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Jamison as Rettig in movie *Desperado*, left, and discussing his adventures, right.

Cowboy working to keep Old West alive

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

When J.M. Jamison's father told him to get as much out of life as possible, he probably didn't know how seriously his son would take him.

The 28-year-old Jamison, a resident of Amarillo currently working for a contractor at Hoechst Celanese's Pampa plant, has experienced more in the last 14 years than most people do in a whole lifetime.

From cowboying in Oregon to gold mining in Alaska to movie acting in New Mexico, Jamison has pretty much done it all. The

cowboying and acting parts can be witnessed tonight at 8 p.m. on NBC in a movie entitled *Desperado: Avalanche at Devil's Ridge*.

Jamison plays Rettig, an outlaw who gets a double-barrel of justice early in the movie. It's not enough screen time to call him a star. But it is enough to let you know Jamison is a man not afraid to pursue his dreams of getting the most out of life and living out the fantasy of being an old-time cowboy.

"I come from a line of ranchers. We also had a lot of fiddlers in the family. My dad would sometimes drive 500 miles to play a dance," Jamison said. "He

really loves everything about the West."

That gusto for live Southwest style is a tradition passed from father to son.

"As a kid I spent a lot of time acting in plays, doing some writing and shooting super 8 movies. I had a thing about wanting to be a writer or an actor or a cowboy," Jamison said. "I worked with my uncle in Mobeetie moving cattle when I was 14, 15 and 16. I'd spend a month or two with him. I loved moving cattle."

In fact, Jamison loved almost everything about the outdoors. So much so that he dropped out of school, believing it was

time he make his way in the world.

"I grew up on tales of the Texas Rangers. My great-grandfather was in on the search for Cynthia Ann Parker (mother of Comanche Chief Quanah Parker, who was stolen from her family by Indians)," he said. "I loved horses and cowboying."

Instead of being content to read about the Old West in books, Jamison decided to live the life of a real adventurer, carrying out his father's instructions to get every bit out of life he could.

That spirit of adventure took him to Oregon, where he worked

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Minimum wage up for debate by congressmen

By JOHN KING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The action in Congress this week is in the House, which has a minimum wage debate on its agenda as well as items that could reshape the leadership of both parties in the chamber.

Little legislation has moved through the Congress so far this year, with most of the time spent on the failed plan to raise congressional pay and the Senate battle over the nomination of John Tower for defense secretary.

Bush has been adamant in saying he will agree to raise the minimum wage to no more than \$4.25 an hour by 1992 and only if an accompanying "training wage" provision is approved allowing employers to pay new workers \$3.35 — the present minimum — for up to six months.

Democrats, mindful of former President Reagan's success in blocking any increase, are moving toward accepting some form of training wage but are refusing to scale back their bill, which would boost the minimum to \$4.65 in three years.

Debate in the House is scheduled to begin Wednesday or Thursday, when Republicans will try again to substitute Bush's proposal for the Democrats' bill and Democrats tack on their own version of a training wage, one unlikely to meet White House standards.

"I think they want to play hardball with this bill and test the president's mettle," said Rep. Dick Army, R-Texas, a member of the House Education and Labor Committee.

Jay Butler, an aide to Rep. Augustus Hawkins, D-Calif., the sponsor of the bill and chairman of the labor panel, said Hawkins was reviewing a handful of Democratic proposals for a train-

ing wage and, despite his longstanding opposition to such provisions, will choose one to add to his bill. That is a tacit admission Democrats do not believe they could override a threatened veto.

The provision would require certification of training and have a life span considerably shorter than the six months espoused by Bush, Butler said. Bush's proposal requires no skills training. Republicans argue that would discourage hiring in low-skills, entry-level jobs.

Democrats argue that those paid the minimum wage — frozen at \$3.35 for eight years — have seen their buying power erode by nearly 40 percent and that even an increase to \$4.65 will lag behind inflation.

Republicans counter by saying that raising the minimum wage will result in dramatic job losses, cost the federal government millions if not billions and fail to help the working poor.

Democrats have played down the employment implications of their bill, which the Bush administration says would cost 650,000 jobs. A Congressional Budget Office analysis released Friday put the number at 125,000 to 250,000.

Backers of Hawkins bill also have dismissed talk about the potential budget cost, but Republicans last week asserted that Hawkins' bill would result in the loss of more than 430,000 jobs in four popular government programs alone unless another \$570 million is spent on them.

The programs are College Work Study, Head Start, Community Service Employers for Older Americans and the federal summer jobs program for youths.

Another bill due for floor debate this week would expand the rights of federal employees who blow the whistle on fraud.

19 U.S. Marines killed in Korea copter crash

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Nineteen Marines were killed and 16 injured today when a helicopter crashed in remote mountains, officials said. It was the second Marine chopper disaster in South Korea in four days.

The troop-carrying CH53-D Sea Stallion helicopter crashed near the port of Pohang on the southeast coast while taking part in exercises with South Korean forces, a Marine Corps spokesman said.

All 34 Marines aboard the aircraft were killed or injured, the spokesman said on condition of anonymity. Those hurt included 15 Marines aboard the helicopter and one hurt on the ground during rescue operations.

Nine of the injured were listed in very serious condition with burns, four were in serious condition, and the status of three was undetermined, hospital officials said.

Marine officials initially said 22 Marines were killed in the crash, but later lowered the figure to 19 because of confusion in early reports from the crash site.

The helicopter was carrying four crewmen and 30 infantrymen when it crashed, the spokesman said. The infantrymen were

from the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines of the 1st Marine Division based at Camp Pendleton, Calif., he said.

Marine officials said they had no immediate word on what caused the crash. Little of the helicopter was left but charred pieces of wreckage.

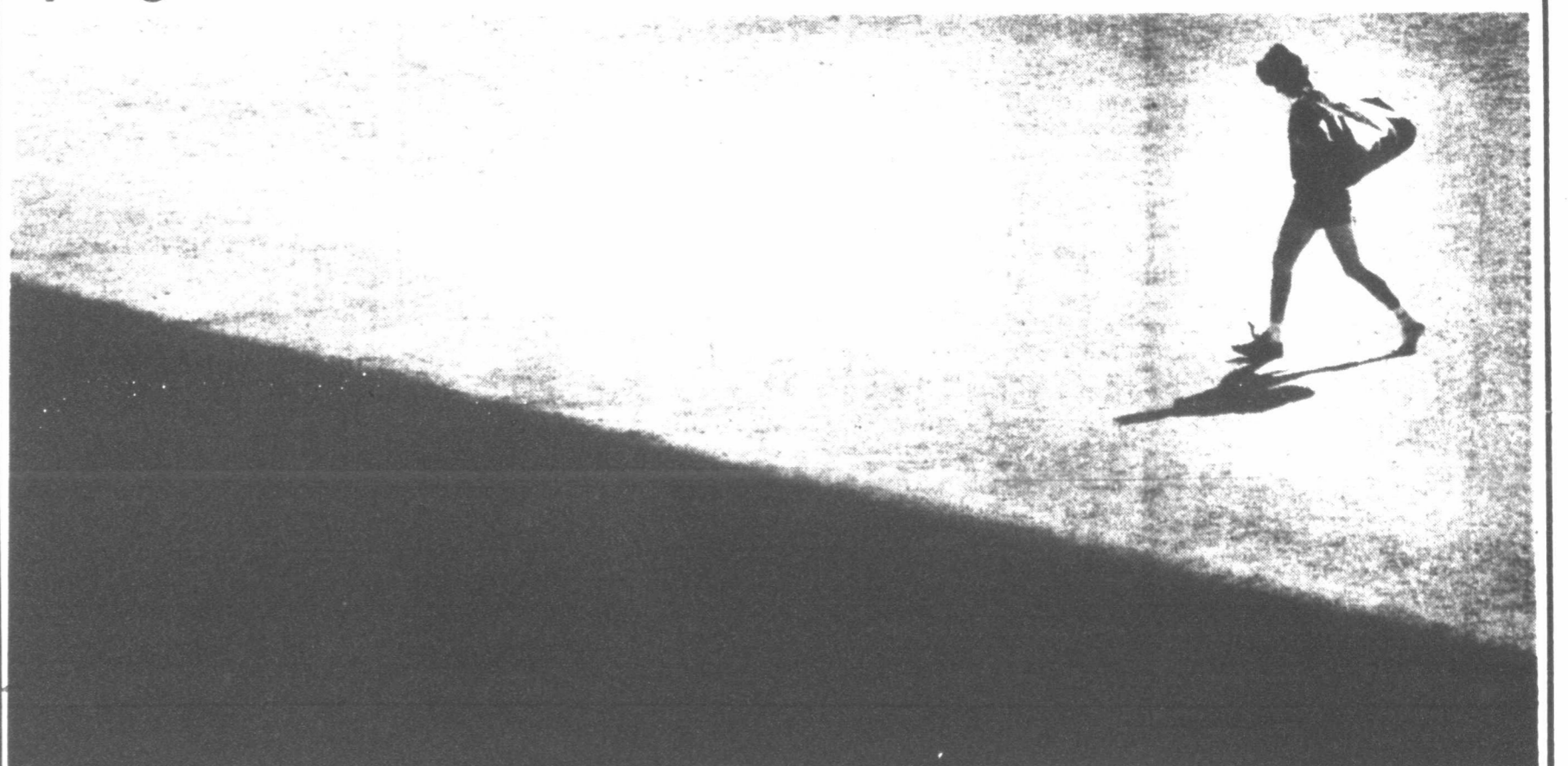
Yonhap, the South Korean news agency, cited South Korean military officials as saying the helicopter exploded in the air and burst into flames before slamming into the ground. The report said the helicopter appeared to have a problem in its engines.

A Seoul newspaper, the *Kookmin Ilbo*, quoted a farmer who saw the crash as saying two helicopters were hovering about 250 feet above the ground when one suddenly turned upside down and plunged into a creek. About 10 soldiers leaped out of the helicopter as it hit the ground, the report said.

Investigators were sent to the crash site to try to determine what happened, but no quick results were expected, the Marine spokesman said.

It was the second fatal crash involving a Marine helicopter in South Korea in four days.

Spring workout



A Pampa High School athlete walks back to the fieldhouse after a long workout at Harvester Field. High school track and baseball are in full swing, and football players are beginning to get in shape with running and weight lifting for

spring training. Though spring officially arrived today, the gray skies and cold winds suggest otherwise, especially with possible snow in the forecast for tonight.

(Staff photo by Duane A. Lavery)

West Germans warned British before Lockerbie disaster

By CAROL J. WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

BONN, West Germany (AP) — West German authorities showed British experts a bomb disguised as a radio-cassette player five weeks before a similar device blew up Pan Am Flight 103 and killed 270 people, an official said today.

The statement by Interior Ministry spokesman Roland Bachmeier came amid criticism that British authorities knew such a bombing was possible but failed to warn airlines prior to the Dec. 21 disaster.

British authorities acknowledged Sunday that a warning about such a disguised bomb was not mailed to airlines until after the tragedy.

Also today, West German authorities denied a report by London's *Sunday Express* that said a Libyan terrorism mastermind known as "The Professor" was believed to have plotted the tragedy.

Bachmeier said British authorities attended a briefing by the West German Federal Crime Bureau on Nov. 15 at which an explosive device hidden in a radio-cassette player was demonstrated.

The radio-cassette player contained a plastic explosive and a timing device that authorities have said are the same as those used in the bomb that destroyed the Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The bomb shown to British authorities had been seized by West German police during an Oct. 26 raid on a hideout of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command in the city of Neuss.

"They were in possession of all the information," Bachmeier said, adding that the British security experts took photographs and made detailed notes on the disguised bomb.

Both Bachmeier and Alexander Prechtel, a spokesman for the West German Federal Prosecu-

tor's Office, denied that authorities had identified the perpetrator.

The *Sunday Express*, quoting unidentified West German detectives, said authorities believe the bombing was plotted by a Libyan nicknamed "The Professor" by international security agencies.

The weekly said Lebanese student Khalid Jaafar, 20, of Dearborn, Mich., probably unwittingly carried the bomb on board hidden in a radio-cassette player which the Libyan had given him. He was killed in the crash.

Earlier news reports in the United States and London have quoted unidentified sources as saying Jaafar may have carried the bomb when he boarded Flight 103 in Frankfurt, West Germany. The FBI has questioned his father, Nazi, who has denied those reports.

The flight originated in Frankfurt, then changed planes in London for a flight to New York.

The *Sunday Express* said the Libyan — whom it

did not name — flew to Bonn from Greece on Dec. 13 and met an Iranian diplomat who let him work from the Iranian Embassy.

It said he stayed in Germany at least until Jan. 6. He was seen three weeks ago driving a car with German license plates in Lisbon, Portugal, the report said.

The report said "The Professor" trained as a member of an elite squad in the Libyan army in the 1960s and called him a master of electronics, explosives and forgery.

The *Sunday Express* said the Libyan trained recruits for a Libya-backed group headed by Abu Nidal, who has been blamed for attacks on the Rome and Vienna airports in 1985 and other terrorist incidents.

The paper said the FBI has confirmed the man was being hunted in connection with the bombing. In Washington, FBI spokesman Steve Gladis on Sunday declined to comment on the report.

Continental faces strike; Eastern pilots vow battle in court

By DAN SEWELL
Associated Press Writer

Continental Airlines flight attendants prepared for a nationwide walkout today over complaints similar to those against its sister Eastern Airlines, a union leader says.

Continental's flight attendants voted in December to authorize a strike over wages and have been free to walk out since that time, Carla Winkler, president of the Union of Flight Attendants, told the *Los Angeles Times* in a telephone interview from her Houston office.

Winkler, whose union represents about 6,800 Continental flight attendants, said the walkout was scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. CST today.

"If a work stoppage occurs, Continental is fully prepared to operate 100 of its schedule," company spokesman David Messing said early today. "We don't feel there would be any impact on us or our customers."

He said Continental operates about 1,400 flights daily serving 120 cities in the United States and numerous foreign countries.

Continental's flight attendants, although repre-

sented by a union, have been operating without a collective bargaining agreement since September 1983, when Frank Lorenzo, chairman of Texas Air Corp., took Continental into bankruptcy and abrogated his union contracts.

Winkler said she hoped a Continental walkout would make it clear to travelers and government officials that "the problem with Lorenzo isn't just at Eastern."

"We're far and away the lowest-paid attendants in the airline industry," Winkler said, adding that a typical attendant with five years' experience at Continental makes \$1,005 a month after taxes compared with \$1,752 at American Airlines.

A Continental strike "could cause a lot of disruption" to Texas Air's operations since Continental had been picking up some of the slack of the Machinists' strike against Eastern, she added.

That strike, along with sympathy walkouts by pilots and flight attendants, has forced Eastern to discontinue 90 percent of its flights.

Eastern, meanwhile, announced this weekend a campaign to hire pilots to replace those who have refused to cross the picket lines.

The union for the 3,600 pilots who have honored

the Machinists' strike since it began March 4 said it will go to U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York to fight the plan.

"All transactions outside the normal course of business need (the judge's) approval," said Air Line Pilots Association attorney James Linsey. "Hiring a new work force is certainly not in the normal course of business. We'll certainly litigate that at the appropriate time."

Only about 200 Eastern pilots, most of them management, are flying, and Eastern is operating less than 10 percent of its pre-strike schedule of 1,040 daily flights.

Eastern has said that increasing the number of pilots is the key to its survival.

"We need pilots to start rebuilding," Eastern spokesman Robin Matell said Sunday. "We've waited patiently for the pilots' union to come to its senses."

Matell said Eastern is not lowering its requirements for experience and is offering the same wages and benefits that pilots have been getting under Eastern's contract with the pilots' union.

A union spokesman, J.B. Stokes, said he doubted Eastern would find many applicants because of an

industry-wide pilot shortage.

"They want to test the marketplace, and they also want to try to frighten our pilots into thinking they're being replaced. They should have learned by now that intimidation isn't going to work," Stokes said.

Matell said Eastern already had received more than 100 unsolicited resumes from qualified pilots.

It takes at least six weeks to train a pilot who is new to an airline, and Eastern — whose daily losses are in the millions — may run out of cash within a few months. On March 9, the airline filed for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code, and insists it will keep flying with a smaller, cost-effective operation.

Matell declined to comment on a threat Saturday by Teamsters union leader William F. Genoese to organize a sympathy walkout at Pan American World Airways concentrating on the Pan Am Northeast shuttle.

Pan Am spokeswoman Pamela Hanlon said the company, which has boosted its Northeast shuttle service during the strike, doesn't expect a Teamsters walkout. "We believe our employees aren't inclined to take any kind of job action," she said.

Beachball fun



(AP Laserphoto)

Springbreakers hit a large beachball into the air at the East Beach of Galveston Sunday. Thousands of people crowded the island's beaches despite cloudy weather as they celebrated spring break from college classes.

It's back to work for Discovery astronauts

By LAURA TOLLEY
Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — After taking a day off to spend time with their families, the five Discovery astronauts were to report back to work on the ground today to discuss details of their shuttle mission.

The astronauts will brief various NASA employees about the shuttle's performance and the experiments conducted during the nearly flawless five-day flight, Johnson Space Center spokesman Steve Nesbitt said.

Discovery remained at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., where officials said Sunday that the orbiter returned with possibly the least damage of any flight.

A preliminary check indicated that the tires, brakes and engines performed well, and that only 10 thermal protection tiles will need to be replaced.

"This is one of the best yet," said Cindy Lodge, a director for the shuttle tile system that

shields orbiters from the fiery re-entry.

High winds hampered work on the shuttle Sunday, as crews prepared to mount Discovery atop a jumbo jet for a ferry flight to Florida. But officials expected it to leave on time Friday morning.

The flight ended with a picture-perfect landing Saturday morning at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., that was watched by a near-record crowd of 460,000. Touchdown on the concrete runway was at 8:36 a.m. CST.

A much smaller but enthusiastic crowd of about 500 people cheered the astronauts' return home late Saturday afternoon at Houston's Ellington Field.

"We've had one fun time and we really enjoyed this flight," mission specialist James F. Buchli told the crowd of mostly friends and fellow JSC workers. Buchli completed his third shuttle flight aboard Discovery.

The flight was commanded by Michael L. Coats, who had flown one previous shuttle mission. The

other crew members — pilot John E. Blaha and mission specialists Robert C. Springer and James P. Bagian — were space rookies.

"It was an awful lot of fun being out in space," Springer said. Although the crew was busy every day, Springer said he still found a little time to float on his back and marvel at the Earth below.

Discovery's flight, the 28th shuttle mission overall, was the third since Challenger exploded shortly after liftoff on Jan. 28, 1986. Seven astronauts died in the explosion, which halted shuttle flights for nearly three years.

The Atlantis shuttle, expected to be rolled out to a launch pad this week, is the next to fly with an April 28 liftoff date. The Atlantis astronauts will deploy an interplanetary probe that will map the surface of Venus.

Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., last Monday morning after the astronauts and ground controllers waited out bad weather for about two

hours.

The crew completed their primary goal — deployment of a \$100 million communications satellite — just six hours into the mission. The satellite completes a network that will enable NASA to have nearly constant contact with space shuttles and other satellites.

During the rest of the flight, the astronauts conducted various experiments and mapped the fragile Earth with a 70mm IMAX camera. The film will be edited into a movie that will document environmental damage by man and nature.

Two student experiments flew aboard Discovery, with one consisting of four rats and the other involving 32 fertilized chicken eggs.

The rats were killed shortly after touchdown so researchers can study how they intentionally cut legs healed in microgravity. Many of the eggs will be allowed to hatch to see if embryos can develop normally in space.

Investigators focusing on door in plane crash

SAGINAW, Texas (AP) — An open cargo door has become the focus of an investigation into a military plane crash that killed two.

The DC-9 cargo jet crashed shortly after takeoff Saturday seven miles northwest of Fort Worth's Carswell Air Force Base.

The disintegrated plane's wreckage was concentrated in a small area and parts were buried deep in the ground, indicating that it fell at a steep angle, said Robert Benzen, National Transportation Safety Board investigator in charge.

The jet's cockpit voice recorder was sent to Washington Sunday for analysis.

A preliminary transcript was to be made available to investigators today, but likely won't be released to the public for another 60 days, investigators said.

"The flight data recorder was battered and very damaged, but we are very sure the magnetic tape inside was intact," Benzen said. "The cockpit voice recorder was very burned, with components melted out of it, but the magnetic recording tape is shielded against such heat, we hope, and hopefully it will tell us something."

The jet's data recorder was recovered Saturday.

Capt. Gerald Jack McCall, 41, of Del City, Okla., and Thomas Bill Johnston, 39, of Reno, Nev., were killed after notifying Carswell of an in-flight emergency

moments before the plane went down about 2:30 a.m. Saturday, authorities said.

The plane, built in 1968, was owned by Oregon-based Evergreen International Aviation and was en route from Carswell to Tinker Air Force Base near Midwest City, Okla., on a routine cargo flight, a company spokeswoman said.

Benzen said the crew reported an emergency and a problem with a cargo door shortly before the crash.

"That is a focus of the investigation, but we're still keeping our eyes wide open," Benzen told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. "Structural engineers are looking at parts of that door now and at this juncture, it's not telling us what we want. It needs more study."

A football-field sized area of scorched ground about a half-mile from the crash was probably caused by burning insulation from the aircraft, Benzen said.

"The wind was blowing that way. We didn't find any metallic objects in that area at all," he said.

The investigation at the crash site could last several days, Benzen said. About 30 investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration, Evergreen International Airlines, manufacturer McDonnell-Douglas, engine maker Pratt & Whitney and the Air Force probed the wreckage Sunday.

Koop: Safe to eat apples

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgeon General C. Everett Koop has joined other federal health officials in trying to assure the public it is safe for children to eat apples.

"I wish to send a message to mothers across the country: 'It's OK Mom, apples are good for your kids!'" Koop said in a statement released by his office over the weekend.

Last week, officials of the Food and Drug Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Agriculture went to Capitol Hill in an effort to calm public fears over the chemical Alar, used by some apple growers to maintain the crispness of their fruit.

Many apple growers say they don't use Alar, which has been linked to cancer in animal tests. But the industry is reeling from

reaction to a recent private environmental group's report that youngsters are at especially high risk from Alar because they eat so many more apples than adults.

Many parents are reported to have stopped giving apples to their children and some school districts are no longer serving apples in their cafeterias.

Trying to allay their fears, Koop said that "in 1988, only 5 percent of the apple crop was treated with Alar."

"As Surgeon General, I support my colleagues in the federal government and scientific community in the belief that it is safe to eat apples," he said.

FDA Commissioner Frank Young has said that, even in those apples containing Alar, the level is no more than 10 percent the level found acceptable under EPA regulations.

Customs revising disappointing anti-drug efforts

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite a highly touted anti-drug effort complete with high-tech radar systems and a fleet of boats, the U.S. Customs Service is admitting poor results and plans to revamp its efforts off the Texas coast, the *Houston Post* reported.

The problems include a 35 percent drop in drug busts at Houston-area seaports, relate to the agency's inability to find drugs in small boats and large commercial ships, despite the sizable efforts, the *Post* reported in a copyright story Sunday.

The new directives will shift the Customs Service's emphasis away from catching drug boats on the run and toward longer-term investigations, the newspaper said.

In fiscal 1988, the Customs Service's marine enforcement prog-

ram in the Southwest netted only 429 pounds of cocaine, records show.

Internal customs statistics obtained by the *Post* show that drug seizures by customs inspectors in the Houston area fell by 35 percent between 1986 and 1988, from 116 to 76.

In that same time, the price of cocaine in Houston has dropped to \$15,000 from \$25,000 per kilo, an indicator that supply has increased.

Customs officials are still betting they can prove successful by emphasizing smaller boats and intensive searches of cargo brought by foreign vessels, while beefing up its contraband enforcement team at area seaports.

Customs employees and supervisors, most of whom spoke to newspaper on the basis of anony-

mity, painted a picture of an agency hampered by poor planning and plagued by low morale.

Convinced in 1986 that drug smugglers in Mexico were being choked off the Florida coast by law enforcement efforts there and would soon direct their vessels to the Texas area, the Customs Service built its marine effort virtually from scratch.

Three \$1 million radar platform boats, three cigarette-style boats and five utility boats came on line between July 1986 and October 1987. Customs increased its non-air operations staff 34 percent, though that figure includes more than the marine patrol.

The nerve center was a \$5 million communications center in Houston. It was composed of two rooms: the marine radar room — which received signals from

seven newly constructed radar transmitters along the Gulf Coast — and a vast communications room known as Sector.

Customs sources told the *Post* that employees of a high-tech marine radar room were not trained for the task and that the operation was practically useless, producing only one bust since 1987.

Agency officials acknowledged the radar room's shortcomings, but say its purpose was never as broad as employees believe. They also say it will prove useful in providing intelligence data in the future.

"We were not too pleased with our statistics in early 1987 and 1988," said William Rosenblatt, assistant commissioner of customs for the enforcement division.

Prayers offered for student missing in Mexico

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — As authorities concentrated their search for a missing University of Texas pre-med student along the banks of the Rio Grande, religious leaders in South Texas offered prayers on his behalf.

Meanwhile, across the border in Matamoros, Mexico, police have questioned at least 15 known criminals in an effort to gain the slightest lead to the whereabouts of Mark Kilroy, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported Sunday.

The 21-year-old student from

Santa Fe, Texas, disappeared early Tuesday in Matamoros as he and three friends were walking back to the United States after a drinking excursion.

"Still, our luck has been zero," said Lt. George Gavito, the Cameron County Sheriff's Department officer in charge of the investigation into Kilroy's disappearance.

Mexican criminals, "from pickpockets to drug dealers," have been rounded up in an effort to "get into the underground — to

get any information we can," Gavito said.

Other law enforcement agencies, including U.S. Border Patrol officers in helicopters and four-wheel-drive vehicles, U.S. Customs Bureau investigators and Mexican federal police, also remained in the field searching, he said.

On Sunday, Bishop John Fitzpatrick of the Roman Catholic Church's Valley Diocese issued an appeal in both English and Spanish to parishioners of St. Luke's Catholic Church in

Brownsville to aid authorities by spreading word of Kilroy's disappearance, Gavito said.

The clergy of other area churches made similar requests, he said. The clergy were asked by Kilroy's parents, James and Helen Kilroy, to make the appeals.

"We sure could use some prayers," James Kilroy said.

The student's parents planned to remain in Brownsville distributing leaflets describing their son and offering a \$5,000 for information leading to his return.

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Opinion

They should give them independence

The Communist Chinese continue to kill Tibetans working to gain independence for their mountainous land. Protests and rioting this month have led to the deaths of at least 30 Tibetans, and some reports put the toll as high as 60. The deaths are the most since the bloody protests of 1959. Chinese soldiers rounded up protesting Tibetans, and foreigners were ordered out of the country.

Things probably will get even worse. Hu Jintao, the Tibetan Communist Party boss imposed by the communist regime in Beijing, told occupation police who had been injured: "The party and the government thank you for not fearing sacrifice or hardship to complete your tasks. You must maintain vigilance against separatists now that martial law has been declared, and you must take even sterner measures against those who stubbornly resist."

Previous "stern" measures included firing into crowds of protesters. The Dalai Lama, Tibet's religious and political leader now living in exile in India, said he feared the Chinese communists might turn Lhasa into a slaughterhouse. He praised his countrymen for working for independence.

Mass murder would not be a new experience for Tibetans. After the Chinese annexed the country in the early 1950s, they slaughtered tens of thousands of people, and shut down and demolished almost all of the country's Buddhist monasteries. It was an act of cultural barbarity ruthless even for this century of totalitarian destruction and mass murder.

In preparation for the expected new oppression, the Chinese communists continue expelling foreigners from Tibet. Like Stalin, Hitler and Mao before them, they don't want witnesses to genocide. And pictures of blood flowing in the streets wouldn't help the good PR image Beijing is trying to portray of the "new" People's Republic of China.

During his visit to China last month, President Bush encouraged new ties with the Beijing regime. He should use that new relationship to insist that Beijing stop violating Tibetans' human rights and give the people independence. He should tell Beijing that the eyes of the world are watching and that any oppression will become known in the end, even if all foreigners are expelled. The communist slaughter and repression of the 1950s and 1960s is now well known, despite the absence of westerners in Tibet at the time.

An American from New Orleans who was among those expelled from Tibet said: "People begged us repeatedly over the last few days — 'Tell the world, help us, please.'"

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Old folks in Wonderland race

WASHINGTON — Elderly Americans in middle-income brackets are getting a raw deal from their government. Under certain circumstances, the more they earn, the less they have. For them a job may become a costly hobby.

The National Center for Policy Analysis, based in Dallas, exposed this quirk in the tax laws in a recent report.

To read the report is to recall that marvelously loony passage in *Through the Looking Glass* in which Alice meets the Red Queen. For no particular reason, they start running, faster and faster, until at last they stop in exhaustion. To her surprise, Alice discovers they have gone no place. In her country, she says, one would generally get to somewhere else.

"A slow sort of country!" said the Queen. "Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that!"

This is the predicament in which elderly Americans find themselves. Those in high-income brackets are not greatly affected. Those at the bottom, and especially those in the middle, get walloped.

Two factors have produced this unconscionable result. One is the system by which persons on Social Security lose \$1 of benefits for every \$2 they earn in private employment. The other is the new surtax on benefits under Medicare.

A specific example may help. Take the hypothetical case of Martha Robinson, 64, a widow who retired in 1987 after many years as a bookkeeper. Mrs. Robinson has continued to work for a wage income of \$13,936 a year. In addition, she has her pension of \$11,064 and Social Security benefits of \$5,072, for a gross in-



James J. Kilpatrick

come of \$30,072.

Offsetting this income, she pays \$2,950 in income taxes, \$1,402 in Social Security taxes and \$496 in the Medicare surtax, for a net of \$25,224.

Now Mrs. Robinson, who really loves to keep busy, accepts a new job paying \$1,500 more a year. Look what happens.

Her wage income goes up to \$15,436, but her Social Security benefit drops by \$750; she pays \$420 more in income taxes, \$270 more in Social Security taxes and \$87 more for Medicare. She winds up with a net of \$25,197, and she is worse off than Alice in Wonderland.

She has run faster and isn't even in the same place. She is \$27 behind where she started.

This is crazy. The National Center's analysis provides another example, this time of an elderly retired couple. Call them John and Ellen Johnson.

Because neither earns more than \$8,880 in wages, initially they receive their full Social Security benefits of \$11,400. Now John leaps at a chance to earn an additional \$1,000 a year. There's no heavy lifting, and it will get him out of the house for lunch.

Again, those fine mill wheels of the law grind them down. The Johnsons lose \$500 in Social Security benefits (a penalty of \$1 for every \$2 of

new earnings); they must pay more in income taxes, \$310 more in Social Security taxes and \$58 more for Medicare. No matter how fast John Johnson runs, he gets nowhere. He has earned \$1,000 more and lost \$18 in the process.

It is the marginal tax rate that causes the mischief. The National Center's report explains the problem:

"This year, with the introduction of the Medicare surtax, almost all elderly taxpayers face higher effective marginal tax rates than any U.S. taxpayers have faced since the early 1960s, when the highest tax bracket was 90 percent for very high-income persons. For many elderly workers, the effective marginal tax rate will exceed 100 percent. For these elderly workers, tax rates are higher than they have ever been for any other group of U.S. taxpayers."

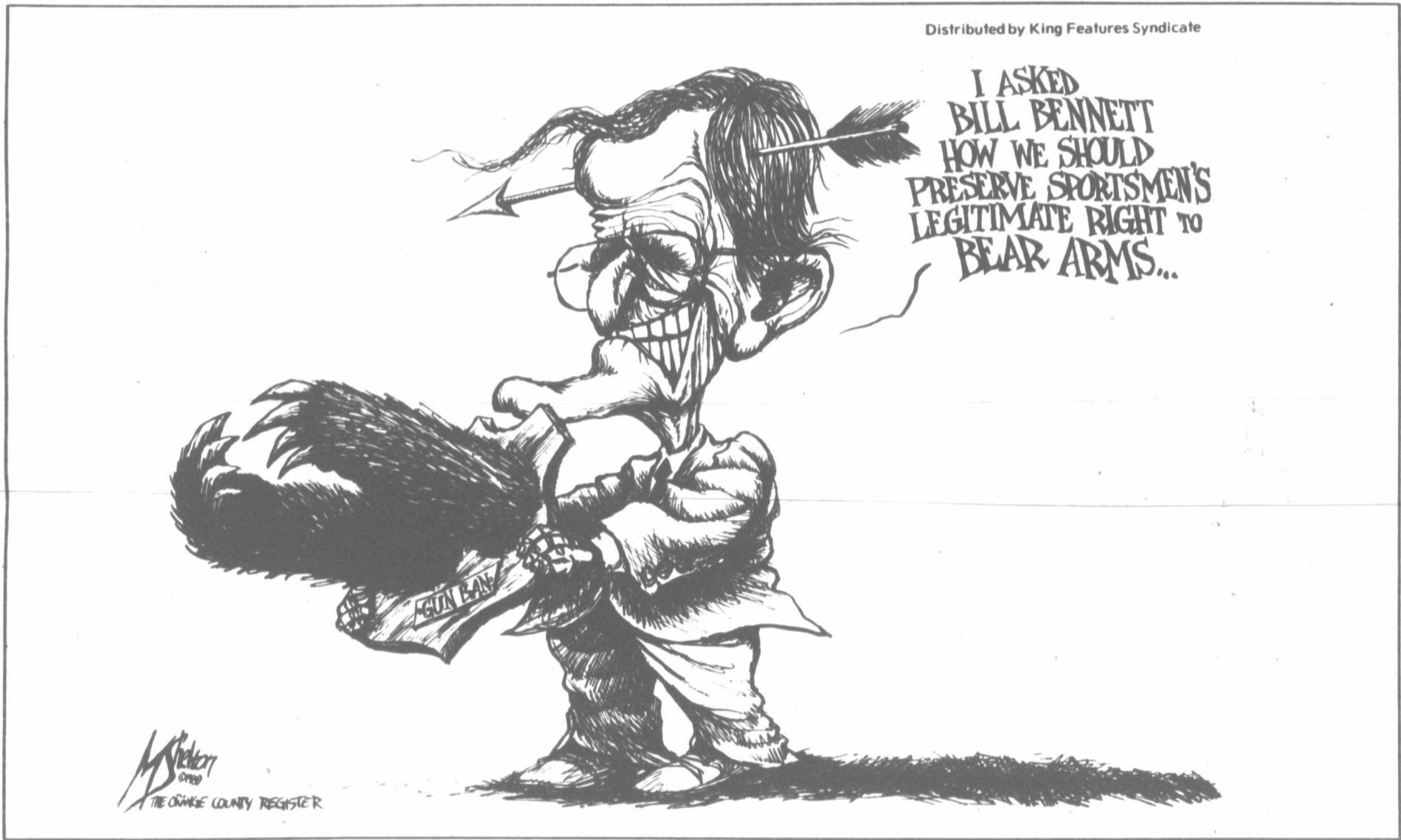
Beginning in 1990, elderly workers earning more than \$8,880 a year will get some relief: The penalty for working will drop to \$1 in lost Social Security benefits for every \$3 earned, but increases in the new Medicare surtax will take away some of the improvement.

Even so, persons in the 18 percent income tax bracket "may still face effective marginal tax rates in excess of 90 percent."

This is all wrong. Sound public policy ought to encourage semi-retired oldsters to stay in the labor market, but the system works in precisely the opposite way. The combined burdens of taxes and penalties have ensured that "only the most highly paid elderly workers will remain productive members of our society."

The fabled Alice might have found this plausible in her looking-glass world, where everything was in reverse, but it is inexplicable in the U.S.A. in 1989.

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Research out of proportion

The physicians' publication *Private Practice* recently editorialized — vigorously — on the subject of medical priorities.

In essence, family doctors think our government is spending a disproportionate amount of money on AIDS research to the neglect of other killer diseases.

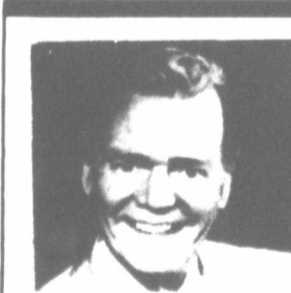
Federal and local governments have singled out AIDS victims for "special treatment" and have enacted legislation rooted in hysteria.

Several states deny a physician's right to test for the presence of HIV antibodies without written permission from the patient.

The physician is free to test for heart disease, liver disease, cancer and most sexually transmitted diseases — but not for AIDS.

In some states insurance companies are not permitted to test for AIDS even when the person to be insured is known to have the disease. This ignores proper medical practice and common sense.

Some states have laws that prohibit a doctor from divulging a diagnosis of AIDS even when referring that patient to another physician.



Paul Harvey

Political involvement has thus driven AIDS victims underground, frustrating efforts to confine and control the spread of the disease.

Why is AIDS getting such singular attention? Gay-rights organizations pressured lawmakers for special "rights" consideration at a time when the disease was believed related only to homosexuality.

We know better now. AIDS is also transmitted heterosexually, as well as with contaminated needles.

Yet, political restrictions already in place re-

quire strict privacy for infected people even where they are placing others — including medical personnel — at risk.

Millions of dollars are being raised privately "to spend whatever it takes to find a silver bullet" that will prevent and/or cure AIDS. One might easily imagine from the sustained chorus of excitement that AIDS is pandemic. The fact is that, numerically, it is one of the lesser of our deadly diseases.

The five top killers are:

- Heart disease, on which our Public Health Service spends \$590.7 million a year.
- Cancer, on which we spend \$1.4 billion a year.
- Stroke, on which we spend \$60.3 million.
- Accidents, on which we spend \$8 million.
- Chronic obstructive lung diseases, on which we spend \$163.7 million of public money.

Yet, for AIDS research this year our federal government has budgeted \$1.3 billion dollars.

Former AMA President Dr. Ed Annis says, "Politicians have been pressured into protecting the rights of AIDS victims at the expense of the general population."

The 'inscrutable' East strikes us again

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Many American observers were surprised at Red China's brusque and arbitrary action in preventing the prominent dissenter Fang Lizhi from accepting President Bush's invitation to attend the American barbecue in Peking on the occasion of Mr. Bush's recent visit there. And quite a few were taken aback by the administration's rather mousy and understated response to this brazen social insult.

But this sort of rude behavior by the Chicomis is nothing new. And personally I prefer, in response to it, the kind of reply offered by Dr. Larry P. Arnn recently, when Boss Deng's local running-dogs tried their patented brand of bluster on him.

Dr. Arnn is a pleasant, soft-spoken conservative with a wicked wit, who serves as director of the Claremont Institute in Claremont, Calif. On April 7-8, his institute is co-sponsoring, in Los Angeles, with the Institute of International Relations of the Republic of China (i.e., the Nationalist govern-

ment on Taiwan), a scholarly conference on the topic "The United States and the Republic of China: Democratic Friends, Economic Partners and Strategic Allies." One of several thousand invitations to the affair apparently fell into the hands of the Red Chinese consulate in Los Angeles.

Thus it happened that on March 3 Dr. Arnn received a phone call from a man who identified himself as Zhang Pang-xiang, a political counselor of the People's Republic of China, who said he was phoning on the instructions of the Red Chinese Consul General in Los Angeles.

Mr. Zhang advised Dr. Arnn that he found the whole proposed conference offensive. There was, he declared, no such thing as "the Republic of China," and his government "would not tolerate" any "two-Chinas policy." Nor would it "tolerate" the conference. He added, as a sort of clincher, that the proposed conference was in violation of the policy of the United States as well as that of the People's Republic of China.

Dr. Arnn, recovering quickly from his astonishment, thereupon told Mr. Zhang that, in the opinion of the Claremont Institute, Marxism was a great evil and could not be tolerated any longer. It was (he added) particularly out of the question that it should continue in a nation containing hundreds of millions of people.

Noting that he and Mr. Zhang plainly had a sharp difference of opinion, Dr. Arnn thereupon proposed a compromise: If Red China would abandon Marxism, Dr. Arnn would change the title of his forthcoming conference.

The conversation was plainly not proceeding along the lines Mr. Zhang had envisioned, and he tried to regain the offensive. Dr. Arnn, he insisted, did not understand. This was a diplomatic matter, and Arnn was violating the policy of the United States government. Dr. Arnn replied that he was not representing the United States government.

When this failed to enlighten Mr. Zhang, Dr. Arnn tried to explain to the baffled Chicom two concepts which,

he suggested, might be unfamiliar to him: freedom of speech and the rights of a private citizen. But Mr. Zhang simply responded that this was "a diplomatic matter," and that the conference could not go forward.

Thereupon Dr. Arnn informed him that, while the Claremont Institute was pleased with certain recent tendencies in Red China, an attempt to dominate policy discussions in the United States was definitely a backward step. If Mr. Zhang and his superiors persisted, he warned, Claremont would find it necessary to make statements that they might consider even more inflammatory.

Mr. Zhang responded grimly by saying that his government would have to take "some action" because they certainly couldn't tolerate the conference. Dr. Arnn asked what "action" Mr. Zhang had in mind, and he replied that he would begin by sending Dr. Arnn a letter. Arnn is awaiting it with keen anticipation. Stay tuned.

Lifestyles

Tradition says chair has grisly story

By RALPH & TERRY KOVEL

Styles in furniture are repeated over and over through the centuries. Take the famous cross-legged chair, for example.

In the 16th century a folding chair was designed with legs that crossed in the front like the letter X, a style based on an ancient chair design. The style became quite popular, and it was named the "Dante" chair in honor of the famous Italian poet.

In the early 17th century the style was adopted by the English, who named it the "Carolean" chair for their King Charles I, who ruled from 1625 to 1649. Tradition says it was this style of chair in which Charles was seated when he was tried and convicted for treason. He was later beheaded.

Despite the grisly story associated with this style, it was revived in the early 1800s and again in the early 1900s. Today the cross-legged style can be found on some very modern pieces of furniture.

Q: I just bought a set of 50 dishes at a flea market. They are decorated with variegated flowers. The bottom is marked "Lansdown by Salem China Company, Made in U.S.A." Do you have any idea where in the U.S. they were made? How old could they be?

A: The Salem China Company was founded in Salem, Ohio, in 1898 and is still in business. Your pattern dates from the 1940s.

Q: I have become interested in collecting woven American coverlets. What colors were

Antiques

made? Do I have to worry about buying fakes? How can I date a coverlet?

A: Woven coverlets have become popular again and new ones are being made. If you have seen and handled old coverlets, you will not be confused by the new ones.

For one thing, the new colors are very different because they dyes formerly used were all natural. Wool from white or black sheep was used for the basic colors. White wool was dyed with indigo dissolved in "chamber lye" (urine) to produce the popular blue shades.

Cochineals, which are Mexican insects, were dried and crushed to make scarlet. Red came from madder root, yellow from goldenrod and sumac, tan from alder bark, dark brown from hickory or walnut hulls. These were the main colors.

Although four very different types of weaves were used, the Jacquard weave is the one that interests most collectors. The Jacquard loom, introduced about 1820, made it possible to weave complicated designs picturing baskets of flowers, birds, trees, and animals.

Earlier coverlets used geometric designs, and because they were often made on narrow home looms, they had a center seam joining two strips of fabric.

Full-width Jacquards were made by traveling weavers who

worked from about 1830 to 1870. After the Civil War, when chemical dyes were developed, new colors were introduced and commercial mass-produced textiles became fashionable.

Early coverlets are often marked in the corner with the name of the weaver or the owner of the fabric, the date, and the town. Some weavers used special designs for borders or corners that help to identify their work.

U.S. coverlet weavers are listed in "A Checklist of American Coverlet Weavers," by John Heisey, and Canadian weavers are discussed in "Keep Me Warm One Night," by Harold and Dorothy Burnham.

Q: I have an enameled brass bell marked "S.S. Sarna." How old is it?

A: We remember seeing chains of "the Bells of Sarna" in gift shops in the 1950s and later. We also know that S.S. Sarna was an importer and manufacturer of East Indian art goods working in 1928. The company catalog shows rugs, brass lamps, trays, figurines, vases, bookends, ashtrays, and other giftwares. Can anyone tell us more about the company?

TIP: Although coverlets and blankets should be rolled for storage, quilts should be folded.

Just revised: Hundreds of magazines, newspapers, and newsletters are written about antiques. For a complete list of general and specialized publications, send \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelop with



The X-frame on this chair first became popular in the 16th century. This velvet upholstered example was made hundreds of years later.

Now's the time for all good people to aid the Red Cross

DEAR READERS: March is the month for national fund raising for the American Red Cross. Most of the local chapters have letter-writing campaigns. (Thank you, Red Cross, for not soliciting me by telephone.)

Most people believe that the Red Cross is funded by the government. It is not. The various chapters raise money through drives, bake sales, auctions, special events, etc. (It's no piece of cake going hat in hand to the public when so many other organizations are doing the same thing.)

The Red Cross is not a "social organization" — it provides help for those who need food, clothing, shelter and furnishings following disasters such as fires, floods, tornados, train wrecks, explosions, etc.

The Red Cross conducts blood banks. It teaches first aid, CPR, lifesaving, water safety and physical fitness. It contacts those serving in the military when an emergency arises at home. (I know. When I gave birth to my son prematurely during World War II, the Red Cross flew my husband home while he was serving in the infantry.)

President Bush, in his inaugural address, called on those who



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

were favored with wealth and power to take on the reciprocal obligation of helping those who lack the ability to take care of themselves.

You never know when you will need the Red Cross. Right now, it needs you, so please send a check to your local American Red Cross office today. The address is in the white pages of your telephone book. And thank you for reading this "magilla."

DEAR ABBY: I am a respectable middle-aged married woman who took a part-time job selling perfume in a first-class department store over the Christmas holidays. A gentleman who appeared to be about 60 asked me to recommend some perfume for his wife, then he proceeded to tell me what a wonderful woman she was. I suggested a few fragrances, then he asked me what kind I was wearing, so I wrote the name of it on my business card together with the price — \$150 an ounce — and gave it to him. He put

the card in his wallet, thanked me courteously and left. That's all the contact I had with that man. (He never did return to buy the perfume.)

Well, two days ago, my husband gets a telephone call from this man's wife informing him that her husband and I had been fooling around! Abby, this woman must be crazy.

I am a very outgoing person and I do smile a lot, but I am very happy with my life and I do not "fool around." The worst part of this whole thing is that my husband actually believed this woman, although I have never done anything to cause him to doubt me.

I can't talk to any of my friends about this because they will think my husband has lost his mind for believing a stranger.

Now what do I do? My husband won't talk to me.

ONE UNHAPPY WOMAN

DEAR UNHAPPY: If your husband won't talk to you, he probably won't listen to you, either, but give it a try.

Tell him that you are hurt and insulted, and if your marriage is going to survive he must go with you to a family counselor and find out why he would believe the outrageous accusation of a stranger rather than the word of a faithful wife. Your husband is either sick, or his lack of confidence in you says more about his own character than he intended to disclose.

Computer courses scheduled

Two computer shortcourses for women will be conducted this year by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The shortcourses are designed to help women learn to use computers and to improve their financial management skills at the same time.

The first shortcourse will be a Basic Microcomputer Shortcourse. It will be conducted April 18-20. The course will help women conquer computer fears and phobias, understand computer technology, use computer financial programs, and improve financial decision-making skills.

The second shortcourse is on Spreadsheet Applications in Family Financial Management. It will be conducted October 10-12. Course content will include an explanation of spreadsheets, how to use them for financial management, and how to design or modify a spreadsheet for personal use.

Class size will be limited to no more than 10 participants per session. Computers and software will be provided.

The shortcourses will be conducted at Stiles Farm Foundation Computer Training Center near Thrall, Texas. Cost is \$125, which includes materials and four meals.

For more information, call the Gray County Extension Office.

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Pampan wins national honor

Janie VanZandt of Pampa is to be honored as an outstanding volunteer when she attends the seventh annual 4-H Salute to Excellence on March 18-25 at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Md.

Mrs. VanZandt will be among 52 distinguished volunteer 4-H leaders selected from more than 630,000 4-H volunteer leaders in the program.

Participants will represent each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico at this recognition and training program supported by RJR Nabisco, Inc., and arranged by National 4-H Council. Guests from American Samoa, Virgin Islands, Guam and Canada, as well as State Extension staff members, also will participate in the program.

Salute to Excellence is a seven-day intensive training

session during which participants will learn to understand and effectively work with teens, recruit and train more volunteers, influence and affect changes with public officials, build teamwork among volunteers and 4-H members and use the media effectively.

When VanZandt returns to Texas, she will initiate a program using a \$1,000 incentive grant from RJR Nabisco, Inc. to broaden volunteerism in the 4-H program. Her grant proposal includes plans for identification, recognition and involvement of 4-H alumni in the Texas Panhandle.

A highlight of the week will be a congressional reception on Capitol Hill where VanZandt will meet members of the Senate, the House of Representatives, the House Agricultural Committee, repre-

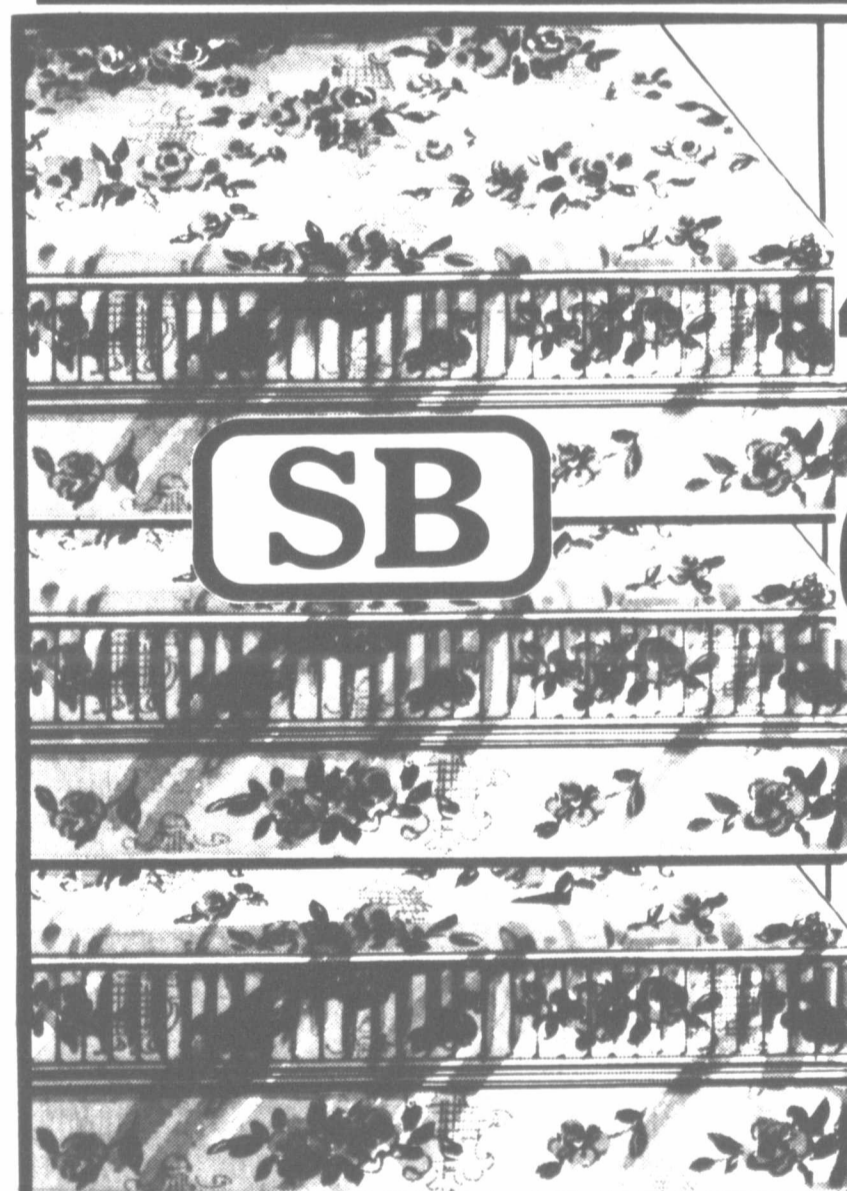
sentatives of RJR Nabisco, Inc. and officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

VanZandt will explore the rich heritage and cultural resources of the nation's capital through educational field trips. She will visit Arlington National Cemetery, U.S. Capitol, Mt. Vernon, and the Smithsonian Institution to name a few.

Salute to Excellence is arranged by the National 4-H Council in support of the 4-H program of the Cooperative Extension Service of the state land-grant universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

You can learn more about how to become involved as a 4-H member or volunteer leader by contacting the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

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- 5 Amount of medicine
- 11 Anglo _____
- 13 Digit
- 14 Georgia university
- 15 Servile flatterers
- 16 Snarl up
- 18 Singer Fitzgerald
- 19 _____ loss
- 20 Guardian spirit
- 22 Mae West role
- 24 Responsibility
- 26 Recline
- 29 Astronaut _____ Ride
- 31 Eternal
- 33 Plastic, e.g.
- 35 Smiling
- 36 Beast of burden
- 37 Islands
- 39 Powerful explosive (abbr.)
- 40 Map abbreviation
- 41 Illuminated
- 43 Aware of (2 wds.)
- 46 Stockings
- 49 Trailblazer
- 52 Furious
- 54 Feeler
- 55 Loom bar
- 56 Looked sideways
- 57 Runs from law (sl.)

DOWN

- 1 Gravel ridge
- 2 Mention
- 3 Nerve part
- 4 As a rule
- 5 Two

- 6 Medical suffix
- 7 Festival of Passover
- 8 Seed covering
- 9 Scot
- 10 Lohengrin's bride
- 12 Soviet refusal
- 13 _____ degree
- 17 _____ Paulo
- 20 Hardware item
- 21 Jacob's son
- 22 Asian country
- 23 Infirmitie
- 25 Not any
- 26 Slender
- 27 Doesn't exist
- 28 Superlative suffix
- 29 Health resort
- 30 Non-profit org.
- 32 Coastal
- 34 Dine
- 38 Foxy
- 40 Solitary person

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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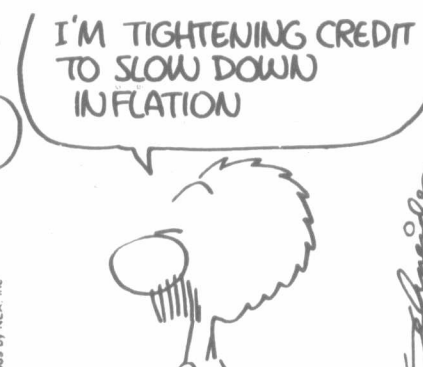
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Astro-Graph

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Successful developments are likely in the year ahead either with or through people you've helped in the past. Something rather outstanding could happen because you were once kind enough to care.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you may go out of your way to help someone who won't be fully appreciative of your efforts. Don't let this individual's ingratitude sour you on the rest of the world. Major changes are ahead for Aries 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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An acquaintance who isn't too well received socially might try to butt into your affairs today and identify with you in a matter that is important to you. Keep your distance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's to your benefit today to dress and conduct yourself in harmony with your peers. Deliberately setting yourself apart in any manner could be an error in judgment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Guard against tendencies today to follow the path of least resistance in both work or play. If you don't put forth your best efforts, it will be reflected in the results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Carefully check the credentials of anyone you permit to handle your financial or business affairs today. An improper delegate could end up costing you more than you gained.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Showering an associate with unearned perks today could set a bad precedent. This treatment may be expected as standard procedure from now on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually you are tasteful, artistic and imaginative, but today these qualities might be dormant and you could behave or dress in ways that will not enhance your image.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be extremely careful how you handle a sensitive friend today who holds you in high esteem. Feelings will be wounded if this person is taken or granted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Being yourself today will be far more effective and becoming than trying to imitate someone else's style. Don't attempt to play a role that doesn't suit you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Everyone enjoys hearing nice things said about themselves, but be careful today, because you may not be able to discern between sincerity and manipulative flattery.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you are presently spending more than your budget allows, it would be wise to remember the bills will eventually come due. Don't set yourself up for a case of spender's remorse.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) People you treat politely will respond similarly today, but be prepared for rude reactions from those to whom you forget to say please or thank you.

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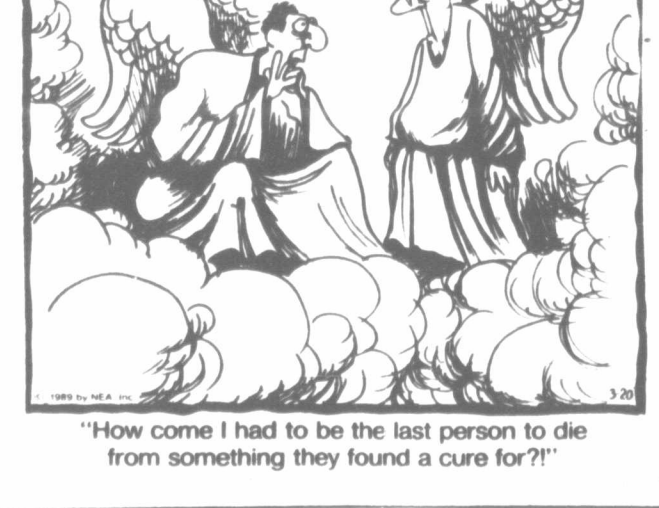
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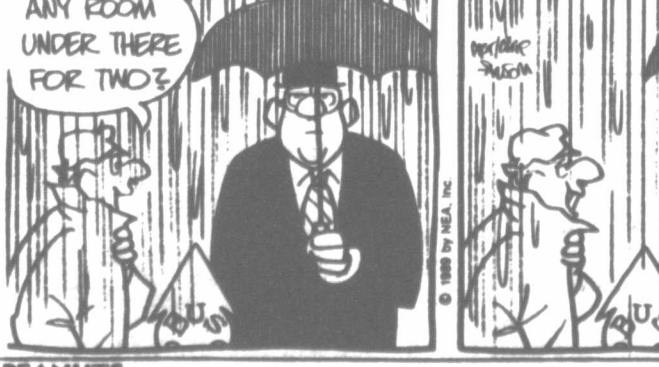
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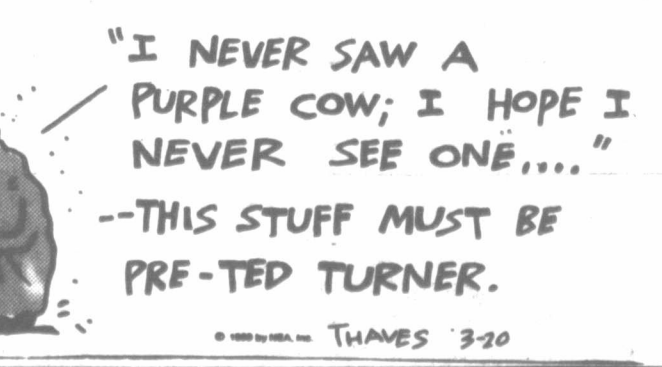
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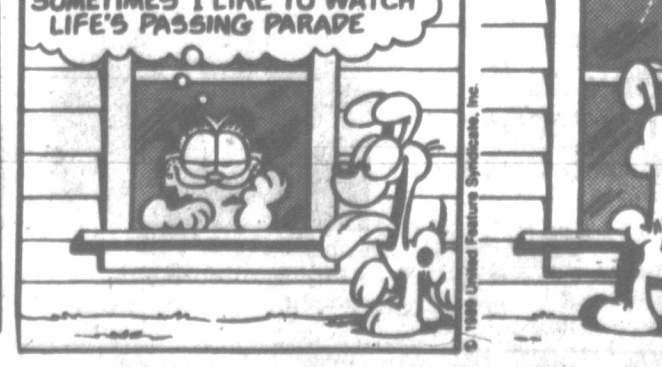
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Sports

N.C. State advances to semifinals with OT victory

By RICK WARNER
AP Sports Writer

Rodney Monroe wasn't surprised by his sizzling shooting against Iowa, but Roy Marble was.

Monroe scored 40 points, including game-tying baskets at the end of regulation and the first overtime, as North Carolina State edged Iowa 102-96 in double overtime Sunday to advance to the semifinals of the NCAA East Regional.

"I didn't realize he is so lethal from outside," said Marble, who scored 24 points for Iowa. "He just got hot and there was nothing you could do but get him farther from the basket. I've never seen a player shoot like that."

N.C. State's next opponent will be second-ranked Georgetown, which beat Notre Dame 81-74 in Sunday's other game at Providence, R.I.

In the Southeast Regional at Atlanta, fifth-ranked North Carolina defeated UCLA 88-81 and No. 10 Michigan downed South Alabama 91-82.

Sixth-ranked Missouri routed Texas 108-89 and No. 7 Syracuse beat Colorado State 65-50 in the

Midwest Regional at Dallas. In the West, 11th-ranked Seton Hall beat Evansville 87-73 and No. 8 Indiana topped Texas El-Paso 92-69 at Tucson, Ariz.

On Saturday, it was Duke 70, West Virginia 63; Minnesota 80, Siena 67; Oklahoma 124, Louisiana Tech 81; Virginia 104, Middle Tennessee State 88; Illinois 72, Ball State 60; Louisville 93, Arkansas 84; Nevada-Las Vegas 85, DePaul 70, and Arizona 94, Clemson 68.

In addition to Georgetown-N.C. State, the other regional semifinals include Minnesota vs. Duke in the East; North Carolina vs. Michigan and Oklahoma vs. Virginia in the Southeast; Illinois vs. Louisville and Missouri vs. Syracuse in the Midwest and Seton Hall vs. Indiana and Arizona vs. Nevada-Las Vegas in the West.

EAST

No. 19 N.C. State 102
No. 14 Iowa 96 (2 OT)
Monroe gave N.C. State the lead for good, 86-85, on a 3-pointer with four minutes left in the second overtime.

Ed Horton scored 32 points for Iowa, 23-10. Chris Corchiani and Brian Howard each had 16 points for N.C. State, 22-8.

No. 2 Georgetown 81, Notre Dame 74

Charles Smith scored 28 of his 34 points in the second half as Georgetown rallied to survive a second straight scare after narrowly edging Princeton in the opening round.

Alonzo Mourning scored 17 points for Georgetown, 28-4. Freshman LaPhonso Ellis had 18 points for Notre Dame, 21-9.

SOUTHEAST

No. 10 Michigan 91, S. Alabama 82
At Atlanta, Glen Rice scored 36 points as Michigan rallied to end South Alabama's 11-game winning streak.

Terry Mills had 24 points for the Wolverines, 26-7. Junie Lewis had 25 points for South Alabama, 23-9.

No. 5 N. Carolina 88, UCLA 81
North Carolina, playing without suspended star J.R. Reid, overcame a 10-point deficit and advanced to the final 16 for the ninth straight year.

Kevin Madden led the Tar Heels, 29-7, with 22 points. Rick Fox, starting in place of Reid after his one-game suspension for breaking curfew, had 18. The victory was Coach Dean Smith's 667th, tying him for sixth on the all-time list with former UCLA coach John Wooden.

MIDWEST

No. 6 Missouri 108, Texas 89
Doug Smith scored 32 points as Missouri, 29-7, advanced to the regional semifinals for the first time since 1982.

Texas, which was outrebounded 41-30, could get no closer than six points in the second half. Travis Mays scored 25 points for Texas, 25-9.

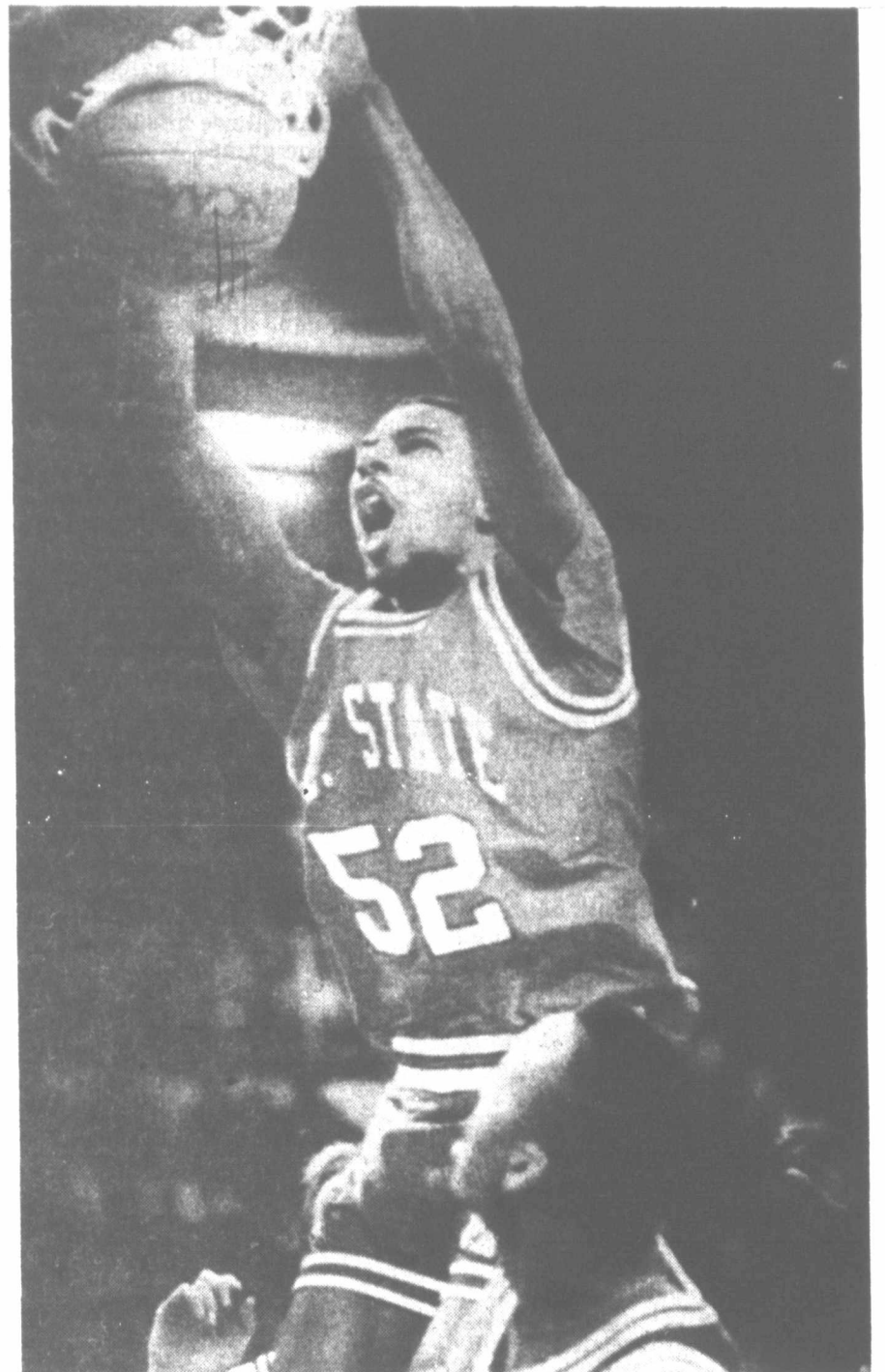
No. 7 Syracuse 65, Colorado St. 50
Syracuse's Stephen Thompson hit 10 of 11 field goal attempts and finished with 21 points.

Derrick Coleman, who missed Syracuse's first-round game against Bucknell with a back injury, returned to action and scored 12 points.

WEST

No. 11 Seton Hall 87, Evansville 73
Andrew Gaze hit a 3-pointer that gave Seton Hall a 77-73 lead, and Gerald Greene followed with a layup as the Pirates scored the game's last 13 points to reach the regional semifinals for the first time.

No. 8 Indiana 92, UTEP 69
Freshman Eric Anderson scored 24 points as Indiana, 27-7, routed Texas-El Paso. Tim Hardaway scored 20 points for UTEP, 26-7.



North Carolina State forward Chucky Brown slam dunks the ball during second-round playoff action against Iowa Sunday.

Pampa freshman reaches semifinals

Pampa freshman Sameer Mohan paced the Harvester tennis team at last weekend's Cowtown Invitational Tennis Tournament in Fort Worth, winning four straight matches before falling in the junior varsity semifinals.

"He had an excellent run," Pampa coach Jay Barrett said. "He was cool and confident throughout, and he lost by only one service break in each set in the semis."

Harvesters Jimmy Ashford and Holly Hinton both advanced to the final 16 in the 64-player varsity singles field. "Jimmy lost his match by fewer than three points," Barrett said. "He was playing very good tennis. Had he won that third set tie-breaker, he probably would have reached the finals."

Hinton, a sophomore, lost her third-round match 6-7, 2-6 to Fort Worth Pascal's Dinah Lewis.

"She played well, but we need to work on her mental game," Barrett said. "There was a point in the match where she had Lewis on the ropes, but Holly just didn't deliver that knockout punch. Instead, she let Lewis back in the match and Lewis took control."

Sophomore Shannon Simmons, competing in the girls' junior varsity singles, also lost a third-round match. "Shannon was involved in two three-setters, one of which she won, and one of which she lost," Barrett said. "She was a very tough player in both matches, and I can't say enough about how well she played."

Losing second-round singles matches were junior Andrew Ramirez, senior Matt Collum and freshman Leigh Ellen Osborne, while six doubles teams lost in the second round, including Ryan Osborne and Michael Sy, Darren Jones and Edward Dunigan, Brad Chambers and Joe Wellborn, Brandi Poore and Susan Thornton, Susanna Holt and Allyson Thompson, and Heather Gikas and Erika Jensen.

Only three of Pampa's 16 tournament entries lost in the first round, which Barrett cites as proof of the Harvesters' solid performance.

"Survival is the name of the game in tennis, both on the court and off," he said. "Sometimes there is a long wait until the next match, and sometimes you go on one hour after a grueling two-and-a-half hour match. To handle that, you have to be tough."

"These players gained much experience in Fort Worth. The test now is how much that experience will help on down the road."

RESULTS

Boys Varsity Singles
Jimmy Ashford: defeated

Langley of Fort Worth Southwest 6-2, 6-3; defeated Byarlay of Nolan 6-0, 6-3; lost to Nguyen of Brewer 6-3, 5-7, 6-7.

Matt Collum: defeated Makan of Temple 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; lost to Walker of Rochester 0-6, 0-6.

Girls Varsity Singles
Holly Hinton: defeated Bards of Fort Worth Pascal 6-3, 6-1; defeated Williams of Arlington Heights 6-4, 6-1; lost to Lewis of Pascal 6-7, 2-6.

Daphne Cates: lost to Sanchez of Wichita Falls Hirschi 1-6, 4-6.

Boys Varsity Doubles
Judson Eddings-Chase Roach: lost to Ho and Vo of South Grand Prairie 0-6, 4-6.

Brad Chambers-Joe Wellborn: defeated Batales and Hicks of Fort Worth 6-2, 6-0; lost to Smith and Smith of Iowa Park 3-6, 6-4, 2-6.

Girls Varsity Doubles
Susanna Holt-Allyson Thompson: won first round by default; lost to Kinamore and Shewmake of Weatherford 6-7, 7-6, 0-6.

Erika Jensen-Heather Gikas: won first round by default; lost to Norton and Stubblefield of Burkburnett 0-6, 3-6.

Boys JV Singles
Sameer Mohan: defeated Rose of Desoto 6-0, 6-2; defeated Coelho of Midlothian 6-2, 6-0; defeated Gupta of Fort Worth Dunbar 6-3, 6-3; defeated Hsu of Fort Worth Southwest 6-0, 6-2; lost to Davis of South Grand Prairie 3-6, 4-6.

Andrew Ramirez: defeated Hill of Fort Worth 6-0, 6-1; lost to Davis of SGP 4-6, 6-3, 4-6.

Girls JV Singles
Shannon Simmons: won first round by default; defeated Wright of Lubbock High 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; lost to Connor of Granbury 7-6, 3-6, 3-6.

Leigh Ellen Osborne: defeated Trinkle of Crowley 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; lost to Wray of Desoto 4-6, 5-7.

Boys JV Doubles
Ryan Osborne-Michael Sy: first-round bye; lost to Lu and Ngo of Wichita Falls Hirschi 1-6, 2-6.

Darren Jones-Edward Dunigan: first-round bye; lost to Anderson and Ortiz of Crowley 6-7, 3-6.

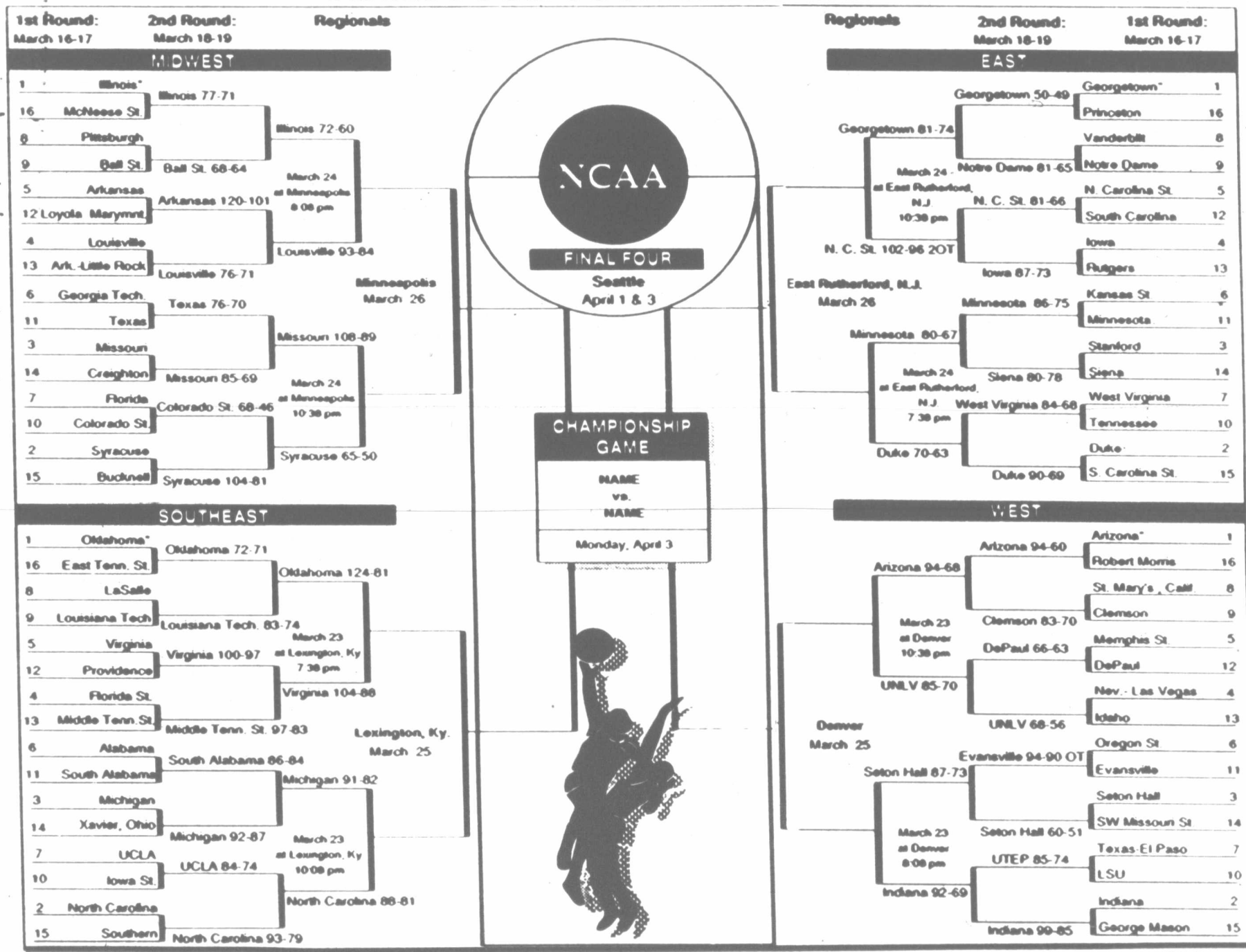
Girls JV Doubles
Laura Williams-Jenny Everson: lost to Guel-Ochoa of Lubbock Estacado 2-6, 0-4, 4-6.

Brandi Poore-Susan Thornton: defeated Fintrock-Pickett of Fort Worth 6-4, 6-3; lost to Dinoff-Krull of Arlington Heights 2-6, 6-4, 4-6.

Boosters meet

The Harvester Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. tonight in the high school athletic building. The public is invited to attend.

FINAL FOUR COUNTDOWN 1989



Kite survives scare to win Players

By BOB GREEN
AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA, Fla.—That's two and counting for Tom Kite.

"Why not make it three in a row?" caddy Mike Carrick asked Sunday after Kite's second consecutive victory — and the biggest of his career — in the Players Championship.

Kite survived a knuckle-gnawing scare, when an aggres-

sive shot flirted with the water, to nail down the annual championship of golf's touring pros, an ambitious event seeking a stature equal to that enjoyed by the game's Big Four tournaments.

Although a frequent contender, the veteran Kite has yet to win the Masters, U.S. or British Opens or the PGA. He quickly embraced the concept of the Players as a major.

"There's been so much talk ab-

out. Tom Kite has done this and done that but he's never won a major," so you're going to have a tough time convincing me that this isn't one," he said.

Yet he couldn't help looking ahead three weeks to the first major of the year, the Masters at Augusta, Ga.

"After this, you can't help but feel good about the Masters. I just wish it was tomorrow," he said. Instead, he will travel to New

Orleans and the USF&G Classic and the attempt to become the first man to win three consecutive PGA Tour titles since Gary Player in 1978.

That shot at a little bit of Tour history was set up by his playoff decision in the Nestle Championship two weeks ago and his one-stroke triumph on the wind-raked TPC course at Sawgrass.

The two victories came by decidedly different means. In the Nestle, Kite made a double bogey from the water on the 72nd hole, then won the playoff when his opponent three-putted for bogey. In this one, he won by compiling the only sub-par round recorded by the leaders, a 1-under-par 71.

"Last week I couldn't get it to the house," Kite said. "This time I did. I got it to the house and it's a nice, nice feeling."

He won it with a 279 total, nine under par. The victory, the 12th of his 18-year Tour career, was worth \$243,000 from the total purse of \$1.35 million and put Kite atop the money-winning list with \$561,723.

He took the lead alone with a six-foot birdie putt on the second hole and had a two-stroke advantage when he flirted with disaster on the par-5 16th.

His 4-wood second shot scooted and skipped through the green and was stopped mere inches short of the water by a narrow collar of rough behind the green. "It was a big break. I was very, very lucky," said Kite, who parred in from there.

The winning margin was reduced to one when Chip Beck completed a back-nine rally with a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole that gave him second alone.



Tom Kite hugs caddy Michael Carrick (left) after shooting a one-under-par 71 in the final round to edge out second-place finisher Chip Beck by one stroke.



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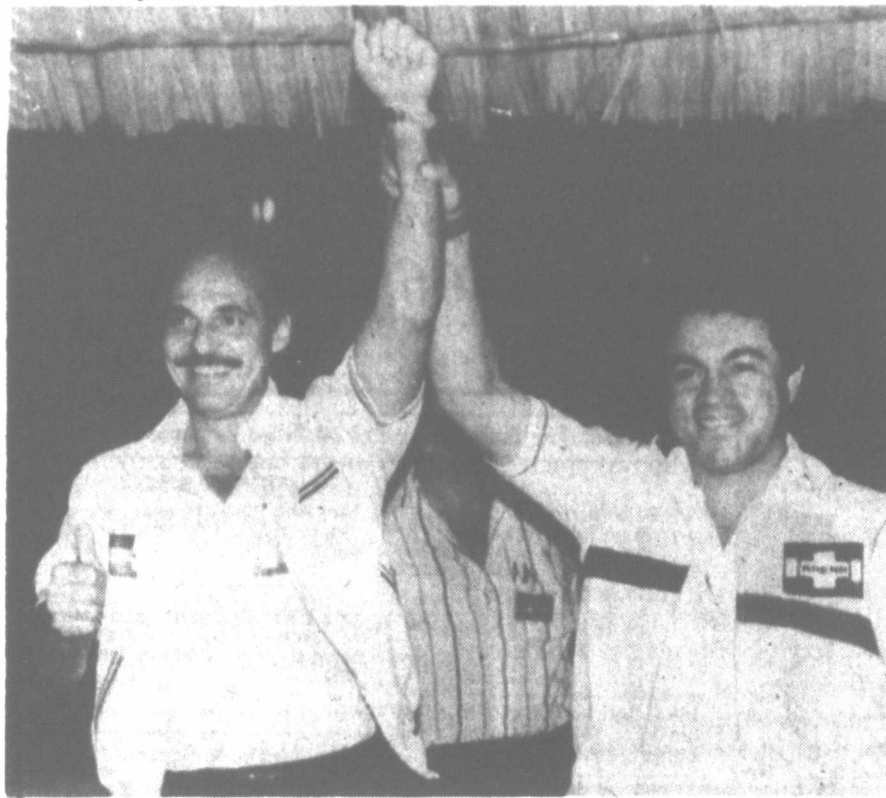
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Cristiani, left, and running mate Francisco Merino raise arms in claiming victory Sunday.

Drought fears raise crop insurance sales

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The devastating drought of 1988 is still fresh on farmers' minds, and insurers say they're getting a bumper crop of business this year — a lot earlier than usual.

More than 100 million acres of farm land are expected to be insured this year, compared with about 75 million acres in 1988, says Gene Gantz, executive director of the American Association of Crop Insurers.

"It is a gigantic record," he said, adding that up to 150 million acres could be covered if conditions remain dry through the April 15 deadline for signing up for federally subsidized multi-peril crop insurance.

Rainfall has been in short supply so far this year, scaring many farmers who watched their fields and pocketbooks shrivel during last year's long, hot and dry summer across the Farm Belt.

The drought resulted in a \$3.9 billion federal bailout.

"When the house burns down the street, most people get out their homeowners policy to check and see if they're covered," Gantz said in a telephone interview from the Washington, D.C., office of the trade group. "And if you don't have a policy, you get one."

Gantz said some insurers already are reporting two to three times their normal farm business.

Joy Tegels, general manager of Agri-Business Insurance Consultants Ltd. in the central Iowa community of Nevada, said crop insurance business already is up 25 percent.

She said that in Iowa, where 44 percent of the crop land was covered by federal crop insurance last year, an estimated 60 percent of crops would be covered this year if there's no substantial rainfall soon.

"We have not (yet) seen the deluge we're going to see if the weather pattern stays the same," she said. "Our office will be like Sears, you'll have to take a number" to be served.

The selling point this year, said Tegels, is that people collected on federal crop insurance policies.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corp. reported paying claims of

nearly \$1.2 billion on \$435 million in premiums collected last year, said Michael Forcash, a spokesman in Washington for the government-supported program. The program insures against drought losses and protects against insect infestation, plant disease, and damage from hail, winds and flooding.

The biggest payout to any state went to North Dakota, where \$550 in claims were paid for every \$100 in premiums collected, covering a total of \$187.1 million in damages.

Iowa ranked second, with \$127.7 million, or \$320 in claims for every \$100 in premiums collected.

Congress has warned that it won't be so willing to stage a rescue this year for those who failed to insure themselves against losses last year.

"I wouldn't count on it in 1989," said Rep. Tom Tauke, R-Iowa.

Tauke said Congress was able to help drought-plagued farmers last year because there were "a couple of billion dollars to play with" after a miscalculation of the cost of the farm program, "and it was an election year."

Rightists claim election victory in El Salvador

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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — The rightist Republican Nationalist Alliance today claimed victory over the governing centrists in a presidential vote leftist rebels tried to thwart with attacks launched across the country.

The military said six soldiers and 23 guerrillas were killed in clashes. In addition, security forces shot to death three journalists — two Salvadorans and a Dutchman.

Presidential candidate Alfredo Cristiani, a wealthy coffee grower, told reporters that his party's unofficial count showed him leading with 54 percent of Sunday's vote with about 75 percent of the ballots counted.

"We are sure and we proclaim ourselves the victors," Roberto D'Aubuisson, the founder of the party known as Arena, told a news conference.

The rebels claimed a low voter turnout — unofficially estimated at roughly 60 percent — rendered the results meaningless.

Their Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front had called for a boycott and launched widespread attacks to keep voters at home.

Unofficial reports by a television station, the U.S. Embassy and the leftist Democratic Convergence party indicated Arena had defeated the incumbent Christian Democrats. "It appears that Arena is going to win in the first round," said Mauricio Santamaria, a Democratic Convergence spokesman.

Election officials had no results early to-

day. They said they were having computer problems and suspended counting this morning. Guerrilla sabotage of electric power and telephone lines had hampered vote collection from provincial polling places.

A team of 21 U.S. observers said the vote appeared to have been fair, but one observer said violence had frightened many people away.

"There is no question that the intimidation of the (rebels) is working," said William Doherty, an AFL-CIO official on the team.

U.S. Ambassador William Walker said a turnout of about 60 percent would be a defeat for the rebels.

The United States has during the 1980s sent \$3.5 billion in military and economic aid to the government, which is fighting a 9-year-old war with the rebels that has claimed the lives of 70,000 people, mostly civilians.

Cristiani, 41, campaigned as a moderate, although he represented a party long associated with extremism.

D'Aubuisson, a former army major who has for years denied charges he is linked right-wing death squads, has been at Cristiani's side throughout the campaign.

The Christian Democrats, their headquarters almost empty, said they would have no immediate comment on the returns. Their candidate was Fidel Chavez Mena, a 49-year-old lawyer.

U.S. policy in El Salvador has been aimed at shoring up a centrist government represented by the Christian Democrats and President Jose Napoleon Duarte, who is dying of liver cancer and leaves office June 1.

"The United States must recognize the will of Salvadorans," Cristiani said in a television interview Sunday night. He said he saw no reason "we can't have a relationship of mutual understanding."

Government forces and leftist guerrillas battled in 12 of the country's 14 provinces on Sunday and combat prevented voting in four of the nation's 260 municipalities. No voting had been planned in 19 others that were under rebel control.

Col. Rene Emilio Ponce, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, said the armed forces "repelled what was in reality a nationwide offensive by the (rebels)."

The Salvadoran Correspondents' Association, citing the deaths of the three journalists covering the vote, accused the military of intimidation.

"In these three incidents, we note with alarm a tendency on the part of the armed forces that appears aimed at intimidating and frightening the press corps in order to make their work more difficult," it said in a statement.

Ponce said a soldier had been arrested in one of the killings and the others were being investigated.

Ana Guadalupe Martinez, a member of the rebel movement's political commission, said the guerrillas attacked government installations but did not attack polling places or voters.

The rebels said they were trying to discredit the vote in an effort to show that there could be no peaceful solution to El Salvador's problems unless they took part.

Rally shows support for former Moscow boss

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MOSCOW (AP) — Hundreds of people rallied in Moscow to vent anger at the Communist Party elite's alleged campaign to discredit ousted city party boss Boris N. Yeltsin, a maverick reformer who is running for national office.

In a rare display of political passion, about 3,000 people marched on city hall Sunday to drum up support for the popular candidate. Police made no move to break up the unauthorized gathering.

Yeltsin is seeking a seat in the new national parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies, in elections next Sunday that will represent the country's first experiment with contested elections.

"He's against the party mafia, and that's why the party mafia is against him," declared marcher Taras Osipov, a 65-year-old retired engineer. "Yeltsin is with

the people, and for the people."

Yeltsin, 58, is running to represent the Soviet capital, where he headed the local party apparatus for almost two years before President Mikhail S. Gorbachev fired him for criticizing the slow pace of reform.

Yeltsin has charged that the party machine is conspiring to derail his candidacy and restricting voters' access to his campaign. Yeltsin's opponent in the election is Yevgeny Brakov, director of the Zil automobile factory.

As the Soviet Union lurches toward Sunday's vote, it is clear that Gorbachev's reforms have brought amazing latitude in public debate to a country that only recently punished unorthodox ideas with harsh prison terms.

Pravda reported on Sunday that even Gorbachev and other members of the party's ruling Politburo failed to win unanimous support in their bids for seats on the new legislature.

Providing unusual insight into

divisions in the policy-making Central Committee, the Communist Party newspaper said that of 641 Central Committee members and alternates who voted Thursday, 12 opposed Gorbachev's candidacy.

Yegor K. Ligachev, reputedly a conservative force on the Politburo, received the most "no" votes of any Politburo member — 78, Pravda said.

The Communist Party and some other organizations are entitled to directly choose 750 of the 2,250 members of the legislature. The other 1,500 will be chosen March 26 in nationwide elections.

Although party members proposed 31,000 candidates for its 100 seats in the legislature, the Central Committee chose to nominate all 100 people suggested by the Politburo, then elected all their nominees.

The Central Committee vote showed there is considerable opposition not only to Ligachev, but also to Politburo members closely linked to Gorbachev.

Prior to Gorbachev, such votes were customarily unanimous.

Thousands of Yeltsin supporters had planned to rally Sunday at Moscow's Gorky Park. When they were told permission for the meeting had been refused, they set off for the city center.

Their anger was kindled by a Central Committee decision last week to form a special commission to investigate charges that Yeltsin, who is still a Central Committee member, opposes some party policies.

Yeltsin won support from many Muscovites with a campaign against corruption and spirited attacks on the privileges available to the government and party elite.

At one point during the march, scores of police officers barred the crowd from getting near the Kremlin, the seat of Soviet power.

Police and KGB agents along the route directed the marchers but made no attempt to halt them.

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