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Black leaders hold a press conference outside of Queens Criminal Court in Queens, New York, Monday after a judge dismissed

murder and other charges against three white youths charged with chasing a black man to his death.

Police sent to Howard Beach as murder charges dropped

NEW YORK (AP)—Police fearing further racial violence beefed up patrols in Howard Beach today after a judge dismissed murder charges against white youths in an attack on three black men that has sparked two retaliatory beatings.

Criminal Court Judge Ernest Bianchi threw out murder, manslaughter and assault charges Monday against the three teens after the two surviving victims of the Dec. 19 attack in the white neighborhood refused to testify.

Bianchi substituted reckless endangerment charges against Jon Lester, Scott Kern and Jason Ladone, leaving no one charged specifically with the death of Michael Griffith, who was hit and killed by a car as he fled a white gang.

Black gangs chanting "Howard Beach" have since attacked a white youth and a light-skinned Hispanic man, the latter Sunday, in apparent retaliation.

Three dozen blacks among those who packed the courtroom Monday reacted to Bianchi's ruling with screams of "injustice," and elected officials and black leaders voiced criticism of it and of maneuvering by the victims' attorneys.

Attorneys for Cedric Sandiford and Timothy Grimes said they would only let them testify if Dominick Blum, 24, the driver of the car that hit Griffith, was charged with murder. Police have said Blum had no connection with the attack.

Sandiford's lawyer, Alton Maddox, contends Blum was a willing participant. "There will never be a conviction of a white man who murdered a black man in New York City," Maddox said outside the Queens courtroom.

U.S. firms big buyers of Soviet technology, and the trend is up

WASHINGTON (AP)—American firms have been acquiring considerable amounts of technical know-how from the Soviet Union — some with military uses — and more may become available after New Year's Day, says John W. Kiser III, president of a firm in the technology transfer business.

"In the business community ... there is a long history of underrating the Russian and Eastern bloc capabilities," he says. "If people worry about the Soviets 'stealing' our technology, I say that the best defense is a good offense."

Kiser, 44, who has written reports on Soviet technology for the State Department and the Harvard Business Review, is president of Kiser Research, Inc., which searches out technologies in Eastern Europe for licensing to American firms.

U.S. companies are evaluating nine technologies his organization has found, and have signed four options and one license for Soviet, Czech and East German processes, he said adding that 16 firms already buy patent know-how and licenses from the Soviet bloc, including DuPont, Dow Chemical, Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical, and the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co.

New rules taking effect in the Soviet Union with the start of the new year will enable 70 Soviet industrial enterprises and 20 Soviet government departments to make separate trade deals with other countries, including the sale of technology.

They will be able to hold on to at least some of the dollars they earn, using such earnings to make their own operations more effective, instead of

having to turn them in to the central government. Such easing of trade rules has already been done by some Soviet bloc countries, especially Hungary.

Up to now sales of Soviet technology to American firms have had to filter through a single Soviet trade organization, Licensintorg.

"It will be better for trade in the long run if the individual Soviet agencies turn out to be more aggressive about making deals," Kiser said in an interview.

He estimates that over the past 10 to 15 years the Soviets and their east European allies have earned about \$80 million in this country from royalties and licensing fees. He says the Soviets seem to be less worried than U.S. military authorities about the possibility that some of the processes they sell may have military applications.

"We won't sell them a baloney-slicer for fear it might be used for troops in Afghanistan," he said. Kiser points to the Soviet side to an electromagnetic process called electroslag casting, which could make cheaper gun barrels with fewer impurities in the metal. The process is already being used by American companies.

Production experts in the U.S. Board on Army Science and Technology fear that this country is falling behind in handling gallium arsenide, a material used in computer chips for devices that jam enemy radar and for many other electronic instruments. It has also been used in power units on space missiles because it absorbs solar energy better than silicon.

Skies clear at last over busy airport

ATLANTA (AP)—Skies were clear today over the nation's second-busiest airport, a welcome sight to airport officials after two days of fog that delayed thousands of flights.

Fog cut visibility to 1,000 feet or less Sunday morning and Monday morning, testing tempers and costing the airlines hundreds of thousands of dollars during a major travel period.

The skies cleared Monday afternoon, allowing

the backlog of holiday travelers to clear out of the airport. The National Weather Service had predicted more fog for today, but airport officials said only minor, patchy fog developed, the sun broke through and there were no flight delays.

Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport is a major hub for both Delta and Eastern airlines, which have 75 percent of the gate space.

Pentagon boost to require tax hike or cuts, senator says

WASHINGTON (AP)—A leading Senate Democrat says the Reagan administration will have to either raise taxes or cut some defense programs if it wants Congress to approve \$2.8 billion in new Pentagon spending, including a down payment on new, more powerful rockets for "Star Wars" missile defenses.

The budget request was unveiled Monday by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who told a news conference that the money is necessary for "a vital set of needs."

The extra money would finance a pay raise for the country's 2.1 million uniformed personnel, changes in the health care system, destruction of old chemical weapons and add \$500 million to the Star Wars budget.

If approved, the money would raise the defense budget for fiscal 1987, which began last Oct. 1, to \$292.2 billion. It was the latest shot in the long-running defense budget fight between the Reagan administration and Congress.

Reagan's defense buildup won large Pentagon budget increases during his first term, but Congress has essentially frozen defense spending in each of the past two years. Next week, Weinberger will unveil the defense budget for fiscal 1988, which begins next October, and he is expected to ask for about \$312 billion.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., incoming chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Monday that Weinberger will have trouble winning approval for the \$2.8 billion addition.

Congressional passage of the measure is unlikely, said Nunn, unless the administration comes up with new revenues or cuts in other programs "because the till is empty. There is no more money in the cash register."

One of the main parts of the new request is \$500 million for the Strategic Defense Initiative, Reagan's anti-missile research program popularly known as Star Wars. Reagan wanted \$5.4 billion this year for SDI, but Congress cut it to \$3.6 billion and the new request would raise the total to \$4.1 billion.

Nunn noted that the SDI budget has risen 20 percent a year for the past several years and added, "the burden is going to be on the administration to tell us why" last year's 20 percent hike wasn't enough.

Of the SDI request, \$110 million would go for research into new types of rockets which could eventually boost huge payloads of 50 to 75 tons into orbit.

That would be far larger than the 32-ton capability of the U.S. space shuttle, the largest current American rocket system. It would also be bigger than the estimated 30-ton payload capability of the Soviet Union.

Weinberger declined to offer details on the new rocket system, beyond saying that "it's a logical next step" in the program to develop defenses against Soviet nuclear missiles. He suggested it could be either manned or unmanned and also could be used to boost parts of the planned U.S. space station into orbit sometime in the future.

Ski resorts crying no-snow blues

By The Associated Press

Lower-than-normal snowfall has taken the white out of Christmas holidays at many ski resorts, while forcing winter festival promoters to make snow, truck in skating-rink scrapings and postpone construction of a giant snowman.

The Rockies and Northwest had snow, but several resorts in southern Idaho had not opened by Monday. Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin ski areas have been making snow whenever it's cold enough to keep their slopes in shape.

Colorado reported good ski conditions, with a normal or near-normal base even without fresh snow for a week.

But the Tahoe North Visitors and Convention Bureau, whose Tahoe City base is in the heart of California ski country, tried to offset the worst holiday season for snow in a decade with a list of

60 non-skiing options, including hot-air ballooning, fishing, sight-seeing and gambling.

Only 10 of the roughly three dozen downhill ski areas in the state are reported open. Most had rocky slopes, with snow-making and trail-grooming crews on overtime and patrons competing for limited trail space.

"About every 10 years we get a year like this," said Bob Roberts, executive director of the Sierra Ski Area Association. "What happens is that people change their plans. They'll go to Hawaii or Mexico instead, or to Colorado if the snow is any better. Mostly they bide their time and wait."

Those who made ski plans for Christmas and New Year's were gloomy. "I wonder if it's ever going to snow," griped skier Cindy Leising of Minden, Nev. "I'm not getting any exercise. I hope that when it does snow, it dumps."

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 - Biblical town
 - Abdul-Jabbar
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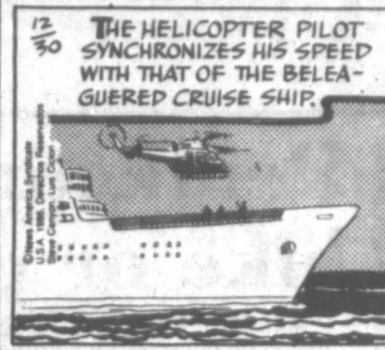
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 - Hold an opinion
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 - Greek letter
 - Colorado park
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

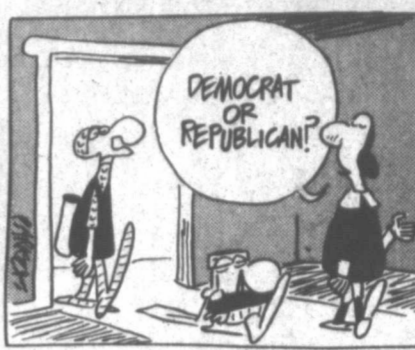
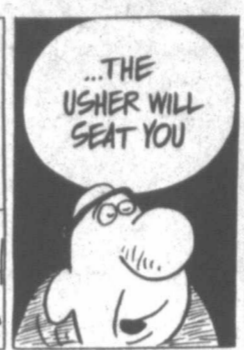
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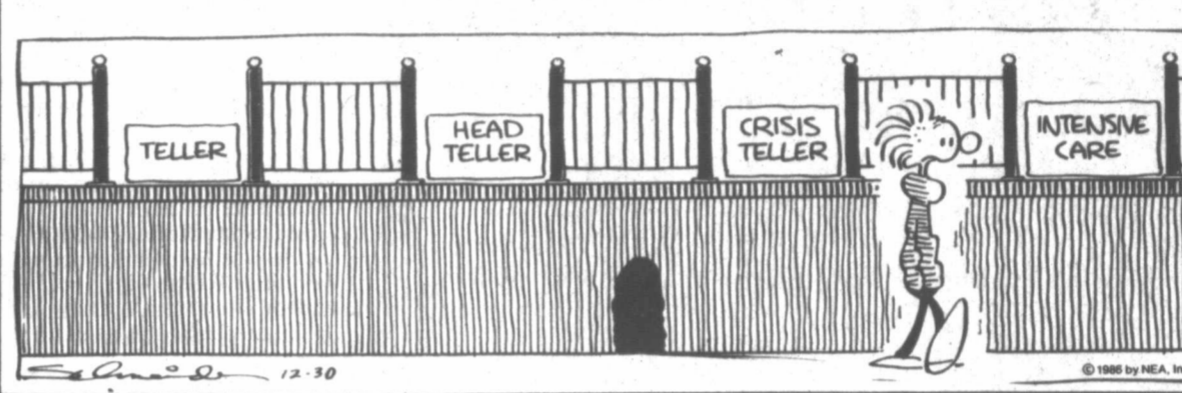
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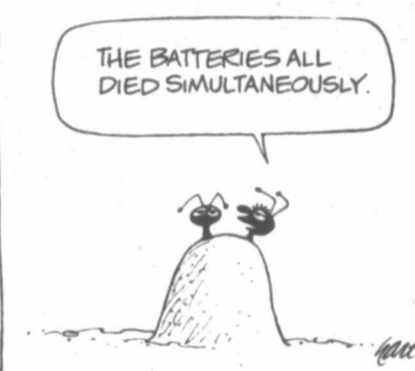
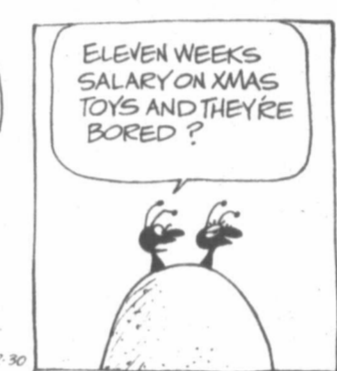
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Astro-Graph

by Bernice Bede Osol
Dec. 31, 1986

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't hesitate to comply if a friend requests a favor of you today. What he or she will later do for you in return will outshine your efforts. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker set instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Positive thinking is essential at all times, but today, if you truly believe in yourself, you might be able to pull something off that associates think is impossible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Expand your horizons today and don't be afraid to think in grander terms than usual. You should be very lucky where big concepts are concerned.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An objective you'll achieve today will have dual benefits. However, the bonus portion won't be apparent to you or others at first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In your involvement with friends today, take a little extra time to make each of your pals feel appreciated. Being attentive will strengthen your relationships.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Imagination and initiative are your outstanding assets today. Utilize them to their fullest in all of your commercial involvements.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Let your heart rule your head if you have to make an important decision today that affects someone you love. Put your feelings above your other concerns.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're still in a lucky cycle pertaining to changes over which you have no direct control. Two more beneficial shifts might occur today.

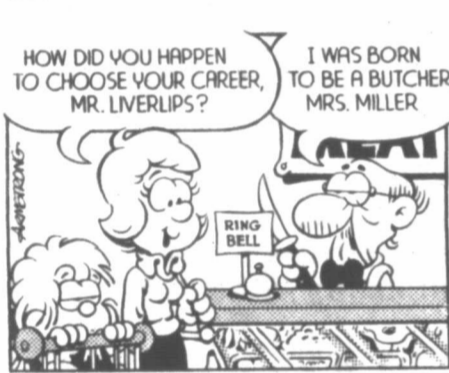
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone who has your best interests at heart might deliberately seek you out today to talk about a unique proposal. Listen well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're likely to be luckier in your financial affairs today than you will be tomorrow. Don't postpone situations that have profitable potential.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This should be an interesting day for you because both your luck and popularity are at high points. Each will be responsible for producing personal benefits.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You should be rather fortunate today in resolving, to your satisfaction, a critical matter that looked like it could go either way.

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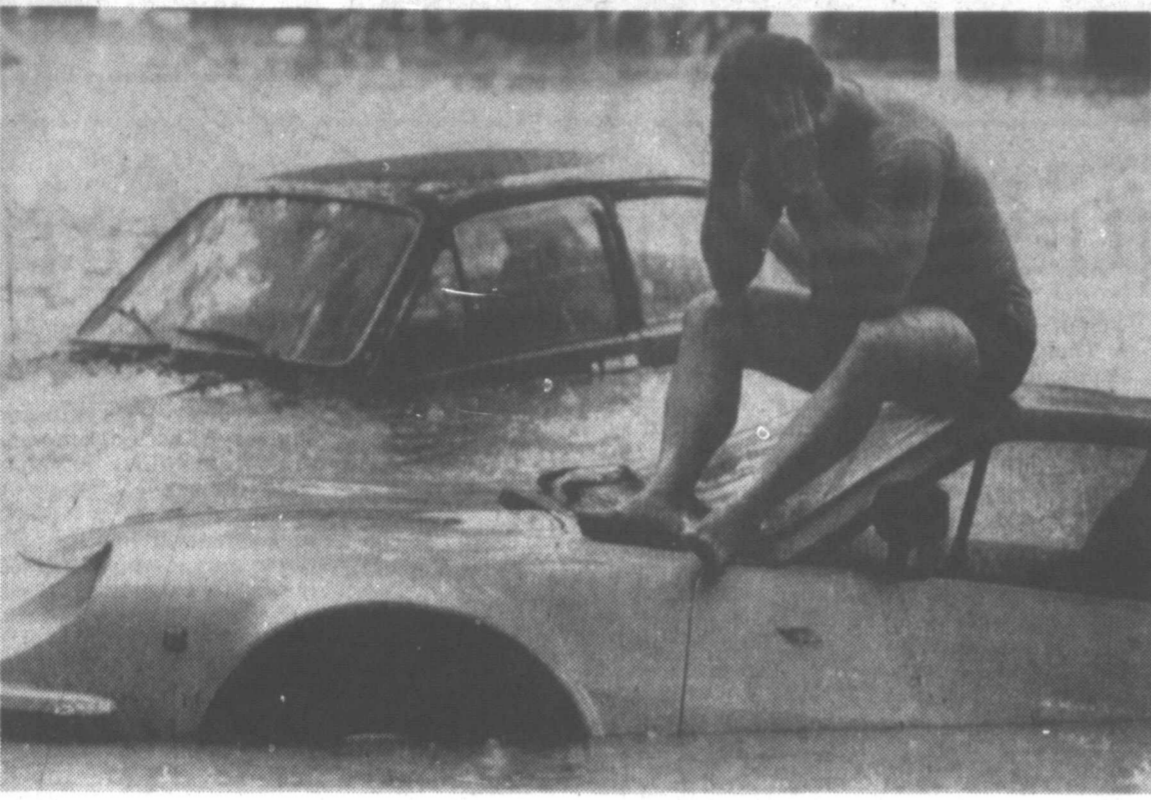
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Rio rain



A dejected resident of Rio de Janeiro sits on his car during a tropical downpour that turned a normally quiet street into a temporary river early today. Several deaths have been reported due to storm damage and flooding in southeastern Brazil since Saturday.

Emigre group says the Soviet returnees used for propaganda

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP) — Soviet officials hailed 50 emigres who returned to the U.S.S.R. as the vanguard of an exodus, but the Soviet people will regard them as fools, says a group that helps emigres adjust to Western life.

The emigres who decided to abandon life in the United States arrived Monday night in Moscow on a flight from New York City in what Radio Moscow portrayed as the first wave of hundreds of returnees from the West.

Although Soviet officials have said they were the largest single group to return from the United States, Rabbi Elazer Grafstein, executive director of the Committee for the Absorption of Soviet Emigres, said the number was insignificant except for propaganda purposes.

"When you have thousands of people clamoring to get out of the country, it is helpful to have even a handful come back and say America is not the oasis in the desert they thought it was," Grafstein said Monday.

Some of the returnees may even have come to the United States with the intention of returning as part of a propaganda campaign, Grafstein said.

His group, known as CASE, has worked since its founding in 1974 with about 700 of the 1,000 Soviet

emigre families that have settled in this Hudson River city. None of Sunday's returnees were affiliated with CASE, officials said.

Alex Milstein and Victor Golubchik, both 31 and Jewish Soviet emigres who work at the center, said they recalled seeing reports in which returning Soviet emigres told of their disenchantment in America.

The two came to the United States in 1979 from Kiev.

Golubchik, CASE financial director, said Soviet Jews would be "gravely disappointed" with the returning emigres.

"To return is terribly unfair when so many are trying to leave," he said. "It is a betrayal of the Jewish cause."

Most of the 50 returnees are Jewish, said Alexei Zhvatin, vice consul of the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

The Soviets allowed only an estimated 800 Jews to emigrate this year, a modern historical low, and about 400,000 are still waiting to emigrate, Western experts say.

Milstein, Golubchik's assistant at the center, said the returnees will be thought of as fools for returning to the Soviet Union.

Former British prime minister Harold Macmillan dead at 92

LONDON (AP) — Harold Macmillan, who as prime minister from 1957-63 presided over a golden period of prosperity at home and the breakup of the British Empire abroad, died after a short illness. He was 92.

With relatives by his bedside, Macmillan died at 6:20 p.m. Monday at his Birch Grove House home near Haywards Heath, south of London.

The late President John F. Kennedy said it was Macmillan's perseverance that made possible the unprecedented Nuclear Test Ban Treaty signed in Moscow by Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union on July 25, 1963.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, informed of his death, said Monday night she was "deeply sad to hear the news. His death leaves a place which no one else can fill."

Buckingham Palace press secretary Michael Shea said Queen Elizabeth II heard the news "with great sadness."

Macmillan, who belonged to a prosperous publishing family, is survived by two of his daughters, Lady Catherine Amery and Lady Ann Caroline Faber. His heir is his grandson, Viscount Macmillan, the chairman of the family publishing firm, Macmillan Ltd. His wife, Lady Dorothy, died in 1966.

He will be buried alongside his wife in the family plot in the churchyard of St. Giles in Horsted Keynes, West Sussex, after a private funeral. The day was not immediately announced. His grandson said a memorial service would be held later in London.

Macmillan was born Feb. 10, 1894, and attended Eton and Oxford. A scholar, publisher and country gentleman, he was named the Ear' of Stockton two years ago.

He became leader of the Conservative Party and Britain's 46th prime minister in the wake of the Suez Crisis of 1956. He emerged as a world statesman, improving relations with the Soviet bloc and presiding over the granting of independence to British colonies, including Ghana, Nigeria and Kenya.

Kennedy treated Macmillan with almost filial regard and after Kennedy's assassination in November 1963, Macmillan spoke of him as "my close friend and associate."

During the Cuban missile crisis in 1962, Kennedy telephoned Macmillan as often as three times a day for advice on how to handle the Soviets.

Dubbed "Supermac" in the 1960s by a popular British cartoonist, Macmillan's administration was marred by scandals that included the Profumo affair of 1963, in which War Minister John Profumo was discovered to be sharing a prostitute with a Soviet military attaché.

Four months later, prostate surgery compelled Macmillan to step down as prime minister. He retired from the Commons in 1964 after 40 years as a legislator.

Bill proposes assembly for Federal District

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Congress on Monday began studying a bill that would create an assembly of representatives for the Federal District but that stops short of allowing residents of the huge capital city to elect city officials.

President Miguel de la Madrid sent Congress the bill Monday after months of calls, particularly from opposition parties, for a legislative body for the city and direct election of city officials, such as the mayor.

The bill calls for a 66-member assembly that would meet twice a year and could write ordinances, police rules, speak out on city budget problems and make proclamations. It would not have legislative powers nor be able to make decisions on the budget.

Forty of the representatives would be chosen by direct vote and the rest from minority parties.

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Exxon Corp. sells interests in South African affiliates

NEW YORK (AP) — Exxon Corp. today announced it has sold its interest in its South African affiliates, joining the exodus of U.S. companies from the troubled country.

Exxon, the largest U.S. oil company, said the two small South African companies had been sold to an independent trust established to continue business and pursue social responsibility and employee support programs.

The affiliates, Esso South Africa (Pty.) Ltd. and Exxon Chemical (Pty.) Ltd., sell petroleum products and chemicals and have a combined workforce of about 200. They do not have refining operations and their combined South African sales accounted for about 0.2 percent of Exxon's worldwide consolidated revenue in 1985.

New York-based Exxon had revenue of \$93.2 billion in 1985.

"This decision was reached after thorough consideration of the interests of our employees in South Africa and the corporation's shareholders," Exxon President Lawrence G. Rawl said in a statement. "The deterioration of the South African economic and business climate caused by the continuing internal and external constraints has affected our business and potential for growth."

A number of large U.S. and foreign firms, including International Business Machines Corp., General Motors Corp. and Barclays Bank PLC, have pulled out of South Africa or announced they intend to do so because of .

Xerox Corp. said Monday that it still was weighing whether to withdraw from South Africa, which practices racial separation. Xerox markets office equipment through its Rank Xerox Ltd. affiliate, which employs about 800 people, about 40 percent of them black.

Exxon at first tried to sell its affiliates to local parties, and when the attempt failed the company decided on the trust arrangement.

Rawl said "in view of the fact that we were not able to sell our operations we did not want to shut them down and abandon our employees."

The trust beneficiaries will be charitable organizations which provide services to blacks, people of mixed race and Asians in South Africa.

County judge hospitalized

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — Edd B. Keyes, a Tom Green County judge since 1959, missed the swearing-in ceremony for his eighth term because he was hospitalized in Dallas with injuries suffered in a Christmas Eve automobile accident.

The accident broke four bones in Keyes' ankle, broke two ribs and caused a knee injury, said his wife, Frances. Mrs. Keyes was also injured in the accident, but not as seriously, she said Monday.

"Both patients are listed in satisfactory condition," Presbyterian Hospital spokeswoman Pat Standee told the San Angelo Standard-Times late Monday, the day the judge was to be sworn in for another four-year term. "Judge Keyes is still in ICU. There has been no change in their condition."

Keyes, 80, was first elected to the job in 1958.

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Sports Scene

NCAA says new program discourages drug use

By DOUG TUCKER
AP Sports Writer

MISSION, Kan. (AP)—Despite controversy and a challenge in court, NCAA officials say that the organization's new drug-testing program appears to be discouraging drug use among athletes.

Dr. Ursula Walsh, NCAA director of research, said the NCAA expected about 10 percent of all bowl-bound football players to test positive and be declared ineligible for post-season competition.

But as of Monday, only about 2.5 percent, or 20 players of the some 800 tested in Division I-A, had been disqualified. The NCAA initially planned to test teams competing in 10 of the 19 bowl games, although additional tests could be conducted. "We think the legislation has been a deterrent,"

Walsh said. "The 10 percent figure is what the Olympic lab people told us to expect, and we had done some research on our own. But that certainly isn't what we're finding."

Most of the disqualified players tested positive for anabolic steroids, a muscle-building compound which is not illegal, though widely thought to pose health risks when taken in large doses.

LSU defensive end Roland Barbay, declared ineligible for the Sugar Bowl, went to court Monday charging the NCAA and LSU were remiss in not telling players which steroids were banned. A few hours later, State Judge Gerald Federoff said Barbay could practice with the team in preparation for the New Year's Day bowl game.

Federoff scheduled a hearing today on Barbay's challenge.

Barbay and Brian Bosworth, Oklahoma's two-time All-America linebacker who was disqualified from the Orange Bowl, also argue that they took the steroids at a physician's direction for medical reasons and were not told of the testing program in time.

An attorney for Barbay argued that the NCAA had banned more than 3,000 substances and that it wasn't until August that LSU players were told specifically which substances were off-limits.

The NCAA's Walsh, a former Nebraska administrator, noted the extensive coverage given adoption of the program at last January's NCAA convention.

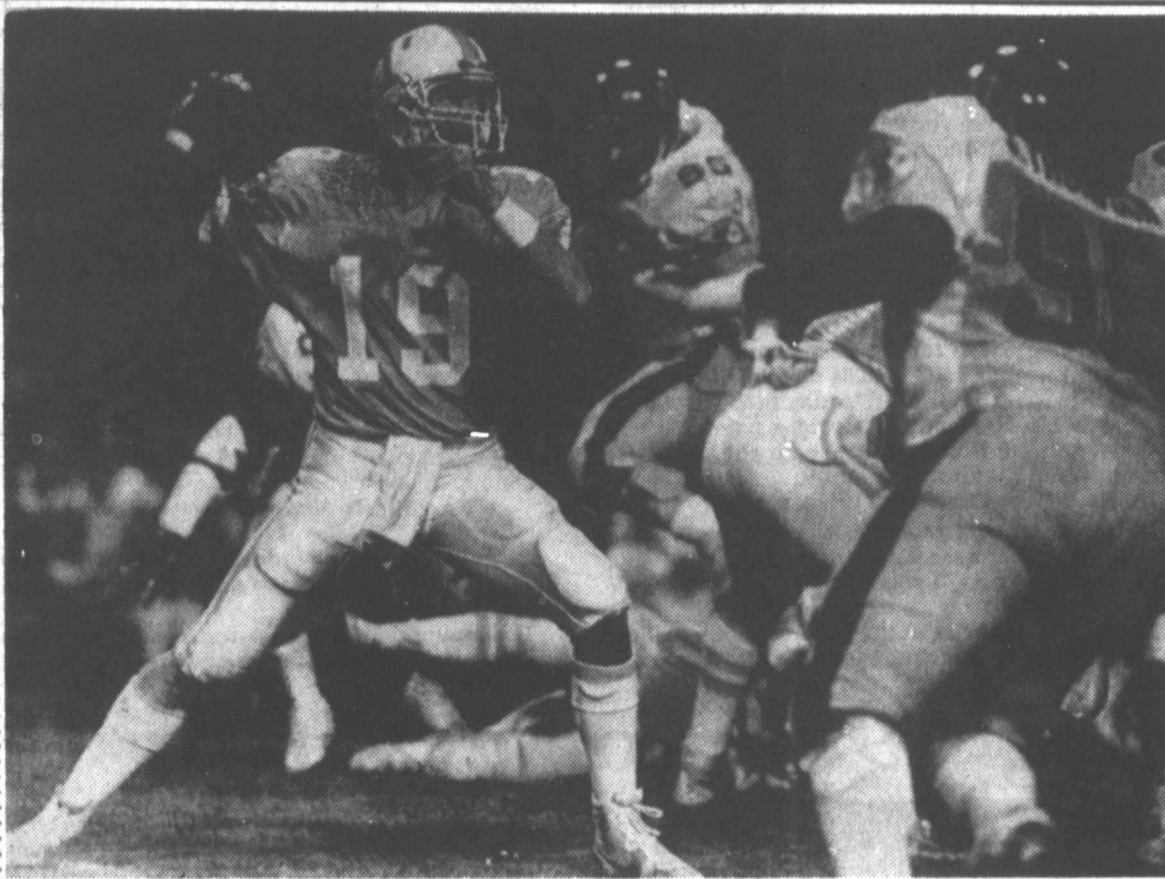
Walsh said steroids are widely thought to pose health risks. "There are really serious side effects to steroid use — liver cancer, prostate cancer, just

to name a few."

Walsh said the list of banned drugs contains 3,000 brand names, not 3,000 substances. "As far as the list of anabolic steroids, there are 13," she said.

Bosworth contended the NCAA acted unfairly in dealing harshly with users of steroids — a legal substance — while giving just a warning to players who test positive for marijuana. But Walsh said this is because a person can test positive for marijuana after being in a room or automobile where someone else is smoking the drug.

"The committee didn't want to do any injustice to anybody," Walsh said. "If a player tests positive for marijuana, they get a warning the first time. But the second time, they're subject to the same kind of penalties that anybody else would be for any other drug."



Vols' quarterback Jeff Francis throws under pressure.

(AP Laserphoto)

Tennessee wins Liberty Bowl

By SKIP LATT
AP Sports Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Tennessee wide receiver Joey Clinkscales showed Minnesota's defenders that speed truly is the ultimate weapon, as he raced past the Gophers for a pair of touchdown catches to lead the Vols to a 21-14 Liberty Bowl victory.

Clinkscales pulled in an 18-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Jeff Francis in the first quarter Monday night to give the Vols a 7-0 lead and then broke a 14-14 deadlock with 11:21 remaining with a 15-yard scoring catch.

The Vols, who won their final five games to finish the season at 7-5, had squandered a 14-3 halftime lead before Clinkscales' game-winning catch.

"After Minnesota scored, our backs were against the wall. The defensive back (Matt Martinez) was in a bump-and-run. I just beat him to the outside and tried to hold my position. If I could choose a way to go out, this would be the way I'd go," Clinkscales said.

Martinez said the speed of Clinkscales and Tennessee's other receivers forced the Gopher defense to be wary of the long pass all night.

Francis, who completed 22 of 31 passes for 243 yards to earn game MVP honors, also connected with fullback William Howard for a 23-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter to give the Vols a 14-0 lead.

The Gophers, a member of the Big Ten, ended

their season 6-6.

Minnesota's only first-half points came on a 27-yard field goal by Chip Lohmiller with eight seconds remaining, but the Gophers squandered four other scoring opportunities.

In the first quarter, Lohmiller missed a 42-yard field goal attempt and, in the second quarter, the Gophers were held on the Tennessee 6-yard line and fumbled the football away in Tennessee territory twice.

Minnesota came alive in the third quarter, as quarterback Rickey Foggie and tailback Darrell Thompson got the Gophers' wishbone offense moving.

Minnesota drove 88 yards on its first possession of the third quarter, with Foggie capping the drive on an 11-yard keeper around left end.

Thompson, who led all rushers with 136 yards on 25 carries, ran for a two-point conversion run to cut Tennessee's lead to 14-11 with 6:30 left in the quarter.

The Gophers tied the game with 13:23 remaining in the game on Lohmiller's second field goal, a 25-yarder.

But Francis geared up the Tennessee offense for the five-play, 66-yard winning march.

Francis began the drive with completions of 20 yards to Nate Middlebrooks and 24 yards to Anthony Miller, moving Tennessee from its own 34 to the Minnesota 22.

Two plays later, Francis and Clinkscales, who had seven catches for 72 yards, combined for the game-winning touchdown.

Aggies favored in Cotton Bowl clash

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP)—Until Lynn Amedee came to Texas A&M from Vanderbilt, Texas A&M's record under Coach Jackie Sherrill was exactly .500.

Since Amedee became the offensive coordinator and play-caller, the Aggies have gone 19-4, won two Southwest Conference titles and been to two Cotton Bowls.

Amedee, the hero of the 1963 Cotton Bowl, has turned the Aggies into a feared offensive machine.

The Aggies, champions of the Southwest Conference, were rated two-point favorites over the Ohio State Buckeyes, co-champions of the Big Ten Conference, in the 51st Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

Amedee, an intense competitor for LSU, kicked two field goals and recovered a fumble that led to LSU's only touchdown in a 13-0 victory over Texas in the 1963 Cotton Bowl. He was voted the game's outstanding offensive player.

"I remember it was a big deal because we completed 21 passes," said Amedee, who was the Bengal Tigers' starting quarterback. "Kevin Murray (A&M's quarterback) may have that many in the first half this Thursday."

Before Amedee's arrival, A&M went 5-6, 5-5-1, and 6-5. Sherrill decided what A&M needed was his old buddy, Amedee, calling the plays.

It was a wise choice. With Amedee, A&M has gone 10-2 and 9-2. "Jackie and I had been friends for a long time," Amedee said. "He knows I know offense. He understands what I'm trying to do. You can't be successful with two or three guys calling the plays."

Jackie has been very good about letting me call the plays." Amedee has been interviewed for several head coaching positions in the last two weeks, including the LSU job.

Sideline Strategy



Oklahoma University Coach Barry Switzer talks strategy with his players during a practice session. The Sooners meet Arkansas Jan. 1 in the Orange Bowl Classic.

(AP Laserphoto)

LSU player returns to Sugar Bowl practice

By AUSTIN WILSON
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Louisiana State University defensive end Roland Barbay tries to persuade a judge today that his school told him too little too late to keep him from turning down a steroid prescription that showed up in a pre-Sugar Bowl test and cost him his eligibility.

Armed with an order by State District Judge Gerald Federoff, Barbay practiced with LSU on Monday, his first day back with his teammates since the NCAA barred him on Friday from playing in the New Year's Day game. They greeted his arrival at practice with applause.

Federoff set a hearing for today to determine whether there is enough substance to Barbay's arguments to merit a temporary restraining order that would let the 6-foot-3, 266-pound defensive end play in the Sugar Bowl. Fifth-ranked LSU meets No. 6 Nebraska on Thursday.

Barbay was named to the All-Southeastern Conference team and was an honorable mention All-America.

He says a private physician prescribed steroids for him last March to help him rehabilitate a knee injury that sidelined him for the 1984 season. Barbay said he tried them for about four weeks, then quit because they didn't seem to be having an effect.

"He took the steroids for medicinal reasons, for rehabilitative purposes," attorney Nick Noriea said after filing Barbay's challenge on Monday.

Barbay said he's also concerned about appearances. "They put the judgment on me and said I couldn't play, and it makes it look like I use drugs," Barbay said. "I don't use drugs and I never have."

In January, the National Collegiate Athletic Association passed a sweeping program of testing to detect the presence of about 3,000 performance drugs and street drugs, as well as steroids.

Pampa girls top Olton in tournament opener

Pampa's Lady Harvesters overcame foul problems to hold off Olton 61-53 Monday in the first round of the Slaton Girls Basketball Tournament.

The Lady Harvesters will meet Sweetwater at 2 p.m. today in the second round of the 16-team tournament.

Pampa jumped out to a 17-9 first-quarter lead against Olton and extended that margin to 34-21 at halftime.

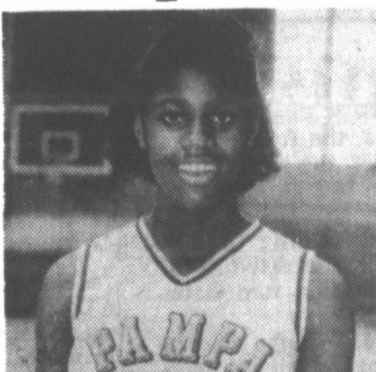
"We got some people in foul trouble and never could pull away from them," said Pampa Coach Albert Nichols.

Yolanda Brown, a 5-11 sophomore, led Pampa in scoring with 24 points. Landee Cummings had 10 points, Holly Hoganson 9, Camillia Brown 6, Tacy Stoddard 6, Jackie Reed 4 and Keitha Clark 2.

"Hoganson played a real heads-up game offensively. I was real pleased with her effort. Reed was running a fever, but I had to use her because of her rebounding. Cummings sprained her ankle, but I think she'll be able to start today," Nichols said.

Tammy White led Olton with 19 points while Joy Muller added 17.

The Pampa Harvesters, leading by as many as a dozen points



Yolanda Brown

in the third quarter, saw that lead evaporate from the foul line as Nolan rallied for a 51-47 victory in the opening round of the Fort Worth Lions Club Tournament Monday.

Foul trouble and turnovers hurt the Harvesters in the second half. Nolan went to the foul line 22 times in the second half, hitting 12 attempts. The Harvesters never made a second-half trip to the charity stripe.

Pampa led at halftime 26-23. Lonnie Mills was Pampa's top scorer with 17 points while Jason Farmer chipped in 10.

Eric Lynch tossed in 27 points for the winners.

Pampa plays at 2 p.m. today in the loser's bracket.

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Texans were active legislatively during 1986

WASHINGTON (AP) — The most powerful Texas duo to hit Congress since Lyndon B. Johnson and Sam Rayburn applied their collective muscle were swept into power in this fall's elections, capping a legislative year flavored with success for the state.

Rep. Jim Wright of Fort Worth moved to the forefront of Democratic politics with a unanimous nomination to succeed retiring House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill.

The 63-year-old veteran from Fort Worth follows in the footsteps of his mentor, Rayburn, and those of former Rep. John Nance Garner of Uvalde, becoming the third Texan to hold the powerful speakership in the past 55 years.

Victories in the November elections swung Democrats back into control of the Senate and vaulted Lloyd Bentsen of Texas into the chairmanship of the powerful Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over all trade and tax legislation in the Senate.

"The Finance Committee has the most wide-ranging and all-encompassing jurisdiction of any committee in the Senate," said Bentsen, who is in his third six-year term. "It raises all the money

and spends over half of it."

Moving into the House tax and trade counterpart, Ways and Means, was Rep. Mike Andrews of Houston, who joined Jake Pickle, D-Austin, and Bill Archer, R-Houston. With all four in place, Texas will be the strongest trade-oriented delegation in the upcoming 100th Congress.

The Bentsen-Wright team already has shown how it can work to help Texas.

One of the most impressive successes came in March, when the pair led the entire delegation in pressuring for an agreement with the U.S. Interior Department to split offshore oil revenues.

The \$424 million Texas received from the new offshore formula was a welcome relief for the state's treasury, which faced a multibillion-dollar deficit largely caused by the price of oil plummeting from \$30 a barrel to as low as \$10 a barrel this year.

Oil problems shoved Texas' economy in the throes of a recession for the first time since the 1950s, and each of the state's congressmen was scratching his head trying to figure out a way to provide some relief.

For months, a debate raged over how oil and gas

interests would fare in the comprehensive tax overhaul bill, signed into law by President Reagan on Oct. 22.

The House version sought increased taxes on oil and gas amounting to \$1 billion over the next five years, while the Senate bill, shepherded by Bentsen, kept the current system of taxation on those industries in place.

Republican House members Beau Boulter of Amarillo, Tom DeLay of Sugar Land, Larry Combest of Lubbock, Joe Barton of Ennis and Steve Bartlett of Dallas were part of a GOP group that met with President Reagan to urge him to veto any tax overhaul bill that increased taxes for oil and gas.

In the end, a compromise was reached in which the major oil and gas companies shouldered the bulk of the tax increase, amounting to \$850 million, while independent producers received only \$100 million more in taxes.

Oil also won out in the renewal of the five year "superfund" to clean up the nation's hazardous wastes, thanks largely to Bentsen, who held out in a House-Senate conference committee until its

members agreed to abandon an across-the-board increase in oil taxes to help pay for the \$8.5 billion program.

Supporters of an oil import fee found ammunition in a Congressional Budget Office study that concluded such a fee would be the best way of lessening the country's dependence on foreign oil and raise money to trim deficits. However, that idea still didn't go anywhere.

Republican Phil Gramm, the state's junior senator, came out against an oil import fee or any other fees that could be construed as taxation.

His mind continued to be on reducing the federal deficit through the Gramm-Rudman budget-cutting initiative, which lost its teeth this summer when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled its provision that would trigger automatic budget cuts if Congress failed to meet stringent yearly reductions was unconstitutional.

The former Texas A&M economics professor said he would attempt next year to win approval of legislation that would restore some form of automatic spending cut mechanism to the law.

Paraplegic prevails over her accident

By SUZY McAULIFFE
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP)—This is not the story of a young life destroyed by tragedy.

True, Patricia Mount was 19 when she lost the use of her legs and painfully learned to say "paraplegic" when describing herself.

True, a traffic accident put an abrupt end to an active life at Southwest Texas State University, where she was studying agribusiness.

True, she now spends several hours each day simply learning how to crawl and lift her body with her arms.

But people who meet this 20-year-old from Taft won't be tempted to use sympathetic tones and polite eyes. That's the way Patricia wants it. And, most often, that's the way she gets it. "I'm a paraplegic," Patricia said, in a matter-of-fact tone that sounds almost as if she's joking. "There is a possibility I can walk again. There is a possibility I can't. I learned to crawl a couple of months ago, which is real good."

Her relatives and most of her friends "don't treat me any differently," she says, but strangers seem uncomfortable.

"I still get some stares in the mall. It used to bother me, but it doesn't anymore," Patricia says, pushing her brown hair behind her ears. "They're just curious. I'm so young and they want to know why somebody so young is in a wheelchair."

She sat at a breakfast table in her parents' home, where she lives with her older sister, mother and father. It was late in the afternoon and she had just returned from a rigorous two-hour therapy session.

"We were going to Kingsville on a back road," Patricia said, describing the wreck that left her paralyzed. "My sister was driving, and we were going around a curve. I was in the front seat and my cousin was in the back. Our car hit a little bump, and it hydroplaned and hit them," she said, referring to another vehicle. "We were only going about 40 mph, but it was misting."

She laughed about the incident, smiling over the memory of a George Strait tape blaring from the cassette player after the crash.

"My cousin flew forward, and her head hit the tape deck and punched in a George Strait tape," she said. "We all had a good laugh about that later."

Her older sister, Karla, was hospitalized 21 days with a broken leg and other injuries, and her cousin was treated and released at Memorial Medical Center, she said.

Patricia suffered a broken back and spinal cord injury that kept her in the hospital 19 days. She then spent seven weeks at Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital in Gonzales.

"A year ago while I was at Southwest, I wouldn't have thought of all the things I could be thankful for," she says. "But there are a lot of people out there who are a lot worse off than me—some, all they can do is move their head."

Life goes on for Patricia. She takes classes at Del Mar College in the mornings. She has big plans for the future. And she still keeps in touch with old friends.

Recently, she traveled to Kansas City, Mo., to receive an American Farmer Degree, the highest award given by the Future Farmers of America.

More than four years of work went into the award, which she was applying for at the time of the accident in May. To win, she raised chickens, planted cotton and tilled a vegetable garden from her freshman through senior years. She earned \$5,000 and invested it in "my 40 acres of cotton."

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