

Coming Sunday

Women's purses are disappearing from parked vehicles in bunches and police say a ring of burglars is behind it. Read about it in Sunday's Local section.

The tendency of films to handle moral issues with kid gloves in order to have a happy ending may be changing. Read about it in Sunday's Lifestyle section.

In Sunday's Business section, attorney Hamilton McRae recalls 60 years of practicing oilfield law and how Midland has changed over the years.

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Court-appointed counsels ruled illegal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Court appointment of independent counsels to investigate alleged wrongdoing by high government officials is an unconstitutional encroachment on the presidency, a federal appeals court ruled Friday.

The 2-1 decision, which could threaten last month's perjury conviction of former presidential aide Michael K. Deaver, said court appointment of the prosecutors "strikes us as a serious encroachment on the president's executive

authority" to appoint and supervise federal prosecutors.

The post-Watergate law that contains the provision "jettisons traditional adherence to constitutional doctrines of separation of powers and unitary executive, and in so doing, seriously weakens constitutional structures that serve to protect individual liberty," Judge Laurence Silberman wrote in an 88-page opinion.

The opinion was joined by Judge Stephen Williams. Judge Ruth B. Ginsburg filed a lengthy dissent.

By empowering a special court to appoint independent counsels, Silberman wrote:

"Congress has created an executive branch office to perform a core presidential function, and as far as we can determine precluded the president from exercising any influence over the performance of that office even when its performance might interfere with a range of other executive branch responsibilities."

The office of independent counsel

Lawrence E. Walsh said in a statement that it did not expect the court's ruling to "effect the continuity" of the investigation into the Iran-Contra affair.

Walsh accepted a March 5, 1987 backup appointment by the Justice Department that was offered to blunt a constitutional challenge mounted last year by Lt. Col. Oliver North, a key figure in the case.

But the ruling could prompt legal skirmishing over Walsh's legal authority to use a special grand jury

that was empaneled a month before he received the parallel appointment. The validity of any subpoenas or immunity grants issued during this period could become the subject of litigation.

"This will have a tremendous impact on all the independent counsels, whether they had backup appointments or not," said one legal source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court let stand an appeals court decision

that rejected North's challenge to the validity of the backup appointment. That case stemmed from a subpoena that Walsh obtained against North last April.

A different three-judge panel of the Circuit Court of Appeals last year upheld the legality of the backup appointments to Walsh. Independent counsel James C. McKay, who is prosecuting former presidential aide Lyn C. Nofziger.

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Hart says he will be returning contributions

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (AP) — Gary Hart acknowledged Friday that his presidential campaign had received illegal contributions from employees of video producer Stuart Karl, and he said he was returning the money.

Hart, who has been dogged by reports of campaign-finance improprieties the past three days, made his comments at the start of a weekend trip to Iowa, where polls indicate his support has been slipping.

"It is reported now that Mr. Karl may have made or did make contributions through employees of his to my campaign," Hart told reporters. "We have been checking into that as well. We have found that there may have been as many as four such contributions."

Hart's campaign manager, Sue Casey, later said the campaign had found only two former Karl employees on the 1988 contributor list. She also corrected Hart's statement that the money would be returned to Karl. She said the money would be returned to the two contributors in question "until this is resolved." She said campaign officials asked Karl if he it was possible that he reimbursed contributors.

"He said, 'I don't know, maybe I better look into it,'" Casey said, adding that "that was enough" doubt for the campaign to give back the \$750 contributions, pending verification.

Hart said the contributions were

"in violation of not only the restrictions placed upon campaigns by the Federal Election Commission but also my own standards for campaign practices, and we're going to return that money."

The Orange County Register in California reported earlier Friday that three former Karl employees had told the newspaper Karl had masked contributions to Hart and to candidates for Congress by pressuring workers to make donations and then reimbursing them.

"Karl called me into his office and said I was up for an upcoming promotion. Then he hit me with this Gary Hart thing," the paper quoted Nick Norton as saying. "I obviously felt pressure to do what he asked."

Norton said he took out a \$1,000 loan and donated the money to Hart's campaign. When the loan payments came due, Karl handled them, Norton said.

Karl couldn't be reached at his home on Thursday to comment on the allegation, the newspaper said.

Another former employee, who commented only on condition his name not be used, said Karl told him to write checks of \$750 each to the campaigns of 1986 congressional candidates Kathleen Kennedy Townsend of Baltimore and David Carter, an Orange County Superior Court judge, the Register said.

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Fired up

Juan Ortiz, a flagman on a road crew, warms himself on a recent chilly morning. Ortiz's crew is constructing an overpass at Highway 191 and FM 1788.

Dowler's lawyer tries to pose doubts about testimony

By FRANK TROMBLEY
Staff Writer

ODESSA — The fourth day of the trial of a 34-year-old Midland man accused of the poisoning deaths of two young women and a business partner ended about 6 p.m. Friday with defense and prosecuting attorneys questioning the state's key witness for some 2½ hours.

Midlander Kerri Dawn Middleton, who discovered the body of 30-year-old Leza Kay Chandler June 28, 1987, fielded questions from David A. Dowler's attorney, Tom Hirsch, as he sought to raise doubts about her

credibility.

In a continuing effort to establish that Ms. Middleton acted under direction of Odessa police and DPS officers when she agreed to have meetings with Dowler while she was electronically monitored, Hirsch asked if she recalled a July 28, 1987 recorded conversation with Odessa police during which she was asked to set up a meeting with Dowler.

She said she did not recall such a conversation and indicated she had volunteered to have meetings monitored.

Hirsch then asked District Attorney Eric Augesen for the tape re-

cording of the conversation he said she had with DPS agent Ronnie Watson. But he was informed it wasn't immediately available.

Hirsch pressed on, asking if she had asked Dowler to borrow a telephone answering machine so she could go to his home, search it and report back to Odessa police and the DPS.

She admitted she had searched Dowler's house in July and August, once when she picked up the phone answering device and twice on her own "because some friends of mine had been killed and I wanted to know who did it."

Referring to earlier testimony concerning the Aug. 16, 1983 death of Lisa Blythe Krieg, Hirsch asked Ms. Middleton if she had told jurors Dowler bribed a pathologist to change the autopsy report to show she died from anorexia rather than cyanide poisoning and that U.S. mail shipments were intercepted so blood samples could be changed.

"Do you really believe that?" Hirsch asked, saying it read like a fictional novel. Ms. Middleton said that, while these were things she had been told by Dowler, she didn't really believe it.

The purpose of changing autopsy

results, she said Dowler told her, was to keep Ms. Krieg's family from knowing she used cyanide to commit suicide.

Hirsch also questioned why Ms. Middleton waited some four hours June 28 before going to Odessa to check on her friend, Leza Chandler, when she suspected something was wrong when she couldn't reach her by phone.

"Did it ever occur to you might have saved your friend's life if you had called someone?" Hirsch asked. Ms. Middleton replied that when she arrived at the Chandler home

around 2 or 2:30 p.m. and saw Ms. Chandler she realized it wouldn't have done any good.

Leo Fortner Blythe, the father of Ms. Krieg, testified his daughter had grown up in "a very loving home," was very religious and knew no fear until after her divorce from Tim Krieg. Blythe said she became acquainted with Dowler and became increasingly dependent on him.

The fear she began to exhibit, he said, developed when she started counseling with Dowler.

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Midland attorney Nick Taylor, a Republican candidate for the 142nd Judicial District, addresses the Midland Jaycees Friday as opponent and incumbent Pat Baskin and his wife, Joan, look on.

Baskin, Taylor air their views

By RICK BROWN
Assistant City Editor

An exchange of views Friday between Republican candidates for a Midland district judgeship served as the opening volley in what is expected to be a high profile primary campaign.

"Each side will be working very hard to persuade the voters," acknowledged incumbent 142nd Judicial District Judge Pat Baskin of his race against Midland attorney Nick Taylor.

"Vigorous" was Taylor's estimation of the unfolding contest. The pair — both running under a conservative banner — met in debate during a Midland Jaycees luncheon that featured comments on one subject chosen

by each candidate. By drawing lots, the candidates determined that Taylor would speak first on both issues.

What emerged was an initial staking of ground for the March 8 primary election — the same "Super Tuesday" when Texans will determine delegates for national party conventions and candidates for the November general election.

Baskin changed his party affiliation last December. Because no Midland Democrat filed for the race, whichever man wins the primary — barring an as-yet unannounced write-in candidacy — is a virtual November shoe-in.

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California man says AA 'liberated' him

By JULIE HILLRICHS
Staff Writer

A funny thing happened to Clancy following his release from the state mental hospital in Big Spring after a close call with death.

He discovered Alcoholics Anonymous.

"I spent a lot of years feeling less than, feeling different and feeling I was not enough. I don't know if I consciously had that thought, but I was acting it out," the Venice, Calif., resident said Friday at AA's 18th annual Mid-Winter Conference which is being held in Midland this weekend.

"All of my life — without being aware — I felt that other people were what they seemed to be. I was the only one playing a series of roles and I had to change my roles in various situations," he said.

Clancy (members of Alcoholics Anonymous do not use their full names) admitted that alcohol added color to an otherwise black and white situation. However, he added he had no idea that it "had an unusual effect on me until I was in AA for quite some time."

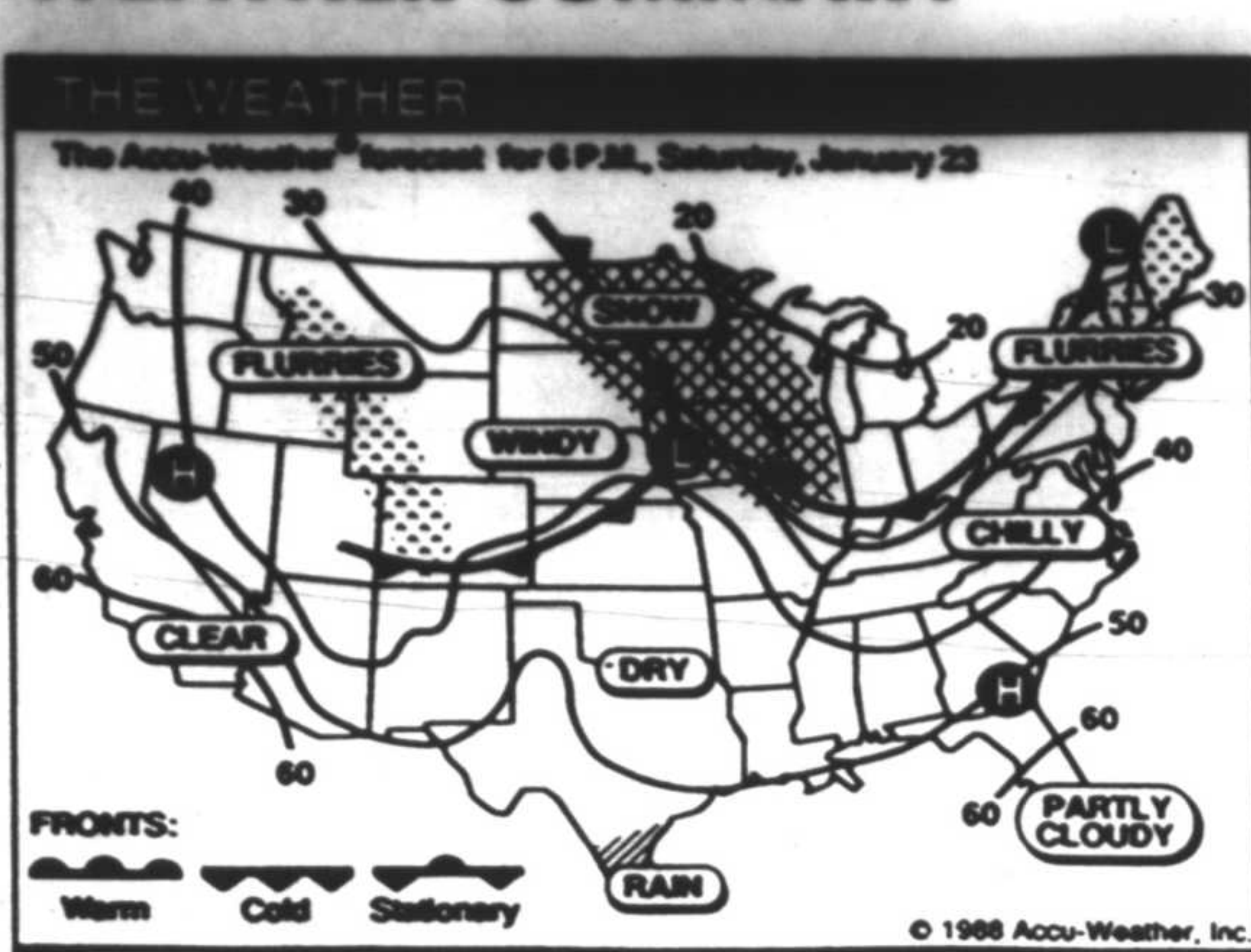
"It almost instantly affected my perception of reality. It almost instantly filled the holes. It almost instantly made me feel the way others looked," he said.

But Clancy's bout with alcohol netted a series of confrontations with his family, the law — and finally the state asylum — until he discovered AA and ultimate liberation.

He observed that AA's history is filled with "giants" who have provided the leadership necessary to develop hundreds of active and successful chapters across the nation.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Weekend weather to be mild

From Staff and Wire Reports

Mid weather conditions will remain across the Permian Basin through the weekend, with extreme temperatures ranging from a high today in the mid 50s to a low tonight in the upper 20s.

Forecasters with the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport say today will be fair with a high in the mid 50s. Winds will be from the south at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight calls for fair skies with the low in the upper 20s.

On Sunday, the area will see fair skies and a high near 50.

Friday's high of 52 was 31 degrees cooler than the record of 82, set on that date in 1950. The low of 25 was 23 degrees warmer than the record of 2 degrees, set on that date in 1960.

STATE

Clouds covered the southern Coastal Plains Friday afternoon, but little or no precipitation was reported. Most of Texas was partly cloudy, although sections of the High Plains were mostly sunny.

A weak high pressure ridge influenced weather in much of the state. However, the return flow from the high pressure brought lower level gulf moisture and cloudy skies to the southern sections.

Northwesterly winds breezed the middle and upper coastal plains, Southeast Texas and the northern high plains. West winds prevailed in North Texas and east winds blew most sections along the Rio Grande. Light and variable winds prevailed elsewhere.

Rain is forecast today over most of South Texas. The National Weather Service said mostly fair to partly cloudy skies were likely elsewhere in Texas. Highs today should be in the 40s and 50s except near 60 in the southern Big Bend.

NATION

A Pacific weather system brought rain to the Northwest on Friday, high wind blew over parts of the West and the northern Plains, and snow was widely scattered.

A cold front approaching the northern Pacific Coast brought showers to western Washington and western Oregon. During the six hours up to 1 p.m. EST, more than a half inch of rain fell at Quillayute, Wash.

A light snowfall was reported along the Washington coast.

Light snow fell in sections of the central Appalachians and a snow advisory was issued for the northern mountains of North Carolina.

A cold front produced light snow in Minnesota, with an inch at Duluth, International Falls and Minneapolis in the six-hour period up to noon.

Light snow showers also were scattered across Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, South Dakota and eastern Nebraska.

For today, snow was forecast from the northern half of the Plains through the Great Lakes region and upper Ohio Valley to northern New England.

Rain was forecast over south-central Texas.

Midland statistics

Today Fair, with a high in the mid 50s. Winds will be from the south at 5 to 10 mph. Tonight: Fair, with the low in the upper 20s. Sunday: Fair, with a high near 50 degrees.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS

Yesterday's High: 52 degrees
Overnight Low: 25 degrees
Sunset today: 7:47 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:14 a.m.
Precipitation: none
Last 24 hours: none
This month to date: 0.1 inches
Year to date: 0.1 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

Time	Temp	Time	Temp
6 p.m.	47	6 a.m.	30
7 p.m.	41	7 a.m.	29
8 p.m.	40	8 a.m.	27
9 p.m.	41	9 a.m.	26
10 p.m.	41	10 a.m.	23
11 p.m.	42	11 a.m.	23
midnight	42	noon	42
1 a.m.	38	1 p.m.	40
2 a.m.	38	2 p.m.	46
3 a.m.	33	3 p.m.	46
4 a.m.	31	4 p.m.	46
5 a.m.	31	5 p.m.	48
6 p.m.		6 p.m.	48

Texas temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Ppt
Alice	50	32	
Alpine	39	19	
Amarillo	41	19	
Austin	57	32	
Beaumont	58	28	
Beeville	61	34	
Brownsville	59	30	
Bryan	58	29	
Chandler	49	21	
Corpus Christi	57	30	
Corpus Christi: NAS	62	40	
Costilla	55	33	
Dalhousie	45	23	
Dallas	55	27	
Dallas: NAS	56	28	
Del Rio	58	30	
El Paso	46	33	
Fort Worth	55	24	
Fort Worth: Meacham	54	26	
Galveston	59	28	
Hondo	57	34	
Houston	59	34	
Houston: Hobby	54	27	
Houston: Int'l	54	27	
Junction	56	33	
Kingsville	57	26	
Laredo	57	29	
Longview	53	24	
Lubbock	43	21	
Lufkin	56	22	
Marfa	41	19	
McAllen	59	28	
Midland	50	25	
Mineral Wells	55	23	
Palacios	58	31	
Presidio	58	28	
San Angelo	53	22	
San Antonio	59	28	
Shreveport, La	53	24	
Stephenville	52	23	
Texasarkana	24	49	
Victoria	59	30	
Waco	56	28	
Wichita Falls	49	26	
Wink	49	32	

Counties forecasts

Midland, Ector, Crane, Upton, Howard, Martin, Andrews, Glasscock, Garza, Reagan, Borden and Dawson: Today, mostly fair. A high in the lower 50s. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Tonight, fair with a low in the upper 20s. Sunday, mostly fair with a high near 50.

Starr, Tom Green, Irion and Coke: Today, morning low clouds, becoming partly cloudy late morning. High in the lower 50s. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the middle 30s. Sunday, mostly fair with a high in the middle 50s.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Otherwise fair to partly cloudy and cool through Sunday. Highs Saturday upper 40s north to middle 50s far west, except near 60 Big Bend valleys. Highs Saturday night upper 40s north and upper 50s Permian Basin to middle 50s Concho and Big Bend valleys. Highs Sunday middle 50s Permian Basin and 40s south plains, near 60 Permian Basin and near 60 far west. Middle 50s Big Bend valleys.

North Texas: Partly cloudy and cool Saturday. Increasing cloudiness Saturday night becoming mostly cloudy Sunday. Highs Saturday in the low to mid 50s. Low Saturday night in the upper 20s northwest to the mid 30s southeast. Highs Sunday in the mid to upper 40s.

South Texas: Fair skies north to mostly cloudy south through Saturday night. Rain ending over the night in the 40s. Highs Sunday in the mid 50s to the 60s. Highs Sunday in the mid 50s to the 60s.

Weather elsewhere

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Out
Albany, N.Y.	29	22		cdy
Albuquerque	36	15		cdy
Asheville	38	20		cdy
Atlanta	41	30		cdy
Atlantic City	40	25		cdy
Baltimore	40	32		cdy
Bilings	41	19		cdy
Bismarck	22	14		cdy
Boston	32	25		cdy
Buffalo	27	22		sn
Charleston, S.C.	56	39		cdy
Chicago	29	25		cdy
Cincinnati	27	23		cdy
Cleveland	27	23		cdy
Columbia, S.C.	30	23		cdy
Columbus, Ohio	30	23		cdy
Dayton	31	26		cdy
Denver	39	14		cdy
Detroit	28	17		cdy
Duluth	19	10		cdy
Evansville	34	14		cdy
Flagstaff	29	14		cdy
Grand Rapids	44	24		cdy
Great Falls	44	24		cdy
Hartford	33	24		cdy
Helena	38	15		cdy
Indianapolis	31	29		cdy
Jackson, Miss.	50	22		cdy
Kansas City	36	11		cdy
Las Vegas	54	35		cdy
Los Angeles	67	46		cdy
Louisville	35	31		cdy
Memphis	44	27		cdy
Minneapolis	28	22		cdy
Nashville	41	32		cdy
New Orleans	54	32		cdy
New York City	34	31		cdy
Oklahoma City	47	20		cdy
Omaha	58	50		cdy
Philadelphia	37	27		cdy
Phoenix	62	46		cdy
Portland, Ore.	40	30		cdy
Providence	31	28		cdy
Raleigh	46	37		cdy
Reno	41	15		cdy
Richmond	42	26		cdy
Sacramento	59	35		cdy
St. Louis	35	26		cdy
San Antonio	59	28		cdy
San Francisco	67	51		cdy
Shreveport	53	24		cdy
Sioux Falls	26	00		cdy
Spokane	24	12		cdy
St. Paul	58	46		cdy
Tucson	57	32		cdy
Washington, D.C.	40	35		cdy
Wichita	29	23		cdy

Extended forecast

West Texas: No significant precipitation expected. Temperatures cooler than normal Monday and Tuesday, warming to near normal on Wednesday. Panhandle and South Plains: Highs in the teens. Highs in the mid 30s Monday, warming to near 50 on Wednesday. Permian Basin and Concho Valley: Low upper teens to mid 20s. Highs middle 40s to upper 50s. Far West: Low upper teens to mid 20s. Highs lower 40s to lower 50s. Big Bend region: Low around 20. Mountains to lower 30s. Lowlands: Highs mid 40s to upper 50s. Lowlands Monday, warming to the 60s mountains and near 70 lowlands by Wednesday.

New Mexico: Partly cloudy in the north Saturday through Sunday with afternoon flurries over the northern mountains. Fair skies across the south. Breezy and warmer Saturday. Cooler in the east Sunday. Low from 5 below to 15 above zero in the mountains and north to between 10 degrees and 25 degrees across the eastern and southern lowlands. Highs from the 30s in the northwest to the 50s across the eastern and southern lowlands Saturday, with temperatures 10 degrees to 20 degrees lower over the east Sunday.

Louisiana: Sunny and cool Saturday. Fair north increasing cloudiness Saturday night and cold Sunday. Partly cloudy Sunday. Slight chance of light rain developing coastal sections. Low Saturday night lower 30s north to mid 40s along the southeast coast. Highs Saturday and Sunday 50 to 65.

Arkansas: Mostly sunny and cool Saturday. Partly cloudy and cold Saturday night. Increasing cloudiness and cold Sunday with a chance of some flurries in the north and a chance of sprinkles elsewhere. Low Saturday night mid 30s to 40s. Highs Saturday mid 30s to mid 40s.

DEBATE

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In speaking first on the subject he chose, Taylor said a district judge in conducting criminal trials enjoys "considerable discretion" that could result in "keeping criminals off the streets."

Primarily in areas of evidence admissibility and sentence setting does that discretion exist, contended the attorney, currently a partner in the Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder law firm.

Taylor said that if elected he intends to follow what he called "modern" court precedents in questions of evidence admissibility. "The balance is tipping back in favor of law enforcement" after having tipped "too far to protect the criminal," he observed.

The attorney acknowledged that both judge and jury play a role in setting sentences. But he added that tougher sentences resulting from trials would affect the estimated 90 percent of cases that end without trial in "agreed judgments" — commonly called plea bargains.

"The district attorney's ability to negotiate longer sentences depends on the judge — and the jury as well — in setting tougher sentences," he said.

In cases where probation is the sentence, Taylor called for more stringent rehabilitation programs, especially where drugs or alcohol are found to be contributing factors to the offense.

Baskin in addressing the "discretion issue" felt there really was no issue at all.

What Taylor called "modern" precedents "We already follow, of course, as set forth by the appellate courts" contended Baskin.

"We really don't have discretion in these things. We are bound to do these things," he said. "The decision has already been made for us."

Baskin further contended that a higher percentage of criminals convicted in Midland district court receive prison sentences than in any other West Texas county.

August 1985 statistics indicate that 50.8 percent of Midland criminals received TDC sentences, compared to 33 percent in Ector County and 29 percent in Howard County, Baskin said.

Baskin continued that "it would be highly presumptuous for me to take credit solely for the condition of the law as far as this county is concerned."

The relatively high percentage is "partly because of an aggressive district attorney," he said in a reference to Al Schorre.

Baskin added that rehabilitation activities already are par for the course for some convicted criminals who receive probation sentences.

But "to say that we've got it licked is, of course, absurd," he said. The incumbent pointed out that Midland's lower crime rate is one indication of the programs' effectiveness.

Baskin chose as the second discussion topic the role of the judiciary in the American system.

Taylor — whose experience mainly lies in civil cases — devoted many of his comments to the over 2,100 such cases that remain pending in district courts.

The county's business community deserves "speedy justice and careful justice" in resolving those cases, he said.

He added the observation that over 300 criminal cases also remain pending in the county's district courts.

Baskin responded that 80 of those cases were filed in his court. Of those cases, "one or two" have remained pending longer than 120 days, he said.

"In all of West Texas, there is not a court that routinely takes care of 95 percent of its cases within 120 days," he contended. He said that many of the 2,100

pending civil cases pertain to family matters and as such fall into the 318th Judicial District Court realm presided over by Judge Barbara Culver, a recent Texas Supreme Court nominee.

"I don't know of any industry that has refused to come to town because of the courts," Baskin added.

Both men took the opportunity to boost Culver's nomination as at the vanguard of reform of the Texas Supreme Court.

"We need to clean that court up, and we need Judge Culver," said Taylor.

Baskin decried past Supreme Court justices that "interpreted the law as they wished it was instead of as it actually is."

The incumbent added that the state of the high court, which he called "a product of a Democratic Party that has become extremely liberal," in part explains his party affiliation change.

"I've been standing still all these years and the Democratic Party has moved way, way over there to the left," he said.

While Taylor said after the debate he was "glad to have him in the party," he claimed Baskin still has a "considerable following" among Democrats.

On March 8, the attorney is appealing for the support of "loyal Republicans," he said.

COUNSELS

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Independent counsel Whitney North Seymour Jr., who prosecuted Deaver, did not accept a parallel appointment from the Justice Department, however.

Immediately after Friday's ruling, Deaver's lawyers filed a motion to vacate "the unconstitutionally obtained jury verdicts" against the former deputy White House chief of staff and to dismiss the charges against him.

Deaver faces a maximum 15-year prison term when sentenced on Feb. 25 for lying to a grand jury and a House subcommittee that investigated his lobbying activities.

The court's ruling dealt with a challenge to the subpoena power of another independent counsel, Alexia Morrison, to subpoena three former Justice Department officials.

Ms. Morrison was reported traveling and not available for comment, but the case is expected to be appealed.

The majority opinion said courts lack constitutional jurisdiction to appoint prosecutors, a function reserved for the executive branch, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

In her dissent, Ginsburg said the 1978 Ethics in Government Act that provides for court-appointed prosecutors "strives to maintain the structural design that is the genius of the

Constitution — the system of mutual checks and balances. The act's sole purpose is to curb or avert abuses of executive branch power."

But Silberman rejected the need for the independent counsel provisions of the law, which were passed by Congress to prevent a president from blocking prosecution of his subordinates.

"The Watergate crisis, of course, the statute's genesis and it is in order to spare the country a repetition of that 'long national nightmare' that the statute has been enacted," Silberman wrote.

"That justification assumes, wrongly we think, that prosecuting presidents can somehow be made relatively painless. We do not see how such an eventuality can, no matter what structural techniques are employed, be other than a national nightmare," he added.

Silberman said the Constitution's impeachment clause gives Congress its ultimate remedy to oust a president who did not allow prosecution of crimes by high officials.

"After President Nixon caused one special prosecutor to be discharged the resulting uproar — and the explicit threats of impeachment — compelled him almost at once to acquiesce in the appointment of another, who was given full authority to pursue criminal charges against the president himself," Silberman said.

DOWLER

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She put a dead bolt on the front door of her apartment, a security lock on her patio door and a lock on her bedroom door. Her former husband also bought her a gun and taught her to use it, Blythe said.

The woman's father said he received a call from Dowler about 10:30 a.m. Aug. 16, 1983, informing him that his daughter had not shown up for work that morning. Blythe said he went to his daughter's apartment, found the patio door unlocked, entered the apartment and found his daughter dead in her bedroom.

Another witness, Kathy Murley, who said she had met Dowler in late January 1986, said he talked about working for the government and

used the code name "Snowman."

She said Dowler gave her a book to read titled "The Poor Man's James Bond," which contained, among other things, various formulas for making poisons.

Early in February, she said, Dowler called her and asked her to read him the formula for prussic acid.

Following the funeral of Juan Antonio "Tony" Casillas, who died Feb. 12, 1986, Dowler told her he had gotten the prussic acid formula for Casillas, that he (Dowler) didn't kill him, and that he (Casillas) might have been mixing chemicals and got a whiff that killed him.

The cause of Casillas' death was initially attributed to natural causes.

Another witness, Sherry Fox, who

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And Janice Benlein of Costa Mesa said she was pressured to make a \$500 contribution to Carter's congressional bid, and Karl later reimbursed her, the newspaper said.

Both congressional candidates lost.

On Thursday, past Hart campaign managers and other former aides denied allegations that his 1984 or 1988 campaigns had directed Karl to pay off campaign expenses or improperly pay the salary of Hart aide Dennis Walto. Like Hart himself, they also said they had no knowledge that supporters had provided goods and services without expecting payment — as other former aides have alleged.

Hart said Friday, "I cannot stop every person and ask them where they are working or where their compensation's coming from. Indeed, I think it's pretty standard practice that people employed by corporations volunteer their services in campaigns."

As for Walto, who Hart said had served as a volunteer advance man, the candidate said, "I have never asked Dennis on any day-to-day basis where he was getting his compensation. So far as I know, he was not paid by, certainly was not paid by my Senate office, and I don't think he was paid by any campaign that I know of."

Small town tries to survive

SANDBRANCH, Texas (AP) — Residents say this tiny town isn't fit to live in, but they can't afford a recommended \$1 million water system.

"We have all those hog pens and busted septic tanks. The water is so contaminated it turns the toilet brown; just think what it'll do to your stomach. I just want some of the conveniences like clean water," said Airlene Bradford, a resident.

A Dallas County study released last week recommends the unincorporated town build a \$1 million water and sewer system that would reduce the risks of disease and make Sandbranch "a more livable community." The study suggests using federal grants to pay for the system.

"The future for Sandbranch is not very promising," said Rick Loessberg, a county grants administrator and author of the study. "Sandbranch is like a community with a terminal disease; we're in the difficult position of trying to make them as comfortable as possible. But that doesn't mean we're going to quit or turn our backs."

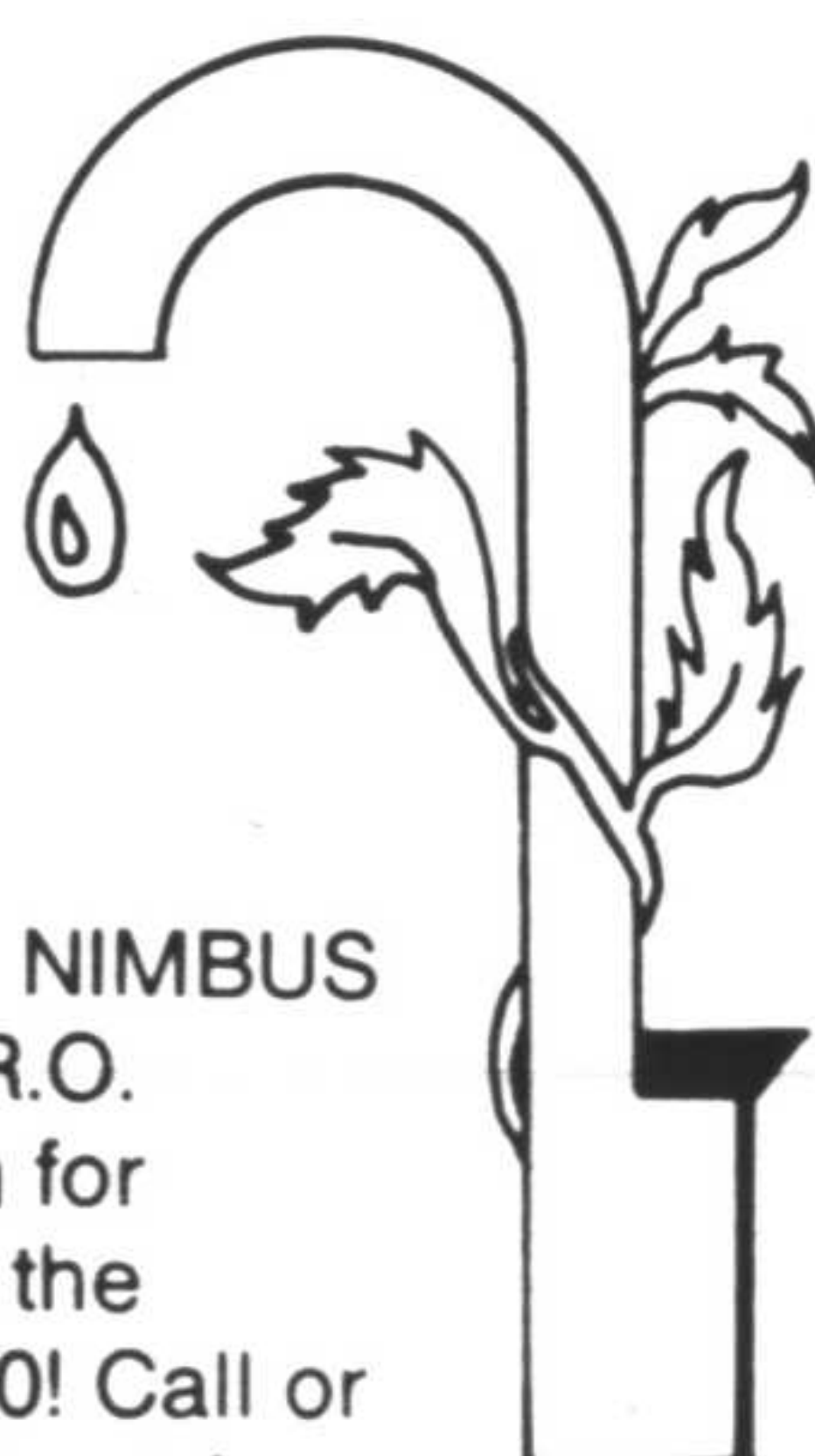
Most Sandbranch people couldn't afford the \$40 monthly payments to operate the water system, some long-time residents said.

Nearly a third of the residents of the southeast Dallas County community are unemployed, and 75 percent live on Social Security. Its population has dwindled from about 400 in 1970 to 376 in 1986 and is expected to continue to decline.

County Commissioner John Wiley Price, whose district includes the unincorporated town, said he couldn't justify the \$1 million water system even if federal money was available. "We need to look at this realistically," Price said. "You can't just keep pouring (money) down an endless hole. Residents are going to have to sit down and have a frank talk about their options."

The study is the latest effort by the county to help the town. In the last two years, the county has repaired roads, erected signs and cleaned drainage ditches. Last June, Sandbranch began getting curbside garbage service for the first time in its history.

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ASSETS	
Cash on Hand and Demand Deposits	3,820,968
Securities and Certificates of Deposit	8,142,665
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	604,800
Mortgage Loans	65,725,494
Other Loans	3,065,074
Real Estate Owned	31,825,550
Investment Real Estate	724,775
Office Bldg. (net of depr.) and Land	413,317
Furniture, Fixtures, Equip. and Leasehold impr. (net)	801,184
Investments in Subsidiary Corporations	-0-
Deferred Charges and other Assets	3,252,482
TOTAL ASSETS	118,376,309

LIABILITIES	
Deposit Accounts	164,792,420
Advances from FHLB of Dallas	4,000,000
Other Borrowed Money	2,097,745
Other Liabilities	770,956
TOTAL LIABILITIES	171,661,121

EQUITY CAPITAL	
Preferred stock	-0-
Common stock	1,200,000
Paid-in Surplus	400,000
Other Capital Accounts	25,461
Appraised Equity Capital	-0-
Retained Earnings	(54,910,273)
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	(53,284,812)
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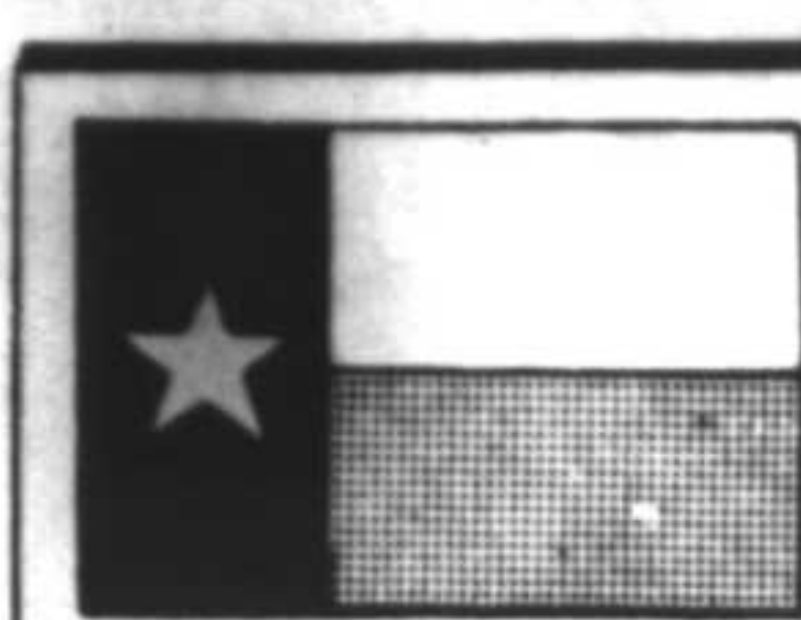
DALLAS (AP) — Texas, Illinois and North Carolina are the strongest contenders for the \$4.4 billion "super collider," Sen. Lloyd Bentsen said Friday.

But the Democratic senator said all seven states on the final list for the atom smasher would be excellent choices and all are going to bid strongly for it.

"There is intense competition and it is one of the real prizes of the decade," Bentsen said at a news conference at his Dallas office.

The government announced in December that sites in Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Tennessee, New York, Illinois, Michigan and North Carolina had made the final selection list. New York later dropped out of the race because of local opposition to the project.

Bentsen also has written a letter to



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President Reagan urging him not to cut funding for the project. He said he has heard rumors in Washington that the 1989 budget for the super collider could be cut from \$348 million to \$230 million or even \$130 million.

"Just as we make room in the budget for critical national defense programs and for meeting basic human needs, we also must provide for basic research to maintain American lead-

ership in science and technology into the 21st Century," Bentsen says in the letter.

Bentsen said if Texas was not on the final list, he may not be as intense in his efforts to maintain funding but he still would support the project.

"It would be a serious mistake overall for our country to cut this back whether we're one of the sites or not," he said.

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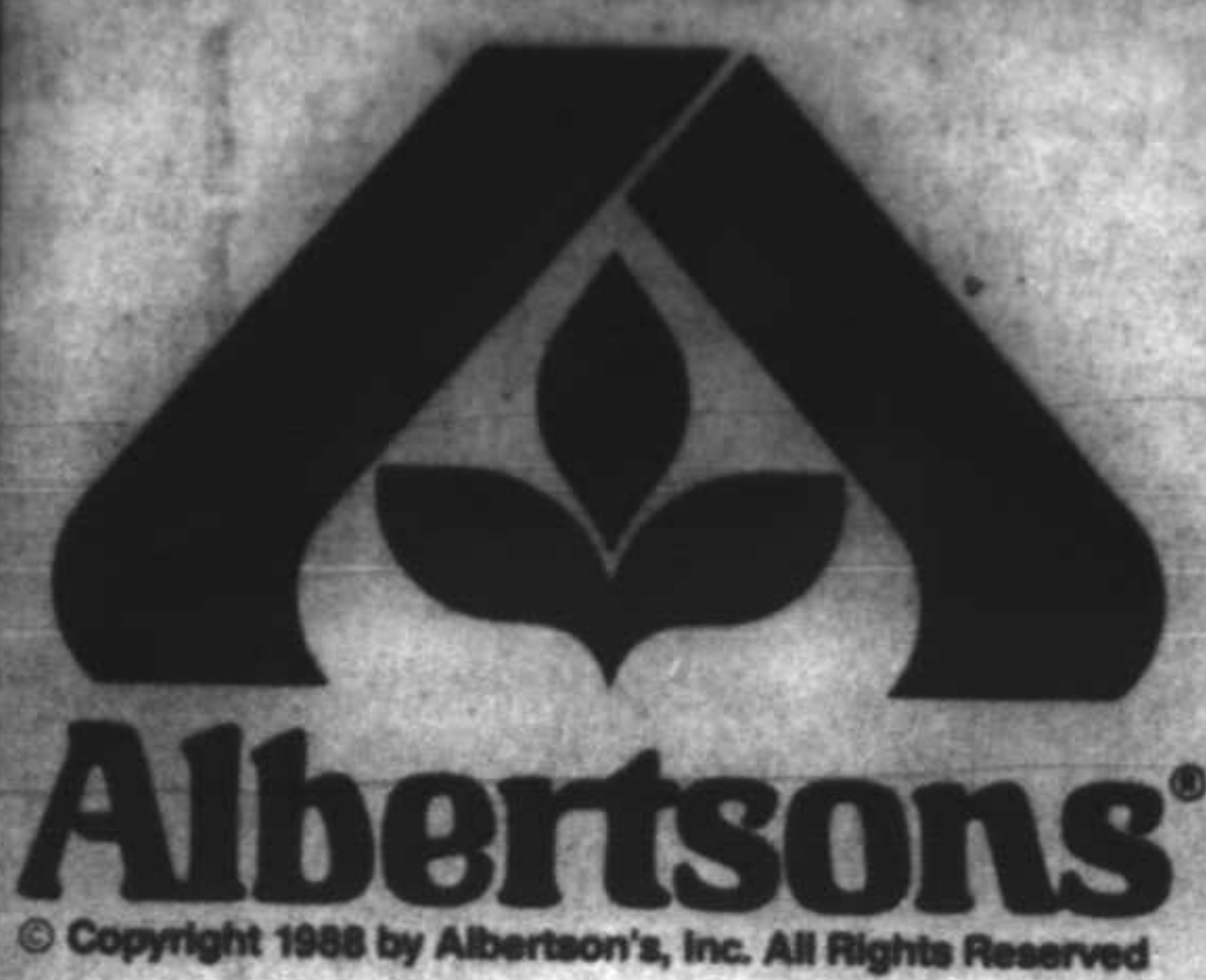
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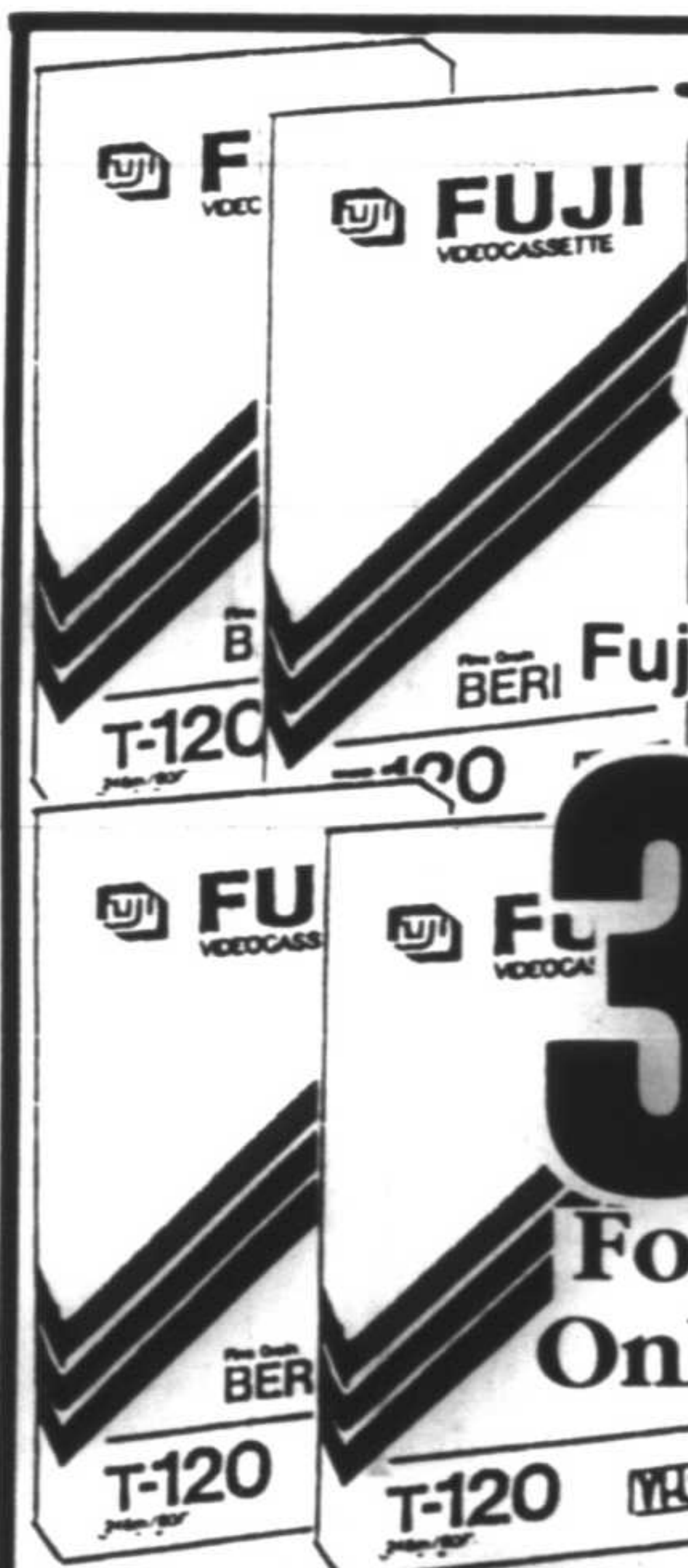
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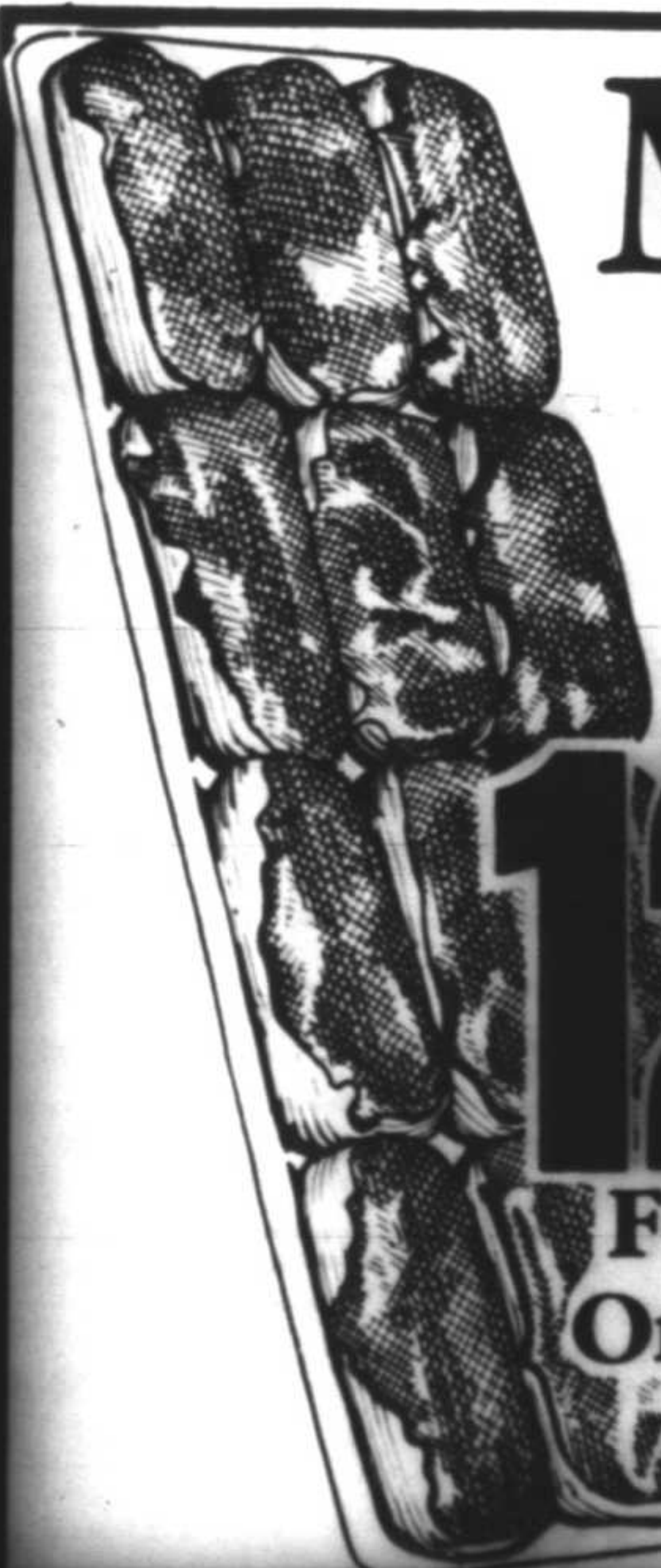
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Lawmaker says TEA violating AIDS law

By JEANETTE ALLEN
Reporter-Telegram
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — An angry state senator said Friday the Texas Education Agency has violated a state law he authored by releasing students' AIDS test results to school staff.

A member of the Legislative Task Force on AIDS, Sen. Craig Washington, authored a state law that said only medical personnel are to have access to student and staff AIDS test results. But during a Friday meeting of the task force, TEA General Counsel David Thompson said that because Texas schools have shared test results with teachers prior to the law's passage last year and received no complaints, they interpreted the law differently.

Washington, D-Houston, said, "I'm more than a bit angry that you have misinterpreted specific language that was expressly worded in this code."

Thompson said he consulted with Washington's staff concerning the law and they said he could continue releasing the test results to limited school personnel.

But Washington said Thompson was violating state law by continuing the policy.

"You never spoke to me and I'm the author of the bill," Washington said. "My staff does not speak for me."

Washington said the policy is dangerous since an AIDS case could become known within a school before the staff has been educated about AIDS.

Thompson said the TEA is formulating a working policy with the Texas Department of Health to give schools information on the HIV virus and AIDS. "But classroom teachers specifically ought to know if a child in their school has AIDS," Thompson said.

AIDS attacks the immune system, rendering its victims helpless to fight disease. It is spread through the exchange of bodily fluids, not by casual contact. Those who test positive for the HIV may or may not contract AIDS.

About 30 Texas students have either the human immunodeficiency virus or AIDS, Thompson said. During the last two years the TEA has not received any complaint that teachers broke confidences or that a child was refused service, he said.

Rep. Billy Clemons, D-Pollock, said he supports TEA's policy, adding that Washington could not speak for Legislature.

"You can't eliminate the rights of the many for the rights of the few," Clemons said.

Thompson said some school districts do not have nurses, and someone in the school must be told when a student or staff member has AIDS since the number of cases is increasing.

Black Dallas firefighters file discrimination suit

DALLAS (AP) — More than 100 black firefighters have filed a complaint claiming racial discrimination by the Dallas Fire Department.

The department's fire chief denies the claims made in a class-action complaint filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Dallas Fire Department Chief Dodd Miller said Thursday the department does not discriminate against blacks. But he added, "Anytime these allegations are made we are concerned."

The Black Firefighters Association accuses the department of racial discrimination in hiring, promotions and job evaluations. Miller said blacks represent 24 to 25 percent of the department's estimated 1,400-member workforce.

The complaint was filed with the EEOC in November as a preliminary step for possible litigation, said Roger Albright, an attorney representing the firefighters.

At least two other black firefighters have filed individual discrimination grievances with the city's Civil Service Board.

Mayor Annette Strauss, City Attorney Annette Muncy and Assistant City Manager Sam Moreno, who oversees the fire department, said they were unaware of the class action complaint.

Assistant personnel director Georgia Reese said the city was preparing a response to the allegations.

The firefighters' contention is "the department has engaged in a pattern of discrimination by using subjective criteria to deny blacks job and promotion opportunities," Albright said.

The EEOC has 180 days to investigate the allegations and mediate the dispute or grant the black firefighters the right to seek legal redress in federal court, Albright said.

Because the EEOC has a backlog of discrimination cases, Albright said the case likely will end up in court.

It may cost Texas pilot \$5,000 to fly plane from Colorado

AVON, Colo. (AP) — A man who flew his own airplane up from Texas for a skiing trip may end up having to dismantle it and pay about \$5,000 before he can fly it back home.

Richard Harris, of McAllen, Texas, said his Cessna 182 was impounded by Eagle County authorities shortly after he landed at a restricted airfield that does not serve private aircraft except in emergencies.

According to Eagle County regulations, Harris will have to have the plane dismantled and trucked to the nearest public airport, 20 miles away in Eagle, and reassembled before he can take off. That's expected to cost about \$5,000.

The field here is known as the Avon STOLport, because it is used for short takeoffs and landings, authorities said.

"The regulations that govern the STOLport specifically state that if a person lands there without the proper authority they will not be allowed to take off," said county Administrator Lee Metcalf.

The privately owned field is leased to Continental Express for its exclusive use, flying people to and from the Vail ski resort, Metcalf said Friday. That is the commuter line whose plane crashed this week near Durango, Colo.

Harris said he had radioed the airport tower in Aspen and told them he was going to land at Avon.

"They didn't say anything about it being a private airport," he said. The STOLport runway is marked with symbols identifying it as a private strip, but Harris said they were covered with snow.

The 27-year-old pilot plans to plead his case one more time to the commissioners in February.

"I think they should take it easy and give a guy who made an honest mistake a break," he said.

Dallas man to head Dole's state campaign

DALLAS (AP) — Richard H. Collins, a Dallas businessman, was named Friday as head of Bob Dole's presidential campaign in Texas.

Collins had previously been one of five co-chairmen. Bill Brock, Dole's national campaign chairman, said O.J. Striegler of Houston, Tom Pauken and Don Navarro of Dallas, and Van Archer of San Antonio will continue to serve as state co-chairmen.

"We are less than six weeks away from Super Tuesday, and the Dole campaign is moving forward, gaining support throughout the country, the south and in Texas," Collins said.

Brock also announced the appointment of John L. Stevens Jr. as the regional political director for Texas. Brock said Stevens will be in charge of all political operations for the state.

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House Democrats ask Reagan to delay request for Contra aid

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP)—A group of House Democrats, most of them "swing" votes crucial to the outcome of an impending showdown over aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels, asked President Reagan on Friday to delay his request for new aid.

The lawmakers, led by Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., said either a defeat or a victory for the aid package would let Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega "out of his box" by removing the pressure they view as having forced recent concessions by the Managua government.

"We view Ortega's options as extremely limited," stated the letter to Reagan, signed by 19 House members as they traveled by train to this posh West Virginia resort for an annual Democratic issues conference.

"During the critical days ahead, the United States should support the process that has brought Ortega to his current dilemma."

Reagan is expected to make a plea for renewal of Contra aid in his State of the Union speech Monday night. The exact amount has not been determined, but administration and congressional sources have said the figure is likely to be in the range of \$30 million to \$50 million range.

The issue is scheduled to come to a vote in the House on Feb. 3, and if aid is approved, it would go to a Senate vote the following day.

Some of the letter's signers acknowledged that it is unlikely Reagan would give up his opportunity for a quick vote on Contra aid and wait for a more uncertain opportunity later in the year.

The letter was a strong signal to the White House that support for a renewal of aid to the rebels, Reagan's highest foreign policy priority, has eroded following efforts last weekend by the five Central American presidents to breathe new life into a regional peace accord.

A crucial issue is whether the package includes lethal military aid, and Reagan has said he wants to make such assistance a minor part of the proposal to make it more palatable to lawmakers.

But McCurdy argued that any effort to force the issue to a head — no matter how the closely divided issue is resolved — will remove the tension that has forced Sandinista concessions.

"We are convinced that Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega is, for the first time in nine years, being forced to recognize and pay more observance to the democratic principles upon which his regime was empowered," the group wrote.

For the United States to act now would short-circuit the "skillful" efforts of the other four presidents in the region to force Ortega to restore civil liberties in his country and to reach a cease-fire with the Contras.



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the group argued.

"The United States must exercise extreme care not to upset the delicate balance of these talks by provid-

ing the Nicaraguan president with the very escape hatch that he is seeking — newly approved U.S. aid to the Contras," the letter stated.

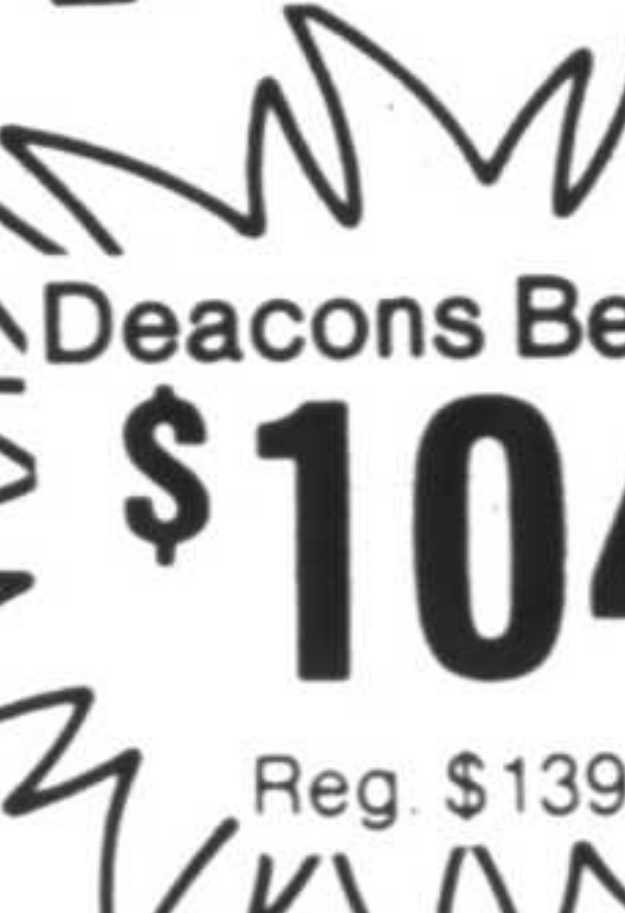
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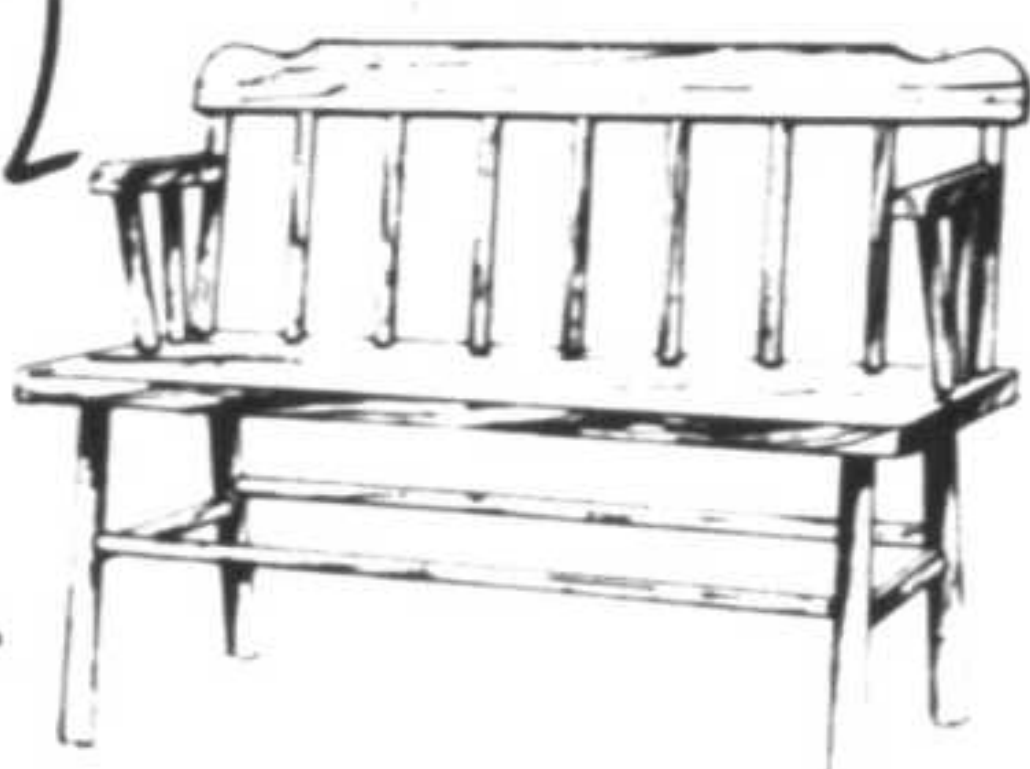
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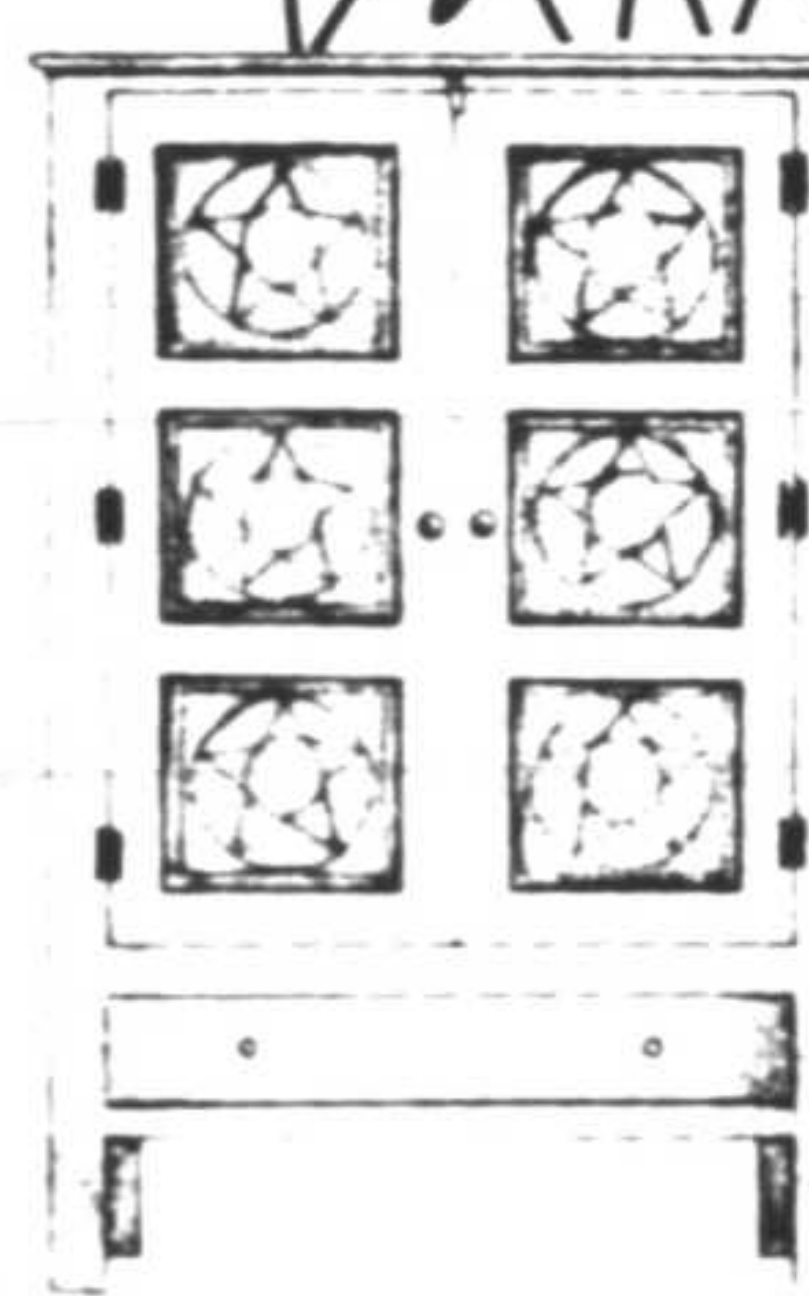
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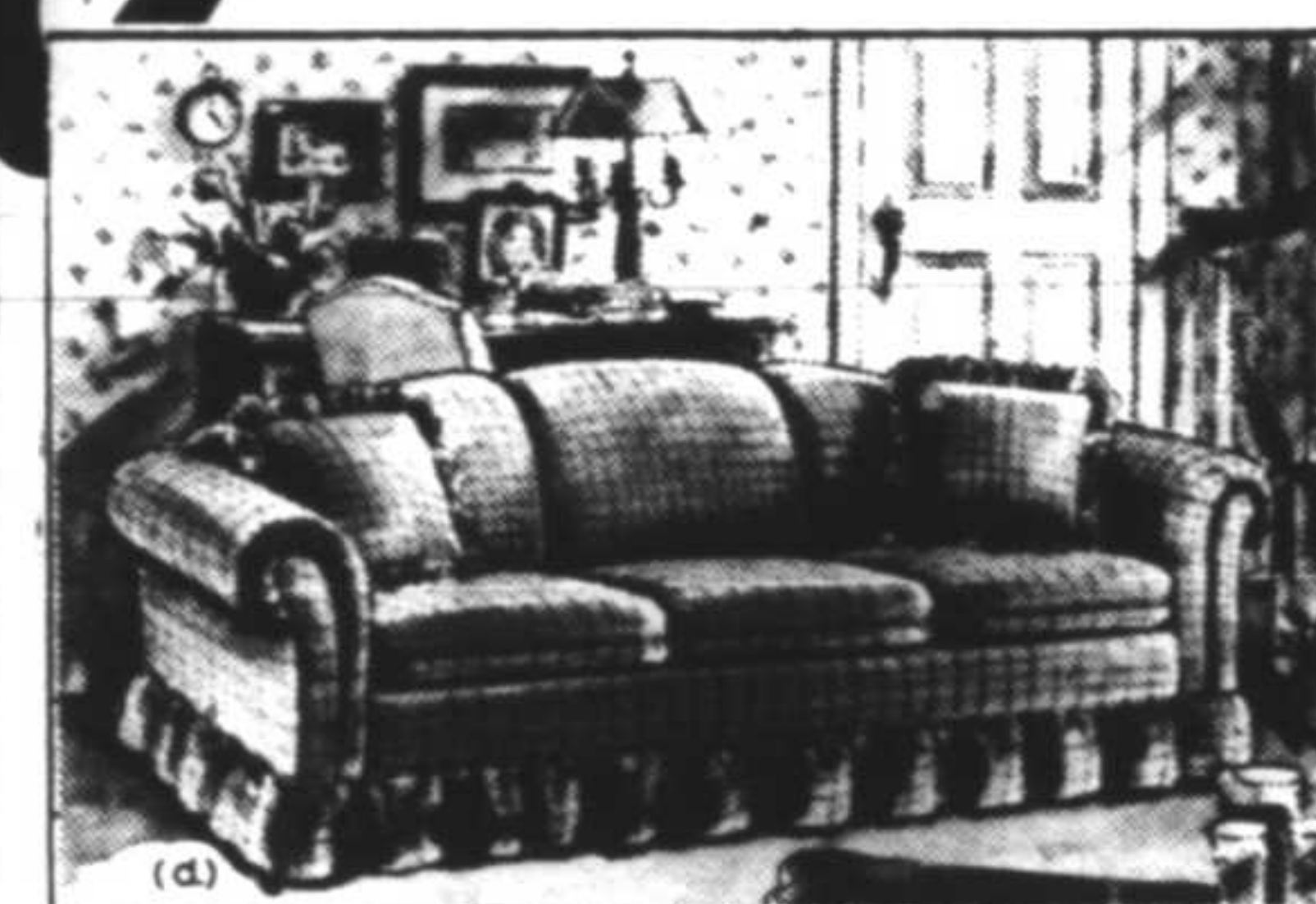
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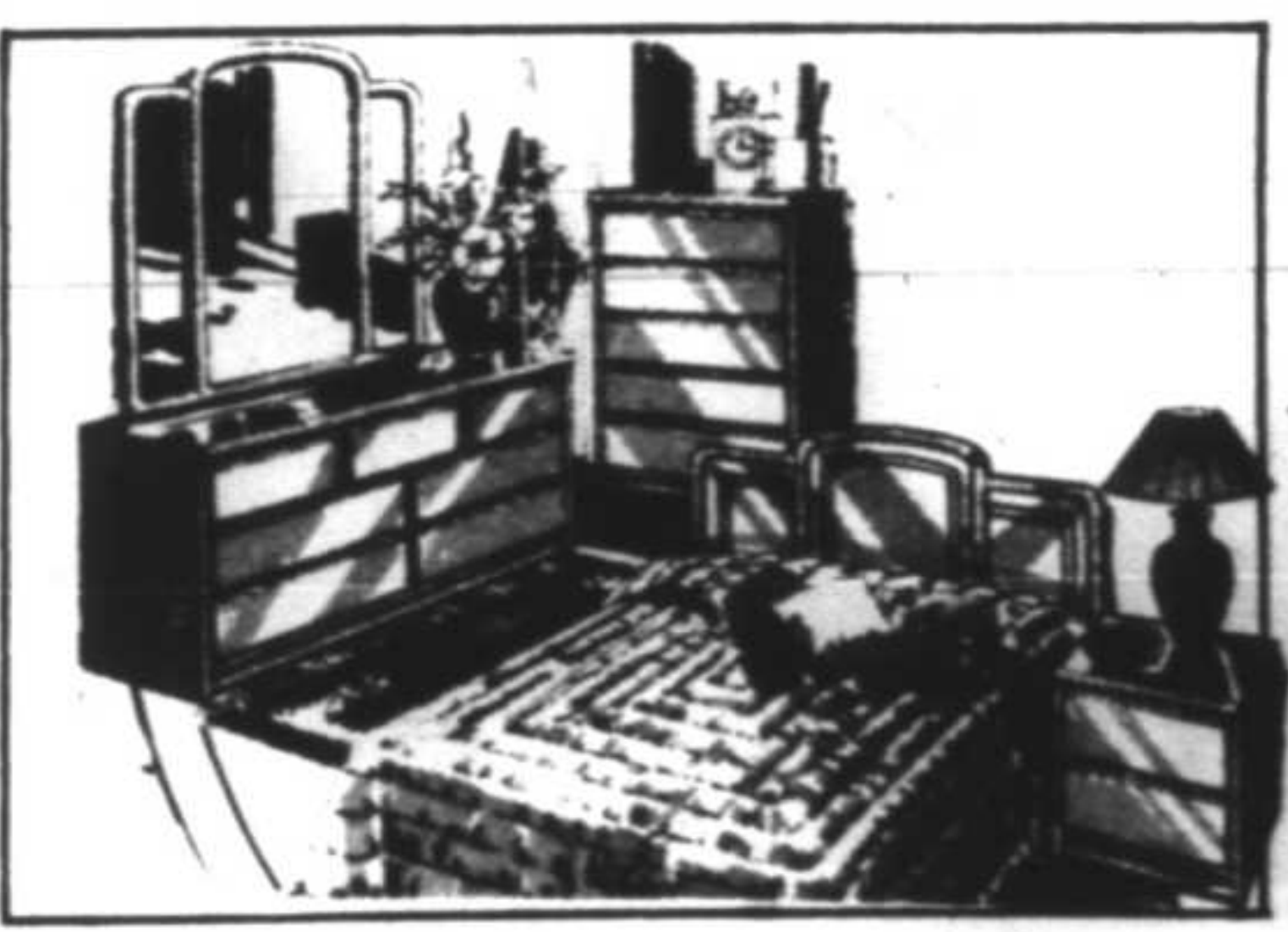
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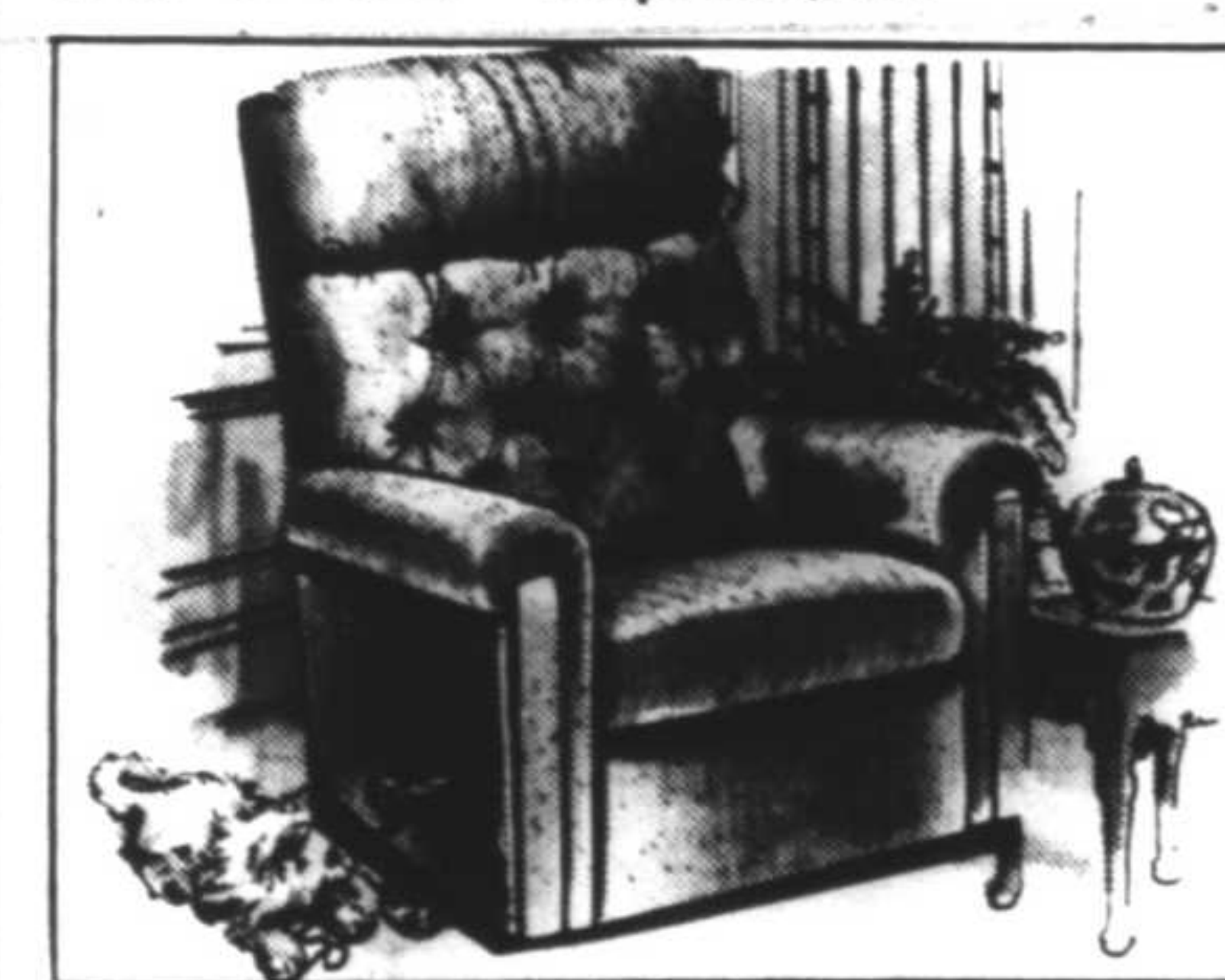
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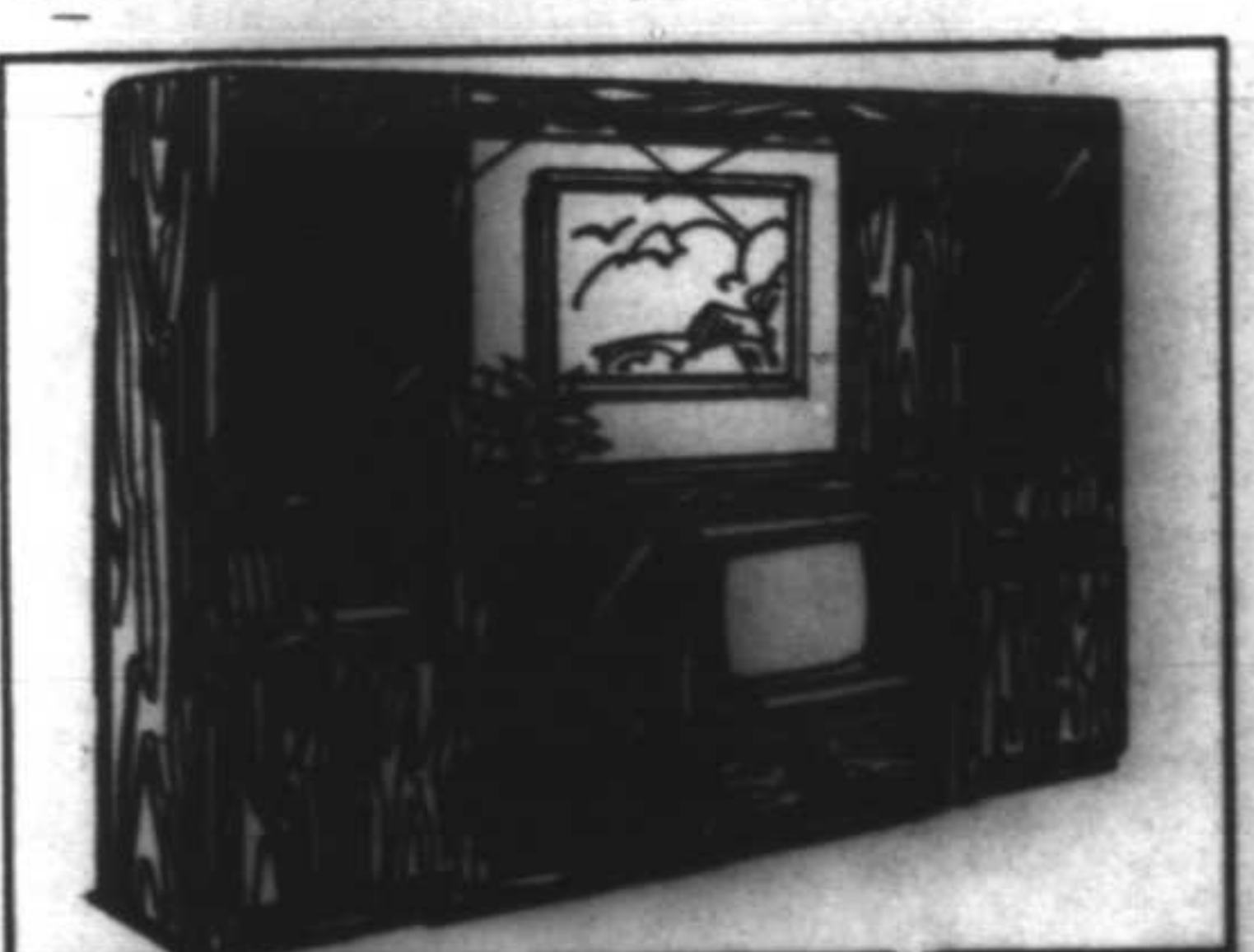


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Girl freezes to death looking for her parents

DUCK CREEK, Utah (AP) — An 8-year-old girl who left a remote mountain cabin looking for her parents froze to death in deep snow, but an 11-year-old friend survived by burrowing into a snow cave for two days, authorities say.

The two children had been left at the cabin in the southern Utah mountains on Sunday while the girl's parents, Randy and Peggy Hanner, and her sister, Deidre, 13, of Las Vegas, Nev., took a snowmobile trip to Navajo Lake, eight miles away, Kane County Sheriff Joe Gonzales said Thursday.

Brandy Hanner and Chad Shackelford apparently grew frightened when the Hanners didn't return and decided to go looking for them Monday afternoon. About 2 feet of snow had fallen and they lost the snowmobile track and they didn't know the trail, said Gonzales.

Chad told authorities that he and Brandy "got about a quarter mile from the cabin and she couldn't walk any more," Gonzales said. "He told her to stay there and he tried to go for help or find the parents. He got about 200 yards and he couldn't go any more, so he dug a hole in the

snow."

The Hanners' snowmobile got stuck in the deep snow Sunday, so they broke into a cabin and spent the night, Gonzales said.

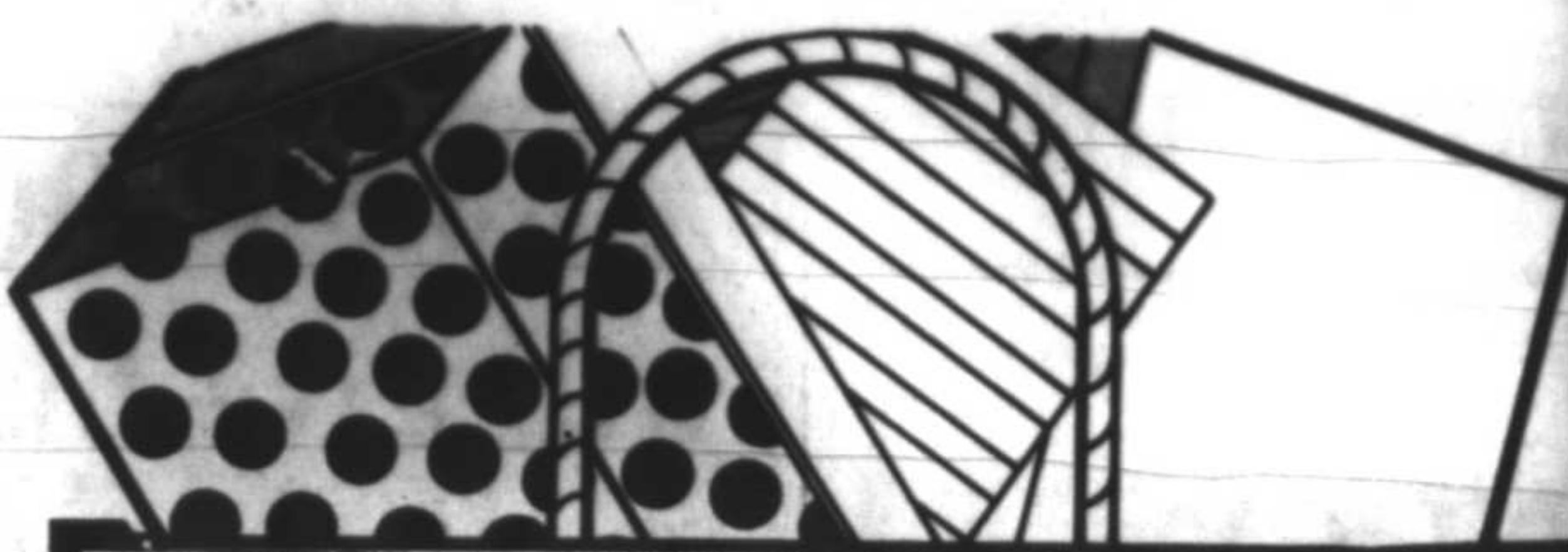
On Monday morning they tried to free the snowmobile, but could not. They trudged another 200 yards in waist-deep snow and sought refuge in a second vacant cabin.

Snowmobiler Don Dalton, of Duck Creek, received a call about noon Wednesday from friends of the family in Las Vegas reporting them overdue, Gonzales said. Dalton and others began searching the area for the missing vacationers.

Gonzales said Dalton found Chad late Wednesday some distance from the cabin and searchers later found the body of Brandy.

Chad was in serious condition Friday at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center's burn unit, where he was being treated for severe frostbite on both feet, said spokesman John Dwan.

Dalton also found the parents and their eldest daughter six to seven miles from the cabin trudging through the waist-deep snow.



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Gunshots fired from compound held by clan

MARION, Utah (AP) — Gunfire rang out Friday from a barricaded homestead held by a polygamist clan on the seventh day of a standoff with police, and authorities said the electricity had been cut off to the outlaw group.

FBI agent Cal Clegg said up to three shots were fired. Authorities did not return fire. There was no immediate word of any injuries.

Police had said earlier in the day that they were still hoping for a peaceful end to the standoff, which began Jan. 16 after the bombing of a nearby Mormon church.

Inside the log house were Vickie Singer, 44, widow of John Singer, and Addam Swapp, 27, husband of two Singer daughters. With them were four other adults and nine children.

Mrs. Singer and Swapp face federal charges in the bombing of the Kamas Stake Center, which they reportedly said was to avenge the 1979 shooting of Singer by lawmen in an 18-day siege at the same compound.

Close relatives of Mrs. Singer said she and Swapp believe an armed confrontation with police will trigger the resurrection of her late husband, who will then save his family.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, at least 65 shots were fired from the compound at spotlights erected by police, authorities said. There were no injuries.

The cutting off of power to the 2½-acre compound occurred Wednesday after a federal judge issued a court order permitting it, said Utah Power & Light Co. spokesman John Ward.

An FBI marksman shot out an electrical switch outside the compound because it would have been too dangerous to let a worker get that close to disconnect it, he said. It was authorities' first use of guns during the siege.

Doug Bodrero, deputy state director of public safety, said the decision to cut power was made in part to prevent the clan watching or hearing news coverage of the standoff.

"It's our opinion that one of the things they were seeking by bombing the church and other things was a public forum to pronounce their religious beliefs and that may have been precipitating the whole event," he said.

"As long as they can sit up there and watch the whole event on television and have all the amenities and feel comfortable...there's little incentive for them to want to discuss a peaceful solution."

AIDS researchers having trouble finding volunteers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Researchers at Vanderbilt University Medical Center say they're having difficulty finding volunteers for a study of an experimental AIDS vaccine.

It was announced Jan. 12 that Vanderbilt received federal approval to conduct the study of the vaccine. The vaccine would not be used to treat the deadly disease directly; it would produce antibodies that could prevent AIDS from infecting and killing people.

"We knew that it was not going to be easy to recruit," said Dr. Barney Graham. "What is happening is not very surprising to us. This is why we have six vaccine evaluation centers and why it is going to take a concerted effort."

The other centers are at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va.; Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland, both in Baltimore; Baylor College of Medicine in Houston; and the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.

Vanderbilt and the other study centers each need 12 non-infected volunteers. When the university announced in August that it might be conducting the study, 105 people called to ask about volunteering. But officials have been able to contact only three of those people since Vanderbilt received approval, and no one has been selected for the trial.

Researchers hope to study the effects of the vaccine on the immune system of a person who has had no exposure to the virus. Scientists say there is no chance that volunteers could become infected with the AIDS virus by participating in the test.

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