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## Reagan plans to sign farm bill despite expense, setbacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan will sign the 1985 farm bill on Monday, despite its expense and the mixed policy outcomes for the administration, congressional sources said today.

Agriculture Secretary John Block scheduled a news conference to announce the decision, and sources on Capitol Hill said the president had decided to approve the legislation despite objections from some in the administration.

Many members of Congress, which passed the bill on Wednesday, had urged the president to approve it as a compromise that would restore market competitiveness to American agriculture while offering farmers an income safety net.

The House endorsed the 1,397-page compromise bill on a 325-96 vote, and the Senate approved it 55-38 a few hours later.

Block was said by members of Congress to have recommended approval by Reagan, and some farm-state GOP members of Congress sought Reagan's signature to spare them the harsh political fallout of a veto.

"This gives the president everything he wanted in the way of change, except for the schedule on which he wanted those changes to occur," said Rep. Edward Madigan, the senior Republican on the House Agriculture Committee.

And a hopeful Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, gesturing to wrapped packages under a decorated Christmas tree in his office, quipped: "That big one's the farm bill."

But administration sources said other forces within the executive branch are weighing in against the bill, citing policy problems on trade and foreign policy and objections to the bill's cost.

The five-year farm bill is the result of a year of struggle to reconcile powerful and competing forces: a deep and extended depression in the farm economy; massive budget deficits and the need to cut federal spending; and a slump in farm exports, which traditionally have been the backbone of U.S. foreign trade.

The administration won victories on several important fronts, the foremost of which was the issue of commodity price supports. The supports for export-dependent crops such as corn, wheat, cotton, rice and soybeans will be substantially reduced and tied more closely to prices on world markets, rather than being set at arbitrary levels decided by Congress.

The aim is to lower prices enough to restore the attractiveness of U.S.

goods to foreign buyers and let crops flow into the marketplace rather than federal stockpiles. Farm exports have dropped alarmingly, from near \$44 billion in 1981 to a projected \$29 billion next year, while farmers

have forfeited their crops to the government rather than sell them below the price-support rate.

Income subsidies also will be reduced over the life of the legislation. (See FARM BILL, Page 2A)

### TDA's nuclear waste survey results to be released

Results of a three-county survey on the nuclear waste issue conducted last spring by the Texas Department of Agriculture will be released Friday at an 8:30 a.m. press conference in Amarillo International Airport.

Mike Moeller, deputy commissioner, will speak in behalf of the TDA. Last spring, 400 businessmen in Deaf Smith, Oldham and Swisher Counties were surveyed concerning the placement of a nuclear waste repository in the Texas Panhandle.

## Congress may leave unfinished business

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress planned to tie up some fiscal loose ends and head home for the holidays, but it may leave unfinished the deficit-reduction package sought in a year-long struggle over the budget.

Completion of the farm bill Wednesday left an omnibus \$368 billion spending bill for the Pentagon and other federal agencies as the tallest hurdle standing in the way of adjournment. The House and Senate are scheduled to vote on the measure today.

Congress also sent to the White House on Wednesday a separate rescue package for the \$70 billion Farm Credit System, the 37-bank network that is the nation's largest farm lender. Reagan is expected to sign that bill also.

A compromise on the catch-all spending bill was reached Wednesday night, when a House-Senate conference committee agreed on an updated version of a measure defeated earlier this week in the House.

Liberal Democrats opposed it because of a large increase in Pentagon spending. Others objected to a \$7,510 hike in the amount senators can earn making speeches and a provision making it more difficult to block an expected congressional pay raise in 1987.

The conferees agreed to reduce the Pentagon funding by \$1.3 billion to a total of \$281.2 billion, still an increase from \$275.4 billion in the 1985 fiscal year.

Another \$6.3 billion would be available from money approved during previous years but those funds would be restricted to use for pay,

retirement benefits and readiness. The restrictions would make the military more vulnerable to budget cuts expected early next year.

The negotiators also agreed to a House-passed proposal for cost-saving in military procurement practices, a provision that would limit the types of costs for which companies may bill the government.

But the language letting lawmakers make more money remained intact.

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### What A Mess

The construction on Highway 385 may seem like one big headache now, but by the summer of 1986 a storm sewer drainage system and five lanes of traffic will be completed. The Apian Corporation of Hereford won the bid from the state for the construction.

## Comptroller may snag with ag water bonds

AUSTIN (AP) — A pilot program for \$200 million in bonds to help Texas ranchers and farmers conserve irrigation water cannot begin until differences are cleared up with the comptroller, a House group has been told.

Also, said officials of the Texas Water Development Board, the tax-reform bill passed Tuesday night by the U.S. House may make the bonds hard to sell by making them taxable.

"If this happens, most, if not all, of the potential advantages of the proposed low-interest loan program for agricultural soil and water conservation may be lost," said Howard Grubb, director of planning for the board.

"The difference between these rates and those to farmers and ranchers through commercial channels may not be great enough to warrant the program," Grubb said.

Grubb and others stressed that the comptroller had not made a final decision on the pilot program money and the U.S. Senate may change the tax reform bill when it acts on it next year.

A spokesman for Comptroller Bob Bullock said the money for the pilot program could be released as soon as legislative intent was established.

Nov. 5, Texas voters overwhelmingly approved a statewide water

(See WATER, Page 2A)

### Weather

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH: 45 OVERNIGHT LOW: 25  
MOISTURE: None.

OUTLOOK: Mostly fair tonight with lows near 20. Friday, mostly fair and cooler, highs near 40.

## Combest, TRLA fued may reach 'high noon' today

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A long-standing feud between some Republicans and legal aid for the poor in Texas has reached high noon in El Paso.

The Legal Services Corp. national board is meeting here to elect a chairman and vice chairman for the prime funding agency for state legal services.

Nationally, the Legal Services Corp. has been caught in a squeeze between a budget-conscious Reagan administration and Congress, which has mandated funding of the legal aid agency. By statute, the corporation is required to monitor the country's 325 offices and distribute about \$300 million in federal funding.

Today there was expected to be a showdown between U.S. Rep. Larry

Combest, R-Lubbock, and officials from Texas Rural Legal Aid.

Trudi Lewis, Combest's press secretary, said Wednesday the lawmaker wanted to ask the board to study the Hereford office of the state legal agency and to clear up problems at the office.

A Texas Rural Legal Aid official contends that Combest wants to reduce or cut federal funding for legal aid because the Hereford office, which is in his district, has been "the subject of numerous complaints from growers and politicians," including a successful fight against Texas' anti-picket laws.

David Hall, executive director of Texas Rural Legal Aid, said his agency has compiled a successful litigation record, having won 98 per-

cent of its cases since 1978. And Texas Rural Legal Aid has won 66 percent of more than 40 cases it has argued in the U.S. Courts of Appeals, Hall said.

"In the Hereford office, where the winning record is the most exemplary, the complaints from losing opponents and their counsel have proliferated in recent years," Hall said. "Growers who have failed to pay the required minimum wages or who have been guilty of recruitment abuses have repeatedly sought to deprive their employees of their lawyers."

Texas Rural Legal Aid is a non-profit law firm providing free legal services to almost 500,000 indigent Texans who otherwise are unable to afford the services of an attorney in non-criminal cases. In addition to being poor, about 90 percent of the client population are Mexican-Americans, Hall said.

The freshman congressman likely would discuss a General Accounting Office report questioning the Texas Rural Legal Aid's creation of a separate foundation to funnel unused funds, his press secretary said.

Combest also will probably raise reports "of unionizing activity, which is strictly against (Legal Services Corp.) bylaws," press secretary Lewis said. Another concern, she said, involves reports that Texas Rural Legal Aid employees have participated at picket sites.

Combest was expected to ask the board who the agency is supposed to represent, his press secretary said. "Let's look at this. Are they following the intent of Congress? If so, fine."

(See TRLA, Page 2A)

## Cancer victim, couple need help

Mr. and Mrs. A are an elderly couple living on a small income from Social Security, barely meeting expenses from month to month. They are becoming a little depressed as Christmas approaches, because there is no money for anything special.

The couple would like some extra food to make their holidays a little brighter. Citizens of Hereford can help by contributing to the Christmas Stocking Fund, a non-profit organization which helps the needy at this time of year.

Mr. J was a hard-working man and family provided until cancer struck. Now he is unable to work and receives only a disability check. He still goes for monthly treatments, and the family pays a little on the huge hospital bill from the disability check.

Christmas will be very "empty" for his wife and two children. Their hope is that the Christmas Stocking Fund can provide something for the children. They made no requests for themselves.

Contributions to the CSF can be made at The Hereford Brand

newspaper office, 313 N. Lee. The paper publishes a list of contributors and the running total of donations to be used to help less fortunate families.

More funds are needed to help the needy families. Join in the caring, sharing mood of Christmas by contributing to the stocking fund!

Previous Balance:	\$4,520
Anonymous	60
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sharp	25
Mrs. F. J. Knabe	25
Labry & Jean Ballard	50
Mr. and Mrs. Don T. Martin	100
Faithful Service SS Class, First Baptist Church	10
Virginia T. Holmes	20
El Llano Study Club	75
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Vinson	20
Ina Mae & J. T. Gilbreath	100
Anonymous	25
Tommie & Cleta Weemes	25
Santa's Helpers	50
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Boyd	25
Mrs. J.M. Posey	20
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brorman	25
Roger & Alice Rablis	25
Mrs. A.M. Pugh	25
"In the name of Jesus"	100
Hedene B. Huff	25
Wesley United Methodist Women	60
Anonymous	15
Chf & Maxine Hatten	50
BALANCE TO DATE:	\$5,475



### McGruff Goes To School

The Hereford Lions Club presented three more McGruff dummies to the Hereford school system Wednesday. The club project is to help combat drug, child abuse and other problems. Accepting the dum-

mies for three schools were, left to right: Rosemary Shook, Shirley elementary; Bera Boyd, West Central; and Joyce Burford, Bluebonnet. Lupe Chavez is chairman of the club project.



6 shopping days to Christmas

# News Roundup

## State

### Business failures increase 57 percent

DALLAS (AP) — The number of businesses that failed in Texas this year was up 57 percent over last year, dramatically higher than the increase in the national failure rate, a Dun & Bradstreet study indicates.

Virtually all segments of business were hit, but the service, finance and real estate industries suffered the most, the study said.

Nationwide, the business failure rate grew by only 8.6 percent. The study covered the first 11 months of 1986.

"No matter how you slice it, 1986 has been a tough year for businesses in Texas," said Joseph Duncan, Dun & Bradstreet chief economist.

"The stress in the oil patch has overflowed into the state's other industries and, given the current outlook for the petroleum sector, things probably won't get much better in 1987," he said.

### Two held in abduction of banker's wife

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Two Kerrville brothers charged with attempted extortion in the abduction of a pregnant banker's wife have been sent to separate jails awaiting a bond hearing.

U.S. Magistrate Jamie Boyd Wednesday ordered the men to appear for a bond hearing Monday.

They are charged with attempted extortion in the Tuesday abduction of Gay Haufier, who escaped unharmed.

The abductors never showed up to collect a demanded \$100,000 in ransom money at a drop site at a scenic overlook near Interstate 10, the FBI said.

Charged in the case are Ronald Bell, 31, and Allen Bell, 33. They could face up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted.

Kerrville attorney Joe Mike Egan Jr., a former Kerr County District Attorney, was hired by the brothers' father to represent the defendants.

### Woman claims stepfather raped her

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — A woman charged in the murders of her mother and stepfather says the man had raped her when she was a teen-ager and that she had given birth to his son, police say.

The woman, Delores Jean Maxwell, also told police that her husband, Michael Franklin Maxwell, killed the couple while she looked on, according to an affidavit filed in the case.

Both Maxwells have been charged with capital murder in the slayings of Gerald and Peggy Hart and are being held in lieu of \$100,000 bonds.

The Harts were found shot and stabbed to death in their southside Abilene home early Sunday, and about \$4,000 had been taken from Mrs. Hart's purse, officials said.

Investigators said Mrs. Maxwell had wanted custody of her 16-year-old son, who was living with the Harts, and that he wanted to live with her.

## National

### Mistrial is declared in Edwards case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A mistrial declared after jurors deadlocked in favor of acquittal in the racketeering trial of Gov. Edwin Edwards and four others is a "clear vindication," Edwards said, declaring victory in "the 16th and most important election of my life."

At a news conference after U.S. District Judge Marcel Livaudais declared a mistrial on Wednesday, Edwards said he won't resign, even if U.S. Attorney John Volz insists on trying him again.

Edwards faced a 50-count racketeering, mail fraud and wire fraud indictment in connection with an alleged \$10 million hospital investment scheme. Lawyers confirmed that 10 jurors wanted to acquit him on some charges and 11 wanted to free him on others. Specific votes on specific charges weren't made public.

Defense attorneys said the vote ranged from 11-1 to 9-3 on acquitting Edwards' four co-defendants, including his brother Marion.

### Smokers likely to need health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — People who smoke are 50 percent more likely to need health care than non-smokers and probably cost their employers \$200 to \$500 more each year, the surgeon general's annual report on smoking said today.

Moreover, it said, studies show smokers have more accidents on the job, receive more disability payments, and are absent more often than their non-smoking colleagues.

This year's report, the 17th in the series, focuses on smoking in the workplace. Dr. C. Everett Koop, the surgeon general, said a major conclusion is that cigarette smoking represents, for the majority of American workers, "a greater cause of death and disability than their workplace environment."

### First woman receives artificial heart

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The first female recipient of an artificial heart was in critical but stable condition today after surgeons "successfully completed" the first implant of a smaller version of the Jarvik-7 heart, hospital officials said.

A 40-year-old Minnesota secretary, described by doctors as gravely ill from a viral infection of the heart, came out of surgery early today and was listed in critical but stable condition, said Venetia Kudrle, an administrator at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital.

"The surgery for implantation was successfully completed earlier this morning," Ms. Kudrle said, reading from a statement. "The patient is currently being monitored post-operatively."

## International

### Petitions rejected to stop election

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Supreme Court today voted 7-5 to reject petitions seeking to halt February's special election, clearing the way for the opposition to challenge President Ferdinand E. Marcos on the polls.

"Now the people can begin counting the last few days of the Marcos regime," the opposition's vice presidential candidate, Salvador H. Laurel, said in a statement shortly after the ruling was announced.

The court "cannot stand in the way of letting the people decide through their ballots, either to give incumbent president a new mandate or to elect a new president," Justice Claudio Teehankee said in a comment attached to the decision.

The justices rejected 10 petitions filed against the special election, which Marcos called to show critics at home and abroad that his 20-year-old regime still has popular support.

The court, which had held hearings on the issue Tuesday and Wednesday, announced the decision in a brief resolution that did not include the justices' reasons. The 13th member of the court was on leave and did not take part in the voting.

"The election goes on," Justice Hermogenes Concepcion told The Associated Press as he left the room where the court voted.

# Abney named "Y" chief

Temple Abney was named president of the Hereford & Vicinity YMCA recently directors selected new board officers for 1986. Abney will succeed Charles Hoover as president.

Other officers include Mike Veazey, Roger Eades and Harold Brigance, vice presidents; Keith Ann Gearn, treasurer; and Debbie Black, secretary.

Elected as new directors were Pat Lawson, George Ochs, Marc Williamson, Wade Easley, Lori Anthony, David Alvarado and Rick Brown. Weldon Knabe is the executive director.

## FARM BILL

tion, although at a slower rate than price supports. That means that nearly all the incomefarmers lose in the short term due to lower commodity prices will be made up from the federal treasury.

Among policy negatives for the administration were provisions offering retaliation for foreign trade practices Congress regards as unfair, continued protection from imports for the domestic sugar industry and a new assessment on dairy farmers which the administration derisively calls "a milk tax."

Despite the heavy bipartisan vote in favor of the bill, some members opposed it as insufficient to help their constituents, and others objected to what they saw as too much spending.

"Farmers want a change of policy, but instead they're getting the same old, tired programs," said Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said the bill was at least \$2.5 billion over budget, portraying it as Congress' first temptation to chicken out on a balanced-budget promise it made in recent legislation.

But Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said, "I think this farm bill ... is the beginning of a transition to a market-oriented farm policy."

## CONGRESS

Congress must pass the bill before going home because it provides the money to keep the Pentagon and several other federal departments operating through the fiscal year ending Sept. 30. A temporary spending bill to keep the government running while Congress works on the catch-all bill expires tonight at midnight.

The compromise catch-all bill includes language allowing resumed production of nerve gas weapons in 1987, even though it would ban further testing in the administration's anti-satellite weapons program. There would be \$2.75 billion provided for Reagan's "Star Wars" missile defense system.

The catch-all spending package is needed because Congress has approved only six of 13 regular money bills for the year.

The budget bill was not on the "must-pass" list, however, and the future of the measure, which calls for \$80 billion in deficit reductions over three years, was in doubt because of a deadlock over taxes for the "Superfund" toxic waste clean-up program.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Packwood, R-Ore., was insisting on a Senate-passed provision to tax corporations with more than \$5 million in receipts to pay for Superfund. The House has passed a separate Superfund bill and Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, was refusing to go along with the Senate.

The dispute held up approval of the tax portions of the deficit-cutting bill and threatened to delay until next year a host of agreements between the House and the Senate on spending cuts.

## TRLA

If not, let's correct the problems and go from there."

The congressman would not be allowed to express specific charges, said Timothy Baker, secretary for the Legal Services Corp. "The board will not go into specifics with the congressman. We do not want to engage in a debate over these particular charges."

The board's jurisdiction involves policy making, Baker said. Specific complaints should be submitted to the staff for investigation, he said.



### New YMCA President

Temple Abney, left, was elected recently as president of the Hereford & Vicinity YMCA. Abney presented a plaque of appreciation to Charles Hoover, retiring

president of the organization. Other board officers include Mike Veazey, Roger Eades, Harold Brigance, Keith Ann Gearn and Debbie Black.

## From HISD

# Tests newly emphasized

By MARC WILLIAMSON  
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In recent years the field of education has undergone some dramatic changes. Most of these changes have been necessitated by the public's concern for creating quality education for all students.

A result of the current scrutiny of American education has been a renewed emphasis on testing—as a way of measuring students' progress in school, of identifying weak spots or gaps in their knowledge, and of setting standards of performance. But testing is a subject that is often misunderstood and occasionally feared.

To answer questions you might have about some of the tests currently in use, we offer the following abbreviated definitions:

Competency tests measure how well students perform certain basic tasks, be they school skills (using multiplication facts, writing grammatically correct sentences) or life skills (balancing a checkbook, following instructions on job applications). Many states (39, in fact) have enacted legislation that requires students to receive a passing grade on a minimum competency exam before they receive a high school diploma. In Texas the test is known as T.E.A.M.S.

Competency tests cannot, of course, measure everything a child learns in school or determine precisely how well a student will function in adult society. Instead,

competency tests are viewed as a way of ensuring that a high school diploma has meaning—that everyone who holds a diploma will be able to perform basic reading, writing, and computational tasks. In some states, students who fail mandated competency tests receive a certificate of attendance in place of a diploma.

Mostly, however, the tests are used as early warning signals—to identify students who need help and special attention so that their academic skills can be brought up to par by graduation time.

Achievement tests try to measure what a student has learned in the past. Often these tests are ones that teachers devise to determine how well students have learned what has been taught. When your children are asked to write answers to such questions as "Who was the 35th President of the United States?" or "What is 1/2 of 27?" they are taking achievement tests.

Not all achievement tests are homemade by teachers. There are many large-scale achievement tests that attempt to measure student achievement on a regional or national basis. An example of such a test is the California Achievement Tests; questions on it and on other such national tests reflect the publisher's determination as to what children are taught in school.

Attitude tests try to measure students' potential for learning or their capacity for future perfor-

mance. Tests that measure problem-solving skills or intelligence generally fall into this category.

While the distinctions between achievement tests and aptitude tests may sound clear, the experts agree that in actual fact it is not always possible to tell just what a test is measuring. It may be safer to say that all tests measure some combination of aptitude and achievement. Whether a test calls itself an aptitude or an achievement test probably reflects more the general purposes to which the test is put than the actual nature of the questions on the test.

Among the primary concerns of all testing programs are that the tests be developed fairly, without bias; that the conditions in which students take the test be conducive to good performance; and that when test results are used to make instructional placement decisions, other pertinent facts (for example, the student's motivation to do well and teacher assessment) be considered.

If you have any questions about a test that your child has taken or is about to take, or if you want to discuss test results, please contact your school. As educators we want to assure you that no test is an end in itself. Rather, tests are simply tools of the trade—we use to do our jobs more effectively. And no job is more important to us than that of providing the best possible education for your children, and helping you to understand what goes on in school.

## WATER

plan that authorized sale of \$80 million in bonds for water supply, sewage treatment and flood protection purposes. It also established a \$5 million pilot loan program for agricultural water conservation.

A second constitutional change created a \$200 million bond program to provide low-interest loans to Texas farmers and ranchers for agricultural conservation equipment.

However, the \$200 million in bonds

could be issued only by two-thirds vote of the Legislature in the late 1980s after legislators had seen the outcome of the one-year pilot program.

"The comptroller feels there is no specific appropriation language in the legislation that would authorize them to spend the \$5 million in funds," Suzanne Schwartz of the board told a subcommittee of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee.

### Police respond to four cases

Hereford city police responded to four cases of criminal mischief Wednesday along with a report of a juvenile disturbance. A flute valued at \$500 was taken from the Hereford High School and a portable battery charger was taken from a residence at 122 Ave. A. Two video cassette recorders were stolen from Whites Auto.

"The \$5 million has been transferred to the fund and is for use only for the agriculture irrigation project," said Tony Proffitt, spokesman for Bullock, "but neither the House bill setting up the pilot project nor the general appropriations bill actually appropriated it."

What we need is a showing of legislative intent that the money was to go to the board. We told them an attorney general's opinion would do the job."

Grubb told the committee that the tax reform bill passed by the U.S. House "will render bond holders' earnings from the \$200 million agricultural soil and water conservation bonds authorized by Proposition 2 and perhaps the flood protection, water supply and water quality protection bonds authorized by Proposition 1 as taxable."

# Obituaries

### ALBERT WILEY

Albert Wiley, 75, of 212 Fir, died at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday in Deaf Smith General Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services have been scheduled at 11 a.m. Friday in First Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Bob Huffaker officiating. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Highland Cemetery in Durant, Ok. under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Wiley was born Sept. 14, 1910 in El Reno, Ok. He had been a Hereford resident for 20 years moving here from Wichita Falls.

He married Estelle White Nov. 21, 1942. He was retired from Bell Helicopter where he was employed as an airplane mechanic. He was a member of the Nazarene Church.

Survivors include his wife of the

home; a daughter, Thelma Corrine Morris of Denison; and a grandson.

### DAVID CERVANTEZ

David Garcia Cervantez, 41, of Hereford died Tuesday.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. today in Rose Chapel of Ghiland-Watson Funeral Home. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in La Iglesia De San Jose with the Rev. Joe Bixeman, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

Mr. Cervantez was born in Travis County. He moved in 1976 from Odessa. He was a general farm laborer and a Catholic.

Survivors include Thomas of Mercedes and Luisiano Haws of California; four sisters, Amy Haws, Julia Haws, Minnie Haws and Francis Haws, all of Austin; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Cervantez of Hereford.

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# FAA places no blame for near air collision

DALLAS (AP) — The way the Federal Aviation Administration figures, it was nobody's fault that Larry Halbert's single-engine Bonanza almost flew into a Southwest Airlines 737 near Corpus Christi.

For his part, Halbert says he still shudders when he remembers that 120-plus-seat jetliner zooming by just a few yards away.

Southwest pilot Don Morris and his company don't want to talk about it, and the FAA inspector who filled out the paper work on the incident says, simply, that pilots of both planes

knew the other was up there, and nobody did anything wrong.

Except almost crash into one another.

That "near-miss" was just one of 589 documented by the FAA in the United States last year. Through Nov. 18 of this year, there had already been 686 near-misses.

It was clear May day in 1984 when Halbert, alone in his single-engine six-seater, left Corpus Christi International Airport en route to New Orleans, his lunch-time stop before heading on to business engagements in northern Florida.

Halbert leveled off at 7,500 feet and reported his altitude to a Corpus Christi controller. He switched on the automatic pilot and leaned back to enjoy another commute to Jacksonville, unaware that a Southwest pilot that the planes were seven nautical miles apart at 12 o'clock, dead ahead.

Halbert didn't think much about it because the jet was reported to be at an altitude of 12,000 feet, some 4,500 feet above him. He was not aware that the Southwest pilot had been cleared by the tower to begin descending to 5,000 feet on approach to Cor-

pus Christi International.

At three nautical miles apart, the controller again told the two pilots a plane was headed their way, but neither pilot reported seeing the other plane, according to the controller, to maintain visual separation between the planes.

Halbert said he doesn't remember now exactly when he saw the 737 — just that it was descending and was "awful close."

"Here I am, flying along at the 7,500 feet level with me under radar surveillance and all of a sudden there's a jet (about to) hit me," he

said. "Scared the hell out of me. I mean if he'd been 50 feet higher and a little more to the left, he'd have blown me out of the sky."

At the jet's traveling speed of 287 mph, and the private plane's reported 184 mph — heading toward each other — the pilots would have had about 26 seconds to react at a distance of three nautical miles.

"I mean, that's a hell of a closing speed," said Halbert. "That just goes by and it's nothing, when a few (degrees) to the left or right would have eliminated it. That leaves very little time for a snap decision."

"I jammed the right rudder and turned my airplane, and he went by me 50 to 100 feet off my left wing. I was close enough (to) see the people in their windows."

"I'm sweating and shaking again," Halbert said, as he recalled the incident. "It was the most terrifying experience I have ever been in."

After the two planes passed, "I couldn't say anything for a long time," Halbert said. "I mean, I just couldn't say anything. I mean, I couldn't even key the mike. I couldn't do anything. I was dumbfounded."

"I just kind of sat there for a while and didn't do anything. I couldn't talk. And then I called the controller. I can't remember exactly what I said

to him. It wasn't nice. He just acted like it was nothing."

Although Halbert blames the controller for the near-collision, the FAA investigation reported no errors on the part of either pilot or the controller.

"The controller did everything he could do," said Bryan Carpenter, the FAA investigator in San Antonio who looked into the incident. It was up to both pilots to "see and avoid" each other, he said.

Bob Hazlett, supervisor of the operations unit of the FAA's flight standards district office in San Antonio, said planes daily appear to be on a collision course on controllers' radar screens. But, depending on the aircraft and its flight plan, the controller may not have known the altitude of one plane. And, he said, controllers cannot constantly be advising pilots to change their headings.

"When the two (pilots) have each other in sight, they are expected to take action to miss each other," said Craig Wooldridge, assistant manager of the Corpus Christi tower.

With the incident over, a weak-kneed Halbert continued on to his destination. But he didn't tell his wife and kids about it until much later.

"I didn't really tell anybody about it," he said. "They're scared enough about me flying anyway."

## Right-to-life director criticizes abortion regulations as inadequate

AUSTIN (AP) — State veterinary regulations provide more protection for dogs and cats than proposed abortion regulations do for women, says the director of Texas' largest anti-abortion organization.

Bill Price of Dallas, president of the Texas Coalition for Life, criticized the rules for abortion clinics as being only five pages long compared with 18 pages of rules for licensed veterinarians.

"There is no definition of cleanliness or good repair (in the proposed rules). Compare this with the public health standards for Texas veterinary clinics," Price told a state health department public hearing Wednesday.

"If these rules are not changed, they will permit abortion entrepreneurs to operate more freely than any other medical provider in Texas. In reality these rules provide less protection (for) women than rules governing Texas veterinarians' treatment of dogs and cats," Price said.

Pam Fridrich of the Abortion Rights Action League said, "It's a little disconcerting to be compared with vets and dogs and cats, and we don't appreciate it."

She said Price's "goal is to not have legal abortions."

Price said the proposed regulations "leave too much discretion to the physician" and are "woefully inadequate to protect the health and safety of women seeking abortions in Texas."

In 24 pages of commentary on the rules, Price said, "The rules are silent as to surgical procedures. Once again, everything is left to the physician's discretion, which will, of course, vary according to the skill and responsibility of the individual physician."

Under the rules, Price said, a high school graduate with one year of administrative experience at a fast-food restaurant could qualify as an administrator of a clinic. Price also

said the rules fail to spell out minimum standards for abortion clinics.

Fridrich said her organization supports "reasonable regulations and reporting of (abortion) statistics."

"We are concerned first and foremost with women being able to find good health care. We would leave the details of this or that to the health professionals. We are very concerned that privacy be protected right down the line," she said.

Juanita Carrell, director of the state Health Facility Licensure and Certification Division, said the

30-day period for comments on the proposed regulations ends Dec. 29.

She said several witnesses testified in favor of the regulations with certain changes. She said three or four doctors objected to a proposal that they report all abortions performed in their offices. They claimed that was not the intent of the law, she said.

Ms. Carrell said the seven-member drafting committee "probably would be making changes in the regulations" before presenting them to the State Board of Health for adoption.

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Officials said Tuesday the sales were reported to USDA by private exporters as required by law. No prices or other details were disclosed.

The department says the latest estimated price of corn is about \$2.26 per bushel at the farm. A metric ton is about 2,205 pounds and is equal to 39.4 bushels of corn or 36.7 bushels of wheat or soybeans.

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by David Hutchins

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# El Paso brothers carry on charro tradition

By RAMON BRACAMONTES  
The El Paso Times  
EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Being a charro, riding horses, busting bulls and participating in charriadas is not uncouth for Ernesto Cano's household. In fact, it's a way of life.

"Since we were real small, we've been around horses and attending charriadas," said Adrian Cano, 18, of his family. "We're used to it. This is what we do almost every Sunday. My father has always competed, and we used to go with him.

"Now I compete, and so does my brother."  
Adrian Cano and his brother, Ernie, 16, are two of the youngest members of the Herrerado Charro Association, which is made up of

three El Paso families. The organization is one of about 10 in El Paso that compete throughout the Southwest in charriadas, Mexican rodeos.

Almost every Sunday, the Canos are at one of the charro arenas in the city preparing for upcoming competitions.

"It's an expensive habit, but being a charro has a lot of tradition," said Adrian Cano, who graduated from Bel Air High School last spring. "And competing is a lot of fun."

It's also dangerous. During competition last June, Adrian was performing the pass of death, which consists of jumping from one racing horse to a racing wild bronco, when he fell, struck a wall and ripped some

ligaments and cartilage in his left knee. Doctors repaired his knee with surgery, and Adrian is practicing his way back to performance condition.

"We have 12 members in our association, and each one has specific events to compete in," Adrian said. "I have to do my part for the team, so I have to be ready."

Ernie Cano, a junior at Bel Air High School, used to play football, but he gave it up because he didn't have any time.

"You have to feed the horses every day," he said. "There's a lot of practicing that needs to be done before you can compete. You have to really like the charriadas to stay with it, because it takes a lot of time and money."

The time spent and the money invested in charriadas is what lured Jose Regalado back to the arena. Regalado used to compete every month since he was a child, but he stopped 10 years ago after getting married.

"I didn't have time to come out and practice and compete," said Regalado, who is also in the Herrerado Association. "But I had a lot of money invested in it, so I came back."

"It's a lot of fun and I really enjoy it."

Regalado said that just the hats used by the charros, often referred to as 10-gallon hats or Mexican sombreros, cost an average of \$100.

"They have wide brims to protect you," he said. "If you fall and you're

going to hit face-first, the hat will cushion and stop the fall."

The Mexican saddles with a big horn run about \$500, and the pants, shirts and chaps also are expensive, Regalado said.

"I had my equipment just sitting at the house, so I decided to use it again," he said. Regalado said he is practicing so he can get back his performing style and timing.

Although all members of the association practice most of the charriada events, each competes only in specific events. Adrian Cano competes in the pass of death and in bronco riding, while Ernie competes in bull riding, team roping and sometimes bronco riding.

El Paso County has two charriada competition complexes. One is the Chamizal Park complex, and the other is the Emilian Zapata Arena in the Lower Valley off North Loop, between Moon City and Clint.

Adrian Cano said that whenever there are competitions, teams from Dallas, San Antonio, Houston, New

Mexico and Arizona show up.

"Usually one of the El Paso associations does good," he said. "Most of the trophies are brought back to El Paso."

At the state meet in Houston last summer, the Herrerado Association finished second overall. The winner of the overall charriada competition was also an El Pasoan.

Efren Azarte, 18, who graduated from Bel Air High School last spring, won the overall competition easily, Adrian Cano said.

"He had 109 points, and the second-place guy had points in the 50s," Cano said.

Since Azarte competes in overall competition, he participates in all nine charriada events — horse showmanship, horse roping, bull tailing, bull riding, rope showmanship, bronco riding, foot roping, horse roping and the pass of death.

Each charriada competition starts with a parade in which each association displays its shining uniforms, its horses and its queen.

## Several state leaders have impression that graduation test was too easy

AUSTIN (AP) — Speaker Gib Lewis says a high school junior with whom he talked did not think the recent 11th-grade test was much of a challenge.

"As only a 16-year-old can do, he kind of rolled his eyes over and he said, 'Daddy, anybody who can't pass that test is completely, totally illiterate,'" Lewis said the youth told his father, Rep. Charles Evans of Hurst.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said he also has the "impression," based on talks with people who reviewed the exam, that it was too easy.

"If the state of Texas is going to

administer a test and the student passes that test and is awarded a diploma saying he is a high school graduate — and it's a sixth-grade test — the state has perpetrated a fraud on that student and that student's parents who are paying taxes," Hobby said Wednesday.

Eighty-four percent of high school juniors passed both the math and English portions of the exam, which is required for graduation. The Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) is supposed to be a 12th-grade level exam.

"The education establishment of this state is going around patting

itself on the back for what a good job they've done because 85 percent of the 11th-graders could pass what in many instances looked to me like a sixth-grade level test," said Rep. Bill Hammond, R-Dallas, who pushed the graduation test concept through in 1984 as part of the education reform package.

Hobby, Lewis and Hammond are members of the Legislative Education Board, which met Wednesday to discuss the test.

State Board of Education Chairman Jon Brumley of Fort Worth reminded Lewis that 30,000 students failed the test. The speaker replied,

"If there are 30,000 that didn't pass it, we have a major problem in this state."

"I believe that the exit level test just administered to this year's 11th-graders is a hoax," Hammond said later.

Brumley said he remains convinced the test was proper.

"I still believe it is easy to make a test hard. Once you make a test too hard it is very difficult to then make it easy. And what have you done? You may have lost a lot of children in the process that would drop out of school," he said.

Hobby, Lewis and Hammond urged the State Board of Education to quicken its schedule for making the test tougher.

Brumley said some more difficult questions were not counted this year because students performed poorly on them during a pilot test of the exam. The poor results indicated there had not been time to teach certain materials, he said.

Keith Cruse, Texas Education Agency director of student assessment, said the passing rate would have dropped to 50-60 percent if all questions had been scored.

## Electronic leash to be studied as alternative to prison walls

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials are looking over some electronic devices that other states have used to cut down prison populations and keep a close watch on probationers.

The Criminal Justice Policy Council voted unanimously Wednesday to investigate the radio beam sensors that some call "electronic jails" or "leashes."

The council, headed by Gov. Mark White, also approved a study to determine if money spent on crime prevention could cut down on prison construction.

"We want this study to show if it is better to spend \$500 million to prevent crime in the state's four major cities than it is to build a new four-unit prison," said White.

Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, said he felt the use of electronic monitoring could accomplish such results.

Rep. Tom Waldrop, D-Corsicana,

made a motion to look into the "electronic leash" to avoid the expense of building prisons for non-violent prisoners. The report will be made to the 1987 Legislature.

Instead of sending some offenders to jail, they would be sent home — fitted with a wristwatch-like bracelet or a device the size of a cigarette package strapped to an ankle. The device sends out a continuous radio signal that is picked up at the wearer's home. Periodically, the home receiver would be contacted by a central computer.

Any absences of the probationer from home, work or school would be recorded by the computer.

"This has been used successfully in Utah and other states," Ken Couples of a Dallas consulting company told the council.

The devices have also been used in Florida, Oregon and Michigan, he said.

The Texas Adult Probation Com-

mission plans to ask the 1987 Legislature to finance a test project on electronic monitoring.

Frank Dyson, former police chief in Dallas and Austin, reported as a consultant for the Community Crime Reduction Program.

"We are trying to break the crime cycle, stop a crime before it happens," said Dyson. "I think we are showing that communities can help themselves in lowering the crime rates."

"The most effective crime prevention program is a uniformed officer walking the streets," said White.

"This is even more effective as a crime deterrent than swift apprehension."

Farabee said he felt it was important to stress to communities the comparative costs of crime prevention.

"It is a lot cheaper to have uniformed officers on the streets than to finance other aspects of the penal system," he said.



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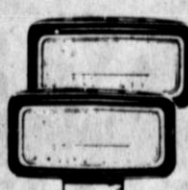
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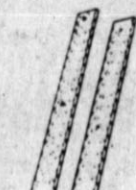
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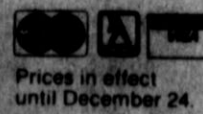
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## Funeral for Roger Maris was scheduled today

By JEFF MEYER  
Associated Press Writer  
FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Former baseball teammates gathered to bury home run hitter Roger Maris, the "plain, basic" Midwesterner who lost a two-year battle with cancer.

Funeral services for Maris, who grew up in Fargo, were set for noon today at St. Mary's Cathedral with the Rev. John E. Moore delivering the homily. Burial was planned for later in the day at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Some 500 people braved below-zero temperatures Wednesday night to attend a prayer service for Maris. There, mourners remembered the former New York Yankee as more than an outstanding athlete.

"I remember Roger as a great family man and a great athlete," said former Yankee teammate Cleve Boyer, his voice cracking with emotion. "I was proud to know him."

"He was a plain, basic North Dakotan," said Don Gooselaw of Fargo, who knew Maris from childhood. "He was a friend of everyone."

Maris was best known for the 61 home runs he hit as a Yankee in 1961, eclipsing the mark of 60 held by the legendary Babe Ruth.

But Sid Cichy reminded the congregation Wednesday night that Maris was an all-around athlete at Fargo Shanley High School, excelling at football, basketball and track.

In an October 1951 football game at Devils Lake, Maris set what is believed to be a national high school record when he returned four kickoffs for touchdowns, Cichy said.

"Yes, Roger had a faculty for doing things with a flair," Cichy said.

"We're very proud that Roger chose to be buried in Fargo," said Jim McLaughlin of the Fargo American Legion, which has named a garden after Maris at the local baseball field.

Among those in attendance Wednesday night were former Yankee teammates Mickey Mantle, Whitey Ford and Bill "Moose" Skowron. St. Louis Cardinals Manager Whitey Herzog and Mike Shannon, a former teammate during Maris' two years with the Cardinals, also were in the congregation. All five were named as pallbearers for today's funeral.

Maris died Saturday in Houston at the age of 51. Born in Hibbing, Minn.,

## Ex-HHS athlete earns football letter at UTA

A collegiate football player from Hereford is one of five seniors who lettered for the fourth straight year at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Don DeLozier is one of 66 Maverick players who earned letters this year. Twelve of the athletes earning letters were seniors.

The other players who earned letters included 20 juniors, 26 sophomores, and eight freshmen.

Joining DeLozier as four-year lettermen were Bervin Brown of Terrell, Texas; Rich Enoeksen of Houston; Dennis Golsch of Hallettsville, Texas; and Tim McKyer of Port Arthur.

## Harris picks

The state championship high school football games are scheduled this week. The Harris Rating System's picks for those games is as follows, with season records in parenthesis:

Class AAAAA: Odessa Permian (14-0) by 2 over Houston Yates (15-0).

Class AAAA: Tomball (14-0) by 2 over Sweetwater (13-1).

Class AAA: Daingerfield (15-0) by 4 over Cuero (14-1).

Class AA: Electra (15-0) by 6 over Groveton (15-0).

Class A: Goldthwaite (15-) by 16 over Runge (12-2).

## Pro Bowl rosters listed

**AFC Pro Bowl Roster**  
NEW YORK (AP) — The 1985 American Conference Pro Bowl team selected for the Feb. 2 National Football League's all-star game at Honolulu (x-reserve):  
**OFFENSE**  
Wide Receivers  
Louis Lipp, Pittsburgh Steelers; Steve Largent, Seattle; x-Wes Chandler, San Diego Chargers; x-Mark Clayton, Miami Dolphins.  
Tight Ends  
Ozzie Newsome, Cleveland Browns; x-Todd Christensen, Los Angeles Raiders.  
Tackles  
Anthony Munoz, Cincinnati Bengals; Brian Holloway, New England Patriots; x-Chris Hinton, Indianapolis.

**Guards**  
John Hannah, New England; Mike Munchak, Houston Oilers; x-Roy Foster, Miami Dolphins.  
**Centers**  
Dwight Stephenson, Miami Dolphins; x-Mike Webster, Pittsburgh Steelers.  
**Quarterbacks**  
Dan Marino, Miami Dolphins; x-Dan Fouts, San Diego Chargers.  
**Running Backs**  
Marcus Allen, Los Angeles Raiders; Freeman McNeil, New York Jets; Craig James, New England Patriots; Kevin Mack, Cleveland Browns.

**DEFENSE**  
**Ends**  
Howie Long, Los Angeles Raiders; Mark Gastineau, New York Jets; Ralston Jones, Denver Broncos.  
**Tackles**  
Joe Klecko, New York Jets; x-Bob Golic, Cleveland Browns.  
**Outside Linebackers**  
Andre Tippett, New England Patriots; Chip Banks, Cleveland Browns; x-Mike Merrittweather, Pittsburgh.  
**Inside Linebackers**  
Karl Mecklenburg, Denver Broncos; Steve Nelson, New England Patriots; Lance Mehl, New York Jets.  
**Safeties**  
Deron Cherry, Kansas City Chiefs; Kenny

Essley, Seattle; x-Dennis Smith, Denver Broncos.  
**Cornerbacks**  
Mike Haynes, Los Angeles Raiders; Louis Wright, Denver Broncos; x-Ray Clayborn, New England Patriots.  
**SPECIALISTS**  
Placekicker  
Gary Anderson, Pittsburgh Steelers.  
Punter  
Rohn Stark, Indianapolis Colts.  
Kick-returner  
Irving Fryar, New England Patriots.  
Special Teamer  
Fredd Young, Seattle Seahawks.

**NFC Pro Bowl Team**  
NEW YORK (AP) — The 1985 National Conference team selected for the National Football League's Pro Bowl game at Honolulu Feb. 2 (x-reserve):  
**OFFENSE** Wide Receivers  
Art Monk, Washington Redskins; Mike Quick, Philadelphia Eagles; x-James Lofton, Green Bay Packers; x-Tony Hill, Dallas Cowboys.  
Tight Ends  
Doug Cosbie, Dallas Cowboys; x-Jimmie Giles, Tampa Bay Buccaneers.  
Tackles  
Jimbo Covert, Chicago Bears; Jackie Slater, Los Angeles Rams; x-Joe Jacoby, Washington Redskins.  
Guards  
Kent Hill, Los Angeles Rams; Russ Grimm, Washington Redskins; x-Dennis Harrah, Los Angeles Rams.  
Centers  
Jay Hilgenberg, Chicago Bears; x-Doug Smith, Los Angeles Rams.

**Quarterbacks**  
Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers; x-Phil Simms, New York Giants.  
**Running Backs**  
Walter Payton, Chicago Bears; Roger Craig, San Francisco 49ers; x-Gerald Riggs, Atlanta Falcons; x-Joe Morris, New York Giants.  
**DEFENSE** Ends  
Richard Dent, Chicago Bears; Leonard Marshall, New York Giants; x-Dan Hampton, Chicago Bears.  
Tackles  
Randy White, Dallas Cowboys; x-Michael Carter, San Francisco.  
**Outside Linebackers**  
Lawrence Taylor, New York Giants; Rickey Jackson, New Orleans Saints; x-Otis Wilson, Chicago Bears.  
**Inside Linebackers**  
Mike Singletary, Chicago Bears; Harry Carson, New York Giants; x-E.J. Junior, St. Louis Cardinals.  
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Eric Wright, San Francisco 49ers; Everson Walls, Dallas Cowboys; x-LeRoy Irvin, Los Angeles Rams.  
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## Athletes are basketball team members

## Baylor appeals 8-player suspension

WACO, Texas (AP) — After accepting NCAA penalties against their basketball program, Baylor officials are trying to get suspensions lifted on eight players so they can participate in a weekend tournament, the Waco Tribune-Herald reports.

Those eight have been suspended indefinitely because of their involvement in various NCAA rules violations, a source told the Tribune-Herald Wednesday. The exact nature of the infractions could not be confirmed.

Baylor appealed Wednesday to the

NCAA eligibility committee to have the suspensions lifted in time for the eight to play Friday and Saturday in the Volunteer Classic in Knoxville, Tenn.

Coach Gene Iba's team was scheduled to leave for Knoxville at 10 a.m. today, and the Bears play North Carolina-Wilmington at 5 p.m. Friday in the first game of the Classic.

Iba said Wednesday he could not comment about which players were or weren't eligible, or about which players would be permitted to make the trip.

"All I can tell you is we're leaving at 10 o'clock Thursday," he said. "If it comes down to it, just me and my wife will go."

Although Baylor and NCAA officials have refused to say what the NCAA probe found, sources told the Tribune-Herald that the punishment will include probation, a reduction in basketball scholarships and indefinite suspension of players involved in violations.

While the investigation and punishment phase of the case was under the auspices of the NCAA's committee on infractions, Baylor's appeal over the players' immediate eligibility was directed to the eligibility committee.

While acknowledging "the ball now is in our court," NCAA director of enforcement David Berst said Wednesday an official announcement providing details of Baylor's

violations and punishment still could be a week or more away.

"But even after the school has responded to our official letter, accepting the findings and the penalties," he said, "it can take a week or two before we are ready to make an announcement to the media."

"We have to write the text of the announcement and then we advise the school what that text says. Only then do we give it to the wire services and other news outlets."

But Berst said he hoped to have "a better reading" by today on what time table the NCAA might follow in making the announcement.

That announcement will mark the culmination of a case set in motion last February, when school president Herbert Reynolds was first told of possible irregularities in the Baylor basketball program. Jim Haller was

then coach. Reynolds ordered an in-house investigation of the program and informed the Southwest Conference of his actions. He subsequently orchestrated a coaching change and gave the SWC the findings of Baylor's investigative committee. The conference forwarded the findings to the NCAA, which conducted its own investigation.

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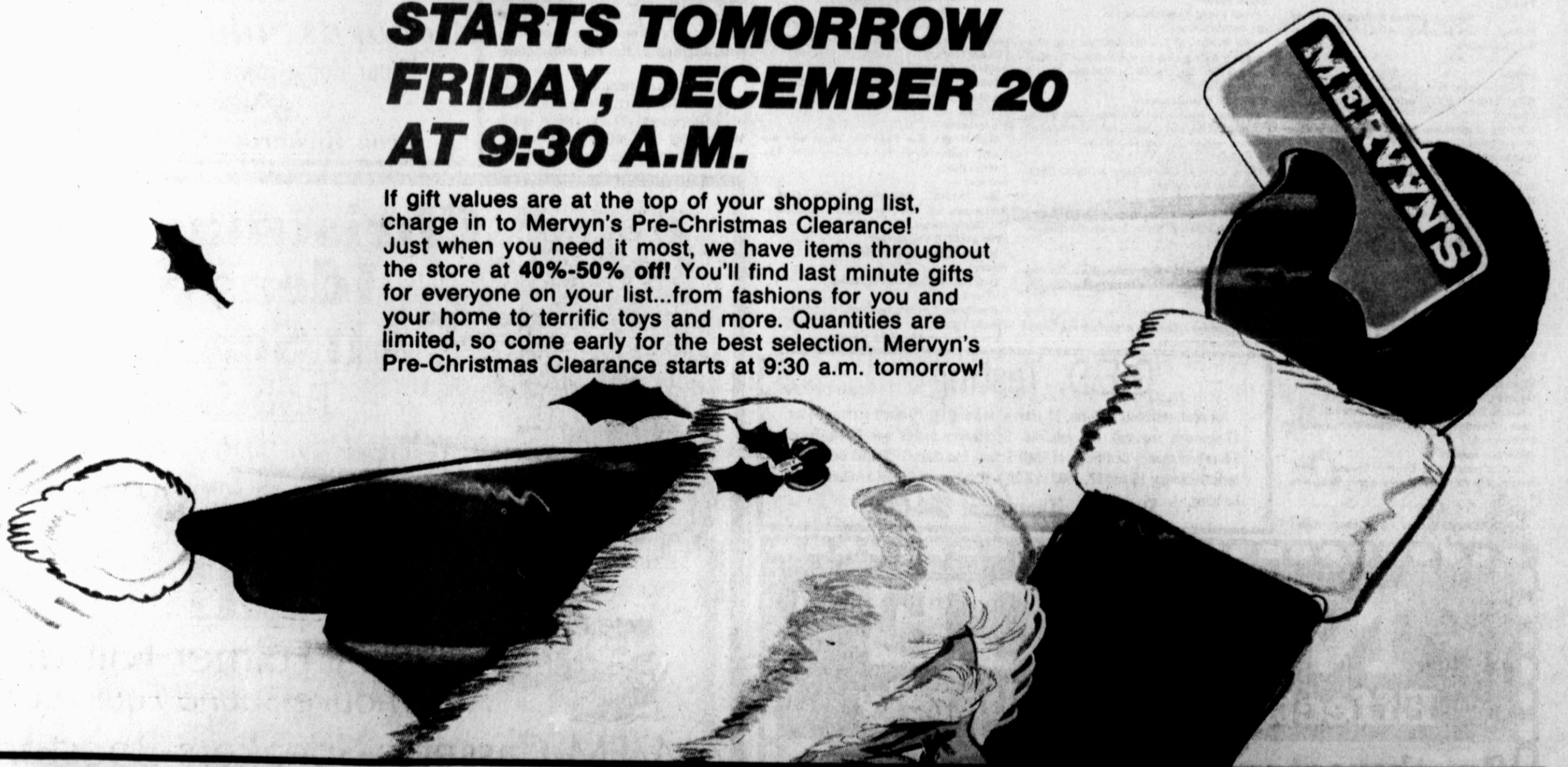
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—Gifts for the home: smoke detector; light timers; fire extinguishers; home first aid kits; general self-help medical book; fire-place screen; deadbolt lock; peephole for door; dehumidifier; burglar alarm; sturdy ladder or stool; fire-escape ladder; lock for sliding doors.

—Gifts for the car: first aid kit; care emergency kit; window scraper and brush; fire extinguisher; child safety seat.

Gifts for the elderly: bathtub strips; bathtub bars; digital thermometer; electric blanket; luggage cart; bathtub safety bench; warm clothing and boots.

—Gifts for the sports enthusiast: reflective jogging suit; thermal underwear; stop watch with pulse meter; racquet sports eye protector with shatterproof lenses and frame; heavy protective outdoor gear.

—Stocking stuffers: Bike reflectors; jumper cables; flashlights; nightlight; thermal socks; warm gloves, scarf, and mittens; ear muffs; wall socket covers.

Don't forget that a promise between friends or among family members to never drink and drive is always a great gift. Add a promise to always wear seat belts in vehicles and helmets on motorbikes. An offer to assist elderly friends or relatives

with chores or transportation throughout the year will be especially appreciated.

### SWEDISH FIDDLE

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — What do "Swedish fiddles" and "misery whips" have in common?

They're both logging terms — nicknames for a hand-powered crosscut saw that was used to fell trees in the days before power saws, says Georgia-Pacific Corp., a forest products firm. Despite technological advances, loggers cling to their colorful way of speaking. For example, the logging superintendent still is the "bull of the woods," the cleanup man is a "swamper," and the bus that takes loggers to a work site is a "candy wagon" or "crummy."



### Honored For Service

Four couples were honored recently by the Golden Plains Foster Parent Association for service. Recognized were Harlan and Letha Clark of Vega, Charlene and Terry Connally, Cindy and Gene Streun,

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## Ann Landers

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** I was interested in that column about rock music and how parents were upset by the dirty lyrics. According to the Wall Street Journal, noise levels might produce the most damage.

It is my belief that the younger generation has gone bananas.

Diane Petzke reports that junk rock (also known as industrial music) is produced by scrap metal, car parts and air-conditioning ducts rather than by guitars and drums. Any object that can be made to emit a sound when coaxed with an aluminum pipe, a lead mallet or a power drill qualifies. And if the sound is reminiscent of a garbage truck at 5 a.m., this is intentional.

One group uses a pneumatic drill that screeches like several thousand long fingernails dragged across a chalkboard. Then one hears the slamming of a drum pedal against a 500-gallon storage tank. A skinny young man screams in German amid a collection of dented car doors, a cement mixer and a refrigerator scavenged for the occasion, ready to be banged, drilled and scraped.

A Milwaukee group called Boy Dirt Car uses junkyard items or special sound effects in a record album called "Catalyst." It was recorded beneath an underpass in an old Schlitz brewery.

"Machine Age Voodoo" uses airplane wings, crushed glass in mosquito netting and a shotgun.

If all this doesn't add up to a mass nervous breakdown and the desecration of everything sacred in the world of music, I miss my guess. No signature — **JUST DISGUSTED (A FATHER IN RHODE ISLAND)**

**DEAR RHODE ISLAND:** Cool it, Dad. This, too, shall pass. Let us hope it doesn't produce a few million deaf kids in the process. Aside from the hearing loss I see no danger of mistaking this trash for music long enough to make an impact on anyone.

**DEAR ANN LANDERS:** You have stood up for the disadvantaged and misunderstood many times. I hope you will do so once again and print my letter.

So often we pity the "poor widow," I'd like to say something on behalf of the "poor divorcee."

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 Wyche Extension Club Christmas party, home of Mrs. Homer Logan, 2:30 p.m.  
 Free immunizations against childhood diseases, Deaf Smith County Public Health Clinic, 902 E. Fourth, and Texas Department of Health Office, 914 E. Park, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3:45 p.m.  
 Ladies exercise class, Church of the Nazarene, 6:30 p.m.  
 Kiwanis Club, Community Center, noon.  
 TOPS Club, NO. 941, Community Center, 9 a.m.  
 Amateur Radio Operators, north biology building of high school, 7:30 p.m.  
 Story hour at the library, 10 a.m.  
 San Jose prayer group, new fellowship hall, 735 Brevard, 8 p.m.  
 Al-Anon, Odd Fellow Hall, 8 p.m.  
 L'Allegria Study Club, 10 a.m.  
 Alpha Iota Mu Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, 8 p.m.  
 North Hereford Extension Homemakers Club, 2:30 p.m.  
 Bay View Study Club, 2 p.m.  
 American Association of Retired Persons, Community Center, 7 p.m.  
 Bud to Blossom Garden Club, 9:30 a.m.  
 Elkets, 8 p.m.  
 Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, Community Center, 8 p.m.  
 Red Cross uniformed volunteers, noon luncheon.  
 Los Ciboleros Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

VFW, VFW Clubhouse in Veterans Park, 7:30 p.m.  
 BPOE Lodge in Elks Hall, 8:30 p.m.  
 Hereford Study Club, 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
 Problem Pregnancy Center, 505 East Park ave., open Monday through Saturday. Free and confidential pregnancy testing. Call 364-2027 for appointment.  
 Odd Fellows Lodge, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
 TOPS Chapter, No. 1011, Community Center, 5:30 p.m.  
 Rotary Club, Community Center, 12 noon.  
 Planned Parenthood Clinic open Monday through Friday, 711 25 Mile Ave., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
 Weight Watchers, back room of Calson House, 4 p.m.  
 Easter Lions Club, Easter clubhouse, 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
 Hereford AMBUCS Club, Ranch House, 12 noon.  
 AA-Al-Anon meeting, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 8 p.m.  
 Social Security representative at courthouse, 9:15 a.m. until 12 noon.  
 TOPS Chapter No. 576, Community Center, 9 a.m.  
 Al-Anon, Community Center, 5 p.m. and Odd Fellow Hall, 8:30 p.m.  
 Ladies exercise class, Church of the Nazarene, 6:30 p.m.  
 Hereford Rebekah Lodge No. 228, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.  
 Kiwanis Club, of Hereford-Golden K, Senior Citizens Center, 12 noon.

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Merry Christmas!

## Officials say 'Quack, quack' to claim

WASHINGTON (AP) — Well, he's not a lame duck yet.

The climactic passage by the House of a major rewrite of federal income tax law, coming as it did after what nearly was an equally dramatic setback for Ronald Reagan one week earlier, demonstrated that this second-term president still wields impressive political clout.

Last week, after a revolt by Reagan's own Republicans in the House blocked the measure even before it could be brought to a vote on the floor, House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. challenged the president to come up with 50 to 75 GOP supporters or let the bill die.

"If the president really cares about tax reform, he will deliver the votes," said the venerable Massachusetts Democrat, who is retiring himself next year. "Otherwise, Dec. 11 will be remembered as the day Ronald Reagan became a lame duck on the floor of the House."

"What's this I heard about lame duckery?" Reagan quipped Wednesday as he basked in the warmth of his victory the night before.

It was not the same bill Reagan had proposed, and it has yet to get through the Senate, which the president had prematurely predicted it would do this year. But just getting the Democratic compromise through the House after the shellacking he'd taken the week before constituted an undeniable personal triumph.

To show his determination to rewrite the tax law, as well as his concern for GOP members who complained he had ignored them in favor

of the Democratic majority, Reagan went to the Capitol on Monday to plead his case before the reluctant members of his own party. And by White House count, the president had 32 House Republicans in for chats in the Oval Office and spoke to 47 by telephone in his down-to-the-wire lobbying effort for the bill.

"He didn't give away any highways or bridges or dams," presidential spokesman Larry Speakes boasted afterwards, saying that rather than relying on political quid pro quo, Reagan used his personal power of persuasion.

At the same time, however, the bill Reagan fought so hard to save is a product of the Democratic majority on the House Ways and Means Committee and has been labeled anti-business and anti-growth by many Republicans who customarily support the president's programs.

The victory was not just Reagan's, of course. House Democrats led by Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois

rewrote the bill Reagan sent them, and O'Neill fought hard to deliver the votes from his side to make a historic change in the tax system.

Speakes, who freely admitted he was enjoying himself after listening for months to skeptics telling him it couldn't be done, said Reagan not only won the tax fight in the House but

helped achieve adoption of legislation designed to force an end to deficit spending and was close to getting final passage of a stopgap spending bill "better than anyone expected."

"So all this talk of lame duck is 'quack, quack,'" the spokesman said.

## Christmas program presented

La Plata Junior High School Future Homemakers of America Mini-Chapter III held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

Lucy Garcia read a Christmas story, "God's Trees", by Helen Bower. Chapter members participated in the program by completing the statement, "Christmas is special to me because..."

FHA Mini-Chapter III officers include Lucy Garcia, president;

Gilbert Castillo, vice-president; and Benny Carrasco, secretary.

The goal of Future Homemakers of America is to help youth assume active roles in society through home economics education in the areas of personal growth, family life, vocational preparation and community involvement.

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## Bond decision awaited

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal magistrate who is deciding whether to grant bail has heard sharply different descriptions of a San Marcos man accused of stashing a bomb on an airliner carrying his wife and three children.

Arguing against granting bail for Albert Lee Thielman, a prosecutor Wednesday described him as a cold-blooded plotter intent on killing his family and 150 innocent people to collect more than \$2 million in life insurance benefits.

"He has shown his willingness to kill people ... not only his family but innocent bystanders. Apparently, life doesn't mean a whole lot to the defendant," assistant U.S. Attorney Jim DeAtley told a bond hearing.

But Thielman's lawyer, Rip Collins, argued that Thielman should be granted bail because he was "a model citizen on the face of this earth for the first 34 years of his life."

And a longtime friend said Thielman as so nonviolent, "I bet he's never had a fist fight in his life."

U.S. Magistrate Philip Sanders said he would await results of a psychiatric examination before ruling on the request to set bond at no more than \$150,000. He indicated a decision could be made today.

Thielman, 34, is accused of putting a bomb in his wife's luggage before

an Oct. 30 American Airlines flight from Austin to Dallas. The bomb exploded after the plane landed, and there were no injuries among the 154 people aboard.

Longtime friend Drake Bellomy of San Antonio said he would provide money for Thielman's bail and assure his return to court to face the charge, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Thielman has been held without bond since his arrest in Las Vegas on Dec. 7.

After FBI agent James R. Echols described Thielman as burdened by debts from gambling, drugs and infidelity, DeAtley told the judge, "Thielman owes allegiance to no one, your honor. Absolutely no one."

DeAtley said prosecutors believe that if released from the federal prison at Bastrop, he would flee. DeAtley also voiced fears that releasing Thielman might endanger Mrs. Thielman, a key prosecution witness.

"The defendant poses a serious risk that he will obstruct justice. He could potentially threaten and intimidate witnesses ... his own family," DeAtley said. "The government is just absolutely convinced that if this defendant is out — then he's gone."

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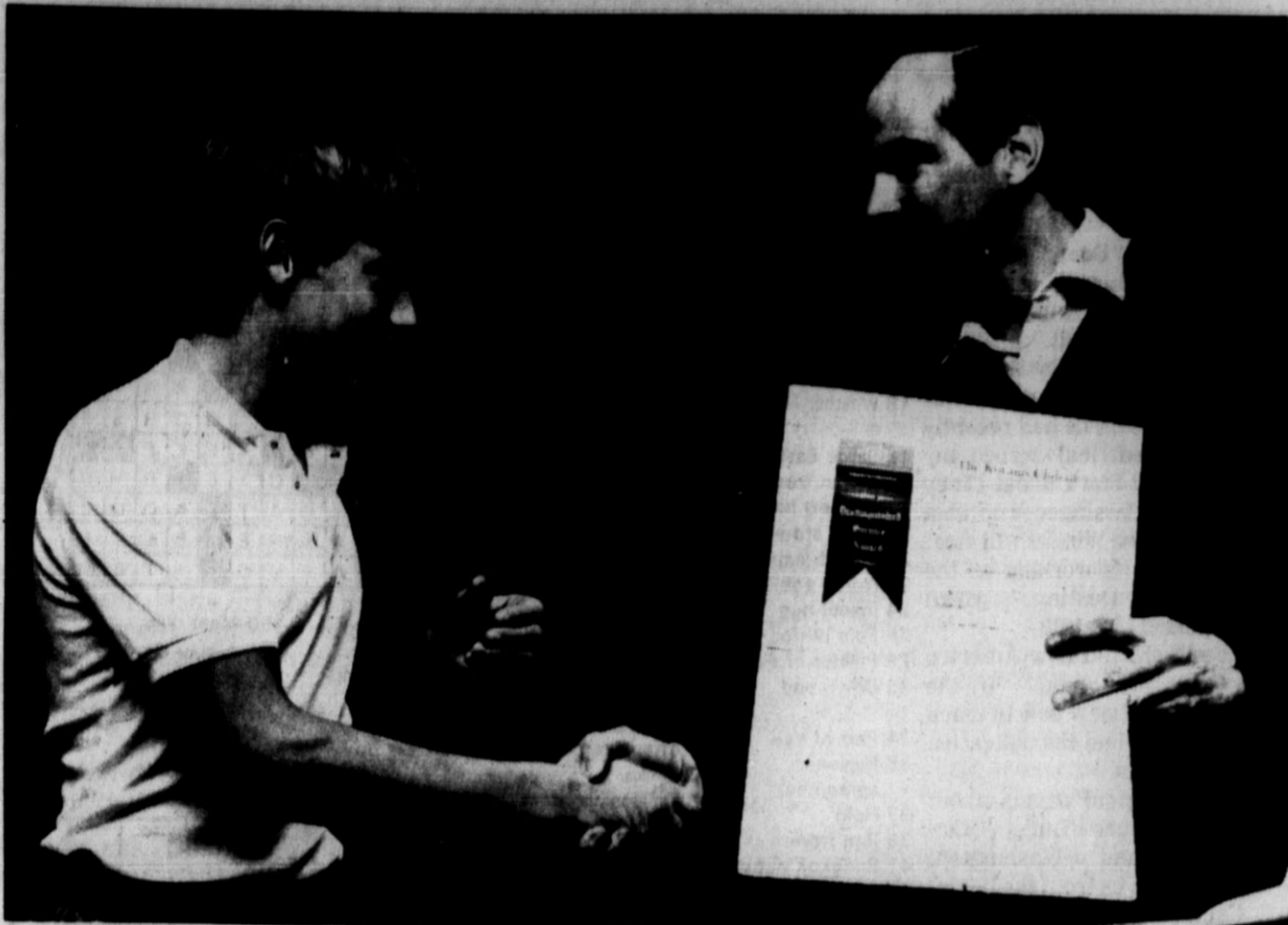
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vice president of the National Honor Society, a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and is ranked fourth in his class academically.

**Third extortion try fails**

AUSTIN (AP) — In the past three months three Texas bankers' wives have been abducted for ransom, including one who was killed in San Antonio, and bankers are increasing efforts to help possible extortion targets.

The Texas Banking Association always has held seminars to advise bank employees, executives and their families on security precautions, said Chris Williston, the association's vice president.

"We're trying to get out and do more and more seminars and get out more information," Williston said Wednesday, the day two Kerrville brothers were arraigned in the latest hostage effort.

"We try to get them to use good common sense," he said. "The statistics show they are indeed a target for these types of extortion attempts. We try to make them more aware of their surroundings, to use extreme caution in all dealings with the general public."

Authorities theorize the recent extortion attempts may have been "copycat" crimes mimicking earlier bids.

"It's the kind of crime that breeds on itself, unfortunately," said Williston. "It's one of those situations where people will follow to the letter news reports on how someone else tried to initiate or carry through the crime."

The latest victim, Gay Haufler, 28, freed herself and walked to safety Tuesday night from a wooded area outside Kerrville where police said an armed kidnapper had left her tied up after demanding \$100,000 ransom.

The kidnapper failed to show up at the Kerrville drop site, about 90 miles northwest of San Antonio, where her husband, a bank vice president, was told to leave the ransom.

Mrs. Haufler, who is seven months pregnant, wasn't harmed.

After making the ransom demand, a ski-masked abductor took Mrs. Haufler but left the couple's 4-year-old daughter in the house. FBI agents found her hiding under the bed.

"You had one in Austin. We had one here in San Antonio, which was a tragedy because the lady got killed. And we had this one in Kerrville. It's a possibility (they are connected), but there's nothing to indicate it," FBI agent Pat Cowley said in a telephone interview from San Antonio.

In Austin, Police Sgt. Jim Andrist said officers would look for possible links to the Kerrville kidnapping.

"Whether there is or not, we don't know," he said. "They could be three separate incidents — copycats who've seen the publicity in the paper and decided to give it a try."

On Dec. 9, Kay Lane, wife of Inter-First Bank chairman Robert Lane, was tied up in her home by a gunman

who forced his way in after posing as a flower deliveryman.

The gunman called Lane at the bank and demanded \$200,000, but never showed up at the drop site. After the gunman left, Mrs. Lane managed to free herself, called her husband and told him not to pay the ransom.

No arrest has been made, Andrist said, although Austin police continue to track leads.

In San Antonio on Sept. 18, Rebecca Jo Patton, 42, wife of Castle Hills National Bank president Frank Patton Jr., was shot to death in her home by gunmen who had demanded what police called "a large amount of money" from her husband's bank. The men in this incident also posed as flower salesmen.

Lesley Lee Gosch, 30, and John Lawrence Rogers, 31, were arrested a few days later and charged with capital murder.

Williston says the number of incidents this year is higher than usual, but he said Texas does not necessarily have a higher rate of extortion than other states.

"Texas has more banks, so its likely it has more candidates," Williston said.

**Rebekah Lodge No. 228 meets for party**

An annual Christmas party was held by Hereford Rebekah Lodge No. 228 Tuesday evening with the exchange of gifts and refreshments of finger foods, hot punch and coffee.

At a short business meeting, several sick members were

reported. Also, Kee Ruland and Glessie Shelton were re-elected noble grand and vice-grand following the resignation of those elective officers.

Susie Curtsinger was elected representative and Leona Sowell was elected alternate to Rebekah

Assembly of Texas to be held March of 1986 in San Antonio.

Others present included Jim and Erna Loving, Fred Ruland, Ben and Anna Conklin, Wallace Shelton, Elmer and Roberta Combs, David and Karrol Rettman, Clint and Dorothy Lundry, Lydia Hopson, Ver-na Sowell, Ursalee Jacobsen, Ada Hollabaugh, Beth Hall and Sadie Shaw.

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## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**AUSTIN**—Approaching the Christmas holidays, Capitol halls are so dull that the burning media issue of the week was whether to uproot and relocate some of the stately oaks on Capitol grounds. After citizens made it an issue, Capitol restoration architects postponed relocation until next year.

Meanwhile, state officials accepted stoically and without fanfare the news of the impending drop in crude oil prices to be manipulated by the OPEC powers.

This time Texas is ready, thanks in large measure to Comptroller Bob Bullock, who predicted the drop during last year's legislative session. Based on his intelligence, the Legislature then calculated the budget based on oil prices of \$25 a barrel. So now Texas is watching... but not sweating bullets yet.

Last week, Bullock calmed fears of a massive plummet by predicting an average price of \$25 per barrel for 1986 with a slight drop to near \$24 in 1987.

### Talkin' Texas Oil

As Bullock's office pointed out, the specific concern is how the drop will effect Texas prices and production, which directly translate into revenues for state government.

One industry spokesman reported 51 fewer drilling rigs last week, including 25 in West Texas and 14 in East Texas. A steep plummet could bring industry recession and a special tax hike.

That concern has been on your legislator's mind since the Legislature adjourned, the silent questions of when, how much?

The Comptroller last week wasn't predicting a tax increase could be avoided, but he predicted no price collapse and noted that most Texas oil is sold under long-term contracts, not in the volatile spot market vulnerable to OPEC.

### Outer Space \$\$\$

A separate fiscal report from the Comptroller predicted that commercial space development could add as much as \$4 to \$6 billion to the Texas economy by the year 2000.

In fact, some see space development as a Texas industry that could step in to replace a diminishing oil and gas industry.

While other states want some of the action, too, Texas has a leg up with NASA's Johnson Space Center near Houston and the large number of defense-related industries around Dallas-Fort Worth.

In fact, with San Antonio forming a third leg, a Texas Space Triangle could emerge with university-research centers in Austin and Bryan-College Station.

### Chicago Dollars

Even while some Democrats still grumble, Gov. Mark White is gearing up for his '86 challenger and some predict he will raise about \$9 million for next year's campaign.

His series of out-of-state fundraisers (New York, Washington D.C., San Francisco) are fueling questions about why non-Texans would give cash to a Texas governor. Speculation increases that White is positioning himself for vice president in '88 by gathering national support.

This week, White's in Chicago, the guest of a \$1,000-a-plate luncheon thrown by the late Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's son, expected to net White \$50,000. Daley and his crew were all prominent in the '84 Mondale-Ferraro campaign.

### Other Fundraisers

White also has two similar fundraisers this week in Dallas and Austin.

Former Congressman Kent Hance, seeking the GOP nomination to oppose White, said he raised \$534,000 last week in Dallas. So far, former Gov. Bill Clements has relied mainly on his own resources but is planning his events for the near future.

### Week's Highlights

Other highlights from the scattered theatre of Texas government included:

- A federal court announced that some 1,600 lawsuits filed by Texas prison inmates will be transferred from the docket of controversial U.S. Judge William Wayne Justice. The judge's docket has been log-jammed with a huge caseload.

- Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, speaking partly in Spanish, told a coalition of Rio Grande Valley churches the state should steer \$100 million to improve several unincorporated rural areas of extreme poverty there.

- In a four sentence release, Hobby announced he will be a candidate for re-election, and will formally announce after January 1.

- No decision was reached in appointing a special master to collect data from Texas school districts in the class-action suit to overturn "no-pass-no-play."

- If the Supreme Court upholds Exxon's damages to be paid for alleged overcharges on oil products, Texas could receive up to \$171 million.

- Old political enemies former Gov. Price Daniel and former U.S. Senator Ralph Yarborough announced they will join forces to represent the state's two Indian tribes, Alabama-Coushatta and Tigua, in a suit against the state. The tribes want to return to a federal trust position to be shielded from taxation.

In 1980 Kenny Loggins won the best-male-vocalist Grammy for his recording of "This Is It."

# Cave without name attraction to visitors

**BOERNE, Texas (AP)** — It gets cooler and cooler with each step downward. At the bottom of the slick concrete circular stairway, the air is a constant 66 degrees in the Cave Without a Name.

"When this stairway and the gravel walkways in the cave were built in 1939, it was probably the first air-conditioned job in Texas," says straight-faced Eugene Ebell, tour guide and co-owner of this obscure cave 12 miles northeast of Boerne.

Ebell (pronounced A-bell) is a native of Sisterdale, a German immigrant community not far from this Hill Country cave. His wife, Joleen, calls him a "square-headed Dutchman" with as much affection as she calls him "honey." He's a non-nonsense man who expects his instructions to be followed precisely and delivers humorous lines during his cave narrative without a smile.

Despite his sober attitude, it's easy to see he is in love with his cave.

"The first time I went down in this cave was when it opened in 1939; I didn't think I'd end up here," Ebell, 67, says. "I never get tired of going down there. I've been giving tours for 20 years and must've been down there more than 16,000 times, and I'm still finding things I never saw before. The only thing I'm tired of is climbing all those stairs."

Mrs. Ebell used to give all the tours until a stroke in 1977 confined her to a wheelchair.

"I've been through 75 caves, and I still think ours is one of the prettiest. I really miss going down there," she says from the stone house that doubles as home and visitor center. Her ceramic figures — "souvenirs" — fill a long bar and a glass display case.

She greets visitors and answers questions about the cave. She enjoys telling how the original owners of the 170-acre property accidentally discovered the cave's opening one

winter when they noticed steam rising around the edges of a big boulder. The boulder was moved and forgotten until a goat fell down the 90-foot hole in 1927.

In 1935, three young boys with Boy Scout crookneck flashlights climbed down the hole on a makeshift ladder, broke through some rock formations, scooted through a narrow passageway and entered what is now the Gold Room, a huge room with a high ceiling and golden-colored stalagmites.

"Soon afterward news of the cave spread and a photographer from San Antonio came out to take some pictures," Mrs. Ebell recalls, pointing to framed photographs on the walls. "He was really impressed. He said, 'If I owned this property, I'd open it to the public. It's the prettiest cave I've ever seen.'"

Mrs. Ebell says they held a contest to find suitable name and the winner was a young boy who thought the cave "was so beautiful what else could you call it?" That "boy" returned about 10 years ago with his family, Joleen says, and when the story was told he identified himself and said the \$500 prize money helped put him through college.

Cave Without A Name is unique because it is 98 percent active, which means it's still growing. (Carlsbad Caverns is 1 percent active.)

"It's tempting to touch, but the rock has pores just like we do," Joleen says. "The oil in our skin seals the rock's pores, and then they can't grow any more."

During the 45-minute tour, Ebell is extremely protective of his "living" cave. He balks at the idea one visitor had of turning it into a disco.

"That was ridiculous; I set him straight real fast," he says. "You can't just turn people loose in here."

Droplets of water hanging from "soda straws" in the low ceiling must not be disturbed; glittering

mineral deposits on the cave's floor cannot be touched; and delicate stone "curtains" and "draperies" on the walls must be admired from afar.

"Touch these 'tites and 'mites,'" Ebell says, pointing to pieces that have fallen from the cave's ceiling. "Touch any other and I'm liable to bust your arm with my flashlight."

He flicks floodlights on and off as the tour progresses and brings magnificent formations alive as visitors travel from huge room to huge room. The artificial light gives everything a majestic golden hue.

Ebell uses a powerful flashlight to home in on formations resembling a Thanksgiving turkey, white grapes, Mary and the Christ child, an atomic

bomb, Flipper, an owl, a super ice cream cone, an anteater, a map of Texas and the Astrodome.

"Here are our famous bacon strips," Ebell says and shines his light on a wall full of stone "curtains" resembling lean bacon. He pauses to hit some nearby "bacon" with a wooden stick. Each formation produces a different tone. With characteristic deadpan, Ebell says "That's what you call rock music."

A highlight of the tour is where Ebell turns off most of the lights in the cave and everything is in darkness. With vision impaired, hearing becomes more acute and the sound of a babbling underground river can be heard in the distance.

## POLLY'S POINTERS

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**DEAR SIBYL** — If your regular toilet bowl cleaner doesn't do the job, try this:

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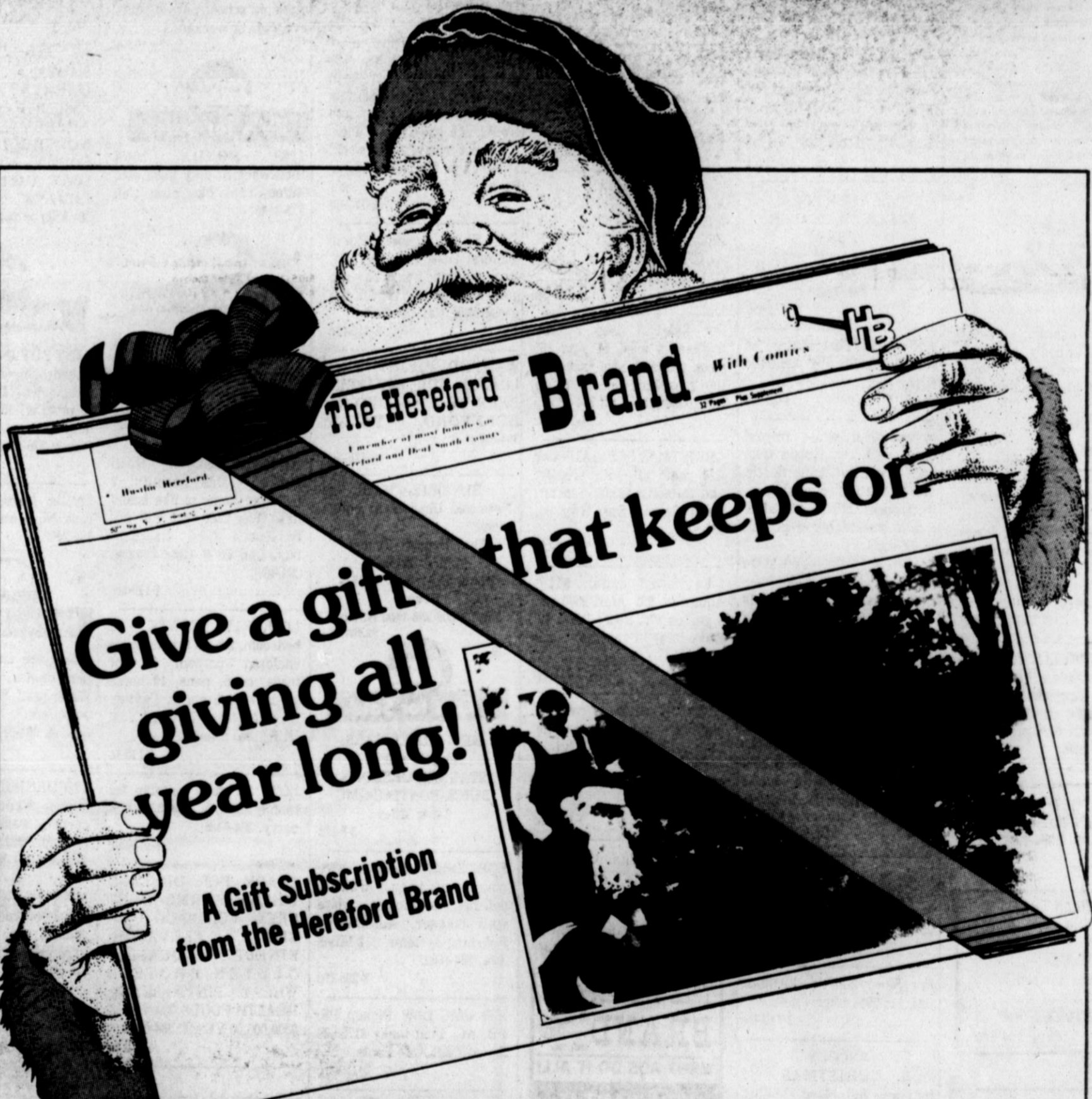
Make a paste of cream of tartar and hydrogen peroxide and apply it to the stains using a soft brush. Let the paste sit for 15 minutes or so before scrubbing again and rinsing. If necessary, repeat, finishing off with a final rinsing and brushing.

I'm sending you a copy of my newsletter "Cleaning Sinks, Tubs and Tile" which has other Pointers for cleaning everything in the bathroom easily and quickly, including a recipe for a drain cleaner that's safe for PVC plastic pipes, ways to remove mildew from tile and cleaning methods for stains on sinks and tubs, faucets, shower doors and curtains.

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# Stop Looking - It's All in the WANT ADS

## Fascination with knives becomes vocation Texan

By KELLEY SHANNON  
Palestine Herald-Press  
PALESTINE, Texas (AP) — Don Hastings, knife-making is much more than a hobby or a job. He considers himself a bladesmith — a specialist.

Hastings creates an array of hunting and decorative knives in his downtown Palestine shop using an old-fashioned anvil and coal forge. The high-quality Northeastern coal he uses is shipped in from Wisconsin.

He was one of the first three bladesmiths in the United States to create knives with Damascus steel.

"We had quite a good position there for a while," he says.

Hastings creates his Damascus steel knives with a special process believed to have been introduced to Europe in the second century by the Vikings. He uses two types of iron-based steel to

help the knife retain its edge-holding ability and its strength. The pieces are forged together over the heated coal that reaches a sweltering 2,500 degrees.

Knives made of Damascus steel include about 384 layers of steel pressed together. In their finished stages, the knives have a beautiful detailed etching that represents the hundreds of layers.

Hastings says he believes

knives fascinate all types of people.

"Knives seem to have a universal appeal," he says. "Anything with an edge on it."

When he exhibits his work at craft shows, onlookers of all ages gather around him. "That forge is like a pied piper's flute."

Hastings' passion for knives is not a recent phenomenon. He says he's been fascinated with knives all his life and began making them during high school at the old Turbyfill Machine Shop near the Anderson County Courthouse.

As a child, Hastings visited the circus with his father and was enthralled by a knife-thrower's performance. He says he later duplicated that scene with a friend at school.

"I took it (a knife) to school with me and stood a guy up against a tree and threw it at him," Hastings says, recalling that the knife broke in the tree.

He eventually began keeping knives, and when his mother would clean out the family garage, she always seemed to unearth one of them.

The ultimate episode triggering Hastings' plunge into the world of knives was seeing the movie "The Iron Mistress," the story of Jim Bowie and the Bowie knife. After that movie, Hastings says he became obsessed with finding out everything he could about the Bowie knife.

He researched the period between the 1830s and 1850s to find out what the knife might have looked like, how it was made and anything else he could track down.

But Hastings had trouble locating any details about the knife. "There is not any information on it," he says.

While a student at East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, Texas, Hastings work-

ed in the library. That enabled him to read all the books he could about knives. The college had a borrowing system with the University of Texas, so Hastings would often send off for a book about knives. "I'd devour it and send it back!" he says.

For several years after college, Hastings worked with a Baptist church in music and youth programs. But in 1966 he finally decided to go into the knife business. He bought a small forge and anvil and put them in his garage. "That kept my fire going. Then I was never satisfied."

"I was always looking for a better forge," Hastings says. When he and his wife would drive out into the country, he would sometimes stop at houses and offer to buy someone's furnace. Some people were stingy with their forges and wouldn't want to get rid of them because they belonged to their relatives, he says.

He eventually returned to Palestine, his hometown, and continued to make knives in an old building. Last month he moved into a new shop at 411 Avenue A, where he hopes to increase his production.

"This is where I was aiming all the time," Hastings says. "I wanted to be in downtown Palestine on Main Street with my shop."

In the past, Hastings has produced about five knives a month. They take several hours to make, but those hours must be spread over days. The knives are not cheap — they start at \$125.

"From there you can just about go to any price range," he says. Some bladesmiths' specialized knives have been known to sell for \$1,600.

Even though the knives are expensive, Hastings says he doesn't make much money from them because it takes so long to make them. But at his new shop he has one full-time worker and a part-time

worker.

"They fell out of the same tree I did, I guess," Hastings says.

He hopes to expand the shop's knife production to about 25 knives per month. The new shop will also have a retail section where prospective customers can view a standard knife selection on display.

But most knives will still have to be ordered, and the customer waiting list is from eight to 10 months Hastings hopes to cut the waiting time in half now that he has two assistants.

Although he usually makes knife handles from pretty wood, such as maple, he has been known to use special materials for some knives.

"I use very little ivory," Hastings says. "Ivory is exotic — it's on the endangered species list. It's hard to get."

He says he has used various types of ivory including elephant, walrus and

Not only does Hastings make knives, but he has been instrumental in spreading information about the craft. He, along with the other two original Damascus steel bladesmiths in the United States, formed the American Bladesmith Society in 1976.

The society promotes the quality of knives and educates the public about them. The group includes about 250 members, though only about one-half are actually smiths.

Knife enthusiasts throughout the world have ordered Hastings' blades. Australians, Africans and Japanese are among those who have contacted him through national knife magazines to buy his work.

With all his interest in knives and knife-making, one would expect Hastings to be an ardent collector himself, but he is not. Says Hastings: "I don't even collect my own. I can't afford the things."

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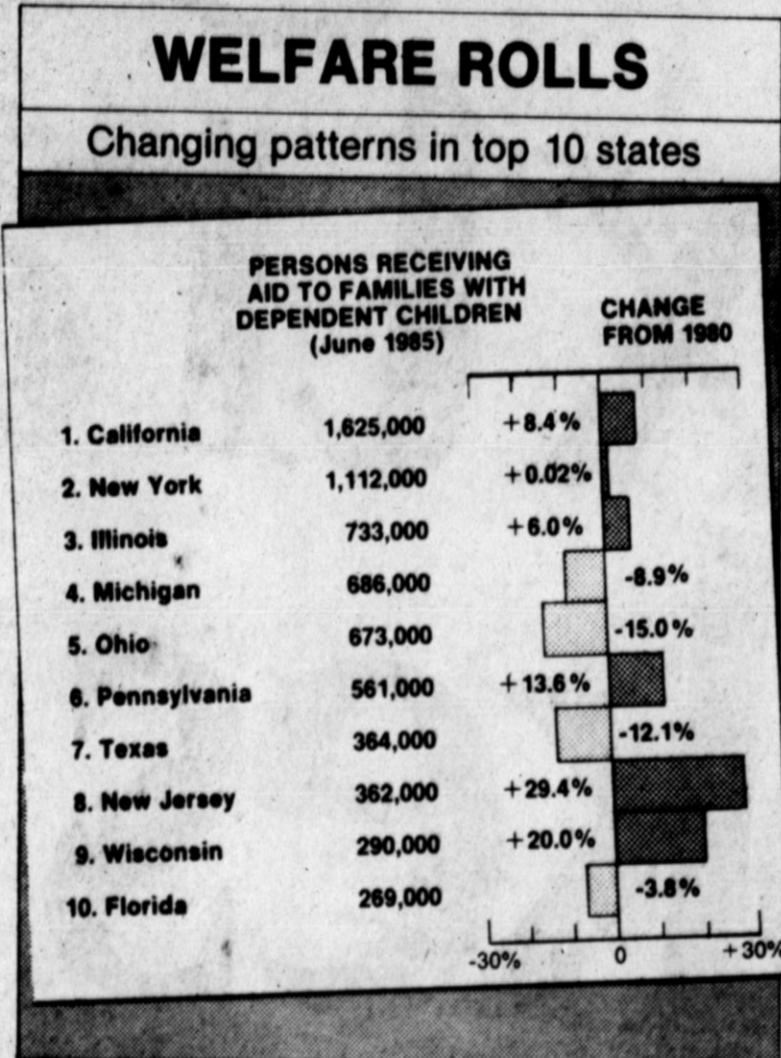
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## System reaches milestone

The Selective Service System reaches an important milestone in the registration of young men on January 1, 1986.

Beginning on this date, men who were required in 1980 to register with Selective Service will be turning 26. Selective Service does not have the authority to accept registrations of men after they turn 26. Men who failed to register will have permanently forfeited their right to certain Federal student aid and job training benefits as well as Federal employment. Additionally, registration with

Selective Service is a requirement in some states for various employment opportunities, such as law enforcement agencies and permission to practice law.

Men born in 1960 who have registered, will reach age 26 in 1986 and, under present law, will no longer be eligible for selection for induction. Over 15 million men, age 18 through 25, have registered with Selective Service since President Carter initiated registration in 1980.

Many of the men who are nonregistrants may be unaware of the requirement

or do not understand the importance of the obligation to register. Some have served in the military but failed to register either before entering the Armed Forces or after leaving active duty. Others may have been incarcerated at the time of their 18th birthday and not realized they were required to register if released from custody prior to age 26.

Men age 18 to 25 who have not yet registered should register promptly to avoid prosecution and/or loss of benefits. Registration takes only five minutes at any post office. Failure to register is a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and/or up to 5 years imprisonment.

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When the baby was eight days old, all the relatives and friends came for the circumcision ceremony. They all assumed the baby's name would be Zacharias, after his father.

But Elizabeth said, "No! He must be named John!" "What?" they exclaimed. "There is no one in all your family by that name."

So they asked the baby's father, talking to him by gestures.

He motioned for a piece of paper and to everyone's surprise wrote, "His name is [JOHN]!" Instantly Zacharias could speak again, and he began praising God.

Wonder fell upon the whole neighborhood, and the news of what had happened spread through the Judean hills.

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