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**Tourists flock to state despite harsh winter**

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AUSTIN — It may have been Texas' harshest winter in decades, but that didn't deter the migration of the snowbirds from other parts of the nation.

The Texas Highway Department yesterday reported that a quarterly profile of auto visitors to Texas during December, January and February showed tourists spent more money, stayed longer and drove only slightly less than visitors during the same period a year earlier.

"The average auto travel party from out of state spent \$52.31 per day while in Texas, which is 6 per cent more than average spending

during the same period a year ago," the department reported.

Officials said the largest increase in spending was for lodging. Length of stay increased slightly from 8.79 to 8.99 days.

The average visitor drove 1,378 miles in Texas, compared to 1,392 miles the winter before.

**Jim Nabors buys home in Hawaii**

Jim Nabors, TV's Gomer Pyle, just bought a house on Hawaii's famous Diamond Head. Nabors expects to settle there permanently and film his new TV series.



**Frisbee champs**

Bob Ennis of Houston and Monica Darby of Stafford will represent Texas A&M at the nation's first intercollegiate frisbee champion-

ship April 29 at Northwestern University. The two students, Region 12 champs, will compete against 14 other teams.

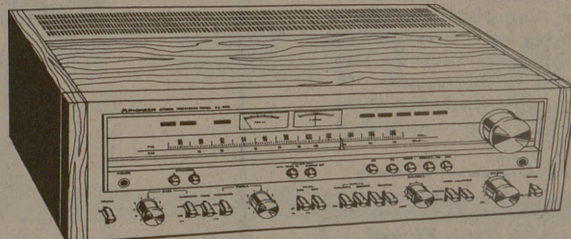
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