates hurt the dollar by cutting yields foreigners can get on dollar-denominated investments.

In Europe, dealers said the dollar was hurt by the strength of the mark and said that as the dollar fell below the 1.7250 mark level, dealers who had instructions from some customers to sell dollars at that level began executing those orders.

But trading activity also was curtailed in Europe, as most major banks cut the trading day short in advance of the Christmas holiday.

In Tokyo, the dollar fell 0.10 Japanese yen to close at 143.67 yen. Later, in London, the dollar was quoted at 143.05 yen. In New York, the dollar fell to 142.35 yen from 143.65 yen late Thursday.

The dollar also lost ground against the British pound. In London, the pound rose to \$1.6205 from \$1.6125 late Thursday. Sterling rose to \$1.6245 in New York from \$1.6145 late Thursday.

Selected dollar rates in New York, compared with late rates Thursday, included: 1.7070 West German marks, down from 1.7260; 1.5490 Swiss francs, down from 1.5580; 5.8345 French francs, down from 5.8910; 1.2775 Italian lire, down from 1.2855; and 1.1592 Canadian dollars, down from 1.1587.

Other afternoon dollar rates in Europe, compared with late rates Thursday, included: 1.7090 West German marks, down from 1.7250; 1.5475 Swiss francs, down from 1.5575; 5.8385 French francs, down from 5.8955; 1.9330 Dutch guilders, down from 1.9560; 1.2775 Italian lire, down from 1.2875; and 1.1585 Canadian dollars, down from 1.1605.

On New York's Commodity Exchange, gold for current delivery rose \$1.30 a troy ounce to \$413.20.

Earlier, gold fell to a late bid of \$412.25 a troy ounce in London, down from \$412.75 late Thursday. In Zurich, Switzerland, the metal finished at \$413 an ounce for the third session in a row.

Gold rose 33 cents in Hong Kong to close at \$411.69 an ounce.

Silver rose 1.7 cents a troy ounce to \$5.56 on the Comex in New York. Silver rose in London to a late bid of \$5.38 a troy ounce from Thursday's \$5.57.

Stocks climb 20 points

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices rose in quiet preholiday trading today, aided by what analysts described as year-end "bargain hunting."

Traders appeared to be doing some last-minute shopping among recently depressed stocks, hoping that the market will gather strength after the pressure of tax selling is lifted with the arrival of the new year.

At the same time, however, the rally bid was faced with an obstacle in the form of the Commerce Department's report that new factory orders for durable goods rose 5.1 percent last month.

That increase contrasted sharply with advance estimates of little or no change in orders for relatively high-priced, long-lasting goods.

The suggestion it carried of unexpectedly brisk economic activity helped push interest rates higher in the credit markets.



The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials climbed 20.26 to 2,711.38, cutting its loss for the week to 28.16 points.

BUSINESS FACT

Staying at Walt Disney World and EPCOT

About 3,500 new rooms will be added to the Walt Disney World theme park's hotel system. Disney will have 8,684 hotel rooms and 1,190 campsites available by the end of 1990.

Disney-run resorts and campgrounds at Disney World and EPCOT Center

RESORT HOTEL	ROOMS
Contemporary Resort Hotel	1,052
Polynesian Village	855
Disney Inn	284
Grand Floridian Beach Resort	900
Caribbean Beach Resort	2,112

CAMPITES

Port Wilderness Campground	1,190
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OPENING 1990

Walt Disney World Dolphin	1,510
Walt Disney World Swan	767
Yacht Club Resort	834
Beach Club Resort	580

SOURCE: Walt Disney World



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Stroh to shut down Van Nuys brewery

N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Stroh Brewery Co. has announced plans to close its Van Nuys brewery in February and lay off the plant's 390 workers. Closure of the San Fernando Valley facility was expected for several months because it operates at only 50 percent of capacity, Stroh spokeswoman Lacey Logan said Tuesday.

"This announcement comes in the light of very intense competition within the brewing industry and declining market share for Stroh in the West," she said.

Stroh now holds about 11 percent of the beer market nationwide, trailing Anheuser-Busch Co.'s 41 percent share and Miller Brewing Co.'s 21 percent share.

The privately held company faces high costs and weak profits, analysts say. In 1989, it had the capacity to bottle 25.7 million barrels of beer and other beverages but sold only about 18 million to 19 million barrels, according to Beer Marketer's Insights, a West Nyack, N.Y., industry newsletter.

The Van Nuys plant brews 2.9 million barrels a year. "They need to save money," said Benj Steinman, associate publisher of the newsletter. "In fact, they almost have no choice. They have declining sales volume. They are lean in staff. They are facing a tough battle for market share and they don't have a lot of money."

A \$425 million deal to sell most of Stroh's breweries to Coors Brewing Co. fell through earlier this month for undisclosed reasons.

Under terms of the failed deal, Coors had an option to buy the Van Nuys brewery. But Coors indicated that it was not interested in purchasing the plant.

Logan said Stroh and Coors still are negotiating for a possible future sale.

The Van Nuys shutdown will take two weeks, with bottling ending Feb. 16, Logan said. By March 2, it will be completely closed.

Severance pay for the plant's approximately 290 hourly employees will be negotiated with Teamsters union Local 896, Logan said. For the 100 salaried workers, severance pay is based on number of years of service.

Calls to local union officials were not returned on Tuesday.

The brewery has not decided what it will do with the site. "To date no other brewer has expressed interest in the facility," Logan said, leading some analysts to speculate that the property will be bought not as a brewery but for its real estate value.

Stroh made the announcement this week, just days before Christmas, in response to employee concerns.

"There were a lot of rumors being circulated," Logan said. "Employees wanted to know their fate as soon as possible, before Christmas."

Logan said the brewery will help employees find new jobs, with counseling, retraining and job placement services. It will continue to assist former employees into the summer of next year, if necessary, she said.

VALDEZ LEGAL TANGLE

Valdez spill presents legal tangle

Lawsuits proliferate after spill

By BARNABY J. FEDER
N.Y. Times News Service

Oil tanker spills, when they happen, present a myriad of legal problems for oil companies. There have been nine major oil spills in the U.S. and ten worldwide. Each one has presented its own particular set of legal problems. The Exxon Valdez is proving to be no exception.

Can a bartender in Anchorage claim damages for tips he might have received from fishermen thrown out of work as a result of the Exxon Valdez spill?

What about California drivers who had to pay sharply higher gasoline prices after the Valdez grounding temporarily closed the port of Valdez and interrupted the flow of North Slope oil to California refineries?

And how about citizens of other states who have no plans to ever visit Alaska, but who, because of the spill, no longer have the knowledge that they could visit an unspoiled region.

What of the "bequest value" such knowledge would bring to future generations?

These are just a few of the legal questions stemming from the grounding of the Valdez in Prince William Sound on March 24 and the disgorgement of 11 million gallons of Alaskan crude oil into its pristine waters.

The lawsuits began proliferating within days of the spill as lawyers from across the nation rushed to the scene.

"One of the mayors up there told me that the only thing worse than the oil hitting the shore was the wave of gray-flanneled lawyers that came next," said T. Barry Kingham, a lawyer with the New York firm of Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt and Mosie.

Kingham is not involved with the Exxon litigation but is one of many lawyers who expects it to drag on into the next century.

And he is in a better position than most to know why. He represents the French fishermen and villagers suing Amoco in the still unsettled litigation in the United States District Court in Chicago that began 11 years ago when the Amoco Cadiz ran aground off the Brittany coast.

The Amoco Cadiz case involved a spill seven times larger than the one in Alaska, but the latter may well involve more extensive environmental damage and more complicated interactions between state and federal law.

Already, it involves far more types of plaintiffs and byzantine negotiations among high-powered law firms from all over the country over how to share both the work and control over litigation strategy.

"You have to ask whether the legal system is set up to cope with something like this," Kingham said. So far, nearly 150 lawsuits have been filed in Anchorage against the Exxon Corp., its subsidiaries and its partners in the Alaska pipeline.

The state court cases have been consolidated for pre-trial motions and discovery (the process of gathering evidence and pre-trial testimony) before Judge Brian C. Shortell under the name Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation.

The federal cases have been consolidated for the same purposes before United States District Court Judge H. Russell Holland under the name Seahawk Seafoods Inc. vs. the Exxon Corp.

Related actions have been filed on behalf of oil consumers in California and by Exxon shareholders against the company's directors.

Lawyers have also been busy with administrative hearings before groups like the National Transportation Safety Board, grand jury investigations of possible criminal conduct by Exxon and the Valdez officers, and executing thousands of contracts to hire people to help with the cleanup.

Some lawyers involved say that the Exxon Valdez matter is, in many respects, not a particularly difficult challenge.

Richard Gerry, a San Diego lawyer who is a co-chairman of the committee of plaintiffs' lawyers trying to coordinate most of the litigation, said: "We have got one thing — oil. Whose is it? Exxon's. How did it get there? We all know."

Gerry and other environmental lawyers compare that situation with the numbingly complex cases stemming from liability for pollution from waste disposal sites, in which a wide variety of pollutants have been deposited over a long period of time from many sources, some of them, unknown.

But even he concedes that it may be years before the extent of damages from the Valdez spill can be determined.

And while the oil was Exxon's, much of the damage may be traceable to the dismal failure of early efforts to contain and clean up the spill.

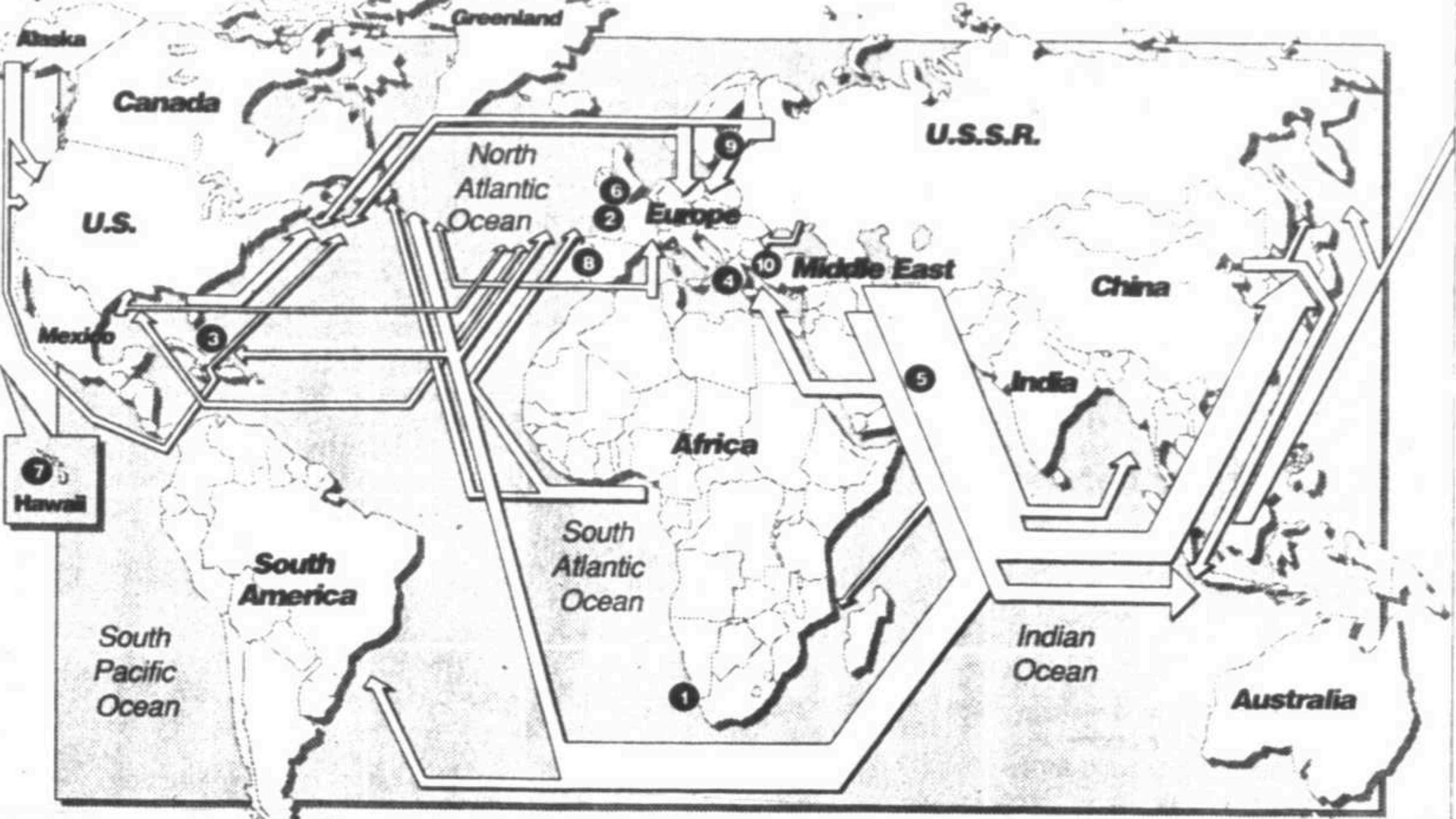
That has drawn Exxon's partners in the Alaska pipeline into the case as defendants because Alyeska, the pipeline company, was responsible for preparations to respond to a spill. To complicate matters further, Exxon has filed a counterclaim arguing that the State of Alaska is liable for the damages because it blocked an Exxon plan to break up the slick with chemical dispersants.

In addition, it is not clear where the courts will look to figure out who is responsible and what kind of damages they might be forced to pay.

Exxon's liability may be limited to the extent that maritime law gov-

World oil tanker routes and spills

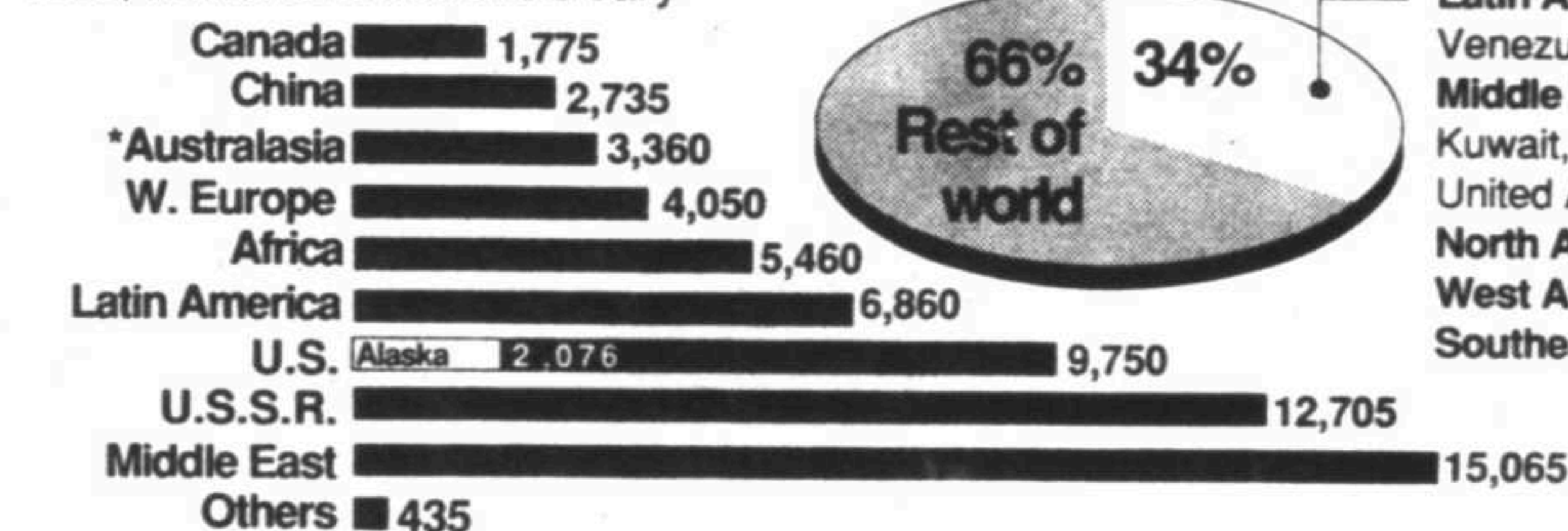
Here is a look at the major tanker routes and the 10 largest oil spills in world history. The width of the arrows is proportionate to the quantity of oil exported. The Middle East dominates oil exports by sea.



DATE	TANKER	LOCATION	GALLONS SPILLED IN MILLIONS	CAUSE
1 8/6/83	Castillo de Bellver	Capetown, South Africa	79	Breakup, fire, sinking
2 3/16/78	Amoco Cadiz	Brittany, France	68	Grounding
3 7/19/79	Atlantic Empress	North of Tobago	43	Collision, explosion, fire
4 2/23/80	Irenes Serenade	Pilos, Greece	37	Explosion, fire, sinking
5 12/19/72	Sea Star	Gulf of Oman	36	Collision
6 3/18/67	Torrey Canyon	Isles of Scilly, U.K.	36	Grounding
7 2/25/77	Hawaiian Patriot	West of Honolulu	31	Explosion, fire
8 5/12/76	Urquile	La Coruna, Spain	30	Grounding, explosion
9 3/2/70	Othello	Vaxholm, Sweden	30	Collision
10 11/15/79	Independenta	Istanbul, Turkey	29	Collision, explosion, fire

Daily world oil production

1988, in thousands of barrels daily



OPEC countries:

Latin America: Ecuador, Venezuela
Middle East: Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates
North Africa: Algeria, Libya
West Africa: Gabon, Nigeria
Southeast Asia: Indonesia

* Australia and New Zealand
SOURCES: The Seattle Times, Golubs Oil Pollution Bulletin; British Petroleum Statistical Review of World Energy - June 1989

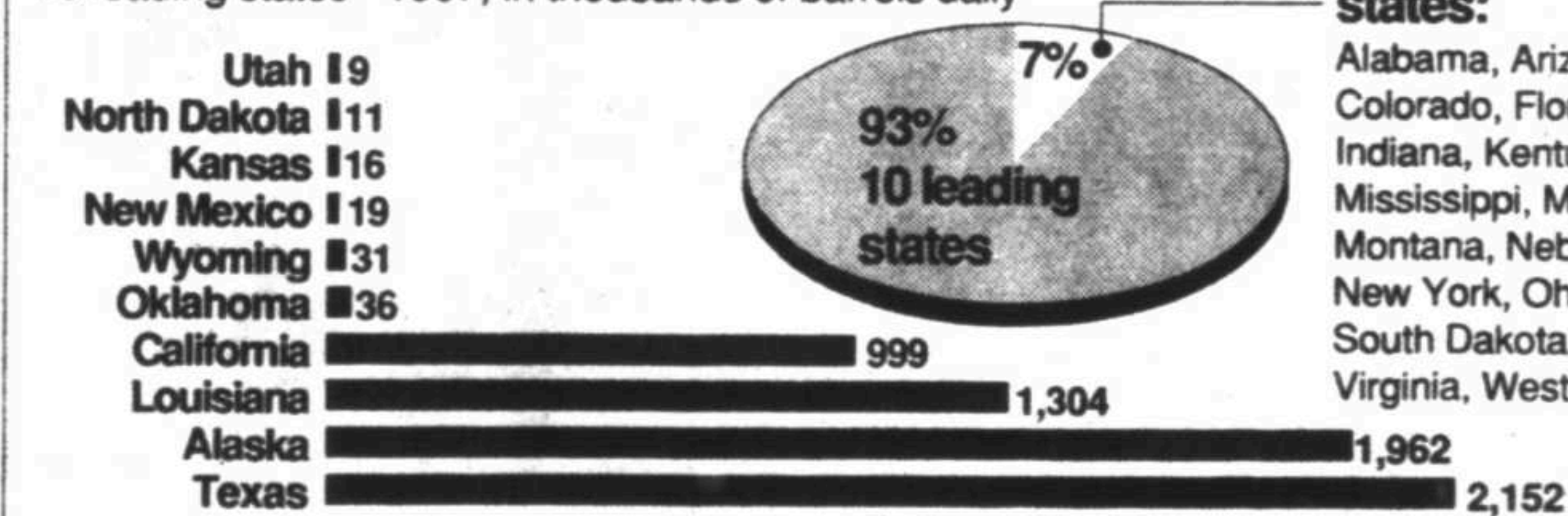
U.S. oil spills by oil tankers

Here is a look at the nine largest U.S. oil spills, exceeding 1 million gallons, by tankers recorded since 1971.

DATE	TANKER	LOCATION	GALLONS SPILLED IN MILLIONS	CAUSE
1 3/24/89	Exxon Valdez	Prince William Sound, Alaska	11.1	Grounding
2 11/1/79	Burmah Agate	Galveston Bay, Texas	10.7	Collision, fire, explosion
3 3/27/71	Texaco Oklahoma	North Carolina	9.0	Spill in half
4 12/15/76	Argo Merchant	S.E. Massachusetts	7.6	Grounding
5 7/30/84	Alvenus	Cameron, La.	2.8	Grounding
6 10/31/84	Puerto Rican	San Francisco, Calif.	2.0	Explosion, fire
7 3/31/82	Arkis	Montz, La.	1.47	Collision, fire
8 11/20/80	Georgia	Pilotown, La.	1.3	Holed by anchor chain
9 1/28/81	Olympic Glory	Galveston Bay, Texas	1.0	Collision

Daily U.S. oil production

10 leading states - 1987, in thousands of barrels daily



SOURCES: The Seattle Times, Golubs Oil Pollution Bulletin; U.S. Department of Energy

Other oil-producing states:

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

al Wildlife Federation and the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund.

The environmentalists have filed suits of their own and want a major say in how the litigation proceeds.

The National Wildlife Federation asked in state court that damages be put into a fund to restore the affected area or, where that is not possible, to buy and protect comparable resources.

The federation's lawyers contend that those injured include even citizens who have no plans to ever visit Alaska because simply knowing that an unsullied region is there for future generations has a value, known as the bequest value, that a jury can estimate when presented with economic studies.

The Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, in behalf of nine groups, seeks to have the federal court order Exxon to present plans for continuing its cleanup next spring and to rule on whether they meet federal standards.

The first job facing the plaintiffs attorneys was to propose to the judges how they could be organized into a committee, a common method of managing complex cases with many plaintiffs.

Their initial proposal was carefully balanced between the class-action groups and direct-action lawyers with lesser roles for the environmental lawyers, who had filed suits only a short time before the plan was presented at an unusual joint sitting of the state and federal courts.

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COMPUTER NOTES

New 'bus architecture' standards divide industry

By PAUL H. PAUSE

A couple of the latest "alphabet soup" phrases you're likely to come across if you've been looking into buying a new computer system or just browsing through some of the PC mags are "EISA" and "MCA."

These acronyms refer to some recent developments in what is simply termed "bus architecture."

A bus is simply a pathway between hardware devices. We tend to lose sight of the fact that almost everything the computer does involves moving a LOT of information — data and instructions — between various components. Things happen so quickly and "behind the scenes" without any involvement from us, that we don't really think about how the computer is operating.

For example, the simple task of putting a single letter on the screen is many times more complicated than the equivalent action of typing a character on an electric typewriter.

On the typewriter, we touch a key and an electric circuit linked to the print head causes the proper figure to slam against a ribbon and leave its impression on a piece of paper.

In a computer, however, there is no straight-forward electro-mechanical link between the key and the screen. The screen itself doesn't "know" what the letter "a" is supposed to look like! A PROGRAM has to interpret everything going on at any time anywhere in the computer. This is what we tend to forget. Programs control EVERYTHING the computer does, and this necessarily creates some complicated data handling requirements.

When we type the letter "a" on the keyboard, for example, the electrical impulses are interpreted by a program which then looks in a data bank and retrieves the code that corresponds to the key we pressed on the keyboard.

Another program, a device driver, processes this information and sends it along with the proper impulses so that your CRT lights up the correct dots on the screen to create the letter "a".

All this happens very quickly, obviously, and this is one of the wonders of our personal computers. All the "action" takes place behind the scenes, though, and we just happily watch the letters appear on the screen.

The process just described involves the movement of a lot of information — data AND instructions — between the keyboard and memory, between data banks and memory, and between memory and output ports.

The electrical inner- and inter-connections that handle — and control — this flow of information is called a "bus," and the overall design of this circuitry is called the "architecture."

In PCs, then, bus architecture refers to the common pathways, or channels, between the CPU, memory banks, and peripheral control units (e.g., disk controllers, printers, modems). When you add a board to your system, for more memory, a mouse, a video adapter, a modem, etc., it is plugged into the bus.

IBM defined a standard design for 80286 computers when they introduced their AT. The AT bus was patterned after well-established (some would say "old") technology, and other computer manufacturers were able to incorporate a compatible design in their own machines.

This is necessary because of the intimate relationship between the programs that had to run on these "IBM compatible" computers and the hardware, including the bus, that they had to run on.

The AT system is a 16-bit bus which operates at 8 MHz, while 386 and 486 CPUs process 32-bit chunks of data at speeds as high as 33 MHz. This meant that a new bus architecture would have to be developed to take full advantage of the wider data path and higher speeds of the CPU.

IBM surprised everyone by introducing a completely new bus system called Micro Channel Architecture, or MCA for short. This is the design incorporated in all the high-end PS/2 models. What was even more surprising was that MCA was so totally different from earlier designs as to be totally incompatible with them! In other words, all those expansion boards that had been designed to fit in the "standard" AT architecture wouldn't work at all in the new machines.

EISA (generally pronounced "eesa") stands for Extended Industry Standard Architecture. EISA has been developed by a consortium of compatible computer makers, the so-called "Gang of Nine": Compaq, Hewlett-Packard, AST, Epson, Tandy, NEC, Zenith, Olivetti, and Wyse.

EISA is a bus standard that extends (rather than ignores) the AT bus architecture to 32 bits and allows more than one CPU to share the bus. Existing PC and AT boards can plug into an EISA slot.

Both bus designs have the same basic purpose: to provide a data path, or channel, which can move more information more reliably than the old AT bus.

There is a lot of debate going on right now over which, if either, of the designs offers any real technological advantages over the other. IBM, of course, claims the reason for abandoning the old standard and starting from scratch was to build in new and better capabilities and not be hampered by trying to accommodate the old order.

It has been suggested, however, that IBM's motives were not founded in technological advantages, but in monetary ones: the heavily-patented MCA will result in some lucrative licensing agreements for IBM from anyone wanting to manufacture an MCA-compatible clone. Was this an effort to eliminate, or at least control, competition from compatibles by designing a proprietary system?

It's interesting, too, that a recent review of four MCA-equipped systems revealed that "... not one of the clones was fully compatible." (PC World, January 1990) despite their reliance on IBM's license to provide the technology.

Perhaps it won't matter to you, or at least not now. The machines being delivered to take advantage of the "power and the promise" of the new designs are \$14,000 — \$20,000 workstations configured as multiuser network servers boasting lots of RAM and multiple hard drives.

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Pause

Oklahoma firm cranks out millions of candy canes

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Z.R. Gill walks through his empty factory, now a collection of silent machines torn apart and in pieces on the cold, concrete floor.

Workers here and there are busy with the grease-covered machinery. But Gill takes it all in stride. It's all in a day's work — in the candy cane business.

Gill's company makes a lot of candy canes, a million a day. At that pace, machines wear out. So for Gill and the Fine Candy Co., the time has come to rest.

The year's work is done. "We're the only company in the country that begins producing January 2 and starts shipping in August," boasts Gill, plant manager for Fine

Candy Oklahoma City. "We don't make anything but candy canes."

Fine Candy ships a mountain of candy canes for about five months starting in August.

Then the company shuts down for a few weeks to rebuild and repair until Jan. 2 — when they begin making the batch for the next Christmas.

Fine Candy is one of the largest makers of candy canes in the country, Gill explains. They make only candy canes and they're good at it.

During the production season, Gill runs shifts 20 hours a day and employs a total of 120 people.

The company was founded by J.D. Fine back in 1908, Gill says, and went through a period where they made all kinds of candy.

"During the war, when sugar was hard to get, they made marshmallows because they're made mostly with syrup," Gill said.

But in the early 1950s, Fine developed a machine that could mass produce candy canes and his company entered the candy cane business. Fine's machine was patented in 1952.

What the machine did simply was to take a hot stick of candy and put a crook in it, the crook that makes it a cane.

According to Gill, straight candy had been around since the 1800s, but the ability to mass produce cane-shaped candy didn't come until much later.

"There are people who believe that the shape of the candy cane is

derived from the shape of the staffs that the shepherds carried — back when Jesus was born," Gill says.

Which may help explain why candy canes now go hand in hand with Christmas. And according to Gill, about the only time anyone buys candy canes is during Christmas.

"You couldn't sell a candy cane on Jan. 2 to save your life," Gill says with a smile.

He doesn't have to worry. Gill has sold all his stock for this year. The only canes in his warehouses are those he'll use as samples at the National Candy Wholesaler's Association convention in February in San Francisco.

Gill says that's where all the action is — where most of next year's can-

dy canes will be sold.

And apparently Fine Candy's Oklahoma City location makes selling just a little easier.

Because Fine Candy is the farthest west of the large candy cane makers, Gill says he can ship to West Coast clients more cheaply than his competitors.

And Gill says candy cane customers are very loyal. So as long as he produces the goods, he's in business — literally.

It is taken for granted that the canes will taste good.

Gill said good candy canes start with the people who make them.

"They (candy makers) are extremely proud of the fact that there are not a whole lot of people that can

do this," Gill says. "The candy making itself is kind of an art form."

Gill says it takes at least one year to train a journeyman candymaker, and up to three years to train workers to make more elaborate Christmas candies.

The canes produced at Fine's come in half-ounce and one-ounce sizes.

Candy canes are composed of sugar and corn syrup. Gill said the proportion of the two ingredients means a lot to the consistency of the candy.

So the two ingredients, in the correct proportions, are mixed in huge vats, heated, and cooked into candy. Candy makers then add the appropriate coloring and flavors.

California growth seen as slowing

N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — A declining housing market and defense cutbacks are expected to slow California's economic growth in the 1990s to more moderate national levels, according to a new study by the UCLA Business Forecasting Project.

"The state is hampered by home prices that are nearly twice the national average, and if the economy slows, other states will begin to look more attractive," said David G. Hensley, the director of California forecasting for the project.

"California also suffers from fiscal gridlock and has spent inadequately on its infrastructure, including transportation."

Home construction in the state should drop to 169,000 units by 1992, compared with 228,100 this year. And prices will remain flat through at least 1993, according to the report, which was released Tuesday.

"The tremendous housing boom of the 1980s should be drawing to a close," Hensley said.

Meanwhile, improved relations with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe are expected to trim defense spending to less than 4 percent of the nation's gross national product from the current 6.2 percent level, according to the report.

By 1994, the number of defense industry workers in California is expected to fall to about 175,000, the report said, an 8.6 percent decline from 1987 when defense jobs made up about 2.2 percent of the state's employment.

The study also found:

— The state's unemployment rate should swell to 7.4 percent, up from the current 5.1 percent level.

— Total employment in California will increase by about 20 percent, bringing the number of workers to 15.2 million by the year 2000. Total employment rose 28 percent in the 1980s.

— California's population will grow more than 15 percent to 34.1 million by the turn of the century.

— The gross state product will top \$1 trillion, rising to \$1.5 trillion in 2000 from the current \$726 billion level.

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After weighing comments, including complaints from environmentalists, Holland recently criticized the plan in a blunt memo saying it did not give the environmental lawyers enough influence and was "top-heavy."

Some lawyers agreed. "It's overloaded with positions that have no purpose," said Leonard Ring, a well-known Chicago torts lawyer who dropped out after the plan was proposed in August. "It's going to be a difficult case to prepare because there's too much politics."

Exxon is keeping its views on such matters and its own litigation strategy close to the vest.

The company has a reputation for following a scorched earth policy to discourage claimants from trying to dig into what is one of America's deepest corporate pockets.

But unlike Amoco, which refused to pay damages to anyone for the French oil spill, Exxon has been quick to make payments to the groups most directly affected by the spill, like the fishermen.

"We have paid almost 10,000 claimants over \$130 million so far but have settled very few cases," said C. Kenneth Roberts, general counsel for Exxon USA, the Houston-based Exxon unit whose subsidiary, the Exxon Shipping Co., owned the tanker.

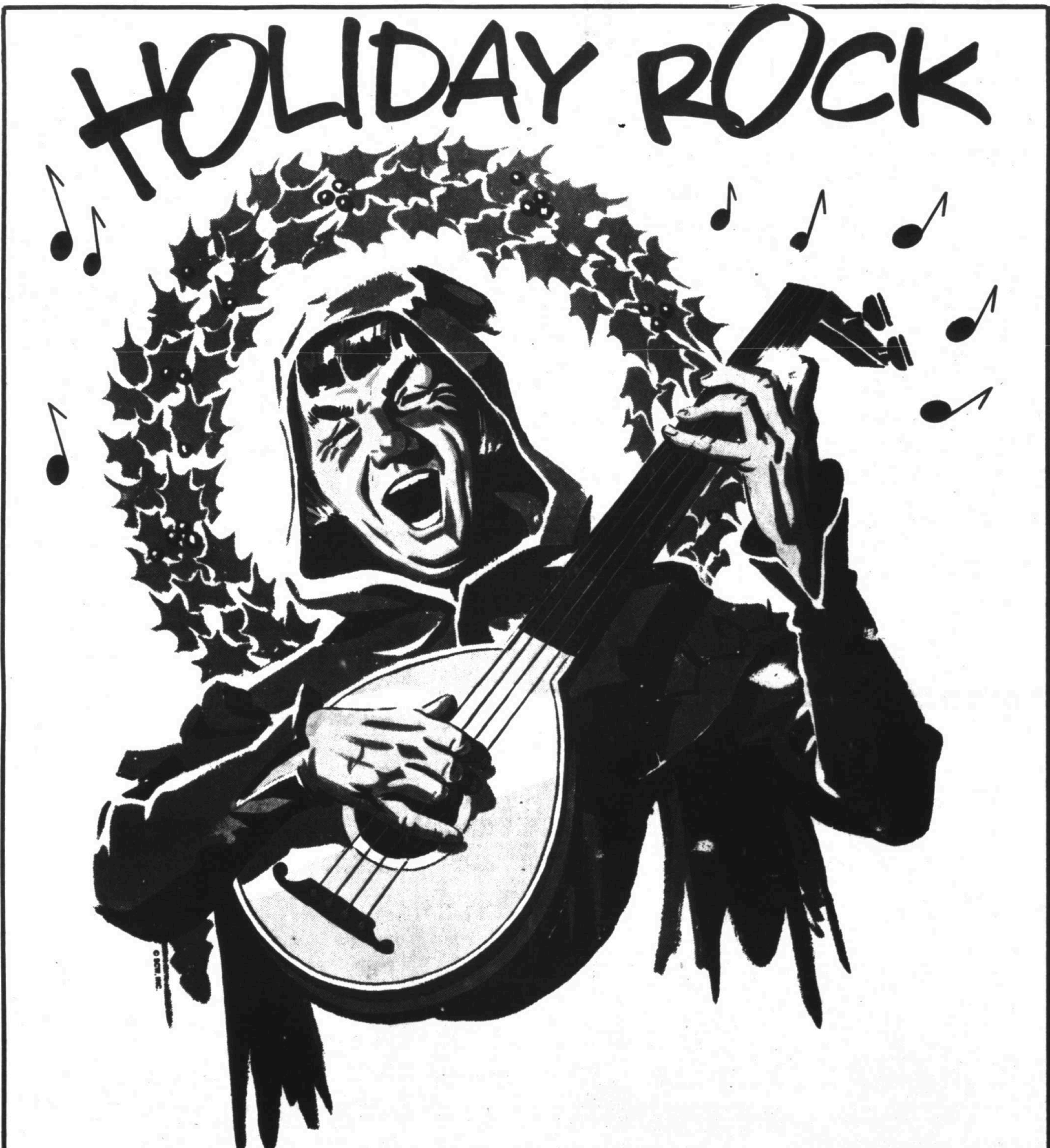
Exxon does expect the payments to be offset against damage awards. Plaintiffs' lawyers say Exxon has been cooperative so far. Thousands of documents have been exchanged in discovery though the court has not yet ordered it to begin.

Some believe the litigation will move rapidly if the judges push it because it provides bad publicity for Exxon each day that it lasts.

However, pleadings filed to date indicate that Exxon can be expected to fight fiercely to avoid punitive damages and to avoid liability to plaintiffs who claim indirect injuries, like bartender in Valdez or Anchorage.

Exxon USA has about 15 of its staff of 170 working on the litigation. The oil company and its subsidiaries also have outside counsel from a battery of prestigious firms, led by Bogle and Gates in Seattle and Anchorage and O'Melveny and Meyers in Los Angeles and Covington and Burling in Washington D.C.

One predictable form of legal fallout from the accident has been the suits filed in behalf of Exxon by its shareholders against the company's directors and senior management.



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PANAMA: 'Turnaround' claimed

Noriega's 'reign of terror over'

Bush applauds asylum bid

By BRYAN BRUMLEY

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush welcomed news that Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega had sought asylum at the Vatican mission in Panama City, declaring on Christmas Eve that the deposed dictator's "reign of terror is over."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said top Bush administration deputies were meeting into the night at the White House "considering an appropriate course of action for bringing him to justice."

U.S. military officers, meanwhile, hoped Noriega's action would "take the spirit to resist" out of loyalists still fighting in Panama, said a Pentagon spokesman, Col. Miguel Monteverde. He said it was not clear whether the development would hasten the withdrawal of U.S. troops.

Under international law, diplomatic missions are safe havens for those seeking asylum and Noriega is not the only prominent figure to take advantage of this convention. Since June, Chinese dissident Fang Lizhi has kept Chinese authorities at bay by taking refuge in the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

While Fitzwater said the administration wants to bring Noriega to justice, he declined to say whether that would involve a U.S. effort to gain custody of the general, who is under indictment in the United States on drug trafficking charges.

Earlier, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney had said it was uncertain whether the United States would seek to try Noriega or whether the new government in Panama would deal with him.

The Italian news agency ANSA quoted the papal nuncio in Panama City, Monignor Sebastiano Laboa, as indicating he would not hand over Noriega to the United States or the U.S.-installed government in Panama.

U.S. inability to capture Noriega had become a sore point for the administration, which earlier Sunday fended off criticism that civil order in Panama was being undermined by his continued freedom.

Bush was at the presidential retreat at Camp David when he got word Sunday afternoon of Noriega's request for asylum at the Vatican mission. In Washington, press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said on behalf of Bush: "We have been notified by the Papal Nuncio in Panama City that General Noriega has turned himself in at their embassy."

"I am pleased that the general is now under the control of diplomatic authorities. His reign of terror is over," said the statement. "As we work to help return law and order to Panama City, and as the government of President (Guillermo) Endara begins its work, the demise of General Noriega sends a strong signal that freedom and democracy in Panama



American soldiers and unidentified civilians stand at the entrance to the Vatican embassy in Panama City Sunday, awaiting

word on the surrender of ousted Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega, who surrendered to the papal nuncio on Christmas Eve.

Noriega's home seems 'ordinary'

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega allegedly earned millions helping Colombia's cocaine lords launder drug profits, but if that's true he didn't put too much of it into his house.

Compared to the extravagant mansions customary among Latin American dictators, the Noriega house is modest — a two-story affair in a neat, upper middle-class neighborhood. Its walls are painted white and topped by a red tile roof, classic tropical architecture.

"He would only say 'Hello,' very respectfully," said German Sanchez, 53, who was the military leader's next-door neighbor 16 years but was never formally introduced to him.

"You may think what you like of Noriega, but we can't say he was anything but respectful toward his neighbors," he said.

Sanchez's house is between Noriega's and a smaller house on a corner that Noriega also owned. "The servants and guests stayed there," Sanchez said.

Reporters allowed into the house Saturday did not find any evidence of voodoo or black magic, which Noriega was rumored to have practiced.

But the general apparently admired Napoleon Bonaparte and hung two pictures of the French emperor in his second-story study.

The house wraps around three sides of a 45-square-foot courtyard where a stone fountain was bubbling water.

A small room had been converted into a chapel. A six-foot crucifix hung on a wall behind an altar. An oil painting of St. George slaying the dragon hung on another wall.

Noriega seemed to be in the Christmas spirit. An eight-foot Christmas tree trimmed with stuffed dolls and other ornaments stood in a back terrace, next to a manger.

About two dozen cardboard boxes and black plastic garbage bags were stuffed with toys, games and gifts for children.

U.S. troops stormed the Noriega family home Wednesday, using stun grenades that shattered glass panes and hand-painted vases and flowerpots.

All the windows in Noriega's bedroom were blown away, as was most of the ceiling over his king-size bed.

One of two walk-in closets held a combination safe and a locked metal strongbox. The safe was open and empty, with two plastic bags of dehumidifying crystals inside. A bullet destroyed the keyhole of the metal cabinet.

Christmas dinner, carols planned for wounded troops

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — More than 100 soldiers who were injured in Panamanian fighting will celebrate Christmas in San Antonio military hospitals festooned with holiday decorations and gifts that have poured in from around the country.

"Everybody's been sending them Christmas cards, flowers and fruit baskets," said Senior Airman Cynthia Fontenot of Lackland Air Force Base, where Wilford Hall Medical Center is located.

"There's cases of cookies, potato chips, chocolate candies, shaving

cream, razors and different things," Ms. Fontenot said.

Another plane brought 11 more wounded troops Sunday morning. So far, 244 soldiers have been brought from Panama on seven planes since Wednesday. Three died en route and one died after arriving. Dozens have been transferred to other military hospitals or released to their units.

The census of wounded troops at Wilford Hall was 65 Sunday, while Brooke Army Medical Center across town at Fort Sam Houston was treat-

ing 47 soldiers, officials said.

At the Christmas Eve service at a Fort Sam Houston chapel, Chaplain Col. Larry Fridgen presided. During the service, he praised soldiers who had been wounded or lost their lives in Panama.

"They have cut out a force of evil that has haunted this world for some years now," he said. "We give thanks to God for what they have done for us."

The church had candlelit aisles, Christmas trees and holly. It was a

nondenominational service. About 300 people filled the sanctuary to capacity. No soldiers or their family members were present at the service.

Kitchen personnel in both hospitals began preparing a traditional Christmas meal for the soldiers.

Relatives of the soldiers have been treated to free lodging and rental cars from San Antonio companies, said Sgt. Maj. Raymond Morris at Brooke.

"All this is really unsolicited. We have asked for nothing and we have received so many things," Morris said.

He said about 20 families have used an assistance center at BAMC.

The Chamber of Commerce asked for donations for sweatshirts and tennis shoes for the soldiers at Saturday night's San Antonio Spurs game. The amount raised could not be immediately determined and chamber officials did not return a phone call Sunday.

Built-in risks accompany policy focusing on Noriega

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Manuel Antonio Noriega is the perfect villain — but there are drawbacks in a policy heavily hinged on the capture of one man, whatever his crimes.

One nagging administration problem was resolved on Christmas Eve when Noriega turned himself in to Vatican diplomats in Panama City, seeking asylum.

In power and in hiding, the Panamanian strongman had been taunting the United States for nearly three years.

That dilemma was resolved Sunday night, after a five-day U.S. manhunt in Panama, complete with a million dollar bounty.

The U.S. commander in Panama, when the White House announced that Noriega had turned up and turned himself in, not to U.S. forces

but to envoys of the Roman Catholic church.

The White House said "the demise of General Noriega" was a signal that the forces of democracy and freedom in Panama were on the rise.

Noriega apologists are certain to note that he was not captured and did not surrender to the American troops sent to Panama. They'll call it sanctuary, not surrender.

It also leaves open the question of whether Noriega ever will stand trial on U.S. drug indictments.

But those are technicalities; the administration already had indicated a willingness to spare him prosecution if he would yield power and get out of Panama.

And it hardly seems likely that a man like Noriega would have surrendered himself even to the sanctuary of the church had his position not become impotent and impossible.

Noriega had slipped away when

the U.S. intervened early last Wednesday and had eluded American forces for five days as the most wanted of men.

The plot in the Panama story has taken bizarre turns before, and the crafty, elusive target of a manhunt ordered by the White House could have gained a sort of perverse popularity among some Latin Americans had he remained at large, evading the Yankees.

The United States posted a \$1 million bounty for information leading to his arrest. President Bush said he wouldn't be satisfied until Noriega was brought to justice.

Noriega's capture was a major objective from the moment the American troops moved in at 1 a.m. last Wednesday.

"His picture will be in every post office in town," Bush said Thursday. "That's the way it works. He is a fugitive drug dealer and we want to see

him brought to justice."

Noriega's pockmarked face, brandished machete and defiance of his own countrymen when they voted for his opponents all add to the image of the prototype dictator. U.S. officials say there is evidence he meant to attack unarmed American civilians, that he was involved in voodoo or Satanism, that he admired Adolf Hitler, that he plotted a terrorist takeover of the Panama Canal.

Overall, hardly a sympathetic figure.

But there was a risk in a superpower policy centered on one man, even a man such as Noriega.

The White House bounty had made him a million-dollar man. American troops by the thousands couldn't take him, although the likelihood is that unless they had been closing in, Noriega would not have turned in his hand.

One man against all that might

was one man who could become a Latin legend, as outlaws sometimes do.

Noriega's decision to seek refuge with Vatican authorities should ease the crisis in Panama; he and his henchmen prolonged the agony with sniping, raids, looting, urban guerrilla warfare. Had he escaped to sanctuary with his Nicaraguan allies, it could have pointed to a war of words, even raids, against the new government in Panama.

Now that danger has eased. Stripped of power and confined to an embassy sanctuary, Noriega should fade to insignificance.

In the first Pentagon briefing on the Panama operation, Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Noriega had been decapitated as the leader of Panama. "Yesterday's maximum leader is to-

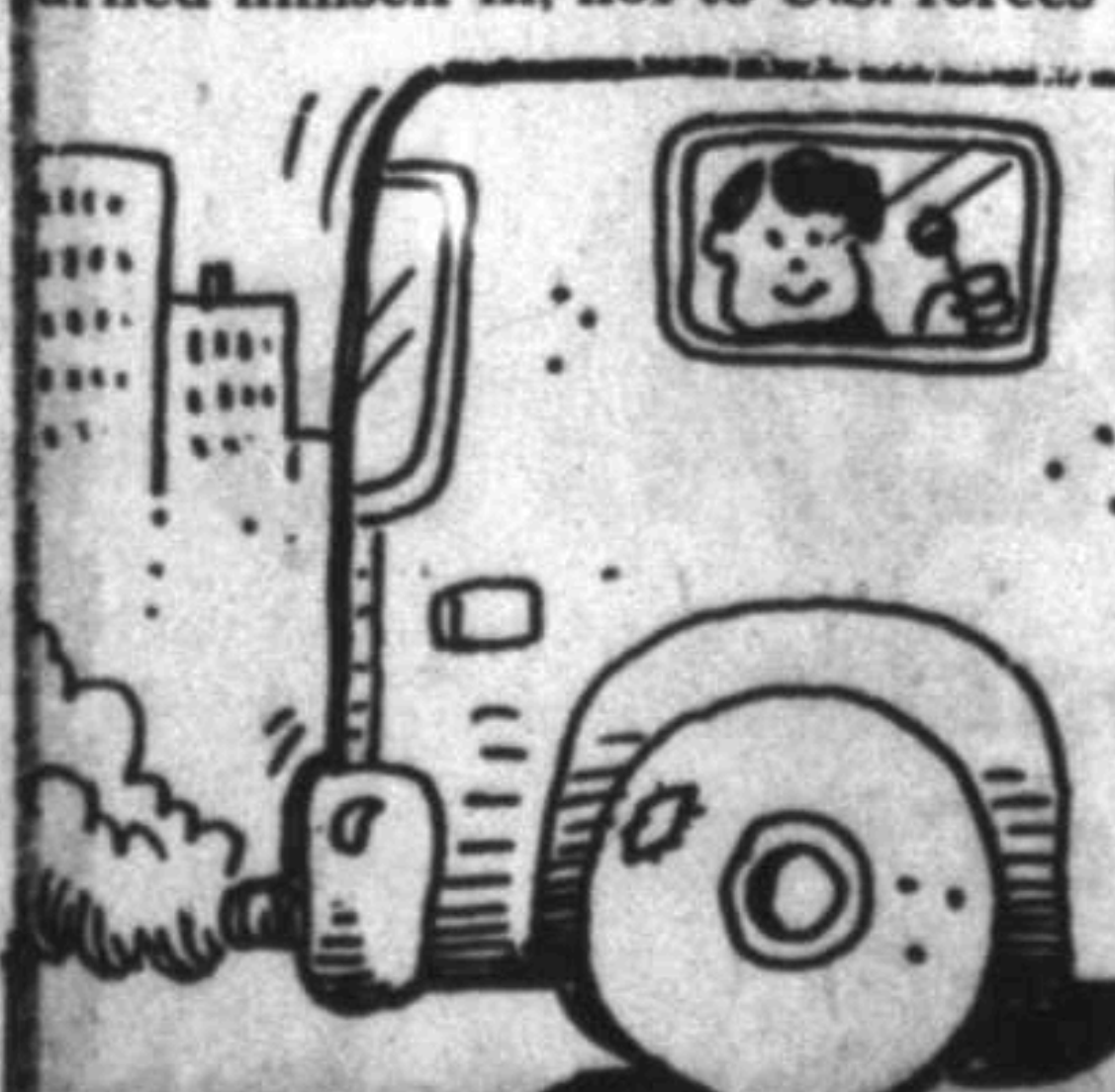
day's fugitive," Secretary of State James A. Baker III said later.

Bush said Thursday that Noriega "controls no forces, and he's out." If all of that is so, and Noriega is powerless, his arrest would seem a side issue, one that could wait.

The capture of that one, elusive fugitive had remained a major, declared objective in the biggest military operation since the United States withdrew from South Vietnam.

He wasn't captured by the Americans who sought him, but he is no longer at large. And that is a major break for the Bush administration.

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ROMANIA: Uprising takes toll

Reporters, diplomat wounded

TIMISOARA, Romania (AP) — Two American and two European journalists were shot and wounded while covering the fierce fighting in Timisoara between revolutionaries and forces loyal to deposed President Nicolae Ceausescu.

Three ambulances sent into Romania from Yugoslavia on Sunday were to evacuate the journalists on Monday. All four were expected to survive.

Three of the journalists — John Daniszewski of The Associated Press, John Tagliabue of The New York Times, and an Italian photographer — were wounded in separate incidents while driving in cars.

A Yugoslav reporter was shot while dashing through the streets of the western Romanian city, 20 miles east of the Yugoslav border.

A fifth victim, a Yugoslav diplomat, was grazed by a bullet.

A group of uniformed men on Saturday night ordered a car carrying Daniszewski and a Yugoslav reporter, Ljuba Pajic, to stop, then opened fire as soon as Daniszewski stepped on the brakes.

One bullet struck his arm and two others grazed his head, the Yugoslav Consulate said, quoting Pajic, who was not injured. The assailants fled after robbing the reporters, the consulate said.

Daniszewski was in satisfactory condition Sunday in a Timisoara hospital.

It was not immediately clear whose side the assailants were on.

The fighting, in which security forces loyal to Ceausescu are pitted against anti-Ceausescu civilians and their allies in the army, has been fierce in Timisoara, the cradle of the insurgency that toppled the hard-line Communist dictator in only one week.

Louis D. Boccardi, the president and general manager of the AP, said: "The AP is doing everything possible to help John Daniszewski."

"The events in Romania graphically show the dangers that correspondents, AP and others, experience in reporting world news and the courage and bravery they display in doing their jobs," Boccardi said in New York.

Tagliabue was wounded in the back by a sniper who fired on a car carrying him and other reporters, said Bernard Gwertzman, foreign editor of The New York Times.



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Civilians in Bucharest join soldiers trying to chase snipers from the rooftops near Palace Square on Sunday.

Baker says U.S. wouldn't object to Warsaw Pact action

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III said Sunday the Bush administration would not object if the Soviets or other Warsaw Pact nations used their armed forces to assist the revolution in Romania that deposed longtime communist President Nicolae Ceausescu.

"They are attempting to put off the yoke of a very, very oppressive and repressive dictatorship, so I think that we would be inclined probably to follow the lead, follow the example of France, who today has said that if the Warsaw Pact felt it necessary to intervene on behalf of the opposition that it would support that."

Asked directly whether the United States would not object to a Warsaw Pact military intervention in Romania, where bloody street fighting has followed the ouster of Ceausescu, Baker said: "That would be my view, yes."

President Bush, speaking briefly to reporters in Washington, said that the British ambassador to Romania had taken refuge in the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest because the British embassy had been destroyed.

"Apparently there's a little stability to that situation. The British embassy was razed and so the British ambassador is now our guest, I understand. So that has been a very traumatic pre-Christmas uprising," said Bush, after speaking by telephone with the U.S. ambassador to Bucharest, Alan Green.

The French also offered to send a brigade of volunteers to fight on the side of Romania's National Salvation Committee. And the Dutch government said a Warsaw Pact military intervention would "support the aspirations of the Romanian people."

Baker, asked whether the United States was prepared to send U.S. troops into Romania, said any such decision would rest with Bush.

"I wouldn't want to speculate on that," Baker said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press."

"That would be a matter for the president to determine, and I haven't discussed that matter with him."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater told reporters later, "We don't have any indication that there is a chance of the Soviets' going on, at least not at this time. So we don't expect that to occur."

Asked about Baker's comment, Fitzwater added: "We could see a situation that might be severe enough where there'd be a need to help establish law and order." But he said that it "certainly is not necessary now and does not appear to be necessary."

The Soviets sent medical supplies to Romania and appealed to its Warsaw Pact allies to help support the uprising, but its statements appeared to rule out military intervention.

In Moscow, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported that Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister Ivan Aboimov on Sunday met with U.S. Ambassador Jack Matlock to discuss the Romanian developments. Both sides, Tass said, expressed willingness to offer Romania humanitarian aid.

U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Margo Squire in Moscow told The Associated Press the meeting was at U.S. request to discuss humanitarian aid.

By VIOREL URMA

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Revolutionary soldiers found a vast labyrinth of safe houses and tunnels used by police forces loyal to Nicolae Ceausescu, some with secret entries hidden in cemetery burial vaults and subway systems.

Army officers speaking on Bucharest radio Sunday said the sprawling maze of tunnels criss-cross the city and link two airports, Communist Party headquarters and Ceausescu's palace in downtown Bucharest.

Army units siding with pro-reform protesters have been battling Ceausescu's secret police for control of the country. The highly trained and heavily armed security forces have been making hit-and-run guerrilla attacks, mostly at night.

The radio report went into stunning detail about the hundreds of safe houses and miles upon miles of underground tunnels stuffed with weapons.

Ceausescu's downtown palace contained a bunker designed to resist nuclear attack and was outfitted like a war room, with sophisticated command operations, the radio said.

The tunnels also linked his so-called "Spring Palace" in the north of the capital and the old royal palace downtown, near the party headquarters, the radio said.

One tunnel from the party headquarters ran to a lake north of the city, apparently designed as a Ceausescu escape route.

The revolutionary government said that the Communist dictator

who ruled for 24 years was captured Saturday along with his wife, Elena. On Sunday, state-run Soviet television reported that the couple was found hiding in an underground bunker. It gave no details.

The tunnels contained huge weapons caches and were designed for Ceausescu's most loyal security troops, the radio said.

Romanian radio broadcasts monitored in Vienna have appealed repeatedly in recent days to architects involved in building the web of tunnels to divulge the layout to the army and other forces behind the revolt.

"The army found and neutralized 48 terrorists' safe houses on just 20 streets in Bucharest," Bucharest radio said Sunday.

Knowledgeable Romanians said they had heard of such safe houses in the capital and in all major cities, but few imagined their size and scope.

The Soviet news agency Tass said guards had living quarters along the most frequently traveled Ceausescu routes.

Quoting informed Romanians, Tass said some "terrorists" under fire from the army retreated to cemeteries, where they had hideouts among burial vaults and entrances to the tunnels.

Exiled Romanian architects who apparently were involved in building the tunnels on Saturday called the U.S.-financed Radio Free Europe radio station, describing details of their layout.

"There is one linking the Baneasa



and Otopeni airports," in northern Bucharest along three miles, an unidentified architect calling from New York told the station. The broadcast was monitored in Vienna.



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TV critic to teach GI's kids in Vietnam

NEW YORK (AP) — At this time last year, Katie Kelly, once an "Entertainment Tonight" movie critic, was in Ho Chi Minh City, on vacation, of all things, spending Christmas in a peaceful Vietnam.

Now she's spending Christmas preparing to return as an English teacher for the kids the Vietnam War left in the city then called Saigon — the Amerasians, born to Vietnamese mothers and American servicemen.

"The kids obviously have no father and in many cases no mother, for a number of reasons," Kelly says. "It's a heartbreaker when you see a whole bunch of them sleeping on the streets of Saigon."

"You see these little freckled noses and these little green eyes, and the curly hair ... my God."

Generally shunned by other Vietnamese, they are teen-agers or young adults now. The youngest would be 14, the war having ended in April 1975.

Kelly, who on Dec. 29 will quit her present job as a television critic here at NBC-owned WNBC-TV, met these children of war because, as she jokes, "I take weird vacations. I'm Irish. I don't go to the beach."

She sees the world instead. This took her to Vietnam last year. Most countries make her think, she says, "this is nice, I'll visit again some day. But Vietnam was different. It was, 'My God, I've got to get back here.'"

"That attitude was prompted by running into these Amerasian kids. You start finding them in Hue, Da Nang, but they're all over the streets of Saigon, black and white. I spent a couple of weeks there, just hanging out with them."

"And they are truly remarkable human beings. And they suffer."

She learned of an operation set up

for the children in Ho Chi Minh City by a group of Vietnam veterans in the United States. Based in Wahiawia, Hawaii, and run by a retired Army master sergeant, John Rogers, it's called Foundation for Amerasian Children Emergency Support, she says.

The group's aim is "to get these kids off the street, get them food, shelter, some medical treatment," she says.

The Vietnamese government donated a house, she says, "because the Vietnamese government is interested in having the people learn English. I'm a former schoolteacher. So I'll be tutoring these children in English."

The aim is not to ready the young people for when and if they're allowed to emigrate to this country,

although her work would help that. The main goal, she says, is to prepare the Amerasians for when and if the United States and Vietnam ever resume normal relations. If that happens, "there will be Americans over there, and this would provide future job opportunities for these children."

Kelly plans to leave in March. She doesn't know how long she'll stay. It could be a year or the rest of her life.

It's a far cry, she says, from growing up in tiny Albion, Neb., "out there in corn country," and even farther from being a TV or movie critic at WNBC-TV, then WABC-TV here, then "Entertainment Tonight" and then back at WNBC.

But the way she sees things, it's payback time.

"I'm 53 years old," she explains. "I

consider myself the luckiest human being on the face of the Earth. I've had the best run of luck the last 10 years, working in television."

"I've made a good wage, saved a

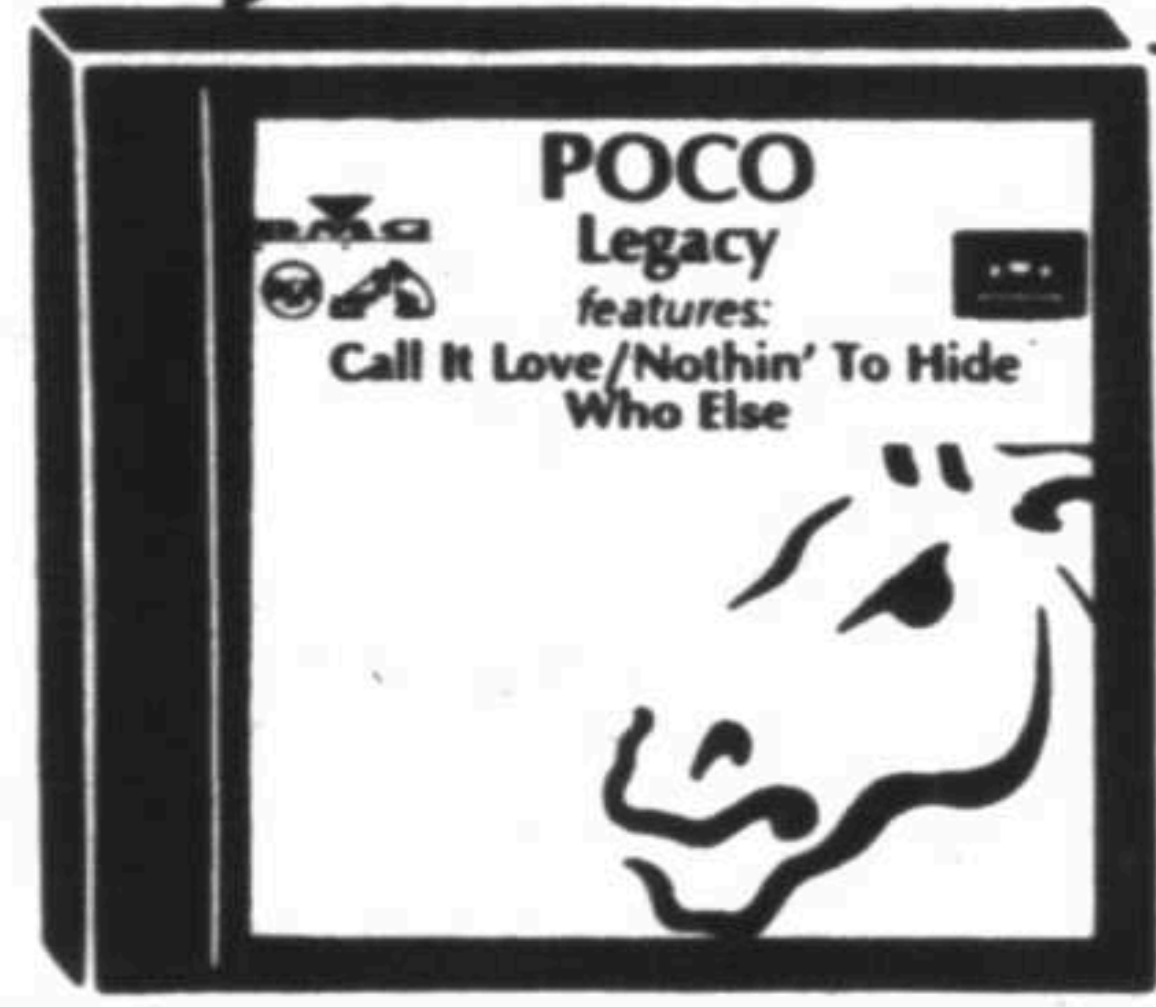
good deal of money. I'm very restless, and it's just time to cash in on my restlessness and maybe do some good. It's time to put a little of it back."

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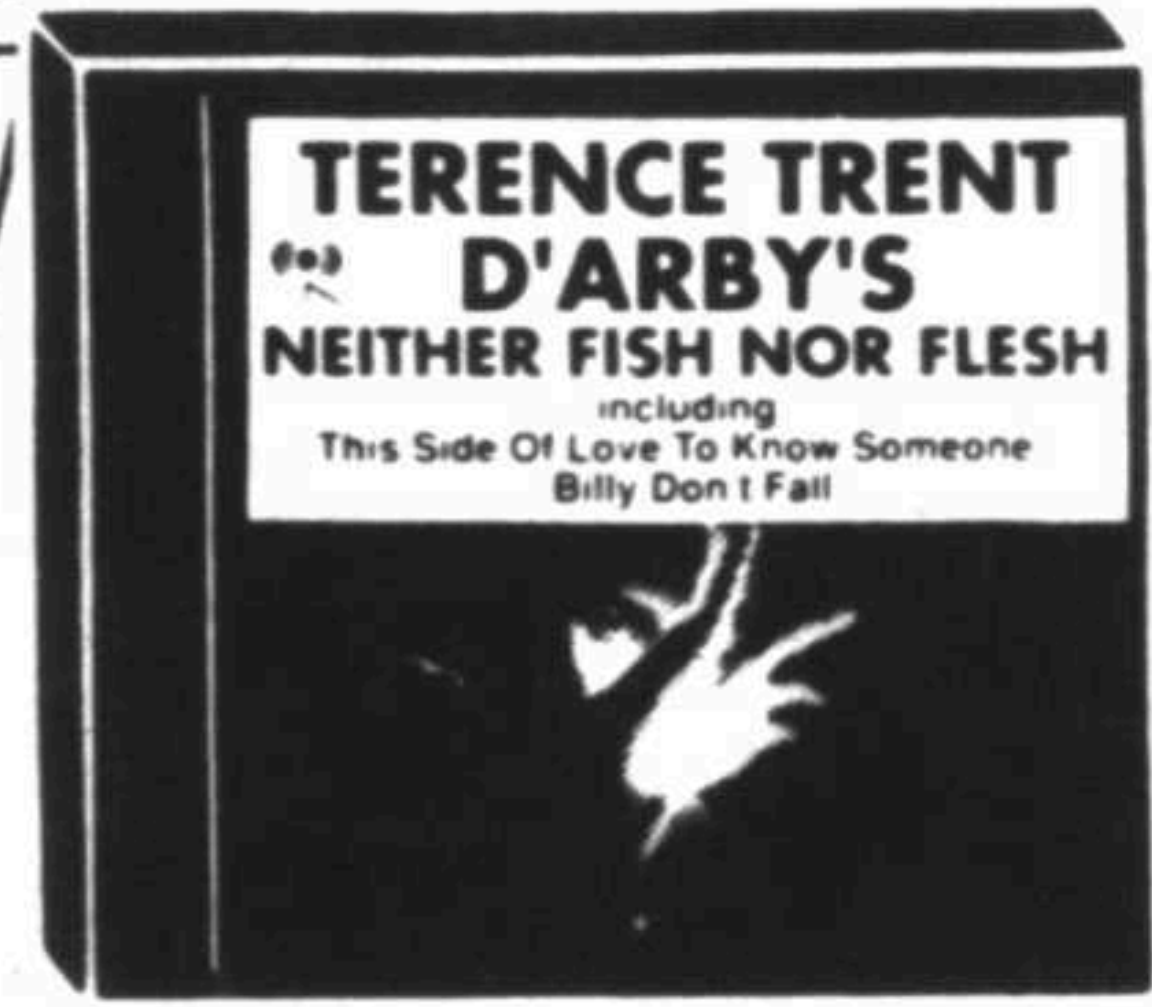
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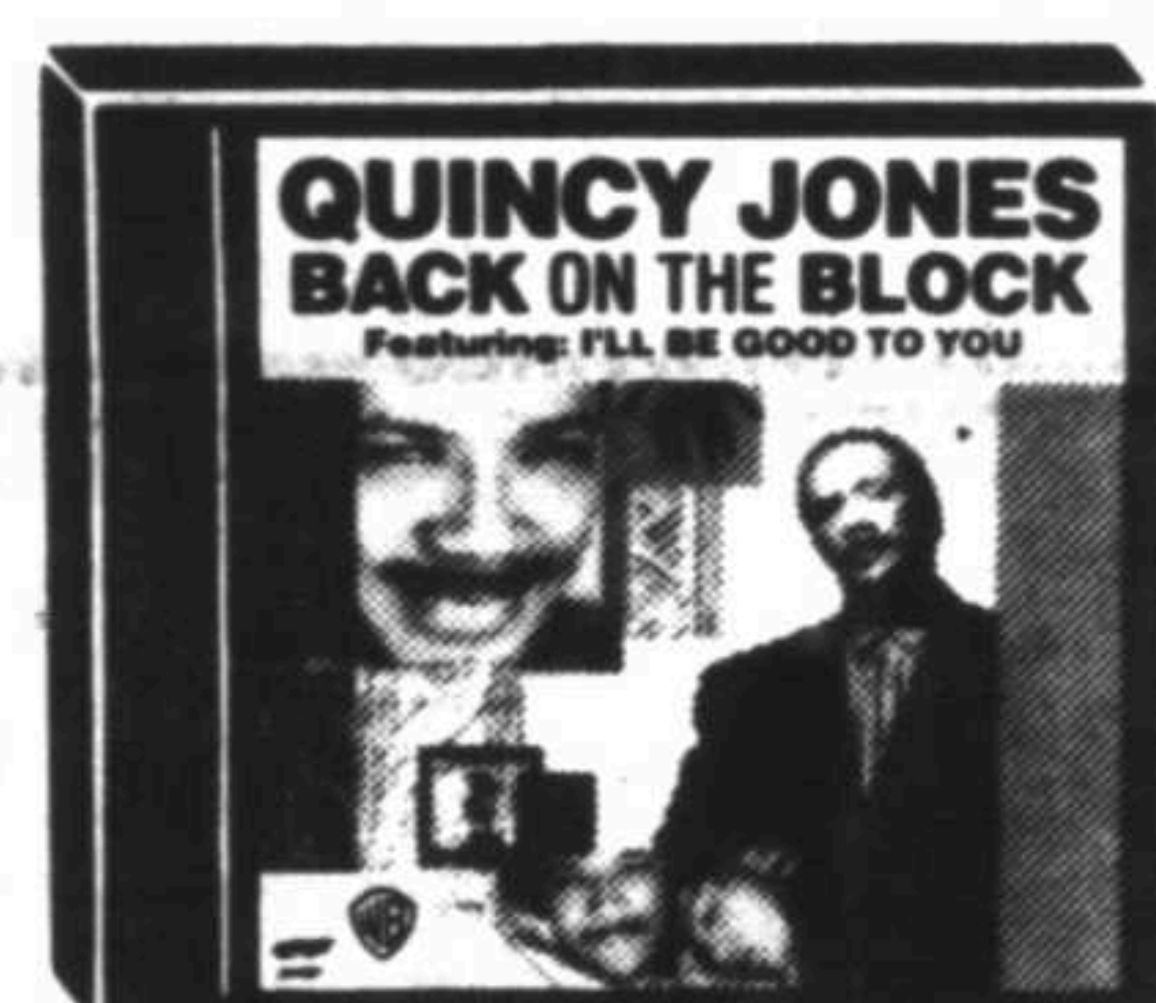


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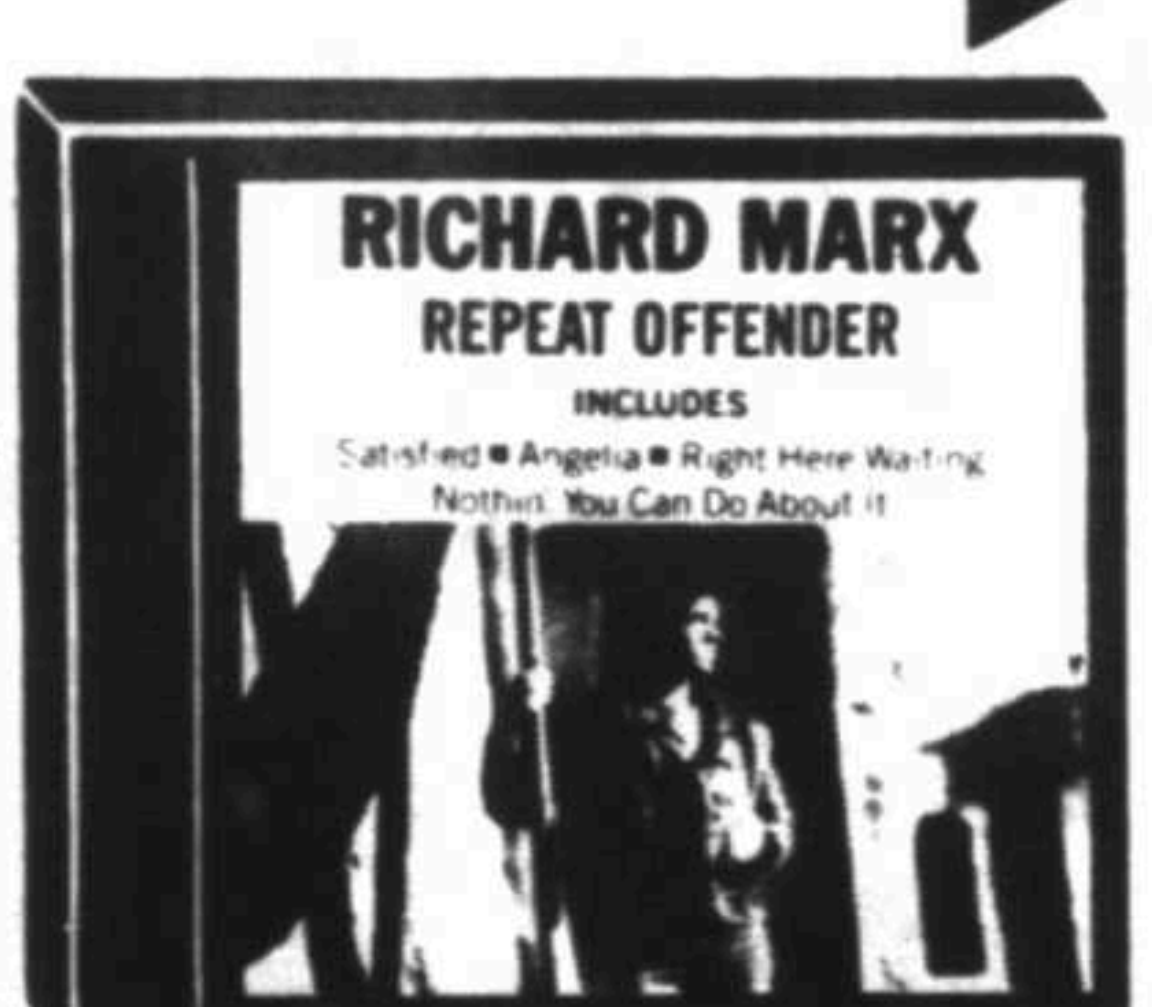
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Gabriel's travels glean fresh harmonies

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NEW YORK (AP) — Ten years ago, Peter Gabriel bought his first drum machine. All he needed were rhythms to program.

Bored with rock 'n' roll, the former star of Genesis looked to Africa, Asia, the Middle East and elsewhere.

He couldn't believe what he was hearing, the freshest grooves, the richest harmonies: spirituals from Pakistan; African jazz from Tabu Ley of Zaire; Cuba's Orquesta Revé, performers of "son," the root of modern salsa.

His music was never the same. Gabriel began experimenting with rhythms on his 1982 album, "Security" (on one track, "Rhythm of the Heat," he used a Ghanaian drum section), and the same year helped form the WOMAD (World of Music Arts and Dance) festival, gathering bands from more than 60 countries.

Like the Rolling Stones, who went out of their way to praise the blues musicians who influenced their records, Gabriel wanted to find a large audience for these exciting sounds.

"Grooves for me are physical things," explained the 39-year-old Gabriel, in New York recently to promote the release of four records on the new Real World label. "They make me feel good. A bad disco groove, of which there's an awful lot, doesn't make me want to dance."

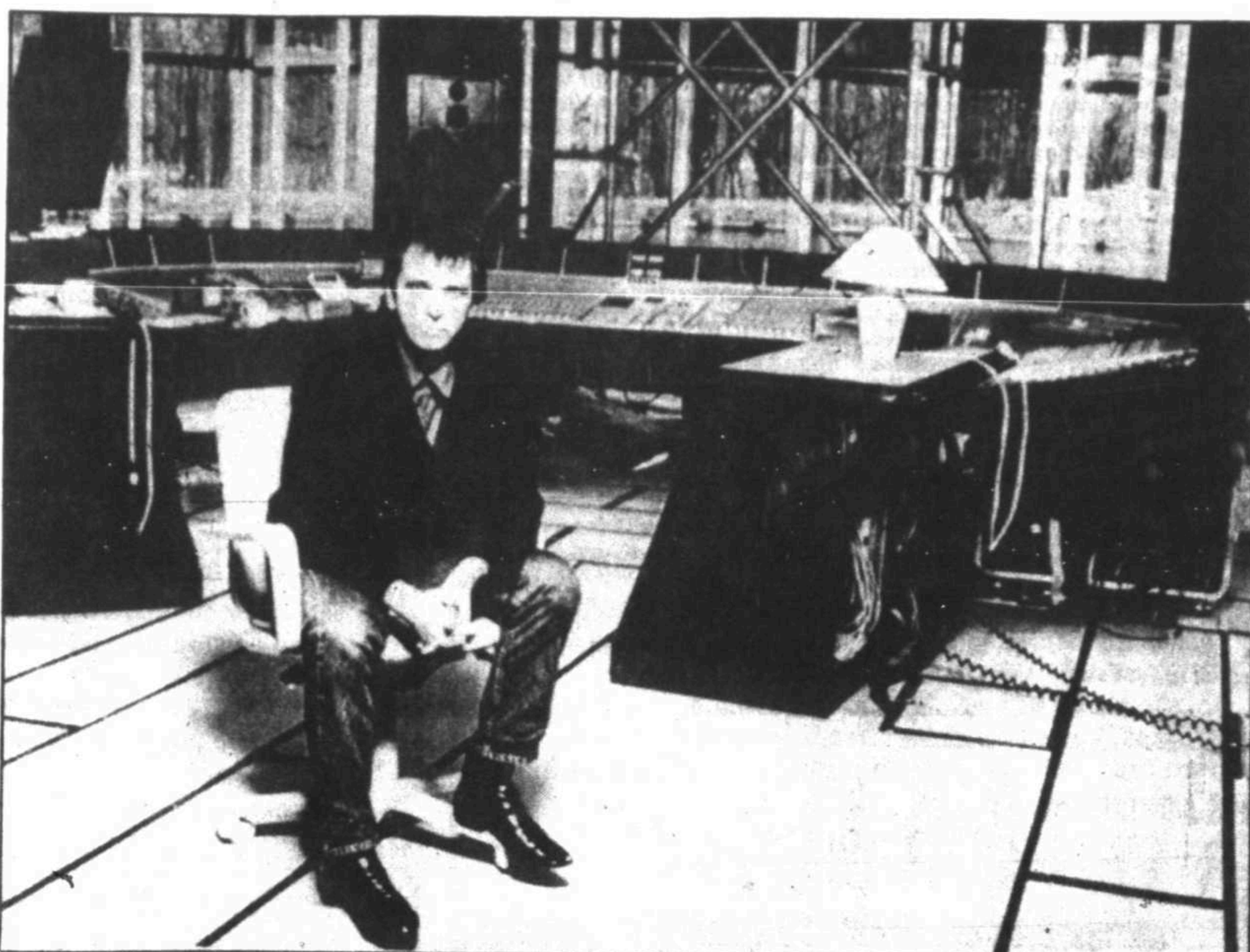
"Some of the grooves we now take as commonplace rock have come from Africa and Latin America. They travel across the seas and become slightly different. I think quite often, white artists don't quite get it right, and we end up coming out with a form which is new."

The records just issued are "Passion Sources," music from the Middle East and Africa that Gabriel heard while putting together the soundtrack for "The Last Temptation of Christ"; "Shahen-Shah" by Pakistan's Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, one of the foremost singers of the devotional music called "Qawwali"; "La Explosion Del Memento" by Orquesta Revé; and Tabu Ley's "Babé Soukous."

"We've tried to look for performers who have a lot of soul," Gabriel said. "I think they have strong traditions in their own countries, it's sometimes unfortunate that it gets all out under a 'World Music' label. You talk to the musicians themselves, and they say, 'What the hell is this world music?' I play my music, whatever it is."

Gabriel is part world musician, part traveling salesman. He knows record buyers might never even look at the selections from the Middle East or Africa without an old friend pointing the way. So if you happen to think of Peter Gabriel while listening to the infectious grooves of Tabu Ley, well, at least that's a start.

"It's not me I'm selling, but someone else," he said. "It's saying to peo-



Peter Gabriel, shown in the Real World Studios in Bath, England, looked to Asia, the Middle East, and elsewhere for fresh harmonies. And his music has never been the same since.

ple who are interested in my music that if you like my stuff, there's a chance you would like some of the things that really turn me on.

"But it's not Peter Gabriel's label. It's a label in which I participate. We have a rule where everyone on our committee has to like everything that goes out."

Lyrics are not included, forcing the listener to turn his or her attention away from the songs' literal meaning and concentrate instead on the emotions of the performance. In Qawwali, for instance, words are chanted over and over to a simple rhythm, giving them a hypnotic, mantra-like effect.

"There are ways which you get into a framework where everything you hear is music, which is probably a nice place to be," he said. "You can really hear the emotion and humanity. So many instrumentalists are desperately trying to speak with their instruments, are trying to run the gamut of human emotions. 'You try to listen to their soul and the feeling that comes out of it. Some of these wonderful singers from all around the world are just capable of getting the hairs up in the back of my neck. That's what I look for.' Gabriel, of course, has one advan-

tage over the average listener: He's actually met the people on the records. Not all the local musicians, however, were impressed by the presence of a world famous rock star.

"Half knew who I was, half had no idea. One of the Qawwali groups assumed I was a guy who worked around the studio and didn't know I was a musician. When they found out I could play, they were a little bit curious."

For Gabriel this music suits his political ideals as well. Regional tensions, he discovered, can crumble under the power of a universal

language.

One of the best evenings he had was when he was improvising with a Pakistani singer and sitar player Ravi Shankar, who's from India. Shankar played double violin. "India and Pakistan don't normally work together and probably wouldn't have in other situations, but they really got turned on," said Gabriel.

"I was contributing, but in a subsidiary role. Now I'm going to do an album with the two of them. They started out not hostile, but suspicious of each other. By the end of it, they were in love, all in the space of 40 minutes."

Artificial snow inches upward in price

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Folks in the Midwest and East got more snow and cold than they wanted, but at least it was free. In sunny Southern California, residents can buy artificial snow for their yard, but it sets 'em back \$100 a ton plus labor and delivery charges.

Maurice Gonzalez, 32, of suburban Canoga Park was one of more than two dozen customers who paid an ice company to pretend they were having a white Christmas for a couple of days this season. His 5-inch "snow-fall," really pulverized ice, was put down Wednesday.

"We had a lot of people stopping by with kids," Gonzalez said Thursday. "They play with it,

grab a little bit to show their parents. It's fun just watching them." With daytime temperatures around 70, the snow was down to a few patches by late Thursday.

Gonzalez said the fun factor made it worth the cost, which came out to about \$100 per inch on his size yard. The family also has put up such decorations as a Santa Claus with reindeer, a Nativity scene and figures of a boy and girl sledding.

"I didn't really plan to do all this, this year — it just kind of happens," Gonzalez said. "If you have kids, you just start doing things and you get in the spirit of Christmas."

Water bill found

NEW YORK (AP) — If Don and Lee Williams of Edgewater, Fla., are wondering what happened to the check they mailed with their water bill last month, it just arrived — in New York City.

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First American Christmas difficult for wife, son of hostage in Lebanon



Fifi and Tarek Reed

By GEORGE ESPER
AP Special Correspondent

MALDEN, Mass. — Like other mothers, Fifi Reed can't give her son everything he wants for Christmas. She got 9-year-old Tarek his favorite Transformer robots but his fondest wish is not to be.

She can't bring his father home. "Christmas was very special for my husband," said Mrs. Reed. This will be the fourth Christmas in captivity for Frank Reed, one of the eight American hostages in Lebanon.

"He would start getting things ready a month ahead of time. He'd have the Christmas carols on every day and plan on who we're going to invite. He would cook the turkey himself."

For Mrs. Reed, a Syrian national, and Tarek, it is their first Christmas in America, far from friends and from husband and father.

"I miss him a lot," said Tarek, who uses the present tense when relating memories of his father.

"He usually sees me when I play with the turtles," said Tarek, referring to his pets. "We usually walk on the grass and talk."

Reed, the American director of the Lebanese International School, was kidnapped Sept. 9, 1986. Tarek wasn't quite 6 then.

Now, the boy and his mother plead the case of the hostages wherever they can, from the Glenwood School where Tarek is in the third grade to university halls to the White House.

"Dear Mr. Bush, please free my father," he began a letter to the president. He signed it, "Your friend, Tarek Reed." His classmates were yellow ribbons and wrote similar letters to President Bush but there has been no reply. Tarek brought in a 9-by-12-inch photo of his father and showed it to his classmates.

"That was touching," said his teacher, Trudy LaSpina. "He was very proud. He was pleased with what we were doing."

These are the two faces of Tarek: A boy propelled far beyond his age trying to face the realities of the civ-

il war in Lebanon ("The last time when the bombings started, everyone thought it was thunder," he said). A kid in his natural world of fantasy where toy dinosaurs and robots are the good guys he often talks about in the games he plays.

During a religious ceremony, he placed a photo of his father beneath a "Tree of Freedom," a Christmas tree decorated in memory of the eight American hostages. In the next instant, while a private Mass was being said for the hostages in a home, Tarek was in the next room drawing in a coloring book with 7-year-old Michael, his newfound friend.

If anything, Tarek is doing better than his mother in these painful times. He walks to school alone, something that would have been unheard of in Beirut. Recently he went around the neighborhood selling candy bars for a school fund-raiser, astounding his mother. He's forgotten much of his Arabic.

"It's just like he was born here," said Mrs. Reed. "He has friends. He goes around so sure of himself."

But the 38-year-old woman said she is not adjusting well. "I'm not young. When you come to a country and you're young, you adjust easily. ... Everything is so different, the customs, the habits."

Mrs. Reed said she is not alive, she is only existing. "People tend to think you're fine, you're just as happy as other people are. But it's not true because we're not. You can pretend to be happy but deep inside you're not that happy. You want your husband around and you want the comfort of a family."

Mrs. Reed and Tarek came here last summer on vacation but they stayed when fighting intensified in Beirut and it appeared the schools there would not open for the fall term. She moved in with her mother-in-law in Malden and took a job with an insurance company in Boston, a 30-minute commute.

As she waits and hopes for her husband's release, her emotions rise and fall.

"There are days when you think it's going to happen and it's getting

close. And there are days when it's just getting out of hand, it's getting impossible. 'Aw come on, come on, come on. What is going on? Let's do something.'"

"I'm angry. Who gave them (the captors) the right to do this? Where's the justice? By what right can the people take somebody's life and decide they're going to put them in jail? Why?"

In the midst of these thoughts, she had asked herself, "How much more can I take?"

Jean-Paul Kauffmann, a French journalist who was released by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim captors in May 1988, told her about the treatment of the hostages, and she said it "just blew my mind."

"They'd be blindfolded most of the time. They'd be shoved the food in a dirty dish under the door a lot of times. If they caught them talking to each other, they would beat them."

She agonizes over how her husband is holding up, the condition he will be in when he is released.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Merry Christmas
to all our client companies
and our temporary personnel.

The staff of
V.I.P. Temporary Division
and
V.I.P. Permanent Division



May Your Holidays be "painted" in
Happiness & Prosperity all year.

"Signed" Monty Coldwell Owner
R. C. Eastin Painter



683-8541

GARDEN COURT

May joy and peace
be with all of our
friends this holiday
season.



To one and all go
our hopes for peace
on earth and joy
in your hearts.

Bill Baker

Berg Motor Co.



Happy Holiday
Permian Basin!
Building the 90's.

Machen
Contracting Inc.

684-5831



May you experience
all the joys of the
season.

Merry Christmas,
Oneil James

Berg Motor Co.



Celebrate the joy
of giving and
warmth of sharing

KEVIN HILL

SLOAN BROTHERS
BUICK • MAZDA

2625 W. Wall • 683-2761



Holiday Greetings
to all from
Eddie Wilson

Thanks for
letting me
serve you.

Berg Motor Co.



Merry Christmas
to all of our
friends and neighbors
and a Prosperous
New Year
Curry's



May your season be
abundant with love
and good cheer!

Charlie
Bell

Berg Motor Co.



Wishing you every
happiness throughout
the new year.

Mildred's Flowers



Thanks for letting
me serve you and
may the spirit of
joy and peace
abide with
you and
yours.

WILLIAM HOWARD,
Jack Sherman Chevrolet - Saab



Merry Christmas and
a prosperous
New Year
Permian Basin
1990!!!!



Peace, Joy, Love,
Hope, and Happiness

Best wishes for a
wonderful season!

Britt Imports Mercedes Benz

1004 S. Midkiff 699-7993



MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Joyce & Ray Smith
682-8818



Merry Christmas
and the Best New
Year in years.

La Bodega
Mexican Food
Restaurant & Bar
684-5594



Happy Holidays
to all and thanks
for the privilege
of serving you.

Bob Christensen

Berg Motor Co.



May the miracle of
Christmas fill your
heart with joy.

Advanced Electrolysis
Jodi McGee
Barbara Gordon
610 W. Wall, 689-7200



DAILY NEWS

Happy Holidays to all
of our customers.

694-2350 368-7810
687-3218 686-7978
333-1910



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Feliz
Navidad



Health, Happiness
and Good cheer
throughout the
coming year.

Shawn Mowles

Berg Motor Co.



Warm Holiday
Greetings From:
Midland Insulation
Company

694-7673



Good Cheer!
BUYER'S
DIGEST



I wish you all the
blessings of the
season. It's been a
delight doing business
with you.

Ronnie
Griffith

Jack Sherman Chevrolet



GREETINGS OF THE SEASON
and the warmest of
wishes to all!



1902 N. Midland Dr.
699-5168



All the best
to you
and yours!
NEIGHBORS



Warmest wishes
during this most
joyous time.

Craig
Horton

Berg Motor Co.



To one and all our hopes
for Peace on Earth and
Joy in Your Hearts.

SLOAN BROTHERS
BUICK • MAZDA
2625 W. Wall 683-2761



Celebrate the
Miracle



Wish you all a Happy
and safe Holiday Season.

PETE
CORDOVA

Jack Sherman Chevrolet



SEASONS GREETINGS

117 East Wall
(Across from Main Post Office)

MINUTEMAN PRESS

686-0686

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR



Merry Christmas And God Bless.

Head Hunters Salon

2907 N. Big Spring
683-4501



Happy Holidays!

Thanks to all of our customers for a good year.

The Sugar Shack
(The Sweetest Place In Town)
2000 N. Big Spring 685-1231



If you want to stay toasty this season, give us a call.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROSTY
Heating & Air Conditioning
697-4214



Seasons Greetings from your friends at

Glenwood

3300 S. FM 1788
563-1200



Kenneth Goode Plumbing

Wishes Y'all a Good Ol' West Texas Christmas

682-8071



Hopin' y'all have a "plumb" wonderful Holiday Season.

Culps Plumbing/Culps Sons Plumbing

1615 S. Terrell
683-2450 683-2499



Midkiff & Assoc. Agency, Inc.

wishes you all a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

Bob Midkiff
Edith Drake

Gwen Jobe
Glaze Sacra



QUAIL HOLLOW

Happy Holidays



From Our Staff to You "Have a Joyous Holiday"

Santa Fe



WINDTREE

Peace On Earth this Christmas



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Wishes Midland **Canon**

A Merry Christmas

See us for your copier and facsimile needs.

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May the holiday season be filled with wonder and promise of prosperity in the new decade ahead.

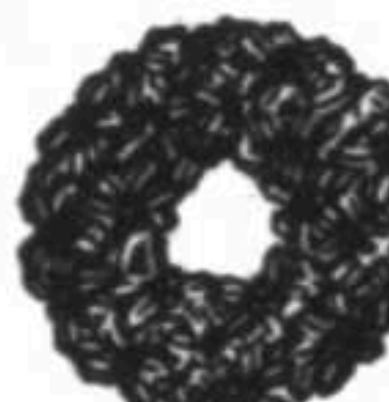
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Merry Christmas Permian Basin--and A 'Boomin' New Year!

Scooters Plumbing

682-5984



SINCLAIR PLACE

For Unto You Is Born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11



Best Holiday Wishes & thoughts go out to all of my friends

BOB HUGGINS

FRIENDLY PONTIAC CHRYSLER PLYMOUTH

3705 W. Wall 684-7101



May Love and Peace Fill Your Heart & Home

Hawthorne House

APARTMENT HOMES
694-2011
2811 W. Loop 250 N. Midland, Tx.



Peace is not a season... it's a way of life



May Treasures great and small be yours this Holiday.

QUINTEN'S WALK



Sandstone Apartments

Wishing you Happiness throughout the New Year!



Story TO THE NEWBORN King



Seasons Greetings to everyone and best wishes for a prosperous new year.

Mike Wright

Borg Motor Co.



May you and your loved ones enjoy the gifts of the Season.

Thornwood

APARTMENTS



Golden Park

On This Day, and Every Day, May Peace and Happiness be Yours.



May all your Christmases be bright - Happy Holidays

SOUTH PLANTS NEON & GRAPHICS, INC.

29 W. Industrial Loop
683-7183



TOM BROWN ROOFING

Glad Tidings of the Season



Behold what manner of Love the Father has bestowed on us.

John 3:1



May Your Holidays Be Filled With Joy And Happiness All Through The Year.

Roger Robles Insurance

689-3170



Merry Christmas From Us to You!

First Interstate Management Corp.

1907 Tarleton



OAKRIDGE

Have a Merry, Merry Christmas



Happy Holidays!

WEBSCO

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May Your Dreams Be Merry and Bright



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VEHICLE LINE	SPECIAL FINANCE PLAN				OR CUSTOMER CASH ASSISTANCE
	12-24 MOS.	25-36 MOS.	37-48 MOS.	49-60 MOS.	
1989 AND 1990 MODEL					
TAURUS	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	10.9%	\$1,000
THUNDERBIRD	6.9%	8.9%	9.9%	10.9%	1,000
TEMPO	6.9%	8.9%	9.9%	10.9%	1,000
MUSTANG WITH 2.3L ENGINE	6.9%	8.9%	9.9%	10.9%	1,000
MUSTANG WITH 5.0L ENGINE SOLD TO RESIDENTS OF TEXAS, CALIFORNIA, AND FLORIDA	6.9%	8.9%	9.9%	10.9%	1,000
CROWN VICTORIA	6.9%	8.9%	9.9%	10.9%	750
PROBE (ALL MODELS)	6.9%	8.9%	9.9%	10.9%	1,000
ESCORT	6.9%	8.9%	9.9%	10.9%	1,000
FESTIVA (ALL MODELS)	6.9%	8.9%	9.9%	10.9%	1,000
BRONCO II	6.9%	8.9%	9.9%	10.9%	1,250
BRONCO	6.9%	8.9%	9.9%	10.9%	1,000
RANGER	6.9%	8.9%	9.9%	10.9%	1,000
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Your Hometown Dealer

105 Happy ads

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GILBERT! THE BIG 30 SOMETHING? HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS TOO! Suzanne, Katie, Debby, Jan, Carrie, Paula Wala.

110 Lodge Notices

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414 AF & AM, 1000 Upland. Regular Stated Meetings, 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:30 pm. Visiting brethren welcome. Marvin Wilcher, W.M. Dale Ivis, Secretary.

Midland Lodge 623 AF & AM, 1500 W. Wall, 682-3292. Our thanks to Theresa Lowe and Rebecca Tennant for leading our drive that enabled us to dress three Live-Dolls this Christmas. Merry Christmas to all! Bob Stringer, W.M. F. L. Cooper, Secretary.

MIDLAND Centennial Lodge 1448 AF & AM, 1000 Upland Street. Stated meetings 1st and 3rd Saturday, 7:30 am. Open House 8:30 am. Come join! Bill R. Stark W.M. H.S. Elliot, Secretary.

The Midland Shrine Club, 2019 Trade Drive 685-1790. Regular stated meeting third Thursday each month. Hospitality 6:30 pm. Catered dinner 7 pm. Business meeting 8 pm. All nobles and their ladies invited. Russ Holmberg, President. Sam Bradley, Secretary.

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.

130 Personals

FOR truly personal service on your Toyota-escape vehicle - Perian Toyota 3110 W. Wall, 694-3691

MARY KAY COSMETICS

Sybil Wallace 684-5464 Debbie Maxson Lawrence 683-0040

ADOPTION

A new year and a new life for you, your baby and us. We are a young, loving couple living in a beautiful, warm, secure environment, full of garden and near the ocean. We long to welcome your baby into our lives. Four Grandparents aunts, uncles and cousins all wait with open arms to hug and love the baby. All expenses paid. Call Lisa and Aram collect, anytime. (914)634-9583

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150 Lost and Found

LOST: Bassett hound strayed from near Midland Polo Club Saturday, 12/2. Black, brown/white female. Reward! 682-0381.

\$100 REWARD: Lost Dalmatian, December 8th. Muscle disorder, needs medication. Vicinity of Woodcrest. 694-2443, 682-8463.

LOST December 1st, Miniature Doberman, black with brown markings, brown collar, no tags, named "Hans", 18 months old, 14" tall, 12 pounds. Last seen in vicinity of Midland College. Please call 684-5631, 689-1123.

LOST: Male Doberman, black and rust, 8 months old, 90 pounds. Male Golden Retriever, 4 years old, 125 pounds. Call collect, (915)397-2230.

FOUND: blonde long haired Terrier, male, collar, no tags. Vicinity of Woodcrest. Found 12/8/89. Call 683-5202.

ANIMAL CONTROL: change of hours from Noon to 2 PM on Saturdays to 10 to Noon.

FOUND At First City Parking garage Tuesday night friendly tiger striped cat. Call 367-6943 after 6.

160 Money Loans Wanted

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Until you check with Williams Jewelry Exchange. We pay top prices for gold, silver or platinum jewelry, diamonds of any size. Roles or other fine watches, precious metals, bullion, etc.

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To start a new business, expand your business, or are your present payments more than you can afford? Let CAPITAL CONSULTANTS help you solve your business problems and explore your financing alternatives. We're specialists in SBA and conventional loan packaging and placement.

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210 General Help Wanted

MUDLOGGERS wanted. Experience required. Pay commensurate with experience. Call 699-5540.

JC PENNEY

SELLING SPECIALIST Full/part time, fine jewelry and shoes. Good benefits, paid vacations and holidays. Apply at Midland Park Mall, Monday through Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM. EOE M/F

EXPERIENCED RATE CLERK

Must have knowledge of the oilfield hauling tariff 6 - E. Excellent benefits and working conditions. Please send resume to Pradon Construction and Trucking, 2100 West 63rd, Odessa, Texas 77764. Attention Paula.

MUD ENGINEERS WANTED

For California service company. Three years experience. Send resume & references to: GEO WESTERN, P.O. Box 1478 BAKERSFIELD, CA 93302.

210 General Help Wanted

MUDLOGGERS. Minimum one year experience. Send resume to P.O. Box 3803, Midland, Texas 79701.

FORTUNE 500 company is seeking

equipment operators in its Midland district. Oil well stimulation experience helpful. Class A license and good driving record are mandatory. Please apply Smith Energy Services, 2401 E. 120, Midland, Tx.

AVON: work full-time, part-time, any time. Will help you get started. Even, 699-2075

SEMIESTER BREAK WORK

\$10.25/STARTING GUARANTEE National retail firm has immediate openings in the retail sales field. Excellent opportunity for college students. No experience needed. Call 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (915) 694-1114

POSITION Open for experienced hairdresser. Existing clientele. Commission/lease. Myers Family Hair Care, 689-8846.

I'VE BEEN FRAMED

Yes, I have been framed in this picture frame styled at that caught your attention and everyone who turned to this page. The next time you place an ad and want it to get special attention, ask to be FRAMED! 682-6222

MAIDS wanted. Apply at Motel 6, 1000 S. Midland, Midland. No phone calls, please.

WANTED: Forehands and derricksmen. Applications taken P. 5. Drug testing and physicals are required. Apply in person at R & H Well Service, 1 mile East of I 20 on Highway 158.

Well Tech is now hiring experienced

derrick men and floorhands. Please apply at 1701 Garden City Highway. EOE employer.

TRUCK Owner/Operators needed

with Pneumatic bulk tanker experience. Year around work. 699-5319 or 1-800-888-3075.

TERMINAL MANAGER & ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

Regional LTL carrier opening in Midland-Odessa area. Must have knowledge of local market. Send resume and salary requirements to:

ARKANSAS FREIGHTWAYS

4242 IRVING BLVD. DALLAS, TX 75247 EOE

MANAGER-In-Training. If you're looking

for a career Domino's Pizza is looking for you! We have two immediate openings for the self-motivated persons. You must be 18 years old and have the desire for advancement. Please call 699-5402 or apply at 2215 N. Midland Drive.

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WANTED immediately, cashier/ hostess. Also a salad person. Apply in person at Venezia Restaurant, #20 Plaza Center.

SHAKES: Kitchen & Bar help, days & nights. Also need day manager. Applications between 3:30 & 5:00 afternoons.

CITY DRIVER/ CHECKER CASUAL/ EXTRA WORK UNION SCALE

Applicants must possess a valid commercial license. At least one year City (tractor/trailer) driving experience with good record. At least 23 years old. Able to read, write & speak the English language. Qualified minority and/or females are encouraged to apply. ROADWAY EXPRESS, INC. 105 South Grandview, Odessa Equal Opportunity Employer Employment Office Open 1 PM - 5 PM, Each Thursday

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HOUSEKEEPER

Couple needs housekeeper to take over kitchen and housework in a two bedroom apt. 1 home. From 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM - 7 PM, six days. \$150 per week.

COME BY 1411 VENTURA

WANTED Experienced Well Servicing Hands - Familiar with work-over and completion rigs. Farmington, New Mexico. 505-326-7451.

PARTTIME nursery attendants needed

for morning and evening shifts; some weekends. Apply in person. Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring.

210 General Help Wanted

AVON - add you now! Call Verla 699-0119 to -// buy the best. No upfront fee.

ASSISTANT Manager needed for

large complex, experience preferred. Come by 2436 Whitman, Lakeside Park Apartments, 9 - 5.

MR. GATTIS PIZZA

3205 W. Cuthbert We are currently starting to expand our restaurant locations in the Midland market area. We are looking for some managers with full service restaurant experience, to have the enthusiasm & dedication to move up within our now growing company. We offer:

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Come by for a personal interview between 2 PM & 5 PM or mail resume to:

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NEEDED: Part-time experienced surveying instrument person. Resume with recommendations required. Call 687-3103.

COOKS needed. Morning and evening shifts. Apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Drive.

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211 Medical Help Wanted

LVN
Part time LVN and full time CERTIFIED MEDICATION AIDES needed for PERSONAL CARE FLOOR at TRINITY TOWERS. Pleasant working conditions. Must be kind, compassionate and caring with elderly people. Must be dependable and able to work scheduled hours.

Contact Marge Miller
694-1691.

IMMEDIATE opening for LVN for the 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM shift. For appointment call 684-6613. West Texas Core Center.

RN needed for busy orthopedic/sports medicine practice. Experience in surgery a must. Call 686-0321 and ask for Karen or leave a message.

212 Professional Help Wanted

AUTO APPRAISER
Immediate opening in Midland for Auto Appraiser. Prior auto appraising, basic knowledge of auto mechanics and auto repair a plus. Current drivers license and good communication and mathematical skills required. Company car provided.

Send resumes to:
BOX A-04
c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, Texas 79702

IMMEDIATE opening for a Director of Co-ed Recovery Center. Administrative, business experience, and a degree preferred. Send resume to: BOX A-14 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

ACCOUNTANT
Accountant with heavy oil and gas experience for active Midland based oil and gas corporation. Degree preferred. Good benefits. Salary negotiable. Send resume to:

The Wilson Companies
619 W. Texas
Suite 400
Midland, Texas 79701
Attn: Norma Trull

PHARMACIST
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Contact Nick Georgis
at (214)699-4538

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Is now accepting applications for

TEACHERS & AIDES
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Midland independent seeking experienced staff accountant. The following qualities are necessary: monthly accounting, payroll reports, strong written and oral communication skills & working knowledge of PC's. Send resume and salary requirements in confidence to:

ACCOUNTANT
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MIDLAND, TX 79702

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
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General Manager
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Midland, TX 79702

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Minimum 5 years experience with an oil & gas producer/ operator. HEAVY PC EXPERIENCE. Familiarity with accounting, decline curve evaluation, LOC's spread sheets. Above average secretarial skills. Please mail resume with references and salary requirements to:

PLAINS PETROLEUM OPERATING COMPANY
415 W. Wall, Suite 2110
Midland, TX 79701
ATTN: Bonnie Hubbard

BOOKKEEPER/ OFFICE MANAGER
Small Midland company seeks person with 4+ years bookkeeping experience as a bookkeeper and office manager. PC based accounting experience a must. Salary to \$20K, commensurate with experience.

Send resume to:
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 121451
FORT WORTH, TX 76121

SECRETARY
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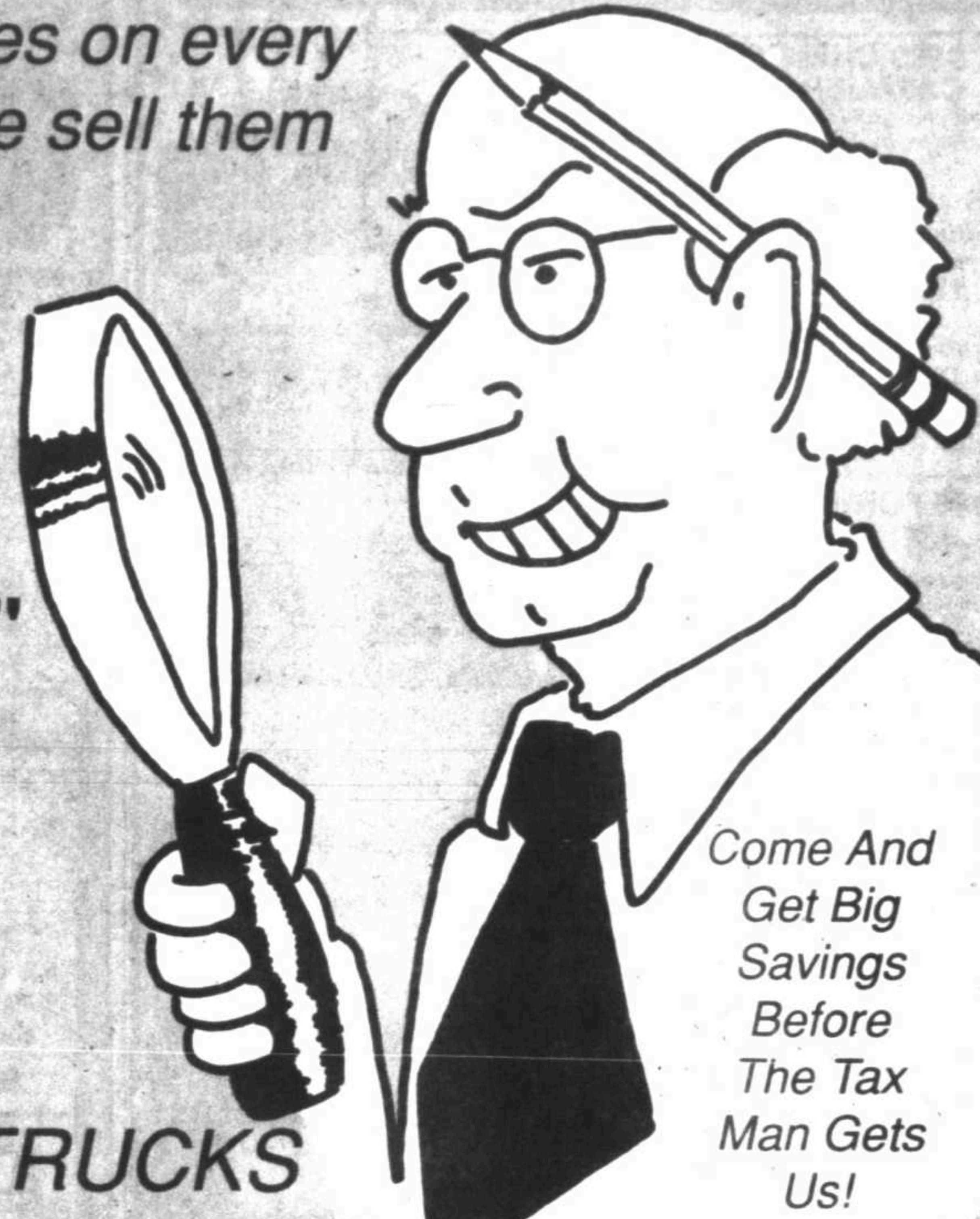
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