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City may seek smaller bond issue

By CHRIS VAN WAGENEN
Staff Writer

The city of Midland is interested in presenting voters with a scaled down bond issue aimed strictly at street and drainage improvements, according to Councilman Gordon Marcum III.

"I'd say it will be greatly reduced from the last one," said Marcum. "It wouldn't be a five year type plan." City officials had attempted to

pass a \$17.4 million issue last September, but voters, already tagged with four tax increases, gave a resounding no to three of the four measures.

Marcum and other council members say they were grateful to pass the public safety issue which has since enabled the city to put together one of the most modern centralized communications systems in the country.

However, Marcum and others say the city is running out of bond funds

for streets and drainage — two areas that are critical to Midland's basic infrastructure.

"It's going to be another tough year ahead of us," said Marcum. "We're going to have to look at the budget again and we're going to have to look at some type of pay increase for the employees."

City Councilman Bob Monaghan agreed that the city may well have to attempt some bond issue. "We just don't think if we put too much in

there that it will pass."

Monaghan sees drainage and police protection as council's most pressing problem coming into the new year. He also envisions additional headaches coming down the road if the northwest section of town develops as predicted.

But there will be no capital improvements if the money isn't there. And that's a real fear, according to City Councilman Bill Williams.

"The big challenge ahead of us

now is to hold expenditures to zero growth. At the moment we have a very limited amount of money to work with. What we have to decide now is where we'll spend out last dollars."

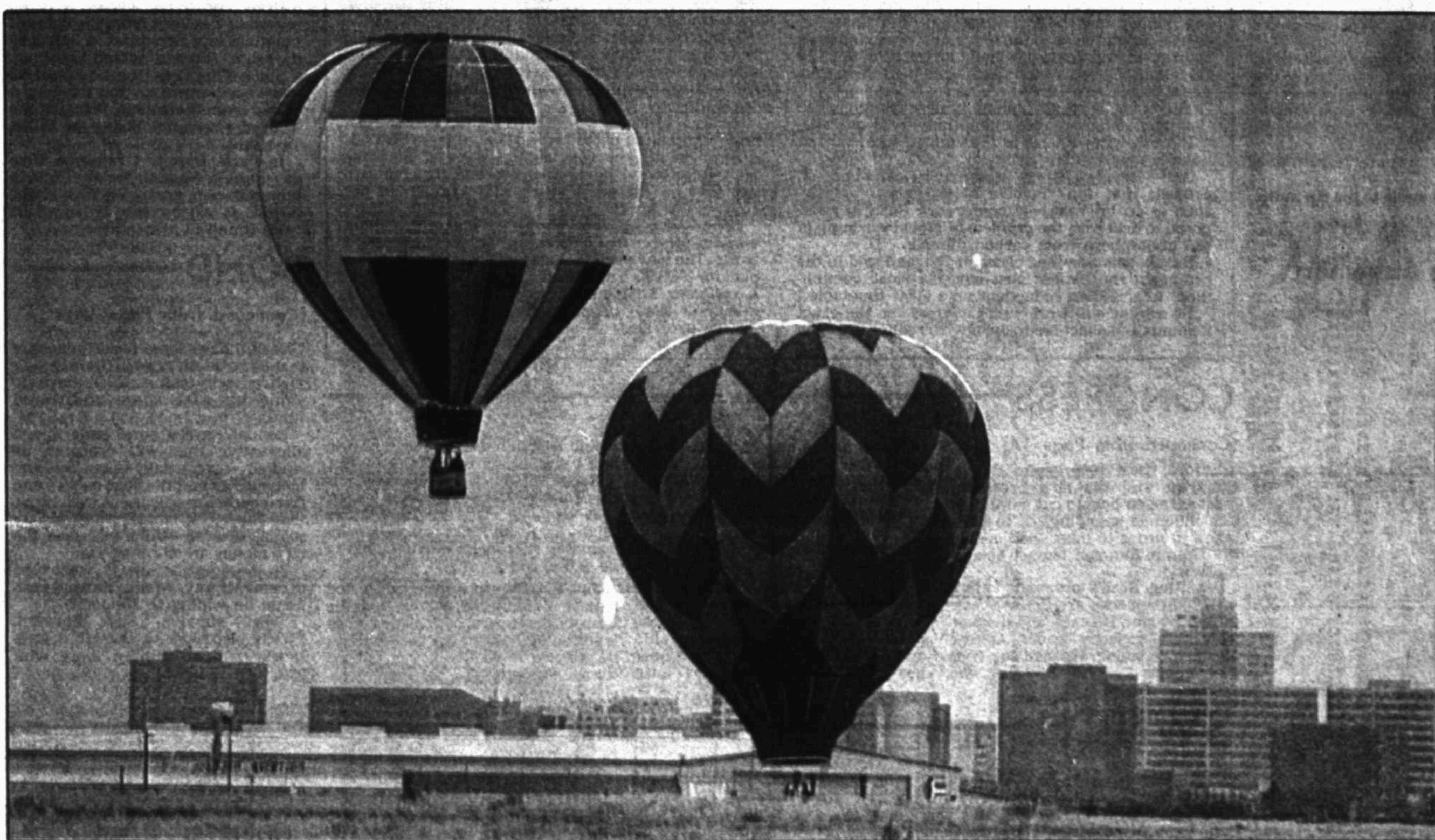
And that gets back to the issue of placing voters in the position of whether or not to support a marginal bond proposition that can supply the city with enough funds to handle its most pressing problems.

When voters defeated the pro-

posed \$3.5 million drainage issue, it automatically put a crimp in Midland's plans to solve the woes of those living along the Northwest Drainage Channel and east of town along the Mulberry Draw.

Yet, city officials say they've done best with what voters have allowed them. Mayor pro tem Robert Rendall is one who is well aware of that fact.

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Rising early

Midlanders up early on Monday night have seen these two hot air balloons gracing the skyline. They took off from Midland Airport about 8 a.m.

Three officials switch parties

By JULIE HILLRICHS
Staff Writer

Three long-time Midland County Democrats announced Tuesday their intention to switch political parties and run for re-election in 1990 on the Republican ticket.

County Clerk-Rosenelle Cherry, County Treasurer Dee Thompson and Justice of the Peace Robert Pine, bring to the Republican Party more than 90 years experience in county government.

"They are a welcomed and invaluable addition to the Midland County, Texas and National Republican Party," said local GOP Chairman Bro Seltzer.

Reacting to the announcement, Midland County's chief Democrat said she was disappointed but not surprised.

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Coast Guard can't find sinking ship

GALVESTON (AP) — U.S. Coast Guard officials who continued their investigation today of an unusual distress call of a burning, sinking ship, checked computer records to determine whether the vessel really existed.

A 15-hour air and water search off the Texas coast where the ship was reported on fire about 2 a.m. Monday yielded nothing.

A man called the Galveston station on an emergency radio frequency but did not initially report trouble. Switched to a non-emergency frequency, the caller began to "act panicky" and report that his 210-meter ship was ablaze and sinking with 21 people aboard, said Petty Officer Madison Thompson.

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Tail section located; 124 bodies released

LOCKERBIE, Scotland (AP) — Police said today that 80 percent of the wreckage of the sabotaged Pan Am Flight 103 has been located, including part of the tail section and a radio distress beacon.

Police superintendent Angus Kennedy said only 20 percent of the jet's wreckage has been recovered, due in part to the rough terrain around the Scottish town where Boeing 747 crashed Dec. 21 after a bomb blew it apart.

Kennedy said 124 of the 242 bodies recovered from crash have been re-

leased to relatives, up from the total of 81 bodies that had been released by Monday. All 259 passengers and crew aboard the plane and 11 people on the ground were killed in the explosion and crash.

T. Allen McArtor, head of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, arrived in London and called for tightened security on all American flights operating out of Middle East and European airports.

A London newspaper, The Independent, reported searchers around Lockerbie found luggage belonging

■ Reagan says U.S., PLO representatives discussing attack on Pan Am flight — 2A

to a Lebanese student whom news reports have said may have unwittingly carried the bomb aboard. The Independent quoted an unidentified searcher as saying part of a zipped holdall contained the identity card of the student, Khalid Jaafar, 21, and a roll of currency "from a country in the Middle East."

"It (the luggage) was clearly nowhere near where the bomb exploded," the newspaper quoted the searcher as saying.

Jaafar's father, Nazir, who lives in Dearborn, Mich., has denied speculation in U.S. and British newspapers that his son may have been duped by terrorists into carrying the bomb

aboard. The student was living in Frankfurt, where the flight to New York via London originated as a Boeing 727. It switched to the jumbo jet in London.

Kennedy refused to comment on the newspaper report.

West German authorities said today the bomb was in the plane's forward cargo compartment but that it was unclear whether the bomb was put aboard the flight in London or Frankfurt.

"All of the luggage from Frank-

furt was in that compartment, as well as some of the luggage from Heathrow," Frankfurt prosecutor's spokesman Hubert Harth said.

Weak signals from the plane's radio distress beacon, located earlier but not retrieved, were picked up Monday by a search and rescue satellite crossing Britain, said Kennedy.

He said the beacon, which fell several miles outside Lockerbie, was probably triggered by a switch that reacts to water and was set off by rain.

101st Congress opens with new leadership

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 101st Congress opens today with Democrats still firmly in control and House leaders from both parties calling for cooperation in solving budget and other problems under a Republican president.

New and re-elected members of the House and Senate were being sworn in today, and then the two chambers were set to carry out organizational chores for two days. Among them: a joint session on Wednesday to count the electoral votes for president.

"We're very optimistic that we're going to be able to work with President-elect Bush and we can solve some of the problems," said Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif., House majority whip. "We need to have that cooperation. ... We'd like to resolve some problems and get rid of some of this confrontation."

"I think at least at the outset ... the appropriate tone is one of cooperation and a spirit of bipartisanship, and let's see how far we can go with that," said Rep. Dick Cheney, R-Wyo., House minority whip.

Bush must turn to budget, other legislative issues

By RITA BEAMISH

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that President-elect Bush has nearly filled his Cabinet, his next major challenge is to fashion a legislative package that he can push through a Democratic-controlled Congress.

The problem of the nation's budget deficit looms as the overriding test for Bush, but his aides also are looking to move legislation on issues that Bush stressed during his campaign, including childcare, education, the environment and ethics.

The Bush team has said the budget deficit will take priority, and much of his legislative program will depend on the fiscal package he is able to work out with Congress.

"We'd have to have the framework first for deal-

ing with the budget," said Craig Fuller, the Bush transition co-director.

But he said Bush will still pursue commitments he made during his campaign. That would mean legislative proposals in such areas as environment, childcare and education.

In the area of government ethics, where President Reagan vetoed a package from Capitol Hill last fall, Bush said recently that he will send an ethics bill to Congress "very, very early."

In his proposals on lobbying by government officials after they've left office, Bush applies the same standards to Congress as to executive branch workers, said Boyden Gray, who will serve as Bush's White House legal counsel.

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But the two, interviewed on "CBS This Morning," had differing views on possible tax increases.

"None of us would like to increase taxes but we're willing to listen and watch and we hope that as we get

into this, and we have to get to the crunch, that if he (Bush) can't reach the magic number without raising revenue, that he would say so and we would go ahead and do it," Coelho said.

"I think the American people voted overwhelmingly in opposition to a tax increase and I don't believe that he should be giving away or making a concession on that point before we even sit down at the table to negotia-

te," said Cheney. "I think it's far too soon for us to be talking about tax increases. Let's talk about where we can save money by spending cuts."

After completing its organizational chores, Congress will adjourn until Jan. 20, although hearings could start before then on some of Bush's legislative proposals.

Possibly the most controversial decision members will have to make early in the session is whether to approve a pay raise for themselves. A presidential commission has recommended a 50 percent increase with members giving up lucrative honorariums in exchange. Many lawmakers contend their jobs make it difficult to live on the \$89,500 base salary.

"If the president goes ahead and proposes a pay raise we're prepared to go ahead and eliminate the honorariums," Coelho said.

President Reagan sends his final budget to Congress Jan. 9, and Bush is expected to submit his own ideas after taking office.

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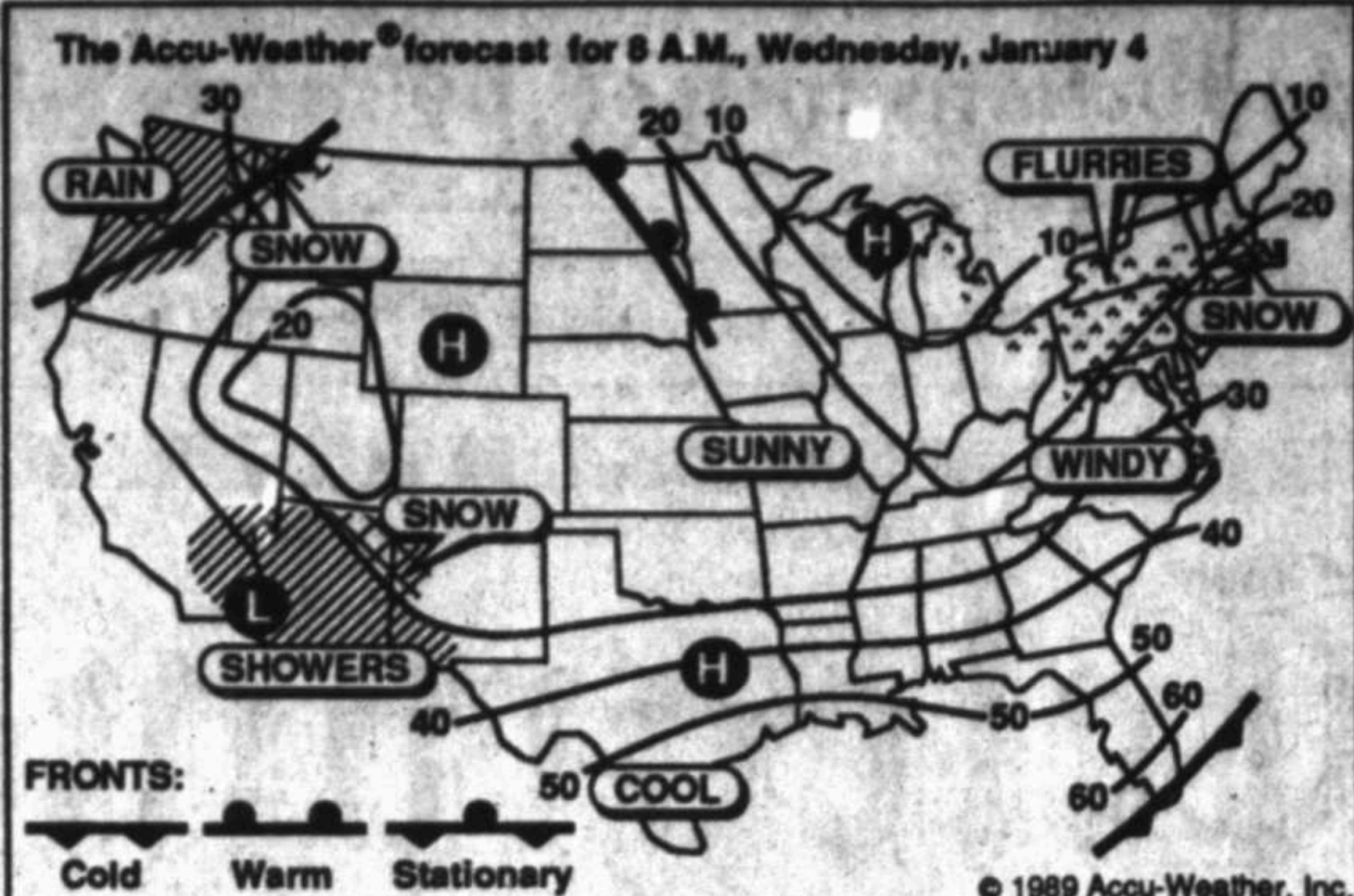
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Mostly cloudy tonight and a less than 20 percent chance of rain. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Isolated showers possible

From Staff and Wire Reports

Mostly cloudy skies and the possibility of isolated showers are in the forecast for tonight, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport. There is a less than 20 percent chance of rain. The low will be in the middle 40s, and winds will be southwesterly 5-10 mph.

Wednesday is expected to be much the same with mostly cloudy skies and a continued less than 20 percent chance of rain and the possibility of isolated showers. The high will be in the middle 60s, and winds will be southwesterly 10-15 mph.

Monday's high of 69 was six degrees cooler than the record high of 75 set for that date in 1964. The overnight low of 38 was 30 degrees warmer than the record low of eight set for this date in 1963.

STATE

Skies were cloudy, but temperatures were rather mild across the Lone Star State early this morning.

Low level clouds and fog rolled in across much of South and North Texas during the early morning hours. At the same time, high clouds from the Pacific continued to drift over into Texas.

A few isolated showers and patches of drizzle formed in extreme East Texas and in parts of South Texas but amounts were small, the National Weather Service reported.

Early morning temperatures generally ranged from the 40s in the Panhandle to the 70s along the coast.

At 4 a.m., the extremes were 40 degrees at Dalhart and 72 degrees at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

A surface low pressure area centered in northwest Arkansas extended down across Texas, resulting in a west to northwest wind flowing across the western half of the state. Meanwhile a southwest wind prevailed across the eastern half. Wind speeds were mainly in the 5 mph to 15 mph range.

Showers were expected tonight in far West and southwest Texas through tonight.

Several record high temperatures were set Monday in South Texas where it got into the mid and upper 80s.

Lows tonight should range from the 30s in the Panhandle to the 60s in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Midland statistics

FORECAST
Tonight: Mostly cloudy and a less than 20 percent chance of rain. Low in the middle 40s, southwest winds 5-10 mph. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of rain, high in the middle 60s, southwest winds 10-15 mph.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
Yesterday's High: 69 degrees
Overnight Low: 38 degrees
Sunrise today: 5:47 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow: 7:50 a.m.
Precipitation: 0 inches
Last 24 hours: 0 inches
This month to date: 0 inches
Year to date: 0 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES
8 a.m.: 46
9 a.m.: 46
10 a.m.: 46
11 a.m.: 46
noon: 46
1 p.m.: 46
2 p.m.: 46
3 p.m.: 46
4 p.m.: 46
5 p.m.: 46

Texas temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Ppn
Abilene	68	51	
Albino	65	48	
Amarillo	65	34	
Austin	68	53	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	68	53	
Beeville	64	46	05
Brownsville	63	46	
Bryan-College Station	70	47	
Childress	66	47	
Corpus Christi	62	46	
Cotulla	60	42	
Dalhart	61	35	
Dallas	69	58	
Del Rio	71	52	
El Paso	57	38	
Fort Worth	69	52	
Galveston	71	62	
Hondo	74	58	
Houston Hobby	74	58	
Junction	75	59	
Kingsville	64	46	
Laredo	60	40	
Longview	66	46	
Lubbock	64	41	
Lufkin	73	46	07
Maria	63	45	
McAllen	65	49	
Midland-Odessa	69	41	
Mineral Wells	69	45	
Palacios	75	46	
San Angelo	76	46	
San Antonio	74	60	
Stephenville	71	54	
Texasarkana	47	47	
Victoria	61	49	
Waco	73	56	
Wichita Falls	51	40	
Winn	62	47	

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Mostly cloudy and mild through Wednesday. Widely scattered showers possible far west and southwest mountains through the period with isolated showers east of the mountains. Highs Wednesday in the 50s far west and ranging from near 70 to the mid 70s Concho Valley and along the Rio Grande to mainly in the 80s elsewhere. Lows tonight mid 30s southwest mountains and Panhandle to the low 40s far West and South Plains to the mid 40s Permian Basin to near 50 Concho Valley and along the river.

Bomb threats delay some flights

GENEVA (AP) — Bomb threats forced a four-hour stopover by an Alitalia jet at Zurich's Kloten airport and delayed Pan Am and Dan Air departures from Geneva, police said today.

The Scandinavian airline SAS, prompted by a bomb threat reportedly from an Iranian Shiite Moslem group, maintained the highest alert in its history, causing flight delays for a third day.

Airlines have been especially sensitive to threats since a bomb exploded aboard a Pan Am jumbo jet on Dec. 21, killing 270 people on board and in the Scottish village of Lockerbie.

"In most cases, such calls prove to be a hoax," said Peter Gutknecht, spokesman at Kloten airport. "But we have to take every threat seriously."

The Alitalia DC-9 was on a flight from Paris to Venice when the pilot was told by Munich air controllers of an anonymous bomb threat and decided to land in Zurich. The flight continued early today after a search.

Another anonymous threat forced

about 30 passengers of an Istanbul-bound Pan Am Boeing 727 to spend the night at Geneva hotels. Their flight continued this morning after the plane was searched.

The departure of a 727 of the British charter airline Dan Air with about 170 British children returning from a Swiss holiday was delayed by several hours Monday after Geneva police received a telephone call from a man who said security forces had 15 minutes to evacuate the plane. Police said the caller identified himself as a member of the Irish Republican Army, which is fighting to end British rule of Northern Ireland.

The plane was searched, but no bomb was found. Passengers flying Scandinavian Airlines System from some 90 airports worldwide were asked to identify their luggage before it was loaded onto planes, and cargo was undergoing extra scrutiny, SAS officials said.

Domestic fliers in Sweden took their own baggage to the aircraft, and unattended bags were hustled into secure areas and x-rayed.

Pan Am probe discussed with PLO

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The White House says representatives of the United States and the Palestine Liberation Organization have discussed possible PLO assistance in investigating the airliner bombing over Scotland that took 270 lives.

President Reagan says he would be happy to receive any information that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat might offer to help solve the mystery of Pan American Flight 103, which crashed Dec. 21 en route from London to New York.

Arafat has condemned the bombing.

An administration official, speaking on condition he not be identified, said the United States stopped short of formally requesting PLO assistance.

Deputy White House Press Secretary Roman Popadiuk said Monday that Robert Pelletreau, the U.S. ambassador to Tunisia, met Saturday at the U.S. Embassy in Tunis with Hakan Balaoui, the PLO representative in Tunis.

Popadiuk said the meeting was requested by Balaoui to introduce himself to Pelletreau. He said it was not a continuation of the contacts, which the United States calls a dialogue, which began with a meeting Dec. 16 between Pelletreau and three members of the PLO executive committee.

"The discussion centered on Middle East issues," Popadiuk said. "The ambassador took the opportunity to mention that the United States would welcome any information the PLO is able to develop concerning

the Pan Am tragedy."

"This is in line with what we have already publicly stated, and is true for the PLO as well as anyone else who may have information on the bombing," he said.

The administration official who spoke anonymously said, "This was not a request for assistance from the PLO."

The official said Balaoui took note of Pelletreau's comments and told the ambassador he would relay them to Arafat.

Earlier Monday, Reagan was asked about reports that Arafat had offered his assistance in the investigation.

"We've not heard from him," the president. "We will be happy to hear from him. If he has anything to tell

us, I'm sure he'll tell us."

The exchange took place as Reagan stepped off Air Force One at Los Angeles International Airport after spending New Year's weekend in the Palm Springs area.

He and his wife, Nancy, were then driven to the brick, ranch-style home in the expensive Bel Air section of Los Angeles where they will live after they leave the White House Jan. 20.

They are expected to remain behind the high walls of the estate until they return to Washington Thursday, except for an appearance at a \$1 million fund-raising event Wednesday night for the Nancy Reagan Center for teen-age drug addicts, to be opened in a renovated hospital in nearby Pomona.

BUSH

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As his budget team toils over the fiscal framework they will take into congressional negotiations, small groups of aides are working on that and other building blocks of the Bush agenda.

Research teams headed by Jim Pinkerton, head of policy development for Bush's transition operation, have gathered data from cabinet departments including synopses of measures pending in Congress and issues seen as key in the new congressional session.

Much of the "serious policy analysis" on the Bush legislative agenda is expected to occur early in January, said Robert Teeter, co-director of Bush's transition team.

The early proposals are expected to center on a domestic agenda, stressing the "kinder, gentler" approach to government that Bush discussed during the campaign.

Spending proposals — such as his plan to expand Medicaid coverage — ultimately will hinge on how the budget negotiations turn out. For instance, Bush's commitment to the tough anti-drug stance he took during the campaign could be tested in talks on financing the massive new anti-drug legislation Congress passed this fall.

The bill calls for \$2.7 billion in new spending, but Congress initially appropriated only \$676 million.

But other items, such as the ethics package, don't have a significant price tag.

One idea is to stress presidential leadership on projects that don't involve large sums of money, such as an international conference Bush has proposed to deal with the problem of global warming of the atmosphere from carbon dioxide.

Bush wants a revised clean-air bill, and said in the campaign the nation must have "a clear commitment to emissions reductions on a clear timetable."

He said he will work with Congress "on the exact amounts and exact methodology" to reduce nitrogen

oxide and sulphur dioxide emissions.

On one of the acid-rain sticking points, Bush proposes burden sharing of the costs among ratepayers nationwide rather than just in the polluting regions.

The Clean Air Act has been up for renewal every year this decade, but Congress has been unable to agree on the provision dealing with acid rain.

"There will be a long negotiation on acid rain and clean air authorization," predicted Bush adviser Bob Grady.

Environmentalists also are waiting to see how the Bush team handles some of the regulatory aspects of environmental protection and cleanup, a subject on which the Reagan administration was heavily criticized.

Another controversial topic is offshore oil drilling. Congress, in an ad hoc approach, has tacked on a drilling prohibition for the California coast, for example, when passing appropriations for the Interior Department each year.

Bush, a former oilman, has shied away from blanket bans, saying he will look at the drilling situation on a tract-by-tract basis.

Bush also emphasized education issues during the campaign. His proposals include a \$500 million merit schools program, \$50 million for magnet schools, and \$50 million for programs in teaching reform and innovation.

He also promised to push for a big increase in Head Start funding, to extend it to all eligible 4-year-olds.

Bush during the campaign pledged a childcare plan, to include a government refund for childcare expenses for the poor, with a \$1,000 tax credit per child under age 4.

Differences between Bush's childcare plan and versions offered by Congress are expected to spark a battle. The new president also will send Congress his plan for YES, or Youth Entering Service to America. It calls for \$100 million to match private sector grants for young people to volunteer in community service programs.

CONGRESS

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Before fiscal 1990 begins Oct. 1, Congress and the new president must agree on how to cut more than \$25 billion in spending, or to raise taxes, in order to meet the goals of the Gramm-Rudman budget balancing law.

Awaiting Bush's proposals before offering their own are House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, and the Senate's new majority leader, George Mitchell of Maine. Mitchell succeeds Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., who

will also play a key fiscal role as he moves over to the chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee.

Bush pledged repeatedly during the campaign he would not support any new taxes, but many Democrats are openly skeptical he can keep that promise.

Among the doubters are the chairmen of the House and Senate Budget committees — both new to those posts — Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., and Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn. Sasser has publicly predicted that Bush

would be coming to Congress within two years asking for a tax increase.

Even Bob Michel, R-Ill., who returns as the House minority leader, said he suspects some new taxes might have to be combined with spending cuts for the deficit goals to be achieved.

Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, re-elected Senate Republican leader, said he hasn't seen any indications that Bush is softening his anti-tax position. But he warned demands on the federal till are increasing.

SWITCH

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"I had heard rumors that this was going to happen," Democratic Chairman Janet Massey said.

The latest party switch leaves only three Democrats — State District Judge Vann Culp, County Commissioner Louisa Valencia and County Court-at-Law Judge Willie Dubose — holding elected offices in Midland County.

However, Ms. Massey refused to put the blame on the Midland County Democratic Party, which has been losing membership since 1970.

She said Democrats plan on having a full slate of candidates running for office against Republicans in 1990.

Seltzer asserted that all three of the new Republicans are among the most efficient, conscientious and hard working county officials in Texas, but had special words of praise for Ms. Cherry.

SHIP

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His signal was weaker than would be expected from the area where he claimed the ship was going down, and he refused to give specific information that would aid in the search, Thompson said. As a result, the search area had to be expanded.

Despite the caller's vague report, Thompson said, he quickly repeated key phrases during an approximate 20-minute conversation, suggesting he "knew exactly what he wanted to say."

The man who radioed the distress call said he

whom he described as one of his oldest and dearest friends.

"Rosenelle Cherry is recognized throughout Texas as one of the best, if not the very best, county clerk in the state," he said.

In 1983, Ms. Cherry received the Outstanding County Clerk award from the Texas District and County Clerks Association.

She has served in the County Clerk's office since 1948 and was appointed to the top post in 1951 to fill an unexpired term. Elected to the office in 1952, Ms. Cherry has run unopposed every year since then.

Ms. Thompson acknowledged that she, in reality, had switched parties by voting in the 1988 Republican primary election.

"I have always been very conservative," said the county treasurer who won her first election in 1958. "I believe anyone I have ever worked with in county government would verify that

fact."

Seltzer described the announcement as a "wonderful way to start the new year."

He said the three new Republicans discovered what Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance and U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm discovered long ago: that the Democratic Party no longer represented their personal or political beliefs.

"In short, the Democratic Party abandoned Ms. Cherry, Ms. Thompson and Judge Pine. And in this case, the Democrats' loss is the Republicans' gain," he added.

Pine, who was first appointed to the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2, seat in 1964, agreed.

"The Democratic Party has changed drastically since I first ran for office in 1966 and I now more closely identify with the goals and the beliefs of the Republican Party," he said.

ings," Thompson said after the search was called off shortly before 5 p.m. "There was no use in keeping them out there any longer. We should have had a sighting of something that indicated a boat had been on fire or sunk, one of the two."

He said the Coast Guard was looking into the possibility the distress call was a ruse.

"I don't want to get into much speculation, but this is a good thing for drug smugglers, they try to do it all the time, put out false reports," Thompson said. "Anyone with common sense knows that if you don't want anyone around, you send them somewhere else."

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1988 called dazzling peacemaking year

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Outgoing U.S. Ambassador Vernon A. Walters says U.N. peacemaking successes last year — ending wars in Afghanistan and Angola and between Iran and Iraq — are unprecedented in the annals of the world body.

These successes and warming U.S.-Soviet relations have made the United Nations "a better place for the United States to do business," Walters said in a farewell interview.

The former deputy head of the Central Intelligence Agency said the U.S. view of the world body, once hostile and disdainful, has changed to appreciation. "If properly handled," Walters said, "the U.N. can be advantageous in promoting our goals of peace, prosperity and freedom."

"If it didn't exist, it would have to be invented."

He spoke at the General Assembly concluded its 43rd session, a dazzling year of achievements.

It was the year of the Nobel Peace Prize for U.N. peacekeeping operations, the farewell speech by President Reagan, the U.N. debut of Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and a move to Geneva to hear PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Walters, 71, who has served as U.S. permanent representative here since 1965, described what he called an "extraordinarily successful" year.

"We got agreements to end the Afghan War, the Persian Gulf War (between Iran and Iraq) and the war in Angola. There is nothing like it in the annals of the United Nations," said Walters, who is being succeeded by Thomas Pickering, ambassador to Israel.

"And, God willing," Walters said, "We will shut down the Western Sahara and Cambodia wars very soon."

Walters refused to disclose his next posting, but diplomats speculated he might be assigned to a European capital.

Last month, Angola, Cuba and South Africa signed agreements providing for Namibian independence from South Africa and the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. A U.N. independence plan for Namibia will be implemented next year and U.N. peacekeepers and observers deployed.

Walters also said he believed the United States will pay about \$400 million in arrears. He has opposed U.S. withholding of U.N. dues to protest what Washington considers U.N. bias and inefficiency and has urged restoration of full funding.

The United Nations is far more effective today than in the past, and

anti-U.S. name-calling, which flooded this forum several years ago, is virtually nonexistent.

"We no longer get the 'blood-sucking vampires of Wall Street draining the last drop from the toiling masses of the Third World.' That stuff is gone," Walters said.

He attributed the change almost entirely to the new international environment and improved U.S.-Soviet relations.

"In the old days, if we said it was 'black,' the Soviets said it was 'white,'" he said. "That's no longer there and the possibility of playing off East against West has largely disappeared."

Walters said he gave "a great deal of credit to Mr. Gorbachev, who had the courage to make very diffi-

cult decisions. He clearly was the one who decided to change the style and content of foreign policy."

He added, however, that "a lot of

obstacles were created by the Soviet Union through its contrariness and desire to inflict its ideology on others."

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Afghan party changes name; Advisers leave

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Six weeks before the promised Soviet withdrawal of all troops from Afghanistan, members of the Kabul government have moved dependents to new homes near the Soviet border, Western diplomats said today.

The diplomats also said the country's ruling Peoples Democratic Party is changing its name and that of its newspaper in an effort to broaden its appeal and remove references to the bloody 1978 revolution it rode to power.

The moves coincide with the exodus of Soviet civilian advisers from the Afghan capital and warnings from foreign embassies that their nationals leave the country unless they have essential business, the diplomats said.

Under U.N.-mediated accords, half of the roughly 100,000 Soviet troops that had been in Afghanistan fighting Moslem guerrillas left the country by Aug. 15 and the balance are to be out by Feb. 15.

Soviet troops intervened in Afghanistan to prop up the government in 1979.

In the western part of the country, the Soviet pullout has begun from Shindad and Herat, said the Islamabad-based diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity. They quoted Afghan officials as saying the main military withdrawal will begin Jan. 15.

The diplomats said senior members of the Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan have been allocated apartments in Mazar-e-Sharif, 165 miles northeast of Kabul. Most of them have sent their dependents and household goods to town near the Soviet border.

The Special Guard, which protects party and government officials, has increased to at least 4,000 members and is expected to rise to 20,000 to withstand guerrilla attacks when the Soviets leave, the diplomats said.

Special Aeroflot flights have taken Soviet advisers from the capital, and the Soviet Embassy has been reduced to about 100 workers, the diplomats said.

The ruling party will change its name to the Liberal, Democratic and National Party and adopt "free market policies along the lines of Western Social Democratic parties," said one Western diplomat, citing Afghan sources.

The name of the party newspaper has been changed the more moderate Message from Truth of the April Revolution, diplomats said.

A cease-fire President Najib offered on New Year's Day has been ignored by guerrillas and by government troops.

State-run radio said 82 people — including 79 guerrillas — were killed and 40 wounded in fighting Sunday and Monday. It said the three others were civilians.

Ferry captain charged with negligent homicide

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Authorities charged a 22-year-old ferry captain with negligent homicide after the boat, overcrowded with New Year's travelers, sank off the Caribbean coast. Sixty-seven people drowned and 14 were missing.

Officials said 46 people survived the sinking of the ferry Justo Rufino Barrios II in Amatique Bay on Guatemala's east coast Sunday.

Juan Pablo Esquivel was arrested after authorities determined that about 120 people were aboard the 30-ton ferry, which was authorized to carry 90, said Capt. Anibal Giron Arreola, second-in-command at the Puerto Barrios naval base.

He said by telephone that the ferry ran out of fuel midway on a 16-mile run across the bay from Livingston to Puerto Barrios and sank after a naval patrol boat tried to tow it to port.

Officials had yet to determine the exact cause of the sinking, but Giron Arreola said the ferry captain was slow to respond to requests by the skipper of the naval patrol boat to take control of the ferry's wheel once it was under tow. He said the patrol boat captain believed the ferry's rudder was unmanned while under tow.

Esquivel radioed that he had taken the wheel just as the boat began to capsize, Giron Arreola said.

Giron Arreola also said that passengers ran to one side of the ferry while it was under tow just before the ferry sank.

"It appears the boat rode a wave and that as it was leaning the people



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ran to one side out of fear," he said. Although seas were only 1-to-1½ feet, passengers were not used to traveling by sea, he said.

No Americans were on board, he said.

A morgue official said 13 bodies were identified.

Navy patrol boats, fishing vessels and other private craft searched for the missing Monday.

Puerto Barrios, 187 miles north-east of Guatemala City, the capital, is Guatemala's main east coast port. There are no roads to Livingston and most travel along the coast is by boat.

The Rufino Barrios Maritime Transport firm owns the ferry and operates two other ferries along the Livingston-Puerto Barrios route.

Former mayor blamed for massacre flees Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The former mayor of Port-au-Prince blamed for the church massacre of 12 people has fled Haiti after receiving a safe-conduct pass from the military government.

Franck Romain left Port-au-Prince on Saturday after spending three months in the Dominican Embassy, the Information Ministry said. He was given political asylum in the embassy after the Sept. 17 military coup that brought Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril to power.

The ministry statement, issued Sunday, did not say where Romain had gone, but he was believed to be in the Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. He was given an official pass assuring his safe departure at the request of the Dominican government, the ministry said.

In the Dominican Republic, the daily newspaper El Nacional reported Monday that Romain was in the country on Sunday.

The newspaper quoted sources in the Dominican Embassy in Haiti as saying Romain was taken to the border in an embassy automobile under military escort. Once at the border, Romain traveled to Santo Domingo, where he is staying with friends, the newspaper reported.

El Nacional said Romain's wife and a son left the embassy two weeks earlier. But it did not say whether they also traveled to the Dominican Republic.

Jose del Carmen Acosta, the Dominican ambassador in Haiti, declined comment.

Romain, who has not been charged, was accused of directing the Sept. 11 massacre at a Roman

Catholic church in a Port-au-Prince slum. Attackers armed with guns, machete knives and spikes killed 12 people and wounded at least 70 others.

The Information Ministry said Romain's departure did not "prejudice the legal proceedings" against him, but did not elaborate.

The former mayor was a reputed leader of the Tonton Macoutes, the dreaded militia set up during the 29-year Duvalier dictatorship, and perpetrators of the church massacre were identified as City Hall employees.

The soldiers who overthrew Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy in September said they were provoked by the atrocity and wanted to end state-sponsored violence.

Namphy fled to the Dominican Republic and remains there with his wife and daughter.

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WORLD in brief

Soviets unhappy with shuttle project

MOSCOW (AP) — It was hard to tell the Soviets from the Americans without a scorecard this week as squabbling grew louder over spending huge amounts on a Soviet space shuttle project while other needs go begging.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda said Monday, without giving details of the debate, that some scientists involved in the project joined consumers upset by food and clothing shortages in questioning the value of the program.

In the years before scientists here revealed their own shuttle program, they assailed the U.S. project as too costly and of questionable use. Many Soviet scientists said they could gain the same goals with more standard, single-use rockets.

Pravda said in a full-page article devoted to the development and testing of the Soviet shuttle that a "major rethinking and a fierce clash of ideas, concepts and proposals are under way" even within the space shuttle program.

The Soviets successfully launched the space shuttle Buran (Snowstorm) on Nov. 15 on an unmanned 3-hour, 20-minute test flight.

Pravda said that only a small part of the Soviet shuttle's program has been fulfilled, and the Buran has yet to prove that it can perform useful work in orbit.

The newspaper said that the reaction of Soviet citizens to the 1981 launch of cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin was much more positive than the reaction to the space shuttle program, even though people were poorer then.

It said the hopes for a better life that people lost during years of corrupt government and a stagnant economy were to blame.

The technological advancements of the shuttle program eventually will work their way into everyday life, however, Pravda said.

Five die in Beirut clashes

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Rival Shiite Muslim militias blasted each other with grenades, mortars and cannons in Beirut's southern slums all night, and police today said five combatants were killed and seven others wounded.

Thousands of residents remained huddled in basements and bomb shelters as the fighting raged into a fourth day, police said.

The sound of explosions reverberated across the Lebanese capital as militiamen of the Syrian-backed Amal, Arabic for hope, and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, or Party of God, battled under parachute flares.

Iran had planned to send its deputy foreign minister, Mohammed Javad Larijani, to Beirut to try to attain a cease-fire, according to radio stations in Muslim west Beirut. But Larijani flew to the Soviet Union today, Iran's official Islamic Republic.

Army cutbacks feared

JERUSALEM (AP) — Critics of a government austerity plan said Monday some provisions could hurt the army by forcing cuts in weapons purchases or training programs.

Ministers and legislators from both major political blocs accused Finance Minister Shimon Peres of not working out the details of his plan before announcing it Sunday.

His proposals call for controlling inflation by curbing cost-of-living pay increases and cutting about \$600 million from government spending on the army, schools, hospitals and welfare.

Peres, who leads the center-left Labor Party, said his inflation target was 9 percent by the end of 1989, about half of the current annual figure of 18 percent. He did not say where spending cuts should be made, leaving that to a ministerial committee expected to convene Wednesday or Thursday.

Rebels willing to meet

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Nicaraguan rebel leaders on Monday told Costa Rican President Oscar Arias they are willing to attend peace talks in Washington with the leftist Nicaraguan government.

"We have the honor of confirming to you, Mr. President, our willingness to reach a political solution to the conflict and that we have decided to accept Washington as the city where negotiations with the Sandinista government should continue," the leadership of the Nicaraguan Resistance, the rebels' political organization, told Arias in a letter.

Arias is the author of a 1987 peace plan for Central America that calls, in part, for negotiated solutions to civil conflicts in Nicaragua, El Salvador and Guatemala.

A tenuous cease-fire agreement between the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels, known as Contras, and the leftist Sandinistas has been in effect since March. Negotiations on a permanent end to the seven-year-old civil war broke down in September.

Iran builds fighter plane

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iranian Premier Hussein Mussavi said Monday that Iran is nearing military self-sufficiency by building an advanced fighter plane and maintaining its aging U.S.-made F-4 and F-5 fighters, Tehran television reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, said Mussavi spoke after inspecting Iranian air force facilities, but showed footage of only one single-propeller trainer plane said to be locally built.

Mussavi said Iran now was able to repair its U.S.-made Hawk surface-to-air missiles without outside help.

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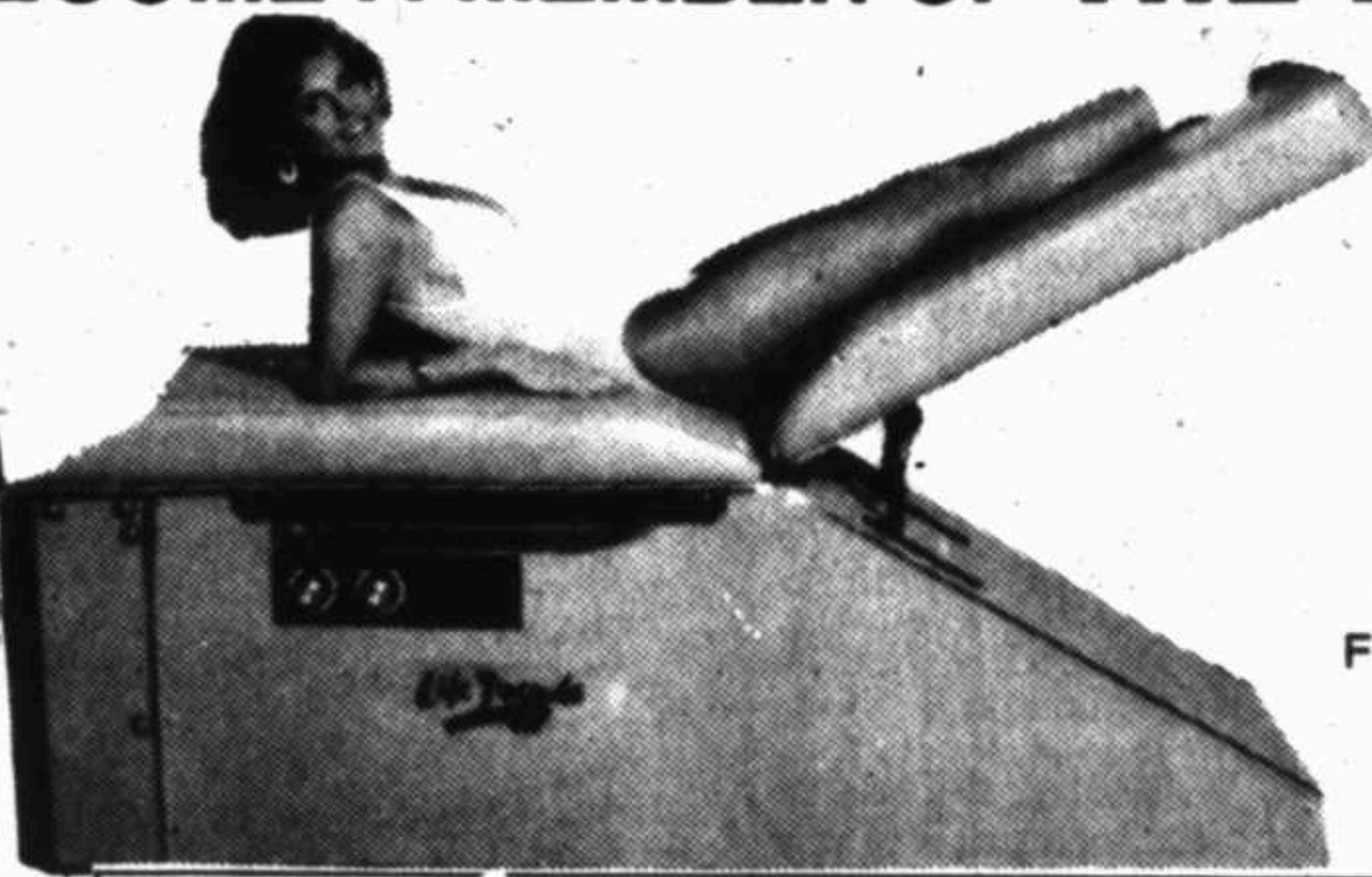
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Base closing plan needs careful study

The announcement that a Pentagon commission has directed the closing of three dozen military bases is being met with mixed reviews around the nation. The move, part of a proposed realignment of military installations nationwide, has been discussed in recent years as a way of pruning unnecessary costs from the federal budget while updating and modernizing defense concepts.

Without a doubt the proposal will bring sharp remarks from Congress — if Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci doesn't opt to veto it on his own before Jan. 16th. Closing military bases strikes close to home with political constituents and, thus, with members of Congress. In fact, because of the sensitivity of base closing plans some observers already are saying the plan is doomed.

Although defense expenditures can be correctly labeled political plums, to the degree that they benefit local economies, there are other considerations involved in such a sweeping cut as the one now proposed. First and foremost, the cuts should be rendered without compromising national security. Local considerations shouldn't really play into the decision, although from a legislative standpoint they do, of course.

That fact underscores the battle coming in the Congress if Carlucci doesn't act. And with-

out a doubt self-interest will be the battle cry of many who will crouch behind the shield of national security.

Texas fared well in the commission's recommendation. Only one installation — the Navy's home port in Galveston — would be abandoned if the plan is approved. With that fact out in the open, Texas must stand up to charges that acceptance of the Pentagon plan is based on the state's vested interests.

Regardless of local concerns, however, it would be foolish for the nation to face further debt provided the number of military installations can be scaled back without jeopardizing national security. Ironically this most recent move to close bases comes in the wake of a troop and armaments reduction move by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev. That would seem to bolster this plan to cut U.S. military installations in the interest of reducing the national debt.

We favor a strong defensive posture, but also recognize that a nation can damage itself fiscally if it attempts to arm and defend itself in a way that isn't needed. The Pentagon commission has made a recommendation that could lead to a significant savings of tax dollars. Now it's up to Carlucci and the Congress to review the commission's recommendations and act in the national interest.

Another View:

Murder in the forest

Francisco Mendes Filho, gunned down a few days ago at his home in Brazil's Amazon rain forests, didn't start out as an environmentalist. He was a labor leader, the head of a union of 3,000 rubber tappers. But his union's fight to preserve the rain forests of the Amazon, whose resources sustained the workers, also was the world's environmental fight. His murder was everyone's loss.

For the rubber workers of the Amazon, the rain forests represent a way of life. Tapping trees for latex and scouring the forests for nuts, fruits and plants, they exploit the forest for their livelihood, but without destroying it. For the rest of the world, those forests represent an absorber of carbon, vital to maintaining the climatic balance of the earth at a time of carbon dioxide buildup in the atmosphere and the global warming it causes.

But for the plungers and speculators of Brazil, the rain forest is an obstacle to be burned and turned into pasture for cattle and profits. According to scientists' estimates, would-be ranchers burned 77,000 square miles of Brazilian rain forest last year alone, accounting for up to 10 percent of the global outputs of man-made carbon dioxide dumped into the atmosphere.

When Mendes led his rubber tappers to sit in front of bulldozers to protect the trees, it was to save the workers' livelihood. But that courage in the face of threats by ranchers and speculators served us all.

Mendes' murder, arranged by the son of a prominent local rancher, underscores the difficulties and high stakes in the effort to preserve the world's tropical forests. That is particularly true in Brazil, where the government has yet to live up to its duties either to protect the environment or the human rights of the people of the Amazon. Scores of other rubber tappers and Indians who have resisted the destruction of the forests and their way of life have died violently, and their killers go unpunished.

The killing of Francisco Mendes, winner of the United Nations' Global 500 award for environmental protection, is a black mark on Brazil's reputation. That reputation won't change until Brazil punishes the violence against those who would protect the forests and institutes effective policies that put the government on the side of those fighting against the torches and the bulldozers.

— The Sacramento Bee

JACK ANDERSON

Meat industry finds legislative friend

WASHINGTON — The American meat industry has found a friend in Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, R-Minn., and vice versa.

A new and drastically reduced meat inspection program will go into effect by the middle of this year, in part because of some quick thinking by Boschwitz in the waning hours of the 99th Congress in 1986.

The powerful meat industry lobby was working feverishly that session for a law to radically change the way the government inspects processed meats such as hot dogs and bologna.

Boschwitz tacked a rider on the Commodities Futures Trading Reauthorization Act, and, without so much as a hearing, the Senate passed it.

As a result, the Agriculture Department may soon pull daily inspectors out of some meat processing plants. The department has tested the new reduced inspection plan and is going through the formality of taking public comments until Feb. 2. The new rules could be implemented by the middle of this year.

Before Boschwitz came to the Senate, the tall, dapper man was best known for the television commercials he filmed for his Plymouth Minnesota lumber yards. It appears he has taken a liking to another major Minnesota industry — meat packing.

In 1986, after Boschwitz gave a speech to meat moguls, a woman from the American Meat Institute ran up to the senator and planted a kiss on his cheek. Boschwitz should have been the one doing the kissing. The American Meat Institute, the industry's political action committee, donated \$1,000 to his campaign that year and paid him another \$1,000 for the speech.

A spokesman for the senator told us Boschwitz was performing a constituent service by sponsoring the meat bill. The stockyards of St. Paul, Minn., became the country's largest

after the Chicago yards shut down. Boschwitz looks out for that industry.

While Boschwitz may have gotten the job done in the Senate, Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, started the ball rolling in the House. He tacked the bill onto the fastest moving congressional vehicle in 1986, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act.

Like Boschwitz, Stenholm has received modest campaign sums from the American Meat Institute. We don't have any reports of kisses. Stenholm denies that his bill will reduce processed meat inspection. It reduces the frequency of inspections at some plants, but the law also gives the Agriculture Department more power to shut down a plant producing dirty meat. Stenholm's theory is that it's better to have 1,100 inspectors armed with "shoulder rockets" than 2,200 with bows and arrows.

As a concession to consumer groups, Stenholm included a sunset provision, which means the new policy will have to be reviewed and approved again by Congress in 1992 or it will expire.

Under the law, meat company employees will assume many of the in-

spection duties now done by the federal government, including the power to condemn meat and shut down the assembly line. There is nothing in the law to protect company whistleblowers from reprisals by their bosses. Government inspectors who used to be at the plants every day will now make random visits. Any way you slice it, that looks like deregulation.

HIGGINS IS PAWN — The highest ranking American hostage, Col. William Higgins, is a victim of the power struggle that is raging in Iran. An Iranian deputy foreign minister announced in Lebanon that Iran will seek the release of Western hostages. But the terrorists who hold Higgins have threatened to kill him. Our sources believe the threat was a rebuff by the radicals who accuse Iranian pragmatists of renouncing the pure revolutionary doctrines taught by the Ayatollah Khomeini. One source told us that the hostages are held by the Musawi Clan in Lebanon which gets its signals from Iran, but the signals are mixed.

MINI-EDITORIAL — The United States is no longer sending military aid to the Nicaraguan contras. But American taxpayers are still paying for that losing cause at home at a rate of \$460,000 a month. That's the cost of running the investigation into the Iran-contra conspiracy. To date, investigators and attorneys have cost the taxpayers more than \$12 million. That goes a long way to diminish Oliver North's status as a "hero."

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

WHOM TO WRITE

Following is a list of the names and addresses of various state and federal officials Midlanders may wish to contact from time-to-time:

PRESIDENT: Ronald Reagan (R), The President, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

SENATORS: Lloyd Bentsen (D) and Phil Gramm (R), Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

GOVERNOR: Bill Clements (R), State Capitol Building, Austin, Texas 78701.



EVANS & NOVAK

Bennett surprising top choice for drug czar

WASHINGTON — William J. Bennett, who resigned as secretary of education last fall to make some money in the private sector, has suddenly appeared as front-runner to fill the newly created post of drug czar.

The outspoken Bennett was not George Bush's favorite member of the Reagan Cabinet and has been considered too controversial by the Bush transition team. But Bennett, who makes no secret of long-term presidential ambitions, has not enjoyed being out of the limelight since leaving the Cabinet and is an eager applicant for the drug post.

Bush advisers originally wanted a law enforcement official for the drug post, created by act of Congress last year, and somebody fitting that description might yet be named. But as thinking in the Bush inner circle has moved toward a high profile drug czar, Bennett has moved into first place.

SCHLESINGER REPEATING? Incoming White House chief of staff John Sununu has given a green light for President-elect Bush to pick James Schlesinger for secretary of energy, the same job he held under President Jimmy Carter.

Schlesinger, a registered Republican but a free spirit politically, contributed to Bush's campaign last fall with a Time magazine article assailing Michael Dukakis' national security policy.



Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

ty policy. Besides his political help, the former defense secretary and CIA director in Republican administrations fills Bush's specifications for an energy secretary with broad nuclear weapons experience to deal with outdated plants making weapons-grade nuclear fuel.

That need put Schlesinger, a caustic and tough administrator, on Bush's short list for the last unfilled Cabinet seat. But political advisers to the president-elect warn that Schlesinger is tarred with energy control policies that he presided over in Carter days.

TOWER TV BLOOPER

Bush transition officials are steam-

ing over Secretary of Defense-designate John Tower's appearance on CBS' "Face the Nation" without asking special permission for an exemption from blackout orders.

Tower went on the program because of a personal commitment to its host, Lesley Stahl, before he received routine blackout orders following his nomination not to talk to the news media prior to Senate confirmation. Nevertheless, his appearance on the Christmas Day program came as an unpleasant surprise to the Bush transition team.

Apart from aggravation that their rules were broken, Bush aides were unhappy about the substance of the Tower interview. They contend no purpose was served when the often repeated and denied charges of womanizing and drinking against the former senator were raised by Stahl.

WORLD BANK TO TOKYO?

An intriguing shuffle is being talked about in Bush transition circles with World Bank President Barber Conable getting the critically important post of ambassador to Japan and being replaced by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker.

Conable, a former Republican congressman from upstate New York, is close to President-elect Bush and was his presidential campaign chairman in 1980. He is reported by insid-

ers to be tired of administering the huge international lending organization. He would satisfy the Japanese demand for a comparably prestigious figure to replace departing longtime Ambassador Mike Mansfield.

Conable to Tokyo would pave the way for Volcker's return to government after a two-year absence. Volcker is making big bucks for the first time in his life, but friends say the World Bank is the one public post he would consider taking.

BUSH'S CIA PALS

With George Bush's old pal James Lilly the leading choice for assistant secretary of state for Far Eastern affairs, his post as ambassador to South Korea is now slated for Donald Gregg, Bush's much-investigated national security aide.

That would send one ex-CIA officer to replace another. Lilly was the agency's station chief in Beijing when Bush was U.S. envoy to China. Gregg once served as CIA station chief in Seoul.

Gregg, Bush's close friend, was repeatedly but unsuccessfully charged with playing a hidden role for the vice president in the Iran-Contra affair. What to do with him has been on Bush's front burner for weeks.

Rowland Evans and Robert Novak are columnists for North America Syndicate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 3, the third day of 1989. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 3, 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Alaska to the Union as the 49th state.

On this date: In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1777, George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.

In 1833, Britain seized control of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. Almost 150 years later, Argentina seized the islands from the British, but Britain took them back after a 74-day war.

In 1871, Henry W. Bradley of Binghamton, N.Y., received a patent for oleomargarine.

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was organized.

In 1946, William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw Haw" for his pro-Nazi radio broadcasts from Germany, was hanged in London. Although American-born, Joyce held a British passport.

In 1961, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald on live television, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1983, Republican George Deukmejian was sworn in as California's 35th governor, after eight years of leadership by Democrat Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr.

One year ago: The Israeli army ordered nine Palestinian activists deported as part of a controversial crackdown to stop the uprising in the occupied territories.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Victor Borge is 80. Consumer reporter Betty Furness is 73. Singer Maxene Andrews is 71. Actor Jesse White is 70. Sportscaster Hank Stram is 66. Record producer George Martin is 63. Actor Eddie Egan is 59. Actor Dabney Coleman is 57. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 53. Singer Stephen Stills is 44. Actress Victoria Principal is 39. Actor Mel Gibson is 33.

Thought for Today: "Infinity converts the possible into the inevitable." —Norman Cousins, American editor.

CHARLEY REESE

Congress ready to sucker public — again!

There must be something in the drinking water that makes people in Washington go crazy. Otherwise no one could say with a straight face that an

\$89,500 a year salary constitutes a hardship. Or that a pay raise jumping it to \$135,000 represents a reform.

Both things are being said as Congress prepares to sneak through another outrageous pay raise for itself as well as other top federal bureaucrats.

Here are the tricks involved, all of which are designed to bamboozle you, the public.

Some years ago the cowards in Congress decided they could no longer stand the heat of voting for their own payraises, as previous con-

gresses had done since the beginning of the Republic.

They devised this scheme whereby a federal commission, made up mainly of beltway lawyers and corporate honchos, recommends a pay raise. The president then incorporates that recommendation or his own into his budget request and 30 days later, abracadabra, the pay raise takes effect and Congress never votes on it.

The only way for Congress's pay hike to be halted is for a majority to vote for a resolution rejecting it. Last time, when they hiked their pay from \$75,100 to \$89,500, House Speaker Jim Wright, the master trickster, delayed a vote until one day after the deadline. In other words, they could then all vote against the payraise but get it anyway.

This year they have coupled the payraise with a prohibition against honorariums so they are, in effect, saying give me a 50 percent pay hike and I'll give you one form of unethical behavior. Or, to put it more bluntly, pay me not to take bribes in the form of honorariums.

I'm tempted strongly not to write

about this subject since voters were dumb enough to re-elect 99 percent of the incumbents. These incumbents have, naturally enough, taken their re-election as a signal that no amount of outrageous behavior on their part, fiscal irresponsibility, and rape of the taxpayer will jeopardize their cushy jobs.

If their constituents ask for it, then they will certainly shove it in to the hilt.

Congress is already overpaid, both in real and comparative terms. Since when do people who will not balance the budget, who have run up nearly \$3 trillion in debt and another several trillion in unfunded liabilities, deserve to be rewarded?

In the Great Depression, a Congress with more integrity cut its own pay. In the present fiscal crisis, this Congress, though sorely lacking in integrity, should cut its pay — not raise it.

Last year, 99 million Americans filed income taxes. Just over 98 million of them were in income brackets below the present salary level of Congress. The median income for households is about \$24,000 and the

average annual pay in the U.S. is about \$19,000.

And these guys can't make it on \$89,500 plus the best pension system in the universe, an outrageous array of perks, an enormous expense account, and special tax breaks? Bull.

I don't see any of them anxious to give up their seats. I don't see any shortage of candidates for Congress, for federal judgeships or the top federal bureaucratic slots because the pay and benefits are more than adequate.

In human beings, you can't buy quality. A human being is what he or she is regardless of his compensation. No crook was ever turned honest by paying him more. No greedy person ever became satisfied with whatever he was getting. Stupidity, venality, greed, dishonesty, arrogance, cowardice, and irresponsibility are all traits which cannot be redeemed by pay raises.

If most congressmen were paid what they are worth, they would owe the U.S. Treasury.

Charley Reese is a columnist for King Features Syndicate.

Supreme Court justices take oath

AUSTIN (AP) — Two newly sworn justices on the Texas Supreme Court — one Democrat and one Republican — say they look forward to serving on a court that works together.

"I want to be part of a Supreme Court that is the pride of Texas and an example to others across the country," said Republican Justice Nathan Hecht, a former Dallas appeals judge.

Democratic Justice Lloyd Doggett, also elected in November, said, "I believe that what this court will be about is gaining renewed respect from our people by the way that we interpret and handle the decisions that we have to hand down."

Hecht and Doggett — an Austin attorney and former state senator who said he lost a coin toss and so takes the court seat lowest in seniority — were among five justices sworn in Monday by Justice Anthony Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The ceremony before a crowd in the Capitol's House chamber marked the first time in Texas history the oaths have been administered by a U.S. Supreme Court justice, according to the state court.

Sworn in was Chief Justice Thomas Phillips, a former Harris County district judge who in November became the first Republican elected to the court's top job since Reconstruction. Justice Eugene Cook, a Houston attorney who also was given the oath, and Hecht were the first elected Republican justices.

Phillips and Cook won seats they were appointed to by Republican

Gov. Bill Clements after Democratic justices resigned.

Democratic Justice Raul Gonzalez, who in 1986 became the first Hispanic to win statewide office, also was sworn in. Gonzalez was appointed to the court in 1984 after serving as state appeals judge in Corpus Christi and district judge in Cameron County.

The oath first was given jointly to the three incumbents, then to the new justices. Tributes also were read for Justices Ted Robertson and William Kilgarrin, who are leaving the court. Robertson lost to Phillips for chief justice, and Kilgarrin lost to Hecht.

Clements, who has cheered the election of GOP court members, praised the new court after the swearing-in ceremony.

The court was criticized after refusing to hear an appeal of the \$11 billion judgment against Texaco Inc. and after national news reports about large political contributions to some justices.

Democratic Justice Jack Hightower, a former North Texas congressman, also was elected to the Supreme Court in November. Hightower was sworn in last month to replace Justice Barbara Culver Clack, a Republican who had been

appointed by the governor to fill an unexpired term.

Earlier Monday, justices elected to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals were sworn in at the House chamber.

Presiding Judge Michael McCormick, a Democrat who moved up from the job of judge, was sworn in by John Olson Jr., who retired as presiding judge.

McCormick swore in Judges Charles Campbell and Chuck Miller, also Democrats, who were re-elected.

U.S. District Judge James Nowlin swore in Judge David Berchelman Jr., a former state district judge from Bexar County.



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DALLAS (AP) — A 14-year-old boy was shot to death and a 16-year-old critically wounded and left partially paralyzed in an attack police believe was retaliation by the teenagers' drug suppliers.

Dallas police detectives said they believe the two youths had been selling "crack" — a cocaine derivative. Investigators think the youths' drug supplier shot the two Monday morning in a vacant lot because they believed the youths had shortchanged them.

At about 12:50 a.m. Monday, police found Toma Enrico Brown, 14, dead of gunshot wounds. Police found the 16-year-old lying face up in a puddle

of water 30 feet from Brown's body. He had been shot several times, run over by a car and left to die, police said.

Before an ambulance took the teenager to the hospital, he told police the man who shot him was his drug supplier — a Jamaican known as "Killer," said homicide Detective Bobby Hammer.

Police searched for the man Monday and for several others believed involved in the attack.

Hammer said the search is complicated by the fact that "nobody will tell us who 'Killer' is — nobody knows his real name."

Trooper cheers lack of serious accidents

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Department of Public Safety trooper Tom Mobley said he'll remember New Year's 1989 for something law officers didn't have to do — notify any Austin-area families that relatives were killed or seriously hurt in alcohol-related traffic accidents.

"All I can say is hooray for our side," Mobley said. "We're doing a good job as far as traffic fatalities are concerned, but it's not so good for the lawyers who depend on DWI (driving while intoxicated) cases for their business."

"It was quite unusual that Austin,

being a party town, was quiet on a party night, but it was," he said.

Law officers credited a decrease in alcohol-related arrests to a combination of increased public awareness of the dangers of drunken driving and the success of the annual Dial-A-Ride program. Volunteers in the program gave rides home to more than 500 people.

Travis County law officers — including police, sheriff's officers and DPS troopers — arrested 17 people for DWI from 10 p.m. Saturday to 6 a.m. Sunday, down from 32 arrests a year ago.

Fog delays some flights

Associated Press

Fog early Monday at San Antonio International Airport delayed some flights, but due to the light holiday traffic there weren't major backups.

Southwest Airlines was operating on an abbreviated holiday schedule and planned to schedule delayed travelers on later flights. American Airlines reported delays in early morning departures from San Antonio, and Delta Air Lines reported some cancellations because of the San Antonio fog.

Dense fog in Houston slowed some flights, but no air traffic was diverted and arrivals were back on schedule by mid-morning, Houston airport spokesmen said.

The forecast calls for moisture to continue to spread across south Texas through Tuesday, when a cold front is expected.

School for the Blind first state agency to provide child care

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas School for the Blind has become the first state agency to provide on-site child care, with a program that includes employing students of child development from the school.

The Magic Years Children's Learning Center opened its doors at the school Monday, when 15 children aged 6 weeks to 5 years arrived, said Eileen Reed, owner and manager of the center.

A measure enacted by the last Texas Legislature allowed state agencies to lease space in their buildings for child care. Plans for the center at the School for the Blind began last January, after a survey of the 384 employees indicated an interest in on-site child care.

Ms. Reed said the curriculum at the center will be based on the children's social and emotional development, as well as language and motor skills. Older children also will have a math program.

"Students (in the School for the

Blind's child development program) with usable vision will be working with toddlers," Ms. Reed said.

Having the visually impaired students present will enable the staff to teach the children about disabled people, Ms. Reed said, and a series of programs has been planned around that.

"This is part of a trend toward acknowledging that people who work long hours want their children close to them during the day," said Cyril Miller, executive assistant to the school superintendent.

Ms. Miller, parent of a 16-month-old boy, said that having her child close makes her feel more secure.

"Your heart stories about child care centers," Ms. Miller said. "You leave your child eight or nine hours a day... This (on-site care) will get close scrutiny from parents going in and out all day. I can go and see my son at lunch. This brings me peace of mind."

Other state agencies have shown

an interest in having on-site care, but Ms. Miller said state laws governing them make it difficult for them to do so.

"Our board of trustees has full control over our facilities," she said. "Other agencies have to go through state purchasing and coordinate with other state agencies."

The center at the School for the Blind will also be open to children of other state agencies' employees, Ms. Miller said.

The center will be licensed for 60 children and should be filled in two or three months, Ms. Reed said.

"We're starting with a partial staff," she said. "When we're full, we'll have six full-time teachers. Some have teaching certificates — especially those for our older students."

Monthly fees for child care range from \$250 for older children to \$310 for infants. The center will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Students overlook teachers' handicaps

By PHILLIP L. HAMILTON

PLAINVIEW (AP) — When it comes to accepting the disabled, students probably could teach their parents a thing or two.

Plainview teachers Sam Kendall and Dan Brown say young people are more willing to accept handicaps than their parents. And the educators should know. Despite crippling disabilities, they are in their classrooms every day teaching students.

"Kids don't wear masks," says Kendall, a dean at Estacado Junior High School. "They accept a lot of things that some adults cannot accept."

"Generally students are very receptive," he said. "They forget about my physical problems, so I forget about them."

Born with cerebral palsy, Kendall has had to learn how to live with his disability. He has adjusted his lifestyle to make the most of his physical problems.

While Kendall has been teaching at Estacado for 23 years, Brown is in his first year at Plainview High School.

"I thought there might be some problems with my

handicap, but there haven't been any problems at all," Brown said. "You have less acknowledgment of a handicap among kids than you do adults. Kids come forward quicker than adults and they can see through things better."

Brown contracted polio when he was less than 2 years old. With the assistance of a brace on his left leg, the technology systems teacher walks with a limp down the halls of Plainview High School.

Brown, who moved here from southwest Oklahoma, believes local students are more tolerant of all kinds of differences including disabilities, ethnic backgrounds and income levels.

"One thing that I think may have helped is the amount of racial tolerance among the kids," Brown said. "They seem to accept differences in people here better than in some places."

Both men say their disabilities have given them an advantage in their classrooms. By overcoming handicaps to lead normal lives, the educators have become role models for students who may be disadvantaged physically, emotionally, economically or academically.

"I think it gives me an advantage in working with kids that may not have everything some of the other kids have," Brown said. "There are all kinds of handicaps. Students see that even if they don't have all the breaks they can still make it."

"I think we are role models for handicapped kids," Kendall said. "These kids are self-conscious of their handicaps whether they be physical or speech or whatever. If they see a handicapped adult functioning within the community as a positive role model, hopefully this has a positive effect on their outlook."

The teachers also are role models for advantaged students, according to the administrators who work with them.

"Sam Kendall has a very warm feeling for the kids and they in turn have that same feeling for him," said Wendell Dunlap, principal at Estacado Junior High School. He has worked with Kendall for nine years.

"He's one of the good ones," Dunlap said. "He is a very fine individual and an excellent teacher. His rapport with the students is just super."

Brown draws the same kind of praise from Jerry Don George, principal at Plainview High School.

"He's done a super job with the young people this year," George said. "He's gained the students' confidence and his rapport is growing. He's an excellent teacher. I don't think they look at him as being handicapped."

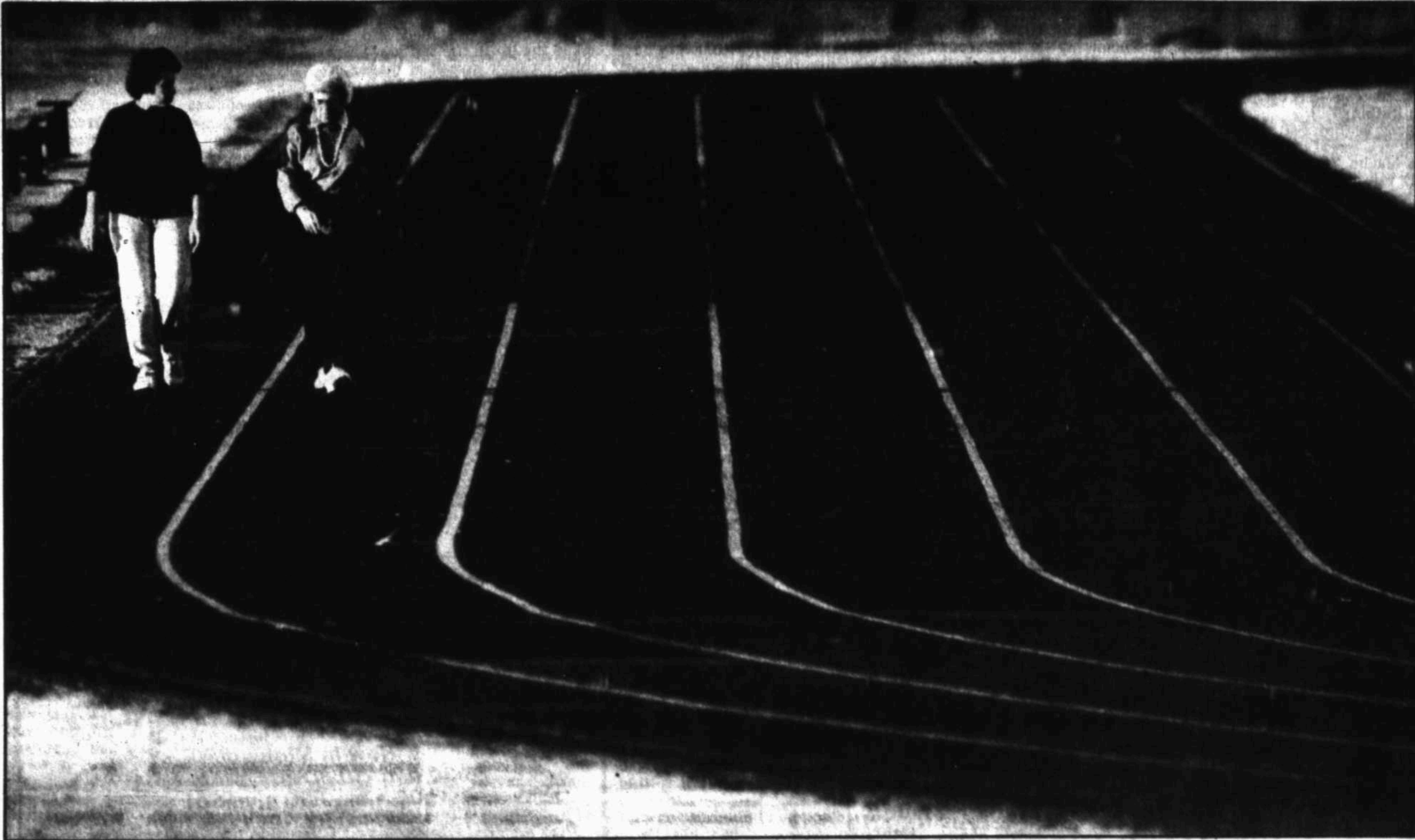
Having grown up with their physical disabilities, neither educator thinks of himself as handicapped.

"I don't really think much about it," Brown said. "I've had the brace so long that I don't have anything to compare it to. To me it is normal. I don't think of it as unique."

"I lead a normal life," Kendall said. "I was raised to be independent, to roll with the punches and adjust as necessary. If I don't succeed in one area, I move on to another area or readjust and try again."

Kendall's determination has paid off. School officials recognized his service in the classroom as a math teacher this year by making him a dean.

For 15 years, Brown ran a farm implement store in Oklahoma with his father. When they sold the business last year, Brown decided to make his childhood dream of becoming a teacher come true.



Running around

Enjoying the recent warm weather were Fay Baum, left, and Nelda Foster, who walk a few laps around the track at Lee High School.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Texas educational spending ranks below average

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas is spending each school year \$500 less per student than the national average on education, a loss in the reform movement that is bound to be a major problem for the state legislature when it convenes next week.

"The reform movement has soured in Texas," said John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, the only major teachers' group to endorse all of the education reforms passed in 1984.

"Everything interesting that is going on in school reform is taking place in other states. Texas has pulled over to the side of the road and allowed the parade to pass by," Cole said.

After the 1984 legislation, Texas was 29th in spending and closing in on the national average.

But Texas now ranks 35th among the states with an average \$3,685 per pupil spent in the 1987-88 school year, \$500 below the national average, The Dallas Morning News reported Monday.

State Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, chairs the Senate Education Committee, and wants to get the state back on track.

"You can forget about any serious improvement in our schools without more funding," said Parker, who sponsored the 1984 reform law.

About half of all funding for public schools in Texas comes from local

property taxes. The state provides about 42 percent, with the rest coming from the federal government.

With the state's fiscal picture so bleak, there is little agreement on how to provide more money for education.

Hurting the most are hundreds of property-poor districts that have been unable to pay for all the changes — such as smaller classes and incentive pay for teachers — that were ordered by the state.

The issue has been brought to a head by a lawsuit filed by 67 poor districts, which maintain that the current \$11 billion-a-year school finance system is unfair to them.

District Judge Harley Clark ruled in 1987 that the funding system discriminated against students in poor districts and had to be overhauled to channel more money to those districts.

The state appealed, and the 3rd Texas Court of Appeals overturned Clark's decision last month.

So the issue is headed for the Texas Supreme Court, which is not likely to rule on the case before the regular legislative session ends in May.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock proposed a school finance plan last fall that would boost state education aid \$800 million a year and provide state construction money to school districts for the first time.

The plan also would shift millions

TEA says schools spending too much time on TEAMS test

DALLAS (AP) — Elementary school students are being deprived of complete education because administrators push teachers to boost students' scores on the state-mandated minimum basic skills test, Texas teachers say.

Some educators say they have been ordered by administrators to teach only items that will help students do well on the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills, ignoring the daily curriculum and other subjects not covered by the test, such as social studies and science.

"The test becomes the almighty thing," said Bob Baker, president of Classroom Teachers of Dallas. "You're teaching to a specific test, which is, by nature, limited."

Dallas Independent School District officials deny issuing such orders, the Dallas Times Herald reported.

State education officials, who have taken note of such complaints in Dallas and other Texas school districts, agree that some overzealous schools might be compromising the test's original purpose, and the state plans to change the exam because of that.

The test was introduced in fall 1985 as part of the sweeping education reforms. It was designed to pinpoint students' weaker areas so districts could correct them, but was not designed to measure the quality of education in a district or become the focus of months of class work, state officials say.

That, however, has been the result. "We're going to change the test because of these kinds of things," said Keith Cruse, director of the Texas Education Agency's student assessment division. "It's become clear to us that there is a different use being made of it."

The plans include testing during the fall, rather than spring, to reduce the amount of time teachers can spend on pretest drills. Also, questions would be selected from a broader range of material, forcing teachers to cover the complete curriculum to prepare students. Cruse said the new tests should begin in the 1990-91 school year.

The test measures mastery of basic skills and contains three sections — reading, writing and math — with about 50 questions each. The test costs almost \$5 million annually to

design, administer and grade. It is developed by an out-of-state contractor from specifications provided by the state.

At one Dallas elementary school, teachers say substitutes have been brought in to teach classes while the more experienced teachers tutor borderline students for the test in another room for several hours each day.

The arrangement hurts the students who remain in the class and those who are being coached, both miss essential lessons, said a teacher who asked to remain anonymous. The teacher said although the borderline students might improve their test scores, there's no guarantee they will continue to get the special help they need once they return to the regular schedule.

"We're not putting out students," the teacher said. "We're putting out robots who can answer questions on a test."

Schools and districts are rewarded for good test scores with merit certificates from the state and appreciation from the public, which tend to equate high scores with quality education.

of dollars from wealthy districts to poor districts, although the cuts would be phased in over five years to soften the blow.

Although there is uncertainty as to whether there will be a significant

increase in state education aid this year, support is building for a proposal that would link at least some funding to student achievement.

Also facing lawmakers is lobbying from teacher groups who will be

pushing for raises, which they haven't received from the state since the 1984-85 school year.

Texas now ranks 27th among the states in teacher salaries, the same ranking it had before the massive

\$2.6 billion reform law was enacted in 1984.

Legislative leaders are sympathetic to the plight of teachers, but they point to the lack of additional state revenues to pay for a raise.

Boy's leg amputated after accident on train tracks

LUBBOCK (AP) — A young boy who tried to grab onto a boxcar of a slow-moving freight train lost the lower portion of his right leg after he fell under the cars.

John Saltee, 8, was taken to Lubbock General Hospital after the 3:30 p.m. accident Monday and underwent surgery Monday night. Police Sgt. Ralph Bowen said the boy's leg was amputated below the knee.

The boy was playing with his sister and brother, who were not injured. They had been placing pennies and part of a swing-set chain on the track prior to the accident, Bowen said.

"They were up there playing as kids will do, putting pennies on there," Bowen said. "He (John) reached up to grab a ladder on a boxcar and, apparently, it pulled him off his feet, or he lost his balance, and fell under the cars."

Six flattened pennies and the crushed chain were found on the track when police arrived, according to Police Patrolman Theron French. Susan Metcalf, manager of public affairs for Santa Fe Railway in Chicago, Ill., said the Levelland Local was moving about 10 mph. Crew members were unaware of the accident until the train was stopped by authorities almost two miles away.

"Apparently other kids, not only these three, have been playing over there," Bowen said.

The boy's brother and sister hid in a nearby trestle when the locomotive approached, Bowen said.

"They were really shocked," he said. "They jumped up and ran screaming for help. They didn't call on the phone, but their screaming apparently aroused a neighbor who called for help."

No single operator 'shoe-in' for city shoeshiner

By THOM MARSHALL
Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — Historically, the shoeshine has been the simplest of business transactions: customer puts shoe on stand, shiner shines shoe, customer pays shiner.

It was such a quick, up-front, no haggling, take-it-or-leave-it, low overhead sort of thing — a simple service for a simple fee.

Simple, that is, until now, when City Hall gets involved.

Now, the city of Houston wants to put shoeshine stands in the Civic Center.

Hold on, there, Den Mother. Tell your Scouts to climb out of the Wagoner and put their polish back in the closet.

Not just anyone will be allowed to shine shoes in the Civic Center. There will be a selection process involving several steps. Requirements must be met.

For openers, interested shine operators must pick up a "Proposal Pack-

age." This is 22 pages, including the "Request for Proposal" and a draft of the agreement that will be signed by the lucky party chosen by the city.

Some information in this document is easily digested. For example, Section C of Article II deals with Rates. "The General Operator agrees to institute the following rates in connection with services to be provided hereunder: Shoes \$2. Boots \$3."

But some portions are not as easily understood, such as the "Indemnification" portion of Article V, which includes one sentence that is 145 words long. The sentence concludes, "...and all premiums charged upon appeal bonds required in such legal proceedings and defense."

Another entertaining portion is found in Article VIII, "Miscellaneous Provisions," where a 114-word sentence deals with "Force Majeure."

Back in Article I, "Definitions," it is explained that Force Majeure includes "acts of God, acts of the public enemy, war, blockades, insurrection, riots, storms, floods, wash outs,

tornadoes, hurricanes, arrests and restraints of government and people, explosions, breakage or damage to machinery or equipment."

Shineola. A can of brown, a can of black, a can of neutral and some rags and brushes is all it takes. Shoeshining is a basic business. And most shoeshine operators in Houston don't appear too interested in the Civic Center.

"I can't find enough help for this one," said James Chambers at Dowlis Shoe Shop. I mostly do it all myself."

Ed Lastee said it can be rough out there, and he's one of the big ones. He runs the shoeshine stands at the Astrodome. A lot of people pass by his stands, but Lastee said business is the pits at ball games.

"Nothing there but a bunch of tennis shoes," he said.

Lastee expressed interest in the Civic Center deal and plans to pick up his proposal package and then attend the "pre-proposal conference" scheduled for Jan. 17. That's right, a pre-proposal conference.

Jordy Tollett, director of the city's Civic Center Department, said the conference will be to "tell what the specs (specifications) require, to just go over it all."

Prospective shoeshine operators will be bidding against each other, so much per stand per day of operation, and Tollett said he will not speculate upon what the range of bids might be.

"That's why we're doing it this way. Those people know more about it. We'll tell them the kinds of shows we have scheduled in the next year and the kinds of attendance projected and let them arrive at their own conclusions."

Tollett also said he has no idea how many shoeshine operators will wade through all the red tape to make a serious attempt to become the city's designated shoeshine operator.

"There are a few companies out there that might be interested in coming in," he said.

Townfolk worried about changes SSC will bring

By BRYAN WOOLLEY

MAYPEARL (AP) — On this particular fine morning, the talk around the tables at the Busy Bee Cafe is about things you can't eat with false teeth, squirrel hunting, hauling firewood or a cow named Dorene.

It isn't much different from conversations most mornings at the Busy Bee, where the men of Maypearl gather to drink coffee, gossip, kid each other and express opinions about what's going on in the big world outside — a world that until recently had thoroughly ignored Maypearl.

But in November the Department of Energy announced its intention to build the \$5.4 billion super collider — the world's largest atom smasher — in a 53-mile, doughnut-shaped tunnel under the fields and pastures of Ellis County. Maypearl is about to become part of the big world, and life here is speeding up.

"Reporters came from everywhere," says Ann Heath, the Busy Bee's owner and chief cook. "A TV crew from Houston spent a whole day in here. They even came in the kitchen and took pictures of us cooking. When they showed it on the news, we had people driving all the way from Houston just to see Maypearl and eat at the Busy Bee."

If the super collider actually is built, everyone agrees, life in Ellis County will be transformed. And Maypearl will undergo the most radical transformation of all the towns. Just outside Maypearl a campus resembling a small university will be built for the offices of the project's researchers and administrators and the laboratories where the giant instrument's brain work will be done.

Thousands of people will move in, particularly construction workers, during the years it will take to bore the tunnel and build the related facilities. Maypearl, a quiet farming community of 400-some odd souls, about a dozen businesses and one policeman, will be one of the major science centers of the world.

Though the government says it wants the super collider in Ellis County, the fight in Congress to pay for its construction has only begun, and there is still no assurance lawmakers will agree to pay the needed billions.

If the money is approved, though, the super collider would be the biggest thing that has happened to Maypearl since April 29, 1903, when Miss Irene Bowers hammered in the golden spike that signified the completion of the International & Great Northern railroad line.

It's beginning to make people nervous.

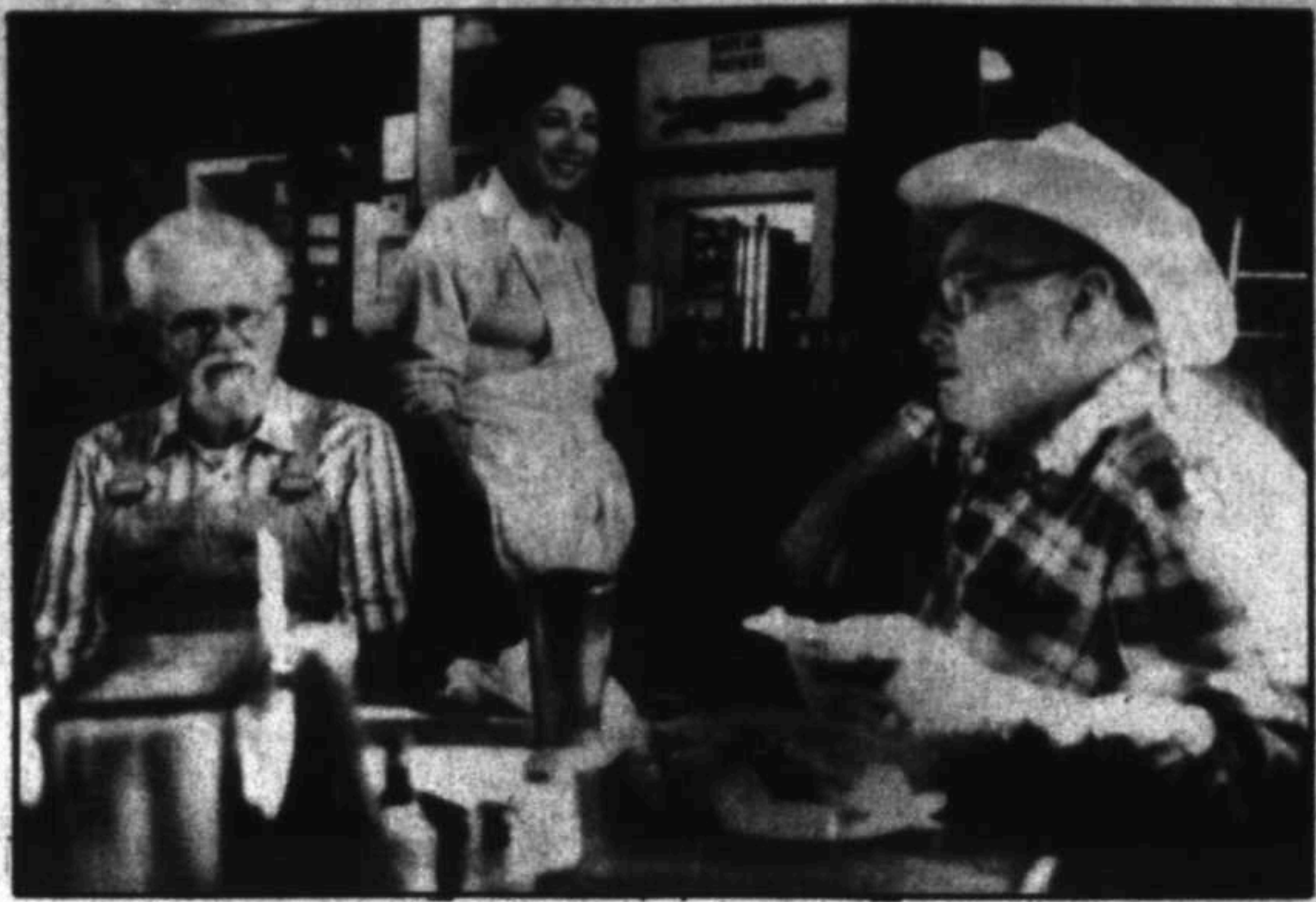
"They ain't going to get the money to build that thing, do you think? With that deficit and trying to balance the budget and all," says Nick Petty, owner of the cow, Dorene.

"Oh, they will," replies Winston Winn. "Them politicians waste more money than that every day. Billions. That ain't no money to them."

"They told me they're going to have to move my house," Petty says. "What benefit are they going to get out of that thing? They can't make electricity with it, can they? They can't produce nothing."

"What happens is they get those things spinning in there at the speed of light," says Marlin Tanner, "and when one hits the other one, they bang."

"What the hell do they want with



AP Laserphoto

Ann Heath, center, owner and chief cook at the Busy Bee Cafe in Maypearl, chats with customers Marlin Tanner, left, and Mayor Jim Bynum. Maypearl is expected to undergo the most radical changes of all the towns involved with the superconducting supercollider.

a bang?" Petty asks. "It just tickles me to death that they decided to put it here," Heath says. "The economy's so bad around here. But on the other hand, I'm scared to death Maypearl will change and people won't care as much about each other as they do now."

Heath thinks of her regular customers as "the Busy Bee family." The two days before Thanksgiving, she baked 58 pies for people who asked her to. On Thanksgiving morn-

ing, she cooked a turkey and dressing free and served it free of charge to senior citizens who had no family to celebrate the day with. Every day, she and her three daughters serve the Senior Citizens Plate for \$2.

"I'm not making nothing on it," Heath says, "but they're eating a proper meal every day, and I'm getting a thrill out of it, seeing them well."

"All the business people in Maypearl work together as a family. We're not trying to dog-eat-dog. I

know it's going to be different when they start building that thing, but I hope it won't be too different. I love the cafe. I love all these people. They're my family. And if the time comes when I don't have a family any more, I'll have no purpose here. I'll have to move out to some other little town and adopt another family. I'm just a country girl. I don't like a fast life."

Outside the Busy Bee on this particular day, life is as slow and lovely as anyone could want it. The trees are dressed in the deep reds and golds of autumn. The air is crisp and bright. A flock of sparrows, cheeping, is lined up along the edge of the awning that shades the headquarters of the town's only cop. From time to time, a pickup moseys through on Farm to Market 66, the main street. Just beyond the edge of town, a sign informs a stranger of Maypearl's best-known citizen:

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Jim Bynum is the mayor of Maypearl, but he doesn't want to be. "I was on the City Council," he says, "and I was elected mayor pro tem. I didn't mind that. But two months ago the mayor resigned and they kicked me up to the top job. I don't really consider myself as mayor material, because you need to know a little bit about municipal law and everything, and I don't know anything about it, and I'm not even interested in learning. I just don't want to be mayor."

Bynum is standing in front of City Hall, across the street from the Busy Bee and the Maypearl School of

Dance-N-Fitness, talking with Buster Marion, a member of the City Council. They're worrying.

"There ain't no doubt this thing will make Maypearl grow, and there ain't no doubt we could use some new blood in the town," Bynum says. "We've got lots of old boarded-up buildings that's vacant. They could be restored, and we could get some businesses in there. That would help the local economy, you know. And a lot of people see it as a chance to sell some high real estate, which is fine and dandy. I own about 600 acres around here. But I always felt like if I wanted to live in a big city, I would have moved to a big city instead of Maypearl. A lot of people feel like I do."

One of them is Marion, who has watched the life of Maypearl since 1948.

"I've seen this town go from four grocery stores down to one, and then back up again to one and a convenience store," he said. "I've seen dry goods stores here. We used to have two banks. Now we've got one. We used to have two doctors here. I would like to see Maypearl thriving like it did at one time. You would come to town on a Saturday night and people would be walking the streets and businesses would be open. I'd like to see that again."

He shakes his head. "But the growth is going to be so tremendous that this little city hasn't seen anything like it. It's going to be so overwhelming that we may not be able to stand it. We're going to have to make long-term plans for water, sewers, streets, everything."

DEATHS

William H. Manns

William H. "Bill" Manns, 62, died early Monday at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Ellis Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Jarrell Sharp, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, presiding.

Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Masonic graveside rites.

Manns was born Feb. 11, 1926 in Centralia, Ill., where he was reared and went to school. In 1943 he joined SOHIO in Centralia as a roustabout and worked there until he entered the U.S. Army in 1944. He served in the U.S., was discharged in 1945 and returned to Centralia.

Manns played minor league baseball for the Chicago Cubs farm team



Manns

in Illinois during the 1946 and 1947 seasons. He married Alfreda Kramer in Mayfield, Ky., on July 17, 1948. He rejoined SOHIO in August 1948 and worked in Centralia until a transfer to Midland in 1960.

He became a production foreman in the early 1970s, and worked in Midland until his transfer to Haskell in 1976. He returned to Midland in 1981 and retired as production foreman in 1985.

He was a past master of Sprayberry Lodge #1365 A.M. and F.M., was a member of the Scottish Rite and a member of the Haskell Chapter #892 Order of the Eastern Star. He was an attending mason with the Rainbow Girls, Norman Reed Assembly #299.

Survivors include his wife, Alfreda Manns of Midland; two daughters, Vicki Porter of Plano and Terri Carter of Conroe; three brothers, Dean "L.D." Manns of Las Vegas, Nev., C.E. Manns of Edinburg, Ill. and James P. Manns of Hawthorne, Calif.; five sisters, Doris Bean and Nancy Deomes, both of Centralia, Ill., Betty Timmins of Long Beach,

Calif., Shirley Jose of Salem, Ill., and Judy Hood of Cypress, Calif.; his mother, Mrs. Georgia J. Manns of Centralia, Ill.; three grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ernest V. Manns, and a brother, Donald Manns.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Heart Association, the Diabetes Association, St. Luke's United Methodist Church or Rainbow Girls.

Halbert McMullen

Services for Halbert McMullen, 36, of Midland are pending with Sizemore Funeral Home.

He died Monday at a Midland hospital.

Edgar Shelburne

Funeral services for Edgar A. Shelburne are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Shelburne died Monday in Conroe.

Man charged in stabbing out on bond

ODESSA — A 42-year-old man charged with attempted murder in the stabbing of a 38-year-old man New Year's Eve was released from the Ector County jail Monday after posting a \$10,000 bond.

Carl L. Milligan, 1344 E. 2nd St., No. 3, was arrested Saturday night after officers responding to a call found L.A. Carter in front of the Sunset Motel, 1344 E. 2nd St.

Carter, also a resident of the motel, was transported to Medical Center Hospital for treatment of stab wounds in his arms, chest and abdomen.

Carter's condition today at MCH has been described as stable.

Milligan was arraigned Sunday before acting-Municipal Judge Mike Holmes on a charge of attempted murder. Holmes set bond at \$10,000 and Milligan was transferred to the county jail.

Clergymen spend night with Houston's homeless

HOUSTON (AP) — Six clergymen who spent a 12-hour overnight stay with Houston's homeless say their first-hand look at life on the streets has helped them understand the scope of problems faced by the city's homeless, estimated at 20,000 to 25,000 people.

"I think the president has never been on the streets at night as we have," said Monsignor James Jamall of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, referring to President Reagan's remark that homeless people were on the streets because they want to be.

"Some people do choose to be homeless, but we spoke with enough

people who choose not to be," Jamall said.

The clergy members, accompanied by United Way president Betty Beene and Jewish Community Center President Bubba Silberstein, are leaders in the 1989 Houston Campaign for the Homeless, a project geared to raise \$1.2 million through collections in churches, synagogues and temples.

The campaign officially starts Wednesday, but the Sunday night venture began, a spiritual effort for many participants.

"God led us to last night's experience," said Ms. Beene, a Southern

Baptist, "and with God's leadership, we can change this problem."

A van first drove the religious leaders to various shelters for the homeless around the city, including a home for the mentally ill, a family shelter and a center for runaway teenagers.

They were dropped off at about 1 a.m. Monday at a gathering spot for the homeless under an elevated freeway near downtown, where about 40 people have made camp.

They wandered into a nearby bus station for coffee, and later were offered cold pizza by two men who drove by their urban campground. "Most of the homeless you never

see," said the Rev. Steve Bancroft of Trinity Episcopal Church. "The ones who end up on the street are those who've run out of options."

The clergymen spent the rest of the night wandering about the city, stopping at Tranquillity Park, City Hall and Sam Houston Park. Rabbi Shaul Osadchey of Congregation Brith Shalom in Bellaire unsuccessfully tried to sleep on a park bench.

"Our tradition addresses the widowed, the homeless and the down-trodden," Osadchey said later. "I was surprised by the scope of the problem. I wasn't used to the homeless who are mentally ill."

Pilot makes emergency landing near Austin dry cleaners

AUSTIN (AP) — A pilot was forced to make an emergency landing in North Austin, where his plane clipped branches and power lines before skidding to a stop five feet from a dry cleaners on Airport Boulevard.

The pilot, computer scientist James Knox of Austin, said he experienced mechanical trouble about 5:10 p.m. Sunday on his final approach to Robert Mueller Municipal Airport. Knox escaped injury.

Knox said he was returning from a day flight to Lake Livingston in a Cessna 152 he had rented at Mueller when the engine began sputtering as he prepared to land.

"My gauges indicated I had fuel," said Knox, who has been flying about six months. "I went through a systems check and, after shutting everything down to reduce the chance of fire, looked for the best place to put it down."

Police Sgt. Manuel Villegas said the plane hit a power line. It bounced and skidded in a parking lot for about 100 feet before coming to rest behind the cleaners. Police said the plane didn't come close to traffic or pedestrians.

"He was very lucky," Villegas said.

At least one foot of the left wing

tip was sheared away, and most of the wing's leading edge crumpled. The propeller, nosewheel and tail sections also were damaged.

Federal Aviation Administration investigator David Wagner, after a preliminary on-site inspection of the plane, declined to speculate on the accident's cause.

Downed lines knocked out power for about 35 minutes to 50 area homes, said Steve Gallagher of the city's electric department. Patricia Bagby said power to her apartment was knocked out.

"All I know is that it's a heck of a way to start the New Year," Ms. Bagby said.

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'Image' was trendy during Reagan years

Copley News Service

The Reagan years were an era of formality, and we dressed for success, as well as for dinner.

The tuxedo celebrated its 100th anniversary in the '80s, and black-tie invitations became the norm. Not only did men rush out to rent their tuxedos, but plenty purchased them. And instead of basic black or the brighter colors of the Carter years, they suited up in higher-profile styles, richer fabrics and the new designer tuxedos.

Men began pampering themselves, too. Even non-managerial types began trying facials, skin bronzers and tinted moisturizers. They shaved their mustaches, slicked their longish hair back and seriously considered plastic surgery for a more youthful edge on the career market.

The man in the White House may have been the oldest president in history, but he was also among the most stylish. His constituents took notice.

Meanwhile, women embraced the '80s by getting color-charted, made over at posh salons, manicured with silk and acrylic fingernails, dressed by personal shoppers and turned into management material by image consultants. They lifted weights, ran and cycled themselves into better bodies and kept healthy with supermarket salad bars, Lean Cuisine and tofu.

They wore pink and gray sweats to jog in and wore man-tailored suits with quarterback-sized shoulder pads (known as power pads) to the office. They carried briefcases, wore Rolex watches (or knock-offs) and had a closetful of navy blue dress-for-success pumps. And they doused themselves with sexy, aggressive new scents such as Giorgio, Obsession and Poison.

NANCY REAGAN made fashion



CNS Photo

Image was "in" during the Reagan administration, as Ronald and Nancy made fashion — such as this dress by Bill Blass — fashionable again.

fashionable again as she bought and borrowed numerous designer dresses (Adolfo, Bill Blass, James Galanos, Oscar de la Renta, Geoffrey Beene and David Hayes) to show off her dainty size 4 figure. As her reign came to a close, Nancy got a lot of bad press over those gowns, especially when Time magazine reported that she didn't always claim them to the IRS — or return them to the designers when the party was over. Even TV talk-show host Johnny Carson stirred the fire with, "It's 10 p.m., Adolfo. Do you know where your dress is?"

Nasty, below-the-designer-belt blows aside, Nancy set a standard for the ladies-who-lunch with her red Adolfo knits accented with bows at

the throat. In turn, the Council of Fashion Designers of America tipped its collective hat to her this year by honoring her with its Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to American fashion.

"Women came by the hundreds to Adolfo shows at Saks Fifth Avenue in Beverly Hills during the Reagan administration," says Saks' fashion director Patricia Fox. "It's not that they said, 'I want a dress like Nancy Reagan,'" she says, but the first lady's choice gave a subliminal fashion message.

"Let's do lunch" became a favorite phrase used when waving goodbye. When they ate lunch or went to brunch (which became an almost religious ritual during the '80s), men wore elegant country gentleman-styled brown suits favored by Reagan or the new black-and-white tweedy jackets over vegetable-dyed shirts worn sans tie, a look created by Italian designer Giorgio Armani.

And women, if they weren't wearing the Nancy uniform with pearls, opted for bright-colored silk dresses popularized by designer Liz Claiborne or the menswear-for-women separates with crests on the breast pocket.

EAGER FOR the new Republican sophistication, women shopped till they dropped, buying into the newly coined phrase, "It's not who you are, but what you wear that matters." In the '80s, image became everything.

"During the Reagan years, we found a new interest in the trappings of the gentry class that went beyond clothing. Charm schools boomed like they did in the '50s and early '60s, and the use of the fish fork was the most popular subject," says Alese Marshall, owner of a charm and modeling school in Torrance, Calif.

Enrollment in etiquette classes has

tripled in recent years, says Marshall, who adds students often are 30 to 50 years old and include socially prominent husbands, wives of corporate executives and a lot of real estate people who want to look as polished as the property they're selling.

In the middle of the Reagan era we also located and labeled a new generation. It was the era of the yuppies, an acronym for young urban professional people.

Ex-preppies, the yuppies might be loosely defined as those under 40 who make more than \$40,000 annually. They were a product of the overall economic success of the '80s, and they indulged themselves with everything a credit card and 24-hour banking could afford. They drove BMWs, Mercedes and Saabs to work and '87 Chevy convertibles and Jeeps on the weekend.

Anything yuppies liked became trendy. Getting married and having children was in again, and the yuppie puppies (children) were dressed in designer fashions just like Mom's and Dad's.

STAYING HOME, called cocooning, became a way to escape the free-way madness and office politics, and we rushed out to neighborhood video stores and 24-hour vending machines to rent movies for our VCRs.

Trying to relive the good old days of Ozzy and Harriet, a la Ronnie and Nancy, we snuggled in our Lanz flannel nighties, ate popcorn and Mrs. Field's chocolate chip cookies and did our banking on a home computer.

In retrospect, the Reagan years were all about class distinction and formality. We learned how to dress thin and rich and how to give a gala. In an era of self-enlightenment, we learned a new appreciation for art deco, Russia and Coco Chanel.

Old administration one of most fashionable in history

Copley News Service

■ 1979: Carter era ends. Patchwork quilts and country cabin ambience are decorating trends. The Farrah Fawcett hair style is numero uno. The Chanel revival begins with a return to the classics foreshadowing the Reagan elegance. Ralph Lauren debuts his Western wear line.

■ 1980: Fashion faces a new decade. Bill Blass designs Nancy Reagan's inaugural gala gown. Jelly beans become trendy. Catalog shopping and home cable TV predicted to be hot in the '80s. Norma Kamali makes fashion headlines with linebacker shoulder pads in day dresses. It's becoming fashionable for women to have muscles.

■ 1981: A new frontier. Trendies dress like urban cowboys and ride mechanical bulls in nightclubs. Nancy's red knit dress and Ronnie's brown suit become trademarks of stylish dressing. Kitchens are all white with Santa Fe details.

■ 1982: Full of new ideas. Yves Saint Laurent shows short leather skirts and strappy high-heeled sandals. Nancy Reagan buys new Lenox china for the White House and promises to report any borrowed designer gowns to the IRS. Computerized hair care is born. Four years shy of its centennial anniversary, the tuxedo is actually trendy. Ronald Reagan gets the credit for making black-tie galas de rigueur.

■ 1983: Formality reigns. A new fad is walking to work in sneakers (pumps stashed in briefcase). Rolex ads appear in fashion magazines; Swatch watch is born. JC Penney promotes its Halston III collection.

■ 1984: A class act. The yuppie is born, or at least validated, as The Times of London announces a new term has been introduced into the American political lexicon. The young urban professionals even have their own uniforms and handbook. Calvin Klein designs women's underwear that looks like men's briefs.

■ 1985: A colorful year. Art deco art and furniture are revived. Swing skirts swing again. Earrings are so big and heavy that we wear clips again. The "Dynasty" look prevails.

■ 1986: A retro year. White lipstick and fake pony tails are back. Reebok high-tops with slouch socks make a fashion statement. Fredericks of Hollywood turns 40. Perry Ellis dies of AIDS. Black wedding dresses have shock-appeal.

■ 1987: We're mad about Paris. French designer Christian Lacroix gives new life to the fashion industry. It costs \$2,000 to go to the prom. Yuppie puppies are as fashionable as their parents.

■ 1988: The end of an era. Women's trousers and plaid are big news. It's a wave of '50s nostalgia, with saddle shoes, poodle skirts and old Cheviots. Women are cutting their hair; men are wearing it long. Pale faces are now considered healthy.

DEAR ABBY

Remembering lost loved ones eases pain of grief

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Remembering, Too," who wondered whether to acknowledge the birthday of her sister's son who had committed suicide. I had to write because I was in very much the same position.



Van Buren

My best friend — I'll call her Millie — had a beautiful teen-age daughter I'll call Karen. Three years ago, Karen died of a rare blood disease. Every year since Karen's death, a few of Millie's close friends remember Karen's birthday by sending a donation to Karen's school. We then visit Millie with flowers and a card say-

ing, "We remember Karen and miss her, and are thinking of you and her today."

Millie's relatives have never acknowledged Karen's birthday since her death. I know they think they are being kind, but they are mistaken. "Remembering" Karen would please her mother.

Abby, please continue to tell people that when a young person dies, the grieving parents and siblings are left to cope with the loss. Failing to mention their loved one is like saying that their child never existed.

All one needs to say is, "I remember, and I care." — BEEN THERE

DEAR BEEN THERE: Many others who have "been there" wrote to say essentially what you have said. I thank you all for writing. Perhaps thousands will learn from it. I did.

DEAR ABBY: I just read "Bereaving's" letter asking whether she

should send her sister and her husband a nice card or call them on their dead son's birthday. (He committed suicide.) I'm glad you told her not to just ignore the day, as so many people are inclined to do because they are afraid of "stirring up emotions."

I speak from experience, Abby. We lost the eldest of our three sons nearly two years ago when he fell from the roof of a building. Keith was only 21 years old. Sometimes I wonder if everyone he knew has forgotten him because his name is never mentioned. I suppose they think they're being kind and don't want to upset me by reminding me that Keith is dead. Abby, believe me, there is never a minute of the day that I am not aware that my son is dead. No one needs to be afraid of "reminding" me.

How I would love to talk about the son I lost with someone who knew him.

Please keep advising people to send a card or call those who are grieving on the birthday or death date of their loved one. I am a "still-grieving-but-getting-on-with-life mother," and you may sign my name. — CAROLE EDWARDS, ORMAND BEACH, FLA.

DEAR CAROLE: My heart goes out to you. Perhaps some of Keith's friends will see this, and now, knowing how you feel, they will visit you and reminisce about Keith. I hope so.

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

Abigail Van Buren is a columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.

Spring fashion reflects old Hollywood

Hearst News Service

LOS ANGELES — From easy elegance to frankly funky, almost anything goes in fashion trends from the California Mart for spring 1989.

"California is not one look, it is not one place, it is not one time. There are a lot of different lifestyles," said Yvette Crosby, fashion coordinator for the mart, during the recent trend forecast.

Colors range from traditional white and pastel for spring to dusty, even dark, shades. The new neutral, not named yet, is a mix of ivory and gray. Other neutrals include brown in a warm sand shade, desert colors and very dark navy.

These shades are mixed with burgundy, berry and brick, for an unusual summer color palette. Green in many shades — but primarily pinks including mint — stands as a color class on its own.

Crosby divided the California trends into several categories.

Old Hollywood evokes reminiscences of movie queens of the '30s and '40s.

"It is not 'costume,' not retro. It is contemporary, pared-down elegance," she said.

Pants are wide-legged, classic and sporty and paired with suit coats that sport wide, cinch-belted jackets. A wide-leg, palazzo pant is the most popular. There also are slim and full cropped styles, as well as shorts suits.

Matching jackets are soft with fluid lines that give a very feminine look.

Softness in style is often derived from the fabrics. Organzas, tulle, mesh and crocheted lace work for daytime and evening.

In direct opposition to the romantic and feminine mystiques is Hippy Couture. This trend includes a lot of high-contrast colors — mustard and green, for example — often in leather and patent.

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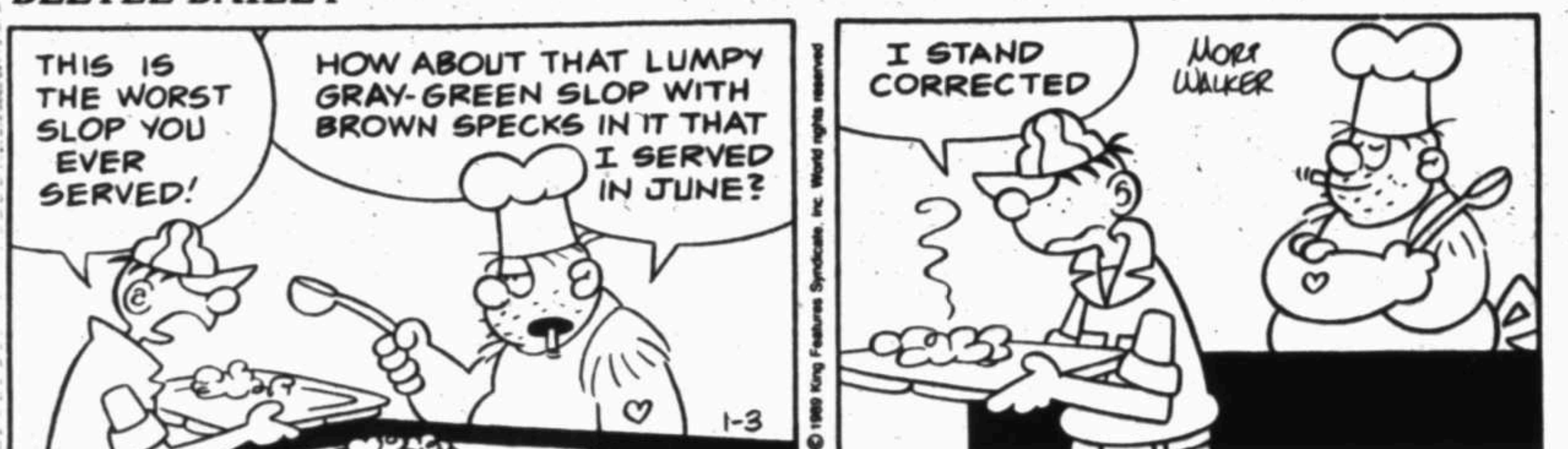
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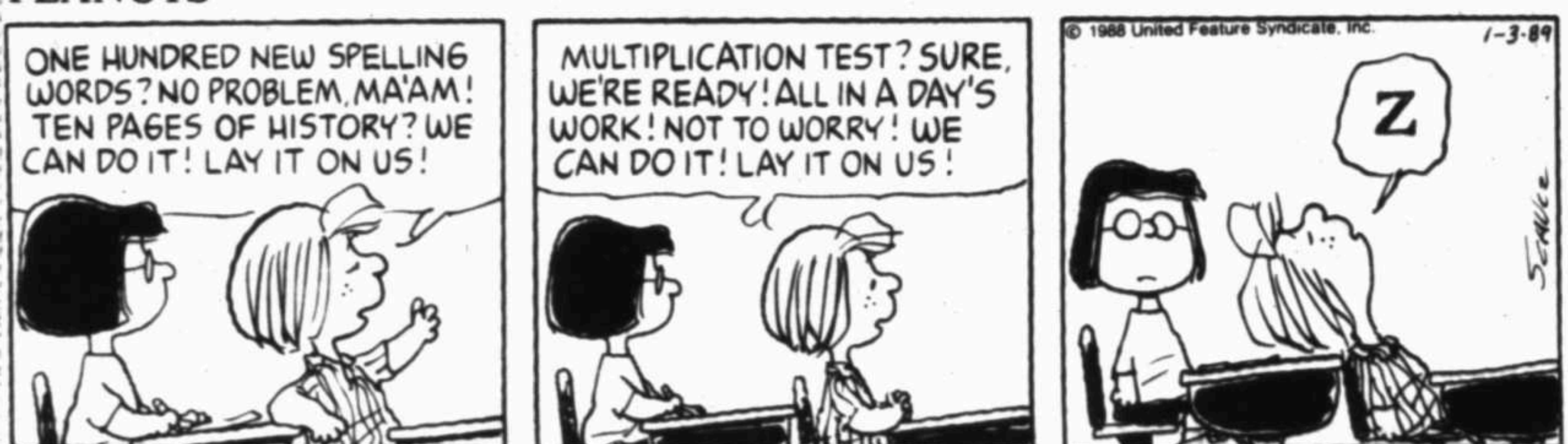
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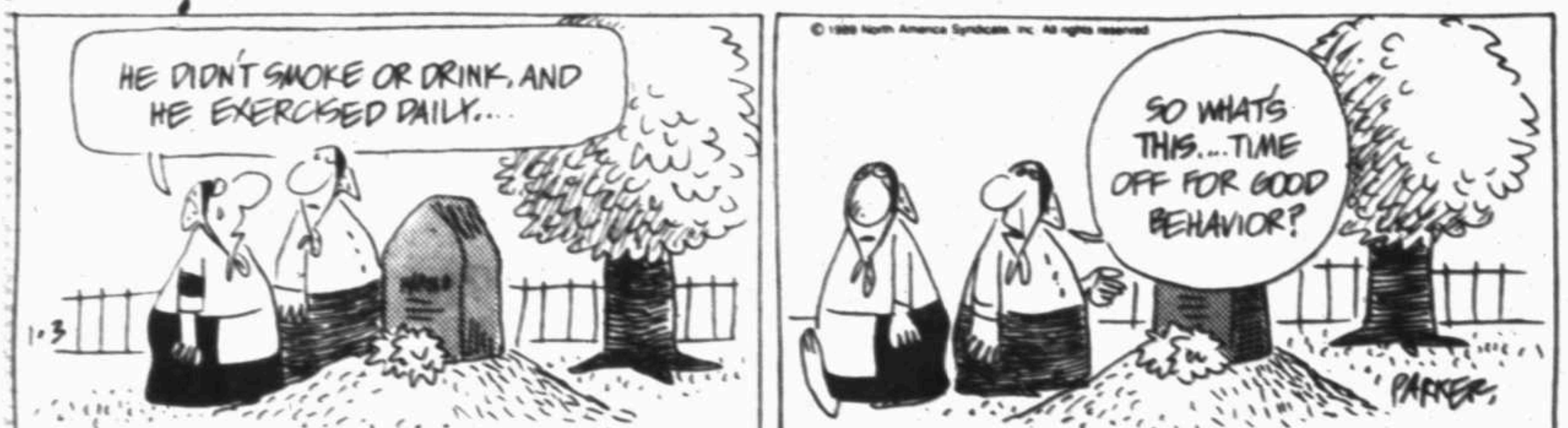
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: inventor Louis Braille, mythologist Jacob Grimm, actress Jane Wyman, actor Sorrell Booke, actress Dyan Cannon, coach Don Shula, boxer Floyd Patterson.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Break out of a rut. It is not too late to learn about computers. Handling a health problem will be easier than it seems. Your future is temporarily in the hands of others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Old friends can help you the most today. Postpone signing legal documents until a third party can inspect them. Positive thinking and the implementation of new ideas make you a winner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Break an old habit and improve your health. Build a new relationship slowly and deliberately. The unexpected may happen in the workplace, leading to new offers of employment. Be choosy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let your guard down and make peace with someone in the marketplace. Your financial luck changes for the better. Stay in shape, but do not overdo the exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Show more tact if working with jealous or aggressive co-workers. A last-minute change of plans may be upsetting but will give you more time to plot your course. Romance is perking along.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Prove your efficiency. Get better organized and do your own research. Influential person is in your corner but you may not know it. Romance is a source of deep happiness. Show tenderness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep a closer eye on personal

spending and collect materials for tax accountant. Mate or partner is helpful and understanding. Increase profits by strengthening overseas contacts. Develop a reputation for reliability.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Some last-minute news could upset certain business or career plans. Investigate employment leads if dissatisfied with your position. A school friend could be extremely helpful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your special talents are in great demand. Make certain you are adequately compensated. Sudden domestic changes are best avoided. A great time for eligible singles. Someone sets the date.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lend an ear to a friend's tale of woe. Offer to help out, but avoid putting your own family's savings in jeopardy. Be more direct with mate, business partner. An older person plays Cupid.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Travel could prove as fruitful as hoped. A professional or business undertaking progresses nicely. Romance and adventure tend to go hand-in-hand now. Avoid making promises you may not want to keep.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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♦ A Q 9 8 7 6 3
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The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 2 ♦ 3 ♦
3 ♣ 4 ♣ Pass 5 ♦
Pass 6 ♦ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠
Here's an unusual hand from a team match at the recent Fall North American Championships, held in Nashville. At the table where North-South played in five diamonds, the contract was defeated one trick. At the other table, a diamond slam was bid and made.

East's two-spade opening was weak, showing a six-card suit and a hand not strong enough for an opening bid. The rest of the auction was all completely natural, although rather aggressive.

At both tables the opening lead was the jack of spades, and East's ace dropped the king. Both defenders found the heart shift, won by the ace in dummy. The declarer who was only in game tried the diamond finesse. When that lost, West cashed a heart for down one.

At the other table the contract was six diamonds, reached on the auction above. After winning the second trick on the table with the ace of hearts, declarer realized that

he would have to find the king of clubs outside if he was going to land his slam. Therefore, East could not have the king of diamonds as well—with ace-queen of spades and two kings, he would have opened one spade.

At trick three, therefore, declarer led a diamond to his ace. When that fetched the king, declarer got back to dummy by leading a middle trump to the jack for the club finesse. A club ruff established that

suit, and the preciously preserved three of trumps, overtaken with the four, was the entry to run the board's winners.

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In addition to handling fire and flood claims Derington explained, "We handle water-damaged walls with dry wall and painting services, and we can refinish cabinets and replace carpet, draperies and upholstery."

"In addition, Carpet Flood Busters carries a full line of vinyl flooring, carpets and pads through our showroom in Odessa, Pinner Carpets. We even bring out samples to your home," said Derington.

Carpet Flood Busters welcomes inquiries regarding insurance claims, and is often referred to clients by claims offices. "We work with many of the best insurance companies in the area," Derington added. Free estimates are available, and a two year labor guarantee on all services is just part of the Carpet Flood Busters philosophy.

Derington said, "Many companies that undo water damage leave a bad, musty odor in the carpet because they don't completely dry out the carpet and the pad. If you need your pad replaced, we will recommend it, and can replace it for you."

Carpet Flood Busters utilizes mist cleaning because it doesn't damage carpets. Only powerful truck-mounted equipment is used, and Carpet Flood Busters uses its own electrical and water source. "All we take into the homes and businesses are our hoses," Derington said.

Carpet Flood Busters will move furniture and reset it on carpet protectors. If your furniture needs to be moved while work is being done, it will be moved to the company's warehouse, where it will be photographed for insurance claims.



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Also, Carpet Flood Busters specializes in air-duct cleaning and dust and smoke damage. They actually

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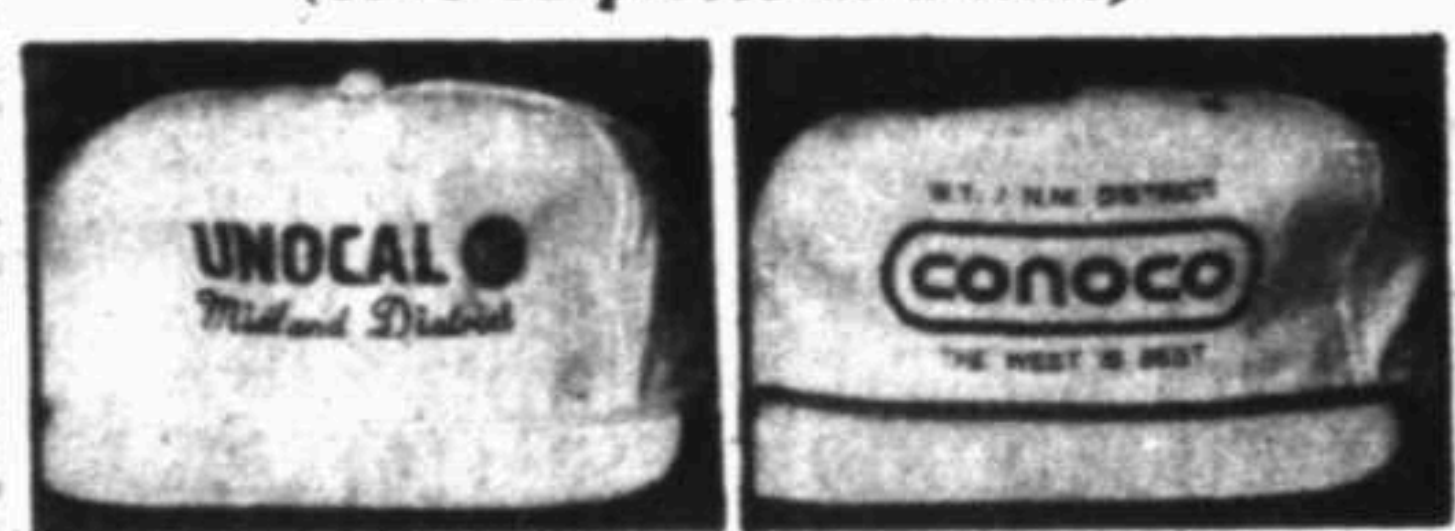
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Lee-MHS cage rivalry heads for Chaparral Center

By JIMMY PATTERSON
Sports Writer

It happens once a year in football and twice a year in baseball. But in basketball, sports fans can enjoy four intra-city match-ups a year between Midland High and Midland Lee.

The first two of the season are set for tonight at Chap Center. And for the true basketball fan, who enjoys traditions and rivalries, tonight's offering is indeed something to look forward to.

"When Midland and Lee play it's a very competitive situation," Lee girls coach Shirley Stephenson said. "An extraordinary situation. Anytime, in any sport, kids just naturally get more enthusiastic and get up for it more when you have a cross town game. I think the game plans will basically remain the same. It's an old cliché, but the adrenaline will be flowing a little faster."

The girls will tip off at 6:15 p.m., the boys at 8 p.m.

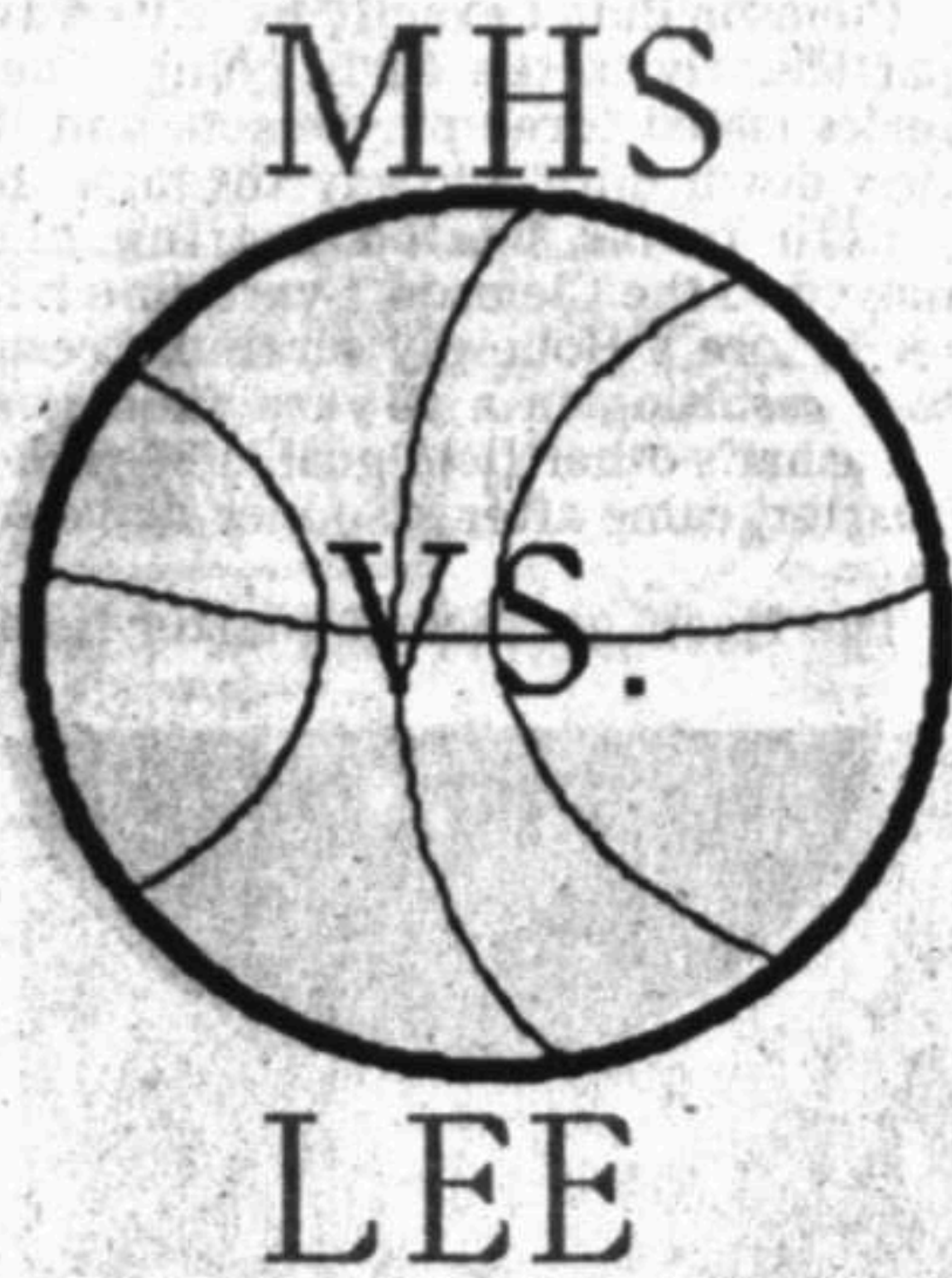
THE LADY Rebels are on a roll, having won the Kerrville Lions Club Invitational Saturday with a 56-42 landslide over host team Kerrville Tivy.

Lee brings a 12-5 record into tonight's matchup while the Lady Bulldogs are at 4-12.

Lee's Monica Ramirez scored 21 points in the Kerrville championship game while Midland High's Kim Jackson had 20 in the consolation game.

Ramirez and Jackson are their team's leaders, and the two will no doubt provide an interesting matchup both offensively and defensively tonight. Ramirez is averaging 22 points per game while Jackson is reliable for just under 20 per game.

Both teams got off to a rather slow start in the District 4-5A race, MHS with a 0-2 record; Lee, 1-1. Neither



have played a league game since well before Christmas, but, Stephenson said, it's the non-district games

that are the less-strenuous.

"I'm sure every coach likes non-district games," she said. "You can see other teams play."

"And when you get into district, you're always thinking about wanting to play one more game after the season's over. And the only way you can do that is to be one of the top two finishers and that's probably what causes the pressure you put on yourself."

One other aspect of tonight's girls game is not only does it pit one Midland school against another, but also Stephenson against her sister, MHS head coach Jane Young.

And on the subject of sibling rivalries, there's Midland boys' coach Jack Stephenson, who is the brother of both the girls' coaches.

STEPHENSON, WHOSE Bulldogs downed Paul Stueckler's Lee Rebels 65-62 last year, said his team's win in the first meeting between the

two last year was one of the best team efforts he had ever witnessed in his career.

Tonight, while Stephenson's Bulldogs have been hot and cold, he may witness a great team effort from the competition.

"Lee's a good team," he said. "They're playing very, very well."

"Anytime Midland and Lee play, it's going to be a good basketball game. It is to basketball fans what the (MHS-LHS) football game is to football fans. Anytime you have an intra-city rivalry it's a big thing."

The Bulldogs are 8-9 while their counterparts at Lee are 12-6.

Midland High won the consolation final in the Kerrville tournament, downing Laredo United 73-63.

Lee, the only school not to go to Kerrville, made it to the championship game of the Clovis, N.M., tournament, losing to the host team. The Bulldogs are led by the expert

play of senior Greg Lewis, one of the brightest prospects in West Texas. Lewis averages over 18 points a game, a mark he has held ever since the second game of the season. Lewis is pumped in 25 against Laredo in the Kerrville consolation.

Lee does not have a clear cut No. 1 player, spreading the worth around to a number of capable players. Scoring-wise, Torval Crisp (15.2 ppg) and Jared Edwards (12.9) lead, while Darren Dorch and Ed Hartmann offer tough play on defense and underneath the basket.

As for district play, Stephenson said the Bulldogs are in good physical shape for it, but declined to speculate on who might be a contender for one of the two playoff spots.

"He could," Stephenson said of Stueckler. "I could. I don't think anybody in our district is any better than anyone else. It just depends on who gets on a hot streak and who's playing well."

Fighting Irish lay claim to national championship

Holtz fibbed,
but joins myth

By BARRY LORGE
Copley News Service

TEMPE, Ariz. — Now that Notre Dame, which leads the nation in football mythology, has won the mythical national championship for the first time in 11 years, Coach Lou Holtz should go to confession. Forgive him, Father, for he has fibbed. Big-time.

The undefeated Fighting Irish leveled the previously unbeaten Mountaineers of West Virginia, 34-21, in Monday's Sunkist Fiesta Bowl, belying Holtz's pregame sermons and soliloquies about how his team was overrated, undersized, offensively one-dimensional and seriously flawed.

In truth, the squad Holtz fielded in his third season in South Bend must rival in talent any of the seven previous Notre Dame teams that have finished No. 1 since the quasi-official Associated Press rankings began in 1936, or the 12 that won earlier versions of the national title in the days of Knute Rockne and Elmer Layden.

The only real problem with Holtz's team was that it was so aggressive, it was penalized eight times for personal fouls, late hits and unsportsmanlike conduct — including a rash in the closing minutes that put an unfortunate blemish on a tour de force.

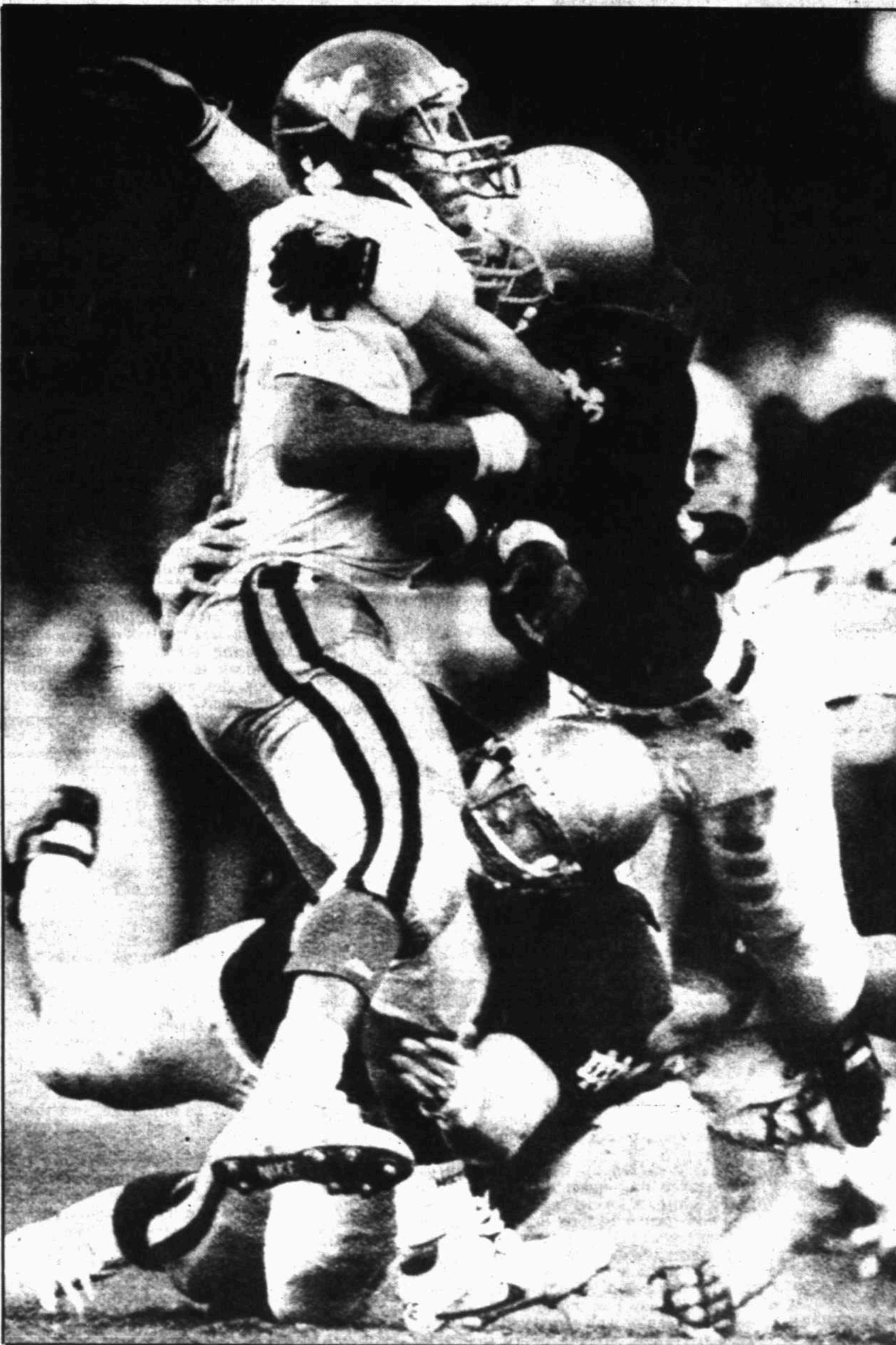
"I was so upset over the penalties at the end of the game, it took a lot of the joy and the thrill out," said Holtz. But even on this point you had to question his veracity, for minutes later he gushed: "This is the happiest I have ever been in my life."

Holtz is a clever coach — sly as a fox, truthful as the boy who cried wolf. Any time he starts a statement with "I've got to be honest with you ...," brace for a bit of blarney.

The last time Hollywood made a movie about Notre Dame football, Pat O'Brien was cast as Coach Rockne and Ronald Reagan as George Gipp. If this championship season were committed to celluloid, Holtz could be played by a native West Virginian: Don Knotts. They have similar physiques and self-deprecating humor.

Going into the big bowl-day showdown, Holtz kept saying his team was young, inconsistent, smallish and inexperienced in the offensive line and unable to pass the ball or make big plays. Presumably, the Irish's 11-0 record and No. 1 ranking were miracles — heavenly reward for nuns lighting candles to rekindle "win one for the Gipper" lore.

Actually, Holtz has far more than four horsemen. If his team is imbued with Notre Dame spirit, its success starts with flesh — strong, swiftathletes, and lots of them.



Notre Dame drops West Virginia

Fiesta Bowl

and pressuring him most of the rest of the time.

Holtz, who has been hesitant about calling his team the best in the country, claimed it for his players now after beating the second, third and fourth ranked teams this season.

"They deserve the national championship for their continued hard work," he said. "If it weren't for us, Southern California, Miami and West Virginia would all still be undefeated."

The national title, officially conferred today when results of the final Associated Press poll of the season are released, is coming to Holtz in his third season as coach — just as it did for Leahy, Parseghian and Devine.

Leahy won in 1943, 1946, 1947 and 1949. Parseghian in 1966 and 1973 and Devine in 1977.

Rockne won six other national titles before The Associated Press poll began in 1936.

The Mountaineers couldn't get a first down until 9:22 of the second quarter, and that was on a late-hit penalty.

The Irish were a little too aggressive at times. Their taunting behavior even lured Holtz into the huddle late in the game to chide his players.

"I told them to be quiet and conduct themselves properly," Holtz said. "We got frustrated. Our players were complaining about being held. Our players were completely in the wrong."

WEST VIRGINIA coach Don Nehlen had hoped for his first national championship, but left with memories of "a great season" only slightly marred by this loss.

"We didn't play very well," he said. "Major was hurt the first half but Notre Dame is a better football team than we are. They beat us up front. They deserved to win. They are better than we are."

Nehlen wondered about all those pregame comments from Holtz about Rice's supposed inability to pass.

"For a guy who isn't supposed to be able to throw, he sure looked like he could throw to me," Nehlen said.

Rice threw touchdown passes of 29 yards to freshman Raghib "Rocket" Ismail late in the second quarter and a clinching 3-yarder to backup tight end Frank Jacobs early in the final period.

On Notre Dame's first possession, Rice scrambled for 31 yards to the West Virginia 31 on third-and-7. Four plays later, Billy Hackett booted a 45-yard field goal, the longest of his career, to start the scoring.

A 23-yard pass from Rice to freshman Derek Brown set up Anthony Johnson's 1-yard touchdown run at 10:26 of the first quarter that made it 9-0. One of Notre Dame's few mistakes came when holder Pete Graham muffed the snap on the conversion try.

The Fiesta Bowl was a "Major" disappointment for West Virginia because of plays like this where

Notre Dame defenders Arnold Ale (standing) and Frank Stams (on ground) sack QB Major Harris.

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Miami rips Nebraska, but Canes can't repeat

MIAMI (AP) — No matter what second-ranked Miami did in the Orange Bowl — and the Hurricanes did everything right — it didn't matter.

Miami will not repeat as national champions. The title already belongs to Notre Dame.

"I have the feeling we gave Notre Dame No. 1 when we didn't kick the extra point in midseason," Coach Jimmy Johnson said after Miami overwhelmed No. 6 Nebraska 23-3 Monday night.

"I think there's a difference of opinion as to who the best team in the country is," he said. "We might not be No. 1, but at this time we're the best team in the country."

Tell that to Notre Dame. The top-ranked Irish beat No. 3 West Virginia 34-21 in the Fiesta Bowl, which ended just before the Orange Bowl began.

Orange Bowl

"That game got us a little fired up that the national championship was out of our reach," said All-American Steve Walsh, who threw two touchdown passes to Leonard Conley.

"We wanted to show that we were the best team in the country, not in the polls but on the field," he said.

Miami had its chance earlier in the season, on Oct. 15 at South Bend. But Walsh's two-point conversion pass in the last minute failed and Notre Dame won 31-30.

Johnson, given the opportunity again, said he would still go for two instead of kicking the tying extra point.

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Trivia Teaser...

Tuesday's Question: Before becoming an NFL commentator, Ahmad Rashad was an All-Pro wide receiver. What was his given name?

Monday's Answer: TCU defeated Marquette 16-6 in the 1936 Cotton Bowl game behind quarterback Sammy Baugh.

Aikman leads UCLA win

Quarterback finds permanent home in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Troy Aikman may have found himself a permanent home in Dallas.

The UCLA quarterback led the ninth-ranked Bruins to an NCAA record seventh consecutive bowl victory on Monday with a 17-3 Cotton Bowl Classic triumph over the eighth-ranked Arkansas Razorbacks.

He did so under the watchful eye of officials from the Dallas Cowboys, who own the NFL's No. 1 draft pick.

"Coach Tom Landry will make the final choice but I would be shocked if he didn't take Troy Aikman," said Cowboys' personnel director Gil Brandt. "I think Troy played real well."

Aikman has a preference: The Cowboys.

"I'd love to play for Dallas," said Aikman, who will finish his colle-

Cotton Bowl

giate career at the Hula and Japan bowls. He was 20-4 as a starting quarterback at UCLA.

Aikman was almost overwhelmed by "Aikmania" when the Bruins came to Dallas for their historic first Cotton Bowl visit.

"I was more distracted this week than in all of the other weeks combined," Aikman said. "I didn't feel the pressure but it was hard to prepare for the football game. I got shut off from the media on Thursday and that helped. I was finally able to focus on the game."

What he saw was an Arkansas defense that tried to negate the long passes.

So Aikman picked apart Arkansas

with a short passing game. He hit 19 of 27 passes for 172 yards and one touchdown and converted 12 of 20 third-down situations to earn Cotton Bowl offensive MVP honors.

Aikman, who bounced back after an early interception, directed scoring drives of 93 and 74 yards, the second of which ended with a 1-yard scoring pass to Corwin Anthony.

UCLA led 14-0 at halftime, and the Bruin defense made it stand up. Arkansas' only points came on a 49-yard field goal by Kendall Trainor in the third period. It was his 24th consecutive field goal.

UCLA countered on Alfredo Velasco's 32-yard field goal in the fourth period.

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Stay tuned: Hatfield, Broyles show sure to heat up

An AP Sports Analysis
By HARRY KING
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The hiring of Ray Goff as head football coach at Georgia clears up the status of Arkansas Coach Ken Hatfield only for the moment. Unanswered is whether Hatfield and Athletic Director Frank Broyles have settled their differences. During the past few days, as Arkansas prepared for Monday's Cotton Bowl contest against UCLA, you could hear most anything you wanted to hear — Hatfield is gone, Fred Akers is coming; Hatfield is staying; Hatfield is gone, Joe Gibbs is coming; Hatfield is staying; Hatfield is gone, Jimmy Johnson is coming; Hatfield is staying.

Hatfield confirmed at mid-week that Georgia officials had contacted him about succeeding Vince Dooley; Broyles confirmed that Georgia officials had asked for permission to talk with Hatfield a couple of weeks ago.

Word is that Georgia made up a list of prospects and made initial contact with all those schools about the same time.

Hatfield insisted he was never offered the Georgia job; he never said whether he would accept it. He tried desperately to keep the focus on the football game — he didn't want anything to detract from the Razorbacks' 10-1 season and their first appearance in the Cotton Bowl in 13 years.

There was some talk that UA Chancellor Dan Ferritor, UA President Ray Thornton, Broyles and Hatfield would meet Sunday.

One person in the UA athletic program said that the administration is tired of Broyles and Hatfield airing their dirty laundry. He said it was similar to a squabble between a dean and a professor — a rift, but minor in the overall university-system scheme of things.

Others say that part of the problem is the stubbornness of the principals.

Late Sunday night, it seemed obvious that the situation was still up in the air.

Those close to Hatfield say he wants some assurances for his assistant coaches, who he calls his family. When Hatfield left the Air Force Academy five years ago to take the Arkansas job, he brought with him defensive line coach Wally Ake, offensive line

coach Larry Beckman, running back coach Larry Brinson, defensive coordinator Fred Goldsmith, outside linebacker coach Roger Hinshaw and defensive backfield coach Bob Trott. All are still on the UA staff.

During Broyles' career as UA head coach, rarely did an assistant stay more than a couple of years before moving on to a head coach. To some, an assistant who doesn't push for a promotion, doesn't push his players.

But Arkansas was 45-14-1 prior to today's game and only Oklahoma, Nebraska, Miami, Brigham Young and Auburn have won more games during that span.

Last year, while the Razorbacks were in Hawaii, it was reported that Broyles would demand that Hatfield fire an assistant or two and make some changes in the Razorbacks' scheme. Hatfield has said that news ruined what should have been a great trip.

When the team returned, Hatfield and Broyles met behind closed doors and the media descended on Fayetteville. Hatfield apparently stood up for his assistants and told the media he would work harder and do a better job. He also promised more flash on offense and some defensive changes.

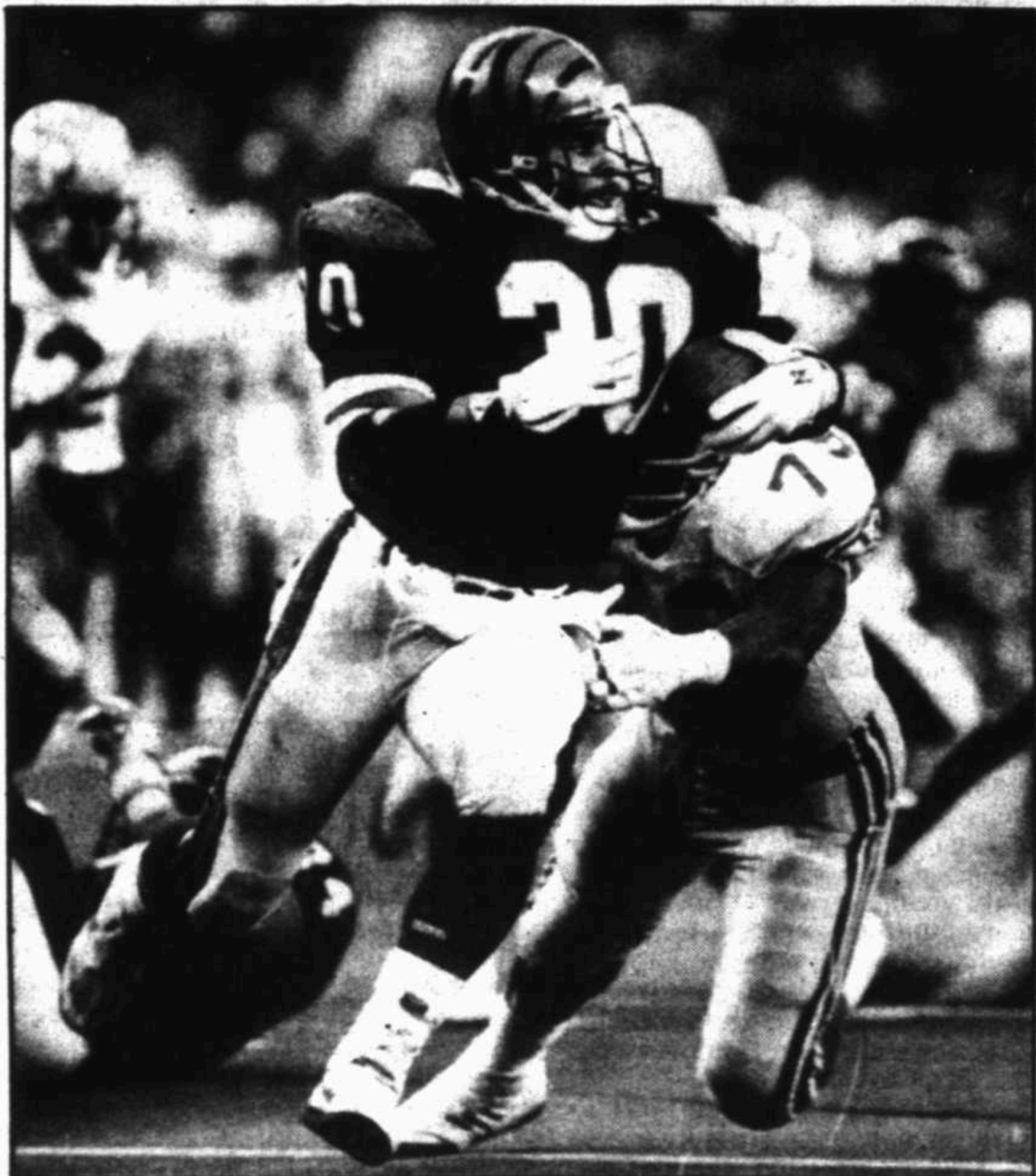
Another sticking point may be that Broyles is still a coach at heart. Broyles was 144-58-5 as Arkansas head coach from 1968 through 1976 and took the Razorbacks to the Cotton Bowl four times. Until a couple of years ago, Broyles was often out of town each week doing color on a network telecast. Now, he's around much more.

"He's a coach still in his heart and it's hard to separate his duties of coach and athletic director," Hatfield was quoted as saying last week. "And he hasn't. I'd say that has been a problem."

Hatfield was an All-American punt returner for Broyles' 10-0 team in 1964 and came home when Lou Holtz left after the 1983 season. His record at Air Force was 27-31-1, including an 8-5 season in 1982 and a 10-2 record the following year.

"Today's world is a fast-food world where everything has got to happen in a hurry," he said. Broyles has said that he wants to keep Hatfield and that a very generous contract awaits Hatfield's signature.

"I have not talked to one coach about this job," Broyles said. "I don't intend to or want to." They'll talk again. Stay tuned.



Cincinnati's Ickey Woods
...running through 'The Jungle'

Will Buffalo pass or run?

By GERALD ESKENAZI
New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — In studying for his master's degree in history at Harvard, Marv Levy learned George Santayana's dictum: "Those who do not learn the lessons of history are doomed to the repetition of its mistakes."

Those words are true even for a football coach. Even for a coach who shocked the Houston Oilers by employing a passing game when everyone knew that Levy's teams run.

Levy was not about to say he would take his Buffalo Bills in a different direction when they face the Bengals in the American Conference championship game Sunday at Cincinnati, when they will be only 60 minutes from Miami and Super Bowl XXIII.

Levy knows that historically, the teams that run better are the teams that win the Super Bowl.

"Did you know that the top-passing team in the NFL has never gone on to win the Super Bowl?" he asked.

ON SUNDAY, the Bills passed 33 times and ran only 29 times in defeating the Oilers. That is uncharacteristic. Levy's style is run, run and more run, a fact that often dismays his quarterback, Jim Kelly.

Levy often has said that Kelly is "unselfish," the perfect temperament for the Bills. It is a team based on defense, with stars such as Cornelius Bennett and Bruce Smith.

So Levy doesn't take chances on offense. He asks that Kelly hand off when told to and not surprise everyone by throwing when he's not supposed to.

"I'm not in love with the run, I'm in love with winning. And if running will help us win, I'll use it," Levy said after the 17-10 victory Sunday over Houston in an American Conference semifinal.

Yet with his team's passing performance against the Oilers, Levy established doubt in the Bengals' minds: Will Buffalo be the running team that was a major factor in its 12-4 season, or will it start passing on its first down for a second straight Sunday? "Every game's an entity in itself," Levy said.

He dismissed the result of the only game these teams have played in two seasons, the Bengals' 35-21 victory at Riverfront Stadium on Nov. 27.

The Bills ran only 18 times in that loss. They passed 35 times. But they had to after the Bengals took a 21-0 lead. Cincinnati rolled ahead for 232 rushing yards. The Bills had 110.

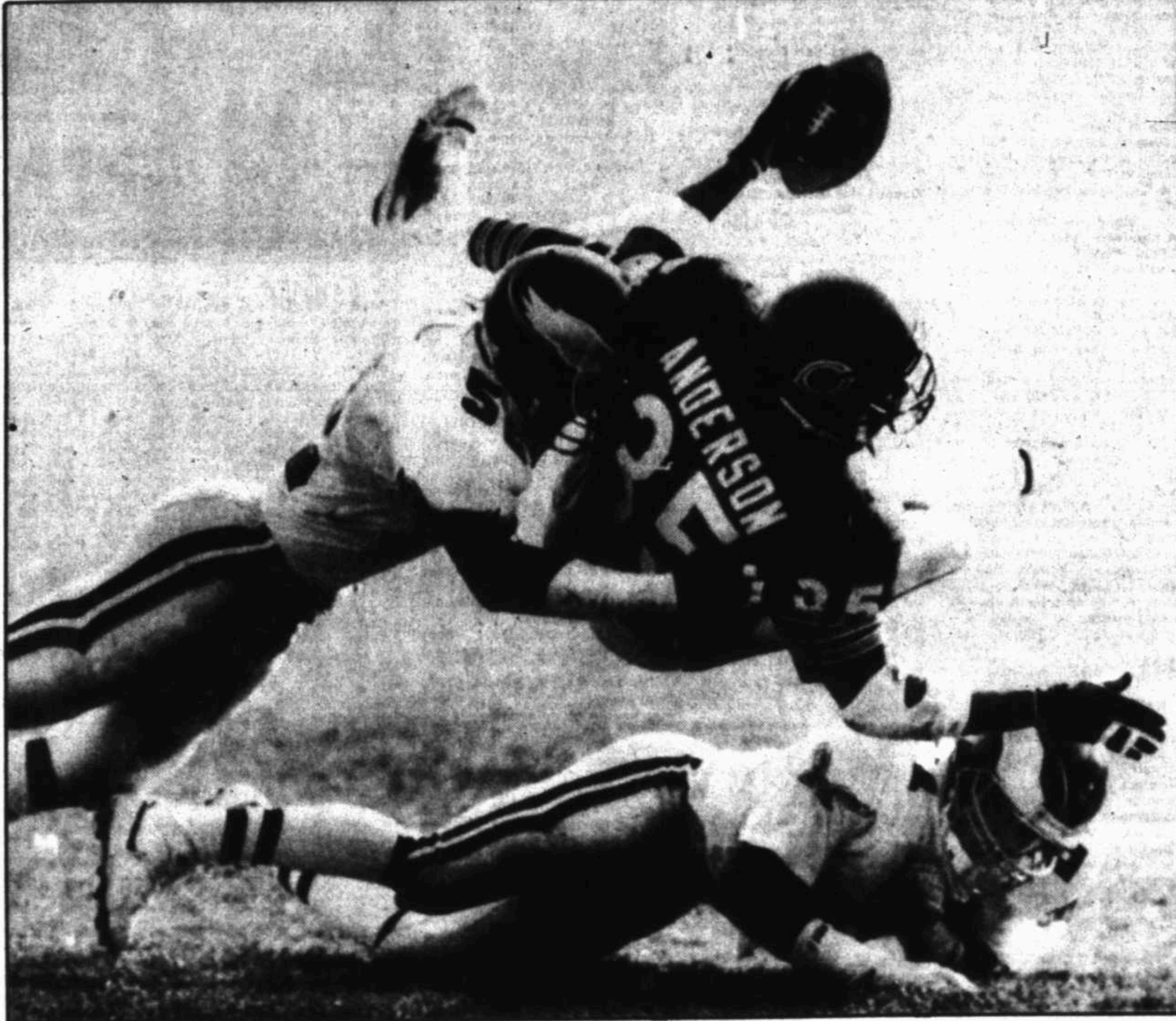
"There is something to be said for a team playing at home," Levy conceded. The Bills and Bengals were the only teams that were 9-0 at home this season, including playoff games.

"The crowd did a great job for us this season," said Levy. "I think that should be the end of it now, and next week, it shouldn't happen."

Of course it will in Riverfront Stadium, where the fans have renamed the place The Jungle in honor of their tigers.

Levy is not allowing his team merely to be grateful for the chance to appear in a championship game for the first time in 22 years. After all, a team that had not even been in the playoffs since 1981 could be expected to be happy just to be around.

"Our objective is not to get in the playoffs, and our objective is not to win a playoff game," he explained.



The Chicago Bears' Neal Anderson (35) is hoping his head is headed in the other direction Sunday when he meets with the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC championship game.

Ditka undecided on quarterback

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — The Chicago Bears are back in Georgia with injuries and the San Francisco 49ers on their minds.

The Bears, who practiced here prior to their 20-12 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC semifinals Saturday, returned to the Atlanta Falcons training camp Monday night.

Coach Mike Ditka said he won't pick a quarterback until mid-week. Starter Mike Tomczak bruised his left shoulder, which was already tender from an earlier injury, and was replaced by Jim McMahon in the third quarter.

"We'll have our first full-scale practice on Wednesday and we'll see then how Mike is doing," Ditka said.

Tight end Cap Bose, strained a knee ligament against the Eagles, an injury that could keep him out of Sunday's game against the 49ers.

Otherwise, the Bears, bothered by

injuries all season, emerge without any other major ailments.

"I think we're pretty healthy. We're not as bad as we could be," Ditka said.

He said the Bears would practice on today, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before leaving the mild weather for Soldier Field.

Before the Philadelphia game, Ditka was worried about running back Neal Anderson's sore groin and ankle, and defensive lineman Dan Hampton's knee. Both appear to be in good shape.

"Neal's going to be a lot better this week than he was last week. Hampton is probably no worse than he was last week," Ditka said.

Ditka said the defense must find a way to stop the 49ers' runners, who piled up 201 yards against the Vikings in San Francisco's 34-9 playoff victory on Sunday.

Ditka compares Roger Craig, who gained 135 yards against Minnesota, to a former Chicago runner.

"He's a thoroughbred. He's a lot like Walter Payton was. He has great pride. He's all business," the coach said.

Because dense fog reduced visibility during the second half of Saturday's game at Soldier Field, the Bears and 49ers will exchange only first-half films of their respective playoff games.

On matters off the field, Ditka said he hadn't made any New Year's resolutions.

"I made a few resolutions in the middle of the season when I had my little setback," he said, referring to his heart attack, "so those ought to hold me for the next 100 years."

After the mild heart attack two months ago, Ditka promised to give up cigars and contain his emotions.

Walsh, DeBartolo playing game of clue

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo Jr. and coach Bill Walsh are playing a game of clue.

Walsh, who hinted again on Sunday after recording his 100th victory with the team that he might resign if the 49ers win the Super Bowl, said Monday that he has "not necessarily" made up his mind one way or the other, as DeBartolo believes.

"I'm thinking about the Chicago Bears right now. That (job issue) is secondary," said Walsh, who indicated he won't be dropping any more clues on the subject until the season ends.

DeBartolo, who considers himself a good friend of Walsh despite the fact he didn't talk to him for six weeks after the upset playoff loss to Minnesota last January, thinks he has an idea of what Walsh will do.

"I think he is going to do his thing," DeBartolo said after Sunday's 34-9 playoff victory over the Vikings. "I

think he'll coach."

DeBartolo publicly issued an often-fatal "vote of confidence" for Walsh last fall, but he is now going further in his statements of support.

"I hope he decides he wants to coach another year," he said. "Without question, he is the best coach in the NFL."

"Bill Walsh has a year left on his contract, and he can coach as long as he wants with the 49ers," he said.

The New Year's Day rout in Candlestick Park ended three years of postseason futility for the 49ers, and Walsh admitted to being relieved. He said it re-established the 49ers "to the entire NFL" as still on the league's highest level.

"It meant an awful lot to all of us," he said. "We were beginning to be stigmatized as a losing team (in the postseason), having lost really badly in the playoffs."

Bengals find 'Jungle' like enchanted forest

CINCINNATI (AP) — Fans have dubbed Riverfront Stadium, "The Jungle" this year, but it has been more like an enchanted forest for the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Bengals and the Buffalo Bills, who meet Sunday in the AFC Championship at Riverfront Stadium, were the only two NFL clubs with perfect home records this season.

The Bengals' overall 13-4 mark includes nine victories at Riverfront, the scene of their worst horror shows last year. The last two victories have been characterized by unusual happenings that rescued the Bengals from close calls.

There's little wonder that the Bengals have a little swagger in their voices when they talk about their home-field advantage Sunday against a Buffalo team that already has lost at Riverfront this season. "Any team that comes to The Jungle, they're going to feel the heat," cornerback Eric Thomas said.

The Bengals were the ones feeling the heat from fans there last season. They failed to run out the clock and lost to San Francisco on the now-famous desperation pass from Joe Montana to Jerry Rice in the final pre-strike game last season. That game, which set the tone for a 4-11 season, was played at Riverfront.

After the strike, the Bengals suffered their worst collapse at home, wasting a 15-point lead in the last six minutes to lose to Houston. In all, the Bengals were 1-7 at home last season, including two losses by the strike-replacement team.

Cincinnati's 6-0 start this year, including three home victories, won the fans back and created the fan excitement that led to the Jungle nickname.

"Our fans really have been tremendous," said quarterback Boomer Esiason, who was mercilessly booed

last year. "That gives us an added advantage."

The Bengals also have gotten the benefit of the breaks at home.

Needing to win their final regular-season game to clinch their first AFC Central title since 1961, the Bengals were outplayed by a Washington team that was in position to win the game in the closing seconds. But Chip Lohmiller's field-goal attempt hit the right upright dead center and bounced back, giving Cincinnati a chance to win in overtime 20-17.

In their 21-13 playoff victory Saturday over Seattle, the Bengals also got an unusual break to scuttle a Seahawks' comeback. The Seahawks scored on Dave Krieg's 1-yard touchdown run with 6:05 to play, but Norm Johnson — who was 40-for-40 in extra points this season — kicked the conversion try wide to the right. The ball flirted with the same upright that Lohmiller had smacked exactly two weeks earlier.

One reporter was led to ask Coach Sam Wyche whether it's a magic goal post for the Bengals.

"Is it a magic goal post? No, but it made a difference in the game, coming when it did," he said of the botched extra point.

There was a logical explanation for the unusual miss — holder Steve Largent, one of the most sure-handed receivers in the NFL, didn't get the ball down properly.

"I just didn't handle the snap very quickly," he said. "The snap was fine. I just didn't get it down quickly."

Wyche's players think something else might have been at work on the two decisive missed kicks.

"That's the Jungle," linebacker Carl Zander said. "I'm beginning to think there is some fairy dust on that goalpost."

Cowboys impressed with Aikman's audition

By HANK WESCH
Copley News Service

DALLAS — All in all, Troy Aikman's audition went pretty well Monday, (Jan. 2).

Before the watchful eyes of Gil Brandt, chief talent scout for his potential future employers, the Dallas Cowboys, Aikman won the most-valuable-player award as UCLA defeated Arkansas, 17-3, in the Cotton Bowl.

And when NFL draft day comes this spring, expect Dallas to use the No. 1 choice to get Aikman.

"I thought he played well," Brandt said of Aikman's 19-for-27, 172-yard, one-touchdown performance.

"Arkansas dropped eight guys back in pass coverage and did everything it could to try and stop him. But I thought he did everything UCLA could have wanted him to do, as far as running the game."

"He's a good player, but the thing people have to understand is that he's not Clark Kent. He's not going to

win the Super Bowl for you in his first year."

Even before the game, Brandt seemed sold on Aikman. Asked if Aikman needed to be impressive in the Cotton Bowl for the Cowboys to draft him, Brandt said no.

"You don't judge by one game," Brandt said. "You look at his physical makeup (6-3½, 217 pounds), you look at things like 64 percent completions (overall) and 63 percent on

third-down."

"There are a lot of things you consider, not just what he does in his last game."

Aikman concluded 1988 with a school-record 228 completions in 354 attempts for 2,771 yards. The 24 touchdowns he threw for also set a school record.

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Purchasers report economy growing

By KURT EICHENWALD
New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — Fueled by an increase in exports, the nation's economy grew in December at its highest rate in five months, the National Association of Purchasing Management said in its monthly report, which was scheduled to be released today.

Production and new orders reached their highest levels since July. The employment rate slowed slightly, but it still reached its highest level of 1988.

Prices and inventories were reported to be up, but vendor deliveries declined.

The report surveys managers at more than 250 companies in 21 industries. Economists consider its

findings to be a preliminary indicator of the previous month's economic performance.

The association's composite index, reflecting the end-of-the-year economic strength, rose to 58.1 percent, compared with 56.6 in November.

An index above 50 percent indicates the economy is expanding, while a reading below 50 percent implies a contraction, according to the purchasing management group.

December was the 29th consecutive month that the index, which is seasonally adjusted, exceeded 50 percent. With the December results, the 1988 average stood at 56.4 percent.

Robert J. Bretz, chairman of the association's business survey committee and director of materials management at Pitney Bowes Inc.,

said that, except for a downward trend in the inflation rate, the December results indicated no slowdown in the nation's seven years of economic expansion.

"December exited like a lion," Bretz said. "The continued robust growth capped the final quarter at what could be the strongest rate of the year."

New orders rose in December for the 43rd consecutive month, after normal seasonal variations are taken into account. After several months of decline, the rate posted a strong gain. The index for new orders rose to 60 percent, from 58 percent in November.

Twenty-four percent of the purchasers reported increased new orders, and 17 percent reported de-

clines, while the rest reported no change.

Exports provided a strong boost for new orders. After growing at a slower rate for four months, export orders reached their highest level since July. Among exporters, 30 percent reported more orders, up from 22 percent in November. But the figure was still low compared with earlier in the year.

The report also indicated that production grew in December, marking the 29th month that the rate increased. The production index rose to 61.3 percent, up from 58.2 percent in November. Twenty-two percent of the purchasers reported higher production, while 13 percent said production had declined.

BUSINESS GLANCE

MARKETS

Futures hold on to Friday's gain

From Staff and Wire Reports

Crude oil prices were sustaining gains made Friday on technical factors in early morning trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

By midmorning, the near-month delivery contract — February — was trading at \$17.23, off a penny from Friday's early closing.

In pre-holiday trading, the contract closed up 47 cents a barrel, at \$17.24.

Pride Pipeline Co. matched Permian Corp. and Phillips Petroleum Co. by moving their posted price for West Texas Intermediate up 50 cents to \$16 a barrel effective Saturday morning.

A random check with other buyers at midmorning showed no other purchasers moving up so far.

CRUDE OIL

SPOT MARKET

W.T. INTERMEDIATE

■ Mid-morning Quote \$17.23
■ Friday's Close \$17.25
■ Previous Close \$16.75
■ One Year Ago \$16.90

W.T. SOUR

■ Friday's Close \$15.82
■ Previous Close \$15.33
■ One Year Ago \$15.45

SOURCE: NYMEX

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■ This Week \$16.00
■ Last Week \$15.50
■ One Year Ago \$16.50

STOCK MARKET OUTLOOK

Stock market expected to remain strong

By ANISE C. WALLACE
New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — At the beginning of 1988 fear hung over the stock market as investors worried that the October 1987 crash would be followed by a 1930s-like depression and market decline. But the market surprised them and turned in a remarkably strong performance, with the Dow Jones industrial average climbing 11.8 percent, ending the year at 2,168.57.

Now, of course, the question is: Can it rise again in 1989? Many professional investors think so and are even betting that the average will break out of the narrow trading range of 1,800 to 2,200 that confined it in 1988.

But few portfolio managers or Wall Street investment strategists expect the Dow to approach the record of 2,722.42 set in August 1987. Indeed, some believe that high may take on the same psychological importance that 1,000 on the Dow held for so many years in the 1970s.

"It may be the barrier on the bull side," said Richard T. McCabe, first vice president and manager of market analysis at Merrill Lynch Capital Markets in New York.

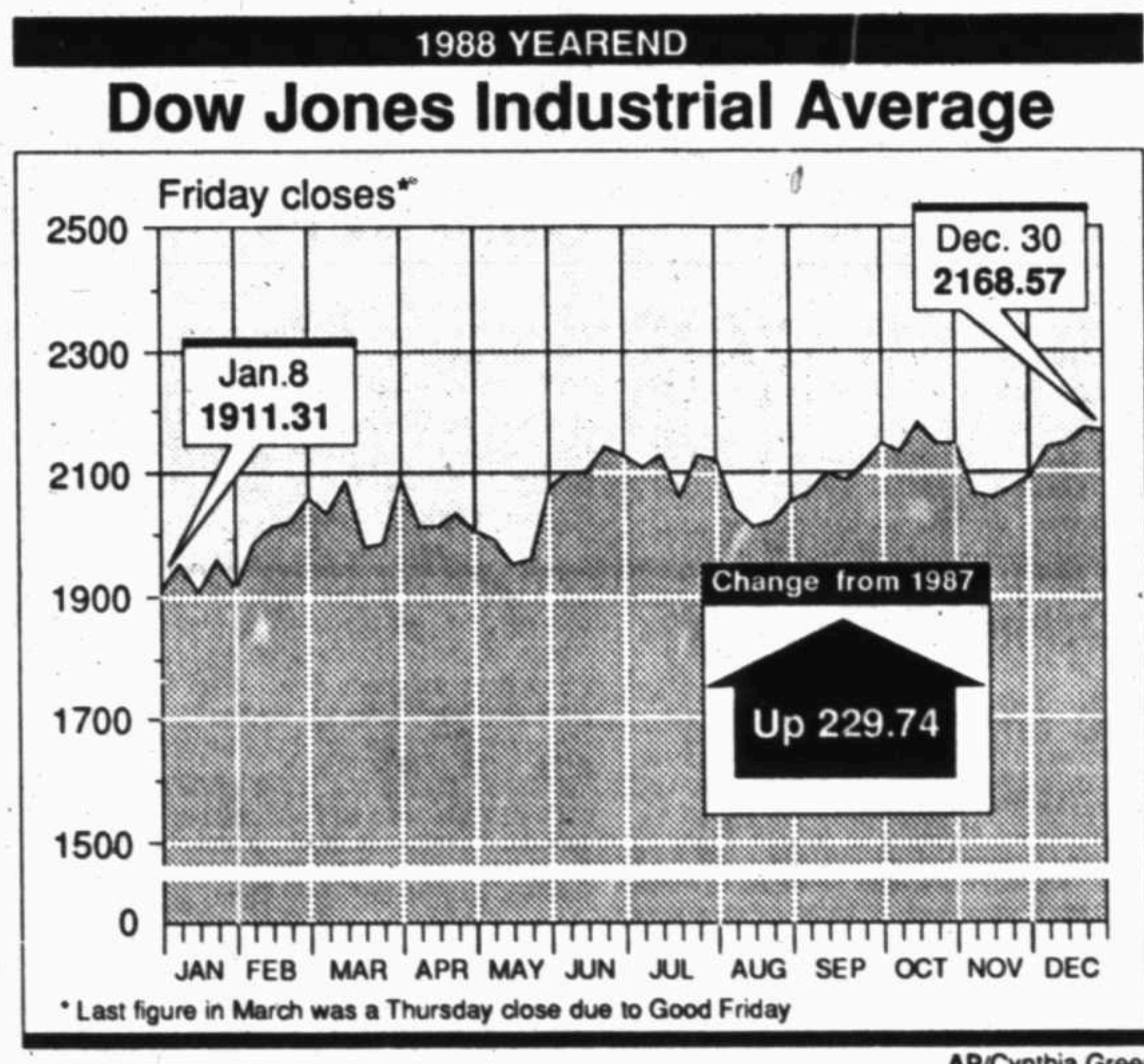
And despite the Dow's 508-point drop on Oct. 19, 1987, market professionals do not believe stocks are likely to decline in 1989.

Robert J. Farrell, chief market analyst for Merrill Lynch, foresees a range of 1,800 to 2,400 for the Dow. "Stock selection and timing will remain the key to investment success in 1989," he said, and only the highest-quality issues should be held.

Institutional investors have high levels of their clients' portfolios parked in short-term cash instruments, and most newsletter writers are bearish, two indicators that often signal that the stock market is not likely to decline over the near term.

"This is not a vulnerable market," said Michael Metz, investment strategist at Oppenheimer & Co., who characterized the market as one of "low expectations."

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Dollar weaker in first '89 trading

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. dollar was lower in modest European trading today, pressured by sporadic selling in Asian and European markets. Gold prices rose on the dollar's weakness.

"We see commercial interests selling dollars that are coming out of the Far East," said a dealer at a major West German bank in Frankfurt.

Frankfurt and Milan dealers said trading volume was likely to stay moderate until the New York market opens.

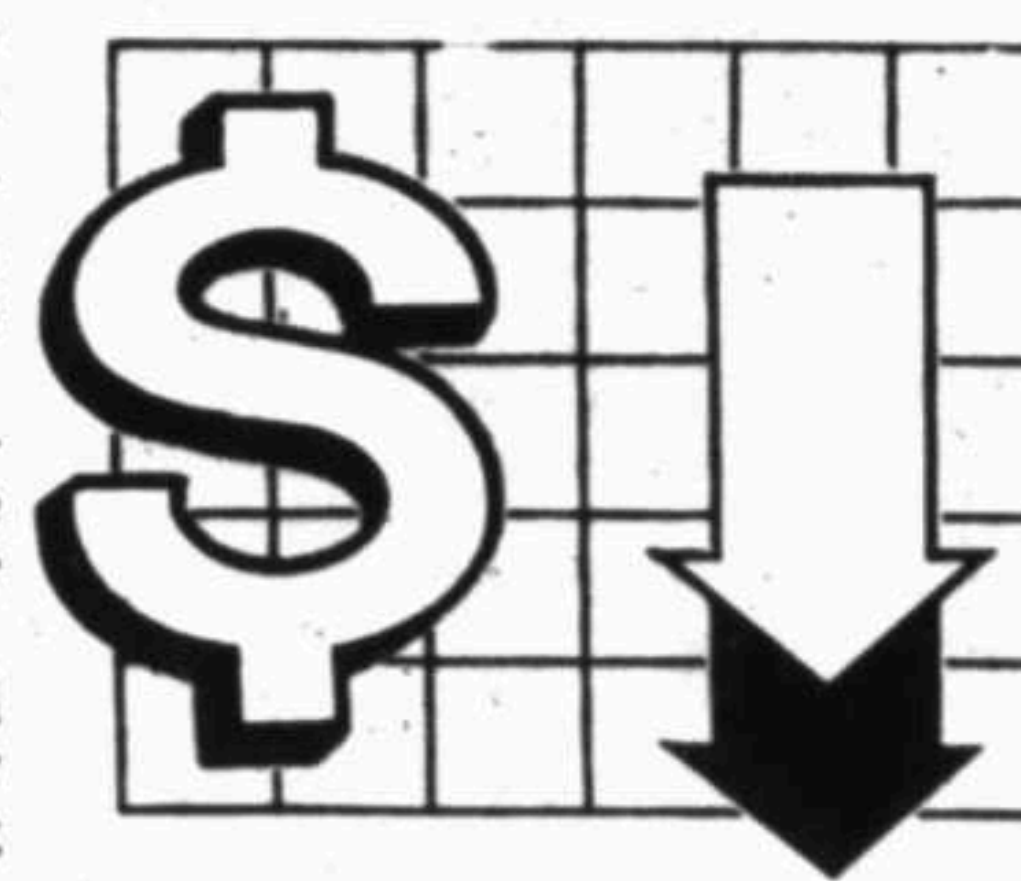
"There's no real hard news to trade on," said one trader in Milan. In Tokyo, markets were closed for an extended New Year holiday. In Europe, the dollar was quoted at 123.80 yen, down from 125.10 yen in Tokyo last Friday.

The British pound jumped nearly two cents against the dollar, apparently boosted by government assurances that it will keep raising interest rates if necessary to combat inflation.

In London, the British pound rose to \$1.826, from \$1.8062 late Friday. Gold opened in London at a bid price of \$412.30 a troy ounce, up from \$410.05 bid late Friday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold rose 70 cents to close at a bid \$414.11, compared with Saturday's \$413.41.

Silver was quoted in London today at a bid price of \$6.07 a troy ounce, up from Friday's \$6.04.



Schwab sees brokerages retrenching in 1989

By KURT EICHENWALD
New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — Many stock brokers will remember 1988 as a year they would like to forget. After the crash of October 1987, a steady stream of money from individual investors became only a trickle.

Nearly every brokerage firm re-



Schwab

ported sharply lower profits, and many cut their staffs in an effort to compete in a tough new environment.

Charles R. Schwab, the founder, chairman and chief executive of the Charles Schwab Corp., the nation's largest discount brokerage, said in a recent interview that he expects the new year to bring new business to the brokerage industry.

He added, however, that increased competition to attract individual investors could cause several firms to close their doors and others, including his own, to make acquisitions.

Q. How badly did the flight of the small investor affect the bro-

kerage business in 1988?

A. You have to put what happened over the past year into context. After every bear market that I have been associated with over the last 25 years on the professional end of this business, the investor fled. But in percentage amounts, this time it wasn't a total exit. Probably retail investing was down by some 35 percent in terms of equity transactions and trading. That's one measure of their apathy toward the stock market. Also, portfolios have shifted from a 90 percent invested position to about 65 or 70 percent investments in equities right now for the average investor at our firm.

Q. Are there signs that the small investor has begun to come back?

A. The level of apathy is still very much there. On the whole, people coming in with new monies seem to be going into money-market-type investments, certificates of deposit and other fixed-income.

The major challenge in successful investing, I think, has always been understanding the emotions of the environment. Right now, the apathetic emotional level is the reverse of the buoyancy of the middle of 1987. But if you go back over history,

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Feds wheeled and dealt as 1988 drew to close

By NATHANIEL C. NASH
New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — With a stunning display of its ability and willingness to strike deals and spend money, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board put on a show last week the like of which is seldom seen in Washington.

The agency that regulates the nation's 3,000 savings and loan associations worked full-tilt: bands of lawyers negotiated early into the morning, carloads of documents were shuttled from room to room and an army of corporate lawyers set up headquarters at key Washington hotels.

When the dust settled, the agency had completed 14 transactions to sell 34 institutions with almost \$62 billion in assets to bankers, financiers, takeover artists and even the Ford Motor Co.

The bank board's goal was to continue the process of closing, merging or selling insolvent savings institutions. Its method was to find investors who, in return for government assistance and tax breaks, would invest money and effort in an attempt to make the institutions profitable.

Some insolvent institutions were the victims of mismanagement; others, especially those in Texas and the Southwest, were hurt by the collapse of oil and real estate prices.

In a five-day period that ended on New Year's Eve — when some tax breaks were halved — the bank board agreed to spend \$13.8 billion over the next 10 years to cover the losses at those institutions. But hundreds of insolvent institutions remain, and how federal regulators will deal with them and how much taxpayers, through the Treasury, will have to put up remains unresolved.

Most industry observers think the agency will never have those funds unless Congress approves the largest taxpayer bailout on record. Yet the bank board's chairman, M. Danny Wall, has said he does not anticipate that taxpayer funds will be needed.

"In the end it was like a sprint," said Scott Shay, a partner of Lewis S. Ranieri, a Wall Street investment banker. "We were operating on such adrenaline."

Shay said he left a bank board conference room at 5:15 a.m. Friday. "By the looks of it, it could have been 5:15 in the afternoon," Shay said, because the office was full of employees working flat out.

The pace was so frantic, he said, that negotiators decided they did not have time to throw paper in wastebaskets. Instead, they adopted a "garbage rule": anything not needed was dropped on the floor; any paper on the table was a valid document.

It was a fitting finale to a busy year.

Trying to deal with more than 500 hopelessly sick savings institutions, the bank board liquidated, sold or took over 217 institutions with assets of \$100 billion. In the process it agreed to provide financial assistance totaling \$38.6 billion.

Whether the transactions turn out to be good or bad for the government remains to be seen. Some fear that in the rush to beat the Jan. 1 deadline, some of the agreements could be sweetheart deals, far too costly to the government.

Often, in the last-minute negotiations, investors sought concessions from the bank board, insisting they needed those terms to complete the deal. And in several instances the agency balked and threatened to call the deal off.

Lawyers spent the night in their offices and bank board officials had to be called at their homes and asked to come back into the office to sign papers before deals could be closed.

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Meat exporters seek new markets after ban

New York Times News Service

NEW YORK — American meat-exporting companies say that they have already found alternative markets for many products they normally sell to Europe but that the industry will not escape some harm.

Effective Sunday, the European Community banned all beef raised with growth hormones, of which the United States is the largest exporter.

The United States retaliated with 100 percent tariffs on a variety of European foods.

Most of the meats banned by the community are livers, hearts, kidneys and other specialty meats popular in Europe but not in the United States. Japan, Mexico and Egypt have already emerged as strong alternative markets, but meat companies said some surpluses were likely to mount.

"There ought to be some hellacious good buys on sweetbreads in the coming weeks," said Kenneth

Monfort, president of the Conagra Red Meat Cos., which is based in Greeley, Colo.

Unsold sweetbreads, the thymus glands of beef cattle, would probably be rendered into tallow and sold to soap manufacturers, industry experts said.

Alan Middaugh, president of the United States Meat Export Federation, a trade group in Washington, said meat manufacturers and exporters had realized for several months that the ban was inevitable and have been actively seeking other buyers.

"Packers have hedged their bets over the past 30 to 45 days," Middaugh said. "They had hoped the market would stay open, but if it didn't they'd better have a home for kidneys, livers and tongues that have been the traditional kinds of meats going to Western Europe."

Most meat companies said a drop in price was practically inevitable for all the banned products.

Eastern enters new year facing crucial mediation

MIAMI (AP) — Eastern Airlines, smaller and deeper in debt than a year ago, begins 1989 facing federal mediation considered crucial to what the carrier will look like a year from now — if it still exists.

"We simply cannot survive if the National Mediation Board persists in holding Eastern hostage as it has been doing," wrote Tom Matthews, Eastern's senior vice president for human resources, in a Dec. 28 letter to Walter C. Wallace, chairman of the mediation board.

Wallace will participate in Jan. 6 mediation at an undisclosed location between Eastern and its Machinists union. The mediation sessions, with no deadline set by the federal board, are aimed at settling a 16-month-old contract dispute that has been before the board for a year.

Failure to reach agreement could lead to the mediation board's declaration of an impasse.

While some union leaders suspect the hard-line Texas Air Corp. ownership would like a strike so that it could try to break the strike and bust the union, the struggling airline might not last through disruptions and much more negative publicity.

Eastern ended the year with new public questions about its safety after an emergency landing Dec. 26 in Charleston, W.Va., of an Eastern flight with a hole in its fuselage. There were no injuries and company officials say Eastern has one of the industry's best safety records.

But the incident came after Eastern earlier in the year went through a comprehensive Federal Aviation Administration probe and Department of Transportation scrutiny. Those studies said Eastern was safe, but its unusually bad labor-management relations could threaten safety.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Saudis, Texaco close joint venture deal

NEW YORK (NYT) — Texaco Inc. and Saudi Arabia said Monday they had closed their deal for a joint venture to refine and market petroleum in the United States.

Under the joint venture, known as Star Enterprise, Texaco and Saudi Refining Inc. will refine, distribute and market petroleum products in 23 Eastern and Gulf Coast states.

Texaco said last year that it expected to receive \$812 million for a 50 percent interest in its refining assets and marketing system and an additional \$1 billion in benefits and savings.

The agreement, first outlined in June, provides Saudi Arabia with a secure outlet for its products while guaranteeing Texaco a steady stream of crude oil.

The venture has the right to purchase up to 600,000 barrels a day of Saudi crude oil at prevailing market prices. Star Enterprise will be based in Houston.

Consumers more confident in economy

NEW YORK (AP) — Consumers' confidence about the state of the economy increased in December, boosted by low inflation, low unemployment and growth in personal income, a business-financed research organization reported.

The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Index increased to 119.8, up nearly 7 points from November, the board said in a report for release today. The index had declined in November to 113.1 from October's figure of 116.9.

Farmers' revenue ends '88 on up note

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices farmers get for raw products are ending 1988 on an upbeat note, averaging about 14 percent more in December than they did a year ago, the Agriculture Department said.

The department's Agricultural Statistics Board said in its final report of the year Friday that preliminary figures showed prices rose an average of 0.7 percent from November to December.

Salomon Brothers slips as top underwriter

NEW YORK (AP) — Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. took the No. 1 spot in domestic securities underwriting in 1988, ending the five-year reign of Salomon Brothers Inc. in that position, according to a company that follows the industry.

Merrill Lynch's total underwritings for the year were \$39.7 billion, or 14.5 percent of the \$273 billion overall total brought to market in 1988, according to a report Friday from IDD Information Services.

Second overall was Goldman, Sachs & Co., with \$36.9 billion, while Salomon Brothers Inc. — which held the top spot for the previous five years — slipped to third place at \$33.9 billion, IDD said.

Mercedes pays record gas guzzler penalty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mercedes-Benz has paid a record \$20.2 million fine because its 1986 cars guzzled too much gasoline, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said.

The luxury German automaker was fined because the 86,020 cars it sold in the United States in the 1986 model year fell 4.7 miles per gallon short of meeting that year's required fleet average minimum mileage, 26.0 mpg, agency spokesman Tim Hurd said Friday.

Court rules against Interior leasing plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration did not adequately study the protections needed for migratory wildlife before adopting a plan last year for offshore oil and gas leasing through 1992, a federal appeals court ruled.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Friday that the Interior Department "failed to perform an adequate analysis of the cumulative impacts of the program on migratory species." It ordered the department to try again, though the ruling does not immediately impede the leasing.

Drexel barred from New York bond sale

NEW YORK (AP) — Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc., which has agreed to a plea deal to settle securities fraud charges, has been barred by New York City from the sale of \$500 million in municipal bonds.

The announcement Friday came one day after a federal judge in Boston stalled a Drexel-financed \$970 million takeover effort of Prime Computer Inc. because of the deal.

Drexel, one of the most profitable Wall Street firms, was to have been one of 16 participants in the New York City bond sale, tentatively scheduled for February. The city is one of the biggest issuers of municipal bonds.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Trend reports Strawn discovery

From Staff Reports

A Strawn discovery has been recorded in Howard County, south of the Brenand Ranch field.

TREND EXPLORATION CO. potentially the No. 3401 J.M. Sterling to flow 226.2 barrels of 47.3 gravity crude, 557.241 Mcfd and 1.7 barrels of water on a 13/64 inch choke from perforations 7,762 to 7,791 ft. Flowing tubing pressure was 1,030 psi and the interval was acidized with 250 gallons of acid. Gas-oil ratio was 2,463:1.

Permitted as an 8,500 ft. wildcat, the well was drilled to 7,886 ft., where 5 1/2 inch casing was set, and plugged back to 7,831 ft.

The well topped the Strawn at 7,778 ft. on ground elevation of 2,990 ft. Pay was topped at 7,778 ft. Location is 330 ft. from north and west lines of Section 34, Block 26, H&TC survey, 2.25 miles southeast of Vincent.

Trend has proposed a field name of Sterling for the discovery.

Ellenburger producer flows 349 barrels oil

The King Lake field of Ector County gained a new Ellenburger producer as **PENWELL ENERGY INC.** completed activity in the area.

On potential test, the No. 1 Shoe Bar Ranch "C" flowed 349 barrels of 44.6 gravity crude, 180 Mcfd and no water on a 32/64 inch choke with a flowing tubing pressure of 50 psi. The well flowed from open hole interval 10,855 to 10,920 ft., which had been acidized with 2,500 gallons of 15 percent NeFe acid. Gas-oil ratio is 515:1.

The well was drilled to 10,920 ft. with 5 1/2 inch casing set at 10,855 ft. On ground elevation of 2,998 ft., formation tops include the San



★ Strawn discovery

Trend Exploration has completed a 226 barrel Strawn discovery in Howard County, south of the Brenand Ranch field.

Andres at 3,937 ft., Clearfork at 5,123, Pennsylvanian Lime at 7,807, Devonian at 8,592, Fusselman at 9,565, and Ellenburger at 10,869 ft. Pay was topped at 10,869 ft.

Location is 467 ft. from east and south lines of Section 26, Block 45, T-2-S, T&P survey, seven miles northwest of Penwell.

CONQUEST EXPLORATION CO., Houston, has extended the Live Oak North (Strawn) field of Crockett County 1-3/4 miles south-southeast with completion of its latest project.

Conquest tested the No. 2-4 J.L. Henderson Jr. "B" for a calculated absolute open flow of 10.3 Mmcfd from perforations 8,557 to 8,834 ft., no treatment recorded. Condensate gravity was 53.9 degrees API and gas-liquid ratio was 504,237:1.

Permitted as a 9,500 ft. wildcat, the well was drilled to 9,000 ft., where 5 1/2 inch casing was set, and plugged

back to 8,885 ft.

The well topped the Lower Canyon at 7,650 ft. and Strawn at 8,548 ft. on ground elevation of 1,100 ft.

Location is 2,000 ft. from south and 1,100 ft. from east lines of S. Roscoe survey 4, Abst. 4799, 10 miles south-east of Ozona.

Borden field gains 158 barrel producer

A recompletion project in Borden County has yielded new Strawn production in the Hood North field.

EP OPERATING CO., Midland, reentered the No. 1 Miller, completing it to pump 158 barrels of 44.8 gravity crude and no water from perforations 8,382 to 8,387 ft. Gas-oil ratio is 791:1.

It was scheduled as a 9,400 ft. wildcat deepening. Original depth is 8,720 ft., where 5 1/2 inch casing was set. Location is 990 ft. from south and 1,980 ft. from east lines of Section 589, Block 97, H&TC survey, 13 miles northeast of Gall.

Houston operator extends Crockett field

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OIL BUSINESS



BY NORMAN JOHNSON

OIL FACTS

1989
February — Two offshore drilling structures, largest yet built with space for drilling one vertical and four deflecting wells to 20,000 ft., are being fabricated for Gulf of Mexico by Superior Oil Co.

OIL AND GAS DIGEST

NL separates petroleum, chemicals businesses

HOUSTON (AP) — Shareholders of NL Industries overwhelmingly approved the company's previously announced restructuring plan that separates the company's petroleum services and chemicals businesses, officials said.

The restructuring separates NL's petroleum services business — conducted by Baroid Corp. — from the chemicals division and makes it a new publicly-held company. It also affects the redemption of the company's depositary receipts representing its Series C preferred stock.

NL's charter also will be amended to effect a one-for-10 reverse split of the outstanding NL common stock — with a cash payment being made for any resulting fractional interests. Immediately following that will be a redemption of NL's Series C preferred stock for either one share of post-split common stock per depositary receipt or \$15.66 in cash per depositary receipt.

Sun final upgrades at gas processing facilities

DALLAS — Sun Exploration & Production Co. has completed a year-long modification program to increase capacity at two natural gas processing facilities, one in the Rio Grande Valley and the other in south Louisiana.

Capacity at the Sun plant in Starr County, Texas has been increased to 120 million cubic feet per day from 88 Mmcfd. Modifications at the facility include replacement of a 40-year-old oil-based process system with a more efficient cryogenic natural gas processing system, and installation of a hydrocarbon liquid recovery section, product fractionation facilities, product treating system, condensate stabilization equipment and 7,900 horsepower of recompression.

At the Fordoch Plant in Pointe Coupee Parish, La., Sun has replaced a 20-year-old oil-based system with a cryogenic liquid recovery process. The company has also installed a new nitrogen rejection unit to produce pipeline-quality methane gas and a nitrogen gas stream that is injected back into the reservoir to increase oil production.

Cost of the modifications was approximately \$17 million.

Pacific Gas seeks to expand pipeline facilities

SAN FRANCISCO (SWN) — Pacific Gas Transmission Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of Pacific Gas & Electric Co., has filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to expand its existing gas pipeline facilities from the British Columbia-Idaho border to the Oregon-California border.

The filing kicks off a proposed \$945 million expansion of the PGT and PG&E gas systems aimed at bringing additional Canadian gas supplies to Pacific Northwest, intermountain region and southern California utility markets. PG&E will file an application next year with the California Public Utilities Commission to expand its facilities from the Oregon-California border to Fresno County.

The expansion will have the capacity to transport approximately 600 million cubic feet a day (Mmcfd) of gas to utilities in southern California and 150 Mmcfd/d to the Pacific Northwest and intermountain region. This will increase the total capacity that PGT delivers at the Oregon-California border to approximately 1.6 billion cubic feet a day.

Pengo asks to make Chapter 11 filing voluntary

FORT WORTH (SWN) — Pengo Industries, Inc. has presented an order to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas in Fort Worth to convert the involuntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding pending in that court into a voluntary Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding. Pengo stated that the Bankruptcy action is in the nature of a reorganization and does not affect its operating subsidiaries. The company has no operating divisions.

The involuntary Petition was filed on April 25, 1988 by Chemical Bank, N.A. as trustee of the Pengo Finance, N.V. 8-1/2 percent Convertible Subordinated Guaranteed Debentures 1995 ("8-1/2 percent Eurobonds") and two holders of the "8-1/2 percent Eurobonds," Anthony Ben Walsh of New York, New York and Matthew Metcalfe of Mobile, Alabama. Pengo understands that Metcalfe and Walsh hold approximately \$600,000 in principal amount in 8-1/2 percent Eurobonds between them.

PLUGGED WELLS

TRC DISTRICT 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

McFarland (Queen)

Mobil Producing TX & NM Inc. No. 7 McFarland North Unit; 660 fsl, 720 fsl, sec 8, blk A-19, PSL, 10 ne Andrews, TD 5700. Completed 5/4/55. Plugged 12/1/88. Oil well.

ECTOR COUNTY

Goldsmith (5600)

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. No. 1380 C.A. Goldsmith et al; 9994 fsl, 4024 fsl, sec 7, blk 44, T-1-S, T&P, 6 ne Goldsmith, TD 6500. Completed 8/13/83. Plugged 12/12/88. Oil well.

MITCHELL COUNTY

Ellwood Ranch (Ellenburger)

Tucker Drilling Co. Inc. No. 1 Ellwood; 660 fsl, 1140 fsl, sec 35, blk 18, SPRR, Abst. 258, 21 sw Colorado City, TD 7900. Completed 12/1/88. Plugged 12/1/88. Dry hole.

WARD COUNTY

Ward South

Chevron U.S.A. Inc. No. 31 J.F. York Tract 1; 2310 fsl, 990 fsl, sec 10, blk 34, H&TC, 6 nw

Royalty, TD 2533. Completed 9/25/51. Plugged 11/11/88. Oil well.

TRC DISTRICT 8A

COTTE COUNTY

Wildcat

Gunn Oil Co. No. 2-28 Swenson; 660 fsl, 1980 fsl, sec 28, blk B, J.H. Stephens, 10 sw Paducah, TD 4550.

DAWSON COUNTY

Wildcat

RK Petroleum Corp. No. 1-20 Etheridge; 1600 fsl, 467 fsl, Labor 20, League 273, Loving CSL, 12 sw Lamesa, TD 12,522.

SCURRY COUNTY

Wildcat

Mitchell Energy Corp. No. 1-A Scribner; 467 fsl, 660 fsl, sec 348, blk 97, H&TC, 13 w Snyder, TD 8282.

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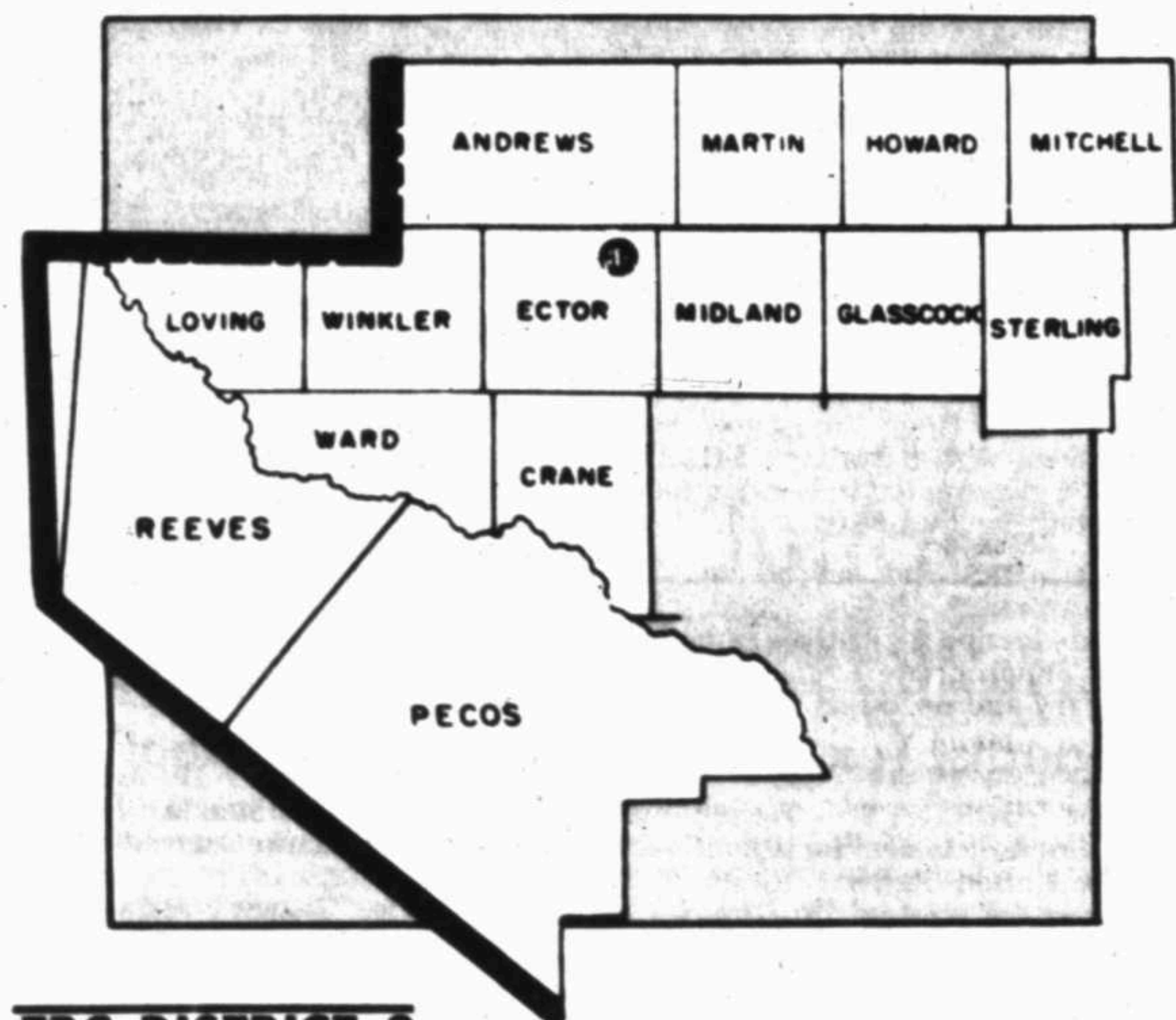
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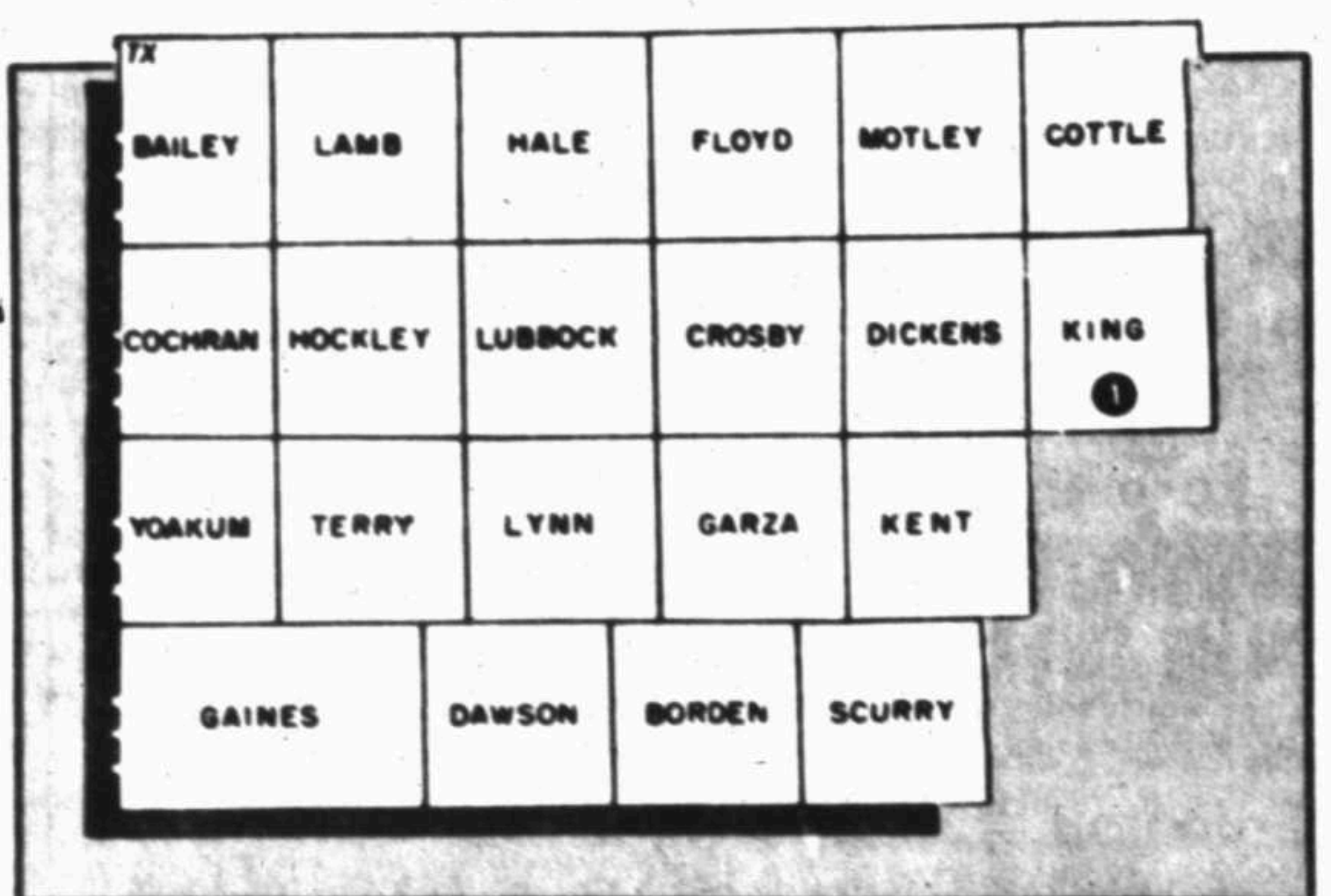
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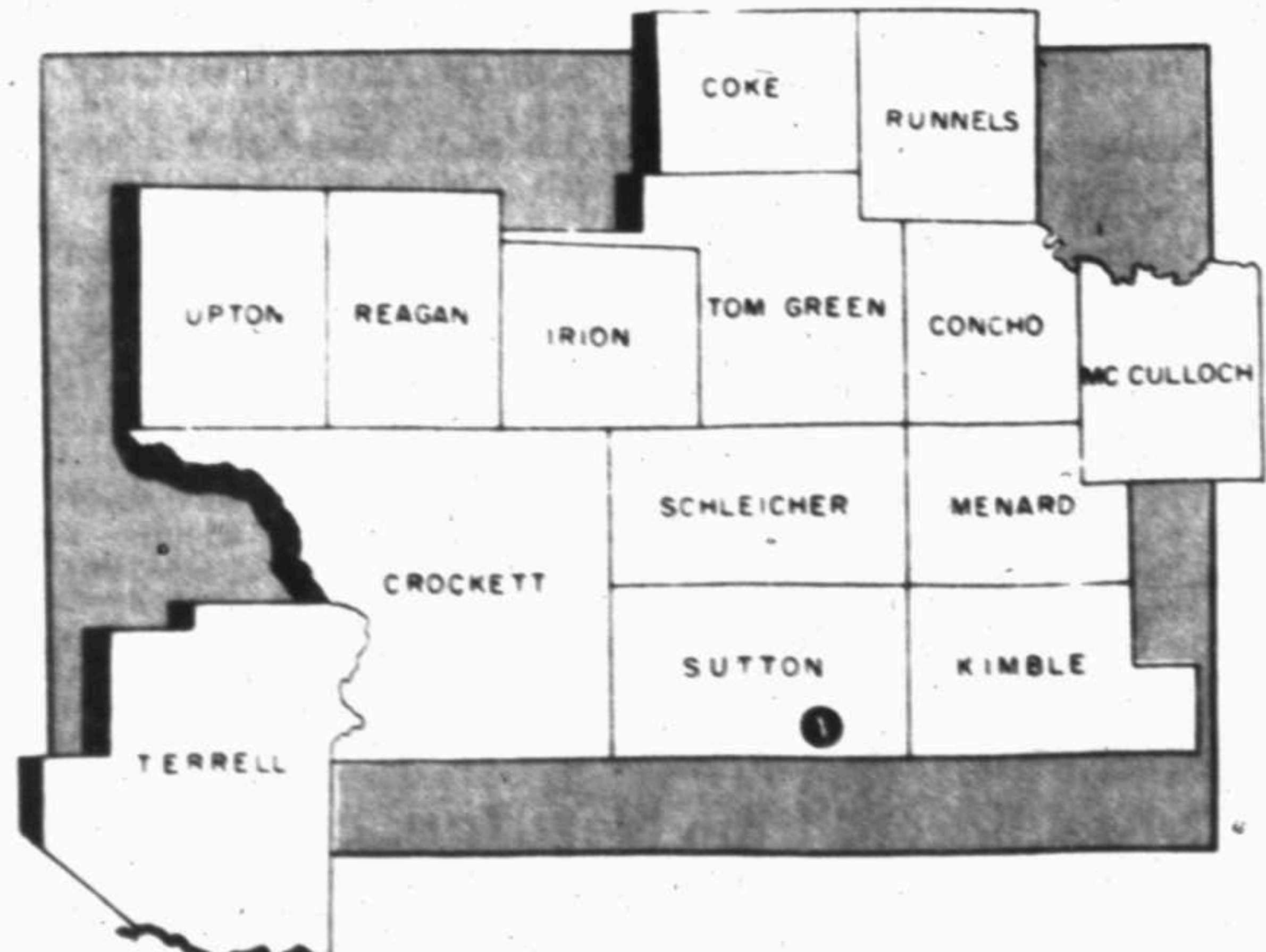
TRC DISTRICT 8

1. REENTRY SET IN ECTOR. Union Texas Petroleum Corp., Houston, will reenter a former dual Ellenburger and Fusselman producer in the Circle Bar field of Ector County and plug back to 9,500 ft. for wildcat tests. The No. 3 Fasken "G-45" is 550 ft. from south and west lines of Section 45, Block 41, G&MMB&A survey, 21.5 miles south of Andrews. Original depth was 12,969 ft.



TRC DISTRICT 8A

1. KING DRAWS WILDCAT LOCATION. A 6,200 ft. wildcat is planned for King County, 13 miles southeast of Guthrie. Gunn Management Co., Wichita Falls, has staked the No. 29-RRR S.B. Burnett Estate 5,141 ft. from north and 466 ft. from east lines of L. Upton survey, Abst. 1191.



TRC DISTRICT 7C

1. STANDARD EYES SUTTON PROSPECT. Standard Gas Production, San Antonio, has staked a 4,500 ft. prospect in Sutton County, 30 miles southeast of Sonora.

The No. 3 Stewart is 660 ft. from south and east lines of Section 2, GC&SF survey, Abst. 991.

COMPLETIONS

TRC DISTRICT 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

Dollarhide (Devonian)

Union Oil Co. of California No. 3903D Dollarhide Unit; 4080 fsl, 10,150 fsl, sec 4, blk A-55, PSL, 31 se Andrews, Elev. 3168.8, TD 7780, PB 7742. Completed 9/12/88. Potentialized 12/2/88, pumping 5 bopd, 12 bwpd, 41.1 API. Casing 5 1/2 inches at 7780. Perforations 7521 to 7696. Acid: 7000 gals. 15 percent HCL. Formation tops: Rustler 1172, Yates 2652, San Andres 4020, Clearfork 5527, Clearfork A 6037, Clearfork B 5567, Devonian 7540. Top of pay 7521.

Martin (Clearfork)

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one should always do major investing in those periods of apathy, because those gains will show up in very robust numbers when that next period of buoyancy comes.

I think 1989 is starting out where there are good values. Look at the popularity now of takeovers and total buyouts. The smart investors are not just buying some shares of a company, they are buying the whole company. And so, for individuals, I think it's a matter of looking to the longer term. This is the time to be investing in good, sound companies.

Q. What is the outlook for brokerages?

A. Well, there are lots of potential changes in the wind. Obviously, the big one coming up is a change of government. And there has been some talk about the whole arena of policy toward capital formation, which is important to the economy and to our industry.

Still, I think the first half of the year will be a continuation of what we have seen recently. I am more optimistic about the second half. So far now, I think we will just have to be prepared for more apathy, and when the environment becomes clearer, then the individual investor will come back in great numbers once again.

One of the good things our indus-

try does have working for us, both discount firms and the full-commission firms, is the fact that the demographics are so powerful. We will see over the next six or so years the baby boomers come of age and become investors and savers. They are moving into that 40-year-old to 50-year-old range, when you have some funds left over to do some investing. The financial service businesses will be huge beneficiaries of the increasing of that age group.

Q. What about the landscape of Wall Street? Do you see it changing over the year?

A. I do think in the brokerage business there will be further mergers and some people will drop out of the business. We have seen, for instance, that the banks have receded from the retail and discount brokerage business for the most part, and I believe that will continue. We have seen several companies, small ones, leaving the business. You will probably see acquisitions over the next few months, and that will probably continue until a turnaround in the market.

Q. Will Schwab make any acquisitions over the next year?

A. I think you will probably see several, yes. We are always looking. I can't identify any in particular, but we are aggressively looking at those options.

FEDS

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Wall said as many as four deals fell through. And even the crown jewel of all the transactions — the sale of the \$30 billion American Savings and Loan Association of Stockton, Calif., to the Robert M. Bass Group — came close to disaster last week.

But in the end the agency completed a majority of the transactions it hoped for, though some deals teetered on the brink of disaster.

Negotiators for the Michigan National Corp., a bank holding company, were having trouble at midweek reaching final wording on a plan to acquire the Beverly Hills Savings and Loan Association of Mission Viejo, Calif.

Both sides desperately wanted to close the deal, but the bank board particularly wanted to get Beverly Hills off its books, since it had been a notoriously high-risk savings association and had suffered enormous losses. The bank board wanted to deal with Michigan National because it was a \$9 billion banking organization that would be able to put significant resources into Beverly Hills.

On Thursday, Michigan National's general counsel met for an hour with the bank board's chief lawyer, Jordan Luke. Luke said the two attorneys worked on a few "three- or four-word fixes" and thought they had worked out a compromise.

"But by that evening another problem had cropped up," Luke said, so that when Wall convened a board meeting on Friday morning, "it seemed like the deal had fallen through."

Eventually the differences were worked out. The Michigan National deal took its place as the last transaction completed in 1988.

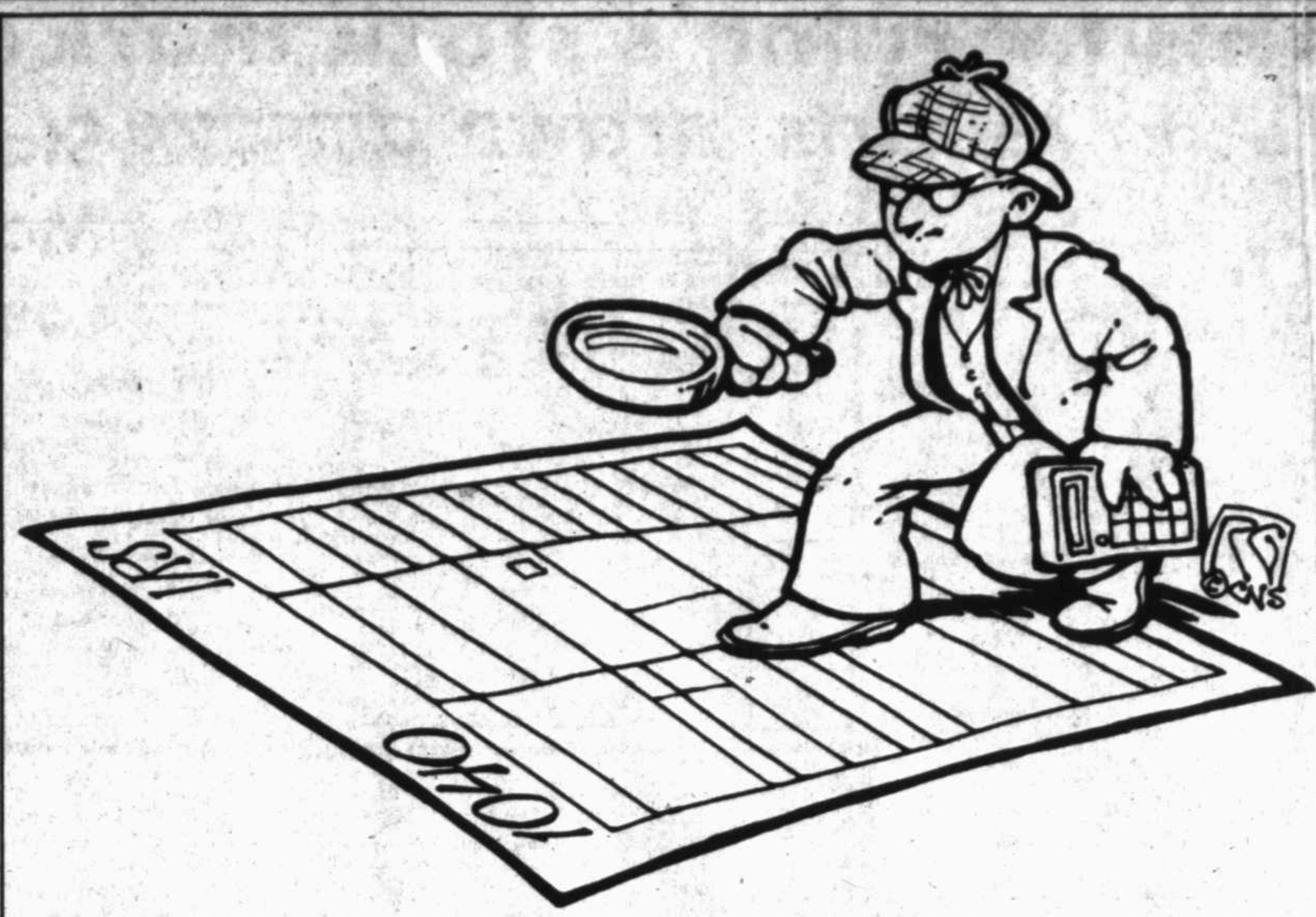
"In a world in which there is so much to be done, the process of making a sausage is not going to be a pretty one," Luke said.

He noted that throughout the last weeks of the year, he pleaded with his colleagues for "parallel processing, standardization and keeping deals as simple as possible."

Though he has more than 200 lawyers under him and an additional 100 paralegal and clerical staff members, he lamented that he had only about one-third the staff he needed.

He said he repeatedly told negotiators on the other side: "You better be as pliable at the closings of the transactions as you possibly can be. We are becoming a fragile operation."

One attorney for a would-be buyer put in 100 billable hours for his client in a five-day period, he told Luke.



Tax expert sleuths for deductions

By CHRIS BARNETT
and ART GARCIA
Copley News Service

Nobody has an obligation, even a patriotic obligation, to overpay their taxes by even a penny.

The bold ad in The New York Times stopped us cold: "Get your '87 tax return audited and find out how much the IRS should've paid you."

Audit Uncle Sam? Surely, it's a joke.

But Jerry Kindman, a New York City certified public accountant has been doing it for years for clients and potential customers all over the country.

Occasionally, he finds the overlooked deductions add up to a couple thousand dollars, enough to warrant the hassle of filing an amended return to get some of that money back.

Usually, Kindman and the 16 CPAs in his office unearth \$1,000. If the taxpayer is in a 35 percent (federal and state) bracket, the \$350 potential savings isn't worth the time and cost of filing an amended tax return. But it does wake up the client, says Kindman, to the fact that he or she is tossing money down the drain.

"I am paraphrasing a quote by Justice Learned Hand who said nobody has an obligation, even a patriotic obligation, to overpay their taxes by even a penny. So we carefully comb the Internal Revenue code, tax rulings and regulations to make sure our clients take full advantage of all appropriate tax exemptions."

Adds Kindman: "We're aggressive. Most accountants are unwilling to dig and push for all deductions. That's because most accountants learn in college the primary principle of accounting is conservatism. We don't think that's true."

For example, many of Kindman's clients are in the advertising business and he claims many of them are

legally entitled to deduct the cost of every movie they attend and even every video they rent. And buying a new television set or a video cassette recorder is also a legitimate deduction for these creative people.

His rationale?

"People in advertising make 30-second films, so in order to make it you must see films. Thus, going to the movies is tax deductible. The cost (or depreciation) of a television set, VCR, renting video tapes, even reading publications that carry advertising, books, newspapers, are all tax deductible for these people," Kindman argues.

Yet the CPA says deductions must be tailored to a specific business and profession. Few people can legally claim moviegoing as a writeoff, but Kindman says he has never lost that point in a face-off with the IRS.

Businesspeople in other fields can buy products or services from competitors and categorize them as "samples" to be studied "for comparison purposes," says Kindman. "This could include cosmetics, apparel or whatever field you are in."

Where it becomes abusive is when you violate the spirit of the IRS' interpretation of a real business expense, he says.

"While IRS code and regulations do not broadly define what a business deduction is, it's generally held to be 'appropriate to the business, ordinary and necessary, and reasonable in amount.'"

Hence, an around-the-world trip to scout locations for a book could cost a budding novelist an audit. Or if a salesman tries to write off his video

cassette rentals, those would be likely to be disallowed.

But a self-employed person can deduct the cost of briefcases, File-O-Fax, the business portion of home telephone bills, the space devoted to a home office.

Unlike some accountants who work with a laundry list of possible deductions, Kindman spends "at least an hour" grilling clients on their business to "find out how they work, do their job, what it entails" and then plans his deduction strategy from there. His firm works with clients nationwide and his CPAs travel but the interviews and tax preparation can be conducted via phone, fax and overnight mail.

But it is his auditing of a person's last tax return that is rather novel.

"For every 10 returns," he contends, "we find substantially greater deductions than they actually took."

What is "substantial?" Says Kindman: \$1,000 or more.

Plus, as his ads put it: "You'll discover the one thing our audits have in common with the IRS. They're both free."

Now is Jerry Kindman simply a shrewd marketer or does his aggressive accounting work? He claims his clients are not singled out by the IRS for audits; about 1 percent are audited, a typical audit percentage.

However, an IRS spokesman in Washington, D.C., wouldn't comment on whether such creative tax deducting is a red flag to Uncle Sam's computers — "As long as they can prove it," were the only words we heard.

STOCKS

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Of course, these predictions could be wrong. In general, both bull and bear markets are characterized by their ability to surprise most investors. Few professionals anticipated that the market would be on an even keel in 1988 after the 1987 crash. Many believed that a recession was a foregone conclusion and would lead to lower stock prices.

"Who would have thought the economy would be this strong?" remarked Robert M. Raiff, managing director of research at Cyrus J. Lawrence Inc., a Wall Street brokerage.

Still, because their jobs require it, money managers and investment strategists continue to make forecasts. And these experts cite other factors that will lift stock prices: a continuation of merger and buyout activity, slow economic growth, low inflation and, some believe, falling interest rates in the second half.

The least important part of the equation, they say, will be corporate earnings. Demand for stocks by acquirers and the level of interest

rates will be far more important.

The Wall Street consensus is that any earnings rise will probably be much lower than the 30 percent increase in 1988. William F. Harnisch, president of Forstmann-Leff Associates, which invests more than \$4 billion for pension-fund clients, expects earnings growth to be flat or only about 5 percent over 1988.

Among the best-performing stock groups last year were tobacco, foods, specialty retailers, banking and textiles. Their gains were attributable in large part to takeover activity.

The poorest-performing groups were computer software, semiconductors, gold mining and health care, according to Standard & Poor's.

Even though the professional investors expect slow growth, many of them say they are investing in companies whose fortunes are tied to economic swings. They are focusing on heavy industry and cyclical areas like metals, machinery, chemicals, papers, computers and semiconductors.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

'Suckers' can get money refunded on savings bond chain letter scam

By BILL DOYLE

Q. Nine years ago, I got into a chain letter-pyramid scheme using U.S. Savings Bonds. To make a long story short, I did not make anything and I still have one of the two E bonds I purchased in other people's names. I paid \$18.75 for this \$25 face value bond but was unable to sell it.

Can I redeem this bond? If so, how do I go about it?



Doyle

A. You and others who were foolish enough to take part in savings bond chain letter scams and who still have the bonds you bought can get your money back. You won't get any interest. You'll just retrieve the price you paid for the bond.

Old Phineas T. Barnum said it best with his classic crack: "There's a sucker born every minute." So many have been conned into savings bond pyramid schemes that the U.S. Treasury Department devised a special procedure to make you whole.

You'll have to fill out Form PD 2966, which you can obtain from a bank or other savings bond paying agent. That form is a special bond of indemnity in which you promise to pay the Treasury Department three and a half times the face amount of the E bond involved if some other rightful owner claims it.

Q. What is the largest amount of Series EE, U.S. Savings Bonds, a person can purchase annually? If the bonds are in two names, does that make a difference in the amount?

A. The most an individual can put into EE bonds each year is \$15,000. That buys \$30,000 face amount of EEs, which are issued at one-half their stated maturity values.

For EE bonds in coownership form, with the word "or" between the two named owners, the annual purchase limit doubles to \$30,000 issue price — \$60,000 face amount.

Q. As part of my investment program, I have purchased a number of U.S. Savings Bonds. Why do some banks require me to fill out a long, complicated form, while others simply type out the bonds?

A. Form PD 4882, "Application for United States Savings Bonds, Series EE," is supposed to be filled out with each purchase — unless you're buying through a payroll savings plan at work or bond-a-month plan at the bank.

That form is 12 by five inches but not complicated. It needs to be filled in only five places.

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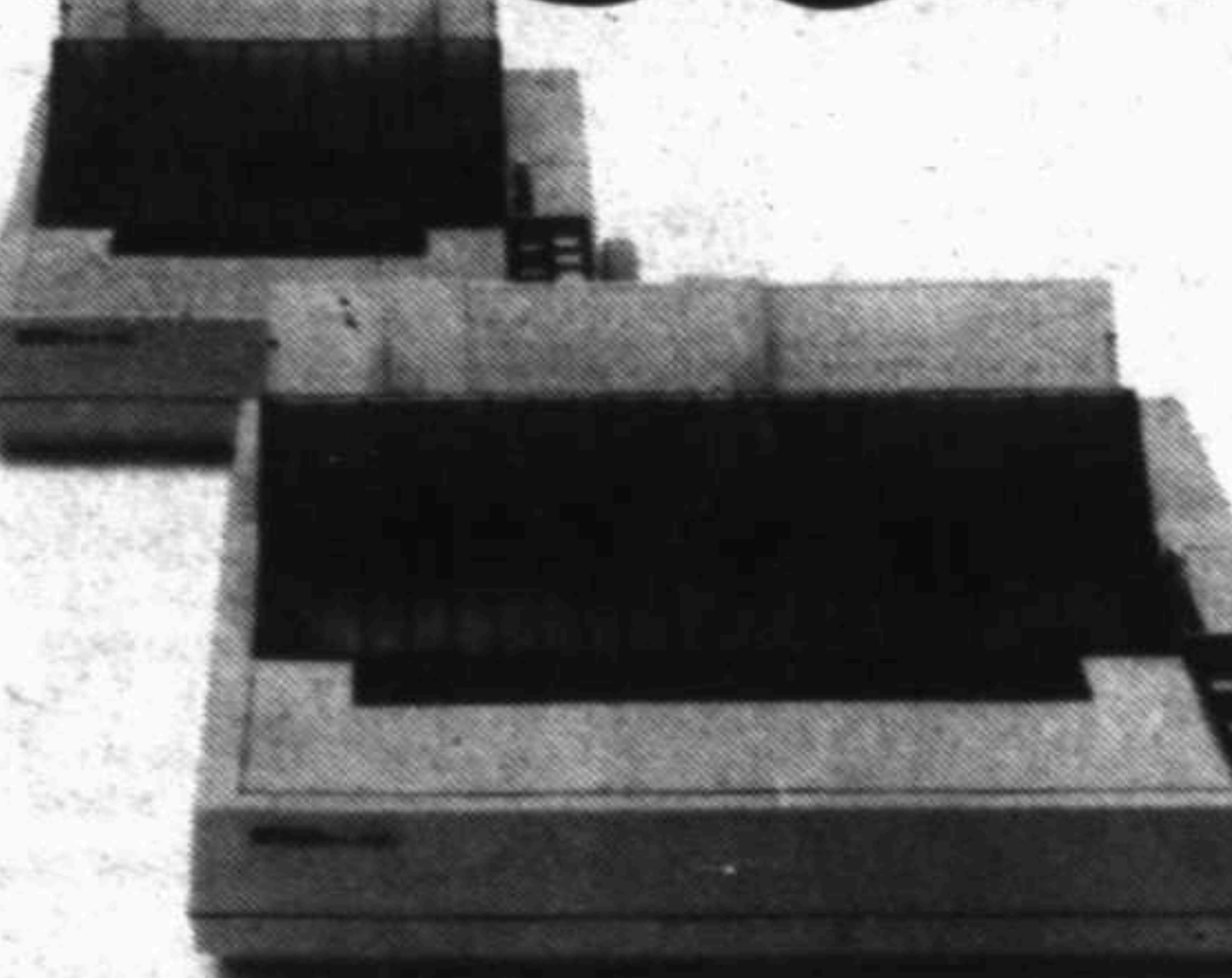
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GENERAL NEWS

Cleanup of nuclear complex considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department is proposing an \$81 billion, 20-year program to clean up and modernize the nation's troubled nuclear weapons production complex.

The cost of modernization and environmental restoration will require a significant increase in funding for the next two decades, said an Energy Department report for delivery to Congress.

The \$81 billion total includes \$52 billion to modernize outdated facilities, some of which are more than 30 years old, while \$29 billion would go toward efforts to deal with radioactive and chemical contamination at many sites throughout the weapons complex.

The long-range plan would involve building new facilities in South Carolina and Idaho as well as phasing out

weapons production activities in Washington state, Colorado and Ohio.

The Energy Department has refused to release any portions of the classified document, known as the "2010 Report" because it looks ahead as far as the 2010 fiscal year.

Gail Bradshaw, deputy chief spokesman for the department, said this week the department could not release the report's unclassified executive summary until it had received permission to do so from the National Security Council.

A copy of the summary was obtained by Morris News Service and made available to The Associated Press.

Energy Secretary John S. Herrington said Dec. 22 the next administration faces "hard choices" in dealing with the problems of the nuclear

weapons complex.

He told a National Press Club audience that cannibalization of some warheads to build or upgrade others is something "we must look at to keep our options open." But Herrington added, "I do not anticipate the need" to resort to such methods.

The possibility of cannibalizing warheads was raised after safety and equipment problems closed the nation's three reactors for producing tritium, a radioactive isotope of hydrogen. Because tritium decays at a rate of 5.5 percent a year, it needs to be regularly replenished to keep warheads at peak explosive power.

Herrington said it will be spring or summer before any of the three reactors at the Savannah River Plant near Aiken, S.C., can be restarted.

The 2010 Report raises questions

about whether the Savannah River reactors can be brought back to efficient production of tritium.

It noted that "all three reactors are shut down for safety system improvements and are not expected to be fully operational until late 1989. Despite these improvements and increasingly extensive maintenance, the reactors may not be able to achieve acceptable production efficiencies."

Other key findings of the report: ■ The nuclear weapons complex must be modernized so nuclear deterrence can continue to be a vital element of U.S. security policy.

■ Operations of the complex will require environmental, safety and health remedial actions and a program to ensure that its operations comply with applicable laws, standards and regulations.

■ Much of the nuclear weapons complex was constructed more than 30 years ago, and many facilities are approaching the end of their useful lives.

■ Full funding for the modernization and environmental cleanup effort will probably be difficult to achieve, in view of competition with other programs.

The report said that while the budget for fiscal 1990 will be "generally consistent" with the plan, accomplishing all recommendations on schedule probably will require more resources than are now expected to be available in subsequent years.

■ "Major environmental restoration" will be required at the Rocky Flats Plant near Denver, the Hanford Reservation near Richland, Wash., and the Feed Materials Production Center in Fernald, Ohio,

when nuclear weapons activities there are either relocated or terminated.

As an interim measure, certain upgrade steps will be required at the Rocky Flats Plant to maintain operations "at an acceptable level of risk" while the relocated facilities are being constructed.

■ New production reactors are slated for the Savannah River Plant and the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. DOE has proposed building a heavy water reactor at Savannah River and a gas-cooled reactor at the Idaho facility.

■ Both the administration and Congress recognize the need for the modernization and cleanup program, and "expedient implementation" of the proposed plan is recommended, the report summary said.



Mark Zuckerman, left, editor of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin, talks with Anita Cervantes, center, and Hortense Socholtzky about the small-town newspaper business. The publication serves the 911 residents of the New Jersey community.

Roosevelt residents stay on top of news

By TODD RICHISSIN

ROOSEVELT, N.J. (AP) — The reporters at the Roosevelt Bulletin know their readers. Almost all of them.

There are only 911 people in this tiny central New Jersey town founded in 1936 as an experiment in socialism and named after FDR.

"But there are a lot of people expecting babies," said Honey Socholtzky.

At 78, Mrs. Socholtzky is a copy editor at the monthly newspaper run by residents who volunteer to cover their school board, their planning board and their neighbors.

The staff is serious about its work. Since the Bulletin's birth 11 years ago, it has grown from a mimeographed newsletter to a sharp tabloid of 24 or so pages, neatly packaged with modern graphics.

Its content also has evolved.

"We're a small town with some fairly large problems," said editor Mark Zuckerman. "We have some big decisions that have to be made."

Reporters still write stories about matters such as the geese camping out at the town's only gas station. But they also pay close attention to issues facing the little town.

Decisions must be made on how to pay for a revised sewer plan and school repairs. The Bulletin reports on the possibilities and the residents take to the opinion columns.

"We've become a little more hard-nosed," Mrs. Socholtzky said recently. "There are a lot of problems in town in that some people want to see it grow and some don't."

There are about 600 acres of city-owned farmland in the path of developers, and residents are debating whether to sell to help pay for some of the needed improvements.

"Some people think if we let in the developers we can double the population and bring in some money," Zuckerman said. "Some people don't think that's such a great idea."

That keeps Bob Clark busy on his planning board beat.

"I've always just had a desire to stay involved in the affairs of the community," he said. "It gets to be a bit of a drain because you have to keep up with it, going to meetings and so on, but it's worth it."

Clark said his "real" job, deputy director of the state division of investigation, precludes him from political involvement, but the Bulletin provides an outlet.

"Occasionally someone will question the objectivity of a hard news story, but I chalk that up to them not getting their favorite quote printed," he said.

The newspaper is as unusual as the town's history. Roosevelt, named after the president whose New Deal financed its founding, was established by immigrant Jews who moved here from New York.

Garment workers would make coats in the winter for sale in a cooperative factory and grow their own food in the summer. The experiment in socialism failed after three years but the town remained.

Like most of the newspaper staffers, Clark and Mrs. Socholtzky don't have journalism backgrounds.

Reporters write their stories and then have them edited in an office owned by Zuckerman's company. Zuckerman takes care of the graphics on a computer.

For Mrs. Socholtzky, editing is of paramount importance.

"I took a two-year hiatus once, but I had to come back because I wasn't satisfied with the quality of the editing," she said. "I'm a purist grammatically."

And she's picky.

Mrs. Socholtzky once discovered a grammatical error on a list of ingredients of a baby food company's product.

"I wrote to them and said I didn't want to raise a baby on a baby food with a split infinitive in it," she said.

"They wrote back and said they had already printed thousands of labels, but would correct their error on the next printing. And they did."

Will 'Al Capone of Italy' be deported?

CHICAGO (AP) — He says he is a hard-working chef chasing the American dream. But the U.S. government contends Carmine Esposito is the "Al Capone of Italy," a ruthless mob boss linked to a dozen killings.

Esposito, 31, facing a Jan. 13 deportation hearing, is fighting a return to Italy that he says would mean certain death at the hands of mobsters or corrupt law enforcement officials.

"Would the 'Al Capone of Italy' come to Chicago and work like a dog? Would he leave behind his protection and his money?" he demanded in a recent interview from the federal Metropolitan Correctional Center, where he has been held in solitary confinement for 21 months.

"Would the 'Al Capone of Italy' get up at 4 a.m. each day to go buy meat, to make sausage alone, to deliver it at night ... not have enough time in a day to even wash yourself?"

But the U.S. government has concluded that Esposito is the man named in an extradition request from Italian authorities.



Carmine Esposito gestures during a jail-cell interview at Chicago's Metropolitan Correctional facility, where he has been held for 21 months. He has been variously identified as a hardworking immigrant and the "Al Capone of Italy."

Esposito's attorney, Philip Parenti, "and for all that, there is not one eyewitness, one photograph, one fingerprint."

"There is not one piece of corroborating evidence, except for the pentiti."

"Pentiti" which literally means "penitent" but has taken on the more pedestrian definition "informant."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Scorza argued that even though some informants' criminal histories might raise questions, those matters are best addressed in Italian courts. The U.S. government does not have to prove Esposito's innocence or guilt, Scorza said.

"Besides," he said, "the witnesses almost always are (informants) in gangster cases. And in this instance, the people pointing at him are saying, 'I did it with him.'"

"They're not doing it to save their necks. They're confessing to the crimes as well."

Esposito admits to having known Camorra members while working at his father's auto body shop in Acerra, to fixing their getaway cars and on at least one occasion, to saving off the barrels of shotguns.

His refusal to join the Camorra, he said, resulted in harassment by Italian police, and later in his decision to pack up his family and run. He left Acerra and spent the next three years in several Italian cities — Caserta, then Rome and Milan, before heading for the United States.

"In Italy, the Camorra have so much influence with the government and with police, there is no way to be safe," he said. "Always I think, 'If only I am successful to reach the United States, it will be different.'"

"Now," he concluded, "I am not so sure."

The document charges that Esposito ordered or committed 12 killings in Italy from April 1982 through June 1983 while holding a top post in the Nuova Camorra Organizzata, a criminal clan similar to the Mafia that operates in and around Naples, near Esposito's hometown of Acerra, Italy.

"Esposito is big fish," said Italian Judge Vincenzo Scialoja, who was involved in the investigation of the organization.

"As a member of the (Camorra's) policy-making) Council of Nine, Esposito had people strangled. Some had to dig their own graves before they were shot. Bodies were mutilated or disappeared."

"He is one of the last great Nuova Camorra figures still at large, and if he ever decided to talk, he could cast light on many unsolved crimes," Sc-

lastico added in an interview with The Chicago Tribune.

Esposito was arrested in March 1987 as he and several employees finished lunch at Bravissimo, the modestly successful restaurant he and his wife opened in May 1986. He also worked as a chef there, and earlier had worked as an auto body repairman, car salesman and sausage-maker.

He entered the United States in 1984, had no trouble with the law and appeared to have been what he

claimed — a contented, hard-working immigrant whose sweat earned him a growing business and a home in the suburbs. He earned enough money to send his children to parochial schools.

But all that changed with Esposito's arrest. A lengthy court fight drained his resources and forced his family onto public-aid rolls. He also said his prison confinement has worsened a heart condition.

"The authorities make him out to be a one-man crime wave," said

Computer hacker seen as legend, threat

LOS ANGELES (AP) — To the associate who turned him in, Kevin David Mitnick is the ultimate computer nerd, a "big, fat slob" obsessed with fast food and breaking into computer systems.

To the authorities holding him without bail, the 25-year-old Los Angeles man is an expert hacker who calls himself Condor and is so dangerous he must never be allowed to use even a telephone without supervision.

"He is truly a threat to society, someone who uses computers to act out personal vendettas against people," said Jim Black, a computer crime specialist with the Police Department.

"The bottom line with Kevin is that if you have a job, pay a gas bill, use a phone or drive a car he can find you and ruin you electronically," Black said in a telephone interview. "If he wasn't in jail, he could be listening to us right this minute."

Mitnick was being held today in a maximum-security cell at the federal Metropolitan Detention Center.

A federal grand jury indicted him Dec. 20 on charges that he used unauthorized MCI long-distance codes to tap into computers at Leeds University in England and the University of Southern California and that he caused \$4 million damage to a Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC) computer system.

Mitnick will plead innocent, said his attorney, Alan Rubin.

"We will also try to get bail set," Rubin said. "I am shocked and astonished that my client is being held without bail and in solitary confinement. This thing has been blown completely out of proportion."

Longtime associate Leonard DiCicco, 23, of Calabasas, said he reported Mitnick's activities to authorities because Mitnick had been threatening him.

"He was using DEC computers where I work and threatening that we would both go down if I said anything," said DiCicco, who faces no charges in the inquiry.

"He has no sense of right or wrong and no respect for anyone else's privacy," DiCicco said. "I was beside him through all this hacking and it's scary to think of the things he is capable of."

"He could pick apart almost any computer system in the United States," Black said. "There are probably only a handful of computer specialists with his capabilities."

In his electronic activities, the 5-11, 240-pound Mitnick referred to himself as Condor, Black said. DiCicco said Mitnick named himself for Robert Redford's character's code name in the spy movie "Three Days of the Condor."

"All he did was eat Fat Burgers, drink Sturpees and work on compu-

ters," DiCicco said. "He was a big, fat slob of a guy who couldn't get through a day without breaking into a computer somewhere."

Mitnick began his hacking career using telephones, authorities said. By age 13, he was under investigation by the police department, Pacific Bell telephone company and the Federal Communications Commission, the Los Angeles Daily News said Monday.

"Mitnick was a legend to the computer world by 1981," said John Christ, his high school computer teacher.

In 1982, DiCicco said, he and Mitnick used USC's 24-hour student computer lab to get into many computers, including classified systems.

"Our favorite was the National Security Agency computer because it was supposed to be so confidential," DiCicco said. "It was like a big playground once you got into it."

Premarital tests find little evidence of AIDS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — In making their wedding plans, Rhonda Hufford and Todd Kellermann chose musicians, pink dresses and gray tuxedos. And they were tested for AIDS under a year-old law some officials say isn't worth the cost.

The nation's only premarital AIDS testing law may not be a law much longer, primarily because, like the Kellermanns, the overwhelming ma-

jority of those tested have shown no signs of the AIDS virus.

Illinois' mandatory testing program took effect Jan. 1, 1988. But only 23 of the 150,000 people tested in the first 11 months were found to be infected with the virus, the state Department of Public Health said.

That's about one in 6,500 tested.

The cost of the AIDS test in Illinois, including the doctor's visit,

ranges from \$25 to \$125 per person, said state Health Department spokesman Tom Schafer. Based on a "conservative" \$35 per test average, the cost of finding each of the 23 infected people came to more than \$328,000, he said.

Still, to receive a marriage license for their June wedding, Kellermann and Ms. Hufford, a nursing student, had to show the Macon County

Clerk's office a certificate verifying they had been tested.

"I'm easygoing about it," said Kellermann, a 22-year-old Springfield computer analyst.

But the law has resulted in a 25 percent drop in the number of marriage license applications in Illinois, state Public Health Director Bernard Turnock said.

NATION IN BRIEF

Jim, Tammy Bakker make TV comeback

PINEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Jim Bakker returned to the TV pulpit with his wife for the first time in two years and blamed his downfall and subsequent indictment on Satan, not on PTL's sex-and-money scandal.

"I believe the devil said, 'I have to smash Jim and Tammy Bakker,'" he told viewers Monday.

The broadcast originated in the living room of the Bakkers' borrowed home and was sent by satellite to a half-dozen stations, mostly cable, in California, Ohio, New York,

Parade count disputed

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Police have said for years that more than 1 million people line up along the 3 1/2-mile route the Tournament of Roses Parade takes annually, but a more scientific count cuts the number in half.

The Pasadena Star-News used a formula devised by Al Hibbs, a retired physicist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, to estimate the number of people attending Monday's gala procession of flower-covered floats.

It was the first time in the 100-year-old extravaganza that anyone estimated the crowd size by count-

Old hotel closes doors

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More subpoenas likely

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three more Reagan administration officials expect to receive subpoenas to appear as defense witnesses on behalf of Oliver L. North at his trial on conspiracy charges arising from the Iran-Contra affair, an administration spokesman said here Monday.

North's attorneys subpoenaed President Reagan and Vice President George Bush on Friday. The additional officials are Secretary of State George P. Shultz, National Security Adviser Colin L. Powell and former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger. None had been served as of Saturday afternoon, the spokesman said.

North's trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 31 in U.S. District court here.

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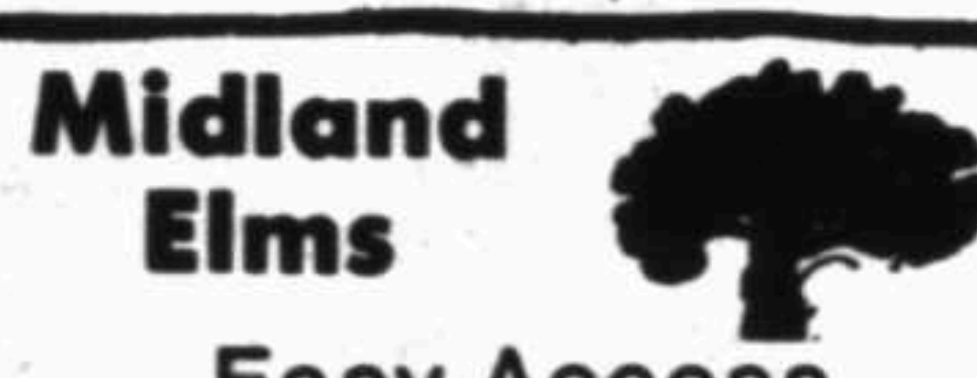
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