

FORECAST—Continued fair and cool. High in low to mid-40s, low in upper teens. Northeasterly winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday's high was 47; overnight low was 22.



Injured men taken from storage tank (Photo by R. J. Phillips)

Three Borger residents injured in Skellytown industrial mishap

SKELLYTOWN - Three Borger men were injured in an industrial accident Wednesday afternoon at the Getty Oil Co. Crawford Booster Station northwest of Skellytown after becoming overcome by chemical fumes during a cleaning operation.

Taken to the emergency room at Coronado Community Hospital about 3:40 p.m. Wednesday were Sergio Mandugano, 29, and Xavier (Hernando)

Mandugano, 22, both of Wilson Trailer Park in Borger, and Carroll Worsley, 22, of 804 Roosevelt in Borger.

The Mandugano brothers were both listed in stable condition this morning in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit, according to CCH personnel. Worsley was reported to be in good condition.

The three men, employees of Parkem Industrial Services, Inc., of Borger, were involved in routine maintenance

work with a high pressure water hose cleaning out a condensate storage tank at the Crawford station about 3 p.m. Wednesday.

According to Maggie Jewell, with Public Relations at Getty's Tulsa, Okla., office, Xavier Mandugano was directing water in the tank when a pinch developed in the oxygen line to the mask he was wearing. He took off the mask to fix the line and was overcome by fumes.

Sergio Mandugano saw his brother was in trouble and ran into the tank to rescue him, but he too was overcome by the fumes, Ms. Jewell reported.

Worsley, who reportedly was not wearing an oxygen mask at the time, rescued one of the brothers from the tank before he also was overcome by the fumes.

A fourth unidentified man, whom Ms. Jewell said was neither a Parkem or a Getty employee, was outside the tank and helped rescue the other brother.

The three men were taken to the CCH emergency room by members of the Skellytown Ambulance Service.

Georgia man second executed in two days

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) — John Eldon Smith was executed today for the 1974 slayings of two newlyweds, becoming the second man put to death in the United States in two days.

"The order of the court has been carried out," said prison spokesman John Siler. Corrections Department spokesman David Jordan said the electrocution began at 8:08 a.m., was completed at 8:10 a.m. and a team of three doctors declared Smith dead at 8:15 a.m. after 2,000 volts of electricity passed through his body.

The 53-year-old former insurance salesman was sentenced to the electric chair after being convicted of fatally shooting his wife's former husband and that man's wife.

"He was calm, he walked to the cell on his own power. He made no movement after he was in the chair. He made no statement," Jordan said.

Outside the prison, 15 to 20 people

demonstrated in favor of capital punishment, while 40 to 50 gathered to oppose it.

After an autopsy, the body was to be taken by the Rev. Murphy Davis, a Presbyterian minister active in opposing the death penalty, on behalf of the family.

Smith declined to order a special last meal and refused to pick his own witnesses for his execution at the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Center in Jackson, about 60 miles southeast of Atlanta.

He became the 11th man executed in the United States since 1976, the fifth this year and the third in the last 16 days. It was the first execution in Georgia in 19 years.

A Louisiana man, Robert Wayne Williams, was executed shortly after 2 a.m. Wednesday for the slaying of an elderly supermarket guard.

The Georgia Pardon and Paroles

Board rejected clemency for Smith on Tuesday. Georgia Gov. Joe Frank Harris has no power to commute a death sentence under state law.

Three corrections officers who volunteered for the assignment carried out the execution by pushing separate buttons. One button — they did not know which — activated a two-minute cycle sending a first jolt of 2,000 volts through Smith's body, followed by two smaller jolts.

A federal judge, a federal appeals court in Atlanta and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell all refused to block the execution. Smith's lawyers had appealed to Powell at 11 p.m. Wednesday, asking time for action on a suit challenging Georgia's procedures for handling clemency pleas from condemned inmates.

"It's the end," said Patsy Morris of the American Civil Liberties Union, which filed the suit on Smith's behalf.

Family confirms identity of victims

BY JEFF LANGLEY
Senior Staff Writer

PANHANDLE — Family members this morning positively identified the two female victims of last Friday's savage murders in a ditch along a farm road in southern Carson County.

Carson County Sheriff Connie Reed said family members went to Smith - Fox Funeral Home here today and identified the victims as Angela Haragara, 17, and Ophelia Kimberly Bernal, 18, cousins who lived together in Albuquerque.

The identification was confirmed this morning by Bernal's older sister, who lives in Red Rock, Okla., Reed said. The victims' mothers, who both live in Oklahoma City, also arrived in Panhandle today, he said. Haragara's father lives in Albuquerque, and Bernal's father lives in Taos, N.M., the sheriff said. Both victims grew up in Ponca City, Oklahoma, according to the families.

The families' identification of the victims today confirmed the identification made by a Howardwick man who saw photos of the previously unidentified victims broadcast on television Tuesday night.

The Howardwick man and his roommate both identified the victims Wednesday morning after looking at photos of the dead women at the Pampa News office. The couple said before moving back to the Panhandle about a month ago, they had lived next door to the victims for about six months in Albuquerque.

Sheriff Reed said the families told him they last saw the women in Oklahoma City last Thursday, the day before they were murdered. He said the women were in Oklahoma City visiting their mothers. The mothers returned from work Thursday to find the cousins had left,

apparently heading back to Albuquerque, Reed said. He said the women may have been hitchhiking when they left Oklahoma City.

At a news conference Tuesday afternoon, the sheriff released the photos of the victims along with composite sketches of three possible suspects in hopes someone could identify them. The desperation move paid off with the Panhandle residents' recognition of their former Albuquerque neighbors.

Sheriff Reed said he has also received many phone calls from people who think they might know someone matching the three possible male suspects depicted in the composite sketches. But he said none of the calls has produced a solid lead. The sheriff said he is checking out two Oklahoma escapees who were arrested in Amarillo this week. However, he said the escapees don't match the descriptions of witnesses who think they saw three white men with the victims at a Groom business a few hours before the women were brutally murdered.

Ranchhands found the battered bodies about 8 a.m. Friday in a ditch along FM 2880, near Lark, about five miles north of Interstate 40. Sheriff Reed has said the women had been dead between six and eight hours.

The sheriff said this morning he still doesn't know whether the women were sexually assaulted before they were killed.

The killer or killers had partially removed Haragara's pants and shirt. They had also tied her hands and feet. The murderers used some sort of heavy metal rod, perhaps a crowbar, and repeatedly battered the heads and faces of both women, Reed has said. The tool was then "crammed through their heads," he said, which created holes that authorities first believed were gunshot wounds.

Sales recovery continues strong

By LARRY HOLLIS
Staff Writer

Pampa continued to show an increase in sales tax payments for the year, recovering from a decline in sales tax collections, according to information released by State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

Bullock sent checks totaling \$52 million in local sales tax payments to the 980 cities levying the one percent sales tax. December checks are for taxes collected on sales made in October and reported to the state in November.

While total sales tax payments for Pampa are still running behind the amount collected by this time last year, December's payment is up by nearly \$29,000 over December, 1982.

Pampa received a check this month for \$133,658.10, compared to \$104,675.13 for last year's October collections. Total amount received from the state

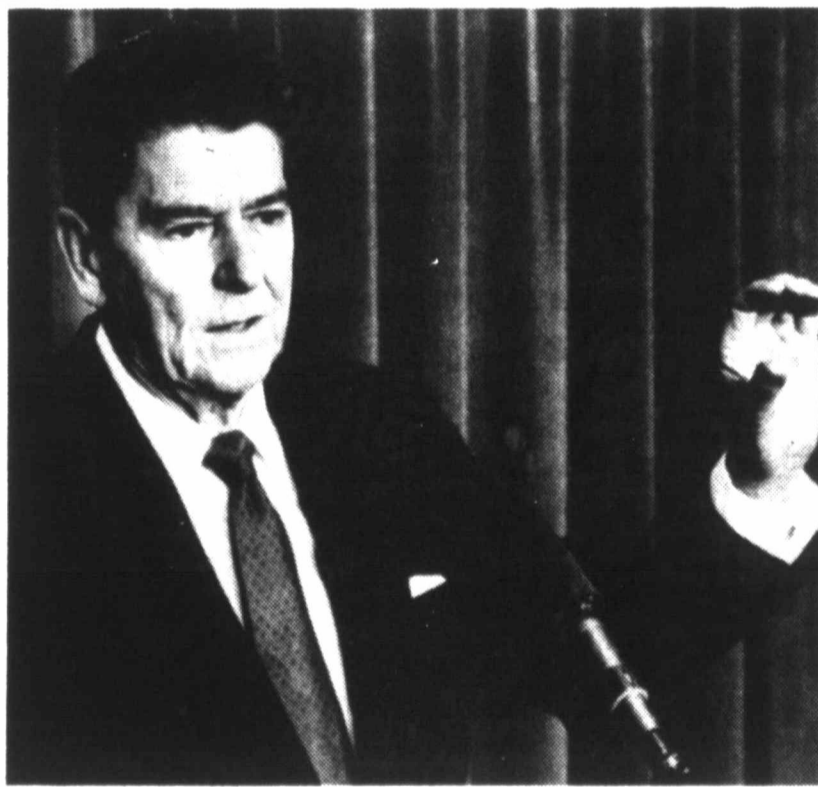
this year is \$1,431,489.61. Payments for the comparable 1982 period totaled \$1,687,234.58. Pampa is down 15.16 percent, but this is more than two percent better than the 17.99 percent decrease reported for September. During the year, Pampa had shown a decline of as much as 20 percent.

McLean, also in Gray County, showed a slight decline in its payment from the state, receiving \$1,603.16 for its December check. Last year the city received a check for \$1,648.74 for its October sales tax collections. Total payments for this year are \$24,397.03, down 4.2 percent from the \$25,465.83 for the comparable 1982 period.

No check was listed as being sent to Lefors for October sales tax collections. Total payments for the year are \$5,449.10, a 1.81 percent increase.

Carson County cities all showed an

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Reagan rejects premature withdrawal

Reagan apparently limits Lebanon stay

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan says he will bring the U.S. Marines home from Lebanon if all authority collapses there, but that a premature withdrawal would renew "full-scale hostilities."

Apparently setting a limit on the conditions under which the 1,800 Marines in the four-nation peacekeeping force will serve, the president said Wednesday that "if there was a complete collapse and there was no possibility of restoring order, there would be no purpose in the multinational force."

The other condition for withdrawing the troops, Reagan said, would be the departure of all foreign forces — Syrian, Israeli and Palestinian — and a restoration of the authority of the Lebanese government.

In a report to Congress, Reagan said U.S. participation along with that of France, Italy and Britain in the

multinational force had cost \$42.5 million since Oct. 1. The toll of U.S. servicemen killed in Lebanon is 261, all but four tied to the peacekeeping unit.

"Premature withdrawal of the MNF would damage seriously the international credibility of the United States and its partners and call into question the resolve of the West to carry out its responsibilities to help the free world defend itself," Reagan said in the report.

In an abbreviated news conference at midday, Reagan took steps to ease tensions with Syria, stating that "we want no conflict with Syria. Certainly, we're not there to enter into a war."

Just hours before the president spoke in the White House press briefing room, the battleship USS New Jersey fired its 16-inch guns at Syrian positions for the first time, and two other ships fired 60 rounds, in response to attacks on two F-14s on reconnaissance missions.

Federal judge forces elderly to swap homes

CLARKSVILLE, Texas (AP) — George Lackey hitched his brown suspenders, dropped some tobacco juice into a spittoon and prepared to get pushed around for the first time in his 87 years.

By Thursday, Lackey, and a few of his neighbors will have been moved from the white portion of a small public housing project in Northeast Texas to the black portion under a federal court order.

In legal terms, U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice's order is intended to integrate the 104 public housing operated apartments in Clarksville.

But in human terms, Lackey said, forcing 25 white elderly residents to trade apartments with 25 black elderly residents two weeks before Christmas is "criminal."

"The judge says I got to move, so I'll move. I don't understand why," Lackey said, boxes of his belongings stacked in his living room for the move. "But they ain't going to run me out of Clarksville. I've been here 57 years."

Clarksville Housing Authority director Rosemary Caviness said only five white families chose to move to the

black sector. The 20 others opted for more expensive private housing or moved to relatives' homes, nursing homes or public housing projects in other towns. All of the blacks chose to move to the white section by the Dec. 15 deadline, she said.

"I haven't started to fill the vacancies yet. To fulfill the judge's order, I'm going to have to try and find white families for those vacancies," Ms. Caviness said. "Whether I can find whites to move in remains to be seen. They'll get preference for housing, but I've got to keep occupancy up to keep my rents up."

Two black families filed a civil rights suit against the housing authority in 1980 claiming they had been denied housing in the white section even though apartments were available.

Clarksville attorney Pat Beadle, representing the housing authority, said a full hearing on case's merits is pending. Justice, who has previously sparked controversy in Texas with orders revising prison standards and requiring public education for the children of illegal aliens, issued the order without a trial, Beadle said.

The judge's order, however, has already been upheld by

the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Beadle said the case is probably headed for the Supreme Court.

Implementation of Justice's order, apparently the first of its kind for public housing projects, is being closely watched by other public housing associations in Northeast Texas who are now a part of a class action suit.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington said this could become a test case for 40,000 public housing units in the country.

Lackey said he chose to make the move because he had no where else to go.

"This is the first time in my life that I've been pushed around," he said. "I've cried and I've prayed but it don't look like there's any other way out."

"We was living happy, but it tore down pretty quick," Lackey said.

In October, Justice ordered the housing authority to impose a quota system so that no project was less than 45 percent black. Last month, names were drawn from a hat to determine which tenants would move.

Ms. Caviness said several white residents had expressed

reservations about the safety of the black section, but she said neither side had reported any break-ins or assaults in the last 2 1/2 years.

Women from the local Church of Christ helped Doris Holder move into the black section Dec. 5. She found that she knew a couple across the street who had taught her children in school.

"It's been better than I expected. Everyone's pretty friendly," she said.

Carrin Middleton, 78, wrapped herself in a quilt and huddled in a closet to stay warm. She moved into the white section on Tuesday, but her gas heater wasn't turned on yet.

"If I had my choice, I'd have stayed there," she said of her old apartment. "It's quite natural for all of us to want to stay if you can stay."

Since most of the apartments in the white section are designed for the elderly — the average age is 77 — nearly all of the transfers involve senior citizens, Ms. Caviness said.

"It's cold this time of year and we've had rain," she said. "It's been very trying for all of them."

daily record

services tomorrow

JONES, Wynona Faye - 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, McLean.

obituaries

WYNONA FAYE JONES - Services for Wynona Faye Jones, 69, of 926 Mary Ellen in Pampa, will be at 11 a.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church of McLean, with Rev. Billy Wilson, pastor, officiating.

hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions Michael Florer, Skellytown. Births To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Morrison, Pampa, a baby boy.

city briefs

PERMS \$20.00 till Christmas. Also need cosmetologists. Call Franks, 669-3603. Adv. SAND'S FABRICS open til 8 p.m. until Christmas.

stock market

Table with columns for various stocks and their prices. Includes Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, etc.

police report

The Pampa Police Department reported 29 dispatched calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Thursday WEDNESDAY, December 14.

Sales tax receipts

increase in sales tax payments from the state. Skellytown had a December check total of \$1,855.14, up about \$560 from the \$1,294.22 check for October, 1982.

Pampa man charged with attempted rape

A Pampa man arrested in the wee hours of Wednesday morning on charges of fleeing and evading arrest, traffic violations and possession of marijuana, was later arraigned on a charge of attempted rape.

senior citizen menu

FRIDAY Beef tips over rice or fried cod fish, french fries, buttered cauliflower, English peas, toss or jello salad, brownies or butterscotch pudding.

school menu

FRIDAY Hot buttered toast, bacon, orange juice, milk.

lunch

FRIDAY Burrito or taco with lettuce and cheese, pinto beans, apple burrito, milk.

minor accidents

The police department reported the following minor accident during the last 24 hours: WEDNESDAY, December 14.

fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported no fire calls for a 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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registered a high decline for the year, though the December check showed a large increase over sales tax payments for October, 1982. Canadian received \$16,162.71, compared to the \$10,900.19 for the same month last year.



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION—Members of the Lamar Full Gospel Assembly church are rehearsing this week for their annual Christmas production, which will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday at the Pampa Middle School.

Television reporter draws fire from U.S. Marines in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanese troops today clashed with Syrian-backed Druse rebels south of the U.S. Marine base, where Marines wounded an American television reporter bearing videotaped Christmas greetings to the embattled troops.

It could not be determined if the planes were U.S., French or Israeli jets. A Christian-controlled radio station said the jets were Israeli, but no officials in a position to know would not comment.

warning shots, but the driver tried to back the car out of the entrance, Brooks said. "When the vehicle failed to stop, the sentries fired at it," Brooks said.

Perryton resident faces porn charges

PERRYTON (Sp) — A prominent Perryton farmer and businessman, a 53-year-old married man, has been arrested in connection with taking nude photographs of three Perryton girls ranging in age from 11 to 13.

Hannon, a youngster passing by the building witnessed the kiddie porn photos being taken and told police. Hannon said police searched the storage building and confiscated several porno magazines and pictures of Garner and the girls.

Officials said shrapnel killed a French soldier and two Italian soldiers were slightly wounded by stray bullets. Another French soldier was killed about two hours later.

Weather forecast

Weather forecast section including a map of Texas and Oklahoma with temperature readings, and text describing the forecast for Friday, December 16.

Sweeping investigation of Chicago court system yields indictments

CHICAGO (AP) — A bugged cowboy boot, FBI moles, a "Boy Scout" prosecutor and wired judges' chambers were all part of the plot as the biggest court corruption probe in U.S. history climaxed with the indictment of 10 men, including three judges.

"We cut across the entire operation and function of the system from full circuit judge down to clerk," U.S. Attorney Dan K. Webb said Wednesday, announcing the indictments handed down by federal grand jury. More indictments may follow, he said.

They were the first charges stemming from Operation Greylord, a 3½-year investigation of corruption in Cook County's court system, the nation's largest. Webb said it was the most ambitious court corruption investigation ever attempted in the United States.

The charges included conspiracy, racketeering, extortion and mail fraud, and involved cases ranging from fixing traffic tickets for \$20 to felony narcotics cases and such civil matters as accepting up to \$30,000 for influencing divorce cases and trust funds.

Named for the ceremonial wigs worn by British jurists, Operation Greylord became public last summer when Brocton Lockwood, a southern Illinois judge who served a stint in Chicago's Traffic Court, disclosed that from 1981 until last summer, he was an undercover agent for the Justice Department.

He said he wore a microphone under his robe and carried a tape recorder in his cowboy boot while befriending crooked lawyers.

There also have been reports of FBI "moles" posing as corrupt prosecutors and reports that a "Boy Scout" former state's attorney, Terry Hake, became so disgusted with corruption he offered to go undercover. He worked with the FBI and posed as a shady lawyer to snare crooks.

Officials reported up to 100 criminal cases were fabricated to ferret out corruption and bugging devices were placed in judges' chambers.

Just hours before the indictments were handed down, a police sergeant assigned to the courtroom of one of the indicted judges was found dead, apparently after shooting himself. The Chicago Sun-Times reported that Sgt. Roger Murphy, 53, was to have appeared Wednesday before the grand jury.

Indicted were Cook County Circuit Court Judges Wayne Olson and John M. Murphy — no relation to the dead officer — who were relieved of their duties last week after learning they were targets of the probe, and former Judge John Devine, ousted from the bench in June by a vote of circuit judges after being criticized by the city Bar Association.

Also indicted were a Chicago policeman, four attorneys, a deputy court clerk and a private citizen.

The indictments left legal experts questioning the tactics employed by law enforcement agents and its impact on a judicial system in which 322 judges and 21,000 licensed lawyers handle nearly 6 million cases annually.

Webb defended the practices used by investigators, saying, "It was critical for undercover FBI agents to develop the confidence of people in the courts."

"Today's indictments are specific accusations of wrongdoing on the part of specific individuals," said Chief Circuit Judge Harry Comerford. "In no way should they reflect upon the judicial system as a whole."

In Washington, FBI Director William Webster said Greylord demonstrates the bureau's "willingness to follow its leads wherever they take us, and that there are no safe harbors from investigation of corruption."

Eight of the nine indictments were returned by a grand jury that heard evidence gathered in Greylord. The ninth, naming a Chicago attorney, concerned courtroom corruption but was not a result of the Greylord probe.

One attorney, Thomas Kangelos, is a former assistant city attorney who vanished over three months ago and is being sought by the FBI. There were reports he has fled to Greece.

All the defendants except Kangelos were permitted to remain free on personal recognizance bond. A \$50,000 cash bond was set for Kangelos, pending his arrest.

Also charged were: Dean Wolfson, attorney — racketeering; John G. Phillips, attorney — extortion; Kangelos, 36, assistant corporation counsel — racketeering, extortion and obstruction of justice; Ira Blackwood, 54, a Chicago policeman — racketeering and extortion; Harold Conn, 56, deputy circuit court clerk — racketeering and extortion; Alan Kaye, 33, private individual — racketeering, mail fraud, extortion and extortionate collection of an extension of credit.

New mayor vows to fight border crime

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — Jesus Roberto Guerra, the new mayor of this border city, takes in stride charges of election fraud leveled against his political party, the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party or PRI.

Members of opposition parties in Matamoros charge the PRI-dominated election commission with fraud and say that the presence of armed soldiers near polling places had a chilling effect on voters during the Dec. 4 election.

But Guerra, 37, says "the opposition candidates are like women who go to a party and are not asked to dance. Then later, when they are asked how the party was, they say it was terrible."

Guerra says that when he takes office Jan. 1, the first order of business will be combating corruption and crime in this city of 350,000.

Local opposition party members say Guerra will fail to conquer crime as long as the new mayor's own party continues committing the greatest crime of all, "dishonesty with the people of Mexico."

"Mexico's biggest problem is political and the problem has its roots at the polls," says outgoing mayor Jorge Cardenas, who is not a member of the PRI, which has controlled Mexican politics at all levels since it was formed in 1929.

"It is like a chain. If the government does not respect the vote and there is corruption at the polls, then there is corruption in public administration and then corruption in morals and in community standards," he says.

Cardenas, who throughout his administration enjoyed the same enormous popularity which swept him into office on a coalition ticket, was prevented by law from seeking a second consecutive three-year term.

However, Cardenas' former city treasurer, Ruben Rubiano

Reyna, ran in opposition to PRI's choice and presented Guerra with his only significant opposition. Rubiano ran as a right wing National Action Party, or PAN, candidate.

Guerra garnered 60 percent and Rubiano took 36 percent of the 72,506 votes cast. Rubiano says these figures are fraudulent and do not reflect the will of the voters.

"PRI is not a party, it is the government, and that government is a dictatorship which does not permit democracy to function," Rubiano says. "The PRI robbed me of many votes."

Before and after election day, there were several, non-violent public demonstrations, a common feature of the Mexican electoral process. Indeed, protests often are sanctioned by the PRI as a harmless way to let the electorate vent political steam.

Nevertheless, the PRI has been closely monitoring opposition victories throughout Mexico. And in the State of Tamaulipas, the PRI was particularly interested in bringing maverick Matamoros back into the political fold, political observers say.

Guerra, the wealthy owner of a seed company and transport line, combined with party funding resulted in an estimated \$500,000 being spent on the campaign for municipal president.

Cardenas, the only non-PRI party mayor elected in Matamoros since the party began, says that public distrust of the government made it necessary for the ruling party to spend the large sum. But Guerra's supporters say his ties to the ruling party will be a positive force on the lives of the people of Matamoros.

"Having a close relationship to the government in Mexico City, to those in power, he'll have an open line of communication and access to whatever funds are available."



HAZARDOUS ROADS — A hill in a residential area of Topeka, Kan., covered with ice and snow caused Joe Silsby's car and four others to go into a ditch Wednesday afternoon. Silsby didn't have much better luck on his feet as he nearly fell down trying to walk to the top of the hill. Silsby's car is in the far left of the picture. The unexpected snow caused many traffic problems in northeast Kansas. (AP Laserphoto)

Israel wants Arafat humiliated

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel is creating an uncertain and threatening atmosphere around plans for PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's evacuation from Lebanon in an effort to strip him of international protection and force him to flee in humiliation.

Israeli officials said Wednesday that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government has refused to reply to a U.S. request to allow Arafat to leave his besieged stronghold of Tripoli in northern Lebanon. It has said publicly it will not guarantee Arafat's safety.

"We do not want Arafat to leave like a hero. If he leaves, it should be like a dog with his tail between his legs," said one official who requested anonymity.

Israel has appealed to the United Nations to withdraw its promise to evacuate Arafat on ships flying the U.N. flag, but Cabinet ministers have issued contradictory statements on what Israel might do if the U.N. plan went forward.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai and former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon both have said Israel "should not let Arafat leave Tripoli alive," but other ministers have said Israel would not interfere once Arafat was safely aboard a

U.N.-protected ship. These statements, coupled with military pressure on Arafat's trapped forces, were intended to camouflage Israel's plans, derail the evacuation scheme and prevent Arafat from scoring a propaganda victory, Israeli officials said.

Israeli naval vessels in the Mediterranean Sea have shelled Arafat's positions around Tripoli three times this week, blocking Arafat's only avenue of escape. He is surrounded on land by Syrian-backed rebels who challenge his leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The U.N. plan called for Arafat and his 4,000 fighters to leave aboard Greek ships, but Greece insisted on guarantees of safe passage from the four countries contributing troops to the Beirut-based multinational peacekeeping force.

Israel's refusal to go along with such guarantees has

apparently stalled the evacuation, though no departure date was officially announced.

"It's a matter of certain arrangements," said Ehud Olmert, a member of Parliament close to the Shamir government. "Israel has made it clear that it doesn't want Arafat to leave under U.N. protection or with his heavy weapons."

Olmert said Israel also was taking the opportunity to strike back at the PLO, which claimed responsibility for

bombing a Jerusalem bus, killing five people and wounding 45.

No one has openly suggested attacking the U.N. ships, and any threat was always implied. But some Israeli leaders have given public reassurances that the ships would be safe.

There was no guarantee, however, that Israel would not stop the ships and try to capture Arafat. More than 10 years ago the Air Force diverted a Lebanese civilian airliner and forced it to land.

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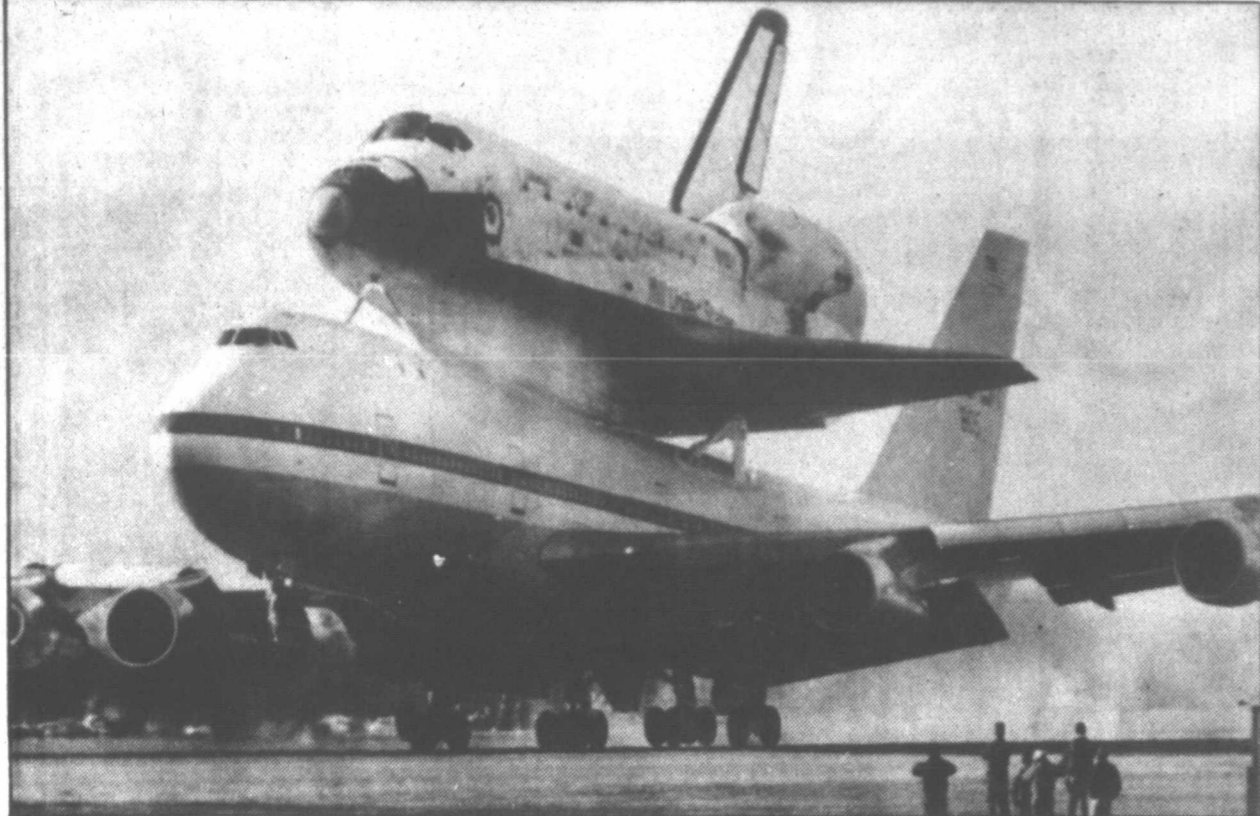
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SPACE SHUTTLE — A jumbo jet bearing the space shuttle Columbia landed at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio Wednesday for an overnight refueling stop. The

shuttle left from California's Edwards Air Force Base early Wednesday and planned to head on to Florida early today. (AP Laserphoto)

Shuttle spends night in Texas

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A "grungy-looking" space shuttle Columbia spent the night with a special heater attached to protect the craft's Spacelab and its delicate experiments from the chilly December air.

A Boeing 747 ferrying the shuttle to Florida landed at Kelly Air Force Base Wednesday night and spent the night and was scheduled to leave on the last leg of its journey at 8 a.m. today.

The shuttle-bearing jet took off from California's Edwards Air Force Base early Wednesday and stopped briefly in El Paso to pick up some fuel before heading for San Antonio.

The special heater, attached to the craft's rear was designed to stabilize the temperature inside the shuttle.

"It's grungy looking, but it flies great," said astronaut Gordon Fullerton, a member of the flight crew on the trip to Texas. "The flight was uneventful, but that's the way we like it."

Fullerton, who was being trained to fly the 747 ferry, termed the experience "unique and really exciting." He was a member of Columbia's crew during the shuttle's third mission in March 1982.

The shuttle was to fly to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., before proceeding to the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral. Crews at Kennedy in Florida will first try to determine exactly what caused a fire that broke out in the shuttle when it landed at Edwards last week after its 11-day mission in space.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration officials said it appeared the problem would be "straightforward" to fix, but that the flight of the next shuttle, Challenger, scheduled for late January, could be delayed until the problem is resolved.

Columbia stopped in El Paso for about an hour where a crowd of about 150 people greeted the shuttle when it landed at Biggs Army Air Field at 11:56 a.m. after a two-hour flight from California.

Pilot Fitzhugh Fulton Jr. said the first leg of the shuttle's

cross-country journey was "real nice, routine."

"We had a smooth flight, just ran into a little turbulence as we got into the El Paso area but nothing significant," Fulton told reporters at the landing strip.

The airplane had to make more stops than usual during this flight because of the heavy European-built Spacelab inside the shuttle, Fulton said.

"We just can't go as far as before with the Spacelab," he said.

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Report: pilot suffers heart attack

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — An autopsy has determined that the 29-year-old pilot of a plane that crashed last month at Midland's airport, killing eight people, had suffered a heart attack.

The Texas Western Aviation pilot, Keith Elkin of Midland, suffered "hyper acute changes of contraction band necrosis," the pathologist, Dr. David Schneidman of Midland, said Wednesday.

Elkin, six employees of KOSA-TV and a passenger were returning from high school football playoff games in Fort Worth and Wichita Falls when the aircraft plummeted to the ground.

A Midland cardiologist, Dr. Brian Mohr, told the Odessa American that the type of heart attack that Elkin suffered "is the cause of sudden death and there is no warning whatsoever."

"Part of the heart died. It's rare, but not unusual. The incidences of heart attacks increase as you get older. It's happened a couple of times in a year to people of that age in

Midland," Mohr added. Schneidman said the final autopsy report on Elkin was being prepared and would be released later to Midland County Justice of the Peace Bob Pine.

The accident is being investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board, which has not yet issued its conclusions.

The pilot was trying to land a chartered twin-engine Beechcraft King Air 100 turboprop Nov. 16 at Midland Regional Airport when the craft crashed 1,500 feet east of the main runway.

Killed in the accident were Elkin; KOSA Assistant News Director Gary Hopper, 32, of Midland; Sports Director Jeff Shull, 25, of Odessa; Chief Engineer Bob Stephens, 47, and Assistant Engineer Ed Monette, 26, both of Odessa; production assistants Bruce Dyer, 26, of Midland and Brent Roach, 24, of Odessa; and Hopper's brother-in-law, 37-year-old Jay Alvin Price of Midland.

Bell wants bigger interim rate hike

AUSTIN (AP) — Southwestern Bell says it needs more money, but a critic says the company already is getting "an early Christmas gift."

Both sides filed appeals Wednesday complaining about a \$653 million temporary rate hike approved last week by a Public Utility Commission judge. The company wants at least \$292 million more.

But Public Utility Counsel Jim Boyle says Southwestern Bell is entitled to \$653 million less than the \$653 million — nothing.

"I am very concerned that the PUC is setting a precedent for granting rate increases without a hearing,"

said Boyle, the state lawyer who represents consumers at PUC rate cases.

He called the \$653 million an "early Christmas gift for a monopoly whose budget has been fattened up at ratepayers' expense."

Company officials said PUC Administrative Law Judge Jacqueline Holmes' order "would make

Southwestern Bell a second-class citizen during the period in which the temporary rates are in effect," according to a company news release.

Southwestern Bell has a \$1.3 billion rate hike request pending at the commission. However, a ruling in that case is not expected until spring. Company officials say they

need more money as of Jan. 1, when the American Telephone & Telegraph divestiture takes effect.

Ms. Holmes \$653 million award was scaled down from the \$978 million interim hike sought by the company.

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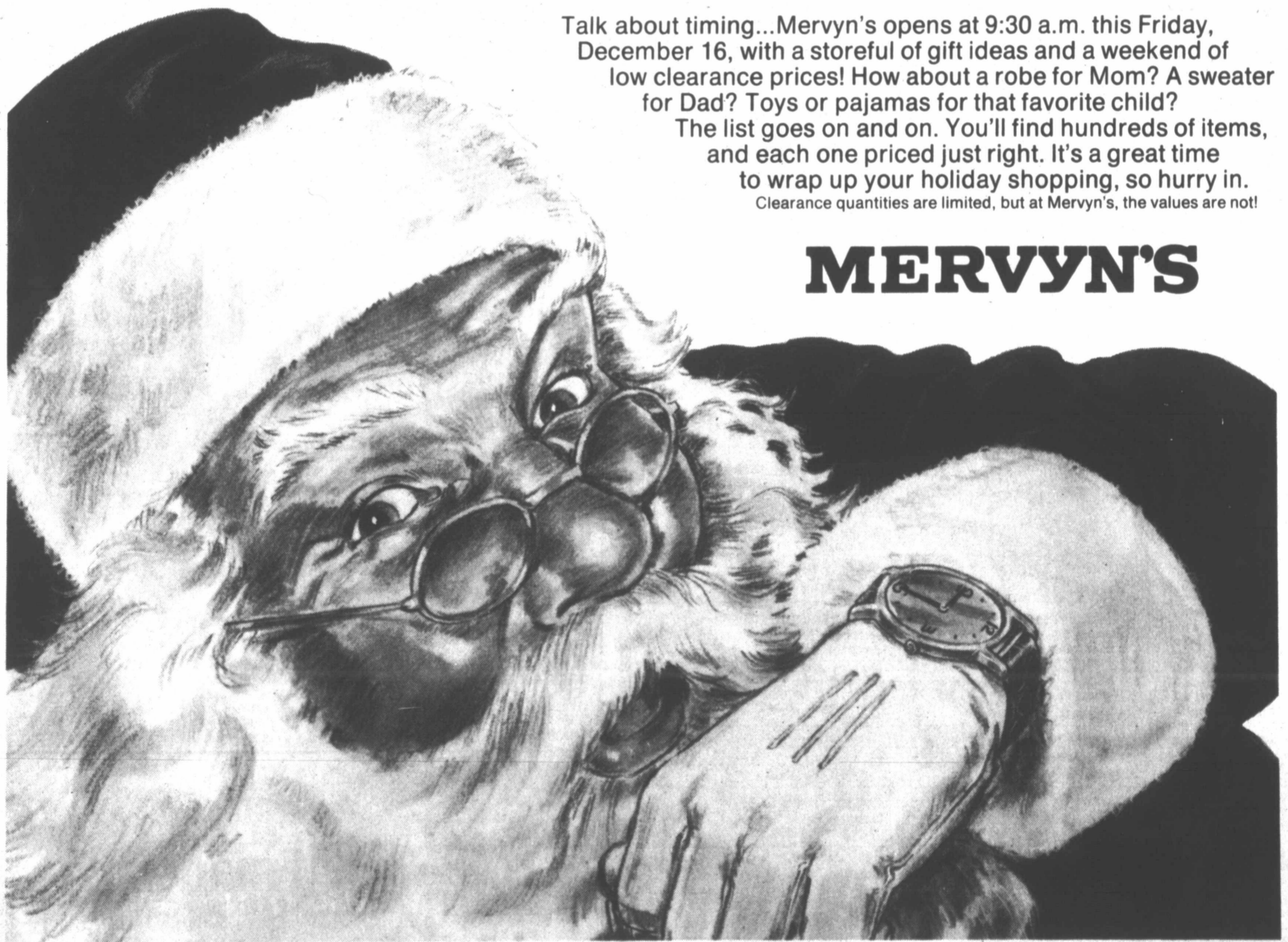
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HIGH BUT NOT DRY — Little did Bill Cooney expect to be floating to work, but indeed he almost did as he tried to drive through what he thought was a small puddle. Instead, he returned after walking to work to find water up to his steering wheel Wednesday afternoon near

Whitestown, N.Y. The area received 3.3 inches of rain since Monday afternoon and sent several rivers and creeks over their banks. Cooney's car is surrounded by water from the Mohawk River. (AP Laserphoto)

White House staff in adjustment period

By JAMES GERSTENZANG

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Reagan moves into his fourth year in office, his White House staff is in a period of readjustment.

Two senior officials are leaving the White House, the chief of staff flirts with the idea of giving up the brickbats of politics for the hardwood bats of major league baseball, and others are simply grumbling about the willingness of counselor Edwin Meese III to suggest that some people get their food on soup lines because they just don't want to pay for their meals.

Reagan's staff been the object of close observation. Conservatives complain

that it is divided among longtime Reagan supporters and newcomers to the Reagan fold who are diluting his conservatism. More moderate Republicans complain that it is divided among pragmatists and right-wing ideologues. Both the moderates and the conservatives, of course, are talking about the same people.

Whichever side is correct, one element remains: Reagan chooses to delegate authority to a great degree throughout the government. Thus, the makeup of his staff is particularly significant.

On Tuesday, when a U.S. Navy cruiser and a destroyer fired on Lebanon, targeting

positions that had fired on U.S. reconnaissance airplanes, Reagan was about to address a ceremony marking the start of Drunken and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. He did not know in advance about the firing. He let the commanders in Lebanon make the decision. A staff member reported to him after it took place.

The man who would have given him that news until recently was William P. Clark, an adviser of many years, who left the infighting and pressure of the White House, where he was Reagan's national security adviser, to become secretary of the interior. He was

replaced by Robert McFarlane.

With the turn of the year, Reagan is losing Kenneth Duberstein, the congressional liaison chief who helped move through Congress the budget and tax cuts and helped Reagan squeak by with other victories on Capitol Hill. Duberstein is taking a job as a private lobbyist.

David R. Gergen, a seven-year White House veteran of the Nixon, Ford, and Reagan administrations who has been Reagan's director of communications, flirted for months with the idea of making a final break from the White House. He has decided to split his time

between Harvard University and the American Enterprise Institute. The latter was his business address during the Carter administration.

Now we come to James A. Baker III, the chief of staff, the target of criticism from Reagan's most right-wing allies, and a wealthy Houston lawyer said to be bored with his job, if not burned out. Baker has agreed to remain for the fourth year of the Reagan administration — after several days of intense speculation about whether he would become the next commissioner of major league baseball.

Referring to the pressures that the White House chief of staff and national security adviser face, day and night, one official found it "totally reasonable" that they would think of leaving.

"Every time something happens in the world, you get a phone call," he said.

Family bible returned to owners' descendants

CARROLLTON, Texas (AP) — When Karen Forte saw a time-worn, 108-year Bible in an antique shop, she happily paid the \$45 price for the book. It was the perfect Christmas gift for her children's godparents, who are antique buffs.

But later, after discovering the wealth of personal history inside, in numerous written accounts of the marriages, births and deaths of members of a Nebraska family, she and her husband were compelled to try to find the descendants of the original owners.

"It's neat and it's so old," Mrs. Forte said. "It smells old. You walk by it, and you can smell it."

Her husband, Nick, added, "From the first time I opened it, I just felt there was something there. I just got that feeling walking by it one day."

Written on the marriage page was: "James W. Berger and Susie C. Johnson were married Nov. 28th, 1874."

Mrs. Forte said, "I thought if somebody had something like that of mine, I'd really feel bad if they didn't try to

find me. I just thought the family would really like to have it."

The 1875-edition Bible, weighing 20 pounds, is finely illustrated with nearly 400 engravings, and is embossed in gold on its worn brown cover.

A newspaper clipping of funeral services for Mrs. Berger, who died in 1942 at age 84, mentioned relatives in Nebraska.

Mrs. Forte contacted the Omaha World Herald in Nebraska, and reporter Lynn Zerschling wrote a story about the Bible that appeared in last Saturday's newspaper.

"I really didn't think I'd get any calls," Mrs. Forte said.

But she said Tuesday that she had received eight calls from Berger relatives in

Nebraska City, Plattsmouth and Bridgeport, Neb., and in Nashville, Ill., and Stockton, Calif.

The first caller was Tom Berger of Nebraska City, a great-great-grandson of James W. Berger.

Mrs. Forte said she will sell

the Bible to him for \$45, the price she paid, because he was the first caller, although another relative sent her a \$100 check in hopes of claiming it.

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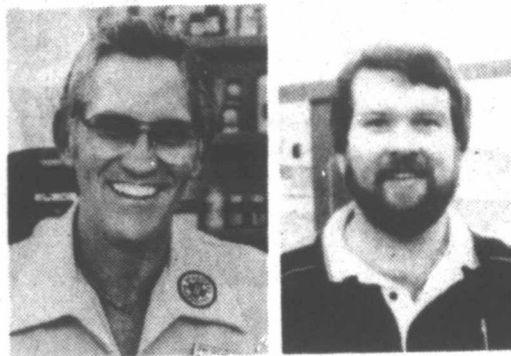
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Numeric evidence does not support impression of Reagan as spending foe

By JOHN CUNIFF

AP Business Analyst
NEW YORK (AP) — In an impressionistic way, Ronald Reagan's image as a foe of federal spending programs, defense excepted, is unmistakable. But a digital construction of the same image simply cannot be made.

There is no mystery to the disparity between impression and the numerical evidence. In 1980, federal spending was 24 percent of gross national product. In 1983 the percentage has risen above 25 percent.

Has President Reagan failed? Yes, suggests a background paper prepared by the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank whose views perhaps more often coincide with than challenge those of the administration. But there is time to recover, it says.

To do so, says Stuart Butler, director of domestic policy studies, the administration should consider a new strategy, the transferring of more federal programs and services to the private sector. In short, it must seek cuts through privatization.

Says Butler, "Existing studies and experience already suggest a number of possible candidates," and then he goes on to name some of them: Social Security, housing, education, welfare, mass transit, economic development, air traffic control, energy research, postal services, savings insurance, wastewater treatment, federal land use.

Many people will find the list an incredible one — incredible in the sense that people consider these to be "government programs" that only the federal government can handle. Moreover, each has a constituency.

Those constituencies, says Butler, are why the Reagan administration has found it so difficult to whittle away at spending. Constituencies put pressure on whittlers. But whittlers cannot exert counterpressure, since the savings they offer seem minuscule when spread over 230 million people.

Therefore, says Butler, the administration should understand the political dynamics and seize the initiative.

Privatization, he says flatly, would give Americans the option of superior services. The public would

recognize this, form coalitions behind each private program, "resist fiercely" any attempt to eliminate it, and would, in fact, "press for an expansion of the private role."

Instead of cutting federal spending by forcing people to find alternatives, Butler

explains, "privatization establishes the alternative first, encourages people to use it, and then reduces spending in line with reduced demand."

You may recognize this as the very technique used to partially privatize what some people consider to be the most

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Battle brewing over Northwest's Columbia Gorge

By DAVID STAATS
Associated Press Writer
STEVENSON, Wash. (AP) — From the courthouse in sparsely populated Skamania County to the corridors of the nation's Capitol, battle lines are being drawn over one of the Northwest's most scenic areas: the Columbia Gorge.

The fight will decide who will control the land where the mighty Columbia River rolls through the Cascade Mountains. On one side are environmentalists who want strong federal restrictions on housing, dams and mining. On the other are local residents who acknowledge the gorge's splendor, but assert their rights to control their own destiny — and property.

In between are the governors of Oregon and Washington, the two states sharing the 85-mile-long gorge. The governors are promoting a compromise aimed at retaining local land-use control while encouraging preservation largely at Uncle Sam's expense. To environmentalists, the need for preservation is urgent.

"The Columbia Gorge is a national treasure," said Bowen Blair, executive director of the 3-year-old Friends of the Columbia Gorge. "It doesn't belong just to people in the gorge."

From Sandy River, Ore., to Maryhill, Wash., the Columbia wiggles through mountains up to 5,000 feet. The hills' vegetation changes gradually from fir rain forests in the west to arid sagebrush and sand

dunes in the east. Steep waterfalls and spectacular cliffs highlight the scenery.

The river cut the gorge by pounding its way through successive volcanic flows and Cascade Range uplifts. Lewis and Clark first explored the region in the early 1800s. Thousands of Indians at the time called the gorge home, prospering with hefty catches of Columbia salmon.

Tourists today enjoy the gorge by driving a winding, two-lane highway completed in 1915 on the Oregon side, stopping at numerous waterfalls and vistas along the way.

Separate bills incorporating federal control and the governors' compromise have been introduced in Congress. Supporters of preservation predict that both the Senate and House will pass some form of legislation next year.

One bill, introduced by Sens. Bob Packwood and Mark Hatfield, both Oregon Republicans, would set up a bi-state commission accountable to the U.S. Forest Service to manage land use in the gorge. It would designate the gorge as a National Scenic Area.

The rival measure, endorsed by most of Oregon's and Washington's congressional delegation, would also set up a land-use commission, but it would consist mostly of gorge residents and would not be accountable to either state or federal authorities.

The governors' compromise was introduced last spring by Oregon Gov. Vic Atiyeh and Washington Gov. John Spellman, both Republicans, as a result of strident

objections to the Packwood bill by some gorge residents.

Natives such as Bob Leick, the Skamania County prosecutor who heads the Gorge Defense League, claim the Packwood bill would deny them their right to self-government. They disparage protectionists from the urban Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., areas, who provide much of the advocacy and money for both bills.

"We see the Hatfield-Packwood bill and the governors' bill as nothing more than urban snobbery," said Leick. "The bills say, 'You don't have the expertise or the intelligence to govern yourselves.'"

Leick argues that stringent controls are unneeded because the Gorge's steep cliffs and mountainsides hinder industrial and residential development.

He defends Skamania County's lack of

zoning and argues that new housing in the gorge wouldn't necessarily detract from its scenic value. "We're not going to knuckle under just because somebody doesn't want to look at one of our homes," he said.

One fight over housing ended in October after the county commission approved developer George Rizer's proposal to build on 21 lots in a 60-acre tract across the river from Multnomah Falls, one of the gorge's prime tourist attractions.

The San Francisco-based Trust for Public Land stepped in and bought Rizer's lots for a price exceeding \$350,000. Environmentalists expressed relief, but said the purchase was only a stopgap measure.

Blair warns of plans by another developer plans to build 78 houses on 70 acres east of the Rizer site.

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Iguanas are roaming free at the zoo in Brownsville

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Leapin' lizards, a hundred iguanas are loose at the zoo.

At least twice a week startled visitors dash into the administrative office at the Gladys Porter Zoo to report that the giant iguanas have escaped and are loose on the grounds.

Zoo officials say they regularly reassure shaken patrons that the iguanas aren't escapes, they're trustees. About 100 of the enormous Mexican spiny tail iguanas roam freely within the zoo, a small fraction of the thousands which have made themselves at home in the residential neighborhoods and parks of Brownsville.

The iguanas may feel quite content in their Valley home, but the people of Brownsville find the spiny neighbors a nuisance.

"Frequently people call us to say they have a big lizard in their yard and want to know what to do," says Pat Burchfield, chief herpetologist at the zoo. "We've had elderly ladies call us terrified to go outside because of an iguana on their lawn. If they're really frightened, we'll try to send someone out to catch it and bring it here. At the other extreme are kids who bring terrified iguanas to us on makeshift leashes, iguanas they've chased down the street and captured."

Mexican spiny tail iguanas reach 30 inches from nose to tail at maturity and may have pink and black coloration enlivening their bumpy, dull gray bodies. Young iguanas are emerald green and display the same questionable disposition of their elders.

"They are high strung and nervous," admits Burchfield, a man in love with lizards. "They don't tame easily and they bite very hard if cornered. They're not the best pets."

But what they lack in gentle nature, they make up for in adaptability. Mexican spiny tails are not native to Brownsville but have adapted perfectly to local conditions which are similar to their native habitat.

They might have remained quite happily in Mexico were it not for the whim of Mother Nature wrecking havoc on the domain of Abraham William King, known to Valley residents as the Snake King.

By the 1920's he had a well-established mail-order business, selling exotic game and reptiles to zoos, circuses and individuals throughout the United States. Years passed, business prospered and the city grew out to what had formerly been the secluded site of Snakeville.

Part of the Snake King's success was the weather, as good for animals as for people. Indeed, the climate in Brownsville is so healthy that legend says early settlers had to shoot a man to get a graveyard started.

But occasionally Mother Nature reshuffles the deck and deals a hurricane, and so she did in September 1933. The storm arrived with little warning, and by the time the its 120 mph fury subsided, every bird, reptile and mammal in Snakeville had escaped into the surrounding neighborhoods. The storm marked the end of Snakeville and the beginning of the Mexican spiny iguana as a new Brownsville resident.

Fake \$100 bills are recovered

KROTZ SPRINGS, La. (AP) — The 24 counterfeit \$100 bills taken from two Texans arrested here were so crudely done that the ink rubbed off, St. Landry Parish sheriff's deputies said.

Richard Manuel Freire, 46, of Houston, and Charles C. Jardina, 45, of LaPorte, Texas, were booked on counterfeiting charges after the owner of the Turf Lounge, near Opelousas, reported that

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By The Associated Press
Unemployment rates are down in all but five states, the U.S. Labor Department says, but a major New York bank predicts such improvement will be hard to maintain next year.
Merchants, meanwhile, should enjoy their best Christmas selling season in several years this month in view of the 1.9 percent rise in retail sales in November, economists said.
But the sales gain, pointing to continued economic growth, helped push bond prices lower and short-term interest rates higher in the credit markets Tuesday.
Some traders believe the Federal Reserve wants to slow the economic expansion to hold off inflation, and therefore might squeeze its grip on credit, lifting interest rates.

For now the recovery appears to be spreading through most of the nation. All but five of the 50 states showed lower unemployment rates in October than a year earlier, the Labor Department said.
Rates were higher in Delaware, Oklahoma and West Virginia, while jobless levels were unchanged in Arkansas and Maine.
But "it is unlikely that improvements in 1984 will proceed at the recent pace," the Bank of New York said in a new report.
"Not only will moderating advances in production temper employment gains, but a cyclical rebound in the number of job seekers could also make additional reductions in unemployment hard to achieve," the bank said.
Retail sales in November totaled a seasonally

adjusted \$102.5 billion, up from \$100.6 billion in October, the Commerce Department said.
That included record-high auto sales and gains for stores selling clothing, building supplies and food.
Other economy-related news:
—Holiday Inns Inc. plans to develop a nationwide chain of economy-priced hotels under the Hampton Inn trade name, said President Michael D. Rose. The new chain will consist of approximately 300 hotels within five years, he said.
—Pan American World Airways said it will offer a \$99 one-way discount fare between New York and Florida, throwing in a free car for a day. The fare would take effect Jan. 5 and would apply between New York City airports and Miami, Orlando, Tampa and West Palm Beach.



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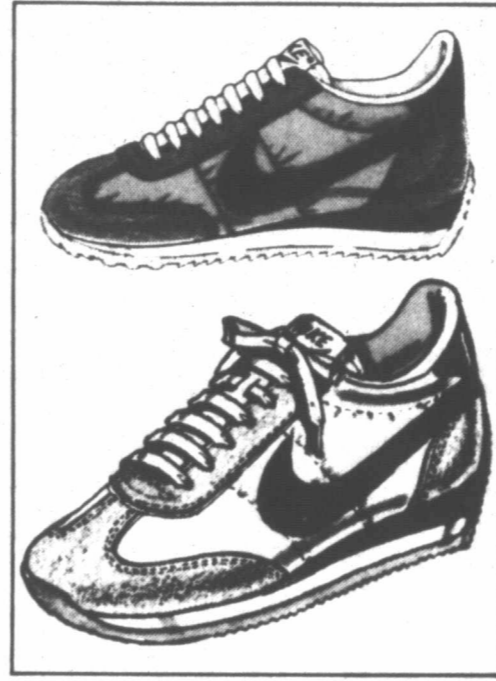
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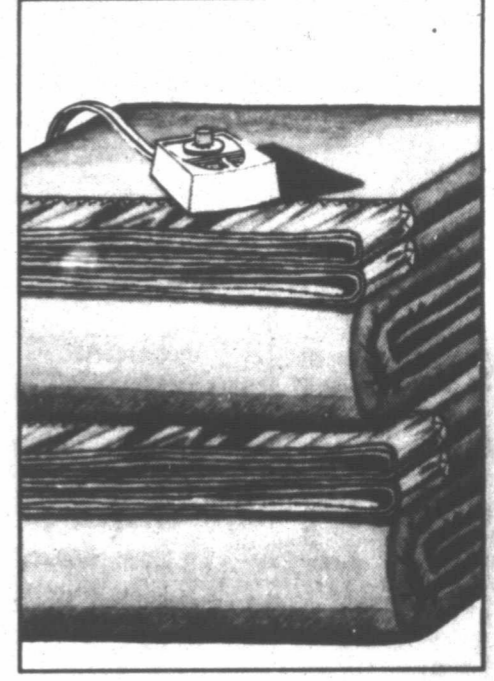
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'Nightmare at an end' for Jewish community

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The "nightmare ... is at an end," a rabbi proclaimed after a "troubled" 17-year-old confessed to setting four fires that shattered the calm of the Jewish community — including the teen-ager's own synagogue.

Barry Schuss bowed his head as he was arraigned Tuesday on four counts of second-degree arson in fires at two synagogues and the homes of a rabbi and a Jewish state legislator.

Authorities said Schuss confessed earlier at police headquarters after gaining release from a hospital where he has been undergoing psychiatric treatment for several weeks.

West Hartford Superior Judge Joseph Morelli ordered Schuss back to the unidentified hospital pending his next court appearance on Jan. 4 in Hartford Superior Court.

Standing with him were his attorney, his father, John, and Rabbi Solomon Krupka of Young Israel Synagogue, which was torched Aug. 11. Krupka's home was set ablaze Aug. 16.

On Aug. 15, a fire was set in the conservative Emanuel Synagogue, damaging several sacred scrolls. The last arson attack occurred Sept. 17 at the home of state Rep. Joan Kemler, who also was present in court Tuesday.

State's Attorney John Bailey and defense

attorney John Drony Jr. joined to request that all files in the case be sealed to ensure the youth received a fair trial. Bailey also asked that the location of the hospital remain secret.

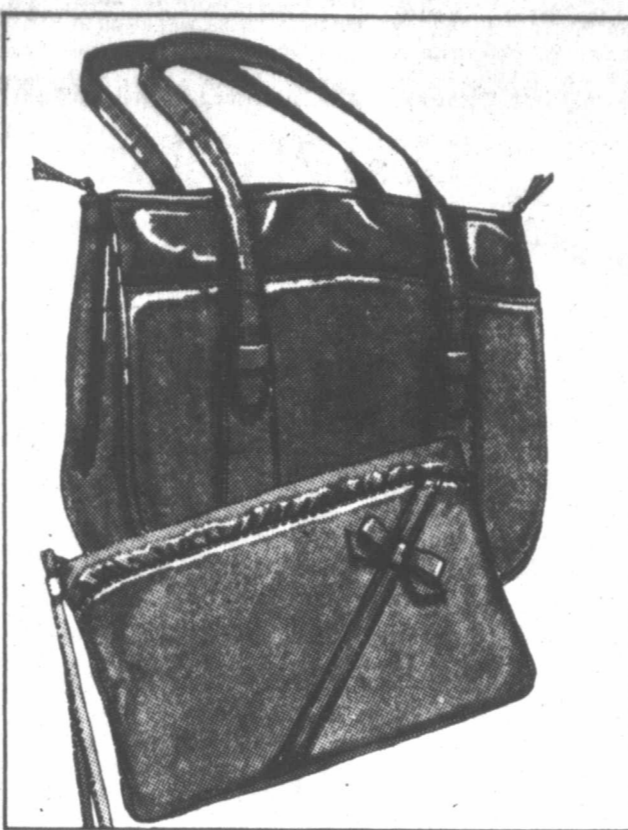
Morelli set a \$25,000 bond and ordered that the hospital maintain daily contact with Bailey's office and police.

"A nightmare for the community of West Hartford is at an end," said Rabbi Stanley Kessler, spokesman for the Greater Hartford Jewish Federation. "There is a feeling of utter relief, coupled with sorrow over the tragic circumstances as they affect the parents of the accused, troubled young person."



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Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Loving parents yearn to reach gay daughter

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Our 20-year-old daughter is gay. Don't ask me how I know, I just know. My husband and I love her and can accept her as she is without reservations.

Our question: Should we confront her and say, "We know you are gay, and it's OK, we love you," or should we wait until she tells us she's gay? I have suspected it since she was 15. When she was 17, I confronted her, but she cried and denied it.

This girl has always been very tense. She is often rude, especially to her father and people in authority. She has a poor self-image, although she is tall and very beautiful.

Her high school years were a nightmare. She smoked pot, skipped school and drank. We offered counseling to her, but she refused. Our home was always open to her friends, but she rarely brought anyone home. I've met some of her friends (girls) and I genuinely liked them.

How should we handle this? We want her to be open with us, but don't know how to go about it.

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DEAR WITHHOLD: Don't make an issue of her sexuality. Just let her know by your actions that you love her unconditionally. She may never "open up" and disclose her sexual orientation—which is her right. Let her know you'll foot the bill for counseling if she wants it, and pray she takes you up on it. Only when she feels comfortable with herself will she feel comfortable with you. All gay children should have such understanding parents.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is 24, very athletic and health-conscious. We have a good marriage, but there is a slight problem. My husband does not want to make love as often as I would like to. He is able, and even willing, but he has it in his head that sex saps a man's strength and makes him weaker. He says that men who engage in sex too often "age" faster.

I believe that just the opposite is true—that sex is healthy, and makes a man stronger and keeps him young longer.

Who is right? Sign me ...

"TIGER"

DEAR TIGER: You are.

DEAR ABBY: I have become friendly with a woman who recently moved into my apartment building. We have much in common—we are both middle-aged, divorced women who grew up in the Middle West. We visit each other quite often, but on invitation only—no dropping in.

I enjoy her company, but she has a habit that I find very irritating. When I'm visiting her and her phone rings, she leaves me sitting while she carries on a lengthy conversation. She doesn't apologize to me; she just talks on and on as though I weren't there. Last evening she got three calls. (I finally found a magazine to occupy myself.)

When I have a guest and my phone rings, I tell the caller that I have company and will call back tomorrow.

How should I handle this without offending her?

LA JOLLA

DEAR LA JOLLA: Let your friend know that you are offended when she engages in long telephone conversations while you cool your heels. And if she does it again, interrupt her conversation just long enough to say, "I can see that you're too busy for company. Bye!" Then walk out.

(Every teen-ager should know the truth about drugs, sex and how to be happy. For Abby's booklet, send \$2 and a long, stamped (37 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)

Prepare for this year's "groaner"

By LISA PATMAN

I know how you feel. All those handmade gifts that you had intended to give are only half-finished. You think if you hear "Jingle Bells" one more time you'll tear the nearest Muzak speaker to shreds. And the youngest has just come in with one more request for dear old Santa.

What you need is a good tension reliever, one that will lift your spirits, and give you a breather so that you can enjoy the holiday season that is looming so closely.

That's why at this time of the year it has become a tradition for me to provide you, my poor over-pled readers, with my groaner of the year.

The groaner of the year, for those of you who are new to this tradition, is a joke which is so horrible, so unbearable, so unbelievably terrible, that all you can do after reading it

is groan. You'll be surprised how marvelous a good groan can be right now. Besides, that's probably all the energy you can muster after fighting the surly masses known as Christmas shoppers. So here's the 1983 Christmas

mood. It was especially so with Joe the bartender. Not only were his patrons surly from being deluged with bills, but their sniffing was about to drive him crazy.

"It's no wonder that old Joe got a mite ticked off when the

over the edge. Joe became delirious, sought his pistol from under the counter, took aim, and shot the dog in the foot. At which point the pup ran yelping from the establishment, limping in pain.

"It was about 30 minutes later when Joe, still upset by the incident, looked up and saw a sight that filled him with wonder. There was the same pup standing in the doorway. But this pup now came sauntering into the dimly-lit bar, wearing a pair of six-shooters on his hips.

"Slowly he advanced into the room. Stealthily he surveyed the bar. And in a steely voice that would send chills down the spine of the bravest, the dog drawled,

Loose Marbles

By LISA PATMAN

Groaner for your groaning pleasure.

"It was a cold, windswept night. Drifts of dirty snow were piled against the doorsteps of the downtown businesses. Everyone who didn't already have a cold felt one coming on. Furthermore, the day's mail had been full of bills, so the entire population of the small West Texas town was, to put it mildly, in a foul

yellow dog wandered into the bar. The pup dripped melted snow over Joe's nice, clean floors, drooled on Joe's nice, clean barstools, and added to the insult when he perched himself in a booth and ordered a hot toddy.

"Joe couldn't take it. While he normally was quite an animal lover, all his problems had taken their toll, and the smell of the wet dog put him

MADD group remembers victims of drunken drivers in candlelight vigil here

Four area residents killed in alcohol-related accidents were remembered in a candlelight vigil Monday conducted by members of the Pampa Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

The vigil was conducted in front of the Gray County Court House in observance of Drunk and Drugged Driver Awareness Week, Dec. 11-17, declared by President Ronald Reagan. Twenty-two people attended the observance.

Candles were lit for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hicks, Mark Box and Lee Bragg as well as those killed or maimed in alcohol-related accidents throughout the country. The candle lighting was followed by a memorial address by the Rev. John Farina of the First Assembly of God Church.

After singing "Silent Night," the group spent a moment in silent prayer followed by a prayer by the Rev. Farina.

Soft dresses return to fashion

NEW YORK (NEA) — Busy women are discovering the ease of the dress, a style that doesn't have to be put together, but can just be zipped up and there you are. Designers are offering more dresses all the time, particularly versatile work-to-date styles.

At Richard Warren, specialists in dresses, tissue faille is a current fabric favorite, for its soft lightness and easy care. Beige is used as an all-season color, as in a two-piece pleated skirt and loose top with white for the cuff collar, shoulder buttons and broad side-placed vertical band. Another white-trimmed beige tissue faille features a fagotted bib front and panel-pleat skirt.

Soo Yung Lee uses richly colored geometric silk prints for softly slim dresses, or mixes ombre square

panels of cashmere and silk in shades of gray to black for a handsome effect. Pierre Cardin's royal blue silk is miter-striped in black, has ball-buttoned shirt sleeves and a scarf-band neckline.

The coat-dress is another style with versatility. It can be in a daytime glen plaid, as Richard Warren does it, or in a silky-surface light wool, with open neckline to add a necklace, as at St. Gillian. Silk jacquards are overprinted, as Pierre Cardin does in a black and white pincheck coat-dress with black-edged white notched lapel-collar, cuffs

and black belt.

All dresses now are sharpened by use of broader shoulders, usually done with some padding and shirred sleeve tops. At Cusi even the classic shirtwaist gets this accent, in a caramel silk with black collar, bow, cuffs and belt.

"Ah'm lookin' fer the fella that shot my paw."

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Glitter, slink star in evenings

NEW YORK (NEA) — Despite the loose silhouettes appearing in many daytime fashions, everything's slinky for holiday evenings. Even such masters of the ball gown as Oscar de la Renta have all but abandoned big skirts in favor of the chemise and the sheath.

The reason isn't hard to find. Designers have gone back to glitter with a vengeance and all that flash looks best when done on slim, essentially simple dresses. What's new about the current return of glitter is the frequent use of sweater looks, as in de la Renta's argyle pullover tops beaded in bright colors and pattern.

Levino Verna does a broad-shouldered, white silk jacquard cardigan edged in black velvet and silver sequins, over a sequin-hemmed long black velvet skirt. Green silk jacquard is de la Renta's choice for a two-

piece look dress with black velvet skirt slit up one side. The blouse top is jeweled at the neck, has full sleeves deeply cuffed in jeweling and an elaborate belt resting casually at hip-bone level.

Some sweater beading is subtle, as in John Anthony's one-shouldered crystal embroidery repeated low on the opposite side of a long gray V-neck pullover.

James Galanos doesn't bead at all on his ankle-length sweater-dress knit in cashmere-angora blend, but adds a lace jacket covered in swirls of jeweling.

Although simple most glitter sweater looks are accented with broad-shoulder detailing. The effect is dramatic when seen in such smashing glitter as Adele Simpson's red sequin sweater, overlaid with silver sequin motifs, to wear with black velvet pants. Adolfo

adds chinchilla fur cuffs to his cognac all-sequin pullover with bateau neckline over satin pleated pants.

The chemise silhouette often is used for short dresses, such as Saz' knee-length bateau-neck chemise sequined in geometric sections of red, purple and mauve separated by black sequin borders. Bill Blass' long black velvet chemise has a V-shaped front panel in gold bullion. At de la Renta a long black velvet sheath is covered to the waist in baroque jeweling.

This idea appears more casually at Levino Verna, in a white silk jacquard blouse long dress with art deco necklace and pendant belt in gold and jewel-look embroidery. James Galanos makes a simple black gown, broad-shouldered and sleeved, then covers the top in

a storm of pearls ending in a waist girdle.

Some designers prefer their glitter in the fabric itself, such as Adele Simpson's short gold lace in scalloped rows, or Hanae Mori's long slink with huge draped sleeves, all in gold paisley chiffon lame, with a gold corselet midriff cincher. Bill Blass likes the soft gleam of black charmeuse with side ruffles.

If all the glitter begins to get to you, designers also offer plenty of non-glitter glamour. At Jon Haggins, a strapless, fitted, black taffeta dress in long-torso style ends in a bouncy knee-length skirt of many-layered tulle.

Fiandaca's long sheath of black wool crepe has a winged shoulder of taffeta. Velvet in black, wine, royal or red appears in every collection.



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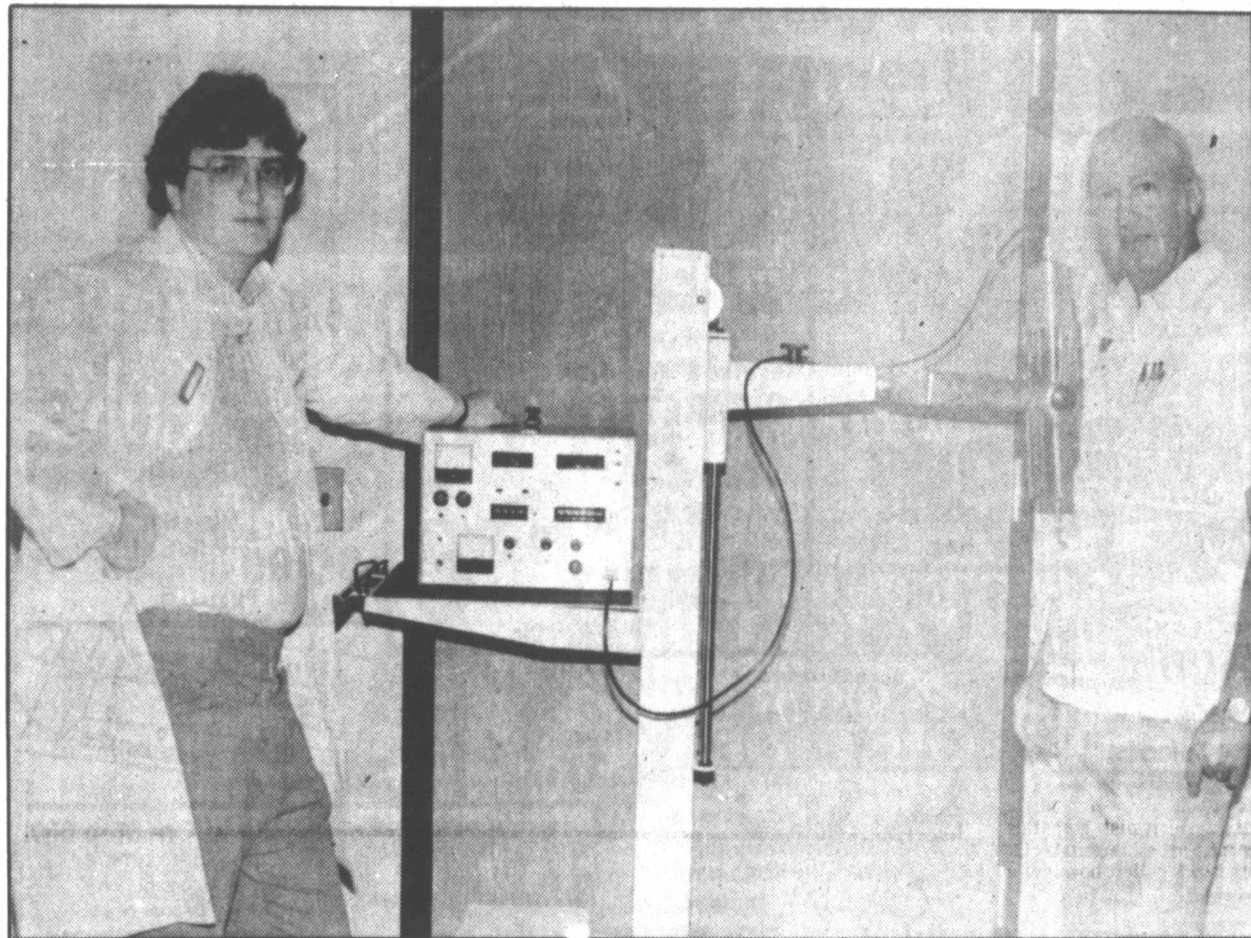
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CHUCK TANNER, director of radiology, right and technician Carl Sims display the new thyroid uptake probe recently put into service at Coronado Community Hospital in Pampa. (Special photo)

Hospital acquires new diagnostic tool

A thyroid uptake probe has been added to the nuclear medicine laboratory at Coronado Community Hospital, announced Chuck Tanner, head of the radiology department at the hospital.

"There's never been a device like this in Pampa," Tanner said. "Before we received this tool, our physicians had to rely on blood tests to diagnose malfunctions of the thyroid, or the patient had to be sent out of town for this test."

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The test may be performed on an outpatient basis.

probe recently put into service at Coronado Community Hospital in Pampa. (Special photo)

Handbags with flair

By Florence De Santis
NEW YORK (NEA) — What do you use for a handbag with the new super-loose, super-layered Japanese separates? French handbag makers already have some answers in styles they're showing in the United States as part of a handbag collection called French Folies.

One handbag in supple shrunken leather is shaped in soft folds held by a leather drawstring. The whole top half of the bag flops over when you wear it on its shoulder strap. It's the totally unstructured look typical of the new Japanese fashions.

Even more tailored bags reflect Oriental softness in the French Folies collection. A rectangular envelope bag in nappa leather is so soft it looks like fabric, is trimmed along the flap edge in rabbit fur and braid, both traditionally Japanese. A soft leather clutch is half covered with appliqued leather leaves.

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Beauty Digest

By Diane Robbins, editor
Beauty Digest magazine

Winter hair

Say adieu to winter dry hair blues. When it's cold outside, you may have a tendency to over-blow dry your hair. Stop! Blow it dry until your hair is just barely damp and then let finish drying naturally. As long as you don't run outside with sopping wet hair, even the chilliest of weather won't give you a cold. Letting the air naturally dry your hair will help it retain its sheen and silkiness, usually pulled out and destroyed by too much blow drying.

Crystal chic

From flea market to exclusive department store to your very own "junk" jewelry box, you'll find this year's fun fashion accessory: crystal drop earrings. They are very '50s, very fun and should be easy to find or even to make. You may still have earrings squirreled away years ago. Prowl your mother's attic for super finds. Set off the "crystal" dangle look with a rhinestone clip on your suit or dress lapel.

Kitchen facial

Here's a great kitchen facial that removes the top, dead layer of skin and leaves your face shiny, fresh and sweet smelling. Take

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Ruidosa begins campaign for Mexican tourists

By JUDY GIANNETTINO
Associated Press Writer
RUIDOSO, N.M. (AP) — Business leaders in this southern New Mexico resort community have launched a new \$50,000 advertising campaign, but instead of targeting American tourists, they're trying to attract peso-packing patrons from Mexico.

And to make sure it succeeds, officials aren't just limiting the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored project to promotions — they're teaching business owners Spanish and, most importantly, they're accepting pesos.

"Acceptamos pesos," Spanish for "We accept pesos," has become the motto for the campaign.

Decals proclaiming that theme have been printed in red and green — the colors of the Mexican flag — for businesses to post so Mexican tourists will know immediately their money is welcome.

"This is just going to be great — it's just what we needed and because we're taking the time to make sure every angle is covered, we think we can't go wrong," says Chamber of Commerce executive director Ed Jungbluth.

Nestled in the Sierra Blanca mountains in Bakery doing big business in small way

CORSICANA, Texas (AP) — The Collin Street Bakery has a computer, but its officers don't want you to know that.

They want you to believe that it is still a small, family-type bakery, yet it fills mail-orders from the Falkland Islands, Costa Rica, the Soviet Union and 19 other countries and employs 700 workers from mid-October to Christmas.

In fact, the Collin Street Bakery sells 4 million pounds of fruitcake a year, but it wants you to believe you got the only one.

You, and everyone from Gene Autry to Lawrence Welk.

"Exclusivity is one of the most important elements of our business. When you get one of our fruitcakes, we want you to think you've got something very few other people have," said John Crawford, the firm's vice president.

Crawford and his partners do seem to have a recipe for success.

"Our year looks very, very good," Crawford said. "We've been baking fruitcakes for 87 years and this year is the best we've ever seen."

The privately held firm has estimated annual revenues of about \$17 million.

The bakery, born in a Corsicana hotel, "exists for one day and one day only," Crawford said. "Most of the year we have 50 regular employees and then starting in mid-October, we hire 700 for the Christmas rush."

The Collin Street Bakery won't let retail stores resell its popular fruit cakes — they are all sold through the mail.

"We get offers every day from people wanting to sell our fruitcakes," Crawford said. "But we don't want customers to see our product on shelves. We want them to think they're getting something rare, something special."

When the bakery designed a new brochure for its orders, it debated whether to include a picture of its new, more modern bakery. It still has a picture of the hotel-bakery founded in 1896 by a German immigrant, August Weidmann, and a Texas oilman, Tom McElwee.

The bakery's first big order came when John Ringling's circus played Corsicana. McElwee, the entrepreneur, put extra cakes in the trunks of the circus performers, who shared the treats with others down the road.

Soon people began calling McElwee and asking where they could get more of the tasty fruitcake. A mail-order business was born.

Crawford smiles when asked if he has received some obscure orders over the years, and opens his drawer to retrieve a file of tattered envelopes.

One is addressed to "Fruitcake City, Texas." Another was sent to Fruit Cake, Texas. And an order from Guam found its way to Corsicana with the address "The Best Froot Kake in the World."

"The thing I love about it is that they all got here," said Crawford.

south-central New Mexico, Ruidoso has been a perennial tourist spot for Americans drawn by its winter skiing and spring and summer horse racing.

Jungbluth said Mexican nationals also once flocked to Ruidoso, which is about 135 miles north of the Mexican border.

"But, you know, when the peso devaluations hit, their whole economy fell apart and a lot of them stopped coming up," he said. "We think this program is kind of a way to go back after those people who used to visit."

The Ruidoso Village Council approved \$25,000 for the campaign, which began in late November with advertisements in AeroMexico airline in-flight magazines.

Jungbluth said state officials were so taken with the program they matched the council's appropriation.

"They're really interested in this and are looking at it now to see if maybe it could be feasible for other

communities," Jungbluth said.

Newspaper advertisements in the Mexican cities of Chihuahua, Juarez, Monterrey, Torreon and Guadalajara are to begin running early in January, Jungbluth said.

"We wanted to aim this whole thing at after the holidays so we'll start in January with the big push. Another series is planned for late March," he said.

Village officials also are compiling a list of English-Spanish translators for Mexican tourists and are setting up night classes in conversational Spanish for their business owners.

"As you look at some of the drawbacks to travel in the U.S., not being able to communicate is one of the biggest barriers," Jungbluth said. "If we can reduce the barriers and make them less offensive, then we're pretty sure people will feel comfortable coming here."

Another aspect of the program has been educating

businesses on converting pesos to dollars.

All three Ruidoso banks have agreed to accept pesos, Jungbluth said.

"We're just now teaching businesses to accept them," he said. "One of the biggest problems there has been the fear of doing it — it's strange for them and they're uncomfortable. But we're explaining how easy the conversion is and also that they can take pesos in and give change in dollars and that relieves them."

Business leaders have responded favorably to the project.

Arturo Lojero, himself a native of Mexico, calls the program a "gold mine."

Lojero said it's what Mexican nationals have been looking for in the United States.

Many Mexicans have ample money to vacation in the United States, but have refrained because of the difficulty in obtaining dollars, he said.

"It can be a hassle,

converting your money into American dollars. But with our program that's no big deal — they can take out of Mexico as many pesos as they want and just bring them up here," Lojero said.

He predicted that if the entire community, which has a population of about 9,000, backs the program, "in three years we'll bring in 160,000 people every winter."

Jungbluth said 99 percent of the lodgers in Ruidoso are participating in the campaign.

He said other businesses also are supporting the effort. "About two-thirds of them are committed."

And the biggest drawing card for tourists during the winter — Sierra Blanca Ski Area — is a strong supporter, Jungbluth said.

One area businessman, who has been accepting pesos for about five years, said he already has seen an increase in the number of Mexican tourists.

"I think it's just terrific and I think those business people who are balking at the plan are going to be sorry," said the man, who asked that his name not be used. "They're going to wake up one day and

wonder why everyone else has so much more business." Jungbluth said Chamber of Commerce officials also are meeting with Mexican travel agents to educate them on the program.

"And we've gone into Mexico and met with people there who think it's a wonderful idea. They've indicated to us nothing but positive ideas and said that if it's done right it would work."

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Glories of railroading preserved in pictures

By JEAN McNAIR
Associated Press Writer
NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — In the 1950s, commercial photographer O. Winston Link spent his spare time and money taking pictures of Norfolk & Western steam trains simply to capture them before they disappeared into history.

Now, more than 20 years after he finished the six-year project, his photographs are receiving widespread public recognition and critical acclaim.
"I've liked trains ever since I was a little kid," said the Brooklyn-born Link, 68, as he toured a Chrysler Museum exhibit here of 57 of his 2,200

train pictures. "There's lots of action, smoke, nice sounds, nice smells. They're going someplace in the country."
His photographs portray not only the steam trains in their final years before they were replaced by diesel engines, but the people who lived and worked with the railroad.

The pictures, most of them taken at night, show trains at a surreal backdrop to rural life along the N&W railroad tracks in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland.
Three people chat on a porch while a train roars by in the background; teenagers in bathing suits lounge by a swimming pool at night while a train passes behind them; young lovers watch a drive-in movie as a train chugs along beyond the screen.

In another scene, a tired-looking woman sprawls in an easy chair in her living room while a young boy excitedly waves to the train passing just outside a picture window. The Lithia, Va., family that owned the house used to invite Link for fried chicken dinners during his frequent trips to take pictures of the trains.
His project began in 1955 when Link, a free-lancer who shot pictures for annual reports and other company publications, went to Staunton on an assignment for Westinghouse.

One night he wandered over to Waynesboro and, using synchronized flashes, took a picture of a locomotive pulling into the station.
He sent a print to N&W and asked their permission to do a self-financed project of train photographs, taken primarily at night.
"It was a part of America — life along the railroad — that no one had ever seen or noticed," he said. "Mainly because no one would ever be out at that time of night."
N&W officials liked the idea. "They gave me 450 engines, 2,500 miles of track and several thousand employees and word from the president to do whatever I asked," Link said.

Link was given his own key to the railway telephone boxes so he could call dispatchers and find out what time a train would arrive. Drivers would slow down the train or make the engine belch white smoke at just the right moment.
One of those who helped Link was Hobart Scott, who retired as supervisor of transportation for N&W in 1969.

Only recently have critics begun to praise Link's work. The New York Times described his photographs as having a "compelling and thoroughly delightful aura of strangeness." A London Sunday Times Magazine critic said Link "is poised to become the object of an international cult."
The Museum of Modern Art in New York owns some of his prints, and he has had one-man shows in London and New York.

Link, who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., clearly enjoys the belated recognition, but most of his attention now is focused on restoring an old steam engine and railroad car he saved from the scrap heap.

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Collector stocks up on certificates

By JAMES E. WALTERS
Associated Press Writer
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Jules Glaser makes his living as a financial adviser but for a hobby he collects worthless stocks and bonds.

Worthless, that is, except for their value to collectors as objects of art and for their history.

He estimates he owns 50,000 or so, "and I've been told my collection is the finest private one in the world."

He says most of his collection was acquired at bargain prices but that sales of \$1,000 each are not uncommon now. An 1898 Chinese bond sold not too long ago at auction for \$24,000.

"But 99 percent, even of the more valuable ones to collectors, can be acquired for \$50 to \$100 or less," he said. "Prices of less than \$5 are common."

Instead of pictures, every wall in his three-room suite of offices in a Phoenix-area financial center is decorated with framed stock certificates. Glaser says he keeps his most valuable collectibles in a safe place but enjoys displaying the others.

"What fascinating history they are," he says. "I just wish I could find time to explore them more fully." "That bond over there, for example, was issued by the French in 1888 to build the Panama Canal. And look at the engraved elephant on that 1890 gold-mine bond from India. Exquisite. It's one of the first I ever bought."

The stocks and bonds, in most cases, have the names of the original purchasers. Glaser said that makes them more valuable to collectors.

Since the certificates now are worthless because they were issued by defunct companies or governments, Glaser says he is haunted by the thought of the broken dreams and hopes they represent.

Such a recent acquisition was a \$1,000 bond issued by the Indiana Southern Railway in 1886. "That was a lot of money in those days, and, as you can see, the coupons to be clipped to receive interest run through 1899 — but only one coupon, the first, ever was clipped," he said.

Glaser says he is very selective in what he buys, and always has been since starting his collection about nine years ago.

"I'm not a dealer and buy only what interests me," he said. "First it has to appeal to me — a beautiful engraving, good design, sharp color. And as a general rule it has to be more than 100 years old."

"If it is signed by historical figures, so much the better," he said, pointing to a Wells Fargo certificate signed by the original Wells and the original Fargo.

While Wells Fargo bank still operates, the certificate he has superseded long ago, a common practice in the financial world.

He says that to be of value to a collector, the certificate must be printed on the type of paper on which U.S. currency is printed. It's also valueless without vignettes or detailed engravings, if it is torn or has folds, stains or holes, if it lacks revenue stamps or embossments or marks, or if it is not attractive in design. Another thing to determine is how rare it is.

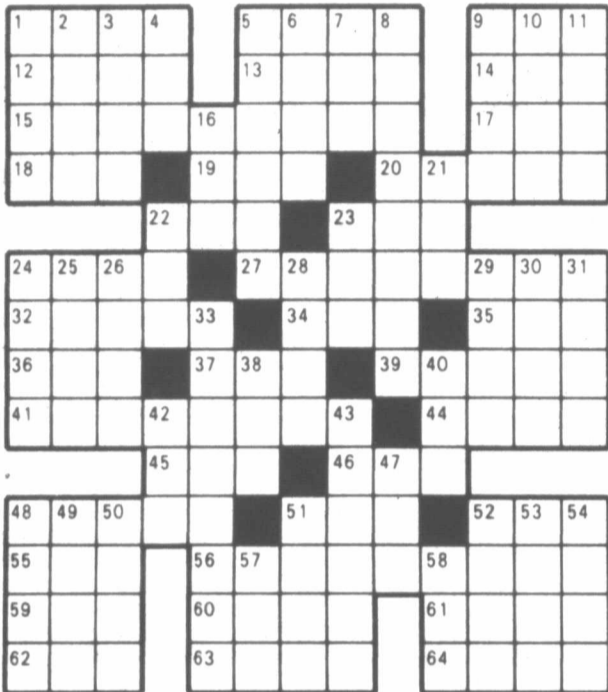
The collection of certificates as art and historical objects is known as scrippophily. Glaser, who refers to himself as a scrippophile, says he frequently is asked if he wants to buy certificates that were issued, say, by the company of someone's great-grandfather.

"What may be a heirloom to a family usually is just another piece of insignificant memorabilia to a collector."

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Astro-Graph
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Substantial material gains can be made this coming year, provided you are more concerned with cash than with the spotlight. Be pragmatic regarding the types of hoped-for rewards. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** It will prove unwise today to procrastinate about things that must be done. Time that you think is at your disposal will fly like darkness before the dawn. The NEW Matchmaker wheel and booklet reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs, tells how to get along with others, finds rising signs, hidden qualities, plus more. Send \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Mail an additional \$1 for your Sagittarius Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead. Be sure to give your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Attempting to do things the easy way is likely to have the most appeal for you today. Unfortunately, you may discover this to be a path leading to dead ends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not underestimate the caliber of your competition today. Persons you think you can vanquish in the opening rounds may go the limit.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's important to try to keep an open mind today. Having preconceived negative ideas will work to your detriment and cause avoidable problems.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Instead of allowing an old obligation to weigh heavily on your mind, take some positive steps today to eliminate it. You'll feel better for it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Promises made to you today should not be too heavily relied upon, especially if they are from persons who have let you down previously.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be on guard early in the day or you might do things which do not serve your best interest. By late afternoon, you're not apt to repeat this process.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If possible, do not become involved in social situations today that are replete with boring types. Instead, seek fun-loving companions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Unless you are truly motivated today, you're apt to have trouble getting into high gear. Success will be denied you if you just use half-measures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) For reasons known only to you, there's a chance you might view yourself as the underdog today. Negative thinking produces negative results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The family budget will suffer today if either you or your mate buy something that you both had agreed to do without for the present.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try not to be uncooperative today. If you are, there's a likelihood others may not want to include you in their activities.

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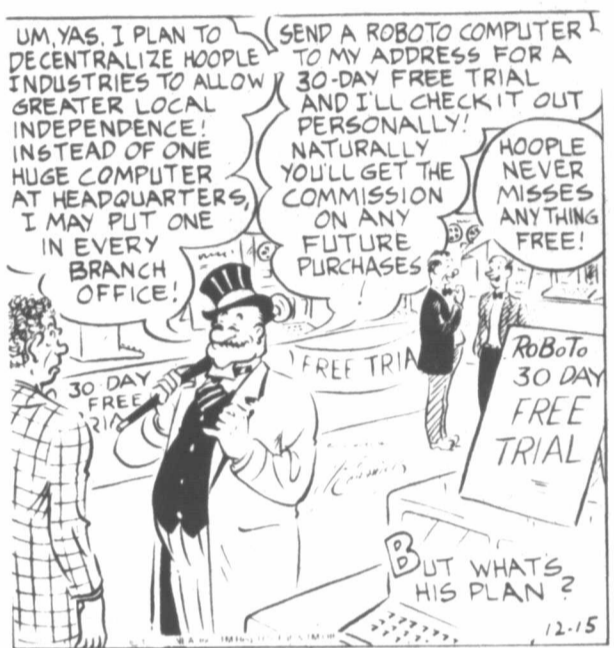
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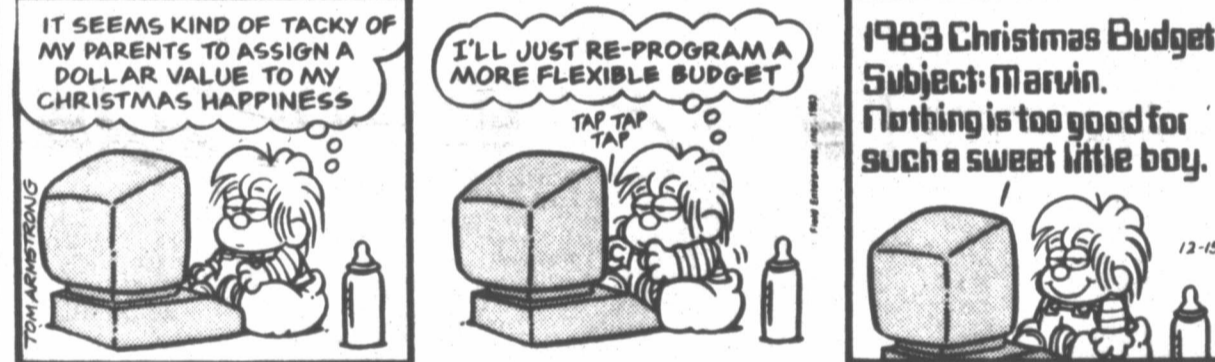
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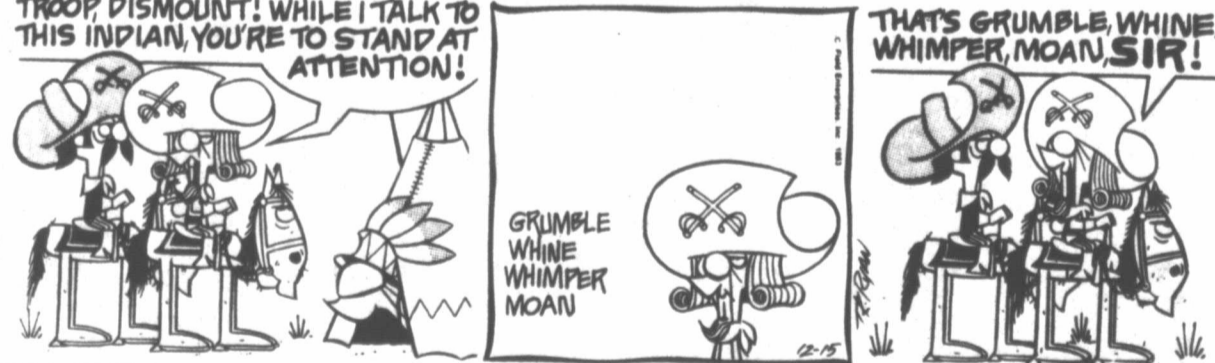
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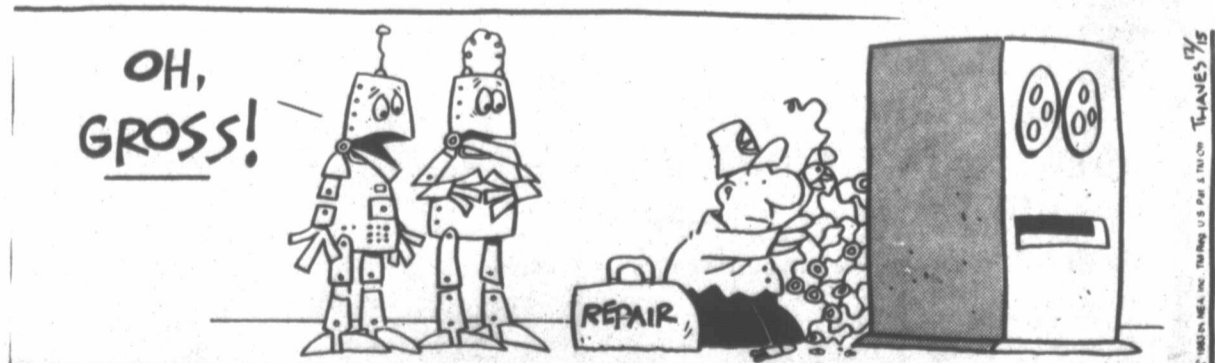
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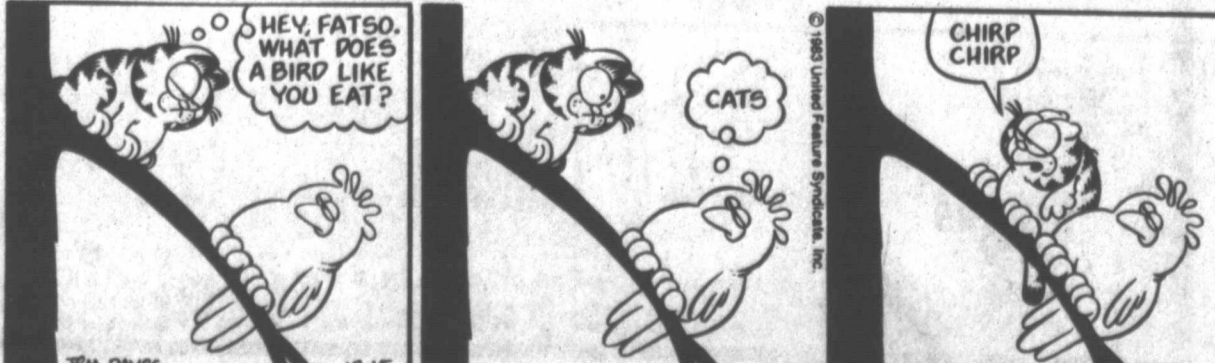
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Small Texas town willing to pay price for its own schools

By SARALEE TIEDE
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
MCCAULEY, Texas (AP)

The bread truck doesn't come to McCauley any more. So the women who work in the cafeteria at the McCauley school come in at 6 a.m. to bake bread for the children.

That is only part of the price that the people of this tiny Fisher County settlement are willing to pay for their own school.

So determined were they that the school would keep operating that five years ago they built houses on school property to attract new families to town.

There are 120 children enrolled in the McCauley Independent School District. It has survived three attempts to consolidate with larger school districts and a 1978 bus crash that killed five football players, injured 19 high school students and put both the superintendent and principal in the hospital.

Texas has 474 school districts that have enrollments of fewer than 500 children. There are 980 districts with fewer than 1,000 children, the number considered necessary in 1968 to offer "a reasonably comprehensive program."

Experts in education agree that not many of the little schools can offer the high school curriculum necessary to prepare students for a technological age. Increasingly, administrators of small schools say their districts are faced with financial problems and difficulties in recruiting teachers.

All five of the unaccredited school districts in Texas have an enrollment of fewer than 15 students.

But despite incentives to consolidate — two districts that join can continue getting the state aid that once went to both — Texas has been unwilling to give up its community schools.

"The school is the community in many places," said State Education Commissioner Raymon Bynum. "These little towns have already lost their stores. The churches and the schools are all that's left. It's the community's identity."

Five years ago, after the bus crash decimated its student body, McCauley — an unincorporated town with one grocery store, two churches and a post office in the cotton fields north of Abilene — was at a crisis point.

Its enrollment teetered below 90, the break-point for state aid. School districts that have fewer than 90 children qualify for only seven paid teachers while those with more than 90 students get state money for 12 teachers.

"There was never any thought about closing the school," said the school board president, Marion Reed. "We care for our community, and we care for each other too much. We realized if the school ever closed it would make a tremendous difference in the community. The school activities are what draw people together."

The school board tackled the population problem head-on. Townspeople donated labor and materials so eight houses could be built or moved to school property. The houses attracted new families with school-age children.

Recently, the district bought 22 acres, part of which it will sell in lots to prospective homebuilders. Enrollment stabilized at about 100, but there still are limits to the educational program that McCauley can provide.

In the elementary school, two grades share a classroom and a teacher, a situation that principal Byron Shelley says he would remedy if the money were there.

No foreign languages are offered, even though the University of Texas will require a foreign language for admission starting next year.

Not until 1981 did the high school start offering geometry, physics and business math. Only last year were high school students able to start taking consumer math and speech.

McCauley's current mathematics teacher is teaching on an emergency certificate because he has only 12 hours of college mathematics instead of the

required 24.

Last year, McCauley had no librarian, and Kathleen Hale, a librarian who spends two days a week in the district this year, says it will take years of buying more books before the library is adequate.

Basic skills test scores are good in the third grade — all the students passed last year — but not so good in the ninth — four of the nine students failed math and reading.

But the people of McCauley says these shortcomings are minor compared with the advantages of a small, close-knit school.

"We know the kids, their parents and their grandparents," said Superintendent J.D. Hargrove. "Our teachers are very stable; we don't have much turnover, and they can offer one-on-one instruction. They get to know the students better."

Only one teen-ager is taking physics this year, and he has an hour each day with the

science teacher.

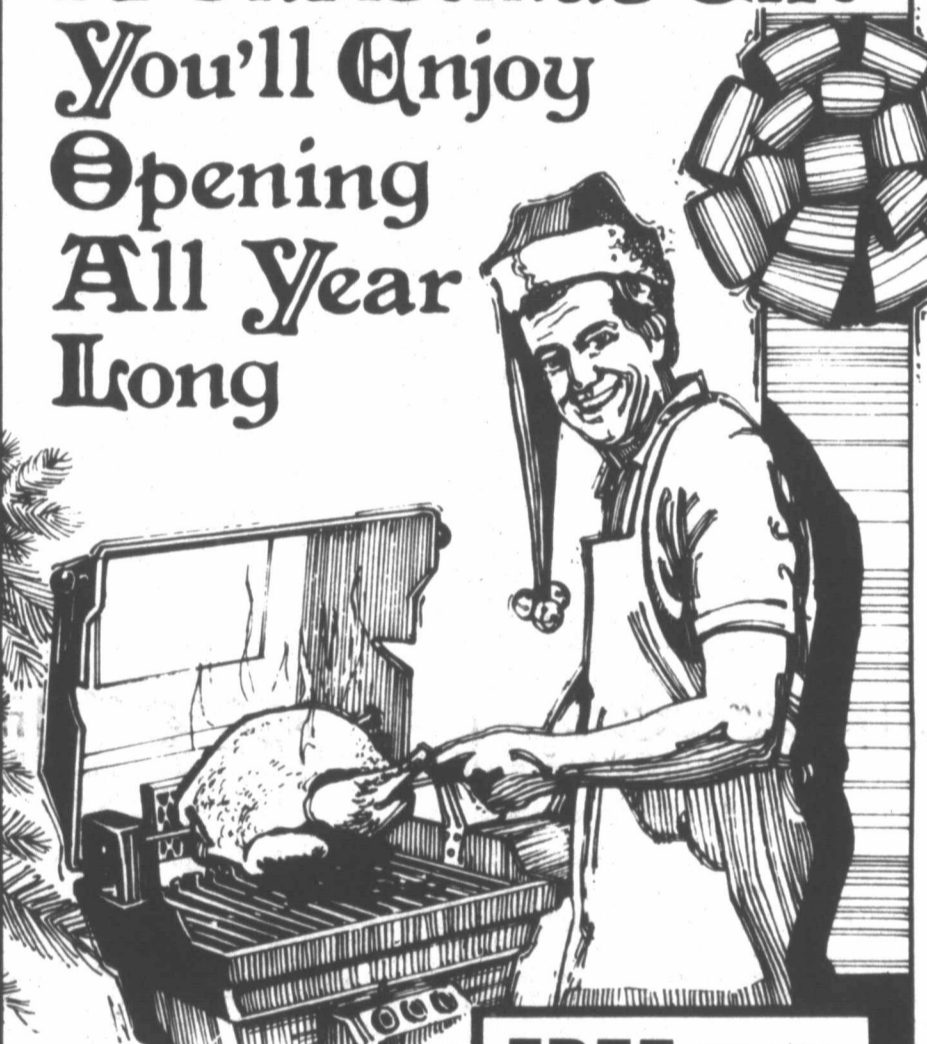
Hargrove's wife, who teaches third and fourth grades, has 13 children in her combined classroom, allowing her to give special attention to each child.

"No student is neglected, or I would take it personally," she said. "When I taught at junior high at Stafford, I had 150 students a day. There was no way I could help each student. The slow ones had to be ignored, and I didn't have the opportunity to challenge the bright ones."

A small school means that everyone does double duty. The principal teaches Texas history, driver education and sometimes drives the school bus. The high school English teacher coaches football and track. The science teacher also is basketball coach and bus driver.

It also means that students get to participate in almost everything. Twenty of the 24 boys in high school play football.

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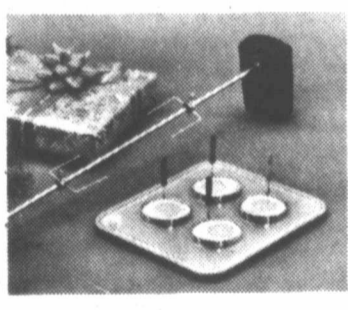
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Marino to quarterback AFC pro bowlers

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins has been chosen to start for the American Football Conference Pro Bowl team, making him the first rookie quarterback to start since the game began in 1950.

The team was announced today by AFC President Lamar Hunt and the NFL Players Association.

Marino, the rookie out of Pittsburgh, is the top-rated passer in the AFC with 173 completions in 296 attempts for 2,210 yards.

The game will be played Jan. 29, 1984 in Honolulu, Hawaii (4 p.m. EST, ABC-TV).

The Los Angeles Raiders placed the most players on

the squad, seven. The Dolphins had six. Raiders picked to start were tight end Todd Christensen, defensive end Howie Long, outside linebacker Rod Martin and cornerback Lester Hayes.

Another rookie, Seattle's Curt Warner, was chosen to start alongside Marino in the AFC's backfield. Earl Campbell of Houston will be the other AFC running back.

Selection was on the basis of balloting by the conference coaches and team player representatives, with no voter allowed to vote for a player on his own team.

One spot remained open on the NFC squad, the third defensive end position. Voting for the spot produced a tie.

The tiebreaker is the overall record of the player's team, but because the two teams could tie in the standings with one game left in the season, that spot will not be announced until next week.

OFFENSE
Wide Receiver
Carlos Carson, Kansas City Chiefs; Cris Collinsworth, Cincinnati Bengals; x-Wes Chandler, San Diego Chargers; x-Mark Duper, Miami Dolphins.

Tight End
Todd Christensen, Los Angeles Raiders; x-Kellen Winslow, San Diego Chargers.

Tackle
Anthony Munoz, Cincinnati

Bengals; Marvin Powell, New York Jets; x-Brian Holloway, New England Patriots.

Guard
John Hannah, New England Patriots; Chris Hinton, Baltimore Colts; x-Ed Newman, Miami Dolphins.

Center
Dwight Stephenson, Miami Dolphins; x-Mike Webster, Pittsburgh Steelers.

Quarterback
Dan Marino, Miami Dolphins; x-Dan Fouts, San Diego Chargers.

Running Back
Earl Campbell, Houston Oilers; Curt Warner, Seattle Seahawks; x-Tony Collins,

New England Patriots; x-Joe Cribbs, Buffalo Bills.

DEFENSE
Doug Betters, Miami Dolphins; Howie Long, Los Angeles Raiders; x-Mark Gastineau, New York Jets.

Tackles
Bob Baumhower, Miami Dolphins; Fred Smerias, Buffalo Bills; x-Joe Klecko, New York Jets.

Outside Linebacker
Chip Banks, Cleveland Browns; Rod Martin, Los Angeles Raiders; x-Ted Hendricks, Los Angeles Raiders.

Middle Linebacker
Jack Lambert, Pittsburgh Steelers; x-Randy Gradishar, Denver Broncos. Safety

Deron Cherry, Kansas City Chiefs; Kenny Easley, Seattle; x-Vann McElroy, Los Angeles Raiders.

Cornerback
Gary Green, Kansas City Chiefs; Lester Hayes, Los Angeles Raiders; x-Louis Wright, Denver Broncos.

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Redskins dominate NFC Pro Bowl roster

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven members of the defending Super Bowl champion Washington Redskins and two rookies were named to the National Football Conference Pro Bowl team, the NFC and the NFL Players Association announced jointly.

Five of the Redskins' players will be starters, including quarterback Joe Theismann, the top-rated passer in the National Football League this season with 260 completions in 431 attempts, according to the announcement Wednesday.

The other Redskins' starters are center Jeff Bostic, guard Russ Grimm, tackle Joe Jacoby and safety Mark Murphy.

The two rookie selections were Los Angeles Rams running back Eric Dickerson and New York Giants place-kicker Ali Haji-Sheikh.

The other starting running back is William Andrews of the Atlanta Falcons.

Selection is done on the basis of balloting by the 14 NFC coaches and the player representatives from each team, with no voter allowed to vote for a player on his own team.

One position remained open after balloting — the third defensive end position. Voting for this spot produced a tie.

The tiebreaker is their respective team's record, but because the two teams could tie in overall record with one

game left in the season, that spot on the NFC roster will not be announced until next week.

Wide Receiver
James Lofton, Green Bay Packers; Mike Quick, Philadelphia Eagles; x-Roy Green, St. Louis Cardinals; x-Charlie Brown, Washington Redskins.

Tight End
Paul Coffman, Green Bay Packers; x-Doug Cosbie, Dallas Cowboys.

Tackle
Mike Kenn, Atlanta Falcons; Joe Jacoby, Washington Redskins; x-Jackie Slater, Los Angeles Rams.

Kent Hill, Los Angeles Rams; Russ Grimm, Bay Buccaneers; Ed Jones, Dallas Cowboys.

Center
Jeff Bostic, Washington Redskins; x-Larry McCarren, Green Bay Packers.

Quarterback
Joe Theismann, Washington Redskins; x-Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers.

Running Back
Eric Dickerson, Los Angeles Rams; William Andrews, Atlanta Falcons; x-Tony Dorsett, Dallas Cowboys; x-Walter Payton, Chicago Bears.

DEFENSE
End
Lee Roy Selmon, Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Ed Jones, Dallas Cowboys.

Tackles
Doug English, Detroit Lions; Randy White, Dallas Cowboys; x-Dave Butz, Washington Redskins.

Outside Linebacker
Lawrence Taylor, New York Giants; Hugh Green, Tampa Bay Buccaneers; x-Rickey Jackson, New Orleans Saints.

Middle Linebacker
Mike Singletary, Chicago Bears; x-Harry Carson, New York Giants.

Safety
Mark Murphy, Washington Redskins; Nolan Cromwell,

Los Angeles Rams; x-Dwight Hicks, San Francisco 49ers.

Cornerback
Ronnie Lott, San Francisco 49ers; Everson Walls, Dallas Cowboys; x-Mark Hayes, New York Giants.

SPECIALISTS
Place-kicker
Ali Haji-Sheikh, New York Giants.

Punter
Carl Birdsong, St. Louis Cardinals.

Kick-returner
Billy Johnson, Atlanta Falcons.

College football takes plunge in TV ratings

By DAVE GOLDBERG AP Sports Writer

The news is foreboding. First we discover that nobody's watching Neil O'Donoghue and Bill Capece miss field goals on Monday Night Football. Now we find out that ratings for college football have dropped to the lowest point in a decade.

What is happening to America's Game, college version?

Final Nielsen ratings for college football gave ABC a 9.9 and CBS a 9.6 for the season, meaning that roughly one in 10 of the nation's television sets were tuned to college football on a given Saturday afternoon. That's a nine percent drop for each network and represents the first time in a decade that

ratings have dropped to single digits.

Why? A combination of the things that have plagued National Football League telecasts — good fall weather that sent people outdoors; more cable television; the United States Football League, which has brought football to television year-round.

But most of all, it's same parity bugaboo that seems to have hurt the NFL.

Take a look at the nation's Top 20 teams.

Where are Notre Dame, Southern Cal, Penn State? What are all these Boston Colleges, West Virginias, Brigham Youngs, Air Forces and East Carolinas doing there? And the 3-4-5-6 teams in the country? Auburn, Illinois, Miami and SMU,

with Alabama all the way down at No. 19.

Notre Dame-Southern Cal wasn't televised this year. Nor were USC-UCLA, Penn State-Pitt or Michigan-Ohio State. Instead, we got the likes of Boston College-Alabama the day after Thanksgiving. A good game between interesting teams, but the kind of game the nation's viewing habits probably haven't caught up to.

The fanatic will watch anything that moves. The casual viewer, the one who makes a difference in the ratings, wonders what happened to the Bear in the houndstooth hat and thinks of BC as those guys who always upset someone in the NCAA basketball tournament.

What's a Doug Flutie? Bring on the Trojans and the Fighting Irish.

Donn Bernstein, ABC's resident college football ratings expert, also points out

that the networks are in the second year of a scheduling cycle — that is, schools are permitted a total of six appearances in two years to keep the nets from showing the Nebraska Game of the Week.



MIXED TEAM WINNERS — Leonard's Auto won the mixed team fall volleyball title this year. Team members are (front, l-r) Allison Ott, Bev Morlan, Kathy Neusch and Rosie Martinez; (back, l-r) Leonard Neusch, Steve Thomas, Ronnie Haduck and Mike Casto.

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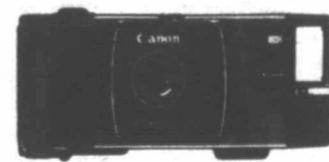
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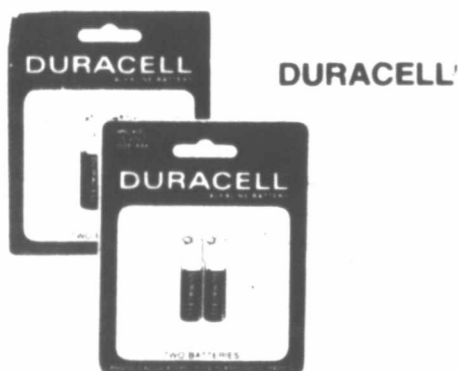
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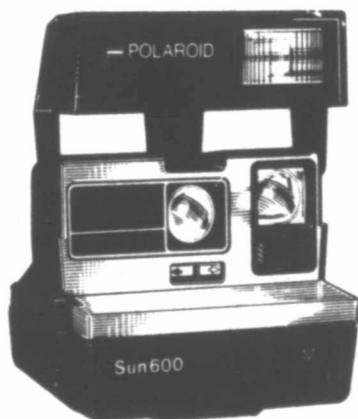
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