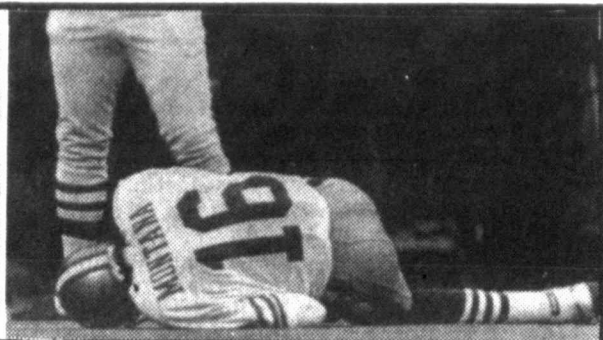


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Monday

Amtrak crash kills at least 14, injures 175

CHASE, Md. (AP) — Rescue workers using cranes today pulled more bodies out of a crumpled Amtrak train that derailed after a high-speed collision with a freight engine, killing at least 14 people and injuring 175 in Amtrak's worst accident ever.

The collision on Sunday piled three passenger cars atop each other, blocking traffic on the busy Northeast rail corridor at the end of the New Year's holiday weekend.

At least 24 trains had been canceled, Amtrak officials said. Service was expected to be restored this afternoon or Tuesday morning, the railroad said. Meanwhile, Joe Nall, of the National Transportation Safety Board, said

seven investigators had arrived to begin a four-to-five-day inquiry.

Crews working throughout the night had pulled 11 bodies from the mangled wreckage by 4:30 a.m. today. As dawn approached, rescue workers found two more bodies, and another was found shortly afterward, said Sue Martin, an Amtrak spokeswoman at the scene. The dead included an Amtrak engineer and a 6-year-old boy.

Officials this morning had reported 15 dead, based on the removal of two body bags from the site at about 8:30 a.m., but Baltimore County police spokesman Jay Miller later said one of the bags contained parts of a body recovered earlier.

The Colonial, bound from Washington, D.C., for Boston and Springfield, Mass., with about 520 people aboard, was traveling at least 90 mph at 1:30 p.m. when it slammed into a line of three Conrail locomotives on a switch that merges four tracks into two.

The Conrail diesels, which like the Amtrak train were northbound, had apparently run a stop signal, officials said. Larry Case, an Amtrak spokesman in Washington, said the Amtrak train normally would be traveling 110 mph at that point, seven miles east of Baltimore.

The two electric Amtrak locomotives derailed, along with all 12 cars of the train, and five of the passenger cars

toppled on their sides, said Case.

"You were sitting there, and there were a few bangs, and then you were on the floor," said passenger Larry Haber, 27, of New York City.

Carol Bourne, 30, also of New York City, said she helped pull a 4-year-old girl to safety. "She was screaming. I just grabbed her, and got out of there. I couldn't look for my bags."

Ten of the bodies were found in the top car, one in the car beneath and another outside the train, said Baltimore County police spokesman Jay Miller.

Rescuers believed there might be more bodies in the crushed bottom car, which was thought to be empty until rescuers found the 13th body there ab-

out dawn, said Miller. They used cranes to pull apart the cars.

The crash reduced one of the diesel locomotives to rubble and ripped a four-foot section of the train's first car cleanly away.

The Amtrak engineer was killed, but the Conrail engineer walked away from the crash, said Martin. The Conrail brakeman, the only other crew member on the three-diesel unit, suffered a broken leg, said Conrail spokesman Bob Lipkind.

Rescuers used a saw to cut a hole in the top car's roof and worked for hours using prying tools to try to reach two women, a man and a girl.

Reagan's doctors don't find cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan underwent what was described as "very routine" prostate surgery at Bethesda Naval Hospital today, and his doctor said afterward a preliminary examination "shows no suspicion of cancer."

Army Col. John Hutton, the presidential physician, issued a brief statement saying the operation "began at 8:15 (a.m. EST) and took about an hour. It was a very routine transurethral resection."

"The procedure went very smoothly. There was nothing out of the ordinary."

The operation, to relieve what a spokesman described as "mild, recurring discomfort," was performed after a weekend physical examination that found no new evidence of colon cancer, which Reagan suffered in July 1985.

Prostate tissue removed during today's surgery will be examined in the laboratory, but Hutton said a "preliminary view of all specimens shows no suspicion of cancer."

The 75-year-old president was

believed to be suffering from an enlarged prostate, a common ailment in older men.

On Sunday, Reagan's private physicians, working at the hospital just outside Washington, found and removed four small polyps, small fleshy growths similar to several found in earlier examinations, from Reagan's colon. Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said today that overnight laboratory examination of tissue from that procedure had showed they were "benign, as expected."

Although Reagan still is scheduled for a computerized X-ray examination of his internal organs Tuesday, Hutton said all tests so far "show no evidence of a recurrence of the cancer found in July 1985."

Speakes said Reagan was awake during the prostate surgery, being performed under a spinal anesthetic that numbs the lower body without rendering the patient unconscious. The spokesman said Vice President George Bush was in his office at the White House.

Enjoying vacation from school



Steve Sanders, 13, left, son of Gail and Diana Sanders, 2335 Chestnut, seems to be trying to levitate a football as he attempts a catch. Tony Bybee, 13, son of Tony and Mary Bybee of 1021 N. Frost, tries to block the reception. They

were playing near Clarendon College on North Frost Saturday as the holiday vacation from school rapidly neared the end. Classes resumed today.

School trustees will confer with consultant

An Austin consultant, hired by the Pampa School Board to assist in the search for a new superintendent, is again slated to meet with the board at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

This time, maybe the flu won't interfere.

Dr. James Jeffrey, a superintendent search consultant with the Texas Association of School Boards, was scheduled to meet with the board in December but had to cancel his trip because he had the flu.

Tuesday's meeting will be at the Pampa High School library, 111 E. Harvester.

The board is seeking to replace Superintendent James Trusty, who quit in December. Assistant Superintendent Tommy Cathey is filling the post in the interim.

Jeffrey suggested finding a temporary replacement for Trusty when he met with board mem-

bers Sept. 27 at the TASB annual convention in San Antonio. He said the board should begin searching for a permanent replacement later in the school year, when more qualified candidates will be looking for jobs.

Tuesday's meeting with Jeffrey is scheduled for a possible executive session.

In other action Tuesday, trustees plan to:

- select an auditor for the 1987-88 school year.
- act on a future board meeting schedule.
- hear a committee report on building usage.
- consider printing options for the revised discipline management plan.
- discuss personnel matters, including resignation, employment and reassignment, in a possible executive session.

Walker named manager of area water district

WHITE DEER — Area cattleman Gary L. Walker is the new manager of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, replacing Richard S. Bowers who moved to the North Plains Water Conservation District.

Walker is a 1969 graduate of Texas A&M University. He was an aviator with the U.S. Navy for one year. He and his family came to White Deer in 1970 as an employee of the Locke Cattle Co. and he has since owned his own cattle

business. His wife, Frankie is a bookkeeper for Wheeler-Evans Elevator Co.

The groundwater conservation district board hired Walker after interviewing six candidates.

A deacon at the First Baptist Church of White Deer, Walker is also past president of the Lion's Club, White Deer Future Farmers of America Advisory Committee and was a member of the White Deer-Skellytown Independent School Board for six years. He is president of the Carson County Livestock Association.

Reagan asks Congress to help end deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan today proposed a \$1,024 trillion budget for fiscal 1988 and invited Congress to join him in dealing the federal deficit "a crucial blow" with record cuts in farm and other domestic programs, but without raising taxes.

The spending proposal, Reagan's seventh and the first ever submitted by any president topping \$1 trillion, calls for \$42 billion in cuts, program eliminations and other savings, many recycled from previous Reagan budgets.

The president said these measures would trim the federal deficit to \$107.8 billion, a shade under the \$108 billion level called for by the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law. "In submitting this budget, I am doing my part of the bargain — and on schedule," Reagan said in a message accompanying the budget. "I ask Congress to do the same. If the deficit-reduction goals were to be abandoned, we could see unparalleled spending growth that this nation cannot afford."

The budget would raise defense spending authority to \$312 billion — the smallest military increase yet sought by Reagan but up from \$289 billion approved by Congress last year.

Spending authority, usually used when discussing the military budget, is a measure of legal authority for current as well as future outlays. In terms of 1988 outlays alone, the defense budget would rise to \$289.3 billion next year under the new Reagan budget, up from \$282.2 billion this year.

The new budget calls for \$1.7 trillion in military outlays over the next five years. Reagan said this represents what is "mini-

mally necessary to maintain national security."

Still, the defense budget promises to be among the most hotly debated of the presidential proposals.

The year-old Gramm-Rudman law seeks to eliminate annual deficits by 1991. Although partially invalidated by the Supreme Court, Reagan told Congress the law's targets should be heeded anyway to guard against "potentially fiscally irresponsible congressional action on a multitude of spending programs."

"If this deficit is not brought under control by limiting government spending, we put in jeopardy all we have achieved," Reagan said.

The administration anticipates a budget deficit of \$173.2 billion in the current year, down from the record \$220.7 billion of 1986, and says that in 1988 the deficit would decline to \$150 billion even in the absence of additional measures — a level the Congressional Budget Office says is about \$19 billion too optimistic.

Reagan said this decline is "a major turn for the better" but that further progress through additional spending cuts is needed. Many of the same programs Reagan unsuccessfully put on the chopping block in previous budgets — Amtrak rail service, college loans, food stamps, housing programs and mass transit — are again targeted in the new proposal for deep cuts or elimination.

Reagan proposed eliminating federal Amtrak subsidies entirely and selling the rail passenger corporation's Washington-New York-Boston line.

Farm programs would come in for some of the deepest cuts of all in the new budget.

Spending on all farm programs would be slashed to \$26.3 billion from the current \$31.1 billion, with spending reduced to \$18.2 billion by 1990.

The proposed changes would reduce government farm target prices by 10 percent per year "to reduce incentives to overproduce." The current maximum \$250,000 that an individual farmer can receive would be slashed to \$50,000.

Reagan said current farm subsidies are far too high. "This situation is untenable and must be changed."

Some programs would get increased aid under the new proposal.

The budget calls for a 28 percent increase, or \$118 million, for the government's program to combat acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), calling the usually fatal disease "the administrator's highest public health priority."

The budget headed for an uncertain fate on Capitol Hill, especially now that both chambers are under Democratic control.

And, as they have done in previous years, congressional leaders voiced skepticism in advance toward the proposal.

"I don't like to call it dead on arrival, but it's obviously going to be reworked considerably," House Republican Leader Robert Michel of Illinois said on Sunday.

Reagan conceded that many of his previous cost-cutting proposals had been unsuccessful. "Congress ... has rejected most of these proposals; hence, our progress toward

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Services tomorrow

BRADLEY, Francis A. - 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.
HUGHES, Clarence G. - 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

FRANCIS A. BRADLEY
 Services for Francis A. Bradley, 88, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with Rev. Gary Sides, pastor, and Rev. Francis J. Hynes, C.M., pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church at Sweetwater, officiating.

Entombment will be in the Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.

Mr. Bradley died Saturday.

He moved to Pampa in 1929 from La Junta, Colo. He worked for Santa Fe Railroad for 38 years from 1927 until his retirement in 1965. He married Alpha "Mitch" Mitchell on Aug. 10, 1935 at Amarillo. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Alpha "Mitch," of the home; two brothers, Robert Bradley, Decatur, Ill., and Paul Bradley, Cannon City, Colo.; and 15 nieces and nephews.

JERRY LEE MORRIS
WHEELER - Graveside services for Jerry Lee Morris, 54, were to be at 2:30 p.m. today in Wheeler Cemetery with Rev. Mike Struve, pastor of Wheeler First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mr. Morris died Saturday.

Born at Harlingen, Mr. Morris had lived in Wheeler for the past 15 years. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include two sons, Terry Morris and Larry Morris, both of Fritch; two daughters, Melody Morris and Wiletta Adams, both of Lubbock; his mother, Mrs. Willie Morris, Wheeler; two brothers, Sebrune Morris, Wheeler, and J.C. Morris, Iowa Park; a sister, Zora Bell Anderson, Dalhart; and four grandchildren.

CLARENCE G. HUGHES
CANADIAN - Services for Clarence G. Hughes, 77, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Canadian First Christian Church with Rev. Rick Bartlett, associate pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Canadian Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Home.

Mr. Hughes died Saturday.

He was a longtime resident of Canadian before retiring and moving to Fritch in 1977.

Survivors include his wife, Naomi; three sons, Glen Hughes, Fritch; David Hughes, Amarillo, and C.G. Hughes, Ridgefield, Wash.; two daughters, Ann Adams, Borger, and Barbara Robinson, Gilmer; three brothers, Bill Hughes, Durham, Okla.; James Hughes, Midwest City, Okla.; and Elmer Hughes, Sunnyside, Calif.; a sister, Emily McDonald, Las Cruces, N.M.; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa		
Wheat	2.14	
Milo	2.50	
Corn	3.05	
The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation		
Damson Oil	3/4	
Ky. Cent. Life	55	
Serico	21 1/2	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Amoco	68	up 1/4
Cabot	31	up 1/2
Celanese	240 1/2	up 1/2
DIA	13	up 1/4
Enron	40 1/4	up 1/4
Halliburton	25 1/4	up 1/4
HCA	31 1/4	up 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	58	up 1/4
KNE	21 1/4	up 1/4
Kerr McGee	29	up 1/4
Mesa Ltd	16 1/4	up 1/4
Mobil	41 1/4	up 1/4
Pennex's	73 1/4	up 1/4
Phillips	12 1/4	up 1/4
SLB	32 1/4	up 1/4
SPS	32 1/4	up 1/4
Tennessee	38 1/4	NC
Texasco	37 1/4	up 1/4
Zales	49	NC
London Gold	399.90	
Silver	5.41	

Hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions
 Mary Ballard, Pampa
 Carol Craique, Pampa
 Leona Gustin, Pampa
 Henry Jackson, Pampa
 Lefors
 Alda Kammerer, Pampa
 John Mackie, Pampa
 Earl Meaker, Pampa
 Gladys Miller, Pampa
 Brenda Phillips, Pampa
 Michelle Ramirez, Pampa
 Vernon Rich, Pampa
 Loyd Thomas, Perryton
 Valencia Bronson, Wheeler

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Allie Hobbs, Erick, Okla.
 Olene Johnson, Allison
 Levie Sheegog, Shamrock
 Lorene Tucker, Shamrock

Dismissals
 Glenn Clifton, Shamrock
 Ely Carter, Shamrock
 Fletcher Thomas, Shamrock
 Digna Russell, Shamrock

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents in the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Jan. 3
 James Morrison, Rt. 1, Box 57, reported theft from a motor vehicle
 Deatra Ann Hunter, 920 Christy, reported an assault.

SUNDAY, Jan. 4
 Johnny Gilbert, 1719 Holly, reported a prowler.
 David M. Bookout, 923 Scott, reported theft of parts from a motor vehicle.
 Jack's Car Wash, 23rd and Hobart, reported a burglary.

Shane Kotara, 1901 Zimmers, reported theft of wheels from his vehicle.

ARRESTS, City Jail
SATURDAY, Jan. 3
 Loy Joe Stone, 69, 436 Crest, was arrested at Foster and Ballard on a charge of driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain a single lane. Released on bond.

Patrick Wayne Gipson, 17, 808 N. Wells, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a motor vehicle. Released on bond.

Anthony Santa Cruz, 22, 835 E. Malone, was arrested on a charge of burglary of a motor vehicle. Released on bond.

SUNDAY, Jan. 4
 Ronald Elliott Dauer, 27, Gruver, was arrested on a Department of Public Safety speeding warrant. Released upon payment of fines.
 Robert Don Olivera, 34, 314 S. Houston, was arrested at Houston and Tyng on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Calendar of events

HARVESTER BOOSTER CLUB
 Pampa High School's Harvester Booster Club is to meet at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Harvester Field House. Pampa athletic boosters are encouraged to attend.

Fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported no fire runs in the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.



People climb on the wreckage of a high-speed Amtrak passenger train after it collided with three diesel engines in Essex, Md., Sunday.

Deadly Amtrak collision disrupts travel for thousands of rail riders

By The Associated Press

Thousands of Northeast corridor rail riders were forced to find alternate transportation today, after the worst accident in Amtrak history blocked rail lines on the carrier's busiest route.

The collision Sunday of an Amtrak passenger train and a Conrail locomotive outside Baltimore killed at least 14 people and forced the cancellation of at least 24 trains, Amtrak officials said.

"We're not going to have any clear tracks today. We'll have a better estimate of when the line may be open later this afternoon," said Amtrak spokesman Clifford Black in Washington.

Black estimated that 10,000 to 15,000 people from Washington to Philadelphia were forced to find alternate transportation.

The Northeast corridor is Amtrak's busiest route, carrying some 30,000 passengers between Washington and Boston on an average day, he said.

Mayor misidentifies dead woman

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) - Mayor Henry Cisneros was spurred to form an anti crime council in the wake of the slaying of Annie Moses, a civic volunteer.

But the mayor, who identified Ms. Moses as a member of the City Parks and Recreation Board, apparently got his Moseses mixed.

There were no trains running this morning between Washington and Philadelphia, and the only trains running between Washington's Union Station and Baltimore were hourly shuttle trains, Amtrak officials said.

Black said Amtrak was operating four round trips today on secondary tracks for its long distance runs, the New York to Florida, the New York to New Orleans and the Washington to Montreal services.

The four round-trip trains are primarily for reserved-space passengers, he said. Passengers with intermediate destinations would be allowed on board if there is space, he said.

In Washington, Trailways Bus System expanded operations and honored Amtrak tickets today because of the accident.

At New York City's LaGuardia Airport, the Eastern Shuttle reported about 15 to 20 more passengers flying to Washington, D.C., this morning.

Elizabeth Moses, 68, who is on the parks and recreation board, said she has been getting telephone calls from people who think she is dead.

"People are coming to the house, bringing food. One woman got as pale as if she'd seen a ghost when I answered the door," Ms. Moses said Sunday.

Left turn lights on Hobart explained

By BOB HART
 Pampa City Manager

The signal light projects are virtually completed on Hobart Street at this point, although the signal light at Decatur and Hobart has yet to be finalized.

The lights for the left-turn lanes are set so that a protected left turn may be made when the arrow is pointing. It will then change from an arrow to a green light that will permit a left turn after yielding to oncoming traffic.

This simple change should speed the movement of traffic along Hobart Street.

Additionally, the Street Department is completing its project of placing street name signs on the signal mast arms that will help identify intersections more

readily than the smaller, traditional street signs.

Our Fire Department cross-trainers will be in school this week Tuesday through Friday. The school will cover code enforcement procedures and practices.

The cross-training program was conceptualized about 18 months ago, and although officers have been in training most of that time, we are now beginning to receive data concerning the program's impact on the community.

The number of fires that occurred in 1986 are down about 18 percent over 1985. While we cannot attribute this entire decrease to this program, I think that certainly the program has helped reduce the incidence of fires within

the community. We feel that as the program is fully implemented, it will lead to further decreases in the number of fires in our community.

With the coming of the new year, of course, it is time for preparation of annual income tax returns. The staff at Lovett Memorial Library has Internal Revenue Service forms available, as well as other IRS publications concerning the preparation of tax returns.

The library also has a book consisting of all IRS forms necessary in preparing a return. Many times it is very difficult to get some of the more obscure forms. If you need one of these seldom used forms, the library staff will be pleased to assist you in obtaining the proper forms.

Deficit

reducing the deficit has been much more modest than it could have been."

The new budget projects \$916.6 billion in receipts for fiscal 1988, which begins next Oct. 1, up from the \$842.4 billion estimated in the current fiscal year.

And while it doesn't specifically call for tax increases, \$23 billion of the estimated \$42 billion in deficit savings in the new plan would come from new revenues.

These would include sales to private investors of a variety of government assets, ranging from Amtrak to the Bonneville Power Administration, oil reserves in California and Wyoming and billions of dollars of existing loans.

Other new revenues would come from tightened enforcement by the Internal Revenue Service of tax offenders and from a variety of "user fees," ranging from higher charges for acquiring government-backed mortgages to higher fees for using national parks and a perennial administration favorite, a fee on boaters for Coast Guard services.

"The 1988 budget can deal the deficit a crucial blow," Reagan said. "Given the good start made in 1987, Congress has an opportunity this year — by enacting this budget — to put the worst of the deficit problem behind us."

Here are some highlights of the president's new budget:

- Federal subsidies for college student loans would be wiped out. Students would be charged full market-rate interest on such loans from the day they entered school. Federal subsidies for campus jobs would also be ended.

- Members of Congress and other top federal officials would get salary increases, but Reagan said

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congressional pay would be less than the \$135,000 a presidential pay commission recently recommended.

- Spending for the space shuttle and other space programs would be increased to \$5.6 billion from the current \$4.3 billion.

- Spending for international affairs, including foreign aid, now \$14.6 billion, would be increased to \$15.2 billion. Administration officials said the budget included a request for \$105 million in continued aid to anti-government Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

- Most grants for mass transit systems would be eliminated, a carryover from previous Reagan proposals.

- The administration would sell government oil reserves in Wyoming and California and five power-marketing administrations, including the Bonneville Power Administration. Funds for electricity-producing programs of the Tennessee Valley Authority would be cut.

- Loan-origination and insurance fees charged by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) for government-backed mortgages would be made more competitive with conventional loans and home-buyers would no longer be permitted to finance the closing costs of such mortgages. Fees for Veterans Administration loans would go from the current 1 percent to 2.5 percent.

The budget is not legislation as such but a spending blueprint, even though many of its proposals would require congressional action.

Under the Constitution, Congress is solely responsible for initiating spending and tax measures — although the appropriations and taxing bills to accomplish these ends are subject to presidential veto.

Earthquake shakes Aleutian Islands

PALMER, Alaska (AP) - A severe earthquake shook the Aleutian Islands today, the strongest quake in the area since 1962, officials said.

The quake was measured at 6.4 on the Richter scale. Wayne Jorgensen, a spokesman for the National Weather Service Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer, said it was centered 60 miles south of Nikolski in the Aleutian

Islands, about 330 miles east of Adak.

U.S. Geological Survey monitors in Golden, Colo., said they recorded the quake at a preliminary magnitude of 6.5 on the Richter scale. It was the strongest earthquake in the area in nearly a quarter-century, since a 6.5 quake on Dec. 21, 1962, the agency said.

City Briefs

FISH NET, 2841 Perryton Parkway is now open for Breakfast, Seafood, Steaks. Monday-Saturday. 6 a.m.-2 p.m., 4:30-9:30. Sunday 8 to 8. Adv.

VFW AUXILIARY will meet at 315 N. Nelson, January 6, 9 a.m. ALREADY REDUCED, now 1/2 off sale prices. In the Sale Room at the Pair Tree, 111 N. Cuyler. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Increasing cloudiness tonight with a chance of showers, lows in 30s. Partly cloudy Tuesday with the highs in the mid-50s. Westerly winds at 10-20 mph. High Sunday, 59; overnight low, 32.

REGIONAL FORECASTS
 By The Associated Press
West Texas - Mostly cloudy tonight with a slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Lows 35 north to 45 south. Highs 55 and north and far west to 68 southeast and south.

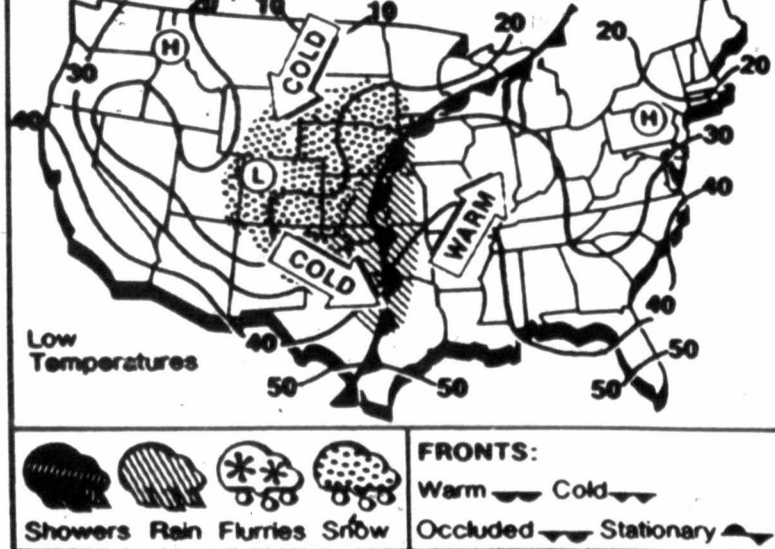
North Texas - Cloudy tonight with a slight chance of showers through early Tuesday morning. Decreasing cloudiness west and central Tuesday afternoon. Lows in the 40s. Highs 58 to 65.

South Texas - Increasing cloudiness tonight. Dense fog and light rain or drizzle along the coastal plains and inland. Partly cloudy to cloudy with widely scattered showers Tuesday. Lows in the 40s and 50s. Highs in the 60s and 70s.

EXTENDED FORECASTS
Wednesday through Friday
West Texas - Partly cloudy with a slow cooling trend Wednesday through Friday. Chance of light rain, possibly mixed with snow, on Thursday. Panhandle lows around 20 and highs in the 40s. South Plains lows in the 20s and highs in the 40s. Concho Valley, far west and Permian Basin lows mid 30s to mid 20s. Highs mid 50s to upper 40s. Big Bend region lows 20s mountains to 30s lowlands. Highs 50s mountains to 60s Big Bend valleys.

South Texas - Cloudy with a chance of rain or drizzle

The Forecast for 7 a.m. EST, Tue., Jan. 6



Wednesday and Thursday snow and mainly east Friday. Cooler northwest Wednesday and elsewhere Thursday and Friday. Lows 40s northwest to the low and mid 50s coastal and south Wednesday and from the upper 30s and 40s north to the lower 50s south Thursday and Friday. Highs near 60 northwest to near 70 south Tuesday and from the low and mid 50s northwest to the low and mid 60s extreme south Thursday and Friday.

BORDER STATES FORECASTS
Oklahoma - Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain tonight. Rain possibly mixed with snow northwest. Cloudy Tuesday morning. Clear to partly cloudy by Tuesday afternoon. Lows 32 Panhandle to 45 southeast. Highs in the 50s.
New Mexico - Winter storm watch tonight for west central mountains, northwest plateau, north central mountains and central highlands. Snow level lowering to 5,000 feet by tonight. Four inches of snow likely over higher elevations in northwestern third of state. Snow showers Tuesday mainly over the northern mountains. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest to the 30s over the east and southern border. Highs Tuesday 30s and 40s mountains and northwest to the middle 50s southeast.

North Texas - A chance of rain Wednesday through Friday, possibly mixed with sleet western and central sections Thursday and Friday morning. Lows Wednesday in the 40s east and the 30s elsewhere. Turning colder Thursday and Friday with lows ranging from the middle 20s west to the upper 30s east. Highs Wednesday in the lower 50s west and the middle 60s southeast cooling Thursday and Friday into the

Texas/Regional

Financially troubled firms seeking private reorganizations

HOUSTON (AP) — Firms trying to avoid the stigma of bankruptcy are turning more to private parties to help arrange Chapter 11-style reorganizations outside the courts.

Financially troubled companies are finding they can complete a private reorganization faster, cheaper and with fewer hassles with the help of a professional workout person than through formal legal proceedings, says Bill Turney, a 10-year veteran of the workout business.

"Chapter 11 is not always the thing

you want to start with when you have a business problem, nor is it the thing you always want to end with," Turney said. "If there is a way to do it outside the court, you can certainly do it more effectively for everybody."

Houston business bankruptcies almost doubled in 1986, according to a Dun & Bradstreet study. Filings increased 98 percent to 1,374 from 694 in 1985, a phenomenon that has seriously taxed the court system.

As a result, it can take up to two years to get a reorganization concluded

through legal channels.

Jerry Lutz, manager of the 80-year-old Houston Association of Credit Management's business workout division, says a private workout can be accomplished in two to six months, and costs about one-tenth the expense of filing under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

The normal retainer in a bankruptcy case is \$15,000 to \$25,000, and Houston lawyers charge fees of \$150 to \$175 an hour.

A private reorganization proceeds in

a similar fashion to a formal one, but without the preponderance of paperwork and accompanying filing fees, said Joel P. Kay, a partner with Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, a law firm active in the workout area.

A drawback to an informal reorganization, however, is that if even one creditor fails to cooperate, it can void the whole plan, Kay said.

"In a formal reorganization, you don't need the approval of every creditor to get a plan of reorganization approved by the court," he said.

"(But privately) if a little guy out-

buicks the plan approved by the major creditors and files suit, it could potentially destroy the whole company."

Depending on the terms of the workout, the debtor may make periodic payments to unsecured creditors, or the debtor can agree to a compromise settlement if creditors will accept less than the total amount of the claims immediately.

Added Turney: "The lenders are certainly more aware of the problems they face in Chapter 11 proceedings and are much more amenable to making a reasonable deal with the debtor, considering the alternative."

Officials: Rates will go up 20 percent when nuclear power plant is operating

FORT WORTH (AP) — Rate hikes of 20 percent or more will hit electricity customers in one third of Texas when the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant is fully operational, officials with Texas Utilities Electric Co. say.

Texas Utilities officials said they expect Unit 1 to begin operating in mid-1989 and Unit 2 in 1990.

Ratepayers, however, may end up footing less of the bill for the problem-plagued plant if the Public Utility Commission decides that mismanagement contributed substantially to the cost of Comanche Peak, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

Three subsidiaries of Texas Utilities serve one-third of the state: Dallas Power & Light Co., Texas Power & Light Co. and Texas Electric Service Co.

The utility, which owns more than 87 percent of the plant, has only charged customers about \$1.3 billion of Texas Utilities' \$6.7 billion share of the plant. The PUC turned down a rate increase request from the company in 1984 based partly on Comanche Peak's mounting construction costs.

But when the plant starts producing electricity, those costs will be charged to customers in what is termed "rate shock."

Texas Utilities officials estimated that rates would go up a total of 20-24 percent when both units are operating.

The amount the utility will be able to charge its customers will depend on whether the PUC determines the cost overruns were unavoidable and "prudent," said Clarence Johnson, with the Texas Office of Public

Counsel.

In anticipation of such an attempt by the commission, Texas Utilities has commissioned a "prudence audit" — a study by an outside group to prove that costs and delays were not the company's fault.

"Obviously, there are questions about the prudence of TU's (Texas Utilities')... ability to comply with Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations," Johnson said.

Twelve years ago, Texas Utilities said the plant near Glen Rose, 45 miles southwest of Fort Worth, would cost \$779 million and begin producing electricity in 1980.

It is now nine years behind schedule and is expected to cost at least \$7.7 billion, or half the value of all land and buildings in Fort Worth, the newspaper reported in a study of Comanche Peak's history of delays and escalating costs.

Dick Ramsey, a spokesman with Texas Utilities, said delays and cost overruns are due in part to problems felt throughout the nuclear industry, inflation, regulatory changes, the increased complexity of the plant's construction as a result of the changes, intervenors and the licensing process.

Ramsey also said they were caused by "the utility. You can't deny that we've had some problems we shouldn't have. We're fixing those."

He declined to discuss questions of possible mismanagement.

Phone calls made by The Associated Press to Ramsey's office went unanswered Sunday.

Despite the problems, T.L. Austin, president of Brown & Root Inc., Comanche

Peaks's construction contractor, said it is "one of the best-built construction projects in the world." Austin was Texas Utilities board chairman during the early years of Comanche Peak construction.

Even if the plant never opened, rates would go up anyway, as Texas Utilities, its credit rating destroyed, scrambled to buy power from other utilities, the paper reported.

It also said a review of government records, owners' documents and other interviews showed:

- Brown & Root won the contract to build the plant, even though its own officials acknowledged in internal memorandums that the company lacked competence in nuclear construction.

- Construction workers routinely did on-the-spot engineering because the plans they were given did not work in the field.

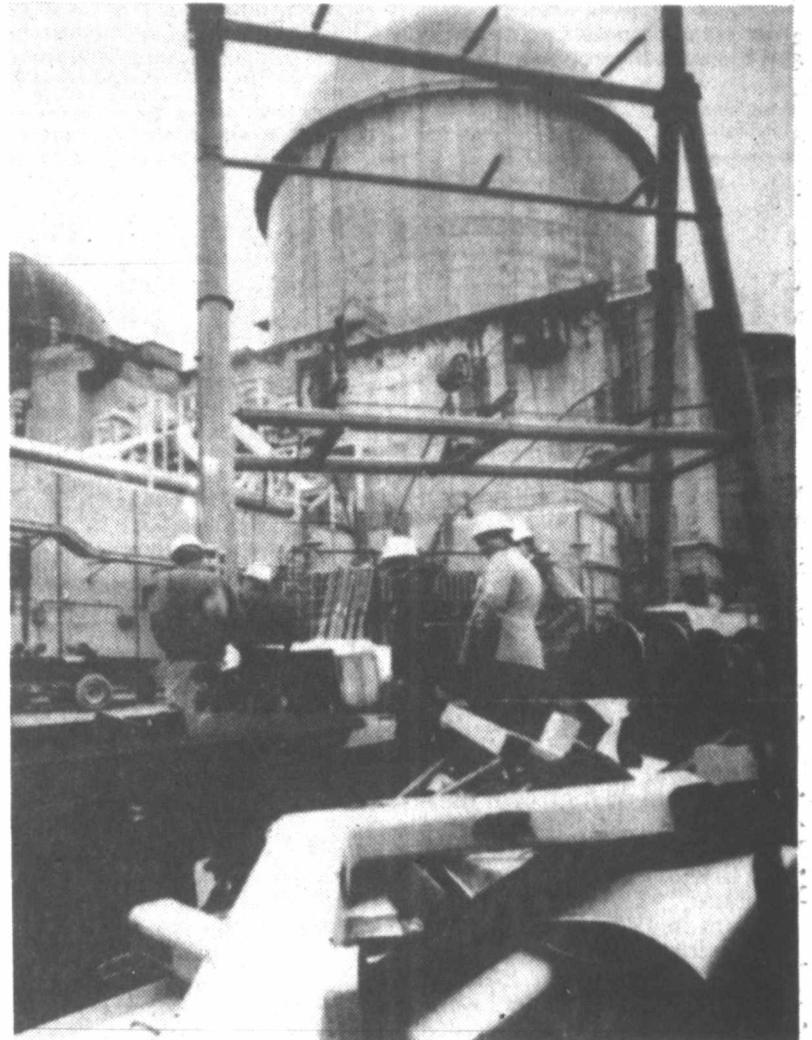
- There was no on-site project manager for the first two years of construction.

- Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspectors failed to conduct inspections that could not be repeated later.

- The utility has been fined \$50,000 for inadequate safety inspections.

- Gibbs & Hill Inc., the New York architect-engineering firm hired to design Comanche Peak, has been removed from most work at the plant, and its previous design work is being reinspected.

- When problems developed with Gibbs & Hill designs, Texas Utilities in some cases asked the architect not for new designs, but for new explanations to keep from having to redo questionable work.



A waste bin filled with pipe replaced following inspections sits near the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant in this photo made during a December tour. (AP Laserphoto)

Merchants still have plenty of unsold Sesquicentennial souvenirs

DALLAS (AP) — Merchants say all of the unsold Texas Sesquicentennial merchandise gives them little to celebrate.

"The party's over and we're all broke," joked

Glen Courson, owner of Glen's Sporting Goods in Irving, a major purveyor of sesquicentennial and Texas Wagon Train souvenirs. "But it was fun, wasn't it?"

A surplus of souvenirs from Texas' 150th birthday has left merchants counting losses rather than profits they had projected from the yearlong celebration.

Courson said he invested about \$3 million in Sesquicentennial merchandise and contributions to the wagon train. He's had a return of about \$2.7 million.

Dallas residents are taking steps against skyrocketing crime rate

DALLAS (AP) — Sales of handguns and burglar alarm systems are soaring in Dallas, and at least 550 neighborhood crime watch groups are now set up in the city, officials say.

Following the worst year for crime in the city's history, more Dallas residents are arming their homes with security systems and turning to neighborhood watch groups for help.

With an average of 73 crimes per 1,000 people, Dallas ranked No. 1 among the nation's 10 largest cities with the highest per capita crime rate,

according to FBI statistics from the first six months of 1986.

"Hardly a day goes by we don't sell a handgun," said Scott Billingsley, a gun shop manager.

Requests for burglar alarms number 500 a month, up from 300 a month two years ago. Those figures reflect only a fraction of those actually getting systems because of the number of homeowners that never received required permits, said Sgt. William Buchanan, police alarm unit supervisor.

It's all in how you look at it



Off Beat
By
Cathy Spaulding

I was working late one Wednesday night when I suddenly felt a hot breath against my neck.

I turned, and there was the upright Miss Millie Shoo-fly, member in good standing of the Church of the New Right glaring at my work with godlike intensity and scratching her observations in a bulky spiral notebook.

"Well, what brings you here Miss Shoo-fly," I asked.

"Accuracy in Media, my child. Accuracy in Media," Miss Shoo-fly snapped. "I am the Lord's Watchdog, stealthily scanning the local papers for left-wing bias, evidence of anti-Christian sentiment and any wavering of support for our Great President."

"And you're expecting to find some here," I asked.

"I certainly do," she answered. "What is that you're working on there?"

I looked at my terminal screen: "This? Oh, just a story on an area school board meeting. I'm trying to write a story on it, but the most newsworthy thing they did was have an opening prayer."

"That's a leftist lie," Shoo-fly declared. "Public schools are replete with secular humanism and evolution, are they not?"

I scratched my chin and shrugged hesitantly.

"Well, secular humanists don't pray," she said with certainty. "And God Almighty does not hear the prayers of people who teach the theory of evolution."

"Okay," I said, tapping out a new lead. "How about it if I said 'The Miami ISD board of trustees met Monday to hear reports from the first grade teacher, examine the monthly lunchroom report and to undermine the authority of parents and the church.'"

"That's more like it," she said. "Any other examples?" I asked.

She opened a recent paper to the Lifestyles section.

"See there," she said. "A blatant promotion of teen-age promiscuity and abortion. More anti-parent propaganda."

"That," I wondered. "That's just a notice listing the addresses and telephone numbers of the Planned Parenthood offices here and in Canadian."

Said Shoo-fly: "Do you know what these whoremongers stand for?"

"More or less," said I. "I have two of their pamphlets on my desk. Here's one on the parents' role in sex education and here's one entitled 'Teen Sex: It's okay to say no.' The office didn't give me any brochures on abor . . ."

"Don't cloud the issue with facts, young lady," Shoo-fly snapped. "There's only one way to combat teen sex, and that's to close these brothels down. Maybe then, they'll listen to us."

Our discussion was halted by a nervous pause. "I'll get to you later," she said. "I want to speak to that Paul Pinko about some of the things he's written."

"I'm sorry but Mr. Pinkham is at music rehearsal," I reported.

"Some satanist rock band, I suppose," she gleamed.

"Well, I don't know," I shrugged. "The chancel choir of the First Presbyterian Church. I guess it depends on your denomination. Dee Dee Laramore is in the choir at First Christian Church and I do handbells and puppets at . . ."

I noticed she wasn't bothering to write any of this down.

"Don't give me that," she demanded. "The media is a bunch of heathen animals. And I'm going to stop you."

At that moment, she pushed me out of my chair and started tapping away. Soon my terminal was afire with stories extolling the virtues of President Reagan, the contras, submissive housewives and Wee Win toys. Never have I seen a fire of such intensity.

I shielded my eyes, blinked, and she was gone. I searched my desk.

Was I dreaming?

Not really. Just reading the latest issue of *The Moral Majority Report*.

Town to decide whether to close grocery or sell beer and wine

NOVICE (AP) — The owner of the only grocery store in this West Texas town of 200 people said she will be able to keep it open only if she is allowed to sell beer and wine.

As a result, Coleman County commissioners have scheduled an election on Tuesday to decide whether to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages in Novice, but that has set off ripples among others in this town 40 miles south of Abilene.

Especially leaders in the community's three churches.

Novice's church members oppose the sale of beer and wine, David Coffman, minister of Novice's Church of Christ, said. Coffman placed an ad in the Coleman Chronicle and Democrat-Voice

asking that Novice residents vote against beer and wine sales.

Novice's three churches — the Church of Christ, the Baptist Church and the Methodist Church — paid for the ad.

"Liquor loosens a person's inhibitions so that he will do things while drinking that he would not even think of doing while sober," Coffman said.

County commissioners called the election after Martha Smith, owner of the Novice Grocery and Cattle Company, presented a petition last month with 26 signatures on it.

Texas's economic slump has cut deeply into business, Ms. Smith said.

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Opinion

Freedom may be good for the soul

One of the continuing stories of our time is the rejection of the old-time faith in socialism as the wave of the future or the hope of the present that characterized so many movers and shakers around the world not so long ago. The rejection of socialism seems most clear-cut where it has been tried.

Thus it is hardly surprising to find that the faith is losing its grip in Poland, particularly among the young.

University of Warsaw sociologist Stefan Nowak has for several years done polls and studies on the opinions of Polish young people. His latest study, published in this country in "The Chronicle of Higher Education," indicates that Polish young people no longer believe that government control of the economy is necessarily desirable. Among Nowak's findings:

■ Only 4 percent of Warsaw college students want the world to move toward "the kind of socialism existing in Poland." Twenty-eight percent endorsed Polish socialism in 1978. Back in 1978, 55 percent of the students endorsed some kind of socialism. Today the figure is 43 percent.

■ In 1978 only 16 percent of the students supported private initiative in large-scale agriculture. Today the figure is 62 percent.

■ In 1978 only 2 percent supported private enterprise in heavy industry, the cornerstone of industrial socialism. Today the figure is 12 percent — still small, but a significant increase.

Poland's brand of socialism seems to encourage pessimism. Just 29 percent of the students believe they will get good jobs upon graduation. And only 63 percent — compared to 80 percent in recent surveys — would "most like to live permanently" in Poland.

Nowak concludes that increasing numbers of young Poles suffer from "existential neurosis rooted in the sense of life's meaninglessness." The rhetoric may be a bit overblown, but the import is clear. When you take control of economic decisions out of the hands of the people who have to live with them and put them into the hands of government, you get not only economic inefficiency but social alienation. It may turn out to be demonstrable that freedom is good for the soul.

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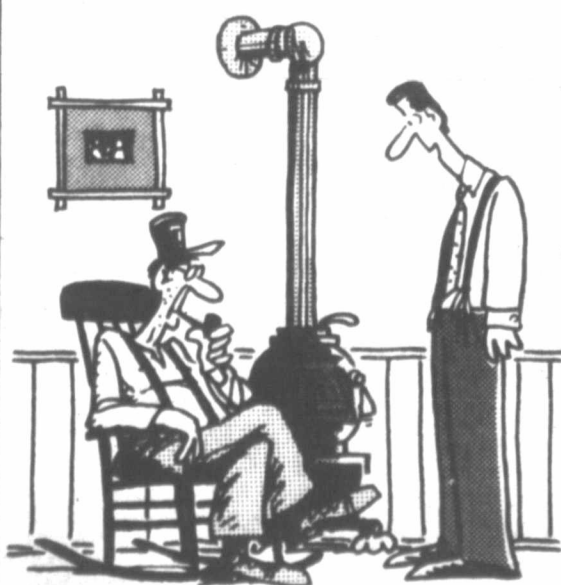
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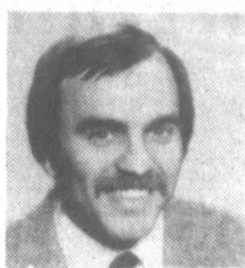
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Stephen Chapman

New year lets freedom ring

Students are demonstrating for political reform in China; dissidents are being released from exile in the Soviet Union; a popularly elected government rules in the Philippines. The past year brought a spring breeze of freedom and democracy around the globe, and 1987 holds the promise of still more progress.

The most important may come in the communist world and particularly in the largest nation on earth. The daring experiment in liberalization begun by Deng Xiaoping when he regained power nine years ago has begun to look as if it may last.

This relaxation has come mainly in the economic arena, where Chinese farmers now are allowed to lease land on a semipermanent basis, to buy tractors and to sell food in private markets. Urban entrepreneurs have proliferated. The government says state companies will have to compete or die.

The effect on output has been impressive, but the stimulus to political change may prove to be more profound yet. China's rulers are learning that economic freedom and political freedom are intertwined. People allowed to think and act for themselves in one sphere aren't likely to passively obey state orders in the other.

What is more surprising than the willingness of students in Shanghai to risk punishment by protesting repression and dictatorship is the government's comparative tolerance, letting the protests continue for three weeks before trying to curtail them. It even seems to be listening. On Dec. 27, the city government of Peking announced that in future elections, voters would

be allowed to choose from more than one candidate for each office.

The example of its huge neighbor and the failures of its own system have forced the Soviet Union to consider similar revisions of communist dogma. It was an extraordinary experience to hear Andrei Sakharov, unbowed after his release from seven years of internal exile, publicly objecting to the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the "murder" of fellow dissident Anatoly Marchenko in prison. But Mikhail Gorbachev let him speak.

Sakharov may be a token of this new approach, but he is not merely a token. The policy goes beyond public relations ploys. Once-banned novels are being published in the Soviet Union; once-forbidden topics are being illuminated in newspapers, poems and plays. Avant-garde artists, once persecuted as enemies of socialism, now sell their creations in public markets. The censors have approved the showing of a film exposing the crimes of Stalinism.

Gorbachev himself has gone so far as to scold the Communist Party itself: "Between the people who want these changes," he recently told a group of Soviet writers, "there is a layer of officialdom — an apparatus of ministries, a party apparatus — that does not want changes and does not want to lose some rights associated with privileges. . . . We have very many people who take advantage of their position. Nothing is exploited as much as official position."

Granted, truly revolutionary measures are still beyond the pale in both Peking and Moscow.

As Harvard historian Adam Ulam points out, the Soviet Communist Party is not prepared to contemplate relinquishing its monopoly on political power, or even to allow its satellites in Eastern Europe to choose their own form of government. Nor does Deng Xiaoping show any taste for full-fledged democracy. And the easing of control in either country may prove fleeting, as past reforms have.

But these governments are only one part of a worldwide trend. The Philippines and Haiti, which overthrew brutal dictators, are only the best-known examples. Democracy, reimplanted in 1985 in Argentina and Brazil, put down roots in 1986. Guatemala, a notorious abuser of human rights, elected a civilian government.

The human rights organization Freedom House reports that in 1986, "many more countries expanded rather than contracted freedom" and that "in no country was there a major decline in freedom." Fourteen countries grew freer, and only five less free. The proportion of people living in free nations is the highest since the group began its annual survey 15 years ago.

For a variety of reasons, governments around the world are ceding their citizens greater control over the decisions that most affect their lives. In doing so, these governments may believe that granting freedom is like turning on a faucet that always can be turned off. They may find that it is more like opening a crack in a dam. At least we can hope so, and what is a new year if not a time to hope?



Paul Harvey

Companies take pride again

The moderating value of the American dollar is attracting more foreign investment in the United States.

More and more American workers are employed by affiliates of foreign companies, mostly Japanese companies.

Most of all the hundred biggest corporations in Germany are purchasing assets in the United States.

But this trend will moderate after Jan. 1 when accelerated depreciation on acquired assets comes to an end.

Meanwhile, something else is happening at the retail level in the United States: more Americans are buying American.

At the huge True Value Hardware Market in Chicago recently, I was treated to a preview of new products for Christmas.

As each manufacturer demonstrated his new appliance, or whatever, he or she called my attention to its less obvious applications and advantages.

Then somewhere in the sales presentation of

each manufacturer's representative, I heard a claim I'd not heard for a very long time.

After World War II, when the Japanese were playing catch-up, they delighted in reproducing cheap imitations of American-made merchandise.

Americans were unimpressed with "Japanese junk that falls apart" and continued to purchase things "made in the USA."

Gradually, however, Japanese and German "imitations" became altogether as good as the real thing; then, gradually, better.

Until in 1960 you were able to get more car for the money in a Japanese car than in one made in Detroit.

For the next decade you almost never heard any product boasting that it was "made in the USA."

The turnaround began with a nationwide campaign by our textile industry promoting the "made in the USA" label — with Americans of prominence affirming that they are buying only garments "made in the USA."

And now at this Christmas market — for the first time in many years — the ITT people wanted to be sure that I knew their telephone is "made in the USA."

Nordicware representatives wanted to be sure I knew that all of their products are "made in the USA."

And Oster and Bunn and Hamilton Beach and Presto and Dazey . . .

All wanted me to be sure to tell you that their products are "made in the USA."

Ed Lanctot of the True Value Company says, "It has happened recently and suddenly."

He suspects that American wages have moderated while foreign workers' wages have escalated to where you now get more for your money in home-made things. "But," he says, "we are also selling three times as many American flags as five years ago."

Whatever the motivation for the new patriotism, it could substantially impact our horrendous foreign trade deficit. There is some evidence it already has.

Microwaves are neat, when they work

By Rusty Brown

It's no surprise to me that microwave ovens are selling at the rate of more than a million a month: I've bought three in the last 10 days.

No, I'm not stockpiling them, I'm just trying to find one that works — and one that I can work.

For years, I've disdained this latest breakthrough in kitchen appliances. But the summer of 1985 changed my mind. The temperature hit 98 degrees six days in a row. The afternoon sun baked relentlessly through the west kitchen window. And, wouldn't you know, I got this craving for baked potatoes.

Only a mad woman would turn on the oven under the circumstances. It was clearly time to join the microwave generation.

—Off we went one evening to a local department store. There was a veritable gem on sale — \$160 off — and the salesman's eyes gleamed as he recit-

ed the super features: "Three-stage memory with 99-minute timer in each stage; 10 power levels; 700-watt peak cooking power; temperature probe; temperature hole; automatic start, up to 12 hours; 1.4-cubic-foot oven cavity."

Of course, we didn't understand a word he said. But in 10 minutes, he had convinced us this was the perfect choice. We waved our plastic and said we'd take it.

Excited as kids with a new toy — which it was — we wasted no time trying out the speed-heating miracle on a frozen pizza.

We plugged in the oven. Lights came on; a fan began whirring; yet nothing got hot. We consulted our neighbor, a nuclear physicist. He has no solution, but kindly offered to warm the pizza in his early-model microwave.

"Must be something wrong with the computer," said the technician, who listened to our complaints the next

day and ordered a duplicate to be delivered in three days.

Meanwhile, I began reading the 23-page instruction manual. There were diagrams of the "digital readout display window," the "auto start pad," the "multi-functional number pads" — and eight sets of operation procedures, including cyclic defrost, three-stage cooking, temperature-probe cooking, memory cooking, etc. The more I read, the less I understood.

I was still game, though — when the second microwave was delivered. But just as the delivery men walked out, I noticed the oven was listing to starboard — one of its legs was missing. Shouting, "Hold it, hold it!" I raced out the door and after the disappearing truck — to no avail.

We picked up a replacement leg at the store the next day and looked forward to our first microwave dinner. Reading aloud with the manual in one hand, I put the lasagna in the oven and pressed the necessary pads for time,

power and temperature.

When the three-minute beeper sounded, I was awash with triumph. It was time to turn the casserole according to directions and resume the operation procedure. Alas, the oven went dark — lights, beeper, digital clock and all. The oven was finished — but dinner was not.

Back to the neighbor and his old reliable microwave.

We were the ones who were heated up when we returned the second "miracle chef" and declined the salesman's offer to send out another. But in a couple of days, my desire for baked potatoes returned.

And that's how come we're now on our third microwave. It's the ultimate in smallness and simplicity. It has one temperature (high) and one timer — period. It heats water, cooks bacon and frozen dinners, defrosts meats and reheats leftovers. Nothing too fancy.

Nation

Reagan agenda faces Democratic Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 100th Congress convenes Tuesday with Democrats, who will control both houses for the first time in six years, hoping to seize the legislative initiative from President Reagan on issues ranging from arms control to trade.

The loss of eight Republican seats in the elections last Nov. 4 gave Democrats a 55-45 Senate majority. The Democrats also slightly increased their House majority to 258-177.

Thus, familiar faces will be assuming new leadership roles as the Republicans' six-year hold on the Senate ends and a new speaker takes over in the House.

The lingering controversy over Reagan administration involvement in the Iran-Contra connection also will become prominent again as both the House and Senate plan to move quickly to establish special committees that will consolidate congressional investigations of the matter.

However, congressional leaders insist legislators will not be preoccupied by the foreign policy fiasco that has plagued the administration for more than a month.

In addition, with President Reagan serving the final two years of his term, Democrats and Republicans will be mindful that the record of this Congress will be a major issue in the 1988 presidential election.

Rep. Jim Wright, D-Texas, who will succeed the retiring Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., as speaker of the House, and Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., who will become Senate majority leader, have promised to move quickly on major issues.

"Normally, the Senate and House have sat around until after the president's State of the Union message, but this year we're not going to do that," said Byrd, who is replacing Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., as majority leader.

"I have talked with my soon-to-be committee chairmen a number of times urging them to get their committees operating early: organize early, conducting oversight early, holding hearings on legislation early and reporting legislation early," Byrd said in an interview last week.

Byrd, who has led Democrats in the Senate for a decade, will become the first man who was Senate majority

leader, minority leader and then majority leader again.

Wright, meanwhile, who has been majority leader, will bring a different tone and flavor to the speakership than did O'Neill, the burly, white-haired liberal from Massachusetts.

Wright and Byrd, both moderate-to-conservative within their own party, are expected to have similar views on most issues. The friction that sometimes existed between O'Neill and Byrd is likely to be absent in the dealings between Wright and Byrd.

"Jim Wright and I have a very good rapport and we're going to be seeing things pretty much eye to eye," Byrd said.

Both leaders have made clear they plan to use committee hearings to highlight what they see as the shortcomings of Reagan administration policies and challenge the White House on several fronts.

Byrd considers the message of the November elections to be clear.

"The people indicated they wanted better checks and balances here. They're going to get them," Byrd said. "They're going to get a lot of it in this

oversight, the fulfilling of the oversight function that is the responsibility of the Congress under the Constitution. ... A Democratic Senate will carry out that responsibility."

After both houses convene at noon Tuesday, legislators will get off to a quick start.

Resolutions will be introduced in both chambers to establish two select committees to investigate the diversion of Iranian arms sales profits to Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

Expected is renewed debate on U.S. aid to the Nicaraguan rebels, which also could lead to legislation on covert operations, arms sales and the National Security Council.

The first confrontation with the administration is expected to come on legislation to clean up the nation's waterways, a measure Reagan vetoed last year despite unanimous passage in both houses.

Administration officials have offered a compromise to avoid a fight, indicating the president would accept \$12 billion in long-term spending to help clean up dirty waterways.

Also topping the agenda will be trade

legislation. A major trade bill passed the House last May but it was never acted up in the then-GOP-controlled Senate. Administration officials have resisted previous congressional efforts to pass trade legislation, saying such bills were no more than protectionist measures. But faced with a Democratic-led Congress, there have been indications the administration may seek a compromise trade bill.

On the budget front, the administration today is releasing the outlines of its \$1 trillion fiscal 1988 spending plan, with details expected later in the month or in early February. The administration, seeking to meet a deficit target of \$108 billion, is recommending a variety of domestic spending cuts that Congress has all but ignored in the past.

Among other key legislative items for the 100th Congress:

- A rewrite of the legislation governing major programs for elementary and secondary education.
- A rewrite of a major highway bill that died in the 99th Congress.
- Changes in the massive 1985 bill containing the government's farm price support programs.



Teacher Dianne Nault works with students Julianna Evett, left, and David Fogg recently as they learn to think in French in her second-grade classroom in Holliston, Mass. (AP Laserphoto)

Use of language immersion growing for young children

HOLLISTON, Mass. (AP) — Dianne Nault was teaching her first-graders words with "m" sounds. On the blackboard she wrote: monstre, maman, ami and moulin.

One impish student asked the word for teacher. The class giggled and cried in unison, "Oui!"

So Mrs. Nault added "maitresse" to the list.

The 26 children in the class at Fred W. Miller Elementary School are in their second year of a voluntary program called language immersion, in which the students do all course work in a foreign tongue.

Culver City, Calif., became the first American school district to adopt immersion in 1971. By 1983 an estimated 5,000 elementary school students nationwide were immersed in Spanish, French or German.

Today that number is about 9,000 students in 23 school districts with more on the way, according to Nancy Rhodes, a researcher at the Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington.

"People are realizing the importance of a second language ... for national security, for international business. We have to know a language other than English," said Ms. Rhodes.

Supporters of the method see it as a more natural and effective way to learn language than conventional repetition and memorization. They cite studies showing that immersion improves children's performance in all their courses.

Holliston, a small district 30 miles southwest of Boston, began its immersion program in 1979. It now has 125 students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Fifty youngsters in sixth and seventh grades who have been through the program take some classes in French to keep up their fluency. A

Spanish immersion program is offered to fifth-graders.

In kindergarten, the teacher speaks French while the children can reply and converse in English as they build a basic vocabulary.

In first and second grades, only science, gym, art and music are in English, for about 20 percent of the school day, while the rest is taught in French.

Third-graders begin formal study of English along with their regular lessons "en francais." By this time, they've already taught themselves English by what educators call "decoding" or using their French to solve the linguistic puzzles of English.

Bilingualism teaches children tolerance, said James Palladino, a Holliston elementary school principal. "They learn there is more than one way to do things."

Palladino is a font of stories about Holliston children going to Maine with their parents and translating for French-Canadians who lost their way, about kindergartners singing French songs in their sleep, and about the boy who announced to a baffled friend, "I'm cinq (five) today."

Among immersion's drawbacks is a lack of enough qualified elementary school teachers fluent in a second language. Also, the method is inappropriate for youngsters unable to master the basics of even their own language.

Among the advocates of immersion are the children themselves.

"You feel like you know something other people don't," said Terry Febo, 8, who says she helps her 17-year-old sister study for French tests.

"It's fun," said 7-year-old Jovan Conde, who says another language is useful for insulting prospective bullies without getting beaten up.

Burial of Challenger begins

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Nearly a year after the Challenger explosion that killed seven astronauts, NASA is burying the wreckage of the space shuttle.

Starting today, the wreckage is to be lowered by crane 90 feet underground into two abandoned Minuteman missile silos two miles down the beach from where the shuttle was launched Jan. 28.

A pair of 10,000-pound concrete caps will be placed over the silos, sealing nearly 125 tons of twisted metal in unmarked tombs. The burial is expected to take about two months.

Among the debris waiting to be hauled to the seaside site on flatbed trucks is Challenger's crew cabin, which survived the shuttle's breakup and tumbled nine miles before smashing into the Atlantic Ocean.

Other wreckage includes large sections of fuselage, one wing, the craft tail and more than 100 crates of rusted components.

"I have a hard time even going over and looking at the debris," said Air Force Lt. Col. Edward O'Connor, who directed the exhaustive seven-month search for the wreckage. "It's been a painful process for everyone out here."

Committees plan coordinated probe of Iran-Contra affair

WASHINGTON (AP) — With promises of a slow, careful, coordinated investigation, the special committees being set up by the House and Senate to probe the Iran-Contra connection will begin work this week.

Both houses are expected to pass resolutions officially establishing the Watergate-style committees, which will be controlled by Democrats, soon after the 100th Congress convenes Tuesday.

Incoming Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., working with legislative experts, has produced a draft of the charter for the 11-member Senate panel, but he has declined to discuss details until Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas has had a chance to review the document.

House leaders are likewise wrapping up work on a draft charter for the 15-member House committee.

President Reagan has endorsed the idea of a special congressional committee to investigate the foreign policy fiasco that has plagued his administration for weeks.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, a member of the original Watergate Committee in 1973-74, will head the Senate panel, and Rep. Lee H. Hamilton, D-Ind., will be chairman of the House group. Democratic and Republican leaders alike have

pledged bipartisanship in conducting the probe.

Although neither committee has a staff nor is formally in operation, both chairmen and Democratic leaders have begun discussions of how to coordinate the work of the separate panels, including sharing documents and evidence.

Byrd has said congressional leaders decided it would have been too complicated to form a single, joint committee to probe the diversion of Iranian arms sales profits to Nicaraguan Contra rebels. Each chamber has separate rules, different leadership and different committees, Byrd said, adding that scheduling and staffing for a joint committee would have been difficult.

"These two committees can operate separately yet coordinate their work with each other in ways that will advance the goal of laying out the facts," he said.

Byrd stressed that the committees are unlikely to reach any conclusions quickly. "The select committees are going to do their work and they're not going to be hurried, they're not going to be rushed to judgment," he said.

Inouye has noted it took 16 months for the Watergate Committee to do its work.

The first public hearings of each committee are unlikely before February.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Roadster
- 4 Put out
- 8 Yours and mine
- 12 Wide shoe size
- 13 Arm bone
- 14 Indigo dye
- 15 Singing syllable
- 16 Beverage pot (2 wds.)
- 18 Greek dialect
- 20 Darling
- 21 Antique
- 22 Dawn goddess
- 24 Acorn, e.g.
- 26 Rug before entrance
- 30 Poetry foot
- 34 Part of corn plant
- 35 Ages
- 37 Eight (comb. form)
- 38 Is human
- 40 Sketched
- 42 Former nuclear agency (abbr.)
- 43 Religious poem
- 45 Plains Indian
- 47 Actor Brynner
- 49 Airline information (abbr.)
- 50 Cheerful
- 53 Religious sister
- 55 Wolflike animal
- 59 Sharpen
- 62 Flat hat
- 63 Author Gardner
- 64 Former Russian ruler
- 65 TV network
- 66 Sly look
- 67 Uses chair
- 68 Language suffix

DOWN

- 1 Order of whales
- 2 Air (comb. form)
- 3 Authentic

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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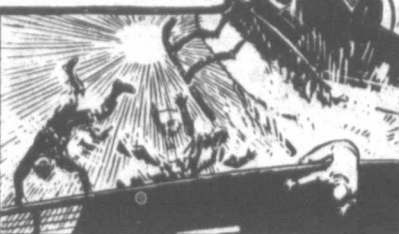
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STEVE CANYON



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By Milton Caniff



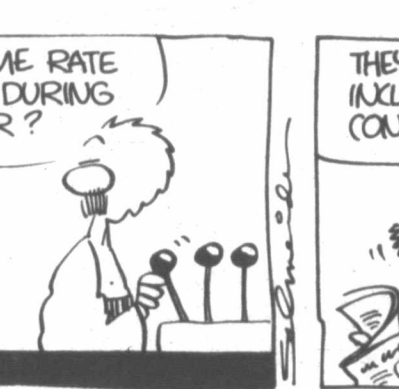
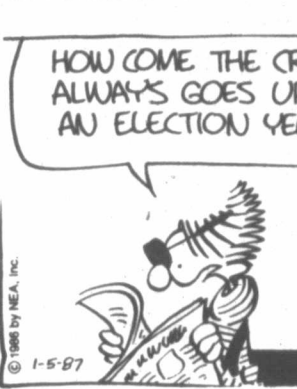
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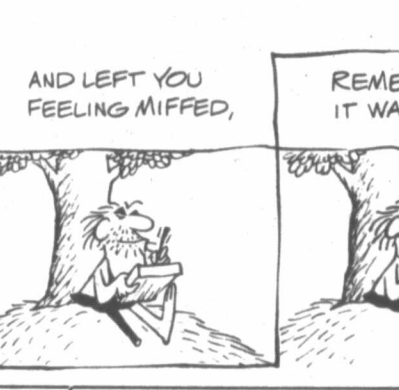


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Astro-Graph

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Jan. 5, 1987

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People to whom you're responsible will be relying on your promises today. Follow through on commitments, even if they cause you inconvenience. Major changes are ahead for Capricorns in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o of this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, Oh 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you get involved with someone today whose ethics aren't on a par with yours, it could be to your detriment. Don't let a sly acquaintance convince you otherwise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be very selective regarding your associations today. Don't travel in circles where people like you for what you have instead for what you are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might be a trifle too reticent today in a situation where you should be more assertive. Unfortunately, if you don't speak up for yourself, no one else will either.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't make snide comments today about a friend who has perturbed you. Your problem can be rectified, provided you don't add fresh fuel to the fire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Instead of feeling obligated to do business again with a firm that has disappointed you, go where you can get the best bargain. Sentiment won't save you dollars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you have an important objective to achieve today, don't team up with one who is indecisive or inconsistent. You need allies who aren't liabilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might be plagued with more negative thoughts than usual today, but don't give in to them. You won't try if you're convinced you can't succeed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In the romance department today you could be a bit too glib for your own good. One who knows you are fond of him or her might try to manipulate you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A difficult decision shouldn't be swept under the rug today. If there's a matter that must be resolved, face up to it before it gets out of hand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let your attention wander today if you're attempting a delicate assignment. It's best to postpone it if your mind is cluttered with lots of unrelated thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Spendthrift ways today could lay the groundwork for financial problems. Don't buy things that saddle you with long-term debts.

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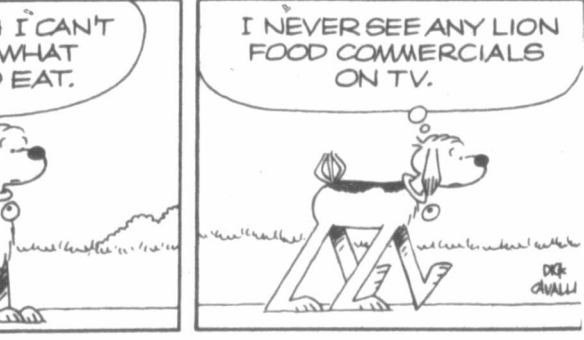


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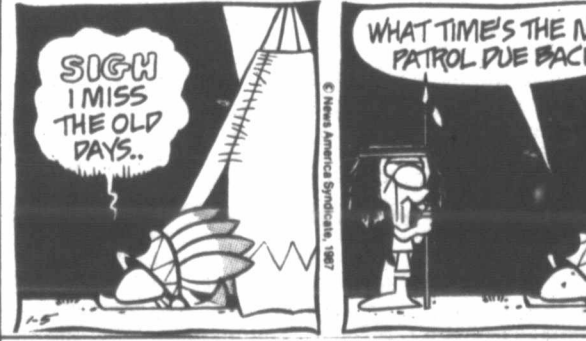
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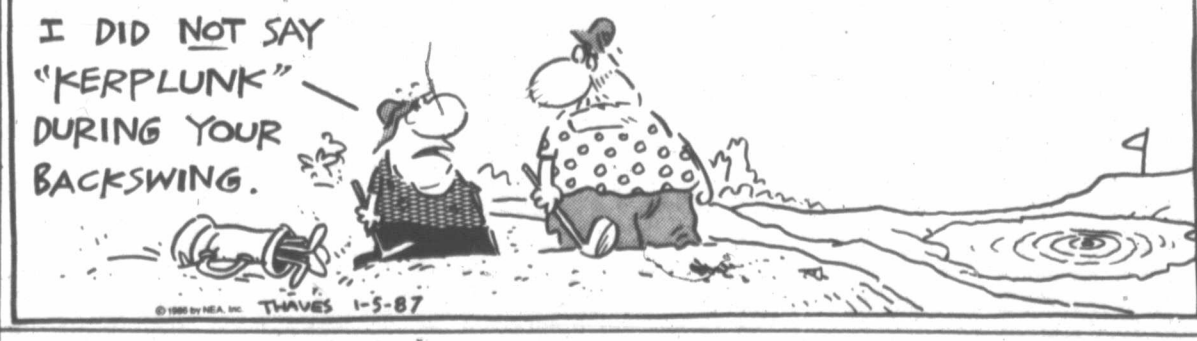
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Lifestyles

Project helps kids survive fire

MISHAWAKA, Ind. (AP)—Using electronic devices to simulate a house fire, the Survive Alive House project initiated by the Indiana PTA teaches children how to exit a house on fire safely. The fire safety training center advises them what to do in an emergency, teaches the "stop, drop and roll" technique for extinguishing flaming clothing and shows how a firefighter in full gear looks and sounds. "With almost 5,000 Americans dying each year as a result of fires, and 71 percent of these fires occurring in the home, we need programs to help educate the children and the community," said Jill Robertson, Indiana PTA fire safety coordinator and member of the National PTA's Health and Welfare Commission. "We know Survive Alive

works," she added. "We've had letters from parents saying their kids have been saved (in fires) because of what they learned." The project was developed in cooperation with the Mishawaka Fire Department and received funding from the state fire marshal's office. Thousands of children and adults have gone through the exhibit in the last year alone and the project has been so successful that the Indiana PTA is working to establish exhibits in Indianapolis, Evansville, Hammond and Clarksville. "When we started this project we set a goal to have five Survive Alive houses in Indiana by 1990," said Robertson, adding, "Since the exhibit has become so popular, it looks like we'll reach our goal within the next two years."

The life-saving project has attracted national attention, especially among firefighters, she reports. Twenty-two other cities have requested blueprints to build such houses. Robertson knows of exhibits going up in Milwaukee; Columbus, Ohio; Covington, Ky.; and at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, where a task force of national and local groups organized by the Chicago Region PTA is working on the project. "Two age groups were prevalent in last year's fire-related deaths in Chicago — children under 12 years old and adults 65 years and older," said Florence Cox, Chicago Region PTA president. "Our goal is to educate young children and the elderly how to escape a fire." When children go to the Survive

Alive House here, generally in school groups, a firefighter explains what they will see and teaches them what to do in various fire situations. On the second floor of the house is a child's bedroom, complete with clothing and stuffed animals. Next to the bedroom, concealed from view, is a control booth where a PTA volunteer activates the lights, alarms, non-toxic smoke and other special effects simulating a fire. Children meet a real firefighter dressed in full "turnout" gear, who crawls in the door, looks under the bed and in the closet, as he might in a fire. He talks to the children through the mask so they can hear how he sounds, then takes off his gear so they can see there's a friendly person under the uniform.



A firefighter makes sure that a gradeschool girl climbs safely from a window during a simulated fire at the Survive Alive House in Mishawaka, Ind.

Children want woman to be father's mistress, not wife

DEAR ABBY: I am 52 years old and read your advice daily. I need help. I am in love with a 55-year-old man whose wife is an alcoholic. She's in a home for people who are brain-damaged from drinking, and will probably be there for the rest of her life. My problem is that his grown children have threatened him with complete isolation if he divorces her to marry me. Last year he initiated divorce proceedings, and his children carried out those threats, so he dropped the divorce action. Now he expects me to accompany him to the homes of his children and socialize with them and his grandchildren. His children want him to have a "girlfriend," but they don't want their mother upset, so she is not to know about me. Abby, I do not care to socialize with people who think that being a mistress is good enough for me. My friend is angry because I refuse to attend dinners and social events with his children. Money is a big factor in his children's actions. As things pres-

ently stand, everything will go to their mother, and then to them. He can replace me much easier than I can replace him because of the law of supply and demand. What can I do? **CONFUSED IN NEW YORK** **DEAR CONFUSED:** Not much. Your gentleman friend has already decided that his children's approval is more important than your desire for marriage. Now you must decide if the privilege of being his companion is worth the anger and resentment you are feeling. You are right. The law of "supply and demand" does put you in a tough spot. His children may appear selfish and controlling, but their mother is still alive — though institutionalized and ill — so don't be too harsh in your judgment of them. How many children would feel good about a father who would divorce an institutionalized mother to



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

marry another woman?

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I disagree about this problem: We have a friend who we think has "I" trouble. She brags about herself constantly. She is absolutely shameless when it comes to praising herself. Examples: "I was by far the best-looking woman at the party." And, "Oh, she's a good player, but, of course, she's not as good a player as I am." "It was a good group, but I was by far the most intelligent one there." I say this woman is suffering from an inferiority complex. My

husband says she is suffering from a superiority complex. What is your opinion?

SICK OF BRAGGERS

DEAR SICK: Actually the "sufferers" are those who have to listen to her. Knowing nothing of her qualifications, it's clear she has a very high opinion of herself — deserved or otherwise. But her apparent need to constantly build herself up would indicate that she needs constant reassurance of her worth — which is typical of one with an inferiority complex.

DEAR ABBY: Oh, those "dirty rats"! You know — the ones who get "mad as hornets" when they hear the expression, "Killing two birds with one stone." If they insist on revamping the English language because they read hostile feelings into harmless expression, let's be fair. Birds are no more sacred than God's other creatures, so why not stop saying "silly goose," "blind as a bat," "eats like a pig," "stubborn as a mule," "sly as a fox," "mean as a snake," "I'm so hungry I could eat a horse," and all the other similar phrases I could think of in five minutes?

RICHARD ANDERSON, BURBANK, CALIF.

DEAR RICHARD: Those time-honored figures of speech have been around since Pike's Peak was a pimple, so here's one writer who is not about to "kill the goose that lays the golden eggs."

DEAR ABBY: Does a handshake reveal the makeup of a person? For instance, does a firm handshake reveal control and assertiveness and a limp shake reveal an insecurity or weakness? Or is a handshake merely a handshake?

S.E. PADILLA

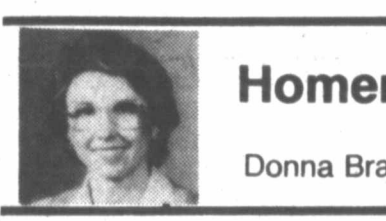
DEAR S.E. PADILLA: A child is taught to shake hands. If it is stressed that a firm handshake indicates "control and assertiveness," and a limp handshake indicates "insecurity or weakness," the child will act accordingly. Actually, it is learned behavior, and, therefore, not a fair indication of anything.

(Problems? Write to Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. All correspondence is confidential.)

Spending plan guards against impulse buying

By DONNA BRAUCHI County Extension Agent As the bills for holiday expenses come rolling in this month, many consumers will be feeling a good case of "buyer's remorse". This is simply a fancy term for the depression that follows overspending. For some of us, overspending may be an occasional problem, but for others it can become compulsive. Compulsive spenders usually have the sense of being out of control and often hide their purchases out of embarrassment. A poor self-image is worsened by more buying because the underlying need for approval or excitement often is not met.

Impulse buying, or buying that is not a part of an overall plan, affects virtually everyone at one time or another. For example, have you ever gone to the grocery store to pick up a gallon of milk and walked out with two bags of groceries, personal care items, magazines, or other merchandise? Impulse buying is not automatically "bad". But it does add up, and can mean that important items cannot be purchased because the money has already been spent in other ways. The marketplace contributes to both compulsive and impulsive buying. For some people the attraction is pleasant activity of shopping and buying. For some



Homemakers' News

Donna Brauchi

people, the attraction is the pleasant activity of shopping and buying. Other "can't pass up a good bargain". "Buyer's remorse", or the feelings of depression that can follow overspending, may be relieved with some thought and action. Know when you have shopped enough. Since shopping takes time, effort, energy, and money,

it makes sense that you should spend the most time shopping for the most expensive items. Avoid shopping for items you know are too expensive for you to afford. Also consider the total cost for shopping, including the gasoline, food, and the product or service.

Make a spending plan. If you can't afford to buy everything you need or want at one time, a plan for buying one thing at a time over a certain period may help. If you are angry and go shopping, leave your credit cards at home. Try window shopping to calm down and think through the buying decision before you make a purchase. You may want to look one day and buy another. A cooling-off period helps put things in perspective. Work on developing wants other than "more things". Seek adventure and diversions that do

not cost money. Keep in mind that "defensive spending" or the "I can spend as much as you can" syndrome can quickly wreck your bank account and probably will not make you feel any better. Controlling spending is a good first step toward better financial management. It can also help you conquer feelings of "buyer's remorse" and substitute the greater satisfaction of achieving your financial goals. For more information on family financial management, contact your Gray County Extension Office.

Pageant hopefuls



Pictured are two of the 12 contestants scheduled to appear in the Miss Top O' Texas scholarship pageant at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in M.K. Brown Auditorium. At left is Dawn Apple, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Apple of Wichita Falls. At right is Lisa Coon, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Coon of Pampa.

Have your soil tested now

By JOE VANZANDT County Extension Agent **GREAT TIME TO HAVE YOUR SOIL TESTED** If your garden performed below expectations last year, or maybe things just didn't grow quite right, a few dollars invested in a soil test may be just the solution. A properly prepared and fertilized garden soil is the real key to successful gardening in most areas of Texas. You can't look at the soil, taste it, smell it, or feel it and tell whether it is properly fertilized or not. You have no way of knowing whether your soil is low in nitrogen, high in phosphate or maybe just right. One sure way to overcome the mystery and avoid the confusion when it comes time to purchase fertilizers is to have your garden soil tested. Why is it important to know how much phosphorus or nitrogen is in the soil or what the pH of the soil is? The answer is simple. Vegetables don't do well in improperly fertilized soil, whether it be too fertile or, not fertile enough. The soil test report will tell you



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the level of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, calcium and magnesium that is available to your garden plants. It will also indicate the pH (acidity or alkalinity) of your garden soil. For the most part, this is all you need to know to properly fertilize your garden soil to help insure a bountiful harvest. What's the secret of taking a soil sample? There is really no secret and it is really very simple. With a spade or a sharp-shooter, make a hole about a foot deep in the garden soil. Throw out the first spade full of soil. Then from the back of the hole, cut a 1/2 to 1 inch slice of the soil. Be sure

the slice is at least 6 to 7 inches in depth and fairly even in width and thickness. Place this slice of garden soil in a bucket or tub. Repeat this procedure four, five or even six times in different spots in the garden, depending primarily on the size of the garden. Thoroughly mix the composite of soil from your garden. After mixing, take out about a pint of the soil and mail it to the Soils Testing Laboratory, Texas A&M University provides a soil testing service and soil test kits with instructions can be obtained at the Gray County Extension Office. The cost for a soil test is \$6.00. If a soil sample is taken in late winter or very early spring, you should expect to get your soil test results back within two to three weeks. If you wait too late and join the multitude of gardeners who will have their soil tested this spring, then it may take considerably longer to get your results back. An adequate soil test properly done and properly interpreted will go a long way toward insuring a bountiful harvest from this year's garden.

Newsmakers

Kurt L. Pounds Kurt L. Pounds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Strate of Pampa, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of private first class. Pounds is a missile crew member in West Germany with the 9th Field Artillery. His wife, Anita, is the daughter of Gary and Kathy Campbell of rural Pampa. **Jimmy A. Autry** Airman Jimmy A. Autry, son of Gary and Marieta Autry of Canadian, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force nuclear weapons

course at Lowry Air Force Base, Colo. **FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE HONOR ROLLS** Frank Phillips College of Borger announces its President's and Dean's Honor Rolls for the Fall 1986 semester. To be placed on the President's Honor Roll, students must complete at least 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 4.00. Dean's Honor Roll recipients must complete at least 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.00. President's Honor Roll list in-

cludes Tommy J. Cook, Charlotte Hall, Debra McCullough and Sherry Lee Ray, all of Pampa. Dean's Honor Roll members include Cookie Bennett, Deborah Lynn Bridges, Paul Brooks, Janet Caswell, Shawn Edward Johnson, Rebecca Long, Carolyn Martin, Beverly Mein, Valerie Ann Needham, Jerry Tice, Jennifer Williams and Rodney Wren, all of Pampa, and Amy Goldsmith and Jeffery Wilcox, both of Lefors. **CLARENDON COLLEGE HONOR ROLLS** Clarendon College's fall 1986

President's Honor Roll of student's with a 4.00 grade point average includes Floyd Baxter, Tony Campbell, and Linda Chapman, all of Pampa. Named to the Dean's List were Linda Forman, Sandra Holley, Denise Hoyer, Steven Kuhn, and Todd Leith. **Gregg W. Mann** Air Force Airman 1st Class Gregg W. Mann, son of Nona Turpen of McLean, has arrived for duty with the 443rd Field Maintenance Squadron, Altus Air Force Base, Okla. Mann is an aerospace ground equipment mechanic.

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Sports Scene

Bears, Pats find mission impossible

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

Like two teams on all-encompassing missions, the Chicago Bears and New England Patriots vowed that nothing less than a return to the Super Bowl would be satisfactory this season.

This weekend, those missions came to an end as neither team could reach its conference championship game.

Instead of the defending NFL champion Bears and AFC titlist Patriots, the New York Giants, Washington Redskins, Denver Broncos and Cleveland Browns stayed alive in the race to be in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 25 for the Super Bowl. The Bears bowed out Saturday in a 27-13 loss at home to Washington, and the Patriots fell in Denver, 22-17, on Sunday.

In the other game on Sunday, the Giants routed San Francisco 49-3 and will host the Redskins in the NFC championship game next Sunday. Cleveland edged the New York Jets 23-20 in double overtime to earn the right to host the AFC final.

"I had a dream, it didn't come true," Bears Coach Mike Ditka said.

"We didn't get it done," echoed New England wide receiver Stanley Morgan, who caught two touchdown passes against Denver. "It doesn't matter how it ends, the fact is it's ended."

A staggering offense that quarterback Doug Flutie couldn't inspire in the second half, and Washington's big-play attack did in the Bears.

"He didn't have his best day, but the kid will bounce back," Ditka said of Flutie, who hit only 11 of 31 passes, one for a 50-yard touchdown to Willie Gault. Flutie, making only his second NFL start, was intercepted twice, and Walter Payton committed a key fumble with Chicago behind only 14-13.

"The turnovers hurt us critically," Ditka said. "We preach no turnovers and no stupid penalties. You can't have those against a good team."

The Redskins certainly proved they are that with their second straight post-season victory. The wild-card team from the NFC East got a pair of touchdown passes from Jay Schroeder to Art Monk and a pass interference penalty on Mike Richardson robbed Monk of another scoring reception.

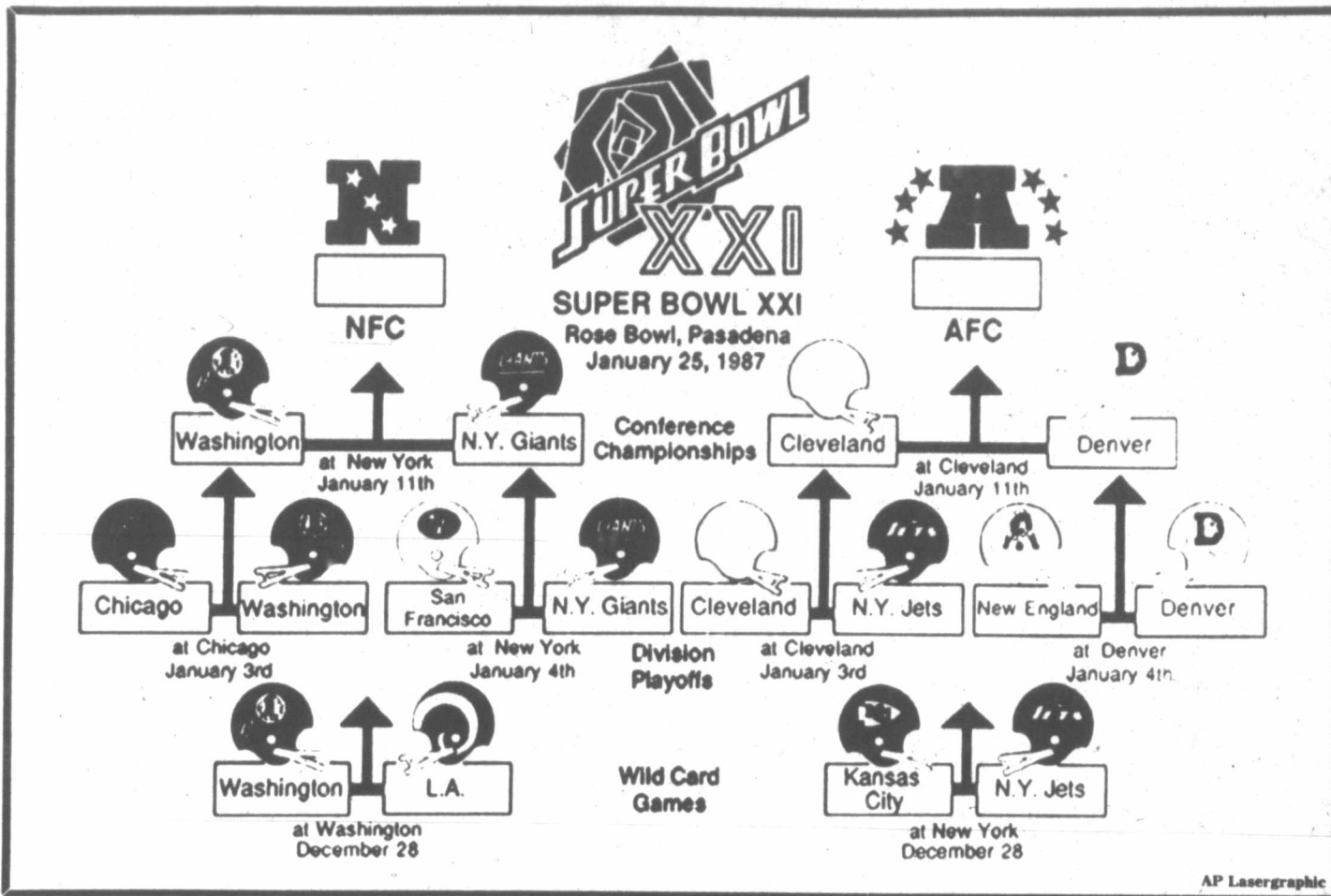
And the defense completely stymied the Bears in the final period. "Nobody gave us much of a shot, so we had to prove ourselves," defensive back Curtis Jordan said.

The setback is only a temporary one for the Bears, Chicago defensive tackle Steve McMichael insisted.

"We had a good year," he said. "This diminishes it a lot, but we'll be back, I promise you that."

Broncos 22, Patriots 17

The Patriots won't be back in the Super Bowl thanks greatly to a gutsy per-



formance by Denver quarterback John Elway.

Shrugging off an ankle injury which forced him out of the game late in the second period, Elway found Vance Johnson on a 48-yard touchdown pass on the final play of the third quarter. Elway, who earlier had run 22 yards for a score, might have cost the Broncos a TD earlier when he protested an official's decision by spiking the ball, drawing a 5-yard penalty. Denver wound up with a field goal on that drive.

"I was really worried when I saw John being helped to the locker room," Denver Coach Dan Reeves said. "At halftime I went into the training room to see if he was all right, and it looked like a M.A.S.H. unit in there."

Trainer Steve Antonopoulos applied some medication to the ankle and re-taped it. Elway said: "The more I walked on it, the more it loosened up."

The Patriots' touchdowns were on Tony Eason passes to Stanley Morgan of 19 and 45 yards. The latter came on a flea flicker, with fullback Mosei Tatupu taking a handoff, then throwing the ball back to Eason, who found Morgan behind the defense.

The Broncos clinched their first playoff victory in Reeves' six years as coach — and first since going to the Super Bowl after the 1977 season — when Rulon Jones dumped Eason in the end zone for safety in the final moments.

"I've thought about this for six years, winning a playoff game," Reeves said. "There was no play bigger than the

safety at the end by Rulon." Patriots Coach Raymond Berry was optimistic until the end.

"It was one of those games that go

back and forth, back and forth," he said. "I figured it would go down to the wire and we'd win it. The only big surprise was we didn't."



Vance Johnson snags a third quarter pass from Elway.

Baylor Bears out to prove last place ranking wrong

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

The Baylor Bears try to prove their upset victory over Southern Methodist was no fluke by doing the same thing to the Texas Christian Horned Frogs in Fort Worth on Wednesday night.

Baylor, generally picked to finish eighth in the Southwest Conference basketball chase, stunned Southern Methodist 59-55 in overtime Saturday night in Dallas.

It was Baylor's first victory over SMU in Dallas since 1982 and served notice that nothing will be cut-and-dried in the SWC chase this season.

TCU, the pre-season favorite, scored an impressive 80-77 come-from-behind victory over Arkansas in Fayetteville.

TCU hit 10 baskets from 3-point range to down Arkansas.

In other games, Texas whipped Rice 72-52; Houston inflicted a 72-48 defeat on Texas Tech, the 1986 SWC Post-Season Tournament champion; and Drake tripped Texas A&M 66-58 in the championship game of the Heritage Drake Classic at Des Moines.

TCU Coach Jim Killingsworth isn't a big supporter of college basketball's 3-point shot, but had no complaints after his Frogs rallied from a 20-9 deficit to beat the Hogs.

"It's about time we had a game where the 3-point rule helped us out," Killingsworth said. "I won't change my mind about liking the rule, but we could be helped more than anybody in the country by it." Carl Lott hit 7 of 14 shots from the 3-point range

while Jamie Dixon made 3 of 9.

It was the second consecutive year TCU had beaten the Hogs in Barnhill Arena.

"There's no better way to start the conference season," said TCU forward Larry Richard. "This is a crazy place to play, and it's good to have the trip over."

It was a happy homecoming for Lott, a native of Marianna, Ark.

Last year Lott missed Killingsworth's midnight curfew and wasn't allowed to play against Arkansas.

"I disappointed my relatives," Lott said. "I didn't take any chances this time and went to bed at 9 o'clock."

Lott scored 29 points, had six assists and made three steals in the victory.

"We thought Jamie Dixon was the three-point man," said Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson. "Lott hurt us bad, bad."

SMU Coach Dave Bliss was livid after his Mustangs blew an 11-point lead to lose to Baylor.

"We got ahead and played like we were filthy rich," Bliss said. "We can't do that. We've played some great games, but we're not a great team. This is very disappointing."

Houston's victory over Tech was fashioned by its inside trio of Rickie Winslow, Greg Anderson and Rolando Ferreira, who had 49 points.

Tech had 13 turnovers and Coach Gerald Myers said, "You have to keep from beating yourself before you can beat other teams."

Montana's collapse worries nose tackle

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The play was frightening, exactly the kind of moment Joe Montana-watchers have feared ever since the day the San Francisco 49ers quarterback returned from back surgery on Nov. 9.

He was flat on his face, motionless, after he had absorbed his second devastating hit from a New York Giants defense that dominated the 49ers in Sunday's 49-3 playoff victory.

"It was eerie," said Giant nose tackle Jim Burt, who leveled Montana. "I was a little concerned for him."

Understand that Burt, with his own history of back problems, has a special feeling for those who share that painful affliction. But he is a nose tackle and the job description includes arriving at the quarterback by the most direct route and in ill humor. That is what he did with Montana in the final minute of the first half.

"I got around the center," Burt said, reconstructing the play. "Joe was back on his heels. He couldn't scramble because I was too close to him. He tried to dump it off because he didn't want to take the sack. I hit him a good lick."

The ball hung out to New York linebacker Lawrence Taylor, the NFL's most valuable player, who took the interception into the end zone for a touchdown and a 28-3 halftime lead. It was very much like an earlier pass that

New York's Herb Welch picked off as Montana was being leveled by linebacker Carl Banks.

He got back up the first time. "I figured he would," Banks said. "He's tough. He's used to taking hits."

The second time, though, Montana stayed down for an agonizingly long time. Burt, whose attention had been diverted by the interception as he tried to block for Taylor, returned after the play to the quarterback's side.

"I was concerned because he was hurt and I did not want to hurt him," Burt said. "He was laying there, not moving. The referee told me to get back. I didn't want to see that, someone lying there, motionless. That's scary."

Scariest, probably, because it was Montana, the surgically repaired quarterback. Every time he gets hit, the logical thought is, "Uh, oh, there goes his back."

This time, all that went was his head. The diagnosis was a concussion, serious enough for Montana to spend the night in the Hospital for Special Surgery — Cornell Medical Center, at the direction of Dr. Peter Tsairis, a neurosurgeon.

"There was concern because he was falling off to sleep, had double vision and headaches that wouldn't go away," Tsairis said. "He is stable and neurologically intact with a normal brain scan." And his back?

"He is not complaining, so there is no need to examine it," the doctor said.

This time, Montana is in a high-risk business. Earlier this year, he underwent the kind of delicate operation that grounds people for long periods. The recommended recuperation does not include playing football.

Montana, however, recuperated not only by playing, but by playing brilliantly, so well, in fact, that the 49ers won their division and went into the playoffs as a distinct Super Bowl threat.

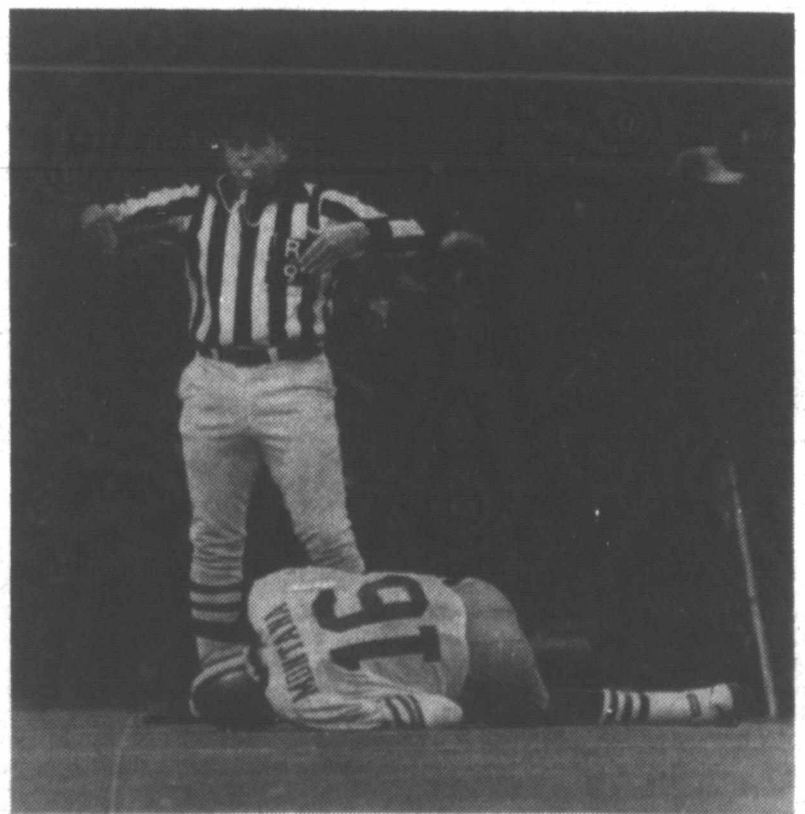
But Montana was at permanent risk. Quarterbacks are in the business of getting hit. Football is not a contact sport. It is a collision sport: Creaky backs need not apply.

The Giants deck quarterbacks all the time. Montana was their fourth knockout victim this season after they broke Joe Theismann's leg, ending his career last season.

"I was coming full speed," Burt said. "I got my helmet up under his chin. I came in square up. He showed a lot of guts. He knew he was going to take a hit. I've hit him that hard before and he always got right up."

This time, however, he did not. "I'm not here to hurt people," Burt said. "A thing like that puts a damper on this for me."

It was not, of course, exactly wonderful for Montana, either.



Montana was down for several minutes.

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Krum family leaves big shoes to fill

By JOEL W. BIRD
Denton Record-Chronicle

KRUM (AP)—Since his father and three uncles played on various Krum High School state tournament teams in the past, Bobcat guard Randy Hall has always had certain expectations to live up to when he stepped on the basketball court.

But Krum Coach Troy Hamm said Hall has handled his situation well during his four years as a starter.

"He's done an exceptional job of handling the pressure put on him because of the Hall tradition in Krum," Hamm said of the 5-foot-11 senior. "He's learned he's just got to be himself and not try to be any other of the Halls."

Krum is about 10 miles northwest of Denton.

Randy's father, Bill Hall, played on Krum's state tournament team in 1965, while his uncle Jack played on the 1967 team and his uncle Kent played on the 1976 and

1977 teams. Kent Hall is now the girls' basketball coach at Lake Dallas.

But the uncle that is perhaps most famous is Chuck Hall, who now is Hamm's assistant. He started on four state tournament teams from 1976 through 1979, one of which won the state championship. Later, he won small-college All-America honors at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls.

"Chuck doesn't show a bit of favoritism. He's as hard or harder on me than anybody. Maybe it's because he wants me to be as good as him. But I'm not trying to be as good as him. I can't think of anybody that can right now," Randy said.

"But it's been fun because we're the seniors now, plus him being the assistant coach."

Randy said both his father and Hamm have also been important influences.

"If it wasn't for my dad, I'd

probably still be doing some things I did when I was a freshman and sophomore. There have been a lot of times I've disagreed with him, but then I'd start to think about it and I'd try to work to improve that point."

Hamm gave him confidence by starting him when he was a freshman, he said.

"Plus, his just being a friend means I can be a little more relaxed around him. There's not as much pressure."

By averaging 19.8 points, five assists and three rebounds per game during his first three years in high school, Randy hasn't done a bad job of upholding the family tradition. The only thing missing has been a Krum team at the state tournament—an oversight the youngest Hall hopes to rectify this season.

Since Krum moved up from Class 1A to 2A this season, it may be harder for the Bobcats to realize their ambitions. Krum could

still have to contend with Archer City, the school the Bobcats lost to, 74-67, last March in the regional championship.

"It was rough for a few days (after the loss)," Hall said. "We knew we played good and they played better. They got some breaks and we didn't. It would have been worse if we hadn't played good, but I wouldn't want to go through (losing) again."

"I think we'll want (a trip to state) just a little bit more because we're an A school trying to prove we can make it in 2A. Plus, Archer City moved up too. We wouldn't mind another shot at them," Hall said.

"Our goals are the same as last year. We want to get to the regional tournament. Once we get there, we want to go down to Austin and do the best we can do there."

"We have a good chance. I feel we'll improve as the year goes on and we'll start to get more confi-

dence with the things we have to think about now. Then we can get to working on other things that we'll have to think about later."

In helping the Bobcats to a 33-3 record last year, Hall averaged 21 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists per game. Krum is off to a good start this season despite the loss of 6-foot-6 postman David Dry to graduation. Hall was averaging 22.8 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists through 13 games, with the Bobcats going 10-3.

"He's a tremendous shooter, but he's become more of a complete player this season," Hamm said.

"He's doing a lot more for us than just scoring. He's doing a good job defensively and helping us on the boards. This year, he's had to take a bigger load on his shoulders."

Several colleges have expressed interest, but Hall said he doesn't know if he will try to play college basketball.

One reason for the indecision is his skill in baseball. He was Krum's ace pitcher last year as the Bobcats reached the regional finals.

"That's why I'm not going to decide until the last minute, maybe until the middle of summer. I don't want to commit myself to basketball until I see what my options are in baseball, if any," he said.

"In basketball, I prefer basketball. In baseball season, baseball. But I'm leaning a bit toward baseball, mainly because of my height. But that shouldn't make that much of a difference."

Whichever sport he chooses, Hamm said Hall "has been a joy to coach. He's a great athlete, but he's also a tremendous young man. He's a good student, and he's got good work habits. That consistency has contributed to his being such a successful player. There's not many like him around."

Johnson masters shooting

By The Associated Press

Everyone knows Earvin "Magic" Johnson is a great passer, a fine rebounder and a pretty good scorer. But this season, Johnson is also a super shooter.

"It appears to me that he's shooting so much better than I've seen in the past and that makes him so much more dangerous," Utah Coach Frank Layden said Sunday night after Johnson paced the Los Angeles Lakers past the Jazz 121-113.

The Lakers, leading the NBA with a 25-6 record, won their seventh straight game as Johnson had 26 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds.

Johnson is averaging 23.4 points per game and leading the Lakers in scoring for the first time in his seven seasons. Johnson, 12th in the NBA in scoring, has averaged 18.3 points in his career.

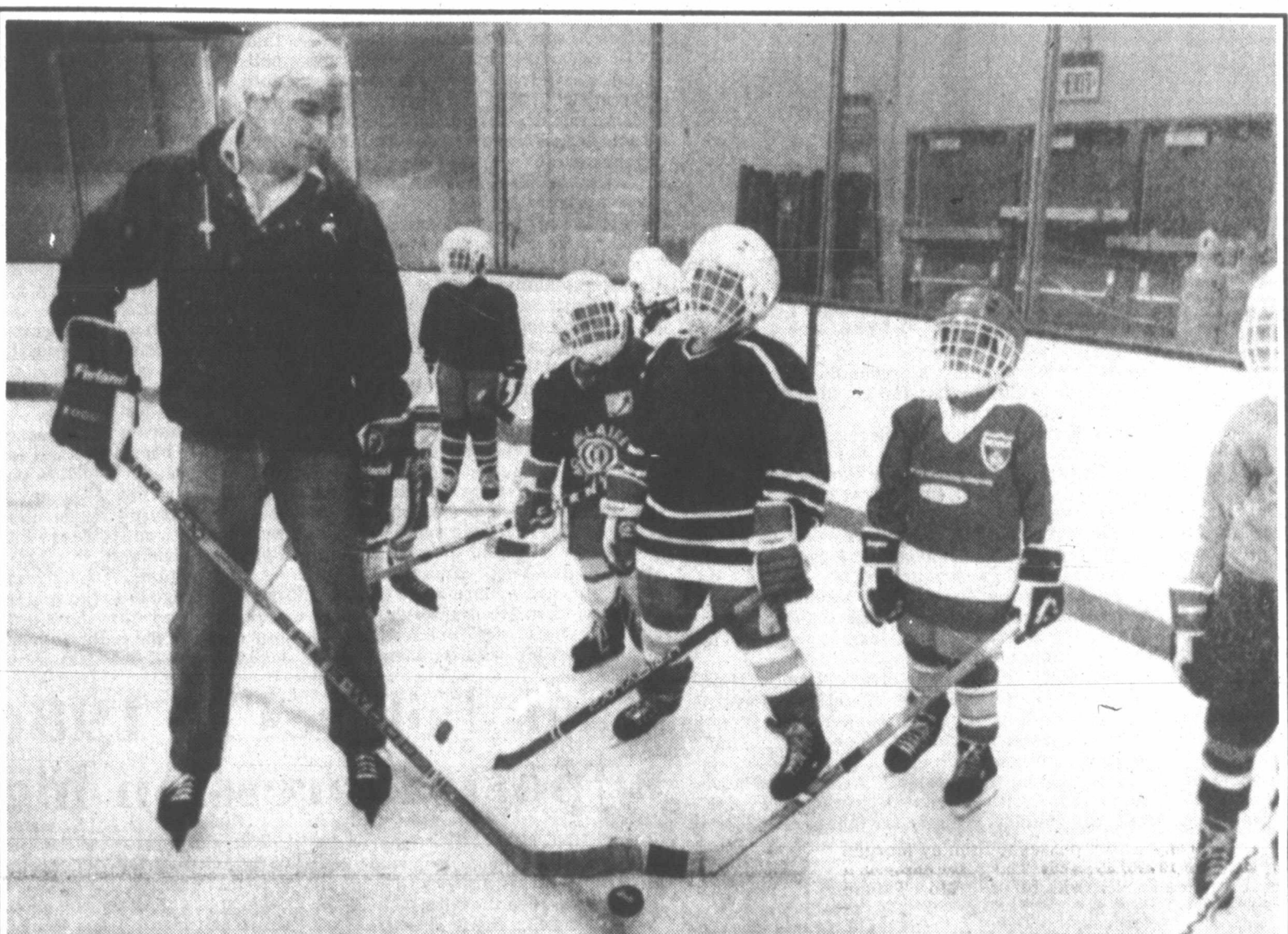
"Magic is Magic," Utah's Kelly Tripucka said. "He doesn't have too many slumps and that's the mark of a great professional. He does more this year, but he's capable of it: rebounding, assists, shooting."

In other games, Phoenix beat Golden State 104-101 and Portland defeated Sacramento 128-111.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 21 points and James Worthy 19 as the Lakers beat Utah for the eighth straight time dating back to the 1984-85 season.

Karl Malone, who scored 35 points for visiting Utah, capped a 10-0 streak that pulled the Jazz within 98-89 with 8:07 left in the game. But Johnson responded with eight points and Michael Cooper had five during a 13-4 burst as Los Angeles took command.

The Jazz lost for the third straight time following a 12-game winning streak.



(AP Laserphoto)

Hockey remains popular with Houston youngsters.

Hockey still lives in Houston

HOUSTON (AP)—Two professional hockey teams may have folded in Houston within the past decade, but the sport still thrives in the city on an amateur level.

Houston hockey fans thrilled 10 years ago to a world championship professional team led by legendary player Gordie Howe.

Howe, Paul Popiel, John Tonelli and even Howe's two sons, Mark and Marty, starred for the Aeros, which was often the team to beat in the World Hockey Association.

Trouble was, not enough fans showed up for Houston pro games, even though the Aeros won two championships. The team folded, and the WHA was gone soon after.

In an attempt to get more people hooked on hockey, the Houston Hockey Association

sponsors a learn-to-skate program for children on Saturdays. The \$1 cost covers rink time, skates, helmets and instruction, said Tom James, a Houston Hockey Association board member.

Now about 275 players from age 6 to 60—male and female—skate and slapshot every weekend at the Sharpstown Ice Center in southwest Houston. Some even check (crash into each other), although not in the fierce National Hockey League style.

"When the Aeros were here, adults went to games and brought their kids and everybody got involved. But today it's difficult to introduce people to hockey now that we have no team," James said.

"If we can get people in and past the first few awkward learning sessions, they're

hooked," he said.

Hockey almost died out in Houston four years ago when the Sharpstown rink shut down, leaving nowhere to play hockey. The rink reopened two years ago, however, and now the association, which governs amateur hockey, boasts 165 players in its adult division and 110 in its youth division.

Although hockey has never been a popular spectator sport in Houston—both the WHA Aeros and the Central Hockey Association Apollos folded—amateur hockey has succeeded because, James claims, it is the best of two worlds.

"You've got skating, which is fun in itself, and playing a game, which is fun, too," James said.

Big East shows balance in conference

By The Associated Press

The Big East, traditionally one of strongest conferences in college basketball, is already showing it may be one of the most balanced.

Villanova sent No. 10 St. John's to its first loss of the season, 62-54, on Sunday—one day after visiting Seton Hall trounced No. 8 Georgetown, 74-53.

"We think we're as good as anyone in the conference, so we don't look at this as an upset," Seton Hall Coach P. J. Carlesimo said after handing the Hoyas their first loss. "The score, though, was absurd."

Villanova rolled to a 34-19 lead at halftime and the visiting Redmen never got closer than five points the rest of the way.

"I didn't think the first half would ever end," St. John's Coach Lou Carnesecca said. "They played as perfect a half as you can play. We played much better in the second half, but that was a big hole we were in."

Two other Big East teams in the Top Twenty won Saturday. Seventh-ranked Syracuse beat Connecticut 88-71 and No. 17 Pittsburgh defeated Providence 76-67.

Elsewhere, it was No. 1 Nevada-Las Vegas 114, Cal-Irvine 72; No. 2 Purdue 87, Michigan State 72; No. 3 Iowa 80, Northwestern 44; No. 4 North Carolina 79, La Salle 72; and No. 9 Navy 72, UNC-Wilmington 58.

In other games Saturday, it was No. 13 Oklahoma 68, McNeese State 63; No. 14 Temple 81, Rhode Island 68; No. 15 DePaul 80, Dayton 64; No. 16 Illinois 95, Michigan 84; No. 18 Georgia Tech 65, Wake Forest 59 in overtime; No. 19 North Carolina State 69, Maryland 47, and No. 20 Duke 70, Virginia 63.

Only two ranked teams played Sunday. In addition to the Villanova-St. John's game, No. 6 Indiana downed Ohio State 92-80.

scored 20 points and Nevada-Las Vegas topped the 100-point mark for the fifth time in its last five games.

Freddie Banks added 19 points for the Runnin' Rebels, 12-0.

No. 2 Purdue 87, Michigan St. 72
Everette Stephens scored 22 points, and Purdue rallied from an early deficit to beat

Top Twenty

- Michigan State.
Purdue is 9-1.
- No. 3 Iowa 80, Northwestern 44**
Iowa, off to its fastest start in history at 13-0, won its Big Ten opener by routing Northwestern.
- No. 4 N. Carolina 79, La Salle 72**
Jeff Lebo made two foul shots with 1:26 remaining to give North Carolina a 73-72 lead, and the Tar Heels held off La Salle.
North Carolina is 11-1.
- No. 11 Kentucky 63, No. 5 Auburn 60**
Guard Rex Chapman scored 21 of his 24 points in the second half and Kentucky held off Auburn in a Southeastern Conference game. Chapman made five three-point shots in the second half in helping the Wildcats to a 13-point lead with 3:23 to play.
- No. 6 Indiana 92, Ohio State 80**
Keith Smart scored 31 points and Steve Alford added 22 as Indiana won in Columbus, Ohio.
The Hoosiers are 10-1.
- No. 7 Syracuse 88, Connecticut 71**
Sherman Douglas scored eight of his 20

- points during a 16-2 streak midway through the second half as Syracuse put away Connecticut.
- The Orangemen are 12-0.
- No. 9 Navy 72, UNC-Wilmington 58**
Guard Cliff Rees scored 26 points and Navy, despite the ineffective play of All-America center David Robinson, beat North Carolina-Wilmington in its Colonial Athletic Association opener.
- Robinson, averaging 30 points, fouled out with 4:30 to play after scoring just 12 points. The 7-foot Robinson had 14 rebounds for Navy, 6-3.
- SECOND TEN**
- No. 13 Oklahoma 68, McNeese St. 63**
Oklahoma won its own Sooner Invitational as Darryl Kennedy scored 20 points against McNeese State.
The Sooners are 10-2.
- No. 14 Temple 81, Rhode Island 68**
Nate Blackwell scored 31 and Temple beat Rhode Island in a fight-marred Atlantic 10 game. A bench-clearing brawl that lasted five minutes broke out midway in the second half, and some Rhode Island fans had to be kept away from the court.
- No. 15 DePaul 80, Dayton 64**
Kevin Edwards scored 24 points and Dallas Comegys 21 as unbeaten DePaul broke a five-year losing streak at Dayton.
- The Blue Demons, 10-0, outscored the Flyers 7-2 in the final 2:12 of the first half for a 39-34 lead and then pulled away in the second half.
- No. 16 Illinois 95, Michigan 84**
Ken Norman scored 29 points and Glynn Blackwell 28 as Illinois beat Michigan in the Big Ten. The Illini, 9-2, scored 14 straight points early in the game.

Texas Tech picks coaches

LUBBOCK (AP)—Texas Tech head football coach Spike Dykes completed his coaching staff Sunday by naming Miami University secondary coach Carlos Mainord as his defensive coordinator and three other coaches as assistants.

Mainord, 42, coached at Tech two times previously. He coached linebackers under J. T. King in 1968 and returned as secondary coach under Jerry Moore in 1984 and 1985. His 1984 secondary led the nation in pass defense, and his 1985 secondary was second nationally.

Mainord also was defensive coordinator at Rice from 1978-83 and was head coach at Ranger Junior College from 1972-77.

The other coaches named were Lance Van Zandt, Ted Unbehagen and Doyle Parker. Dykes did not announce any position assignments for them.

Van Zandt, 47, has been in private business for the past year. He was a secondary coach with the St. Louis Cardinals and New Orleans Saints of the NFL and served as defensive coordinator at Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma State. He was also on coaching staffs at New Mexico Highlands, West Texas State, Texas A&M and Rice.

Unbehagen, 44, was offensive line coach this past season with the University of Houston. He coached receivers at Tech from 1971-74, and later was an assistant at Rice and Texas A&M. Earlier, he was a high school coach at Spring Branch and Galveston Bay.

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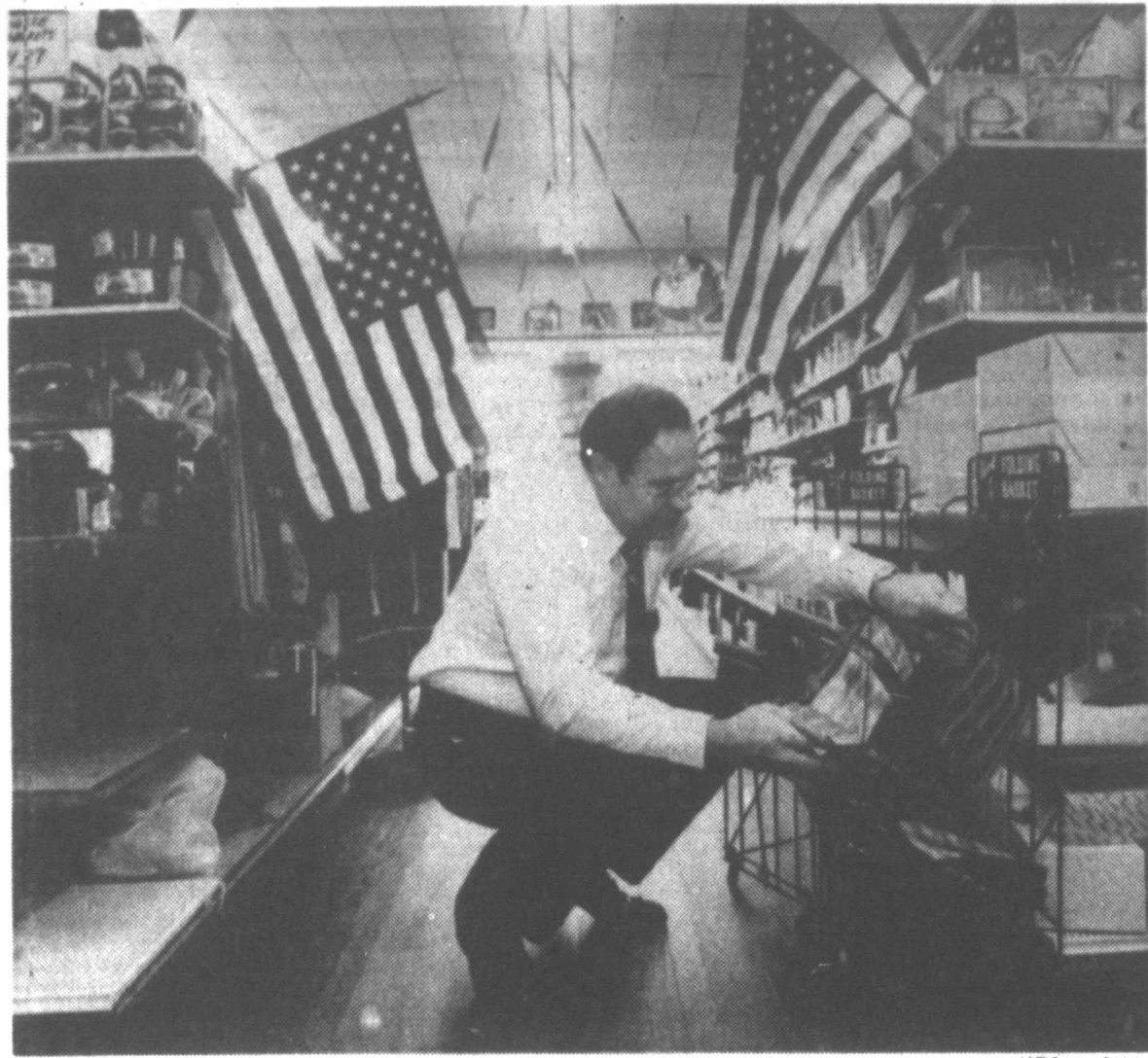
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Glenn Reese, manager of a Mott's variety store in Fort Worth, straightens shopping baskets in his store. (AP Laserphoto)

'Five-and-dime' stocked in tradition

By JULIUS KARASH
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH (AP) — It's not every day that you go shopping for a basket — especially a basket to hold a knitted bun warmer shaped like a chicken.

But that's what Marjorie Phillips was looking for on a recent afternoon at the Mott's store at 7241 Grapevine Highway in North Richland Hills.

She found what she wanted. Quickly. "I could have found it elsewhere, but it probably would have taken a long time," Ms. Phillips said as she picked out the right basket. "I've shopped in this Mott's for 25 years. It's just got all you nit-pickin' little things in the neighborhood where you don't have to fight traffic."

Loyal, longtime customers like Ms. Phillips are the life's blood of Mott's, a Dallas-based chain of 63 variety stores, including 29 in Tarrant County.

"I've shopped here off and on for 15 years or longer," said Mildred Triche, a customer at the Mott's store on East Rosedale. The store dates from 1940.

Ms. Triche, in the midst of moving into a new house, was shopping for contact cement, contact shelf paper, thumbtacks, a plunger, weather stripping and white chalk for dominoes.

"They keep a lot of things you can't find at other stores," she said.

What you can't find at Mott's are modern, fancy frills. It's a chain that holds to the tradition of the "five-and-dime" stores of years gone by.

A few of the older stores still have hardwood floors.

Mott's is well-stocked with character and tradition but it carries a low profile. A Dallas retail analyst, who requested anonymity, said he had never heard of the chain that employs 700 people.

At an average size of 6,000 to 7,000 square feet, the stores are tiny compared with mass merchandizers like K mart or Wal-Mart.

But while more attention is given to bigger, glitzier retailers who have been "upscaling" their operations, Mott's sticks to the knitting it began 46 years ago.

"We're friendly neighborhood stores," said Russell E. Harrison, 75, president and co-founder of E.B. Mott Co. "We carry a lot of low-price merchandise. Needles and pins, thumbtacks, you name it. We serve our customers well, try to treat them right. If they're not happy with anything they buy, we give them their money back and that's it."

A shopping trip to Mott's may bag wooden clothespins, dominoes, Hula Hoops, greeting cards, picture frames, underwear, needles, thread and just about anything else you could want for sewing.

Not everything at Mott's can be bought for 5 or 10

cents or even a dollar. Merchandise at one store includes a rocking chair for \$39.95 and a "room divider" shelf for \$59.99.

Still, Harrison said the typical customer purchase amounts to \$4 or \$5.

Sales last year totaled \$20 million, which calculates to about \$49 per square foot per year.

"That seems pretty low to me," said John Land-schulz, a retail analyst for Mesrirow & Co. investment banking firm in Chicago. "A real active operation would do well over \$100."

But Mott's doesn't have to make a lot of money to be profitable. It benefits from low overhead — including low rents at old store leases — and the fact that the chain has no debt.

"We don't owe any money or order money," Harrison said matter-of-factly. "I get calls several times a month from various bankers wanting our account. I just tell them we don't need any. In fact, we loan them money."

Is the company profitable? "We keep our heads above water," Harrison said. "Not overly profitable. Our employees do better than we do."

Those employees say Mott's is a nice, laid-back place to work.

"It's easy-going here," Reese said. "They don't pressure you as long as you're doing your job. If I get freight in today, I'm not told I have to get it in stock today."

Bill Nickell, manager of the Grapevine Highway Mott's, turned a corner of the store into a hobby shop that features radio-controlled made airplanes, which are his hobby.

Although virtually unknown to retail analysts, Mott's is respected by fellow merchants.

"I look at a lot of shopping centers and sites and see them around a lot," said Tom Hoskins, president of the Fort Worth based Stripling & Cox department stores.

"They appear to be well managed and have a good formula for what they accomplish. If they don't owe any money, they're pretty darn competent," he said.

The East Rosedale store is good illustration of Mott's way of doing business. The property was once owned by Southern Methodist University.

"We just operate it for sentiment," Harrison said. "We'd been paying SMU rent for years, and they wanted to get rid of it about three years ago, so we bought it. We don't do much business there and don't make any money, but we've been in the neighborhood for many years."

Hanging on the front wall of the East Rosedale Mott's is a plain-spoken sign that says "Lay-away."

Reese said layaway customers can leave merchandise in the store "as long as they like until they get it paid off. As long as they pay some little something on it, we'll keep it for them."

King of Marvel Comics still waiting for his life's calling

DALLAS (AP) — The man who snared the superhero industry in Spiderman's web says he wasn't shopping for a career the day in 1939 when he answered a newspaper advertisement for an assistant at a comic book publishing house.

"I thought it would be a temporary job," said Stan Lee, publisher of Marvel Comics and the head of the company's budding Hollywood production unit. "I never thought I'd spend my life doing comics."

After nearly two decades of churning out the standard comic fare of westerns, romances, crime stories, tales of funny animals, war stories and "whatever sold at the time," Lee created a new generation of superheroes who sometimes aren't so super. In the process, he made himself into something of a legend.

"I'm still wondering what I'll do with my life," said Lee, who despite tongue-in-cheek bewilderment at where his life has gone, seems to be in no danger of suffering from boredom in his new job of bringing Marvel's heroes to the movie screen and television.

A quarter of a century has passed since Peter Parker, teen-age loser, was bitten by a radioactive spider and became Spiderman, known to aficionados as Spidey and Your Friendly Neighborhood Spiderman.

Spidey is the product of the productive imagination of Lee, who estimates he wrote the stories for as many as 10 to 15 comic books a month for nearly 40 years.

"I think I've written more stories than any human being who ever lived," said Lee. He qualifies the statement by pointing out that his work has

been in an industry that often emphasizes quantity, rather than quality.

Spiderman wasn't greeted with open arms when Lee, then a veteran writer and editor for Timely Comics, Marvel's predecessor, suggested a teenage superhero who lived with his aunt.

"My publisher thought it was a nutty idea," said Lee in a recent interview at a comic book collectors' convention in Dallas.

Spiderman got his initial chance when the company decided to discontinue a comic book known as "Amazing Fantasy."

"Since it was to be the last issue, the publisher didn't really care what was in the book. So I figured I would get Spiderman out of my system," Lee said.

About three months later, after sales figures were in, Spiderman had his own magazine, and Marvel was rolling. Along with such characters as the Fantastic Four, The Amazing Hulk, the Avengers and the X-Men, Marvel overtook rival DC, which had dominated the industry for years with Superman and Batman.

All the Marvel characters are similar to Spidey in that they're human, Lee said.

"We tried to make the characters flesh and blood," he said. "They had problems and they had Achilles heels. I felt it made them more interesting to the reader."

For instance, the erstwhile Peter Parker has money woes, problems with his work as a photographer — his volcano-tempered boss at the "Daily Bugle," J. Jonah Jameson hates Spidey — and can't seem to make everything come together with his girlfriend, Mary Jane.

Wright ready to take over as House speaker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thinking back to his days as a "young Turk" under the tutelage of House Speaker Sam Rayburn, Rep. Jim Wright recalled how he once stunned an elite clique surrounding the speaker by showing up at an all-male dinner with a woman on his arm.

"When we walked in with these lady guests mouths fell open and Kika (Rep. Kika de la Garza) ran over to a nearby dining room and found some lady to bring in for himself," said Wright. "We were blockbusters. We were young Turks."

Back in the Rayburn era of the late 1950s, Wright had no idea that one day he would become House speaker and be presiding over a pack of his own "young Turks."

But on Tuesday, the 64-year-old Democrat from Weatherford will follow in the footsteps of his mentor, Rayburn, and of former Rep. John Nance Garner of Uvalde, and be sworn in as the third Texan to hold the powerful House speakership in the past 55 years.

"I hope I'll be a good speaker and an effective one," Wright said.

He began assuming the leadership mantle in October as retiring Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr. started easing out of the job, and the Iran-Contra crisis has only accelerated his march to the forefront.

After the Reagan administration disclosed that profits from the sale of weapons to Iran had been used to aid Nicaraguan rebels, Wright was on the air within minutes, saying the White House explanation "defies credulity."

Working beside Wright in the Senate will be his good friend and fellow Texan Lloyd Bentsen, the newly named chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Both men have outlined goals that may provide a tonic for the ailing economy of the Lone Star State, with oil and trade legislation at the top of their lists.

"We won't have any trouble working together. Lloyd and I are friends of longstanding," Wright said.

The Wright and Bentsen team already has been compared to the power duo of Rayburn and Lyndon B. Johnson, when Johnson served as Senate majority leader. But Wright said his relationship with Bentsen will be

closer. "In the case of Rayburn and Johnson, they were of different generations. Lloyd and I are of the same generation," Wright said.

Many House Democrats feel that Wright, known nationwide for his bristling bushy eyebrows and flamboyant oratory skills, will provide the muscle to push long-sought bills into law over presidential opposition.

But there are others who view the incoming speaker as an loner with a fast temper and a mean streak.

The natty, stoop-shouldered politician says he likes to think of himself as a man of compromise rather than contention, but admits to a pair of basic flaws.

"My biggest weakness — there just are so doggone many — is impatience," Wright said. "I'm constantly trying to content myself with slower progress than we make."

In addition to impatience, Wright says he has trouble delegating authority.

"Rather than contenting myself with giving up and moving on to something else I find myself insisting on polishing every phrase and personally dotting every 'i'. I've got to learn better to delegate."

The new speaker says his main goal during the 100th Congress will be to restore America's competitiveness in the world economy. Resolving crises facing U.S. agriculture and energy industries will be at the top of his list.

Welfare reform also will be sought by Wright, as will legislation to pay for rebuilding the country's roads, bridges and waterworks.

Wright's critics have accused him of sometimes putting his home state's interests ahead of the nation's in matters before Congress, a charge that quickly raises his hackles.

"I think during my years in Congress I have been a national congressman as opposed to just a parochial one. But I have never had any difficulty reconciling my responsibilities to my home area and to Texas with being a national legislator."

As illustrations, Wright points to his support of legislation to bail out New York City and Chrysler Corp. when they came to the federal government during times of financial peril.

Bank failures in 1986 at post-depression high

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly one of every 10 U.S. banks is in some kind of financial trouble, and a post-Depression record of 138 institutions failed last year, many of which were casualties of troubled oil and farm industries.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said 1,484 banks as of mid-December were on its list of troubled institutions needing special monitoring out of the 14,948 banks whose deposits are insured by the FDIC.

During 1986, Texas had 26 bank failures, the most of any state, followed by 16 in Oklahoma, 14 in Kansas, 10 in Iowa and nine in Missouri.

California and Louisiana had eight failures each; Colorado and Wyoming, seven each; and Nebraska, six.

"Economic performance has not been favorable for all sectors of the economy," FDIC Chairman L. William Seidman noted in congressional testimony last year. "The agricultural and energy sectors have been exceptionally weak and are in the midst of a painful adjustment process."

"These adjustments are not confined to the non-financial firms," he said. "The banks that serve these sectors are affected as well."

Seidman said many banks were reluctant or unable to diversify their lending and thus were more vulnerable to economic woes in oil and farming.

The 1986 failures marked a six-year surge of bank collapses. The 138 failures compared with 120 in 1985; 79 in 1984; 48 in 1983; 42 in 1982; and 10 in 1981.

The figure also was the greatest number of bank failures since the FDIC was created in 1934. During the late years of the Great Depression, from 1934 to 1939, bank failures averaged 67 per year, or half the current rate.

Still, the figure was far below the early years of the Depression, when accounts were not insured and rumors could spark bank runs by people frantic to withdraw their deposits. An average of 2,277 banks failed each year from 1930 to 1933, with an astounding 4,000 failures in 1933 itself, according to the FDIC.

Meanwhile, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board reported that 21 savings and loan associations closed their doors in 1986, while 43 were ordered to change management and 22 were forced into mergers with stronger partners.

In addition, about 250 thrifts out of some 3,250 whose deposits are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. are in trouble, said board spokesman Pat McKelvey.

"About 79 percent of savings and loans are prosperous and will continue to be so," McKelvey said. "But we have some real dandies in the other 21 percent."

The 21 thrift closings also set a modern record. Ten thrifts collapsed in 1985, nine in 1984 and six in 1983. Before that, no more than one thrift a year had fundered since the Depression.

McKelvey said most of the thrifts in serious trouble got away from their traditional role of lending home mortgage money and moved into more questionable real estate loans for development and construction, often outside their local area.

"They get over their heads in many cases," he said. "When they get into trouble, they try to grow out of their problems and it doesn't work."

The FDIC and FSLIC insure deposits up to \$100,000 in participating banks and savings and loan associations. The FDIC insurance fund now stands at about \$19 billion, while the FSLIC had \$2.2 billion in mid-December with another \$1 billion being collected from member thrifts.

Names in the News

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Rock star Elton John checked into a private hospital today for throat surgery.

"It feels OK today, which is great," he said to reporters, at times speaking in a whisper that was barely audible.

John, 39, was plagued by a throat problem during his recent Australian "Tour de Force" and was advised last week to undergo exploratory surgery, which is scheduled Tuesday.

"With any luck there won't be a full-scale operation," said the British singer. "I don't think it will put my career in jeopardy but I just want to get it over with."

John canceled one of his Australian concerts, collapsed on stage at another and has scrapped all remaining performances in 1987.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Singer-songwriter Lionel Richie is one of five finalists up for the movie song of the

year award as his "Say You, Say Me" goes against "Danger Zone," recorded by Kenny Loggins.

The honor in the seventh annual National Songwriter Awards goes to the songwriter rather than the performer, and is to be announced Jan. 20.

The finalists are Giorgio Moroder and Thomas Whitlock, who wrote "Danger Zone" and "Take My Breath Away," both from the movie "Top Gun"; Peter Cetera, David Foster and Diane Nini for "Glory of Love," from "Karate Kid Part II"; Richie for "Say You, Say Me," from "White Nights"; and Billy Ocean, Wayne Bratwaite, Barry Eastmond and Robert John Lange for "When the Going Gets Tough," from "Jewel of the Nile."

The group Berlin recorded "Take My Breath Away," Richie recorded "Say You, Say Me," Cetera recorded "Glory of Love" and Ocean recorded "When the Going Gets Tough."

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Fire deliberately set; investigators now seeking arsonist

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Investigators say they are focusing on flammable chemical substances in trying to determine how arsonists set the Dupont Plaza Hotel fire that killed 96 people.

Authorities did not name any suspects in the New Year's Eve blaze that also injured about 140 people. Government officials have said the fire may be related to a labor dispute at the hotel, but have offered no proof.

"The investigation now is going to determine which person or how many persons participated in this crime," Hector Rivera Cruz, secretary of justice of this U.S. commonwealth, said Sunday.

Rivera Cruz told a news conference the arsonists used "an incendiary sub-

stance," but added: "We dismiss an explosive device or a bomb to produce this fire."

Explosive devices were ruled out, he said, despite testimony from witnesses at the hotel's pool and nearby beach that they heard explosions at about the time the fire started.

However, the New York Times today quoted Guerry Thornton Jr., an Atlanta attorney, as saying a lawyer working for his firm learned from local investigators that evidence indicated "two bombs were planted and both went off."

Thornton was quoted as saying the bombs were "not professionally made devices, more like Molotov cocktails."

Neither Rivera Cruz nor Andrew Vita, supervisor of the 30-agent team

from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms would comment on precisely where the fire started, how it spread, what chemicals may have been used or whether there was a connection between the explosions and the blaze.

The investigation from the start focused on the possibility of arson. Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon cited a labor dispute at the hotel as a possible motive.

His statements focused attention on Teamsters Local 901, which represents kitchen and other non-casino workers at the hotel. However, Hernandez Colon never specifically blamed the union or the hotel.

Calls to the homes of the local's

secretary-treasurer, Jose Cadiz, and union attorney Jorge Farinacci went unanswered Sunday. Cadiz has maintained the union was not involved in the fire.

Most of the bodies recovered from the ballroom, casino and lower four floors were charred beyond recognition. After five days, forensics experts and pathologists had identified only 46 of them.

Most of the 800 guests at the hotel were tourists from the mainland, many from the East Coast. More than 140 people suffered burns or smoke inhalation or were hurt jumping through windows and off balconies to escape.

A U.S. Air Force cargo plane outfitted

as a flying hospital took some fire victims to the mainland for treatment on Sunday.

Some survivors of the fire have complained of spotty information after the fire. But many said Sunday that they were touched by the outpouring of sympathy and hospitality from island residents and rescue workers.

"One Puerto Rican man came running to me with tears streaming down his face, saying: 'We're so sorry,'" said Michael Wolf of Bloomfield, Conn. "He offered me money, he said his house was my house."

Wolf added, "After the treatment we've gotten, I hope to come back."



Cardinal John O'Connor answers reporters questions.

(AP Laserphoto)

O'Connor, Peres discuss Palestinian issue

JERUSALEM (AP) — Cardinal John O'Connor said he had a very friendly meeting today with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at his Jerusalem home but that their differences on the Palestinian question were not bridged.

The 75-minute visit followed a face-saving agreement reached Sunday between the Roman Catholic archbishop of New York and Israeli leaders to hold informal meetings at their homes rather than their offices.

Under the agreement, O'Connor met Sunday with President Chaim Herzog at the presidential residence. The meeting was held in the building's office wing, but the archbishop said it was an informal visit that did not violate a Vatican ban on meeting Israeli leaders in their Jerusalem offices.

The 66-year-old prelate wore a plain black priest's suit instead of his robes to both meetings in an apparent effort to stress the visits' informality.

O'Connor and Peres said they discussed the Arab-Israeli conflict but refused to elaborate. The archbishop said Peres and other Israeli leaders with whom he discussed the Palestinian issue offered "a very understanding response, but this doesn't mean there's agreement."

The Palestinian issue, at the core of the Middle East conflict, is one of the key differences between the Jewish state and the Holy See, which implicitly recognizes Israel but refuses to establish diplomatic ties.

The Vatican funds numerous aid projects for hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees uprooted when Israel was founded in 1948, and favors the establishment of a Palestinian state.

The church also does not recognize Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem and favors international status for the holy city.

Unsolved slaying shatters family

ARLINGTON (AP) — Nearly nine months after an 18-year-old woman was abducted and killed near her home, family members are trying to cope with her mother's suicide and a lack of leads in the investigation into the slaying.

Teresa Branch was raped and slain April 19 while she was jogging to her parents' house, a short distance from where her car had stalled, police said.

"I wish there were some things that had developed, but there just aren't," said police detective Mike Bosillo. "We don't have any good, viable leads at this time."

Miss Branch's mother, Mercedes Branch, killed herself with a drug overdose on July 5. After his wife's suicide, Kenneth Branch lost control of his schizophrenia, family members said.

The couple's son, Claudio, said his father had been afflicted with the condition all his life. "My mom was the one that kept him in line," he said.

His father began drinking shortly after Mrs. Branch's death and disappeared for about two weeks, the son said. When Branch reappeared, it was discovered he had borrowed and spent about \$18,000, draining the family's finances, his son said.

Claudio Branch said he was "devastated" by his sister's death and quit work for about a month. He said he has heard little from police about the case.

"I've tried to forget it, put it behind me," he said.

According to police, Miss Branch and a school friend had spent the weekend with Miss Branch's parents in Arlington and were on their way to Wise County, where Miss Branch lived with her grandparents and attended Slidell High School.

After the car stalled, another motorist jump-started the vehicle, but it stalled again a short time later. Miss Branch told her friend she would jog to her parents' house a few blocks away, police said.

"She was in her own neighborhood and apparently was at ease. She was only about six blocks away from her house," Bosillo said.

A witness told police he saw what appeared to be an abduction in the road. There appeared to be more than two people in the car that accosted the person, according to the witness.

Miss Branch's body was found later that evening in a church parking lot. According to police, she had been raped and shot once in the abdomen.

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