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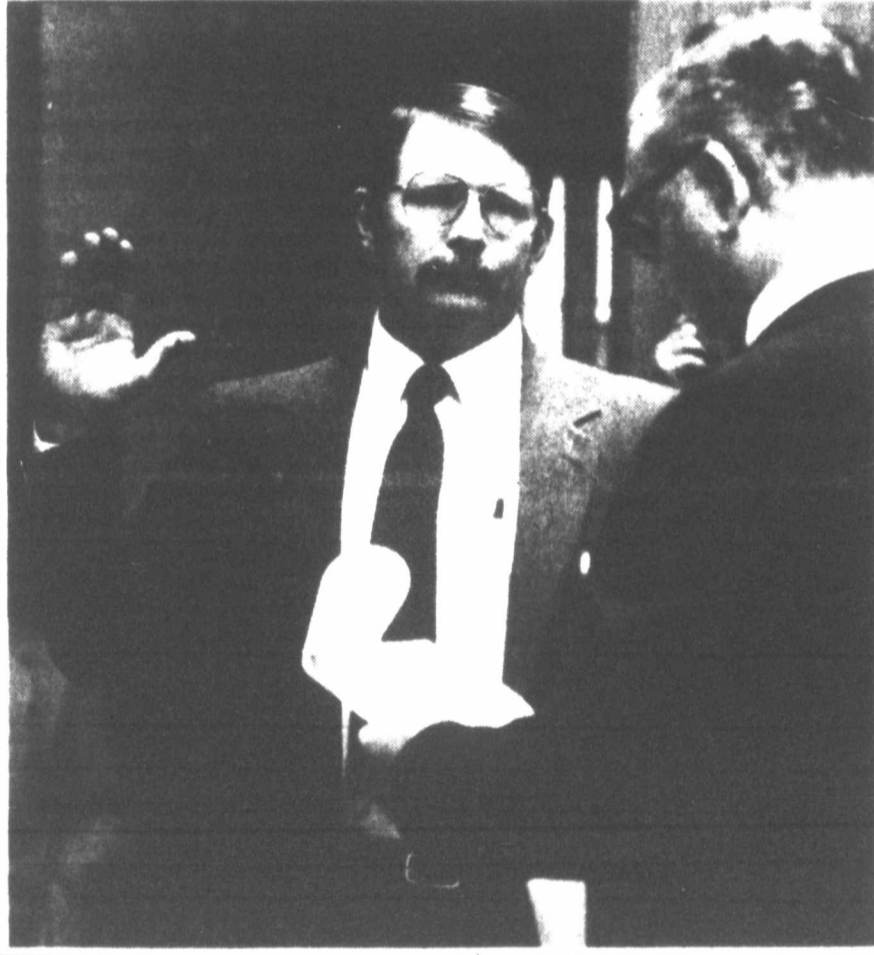
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I solemnly swear ...



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In top photo, Jimmy Free raises his right arm to be sworn in as the new Gray County sheriff during ceremonies Monday morning at the county courthouse. At left, new Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley raises his arm to take the oath from District Judge Don Cain. Other county officials being sworn in Monday included Tax Assessor/Collector Margie Gray, Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright, County Auditor A.C. Malone and Constables Jerry Dean Williams, Herman H. Kieth, N.L. "Buddy" Roland and Jim McDonald. Gray County Attorney Robert McPherson and District Attorney Harold Comer were to be sworn in this morning.

Area county officials sworn in

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Staff Writer

Most area officials received their respective oaths of office in swearing-in ceremonies today, with the exception of Wheeler County officeholders who were sworn in Monday.

Wheeler County Precinct 1 Constable Joe Montgomery broke a century-old domination by the Democratic Party in the county when he became the first Republican to hold an office in Wheeler County in its 110-year history, officials from the county clerk's office confirmed today.

Other Wheeler County officials taking the oath from County Judge Wendall Morgan in the district courtroom Monday included Jerry Dan Hefley, county treasurer; and M. Kent Sims, county attorney.

Also taking their oaths in Wheeler were Sheriff Jimmy W. Adams, who began his term early after Sheriff Lonnie Miller died in a traffic accident this summer; Precinct 1 commissioner Elmer Ray Harrison; Bryan Close, com-

missioner Precinct 3; and Jerry Bob Jernigan, constable Precinct 2.

Carson County Judge Jay Roselius swore in the following county officials in ceremonies in the county commissioners' courtroom early today: Jerry Strong, commissioner Precinct 3; Mike Britten, commissioner Precinct 1; Terry Timmons, newly-elected Carson County sheriff who defeated veteran sheriff Connie Reed, in primary elections last April; Lloyd Sterling, tax assessor/collector; and Ed Henshaw, county attorney.

After a recount of votes from the November election, followed by a special called election, incumbent Precinct 3 commissioner for Hemphill County, Leonard Powledge, was finally able to take his oath of office early today from County Judge Bob Gober.

Because of the closeness of the November election in which Powledge appeared to have been edged out by Republican challenger Pat Walker by one vote, Powledge asked for a recount which

left the two candidates with a tie vote. Walker then asked for a runoff election set for Dec. 13. After the votes were tallied, Powledge emerged the winner, 206 to 166.

Also sworn to office in ceremonies in the Hemphill County commissioners' courtroom today were Kenneth Osborne, Precinct 1 commissioner; Charles Kessie, county attorney; Gladene Woodside, tax assessor/collector; Bob Ed Culver Jr., constable Precinct 1; and Hemphill County Sheriff Billy V. Bowen.

In Roberts County, all county officials whose terms expired in 1988 were re-elected to office in the November elections. Officeholders recited their oaths early today in the county commissioner's court room.

They are William H. Clark, commissioner Precinct 1; Don Morrison, commissioner Precinct 3, who has recovered from injuries suffered in a serious car accident last year; Carol Sue Billingsley, county tax assessor/collector; and Sheriff Lando Brown.

101st Congress opens under new leadership

By STEVEN KOMAROW
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The 101st Congress opens with the nation's legislature still firmly in Democratic control but with important changes in the leadership that will confront such crucial issues as the federal budget deficit, the environment, health care and ethics.

New and re-elected members of the House and Senate were being sworn in today, and then the two chambers were set to carry out organizational chores for two days. Among them: a joint session Wednesday to count the electoral votes for president.

Congress will then adjourn until Jan. 20 although hearings could start before then on some of President-elect Bush's nominations. No bills will be considered until later in the month, but plenty will be talked about as lawmakers await Bush's legislative proposals.

Possibly the most controversial decision members will have to make early in the session is whether to approve a pay raise for themselves. A presidential commission has recommended a 50 percent hike, a dicey issue, but especially so this year with so much attention being focused on the federal deficit.

President Reagan sends his final budget to Congress Jan. 9, and Bush is expected to submit his own ideas after taking office. Before fiscal 1990 begins Oct. 1, Congress and the new president must agree on how to cut more than \$25 billion in spending, or to raise taxes, in order to meet the goals of the Gramm-Rudman budget balancing law.

Awaiting Bush's proposals before offering their own are House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, and the Senate's new majority leader, George Mitchell of Maine. Mitchell succeeds Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., who will also play a key fiscal role as he moves over to the chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee.

Bush pledged repeatedly during the campaign he would not support any new taxes, but many Democrats are openly skeptical he can keep that promise.

Among the doubters are the chairmen of the House and Senate Budget committees — both new to those posts — Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., and Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn. Sasser has publicly predicted Bush would be coming to Congress within two years asking for a tax increase.

Even Bob Michel, R-Ill., who returns as the House minority leader, said he suspects some new taxes might have to be combined with spending cuts for the deficit goals to be achieved.

"I suspect down the road a piece that may be part of the answer," Michel said in a television interview last weekend.

Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, re-elected Senate Republican leader, said he hasn't seen any indications Bush is softening his anti-tax position. But he warned demands on the federal till are increasing, including tens of billions of dollars needed to bail out failing savings institutions and to reopen the nation's nuclear weapons plants, which have been plagued by safety problems.

Environmental legislation, including a clean air bill that died late in the last session, is expected to rank high on the agenda of the 101st Congress. Mitchell, a strong environmentalist, is sure to help push such bills in his new role.

Congress faces increasing demands for more federally subsidized health care, especially for the elderly. But at the same time, the elderly are objecting to paying increased premiums for the new catastrophic illness coverage approved last year.

Ethics legislation is another holdover from the last Congress, where, in the closing days, Reagan killed bills aimed at restricting lobbying by former government officials and at protecting federal employees who blow the whistle on wrongdoing in their agencies.

Bush aides aiming to push non-budget legislative issues

By RITA BEAMISH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Now that President-elect Bush has nearly filled his Cabinet, his next major challenge is to fashion a legislative package that he can push through a Democratic-controlled Congress.

The problem of the nation's budget deficit looms as the overriding test for Bush, but his aides also are looking to move legislation on issues that Bush stressed during his campaign, including childcare, education, the environment and ethics.

The Bush team has said the budget deficit will take priority, and much of his legislative program will depend on the fiscal package he is able to work out with Congress.

"We'd have to have the framework first for dealing with the budget," said Craig Fuller, the Bush transition co-director.

But he said Bush will still pursue commitments he made during his campaign. That would mean legislative proposals in such areas as environment, childcare and education.

In the area of government ethics, where President Reagan vetoed a package from Capitol Hill last fall, Bush said recently that he will send an ethics bill to Congress "very, very early."

In his proposals on lobbying by government officials after they've left office, Bush applies the same standards to Congress as to executive branch workers, said Boyden Gray, who will serve as Bush's White House legal counsel.

Much of the "serious policy analysis" on the Bush legislative package is expected to occur ear-

ly in January, said Robert Teeter, co-director of Bush's transition team.

The early proposals are expected to center on a domestic agenda, stressing the "kinder, gentler" approach to government that Bush discussed during the campaign.

Spending proposals — such as his plan to expand Medicaid coverage — ultimately will hinge on how the budget negotiations turn out. For instance, Bush's commitment to the tough anti-drug stance he took during the campaign could be tested in talks on financing the massive new anti-drug legislation Congress passed this fall.

The bill calls for \$2.7 billion in new spending, but Congress initially appropriated only \$976 million.



Bush

ly in January, said Robert Teeter, co-director of Bush's transition team.

Other items, such as the ethics package, don't have a significant pricetag. One idea is to stress presidential leadership on projects that don't involve large sums of money, such as an international conference Bush has proposed to deal with the problem of global warming of the atmosphere from carbon dioxide.

Bush wants a revised clean-air bill, and said in the campaign the nation must have "a clear commitment to emissions reductions on a clear timetable."

On one of the acid-rain sticking points, Bush proposes burden sharing of the costs among ratepayers nationwide rather than just in the polluting regions.

The Clean Air Act has been up for renewal every year this decade, but Congress has been unable to agree on the provision dealing with acid rain.

On offshore oil drilling, Bush, a former oilman, has shied away from blanket bans of the kind Congress has imposed on the California coast when passing appropriations for the Interior Department each year. Bush has said he will look at the drilling situation on a tract-by-tract basis.

Bush also emphasized education issues during the campaign. His proposals include a \$500 million merit schools program, \$50 million for magnet schools, and \$50 million for programs in teaching reform and innovation.

He also promised to push for a big increase in Head Start funding, to extend it to all eligible 4-year-olds, and he pledged a childcare plan, to include a government refund for childcare expenses for the poor, with a \$1,000 tax credit per child under age 4.

Government considers \$81 billion nuclear complex clean-up

By BARTON REPERT
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WASHINGTON (AP)—The Energy Department is proposing an \$81 billion, 20-year program to clean up and modernize the nation's troubled nuclear weapons production complex.

"The cost of modernization and environmental restoration will require a significant increase in funding for the next two decades," said an Energy Department report for Congress.

The \$81 billion total includes \$52 billion to modernize outdated facilities, some of which are more than 30 years old, while \$29 billion would go toward efforts to deal with radioactive and chemical contamination at many sites throughout the weapons complex.

The long-range plan would involve building new facilities in South Carolina and Idaho as well as phasing out weapons production activities in

Washington state, Colorado and Ohio.

The Energy Department has refused to release any portions of the classified document, known as the "2010 Report" because it looks ahead as far as the 2010 fiscal year.

Gail Bradshaw, deputy chief spokesman for the department, said this week the department could not release the report's unclassified executive summary until it had received permission to do so from the National Security Council.

A copy of the summary was obtained by Morris News Service and made available to The Associated Press.

Energy Secretary John S. Herrington said Dec. 22 the next administration faces "hard choices" in dealing with the problems of the nuclear weapons complex.

He told a National Press Club audience that cannibalization of some warheads to build or upgrade others is something "we must look at to keep our

options open." But Herrington added, "I do not anticipate the need" to resort to such methods.

The possibility of cannibalizing warheads was raised after safety and equipment problems closed the nation's three reactors for producing tritium, a radioactive isotope of hydrogen. Because tritium decays at a rate of 5.5 percent a year, it needs to be regularly replenished to keep warheads at peak explosive power.

Herrington has said it will be spring or summer before any of the three reactors at the Savannah River Plant near Aiken, S.C., can be restarted.

The 2010 Report raises questions about whether the Savannah River reactors can be brought back to efficient production of tritium.

It noted that "all three reactors are shut down for safety system improvements and are not expected to be fully operational until late 1989. Despite these improvements and increasingly extensive maintenance, the reactors may not be able to

achieve acceptable production efficiencies."

Other key findings of the report:

- The nuclear weapons complex must be modernized so nuclear deterrence can continue to be a vital element of U.S. security policy.
- Operations of the complex will require environmental, safety and health remedial actions and a program to ensure that its operations comply with applicable laws, standards and regulations.
- Much of the nuclear weapons complex was constructed more than 30 years ago, and many facilities are approaching the end of their useful lives.
- Full funding for the modernization and environmental clean-up effort will probably be difficult to achieve.

The report said that while the budget for fiscal 1990 will be "generally consistent" with the plan, accomplishing all recommendations on schedule probably will require more resources than are now expected to be available in subsequent years.

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Hecht smiles after taking oath.

Texas Supreme Court justices take oath

By PEGGY FIKAC
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AUSTIN (AP) — Two newly sworn justices on the Texas Supreme Court—one Democrat and one Republican—say they look forward to serving on a court that works together.

"I want to be part of a Supreme Court that is the pride of Texas and an example to others across the country," said Republican Justice Nathan Hecht, a former Dallas appeals judge.

Democratic Justice Lloyd Doggett, also elected in November, said, "I believe that what this court will be about is gaining renewed respect from our people by the way that we interpret and handle the decisions that we have to hand down."

Hecht and Doggett — an Austin attorney and former state senator who said he lost a coin toss and so takes the court seat lowest in seniority — were among five justices sworn in Monday by Justice Anthony Kennedy of the U.S. Supreme Court.

The ceremony before a crowd in the Capitol's House chamber marked the first time in Texas history the oaths have been administered by a U.S. Supreme Court justice, according to the state court.

Sworn in was Chief Justice Thomas Phil-

lips, a former Harris County district judge who in November became the first Republican elected to the court's top job since Reconstruction. Justice Eugene Cook, a Houston attorney who also was given the oath, and Hecht were the first elected Republican justices.

Phillips and Cook won seats they were appointed to by Republican Gov. Bill Clements after Democratic judges resigned.

Democratic Justice Raul Gonzalez, who in 1986 became the first Hispanic to win statewide office, also was sworn in. Gonzalez was appointed to the court in 1984 after serving as state appeals judge in Corpus Christi and district judge in Cameron County.

The oath first was given jointly to the three incumbents, then to the new justices. Tributes also were read for Justices Ted Robertson and William Kilgarlin, who are leaving the court. Robertson lost to Phillips for chief justice, and Kilgarlin lost to Hecht.

Clements, who has cheered the election of GOP court members, praised the new court after the swearing-in ceremony.

"We in Texas have received significant criticism for some of the actions of our Texas Supreme Court, and I think that this will be a vast improvement over what we've had in the past," Clements said.

The court was criticized after refusing to hear an appeal of the \$11 billion judgment against Texaco Inc. and after national news reports about large political contributions to some justices.

Democratic Justice Jack Hightower, a former North Texas congressman, also was elected to the Supreme Court in November. Hightower was sworn in last month to replace Justice Barbara Culver Clack, a Republican who had been appointed by the governor to fill an unexpired term.

Earlier Monday, justices elected to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals were sworn in at the House chamber.

Presiding Judge Michael McCormick, a Democrat who moved up from the job of judge, was sworn in by John Onion Jr., who retired as presiding judge.

McCormick swore in Judges Charles Campbell and Chuck Miller, also Democrats, who were re-elected.

U.S. District Judge James Nowlin swore in Judge David Berchmann Jr., a former state district judge from Bexar County. Berchmann, a Republican who ran against McCormick for the court's top position, was appointed by the governor to fill McCormick's unexpired term as judge on the court.

Disabled teachers find students more receptive than parents

By PHILLIP L. HAMILTON
Plainview Daily Herald

PLAINVIEW (AP) — When it comes to accepting the disabled, students probably could teach their parents a thing or two.

Plainview teachers Sam Kendall and Dan Brown say young people are more willing to accept handicaps than their parents. And the educators should know. Despite crippling disabilities, they are in their classrooms every day teaching students.

"Kids don't wear masks," says Kendall, a dean at Estacado Junior High School. "They accept a lot of things that some adults cannot accept."

"Generally students are very receptive," he said. "They forget about my physical problems, so I forget about them."

Born with cerebral palsy, Kendall has had to learn how to live with his disability. He has adjusted his lifestyle to make the most of his physical problems.

While Kendall has been teaching at Estacado for 23 years, Brown is in his first year at Plainview High School.

"I thought there might be some problems with my handicap, but there haven't been any problems at all," Brown said. "You have less acknowledgment of a handicap among kids than you do adults. Kids come forward quick-

er than adults and they can see through things better."

Brown contracted polio when he was less than 2 years old. With the assistance of a brace on his left leg, the technology systems teacher walks with a limp down the halls of Plainview High School.

Brown, who moved here from southwest Oklahoma, believes local students are more tolerant of all kinds of differences including disabilities, ethnic backgrounds and income levels.

"One thing that I think may have helped is the amount of racial tolerance among the kids," Brown said. "They seem to accept differences in people here

better than in some places."

Both men say their disabilities have given them an advantage in their classrooms. By overcoming handicaps to lead normal lives, the educators have become role models for students who may be disadvantaged physically, emotionally, economically or academically.

"I think it gives me an advantage in working with kids that may not have everything some of the other kids have," Brown said. "There are all kinds of handicaps. Students see that even if they don't have all the breaks they can still make it."

"I think we are role models for handicapped kids," Kendall said.

"These kids are self-conscious of their handicaps whether they be physical or speech or whatever. If they see a handicapped adult functioning within the community as a positive role model, hopefully this has a positive effect on their outlook."

The teachers also are role models for advantaged students, according to the administrators who work with them.

"Sam Kendall has a very warm feeling for the kids and they in turn have that same feeling for him," said Wendell Dunlap, principal at Estacado Junior High School. He has worked with Kendall for nine years.

"He's one of the good ones,"

Dunlap said. "He is a very fine individual and an excellent teacher. His rapport with the students is just super."

Brown draws the same kind of praise from Jerry Don George, principal at Plainview High School.

"He's done a super job with the young people this year," George said. "He's gained the students' confidence and his rapport is growing. He's an excellent teacher. I don't think they look at him as being handicapped."

Having grown up with their physical disabilities, neither educator thinks of himself as handicapped.

At least 31 die in New Year's traffic toll

By The Associated Press

At least 31 people died on Texas roads during the 78-hour holiday, with most killed in accidents that occurred on New Year's Day, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

The 78-hour DPS counting period began at 6 p.m. Friday and ended at midnight Monday.

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 officials had estimated.

A 17-year-old Spring Branch youth, David Ashley Hall, died in a two-vehicle accident Monday, DPS spokesman Mike Cox said. Cox said Hall wasn't wearing his seat belt when the accident occurred about 8:50 a.m. on FM 306 about 7 miles northwest of Canyon City in Comal County.

Also Monday, the DPS reported that Jesus Cervantes Lopez, 40, of Austin died late Sunday of injuries he received Friday while attempting to cross an Austin street. Cox said Lopez was struck

by a southbound vehicle.

Dolores Burget Haynes, 35, died at 1 p.m. Monday of injuries she suffered in a traffic accident Friday night in Clay County, he said.

Cox also said Rodney Steven Perdue, 35, of Houston, was killed in an auto-bicycle accident New Year's Day in Houston, and an unidentified man believed to be in his early 20s died in Harris County early Monday morning while fleeing in what officials believed to be a stolen car.

Two brothers were killed in an accident in Amarillo. Michael Nowlin, 17, of Waco died shortly after the accident, which was reported at 11:58 p.m. Sunday. His 21-year-old brother, Christopher Nowlin of Canyon, died about 9 p.m. Monday at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, nursing supervisor Monte Stiles said.

The DPS originally had reported Christopher Nowlin's death Monday morning, but hospital officials issued a statement saying the man was alive and in critical condition. Stiles said Christopher Nowlin died of head and other injuries suffered in the

accident.

Monica Martinez, 14, of Stafford, was a passenger in a two-vehicle head-on collision at 1:30 a.m. Sunday on State Highway 6 in Arcola, and Cox said she wasn't wearing a seat belt.

J.T. Criddle, 69, of Fresno, was driving the other vehicle involved in the collision that killed Ms. Martinez. Another victim was Ethel Leeman, 73, of Fresno, who was riding in the Criddle vehicle, Cox said.

Jesus L. Arrendondo, 53, of Houston, was killed when the car he was driving went out of control and struck a telephone pole at 12:40 p.m. Saturday, in Houston, said Cox.

Stanley Monroe Riley, 32, of Houston, died when the motorcycle he was operating went out of control and struck a fence and a lightpole, he said. The accident happened at 1:05 a.m. on New Year's Day in Houston.

Xuan Thi Doung, 22, of Houston, was the driver of a car involved in an unrelated two-vehicle accident in Houston, which also happened at 1:05 a.m.

Sunday, at the intersection of Bel-laire and Wilcrest. Cox said the driver of the other vehicle was intoxicated.

William Earl Fulwider, 25, of El Paso, was driving a vehicle which went out of control and overturned at 7:30 p.m. on New Year's Day, on Interstate 10 in El Paso County.

Frances Louise Bell, 34, of Houston, was walking on Interstate 45 in Oak Ridge North, in Montgomery County, when she was struck by a vehicle. The accident occurred at 7:12 p.m. on Sunday, said Cox.

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Teachers prefer to do less TEAMS teaching

DALLAS (AP) — Elementary school students are being deprived of complete educations because administrators push teachers to boost students' scores on the state-mandated minimum basic skills test, Texas teachers say.

Some educators say they have been ordered by administrators to teach only items that will help students do well on the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills, ignoring the daily curriculum and other subjects not covered by the test, such as social studies and science.

"The test becomes the almighty thing," said Bob Baker, president of Classroom Teachers of Dallas. "You're teaching to a specific test, which is, by nature, limited."

Dallas Independent School District officials deny issuing such orders, the Dallas Times Herald reported.

State education officials, who have taken note of such complaints in Dallas and other Texas school districts, agree that some overzealous schools might be compromising the test's original purpose, and the state plans to change the exam because of that.

The test was introduced in fall 1985 as part of the sweeping education reforms. It was designed to pinpoint students' weaker areas so districts could correct them, but was not designed to measure the quality of education in a district or become the focus of months of class work,

state officials say.

That, however, has been the result.

"We're going to change the test because of these kinds of things," said Keith Cruse, director of the Texas Education Agency's student assessment division. "It's become clear to us that there is a different use being made of it."

The plans include testing during the fall, rather than spring, to reduce the amount of time teachers can spend on pretest drills. Also, questions would be selected from a broader range of material, forcing teachers to cover the complete curriculum to prepare students. Cruse said the new tests should begin in the 1990-91 school year.

The test measures mastery of basic skills and contains three sections — reading, writing and math — with about 50 questions each.

The test costs almost \$5 million annually to design, administer and grade. It is developed by an out-of-state contractor from specifications provided by the state.

At one Dallas elementary school, teachers say substitutes have been brought in to teach classes while the more experienced teachers tutor borderline students for the test in another room for several hours each day.

The arrangement hurts the students who remain in the class and those who are being coached — both miss essential lessons, said a teacher who asked to remain anonymous.

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Premarital tests find few AIDS cases in brides, grooms

By TERRI COLBY
Associated Press Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — In making their wedding plans, Rhonda Hufford and Todd Kellerman chose musicians, pink dresses and gray tuxedos.

And they were tested for AIDS under a year-old law some officials say isn't worth the cost.

The nation's only premarital AIDS testing law may not be a law much longer, primarily because, like the Kellermans, the overwhelming majority of those tested have shown no signs of the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Illinois' mandatory testing program took effect Jan. 1, 1988. But only 23 of the 150,000 people tested in the first 11 months were found to be infected with the virus, the state Department of Public Health said.

That's about one in 6,500 tested.

The cost of the AIDS test in Illinois, including the doctor's visit, ranges from \$25 to \$125 per person, said state Health Department spokesman Tom Schafer.

Based on a "conservative" \$35 per test average, the cost of finding each of the 23 infected people came to more than \$228,000, he said.

Still to receive a marriage license for their June wedding, Kellerman and Ms. Hufford, a nursing student, had to show the Macon County Clerk's office a certificate verifying they had been tested.

"I'm easygoing about it," said Kellerman, a 22-year-old Springfield computer analyst. "As long as they make it a law, there's not much you can do about it."

But the law has resulted in a 25 percent drop in the number of marriage license applications in Illinois, state Public Health Director Bernard Turnock said.



Todd Kellerman, left, and Rhonda Hufford

Hundreds of Illinois couples have gone to bordering states to tie the knot.

"They don't want to take the AIDS test," said Janet Hudacek of the Lake County, Ind., clerk's office, which has seen a six-fold increase in the number of Illinois residents seeking marriage licenses. "Mostly it's the cost."

To the north, in Kenosha County, Wis., officials are selling more marriage licenses to Illinoisans than to Wisconsin residents.

Through Dec. 8, they said, 1,073 Illinois couples got married in Kenosha County — 51 percent of all licenses issued. The previous year, 58 Illinois couples were married there of 1,021 licenses issued, said Michelle Riley, a clerk in the county offices.

Because the number of people with AIDS infections detected through premarital testing is so low and the cost so high, Turnock plans to recommend to Republi-

can Gov. James R. Thompson that the law be scrapped.

Democratic state Rep. Grace Mary Stern, who was rebuffed this spring in efforts to dump the testing law, has filed legislation for this session to end the testing.

But Republican Rep. Penny Pullen said repealing the law would send a message that Illinois no longer sees AIDS as a serious problem.

"This program is giving thousands of Illinois couples the good news that they are not infected," she said. "In this society, with its current mores, that can be very good news indeed, and yet it's very unlikely that couples would demand the test of each other if the state did not demand it."

Illinois is the only state with a premarital AIDS testing law. Louisiana repealed its version of the law last year.

U.S. official discussed bomb probe with PLO

By The Associated Press

President Reagan confirmed Monday that United States representatives have discussed possible PLO assistance in investigating the airliner bombing over Scotland that took 270 lives.

President Reagan says he would be happy to receive any information that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat might offer to help solve the mystery of Pan American Flight 103, which crashed Dec. 21 en route from London to New York.

Arafat has condemned the bombing.

An administration official, speaking on condition he not be identified, said the United States stopped short of formally requesting Palestine Liberation Organization assistance.

Deputy White House Press Secretary Roman Popadiuk said Monday that Robert Pelletreau, the U.S. ambassador to Tunisia, met

Saturday at the U.S. Embassy in Tunis with Hakam Balaoui, the PLO representative in Tunis.

Popadiuk said the meeting was requested by Balaoui to introduce himself to Pelletreau. He said it was not a continuation of the contacts, which the United States calls a dialogue, which began with a meeting Dec. 16 between Pelletreau and three members of the PLO executive committee.

"The discussion centered on Middle East issues," Popadiuk said. "The ambassador took the opportunity to mention that the United States would welcome any information the PLO is able to develop concerning the Pan Am tragedy."

"This is in line with what we have already publicly stated, and is true for the PLO as well as anyone else who may have information on the bombing," he said.

The administration official who spoke

anonymously said, "This was not a request for assistance from the PLO."

The official said Balaoui took note of Pelletreau's comments and told the ambassador he would relay them to Arafat.

Earlier Monday, Reagan was asked about reports that Arafat had offered his assistance in the investigation.

"We've not heard from him," the president. "We will be happy to hear from him. If he has anything to tell us, I'm sure he'll tell us."

The exchange took place as Reagan stepped off Air Force One at Los Angeles International Airport after spending New Year's weekend in the Palm Springs area.

He and his wife, Nancy, were then driven to the brick, ranch-style home in the expensive Bel Air section of Los Angeles where they will live after they leave the White House Jan. 20. They return to Washington Thursday.

Bakker blames the devil

PINEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Jim Bakker returned to the TV pulpit with his wife for the first time in two years and blamed his downfall and subsequent indictment on Satan, not on PTL's sex-and-money scandal.

"I believe the devil said, 'I have to smash Jim and Tammy Bakker,'" he told viewers Monday.

The broadcast originated in the living room of the Bakkers' borrowed home and was sent by satellite to a half-dozen stations, mostly cable, in California, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Louisiana, Bakker said.

"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 broke into tears two minutes into the hourlong show.

Bakker and a former top associate were indicted last month on charges of diverting \$4 million in PTL money for their benefit.

The Bakkers had not preached together on television since January 1987. Two months later, allegations surfaced of his 1980 sexual en-

counter with church secretary Jessica Hahn.

Bakker said his last television show at PTL featured the groundbreaking for the Cryscourt last month approved the sale of Heritage USA to a Canadian businessman.

Bakker, however, holding a drawing of the glass church, said he had not given up.

"I believe that someday we will still build it," Bakker said. "I believe that was the last straw for Satan. I think the devil was mad that something so beautiful was being built."

Bakker, 49, thanked a supporter who had donated the money to put him back on television but made no direct appeal for donations.

Callers to a "prayer line" telephone number — not toll-free — were asked to give their name and prayer request.

Bakker frequently referred to the family's recent experience.

"You can make it," he said. "If Jim and Tammy can survive their holocaust of two years, I know God will help you to survive. There's times when I did not want to live. There's times when I prayed to die. But I know this: God was always there."

Redesigned 'Christian Science Monitor' debuts

BOSTON (AP) — A streamlined *Christian Science Monitor* with color photographs, fewer pages and less advertising was redesigned to save time for readers of the 80-year-old newspaper, its editors say.

Concern over the new appearance, which started with today's editions, and other changes prompted an exodus in Novem-

ber of top management at the church-run daily newspaper, including the departure of Pulitzer Prize-winning editor Katherine Fanning.

But the changes in the 80-year-old newspaper, which has lost money for years, were based on five years of research, news executives said Monday.

"Readers told us that because of the demands on their time, they want greater selectivity in topics covered by the *Monitor*,

more concise articles and a design and layout that helps them absorb the paper's editorial content," John H. Hoagland Jr., manager of the Christian Science Publishing Society said Monday in a statement.

"In short, they continue to look to the *Monitor* for the context and perspective of events, and want a serious paper that can be read thoroughly in about 30 minutes."

The weekday newspaper with a circulation of about 170,000 is still

tabloid shaped. But it will be 20 pages, smaller by about eight pages than its previous format. This was accomplished by keeping national advertising to two pages and eliminating local and classified ads.

In addition, the newspaper's staff of 160 is among the 800 members of the publishing society and broadcasting operation due for cutbacks of 20 percent to 25 percent, said spokesman Don Feldheim.



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World

China sentences African student to jail without any trial

BEIJING (AP) — An African student from Benin has been summarily sentenced to 15 days in prison following a bloody Christmas Eve brawl between Chinese and Africans in Nanking, an African diplomat said Monday.

It was the first report that a second African had been formally arrested in connection with the brawl that left 11 Chinese and two Africans injured.

The diplomat, Benin's first secretary, Gobo Bio Mamah, also quoted African students as saying that Chinese police stripped and tortured two students from Benin when they attacked 140 mostly African students at a guest house outside Nanking on Saturday.

"We have heard that they were made to walk

almost naked in the cold as police poked them with electric cattle prods," Mamah said. "They were doing this to make them talk. It appears to be torture."

The brawl at Nanking's Hehai University sparked five days of anti-black protests and resulted in most of the city's African students being forced by police to the guest house on Dec. 26.

The students had wanted to flee the east-central city for Beijing, but were stopped by police at Nanking's railway station.

African students said about 400 Chinese police attacked them Saturday in the guest house and removed about half of them, returning some to their universities and sending others to another hotel.

The student witnesses said Chinese police beat and detained seven or eight of their classmates. One witness said police charged the students as loudspeakers broadcast platitudes about China's great friendship with African nations.

Another said he saw about seven police beating one student from the Congo.

Chinese news reports said only that a student from Ghana, Alex Dzabaku Dosoo, had been arrested and three other students held for questioning. No mention was made of a student from Benin.

But Mamah said officials from the Public Security Department in Beijing told him Sunday that student Ludovic Dossoumon had been sentenced without trial to 15 days in prison as "punishment."

Chinese authorities in Beijing refused to specify Dossoumon's alleged crimes, he said.

"They told me the authorities in Nanking were the only ones who could say anything," Mamah said. "This action is unacceptable."

Chinese authorities at the Ministry of Public Security said they were "not clear" about the arrests.

A Ghanaian diplomat said China had broken an agreement to keep the students at the guest house until a delegation representing nine African countries returned to Nanking.

The delegation came to Nanking last Tuesday for negotiations, returned to Beijing and was planning to go again to Nanking later this week.

Police say they will seek homicide charges in boat sinking

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Police said they would seek homicide charges against two cruise officials and two port guards in the New Year's Eve capsizing of a sightseeing boat in which at least 51 people drowned.

Authorities also said Monday they were investigating allegations that the guards were paid to let the boat sail overloaded into choppy waters.

It was still not clear how many passengers were missing be-

cause cruise operators said the passenger list went down with the 100-foot flat-bottomed craft. Estimates of those on board ranged from 130 to 150, but it was not known how many were rescued by nearby boats.

Tables, chairs and a broken wooden staircase on the sunken boat blocked an underwater search Monday, said Col. Jefferson Cardoso de Bem, who heads the Fire Department's Maritime Group.

The double-decked Bateau Mouche was carrying revelers who paid \$220 a ticket to dance, drink and watch fireworks off Copacabana Beach when it sank Saturday night in about 65 feet of water at the mouth of Guanabara Bay near Rio's Sugar Loaf mountain.

The navy released a statement Monday that conflicted with reports of witnesses who said the boat was overloaded and lacked enough life jackets.

The statement said navy inspectors checked the craft Wednesday, finding "satisfactory safety and navigational conditions" and "a number of life-jackets above what was necessary."

The navy statement also confirmed survivors' reports that the boat was inspected again two hours before it capsized. It said "there were 149 people aboard ... within a permitted capacity of 153."

Precinct police chief Irineu Barroso, who is in charge of the case, said he would seek homicide charges against the owner of Itatiaia Turismo, the tourist agency that booked the trip; the owner of the Sol e Mar restaurant that operated the boat; and two port authority guards who stopped the boat Saturday then allowed it to continue its trip.

Barroso said he would also seek charges of corruption and accepting bribes against the guards.

There have been no arrests in the case.

"After taking statements from survivors, we can see something was not right," Barroso said.

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GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Authorities charged a 22-year-old ferry captain with negligent homicide after the boat, overcrowded with New Year's travelers, sank off the Caribbean coast. Sixty-seven people drowned and 14 were missing.

Officials said 46 people survived the sinking of the ferry Justo Rufino Barrios II in Amatique Bay on Guatemala's east coast Sunday.

Juan Pablo Ezquibel was arrested after authorities determined that about 120 people were aboard the 30-ton ferry, which was authorized to carry 90, said Capt. Anibal Giron Arreola, second-in-command at the Puerto Barrios naval base.

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New Doctors Discovery

Weight Loss Pill Approved for U.S. Gov't. Patent

'Lazy Way' to Lose Weight Already Sweeping U.S.

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (Special) — An amazing new weight loss pill called "fat-magnet" has recently been developed and perfected by two prominent doctors at a world famous hospital in Los Angeles that reportedly "guarantees" you steady fat loss and caloric reduction by simply taking their tested and proven new pill.

The U.S. government has just approved the doctors' claims for a hard-to-get patent that confirms "there has never been anything like their fat-bonding pill process before." It is a totally new major scientific breakthrough and is revolutionizing the weight loss industry.

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Within 2 days you should notice a change in the color of your stool, caused by the fat particles being eliminated.

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According to one of the inventors, Dr. William Shell, heart specialist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA medical school, "the new fat-bonding process is a "lazy way" to lose weight because the pills alone "automatically" reduce calories by eliminating dietary fat. It is 100% safe and not a drug."

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- 12 Atomic particle
- 13 Wax
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- 15 Common ailment
- 16 Enticingly
- 18 ___ Dinsmore
- 20 Turn the page (abbr.)
- 21 Western hemisphere org.
- 22 Acct.
- 24 French yes
- 26 Sacrifice
- 30 Egyptian dancing girl
- 34 To and ___
- 35 Jazz player Kid
- 36 Walking ___ (feeling elated)
- 37 Cowboy movie (sl.)
- 39 Eternally (abbr.)
- 41 Future bks.
- 42 Pep
- 43 Graph part
- 45 Unit of mass
- 47 Part of the psyche
- 48 Buzzing insect
- 51 Believer in an ism
- 53 Lofty goal
- 57 Loneliness
- 60 South of Ga.
- 61 Make a cake
- 62 Goddess of earth
- 63 "A Christmas Carol" character
- 64 Machine gun
- 65 Veritable
- 66 Regard

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- 1 Musical instrument
- 2 Hang loosely
- 3 Burden

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 27 Hillside (Scot.)
- 28 Oodles
- 29 Court hearing
- 31 Buddhist monk
- 32 Fog
- 33 Irish-Gaelic
- 36 First
- 38 Airline info
- 40 Dutch commune
- 43 Eviction
- 44 Grow drowsy
- 46 Actress Farrow
- 48 Lies
- 49 Future attys.' exam
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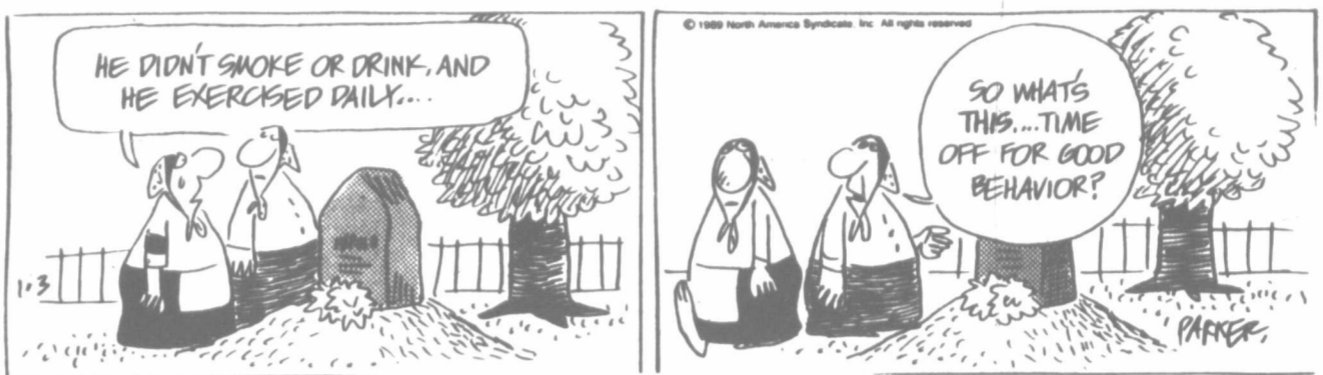
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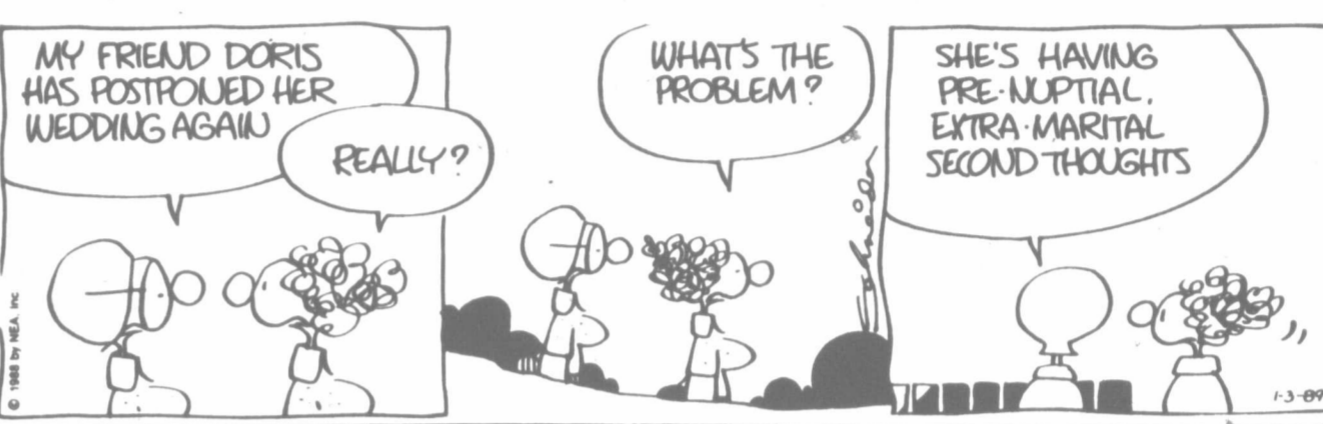
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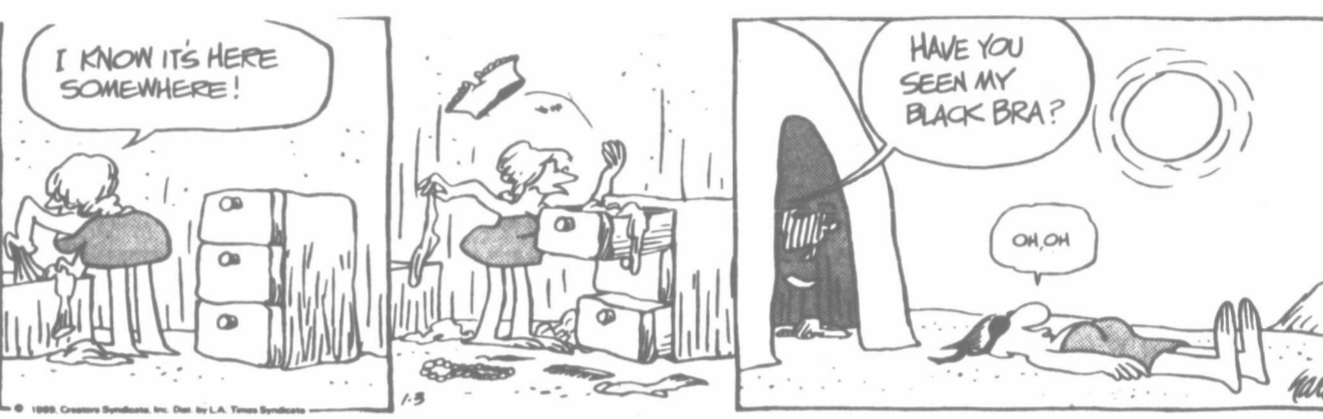
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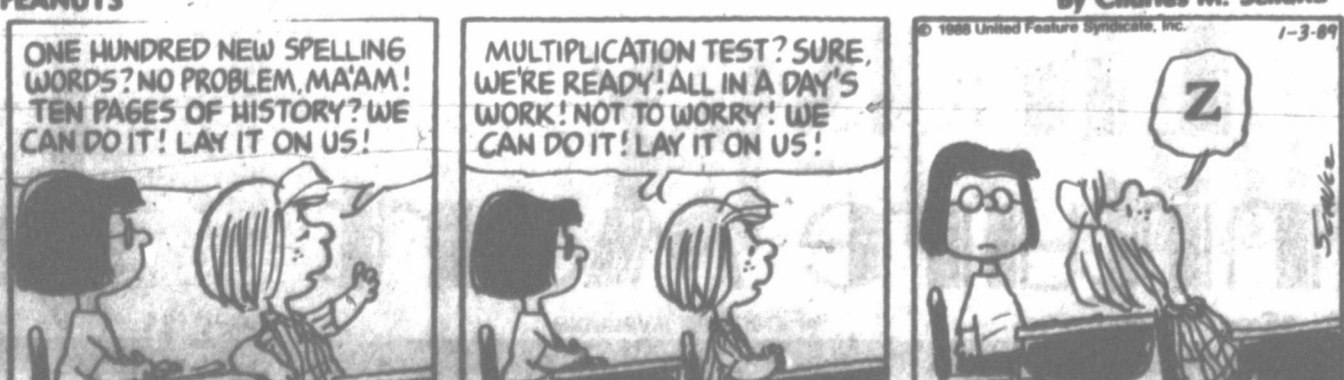
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Astro-Graph

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Becoming more involved with your favorite club or social organization could have advantages at this time. Your contacts may introduce you to situations that produce peripheral benefits. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$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) Chances for fulfilling your ambitious objectives today are better than usual. Proceed with as little fanfare as possible and work only with people who are directly involved.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your greatest benefits today are likely to come through your involvements with friends. This is because you'll conduct yourself in a manner that will encourage others to do special things for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be afraid to make what you believe to be positive changes where your work or career is concerned today. Conditions can be improved upon if you're bold enough to take the steps to do so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't attempt to do something on your own today that can be accomplished better with assistants who are presently at your disposal. Team efforts could be more effective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your possibilities for financial gain look good today, but not necessarily from your customary sources. If you make a score, it is likely to come from a side venture.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although you'll have the warmth and easy manner that will endure you to any companion today, you are likely to enjoy yourself more if your associations are limited to your very special friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you have a project which is of importance to you at this time, do all that you can today to make sure its foundations are as solid as possible. Make it a springboard to success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There is something special about you today that will make you stand out in a crowd. Even though you might not deliberately seek attention, your charismatic appeal will draw people to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Some unexpected developments may occur today that could have an effect upon your financial affairs. Don't let this disturb you, because it should be for your ultimate benefit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll function best today in situations where you can exercise your authority or your leadership abilities. In matters where you have direct control, all involved should benefit.

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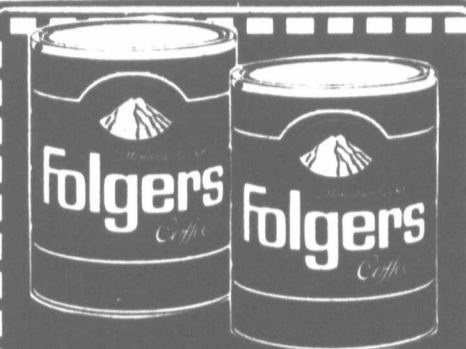
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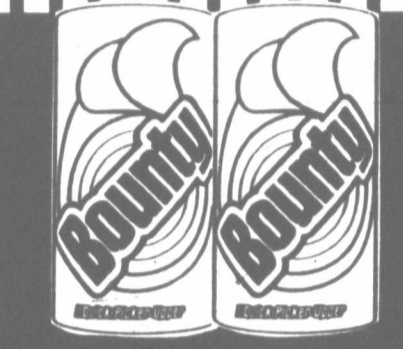
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