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Iran denies role in crash

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Iran today denied involvement in the hijacking of an Iraqi jet that crashed at a remote airstrip and burned, killing at least 62 people. One passenger said he heard explosions and gunfire in the cockpit before the crash.

Anonymous callers to news media in Beirut, Lebanon, made conflicting claims of responsibility on behalf of three terrorist groups. One caller said he spoke for Islamic Jihad, which is believed loyal to Iran.

Iraqi officials blamed agents of Iran, its enemy in a 6-year-old border war, for the hijacking and crash Thursday. But Iran's official Islamic News Agency today issued a statement denying any involvement in the hijacking.

"We condemn any moves which may threaten the lives of innocent passengers," the agency quoted an unidentified Foreign Ministry official as saying. The IRNA dispatch was monitored in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Saudi Arabia said 62 people were killed in

the crash at Arar, a small desert airstrip about 700 miles northwest of Riyadh and 250 miles southwest of Baghdad, Iraq. It also said nothing about the hijacking, saying merely that the plane tried to land and crashed.

Jordan put the number killed at 65. The two governments also gave conflicting figures on the number of people aboard Iraqi Airways Flight 163 from Baghdad to Amman, Jordan.

The Saudi Defense Ministry said there were 107 people on the Boeing 737 — 91 passengers, 15 crew members and a security man — 44 of whom survived. It did not account for the 107th person.

The Jordanian government said 95 people were on the plane, 30 of whom survived. One survivor, former Jordanian Interior Minister Suleiman Arar, said the plane was commandeered about an hour after leaving Baghdad and had just entered Saudi airspace when a man stood up with a grenade.

"Three security men jumped up and tried to stop him and wrestled him to the floor, but he slipped out of their grasp and crawled into the cockpit," Arar told reporters in the Jordanian capital of Amman.

He said he heard an explosion from the cockpit, followed by an explosion in the rear of the plane and gunshots in the cockpit.

"The back of the plane was on fire and the cabin was filled with smoke," Arar said.

The plane then went into a nosedive and broke into two when it hit the ground, he said.

A doctor in Arar told ABC News that he treated survivors for burns and bullet wounds they apparently suffered in the fight between the hijackers and security officers.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said there were no Americans aboard the plane. The nationalities of most of the passengers were not immediately known.

Arar told Ted Koppel on ABC's "Nightline" that he saw only the hijacker who ran

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Crash survivor Suleiman Arar, a former Jordanian official, is met by his son Mohammad Thursday



The Rev. Joe and Pat Turner

Two goodly forces lift Pampa's spirit

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Lifestyles Editor

"When we were thinking about coming to Pampa, they told us there was a big turnover here," remembers Pat Turner. "They said we would have a lot of good workers whom we would hate to see go. But they said for us to be patient because soon another one will come in to take their place."

The Rev. Joe and Pat Turner may well leave a place in Pampa that will be hard to fill when they begin their new ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Odessa in January.

For nine years the couple have been quiet, yet hard-working, members of the community, making their presence felt through their deeds. Members of First Presbyterian Church, where Turner has been pastor since 1977, will host a reception in their honor from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the church parlor.

Though reluctant to talk about themselves, the Turners are eager to talk about Pampa.

"The Presbyterian Church

has always felt it is important for people to be a part of the community. That is a heritage we inherited," said Mrs. Turner. "But it is also the way we believe. We feel community service is a part of the responsibility of being a Christian."

Turner tells of an impromptu program he presented to his Kiwanis club earlier this year. He decided to speak about the good qualities of Pampa and to point out the attractive things about this city. He received a standing ovation for his efforts.

Turner firmly believes in the positive aspects of Pampa. "Even the determination of the people during our more difficult days is admirable," he said. "The people here are independent, up-front, and very honest."

"You know where you stand with the people of Pampa," his wife interjected. "That can be painful at times, but at least you know where you are with them."

During his tenure, Rev. Turner said he has seen his church

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Iran barter for hostages

By ABNER KATZMAN
Associated Press Writer

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Iranian and U.S. officials meet Monday to discuss the return of \$600 million owed by the United States. Iran has linked release of the money to possible intercession on behalf of U.S. hostages in Lebanon.

The United States has agreed in principle to return the \$500 million, but the two sides still need to work out details, such as the wording of an Iranian pledge that it will make no further demands once the case is closed.

"Once the Iranian Central Bank has given the release, it is expected that the money will be returned," said an American source close to the negotiations.

The Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal, a Netherlands-based court that has been disentangling the two countries' financial relations since 1981, ruled in August that Iran repaid millions more than was necessary on loans from U.S. banking syndicates active in Iran before the 1979 revolution.

The \$500 million in overpayments is being held in escrow by the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

The tribunal told both sides in August that if final agreement is not reached by Dec. 20, either country could ask the court to impose a settlement. Instead, both sides decided to hold another round of talks.

An Iranian source at the tribunal indicated he believed the return of the money could be negotiated without tribunal intervention.

"This is not a problem," said the source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Iran's Parliament speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani, has said at least five times in recent weeks that his nation would intercede on behalf of American hostages in Lebanon if Washington released Iranian assets, including the \$500 million.

Six Americans are missing in Lebanon, and most are believed held by Shiite Moslem extremists loyal to Iran.

A U.S. State Department source cautioned against linking progress in the financial talks to the hostages. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, noted that the \$500 million is only part of billions of dollars in Iranian assets frozen in the United States.

True stories of Christmas

BEAUMONT (AP) — His hair is snow white, his twinkling eyes are framed by silver-rimmed spectacles and his name is Gilbert Christmas. And his wife's name is Mary. Honest.

"When I first started school, I'd just moved into a community where no one knew us," says Christmas, 76, who grew up in Houston. "They didn't believe my name was Christmas and they wanted to know what my real name was."

Prank phone calls are common in the Christmas household, but the young callers usually are friendly.

"They treat me like Santa Claus and tell me what they want. It's generally teen-agers doing it for a blast, but they're very nice," said Christmas, who unlike the traditional Father Christmas is slim and clean-shaven.

The Christmases, married for 50 years, had just moved to Houston when their new insurance agent came to call for the first time.

"He said, 'Hello I'm Jack Frost,'" said Mrs. Christmas, 65. "And I thought he was kidding so I just stuck out my hand and said:

"'Glad to meet you Jack Frost, I'm Mary Christmas.'"

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Romallis Stukes' best behavior wasn't enough to get the bicycle his little

sister wanted for Christmas, so his best friend helped him out.

They pooled coupons received for good behavior and citizenship from their teachers to get 9-year-old Christy a burgundy bike at an auction held for all sixth-graders at McDonogh 39 Elementary School.

He wasn't able to keep it a secret for long — he wheeled the bicycle out into the school yard the last Friday before Christmas break.

"She saw it and she started jumping around," he said Thursday. "She was just hugging onto me, kissing me, saying, 'Thank you.'"

"I was excited. I couldn't wait to ride it," said Christy.

Teachers awarded coupons for such things as good behavior, handing in homework on time, getting test papers signed, having parents in the PTA and selling candy in the Red Cross drive. The coupons could be used to buy gifts donated by local merchants or bought with bake-sale profits.

Mary O'Hara, one of the three participating teachers, said most students earned 300 to 500 coupons during the fall semester. Romallis said he earned 390, but the bidding for the bike went higher.

When it hit 325, Romallis' friend James Bennett passed over his 200 coupons.

"The entire semester was worth it with just that one act," said Mrs. O'Hara.

The planet changes for one day

Retailers prepare for returned gifts

By The Associated Press

Retailers braced for the crush of gift returns and an onslaught of bargain hunters today after a Christmas in which needy people around the nation benefited from the compassion of others.

A Jewish cancer patient, meanwhile, who recently was allowed to leave the Soviet Union after years of denial, prepared to celebrate Hanukkah tonight for the first time in 63 years.

Good deeds on Christmas day included free phone calls for the elderly, free dinners for the needy, and cheese and crackers for a South Carolina family that may still believe in Santa Claus after receiving anonymous gifts

12 days in a row.

Merchants today were expecting their annual after-Christmas rush with shoppers converging on stores like those at Chicago's ritzy Water Tower Place.

"We expect extremely large crowds Friday," said Chicago Police Capt. Robert Casey. "We'll probably get a million people altogether."

Officials at Chicago's suburban Woodfield Shopping Center, one of the nation's largest shopping malls, predicted between 120,000 and 140,000 shoppers would return or exchange gifts.

In New York, David Goldfarb, 68, remembers celebrating Hanukkah in 1923 with his grandmother in a small town in the Ukraine. The eight-day Festival of Lights, a commemoration of

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World celebrates holiday with prayer

By The Associated Press

Religious and government leaders called on the world to take to heart the Christmas message of brotherly love while hundreds of millions of Christians celebrated the birth of Jesus with feasting and prayer.

In his Christmas Day message, Pope John Paul II denounced riches spent on weapons and thanked those who have worked for peace.

"Men and women of the world, Christ asks us to love one another. This is the message of Christmas, this is the good wish that I address to all from the bottom of my heart," said the Roman Catholic leader, speaking

from a balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square in Vatican City.

In Bethlehem in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River, hundreds of worshippers Thursday lit candles and kissed the floor of a grotto in the Church of Nativity, built on the site where tradition says Jesus was born.

Outside the church, clusters of Israeli troops patrolled Manger Square. The atmosphere was subdued in contrast to the loud festivities on Christmas Eve, when choirs from around the world sang carols and marchers played bagpipes.

In the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines, church officials said it was the most peaceful Christmas in nearly 20 years. Communist guerrillas took

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

FRY, William C. "Bill" - 2 p.m., First Presbyterian Church.
GIESLER, Betty Jo - 10:30 a.m., Highland Baptist Church.
JOHNSTON, Jay T. - 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.
WEBB, Thomas V. Jr. - 4 p.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.

Obituaries

BETTY JO GIESLER

Services for Betty Jo Giesler, 60, will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Highland Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Wortham, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. M.B. Smith, Barrett Baptist Church interim pastor.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Giesler died Thursday. She was born Feb. 10, 1926 at McLean. She moved to Pampa in 1952 from Amarillo. She married Audie M. Giesler on June 14, 1941 at McLean; he died in 1979. She was a member of the Highland Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Randy Giesler, George West, Texas, and Mike Giesler, Fritch; three brothers, Guy Folley, Canadian; Harm Folley, Pampa, and Sonny Folley, Bushland; three sisters, Jewell Sweeny, Albuquerque, N.M.; Opal Tidwell, Picacho, Ariz., and Julia Sneed, Fritch; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

JAY T. JOHNSTON

Services for Jay T. Johnston, 73, will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Earl Maddux, Fellowship Baptist Church pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Johnston died Wednesday. Born May 12, 1913 in Wheeler County, he moved to Pampa in 1975 from Mobeetie, where he had been president of the Mobeetie State Bank for 25 years before retiring in 1973. He married Ruth Mayne on Dec. 26, 1968 at Albion, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of the home; a son, Jimmy Charles Johnston, Dumas; a sister, Claudia Martin, Denton; and two grandchildren.

THOMAS V. WEBB JR.

HOUSTON - Graveside services for Thomas V. Webb Jr., 70, of Houston, a former Miami resident, will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Miami Cemetery with George Lundberg, Miami Church of Christ minister, officiating.

Mr. Webb died Wednesday in Houston. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Webb was born Oct. 1, 1916 in Gray County. He had attended Miami schools, Harding College at Morrilton, Ark., and Eastern New Mexico University at Portales, N.M. He had been a resident of Houston for the past 31 years. He had been office manager for L.B. Foster Steel Co. for 31 years, retiring in 1985. He also had worked for the U.S. government in the Lend-Lease Program at Washington, D.C. He was a Church of Christ member.

Survivors include his mother, Irene Webb, Miami; two brothers, Verner Webb, Mobeetie, and Homer Webb, Amarillo; and two sisters, Marie Gill, Miami, and Joyce Vuicich, Dimmitt.

Hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions
 Doris Armstead, Pampa
 Edna Coon, Pampa
 Charley Helbert, Pampa
 Joseph Martindale, McLean
 Marion Wine, Pampa
 Francis Bradley, Pampa
 Amber Coffey, Pampa
 Mary Coombes, Pampa
 Mary Duncan, Pampa
 Hugh Grogan, Pampa
 Eddalee Haggard, Pampa
 Cleo Wylie, Pampa
Dismissals
 Bessie Curtis, Pampa
 David Mack, Pampa
 Barbara McCoy, Pampa
 Victor Stephens, Pampa
 Melissa Anthony, Groom
 August Brantwein, Pampa
 Marguerite Collins, White Deer
 Shannon Ervin, Pampa

Thelma Jones, Pampa
 Kerri Kidwell, Pampa
 Richard Langley, Pampa
 Sonya Martin, Pampa
 Sally Morris and infant, Pampa
 R.M. Preston, Pampa
 Alicia Rose, Panhandle
 Leonard Whitley, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Cindy Keelin, Wheeler
 Cloyce Hanner, Shamrock
 Thomas Fletcher, Shamrock
 J.B. Andris, Elk City
 Ralph Rigg, Alma, Ark.
Dismissals
 Ralph Rigg, Alma, Ark.
 Phyllis Crosby, Shamrock
 Cindy Keelin, Wheeler
 Freida Peters, Vinson, Okla.
 Russel Miles, Wheeler
 Anna Walker, Shamrock
 Albert Bonner, Shamrock

Calendar of events

PAMPA SINGLES ORGANIZATION
 Pampa Singles Organization is to have a game night at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at 1400 W. 19th. Bring games and snacks.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24

H.V. Wilson, 903 E. Francis, reported a stolen bicycle at the address.

THURSDAY, Dec. 25

Brenda Davis, 413 Rose, reported criminal mischief at the address; the front fender of a motor vehicle was damaged.

An individual wanted by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Childress, was reported in the 900 block of Duncan.

FRIDAY, Dec. 26

Gaylord Butch Brunt, 1212 Garland, reported a burglary at the address.

Arrests-City Jail

THURSDAY, Dec. 25

Deanna Kay Oxley, 22, Shamrock, was arrested at Virginia and Duncan on charges of no insurance, no seat belt, speeding and failure to change address on drivers license; Oxley was released upon payment of fines.

FRIDAY, Dec. 26

James Richard Kimbley, 46, 1124 Sierra, was arrested at the address on two warrants; Kimbley was released on bond.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following traffic accidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24

A 1981 Chevrolet truck, driven by Kerry Don Mitchell, 112 S. Faulkner, and a 1982 Ford pickup truck, driven by Nicholas Lee Fortner, 613 Magnolia, collided in the 100 block of South Faulkner. No injuries or citations were reported.

THURSDAY, Dec. 25

A 1957 Chevrolet, driven by Johnny Howard Lee, Groom, and a 1984 Honda, driven by Lester Hillman, 2200 Chestnut, collided in the 700 block of West 23rd. Mrs. Lester Hillman, a passenger, was taken to Coronado Community Hospital where she was treated and released for minor injuries. Lee was cited for following too closely, no proof of liability insurance and failure to yield emergency aid.

A 1979 Chevrolet, driven by Jesse David Parks, 1121 Neel, and a parked 1978 Chevrolet, registered to Sheery Lynn Hahn, 1165 Neel, collided in the 1100 block of Neel. No injuries or citations were reported.

Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa

Wheat	n.a.	
Milo	n.a.	
Corn	n.a.	

The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation

Diamond Oil	3 1/2	NC
Ky. Cent. Life	68 1/2	NC
Serico	3 1/2	NC

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa

Amoco	29 1/2	NC
Cabot	30 1/2	NC
Celanese	220 1/2	up 1/2
DIA	12 1/2	NC
Enron	40	up 1/2
Halliburton	25 1/2	NC
HCA	31 1/4	up 1/2
Ingersoll-Rand	32	NC
KNE	21	NC
Kerr-McGee	25 1/2	up 1/2
Meesa Ltd.	10 1/2	up 1/2
Mobil	40 1/2	up 1/2
Pennsey	7 1/2	up 1/2
Phillips	1 1/4	NC
SLB	32 1/2	dn 1/2
SPS	32 1/2	dn 1/2
Tenneco	30 1/2	NC
Texasco	36	NC
Zales	49 1/2	NC
London Gold	371.00	
Silver	2.34	

Emergency numbers

Energas	665-5770
Fire	669-3366
Police	669-7407
SPS	669-7432
Water	665-3881

World

advantage of the first cease-fire in their nearly 18-year-old insurgency to emerge from hiding and spend the day with their families.

But army commanders ordered soldiers to remain in their garrisons as a precaution for today's 18th anniversary of the founding of the country's Communist Party.

President Corazon Aquino told her 55 million countrymen in a holiday message that they could celebrate Christmas "with greater pride than we have known." It was the first Christmas since the ouster in February of President Ferdinand E. Marcos in a mostly non-violent revolution.

"In the triumph of democracy and the vindication of non-violence, we have prepared the fittest offering to the Prince of Peace whose birth we celebrate," Mrs. Aquino said.

Christmas in South Africa's black township of Soweto was somber with few outward signs of joy. Candles glowed from darkened windows in silent protest against the 6-month-old state of emergency under which thousands have been jailed without charge for their opposition to apartheid.

The mother of a 19-year-old detainee, Onica Diutwilung, went to a Soweto prison Thursday to give him a Christmas card and

some homemade biscuits but was turned away. She said authorities gave no reason.

In Canada, the worst ice storm in years brought down thousands of power lines in Ottawa and snarled traffic.

Thursday was a regular working day in the Soviet Union, where the atheist Communist Party government has transferred all the traditional Christmas celebrations to New Year's Day.

Even so, thousands of Soviets and hundreds of Catholic diplomats, businessmen and students from the foreign community attended midnight Mass early Thursday at Moscow's Polish Catholic Church.

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Other anonymous calls to news organizations in Beirut claimed responsibility on behalf of two previously unknown groups.

One caller said the Revolutionary Action Organization was responsible and would stage further attacks on "Iraqi embassies and interests" unless three members of the group were released from Iraqi jails.

The other said the Revolutionary Shiite Organization was responsible but gave no further information.

The Gulf News Agency quoted an Iraqi official Thursday as saying the hijackers were "two agents of the Iranian regime." He said both were killed, one by a security official and one in the crash.

Crash

through the first-class cabin, but that the noise from the tourist section led him to believe there were "from two to three or four" assailants.

Aarar said the hijacker looked to be about 20 or 21 years old and did not speak.

In Lebanon, an anonymous caller claiming to speak for Islamic Jihad, the terrorist group that holds American and French hostages, told a Western news agency in Beirut that his group was responsible. Islamic Jihad is believed made up of Shiite Moslems loyal to the Shiite leaders of Iran.

He said the air pirates acted in cooperation with the Dawa party, which is made up of Iraqi Shiite Moslems who support Iran. The caller demanded the release of two hijackers he said were arrested after the crash.

Forces

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grow and become more unified. "I have seen it become increasingly involved in many aspects of the helping part of the community," he added.

He listed the church's participation in Good Samaritan Christian Services, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, Genesis House, and more recently Latch Key, Tralee Crisis Center and Community Day Care Center.

The minister failed to mention that he and his wife also have been driving forces in, and helped found, many of these organizations.

Turner says that in nine years he has seen his church budget triple, missions and giving almost triple, and the membership come to represent all ages.

Active in the Ministerial Alliance, Turner pointed out that now, with the turnover his wife mentioned so prevalent, he and the Rev. Gene Allen, pastor of Lamar Full Gospel Assembly, are the veterans of the organization.

"I feel a real kinship with the other pastors here. I enjoyed working together with them through the Ministerial Alliance," he said. "It's difficult because a lot of ministers come and go, but it's been a very positive experience. I have hopes for a solid continuing Ministerial Alliance."

Mrs. Turner has been active not only at local levels, especially her work with Meals on Wheels and Genesis House, but also nationally through the church.

"Pat is a national leader in our church. Not just a Pampa person, but national, too," Turner said proudly. "But that's enough of that," he added quickly.

"Friday was my last day to deliver for Meals on Wheels," Mrs. Turner said. "In nine years I've seen it grow from a dream into a marvelous service."

"Even more than the food, there is the contact and relationships it provides. I have some special, special people on my route, and it was really hard to say 'goodbye' to them," she said. "But I told them that I had already checked, and Odessa has a Meals on Wheels, too. I'm sure I'll be looking into that as soon as we get settled."

The Turners are grateful for what Pampa has given their children, Martha and Matt, who are now grown.

"Our daughter came here as a senior, which was really hard for her," Mrs. Turner said. "But then she was in Mr. Nooncaster's English class and had

other opportunities that served her well in college."

Their musically-inclined son found little support for his interests in the schools he had attended before, the Turners said. "But he really blossomed with Mr. Wykovski and Billy Talley, and with his piano experience with Bill Haley," Mrs. Turner recalled.

"Matt developed adult friendships here as well as peers," Rev. Turner said. "When he comes back now his peers are gone, but the adults are here. He always goes and visits them. I think its unique this interchange and openness (between adults and young people). This will always be his home."

"Pampa has been fantastic to us. How about wonderful? How about generous?" Turner added. Said Mrs. Turner: "We've been treated as something special, yet we're just ordinary people. This town has made something of us and the church."

The Turners say they will miss many things about the Texas Panhandle, particularly the big sky. "We both love the wide open spaces and the sunrises. We both grew up where there were a lot of trees," Mrs. Turner said. "We'll have that (open spaces) in Odessa, but it won't be the same."

"The first green grass in the spring in the breaks..." Turner said. "To me, that's the definition of green grass."

"Like velvet," Mrs. Turner said. "We've enjoyed the four seasons here," Turner said. "And I mean that the seasons are symbolic of the vision you get to see here — life in all its colors."

Said Mrs. Turner: "We've seen the deaths and the births."

Added the reverend: "We've experienced the wonderful joys and the terrible tragedies. But it gives a more hopeful picture because it's not locked in to just one season."

"Pampa has been a good place to live. It will be hard to leave," Mrs. Turner said. "And we wouldn't be if we didn't think we had a job to do in Odessa."

Said Rev. Turner: "It's an exciting thing (going to Odessa). I can't say that it's not."

Like the experience they have had with turnover within their church, the Turners know that a new family will come to take their place in Pampa. "It's not to continue what is, but to bring something else, something new, (to Pampa)," Turner said.

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Gifts

the Jewish liberation of Solomon's Temple from pagan control, begins at sundown.

Goldfarb planned to leave Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, where he has been treated for cancer and diabetes since his October release from the Soviet Union, and attend services at a Manhattan synagogue.

"I'm not religious," said Goldfarb. "For me it is more a symbol... a positive symbol which reminds me that I am a Jew."

On Christmas Day, volunteers across the nation gave up part of their holiday to help the less fortunate.

About 14,000 senior citizens got free telephone calls anywhere in the world at more than 50 Merrill Lynch offices around the country.

In New York, where the holiday tradition began in 1979, nearly 1,300 senior citizens selected by the city Department of Aging made calls at more than 450 current and former Merrill Lynch employees helped.

Christmas Day fires, meanwhile, destroyed churches in Indianapolis and Hanover, Mass.

The Centenary Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) burned about 24 hours after a candlelight Christmas Eve service, and officials speculated the fire may have begun smoldering then. Authorities in Hanover had not determined a cause for the blaze that destroyed the 176-year-old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Atlanta City Councilman Hosea Williams was the primary organizer of a dinner for about 20,000 needy people, while about 1,200 people received dinner and gifts at the Nashville Union Rescue Mission.

Seminarian David Lannes made it home for Christmas in the nick of time, peddling his bicycle 2,400 miles from Menlo Park, Calif., to New Orleans in 17 days.

Lannes, 25, studying to be a Roman Catholic priest, arrived Christmas Eve with the help of

strangers who gave him rides when he was stranded in the desert and caught in storms.

The Reagans had a quiet Christmas at the White House with family and friends. Nancy Reagan gave her husband a horse blanket, while the president gave the first lady a red robe, said Elaine Crispin, Mrs. Reagan's press secretary.

A secret Santa on Thursday left cheese and crackers on the doorstep of the home of Mary and Laurens Moore of Gaffney, S.C. The anonymous present capped 12 days of untraditional gifts.

The first gift was a pine sapling with a small plastic bird perched on top.

The next night, they found two Christmas tree ornaments, then three Hershey kisses, four sheets of wrapping paper, five red-velvet bows, six pecans, seven pine cones, eight candy canes, nine Peppermint Patties, 10 homemade cookies, and 11 pieces of candy.

Libyan assassinated

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Unidentified attackers in a speeding car killed a Libyan diplomat when they fired submachine guns on his official limousine, police said.

The shooting occurred Thursday in the Syrian-controlled town of Taanayel in east Lebanon's Bekaa valley, they said.

Police identified the slain envoy as Mosbah Mohammed Gharibi, financial attaché of the Libyan Embassy in Damascus.

Another Libyan diplomat traveling in the car escaped injury, police said.

Police said the assailants fired from a car that chased the Libyan Embassy limousine.

City briefs

FENCE WALKER Band will be at The Catalina Club tonight, and Saturday night. Adv.

CHRISTMAS KITS 1/2 off. Sands Fabrics. Adv.

JOY'S UNLIMITED, 2137 N. Hobart, will be closed Friday, December 26. Come in and see us Saturday the 27th for 30% off on all Christmas items. Adv.

LOST: LONG-haired white cat. Lost in the vicinity of Harvester and Beech Street. Solid white with gold eyes. Call 665-5988 or 665-0034. Adv.

GRAY'S DECORATING for Custom Cabinetry, Tops, Refacing, Remodeling. 669-2971. Adv.

RENT A Booth at J and J Flea Market, 123 N. Ward. 665-3375. Open Saturday, 9-5. Sunday, 12-5. Adv.

GERMANIA INSURANCE Company now has auto insurance. For free premium quote. Call Williams Agency, 669-3062. Adv.

SHOP SAND'S Fabrics after Christmas Specials. Friday only. Adv.

NEW YEAR'S Eve Dance, Clyde Logg Band, \$7.50 each. White Deer Parish Hall. Advanced tickets, 883-3431, 883-7811. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Sunny and fair through the weekend with the highs Saturday and Sunday in the 50s and the lows in the 20s. Light and variable winds. High Thursday, 51; low this morning, 23.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Partly cloudy through Saturday. Highs mid 40s mountains to 50s elsewhere. Lows tonight 20s north and mountains to mid 30s lowlands of southwest.

North Texas — Slight chance of rain southeast. Highs 53 to 58. Fair to partly cloudy and cool tonight. Lows 31 to 37. Mostly sunny and mild Saturday. Highs 53 to 57.

South Texas — Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Highs near 60 north to near 70 south. Lows tonight in the upper 30s hill country to the low 50s along the lower coast.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Sunday through Thursday
 West Texas — Fair to partly cloudy with no significant temperature changes. Temperature forecasts: Panhandle and far west — Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 50s. South Plains — Lows around 30. Highs in the 50s.



North Texas — No significant rainfall. Lows 35 to 42. Highs 55 to 62.

South Texas — Increasing cloudiness Sunday. Mostly cloudy Monday with a chance of rain, mainly west and south. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Highs 50s north to 60s south. Lows 30s north to near 50 far south.

BORDER STATES
 Oklahoma — High Saturday

50s. Low tonight mid 20s to low 30s.

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Texas/Regional

White reflects on four years in office

AUSTIN (AP) — Leaving behind a political career that began 13 years ago, Gov. Mark White believes Bill Clements' prime reason for running against him was personal.

"I think he (Clements) enjoys the office, but I think his prime motivation was a case of vindictiveness as opposed to something he thought needed to be done that wasn't being done," White said.

In one of a series of fireside chats with individual reporters as he prepared to leave office, White said his loss to Clements, the man he ousted from office in 1982, was no mystery.

"You add the declining price of oil, bad economic conditions, you add up people who didn't like no-pass no-play, teachers who didn't like testing and evaluation—you add all those things together, and I think that created many problems for us," said the 46-year-old Democrat.

"But that's part of the deal," he said. "I didn't come down here just to hold the office. I came down here to do something with it, and that's what we did, and I'm proud of it."

White was the victim of a sudden drop in oil prices, which in turn reduced state income and led to tax increases. He said Texas' economy fell faster than during the Depression and made his job

much harder.

"In this business, you can do anything if you've got the money," he said.

But that's almost behind him now, and his attention has turned to how he will make a living.

An attorney, White said he probably will return to legal work and other business in Houston, but will keep an office in Austin. He leaves office Jan. 20 when Clements will regain the reins to the state's top office.

"I don't intend to walk away (from politics)," White said. "I don't think a citizen of this state ought to be a sideliners when he or she has something to offer."

Wearing a long-sleeved shirt with an open collar and boots, he looked as relaxed as he had at any time since taking office in January 1983.

He seemed pleased with his administration and, if not overjoyed, at least upbeat over returning to the private life he gave up in 1973 to become secretary of state. He later was elected state attorney general and governor.

Chided about an 82-page staff paper detailing accomplishments of his years as governor, he said, "we're into a third printing of that."

Press Secretary Ann Arnold said White had renamed his sailboat from "No Chance" to "Next

Chance" and, instead of giving Rolex wrist watches as favors—as he did in 1982—he is passing out less expensive Timexes to key staffers. "It takes a lickin' but keeps on tickin'," White quipped.

Meanwhile, the governor's family also is preparing for a more private life as his wife, Linda Gale, resumes her own grocery shopping, and son Andrew, 14, looks forward to getting his own bedroom.

He said he doesn't feel his three children will miss life in the mansion too much. "I think it was an initial disappointment, but they're all excited about moving into a new house."

"Really, this house has been good and bad for them in that they don't have any privacy. I know my son Andrew is just absolutely ecstatic about getting his own bedroom. He and his older brother (Wells, 16) get along very well together, but he thinks sharing the same room is asking too much."

Asked if being governor had been a financial sacrifice for him, White replied, "I didn't think so at the time. I said what could be better than a big house and rent free. But I realized, although it pays very well here compared to governors around the country, it costs a lot of money to do it right. And we tried to do it right."

"If I'm worth more than I was when I started this

office, it will be more by accident than by design. I probably have a lower net worth," White said.

The governor says if he is remembered for one thing it will be educational reform. "Scores are up and that's the ultimate test. The kids are doing better," White said.

White says he'll miss some things.

"Being governor gives you the opportunity to do things that no other office gives," he said.

White does not subscribe to the theory that the office of governor is such a weak position that the chief executive is virtually powerless.

"It doesn't have the power technically that a lot of other governors have, but then again I can't think of a thing that I wanted (that) state leadership didn't get," White said.

"I think weak offices are designed to make certain that good things get done with good governors, and with bad governors nothing gets done, and that's the way it ought to be."

Mindful of a criticism that has followed him, White said, "Some people say Mark White doesn't have great leadership. What I decided to do was accomplish something rather than being a great leader."

"What we've done is accomplish more than any other governor in four years."

Elderly couple receives not-so-pleasant surprise

AUSTIN (AP) — An elderly couple who say they have dutifully paid their taxes for years on a small piece of property weren't quite prepared for this year's bill.

The land, which Katherine and Willie Fisher rent to a barbecue restaurant for \$250 a month, was appraised at \$1.45 million this year by the Travis County Appraisal District.

That translated into a tax bill of \$20,814.

"There's no way in the world" the couple can pay, Mrs. Fisher said.

The land had an appraised value of \$9,372 in 1984 and 1985 and cost the Fishers \$743 in taxes.

"We are 84 and 81 years old, retired, very feeble and living on fixed income," the Fishers wrote County Tax Assessor-Collector Cecelia Burke.

"Increases of this magnitude are beyond our comprehension, to say nothing of our ability to pay."

The couple moved to Indianapolis, Ind., in 1984 to be near family because of failing health and did not protest the assessed valuation of their property earlier this year.

"It had so many figures on there, I couldn't make out what was what," Mrs. Fisher told the Austin American-Statesman.

Ada Anderson of Austin, a friend of the Fishers, has been trying to straighten out the matter. She took home economics at Anderson High School from Katherine Fisher, who taught for 42 years.

The Fishers have been trying to sell the property for 10 years and recently got an offer of \$40,000, Ms.

Anderson said.

"The husband just had a pacemaker put in," Ms. Anderson said. "They've had a lot of health problems. They have been so careful to plan their finances so they won't be a burden on anybody. You can imagine, if you've been around elderly people, the trauma that they're going through. The thought of that debt, and they don't have any way of paying it."

Ms. Anderson called Burke, who notified James Archer, chief appraiser for the appraisal district.

Archer said the land is zoned commercial and that the 1984-85 appraisals may have been too low. But he said the leap in assessed values caused him to order a field check on the land.

"I don't want to have any error in any of it," Archer said of the property. "What's happened in east Austin is that the market has changed. It's been growing rapidly in that two-year period."

Tax payments are due Jan. 31. Archer said the appraisal district can offer a payment plan or "do anything to help" people with high tax bills.

Ms. Burke said the account is on hold and speculated the hefty bill could have resulted from a keypunch error.

"They make mistakes just like anybody else," Ms. Burke said of county employees. "There was some sort of error there."

She said she has seen errors before, "but none of them have come to my attention that were this big."

Newspaper: Stockyards deal tied to close Wright associate

FORT WORTH (AP) — Incoming U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright says he is only vaguely aware of a close associate's attempt to buy into the Stockyards, a major Fort Worth attraction for which he sponsored a \$20 million flood-control appropriation.

George A. Mallick Jr., a Fort Worth developer and business partner of Wright, said Wednesday that he is negotiating to buy or become financially involved in the Stockyards. But he said Wright knows little about his plans.

"I haven't given him any details," Mallick told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "He knows I am thinking about something relative to the Stockyards, but he does not know any details."

Mallick said he has had discussions with the primary investors in the Stockyards for about five months and "started to form some concrete opinions" within the last 30 days.

He said Wright's sponsorship of the \$20 million flood-control appropriation, along with a \$7.5 million for road and sewer improvements in the Stockyards area, played no role in his plans.

Wright, who was reached in Washington on Wednesday, said he was only vaguely aware of Mallick's Stockyards negotiations. He said the plans had played no role in his efforts to secure federal money for the project.

"Federal grants do not ... go into the pocket of any individual there," Wright said.

Developers say they hope to turn the historic stockyard district into an extensive tourist and entertainment area. The property includes Billy Bob's Texas, a popular nightclub.

Mallick is a longtime friend, confidant and business associate of Wright, who will become speaker when Congress convenes in January, the Star-Telegram reported.

Along with their wives, Wright and Mallick are partners in an investment firm and share part interest in 16 oil and gas wells in Central Texas, the newspaper said.

Mallick said the investment firm is not involved in his negotiations regarding the Stockyards.

Wright said the appropriation was not intended to benefit any friends or individuals, but rather to stimulate economic development and help preserve the western heritage of Fort Worth.

"All people who are my friends benefit directly and indirectly every time a dollar comes into Tarrant County," said Wright.

The Stockyards area has received about \$35 million in federal aid since 1974, the Star-Telegram reported. Wright has represented the district since 1955.

At least 15 dead in Texas traffic accidents

By The Associated Press

At least 15 people died on Texas roads and highways during the Christmas holiday, the Department of Public Safety said.

The DPS had estimated 23 people would be killed in the 54-hour period through midnight Christmas.

Bennie Keith Stapleton, 23, of Aquilla, was driving a truck which missed a turn and hit two trees around 12:45 a.m. Thursday. The accident happened on Farm to Market Road M 933 in Aquilla, said DPS spokesman Mike Cox.

Tod Allen Crow, 12, of Sisterdale, was killed Christmas morning when the go-cart he

was driving apparently pulled into the path of a car and was dragged 200 feet, said DPS spokesman David Wells.

Four San Antonio residents died in separate accidents.

Felicia Nellons, age unavailable, was killed in a two-vehicle crash Wednesday night. Another vehicle turned left in front of the car driven by Mrs. Nellons' husband, Wells said.

Albert Gonzales, 24, was riding in a vehicle that was broadsided in San Antonio at 1:10 a.m. Thursday, Wells said.

Another San Antonio man was killed when his vehicle left a city street and hit a tree at 2:40 a.m. His name has not been released pending notification of relatives, according to Wells.



El Paso police detectives and firefighters comb the scene of a fire which killed three people Thursday.

(AP Laserphoto)

Autopsy results awaited in deaths of family found after house fire

EL PASO (AP) — Two young boys and their unemployed father, who had been burning the family's possessions, were found dead following a fire inside their home, authorities said.

The victims were identified as Dale Perry, 40, and his sons Ian, 4, and Aaron Perry, 18 months. Authorities said autopsies scheduled for today would help determine whether the fire was set and whether the victims died before the blaze.

An explosion occurred in the front of the house about 3 p.m. Thursday, said Fire Marshal Hubert Jackson. The fire was

contained to one room, but smoke ran the damage total to more than \$30,000, Jackson said.

The bodies were badly burned and were found in different rooms of the house, authorities said. Evidence of a flammable liquid was found in the residence and authorities were checking the possibility of a natural gas leak, investigators said.

Everett Corl, a friend of the family, said Perry had been dependent over a broken love affair and over the loss of his job.

"I think he was a good person but I guess he just had too much happen to him," Corl said.

Corl said a woman had recently turned down Perry's marriage proposal and he had lost his job as a cabinet maker in nearby Horizon City when his car broke down and he was unable to get to work.

Perry had been taking care of his children since his wife died last year, Corl said.

"He's been taking care of the kids and he'd been doing fine with them," he said.

Outside the house, a hand-lettered sign was tacked on a tree near a table with a few items and some toys. The sign said "Moving, free furniture."

Inmate captured after fleeing jail to visit mother on holiday

HOUSTON (AP) — A 21-year-old man was held in the Harris County Jail without bail after he escaped to spend Christmas with his mother, authorities said.

Gregory Andre Bradford was rearrested at his home Thursday after he escaped by apparently mingling with a group of inmates who were about to be released for the holiday following a court hearing, Harris County Sheriff's Lt. George Adams said.

"They thought he was part of that bunch, and he just walked out the door with them," Adams said.

Bradford, who had been booked into jail Tuesday, was attending a preliminary hearing shortly before the midnight release, prosecutor Vic Wisner said.

He was caught at home having Christmas with his mother and upon his capture said he just wanted to get out for Christmas.

Spirit of Christmas coordinates donations

FORT WORTH (AP) — As Christmas neared and the wish lists of 92 needy children still included bicycles, a Grand Prairie auto dealer pledged \$6,200 for the two-wheelers.

Workers at a hardware company stayed up all night assembling the bikes.

That's the Spirit of Christmas, according to organizers of a program for needy children that began small and now covers the state.

The presents go to abused or neglected children who live in foster homes or remain with their families, but are under the supervision

of the Texas Department of Human Services.

"The families commonly feel isolated ... and the Spirit of Christmas program is therapeutic," said agency spokesman Wayne Hairgrove. "It helps them come out of isolation, it shows parents and kids that the world and our community cares."

More than 8,000 children benefited from the Spirit of Christmas project last year. Since 1981, about 100,000 Christmas gifts have been distributed, said Gail Cooksey with Texas American Bank.

The bank took over coordination of the project following the retirement last September of B. Faye Lewis.

"The good feeling I have is reward enough for me," Lewis said recently.

Information on each needy child is collected, such as first name, age, clothing size and gift wish. Cards with specifics on the youngsters are put in bank lobbies, where stand-in Santas select one, do the shopping and return the present.

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Opinion

Special interests scratch the backs

In Washington a position gets serious attention only if it is clearly identified with a special interest. Exceptions come along, of course, such as the recent "tax reform" business, in which the politicians out-did each other in transcending special interests. But don't think for a moment that some interests didn't emerge happier than others.

Arguments based on principle or careful analysis seem to elicit only bored nods and impatience to get on with looting the taxpayers. Special interests may sometimes manufacture pseudo-principles to dress up their appeal, but most of the players know that game, and it doesn't interfere with the general fleecing.

For an example of how the game is played conventionally, take the politics of steel. The Reagan administration, in one of its common departures from the free-enterprise, free-trade rhetoric the president loves to spout, has negotiated five-year steel trade quotas through 1989 with 27 different nations.

The argument that such quotas unacceptably infringe on the right of Americans to buy and sell from whom they please has fallen on deaf ears. The analytical argument that such quotas restrict the economy artificially, permit backward managers to put off modernization and reward inefficiency and do damage to American competitiveness is widely conceded but carries little political weight. Imposing quotas creates concentrated groups of constituents who can be persuaded that they still have their jobs as a result of political largess or activism, so shortsightedness generally prevails.

Comes now, however, the American Institute for Imported Steel, made up of companies that — you guessed it — import steel. They deploy some arguments that sound the "public interest" clarion, pointing out correctly that in the long run restricting steel imports encourages manufacturers who use steel — like machine tools, autos, etc. — to close down or move their operations overseas. Or, as AIIS president Erwin Klein puts it: "The main reason quotas should be terminated is to preserve international competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers."

Politicians, however, should be able to see through that high-flown rhetoric to the essential point that these companies want to reduce trade restraints because of their self-interest in imported steel at lower prices. Politicians seem to be able to grasp an argument rooted in self-interest. Perhaps this time they'll listen.

Politicians hardly ever do something because it conforms to the principles of a free society or because it's right. If they lift steel import quotas in response to an appeal they can understand — asking for favors from government to serve the petitioners' self-interest — they may end up doing the right thing after all.

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"I want to exchange this G.I. Joe doll for a COL. NORTH doll."



Stephen Chapman

Immunity is used sparingly

The White House arms scandal has wrought a miraculous transformation in the political thinking of some Americans. In quarters not normally sympathetic to leniency for criminals, there is surprising support for giving a free pass to a couple of suspected lawbreakers. Their names are Oliver North and John Poindexter.

The idea was broached by the president himself, who proposed that the congressional committees investigating Iranamok — as it has been definitively christened by the New Republic magazine — grant his two former aides limited immunity from prosecution, in order to stimulate their vocal cords. North and Poindexter, given the opportunity to explain their roles in the affair to Congress, declined the invitation, invoking the Fifth Amendment right not to talk themselves into prison. This kind of immunity wouldn't actually forbid prosecution of the two, but it would ban the use of any evidence derived directly or indirectly from their testimony before Congress. Another suggestion is for Reagan to simply pardon them in advance, thus removing any chance of punishment.

Reagan's supporters like this approach because it promises to quickly dissipate the whole embarrassment. Spared the fear of a stretch in jail, they figure, North and Poindexter will be only too happy to provide lurid details of their guilt. Unspoken is the hope that, in gratitude for the clemency, the two would be less of uncertainty, the important questions would be answered immediately.

Aside from the most partisan Democrats, everyone would like to get this matter cleared up one way or the other as soon as possible. The problem with immunity is that it short-circuits the normal process of investigation and prosecution. That process has two purposes: to find the truth and punish the guilty. Immunizing North and Poindexter at this stage would advance the first goal at the expense of the second. Withholding immunity, at least for the time being, leaves open the possibility of achieving both. If it turns out that only these two men can reveal what actually happened, there will be plenty of time for investigators to strike a bargain with them.

The Watergate experience illustrates the obstacles created by congressional grants of immunity. In that investigation, 27 witnesses were immunized. Philip Lacovara, who was counsel to the special prosecutor, says that two of them, John Dean and Jeb Magruder, later pleaded guilty to crimes discussed in their testimony, but few if any of the others were ever convicted of anything. That doesn't mean they were innocent — if they were innocent, why would they need immunity?

At least in Watergate those most culpable (aside from President Nixon) did get their just punishment. In Iranamok, it's clear, North and Poindexter weren't mere flunkies but crucial players. If people this high in the government were indeed defying the law and subverting democracy, they have committed serious crimes and deserve to be punished.

But the former White House aides have elected to hold Reagan's presidency hostage. They refuse to dispel the suspicions plaguing it until they are shielded from the legal consequences of their deeds.

Having gotten in the habit of paying ransoms, Reagan is willing to meet their terms. Some people in his administration — notably communications director Patrick Buchanan, and possibly the president himself — don't mind sparing North and Poindexter any penalty, because they think the supposed offense was really an act of heroism.

Fortunately, Congress isn't budging. Reaganists think that's because refusing immunity guarantees delay, and delay multiplies that damage to the administration. This theory may apply to some Democrats. But it doesn't explain why important Republicans, including Intelligence Committee Chairman David Durenberger of Minnesota and Majority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas, also reject the idea. Nor does it explain why Congress' main objective should be to protect the political interests of Ronald Reagan.

It would be nice if truth, justice and speed could all be served at once. But if discovering all the facts and punishing the guilty requires taking time, then time should be taken. Immunity is a valuable investigative tool, but one to be used after other means have been exhausted. Those who value haste above everything else run the risk of compounding one travesty with another.



Paul Harvey

Why champs can't repeat

In and around Chicago in recent months, specialty shops have opened with a lease that lasts only through January — only through the Super Bowl.

In these shops you can purchase all sorts of stuff bearing a monogram of the Chicago Bears.

There are cheap Bears T-shirts and expensive Bears jackets, authentic Bears helmets and Bears beer mugs.

You can buy garments with your favorite Bear's number and posters with your favorite Bear's picture.

There are ashtrays and headbands and lapel buttons and scarfs and recordings of individual Bears lecturing or singing.

And you look around at all the photos for which the players had to pose and you wonder when they find time to practice football.

Chicago's Bears — while they are World Champions — are told by their several agents

that they have to make money while they are still newsworthy.

They — including coach Mike Ditka — are all over television advertising snack food and automobiles, beer and insurance, magazines and soda pop, bacon and motor scooters.

And while it is true that many or most of these commercials were taped during the "off-season," not all of them were.

And during the "off-season," several of the Bears have regular TV and radio programs and most all have frequent interviews and personal appearances to publicize books or promote team charities.

Team practice is usually limited from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. This seems to allow sufficient off-duty time to pursue other interests.

But anybody who ever watched amateurs tape TV commercials is aware that the process can require a tedious, exhausting half-day or more.

It is difficult to imagine — particularly when we watch the Bears struggling this season — that all these extracurricular activities have not been a distraction and a fatigue factor.

I know: Some of sports' greatest performers have managed to mix careers with commercial commitments. It hasn't seemed to hurt the performances of Larry Bird or Michael Jordan, Julius Erving or Magic Johnson or Wayne Gretzky.

And I am aware that nothing is going to change the demand factor for players on winning teams. But maybe — just maybe — this does help explain why no football team since 1980 has ever won Super Bowls back-to-back.

That generally — for Cowboys or Steelers or Dolphins or Bears — since the escalation of commercialization, even with the same key personnel, the ultimate victory is impossible to repeat.

World's marketplace has turned brutal

By Robert Walters

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (NEA) — "Our country is in the economic fight of its life," warns Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. "Thirty years ago, Americans produced 60 percent of the world's gross national product. Today, we produce 30 percent."

That's only one indicator of the nation's inability to compete in the global marketplace cited by the political leaders and others who met here in

mid-December under the auspices of the Democratic Leadership Council.

In 1981, this country registered a positive balance of \$26 billion in the crucial field of high-technology trade, analyst Pat Choate noted. This year, there will be a negative balance of \$2 billion in that account.

"Today, 70 percent of our industries face brutal, competent international competition," added Choate, a highly regarded futurist and economist employed by TRW, Inc. "We

must make some fundamental shifts in our trade policy."

Indeed, the current trade policy produced a situation in which the United States last year had a \$148.5 billion trade deficit that is expected to grow to \$170 billion this year.

In contrast, Japan this year is expected to enjoy an \$87 billion trade surplus while West Germany probably will have a \$45 billion trade surplus.

Those nations and others not only

have a healthier financial relationship with their trading partners but also, as Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt notes, they wield growing influence over the direction of this country's economy.

Decisions made by traders operating on the Tokyo or Buenos Aires grain exchanges directly affect the people living in communities throughout the Midwest.

Nation

Five of everything



(AP Laserphoto)

The Gaither quintuplets, left to right, Brandon, Ashlee, Rhealyn, Renee and Joshua and their older brother Ryan tear into their Christmas presents at their Indianapolis home. Their parents, Sidney and Suzanne, have found that buying in quantity is a must for the 3-year-olds.

Women's world now one of change, challenge, study finds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The changing world of women has had a dramatic impact on Americans in the last 30 years, and reconciling their many roles poses the challenge of the future, a new study reports.

Women's growing role in the world has progressed faster than the accepted norms of society, resulting in a cultural lag between how women are viewed and how they must cope with life, said the new study, "American Women in Transition."

As a result, three crucial issues confront society — wages, child care and housework — said Suzanne M. Bianchi and Daphne Spain, authors of the study.

"The shift of women out of the home and into the labor force and out of marriages and into independent living arrangements represents changes which are out of step with the ability of social institutions to support the changing economic role of women," they reported.

Changes in the last three decades have launched society on a road toward equality of the sexes from which there is no turning back, they wrote.

"If we want a productive labor force of female and male workers, but also value the family, work hours must be flexible, day care available and affordable and work within the home equitably divided."

"The time has come to deal with this reality and to bring norms and institutions into line with society as it exists in the 1980s," Spain and Bianchi stated.

Their study, published by the Russell Sage Foundation, is based on a detailed analysis of data

collected in the 1980 census. Bianchi is a population expert at the Census Bureau and Spain, formerly of the Bureau, is now an assistant professor at the University of Virginia.

Historically men have held jobs outside the home while women tended to house and family, the report notes, but that situation began to change when the post-World War II Baby Boom generation started to mature.

"The family-oriented 1950s were perhaps the last decade in which women's behavior and social norms were in agreement," they said.

By 1960 one-fourth of wives with children were in the labor force and today that figure is more than half, the authors wrote.

But while most mothers hold jobs, adjustments at home have not been made. They continue to do the majority of housework and day care facilities for their children are often inadequate or prohibitively costly.

Finally, wages of women remain low in comparison with men — an inequity that was the personal problem of a few women decades ago, but which now affects the majority of families.

That is complicated by a world of high divorce rates and delayed marriage in which more and more women maintain their own households — often trying to support themselves and children.

The result is what many women term a "balancing act" as they try to move between family and work responsibilities.

The ability to juggle these competing demands often forces women into what are considered traditional female jobs such as teaching or nursing, or forces them to work only part time.

Marx' men acting strangely

By GEORGE GEDDA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The communist world is in ferment these days with some countries easing up on dissent and others showing an unusual propensity for self-criticism.

At roughly the same time that riots broke out last week in the central Soviet republic of Kazakhstan, Chinese students took to the streets in Shanghai and elsewhere.

In Hanoi, outgoing General Secretary Truong Chinh candidly acknowledged to a Communist Party Congress that Vietnam is economically stagnant. In Laos, the message was much the same a month earlier, with party officials complaining of "mistakes, laziness and corruption."

In early December, Cuban President Fidel Castro, in a similar display of openness, said featherbedding, corruption and a variety of other ills were preventing his country from achieving its economic goals.

In the depths of Stalinism, millions of Soviets were put to death because of suspicions about their ideological reliability. Under Mikhail Gorbachev, the hand of the state has been less heavy.

Andrei D. Sakharov returned to Moscow on Tuesday after seven years of internal exile and immediately denounced the Soviet military occupation in Afghanistan, the same stand that got him banished.

The Kremlin seems more tolerant of Sakharov nowadays.

"I do not see anything bad in this comment of Sakharov's," Yuri Kashlev, a senior Soviet official, told a news conference.

Moscow's allies in Eastern Europe also are showing signs of moderation. On the 30th anniversary of the Hungarian uprising, 122 East Europeans signed a declaration denouncing Soviet intervention and calling for democracy. Not long ago, such dissent would have been unthinkable. In Poland, the communist government ignores the Roman Catholic Church at its own peril.

All this has not gone unnoticed in Washington but officials say they are far more interested in what Moscow and its allies do abroad than what they do at home. Thus far, the administration has detected little change in that field.

The outpouring of self-criticism in Vietnam seems related to the country's backwardness compared to its non-communist neighbors, some of which are booming economical-

ly. While some economic reforms are planned, Vietnam does not appear intent on adopting the economic pragmatism of its neighbor and arch-foe, China.

Vietnamese leaders, much like their Cuban counterparts, have said the fault lies not in the socialist system but in lack of dedication. Still, Nguyen Van Linh, chosen at Vietnam's party congress to be the new general secretary, is regarded as less doctrinaire than his predecessor on economic issues.

Cuba, however, remains committed to socialist orthodoxy. In May, Castro abandoned a six-year experiment in private marketing of farm goods. With proper management, he claims, socialism can be 10 times more efficient than capitalism.

In the Soviet Union, analysts said last week's riots in Kazakhstan were noteworthy not only because they took place but because they were reported by the Soviet media. It is believed the first Soviet news report of a demonstration in decades.

Newest justice said quickly settling in at Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conventional wisdom says it takes as long as five years for a new Supreme Court appointee to get up to speed but the court's newest justice, Antonin Scalia, seems a quick study.

In the initial nine weeks of his first court term, Scalia sometimes dominated the court's public sessions and managed to assert some independence from Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, a fellow conservative.

Other justices are saying privately they find Scalia an engaging and lively colleague, and that his hard-charging style may be attributed to a rookie's enthusiasm.

On the bench, Scalia's comments or questioning of lawyers during the court's oral argument sessions can be incisive or esoteric but rarely is he boring.

When Michael Boicourt, a deputy Missouri attorney general, tried to bolster his defense of a challenged state law by noting that for the first time in his 15 years of public service the American Civil Liberties Union was supporting his side, Scalia shot back, "Makes you worry, does it?"

After the courtroom laughter died down, Boicourt confessed, "When I saw it, it made me sweat a little bit."

Scalia asked most of the questions during an oral argument session over a Louisiana law requiring public schools that teach evolution to teach creationism also.

While the court tried to determine whether creationism is a competing scientific theory or, instead, a religious belief, Scalia asked, "Does it

necessarily require the teaching of a god, a personal god, as opposed to a first cause that may be quite impersonal; or a giant slug for all we know?"

When the court split 5-4 in striking down an unconstitutional federal election law that imposed strict regulations on campaign spending by incorporated public advocacy groups, Scalia joined the majority opinion of Justice William J. Brennan, the court's leading liberal.

Rehnquist led the dissenters.

Most Americans think Supreme Court justices should be elected by the voters, not appointed by the president, according to a poll conducted for the National Law Journal.

Based on 1,004 telephone interviews in July by Penn and Schoen Associates, 59 percent of those asked said they preferred popular election of the justices. The current system was favored by 39 percent, and 2 percent stated no preference.

A whopping 73 percent of those asked said a president should try to balance the court along racial, sexual and religious lines. Only 4 percent said such balancing should not be a factor in a president's nominations to the high court, and 23 percent said they did not know.

The poll was conducted when the nominations of Rehnquist and Scalia were pending before the Senate. Seventy-one percent of those asked did not recognize Rehnquist's name; 82 percent did not know Scalia.

OPEC decision could alter economic outlook

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A decision by OPEC to force up the world price of oil by reducing daily production could alter some of the 1987 economic projections by the Agriculture Department, according to an agency economist.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed last weekend to cut production by 7.6 percent to about 15.8 million barrels a day, the lowest ceiling in the cartel's 26-year history, in order to fix prices at an average of \$18 per barrel.

Some analysts say the plan could eliminate a world glut of oil in less than six months. That would give OPEC enormous influence over prices, which tumbled 50 percent over the past year to a range of \$14 to \$16 per barrel.

Gary Lucier of USDA's Economic Research Service says the decline in world oil prices has been a major factor in a sharp reduction of farm production costs in the United States.

But if OPEC is successful in curbing production and boosting prices, the effect could bring a revision in 1987 farm income expectations.

"It could go lower, definitely," Lucier said in an interview. "But it depends on how much prices go up and how quickly."

Lucier said that if oil price increases are delayed or minimal until mid-year, most 1987 crops will have been planted. But even then, he said, higher oil prices

would be felt later on, in 1988 for sure.

As it stands now, without an OPEC price increase, the figures for 1987 point to a further decline in farm production expenses. This year, those costs are down around \$1.5 billion from 1985.

"The lower energy prices will likely have secondary impacts on farm expenses into 1987 as fertilizer prices fall and the overall inflation rate in the economy is slowed," Lucier said in a recent outlook report. "Fertilizer prices fell 8 percent in 1986 and are forecast to fall a similar amount in 1987."

Net farm income this year is expected to be around \$28 billion, down from \$30.5 billion in 1985, Lucier said. The forecast for 1987, without an OPEC oil price increase, is about \$32 billion.

Jack McEown, agribusiness specialist at Michigan State University, said earlier this month that energy costs will continue to bear heavily on the financial returns of farmers in the coming year.

"If reason prevails in the U.S. and does not or cannot within OPEC, continued favorable price levels of fuels can be expected to the coming crop season and subsequent seasons," McEown said. "This will also exert downward cost-price pressures on other inputs such as transportation, (crop) drying, and nitrogen products for both feed and fertilizers."

McEown, added: "Only a unified OPEC could substantially raise fuel prices during the next crop year."

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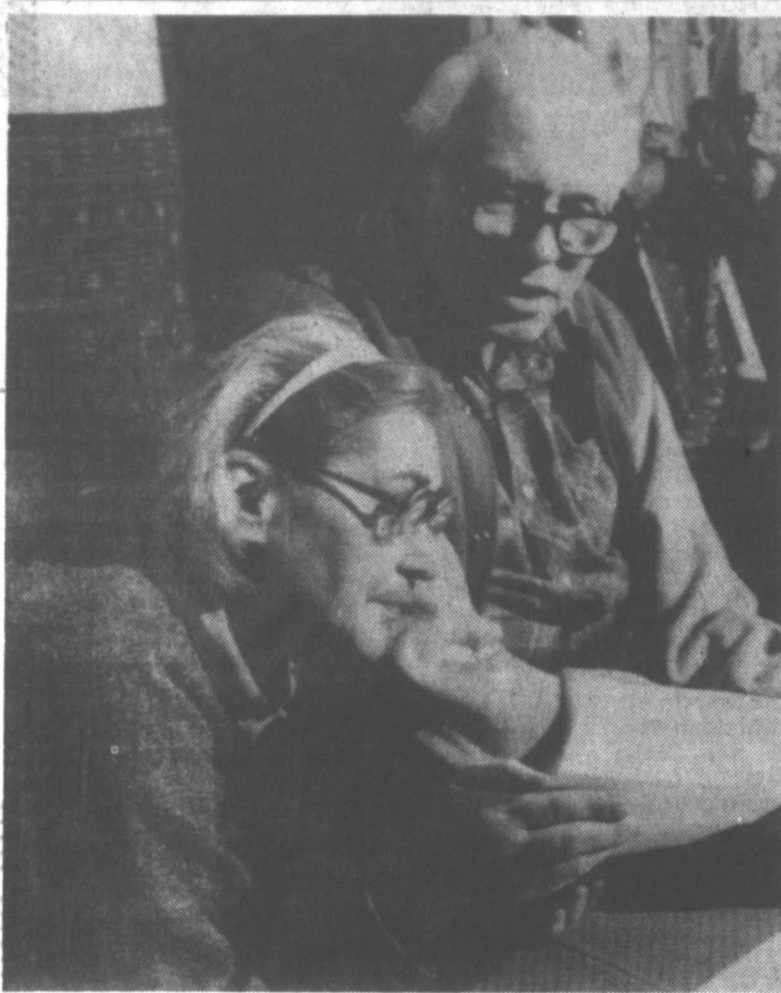
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Andrei Sakharov and his wife Yelena Bonner in their Moscow apartment Thursday night.

Shcharansky says Sakharov return just public relations

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Anatoly Shcharansky said Thursday that Andrei Sakharov, who campaigned with him for human rights in the Soviet Union, was allowed by Soviet authorities to return to Moscow as a public relations gesture.

Shcharansky told The Associated Press that Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev "understands better than his predecessors that he must somehow relieve the pressure from the West."

"Sakharov, myself, it is obviously public relations," he said.

Shcharansky, who was freed from prison by the Soviets in February said the Kremlin was "creating a better image but at the same time the campaign of oppression continues inside the Soviet Union."

On Tuesday, Sakharov and his

wife Elena Bonner returned to Moscow from internal exile in the closed city of Gorky. Sakharov was sent there in 1980 for criticizing Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and Bonner was sent to Gorky for allegedly slandering the Soviet state.

Shcharansky said that the emigration figures for Soviet Jews this year were the lowest in 20 years — about 900, and said emigration regulations implemented last month would limit sharply the number of Jews allowed to apply for exit visas.

Israel claims 400,000 of the Soviet Union's 2.5 million Jews wish to emigrate.

Shcharansky spoke following a telephone conversation with several refuseniks in Moscow. The conversation was relayed over a loudspeaker to a gathering of hundreds of guests at a Tel Aviv hotel.

Poles, for first time, watch Pope's St. Peter's mass on TV

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Millions of Poles enjoyed what one described as "a great Christmas gift" watching Pope John Paul II's midnight Mass broadcast on Polish television for the first time.

Many people in this devoutly Roman Catholic country chose to stay at home to watch the Polish-born pontiff celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica instead of attending midnight Masses at their own churches.

"It was great, just great," said Maria Kraszucka, interviewed Thursday outside St. John's Cathedral in Warsaw. "I nearly cried. We were all surprised that they (the authorities) decided to do it."

The decision to broadcast the Mass live fulfilled a long-standing request of the Polish

church, which has demanded that the officially atheist Communist authorities allow religious observances to be shown on government-controlled television. It was seen as a sign of improving relations between the communist government and Catholic church.

"It was a great Christmas gift for Polish TV viewers," said a young woman who identified herself as Malgorzata, commenting outside the cathedral. "It was broadcast to 40 countries, so why not Poland? After all, the pope is Polish."

Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the primate of Poland, and Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, the head of state, met on Monday and issued a joint invitation for the pope to visit Poland next June. John Paul visited his homeland in 1979 and 1983.

Tanker sinks after running aground, 9 dead

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — A British-owned tanker sank early today after hitting a rock on the east coast of Iceland, and at least nine of the 12 crew members were killed, Iceland's National Rescue Organization said.

It was the second fatal sinking of a ship in the North Atlantic in two days. An Icelandic freighter sank Thursday midway between Iceland and Norway, killing three crewmen and leaving three missing and believed dead.

Rescuers found one crewman alive but he died shortly afterwards, said Rescue Organization spokesman Johannes Briem. Rescuers recovered six bodies, all in lifejackets,

and spotted two more bodies before they sank, he said.

A search was under way for the three missing crewmen, but they were feared dead.

Their ship, the 1,260-ton Syneta, sent a mayday call at about midnight Thursday, saying it had run aground on Skrudur rock at the mouth of the Faskrudsfjordur on the east coast of Iceland. The call said the crew couldn't launch life rafts because the vessel was too close to the rock.

Briem said the crew apparently jumped into the sea when the ship began to sink.

He said the crew gave an incorrect position in the mayday call, but that rescuers found the tanker after seeing a distress flare fired by the crew.

It took 30 minutes for the first of 12 fishing boats to get to the scene, Briem said. Rescuers found the ship nearly capsized and there was no sign of the crew, Briem said. The ship later sank.

About an hour later, rescuers found the first body floating in the sea, Briem said. A few minutes later, another crewman showing signs of life was spotted, but he died shortly afterwards, he said.

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Calvin Klaus 1541 Hamilton
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Rev. Herb Peak 500 S. Cuyler
Skellytown Assembly of God Church
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Calvary Baptist Church
John Denton 900 E. 23rd Street
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Fellowship Baptist Church
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Dr. Darrel Rains 203 N. West
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Rev. Ralph W. Hovey Pastor Mobeetie Tx.
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Rev. Lit McIntosh 306 Rosevelt
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L.C. Lynch, Pastor 326 N. Rider
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Rev. Jimmy W. Fox 1100 W. Crawford
Bible Baptist Church
Pastor Dick McIntosh Starkweather & Kingsmill
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Danny Courtney 800 E. Browning
Macedonia Baptist Church
Rev. I.L. Patrick 441 Elm St.
Primera Iglesia Bautista Mexicana
Rev. Silvano Rangol 807 S. Barnes
Progressive Baptist Church 836 S. Gray
New Hope Baptist Church
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- Bible Church of Pampa**
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Associate minister, the Rev. David H. March
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Aaron Thomas-Pastor 608 Naida
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- Spirit of Truth**
Mark and Brenda Zedlitz 1421A N. Hobart

Bible Baptist to show film on Civil War

Red Runs the River, a 90-minute color film set during the Civil War, will be shown at 9:30 p.m. Dec. 31 at the Bible Baptist Church, 500 E. Kingsmill.

Rev. Richard L. McIntosh, pastor, said there will be no admission charge to the film.

Though dealing primarily with the life of Richard Stoddert Ewell, a profane Confederate general, *Red Runs the River* reveals the personalities of several Confederate policy-makers.

Generals "Stonewall" Jackson and "Jeb" Stuart figure prominently in the film's story. Known as Christian gentlemen, these men were often scorned by the boisterous Ewell. The Confederate and Union skirmishes and the roar of cannons punctuate the constant conflict between Jackson and Ewell.

Unusual Films, the motion picture unit of Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., spent months researching all aspects of the Civil War. Many noted authorities on the War Between the states were consulted.

The information left the realm of the academic and became a living drama under the direction of Katherine Stenholm, Rev. McIntosh said.

The pastor said the careful research has produced an accurate motion picture, and Stenholm's direction has yielded a touching film.

Red Runs the River is an authentic portrayal of men dedicated to a cause, each other and their God.

McIntosh invited the public to attend the special New Year's Eve showing.

His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. (Ephesians 4:30-31 NIV)*

My oldest daughter has spent her college summers working as a greens keeper on a golf course.

Since she's afraid of snakes, the job is occasionally a little stressful. Not long ago, she ran over an unusually large snake with a tractor that flipped the snake and bounced it off the side of the tractor. With adrenaline pumping, she jumped off the tractor, grabbed a big stick and vigorously proceeded to help the critter find its way to reptile paradise.

Later, she related her snake story to her work mate. He laughed and informed her someone had shot the snake the day before. She had "killed" a dead snake!

I am reminded of a recent conflict in my family. An unhappy event from years ago has resurfaced. Because of nursed grudges and sensitive scars, the crisis is still potent in pain power.

Most people have experienced similar situations with their families, their friends, their churches or their work mates. Old feuds, long since dismissed, are all too quickly resurrected. A bitter barb or even a badly timed mention can strike exposed nerves and recreate past pain with new intensity.

But the most scalding effect of refighting old wars is the futility of beating on already dead issues. The bitter, angry, painful energy has no place to go, for nothing from the past can ever be undone.

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Religion Roundup

NEW YORK (AP)—Leaders of major Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish organizations have joined in denouncing the "Christian Identity" movement as "a perversion of authentic religious values, and a source of bigotry, racism and anti-Semitism."

Their statement came at a conference at American Jewish Committee headquarters along with findings by Leonard Zeigler, research director of the Atlanta-based Center for Democratic Renewal and author of a new study of the movement for the National Council of Churches.

He said "the entire white supremacist movement" was involved, including hundreds of small groups across the country, ranging from individuals selling tapes and books to radio ministers and congregations, using such names as "Christian Identity," "Kingdom Identity," and "Kingdom Message."

Religion

Pastor, film animator getting Bible heroes into toy market

By LAURA TOLLEY
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — David and Goliath fought in biblical times, but they now are joining forces to compete with "Rambo" and other modern-day toys for children's attention and parents' money.

The "Heroes of the Kingdom" don't tote laser guns or transform themselves into other beings. Instead they are small, authentically clad replicas of Bible figures whose stories are narrated by accompanying books and cassette tapes.

Such biblical entries into the toy market have come amid a rash of war and weapons playthings accenting violence.

Some alternatives that seem to be hits resulted from the persistence of a Fort Worth pastor and in another case, from a Los Angeles film animator.

Joe Barbera of Los Angeles, head of Hanna-Barbera Productions and producer of such series as Huckleberry Hound and the Flintstones, had tried in vain for years to get a series about Bible characters on television.

Rebuffed, he's now distributing his animated "Great Adventure" series through Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish agencies for home videos, with 400,000 reported sold so far at \$19.95 for the six-part series.

Running about 30 minutes each, they're about Noah, Moses, David and Goliath, Samson and Delilah, Daniel and the lions' den, Joshua and the walls of Jericho.

In Texas, a Fort Worth pastor and counselor, the Rev. Michael Riggins, after talking one night with his two sons about their "Star Wars" toys, carved for them some toy figures of Jesus,



Wee Win Toys vice president Zed Daniels shows some of the Bible hero toys.

David and Goliath.

For two years, he unsuccessfully carried the figures around in a shoe box showing them to prospective investors for manufacture.

Finally, in March 1984, Wee Win Toys and Accessories Inc. of Houston began producing the "Heroes of the Kingdom" toys, later adding a line of stuffed animals with names like "Righteous Racon" and "Born Again Bunny."

They offer an alternative to the "mysticism and violence" attributed to the characters of some

toys on the market, said Zed Daniels, vice president and advertising director.

Children can act out the biblical battle with David and his giant foe while listening to the cassette or reading the book. The toys, Daniels said, give children a chance to learn about the Bible and provide them with wholesome fun.

"You don't have to be dull to be decent," he said.

Besides David and Goliath, children can play with Jonah and the Whale, Samson and Delilah, Solomon and the Queen of Sheba.

Southern Baptists increase fold

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Southern Baptist denomination increased baptisms in 1986, but suffered a slight decline in Sunday school attendance for the year, church officials say.

Meanwhile, membership in America's largest Protestant denomination grew to 14.61 million, up nine-tenths of a percent, according to statistical projections.

The increase in membership continues a trend of slowed growth that began three decades ago, say officials at the Nashville headquarters of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptisms this year were estimated at 364,400, compared to 351,000 in 1985. Officials attribute the increase to a nationwide series of revivals last spring called "Good News America — God Loves You," which was sponsored by 27,000 churches.

"I felt Good News America kept the priority of evangelism visible in Southern Baptist churches," said Bobby Sunderland, of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta. "And it created pride among Southern Baptists, a healthy pride in a high-class project."

Church officials are dismayed, however, in the decline in Sunday school attendance.

"That's disappointing to me," said Harold Bennett, director of the SBC Executive Committee here. "I see Sunday school as the major outreach arm of the church."

Sunday school enrollment was 7.95 million this year, a drop of one-tenth of a percent, or 7,900 people from the year before.

Bennett said the decline may be tied to chang-

ing worship habits.

"It used to be that people came into the church through Sunday school," Bennett said. "They'd be invited to Sunday school by people of their age group who were in a Sunday school class. But now people seem more attracted to the 11 a.m. public worship."

Many observers have blamed the recent sluggish baptism and Sunday school figures on the denomination's continuing theological-political controversy between conservatives and moderates. Critics say the decade-long controversy drains pastors of their energy and disillusiones prospective members.

However, Bennett said the real problem is society's hectic pace.

"It's a basic problem churches face," Bennett said. "People are busy doing things, and they're not visiting others and inviting them into church as they once did."

The statistical projections, compiled by the Baptist Sunday School Board, are based on information submitted annually by SBC churches. About 29,300 have returned the letter for the year so far.

According to the figures, Southern Baptists spent \$635.7 million in home and foreign missions, an increase of 4.1 percent over 1985.

Total 1986 receipts for all missions and local church operations was \$4.1 billion, up 6 percent over the year before. Virtually all are funded by church members.

Nun tries to get families to talk about TV

By DOUG FISHER
Associated Press Writer

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Sister Angela Zukowski at the University of Dayton wants families to talk among themselves about what they see on television.

"There are many people who watch television who don't think about what they're watching," said Sister Zukowski, who heads the Roman Catholic school's Center for Religious Telecommunication.

"What scares a lot of people is that we really don't know what television does to us, and we prob-

ably won't know for another generation. By then, will it be too late?"

Her booklet, "Family Channels for Growth," is part of a pilot project by the United States Catholic Conference Department of Communication to get people talking about what they're watching.

The booklet has little to do with religion and television. It seeks to get families talking about how TV shows reflect their values, such as freedom, friendship, sharing or trust, Sister Zukowski said.

Some 2,500 families who are members of Catholic family life groups, such as Marriage En-

counter, have evaluated the booklets, said Henry Herx, coordinator of information and educational services for the Catholic Conference.

"This is addressed to the parents, and it puts the parents in charge of how they want to talk to their family about television," he said.

Information is still coming in, said Sister Zukowski, and the Catholic Conference will wait to modify "Family Channels" or seek a publisher until after the new year.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

Release in Papers of Friday, Dec. 26, 1986

ACROSS

- 1 Stop
- 5 WWII area
- 8 Glade
- 12 Loosen
- 13 Eternally (abbr.)
- 14 Eagerness for action
- 15 Ireland
- 16 Danger color
- 17 Hue
- 18 Constellation
- 21 Ballot caster
- 21 Taproom
- 22 Vampire scratching
- 24 Scholarly
- 26 Landing boat
- 27 Cracked
- 28 300, Roman
- 31 TV network
- 32 Hand implement
- 33 Channel
- 34 Ammunition
- 37 Baseball player Mel
- 40 Blow the
- 41 Inflict
- 43 Mineral
- 44 Alley
- 46 Compass point
- 47 Edges
- 49 — de France
- 50 Feminine suffix
- 51 Thin board
- 52 Nail weight
- 53 At that time
- 54 She (Fr.)
- 55 Vetch
- 56 Relinquish

DOWN

- 1 Extinguish
- 2 Fake
- 3 Figures of speech

ACROSS

- 4 Avoidupois weight
- 5 Architect
- 6 Saarinen
- 8 Waver
- 7 Requesting purchase of
- 8 Experienced person
- 9 Excuses
- 10 Woolly
- 11 — nous
- 19 Old Dominion (abbr.)
- 20 Ballroom dance
- 23 Needs scratching
- 25 Physician
- 29 Indianapolis team
- 30 Resembling a cubicle (comp. wd.)
- 34 High-pitched

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 35 Wintry
- 36 Caulking, for one
- 38 Cut one's incisors
- 39 Sensed with tongue
- 40 Not better
- 41 The two of us
- 42 New Hampshire city
- 45 Barrels
- 48 Sault Marie
- 50 And so on (abbr.)

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STEVE CANYON
12-26
THE TERRORIST LEADER ON THE BRIDGE IS FURIOUS BECAUSE STEVE AND POTEET HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE TRUCK...

By Milton Caniff
BUT HE HAS OTHER MATTERS TO HOLD HIS ATTENTION.
THERE IT IS! ON THE RIGHT!

By Milton Caniff
"IT IS A SHEER WALL OF ROCKY SHORE RISING FROM THE POUNDING SURF!"

Astro-Graph

Dec. 27, 1986

Two things for which you've been hoping have excellent chances of becoming realities in the year ahead. Each represents something rather grand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Forget about your material concerns today and focus your efforts on having a good time. If you don't have a social invitation, go on your own to where the action is. 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) Material trends continue to look quite hopeful for you again today. If there's something of substance you've been wanting, go after it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Push yourself a bit today because you're capable of doing big things in a big way. Forget about the foothills and try scaling the mountain.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll be luckier today in a situation that others already have going than in trying to get something off the ground yourself. Hitch a ride with a winner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you adhere to your highest standards today, friends will respect you for your principles and go out of their way to do what they can to help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Conditions continue to look favorable for you where your earning power is concerned. Don't let any opportunities to gain slip past you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your intuitive instincts add a big plus to your potential today. If you've thought a matter through carefully, don't be afraid to take a chance on it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's not just business "as usual" for you today. The time is ripe for you to hammer out something big that will benefit your family as well as yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're an excellent team player today and you'll be a big asset to any collective involvement whether it's for something serious or just a pleasurable pursuit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do your very best at anything in which you're engaged today. Rewards are apt to be far grander now than they would be at another time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) People and events tend to orbit around you today. Instead of you orbiting around them, you're likely to be the center of attention wherever you go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your greatest asset today could well be your sense of timing. See if you can finalize situations that you've had trouble concluding.

THE WIZARD OF ID
By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart
I THINK MR. SMITH IS SLIPPING OVER TO SEE MRS. JONES...

WHY DO YOU BRING THIS TO MY ATTENTION?

YOU ASKED ME TO JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

EEK & MEEK
By Howie Schneider
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE READY FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE TO SHOW YOU THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE...

YOU BET I AM

YEAH... ME, TOO

B.C.
By Johnny Hart
DO YOU EXCHANGE GIFTS WITH CHEER, AS ADVERTISED?

JUST A MINUTE

OK, LARDO... WHAT'S THE BIG PROBLEM?

MARVIN
By Tom Armstrong
THAT WAS ROBIN—SHE'S GOT A COLD AND WON'T BE ABLE TO BABYSIT TONIGHT...

BUT SHE'S SENDING HER YOUNGER SISTER OVER TO FILL IN FOR HER

MARMADUKE
By Brad Anderson
"What holiday spirit! Imagine giving us a present!"

KIT N' CARLYLE
By Larry Wright
IT'S OVER, CARLYLE. HE WON'T BE BACK AGAIN TILL NEXT YEAR.

ALLEY OOP
By Dave Grate
THIS OUGHTA KEEP THESE BOYS BUSY FOR AWHILE!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bill Keane
"There's one other gift for you, Daddy—over here under the mistletoe."

WINTHROP
"YOU CAN BECOME THE LIFE OF THE PARTY! THE ENVY OF YOUR FRIENDS!"

I DIDN'T EXPECT TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH JUNK MAIL FOR A FEW YEARS YET.

SNAFU™ by Bruce Beattie
"OK...Now I am worried about finding our way out."

THE BORN LOSER
By Art Sanson
GEE, DID YA KNOW MR. THORNAPPLE HAD HIS BRAIN INSURED WITH LLOYD'S OF LONDON FOR \$1,000,000?

TUMBLEWEEDS
THIS MONTH THE COVETED BLACK FEATHER GOES TO THE TRIBE'S LACROSSE COACH! DYSPEPTIC DEER, I NAME YOU INDIAN OF THE MONTH!

SO, DYS! DO YOU ANTICIPATE AN EXCITING SEASON THIS YEAR?

FRANK AND ERNEST
By Bob Thaves
OUR CONTORTIONISTS ELOPIONISTS WITH EACH OTHER LAST NIGHT.

I WAS WONDERING WHEN THEY WERE GOING TO TIE THE KNOT.

GARFIELD
By Jim Davis
THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS I ALWAYS GET DEPRESSED

DO YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, GARFIELD?

PEANUTS
By Charles M. Schultz
Thank you for the very nice Christmas present.

It was just what I wanted.

What was it?

IF I WERE YOU I'D BE DEPRESSED EVERY DAY

Lifestyles

Photogenic Miss



This photograph of Tandi Morton, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Morton of Pampa, has won Tandi a chance to compete in the Miss Junior America Show in Houston. She is one of 75 children selected from hundreds throughout the state. Tandi is also eligible to compete in a personal screen test. Winner of the Houston event will then go onto to the nationally televised competition in California.

Business joins women, information

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A woman facing divorce doesn't always plan immediate changes to make sure the rest of her world doesn't dissolve with her marriage.

But Sherry Boecher had a plan. "I just asked myself what it is I can do and what my skills are," she said. "Then I set out to find how I could put them to use to support my four children and myself in a manner we've grown accustomed to."

Anticipating her divorce, she decided she needed a new career to maintain financial stability, Ms. Boecher said. "I went to school for a securities license and got a job at an investment company."

It was this foresight and a positive attitude that helped her see that some women may not be so prepared, she said.

So Ms. Boecher founded

Woman to Woman. She combined her experience as a teacher and new-found knowledge of investments last year to form a company that provides a variety of information to women in the Beaumont area.

"A woman can get help filling out mortgage papers, finding a tutor or a qualified doctor," she said. "I give out information and resources for personal growth, professional enhancement and quality financial information."

Ms. Boecher said women's lives change so rapidly that what they need now will be different from what they need six months from now, whether they are single or married.

"I concentrate on helping them adjust to those changes," she said.

Woman to Woman was established because Ms. Boecher believed a need existed for its ser-

VICES. "The area is certainly large enough for a company like this, and there isn't another organization that covers all lines," she said. "Woman to Woman services a broad range of women — from a girl right out of college to a 60-year-old widow."

With more than 200 women's clubs in the Beaumont area, she added, it's obvious there are a lot of active women who need varying information outlets.

A person who calls in need of information won't be turned down because she is not a member of Woman to Woman, Ms. Boecher said. But, if what she needs requires research, Ms. Boecher may ask her to pay the \$25 yearly membership fee or tell her where she can get the information herself.

"For instance, if someone is moving and wants information

about the city she will be moving to, she can find that information in the library in a book called 'Places Rated,'" Mrs. Boecher said.

How does Ms. Boecher gather her own information?

"I network with everybody I meet. I listen to people, ask them what they do and then I go home and file it for future reference."

Networking can occur in the grocery store, a car pool, at a party or anywhere someone happens to be, she explains.

"Being out there and asking questions is what networking is all about. I'm constantly talking to bankers, doctors and even Indian chiefs, if I could, to gather pertinent information for my files."

Besides operating as a clearing house for information, Woman to Woman sponsors seminars and monthly classes on a variety of topics.

Fear of losing breast is also fear of losing love

DEAR ABBY: In recent years, we hear of more and more women who, through cancer surgery, have lost one or both breasts.

Some women are devastated. Some married women fear that their husbands will think they are ugly — and may leave them. Some unmarried women fear that no man will want to marry them.

I'd like to share a letter my mom received from my dad after she had a mastectomy. Maybe some husband can use it to reassure his wife, or some wife will realize that real love is not lost with the loss of a bodily part.

KAY HUNT

WOULD YOU LOVE ME LESS? If I lost a toe, would you love me less?

If I lost a foot, would you love me less?

If I lost a leg, would you love me less?

If I lost a finger, would you love me less?

If I lost an arm, would you love me less?

If I lost an ear, an eye, an appendix, a gall bladder, my hair, etc.

To you, would I still be me?

Of course! And you are still you to me. And how I thank God for just you!

Piece and parts

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DEAR ABBY: I've read with interest your recent columns dealing with hidden dangers to children. I have another one to add to the list: escalators. We are all aware of the danger of a dangling shoelace catching in the teeth at the base of the steps, but another hazard exists as well. It occurs when the slick sides of the escalator meet with the rubber on the sides of tennis shoes. The friction can cause a backward pull on the foot, which drags both



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Winnin' stockin'



(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Jane Jacobs proudly shows her prizewinning Christmas stocking which most recently garnered a second place ribbon in the Holiday Corner division at the Texas State Fair in Dallas. Her stocking also won first place in the Holiday Corner division of the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo, Best of Show and Needlepoint division in 1985. She spent two years designing and stitching the petit point stocking for her brother John Reynolds of Dallas.

Write a letter a week

By GENA WALLS

A new year is just around the corner. Are you ready to seriously work on your family tree? Make a promise to yourself to write at least one letter a week in 1987 seeking new information. Limit your inquiry to one or two, and at most three, questions per letter. Be specific in what you are asking for by giving all the information necessary. At the same time, too much material can hide the actual question and be the reason for not receiving a reply.

Colored envelopes, catch address labels, something that draws attention to the letter will help receive an answer. Always include the self-addressed, stamped envelope or, in some cases, a postcard. If you are asking for a specific date or something that can be answered on a postcard, use it instead of an envelope.

If you receive a reply that indicates work on the part of the respondent and is more than usual, send a thank-you type postcard. This helps other genealogists and will help you if you need to write the same source again.

Try to use specific names when



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Gena Walls

writing. The first time I write to "the county clerk" and then make a note of the name when I receive the answer so I can use it if I follow-up with another request. Always put your return address on the envelope to avoid your letter ending up in the "dead letter" file if it is undeliverable for some reason.

Keep a correspondence log with the name, address, date mailed, and what information was requested. This is a good check to see what you have done and what kind of response you are receiving. You might need to vary the type letter you are sending or follow up with a second query.

What would you like to see in this column during 1987? Please send your queries, suggestions and other information to Gena Walls, 1525 Palm Valley Blvd. No. 907, Round Rock, 78664.

A few tricks of the trade

NEW YORK (AP) - Entertaining can be fun but when it comes to preparing a meal the joy can turn to anxiety.

Mary Ellen Pinkham a Family Circle magazine contributing editor, offers some tricks of the trade to make entertaining stress-free and simple.

Faced with the chore of peeling several dozen tiny white onions for the meal? "Nothing to it," says Pinkham. "You'll get them out of their skins faster if you cov-

er them with boiling water first. Let them stand a few minutes, then drain off the hot water and run under cold. Wait a few minutes and you'll find that those silvery skins slip right off."

If you are taking a cake to a dinner, anchor it securely to the plate with a mixture of confectioner's sugar and water. Drizzle this "mortar" onto the serving platter before placing the cake down.

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Sports Scene

Alabama rolls by Washington in Sun Bowl

By HERSCHEL NISSESON
AP Football Writer

EL PASO (AP) — Alabama's bowl preparation was a little different than in the past but the outcome was the same as it has been on 10 of the Crimson Tide's last 11 postseason trips and it resulted in a record 22nd bowl victory.

"We changed our philosophy a little bit this year," Coach Ray Perkins said following 13th-ranked Alabama's 28-6 rout of No. 12 Washington in Thursday's Sun Bowl football game.

"Usually, we play a (bowl) game for two reasons — 1, to win, and 2, to have fun. This year, we came to have fun first."

The teams were wined and dined all week in El Paso and across the Rio Grande in Juarez, Mexico.

"We've had a fantastic time," Perkins said. "I don't think any other bowl committee could do as good a job — probably not as good — showing the team and the traveling party a good time."

But only Alabama had fun on Thursday. Some grinch named Cornelius Bennett, Bobby Humphrey and Mike Shula teamed up to steal Christmas from Washington.

Bennett, who made 11 tackles and pressured quarterback Chris Chandler at least that many times, led a ferocious defense that held the highest scoring team in Washington history — 33.8 points a game — without a touchdown for the first time since early last season.

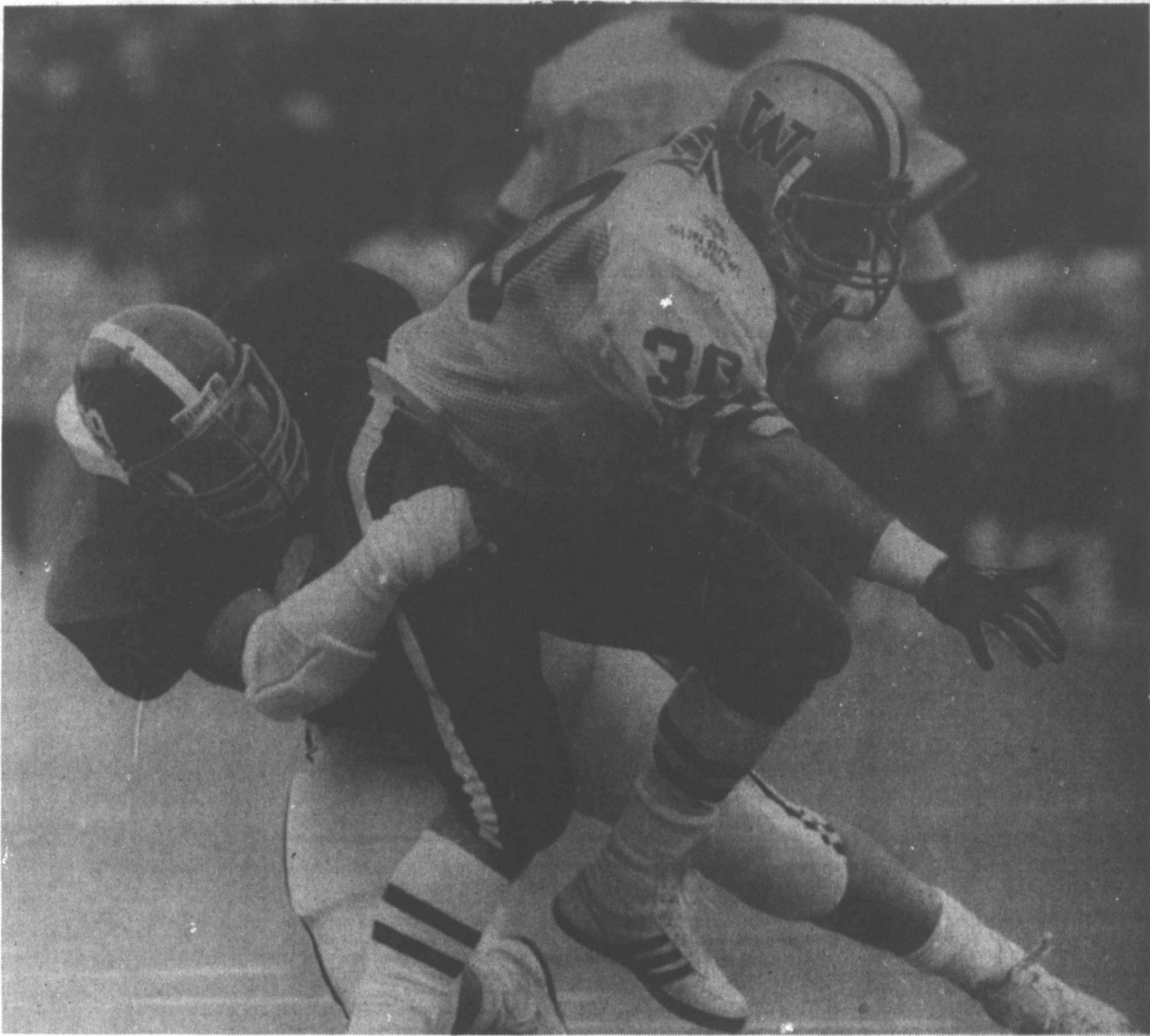
"I don't care who you are, when there's a hand in your face it's difficult to execute," Washington Coach Don James said. "Overall, they are the best defense we have faced."

Washington's offensive line, which Perkins said might be the biggest in all of football, outweighed Alabama's defensive front by 20 pounds a man, but James said, "Weight is a myth. Speed and quickness is the name of this game."

And in the 235-pound Bennett, Alabama had a linebacker who left Washington's backs in the dust, or at least stretched out on the artificial turf.

"Bennett did a good job and the other guys up front did a good job, too," said Chandler, a 58.2 percent passer during the regular season who completed only 20 of 43 and was intercepted twice by free safety Kermit Kendrick.

"It got to the point where I knew someone would be there, and not necessarily Bennett. It was their whole front line."



Alabama's Cliff Thomas tosses Washington's Rick Fenney for a loss.

Washington came in ranked seventh nationally in total defense and the Huskies did a good job in the first half, except for Humphrey's 64-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter for a 7-0 lead.

"With the exception of one big play, they stuffed us in the first half," said Shula, who was playing in front of his father, Miami Dolphins Coach Don Shula, for the first time as a collegian. Shula completed 15 of 26 passes, including third-period scoring throws of 32 yards to wide receiver

Greg Richardson and 17 to Humphrey.

In the second half, Shula added, "Things started clicking for us. Once you get going like that, you get your confidence going, you get a rhythm going."

Leading 7-6 at halftime — Washington's Jeff Jaeger kicked field goals of 31 and 34 yards in the second period — Alabama scored on three consecutive second-half possessions. The Crimson Tide went 47 yards in six plays after strong safety Ricky Thomas forced a fumble and also

recovered it, 83 yards in six plays, and 92 yards in 16 plays and a time-consuming 7½ minutes.

The last drive was Alabama's longest of the season and it was Humphrey's show as he wound up a day on which he ran for 159 yards on 28 rushes. He carried 10 times for 45 yards, including his Sun Bowl record-tying third touchdown, and caught two passes for 22 more.

It was the final game for Bennett and Shula. Humphrey has two more years and Perkins, the

subject of recent rumors that he is headed for the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, also said he isn't going anywhere.

"I fully expect to be at Alabama for a long, long time," he said. "I don't know how I can put it plainer than that."

The triumph gave Alabama a 22-14-3 postseason mark — the 39 bowl games are a record — and the Crimson Tide finished the season 10-3. They had been tied for the most postseason victories with Southern Cal, which meets Auburn in the Citrus Bowl.

Blue romps past Gray

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — It was a game for prospective professionals, and Paul Palmer, Mark Ingram and Steve Beuerlein all showed they were in that category in the 49th annual Blue-Gray All Star Football Classic.

The trio led the Blue to a 31-7 romp over the Gray in the Christmas Day contest, the first of the postseason for college senior all-stars.

Palmer, the NCAA's leading rusher in his final year as a tailback at Temple, rushed for 166 yards in 22 carries, scored one touchdown and captured most-valuable-player honors.

Ingram, a wide receiver from Michigan State and the most valuable offensive player on the Blue squad, caught nine passes for 106 yards and touchdowns of 23 and 7 yards.

Notre Dame quarterback Beuerlein completed 12 of 15 passes for 148 yards, including the 23-yarder to Ingram.

Blue coach Mike Gottfried of Pittsburgh said, "Palmer is as exciting a back as you'll see. Just about anything can happen when he gets the ball. Steve (Beuerlein) played an excellent game. Our offense was strong."

Ingram failed to meet a personal goal but was pleased, regardless.

"I came to win the MVP, but I'll take it as it comes," he said. "The main thing is the Blue came to win and we won. This game is for fun and for charity, but it brings out the competitor in us."

History is with Blue-Gray competitors who dream of making it in the big leagues, even though many of the nation's top players missed the game because their schools were preparing for bowl games. Last year, 63 Blue-Gray players were drafted by either the National Football League or the United States Football League.

The Blue owned the first half, getting on the board first with 50-yard field goal by Notre Dame's John Carney. The Gray was held to two first downs.

There was no more scoring in the first quarter, but in the second quarter Beuerlein, Notre Dame's career-passing leader, directed his team 72 yards in 17 plays, hitting Ingram on third and goal for the touchdown with 5:55 left in the half.

Football recruits hesitant about attending SWC schools

DALLAS (AP) — Some top college football recruits are wavering in their decisions to attend Southwest Conference schools because of new coaches and allegations of NCAA violations.

Cypress Creek quarterback Rick Vestal said he couldn't see the point in talking with a Texas Tech recruiter shortly after Red Raiders Coach David McWilliams accepted the job at the University of Texas.

"I just told him there's so much confusion, there's no point wasting more time being confused if he's not going to be there," Vestal said. "You kind of have to start all over when one coach is recruiting you and then all of a sudden there's a whole new coach and program."

Vestal, chosen player of the year by the Houston Touchdown Club, said he has become interested in the University of Houston since the school recently

hired Jack Pardee, a former NFL coach known for his passing offense.

Next season four universities — Texas Tech, Texas, Houston and Southern Methodist — will have new coaches at the helm.

Texas Tech replaced McWilliams with Spike Dykes. SMU Coach Bobby Collins resigned and no replacement has been named at the school, which is currently on NCAA probation.

Some SWC schools are embroiled in recruiting scandal allegations that threaten to land them on probation, or in SMU's case, shut the program down entirely by order of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

"In a way, all the problems have turned me off," Dallas Pinkston linebacker Michael White told The Dallas Times Herald. "I'm thinking, I'm not going to get mixed up in a conference like that, am I? I'm open,

but I'm not as enthused as I was before."

"You think, 'What if I pick a school that goes on probation and (gets) no bowls?' Then I'm wasting my career," White said.

Other recruits have not been so affected.

Near the end of the season Dallas Carter running back Darren Lewis said he did not plan on attending an SWC school because of recent scandals and coaching changes. But two weeks ago he changed his mind.

"If I go off to school far, it'll be hard on my mother and father," Lewis said. "They've been watching me since little league. It's the biggest decision I have to make in my life. If I can, I want to stay in Texas and make it convenient to my parents."

Baylor Coach Grant Teaff, who withdrew as a candidate for the head coaching job at Southern California earlier this month, re-

mains optimistic that the schools can effectively recruit.

"The initial reaction during football season wasn't good, and a lot of this has come about because schools from outside the

conference have been saying, 'Leave the conference, move out to new territory, everyone is going to be put on probation there,'" Teaff said.

"Initially we did hear kids say

'I'll visit outside.' But that stance has softened. Ultimately, the important points that made them think of a school in the first place will cause a kid to choose a certain school," he said.

Pampa cagers entered in tournaments

Both Pampa High boys' and girls' basketball teams enter tournament play Monday after a short Christmas break.

The Harvesters meet Nolan at 3 p.m. Monday in the opening round of the West Side Lions Club Tournament in Fort Worth. Sixteen teams are entered in the three-day tournament, which will be held at Jack Billingsley Fieldhouse. If the Harvesters win, they will meet the Diamond Hill-Cleburne winner at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. The losers will

play at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

The championship finals will be played at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Pampa enters the tournament with a 4-10 record. All the Harvester games will be aired over KSNZ (1340 AM) radio in Pampa.

The Lady Harvesters are in the Slaton Tournament and their first-round opponent is Olton at 11 a.m. Monday. If the Lady Harvesters win, they meet the Floydada-Sweetwater winner at 2 p.m.

Tuesday. The loser's bracket game will be played at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The Lady Harvesters ended 1986 with a 7-3 record.

Defending state champion Levelland is also entered in the tournament. The Lady Lobos meet Midland Lee in Monday's first-round action.

The finals are scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The Pampa girls won the Abilene Tournament earlier this month.

Santa Claus' notebook found among chimney soot

NOTED, WHILE CLEANING up the chimney soot Santa knocked loose....

"I think it's probably too late to re-build through the draft," said my seatmate Drew Pearson as we flew into Dallas after covering the 5A schoolboy state championship game Saturday at College Station. He was talking about the major problems of his old Dallas Cowboy team. "It's going to be a very interesting off-season to see what they do."

"We had some problems with our telecast (of the Plano-LaMarque game), but they didn't get on the air. And we had to cut-away 15 minutes early because we couldn't do a post-game from the field." That is an absolute no-no in the television business, since it leaves the local stations with unexpected time to fill. Kid-dingly, I told him one station tried to do that with a Drew Pearson Highlight film, but that still left 14 empty minutes. He said: "Yeah,

and that was for a full season."

John Ayres is going to have to paint his hands a different color," he suggested, referring to the fact the aging former West Texas State footballer has cost the San Francisco Forty-Niners many penalty yards this season because of holding violations.

IF TEXAS TECH comes away from the Independence Bowl with a nice profit check, the Lubbock school can thank the Missouri Valley Conference and especially, Tulsa University. A working agreement to take the MVC champion was the original plan of the Shreveport group which founded the pre-Christmas contest. A very bad pass interference call late in the fourth quarter at Tulsa allowed the Hurricanes to kick a game-tying field goal and propel F.A. Dry's squad into the first Indy Bowl rather than Gene Mayfield's Buffalos.

"They treated us royally when we arrived," Coach Dry told me

Sports Forum

Warren Hasse



later. "They had a big group of Chamber and Bowl officials out there to greet us at the airport....but I never saw them again after that. In fact, we had to work-out every day on a paved parking lot. The weather was bad and they didn't want to tear up the field. When it was all over we wound up losing \$5,000 on the trip, rather than making anything. I wish West Texas had gone instead of us."

SPEAKING OF W.T.....A front page news story in THE CANYON SUNDAY NEWS this week reports faculty salaries at

that school lag behind the national and state average. It reports the top four faculty ranks (professors, associate professors, assistant professors and instructors) are earning an average \$33,815 annually there.

A story on page 13 by sports editor Joe Wyatt, concerning the intense efforts of football Coach Bill Kelly to find another head job, reports: "Kelly's annual base salary at WTSU is \$48,000 plus an automobile." The story goes on to report additional income for Kelly from a weekly TV

show and a football camp.

So much for education. INSTEAD OF RUNNING around complaining about HB 72, coaches at West Orange-Stark High School initiated plans and programs to deal with it. Result: the Class 4A state championship, with a resounding 21-9 thumping of McKinney last Saturday. McKinney had convincingly ousted the Hereford Whitefaces from the post-season tourney the week previous.

WO-S has seen a joint effort among teachers, coaches and students result in heavily attended morning and afternoon tutoring classes for any student in need. Football players, in uniform, could be seen walking to tutoring classes in sock feet to get in 15 to 20 minutes of studying time before going to practice. The same with band members, where director Blynn Finley explains that the "kids are doing to much better job of budgeting

their time." What was once wasted idle time is now being used for study.

And to enjoy looking at the 4A state championship trophy, HB 72 scores again....with backing by administration and motivation by coaches.

FOR WANT OF A NAIL a war was lost....for want of a field goal a game was lost. Did you notice those last three UNC-Wilmington scores? Indiana 86, UNC-W 86; Southern Illinois 86, UNC-W 85; Wake Forest 57, UNC-W 56....and all on the road. UNC-W head coach Robert McPherson must be really frustrated.

And the former PHS mentor has reached into the Panhandle for part of his coaching staff. Cletus Green, a native of Shamrock with 31 years of coaching experience, is on the staff. Coaching runs in the Green household, son Steve coaching at U-Houston; son Kelly at Oklahoma City U. with Abe "The Laughman" Lemons.

Bosworth barred from playing in Orange Bowl game

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — All-America linebacker Brian Bosworth of Oklahoma, whose punk haircut, earring and outrageous comments made him a national celebrity, was barred from playing in the Orange Bowl because traces of anabolic steroids were found in his system.

Two of his Oklahoma teammates, offensive guard Gary Bennett and defensive tackle David Shoemaker, both non-starters, also were declared ineligible by the National Collegiate Athletic Association for the same reason, a university spokesman said Thursday.

The three tested positive in urinalysis the NCAA ordered this year for the first time for players participating in bowl games, spokesman Mike Treps said.

The findings brought to at least six the number of players barred this week from bowls because of the drug test results.

Word of Oklahoma's involvement came as the third-ranked Sooners arrived in Miami where they will play Arkansas on New Year's night.

The three players named by the NCAA did not accompany the team.

Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer said he knew Bosworth had taken steroids and had warned

him about the new NCAA rule barring their use.

"Of course I warned him," Switzer said at a Miami airport news conference. "I talked to him in January about the new rule. I knew they took steroids to be bigger and stronger."

"They knew they would be tested at the bowl site. They knew what the repercussions would be. They knew that they would be ineligible," Switzer said.

Bosworth's father, through a family spokesman, said his son told him he had not taken steroids since last March.

"What happened was that Brian was in the university hospital earlier this month with a stomach disorder. He was dehydrated and the medication he took must have brought out the fact he had taken steroids months ago," Foster Bosworth was quoted as saying. "Brian was told that steroids can show up a year after it is taken."

The elder Bosworth said his son would go to Miami and give his side of the story.

Brian was with his family in the Dallas area for Christmas.

Switzer said the three players had two urine tests and turned up positive for steroids both times.

The tests were made by the UCLA Medical Center.

The coach said he had known two days ago that Bosworth and the others would not be allowed to play.

"It's a shame for a player of that caliber to miss out on the game," Switzer said. "But the rule is the rule, and Oklahoma intends to abide by it."

Switzer said his players told him it had been several months since they took steroids, adding, "I believe the athletes."

The coach said he suspected some players might have used steroids, but he was unaware of any specific use and "certainly not during the football season."

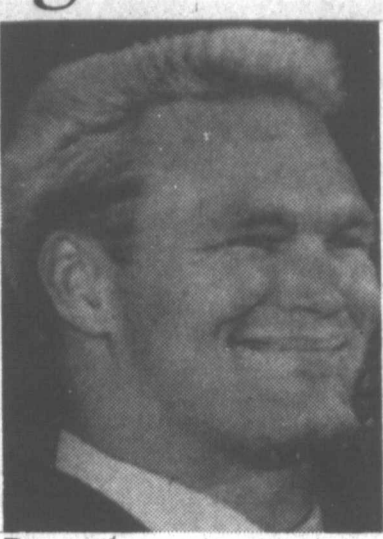
"I certainly rather it be steroids than cocaine or marijuana," said Switzer.

Earlier in the week, the NCAA declared Arkansas outside linebacker David Dudley ineligible for the Orange Bowl after he tested positive for steroid use.

Jeff Bregel, Southern Cal's two-time All America offensive guard, will not play in the Florida Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day for the same reason.

Stanford offensive tackle John Zentner said he was suspended from the team and will miss the Gator Bowl because he tested positive for steroid use.

Oklahoma has been giving drug tests to its players since the



Bosworth

preseason. Bosworth, who recently won the Butkus Award as the top linebacker in college football, has been outspoken in his support for the testing program.

"I have a little bit of a strange image and people think, 'Hey, he's a football player, acting like that, he has to be on something,'" he said in an interview earlier this year. "I am here to prove you can be different and still be straight."

Bregel admitted he had taken a type of steroid last summer. "After I had arthroscopic knee

surgery this past summer, I experimented in August with a type of steroid," Bregel said. "I did this because I had heard from some people I know in my hometown gym that this steroid speeded up the rehabilitative process of tissue building and strengthening of atrophied joints."

Zentner, a sophomore, said earlier this week he took 2.5-milligram tablets of Anavar twice a day for about 3½ weeks last summer.

He said he was stunned when he was told of the results of the drug test.

"I couldn't believe it. My first reaction was to question the test. No way was that going to stick with me. Such a small dosage. So long ago. I didn't believe it was still in my system."

Steroids, a manufactured strength hormone, add bulk to the body, but they also have health risks, including causing heart problems.

"I talked to a lot of pro athletes, college athletes and coaches," said Zentner. "A lot of them told me that if it was done correctly, and in a small dosage, it wouldn't be a health risk and I could get a little edge (on opponents)."

Bennett, reached by telephone at his parents' home in Evergreen, Colo., said he feels the de-

cision is discriminatory and that he is in the process of appealing.

Bennett, a sophomore, said his family physician prescribed steroids for him last May while he was rehabilitating a knee following arthroscopic surgery and that blood tests he took at Oklahoma recently had been negative. He said he took the steroids for a total of six weeks following the surgery.

"My doctor said the drugs will not make you gain a lot of weight; they are just for rehabilitation of the knee," he said.

"I had no qualms about taking the test for the NCAA," Bennett said. "Then this showed up in the final sample."

"I don't think it's right. I think it's discrimination against football players," he said. "Anyone else can go to a doctor and get a prescription for the same kind of rehabilitation. That drug is OK for anyone else. It's a very common drug for knee rehabilitation and there was no other reason for taking it."

"All I know is why I took them. It was not to go out on a football field and be bigger, stronger and faster than anyone else."

"I'm 6-foot-4 and weigh 260 pounds. That's what I weighed when I graduated from high school (at Evergreen)."

Rams will return to the 'basics' in playoff clash with Redskins

By DAVID GINSBURG
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Los Angeles Rams Coach John Robinson says his team will go "back to the basics" when they meet the Washington Redskins on Sunday in the NFC wild-card game.

While quarterback Jim Everett has given Los Angeles the ability to effectively throw the ball, the balanced Rams now have lost two straight and four of their last seven games. In last week's 24-14 loss to San Francisco, All-Pro Eric Dickerson had only 10 carries after three quarters.

"We're going back to the basics," Robinson said. "We got off the track a little bit (toward the end of the regular season) and it was my fault."

Everett, who endured the worst game of his brief NFL career against the 49ers, said, "I think you'll start seeing us play power football again. We've gotten out of that framework."

Dickerson, who rushed for 1,821 yards this season, claimed, "I don't think we're as physical as we used to be. We had been practicing the pass for about three weeks and I think we may have been getting too 'finesseful.'"

Washington, meanwhile, has also digressed a bit after bolting out to an 11-2 start. The Redskins narrowly avoided bringing a three-game losing streak into the playoffs by scoring 21 fourth-quarter points in a 21-14 victory over Philadelphia last week.

Redskins Coach Joe Gibbs hopes his young quar-

terback, Jay Schroeder, will display the form that earned him a trip to the Pro Bowl in his first complete season as a starter in the NFL. Schroeder threw 11 interceptions in 11 quarters before rebounding in the final period against the Eagles.

The 11 interceptions in the final three games matched Schroeder's total through the Redskins' first 13 contests. Schroeder, who began to encounter difficulty when the New York Giants dropped into a three-deep zone and picked off six passes, will face a similar alignment this Sunday.

Kelvin Bryant and Gary Clark, two keys to the Redskins' passing game, were nursing injuries this week but are expected to play. Bryant suffered a bruised kidney in Philadelphia and Clark sat out the Eagles contest with a sprained ankle.

Clark, who was selected to the Pro Bowl, has gained 1,265 yards on a team-high 74 catches. Teammate Art Monk gained 1,068 yards on 73 catches and George Rogers rushed for 1,203 yards. Only one team in NFL history, the 1979 Dallas Cowboys, ever had that combination of 1,000-yard performers.

Under Gibbs, Washington has defeated the Rams three straight times by a combined total of 123-34, including 51-7 in the 1983 playoffs. Gibbs, however, discounted the "history repeats itself" theory.

"These are whole new teams," he said. "We found out this year that the past means nothing in football."

Jets not pushing panic button going into wild-card game with Chiefs

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Panic? Who's panicking?

Certainly not the New York Jets. Just ask them. "We all realize we need a lift," tight end Mickey Shuler said Thursday as the Jets prepared for Sunday's AFC wild-card game against Kansas City. "Just being in the playoffs should give it to us, but what Joe has done might help, too."

What Coach Joe Walton has done is bench quarterback Ken O'Brien, who was the NFL's leading passer five weeks ago. That was before the Jets lost five consecutive games to fall to 10-6. They backed into the playoffs with the wild-card slot.

Pat Ryan, who guided the Jets to a victory in New England and into a 13-0 lead against Denver in another win, takes over. Ryan, a nine-year veteran, has been a dependable fill-in, but Walton has insisted for the last two years that O'Brien is his quarterback.

He still says so, even though O'Brien will be on the sidelines Sunday and Ryan will start.

"Kenny is our quarterback and will be in the future," Walton said. "Pat has always produced when we have called on him. I'm going somewhat on what Pat has done in the past and I know he will give us a shot in the arm."

Ryan led the Jets to a pair of victories over Kansas City in 1974, the last time the teams met.

O'Brien was sensational as the Jets won nine straight games to move to the top of the NFL. He certainly is the flashier of the two quarterbacks and, when hot, is as good as anybody.

But he has been so cold recently that the offense has not clicked on a pass longer than 30 yards and O'Brien has thrown 12 interceptions and only two TDs in the slide.

Not all of the Jets were convinced that the move was wise, particularly heading into the playoffs. Wide receivers Al Toon and Wesley Walker didn't sound so positive about Walton's decision, though both expressed confidence in Ryan.

"I'm not a coach, I'm a player," Toon said. "I don't know what goes into such a decision." Toon, who had 85 receptions for 1,176 yards and

eight touchdowns this season, hasn't had much success connecting with O'Brien in recent weeks. He hasn't caught a TD pass in six games.

Walker hasn't done any better. He has just seven catches in the last four contests and no scores in five games.

Walton agonized for almost two days earlier this week before benching O'Brien. He has made O'Brien's development something of a personal crusade since selecting the California-Davis quarterback on the first round of the 1983 draft. Walton never criticizes O'Brien in public. Even now, he won't admit that O'Brien's development has stalled, and his ability to beat zone defenses is in question.

Smith honored

Wheeler's Preston Smith has been named the Super Team Coach of the Year by the Amarillo Globe-News.

Smith guided Wheeler to a 12-3 record and into the Class 1A semifinals where the Mustangs lost to Throckmorton 21-7.

It makes the second time Smith has been honored by the Amarillo newspaper. Smith was named Coach of the Year in 1977 when the Mustangs won the state title.

Under Smith, the Mustangs have won 24 of 27 games the past two seasons.

One player from the area was named to the Super Team roster. Linebacker Brent Thornton, a 198-pound senior, was named to the defensive team. Thornton was an all-around performer for the Tigers, who went 8-2 this season. He averaged 19 tackles a game and as a running back rushed for 1,010 yards.

Dolphins compete in Amarillo meet

Five Pampa Dolphin C swimmers competed in a C meet recently at the Amarillo Aquatic Club. They competed against other C swimmers from the Maverick Aquatic Club, Plainview Swim Club, Borger Swim Club, Dumas Swim Club and Amarillo Aquatic Club.

Individual results for the Pampa swimmers are listed below:

Christopher Jaramillo — Boys 10 & Under — 6. 100 individual medley; 5. 50 backstroke; 3. 50 breaststroke; 4. 50 butterfly; 7. 50 freestyle.

Kamron Harris — Girls 10 & Under — 8. 100 individual medley; 2. 50 backstroke; 8. 50 breaststroke; 6. 50 butterfly; 6. 50 freestyle.

Rene Hill — Girls 10 & Under — 4. 100 individual medley; 1. 50 backstroke; 2. 50 breaststroke; 2. 50 butterfly; 4. 50 freestyle.

Talitha Pope — Girls 10 & Under — 2. 100 individual medley; 1. 50 breaststroke; 1. 50 butterfly; 2. 50 freestyle.

Julie Forman — Girls 10 & Under — 1. 100 individual medley (achieved B time); 4. 50 butterfly; 1. 50 freestyle.

The Dolphins will compete in C meets at the Amarillo Aquatic Club and the Maverick Aquatic Club in January. Some swimmers will compete in an ABC meet at Pecos and an AB meet at Midland.

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American home for Christmas after months in Brazilian cell

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Three of four Americans who escaped from a prison in Brazil 11 days ago and nine months after being charged with smuggling guns have turned up in the United States.

Steven Hedrick of St. Petersburg, Timothy Carmody of San Francisco and Sheldon Ainsworth of Omaha, Neb., arrived in Miami from La Paz on Thursday, the Tampa Tribune reported.

The fourth American who escaped from the Brasilia prison Dec. 14, Fred Verduin of Sonoma, Calif., is also safe, Hedrick said.

The escapees were among eight Americans arrested in March at a beach resort near Rio Janeiro and charged with attempting to smuggle six tons of arms and ammunition into Brazil.

Hedrick, 29, said the group was on a CIA-backed mission to transport the arms from Argentina to the West African nation of Ghana. In Ghana, the weapons would have been used to overthrow the leftist government of Jerry Rawlings, he said.

The Reagan administration, which has had

strains with Rawlings, has denied such operations in Ghana.

Hedrick called on the U.S. State Department to help the four Americans still being held in Brazil. He said they are "completely innocent of all charges."

In June, a Brazilian federal court found the eight Americans and their ship's Argentine captain guilty of arms smuggling, but the convictions were reversed by an appeals court.

The captain was released, but the Americans were held on an extradition request from Argentina, which claimed they violated export laws in buying rubber rafts and motors for the arms shipments.

The Brazilian Supreme Court approved the extradition request the week before the escape.

Hedrick said the U.S. government played no role in the escape, in which the inmates broke through metal bars and slid down a rope of knotted sheets.

"Everything we did, we did on our own with help from friends," he said Thursday.

Official Chinese media steps up campaign to calm students

PEKING (AP) — The official media today backed demonstrating students in their call for more democracy but said changes must be made through existing channels and that revolutionary fervor would lead to anarchy.

Tens of thousands of students have marched in at least nine cities this month, demanding greater democracy, human rights and freedom of the press.

On Thursday, new pro-democracy posters were seen at Peking's Quinghua University. One of the posters read: "Where else but in China can you only have demonstrations in the desert and wild areas?" It referred to a ban in protests in Shanghai after five days of demonstrations there.

In Shanghai, students at Tongji University said they gave city officials until Saturday to meet student demands, including greater press freedom, an acknowledgement that the protests were justified and punishment for police officers who allegedly assaulted a marcher.

However, the students said their ranks were divided over whether to resume demonstrating.

The Communist Party newspaper People's Daily carried an interview with Fei Xiaotong, a sociologist at Peking University who urged students to air their grievances through existing channels.

Fei's essays last summer on China's unwieldy bureaucracy and incompetence in government

were part of a plan by the leadership to introduce changes into the political structure through a popular voice.

The People's Daily also said the demonstrations in Shanghai created traffic problems and kept workers from getting to and from work on time.

China Youth News said in a front-page commentary today that democracy "is the banner of our party" and "is the practice of our party."

"Is this to say that we already have enough democracy? Of course not," the editorial said. "Today we are far from our goal of a high degree of democracy. We still need the people, including the great number of young people and students, to join with the party and government to continue to work for it."

It warned however that anarchic fervor such as was displayed during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, a time of militant leftism, would only lead to chaos and that real democracy can be reached only step by step.

The Workers Daily warned against idealizing Western institutions.

"We are implementing socialist modernization, not capitalist modernization," a worker was quoted as saying. "Not all Western things are good. Their election system is in reality manipulated by a few financial groups."

Year of economic growth but still higher inflation in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Private analysts predict that the Mexican economy, injected with \$12 billion in foreign aid, will pull out of its doldrums next year and resume growing.

Consumers, though, still will suffer from stifling triple-digit inflation, they said.

Rogelio Ramirez de la O, who has a private economic forecasting firm in Mexico City, said in a recent interview that 1987 "is going to be a growth year."

"Growth should be for most businesses good news," said Jonathan Heath, senior economist at the private Mexican forecasting project CIEMEX-Wharton in Philadelphia.

Battered by sharply falling oil prices, the economy tumbled into a steep recession this year and suffered its worst crunch since Miguel de la Madrid became president four years ago.

Inflation soared and the peso currency lost considerable ground against the U.S. dollar.

Faced with a severe cash shortage, the government negotiated a \$12 billion to \$14 billion financial rescue package that should ease some of its woes over the next 12 to 15 months. Mexico's foreign debt is about \$100 billion.

The government already has said some of the new money will be used to rescue deteriorating public works programs, thus creating badly needed jobs.

Analysts and government economists forecast the economy will grow 2 to 3 percent next year after adjustment for inflation, with much of the expansion coming in the second half of the year.

They estimate the economy contracted 3 to 4 percent this year.

As part of next year's economic strategy, the

administration is expected to continue pushing businesses to sell their goods overseas to bring in more foreign exchange in compensation for lost oil revenues.

Crude oil sales, reflecting higher world prices, are expected to rise from an estimated \$5.4 billion this year to \$6.8 billion next year, according to Heath. They were \$13.3 billion in 1985.

Non-oil exports, he predicted, will climb from \$9.2 billion this year to \$10.3 billion in 1987.

Because of the emphasis on growth, many analysts see little likelihood the government will mount a strong campaign to beat back inflation.

"The government has already given up fighting inflation in the sense that it has accepted that the economy should grow — above all, it should grow," said Ramirez de la O.

He predicted that the inflation rate will surge as much as 150 percent next year. Heath looked for an inflation rate of 121 percent.

Consumer prices are estimated to have risen 105 to 110 percent this year, the largest increase since the government began compiling these statistics in 1968. Prices rose 63.7 percent in 1985.

Government economists have pegged the 1987 inflation rate at 20 to 30 percentage points below this year's level, a forecast apparently designed to dampen inflationary expectations.

Despite administration denials, some analysts believe the government already has begun boosting prices of certain regulated goods and services to keep pace with inflation.

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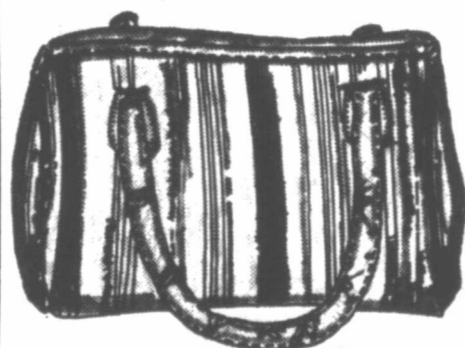


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