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Dozens of new laws ring in the new year

By MATT YANCEY
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Ringing in the new year are dozens of changes in federal laws and regulations, many of them aimed at quenching Americans' thirst for security and a few that will make life a little more expensive.

Among the most significant of the Jan. 1 changes are a vast expansion of Medicare to cover catastrophic illnesses, faster pension fund vesting that will benefit millions, particularly women, and tax changes reducing government subsidies of purchases on credit.

Others that occurred just before the end of 1988 or are scheduled early in 1989 include a ban on lie detector tests by private employers, 60 days advance notice of plant closings and large layoffs, and a new law prohibiting landlords from discriminating against the handicapped and families with children.

Environmental Protection Agency regulations implementing the 46-nation ozone treaty took effect Jan. 1. The regulations will require chemical companies, beginning in July, to cut their production of chlorofluorocarbon or CFC compounds by an estimated 20 percent back to 1986 levels.

The treaty is aimed at halting the depletion of the

ozone layer. CFC compounds also contribute to the "greenhouse" effect that many scientists say is warming the planet.

As a result of the regulations, consumers may notice fewer plastic food containers from fast-food outlets, thicker insulating panels and possibly even slightly harder seat cushions.

The biggest of the immediate changes is the Jan. 1 expansion of Medicare coverage for 32 million Medicare beneficiaries to include catastrophic health care costs.

Prior to passage of the measure last summer by Congress — the first major expansion of Medicare in its 22-year history — the program paid full hos-

pital bills for no more than 59 days a year.

Now, the beneficiary still will have to pay the first-day deductible of \$560. But that charge will be assessed no more than once a year no matter how many times the patient has to be hospitalized. The other 364 days are fully paid.

Medicare enrollees will pay for the new benefits through a flat increase in the premium deducted from their monthly Social Security checks and an additional sliding scale premium for approximately 40 percent of the elderly who pay federal income tax.

The flat increase will be \$4 a month effective See NEW LAWS, Page 2

Police arrest five and seize drugs, cash in morning raid

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

An early morning drug raid today netted Pampa police officers five arrests, an undetermined amount of marijuana and cocaine, \$1,000 in cash, narcotics paraphernalia, and a recipe for making methamphetamines.

Members of Pampa Police De-

partment's Tactical Unit and Criminal Investigation Division acted on a warrant to search a residence at 906 E. Browning at about midnight today.

Following the search, officers arrested two women and three men. Arrested in the raid were Alicia Smith, 19, Rt. 1., Box 177; Danny Ray White, 28, 906 E. Browning; David Heuston, 31,

1824 N. Banks; Kelley Jean McAulay, 21, P.O. Box 254; and Kenny Jack Addington, 28, 715 Sloan.

Smith and Addington were each charged with possession of a controlled substance and released shortly after their arrests pending further investigation.

White and Heuston were each charged with possession of narcotics paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. McAulay was charged with possession of a controlled substance. All three remained in city jail early today awaiting arraignment on the drug charges.

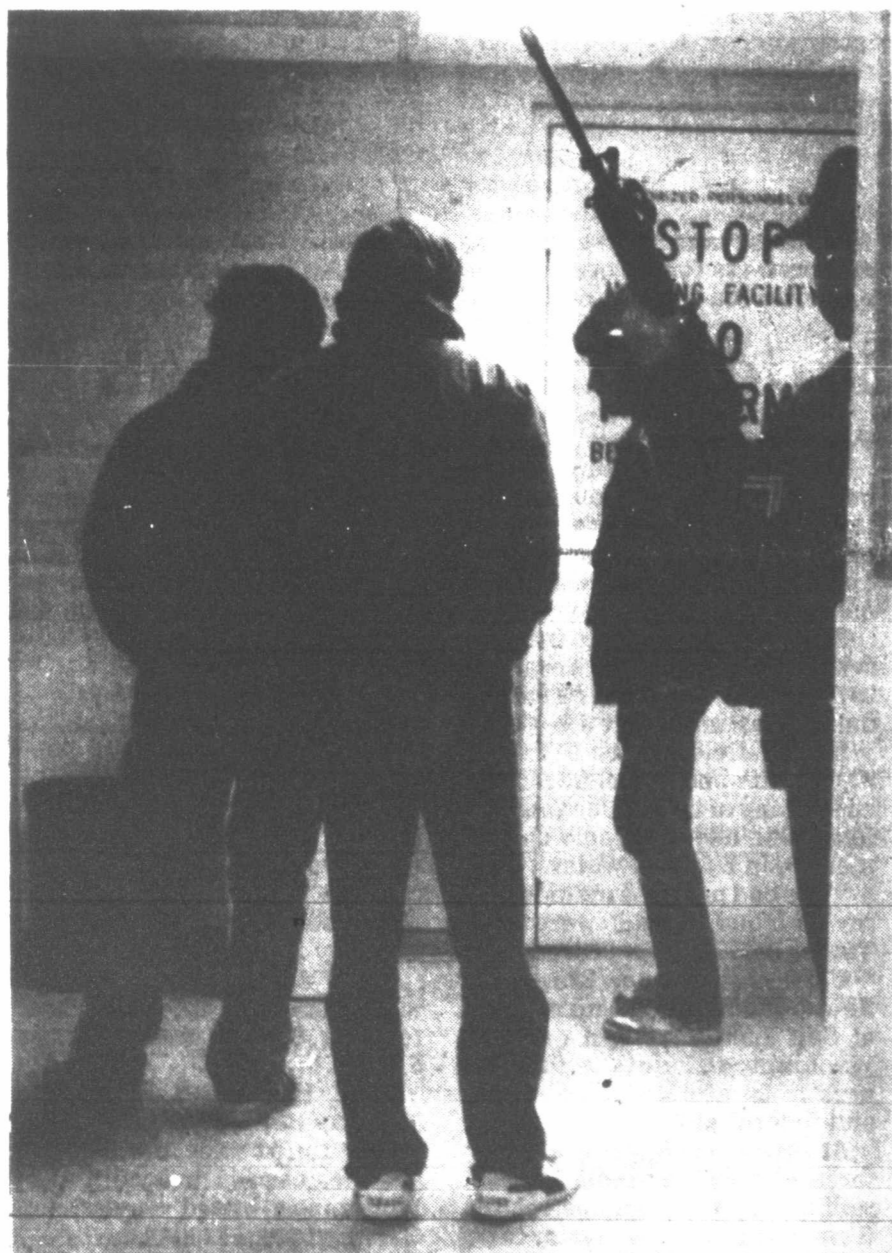
A number of handguns, an envelope containing \$1,000 in cash, scales and what is believed to be marijuana and cocaine were among the items confiscated in the raid. Police officers also found a handwritten recipe for making methamphetamine dichloride, a form of speed.

At the time of today's raid, White was free on \$15,000 bond on two counts of possession of a controlled substance stemming from a similar search of his residence in August. White was indicted by the Gray County grand jury on the earlier charges in November and is scheduled to appear for trial Jan. 19.

In the first raid, a quantity of two "exotic" drugs, dimethylamethamphetamine and hydromorphone, valued at \$7,500 was found. Dimethylamethamphetamine is a pure drug that ranks with cocaine, opium and morphine, authorities say.

Also found in the raid was \$12,000 in cash. The state has filed for forfeiture of the \$12,000, saying it has the right to the money because it was connected with illegal drug activities. White's attorney, Bill McKinney of Amarillo, has filed an answer contesting the state's right to the cash. Both sides are awaiting trial to determine the outcome of the ownership of the cash.

Pampa police plan to file for forfeiture of the \$1,000 found in today's search for similar reasons.



(Staff Photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

A Pampa police officer stands guard over three men arrested on drug charges early today following a drug raid at 906 E. Browning. Among those arrested are, from left, David Heuston, Kenny Jack Addington and Danny Ray White.

Bakkers return to TV ministry

PINEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker returned to television today after a two-year absence with a show broadcast from the living room of their borrowed home to a handful of stations around the country.

"Jim, I think this is probably the happiest day of my life," Mrs. Bakker said as the show began.

Sporting her trademark heavy eye makeup, she began crying two minutes into the hourlong show.

Bakker, the founder of PTL, left his television ministry in

March 1987 in the midst of a sex and money scandal.

He and his wife had not appeared on a television pulpit since January 1987.

Today, Bakker told viewers and his supporters crowded into the house that his last television appearance was to break ground for the Crystal Palace Church at Heritage USA, the home of PTL.

"I believe that was the last straw for Satan," Bakker said. "I think the devil was mad that something so beautiful was being built. ... I believe the devil said, 'I

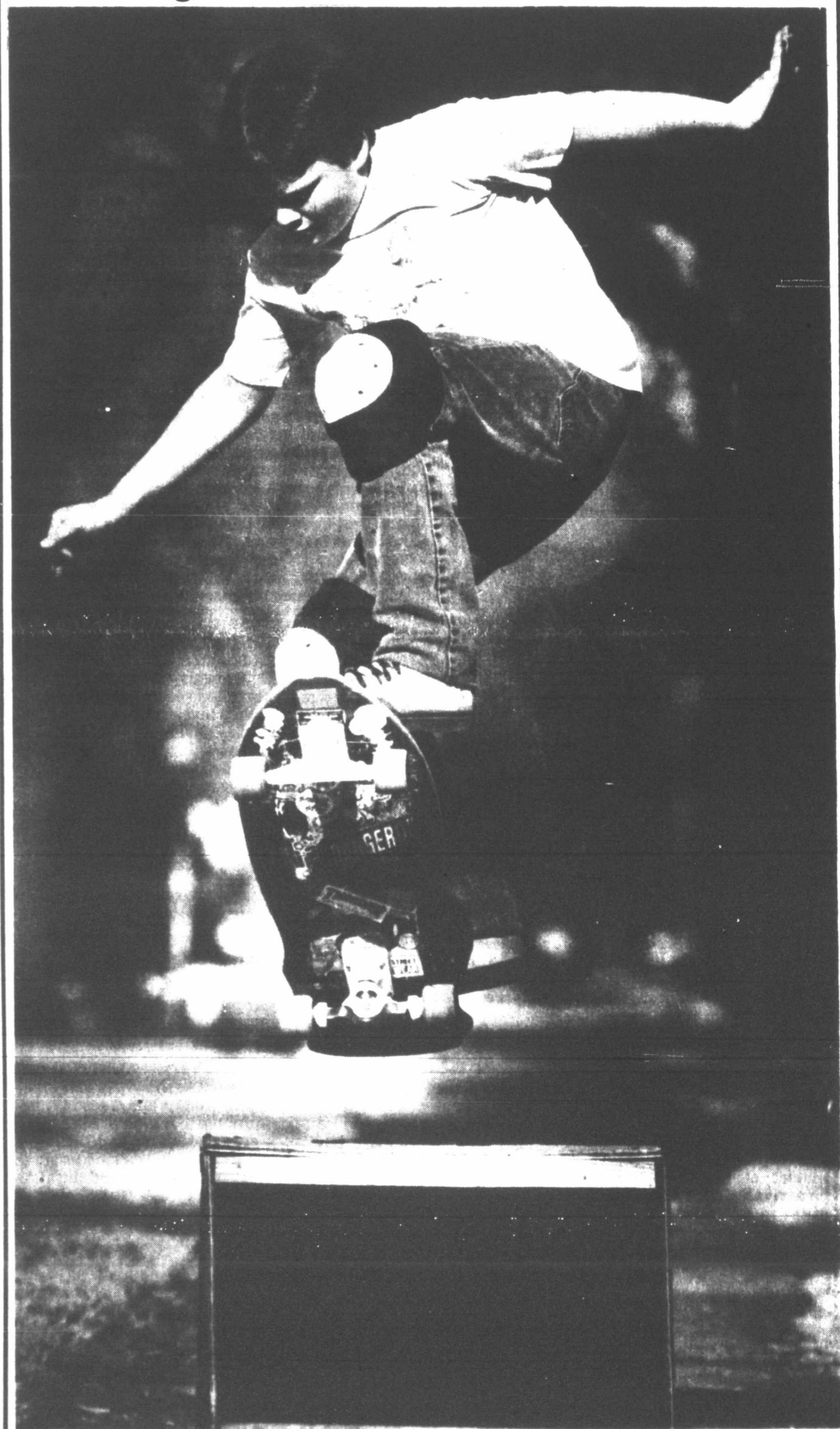
have to smash Jim and Tammy Bakker.'"

Bakker, who turned 49 today, said the program was being carried by television stations in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and Akron and Canton, Ohio, among others.

Bakker thanked supporters who had donated money to put him back on the air, and said his viewers should have faith if they were living through a crisis.

"If Jim and Tammy can survive their holocaust of the last two years, then you can make it," Bakker said.

Air surfing



(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverly)

Mark Scott, 13, of Pampa shoots over a ramp on his skateboard in the 1300 block of North Russell, taking advantage of the mild weekend weather. Mark and his friend

Cameron Black took turns jumping the ramp and landing on the sidewalk still on their boards. Mark is the son of Mike and Karen Scott of Pampa.

Palestinian held in Greece may hold clues to jet bombing

By PATRICK QUINN
Associated Press Writer

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A Palestinian held by Greece and wanted by the United States for the 1982 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner may hold clues to the group that blew up Flight 103 over Scotland last month.

Whether he will ever tell his story in a U.S. court is an open question.

Greece's Supreme Court has twice delayed the extradition of Mohammed Rashid, 39, who is thought by Western intelligence experts to specialize in the planting of bombs aboard jetliners and to be a senior operative in the May 15 Palestinian terrorist group.

The Rashid case has taken on extra significance since the Dec. 21 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, which killed all 259 people aboard the Boeing 747 and apparently another 11 on the ground.

U.S. and European officials are focusing on the

May 15 group and another extremist group, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, as possible suspects in the bombing.

On Nov. 15, the Greek Supreme Court indefinitely postponed its decision on extraditing Rashid, saying the United States had failed to supply key documents in the case. The U.S. Embassy in Athens says the requested documents have been turned over to the Greek government.

"The requested papers have been sent. I guess they are being moved from ministry to ministry," said an embassy representative, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Rashid is wanted in the United States on charges of planting a bomb that exploded on a Pan Am jet as it flew from Tokyo to Hawaii six years ago. A Japanese teen-ager was killed and 15 people were hurt.

Rashid was arrested at Athens airport on May 29 on a tip from U.S. officials and was sentenced to

seven months in jail for entering Greece with a false passport.

American officials have claimed Rashid and the May 15 organization — which is named for the date the 1948 Arab-Israeli War began — also were involved in the 1986 bombing of a TWA jetliner over southern Greece that killed four Americans. That blast is not mentioned in the extradition request.

The Supreme Court has not said when it will issue its decision. An extradition ruling has to be approved by Justice Minister Vassilis Rotis before it can be carried out.

The long delays in Rashid's case, combined with the rejection of an Italian plea for extradition of another Palestinian, have given rise to charges that Greece's governing Panhellenic Socialist Movement is not committed to combating international terrorism.

In early December, the government reneged on an extradition agreement with Italy and put 27-year-old Abdel Osama Zomar on a plane to Ben-

ghazi, Libya. Zomar was suspected of helping to organize a September 1982 attack on Rome's main synagogue that killed a 2-year-old boy and left 37 people injured.

Justice Minister Rotis said he overturned a 1984 Supreme Court extradition decision because Zomar was "acting in the struggle for the re-acquisition of his homeland."

Zomar had been identified as one of two Arabs jailed in Greece with links to the extremist Palestinian faction Fatah-Revolutionary Council, which is headed by terrorist mastermind Abu Nidal.

The other is Omar Mabrouki, serving a 10-year jail term for trying to shoot the Jordanian charge d'affaires in Athens in 1984.

According to Greek and Western intelligence officials, Zomar's detention may have triggered an attack on the City of Poros cruise ship last July near Athens. Nine people were killed and 11 others were injured in the assault.

Texas/Regional

Town residents angered by company's gravel dredging plan

SIMONTON (AP) — It may take a lot of money, but the mayor of this Fort Bend County community 30 miles west of Houston said the town will fight a proposed sand and gravel dredging operation on the nearby Brazos River.

The proposal has angered residents, who have drawn support from county officials and from residents and city leaders in nearby Fulshear in opposition to a state-issued dredging permit to Superior Sand and Gravel Co. of Altair.

Superior Sand and Gravel wants to put the operation on the river, which cuts a path across rich farmland through the Fort Bend County countryside.

It is peaceful and quiet along the river and Simonton residents want to keep it that way.

Some fear the dredging operation would only harm the quality of life.

"It is costing us, considering our budget," Simonton Mayor Maurice Berkman said. The fight is taking a good hunk of Simonton's annual \$45,000 budget, he said.

"But we feel so strongly about it. We want to let them know we're serious about this."

Superior Sand and Gravel wants a permit from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to dredge 23,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel a month from a 2.4-mile stretch of the Brazos just north of the Farm-to-Market 1093 river bridge near Simonton.

After review by several divisions within the Parks and Wildlife Department, the staff recommended approval of the permit with some stipulations. A decision is expected this month.

"The net result will be a benefit to everyone," said Jimmy Alan Hall, the company's Austin-based attorney.

Berkman disagrees, and he is counting on additional hearings to argue against the dredging operation.

The Parks and Wildlife Department only considers the impact the project would have on fish, wildlife and navigation.

"What bothers me is it takes thousands of years to make that gravel," said Simonton resident Carl Hester, 63, retired environmental coordinator for Exxon Company USA.

"It's an important feature of the river's ecology. In 50 to 100 years, we're just going to have an old muddy bottom trench," Hester said.

During the last hearing before the Parks and Wildlife Department in Simonton, Hester testified that the proposed dredging operation would be highly detrimental to aquatic life in the river.

Not only would the dredging harm aquatic life, but its noise and movement also would disturb birds and wild animals that inhabit the wooded banks of the Brazos, he said.

But John Rollin MacRae, wetlands resource coordinator for the Parks and Wildlife Department, disagreed. He said similar dredging operations occurred nearby "without indication of significant impact on fish, wildlife or other property owners."

And while the president of the Valley Lodge Homeowners Association testified that dredging would ruin canoeing, fishing and floating on the river, MacRae said his research indicated there was little recreational use of the Brazos River in the Simonton area.

Hall attributed the strong opposition to the proximity of the dredging site to a more populated area.

"With the increase in truck traffic, they're paranoid about that, but that's really not an issue," Hall said. He said the state needs the gravel and sand to build highways.

Hall also said many of the permit opponents live on the Brazos, and the rapid erosion caused by the waterway "makes these people skittish about anything on the river."

Hester said, "Sure, a little (dredging) here and there won't hurt the overall river. But allowed to continue, we're not going to have a river anymore. We're just going to have a drainage ditch."



(AP Laserphoto)

Proctor talks with employee at information desk.

Volunteer keeps hospital going

By CHAD HUNTLEY
The San Antonio Light

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The real commander of Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center sits at the clinical information desk in the front hall — twice a week.

The commanding general may think he runs the hospital, but Elbert W. Proctor takes full charge routing patients and staff through the vast facility.

"He runs this place," one staffer said. "He doesn't take any guff off anybody. He gets them where they have to go."

The spry 87-year-old is one of 400 volunteers who give their

time to help others at the center.

He has volunteered there for seven years, after working as a volunteer three years at Air Force Village, where he lives.

Proctor's careers have been as varied as the patients he serves.

He has been an airman pilot, mechanical engineer, inventor, heavy field artillery officer, Air Force officer and a Florida state industrial commission employee after retiring as an Air Force lieutenant colonel.

He worked for 10 years in Florida before coming to San Antonio to live at Air Force Village, a retirement center for Air Force

personnel.

Proctor's interest in flying began early.

"My dad took me to the Fort Meyer (Virginia) parade ground to watch the Wright brothers demonstrate their airplane," he said.

He became a pilot and earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Cincinnati.

"I gave Jimmy Doolittle his first check ride," he said.

Among his many aeronautical inventions was one of the first radio directional beams for airports.

Open door policy frees inmate, temporarily

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County jail inmate who was wearing a surgical mask because of illness walked out of his unlocked cell and followed an off-duty sheriff's deputy past two checkpoints to freedom, authorities said.

A spokesman for the Dallas County sheriff's department said Arthur Tabor, 47, was arrested on Friday and placed in a holding cell at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center.

Tabor, still in street clothes and wearing a surgical mask because of tuberculosis, saw a deputy leaving the area and apparently followed him because he was unsure of what he was supposed to do, officials said.

Once he got into other areas of the jail, no one tried to stop him, said Sgt. Lonnie Franks, supervisor of the release section at the jail.

"They just opened the door and let him walk. It was like, 'Merry

Christmas,'" Franks said.

Franks said Tabor walked through two checkpoints, staffed by uniformed jailers who are supposed to demand identification.

The man, who told police he was homeless, was back in jail a few hours later on the original charges of disorderly conduct and public intoxication plus a charge of escape.

Police found Tabor at a downtown homeless shelter, the address he had given them.

Waiting for disposable automobile

During my lifetime they (whoever "they" are) have invented disposable everything. Disposable diapers, lighters, cameras, razors, contact lenses, plates, silverware, you name it.

What could possibly be next? If I have anything to say about it, it'll be disposable cars.

I've been drawn to this conclusion after a recent phone call to my mechanic.

"Thanks for calling Larry-Bob's Really Swell Auto Heaven. Can I help you?"

"Larry-Bob, this is Bear. Need you to fix the alignment on the Datsun."

"What year is it?"

"Early import. Came over on the Ark."

Larry-Bob looked up the year and came back with the bad news.

"Sorry, Barry, you can't fix the alignment on those models."

"It's Bear. What?"

"Them Japs didn't intend for you to keep the thing through the second coming of Christ. You're supposed to sell it and get a new one every decade or so."

They now build cars with parts you can't fix so you'll be forced to buy a new one? We should be outraged. As a matter of fact, I am outraged.

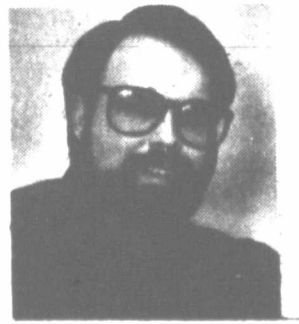
I have always looked at cars the way I look at horses. You run 'em till they can't run anymore. Then you shoot 'em and get a new one. But at 10,000 bucks for a new version of the same song, that'd be an expensive shot.

So, in this wonderfully disposable society of ours, why not a truly disposable car? It would cost a thousand dollars, tops. It'd be solid state and guaranteed to last at least 24 months.

That way we'd all become two-year-traders and the car companies would reap a regular payday from all of us, not just the privileged few.

Off Beat

By Bear Mills



In the last 10 years Detroit and Tokyo have not made one penny off yours truly. But at \$1,000 a whack, even I could afford to own a beautiful, if only temporary, new car.

And how would they build these little jewels? Plastic bodies, plastic parts, goofy looking spare tire, AM radio that sounds like a kazoo. In other words, pretty much like they do now.

I checked with the other writers in the office. There is one new car owner and a bunch of folks who drive the motorized equivalent of the brontosaurus. Why? Because few sane people would pay \$14,000 for a car made of the finest plastic known to man.

So let's call a spade a spade. The cars of the last 10 years are disposable. They need a disposable price.

On the other hand, they could make cars the way they used to, so any shade tree mechanic could do the work himself and feel darn proud of it. But that's not modern, not the way of the '90s.

So I'll just keep driving around my Datsun that can't have the alignment repaired.

But I'm still waiting for that first Chevrolet Huggie to come rolling off the assembly line. That'll be the day.

Drought conditions still prevail in East Texas, coastal regions

By The Associated Press

Businesses and farmers in East Texas and along the Gulf Coast are hoping for more rain this year, but weather officials say they expect it will be even drier than usual for at least the first few months of 1989.

For much of the state, 1988 rainfall was below average. The Beaumont area was 20 inches below its annual average of 50 inches, and Houston's total rainfall for last year was 22.93 inches, just over half of its average of 44.76 inches.

Last week, efforts were taken to keep salt water from penetrating the drinking water supply of Port Arthur, Orange and Beaumont in the Golden Triangle.

The new year apparently doesn't hold any quick relief. National Weather Service officials predict the Gulf Coast area will get only 55 percent of its normal rainfall through March.

At Sam Rayburn Reservoir, a major reservoir in East Texas, the water stands 13 feet below its optimum level. New broad beaches of mud spread from the lake's edges, and boat ramps frequently lead only to silt.

At some marinas, one-time

floating docks sit in the mud. Boats normally kept in sheltered slips dangle midair on mooring lines or sit in the muck.

In recent weeks, the reservoir's water level has hovered at 152 feet above sea level — a level that reduces the lake's conservation pool to 12 percent. The conservation pool is water the U.S. Corps of Engineers periodically releases to serve downstream users.

"If they keep drawing out water for industrial users in Beaumont, they'll be putting us out of business," said Dan Brudi, who operates the Twin Dikes Marina near the Sam Rayburn dam.

Bill Webb, owner of the Shirley Creek Marina on Sam Rayburn, said his boat launch still has plenty of water, "but if we don't have some good rains, it could very well put a bunch of these little businesses out of business."

Webb estimates his marina's business is down about 30 percent because the reservoir is low.

"I'm sure we're down millions of dollars for the entire lake," he added.

Directors of the United Lake Sam Rayburn Business Association met with Corps officials recently through the office of U.S.

Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Lufkin.

"There wasn't much good news," said Wilson's aide, Peyton Walters. "The 90-day forecast is for there to not be much rain."

January and February, however, are usually two of the wettest months in East Texas, and some people haven't given up hope.

"We're not pushing the panic button," said Tommy Hebert, manager of the Beaumont-based Lower Neches Valley Authority, which supplies water to Port Arthur, Port Neches, Nederland and other Southeast Texas cities. "Nature hasn't failed us yet."

The lake usually is lowest in early November and recovers to a full conservation pool by March, but the lake level just kept dropping in 1988.

"I'm not saying that it won't recover, but my confidence is waning," Hebert said.

Although farmers generally don't use a lot of water this time of year, they are still concerned about the persistent drought.

Kraig Gallimore, a Texas Department of Agriculture spokesman in Austin, said 1989 cotton, corn and sorghum crops have lost a lot of sub-soil moisture that must be replaced in order for the crops to grow to full maturity.

Holiday traffic death toll rising

By The Associated Press

With one day to go, Texas' highway death toll pushed toward the halfway mark of the New Year's holiday prediction for the state by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Seven highway deaths on Sunday, including two pedestrians, raised the state's highway fatalities to 16 over the 78-hour period that began at 6 p.m. Friday and continues through midnight tonight.

The DPS predicted 34 people would die in accidents during the holiday period. During the long Christmas weekend, 36 people died in traffic accidents — four

more than DPS officials had predicted.

An El Paso man, Raul Humber-Aguilera, 20, was killed as he tried to cross a street about 12:20 a.m. Sunday, DPS spokesman Tom Mobley said.

Kenneth Thomas, 22, of Portland was killed near Bay City as he attempted to cross State Highway 35 on foot Sunday, Mobley said. Ms. Baldwin was wearing a seatbelt, Mobley said.

An Orange Grove man died when his vehicle went out of control and rolled three times near Mathis early Sunday. The victim was identified as Adalberto Gonzalez, 37, Mobley said.

Aaron Huggins, 14, a passenger

in the bed of a pickup, died early Sunday morning when the vehicle failed to negotiate a curve on Old U.S. Highway 87 about 1.5 miles north of Grape Creek in Tom Green County.

Elvis Rolando Romero, 18 of Sherman, was killed about 3:45 a.m. Sunday when his car left U.S. 75 in Sherman, hit a concrete abutment and flew 70 feet through the air.

In another one-car accident, Albert Ray Garcia, 19 of Rio Hondo, was killed when his vehicle ran off of FM 508 about 5:30 a.m. Sunday about 7 miles east of Harlingen. Garcia's car rolled into a ditch and hit a cement drain, the DPS said.

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Opinion

Private enterprise can bail them out

It's funny how politicians throw around your hard-earned tax dollars to pointless purposes. The Reagan administration last month reportedly agreed to a "compromise" with Congress for \$5 billion in the 1990 budget to bail out the savings and loan industry.

Such thinking illustrates the way our politicians and bureaucrats look at things. And it also shows what lies in store for your pocketbook. The dam having been broken by the Reagan administration, future outlays to "solve" this "crisis" will come in a flood.

But all this is unneeded. President Reagan and his staff would have better served the American people by just saying no to the \$5 billion down payment on this new boondoggle. The problem was itself caused by government; it will be solved only by removing the stifling government controls.

A study by Citizens for a Sound Economy notes, "Restricting thrifts to making long-term, fixed-rate mortgages meant that thrifts were lending long-term at fixed rates while borrowing short-term, making them vulnerable to rising interest rates." This in turn shifts the mortgage risk from homeowners to thrifts. But when interest rates jump, the thrifts are caught holding mortgages paid at low rates, but they must pay out higher interest to savings accounts. Disaster ensues.

Since the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation guarantees deposits in the thrifts, FSLIC — that is, the taxpayers — actually assumes the risk. So the government strangles the S&Ls, at the same time guaranteeing that their bad loan decisions will be covered by tax dollars.

The road to recovery will be difficult, but it can be done without any expenditure of tax dollars. All controls on S&Ls should be lifted; they should be allowed to become full-fledged banks if they choose. But the federal savings guarantees should also be ended, for banks as well as S&Ls; the guarantees only mask the true risk the institutions take on every loan. A loan should be made by market decisions, not by political dictates. S&Ls and banks should make decisions on loans based only on the borrower's ability to repay, not the taxpayers' willingness to suffer through more extortion.

Finally, to solve the current crisis, all restriction on acquiring S&Ls should be lifted. Many banks and other lending institutions, such as Ford Motor Co., are willing to absorb the thrifts' losses in order to expand their own base of operations. Letting them do so would save taxpayers \$5 billion in 1990, and \$85 billion over the next 10 years. Since government got us into this mess, the least it can do is let private industry bail us out.

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There's nothing right about it

WASHINGTON — On a cool day in January 1988, professional guides associated with a shooting resort near Sabine Pass, Texas, arranged a goose hunt. Their \$600-a-day clients were three good ol' boys named Standish, Kuncir and Patterson.

Unknown to the guides, the three were special agents of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They had a bloody good time.

On Jan. 22, firing three separate volleys, the group killed 204 geese. The next day they went to a different site. This time, in two volleys, the group shot 176 geese. Says the government, laconically, "This was in excess of the daily bag limit."

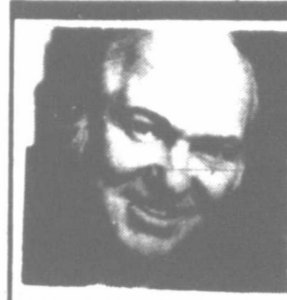
The charges are contained in the government's own volley of indictments and criminal informations against roughly 200 individuals and guide services. The accusations, made public on Dec. 13, climaxed a three-year undercover operation in Texas.

If convicted, the defendants face fines ranging up to \$250,000 and imprisonment up to five years. Twenty-seven of the defendants will go up to court on felony charges.

True sportsmen and conservationists will hail the investigation with warm applause. The government must prove its case, of course, but the very act of filing charges should have a strong deterrent effect against hunters and guides who scoff at laws protecting migratory birds.

Under the law, ducks and geese may be taken only in season and only subject to daily limits; but the defendants in these cases are charged with ignoring the end of season and with flouting the daily limits.

The law says that in certain areas, only steel shot may be used — geese tend to swallow lead



James J. Kilpatrick

shot and to die of poisoning — but some of these defendants used lead shot anyhow.

The law lays down strict rules on tagging; the law requires hunters to make an effort to retrieve crippled birds; the law forbids "rallying" or "stringing up" birds at rest; the law prohibits "electronic callers" the law bans baiting; the law restricts the sale of ducks and geese. The government charges that all these laws were violated wholesale in Texas.

A common theme runs through the indictments — a theme of utter contempt for the law. One professional guide is charged with encouraging his clients to ignore bag limits. "Just keep shooting," he instructed them. Another guide boasted that he had purchased a ton of wheat as bait.

Other guides used airboats to herd flocks of ducks toward waiting guns. In one instance, so many dead ducks piled up that guides used the names of their own children on official tags. Time after time, excess ducks were simply thrown away.

Most revolting, if true, are charges that some professionals — the very persons who should be role models of sportsmanship — were not con-

tent with killing ducks and geese. They casually shot herons, golden plovers, belted kingfishers, killdeer and red-tailed hawks. All these are on the protected list.

How could anyone, just for the fun of it, kill an ibis? One guide unwittingly told Special Agent Nando Mauldin, "Wherever I think we're going to slaughter the birds, that's where we'll go."

Except for a few species, geese are in no danger of going the way of the passenger pigeon. Their population seems to be holding steady. It is a different story with ducks. The breeding population of the northern pintail in 1988 is the second lowest on record, 54 percent below the average for 1955-87. The blue-winged teal has declined 25 percent below average. In 1958 a wildlife census found a breeding population of nearly 13 million mallards; that number has dropped by half.

To be sure, these declines may be attributed only in small part to the lawless conduct of pseudo-sportsmen. Most of the problem stems from drought in breeding grounds. Some of it probably is owing to highly toxic pesticides and herbicides.

Even so, the bang-bang boys who shoot for simple "slaughter" cannot be condoned, and their cynical guides ought to be run out of business.

None of this is to condemn hunting as such. It is the oldest of all sports; it brings millions of Americans a little closer to nature; it teaches the proper use of firearms; and for countless families, hunting provides an important source of food.

Nothing is wrong with lawful hunting. The other kind? The kind described in these indictments? Nothing whatever is right about it.



Let them make the decisions

Chicago, Ill. — you stepped over a rattlesnake!

Last Aug. 17 — it was 98 degrees in the shade and no shade.

Commonwealth Edison, which supplies electricity to your city, trying to power all the air conditioners, watched the demand go up and up and up until you were using all at once 17,459,000 kilowatts of electricity; more than you have ever used before!

Let me tell you what might have happened and why it didn't.

The lights could have gone off and the machinery shut down in your city's steel mills and other industries.

Your city's homes might have been without washing machines, dryers and air conditioning. Business buildings would have had to shut down elevators and escalators.

In an effort to stretch what electricity was available, a rolling system of brownouts and blackouts would have been spread across the city and suburbs.

Newspapers would cease to print; radio and TV stations would go off the air; the Post Office would have had to shut down.

Your Commonwealth Edison Company had all of its generators going around the clock — powered by 18 coal-fired units plus four oil-fired units plus nine nuclear power plants — but all



Paul Harvey

this was not enough. All of this generating capacity still fell short of what was needed by 17 percent. And that shortfall is enough to collapse the system. But it didn't.

Because your power company also had on line and operating the Bryon Unit 2 and the Braidwood Units 1 and 2 — its three newest nuclear power plants.

Those in your area opposed to nuclear power had tried to convince the Illinois Commerce Commission that those three additional units would not be needed for another 25 years.

Those opposed to nuclear power are a tiny fraction of our nation's population but their influence on bureaucrats and on the courts is all out of proportion to their numbers.

A nationwide poll by Cambridge Reports, Inc.

(a Massachusetts-based research organization) reveals that Americans are overwhelmingly appreciative of what we have done in unharassing and reharmonizing the atom.

Eighty-one percent believe nuclear energy will be important in meeting our nation's future energy needs.

Seventy-six percent believe that the need for nuclear energy will increase.

Seventy-eight percent believe additional nuclear plants will have to be built.

Of all major power sources, nuclear power, on balance, is the most benign. Yet some misleaders among environmentalists are able to collect financial support for their organizations by using the word "nuclear" for fear-mongering.

Yet, for all their obstructionism, where nuclear energy was on the ballot in November, voters said yes.

In Massachusetts the voters rescued the Pilgrim and Yankee nuclear power plants from shutdown.

Nebraska voters supported nuclear energy in that state.

Somewhere up the road ahead Americans must get out of the way and allow the power makers to make electricity the best ways they can.

And soon — or that decision will have to be made in the dark!

Berry's World



Pacific Century forming in ocean mists

By ROBERT WALTERS

WAIMEA, Hawaii (NEA) — Out there, beyond the spectacular waves that build and break far offshore, beyond the distant reaches of fabled Waimea Bay, beyond even the horizon, is the enticing yet evanescent prospect of the Pacific Era.

For some, the Pacific Century has already started. Others insist that it will begin shortly. Skeptics are convinced that it is not coming any time soon — if ever — because it is largely the product of vapid chatter and unfounded speculation.

"The era of Atlantic dominance is coming to an end. The economic center of gravity has shifted to Asia and the Pacific," says Julia Chang Bloch of Harvard University's Center for International Affairs.

Not true, says Christopher Coker, a lecturer at the London School of Economics who insists that the Pacific Century is "a peculiarly American obsession" not shared by any of the Asian nations supposedly responsible for launching and sustaining it.

What is certain is that the phenomenon is anxiously awaited by states throughout the West, particularly those bordering on the Pacific. For them, it represents an unprecedented opportunity to shift the focus of economic activity away from the East and the Atlantic, where it has been since the nation's founding.

The signs of growing Asian economic influence in the region are unmistakable. Bank deposits increased 10 times faster in California than in New York during the 1980s. The Los Angeles-Long Beach port now handles almost three times as much cargo as does the previously dominant New York-New Jersey port.

In no state is the newly emerging patterns of economic activity more important than in Hawaii, where Victor Hao Li, president of the East-West Center, seeks to place recent developments in context.

"The Pacific Era is an exaggeration. The world focus certainly is not going to abandon North America and Europe and shift to Asia and the Pacific. ... A powerful new Orient Ex-

press is roaring out of Asia — a real bullet train. But it is ... firmly coupled to the revitalized engines of Europe and North America."

Another expert, Seiji Naya, an economics professor at the University of Hawaii, offers this perspective:

"Despite rapid growth, the Asia-Pacific developing economies, with the possible exceptions of Hong Kong and Singapore, are not expected to follow Japan into the ranks of the fully developed countries within the near future."

Hong Kong and Singapore, Naya notes, "are unique in many ways" because they "already (have) highly sophisticated economies" and enjoy "a long tradition as merchandising and financial centers."

Those states and two other nations — the Republic of China (Taiwan) and South Korea — are the region's newly industrialized countries. Each of those "Four Tigers" has enjoyed exceptional economic growth in recent decades.

Ranked behind them are four resource-rich, middle-income members

of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations — the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand — whose high growth rates in recent years are expected to be sustained in the future.

In a category all by itself is the People's Republic of China, the world's most populous nation whose vast economic potential remains largely untapped.

Finally, there are dozens of other nations in the region, ranging from oil-rich Brunei, whose sultan is the wealthiest man in the world, to Bangladesh, one of the poorest countries on earth, with a yearly per capita income of only \$113. Other low-income nations in the region include India, Burma, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and the Maldives.

Overall, however, Naya says that Asia has been and "will continue to be the fastest-growing region in the world." A Pacific Century, still somewhere between chimera and reality, is forming in the ocean mists west of here.

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World

At least 51 die in capsizing of sightseeing boat in Brazil

By LISA GENASCI
Associated Press Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Police blamed overcrowding for the capsizing of a boat packed with revelers planning to watch a New Year's fireworks display off Copacabana Beach. At least 51 died and others were missing today.

Passengers said the double-decked cruise boat had ignored a coast guard order to return to port, and officials said the flat-bottomed craft — built to hold 100 people — was overcrowded and unfit for Saturday night's choppy seas.

It capsized in 65 feet of water about a mile from shore, and strong currents kept rescue workers from searching the site for bodies early today.

Survivors said few life jackets were accessible when the 100-foot Bateau Mouche went down, and one, Plinio Donadio, said, "I watched my wife die because I

couldn't untie one of the life preservers to save her."

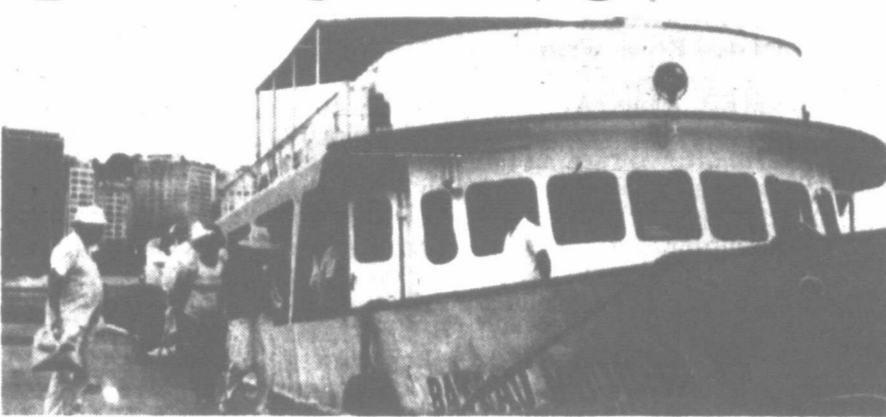
An incomplete reservation list showed at least 131 passengers were aboard the vessel when it sank shortly before midnight. But that did not include crew and may not have counted children under age 3 who accompanied parents for free.

"We don't know how many were on board," said Gustavo Blanco, a spokesman for the Sole Mar restaurant, which organized the \$220-a-person expedition. "Any information besides the reservation list sank with the ship."

"We don't know the exact cause of the sinking, but we think it was because of excess capacity," said Maj. Oldemiro Santos of the Rio de Janeiro state Fire Department's Maritime Group.

Six rescue boats and divers on Sunday pulled bodies from within the sunken wreckage of the Bateau Mouche.

"It's hard to have an accurate number of survivors," said Col.



The Bateau Mouche in 1988 file photo.

Jefferson Cardoso de Bem, chief of the Maritime Group. "So many different boats rescued victims, who were taken home or to hospitals throughout the city."

The boat had a seven-piece samba band playing on board and tables set for dinner when it capsized.

Passenger Fabricio Calo, who was rescued by a fishing boat, said: "The boat was turning and

shifting. Then tables started flying, glass started crashing, and the whole boat just turned over on its side."

Luxury yachts and smaller boats heading to watch the midnight pyrotechnics display fished survivors from the stormy seas near the base of Sugar Loaf mountain.

"We rescued about 30 people from the sea," said Valentino

Ribeiro, captain of one vessel, the Casablanca. "There were people everywhere screaming for help. We took those we could and left the bodies. We couldn't take on any more."

Officials said at least 51 people died. They had no reports of Americans on board.

Brazil's largest private network, Globo TV, quoted maritime specialists saying the boat was not made to withstand Saturday night's choppy sea waters. But the company spokesman, Blanco, said the boat was "in perfect mechanical shape."

According to Hans Nihaj of Denmark, who was on the boat with his wife, daughter and five fellow countrymen — all of whom swam to safety — there were no adequate life jackets or preservers on board.

"We made it because we were strong and could swim," Nihaj told The Associated Press. "If you weren't in good shape, you simply died."

Donadio, a photographer who lost his wife and two other relatives, said the life preservers were "tied onto the railings in the lower part of the boat."

The vessel was so crowded that a naval vessel ordered it to return to port, but it ignored the order, said Irineu Barroso, chief of Rio's 10th police precinct.

Survivors confirmed this account.

"This was not an accident," Fabricio Calo, 38, a businessman from Sao Paulo, said in an interview at the Bateau Mouche's mooring station. "No effort was made to control the number of passengers who got on."

Many passengers said the cruise boat had been boarded by coast guards, forced to return to the dock and then suddenly freed to return to the open sea with all passengers aboard.

The cruise boat's captain, Camilo da Costa, "didn't want to go out," said his brother-in-law, Paulo Soares.

World greets new year with peace promises, violent actions

By MARK FRITZ
Associated Press Writer

New Year's fireworks left thousands homeless in the Philippines, and 51 revelers in Rio drowned en route to a pyrotechnics display. The superpowers swapped warm salutations, but a one-sided truce failed to silence the guns in Afghanistan.

The new year came in as the old one went out, with promises of peace and bursts of tragedy.

Children orphaned by an earthquake got new toys, one Korea offered a tentative olive branch to the other, five Hindus were massacred as they prayed, and the lights went out in Lima for the second New Year's Eve in a row. Thousands poured into streets

and squares to celebrate the arrival of 1989, from Times Square in New York to Orchard Road in Singapore on the other side of the globe.

The Japanese went by the millions to temples and shrines Sunday to pray for health and prosperity as the year of the dragon roared out and the snake slithered in.

About 150 people boarded a cruise ship in Rio de Janeiro and set sail for a fireworks display off Copacabana Beach. It capsized and sank, and authorities said at least 51 people drowned.

"It seems there was an excess of passengers ...," said Irineu Barroso, a Rio police official.

Illegal fireworks ignited six fires in Manila, leaving thousands homeless, authorities

said. Hospital officials said seven died from stray bullets and stabbings in New Year's celebrations and brawls in Manila and Cebu.

A check with 20 Manila hospitals showed 1,134 people were injured, mostly by fireworks, during the night.

Fire killed at least one person and destroyed 3,000 makeshift houses in one slum neighborhood, said arson investigator Cpl. Edmar Espresion. He said hundreds of homes also were burned in five other fires.

In West Berlin, about 200 youths began the New Year with a rampage, hurling bottles, rocks and fireworks at police. Seven were arrested and one policeman was reported injured. At least two deaths on New Year's Eve in West Germany were attributed to

fireworks accidents.

Four men in East Berlin plunged four stories when the balcony they were celebrating on broke off and fell from the building, the ADN news agency reported. One died.

Children injured by the Dec. 7 earthquake in Armenia received toys and clothes from around the world, Tass said.

The new year elicited olive

branches from leaders worldwide. North Korean President Kim Il Sung, in a New Year's speech, invited South Korean President Roh Tae-woo to a political conference in the near future.

President Reagan and his Soviet counterpart, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, each sent New Year's messages to their countries and each other's.

In Moscow, a 42-foot New Year's greeting card carrying the signatures of 20,000 Americans arrived Sunday, Tass said.

In Rome, Pope John Paul II celebrated a New Year's Mass in St. Peter's Basilica before 20,000 worshippers.

The pontiff called on nations to give special attention to minorities and for kidnapers to release their hostages.

Israeli troops kill two Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops killed two Palestinians on Saturday as Arabs prepared to mark the 24th anniversary of the first PLO attack against Israel.

A boy died of injuries from an earlier clash, and 10 people were wounded at his funeral, Arab reports said.

Nine more people were reported hurt in clashes with soldiers in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where residents observed a general strike called by Moslem fundamentalists.

The army imposed a curfew on the occupied Gaza Strip, confining 650,000 Palestinians to their homes in anticipation of increased violence on "Fatah Day." Sunday is the anniversary of the first attack against Israel by the Palestine Liberation Organization's Fatah faction on Jan. 1, 1965.

The army brought reinforcements into the occupied lands and ordered nearly 1,200 West Bank schools closed for a week.

In Gaza City and the West Bank towns of Bethlehem and Nablus, residents shot off firecrackers and chanted "Allahu Akhbar" in

early celebrations of Fatah Day, Arab reporters said.

In Nablus, four soldiers in uniform commandeered a Mercedes with local license plates and later opened fire from the car on youths gathered on the street outside the home of 22-year-old Saki Teeti, witnesses told an Arab reporter.

The shots struck Teeti in the chest, and he later died at the city's Al Ittihad Hospital, Arab doctors said.

An army spokeswoman said the incident was under investigation.

In Arab east Jerusalem, 14-year-old Anwar Buhti of the West Bank village Shuweikah died at Mukassad Hospital, doctors and army officials said. Buhti was shot in the head during a clash with troops Dec. 7.

In Shuweikah, hundreds of residents, some masked, joined Buhti's funeral procession. They marched behind the body wrapped in an outlawed Palestinian flag and a black-and-white keffiyeh headdress, both symbols of Palestinian nationalism. Mourners chanted pro-PLO

slogans, Arab witnesses said. Some hoisted Palestinian flags and black flags of mourning.

Troops opened fire to disperse the crowd, wounding 10 Shuweikah residents ranging in age from 16 to 31, hospital officials said. The army confirmed eight wounded.

In the West Bank village Beit Rima near Ramallah, residents attacked an army patrol, an army spokesman said. Troops opened fire, killing one man, he said, but did not give further details.

The three deaths brought to 345 the number of Palestinians killed since the start of the uprising nearly 13 months ago. Fourteen Israelis also have died.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Double curve
- 4 Boors
- 8 Acorn producers
- 12 Actor Wallach
- 13 Nautical cry
- 14 Cold Adriatic wind
- 15 Guardian spirit
- 16 Precipitation
- 17 Blue dye
- 18 Make hard
- 20 Most blaring
- 22 Dawn goddess
- 24 551, Roman
- 25 Protests
- 29 Avid
- 33 Medieval poem
- 34 New Zealand bird
- 36 Watering tube
- 37 Slippery
- 39 Rodents
- 41 Naughty
- 42 Ancient Mexican
- 44 Ostentatious
- 46 "___ my brother's keeper?"
- 48 Cowboy Rogers
- 49 Large bird
- 53 Yoke
- 57 ___ even keel
- 58 Dye
- 60 Language suffix
- 61 Peel
- 62 No
- 63 High note
- 64 WWI plane
- 65 Cries
- 66 On behalf of

DOWN

- 1 Skinny fish
- 2 Strip of wood
- 3 Male parent
- 4 Rowboat part
- 5 Exclamation of triumph

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 6 Frustrate
- 7 Church body
- 8 Prophet
- 9 First-rate (2 wds.)
- 10 Actor — Kristofferson
- 11 Sailor (sl.)
- 19 Wide shoe size
- 21 Diminutive suffix
- 23 Tumult
- 25 Genus of olive trees
- 26 Folsinger Joan
- 27 Forsake
- 28 Barter
- 30 Camera screen
- 31 Jacob's twin
- 32 Cincinnati ball club
- 35 Believe ___ not
- 38 Longed
- 40 Sands
- 43 901, Roman
- 45 Communion vessel
- 47 Metrical stress
- 49 Fumbler's exclamation
- 50 Easy task
- 51 Scarlett O'Hara's home
- 52 ___ Silver!
- 54 Complain
- 55 European capital
- 56 Be clothed in
- 59 Knot

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GEECH

By Jerry Bittle

WELL, IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN. WHAT TIME? IT'S OUR LAST CHANCE TO GET LUCKY IN 1988. SO WHAT? TOMORROW'S OUR FIRST CHANCE TO GET LUCKY IN 1989. WHEN DID YOU GET TO BE SO PHILOSOPHICAL? IT TOOK YEARS OF PRACTICE.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THIS NON-SMOKER WAS SITTING IN THE SMOKING SECTION! WELL? I FIGHT SEGREGATION WHEREVER I FIND IT!

EEK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

MON MEALS! SPECIAL CHEETAH BURGERS. FASTER FOOD.

ARLO & JANIS by Jimmy Johnson

10...9...8...7...6...5... 4...3...2...1... WHEEEEEEE... I JUST ACCRUED TWO WEEKS VACATION!

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede oso

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to associate with friends today who inspire you and who you feel you can learn something. Discussions with them isn't likely to be just idle chatter. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Several objectives you are anxious to achieve can be realized today if you don't go off on targets or bring people into the act that have nothing to contribute.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Winning others over to your way of thinking should be rather easy for you today, because it will be obvious to them that you are sincere and believe in what you say.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you've been contemplating making an adjustment that you feel can enhance your material security, this could be a good time to initiate it. Take positive action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions in general that have an influence on your personal relationships appear to be in pretty good balance at this time. Do all you can to maintain this harmony.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be amazed today at not only how much you'll accomplish, but also how much fun you'll have doing it if you focus your efforts on labors of love now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Involvements that require a team effort should be your cup of tea today. Your contribution will be substantial and you'll know how to encourage others to do their best as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Several situations which have been hanging fire can be finalized to your satisfaction today. Make them priority matters and lash them down once and for all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be more effective today if your mobility isn't hampered and you can manage situations as you see fit. Don't get jockeyed into a position where your authority is restrained.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) People who truly believe in you and have your best interest at heart will be your springboards to opportunity today, especially in matters that could be meaningful to you financially.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your leadership qualities will be very pronounced today and this will be evident to you, as well as to people with whom you'll be involved. Your authority isn't apt to be challenged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If your ears are ringing today, it's because associates are saying nice things behind your back. Your biggest boosters will be where your career is concerned.

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MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

* SIGH * CHRISTMAS HAS COME AND GONE. IT WON'T BE BACK AGAIN UNTIL NEXT YEAR! HEY... WAIT A MINUTE... THAT'S TOMORROW!!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

MAYBE DEY PUT IN FOR FRESH WATER OR FOOD... I DON'T THINK SO, RED BEARD! HERE, TAKE A PEAK FOR YOURSELF! LOOKS T'ME LIKE THEY'RE COMIN' ASHORE T'DROP SOMETHIN' OFF!

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

HAPPY NEW YEAR. "My resolution? Not having all the same ones next year..."

By Bill Keane

"Are Cupid and the New Year's baby the same little guy?"

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"He's either hungry or he's trying out a new comedy act."

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

HEY! SO I DON'T HAVE A DATE TONIGHT! DON'T MAKE SUCH A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

FURTHERMORE, THE EVIL GERM IS... I THINK YOU'RE VERY UNFAIR. YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME THIS WAS PART OF THE DEAL... BEFORE I BORROWED THAT DOLLAR FROM YOU.

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

DISGUSTING DENIZEN OF THE DEEP, THE GIANT OCTOPUS GLIDES ACROSS THE OCEAN FLOOR. AT THE SIGHT OF AN ENEMY, HE RELEASES A CLOUD OF INK AND MAKES HIS GETAWAY! MISS WORMWOOD!

THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sanson

HAD TO ORDER FROM YOUR ENGLISH-TO-FRENCH DICTIONARY, DIDN'T YOU?

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

I HEAR THERE'S A NEW YEAR'S PARTY IN THE HYPOCHONDRIAC WARD. (CLINIC) I'LL BET THEY'LL ALL BE FULL OF SHAM PAIN.

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schultz

A NEW YEAR IS INTERESTING BECAUSE WE'LL PROBABLY HEAR THINGS AND SEE THINGS WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE... POOF! POOF! POOF! THAT'S TRUE

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION. EATING WILL NO LONGER BE A VICE OF MINE. HENCEFORTH, IT WILL BE A HOBBY.

Today's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Sgt.
- 4 Oil exporter
- 8 Flower
- 12 Spanish hero
- 13 Atomic weapon
- 14 Smallest particle
- 15 Measure of land
- 16 Dried up article
- 17 Newspaper
- 18 Fable writer
- 20 Jazz player Kid
- 22 Contemporary painter
- 23 Put on solid food
- 25 Table
- 27 Jump
- 30 Hot Mexican specialty
- 33 Map abbreviation
- 34 Faithful
- 36 Wild goat
- 37 This (Sp.)
- 39 Angers
- 41 52. Roman
- 42 Army command (2 wds.)
- 44 Most docile
- 46 Groove
- 47 No
- 48 Firearm owners' gp.
- 50 Sea bird
- 52 Not at all
- 56 Charged particles
- 58 you don't ...
- 60 Type of lizard
- 61 Similar in kind
- 62 Bestw
- 63 Author Anais
- 64 Virginia willow
- 65 Famous entertainer
- 66 Swift aircraft (abbr.)

DOWN

- 2 Glossy fabric
- 3 Pezmas
- 4 Look over
- 5 Lament
- 6 Ohio city
- 7 Never (poet.)
- 8 3. Roman
- 9 Revolvable
- 10 Roman road
- 11 Hominy
- 19 Have
- 21 Entertainer
- 24 Bird's home
- 26 "___ my brother's keeper?"
- 27 Supplication
- 28 Oven
- 29 Act of speaking
- 30 Dentist's concern
- 31 Hilo garlands
- 32 Theater sign
- 35 Home of Abraham
- 38 ___ de cologne
- 40 Stroll
- 43 Sault
- 45 Marie
- 45 Electrical unit
- 47 Inappropriate
- 48 Unless
- 49 Send flying
- 51 Prepares
- 53 Attila's followers
- 54 Cornelia
- 55 Skinner
- 55 Lack
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Sports



The Oilers Greg Montgomery has his punt blocked by the Bills Leonard Smith.

Bills, 49ers advance in playoffs

Defense, special teams play spark Buffalo

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — For the past four years, NFC teams that play defense have trampled AFC teams that do not in the Super Bowl.

The Buffalo Bills are ready to throw that trend back in the haughty NFC's face... if they get by the Cincinnati Bengals next Sunday in their first AFC title game appearance in 22 years.

With Bruce Smith, Leonard Smith and Cornelius Bennett leading the defense and the special teams blocking two kicks and consistently establishing field position, the Bills beat the Houston Oilers 17-10 Sunday to earn that trip to Cincinnati, where they lost 35-21 on Nov. 27.

"They're a fine defensive football team," said Houston coach Jerry Glanville, whose team constantly self-destructed in the "red zone," inside the Buffalo 20.

"Rather than us doing something wrong, give them credit for doing something well," Glanville said.

"We played great defense and we played SUPER on special

teams," echoed Buffalo coach Marv Levy, whose team's 12-4 record was largely attributable to defense. "I told them all along — don't be dumb and don't be dirty and I think we accomplished that."

Said nose tackle Fred Smerlas: "You got what we paid to see — the best defensive team in the AFC."

In fact, Buffalo's ninth victory without a loss at Rich Stadium this- and 5-yard lines and were inside the Houston 20 four times without scoring, they managed when they had to.

They got their first score 4:25 into the second quarter when Robb Riddick went over from the 1 at the end of a 44-yard drive that began when Leonard Smith blocked Greg Montgomery's punt.

"We heard all week that they had the best special teams unit in the NFL," said Smith, obtained in an early-season trade with Phoenix. "Our special teams rank pretty high, too."

Tony Zendejas' 35-yard field goal cut it to 7-3 with 4:28 left in the half.

more this year than we did a year ago."

Roger Craig, NFL offensive player of the year, ran 80 yards for one touchdown and four yards for another. He finished with 135 yards on 21 carries as the 49ers outrushed the Vikings 201 yards to 54.

Ronnie Lott intercepted two passes and the defense sacked Minnesota's Wade Wilson six times. Anthony Carter, who caught 10 passes for 227 yards in the Vikings' 36-24 playoff victory over the 49ers last year, was double-covered most of the game this time and held to three catches.

The key to the defense, though, was the pass rush on Wilson and the array of defensive formations the 49ers used to confuse the Vikings.

Montana and company ready for Bear

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Bring on the fog, the cold, even the big, bad Chicago Bears.

The San Francisco 49ers finally won a playoff game Sunday after failing for three years to recapture their Super Bowl glory, and they're not about to fret over the elements or the opponent coming up next.

If the NFC title game in Chicago turns out to be another Fog Bowl like the game Saturday between the Bears and Philadelphia Eagles, that's perfectly OK with Joe Montana and company.

"I think this is the fog capital of the United States, so we should be used to it," said Montana, who even has a radio talk show for local rock station KFOG.

Montana saw nothing but blue

skies Sunday when he lofted three touchdown passes to Jerry Rice and directed two other scoring drives in a 34-9 thumping of the Minnesota Vikings. It was payback time for the 49ers, ousted from the playoffs by the Vikings last year and by the New York Giants in the first playoff game the previous two years.

Montana, who hadn't thrown a touchdown pass in postseason competition since winning the Super Bowl four years ago, looked especially sharp in completing his first seven passes and 16 of 27 overall for 178 yards.

"He was throwing with zip," said Vikings defensive coordinator Floyd Peters. "He put the ball right on the money. He'd roll out, see a guy coming and stop and pop the football in there."

Minnesota defensive end Bubba Baker, frustrated by a failure to put pressure on Montana and thwarted by the 49ers' smaller but quicker offensive line, said San Francisco played "Montana football."

"Nobody likes to get hit, but at this stage of his career Montana can't stand there and take the pounding," Baker said. "You could tell that was a priority of theirs today — to keep the animals off Montana."

The 49ers, though, had much more going for them than Montana. They showed the kind of balance and big-play ability that was typical of their two Super Bowl seasons.

"They beat us in every phase of the game," Vikings coach Jerry Burns said. "They dominated us

Notre Dame has the mystique of Rockne, the Gipper, the Four Horsemen, Leahy and Parseghian, Lujack, Hart, Huarte and Snow, Hanratty and Seymour, and on and on and on. West Virginia counters with Ira Rodgers, Clarence Spears, Joe Stydahar, Greasy Neale, Sam Huff and Bruce Bosley.

Notre Dame's 1988 victims include defending national champion Miami, Southern Cal and Michigan, all of whom were in the final regular-season Top Ten. Not a single West Virginia opponent is currently ranked.

Canadian boys win tournament crown

CANADIAN — Canadian boys won their own invitational tournament Saturday night with a 65-58 victory over Gruver in the finals.

"They beat us on a 3-point shot at their place, so it was nice to get them back," said Wildcat coach Robert Lee.

Canadian, led by Chad Patton's 22 points, pulled away from Gruver in the second quarter and built a 17-point bulge, 36-19, at halftime.

"Gruver has a good ballclub and they kept hacking away at the lead, but we were able to hold them off," Lee said.

Bobby Stephenson added 17 points for the Wildcats, who are off to a 12-1 start this season.

Gruver, 14-1, was led by Theron Park's 16 points. Troy Seagler checked in 13.

In the girls finals, Spearman defeated Canadian 48-32.

Christa Kirkland led Spearman with 16 points, followed by Michelle Cook with 13.

Halftime score was 21-13, Spearman's favor. Spearman extended that lead to 14 (38-24) going into the fourth quarter.

Kim Bivins was top scorer for Canadian with 15 points. Lindy Sparks added 11.

Panhandle slipped by Follett 44-40 for third place in the boys division.

Ken Nix and Stephen Sherwood had 13 and 12 points respectively to lead the Panhandle attack.

Jason McGhee was top scorer for Follett with 24 points. Darren Todd followed with 10.

Wellington took third place in the girls division with a 53-40 win over White Deer.

Lynette Barber tossed in 23 points to lead Wellington while JoAnn Outley contributed 14.

Jill Immel led White Deer with 21 points. Traci Lemons added 12.

In the girls consolation championship, Panhandle walloped Higgins 53-31.

Amy Thrommorton scored 16 points and Meredith Wood 13 for Panhandle.

Brandi Schwab had nine points for Higgins and Stacy Nelson followed with seven.

Higgins defeated Wellington 70-62 for the boys consolation title.

James Clem and Shane Clem had 19 and 17 points respectively to lead Higgins.

Thomas Cryster led Wellington with 22 points. Reggie Jones followed with 19.

Fran Tarkenton played 18 seasons at quarterback for the Minnesota Vikings and New York Giants. His passes gained a record 47,003 yards.

John L. Sullivan was nicknamed the "Boston Strong Boy" although relatively small for a heavyweight by modern standards. He weighed 190 pounds.

Nehlen doesn't mind underdog role

Fiesta Bowl

By HERSCHEL NISSENEN
AP Football Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Question: Who is Notre Dame playing in today's Fiesta Bowl?

There's got to be an opponent for the No. 1-ranked Fighting Irish. No team has ever opposed itself in a bowl game.

A trip to Sun Devil Stadium provided the answer. One end zone carried the lettering "Notre Dame." And there in the other end zone, plain as day, were the words "West Virginia." They were even spelled correctly.

Not only was West Virginia invited to provide the opposition — some say the fodder — for Notre Dame, the third-ranked Mountaineers even planned to attend. They've been here all week participating in all the festivities; it would be a shame to go home without playing the game.

Most of the attention has gone to Notre Dame, which, after all, is college football's most glamorous name. A record seven national championships in the 52 years of the Associated Press poll (1943, '46, '47, '49, '66, '73, '77) —

prior to the start of the AP poll, Notre Dame won six other national titles under various rating systems — a record seven Heisman Trophy winners, a record 31 former players and five former coaches in the National Football Foundation's Hall of Fame.

And although both teams compiled 11-0 regular-season records, it was Notre Dame's 11th perfect campaign in this century and the first ever for West Virginia, which has no national championships or Heisman winners and has to be satisfied with six Hall of Famers.

physical teams in the country," Johnson said. "They hammer at you and play what people call smash ball... They'll be running the ball in the first quarter, and they'll be running the ball in the fourth quarter."

Nebraska won the NCAA rushing title for the seventh time by averaging 382 yards per game. I-back Ken Clark rushed for 1,497 yards, including 1,069 in the final six games.

"We're basically a power football team," Clark said. "Nothing fancy about it."

Actually, a few frills are provided by quarterback Steve Taylor, who totaled 998 yards rushing and averaged 7 yards per scramble. But Taylor said Nebraska plans to keep things simple against the Hurricanes, who have

allowed only 2.2 yards per carry. "They have an excellent defensive line," he said. "They're not overpowering or strong, but they're very agile."

NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times CST

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AFC Wild Card
Houston 24, Cleveland 23
Monday, Jan. 1
NFC Wild Card
Minnesota 26, Los Angeles Rams 17
Cincinnati 20, Cleveland 17
Chicago 20, Philadelphia 12
Cincinnati 21, Seattle 13
Sunday, Jan. 1
Buffalo 17, Houston 16
San Francisco 34, Minnesota 9

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Last edition of 'Miami News' rolls off press amid disputes

By DAN SEWELL

Associated Press Writer
MIAMI (AP)— Staff members of *The Miami News* bid "farewell, Miami" with their final banner headline and a newsroom champagne toast Saturday morning as Miami's oldest daily—older than the city itself—shut down.

"It's over," said Howard Kleinberg, the *News*' editor and an employee for 38 years. "I think we gave it a good effort."

"This isn't just another newspaper dying. It has a rich and proud history," publisher David Kraslow said. "Our influence far exceeded our circulation."

Along with sadness, there was relief from the uncertainty of last-minute efforts to sell the newspaper or get a court injunction to block its closing.

"It's been real stressful," said Bonnie Anderson, a *News* columnist. "This is a very dignified 92-year-old woman, and she deserves to die with some honor, not to keep her on life-support systems."

The circulation of the crusading newspaper, winner of five Pulitzer Prizes, had declined 57 percent in a little more than two decades to about 48,000. The owner, Cox Enterprises Inc. of Atlanta, said it was unable to sell the *News* and was losing about \$28,500 a day.

The Justice Department has said its antitrust division will look at the closing and whether Cox made a serious effort to sell the newspaper. But a federal judge Friday denied a private coalition's effort to get an injunction against the closing.

The only apparent way to give the *News* a reprieve would be a Justice Department injunction. The department hadn't sought such an injunction, but the newspaper, in a story on its own situation, quoted Justice spokesman Mark Sheehan as saying, "Anything we can do today, we can do tomorrow."

Cox announced in October that the newspaper would be closed Dec. 31 if it was not sold. Under a recent amendment to a 1966 joint



(AP Laserphoto)

Alexander Smith, 13, sells last edition of 'Miami News' published Saturday.

operating agreement with *The Miami Herald*, Cox would have become responsible in 1990 for the *News*' operating losses.

But Cox will continue to share in profits of the *Herald*, a Knight-Ridder newspaper with circulation of more than 400,000, through

2021 even with the *News* closed. Cox will earn an estimated \$300 million through the agreement, the *News* reported Saturday.

The news staff, which numbered about 105 in recent weeks, is the main staff affected by the shutdown, since the business operation is shared with the *Herald*'s under the joint agreement. More than half of those people already have other jobs, officials said.

A Cox official defended its efforts to sell the paper.

"We sent out prospecti to 50 people," said David Easterly, who heads Cox's newspaper division. "We made presentations to 34."

But Chicago newspaper consultant John R. Malone, representing a group of potential buyers, and an earlier would-be buyer, Michigan attorney Gary Frink, both criticized Cox for not trying harder.

"Cox has made sure there's no way anybody can save that paper," Frink said, calling its efforts to sell the publication a "sham."

A federal lawsuit to keep the paper open failed Friday when U.S. District Judge Stanley Marcus rejected arguments from community newspapers who claim closing the *News* would give the *Herald* a monopoly. The plaintiffs included readers and distributors of the *News*.

Since the 1966 joint operating agreement, the *News*' circulation dropped from 112,000 to 48,000. Under the agreement, the *Herald* provided printing, circulation, advertising and promotion services for the money-losing *News*, which gave up its Sunday edition.

The *Herald*'s circulation has grown from about 250,000 to more than 400,000 since then.

Kleinberg said while many *News* veterans blame the operating agreement for "strangling us for 22 years, it kept us alive for 22 years."

The *News* was born May 15, 1896, two months before the city was incorporated, as *The Miami Metropolis*. It lost some readers in the 1960s with its early, vigorous criticism of the Vietnam War.

Sad year end



(AP Laserphoto)

Townpeople of Lockerbie, Scotland, look at wreaths and other floral tributes to the memory of those killed in the Dec. 21 explosion and crash of a Pan Am jetliner in which 259 died. The tributes were laid outside the town hall, a temporary mortuary for crash victims.

Instructor: No questions asked before arrest

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)— A bespectacled language teacher said no one asked him his side of the story before he was arrested for handing a flight attendant a note he found that threatened to blow up an American Airlines jet.

Peter M. Canning, 40, told a news conference Saturday he hasn't decided whether to sue as a result of the incident in which Flight 240 from San Francisco to Dallas was diverted Tuesday to Albuquerque for a bomb search.

After the landing, FBI agents showed up and Canning was falsely charged in the mock bomb threat.

It turned out that a boy on an earlier flight had left the note on his seat tray.

The note, which said several bombs were planted on the plane, fell into Canning's lap when he folded down the tray for lunch.

Canning's Albuquerque, N.M., attorney, Ray Twohig, said he has advised the University of California lecturer to wait a week or so before contemplating any legal action in the matter.

Canning of Berkeley, in his first statement since charges against him were dropped

Thursday, told how he handed the note to a flight attendant.

"Part of the note said, 'There is bombs planted all over this airplane...' Two minutes into reading this, I thought it was placed there as a prank," said Canning, a slightly built man who wore tinted glasses, jeans and a wool sports coat at the news conference.

He told reporters the flight attendant took the note to the front of the plane but never

'But before I could say anything else, she spun on her heels ... but no one ever came back to ask me for an explanation.'

gave him a chance to explain.

"Thirty seconds later, she returned and said 'Is this your note?' and I said 'No, it is not.' But before I could say anything else, she spun on her heels—she was understandably nervous—but no one ever came back to ask me for an explanation," he said.

The plane was diverted to Albuquerque, where Canning was questioned by the FBI for two hours and arrested.

He was arraigned in federal court in New

Mexico and released to the custody of the chairman of his department at UC-Berkeley.

He said he became frightened when his attorney told him he still might have faced charges even if a handwriting comparison from the note proved negative.

"What if they decided that somebody else wrote the note and I then passed it?" Canning said.

While driving back to Berkeley on Friday night with his girlfriend, Rhonda Lieberman, Canning stopped to eat and learned from a newspaper headline that charges against him had been dropped after the child admitted writing the note on an earlier flight.

Before his arrest, Canning had been en route to the convention of the Modern Language Association in New Orleans, where he hoped to attend several job interviews.

He said it's too soon to tell whether his arrest and missing the interviews would have a detrimental effect on his career.

A message was left with American Airlines spokesman Jim Brown in Fort Worth, Texas, seeking comment on American's procedures for cleaning seating areas on jetliners between flights.

Rancher suspect in killing

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP)— A rancher who allegedly threatened an ecologist fighting to save the Amazon forest is a prime suspect in the environmentalist's slaying, a police investigator said.

Francisco Mendes, 44, was killed Dec. 22 outside his home in Xapuri, a jungle town located 2,600 miles northwest of Rio.

Darly Alves da Silva, a Xapuri cattle rancher, reportedly made threats against Mendes, who was seeking to halt indiscriminate development of the vast Amazon.

Three of the cattleman's sons are in jail and one of them has

confessed to the slaying. But authorities said Saturday they believe the father is the main suspect.

"Without a doubt, all of our investigations up until now show that the man not caught is the man who shot Mendes—Darly Alves da Silva," said Nilson Alves de Oliveira, a special federal investigator.

He said authorities were searching the jungle for "at least one more main suspect."

Mendes was leader of a local union of rubber tappers that fought against clearing the Amazon for cattle grazing.

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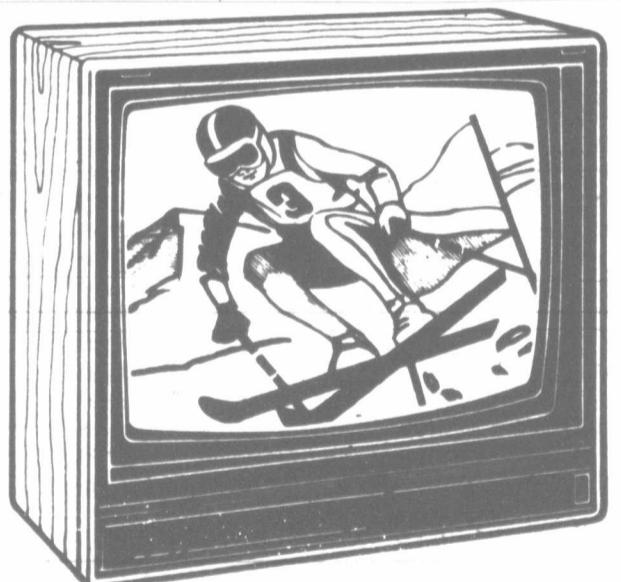
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