

The stockings are hung...



The wonder and anticipation of Christmas Eve is shared by young and old as F.W. "Slim" Hendrix tells Heather Brantley, daughter of Mike and Jo Brantley of Pampa, a

"Night Before Christmas" story in a setting duplicated in many homes today. (Staff Photo by Ed Copeland)

Pickens group makes profit of \$90 million

By STEVEN P. ROSENFELD
AP Business Writer

An investors' group led by Mesa Petroleum Co. Chairman T. Boone Pickens Jr. will make about \$90 million under an agreement reached to drop its hostile bid for control of Phillips Petroleum Co.

Both parties on Sunday night announced the settlement, which would also involve a restructuring of Phillips.

The settlement, disclosed in a joint release by Phillips and Pickens' group, ended a bitter fight that erupted Dec. 4 and led to lawsuits in state and federal courts in Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Delaware. As part of the agreement, the parties said they would seek the dismissal of the litigation.

Pickens, chairman of the Amarillo, Texas-based oil company, was acting in partnership with Wagner & Brown, of Midland, Texas.

The Mesa Partners had accumulated 8.9 million shares of Phillips stock for \$383 million, and at the time of the agreement were seeking to buy another 23 million shares in a bid to raise its stake to 21 percent.

Under the settlement, the Mesa Partners would receive at least \$53 a share for their Phillips stock.

In addition, Phillips will propose that its shareholders approve a plan to exchange 38 percent of Phillips' stock for other securities. Of those nearly 59 million shares involved, Phillips would sell up to 32 million to its own employees. In addition, Phillips and the Mesa Partners agreed that for the next 15 years neither would attempt to acquire the other, or its entities, and Phillips agreed to reimburse the Mesa group for its actual expenses in the takeover bid.

Phillips, based in Bartlesville, Okla., is the nation's eighth-largest oil company, based on sales through the first nine months of the year. Its nearly \$12 billion in sales for that period makes it about 30 times as large as Mesa.

Pickens' bid originally envisioned a takeover valued at about \$9.1 billion.

"While we would have liked to have obtained control of Phillips and guided its future direction, the agreement we have structured with Phillips is best for all concerned, given what Phillips

stockholders will receive and what it means for the company's employees and the town of Bartlesville," Pickens said.

Pickens insisted from the start that he was not trying to force the company into buying back its shares from him at a premium to avoid the headache of a hostile takeover. When he made the offer, he said he would not sell his shares back to Phillips unless all shareholders also were able to benefit.

Phillips said that its shareholders would be asked to approve a major recapitalization plan at a special meeting either in late February or March.

If approved, Phillips has promised to spend not less than \$1 billion to repurchase its own stock during the following year at prices not to exceed \$50 a share.

Phillips stock closed at \$54.87 1/2 a share at the end of last week, but it traded below \$45 a share prior to the offer by Mesa Partners.

Phillips said that if the recapitalization plan is carried out as envisioned, the market value of the remaining stock and the securities it exchanges for some of its stock should be about \$53 a share.

Under the plan, the shares held by the Pickens group would either be sold to underwriters or Phillips at either \$53 a share or its market value, whichever is greater.

William Douce, the chairman of Phillips, said that if the recapitalization plan is approved, Phillips would sell about \$2 billion of its assets and make significant revisions in its capital spending program.

"We believe the proposed recapitalization transaction will permit Phillips stockholders to recognize a substantial premium for a significant portion of their shares while retaining a major equity interest in Phillips," Douce said.

No paper Tuesday

The Pampa News will not be published Christmas Day and all offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Normal publication schedule and office hours will be resumed Wednesday.

Sunday openings cap busy Christmas season

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

'Twas the Sunday before Christmas and all through the town. The stores were all stirring and few were shut down.

Despite a Texas blue law, which forbids the sale of certain items on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays, Christmas shoppers found plenty to buy Sunday. Among the stores which stayed open Sunday were K-Mart, Wal-Mart, Alco, White's, Belcher's Jewelers and M.E. Moses.

In the midst of all this "illegal" shopping, the Pampa police department received only one citizen's complaint of the blue law violation, filed against Belcher's Jewelers by Peter Alberts, 31 of 1601 W. Sommerville. Alberts is manager of Zales Jewelry.

The Sunday opening may have sparked an act of criminal mischief against one Pampa

merchant. The Pampa police log listed that the Alco Discount Store at Coronado center reported being "attacked by the manager of C.R. Anthony's" at about 5:55 p.m. Sunday. Merlin Shearer, 51, of 2417 Navajo, was arrested at the scene and later released on a personal recognizance bond.

According to the police reports, the suspect reportedly came into the Alco store and said "I've got a hammer."

Alco manager Bob Chambers confirmed that a cash register was damaged, but declined any further comment until he receives instructions from the Alco main office.

On Saturday, Chambers seemed worried about being open Sunday. But because K-Mart and Wal-Mart announced Sunday openings, Chambers said he had no other choice.

"We are open Sunday in every

state we're in except Texas," he said.

This morning, Chambers reported that he had a profitable Sunday and that almost all his customers thanked him for being open Sunday.

District Attorney Guy Hardin said Monday that he hasn't received any complaints of blue law violations, but admitted that he is not sure whether the misdemeanor would fall under his jurisdiction or that of the county attorney. He feels that the law is "ridiculous."

Despite the two incidents, Sunday seemed just like any Christmas season shopping day: busy.

Clint Henry Jr., manager of White's hardware store said the fact the store will be closed Christmas Day justifies their Sunday opening. Hefty sales also justified the blue law violation.

"Right now, it's paying for

itself," he said.

An assistant manager at Wal-Mart concurred with Henry's assessment, adding that "it has been a busy season all along."

The shoppers who crowded the Pampa stores didn't feel guilty about shopping on Sunday.

A Panhandle woman said the Sunday opening was "terrific."

"We go to church and we don't have anything to do Sunday afternoon," one woman said, adding that she and her husband "started to go to Amarillo."

A Booker woman said she would have gone into Oklahoma to shop at department stores in Woodward or Guymon if she hadn't known the Pampa K-Mart would be open Sunday.

A Pampa woman admitted "mixed opinions."

"It's nice for my convenience," she said. "But I don't like people working on Sundays."

Fire-fighting crew forced from mine

ORANGEVILLE, Utah (AP) — Crews working to seal a coal mine to extinguish a relentless fire that killed 27 miners were forced to evacuate when a meter registered a "sky high" reading of volatile gas, fueling fears of an explosion.

It may be two or three days before the crews can go back into the Wilberg Mine and resume efforts to seal it, Robert Henrie, spokesman for Emery Mining Corp., said Sunday.

Twenty-six men and a woman, working to break a one-day production record, were trapped in the mine by the blaze that broke out Wednesday night. By Sunday, two bodies still had not been discovered, but officials said they were presumed dead.

"The first two, three or four days the fire could have been extinguished much more easily,"

Henrie said Sunday. "But our effort was to save lives — not put out fires."

Now, "we don't want to send a bunch of people up there where there's going to be threats or problems. We simply want to let the fire get past the seals, secure the seals and then extinguish the fire," he said.

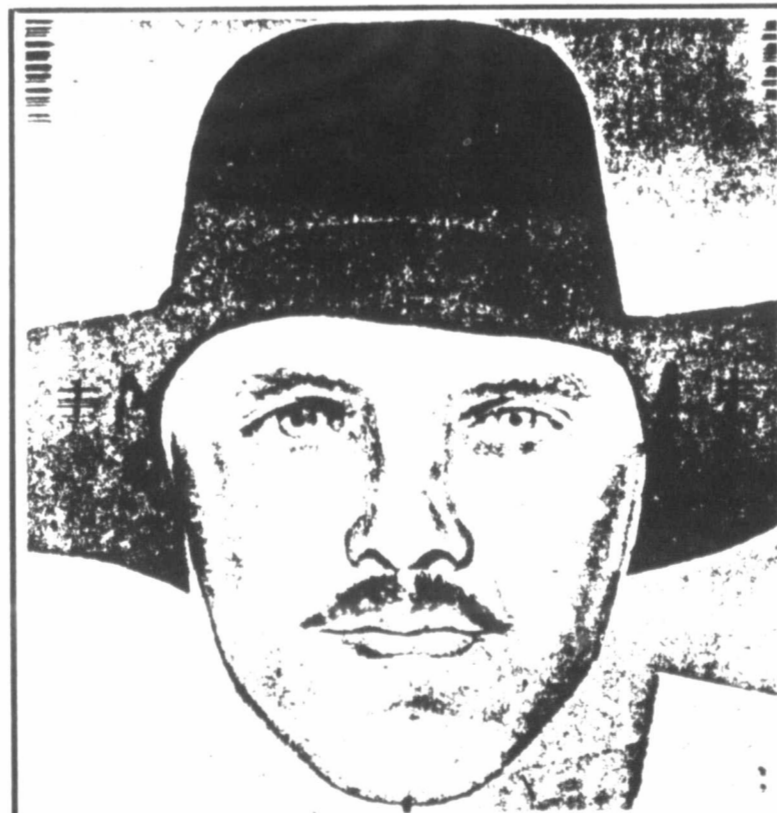
Seven bodies were found Friday, but officials still hoped some miners had retreated to a safe area. Rescuers found late Saturday that none had. Attempts by some of the trapped miners to erect a barrier had failed.

It was the state's worst coal-mining disaster since 1924, when 172 miners died at a mine in nearby Castle Gate. It also was the nation's worst mine disaster since May 1972, when 91 miners died in a fire in an Idaho mine. In March 1976, 26 people died in a Kentucky mine.

On Sunday, the fire jeopardized crews trying to remove 25 bodies and find the other two, prompting officials to order the mine sealed. Then buildup of methane gas prompted an evacuation order for the 100 workers in the Wilberg and two adjacent mines, all operated by Emery for Utah Power & Light Co.

The fire, about 1,100 feet inside the mine's main tunnel, had grown to 2,200 feet in length Sunday, Henrie said, and was "sporadic, difficult and unpredictable."

Crews had worked about six hours before a firefighter "put on his methane meter and it went sky high," Henrie said.



Composite drawing of rape suspect



At approximately 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 1984, a 28-year-old Pampa woman was sexually assaulted in her home near Central Park in Pampa. The victim was asleep with her small child and awoke to find a Hispanic male standing over her bed. The victim was repeatedly raped over a period of

approximately one hour, with her small child witnessing the assault.

The suspect is described as approximately five feet, five inches tall, thin build with a moustache. He was wearing a dark T-shirt under a light blue shirt, blue jeans, a fleecelined jacket, cowboy hat and a bandana around the neck.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 to anyone giving information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person responsible for this crime. You can report information about this and other crimes and remain anonymous by calling 669-2222.

Preston Maynard won't get last wish

By JEFF LANGLEY
Senior Staff Writer

A former Pampa cop who shot himself to death just outside the Wheeler courtroom Saturday minutes after being found guilty of his ex-wife's murder won't get his final wish to be buried next to the woman.

Preston Wayne Maynard, 49, will be buried in Hart Cemetery on Wednesday. Shirley Maynard, 40, the woman he was convicted of murdering four years ago and for whom the man had proclaimed undying love, was buried in Seguin.

Maynard shot himself in the heart with a .38-caliber pistol about three minutes after jurors pronounced him guilty in his ex-wife's Dec. 10, 1980 shooting death. Maynard shot himself in the same spot he had shot the woman, four years and 12 days earlier.

The jury's guilty verdict was announced in the Wheeler courtroom at 3:25 p.m. Saturday. 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhenny ordered a 10 minute recess before starting the punishment phase of the trial.

Maynard, left alone briefly in a small law library room across the hall from the courtroom, sat down in a chair and fired the fatal shot into his chest.

Assistant District Attorney David Hamilton said an investigation is being made to find out how Maynard got the gun. Maynard may have stashed the gun behind some books in the library; he may have concealed it under his clothing during the trial; he may have left the courthouse after the verdict and got the gun

from a car; or "somebody may have taken it to him," Hamilton said.

The prosecutor said he wants to find out if anyone helped Maynard in the dramatic suicide.

"It's an offense to help somebody commit suicide," Hamilton pointed out.

The prosecutor said former Lipscomb County Sheriff Basil Duke, Maynard's stepfather, was the last person to see him alive.

"Basil had been in the room with him, or had just finished talking to him," Hamilton said.

The official said the serial number of the gun, a steel-plated, short-barrel Smith & Wesson, will be sent off to the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms bureau to find out who originally bought the weapon.

Maynard's retrial on the murder charge began Monday in Wheeler district court, after the case was moved from Pampa on a change of venue. The former Pampa man won a new trial after a 1981 conviction and 30-year sentence were overturned on appeal.

Maynard testified in the trial that his ex-wife's shooting death was an accident. His .357 Magnum pistol accidentally discharged after a struggle over the weapon in the couple's Pampa trailer home, the defendant claimed.

Jean Duke, Maynard's mother, testified in both trials that her son phoned her on the fatal evening. Mrs. Duke said Maynard told her that Shirley was dead and that he intended to kill himself. In the conversation, her son asked to be buried next to the woman in Booker, Mrs. Duke said.

Christmas story

Amorphous lateral sclerosis, ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease — all are names for a severe muscle deterioration disorder that the doctors know no cause nor cure for. Martha Fischer of Pampa, once a brilliant biology teacher and botanist, suffers from this disease. She will spend her birthday in the hospital tomorrow because of it. But at least 200 Christmas cards from around the nation have poured in wishing her health and happiness. For more about Martha Fischer, see page 10 of today's Pampa News.

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SWELTERING SANTA—Winter in Texas is not quite what Santa Claus is used to. With record-setting temperatures near 80 degrees, Santa's ho-ho became whew as he sat in a small cottage in the parking lot of a shopping center in Beaumont during the weekend. The portable fan helped him keep going as he listened to last minute wishes of the children. (AP Laserphoto)

Those last-minute Christmas shoppers find stores open

By The Associated Press
Consumers found plenty of shopping opportunities available with just two days until Christmas as many stores in Texas opened despite the state's Blue Law.

Some were opened in defiance of the controversial Blue Law, which prohibits sales of certain items on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays. Others said they were open because it was good for business.

Many stores reported brisk sales.

In Houston, where the Retail Merchants Association, a group of representatives from about 600 Houston area businesses, has filed suits against more than 30 shopowners alleging they have violated the law, many stores were open.

Tony Petrolia, president of Corrigan's jewelry stores here, said managers at the downtown and Post Oak stores were "surprisingly pleased" with large sales on their first open Sunday.

"We think there is a need for stores to be open Sundays," Petrolia said. "But we have no plans to stay open until the Blue Law is revoked."

There was no immediate word from the Retail Merchants Association on whether they would attempt further civil action against the stores.

TARGET, K mart, Toys R Us, and several other Austin retailers decided to defy the state law prohibiting sales of 42 categories of products on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays.

In Dallas, newspaper advertisements, news stories and word of mouth attracted shoppers.

Target stores in both Dallas and Tarrant counties were open.

"We're open because a lot of our competition is open," said Rod Turner, one Target manager.

The Dallas County district attorney's office said last week that it did not intend to monitor violations, saying it must act on a complaint by a competitor, consumer or store employee. Even then "habitual violation" must be proven before action is taken, said Karen Beverly, assistant district attorney.

"We don't make a habit of doing this," said Seymour Wolchuck, a Dallas jeweler.

In Brownsville, where one store manager was convicted last week by a six-member municipal jury

and fined \$100 for a violation of the Sunday closing law, there were about 80 stores reported to be open in defiance.

In San Antonio, about 40 stores were open Sunday, including K mart and Target as well as various toy, record and stereo stores.

Bexar County District Attorney Sam Millsap has said he will not prosecute Blue Law violators until the courts decide the constitutionality of the Blue Law.

For many shoppers, the reason for going out on Sunday was simple: They had little time to shop before Christmas.

"By the time I get home during the week, I have maybe an hour and a half to shop," said Marjorie Adams, a Dallas letter carrier shopping at a Target store. "If I have to work six days a week, why can't the people who work here do that?"

Margaret Sobek, 32, said she was glad Toys R Us was open Sunday in Austin, "because it's almost impossible for me to shop during the week, or even on Saturdays."

"I'm especially happy they were open today, because I've got my two kids with me while Santa Claus is at home."

Cactus rustlers posing a thorny problem

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Officials say cactus plants are leaving Texas at the rate of 20,000 plants a week, posing a thorny problem for those charged with protecting the desert environment.

"It's so hard to convince Texans that we are running short of cactus," said state Sen. Tati

Santiesteban, D-El Paso. State Agriculture Department officials say some shipments are as large as 70,000 plants.

"It's extremely difficult for our law enforcement people — game wardens, park rangers, even DPS (Texas Department of Public Safety) officers — to jail people

and fine people because they've been taking cactus," said Santiesteban, chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

"It's difficult but it's not an impossible task, and we've got to start somewhere," he said.

Among the hundreds of cactus species found in the state, eight are rated as "endangered" or "threatened" by the federal or state governments.

Officials said some of the imperiled plants are thriving because they are found mostly in remote, high-elevation parks and are seldom victimized by poachers.

However, experts say cactus rustling is more lucrative than ever before in West Texas. Stolen cacti, particularly species not protected by federal law because they are not endangered, are sold mainly for landscaping.

Development, urban sprawl and poor management of farm and ranch land has been eliminating natural cactus habitats, experts say.

"I've seen some of the areas where they (poachers) are stripping the cactus from the Franklin Mountains," said Richard Worthington, a professor at the University of Texas at El Paso whose specialty is Texas wildlife and plant life.

The Franklin Mountains divide the city of El Paso. Cacti on the three peaks are protected under the law because the mountains are a state park.

The barrel cactus, which is illegally dug out of Texas mountainsides and sold for \$25 to \$200, is one of the more popular varieties among poachers, said Worthington.

White critical of nuke dump

HEREFORD, Texas (AP) — The people of the Panhandle "should be the stewards of your own soil, not the watchdogs of someone else's waste," Gov. Mark White said at an anti-nuclear dump rally here.

White came to the rally of about 350 people at Hereford High School after the U.S. Department of Energy last week picked Deaf Smith County as one of three possible locations for the nuke repository scheduled to open in 1998.

White, Attorney General Jim Mattox and local lawmakers promised a fight.

"Should all other efforts fail, as a last resort we can exercise our state veto power," White said at Saturday's rally. "And I assure you, I will not hesitate to exercise that power."

The governor also predicted the Texas congressional delegation would work to make that veto stick. Under federal law, the state picked for the dump can nix the decision. But Congress can override that veto.

Texas has filed a lawsuit challenging the selection of Deaf Smith County as a finalist along with sites in Nevada and Washington state.

Mattox told the rally the lawsuit was "a shot heard in Washington."

"We better make sure all the sparks fly as possible," Mattox said.

White and Mattox cautioned the crowd against losing their enthusiasm in what will be a long fight. The site will be picked in 1990.

"I'm here to tell you that sparks are going to fly," said White. "And they're going to fly far and they're going to burn hot. And I intend for those sparks to light a fire under the backsides of the bureaucrats in Washington."

We hope you're enjoying your holiday...

Our stores will open 9 AM on Wednesday December 26

Montgomery Ward



Off beat

By **Cathy Spaulding**

Finally, a letter to Santa

Editor's note: Because there will be no paper tomorrow, today's column will be written by our Tuesday columnist. Our Monday man, Fred Parker, will miss this week because of other duties.

Dear Santa Claus:

This is the first time I ever really wrote to you. When I was six-years-old, Mom and I wrote a letter so that Dad can take a picture of us doing it. But we never sent it.

As a result, I don't know what to tell you because I'm not really sure of what I want. So this Santa letter will be a list of things I want you to give to other people.

Area high school students: a year's supply of Cliff Notes so that they can continue to play basketball, run track and star in UIL one-act plays without fear of getting a failing grade.

The American Civil Liberties Union and others who want to destroy city nativity scenes: a lesson in the true meaning of Christmas.

Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis: me.
Vanessa Williams: her own Penthouse.

Gray County Justice Margie Prestidge: her own J.P. office. To help her reach this goal, I have started the Help Find Margie an Office Fund. Make your cash donation to Cathy Spaulding. All proceeds will be deposited at the Stardust Supper Club and spent accordingly.

Walter Mondale, Geraldine Ferraro and Tip O'Neill: A tour of the United States, so they'll know how Americans really feel.

Ronald Reagan and his Soviet counterpart: A side of beef and a year's supply of popsicles since they obviously don't intend to freeze deadly nuclear weapons.

The Pampa Harvesters football team: The Wheeler Mustangs play book.
The McLean Tigers football team: The Pampa Harvesters play book.

Movie star Mel Gibson: me.
Senator Phil Gramm: A lesson in elocution. Just because he claims to think like a Texan, that doesn't mean he has to talk like one.

The Ogallala Aquifer: A steady rainfall and a pledge from every farmer and city to use effective conservation methods to keep it flowing and a pledge from every chemical company and government agency to keep it pure.

Rev. Ricky Pfiel, H. Ross Perot, tennis player John McEnroe and runner Mary Decker: copies of Miss Manners Book of Etiquette and Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

Hemphill County sheriff-elect Bill Bowen, TAC-elect Gladene Woodside and county judge Bob Gober: A steamy hot pot of coffee so they can survive that midnight swearing-in ceremony New Year's Eve. Other county officials get a video-tape copy of the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Area radio stations: A sledge hammer in hopes that they will use it on all copies of "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" and the Singing Dogs' "Jingle Bells."

Governor Mark White, Comptroller Bob Bullock and Senator Bill Sarpaulis: another source of revenue besides our wallets. H. Ross Perot's billions, maybe.

Heisman trophy winner Doug Flutie: Me.
The children of America: a box full of slinkys, Raggedy Anns, etch-a-sketches and other toys that have given kids years of enjoyment without the benefit of media hype.

The children of Ethiopia and rural Appalachia: a steady diet of food.

The children of Belfast, Lebanon, Central America and the rest of the world: a steady diet of peace.

Oh, Santa, there is just thing I want: the opportunity to share my thoughts and findings with The Pampa News readers for another year.

Spaulding is a staff writer for The Pampa News

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EVER STRIVING FOR TOP O' TEXAS
TO BE AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE

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Opinion

Extremists abuse licensing process

The recent start-up of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant—10 years late, \$4.6 billion over budget, after 300 days of hearings and thousands of arrests—occasions some thoughts about the sheer craziness of the government licensing process.

It is imaginable that the process of licensing a nuclear plant would take only half the time and expense if the goal was to obtain a reasonable assurance of the plant's safety, which ought to be the goal of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the wish of the large majority of thinking Americans.

But reasonable assurances are not the goal of anti-nuclear power extremists, who wish entirely to deny the world this source of energy, and who have come close to accomplishing that goal through use of the licensing process.

It is tiresome to repeat it, but many of the larger questions of safety have been answered by experience. We have witnessed 30 years of safe (by almost any measurement) nuclear plant operation in several nations, including the United States. Holding public hearings on the larger question of nuclear safety is akin to demanding that General Motors prove the safety of automobiles in general before introducing new models each year.

Left over are the particular questions of need, cost, nuclear technology and construction techniques used to guarantee safety at individual plants. Reasonable people would be comfortable to let experts in these fields raise such questions and answer them.

But the goal of the anti-nuclear extremists is better served if the general public is constantly confused about what the real safety issues are and whether they have been settled. The confusion is helped along by the government's own licensing process, which gives equal treatment to serious issues, silly objections and outright obstructionist tactics. It also tends to allow questions have already been answered to be raised again and again in slightly different forms.

The process is designed to assuage public fears. But the very delay and confusion—however groundless—themselves become a source of apprehension for many people. Surely the government wouldn't allow this thing to drag on if there weren't real problems.

So, finally, Diablo Canyon begins generating electricity, which will cost a great deal more than it should because of the licensing process and the extremists who seized control of it. And the fears of a great many people near and far from the plant will be intensified because of the licensing process and the extremists who seized control of it.

Another triumph of misguided government and misguided causes.

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Don Graff

South Africa likes Reagan

There was rejoicing in Pretoria at the change of government in Washington four years ago.

With the election of Ronald Reagan, the South African government looked forward to new friends in the highest places and a new era in its difficult relationship with the United States.

It was right on both counts, and to immediate benefit.

The Carter administration had sought, with distinct lack of success, to pressure South Africa into moderating repressive racial policies.

The Reagan policymakers junked that approach in favor of "constructive engagement." This was supposed to be a carrot — as opposed to the Carter stick — to persuade Pretoria to change its ways.

The argument was that while racial repression could not be condoned, outside pressure to compel change was self-defeating. It only made South Africa's white leadership dig its heels in deeper. Quiet diplomacy and limit-

ed cooperation, with the prospect of more as an incentive, was more likely to encourage the desired changes in racial policy.

So much for background. Here we now are at the commencement of the second Reagan administration, and Pretoria has no cause for joy this time around.

American repugnance of apartheid is being expressed more stridently and is more widespread than ever before.

Daily demonstrations at South Africa's embassy and consulates lead to daily arrests of prominent Americans, white and black, including congressmen, labor leaders and a couple of Kennedys.

Bishop Desmond Tutu lashes out at his government before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee and receives a standing ovation.

Congressional leaders, including conservative Republicans, warn of diplomatic and economic sanctions.

U.S. companies operating in South Africa agree to take stronger action to end racial discrimination, including lobbying the South African government for repeal of all apartheid legislation. These same companies are under pressure on the home front to end all investment in South Africa.

And none other than Ronald Reagan abandons quiet diplomacy to speak out publicly, in a speech marking the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, against the "human and spiritual cost of apartheid."

Clearly, something is wrong with constructive engagement. The question is not, however, what has gone wrong but what was wrong from the beginning.

A cooperative relationship between nations, as one between individuals, involves give and take. But as this applies to constructive engagement, it has been all give on the part of Washington and all take on the part of Pretoria.

The latter has been quick to take advantage of Washington's political and economic incentives, but has given nothing of real value in return.

The recent constitutional restructuring, seeming to give some non-whites a limited government role, is entirely cosmetic. Power remains where it was, in the hands of the Afrikaner majority of the dominant white minority, and the great majority of the South African population, the black two-thirds, remains totally disenfranchised.

After four years of constructive engagement, South Africa remains precisely what it was and has made unmistakably clear it intends to remain — a society founded on injustice and dedicated to its perpetuation.

There is nothing to be gained by treating its oppressive rulers with care and consideration. Those who will not help save themselves cannot be saved.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 24, the 359th day of 1984. There are seven days left in the year. This is Christmas Eve.

Today's highlight in history: On Dec. 24, 1814, the War of 1812 came to an end as the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium.

On this date: Ten years ago: Pope Paul VI opened the 25th Holy Year of the Roman Catholic Church by tapping a silver hammer against the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica that had been closed since 1950, the previous Holy Year.

Five years ago: Three American clergymen and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Algiers met with some of the hostages in Iran and held Christmas services. It was the hostages' first contact with the outside world since the crisis began.

One year ago: An 8-day-old cease-fire in Lebanon fell apart as the Lebanese army battled Shiite militiamen.



Don Swinnick
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Paul Harvey

World's resources taxed

The world is always wringing its hands over something.

We won't admit what any psychologist knows; that we like to see on TV people who are worse off than ourselves.

As in any hospital ward, somebody worse off makes us feel comparatively fortunate.

Thus the airplane crash which does not involve us or anyone we love—the super-rich car dealer caught trafficking in cocaine—the beautiful actress with a mastectomy—the public official in hot water—the ex-president in exile...

These will continue to be on page one for as long as the fire which burns then warms the rest of us. And now Ethiopia.

Ethiopia is a terrible sight for the world to see but Ethiopia is not our fault.

Ethiopia is but one of a dozen African nations in which starvation is decimating the population.

In the 1960s Africans drove out white colonists—the British, the French, the Dutch, the Belgians—choosing to manage their own affairs.

They did not know how and have not learned how.

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Robert Walters

States may face new crisis

DES MOINES, Iowa (NEA) — "It's simply unthinkable," insists the outspoken Gov. Richard Thornburgh of Pennsylvania. "We're very concerned," says the more reticent Gov. Terry E. Branstad of Iowa.

They're both talking about the same issue — the effort by a Republican administration in Washington to salvage its deficit-riddled budget by imposing heavy new financial burdens upon the states.

When the Republican Governors Association held its annual meeting here recently, the GOP state executives were justifiably hostile to the budgetary legerdemain being attempted by President Reagan and his financial advisers.

Govs. James R. Thompson of Illinois and Robert D. Orr of Indiana, both Republicans, have registered their protest in a letter sent to Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan. Thornburgh wrote a separate letter to Regan decrying what he characterizes as a "simply unthinkable" scheme.

The object of their complaints is a Reagan administration assumption that state and local governments will be generating cumulative annual surpluses of \$65 billion to \$85 billion by

the end of this decade.

The federal government already is relying upon those projections to justify drastic reductions in tax benefits that currently accrue to the states. It reportedly is also planning to slash the transfer payments it traditionally has made to the states.

Throughout Reagan's tenure in the White House, the federal government repeatedly has sought to reduce its expenditures by shifting financial responsibilities to the states.

In the 1981-82 fiscal year, Reagan's first full year in office and the most recent year for which data is available, federal financial assistance to state and local governments declined for the first time in more than 30 years.

The president's 1982 "new federalism" proposal would have shifted from the federal to state governments the responsibility for administering 43 domestic programs ranging from the treatment of black lung disease to the construction of mass transit systems in major metropolitan areas.

Under that plan, which died in Congress, the federal government would have turned back to the states \$30.2 billion yearly to finance those programs — but the Reagan admini-

stration's own projections showed that the annual cost would have been \$43.4 billion. Thus the states would have been forced to raise taxes by an average of more than 8.8 percent to make up the shortfall.

Now, the Treasury Department is proposing the elimination of the tax exemption for interest paid on bonds issued by state and local governments, a move that would generate \$19 billion in additional yearly revenues for the federal government but would seriously undermine the ability of state and local governments to finance capital improvements.

The Treasury Department also is seeking to abolish the deduction allowed on federal tax returns for state and local tax payments, a change that would produce another \$6 billion annually in federal revenues but would substantially increase the

burden of state and local taxes on individuals.

Those proposed transfers of financial responsibility from the federal to state and local governments are justified by a set of flawed analyses which assume that the states will be reaping vast amounts of additional revenues during the last half of this decade.

While to fiscal condition of the states improved somewhat during the past year, virtually every state was forced to increase taxes and reduce services during the 1981-82 economic recession.

If the economy deteriorates again during Reagan's second term, the states almost certainly will face a similar financial crisis. Thus, the governors have good cause to insist that the president look elsewhere to rescue his budget.

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TRAIN OF DEATH—This wreckage is what was left of a carriage hit by an explosion while an Italian express train was running through a tunnel between Florence and Bologna Sunday night. Between 20 and 25 passengers were killed and scores wounded. (AP Lasedphoto)

Possibly 25 dead as bomb rips Italian express train

BOLOGNA, Italy (AP) — Investigators said today they believed a terrorist time bomb set off the blast that killed an estimated 25 holiday travelers and wounded scores aboard a crowded express train heading through an 11-mile-long mountain tunnel.

Police said the blast ripped through two cars of the 14-car Naples-to-Milan express Sunday evening about 30 miles south of Bologna as it passed through the Apennine Mountains with at least 700 people on board.

The Italian news agency ANSA reported that at least 69 people were hospitalized and said 117 others received first aid at the scene.

The attack was followed by a flurry of claims and denials by anonymous telephone callers claiming to speak for both right-wing and left-wing terrorist groups, including the leftist Red Brigades. Police said they were investigating the claims.

Angelo Menna, a Civil Defense

Ministry official in Rome, said it was difficult to make an exact count of the dead from the blast "because there are dismembered bodies in the tunnel."

However, he said there were at least 20 deaths and probably more. Italian news media put the death toll at 25.

The explosion was the third on the same line and the seventh in the stretch between Florence and Bologna in the last decade.

"It probably was a bomb attack," Saverio Carrubba, prefect of Bologna, said in an interview broadcast by the state-run RAI television network.

A Florence police official, speaking on condition that he not be identified said in an interview with The Associated Press that "it was almost certainly was a terrorist attack."

Florence Police Chief Umberto Catalano told reporters after examining the scene of the explosion that "evidence indicates that what happened was an attack

probably with a time bomb."

Most of the victims were taken to hospitals in Bologna because strong southerly winds and heavy smoke made rescue operations difficult from the south end of the tunnel, one of the longest in Europe. The train was almost four miles into the tunnel when the blast occurred.

Dr. Romeo Marchi said "toxic fumes" prevented him and other rescue workers from entering the tunnel immediately after the explosion.

"We returned with gas masks. Near the train, on the tracks, were four bodies, two men and two women. One of the women was young and the blast had practically cut her in two."

"In another car I saw another four dead. One of them was a baby," the doctor said.

The train was jammed with vacationers heading to family reunions in Milan and the ski slopes of northern Italy.

27 are killed in bus crash

APASEO, MEXICO (AP) — A bus overloaded with Christmas season travelers roared off a highway overpass Sunday and overturned into a gorge, killing 27 people and injuring 43 more, police said.

"It was a horrible thing," said police officer Arturo Leon. "Everywhere you looked there were nothing but dead, wounded, screams of pain."

The bus, traveling west, crashed near the town of Apaseo, 143 miles west of Mexico City, Leon said in a telephone interview from the town.

Leon said the crash occurred at about 4:30 a.m. (5:30 EST). He and other police officers arrived an hour later, followed by ambulances. Relief workers, assisted by police and army troops, then began prying survivors out of the bus.

"One man grabbed me by the pant leg and said: 'Help me, sir'. But we could not see what was happening. There was no light and all we had was little flashlights."

Leon said the right front tire of the bus blew out as it passed over a 20-foot overpass along the highway, causing the vehicle to go off the road in a spin.

"It landed wheels up, that's why there was such terrible mortality," said Leon in a telephone interview.

The accident closed off traffic on Highway 57, the main east-west road between Mexico City and Guadalajara, for five hours as rescue workers laid the dead out on the pavement and shuttled the wounded to the nearby town of Celaya.

Leon said the bus, owned by the Flecha Amarilla line, was made to seat 42 people but had an additional 28 standing in the aisle.

Leon said 22 bodies were recovered at the site of the crash. All the other passengers were

rushed to hospitals and at least five have died since, he said.

Hospital officials in Celaya, a town five miles west of Apaseo where most of the injured were taken, said that besides those who died, about two-thirds of those accounted for had been released by

the hospitals by late Sunday.

Leon said the bus' drivers, Humberto Ruiz and his brother Ramon Ruiz, of Guanajuato, Mexico, were both killed in the crash. A Federal Highway Patrol report claimed Humberto was drunk at the time of the accident.

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Reagan doesn't get Thatcher's full backing for 'star wars' program

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, in talks with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, made some headway in his quest for allied unity — but he did not gain her unqualified approval of his controversial "star wars" program.

The British leader endorsed the research phase of the proposed space defense system, while serving notice on Moscow that trying to divide the two countries would be "a hopeless mission."

And yet, Mrs. Thatcher emerged from her meeting with Reagan Saturday with his personal pledge in a four-point agreement not to deploy futuristic missiles without U.S.-Soviet negotiations.

Otherwise, the prime minister said, two treaties would be undercut.

The first, in 1967, banned nuclear weapons in outer space.

The second, in 1972, limited U.S. and Soviet missile defenses. It is based on the theory — now under challenge within the Reagan administration — that a weak defense helps deter nuclear war.

In a tactful gesture, Mrs. Thatcher said after the 3 1/2-hour Camp David session Saturday that she was certain the president would not want to break an agreement even though "it is right to go ahead with the research."

The United States and the Soviet Union plan to talk about new arms negotiations next month in Geneva, and the administration has said it is willing to discuss the star wars program as the strategic defense initiative.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, appearing Sunday on ABC-TV's "This Week With David Brinkley," said the star wars plan would not be traded away in the negotiations.

He noted the president "has said he will not give up the strategic defense initiative or the opportunity to develop it. ... It is the only thing that offers any real hope to the world. We will certainly discuss it."

Gasoline prices dipping below \$1 again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For the first time since summer, gasoline prices are dipping below the \$1 per gallon mark at a large number of stations, an oil industry analyst said Sunday.

"The dollar prices are showing up all over the country, but the trend seems to be strongest in the Southeast and Southwest," said Dan Lundberg.

He said his semimonthly survey

of 17,500 stations nationwide found about 5 percent had prices of under \$1 a gallon for regular leaded gasoline at self-service outlets.

Self-service stations account for almost 75 percent of the nation's retail gasoline sales.

Lundberg's survey also found that the national average price for all grades of gasoline at both self- and full-service stations dropped during the week by 1.13 cents to

\$1.17 per gallon.

That is the lowest since March 1983, when the price was \$1.119, Lundberg said.

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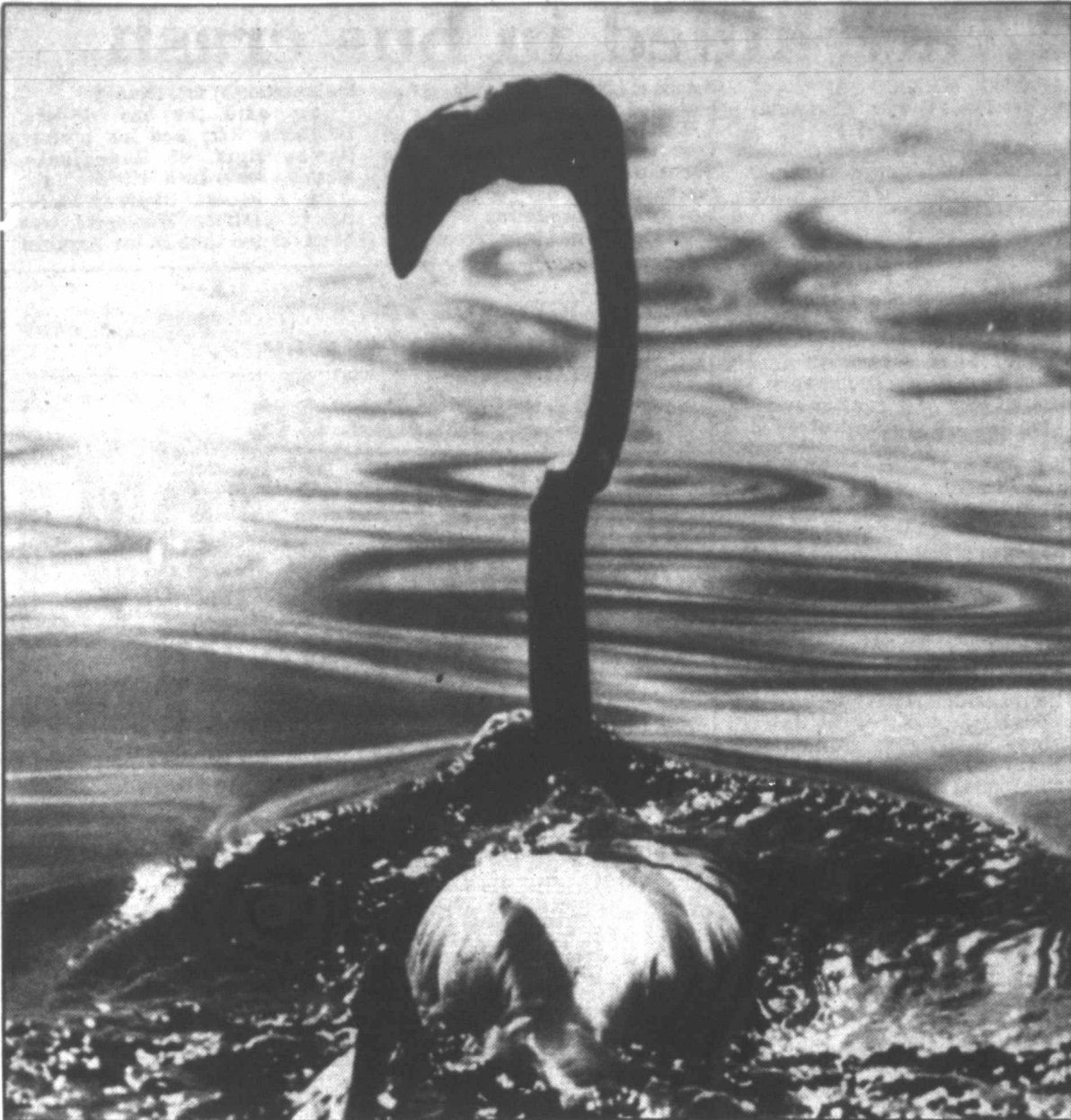
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Soviet ships are headed for Cuba

MIAMI (AP) — A Soviet naval flotilla was headed for Cuba on Sunday and was expected to remain in the Caribbean for at least a month to participate in joint military exercises with Cuban forces, a U.S. Navy spokesman said.

Lt. Cmdr. Craig Quigley said the Navy frigate USS Vreeland and two P-3 Orion aircraft were keeping watch on the two guided-missile frigates, a replenishment oiler and a guided-missile destroyer which left the Soviet Union in mid-December.

A Soviet Tango Class diesel-electric submarine was expected to join the surface vessels when they reached Cuban waters, Quigley said.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Sunday the Pentagon would closely monitor the Soviet ships.

Asked on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley" show if the movement represented anything more than routine maneuvers, Weinberger said, "We don't know.... That close to the continental United States, of course we have to keep a very close watch."

He was also asked if the Soviet fleet movement had any bearing on tensions in Central America. Weinberger replied, "That's what we have to look for. I don't really know."

As of 9 a.m. EST Sunday, the flotilla was approaching the so-called Mayaguana passage, a gateway to the Caribbean near the Turks and Caicos Islands in the Bahamas, and about 125 miles north of Cuba, Quigley said in a telephone interview from the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville.

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By JOHN BARNETT
Beaumont Enterprise
BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A single string of colored Christmas lights hangs over the table in the galley of the tugboat Kevin Candies, thanks to Capt. Jerry Vizier's wife.

Vizier, from Galliano, La., says he and his wife stopped at a store on the way to the tugboat to get a small artificial tree and some decorations. "They were sold out of trees, so all we could get were the lights," Vizier says.

The five-man crew of the ocean tug will celebrate Christmas as the vessel heads toward the shores of Colombia, towing a cargo barge loaded with rail cars from the Port of Beaumont.

Vizier says the crew plans a

Christmas dinner of turkey, stuffing, potatoes, salad and pumpkin pie. "Everyone is getting up at 4 in the morning to help make it," he says.

Dean Lamson, the tugboat's engineer from South Portland, Maine, volunteered to make the stuffing because he didn't want to eat the oyster stuffing other crew members would make. Lamson says he will miss Maine's cold weather and snow on Christmas but will especially miss seeing his 18-month old daughter, Courtney. "I was home last year for Courtney's first Christmas," Lamson says. "But, this year, we opened her presents before I left."

Allen Callahan, from Houma, La., says he and his wife will celebrate Christmas when he gets

back, which probably will be the middle of January depending on the weather. "This is the first time, I've been on a boat over Christmas," Callahan says. "Last year, I was working as a self-employed house painter, so I was at home on Christmas."

Vizier says he spent five years in the North Sea working on tugboats, so he is used to being away from his family during the holidays. But, he will miss his 14-year old son Eric's birthday celebration Dec. 23, as well as Christmas with 4-year old Christopher.

"Christopher usually cries when I go away," Vizier says. "But this time, I told him I was going to the North Pole to tell Santa to bring him a little 4-wheel drive car for Christmas, and he didn't cry."

Melvin McCurdy and Tom Kalinowski are two crew members who appear to be unaffected by being away from their families for the holidays. McCurdy, from Jay, Fla., says he started working on the sea in 1966 and has been home for about five Christmases.

Kalinowski, from Detroit, is the only unmarried crewman. He says being in the Navy for five years kept him away from home, and he is used to missing the holidays with his family. "It's just another day to me, but I feel sorry for the guys who are away from their wives," Kalinowski says.

Because the tugboat crews change and crew members don't know each other well, they have no plans for exchanging gifts.

British miners, families face bleak Christmas

FERNDALE, Wales (AP) — Five-year-old Neil Evans, whose father has been on strike for more than nine months, is getting secondhand toys this Christmas. His sister Amanda, 13, is getting a \$6 gift certificate from the miners' union — and nothing from her mother.

With Britain's coal strike in its 41st week, bleakness permeates Christmas in the mining valleys of South Wales, the most militant region in the country.

"I keep telling my daughter, 'I haven't got you anything.' I'm trying to get it into her brain so she won't be disappointed on Christmas Day," said Amanda's mother, Megan Evans. "I got the toy for Neil secondhand."

The living room in the Evans' two-story row house in this village is chilly and semi-dark in the winter afternoon. The central heating is off to save fuel.

"I can't say we've won anything," says Mrs. Evans, 34. "But at least we've shown ourselves and the country there are really times to get out and fight."

Like thousands of strikers' families, the Evanses are paying a heavy personal price in a dispute which counts losers on all sides, including working miners regularly harassed and

intimidated. Mrs. Evans' husband, Afon, 36, a fourth-generation miner, is an underground worker at Maerdy colliery, the last surviving mine in Wales' Rhondda Valley.

The family's savings are long gone. Weekly food parcels from the union and coal scavenged at a nearby mine dump supplement a weekly income, after mortgage payment, of \$26.70 in welfare and from Mrs. Evans' job as a part-time sales clerk.

Last spring, all the talk in the Evans household and at the South Wales branch of the National Union of Mineworkers in nearby Pontypridd was of winning the confrontation with the state-owned National Coal Board over planned mine closures.

Now no one even tries to predict when, or if, the strike will force power cuts, which miners' leader Arthur Scargill has long predicted will eventually pressure Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government to yield.

"We try not to talk about the future at all," said Kim Howells, 38, research officer turned picket-organizer for the 22,000-member South Wales union.

"But we've achieved victories," he said. "We've created an alternative welfare state ... a

population feeding itself and governing itself in the face of overwhelming hostility."

South Wales is the most solidly struck coal county in Britain. For eight months, not one Welshman broke the strike, which was ignored from the start by some 50,000 of the country's 189,000 miners.

A November return-to-work surge, triggered by the collapse of the last peace talks and lures of Christmas bonuses, has swelled to 69,000 the number of miners working in Britain.

But in South Wales, just 125 men have gone back; none of the 24 mines is producing.

Officially, the Welsh union has had no money since August when a High Court judge froze its \$826,000 in assets as punishment for contempt of court. It refuses to pay a \$59,000 fine for defying an injunction to stop pickets blocking

trucks delivering coal and iron ore to a steel plant.

Like the national union, whose funds were sequestered last month in another contempt suit, the Welsh union legally can't even have a bank account.

But it carries on, spending some \$82,600 a week. About half goes to the cost of sending pickets to mines, steel works and power plants across Wales and England, and the rest to welfare for strikers.

The union survives, Howells said, on money collected from other unions, at public meetings and from foreign labor movements and left-wing organizations.

The assistance includes distribution of 17,000 food parcels weekly, organized mainly by strikers' wives. At Christmas the union will give every striker's family in South Wales a turkey or a chicken.

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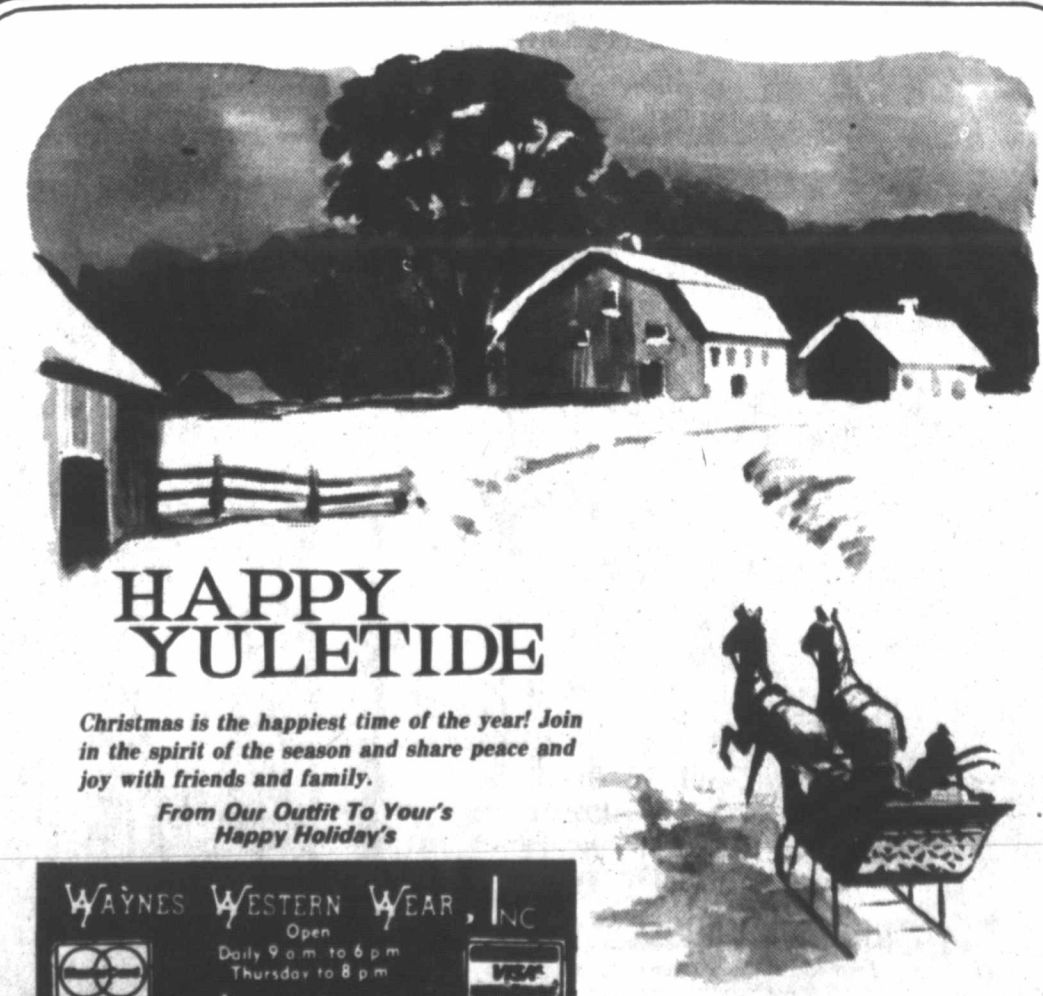
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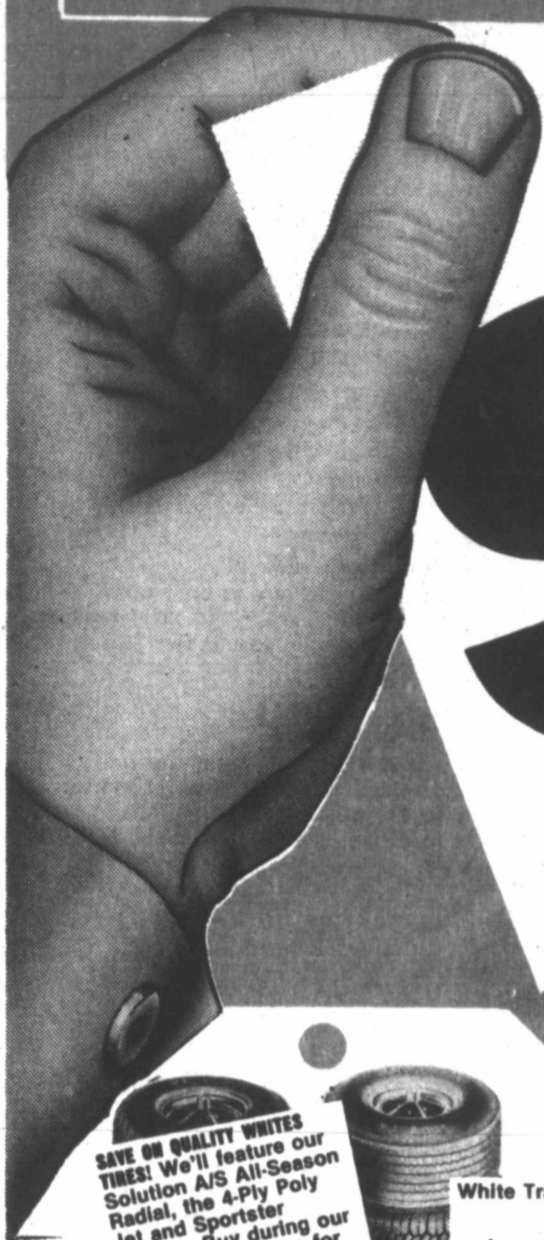
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MHMR, prison reforms stretch the state budget

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) — The 1985 Legislature must find millions of dollars to cure the mentally ill, care for the mentally retarded and punish and rehabilitate the criminal.

And it all must be done the way the courts say to do it. State prisons, state hospitals for the mentally ill and state schools for the mentally retarded are under federal court reform orders.

The orders demand change, but offer no advice on how to finance it.

"I question seriously if anyone has ever considered that," said House Speaker Gib Lewis. "I know that William Wayne Justice has never considered that."

Justice, a Tyler federal judge, for several years has had the state figditing under the pressure of a prison reform order. In previous years, lawmakers have begrudgingly appropriated the money needed to upgrade the crowded and violence-plagued prisons. But this year, there's a hint of revolt.

The Legislative Budget Board, which puts together a budget for lawmakers to review, decimated the TDC budget request. Prison officials say they need \$824.2 million for 1986-87. The LBB staff said only \$697.1 million is needed.

The board, made up of senators and representatives, voted for a \$660.9 million TDC budget. Left out was money for staff, medical and psychiatric services mandated by Justice.

"There are some points of this court agreement I disagree with very strongly," Lewis said. "I think this will give us time to re-examine the agreement and force an appeal."

Meanwhile, the budget board's action left prison officials puzzled.

"At this point we're kind of caught in the middle," said James Lynaugh, the TDC's finance director.

Attorneys for the inmates who filed the reform suit said the LBB-proposed budget won't do.

"This is a stunt," said William Turner of San Francisco. "It's an attempt to put political heat on the court."

TDC Director Ray Procnier said he understands the budget crunch faced by lawmakers. But he stands by the money request filed by his agency.

"It's my job to submit what I think, from a corrections point of view, is proper," he said. "I'd rather have my job than their's, to decide how they are going to go about doing it."

The gap between request and recommendation is even wider for the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The agency wants a \$151 million increase in mental health care funds for the two-year period; the LBB recommended a \$18.1 million hike.

The agency asked for a \$191 million increase in mental

retardation funds, but the LBB said a \$14.6 million hike is all that is needed.

"It's unclear to us at this point how the department was able to come up with a lot of their numbers," said Don Green, a budget examiner who prepared the LBB recommendation. "We took a lot of exception to what they viewed as necessary to be in compliance" with court orders regarding the mentally ill and retarded.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders of Dallas has MHMR under what could be an expensive order to reform treatment of the mentally ill.

The agency's commissioner, Gary Miller, said, "We are very much cognizant of the financial situation of the state of Texas. Nevertheless, we are under tremendous pressure to extend services and also improve on the quality of the services we're providing."

"It's clear they are in a budget crunch," said David Pharis of Austin, the monitor. "There's a huge difference between the mental health department's estimated need and the state's financial reality. That raises a tremendous crisis in this case."

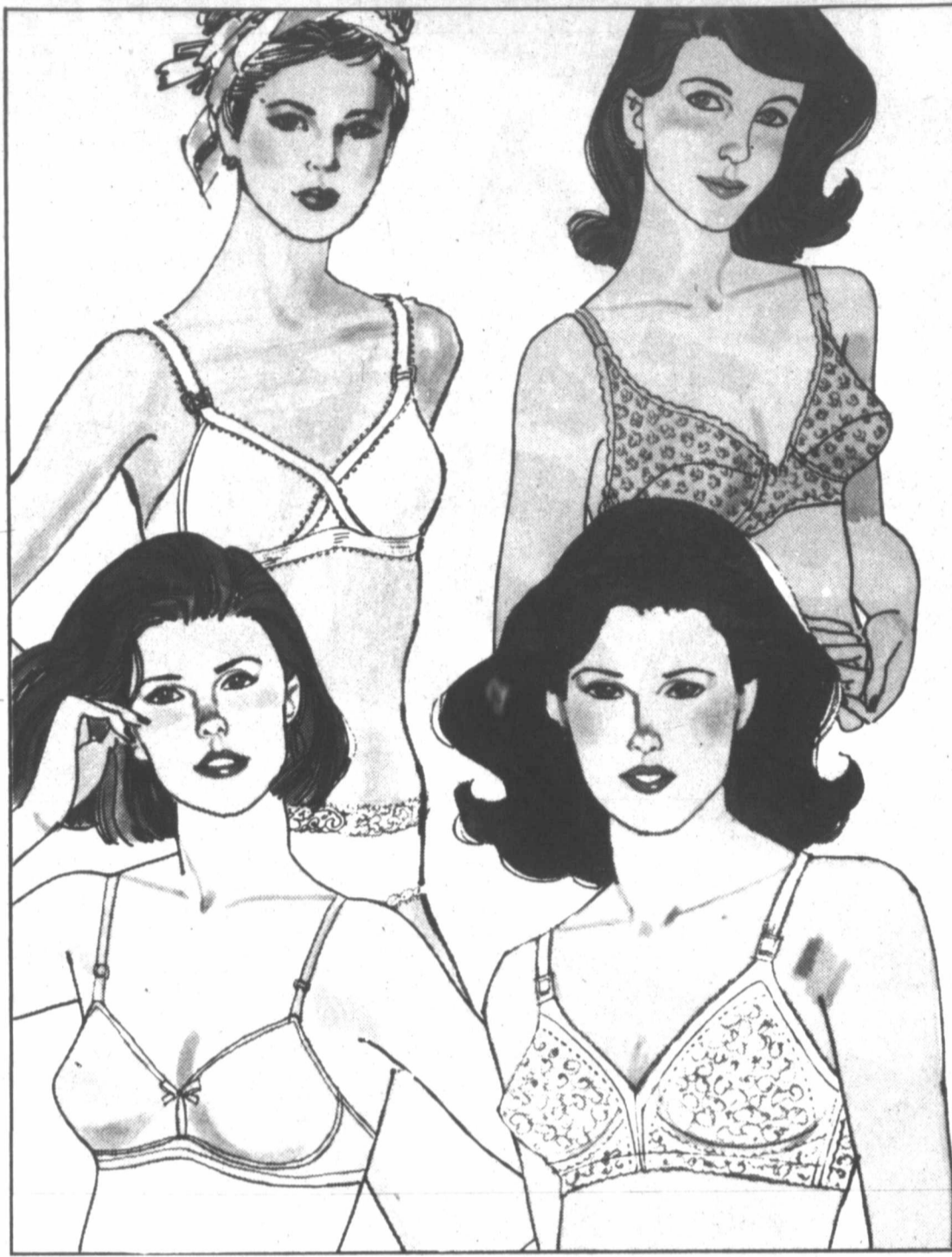
Much of the money sought by MHMR is to hire additional staff to meet Sanders' requirements.

The case against the state's care for the mentally retarded also went to Justice, who in 1983 approved a settlement signed by the state. That settlement has led to major changes, including a recent MHMR board decision to try to move as many state school residents into community programs as possible.

Budget examiner Green said that could save money.

"The department took the approach that to meet the court order for a safe and clean environment, the department would need a tremendous amount of housekeeping positions added," Green said.

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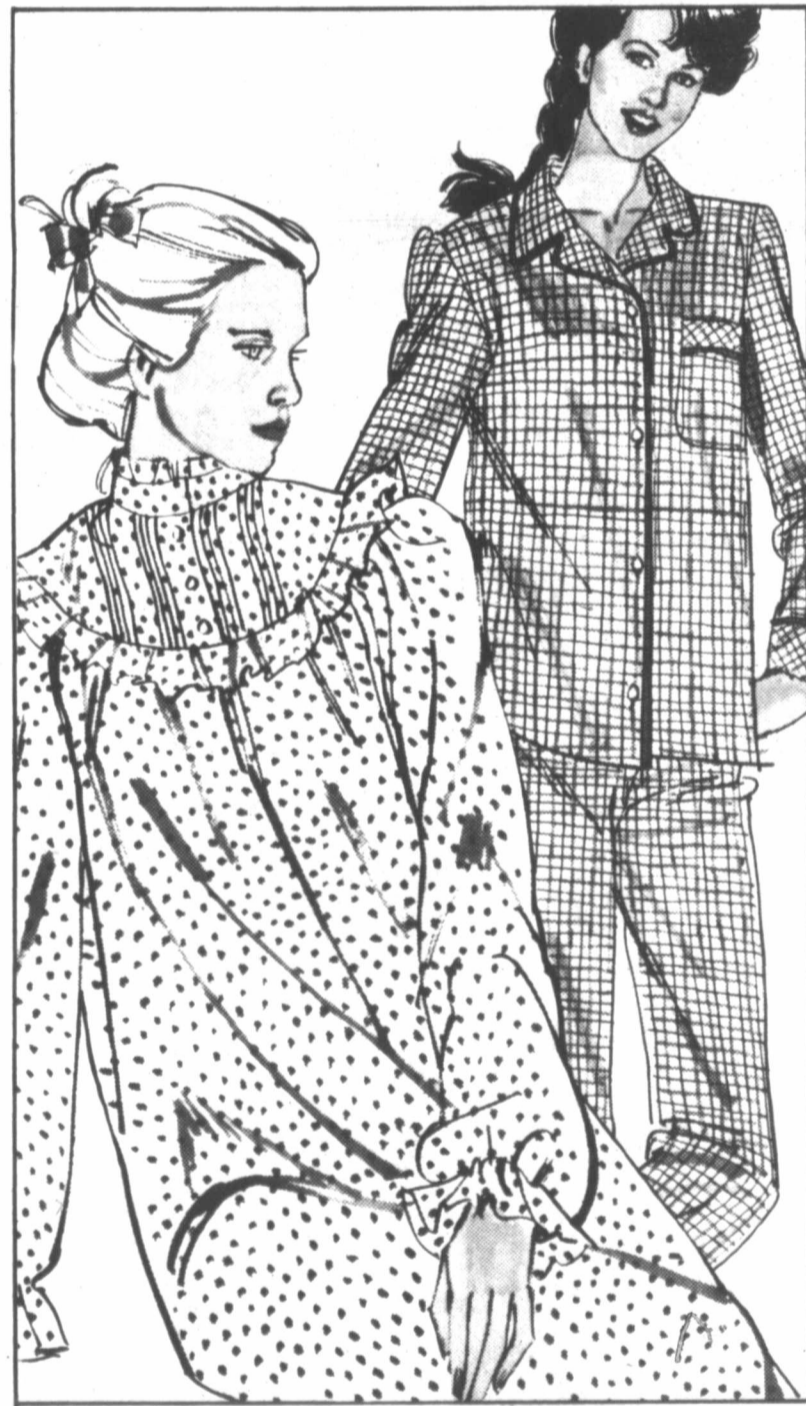
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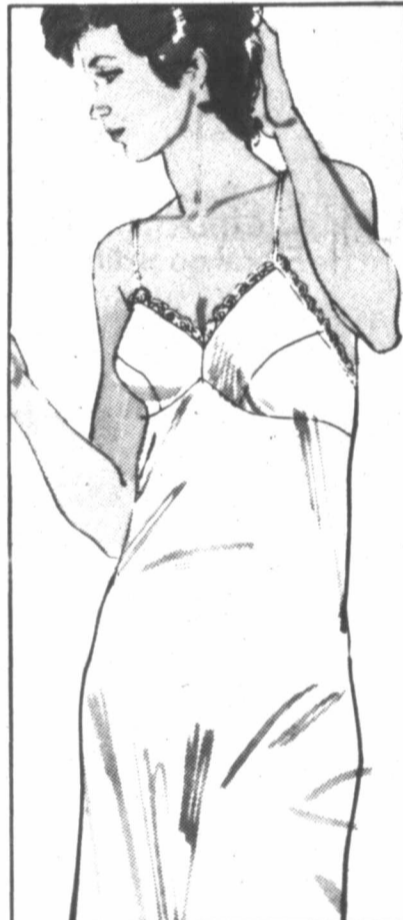
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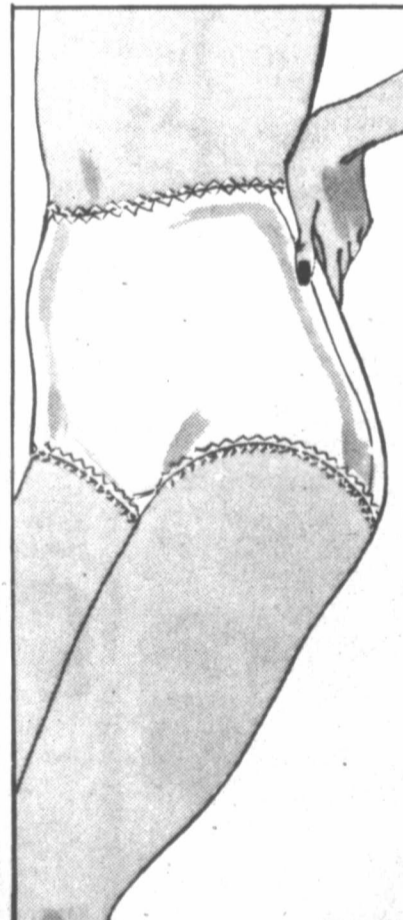
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Legal drinking age could climb to 21

By JACK KEEVER
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — In a symbolic gesture, Sen. Bill Sarpalius chose number 21 for his bill to raise the legal drinking age in Texas from 19 to — you guessed it — 21.

Legislators say they seem to have no choice but to raise the drinking age, because failure to do so could result in the loss of \$100 million in federal highway funds over two years.

"I feel good about the bill at this point, but I've learned that you don't try to outguess the Legislature," said Sarpalius, D-Canyon.

Indeed, several lawmakers have accused the federal government of

blackmailing the 1985 Legislature.

"It's political blackmail, that's all it is," said Rep. Frank Madia, D-San Antonio.

"I resent Congress blackmailing us, and I'd vote against it just for that reason," said Rep. Ed Watson, D-Deer Park.

That type of response, said Sarpalius, "is a cop-out. We have only one choice — raise the drinking age or raise taxes, because we can't afford to lose the federal money."

The National Minimum Drinking Age Act, effective Oct. 1, 1986, would prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21.

At least 23 states already have "21" laws, and any state that does

not raise the minimum drinking age to 21 stands to lose highway funds. Texas would lose the most — \$33.2 million in 1987 and \$66.5 million in 1988.

In signing the bill, President Reagan said, "With the problem so clear-cut and the prudent solution at hand, we have no misgivings about this judicious use of federal power."

Sarpalius would phase in the higher drinking age, going to 20 on Sept. 1, 1985, and to 21 on Sept. 1, 1986. This would lessen the impact of the loss in state liquor taxes, estimated at \$20 million to \$25 million.

The Panhandle senator backs up his proposal with statistics: 60

percent of fatal traffic accidents involve drivers under 21, and a state that raises its drinking age to 21 can expect a 28 percent reduction in nighttime fatal crashes for young drivers.

Student lobbyists arguing against raising the age limit say states should concentrate on enforcing current drunken driving laws or enacting tougher DWI laws.

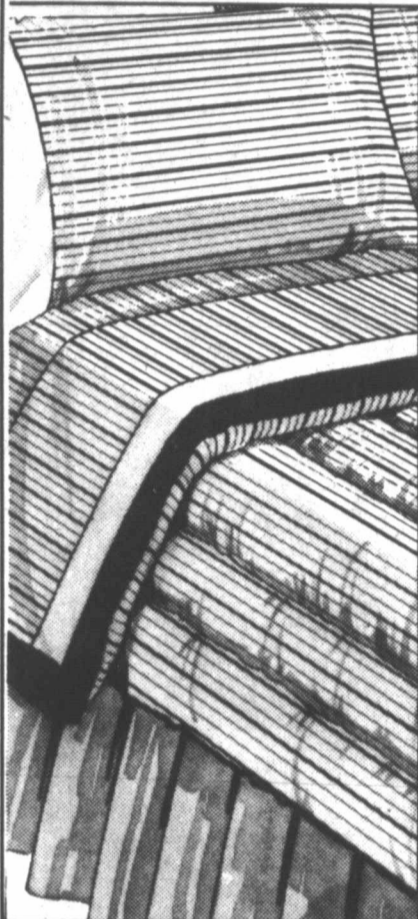
Rep. Larry Don Shaw, D-Big Spring, said, "We're singling out that group because they're easy politically. ... It irks me that our kids are old enough to go to college else in the military and get their head blown off, but they can't go down and buy a beer."

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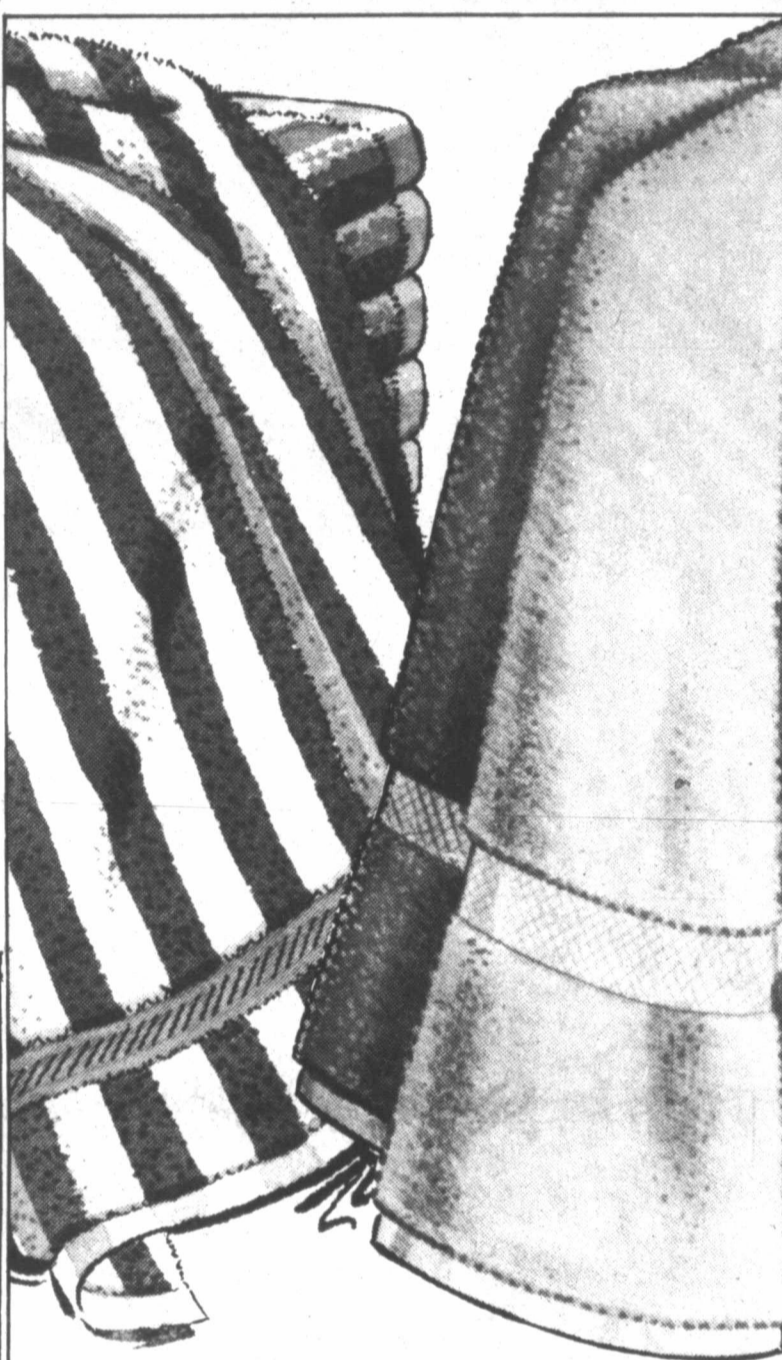
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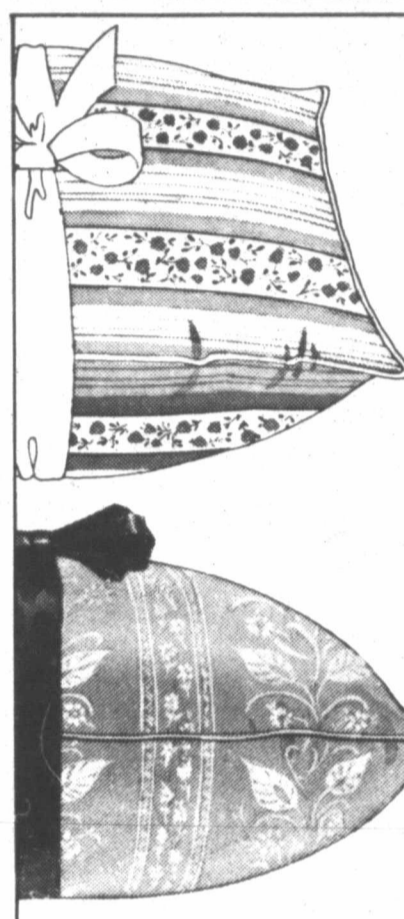


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Sale 8.49 standard

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Sale 3.99 twin sheet

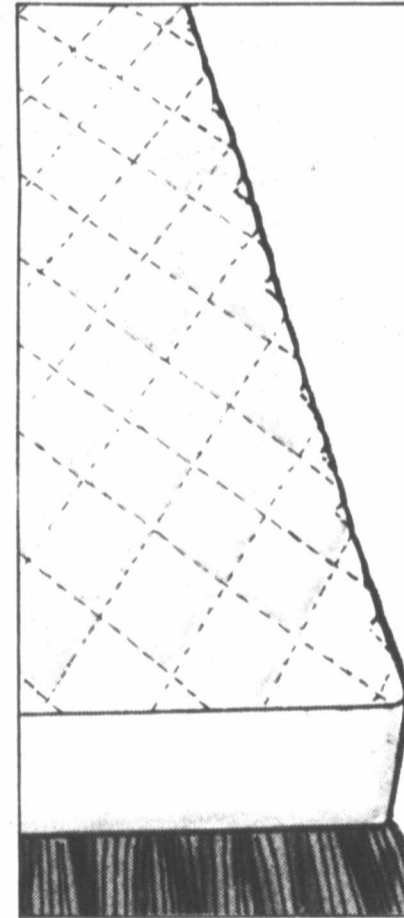
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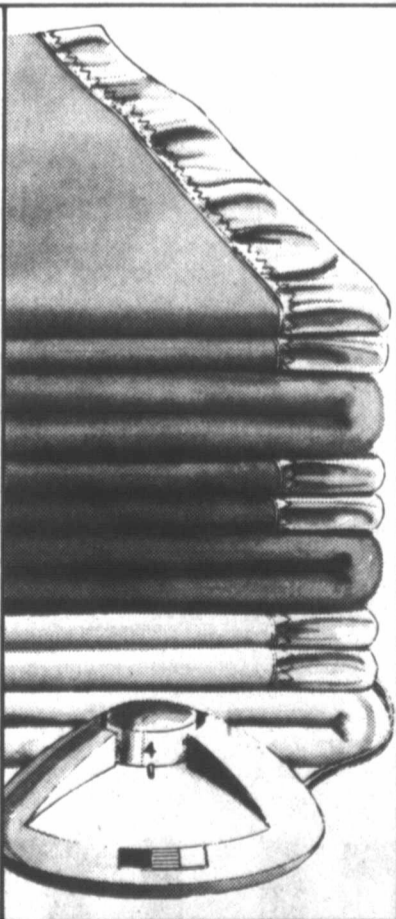


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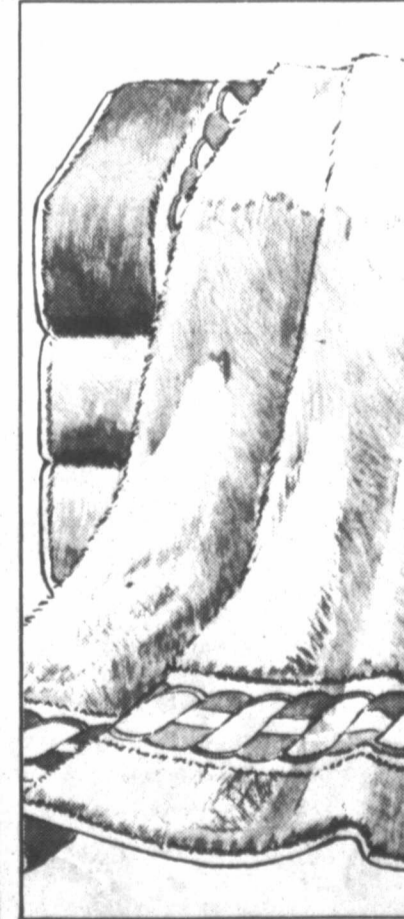
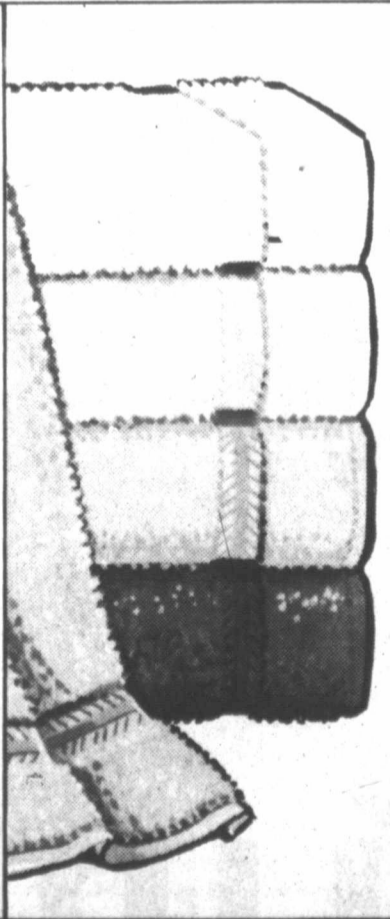
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Sale 2.99 bath

Save on all-cotton Medallion towels.

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	Reg.	Sale
Hand towel	3.49	2.49
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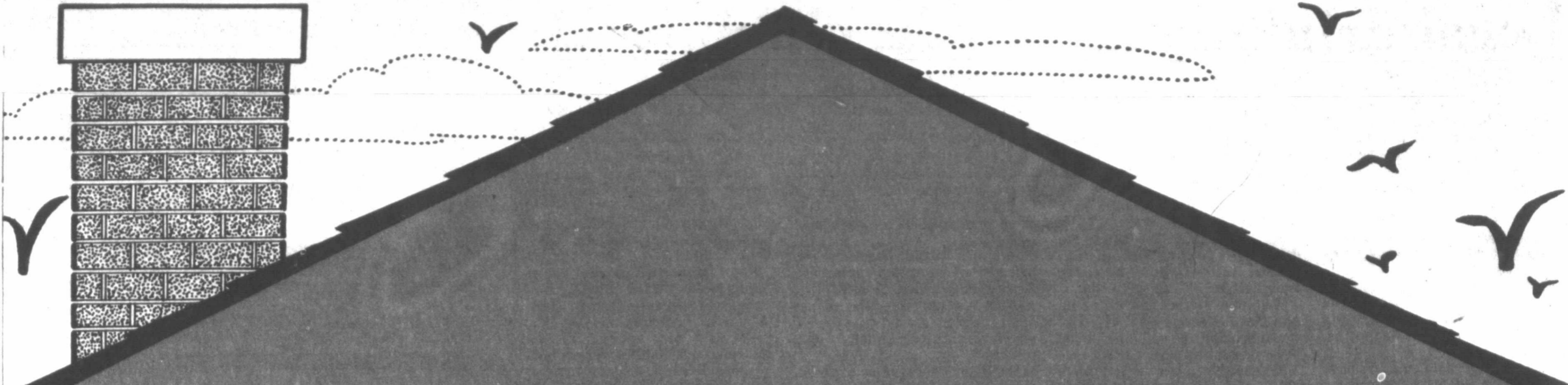
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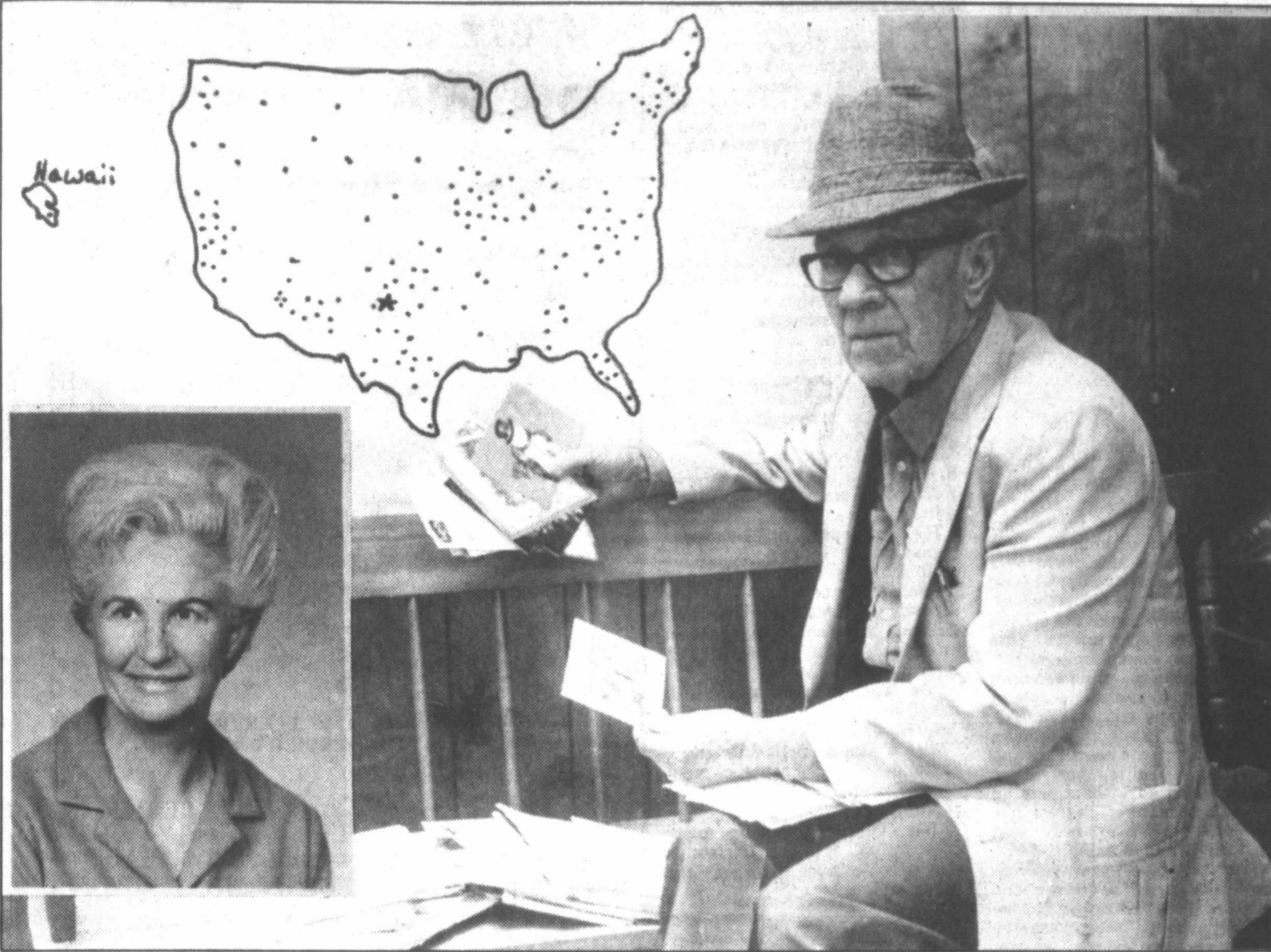
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LIFESTYLES



JOE FISCHER displays some of the Christmas cards which have been pouring in from Beta Sigma Phi members from throughout the United States. The cards are for Fischer's

wife, Martha, (inset) who suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease. The map shows the areas the close to 200 cards have been arriving from. (Staff photo by Ed Copeland)

Cards pour in for invalid

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor

About 200 Christmas cards have poured in from Beta Sigma Phi members throughout the United States to Joe and Martha Fischer's home here. The cards are filled with wishes of health and happiness for Martha, a victim of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis — also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease.

But Martha remains in Coronado Community Hospital today, Christmas Eve, barely able to show any awareness of her surroundings. Her children and grandchildren have arrived for the holidays and Joe hopes their presence will brighten her face with smiles, which come less and less often now. Tomorrow, Christmas Day, her family will celebrate Martha's 68th birthday.

Although the severe muscle deterioration disease has robbed Martha, once a brilliant biology teacher with a master's degree in botany from Texas Tech University, of her ability to walk,

talk or even swallow food, Joe and her nurses open Martha's cards and read them to her.

Martha Fischer was a longtime, active member of Preceptor Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority before her disease prevented her from attending any more meetings. She was put on the sorority's "Shut-in" list so that she would not have to pay any more dues, but could still remain a member. As a "Shut-in" her name was listed in the Beta Sigma Phi national publication "The Torch," hence the outpour of mail from fellow Beta Sigma Phi members.

Retha Jordan, a Pampa Beta Sigma Phi member, hopes to recommend Martha as the Texas Beta Sigma Phi project at the state convention in San Antonio next June. If accepted, state Beta Sigma Phi sororities will be able to help the Fischers with their crushing medical bills that are a result of the disease.

Joe has figured out that right now keeping Martha alive is costing about \$3,100 to \$3,200 a

week. In a year's time, he has spent \$150,000 on private nurses — both at home and in the hospital, \$85,000 on hospital bills, \$15,000 on doctors and \$3,500 on medicine.

Martha had retired from the Pampa Independent School district as a high school biology teacher seven years ago. She had planned to spend her retirement traveling and painting. But her plans were drastically changed beginning with a choking incident in the spring of 1981.

Later, while on a trip to Dallas, Martha found she didn't have the energy to get up. Her speech became slurry and she collapsed when getting out of bed. An emergency room doctor prescribed an aspirin substitute and let her go home.

In June, while on a trip to Denver, she developed a high fever. A doctor prescribed antibiotics and she improved.

Trip after trip to doctors never

revealed what was plaguing Marth, Joe remembers. Finally a week of tests by a neurologist in Medical City hospital in Dallas proved Marth was suffering from ALS. In a desperate attempt to find a cure, the Fischers went to Houston for interferon treatment that was helping multiple sclerosis patients — perhaps it would help Martha, too.

After one month and four shots of interferon in her spine, Martha was no better. In fact, she had gone from 95 pounds to 70 pounds. She decided not to continue with the treatments and they went home, Joe says.

Although Martha is contently in and out of the hospital, Joe had set up a special room for her in their den. The room has a hospital bed, a television to watch and paintings on the wall. Private nurses are employed in 8-hour shifts, 24 hours a day, to care for and feed her.

Merry Christmas!

What wonderful sights and sound the Christmas season has to offer - we wish them all to you!



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On selected dates, you can summon a FriendShip by calling Coronado Community Hospital. We'll send a taxi to take you home quickly, safely, at no cost end no questions asked.

Offer good on these dates:

- December 14 & 15
- December 21 & 22
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Helping Hands

Coronado Community Hospital Auxiliary
CCH's Auxiliary program needs persons of all ages to do volunteer work in various areas of the hospital. If interested, call Nancy Paronto, 665-3721, ext. 132, for an interview.

Coronado Nursing Center
Coronado Nursing Center needs volunteers of all ages to help elderly residents in a variety of ways. Volunteer office help is also needed for the Christmas season. For more information, call Odessa East, 665-5746.

Good Samaritan Christian Services
Good Samaritan Christian Services provides food and clothing and referral services to the needy, working with volunteers from its 16 member churches. Volunteers may contact the volunteer coordinator in their church. Food donations through member churches are also needed.

Meals on Wheels
Meals on Wheels, located in the basement of the First United Methodist Church, supplies hot meals to the elderly and home bound. This organization needs volunteer drivers and kitchen workers. Amount of time to work is flexible and can be fitted to the volunteer's schedule. For more information, call Ann Loter, director, 665-1461.

Muscular Dystrophy Association
Pampa's chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association needs volunteers for fund raising activities. Can be individuals or organizations. For more information call Pat at 665-9222 or Cliff Henthorn, district coordinator, at 665-7613 after 5 p.m.

Pampa Nursing Center
Special need for volunteers to help with arts and crafts projects. If interested, call Velda Jo Huddleston at 669-2551.

Clean Pampa Inc.
Clean Pampa Inc. combats littering problems in Pampa and publicizes cleanup and beautification projects. Volunteers are needed on committees for business and industry, municipal government, civic and community areas, schools, funding and public relations. For more information call Jo Potter, coordinator, 665-2514.

Quivira Girl Scout Council
Volunteer leaders needed for Brownies, Junior Cadet and Senior Girl Scout troops. Persons interested may contact council office at 669-6862.

Head Start
Pampa's Head Start program needs volunteers to make and fill Christmas stockings for 40 children. For more information, contact Jeneane Thornburg at 669-2751.

American Red Cross
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers to play games at the Pampa Nursing Center on the second or fourth Tuesday afternoon of the month. If interested, call Joyce Roberts, 669-7121.

Ambulance delivers Santa

AUSTIN (AP) — An ambulance brought Santa Claus to Jose Hernandez's front door, not to save a life, but to save Christmas for six children.

Hernandez, 32, and his wife, Gloria, 23, knew their children — Stephanie, 7, Jose Jr., 6, Christopher, 5, Sally, 4, Geneva, 3, and Grigorio, almost 2, wanted toys for Christmas but they also

needed shoes. There was no money for either. Because of a deteriorating knee, Jose Sr. has been unable to work since June.

Christopher, who underwent heart surgery when he was 9 days old, underwent another operation last week to correct a problem in a testicle. Then the EMS ambulance drove

up Wednesday. Santa and a dozen of his Emergency Medical Service helpers unloaded wrapped presents and brought them into the house.

Christmas had come after all. "Lately we've just been making it on her salary," Hernandez said, gesturing toward his wife. She works at a hamburger restaurant.

EMS found the Hernandez family through the Christmas Bureau, a multiagency clearinghouse that helps channel seasonal charity to deserving people.

"They weren't going to have much of a Christmas," said Linda Aronovsky, an EMS official. "But when we asked what they needed, all the mother asked for was shoes and coats for the kids. There was no mention of toys at all."

James Briscoe, a senior paramedic, coordinated an EMS effort that produced donations of groceries, toys, blankets, shoes, coats, and a Christmas tree. Briscoe put on a Santa suit Wednesday and made an early delivery.

The Hernandez living room was transformed into a children's celebration as dolls, trucks, and footballs were unwrapped. Before departing, Dennis Simmons, EMS director, handed Hernandez an envelope containing cash contributions.

"Do whatever you need with this," he said as tears streamed down Hernandez's cheeks.

With a kiss from tiny Grigorio, Santa departed. When the room cleared, Hernandez looked at his children.

"They've never had so many gifts before. It's one Christmas they're never going to forget," the father said.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren
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Mom's eccentric self-denial puzzles, angers her family

DEAR ABBY: I just received a huge box from my mother. It cost her a small fortune to send it. In it were bags of potato chips, cookies, candy, cake mix, macaroni and cheese mix, and a pile of clothing she found at garage sales. There were also several books in Norwegian and toys for a baby's bath.

I am 45 years old and on a perpetual diet. Not one piece of clothing is my size or suits my taste. I don't read Norwegian, and my "baby" is a freshman in college!

Mother knows we're all on diets, none of us likes polyester tops or double-knit pants—even if they were the right size.

What can she be thinking of, sending my 150-pound daughter a pink knit suit in a size 6?

My mother is a widow living alone on a tiny fixed income. I've sent her checks, but she sends them back. (She does the same with my brothers.) It pains me to know that she has skimped on food for herself to send me this stuff. We've asked her to skip the presents and use the money to come for a visit, but she pays no attention.

She returns our lovely gifts for Mother's Day, her birthday and Christmas, asking us to use the money for our own families. (She thinks we're hard up; we're not!)

How can I get her to stop? I'm really angry. Answer in the paper and I'll send her the clipping.

FRUSTRATED DAUGHTER

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Don't send her this clipping. Instead, have a meeting with your brothers to discuss what I perceive to be a serious problem. Your mother obviously is no longer able to make intelligent decisions. Please visit her as soon as possible and see how she is. Your letter suggests that perhaps the time has come when your mother should not be living alone.

DEAR ABBY: For the benefit of your female readers who are concerned about their privacy in the dressing rooms of department stores, this simple test will quickly determine whether there are two-way mirrors installed.

Place the point of an ordinary pencil to the surface of the mirror, and observe the reflection. If the reflection of the pencil point "touches" the pencil, it's a two-way mirror through which you can be observed from the other side.

If there's a distance of approximately 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch between the actual point and the reflected image, it's proof that it's a one-way mirror, and privacy is assured.

J. LOGAN, LOUISVILLE, KY.

DEAR J.: A big thank-you for the privacy test. It's a citizen's right to know whether he or she is being observed.

DEAR ABBY: For two years I have struggled with this question: Should I turn in a woman I believe to be guilty of welfare fraud?

The case: A woman who is perfectly capable of working has been receiving welfare assistance for over eight years. Every time I pay taxes, I think of this homeowner, whose teen-ager attends a private school, and whose four dogs and two cats eat better than some people.

I made my decision while watching the news on TV and saw people in our nation going without Thanksgiving dinner, while this woman and her children ate heartily.

Sickened, I realized how many families would go without help on Christmas because of gluttons like this woman and her family, so I turned her in this morning.

Abby, that woman is my mother-in-law! I did it so that those who really need assistance might receive it by Christmas. Please encourage your readers to do the same so that legitimately needy people will have a Happy New Year.

A NOT SO DEVOTED DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

DEAR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: I have no sympathy for welfare cheats, but did you discuss your suspicions with your mother-in-law and warn her that you'd turn her in if she didn't stop?

If so, then I would say you were motivated only by your desire to help the needy.

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5. Wool Coats	\$135	\$84.90	\$67 ⁹²
6. Blazers	\$95	\$49.90	\$39 ⁹²
7. Disney	\$37	\$24.99	\$19 ⁹⁹
8. Fur-trimmed Capes	\$300	\$150	\$120
9. Skirts	\$48	\$29.99	\$23 ⁹⁹
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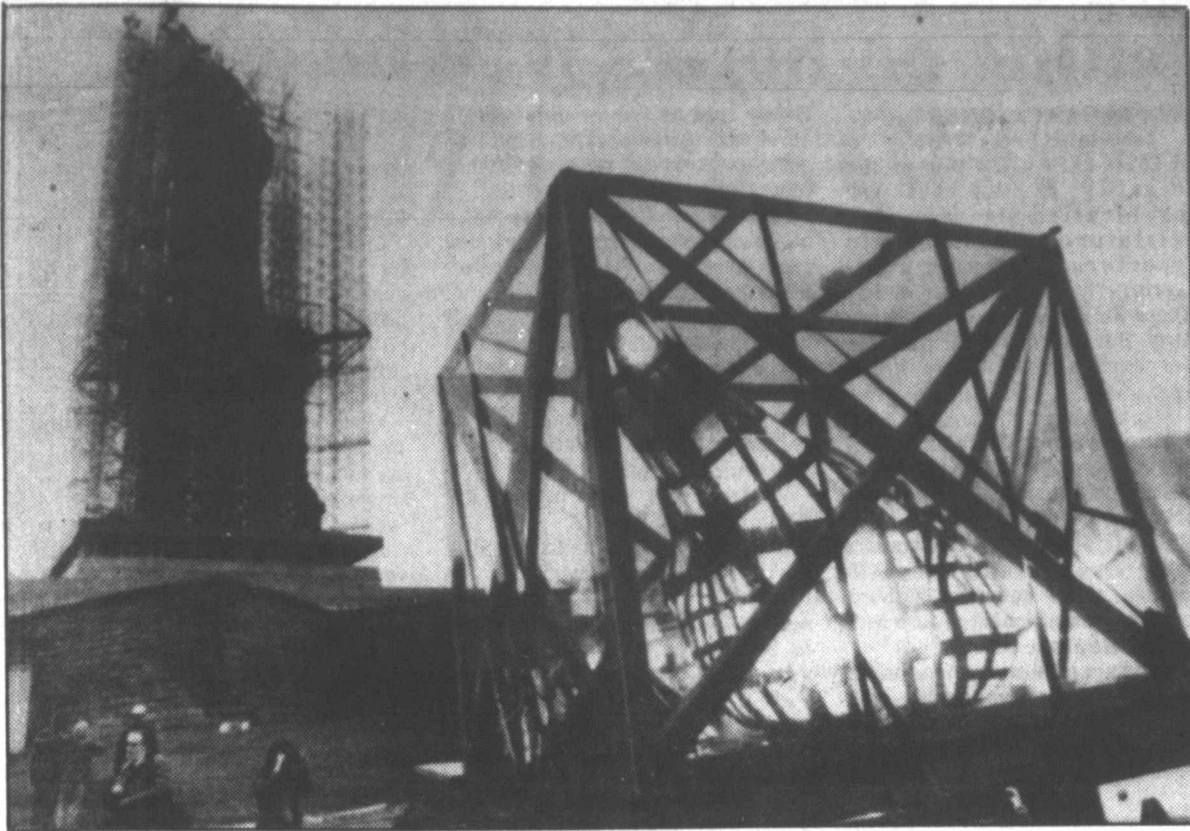
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STATUE OF LIBERTY'S TORCH—The torch of the Statue of Liberty is being removed from Ellis Island in New York Harbor last week. It will be sent to California where it will appear in

the annual Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena. In the background is the statue, minus the torch, surrounded by scaffolding while it is being restored to its former glory.

Tamales, a holiday tradition for one San Antonio family

By SARAH PATTEE
San Antonio Light

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Valentia Valdivia takes a lump of corn meal masa dough in her hand. With the ease of a woman who has made tamales 50 years, she spreads it evenly on a corn shuck. Next she takes a mound of pork filling, shapes it onto the dough. Her hands constantly moving, she wraps up the finished tamale, puts it aside and begins again.

Years ago her mother did the same thing and before that, so did her grandmother, and very likely, her grandmother before that. Among many Hispanic families in San Antonio, Christmas means homemade, made-by-hand tamales, and tamales mean a "tamalada," a get together where friends and family make tamales.

"We could do without them, I guess...but it just wouldn't be Christmas without tamales," Mrs. Valdivia said.

Recently she, her husband, Jesse, and four of her five daughters gathered for a six-hour, 50-dozen tamalada. Altogether there were nearly 25 Valdivia family members, including daughters Gloria Haley, Dora Albrecht, Kathy Espinoza and Toni Villafuerte.

Daughter Sylvia was in the hospital undergoing surgery — the only thing that could keep her away from a tamalada, her family said.

Making tamales is a long process that started the day before when Mrs. Valdivia cooked up two hog heads and a pork roast in her kitchen at home. With the meat she made the pork filling, adding spices such as garlic, cumin and

chili. She also prepared the masa, a dough of ground corn, to which pork lard, red pepper and spices were added. The corn shucks have to be soaked in water.

The next day the family met at Johnny's Restaurant, owned by her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Johnny Espinoza. While the women made tamales — "I don't ever remember my father making tamales," Mrs. Valdivia said — the men watched football on television and kept an eye on the toddlers.

Margarita and "talking about the people in the family who aren't here," as daughter Toni put it, made the non-stop tamale-making go smoother.

Spread around a long table, the women — ranging from Rene and Jennifer, who are both 7, to grandmother Valdivia — shaped, spread and rolled tamales. (To be fair to the male Valdivia family members, 14-year-old George also made tamales and Jesse helped replenish the corn shucks.)

When making a tamale, the first step is to choose just the right-sized corn shuck. With a knife or back of a spoon, the masa is spread thinly over half of the shuck. If the masa is too thick, the cooked tamales taste doughy, too thin and the the mixture crumbles.

The next step is to fill the tamale. Pork is the most traditional filling, but tamales also come stuffed with beans and cheese, chicken and beef. Finally, the tamale is rolled and then folded. Tamales may either be steamed and served hot or frozen and used later.

Ask anyone in the Valdivia family about Mrs. Valdivia's cooking and you'll get eyes rolled

in ecstasy of remembered meals. Mr. Valdivia likes to talk about the Olmos Park police officers who were regular customers at Val's Kitchen, the restaurant they owned until recently.

Mrs. Valdivia says her cooking is a gift passed down to her by her mother and mother-in-law, and it's something she picked up without even realizing it. Her tamales are one of the many recipes she knows by instinct.

"She decides she's going to cook something, and it always comes out perfect," Mr. Valdivia boasts.

The secret to her tamales, Mrs. Valdivia said, is lots of fat. Grabbing her hands together to make a big fist, she repeated with a laugh, "Lots of fat." And another tip to making good tamales, she added, is "lots of practice."

Making tamales is not as easy as it sounds. One hand balances the shuck while the other spreads the masa. The pork filling must be shaped just right and the tamale rolled smoothly. Mrs. Valdivia can tell just by a glance which daughter made which tamale. Looking at her mother, Gloria warned, "Some are going to be a little chubby."

The very last step to a tamalada comes on Christmas Eve. That's when the Valdivias and all their cousins, in-laws and friends gather to eat tamales before going to mass.

There's another thing to remember about a tamalada — many dozens never make it to the freezer. During the day, the Valdivia family ate 12 dozen tamales. It was the best part of the tamalada.

Hobby sees a difficult session ahead

By RUTH RENDON
For The Associated Press
AUSTIN (AP) — The 69th Legislature will be the most difficult session in years, with spending issues a top priority, says the man who presides over the Texas Senate.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said spending and a comprehensive state water plan, along with refinements in education reform and amendments to the Blue Law, will be key issues that lawmakers must face.

"It will be a very difficult session. Appropriations will be the most difficult one," Hobby said. "And I hope that after 25 years we can finally come up with a sound state water policy."

Comptroller Bob Bullock already has predicted a \$900 million shortfall in revenues at the start of the session unless world oil prices improve.

If that's the case, members of the next Legislature would have to hold their state spending to 1984's level with no new programs introduced or no pay raises to state employees.

Hobby says he is optimistic there may not have to be new taxes. He wouldn't predict — should a tax plan be introduced — if the hike would mean an increase in the sales tax or the imposition of new taxes elsewhere.

Hobby, lieutenant governor for 11 years, says a comprehensive water plan is long overdue in Texas.

The lieutenant governor said he is very pleased with the education reform bill passed during the summer special session. The bill finally addressed the decline in public education in Texas, he said.

"House Bill 72 was a historic piece of legislation and it had a very good start. But we still have the shortest school year of all the states and our students have less time on task with mathematics and science," Hobby said.

Aside from the newly formed state Board of Education requesting some clarifications on public policy aspects of the bill, Hobby said he does not foresee any major changes in the bill.

"Any time you have a major piece of legislation, there's always some changes in the next session," he said.

The lieutenant governor also said he hopes college tuition will be increased.

"We've been trying to raise college tuition for years," he said. He said the current tuition rates could be doubled, but had no exact figures on the amount of revenue it would bring the state.

"Increasing the tuition will add some money to the budget. Right now, tuition is the least part in the cost of higher education. It accounts for 3 percent of the total college cost," Hobby said.

Hobby said he and former House Speaker Bill Clayton looked into increasing college tuition when tuition costs accounted for 15 percent of all college expenses. It never happened.




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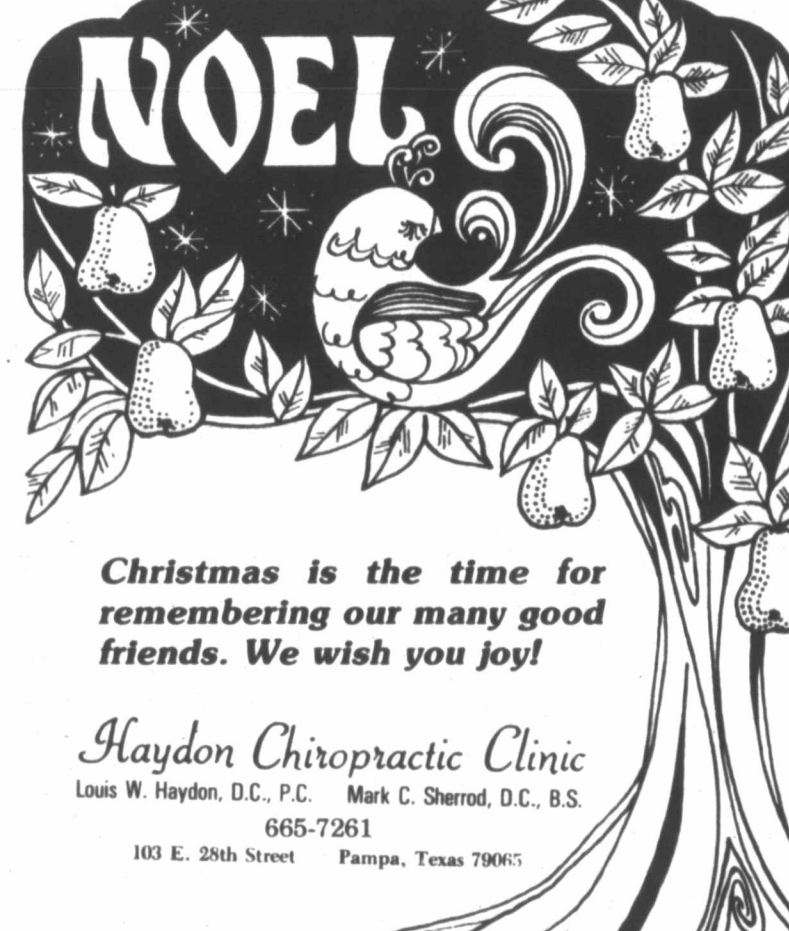
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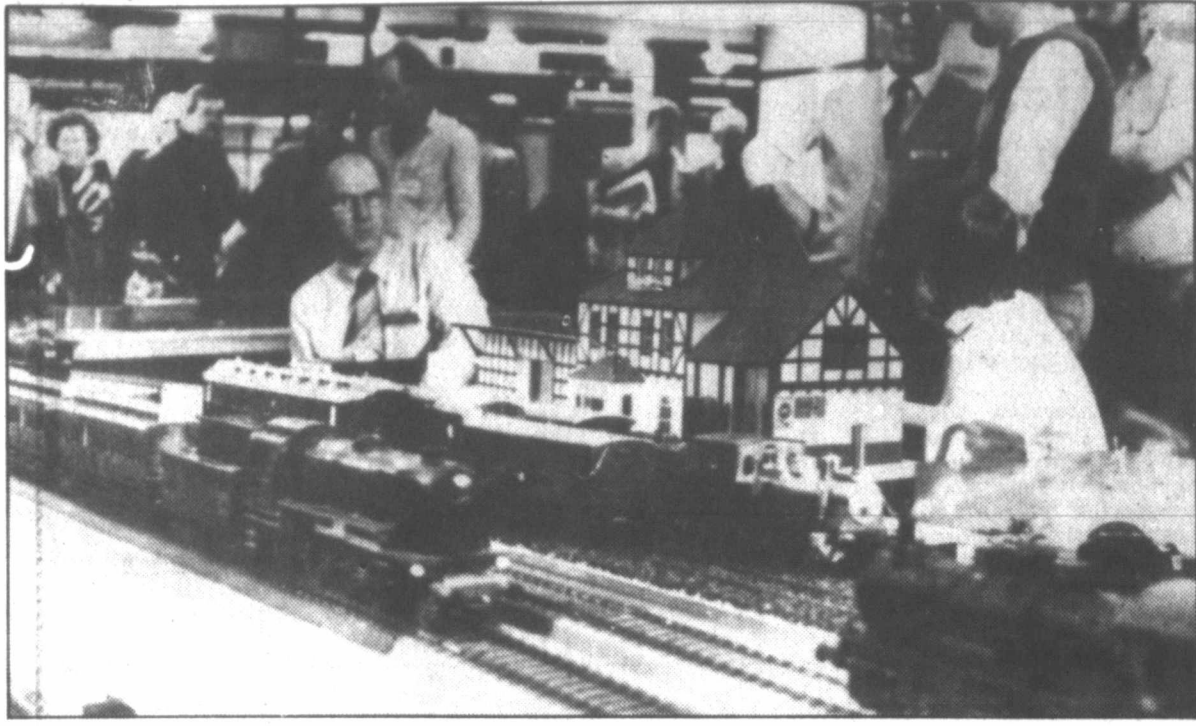
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MODEL TRAIN SHOW—Exhibitors and visitors view model trains at a model train show in Cologne, West Germany, recently. (AP Laserphoto)

Betting on horses is issue again

By GARTH JONES
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) — Betting on the ponies is a sure bet for consideration in the 1985 Legislature, according to supporters of parimutuel wagering.

There also will be talk of a state lottery. But the odds on its passage — or even a vote — are much longer.

"I personally don't think lotteries are particularly beneficial to society, and I think there would be better ways to raise funds," Gov. Mark White said.

But officials and legislators looking for alternative ways to increase state revenue without raising taxes are looking more and more to horse race betting.

White said he won't veto a horse race bill — providing it was approved in a statewide referendum and then at local option elections — and Lt. Gov. Bill

Hobby said he has no objection to horse racing as a pastime, but he's not sure it would be a significant moneymaker for the state.

Speaker Gib Lewis said recently he was "warming up" to the horse race issue in view of the state's bleak financial condition.

Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, assistant presiding officer of the House and a close associate of Lewis, sponsored the horse race bill in 1983 and says he will have another ready for the starting gate about mid-January.

"I feel real good about it," Berlanga said.

Berlanga's bill would legalize parimutuel wagering at horse races only after a statewide referendum, and there would have to be local elections to approve

each track. Once horse races get going in Texas, they would add \$200 million a year to the state treasury, Berlanga says.

In the 1983 Legislature, Sen. Ike Harris, R-Dallas, successfully pushed through a horse race betting bill in the Senate that would have called for a statewide referendum plus local option election before it was effective.

When Berlanga brought up his similar bill in the House it first appeared to pass by a few votes. However, when the vote was verified, three House members opposed to the bill claimed their voting machines didn't work.

Lewis ruled the three votes should be counted and Berlanga's bill failed by a photo finish — 75-73.

Santa Claus gives, receives in Clay County

By LOIS LUECKE
Wichita Falls Times
HENRIETTA, Texas (AP) — This is a Christmas story about Santa Claus that perhaps could only happen in small, neighboring towns like Petrolia and Henrietta in Clay County, Texas. It was born out of need — the need of one town to have a Santa Claus and the need of one woman to play the role.

From the outset eight years ago, Marie Lewis of Petrolia seemed a likely choice by town leaders at Henrietta. She had just walked into the First National Bank at Henrietta and heard two men talk about getting a Santa Claus to greet children on the Clay County Courthouse lawn.

"I can play Santa Claus," interjected Mrs. Lewis. "I already have the costume." She said she could use the job.

The 5-foot-1, 190-pound Marie Lewis even looked the part, with bright blue eyes and a round, laughing face. She also had seven children of her own, who had known not only the magic of Santa but the whispered presence of leprechauns, fairies and elves. Rich in imagination, the family learned to do much with little, she

said. Mrs. Lewis got the job. The Santa Claus costume of which Mrs. Lewis — uh, Santa Claus — spoke, belonged to an Aunt Anna who helped to rear her, she said. Even though it was 50 years old and had to be unpacked and dusted off, it served the purpose well, for one year. She sewed a new costume and bought a new wig the second year.

This year will be the eighth year that Mrs. Lewis, now 66, has played Santa at Henrietta for the chamber of commerce. It is a role she has relished. She is brought to the courthouse lawn by covered wagon drawn by miniature mules — uh, reindeer.

"I love to see those little kiddies," she said. "Their eyes light up. It is the happiest time when children can have a little magic in their lives. But I also think children should be told the real meaning of Christmas. I think they should be told that it is Christ's birthday and the real meaning of Christmas is not just Santa Claus and getting gifts."

She said she has conducted many happy interviews and some sad ones. "I have heard some real

tear-jerkers," she observed.

Even though life was at times hard for Mrs. Lewis, too, she stayed on the job. Last year, she said, she was struggling to get by on her income — a \$127 monthly Social Security check from her former husband, plus \$200 in Supplemental Security Income. But there were times when she had no water in the house and no gas, either because she couldn't pay the bills or because the gas and water lines leaked, she said.

For several years, she hitchhiked to Henrietta because her car had broken down. Then things turned around for Henrietta's Santa as word spread of the hardships. In January, Benny Haney and Wally Dayton of the Petrolia water department, on their own time, ran a gas line from the gas meter to the dining room and kitchen stove, she said.

About the same time, Walter Schlabs of Scotland, Texas, who works at Jolly, Texas, fixed the plumbing leaks. Someone else in Henrietta paid \$50 on the gas bill.

"I think the people at Henrietta had a lot to do with my getting SSI payments," she said. After Schlabs found out she was

hitchhiking, donated his 1975 Buick. Immediately, more helping hands joined in. A collection was taken up, and on Mrs. Lewis' birthday April 11, 1984, she was taken to Henrietta, where she saw the automobile, complete with inspection sticker and car tags. Donors had even taken out six months of liability insurance.

"When I saw that, I couldn't help it. I bawled," she said. But maybe this is what makes Henrietta's Santa so different.

As June Trent, Henrietta merchant, said, "She has really reached out to a lot of people."

Mrs. Lewis' husky "Ho-Ho" voice and Santa laugh are heartening, but in her interviews with children, she said she hears about some heart-tugging circumstances. She listened while a 9-year-old girl said she would like a Barbie doll and also "a vacuum sweeper, a washing machine and a dryer. I don't mean toy ones. I mean real ones. I am my Daddy's housekeeper now, since Momma went to heaven."

One little boy asked that if Santa saw his father, "to please tell him to come back home to Mom and me. I love him."

Baytown Santa epitomizes old-fashioned idea

By CINDY HORSWELL
The Houston Chronicle
BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — A year ago, Galveston's then-Mayor Gus Manuel spotted someone familiar in the crowd at the city's old-fashioned Christmas parade on the Strand.

He was gawking and snapping pictures like all the other tourists. He was dressed in ordinary street clothes, but there was something unmistakable about him.

"This is the first time I've ever seen Santa go incognito," Manuel said as he shook Ed O'Connor's hand.

Without the customary red suit, the 76-year-old O'Connor still epitomizes the Santa role which he has portrayed for the last 16 years.

He has a genuine twinkle in his eye, ruddy cheeks, a plump belly

and long snow-white hair and beard.

Doubting children often declare him "the real Santa" after a yank on his nearly foot-long beard produces only a loud "Ouch!" from O'Connor.

The flowing hair has not always been in vogue, said his wife, Luise, but it usually makes him a celebrity anywhere he goes.

The last three Decembers he's spent bouncing children on his knees at a Baytown mall, but most of the year he resides on the outskirts of North Pole.

That is North Pole, New York. Zip code 12946, next to Lake Placid, the site of the 1984 Winter Olympics.

He has seniority there as the main attraction of one of the first theme parks in the country,

Santa's Workshop.

Becoming Santa Claus has not been his lifelong ambition. He says he was "conned" into it.

After retiring as general manager of community services for the U.S. Embassy in Bonn, West Germany, he bought a small motel on the outskirts of North Pole.

One day a corporate executive from Santa's Workshop visited there, saw him and said, "You ought to be a Santa."

"O'Connor had the Irish grin and twinkly eyes," recalled Robert Reiss, president of the corporation — noting no false beards, wigs or makeup are allowed.

At first, O'Connor laughed because he'd been a master sergeant in the U.S. Army and was accustomed to shaving as often as twice a day. His wife, in fact, detested beards.

"I guess I'm a softy. I love children," said O'Connor,

explaining why he later changed his mind.

Being Santa isn't as easy as one would think, said O'Connor. Santa has to endure occasional kicks in the shins from youngsters who didn't get their wish last year; diapered babies "with a full load."

But O'Connor says only one thing really upsets him. That's when parents force the very young to sit in his lap when they're frightened to death of him. "It's a sin," he says. "I can feel them shaking."

His most gratifying moments are not the paid promotions, however. It's his visits to children's hospitals or time spent with a dying child as a representative of New York's Last Wish for Children.

He never will forget fulfilling the last wish of a girl with leukemia the day before she died. Her big eyes and warm smile when he gave her some toys made everything worth it, he says.

Texan apparently being returned home for burial

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — It appears Juan Flores is going home to Texas.

His transportation will be paid by the Carbon County Welfare Department.

All that's needed now is \$800 to pay his funeral expenses, said Ron Stene of Smith Funeral Home.

Flores, 39, a farm worker, was found dead Oct. 27 in an irrigation ditch near Belfry in Carbon County. Authorities said he died of head injuries from a car accident.

Flores' body was taken to Smith Funeral Home while efforts were made to identify him. Once he was identified, Flores' body remained at the funeral home while his family tried to raise money to ship his remains to Harlingen, Texas.

Helen Bohnert, Carbon County welfare director, said Thursday she had authorized up to \$300 in transportation costs for Flores' body.

Stene said another \$800 is needed — \$300 to pay his funeral home, which has cut its usual bill in half — and \$500 for a Texas funeral home, which has agreed to cover everything once the body gets to Harlingen, including a grave plot.

Flores' plight has touched several Billings' residents, including Richard Cosslett.

Although Cosslett did not know Flores, he said he felt someone should go to make sure the body is transferred properly from plane to plane and to greet the deceased's family.

"I think these people should know that people care about other people," Cosslett said. "I guess I'd like to meet them. God rest his soul, I'm going to go with him."

He said he was outraged that Carbon County waited so long to approve transportation expenses.

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Unpredictable Giants continue to surprise

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The New York Giants, the mystery team of the National Football League playoffs, continue what they hope will be a magical trip when they travel to San Francisco on Saturday.

The Giants confounded the odds-makers by beating some of the league's better teams — Washington and Dallas, for instance — only to lose to some of the worst — Tampa Bay and New Orleans — during a 9-7 regular season. New York was at it again Sunday, surprising the Los Angeles Rams 16-13 in the NFC wild-card playoff game.

Although outclassed in a 33-12 loss to the Rams some three months ago, the Giants played solid, tough football on Sunday to win a berth opposite the 49ers in the conference semifinal.

Thus having avenged the regular-season loss to the Rams, the Giants now get a chance to pay

back the 49ers, who whipped New York 31-10 the week after the Giant loss to the Rams.

New York had dropped its two final regular-season contests and was the last team to be assured a playoff spot, getting in only when Dallas lost to Miami last Monday night.

"It seems like we're a team that nobody expects anything from," said Giant Coach Bill Parcells. "We kind of had our backs to the wall several times during the season and every time we got them to the wall, we just seemed to be able to muster up enough energy to get it done."

New York running back Rob Carpenter, who scored New York's only touchdown on a 1-yard burst said, "LA took us to school the last time we were out here and the next week San Francisco did the same. After this win, next Saturday's game will give us a chance to show what we can do."

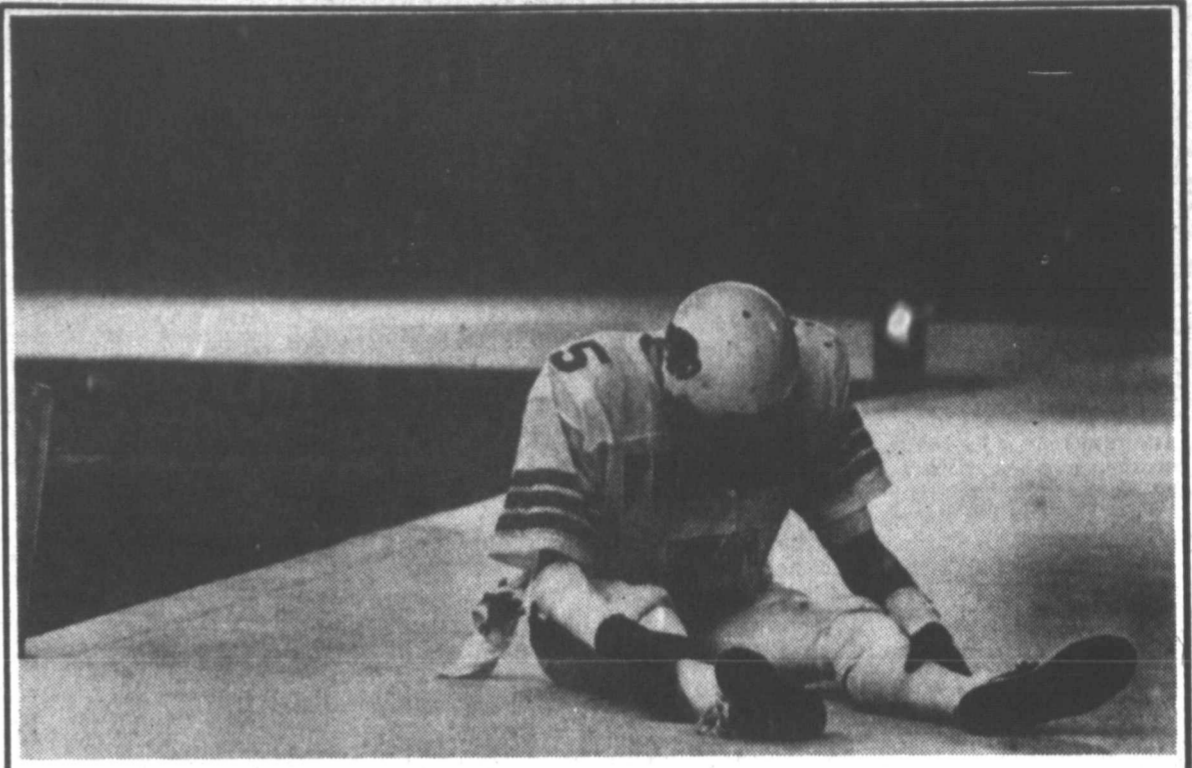
The ball-control passing of quarterback Phil Simms, who completed 22 of 31 attempts for 179 yards, and a solid performance by a defense which held Eric Dickerson in check keyed the Giant victory.

Alli Haji-Sheikh also kicked field goals of 37, 38 and 36 yards for the Giants, who never trailed.

Rams Coach John Robinson complimented the Giants, saying, "They played a fine game, especially on defense. We got off to a terribly slow start. We seemed fidgety to me. Penalties seemed to plague us."

Dickerson, who set the NFL's season-single rushing record with 2,105 yards, was held to just 37 yards in the first half, and wound up with 107 on 23 carries.

This from Dickerson: "I think the Giants are a more professional team than the 49ers. I really think they can beat them."



French's Keith Wycoff after missing pass

Title tie causes mixed feelings

By The Associated Press

The way Beaumont French coach Steve Shaver sees it, it would have been nice to win the state championship, but coming from second place in the district to share a state title is not so bad.

And Odessa Permian coach John Wilkins also has mixed feelings. A share of the title is "not as bad as losing."

French and Permian played to a 21-21 tie Saturday in the Class 5A championship game at Texas Stadium — the first such standoff in 39 years.

"They are a class organization and they showed it today," Shaver said after French linebacker Charles Goodman picked off a Panther pass with 31 seconds left to preserve the tie and co-championship. "It was a privilege to be on the same field with them."

"Of course, we would have liked to beat them," Shaver added. "But French hadn't been in the playoffs since 1975. To come from second place in the district all the way here and tie

the No. 1 team in the state is something to be very proud of."

Also Saturday, Denison claimed its first state football championship in 68 years with a 27-13 win over Tomball in the 4A final.

In 3A, Medina Valley whipped Daingerfield 21-13, spurred by Michael Kempf's 92-yard touchdown return.

In Class 2A, running back Michael Horace grabbed a new career rushing record and scored five times as Groveton blasted Panhandle 38-7.

Munday shut out Union Hill 13-0 for the Class 4A championship.

Beaumont French finished with an 11-4-1 record, while Permian was 15-0-1.

"We did everything we could to win the game," said Wilkins. "It's been a great season for us and we've got part of a championship."

"I've been on both sides of it and now I've been in the middle," he said. "We're disappointed, certainly, but this is not as bad as losing."

The last time two teams tied for the state championship in Texas' top high school classification was when Highland Park and Waco High shared the title in 1945.

Denison quarterback Erick Harper passed for a touchdown and a two-point conversion and kicked two field goals in the 4A title game.

The Yellowjackets, who started playing in 1916 but had never reached the finals, finished with a 16-0 record. The Cougars had a 14-1 ledger.

Daingerfield lost for the first time in 32 Class 3A contests after Kempf's 92-yard scoring run gave the Panthers a 21-7 lead. The Tigers, defending 3A champions, fell to 14-1-1.

In Class 2A, Horace scored on runs of 3, 5, 81, and 12 yards from scrimmage and added a fifth touchdown on a 79-yard interception return.

Dent Offutt threw for one touchdown and ran for another to lead Munday to the Class A title.

Chaminade slays another giant of college basketball

By The Associated Press

When Mark Rodrigues looked up at the clock, time was gone, and, for the third time in three years, tiny Chaminade University of Hawaii had stunned college basketball's fraternity of the powerful.

Rodrigues' shot at the buzzer gave Chaminade a 67-65 upset of 12th-ranked Louisville Saturday in Honolulu. Chaminade, the

eighth-ranked NAIA team in the country, now has defeated the Cardinals two straight years, and, in 1982, they knocked off then No. 1-ranked Virginia.

"I looked up at the clock, saw six seconds and passed it over to Keith Whitney," Rodrigues recalled. "I knew if he passed it back to me, I would take the shot. I got it back and put it up. I looked at the clock and time was gone."

Coach Denny Crum, whose 6-2 Cardinals were without the services of Manuel Forrest, Jeff Hall and Milt Wagner, said: "We were playing without three starters and, under the circumstances, I thought we played well."

The game was part of a doubleheader that also saw No. 9 Southern Methodist remain unbeaten with an 85-76 victory over No. 11 Oklahoma.

One ranked team, No. 10 North Carolina, played on Sunday, beating Arizona State 85-66 in the Sunbury Ball at Tokyo. In Top Ten games Saturday, top-ranked Georgetown defeated New Mexico 69-61, No. 3 Memphis State downed Iowa 76-62, No. 4 Illinois lost to Loyola, Ill., 63-62, No. 5 DePaul defeated Northwestern 61-56, No. 7 Washington lost to Brigham Young 84-75, No. 8 St. John's beat UCLA 88-69 and No. 9 Syracuse clobbered Utica 84-63.

...And SMU is next

By DENNEH. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

The unblemished Southern Methodist Mustangs, off to the best start in the school's history, hope the Christmas present they get from tiny Chaminade isn't as explosive as the package the Silverswords handed Virginia two years ago.

Remember the headlines: "Yes, Virginia, There is a Chaminade."

The small NAIA school stunned the collegiate basketball world by upsetting previously unbeaten Virginia and Ralph Sampson.

Now, SMU, riding high after an 85-76 victory over Oklahoma, must play Chaminade in its own Classic on Christmas Day.

The Mustangs are 9-0 and could enter the Southwest Conference basketball race with a perfect record by beating the Silverswords.

"The thing that helps about the Silverswords is that our players know they beat Virginia two years ago," said SMU Coach Dave Bliss. "Word gets around the country pretty fast when you lose to Chaminade."

The Mustangs won the Rainbow Classic in Honolulu last December,

beating three teams for the title including highly rated Duke and host Hawaii.

Bliss said the victory over Oklahoma and high-scoring Wayman Tisdale, who had 22 points, was one of the biggest in Mustang history.

"I'm exhausted," said Bliss, who used to coach at Oklahoma. "It was one of the toughest games we have played. It was a real chess match, a real donnybrook. I thought we did a great job on Tisdale."

In other games Saturday involving SWC teams, Texas Christian beat Niagra 81-71 in the consolation game of the Gator Bowl Classic; Arkansas downed Oral Roberts 64-57; Texas A&M defeated the University of the Pacific 79-62; Houston won the Kettle Classic with a 66-63 victory over St. Mary's of California; and San Diego State took out Texas 71-65.

Texas Tech is at Colorado on Thursday.

Texas swings into tournament play on Friday with its own tournament — the Longhorn Basketball Classic — featuring Army, Mercer and Stanford as the other teams.

Blue-Gray game Tuesday

Hard-luck stories abound

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The rosters for the 47th annual Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic could be described as an assemblage of the college football season's hard-luck stories.

With most of the players chosen from teams not invited to play in postseason bowl games, the Christmas matchup offers the crop of seniors a chance to showcase their talents for professional scouts.

Kickoff is set at 11:30 a.m. CST. The game is scheduled for telecast on CBS.

While their individual performances won them invitations to suit up for the Blue or Gray, the players' availability hinged, in many cases, on their

teams' misfortunes.

Pitt running back Marlon McIntyre and defensive back Melvin Dean are among the 37 players listed on the North roster.

With preseason expectations of a strong season, neither player expected to leave behind a 3-7 mark.

"An unbelievable amount of pressure was put on us during the bad times, by the press, the fans and the people of Pittsburgh," said McIntyre, a 6-foot, 230-pound fullback. "After so long, it started becoming a mental thing."

Dean, a 5-10, 175-pound cornerback, says the problems weren't because of a lack of talent or poor attitude.

"There was never any dissension on the team. In fact, all the adversity just made us want it that much more. One thing's for sure: We never gave up," he said.

But both players have hopes of showcasing their talents for the pro scouts.

A group of players from Alabama are listed on the South roster for the first time in 25 years, this being the first season since 1969 that the Tide has not been treated to a bowl.

The five Alabama seniors include running back Paul Ott Carruth, fullback Ricky Moore, tight end Preston Gothard, defensive back Paul Tripoli and

defensive end Emanuel King.

For Moore, his senior season "started slowly and then deteriorated" as the Tide ended the 1984 campaign with a 5-6 mark, four months after preseason talk of Sugar Bowls and national championships.

The bright outlook dimmed after Alabama blew a big lead against Boston College and went on to lose four of its first five games.

Carruth noticed an immediate change on campus after the Tide's slide began.

"All my years here I was used to students coming up to me in class wanting to talk football," he said. "Not only were they not talking about football anymore, they weren't saying anything at all."

Alabama Coach Ray Perkins will work with Georgia Tech's Bill Curry on the South sidelines.

Their coaching counterparts are Arizona State's Darryl Rodgers and former Missouri mentor Warren Powers.

Lot of hunters, but few pheasants

BY JOHN WALKER
Plainview Daily Herald

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — The pheasants aren't here like they were at one time, but the hunters were back in numbers greater than ever before this year.

Hunters came from across Texas and from as far away as California, despite mixed weather this season that ranged from 70 degrees on opening weekend to later drizzle, sleet and a snowflake or two.

"We're having a lot of fun," said Bob Ward, one hunter who said he was from "about 100 miles outside Houston."

"We've gotten our limits and have seen a good bit of birds," he added.

But there just weren't that many birds to be seen.

The 1984 pheasant count was down an estimated 45 percent from 1983, which was down substantially over the previous year. The count was so low that Bailey County hunters attending a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hearing in Amarillo on Dec. 3 requested a cancellation of the hunt there.

The special meeting was a result of increased bag limits to three cocks per day and six in possession from what has always been two and four.

"There were some people who wanted to cut back to one bird per day," said Joe Don Scott, president of Pheasants Unlimited, after the meeting, "but we just want it back where it was ... we just don't have the birds this year."

His group, based here, has about 400 members.

Blame on the population reduction has varied, depending on who answers the question, but Scott, whose group is dedicated to preserving natural habitats for the pheasant, feels that the culprit is

one of the area's money crops: cotton.

"The more cotton that is planted, the less habitat you have for the pheasant," he explained, "and if we don't have the habitat, we don't have the birds."

Scott's group runs regular advertisements in the Plainview Daily Herald and in area weekly newspapers, advising "Mr. Farmer" that they will pay \$100 if the farmer leaves "a weedy lake of 10 acres or more undisturbed through the coming winter and next spring, not burning, grazing nor shredding it."

Scott explains that by paying the premium to the farmer-landowners, the group is preserving and creating habitat for the pheasant.

"We ask for nothing in return," Scott said, explaining that the farmer could do as he wished with his land as long as the agreement was made and kept.

"I think that the more cotton you see go into the ground, the fewer birds we'll see because of the lost habitat," Scott said.

"The birds need water and nesting places and feed. It has been dry, but we had a pretty good bit of rainfall around Plainview," he added, discounting the lack of water theory.

One water aspect he did not discount, however, was the absence of lakes dotting the farms, filled with weeds and offering both moisture, food and protection for the birds.

"Some of the people at the meeting in Amarillo felt that the hens had to go so far to get water that the eggs they were nesting cooled off and never hatched," Scott said.

"There are a lot of explanations," he added.

Many people in Texas, Oklahoma and eastern New Mexico consider Scott a "clearing house" of sorts when it comes to pheasant hunting, and he handles numerous calls each day to prospective pheasant hunters.

"If you had called me a couple of weeks ago, I might could have placed you," he told one caller the Wednesday before the season opened.

It was a message repeated at least six times in a 30-minute period, but one that apparently doesn't bother Scott in giving... whether able or unable to place a hunter and his guns.

Scott refused to disclose the cost

of a lease but said, "It's kind of like buying a car. If you feel you got a good deal, you got a good deal."

Ads in area newspapers ranged upwards from \$100 per gun, with private hunting clubs charging upwards of \$1,000 joining fees in addition to the daily gun amount.

Local and area game wardens said that weekend checks on hunters revealed an average of about one bird per hunter, just another indicator of the lack of pheasants in Texas' Panhandle.

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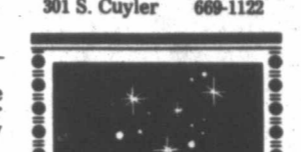
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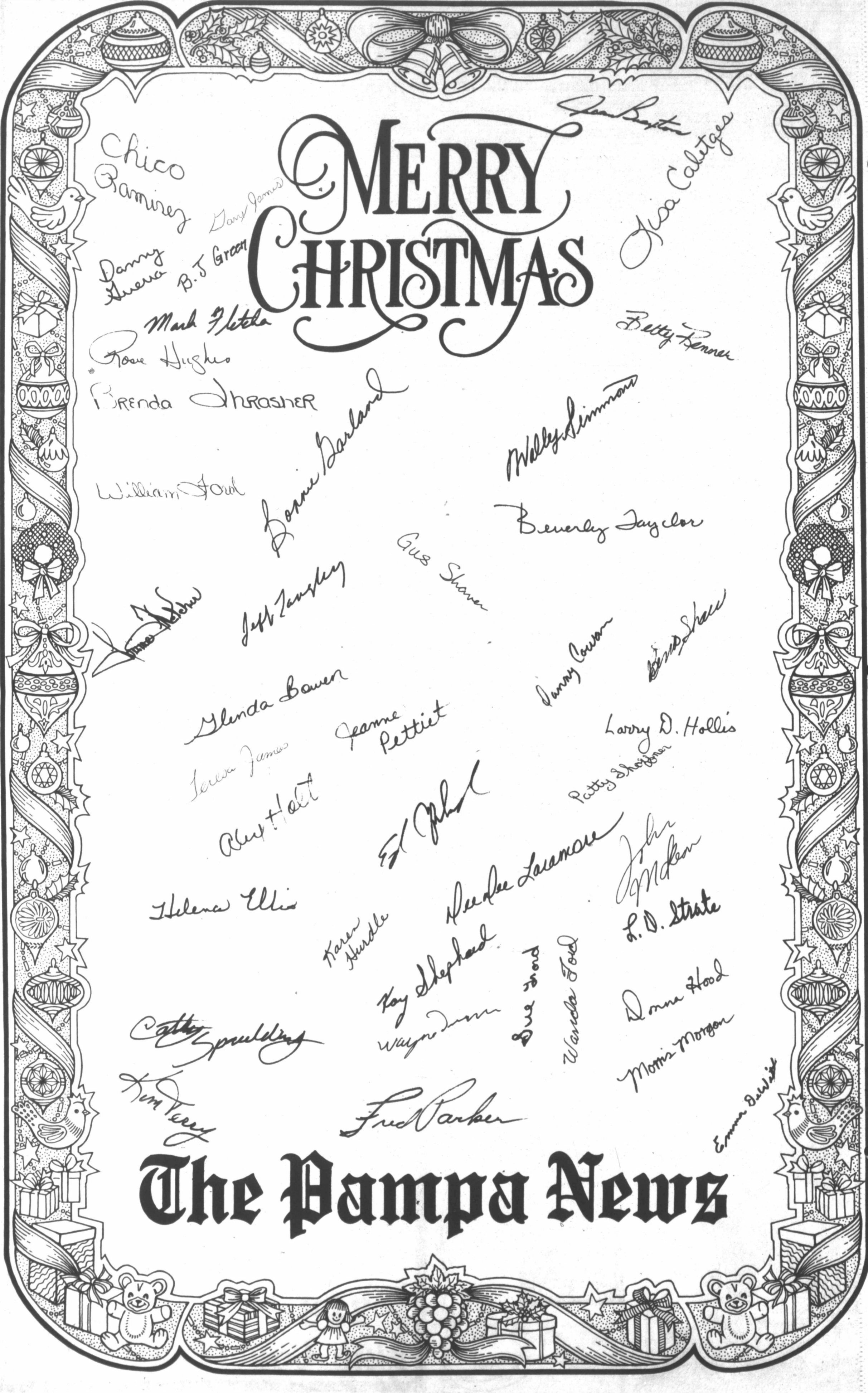
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White: tough year coming

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White, pleased with the public school reforms the Legislature gave him in 1984, says 1985 will be a very difficult year for lawmakers and all of state government.

The state's income is projected to fall up to \$900 million short of spending needs, and White says "1985 will be a tough budget year, the toughest maybe in the history of the state."

In an interview with The Associated Press, the governor said he expects no tax increase. He also said the state may be on the verge of some big changes: the Sunday store-closing Blue Law may be eliminated, horse racing and wagering may be allowed, and Texas will have to cope with the kind of tight budgets that have bedeviled other states in recent years.

"We've had the luxury through the years of seeing (state) revenues go up at rather sharp rates" due to inflation that pushed people into higher tax brackets and the boom in oil prices, White said.

But today, with oil prices falling and the population boom threatening to overcome the state's ability to handle the growth, "We no longer have that luxury," he said.

Despite the problems, White said he expects the Legislature that convenes on Jan. 8 to achieve a number of significant goals — without an increase in taxes.

"I don't think we're going to see a tax increase, from all reports I've had. The people in the House, they're not going to pass a tax bill. That's the end of it. So now we go about the business of trying to make do with what we have," White said.

"I think it will be a very difficult session, but I think there will be a great deal accomplished. I think you're going to find, hopefully, a water plan. There'll be some amendments made in the education code in order to smooth out that reform ... but overall, the reforms will stay there.

"I think it will be a time for improved management. We'll have the finest managerial team state government's ever had. I'll match it against any government anywhere in the country for quality."

Looking back at 1984, White cited the dramatic overhaul of public education, approved during a special legislative session, as the premier accomplishment.

He has received high praise and plenty of heat over the reforms, which included a multibillion-dollar tax increase and tougher academic standards for high school athletes, but said he remains steadfast about the need for the changes.

"A lot of people don't like to change. Some people, I guess, would like to clutch ignorance forever. But we can't afford that in more ways than one. We can't afford it as a state, a nation, and an individual can't afford it for obvious personal reasons."

Although White said he anticipates some refinements in the law will be made by the Legislature, the thrust of the reform will remain the same, he said.

"It's going to be a time for some modifications, but no retreat," he vowed.

As for politics, White rejected any suggestion that 1984 was a watershed year for Texas Republicans, who won a U.S. Senate seat, four additional seats in Congress, 16 new seats in the Texas House and one in the Texas Senate.

"The Democratic Party is still the dominant party, the strongest of the two," the Democratic governor said.

"And I think it's an obligation we have to let the people know the Democratic Party is the party that made Texas — the great business climate that we enjoy, the great opportunity for entrepreneurial enterprise. We can't find one thing that the Republicans have done

that has created that climate and atmosphere."

Looking ahead to 1985, the governor offered comments on many issues that will confront lawmakers, including:

— The Blue Law. It's time may be up, he said. "We're seeing more and more resistance to it from people in the (retailing) industry, and that's maybe a prelude to the repeal. I'll have to look at it very closely."

— Horse racing. White has laid down three conditions that he said must be met before he will agree — a statewide vote on the question, a local option to permit counties to reject parimutuel wagering and protections against organized crime.

"My conditions are still out there," he said. If a bill meets those conditions, "I wouldn't veto it. If they don't meet those, then I will."

— A state lottery. The governor opposes state-run lotteries, games that many states operate to provide non-tax money for education, elderly programs and other purposes.

— A statewide water plan. White said a plan for getting the most from Texas' water resources is long overdue, noting that growth is placing increasing demands on what water there is.

"We'll have the job of convincing the people it's a good, sound package," he said, noting the regional nature of the problem. "You've got to get votes on the east side of Interstate 35."

— Prisons. White said progress is being made in stemming the wave of violence that has wracked the prisons this year, adding that he is hopeful Texas Department of Corrections director Ray Procnier will be able to meet court-ordered reforms for more guards and other changes.

"They're making more progress, I think, than it appears," White said.

A pretty good Christmas gift

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Not many people think of it as a Christmas gift, but the economy certainly has done a good turn for many people this year.

A year ago this time there were about 103 million people employed and the jobless rate was 8.2 percent. Almost three million more people hold jobs this Christmas and the unemployment rate is a percentage point lower.

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More to the point, real disposable income, which is what you have left after taxes and inflation have been deducted, has risen more than \$60 trillion in that time and that adds about \$230 more in each person's assets.

Did anybody or anything else give you something more than that?

You found it easier to buy a house this year, because mortgage rates fell. You probably paid less to finance your car too, although it must be conceded that other installment loans remained stuck at 18 percent to 20 percent.

What a relief it was to settle for inflation at only 4 percent or probably a bit more. For perspective, just think bank to 1981, when your paycheck was eroding at 10.4 percent a year. Or to 1980, when the toll reached 13.5 percent.

True, pay raises weren't as good as they were in other years, but that too brings up something to think about. Wage stability was a big factor in keeping inflation down.

What good is a 10 percent raise that is canceled out by 10 percent

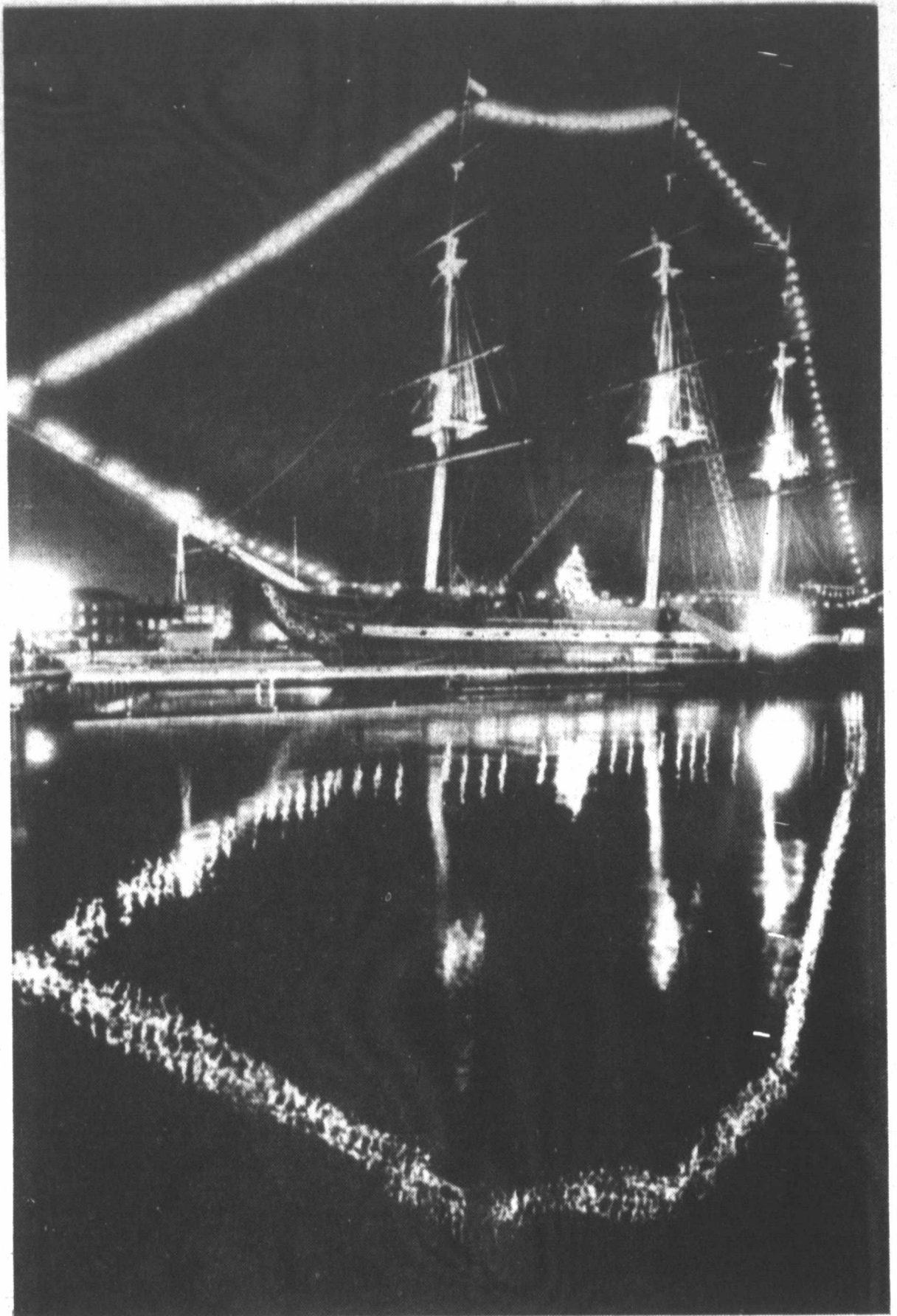
inflation? In contrast, how good is a 6 percent raise when inflation is only 4 percent? That kind of raise adds buying power.

For perspective on the economy's Christmas gift you need only return in mind to the same period a year ago when, you might recall, many of the folks who claim to see the future seemed to have a dark lens on their scopes.

High on the list was the thesis that budget deficits inevitably would cause the government to siphon off credit needed by consumers and business. Then, they said, interest rates would soar and recession would take hold again.

Well, it didn't happen, and a lot of other negatives never came to pass.

It might have been luck, but even so, a gift of good luck is a pretty good Christmas gift.



RIGGED FOR THE HOLIDAYS—Christmas lights in the rigging of the U.S.S. Constitution form a reflection in the waters near its mooring in Boston's Charlestown section recently.

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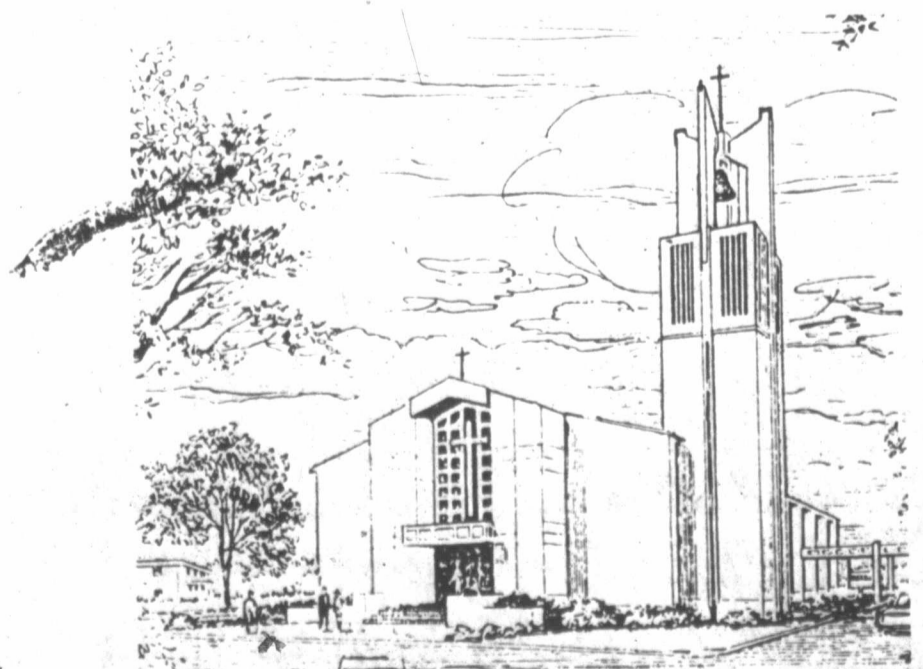
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- 1 Nymph
- 6 Dragon constellation
- 11 Staggered
- 13 Famed
- 14 Less pretty
- 15 Woman's name
- 16 Plan
- 17 Actress Balin
- 19 Celtic sea deity
- 20 Bernstein, for short
- 22 Type of joke
- 23 College degree (abbr.)
- 24 Leader (Lat.)
- 26 Nibbles
- 28 Depression initials
- 30 Take advantage of
- 31 Tech
- 32 Disfigure
- 33 Saudi Arabian coin
- 35 Confederate soldier (abbr.)
- 37 Recent (pref.)
- 38 Furious
- 40 Give name to
- 42 Island of the Aegean
- 43 Wood sorrel
- 44 Rug
- 46 Iced
- 49 Shangri-La
- 52 Anger
- 53 Short jacket
- 54 Fracas (comp wd)
- 55 Gives alarm

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- 1 Part of the ear
- 2 Queenly
- 3 Hollered

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Astro-Graph
by bernice bede osol

Dec. 25, 1984

Two of your heart's desires have splendid chances of being fulfilled this coming year. Your longtime investment of patience and hope will finally pay off. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A profitable situation that has been right under your nose all the time may suddenly surface today. Be ready to respond wisely. Major changes are in store for Capricorns in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York NY 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Matters close to your heart have excellent chances for success today, provided you direct them yourself. Don't delegate assignments.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guide important affairs with kindness and gentle measure today. The people you have to deal with will be responsive to these tactics.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your winning ways will add warmth and luster to your group encounters today. Just be yourself and you'll evoke a positive reaction from everyone in your presence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You will win the support of others today for causes you believe important. Even those who don't normally back you up will be in your corner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're in a good cycle for making new friends. Go out of your way today to really get to know people you meet for the first time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The consideration and generosity you display today toward those you love will be returned to you manifold. Sow seeds now for a later harvest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Give those you love their own way today. You'll derive great satisfaction from watching them enjoy themselves through such a simple gesture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This can be a fulfilling day for you if you spend as much time and energy as possible on labors of love that bring heartfelt joy to others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You make a marvelous social chairman today so if you notice the party beginning to lag a bit, pep things up by appointing yourself emcee.

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PEANUTS

CHRISTMAS EVE IS MY FAVORITE DAY OF THE YEAR IT MAKES ME FEEL GOOD ABOUT EVERYTHING I WISH I COULD PUT IT INTO WORDS... MY AEROBICS CLASS WAS CANCELED

MARMADUKE

Marmaduke feels sorry for the reindeer out on a night like this.

WINTHROP

SPOTLESS McPARTLAND ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM WHEN WE GROW UP. ARE YOU GOING TO? NO, WHERE WOULD WE EVER FIND A GERM-FREE PLASTIC BUBBLE WITH FOUR BEDROOMS, AN EAT-IN KITCHEN AND A TWO-CAR GARAGE?

TUMBLEWEEDS

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS MY TWO FRONT TEETH, MY TWO FRONT TEETH.. ECHO, MUST YOU KEEP SINGING THAT SONG? STOP IT! WHY? YOU HEARD THE LADY!

FRANK AND ERNEST

I ALREADY ASKED SANTA FOR THESE THINGS, BUT I THOUGHT IT COULDN'T HURT TO GO OVER HIS HEAD.

BUGS BUNNY

COME ON, WHERE'S MY FORTUNE? BOING! YOUR BAD TEMPER WILL CAUSE YOU PAIN!

Big retailers opposing Blue Law

By KEN HERMAN
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) — The state law that effectively bans Sunday shopping could fall in 1985 under the pressure of a combination of forces that might overcome past legislative inertia: organization, the state's money needs and the spark of open revolt among merchants.

The Blue Law, an often confusing list of 42 items that can't be sold on both days of a weekend, has survived previous repeal attempts despite occasional court decisions against it and dogged fights by individual retailers.

But the 1985 fight will be different. Major retailers have organized and hired lobbyists to fight the Blue Law. They say their customers want to shop on Sunday.

"Our feeling is that there is a desire from our customers to have longer shopping hours, which would be provided by Sunday openings," Sears spokesman Ralph Russell said of his company's decision to fight the law.

K Mart, Target, Eckerd Drugs, Revco Drugs, Joske's, Zale Jewelers and Sears have joined as Texans For Blue Law Repeal Inc. While previous repeal attempts have featured individual retailers, the 1985 effort will be quarterbacked by veteran lobbyists.

"This really is a legitimate issue and problem for households with a single adult and two wage-earner families," says Galt Graydon, an Austin lawyer hired by major

retailers to push Blue Law repeal.

But the Texas Automobile Dealers Association and Texas Retailers Association, chief defenders of the Blue Law, say it's not a major issue for most Texans. People care more about Ethiopian hunger than Sunday shopping, said TADA lobbyist Tom Blanton.

Nevertheless, Blanton knows lobby firepower when he sees it. Graydon and partner Dick Brown, whose office is two floors above the TADA near the Capitol, have it.

"The infidel is not at the gate, he's in the castle," Blanton said, referring both to his enemy's location and influence.

The Sunday shopping advocates will talk money in a year when lawmakers are fearful of stacking another tax hike on top of last year's increase. Estimates show the state could be as much as \$900 million short of needed money.

Comptroller Bob Bullock says the state could make about \$13.5 million a year in taxes on Sunday sales.

The retailers association doesn't believe there is any money for the state on Sunday shopping.

"You are not going to buy an extra suit just because you can go to the store on Sunday," said Mickey Moore, the association's executive vice president.

Anti-Blue Law lobbyist Brown said the money argument will be offered as well as "all the conventional arguments, of which there are at least 20."

The open revolt that has rekindled interest in Blue Law repeal is occurring in Houston,

where more than 200 stores began violating the law just in time for Christmas shoppers. Those store owners say many newer Texans are used to shopping on Sundays in their previous home states.

"That 'new Texans' argument makes no sense to Moore, whose 1,500-member retailers association recently re-affirmed its affinity for the Blue Law.

"People move to Texas because they like our lifestyle. Now they want to make it like the lifestyle they came from," he said.

"They would like the convenience of shopping on Sunday," Moore said of Texans. "But I don't think there's a great groundswell of public demand for repeal of this law."

He bases that on what he's seen in previous Capitol battles on the Blue Law.

"The public hasn't come down to testify for repeal," he said.

Blanton predicts some backlash from Texans who believe Sunday is a day for rest, prayer and-or television football.

"The guy at the low end of the economic scale knows who's going to be working Sunday," he said.

Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls and author of a repeal bill, says the state and its shopping needs have changed.

As reasons for repeal mount and key legislators like Farabee sign on for the fight, Blue Law backers sound worried.

Pesticide rules controversial

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Agriculture's efforts to regulate farm pesticide use has some farm lobbyists angry and some rural lawmakers considering legislative action.

But state Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower says he won't back down.

"This is going to be done," Hightower says. "We can let it be done by the (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) and we can let it be done by a federal judge, but that is going to be a lot harder on us than if we get our own house in order."

Key points in the safety rules are establishing time limits before workers can return to fields that have been treated with pesticides, warnings for workers that fields have been sprayed, and a system for notifying neighbors that a field is going to be sprayed.

Opponents are waiting until the agriculture department makes public its final version of the rules before preparing tactics to challenge them during the 1985 Legislature, which convenes Jan. 8.

Some farm groups, notably the Texas Farm Bureau, and sympathetic legislators already are exploring alternatives that include rewriting the regulations, trying to repeal Hightower's authority to write them, or seeking to cut money available to enforce the rules.

"We believe the regulations are unnecessary, and we will probably go to our graves believing that," said Vernie Glasson, Farm Bureau chairman for legislative affairs. "I don't know whether our first redress will be through the Legislature or the courts."

Siding with Hightower are

environmentalists, public health officials, organized labor, legislators representing urban areas that have large concentrations of farm workers, and the Farmers Union.

Opposing him are rural lawmakers, chemical groups, many farmers, and aerial applicators. They argue that the regulations aren't necessary, were written without enough consultation with farmers, and will impose additional financial burdens on an industry already in financial trouble.

Sen. Bill Sarpalius, D-Hereford, whose district accounts for one-third of state agricultural production, said federal requirements on labeling of dangerous chemicals have proved an adequate safeguard against pesticide abuse.

"We're going to run with a bill this session if Hightower makes the restrictions too tough," said Sarpalius, Senate agriculture subcommittee. "It would tell the TDA how to handle the education and enforcement of any use of pesticides in the state."

The lawmaker said he doubts the Legislature could repeal Hightower's authority.

"There are probably areas where he needs to set regulations. But if he goes too far, the Legislature can always address it," Sarpalius said.

Hightower, who was elected in 1982 with farmworkers' support, said injuries and deaths from pesticides show the regulations are necessary.

"We have regulations out of this department that protect water, wildlife and adjacent crops," he said, "but we have nothing that says that we can't poison people."



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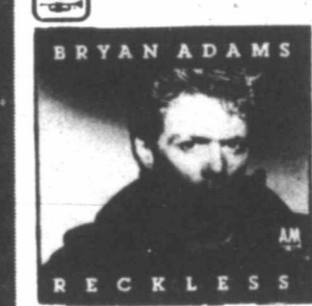


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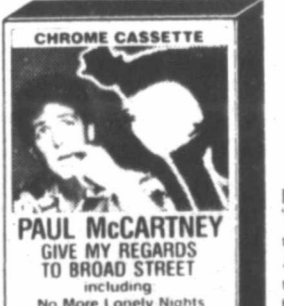
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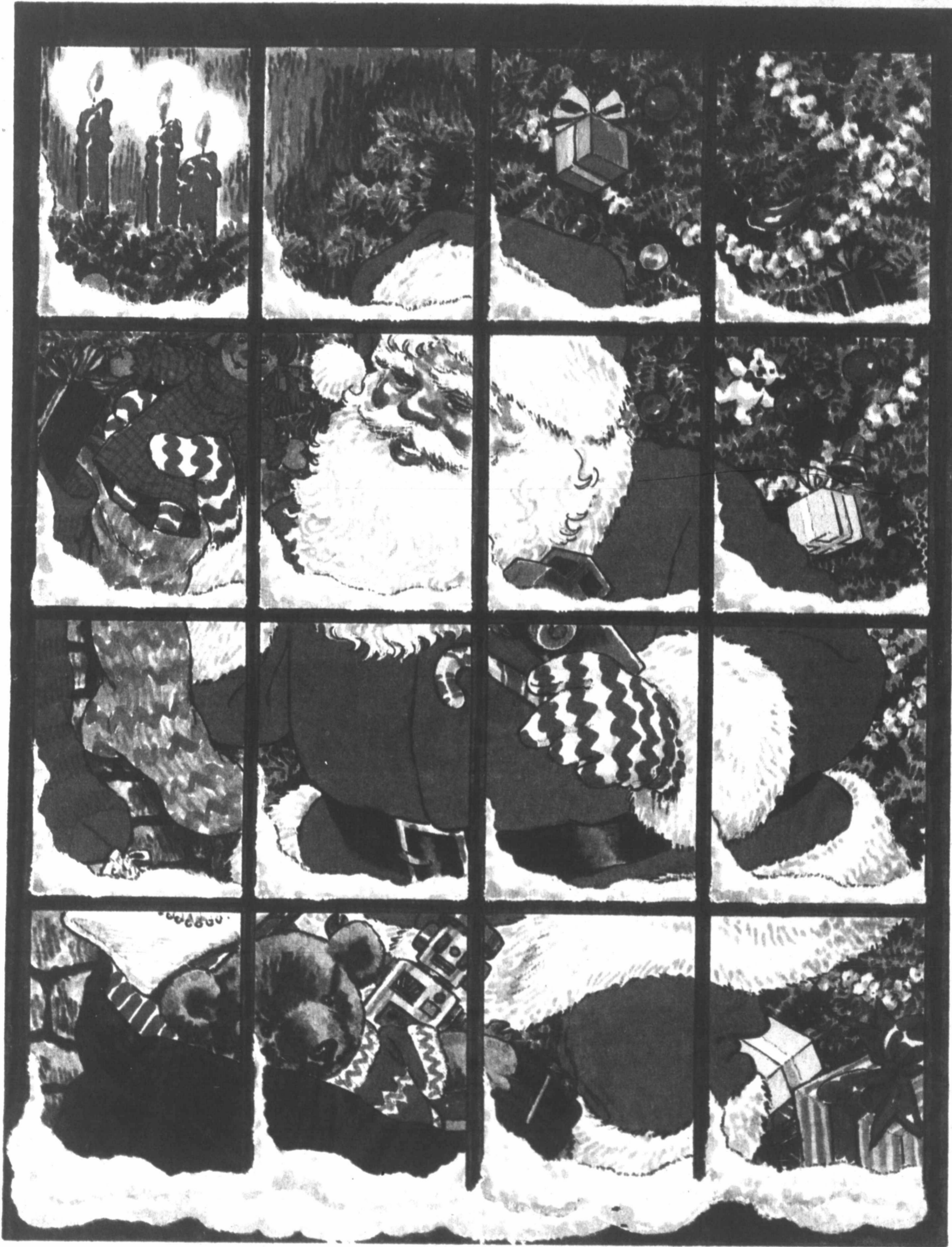
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