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Santa mail



April Hudson holds her 1-year-old son Trent as they prepare to mail the boy's letter to Santa Claus at the North Pole at a mail box at the Pampa Post Office. Letters to Santa will be picked up every day from the special postal box labeled "North Pole." Santa letters will be published in *The Pampa News*.

(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Gas explosion at Army base kills girl

By FRAN RICHARDSON
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A natural gas explosion rocked an apartment complex at an Army base, killing a 5-year-old girl and injuring 17 residents and rescuers.

The girl's remains were discovered in the rubble of the building at 8:30 a.m. today, about 12 hours after it blew up, officials at Fort Benjamin Harrison said.

The blast occurred hours after fire authorities arrived to investigate a gas leak, telling residents there was no danger.

The explosion, in a housing area for enlisted personnel, destroyed a four-family housing unit and dam-

aged another unit, said post spokesman Maj. Ronald Downing.

"The fire engines were trying to get in and we were trying to get out. It was total chaos," said Joan Adams, a resident of the complex. She described people running through streets in their pajamas, carrying children.

At least 17 residents and firefighters were injured, including three people who were hospitalized in critical condition with burns, authorities said.

Firefighters and police called off their search through the smoldering rubble after the missing girl was found.

The girl's identity was not released. Other members of her

family were among the injured, Downing said.

The post on the edge of town serves as a processing center for soldiers en route to the Persian Gulf, although none of those soldiers stayed in the affected area.

Fire authorities had been called in about 5:45 p.m., or 3 1/2 hours before the blast, after people reported smelling gas, Downing said. He said officials had planned to evacuate the 240-unit Harrison Village complex before the explosion.

Harley said authorities turned the gas off at one housing unit where they thought the leak was occurring. But a nearby unit, where the gas had not been turned off, blew up, he said.

Body of missing Pampa resident located Sunday

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

SKELLYTOWN — The body of Robert French, a victim of Alzheimer's disease who wandered away from his Pampa home in February of 1989, was discovered Sunday morning in a remote region 20 miles north of here.

Sheriff Jim Free said a hunter originally discovered the remains on Sunday, Dec. 2, while he was stalking deer on the Brainard Ranch.

Asked why it took the hunter a week to reveal he had found the body, Free said the man was camping and did not want to give up his spot, fearing another hunter would take his place.

"He told us he kept thinking the game warden would come by out there, but he never did," Free said. "So when he came back to town, he reported it."

Because the hunter found the body in Hutchison County, Free and Deputy Bill Toten called in Sgt. Bill Green of the Hutchison County Sheriff's Department and Game Warden Winn Bishop to assist with the search.

Free said he was notified by the hunter of the body Saturday afternoon.

"We went out about 5 p.m., but the hunter got turned around and darkness got us, so we went back out early Sunday morning and found it about 9:15 a.m.," Free said.

Sgt. Green said the group searched for the body until 11:15 p.m. Saturday night, but that even in the daylight it was hard to see.

"We kind of thought it might be Mr. French from what the hunter said the clothes looked like. But



Robert French

until the family identified some of the personal things, we didn't know for sure," Green said.

French family members were called to Minton-Chatwell Funeral Home in Borger Sunday afternoon to identify a set of keys and remnants of clothing found near the remains.

Free said pathologist Dr. Ralph Erdmann will conduct an autopsy today, using dental records to help identify French and hopefully determine a cause of death.

"We didn't find any indication of foul play," Green said. "We're going to make sure, though. He disappeared in February, and right now I figure he just wandered out there and died of exposure."

Green and Free said the body could easily have remained undetected for years had the hunter not stumbled onto it.

"It's way down on the Canadian River bottom 20 miles northeast of

Borger," Green said. "The main thing is that it's a real isolated area and was way back under brush and trees. It's back in a slough, so we had to go through water to even get to it."

Free said riders on horseback had gone within 30 yards of the body during a large-scale search operation for French in 1989, shortly after he disappeared.

"But where the body was, there was no way to see him," Free explained. "He was really up in there past thick mesquites and through that swampy area. We had planes in the air right around there (during the original search), but there was no way to see the body from the air at all."

French was 66 when he disappeared on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1989.

On Sunday, Feb. 22, *The Pampa News* reported, "A Pampa police officer 'pretty well confirmed' that a witness saw a man matching French's description entering a black Monte Carlo on Texas Highway 152 on the eastern edge of the city."

Hwy. 152 runs past Skellytown, near the area where French could have begun walking north to wind up where the body was eventually found.

Free and Green said no roads go near the area where the remains were located.

Free said it is possible investigators may never know what role, if any, the black Monte Carlo played in French's disappearance, or if the story was even true that the driver of such a car gave French a ride.

No funeral arrangements had been made through press time today.

Iraq vows not to give up Kuwait

By ARTHUR ALLEN
Associated Press Writer

The first wave of American hostages freed under Saddam Hussein's blanket release headed home today. But even as it relented and released foreign captives, Iraq declared it would not compromise "one iota" over Kuwait.

U.S. consular officials in Germany said 152 Americans and four Canadians left Frankfurt on a Pan Am flight headed for Andrews Air Force Base near Washington. Provisions aboard included hamburgers and champagne.

While expressing relief at the freeing of the hostages, the Bush administration wants nothing less than Iraq's total withdrawal from Kuwait.

But the Baghdad government's information minister, Latif Jassim, said today any talk of an Iraqi withdrawal from the emirate was "nothing but dreams and wishful thinking."

"Kuwait is for Iraq, whether in the past, present or future," Jassim said in a statement carried by the official Iraqi News Agency.

"We will not compromise one iota on Kuwaiti territory, its waters or the money and investment of the buried Al-Sabah dynasty," he said, referring to Kuwait's deposed ruling family.

The Bush administration is urging a meeting between President Saddam and James A. Baker III by Jan. 3 so Iraq would have time to pull out by Jan. 15, the deadline set in the U.N. resolution authorizing force to drive Iraq from Kuwait.

In the hostage exodus, about 277 Britons gathered at a downtown Baghdad hotel today to prepare to fly to London. Four Americans and an unspecified number of other Westerners also were to be given seats on the British-chartered plane, which can carry 350 passengers, British consular officials said.

The Americans who left Frankfurt today were among about 175 former captives who had arrived a day earlier from Baghdad aboard a U.S.-chartered Iraqi Airways jet. Some spoke of hiding barefoot in Kuwait City apartments, others of being held captive in "gulags" at strategic sites around Iraq.

The flight from Baghdad also included 101 former British hostages, who were flown this morning from Frankfurt to London, where they were greeted by jubilant relatives and government officials.

"I feel euphoric," said one of the freed British captives, 45-year-old Harvey May.

"It's a very exciting and emotional moment," said Douglass

Hogg, a junior British foreign minister.

U.S. officials said they planned to charter another flight in three or four days to evacuate the rest of the estimated 750 Americans in Iraq and Kuwait.

Twenty-one former American hostages landed in Houston early Sunday. They had flown out of Baghdad a day earlier aboard a jet chartered by former Treasury Secretary John Connally, who was in Iraq on a private hostage-freeing mission.

About 8,000 Westerners had been kept from leaving Iraq and Kuwait, including about 600 who were held at strategic sites to guard against a feared attack by U.S.-led forces.

Saddam announced Thursday that they could all go home.

The move came exactly a week after the U.N. Security Council approved the use-of-force resolution, which President Bush followed up by inviting Iraq to exchange envoys in an effort to avoid war.

There are increasing reports that Iraq was planning a partial pullout from Kuwait, but the Bush administration indicated Sunday that withdrawal alone would not suffice. It said the world would have to be able to closely monitor Baghdad's advanced weapons programs.

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Hostages return from Iraq with former governor John Connally

By WENDY BENJAMINSON
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Texas Gov. John Connally and Coastal Corp. Chairman Oscar Wyatt say they don't care if they stepped on State Department toes by freeing nearly two dozen American hostages in Iraq.

"I didn't really care," Wyatt said Sunday. "Their objective is totally different from mine. Their objective is a military one and ours is a humanitarian one."

"I don't think there's any reason to bury our soldiers over there," Wyatt said, his voice cracking with emotion.

Wyatt and Connally arrived at Ellington Field in Houston early Sunday with 21 hostages, three U.S. Embassy employees and seven family members aboard a Coastal Corp. Boeing 707.

About 200 relatives and friends stormed the tarmac to greet the loved ones and the two men, both of whom were teary-eyed as they were hugged and kissed for their efforts.

"Ordinarily I don't think an individual should be going off and doing something like this," Connally said later. "But we were in a situation where we thought we could be helpful and I think we have been."

Connally later told more than 12,000 University of

Texas students at their commencement exercises in Austin, Texas, that he was concerned about the prospects of war in the region.

"The encounter will be fierce with staggering casualties on both sides. Unquestionably we will win the battle, and just as assuredly we will lose the war because we will incur the enmity of 200 million Arabs, including most of those in the lands we will be protecting," he said.

'We did not tell the State Department we were going; we did not ask the State Department for help.'

Coastal Corp.'s travel agency spent much of the day arranging flights home for freed hostages and their families, said Coastal spokesman Joe Bailey. All had left Houston by late Sunday.

"It is expensive, but it's a humanitarian thing," Bailey said. "Mr. Wyatt says we've gone this far, we've got to get them home."

None of the hostages released were Coastal employees.

Connally, a Coastal Corp. board member and former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury and the Navy, joined

Wyatt in a weeklong trip to Iraq, where they met with Saddam Hussein, his ministers and a bevy of hostages organized through an underground communications network in Kuwait and Iraq.

They said they did not mention their trip to the State Department or White House before they left Dec. 2.

"We did not tell the State Department we were going; we did not ask the State Department for help," Connally said. "It was obvious from the appearance by the State Department people when they came to Houston (last month for private meetings with hostage families) that they were discouraging wives from going over there."

"We knew they would try to discourage us and we didn't want to be discouraged."

In a 45-minute interview with Saddam last week, Wyatt and Connally implored the leader to release all of the hostages.

"We told him that so far as we were concerned, that it appeared that the hostages were a burden to him and no help," Connally said. "Mr. Wyatt said that if indeed there's an armed conflict, the presence of a few hundred hostages would not in any way deter the armed conflict."

They also told Saddam he was being portrayed "as a vicious, brutal man, compared to Hitler, and I said the

release of the hostages before the Christmas season would clearly show a concern and a compassion," Connally said.

The men also donated 15 tons of medical supplies, valued at \$500,000, to Fellowship on Reconciliation, an Iraqi humanitarian group in Amman.

Wyatt said Baghdad donated \$30,000 worth of fuel because the U.N.-imposed economic sanctions prohibited Wyatt from buying fuel there.

Some hostages who hoped to ride home with Connally and Wyatt were forced to remain because of delays in getting exit visas required by the Iraqis.

Three Britons, who were among the freed hostages, were dropped off during a refueling stop late Saturday in Shannon, Ireland. Along with them was American B.J. Tinch of Sunbright, Tenn., who has lived in England for several years.

About 8,000 Westerners had been detained since Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait, including about 600 who were held at strategic sites in an effort to deter any U.S. attack. The hostages included about 900 Americans as well as other Westerners, Eastern Europeans and Japanese.

"We think the stage is set," said Wyatt. "If we can preserve a little quietness in this country that we can get all of our people out without harm."

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Services tomorrow

BLEDSOE, Leland — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whalley Colonial Chapel.
CRISP, Thomas Elo — 10 a.m., Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home Chapel, McLean.
POOL, Mattie — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Groom.
BACK, Vera Featherston — 2 p.m., McLean Church of Christ.
LAFLIN, Mable Nellie — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Miami.

Obituaries

VERA FEATHERSON BACK
 McLEAN — Vera Featherston Back, 96, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 1990. Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Church of Christ with George Watson, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery by Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home.



Vera Back

Mrs. Back was born in Aspermont and married James David Back in 1916. He died in 1975. She started teaching in 1912 in a one-room schoolhouse in the Back Community. She taught in the McLean school system for 30 years, as well as at Floydada, Enterprise and at Plainview School in Wheeler County. She taught airplane mechanics at Amarillo Air Force Base during World War II.

She had written two short stories, "Feathers," and "A Pioneer Speaks," as well as a weekly historical column for the *McLean News*. She was invited to the first Status of Women conference in 1970 in Austin by then-governor Preston Smith, was co-founder of Alanreed-McLean Museum, and received a distinguished service award from West Texas State College in 1973.

Mrs. Back was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Lovett Library Board, Panhandle Pen Women, Texas Press Women, Pioneer Study Club, Gray County Historical Society, Texas State Historical Society and the Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by a son, James David Back Jr.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Emma Wood of McLean and Mable Kathryn Rives of Gaitersburg, Md.; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

LELAND 'MUTT' BLEDSOE
 WHITE DEER — Leland "Mutt" Bledsoe, 72, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 1990. Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Carmichael-Whalley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Calvin Winters, pastor of First Baptist Church in White Deer, officiating. Burial will be 3 p.m. Tuesday at Elm Hurst Cemetery in Guymon, Okla., with Rev. Don Chambers, Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bledsoe was born in Guymon and was a resident of White Deer for the past 24 years. He has worked as an auto mechanic for Ford Dealers in the Panhandle and in recent years operated a welding shop. He married Juanita Schwenke on June 2, 1940, at Boise City, Okla. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in World War II. He was a Methodist.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Charles Wayne Bledsoe, in September 1986.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Billie Ann Harris of La Port, Lovella Rosalie Kirby of White Deer and Sharon Gail Finch of Childress; one son, Jimmy Ray Bledsoe of Hooker, Okla.; one sister, Mrs. Ward Keezer of Guymon; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the American Diabetes Association Inc., 8140 N. MoPac, Building 1 Suite 130, Austin, Texas 78759.

THOMAS ENLOE CRISP
 McLEAN — Thomas Enloe Crisp, 90, died Sunday, Dec. 9, 1990. Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lamb-Ferguson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Lester Carter, pastor of Rotan Baptist Church, and Buell Wells officiating. Burial will be in Alanreed Cemetery.

Mr. Crisp was born in Sulphur Springs and married Nola Davenport in Alanreed in 1919. She died in July of this year. He was a farmer and rancher. He was a Presbyterian. He was preceded in death by a son, Bill Crisp.

Survivors include a daughter, Bobbie Hudson of Dallas; a brother, Robert Crisp of Roswell, N.M.; a niece, Margaret Burr of Alanreed; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

MATTIE P. POOL
 GROOM — Mattie P. Pool, 88, of Tucson, Ariz., died Thursday, Dec. 6, 1990. Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church with Rev. Eddie Hogan, pastor, and Rev. Jim Davis, pastor of United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Groom Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Colonial Chapel in Amarillo.

Mrs. Pool was born in Newport and had lived in Groom most of her life, moving to Tucson 10 years ago. She had worked as a waitress and cook at the Lomgum Cafe.

Survivors include a grandson, Tom Pool Jr., of Tucson.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 8
 7:32 p.m. — False alarm was reported at 800 E. Frederic. Three units and five firefighters responded.

SUNDAY, Dec. 9
 12:26 a.m. — Structure fire at 707 N. Banks caused extensive damage. Three units and five firefighters responded. Residence is owned by James Osgood. No cause has been determined.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Tena Dennis, Pampa
 Emma Dell Jones, Pampa
 Ronda Kay Spotts, Pampa
 Paul Edward Haymes, (extended care), Pampa
 Daniel S. Arnold, Pampa
 Kimberly Cox, Pampa
 Miranda Hylseyt, Pampa
 Erma McKee, Pampa
 Dorothy Sorensen, Pampa
 Ronald Underwood, Pampa
 James Waldrop, Pampa

Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Max Spotts of Pampa, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Dennis of Pampa, a boy.
 To Michelle Cox of Pampa, a boy.

Dismissals
 Jerry Don Davis, Pampa
 Teresa Ingram, Pampa
 Ora Lallems, Fritch
 Ronda Kay Spotts, Pampa
 Maudie Wheeler, Pampa
 Sidney Mansel (extended care), Groom
 Floyd McLaughlin

Stocks

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

Wheat	2.38
Milo	3.76
Corn	4.03

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

Ky. Cent. Life	8 1/2 dn 1/4
Serico	4 3/4 NC
Occidental	20 7/8 NC

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	54.42
Puritan	12.19

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

Amoco	50 3/8	dn 1/8
Amco	123 1/2	NC
Cabot	30 1/8	NC

Police report

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

SATURDAY, Dec. 8
 Police reported narcotics law violations in the 800 block of West Lafferty.
 Allsup's reported thefts at stores at 500 E. Foster and 1025 W. Wilks.
 Pizza Hut, 855 W. Kingsmill, reported criminal mischief at the business.

SUNDAY, Dec. 9
 Police reported domestic violence in the 800 block of North Brunow and the 900 block of South Sumner.
 Carol Carpenter, 2118 N. Sumner, reported a theft at the residence.
 The city of Pampa reported a theft at the M.K. Brown Civic Center.
 Parsley's Sheet Metal, 214 E. Tyng, reported a burglary at the business.
 Bette Fitzgerald, 937 S. Hobart, reported an attempted burglary at the residence.
 Kimberly Griffin, 700 N. Christy, reported a theft at 325 N. Dwight.

Arrests
SATURDAY, Dec. 8
 Edward Wayne Lee, 31, 607 S. West, was arrested in the 800 block of Lafferty on a charge of driving while license suspended.
 Harvey Ray Brown, 60, 759 W. Wilks, was arrested in the 500 block of West Brown on charges of disorderly conduct and public intoxication.
 Markos Antonio Mendoza, 18, no address given, was arrested at the police department on two warrants. He was released on bond.
 Loe Luis Jr., 59, no address given, was arrested at Cuyler and Brown on charges of driving while intoxicated, no driver's license and failure to maintain a single lane. He was released on bond.

DPS — Arrest
SUNDAY, Dec. 9
 John Derek Weeden, 20, 402 S. Finley, was arrested on Hwy. 152 at FM 282 on a charge of DWI (first offense).

Calendar of events

SINGLES ORGANIZATION
 Pampa Singles Club will meet for snacks and games at 1114 S. Faulkner on Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, telephone 665-8872.

PAMPA ELEMENTARY CHORUS
 The Pampa Elementary Chorus will present a Christmas Concert today at 7 p.m. in the Pampa Middle School Auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited. A reception will follow in the school cafeteria.

PETROLEUM ENGINEERS WIVES SOCIETY MEETING
 PEWS will meet at the Berger Country Club on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. for a Christmas Style Show by Ewe Niquely Ewe. For more information, call 665-0155.

Drug probe centers on National Guard official

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — State and federal authorities are investigating possible drug smuggling connections of a Texas National Guard official who ran the guard's anti-drug war, a published report says.

Col. Richard Brito, 46, who heads training and planning operations for the 22,000-member guard headquartered in Austin, is being investigated for possible links to his two brothers, one of whom has been convicted of drug smuggling and another who has been indicted on drug charges, the *Houston Chronicle* reported in a copyright story Sunday.

Mario Brito, 33, and William Arthur "Billy" Brito, 44, remain at large. Both had been arrested in February 1987 in connection with a drug smuggling operation in the Rio Grande Valley. But both failed to show up at continuing court proceedings.

Richard Brito testified at proceedings and was grilled by a federal grand jury in Brownsville in October 1989. He's now under investigation by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the U.S. Customs Service.

"We're going to look at all of the aspects of the case, but we're not going to state who is and who is not going to be a target of an investigation," said John Crews, the assistant U.S. Attorney in Brownsville.

Those connected with the probes will not comment specifically about the nature of probe, or if Richard Brito is accused of participating in drug trafficking.

"So far we don't have any evidence to tie him directly to the smuggling operations," said an unnamed Justice Department source. "But he could get his hands on anything he wanted. He's the equivalent of what the U.S. Army has, a corps intelligence officer..."

In February 1987, Mario and Billy Brito were arrested along with seven other men on drug charges in Grimes County. Billy Brito allegedly was flying a plane that circled a clandestine landing strip in Grimes County, aborted a landing and returned to Mexico.

No drugs were seized, but the men were later charged with organized criminal activity.

Prosecutors allege Mario Brito headed a heavily armed ground crew that was to meet the plane piloted by Billy Brito. One gang member testified Billy Brito said the group was being warned about government anti-narcotics efforts by another Brito brother, a high-ranking military officer.

Richard Brito bailed his brother, Mario, and two other defendants out of jail in February 1987.

But he Brito denies any illegal activity or connection with the ring.

"If they think I'm involved, they should indict me," Brito said. "I have absolutely no knowledge of anything that went on before or after (the arrests). The only involvement I had was bailing them out of jail. None of them has involved me in any way except I bailed my brother out of jail."

City commissioners to meet Tuesday night

Pampa city commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall to consider seven items.

Old business on the agenda includes consideration of a local Government Records Law ordinance and appointments to the Golf Course Advisory Board.

New business includes consideration of:

- Cancelling the regular meeting scheduled for Dec. 25.
- Adoption of a resolution regarding regional solid waste planning.
- Sale of tax property at 837 E. Denver.

Awarding a bid for front-end loader.

Approving a management agent for Pampa Apartments Associates Ltd.

A work session at 4 p.m. will be open to the public, though no action will be taken on any item.

Storm drainage areas in the city, employee drug testing and water/wastewater management are on the agenda to be discussed during the work session.

City Manager Glen Hackler is also scheduled to discuss with commissioners more than \$90,000 in uncollected accounts currently owed the city for water, sewer and sanitation services.

While that amount only represents 0.6 percent of the city's billing during the period, Hackler and Finance Director John Horst are likely to ask commissioners to engage a collection agency to recover at least a portion of the money.

"It would be unbudgeted revenue that would offset the need for that much revenue increase in the future," Hackler said. "It is hard for me to look at almost \$100,000 being out there and us not going after it."

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, Dec. 7
 8:30 a.m. — A 1986 Mitsubishi driven by Frank Jones, 2007 Christine, collided with a 1981 Oldsmobile driven by Cecil Collum, 1938 N. Sumner, in the 1900 block of Christine. Jones was cited for failure to yield right of way.

10:40 a.m. — A 1979 Chevrolet driven by Russell McDonald, 501 Hazel, collided with a 1988 Dodge driven by LaDonna Bohannon, 1002 N. Somerville. McDonald was cited for failure to yield right of way.

SATURDAY, Dec. 8
 12:01 a.m. — A 1988 Ford driven by Ed Brainard, 2125 Mary Ellen, collided with a 1989 Chevrolet driven by Cecil Francis, 2225 Dogwood, as well as a parked car owned by M.E. Anderson, 2200 N. Russell; a parked car owned by Phillips Petroleum, and two trees in the 2200 block of North Russell. Brainard and Francis were transported to Coronado Hospital by Rural/Metro-AMT ambulance, where they were treated and released. Brainard was cited for running a stop sign.

5:45 a.m. — A 1976 Chevrolet driven by Luis Carrasco, 406 N. Warren, collided with a parked 1983 Ford driven by Louis Bichsel, 405 N. Warren, in the 400 block of North Warren. No citations were issued.

3:50 p.m. — A 1975 Chevrolet driven by William Wright, 1828 Coffee, collided with a 1989 Buick driven by Janice Brown, 425 N. Nelson, in the 1900 block of West 18th. Wright was cited for failure to yield right of way and violation of driver's license restriction.

Investigators check for house fire cause

Pampa fire investigators had not determined through press time today the cause of a fire early Sunday morning that destroyed the residence at 707 N. Banks.

Fire Chief Claudie Phillips said the house had been vacant until recently, but that the owner, James Osgood, was staying at the house when the fire broke out.

No one was injured in the blaze, Phillips said.

Five firefighters battled the blaze for just over an hour. Phillips said the fire started shortly after midnight.

A second fire at the residence was reported 15 hours later, at 3:30 p.m. Firefighters battled that fire for half an hour before extinguishing the flames.

United Way campaign reaches 97 percent with latest donations

The campaign drive for the Pampa United Way has reached 97 percent of its \$332,000 goal as contributions continue to come in.

Campaign chairman Jack Gindorf said the fund drive "has been a big success, in light of all that Pampa has done in the past 18 months" with various other fund drives.

Gindorf said pledges to date for the 1991 year total \$322,462, which will help fund the 15 agencies and human service organizations receiving United Way assistance.

He said he hopes donations will continue to come in so that the campaign will reach 100 percent of its goal.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

CATERING BY Margie. Holiday and Party Foods. 669-2755. Adv.

1988 CHEVROLET stepside pickup, V6, 4 speed with overdrive. Eugene Taylor, 669-9992. Adv.

AKC POMERANIAN puppies for sale. Christmas layaway. 669-6357. Adv.

INTERNATIONAL MALE December 12th, 8 p.m. Advance \$6. Door \$7.50. Party Zone. 665-7366. Adv.

SUN GLITZING and Perm Special for the Holidays, at Styles Unlimited. Call Barbara, 665-HAIR. Adv.

CLUB BIARRITZ. Live entertainment appearing nightly all through December. Adv.

REMOVAL OF all sizes passenger, car or truck tires. Reasonable rates. Saturday route. Commercial accounts also available. 665-9399, 669-1407. Adv.

SALVATION ARMY Golden Agers Christmas Dinner will be held Tuesday, December 11.

ANNUAL CLEARANCE Sale on all Home Decorating Accessories Monday, December 10, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at 1924 N. Dwight. Everyone welcome. Adv.

NEW SHIPMENT of jingle bells, acrylic mirrors, and rhinestones. Sunshine Factory. Adv.

GOLDKRAFT JEWELERS - 30%-50% Off storewide. Financing available. 1334 N. Hobart, 669-1244. Adv.

HAIRBENDERS FREE tanning session with each hair cut and style. \$18. Call 665-7117, or come by 316 S. Cuyler. Adv.

CARY AND Kim Raulston are proud to announce the arrival of their baby boy Shelby Ray, born December 6, 1990 in Amarillo.

Grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Ron McCain, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Raulston, Pampa.

DON CAIN, financial aid director, will be at Clarendon College Pampa Center. Tuesday, December 11, 10 a.m. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, clear with a low of 30. Tuesday, sunny and unseasonably warm with a high of 72 and southwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Sunday's high was 62; the overnight low was 31.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Fair through Tuesday. Lows tonight near 30 Panhandle to low 40s Concho Valley with upper 20s Big Bend. Highs Tuesday low 70s except mid 60s far west and mountains.

North Texas — Mostly clear and cool tonight. Some late night low clouds south central. Fair west Tuesday. Partly cloudy during the morning central and east, mostly sunny during the afternoon. Highs Tuesday 67 to 73. Lows tonight 41 to 49.

South Texas — Mostly clear and not as cold tonight. Partly cloudy and mild Tuesday. Lows tonight from 30s Hill Country, in the 40s north to 50s south except near 60 lower coast. Highs Tuesday in the 70s.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Wednesday through Friday
 West Texas — Mostly fair both Wednesday and Friday. Partly cloudy Thursday with a slight

chance of showers. Cooling trend Thursday and Friday. Panhandle: Highs mid 60s mid week to mid 50s by Friday. Lows upper 30s Wednesday to near 30 Friday. Permian Basin, Concho-Pecos Valleys: Cooler Thursday and Friday. Highs near 70 Wednesday to near 60 Friday. Lows in low to mid 40s Wednesday and Thursday to mid to upper 30s Friday. Far West: Highs around 60s. Lows mid 30s to near 40. Big Bend: Highs from mid 60s mountains to mid 70s along the river. Lows from mid 20s mountains to mid 40s along the river.

North Texas — Fair and mild Wednesday and Thursday. Partly cloudy and a little cooler Friday. West: Lows in the 40s Wednesday and Thursday, cooling into mid and upper 30s Friday. Highs Wednesday and Thursday in upper 60s cooling by Friday into upper 50s and low 60s. Central and East: Lows Wednesday in mid 40s, warming to near 50 Thursday. Cooler again Friday with lows in low and mid 40s. Highs Wednesday and Thursday in upper 60s and low 70s, cooling Friday into low and mid 60s.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: Partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and cooler Friday. Highs in the 70s Wednesday and Thursday, in the 60s Friday. Lows in the 50s inland to near 60 coast.

BORDER STATES
 Oklahoma — Mostly clear with unseasonably warm days through Tuesday. Highs Tuesday upper 60s to around 70. Lows tonight around 30 Panhandle to low 40s east.

New Mexico — Sunny and warm through Tuesday with clear skies at night. Highs Tuesday 50s and 60s mountains with 60s to low 70s elsewhere. Lows tonight near 10 to low 20s mountains with 20s and 30s elsewhere.

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Skellytown support



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Rachel Rogers, left, and her father-in-law Gene Rogers of Skellytown stand next to his house on Roosevelt Street, where he has posted this sign in honor of U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf region. He is a member of the Desert Shield Support Group in Pampa. His son, Wes Rogers, is in the Navy there on the USS Raleigh, and Rachel's husband, Jackie Rogers, is stationed in Korea. Skellytown, with about 900 residents, has three men and one woman stationed with Operation Desert Shield, with two more scheduled to go over after Christmas. About 15 Skellytown residents are currently on active military duty.

Palais Royal, Bealls buyout succeeds despite retail failures

HOUSTON (AP) — Managers of a retail organization that paid more than \$300 million to buy out two Texas-based department and clothing store chains say they are on the brink of financial success.

"Lots has been accomplished," said Bernard Fuchs, chairman of Specialty Retailers, the umbrella organization that owns Palais Royal and Bealls.

"We have a very positive cash flow, and we will be showing black in 1991. We may end up in the black at the end of this year, depending on how our Christmas season goes."

Fuchs said Specialty Retailers has cut costs, improved sales and is on the brink of making money. And if it does, Specialty Retailers will have effected one of the few successful leveraged buyouts of a retail chain.

Two years after the Federated Department Stores were purchased by Robert Campeau, it was in bankruptcy court. Other notable botched buyouts include Hooker Corp.'s snapping up of Bonwit Teller, B. Altman and Sakowitz. Hooker is bankrupt and out of the retail business.

Sakowitz, after serving Houston for 80 years, closed its doors in early August.

"Leveraged buyouts have been disastrous for retailing," said Howard Davidowitz, chairman of Howard Davidowitz & Associates, a New York retail consulting firm. "Most of retail LBOs have collapsed. The companies could not handle the debt."

Richards to name secretary of state

DALLAS (AP) — A published report today says a former U.S. attorney who helped pass extensive Texas ethics reforms is Gov. elect Ann Richards' choice for secretary of state.

In a copyright story, *The Dallas Morning News* reports that John Hannah's selection will be announced by Ms. Richards at a Capitol news conference in Austin later today.

A Tyler attorney, Hannah served three terms as a state representative and was also former House Speaker Price Daniel Jr.'s point man on ethics in the 1973 Legislature, the newspaper reported.

"He is eminently qualified," Buck Wood, an Austin lawyer who worked with Hannah in drafting the 1973 ethics legislation, said. "Anyone who knows him will be thrilled."

"He will be a real valuable adviser to Ms. Richards on lots of

issues," Wood said. Legislation in the wake of the Sharpstown stock and loan scandals was the most far-reaching in decades and set present-day standards for the conduct of elected officials, officials said.

In the scandals, several public officials were accused of illegally influencing passage of banking bills and manipulating stock. Later, two top legislators were convicted of accepting bribes.

Hannah was credited by the report with helping write most of the reform legislation and with helping Daniel and his staff members get it passed.

Richards, the state's treasurer, defeated Midland oilman Clayton Williams, a Republican, in November for the gubernatorial post. Hannah's appointment would be the second major selection made by Richards, a Democrat.

But Fuchs said unlike some other buyouts, the Specialty Retailers project did not depend on significant gains in sales to pay off its debt and also benefited from having executives familiar with the original firms.

At the time of the buyout, Bealls was a 152-store chain based in Jacksonville, Texas. It had 15 stores in the Houston area, but primarily, the chain was scattered across small towns throughout the state.

Palais Royal was far smaller and far more concentrated geographically. All but three of the 28 Palais Royal stores were located in and around Houston.

The merger of Palais Royal and Bealls eliminated bureaucratic duplication and created one chain covering much of Texas and parts of New Mexico, Oklahoma and Alabama.

"Our initial plan was to pay for the debt as a result of savings from consolidating the two companies," Fuchs said. "We did not base our plans on sales improvements. If we improved sales, which we planned to do, that would be gravy on top of everything else."

Fuchs has worked at Palais Royal for 22 years. The vice chairman, Lasker Meyer, is the former chairman of Foley's and has 30 years experience in retailing.

"For a long time, I had seen the opportunity of putting these two companies together," Fuchs said. "But I didn't think I would ever get to do anything about it."

Baker, Shevardnadze try to wrap up arms treaty

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III chose his hometown to try to wrap up a nuclear weapons reduction treaty with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, but it may take more than relaxed Texas hospitality to get the job done.

Between trips to the Johnson Space Center and other diversions today and Tuesday, Baker and Shevardnadze will review the conclusions of their negotiating teams and see whether they can agree on a handful of remaining issues on the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.

The toughest is verification — ways to make sure neither side cheats on terms of the treaty, which will provide for an overall reduction of about 30 percent in U.S. and Soviet long-range bombers, missiles and submarines.

"I have no doubt that our talks here in Houston will be productive and that we will continue to tackle some difficult issues in a constructive spirit," Baker said Sunday.

Shevardnadze, in a brief statement, said in Russian, "It seems we have a lot of work ahead of us." Noting that the United States and the

Soviet Union have cooperated in some space ventures, the foreign minister remarked: "I hope we will further solidify our cooperation on earth."

Hardly anyone is still predicting the treaty will be ready to be signed at a Moscow summit meeting next month. "It seems that every time you solve three issues, there are three more that soar up," Jack Mendelsohn, the deputy director of the private Arms Control Association, remarked Friday in Washington.

The treaty has been in negotiation since 1982. The major elements are in place. But some complex problems stand in the way of completing the accord, such as procedures for exchanging information about arsenals and how to monitor mobile missiles.

"We don't expect the treaty to be wrapped up in Houston," said a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Still, we hope for completion early next year."

President Bush had hoped he could sign the treaty on a visit to Moscow in January. His summit meeting with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev will be delayed until the accord is ready.

Recently, U.S. and Soviet negotiators made major headway by reaching tentative agreement

on three key issues. They sidetracked a dispute over the Soviet Backfire bomber, decided some banned U.S. weapons could be turned over to Britain and imposed restrictions on the launch and payload weight of the Soviets' SS-18 missiles.

But apart from monitoring arrangements, several other issues are unsettled. These include the kind of testing information to be exchanged and whether the Soviets can inspect U.S. B-2 bombers.

The Soviets sent negotiator Alexei Obukhov and other experts to Washington for talks beginning last Friday with a U.S. group headed by under secretary of state Reginald Bartholomew. The idea was to try to pave the way for Baker and Shevardnadze by clearing up some of the technicalities.

The two teams also will be in Houston, hip-deep in details, while Baker and Shevardnadze talk about the Persian Gulf crisis and other regional disputes and make a visit to the Johnson Space Center.

NASA technicians will try to arrange a phone patch to astronauts on a shuttle mission so Baker and Shevardnadze can talk to them. The Soviet foreign minister also will inspect a mockup of the space shuttle.

Former governor Connally speaks out against war in Iraq

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Texas Gov. John Connally vehemently spoke against the prospect of war with Iraq, saying such a conflict would mean high casualties and cost the United States goodwill in the Arab world.

Hours after arriving Sunday with hostages, Connally addressed graduating students at the University of Texas, saying that a war with Iraq would be tragic.

"The encounter will be fierce with staggering casualties on both sides. Unquestionably we will win the battle, and just as assuredly we

will lose the war because we will incur the enmity of 200 million Arabs including most of those in the lands we will be protecting."

And, Connally said, the war would be fought for "a product we can obtain elsewhere and in behalf of a regime unworthy of the blood of American youth."

His criticism of engaging Iraq militarily drew applause from the crowd of about 12,370 attending the graduation ceremony at the Erwin Center.

Earlier Sunday, Connally and oilman Oscar Wyatt returned to Houston with 21 hostages, three

U.S. Embassy employees and seven family members.

Connally, a protégé of former President Lyndon Johnson, said he and Wyatt negotiated the release of the hostages with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

The next day, Saddam proposed to release all hostages, but Connally, a former Navy secretary and Treasury Secretary and one-time presidential candidate, said he did not know if his visit had anything to do with that.

"I would like to think we had some degree of influence ... but I wouldn't presume that," he said in a

news conference before his address.

Connally said Saddam wants a peaceful resolution to the Middle East conflict, but is not afraid of war.

"He clearly said to us that he wanted peace, but that there could be no peace without fairness or justice," Connally said.

He said Iraqi officials constantly told he and Wyatt that they are tired of being treated as second class citizens.

"They're still feeling the bitterness they have toward the British and colonialist policies of the British that had dominated their people," he said.

NASA considers bringing Columbia home tonight

By LAURA TOLLEY
Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Columbia's astronauts raced to make as many observations as possible as NASA decided whether to bring the star-crossed shuttle home a day early — tonight — to avoid rain at the desert landing site.

The astronauts Sunday found a way around a clog in the plumbing that also had threatened to shorten the mission.

But the forecast Tuesday at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., held the possibility of rain, and today's forecast was favorable. NASA said it would decide by mid-morning whether to bring the shuttle home at 11:54 p.m. CST.

"That strictly will be based on the weather now," flight director Al Pennington said Sunday. "Mother Nature is always the driver. We always know that Mother is still in control."

Columbia also could land at its launch site in Cape Canaveral, Fla., where the weather was expected to be good both days, but NASA prefers the wide-open desert. Shuttle Atlantis landed in Florida last month because of rain at Edwards.

The flight, plagued by problems with the \$150 million Astro observatory, began Dec. 2 and was scheduled to last 10 days so the seven-member crew could make 250 observations of ultraviolet rays and X-rays from such objects as stars, galaxies, quasars and supernovas. Such rays cannot penetrate Earth's atmosphere.

But the four astronomers aboard Columbia fell behind on their tight stargazing schedule because of two computer terminal failures and problems with an automatic pointing system for Astro's three ultraviolet telescopes.

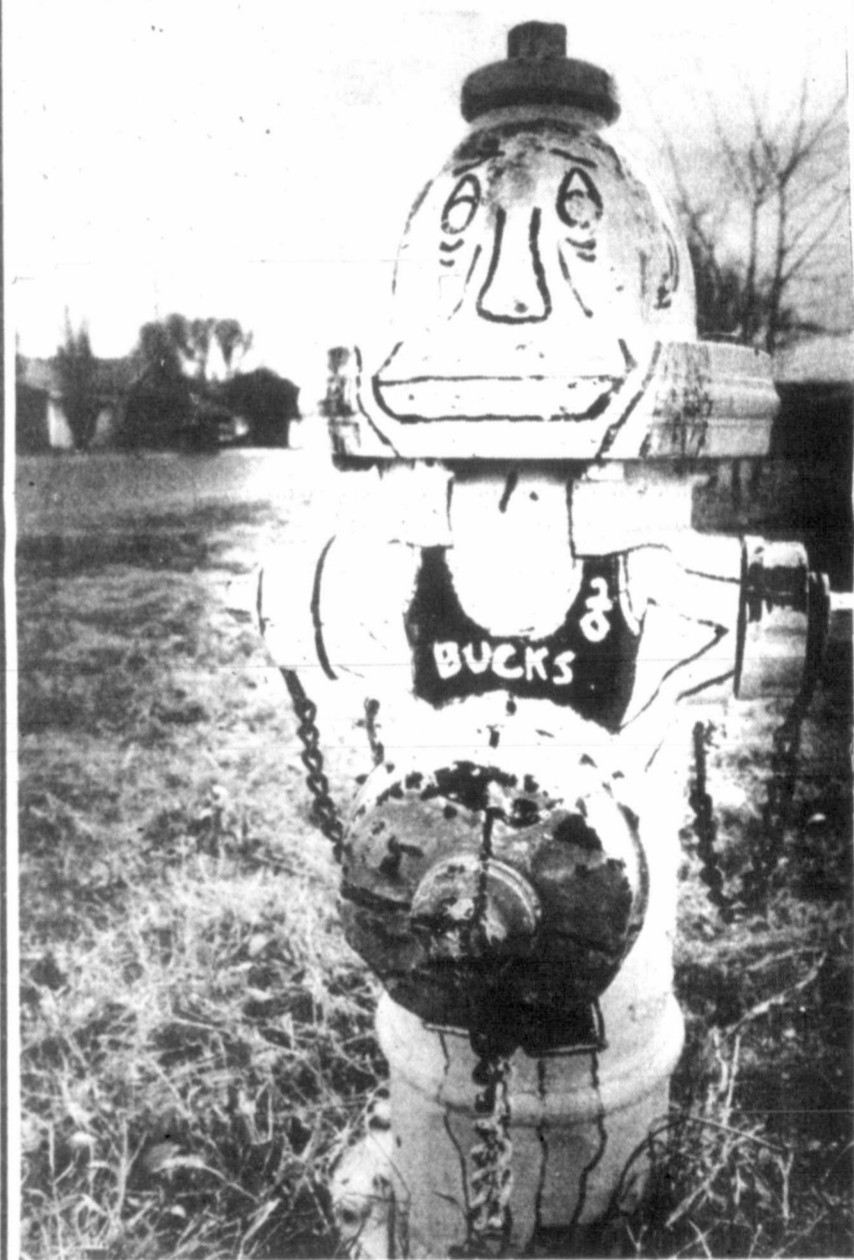
Astro's X-ray telescope was 9-1-1 Network selects new program assistant

AMARILLO — The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission has selected Daniel Odneal as program assistant to the Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network.

Odneal will be responsible for assisting in the implementation and on-going operation of a regionwide 9-1-1 system.

The regional 9-1-1 system will consist of 23 answering points throughout the Texas Panhandle. Total cost of the system is estimated to be \$1.6 billion and operations should begin in January 1992.

Basketball hydrant



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

One of several fire hydrants painted several years ago in Skellytown, this one still shows a Bucks basketball player as through ready for action now that basketball season is under way. This one was painted by Julie Gortmaker, her brother Rusty Gortmaker and Joe Don Brown. The hydrants were painted by residents in a contest with prizes awarded.

Elaine James named Carrier of the Month

Elaine James has been named Carrier of the Month for October. Her route includes parts of North Sumner, Nelson, Wells and Dwight streets in the Coronado Park area of the city.

James has been a carrier for *The Pampa News* since May. She attends Hobart Baptist Church and enjoys couponing and refunding.

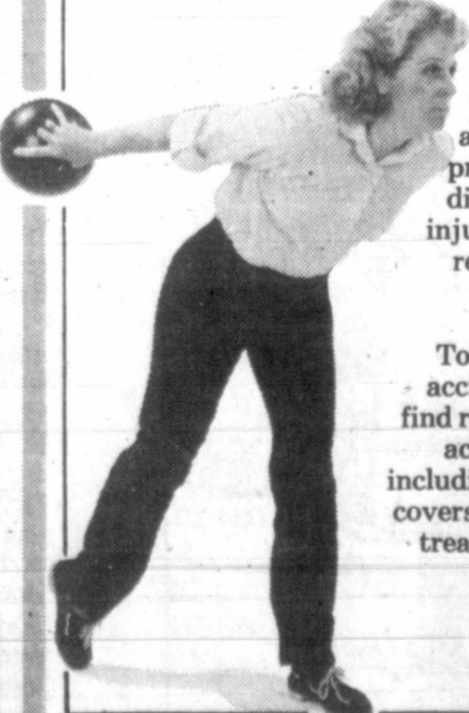
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The suspect was described as being a white male, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighing approximately 130 pounds, and wearing a dark-colored coat and blue jeans. After the offense, the suspect fled on foot in a southwestern direction from the location.

Taken in the robbery was a brown leather pouch, with a fold snap top, containing \$23 dollars.

Crime Stoppers of Pampa will pay a cash reward of

up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person responsible for this crime.

If you have information about this crime, or the sale, manufacture or distribution of illegal drugs, please report it to Crime Stoppers by calling 669-2222.

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Louise Fletcher
Publisher

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Opinion

There's a real cause for the S&L debacle

The Senate ethics hearings on the so-called Keating Five — senators alleged to have gone too far to help former savings-and-loan mogul Charles Keating in his disputes with federal regulators — have done little so far to clarify the ethical issues involved in the case. They have also helped to obscure the real causes of the S&L crisis — the combination of public policies that made the debacle virtually inevitable.

The five senators — California Democrat Alan Cranston, Arizona Democrat Dennis DeConcini, Arizona Republican John McCain, Michigan Democrat Donald Riegle and Ohio Democrat John Glenn — offered a self-serving, yet almost plausible defense: "Everybody does it." Every politician raises money all the time, and every member of Congress engages in constituent service, much of it tracking lost Social Security checks and the like, but sometimes intervening with regulators — often with good reason — on behalf of business people.

The most unfortunate aspect of the hearings, however, is the deflection of attention from the policy decision that began the S&L problem. Since we're hearing the preferred mythology so often these days — that all and sundry were caught up in the decade of go-go risk-taking — it is appropriate to remind ourselves once again exactly why the S&L scandal got out of hand.

The decision to deregulate savings and loans, which had for years been confined to making home loans and little else, was made because S&Ls were caught in a crunch born of stagflation. With portfolios of older home loans at relatively low interest rates, the nation's S&Ls found it tough to compete with other institutions able to offer higher interest rates. So Congress let them go into other investments.

But instead of deregulating completely — telling S&Ls that they could try riskier investments but would be subject to the accurate and sometimes unenforced discipline of the marketplace — Congress at the same time raised the federal (taxpayer-backed) deposit insurance from \$40,000 per account to \$100,000. The message was clear: Take chances; the taxpayers are good for it.

If the insurance system had been privatized, or allowed to charge variable premiums based on riskiness of investments, marketplace mechanisms would have prevented an S&L debacle. Instead, business judgment was replaced by taxpayer-backed insurance and patchwork regulation.

Charles Keating and the Keating Five may well be morally reprehensible. But their dubious morals didn't cause the S&L debacle. Bad public policy did.

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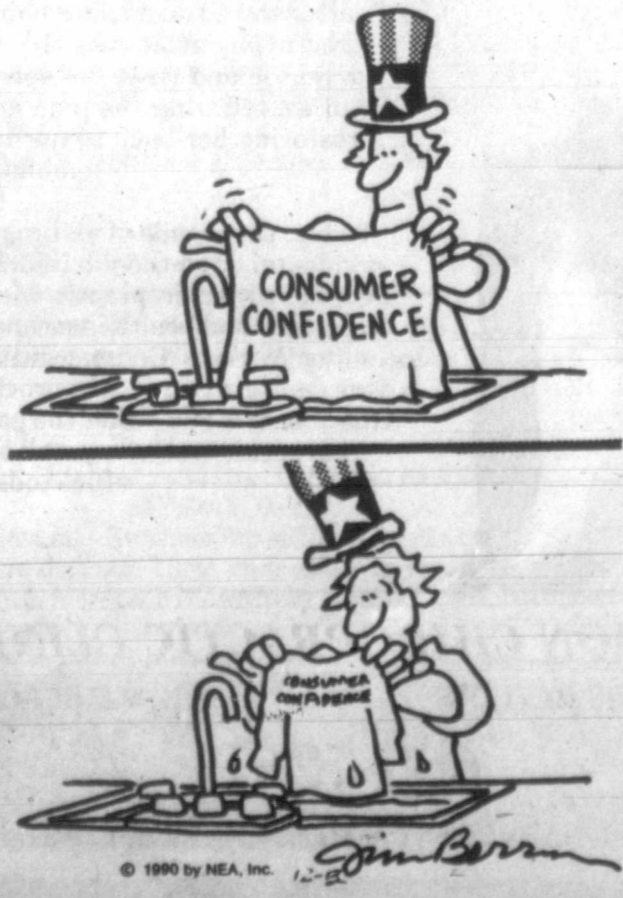
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Senators should be gentlemen



James J. Kilpatrick

WASHINGTON — Because lawyers will always be lawyers, it was predictable that lawyers for Dennis DeConcini, Alan Cranston and Don Riegle would mount a familiar defense: The lawyers contend that the three senators are being denied "due process of law." It isn't so, but the charge may properly be examined.

As everyone knows — everyone, that is, who is interested in the U.S. Senate — the three are now the objects of a hearing before the Senate Ethics Committee. They have been accused by Common Cause of wrongfully intervening in the case of Charles H. Keating, head of the now-failed Lincoln Savings and Loan Association. Two other senators, John McCain of Arizona and John Glenn of Ohio, have been pretty well exonerated.

DeConcini, Cranston and Riegle make these arguments: This is not a "hearing" or an "investigation." The proceeding has all the trappings of a trial. The committee's special counsel, Robert S. Bennett, is a prosecutor. The committee functions as judge and jury. Counsel offer motions that may be sustained or overruled. Evidence is admitted. In such a quasi-criminal setting, the defendants are entitled to the rights that constitute due process.

The principal contention is that the Senate's standard of ethical conduct is so loosely phrased that it should be held "void by reason of vagueness." Under the rule, no senator may accept "favors or benefits under circumstances which might be construed by reasonable persons as influencing the performance of their governmental duties." The rule embraces not merely impropriety but also "the appearance" of impropriety.

Keating and his associates contributed about \$1.3 million to the re-election campaigns of the

five senators. Three of the five intervened actively on Keating's behalf when federal regulators were zeroing in upon the Lincoln operation.

Their defense is that they did no more than other senators do in tending to the interests of a valued constituent.

Is the standard so vague that senators cannot know when they have overstepped? Lawyers contend that no senator may know exactly what is meant by "circumstances," or by "might be construed," or by "reasonable persons," or by "appearance." Are the words too squishy to support a recommendation of reprimand, censure or expulsion?

Analogies may be found in other areas of public and professional life. Consider, if you please, Article 133 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. It proscribes "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman." The language dates from the British Articles of War of 1765; it has been embodied in our own military law since 1776.

Over the years, Article 133 repeatedly has been attacked as void for vagueness. It repeatedly has been upheld. Most recently, in the 1974 case of Parker v. Levy, the Supreme Court held 5-3 that "longstanding customs and usages of the services

impart accepted meaning to the seemingly imprecise standards." Would this not be true of the Senate?

The court approvingly quoted from an earlier case that spoke of "our innate sense of right and wrong, of honor and dishonor." Officers and gentlemen are expected to abide by such an innate sense. No less should be expected of senators.

Bennett, the committee counsel, cited other examples on Nov. 19. Federal judges must conduct themselves "in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary." Lawyers are governed by a written code that requires them to avoid "even the appearance of impropriety." Major League Baseball punishes any act that is "not in the best interests of baseball."

It is no problem in criminal law to define auto theft, bank robbery, kidnapping or fraud. But in the subjective areas of senatorial ethics or "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman," specificity is an unattainable objective.

One is reminded of Justice Potter Stewart's famous definition of obscenity in an Ohio case in 1964: "I know it when I see it, and the motion picture involved in this case is not that."

That is about where we are in the case of the Keating Five, a case now reduced to the Keating Three. It is the thankless task of the Ethics Committee to decide if the senators knew, or should have known, that their relationship with Charles Keating created an appearance of serious impropriety.

In the same way that military officers understand unbecoming conduct and judges recognize obscenity, senators should recognize impropriety when they see it. There's enough of it around.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 1990. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

On this date:

In 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant, or face excommunication.

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted to the Union as the 20th state.

In 1830, poet Emily Dickinson was born in Amherst, Mass.

In 1869, women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.

In 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War.

In 1931, Jane Addams became a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the first American woman so honored.



And one giant step for a man

From the time of our earliest recollections, we are admonished to "be careful."

"The step is steep; be careful!"

"Don't fall off that chair!"

"Stay back from the open window; you might fall!"

It is engraved indelibly in our awareness from infancy to infirmity, "Be careful; don't fall."

So when you approach the open door of an airplane knowing that you are going to step out and somersault toward planet Earth 12,500 feet below, you must first overcome the accumulated admonitions of a lifetime.

Let me explain, if I can, why I was about to make that giant step.

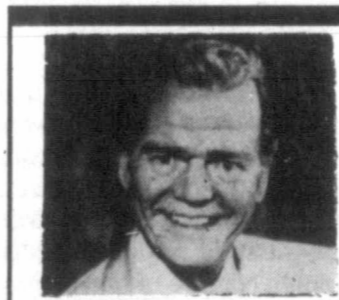
As a small boy growing up in the landlocked midlands of America, the sea was never a challenge for me. The sky was.

From my earliest remembering, I envied the Greek gods with wings on their sandals.

I was barely respectful of legendary Sinbad the Sailor but enthralled by the manner in which he escaped his island prison by tying himself to the leg of a giant bird.

I related to Daedalus who launched his escape on wings of feathers and wax and was sad when his flying son flew too close to the sun.

And while most of my friends were content



Paul Harvey

vicariously to share the adventures of Darius Green and Phinneas Fogg ... and more recently Peter Pan, Superman and Batman ...

For me the second-hand experience was less than satisfying.

I learned to fly single- and multi-engine landplanes and seaplanes — but that never quite fulfilled my boyhood fantasies.

I tried hot-air ballooning and found it fascinating but not fulfilling.

And the more civilization conspired to chart my uncharted ocean of air and put picket fences of keep-out signs around increasingly large segments of it ...

And as space flights became corporate undertakings, complex and confining ...

Gradually, inevitably, I felt the dream slipping away.

I was reduced on summer days to lying in the hammock on our Missouri farm looking upward through the trees — contemplating the clouds and never admitting to anyone that a now grown-up husband and father still envied the birds.

And then one day — just a few days ago — I was in San Francisco for some speaking engagements. During a visit to the KGO studios there, newshawk Greg Jarrett mentioned that the champion sky diver of the Western world, Bill Dause, owns the airport at Lodi just 75 miles east across the Delta.

"Sky-diving — free falling — I'd always wanted to try it," I confessed. "But when my heart says yes, my knees say no."

The new equipment, Jarrett explains, is so sophisticated that it is infinitely safer, easier, gentler.

With a glance to be sure wife Angel is out of earshot, I said, "Let's go!"

Minutes later we have negotiated San Francisco traffic, through areas still healing or hiding scars from a devastating earthquake one year previous, across the Golden Gate Bridge to a rendezvous with the KGO Jet Ranger helicopter.

Minutes more and we are over the elegant homes of Marin County, thence east across some of the most verdant agriculture in the world.

(To be continued ...)

Ready to enjoy a holiday cornucopia?

By CHUCK STONE

Every so often, we need a reminder of "how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity."

This isn't always easy, given the national recrudescence of racial, socio-economic and ideological tensions. Yet, what more felicitous way to celebrate the splendid diversity of our rambunctious unity than with one big, never-ending party? It's just getting under way.

I call it the American Festival of Holidays. Beginning with Thanksgiving, it continues to Jan. 6. In six weeks, six holidays are celebrated, some by different religious or ethnic groups, some by virtually everybody. No other nation in the world crams so many holidays in so short a period with so much abandon.

In previous years, I have marked the inauguration of our eclectic celebration of uniqueness with Thanksgiving. I have learned, however, that I ought to do otherwise.

The festival really begins in October with the Jewish holiday, Sukkot,

or Feast of Tabernacles. It is the historical antecedent of the American Thanksgiving, celebrated at the end of the harvest. Today, many Jews build a sukkah or hut for eight days as a reminder of the huts where their ancestors lived during their wanderings in the desert.

Some of the following holidays no longer exalt their original raisons d'être. So, here's Stone's annual American Festival of Holidays primer — as my cherished departed jazz hero, Count Basie, would impishly put it, "one more time":

• **Thanksgiving (Nov. 22):** Originally a grateful commemoration by our founding mothers and fathers, the Pilgrims, for their successful harvest, it now serves as the official opening of the Christmas season. But many still sing, "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessings," with a spiritual affinity.

• **Hanukkah (Dec. 12):** A Jewish commemoration of the Maccabean victory in 165 B.C. over the Syrian tyrant Antiochus IV. In the Temple at Jerusalem, a small cruse had just

enough oil to light the holy lamps, but still burned miraculously for eight days. That's why the menorah has eight candleholders.

• **Christmas (Dec. 25):** One of Christendom's two most sacred days, it commemorates the birth of a Jewish baby, Jesus. Today, the retail industry has profaned this sacred day into a mercantile hustle. But the spirit of Christmas still shines through and braces us with a happy glow.

• **Kwanzaa (Dec. 26):** An African-American seven-day celebration that begins the day after Christmas. Partly in response to the paganistic extravagance of Christmas and partly as an affirmation of African integrity, Kwanzaa (Swahili for "first fruits") was inaugurated in 1967 by a scholarly cultural nationalist, Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga.

It celebrates a different principle each of the seven days: umoja (unity), kujichagulia (self-determination), ujima (collective work and responsibility), ujamaa (cooperative economics), nia (purpose), kuumba (creativity) and imani (faith).

• **New Year's Day (Jan. 1):** Originally designated as the first day of the new year, it is preceded the night before by the year's most sybaritic blowout. The day itself is now devoted to watching major college football bowl games and recovering from the previous night's hedonistic excesses.

• **Los Tres Reyes Magos (Festival of Three Kings, Jan. 6):** Puerto Ricans and many other Latinos celebrate this holiday (Feast of the Epiphany) when three wise men, always interracial depicted, pay homage to the newborn babe in Bethlehem. In Spanish neighborhoods, three kings go from door to door, giving gifts to excited youngsters.

For the remainder of this six-week period, whether you live in North Hollywood, Calif.; South Bend, Ind.; East Palestine, Ohio, or West Point, N.Y., pause for a moment, and hoist one for our men and women in the Persian Gulf.

Be happy that you have the privilege of enjoying the happiness of this season of holidays.

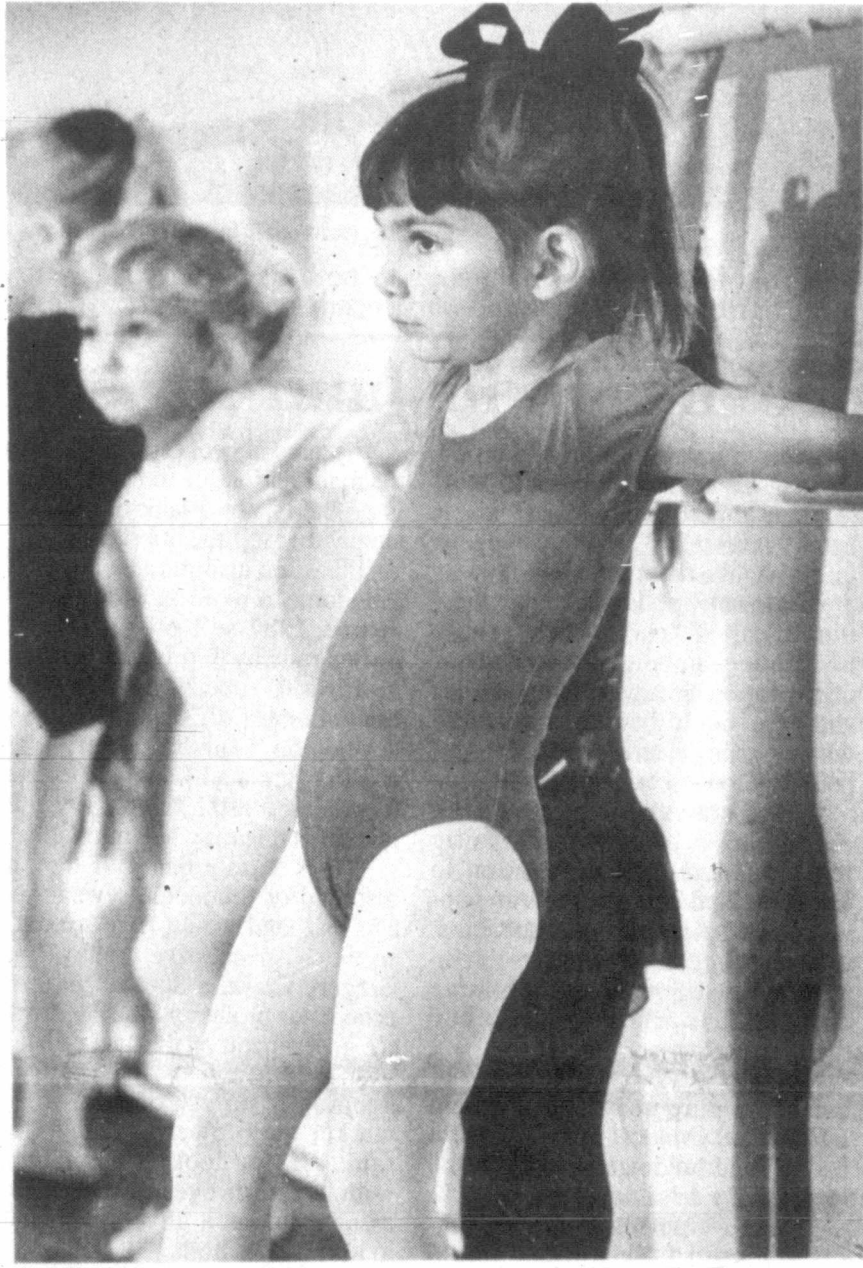
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Practice time



(Staff photos by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Above, Kelly Smith, right, yawns as she relaxes before beginning dancing steps during ballet rehearsals recently at the Madeline Graves School of Dance, while Kirby O'Neal, center, maintains her straight-backed pose of apt attention. At right, Morgan Chalk leans back on the dance rail as she listens to instructions in the 3-5 years old ballet class.



Budget rules block domestic spending boosts

WASHINGTON (AP) — As residents of little Middletown, N.Y., brace for a slowing economy, agencies serving the poor in the Hudson River Valley community expect more and more people will need help to pay fuel bills, rent and even find shelter.

But they don't expect to get the money they'll need from the federal government.

"There will be people wanting services we just won't be able to accommodate," Charles Darden, executive director of Middletown's Regional Economic Community Action Program, lamented recently.

With the end of the Cold War last year and before the U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf, some lawmakers argued that excess money from a slimmed-down Pentagon — the so-called peace dividend — should be used to expand domestic programs.

Instead, the money will be used mostly to chip away at the federal deficit.

And strict budget procedures written by Congress and President Bush will keep it that way for at least three years.

Advocates of these priorities and the new rules say they are necessary to trim the budget deficit, which is expected to reach at least a record \$320 billion in fiscal 1991, which began Oct. 1.

"If we don't deal with the deficit, we won't be able to deal with any of our other priorities," said House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., an architect of the five-year budget package.

Robert Greenstein, executive director of the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, which lobbies for low-income programs in Washington, criticized the plan.

"The problem is not only do we not invest more in domestic programs, but we don't even give ourselves over the next three years the ability to debate the issue," he said.

As part of this fall's big budget

deal, congressional leaders and the White House set firm ceilings for each of the next three years for three separate categories of spending: defense and domestic programs and foreign affairs. Money can't be transferred from one category to another.

Defense spending will be reduced from \$297 billion this year to \$296 billion in 1992 — not including the costs of U.S. operations in the Middle East, which will be counted separately.

Although that seemingly is a \$1 billion decrease, it is \$9 billion less than the military would need to keep up with inflation next year, according to preliminary estimates by the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office.

During that same time, spending on domestic initiatives — excluding benefit programs like Social Security — will be allowed to rise from \$198 billion to \$210 billion. But that will be \$4 billion less than those programs would need to stay even with inflation.

New business



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

The Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats recently welcomed Color Works, 809 W. Foster, as a new member of the Pampa business community. Visiting about the new business in the firm are, sitting from left, co-owner Brenda Wilkerson, giving Gold Coat Margie Gray a manicure, and standing from left, Gold Coat Jimmy Wilkerson, co-owner Dianna Forbes-Philips and hair stylist Judy Howard.

U.S. Forest Service now looking at the forest instead of the trees

By JEFF BARNARD
Associated Press Writer

AGNESS, Ore. (AP) — Driven by the environmental battle over the northern spotted owl, the U.S. Forest Service is developing a new approach to logging that demands looking at the forest, not just the trees.

Through the New Perspectives program, the Forest Service is taking a harder look at what cutting down a tree means: to wildlife, plant life, biological diversity, erosion, sedimentation of steelhead and salmon spawning beds, and hiking and driving through the forest.

New Perspectives is being showcased along Shasta Costa Creek in the Siskiyou National Forest in southwestern Oregon.

By careful management, foresters hope to produce in 80 to 120 years the kind of old growth forest that took nature more than 200 years to create.

"We're looking beyond the trees," said Kurt Wiedenmann, program director for the project. "We're looking at it from an ecological standpoint. Not just timber production."

Shasta Costa Creek is a tributary of the Rogue River in the area where the Klamath Mountains join with the Coast Range. The watershed runs from an elevation of 200 feet at the creek's mouth to 5,300 feet at Brandy Peak.

The watershed provides spawning grounds for salmon and steelhead, and nesting and hunting grounds for the spotted owl, which was listed as a threatened species this year. It also is home to pine martens, which have been proposed for federal protection; pileated woodpeckers, elk and deer.

Only 2,000 of the watershed's 23,419 acres have been logged, making it a potential battleground between environmentalists who want to preserve old growth forests and the timber industry, which wants to keep mills rolling.

As a result, the Forest Service has undertaken an environmental impact statement, rather than the less demanding environmental assessment, to plan how it will log the Shasta Costa. It is to be finished this spring.

"No two ways about it, the spotted owl issue was the big driver in the New Perspectives movement," said John Henshaw, the program coordinator for the Northwest. "New Perspectives concepts offer a hope, not a promise, of an ability to continue both amenity- and commodity-based production on the national forests."

New technology could create a quieter world

By VALERIE MEEHAN
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Imagine leaning back in a chair amid the buzz of the office and hearing only silence.

The secret is in the chair headrest, which has speakers on each side that duplicate a sound wave of the repetitive background noise then create the exact opposite.

The meeting of the waves cancels the noise.

"You don't know what the background noise is, then you hear this wonderful silence," said Wayne Swann, director of technology liaison at the University of Maryland.

The speakers don't affect the ability to hear conversation or music. They just eliminate annoying hums and other background sounds.

The chair sits in the offices of Noise Cancellation Technologies Inc. as an example of the potential for the new silencing technology.

The company, in Linthicum, is one of about a half-dozen worldwide that are racing to apply electronics and digital microcomputer technology to make quiet headphones, noise-canceling mufflers

and non-vibrating engine mounts. The technology also reduces engine noise that permeates airplane cabins and car interiors.

The increased interest in reducing noise comes as more and more workers and companies are becoming aware of the dangers of noise pollution. The National Institutes of Health says more than 10 million Americans have suffered hearing loss from noise exposure.

Steve Tretter, a University of Maryland professor, created a mathematical formula that Noise Cancellation Technology has applied to computer circuitry to reduce noise from several sources at the same time.

The first experiment with sound canceling noise came in 1936, but it was not until rapid advances in digital electronics and microcomputer circuitry in the mid-1970s that the field took off. The technology was being applied to headphones and to prototype mufflers by the end of the 1980s.

"The technology right now is running very, very quickly ... faster than any technology that I've ever been associated with," said Tom Hesse, president of Active Noise

and Vibration Technologies Inc., in Phoenix.

The Linthicum company and Hesse's company have developed prototype noise-canceling mufflers and are working with muffler manufacturers.

A speaker in a car exhaust system can silence engine noise as well as or better than a muffler can, said Eldon Ziegler, president of general systems at Noise Cancellation Technology.

Ziegler and Hesse say the new mufflers will increase engine efficiency and reduce gas mileage because mufflers now drag on the engine to decrease exhaust noise. Ziegler predicts the new mufflers will be on some cars by 1994.

Another company, Digisonix of Stoughton, Wis., is focusing on reducing noise from industrial smokestacks, fans and machinery. Bose Corp. of Framingham, Mass., began manufacturing sound-reducing headphones for pilots in 1988.

"We're talking about reducing or eliminating redundant noises in offices, airplanes even," Swann said. "You don't notice them but they can affect irritability, stress levels."

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Lech Walesa glides to easy victory in Poland's elections

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI
Associated Press Writer

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Elected by a landslide in Poland's first popular presidential vote, Lech Walesa promised to get right to work today on building this struggling young democracy into an economically sound "pillar of peace."

The man who led the decade-long struggle to end authoritarian Communist rule acknowledged that "terribly difficult tasks" lie ahead as he attempts to complete the painful transition to a market-based economy.

"I want to work because there is a lot of work to be done," the former shipyard electrician told reporters at his Gdansk headquarters after defeating emigre businessman Stanislaw Tyminski in Sunday's runoff.

The Solidarity chief's margin of victory was 77 percent to 23 percent, according to exit polls conducted by the Germany polling firm Infas. Official results from 294 of the 303 stations had him ahead 75 percent to 25 percent.

Two bitter and divisive rounds of voting have strained the nation, splintering the Solidarity movement a year after Poland ousted the Communists and embarked on the most ambitious economic reform plan in Eastern Europe.

Walesa said he would decide by Wednesday which of seven possible candidates to select to succeed Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki. The former Walesa ally was eliminated by Tyminski in the Nov. 25 first round of presidential voting.

In a taped address to the nation on Sunday night, Walesa repeated his campaign theme of speeding up the dismantling of Communist-collected industries and encouraging private enterprise.

"In Poland there is enough work for everyone. We must change and modernize much," he said. "Europe will appreciate us for this. An economically developed Poland will be one of the pillars of peace and calm in Europe, whereas a poor Poland will meet a wall of disapproval at all borders."

"I hope to be a good sheriff — determined, strong and effective," Walesa told a news conference earlier. Some Mazowiecki supporters have accused Walesa of demagoguery and promising more than he could possibly deliver.

Smiling, the mustachioed president-elect sipped champagne for the TV cameras and gave an awkward but affectionate kiss to his wife Danuta at the insistence of photographers.

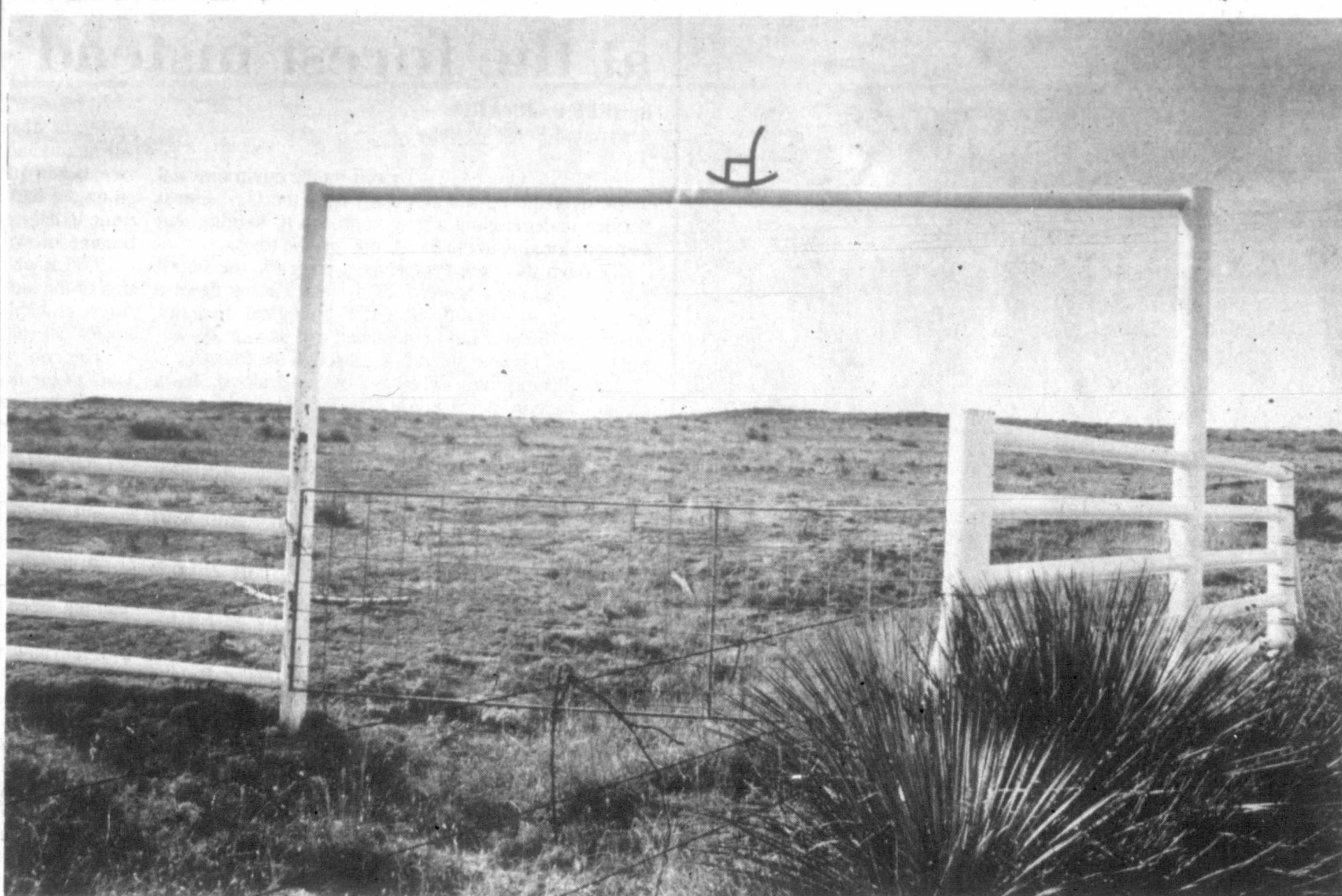
He said he would "work to bring effects, to truly change Poland ... I will do everything so that every one of us will have a piece of Poland for himself."

Walesa said he thought Tyminski would "fade away quickly," but he was worried about the wellspring of anger the emigre businessman apparently harnessed in his come-from-nowhere campaign.

The exit polls showed Walesa winning among all social groups. Tyminski's best showing was among rural voters — where he obtained about 35 percent.

The quixotic challenger who returned to Poland in September after 21 years in Peru and Canada had promised prosperity in a month, finding support in people frustrated by economic hardship and rising unemployment.

Peaceful ranch



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

The Arrington Ranch, known as the Rocking Chair Ranch, offers a peaceful scene at its entrance near Skellytown in keeping with its name as mild weather continues to hold back the cold, wintry weather more often connected with December in the Panhandle.

Japan's real national 'treasure' lies in its land for sale

By MICHAEL HIRSH
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Many a tourist has wandered gape-mouthed through Tokyo's Ginza, the shopping wonderland where such high-priced marvels as \$450 neckties confound the senses. Next to it, though, lies a greater treasure.

It is a vacant lot. For three years, this 53.4-acre asphalt wasteland in the heart of the most expensive real estate in the world has gone virtually unused.

Worth an estimated \$24 billion to \$47 billion, the government-owned former rail yard is surrounded by headquarters of mighty banks and corporations. It is a jarring sight, somewhat as Manhattan might look with an empty space where Rockefeller Center now stands. Yet no one can buy it.

To find out why entails a Lewis Carroll-like journey through land policies that Western experts say defy economic logic and absurdly inflate Tokyo's land prices, which run 30 to 100 times higher than in other major cities worldwide.

Such government policies have left Japan's huge landholding corporations swimming in assets and many homeowners paper millionaires. But they have also created a large class of have-nots that threatens Japan's prosperity.

Government officials say they cannot put the Shiodome rail yard on the market just yet because it is too valuable. The lot is as much as 50 times pricier than the approximately \$850 million Japan's Mitsubishi Estate Co. paid for a share of the 22-acre Rockefeller Center last year.

Its sudden availability to speculators would bid up real estate prices

to even more astronomical levels, officials say, although they acknowledge that such a policy runs contrary to the law of supply and demand.

"Normal economic theory doesn't seem to work when it comes to land in Japan, because there is overwhelmingly more demand for land than supply," said Hiroshi Yoneda, the Transportation Ministry official in charge of the yard.

Western experts, some of whom have lived here for years, are aghast at such reasoning.

"Raising supply usually lowers prices. Anyone who doesn't know that should go back and take Economics 101," scoffed Robert Feldman, an economist at Salomon Bros., a New York financial house.

But this is Japan, where an alchemy of postwar tax policy, easy money and Japanese "herd" behavior has turned land into gold.

Like gold's fabled ability to inspire greed, the hunger for land on this small archipelago crowded with 120 million people has created rapacious speculators who've become the stuff of movies and TV dramas.

"Land sharks" eager to resell properties hire thugs who spend months banging noisemakers or setting fires to hound families from buildings they've occupied for generations. Real estate executives have been held hostage by extremists outraged over inadequate housing.

Worst of all, land fever has divided Japan into two economic classes — those who own land, usually through an inheritance, and those who can't afford it. Too often, the landless are the younger, baby-producing generation.

That looms as a potential disaster. Japan had the world's lowest birthrate last year at 10.2 babies per 1,000 peo-

ple. In surveys, many women attribute their unwillingness to have children in part to the rented "rabbit hutch" apartments they must squeeze into with little room for family.

Ultimately, policy-makers worry, this so-called "child shock" could undermine the nation's industrial might. Japan, already suffering a labor shortage, could become top-heavy with too many elderly pensioners supported by too few younger workers.

Up to now, the long-governing conservative Liberal Democratic Party has had little motivation to act. High land prices have been popular with its major constituencies; the 60 percent of Japanese who already own homes and the large corporations who have watched their portfolio assets swell.

But the catastrophic potential of the boom may nudge government into action. On Oct. 30, a 1 percent tax on land holdings was suggested to gradually drive down prices.

The government is moving gingerly, fearful falling prices would jolt corporations with large holdings of real estate and stocks. Many are already reeling from the Tokyo Stock Exchange's nosedive this year.

In addition, the government must untangle 45 years of often bizarre tax and lending policies that have made Tokyo a sea of two-story homes instead of desperately needed high-rise redevelopment.

Millions of "urban farmers," many of whom tend nothing more than small vegetable patches or rice paddies, are exempt from property taxes if they declare their intention to farm for 10 years. Banks offer 100-year mortgages. Current landholding taxes are only as high as 0.2 percent, allowing small owners to sit tight and watch values spiral upward.

As a result, real estate experts say, the main reason for the land inflation is probably not a lack of space but simply that so little is traded.

Plans are also moving slowly for Shiodome, a remnant of the government's 1987 sell-off of the state-owned railway to private companies.

Hiroshi Yoneda, the Transportation Ministry official charged with developing a subdivision plan, said it is to be gradually sold off for commercial use after March 1992. But that timetable may be impossible.

"It is extraordinary. If they had disposed of Shiodome several years ago that land would have soaked up so much speculative money," said Gregory Clark, a Sophia University economics professor who has advised the government on the land problem.

"They genuinely believe that by keeping a supply of land off the market they lower prices," Clark said. "If you look at the situation with Western eyes you'd have to assume it was a government plot" to keep prices high.

Most experts conclude, however, there's no evidence for such a scheme. Clark said he would "never rule out a plot entirely because there are depths of this society we never get to."

"If it's a plot, they're very clever. If not, they're very stupid. And I can't believe the Japanese are so stupid."

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Jailed reporter set free Sunday

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A reporter jailed for refusing to testify about unpublished interviews she conducted with a murder defendant was free today after prosecutors agreed to allow a district judge to dissolve contempt charges.

Libby Averyt of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* was freed at 8:30 p.m. Sunday night after prosecutors agreed to allow a district judge to dissolve contempt charges, the newspaper reported.

Ms. Averyt spent two days in jail after she refused to answer questions in a pre-trial hearing about unpublished interviews with capital murder defendant Jermarr Arnold.

The reporter was released following a meeting between *Caller-Times* attorney Jorge Rangel, District Attorney Grant Jones, defense attorney Carl Lewis and 28th District Court Judge Eric Brown.

Brown ordered Averyt jailed on contempt charges after she invoked U.S. Constitution and Texas constitutional provisions in refusing to answer the judge's questions.

"I told everyone present that Libby was not going to change her mind and was not going to answer the questions," Rangel said. "I told them that any further confinement would not make her change her mind, and I requested that she be released immediately."

A hearing was to be held at today to finalize Sunday's release. Rangel said Averyt is still under subpoena for Arnold's murder trial, which is scheduled to start Wednesday.

If called to testify, Averyt said, "I'm not going to answer any questions about unpublished material."

"Libby made a very strong statement, that she was willing to go to jail on behalf of a principle. I believe it sends a statement that news reporters are not going to let themselves become investigative arms of the state," *Caller-Times* Executive Editor Larry Rose said.

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Lifestyles

Club News

Chapter #1648 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) met Nov. 27 in the Swing room of the post office building, with eight members present.

In business, several topics of interest were discussed, including insurance open season and increase in dues.

Election of officers was held, and new officers installed for 1991 are: Brunetta Stewart, president; Ralph Ridgeway, vice president; and Charlie George, secretary-treasurer.

NARFE meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Members are urged to attend and visitors and new members are welcome.

No meeting is scheduled for December. For more information call 669-6627, 669-7923 or 665-8806.

Twentieth Century Study Club met on Nov. 13 in the home of Mrs. Buck Worley.

The business meeting was chaired by club president, Peggy Beckham. Linda Olsen led the Club Collect and Betty Johnson led the American Creed. In business, the club discussed the selection of a project, with emphasis on conservation and recycling ideas.

The program was conducted by Sherry McCavitt, who reviewed John Bradshaw's book, *The Family*, which addresses the dynamics of family life.

Another meeting of the study club was held on Nov. 27 in the home of Mary Wilson. In business, plans were made for the next meeting, a Christmas party, to be held Dec. 11 in the home of Dorothy Neslage. A gift exchange will be held, and members are asked to bring paper goods for Tralee Crisis Home.

The program was presented by Katrina Hildenbrant, who discussed the importance of fine arts in a child's education. Highlighted was the curriculum of the Wilhelm Schole in Houston, which has received the Texas Arts Alliance award and the Texas Education Department Award.

Junior Service League met Nov. 20 at the Chamber of Commerce.

In business, members approved the 1990-91 budget submitted by Cheryl Berzanskis at the October meeting, and Lee Anne Day, chairman of advisory planning reported on plans for the community service project: furnishing a home for Tralee Crisis Center. A "wish list" from the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo was submitted to members. Charity Ball chairman Dana Terry reported on the progress of the ball, and members were requested to sign up for January cooking workshops, to prepare food for the ball.

In other business, members agreed to purchase a Christmas tree for the Community Day Care Center.

The program was presented by Cindy McDaniel, manager of The Hobby Shop, who presented crafts items available at the shop.

Hosting the meeting were Cindy Judson and Janice Piersall. The next meeting will be the Christmas tea, Dec. 15, in the home of Holly McNamara.

Highland Hobby Club met Dec. 3 in the home of Jewel Holmes.

In business, members voted to secure Christmas gifts for a needy child, with Marilyn Kirkwood and Jewel Holmes to do the shopping. Members worked on the club cook books.

Johnnie Rhode won the door prize.

The next meeting will be Jan-

uary 7 at 7 p.m. in the home of Marilyn Kirkwood.

Tri-County Democrat Club met Dec. 3 at Calvary Baptist Church.

In business, the club elected the following officers for 1991: Zetha Dougherty, president; Jim Osborne, vice president; Nancy Allen, secretary, and Helen Seitz, treasurer. Members voted to change meeting times to the second Tuesday of each month, and to hold the meeting in the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium.

Club members brought food and toys to be donated to a needy family for the holiday.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Jill Wiley, a United Methodist Church minister from McLean. Wiley spoke on her involvement in politics as a campaign and staff member, and how her participation in politics eventually led her to pursue the ministry.

The next meeting will be January 8.

Heritage Art Club met Dec. 4 at the Pampa County Club with Polly Benton and Diana Sanders as hostesses. Thirteen members and eight guests attended.

The program was presented by Lillian Newsome and Theresa Maness won the door prize.

Pampa Art Club met Dec. 4 in the home of Mrs. George Newberry for a workshop, with 14 members present.

Members worked on various Christmas projects, including those for the Christmas party.

The next meeting will be a Christmas brunch, Dec. 18, in the home of Mrs. Bill Kindle.

Progressive Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Eva Dennis on Dec. 5, with 15 members and a guest attending.

Eva Dennis presented a story on Christmas.

In business, Coralea Hickman installed the new officers for 1991. They are: Eva Dennis, president; Betty Baxter, vice president; Barbara Shaw, secretary; Marilyn Butler, council delegate; and Geneva Dalton, reporter.

Marilyn Butler presented the council report and reminded members of the Christmas luncheon at the annex on Dec. 10, and the stock show to be held in January.

A gift of appreciation was presented to club president Barbara Shaw, and the door prize was won by Helen Trimble. Donna Brauchi was special guest at the meeting. Christmas gifts were exchanged by members after the meeting.

The next meeting will be Jan. 9 in the home of Coralea Hickman.

Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met in the home of Mrs. Jeff Anderson.

In business, the report of the nominating committee was received and the following officers for the years 1991-93 were elected by acclamation: Mrs. Tom Cantrell, regent; Mrs. Henry Merrick, chaplain; Mrs. John Skelly, secretary; Mrs. Mary Jones, treasurer; Mrs. Jeff Anderson, registrar; Mrs. Lelton Hudson, librarian; and Mrs. Jack White and Mrs. Rue Hestand, historians.

Mrs. Mary Jones reported on national defense, relating to the down-grading of our educational system.

Mrs. Henry Merrick presented a program on biblical quotes foretelling the birth of Christ.

The next meeting will be Jan. 10, at which time Jones will discuss "Americans Overseas."

Oil dollars replaced the milk money

In 1916 John Antony Baggerman, whose parents had settled southeast of Pampa in 1907, bought Section 173 of Block B2 from the White Deer Land Company for \$17.50 an acre. He met Odell Stokes at a dance near Groom, and they were married in the churchyard of the Baptist Church in White Deer on Aug. 14, 1926.

Their first home was a 10 by 16 foot shack, but in February 1927, John started building a 13-room home from plans he had drawn. The large basement was dug by hand with a pick and shovel, and the dirt was hauled off in a wagon.

During the Depression years, the family raised their own food and sold eggs and cream. Hogs were hauled to town and sold for \$2.50 to \$3 per hundred pounds live weight. Through the years John raised horses to sell and to use on the farm. A black Percheron stallion that weighed approximately 1,800 pounds was the sire of many work horses around the country.

In 1944 the first oil well was drilled on the Baggerman farm. When John told Odell that oil was found on their land, she said, "I have never been very bossy, but there's one thing we're not going to do and that's milk a bunch of cows to buy groceries as long as we've got oil coming out of the ground."

The cows were sold, and John purchased land with the oil money he received. When his 11 children were grown, he gave each one a half-section of land.

For many years John and Odell helped with the annual Grandview barbecue by donating the beef. They were honored by the Grandview community with a silver tray for their services.

John died in December 1969, at age 75. In January 1984, a barbecue and dance were held at the Grandview-Hopkins School in honor of Odell's 75th birthday. She died, at the age of 76, the following February after having lived in the Grandview community for almost 60 years.

Roselle Baggerman Collingsworth, youngest daughter of John and Odell, began to work for the Grandview-Hopkins School in 1984 as the cook for the cafeteria. She also drives the school bus.

In 1916 Joseph and Maude (Oler) Fortenberry moved from Lone Oak in East Texas to Gray County. Their land, 20 miles south of Pampa, was on the northeast corner of SH 70 and FM 2477, which leads to Lake McClellan.

The Fortenberry home, one of



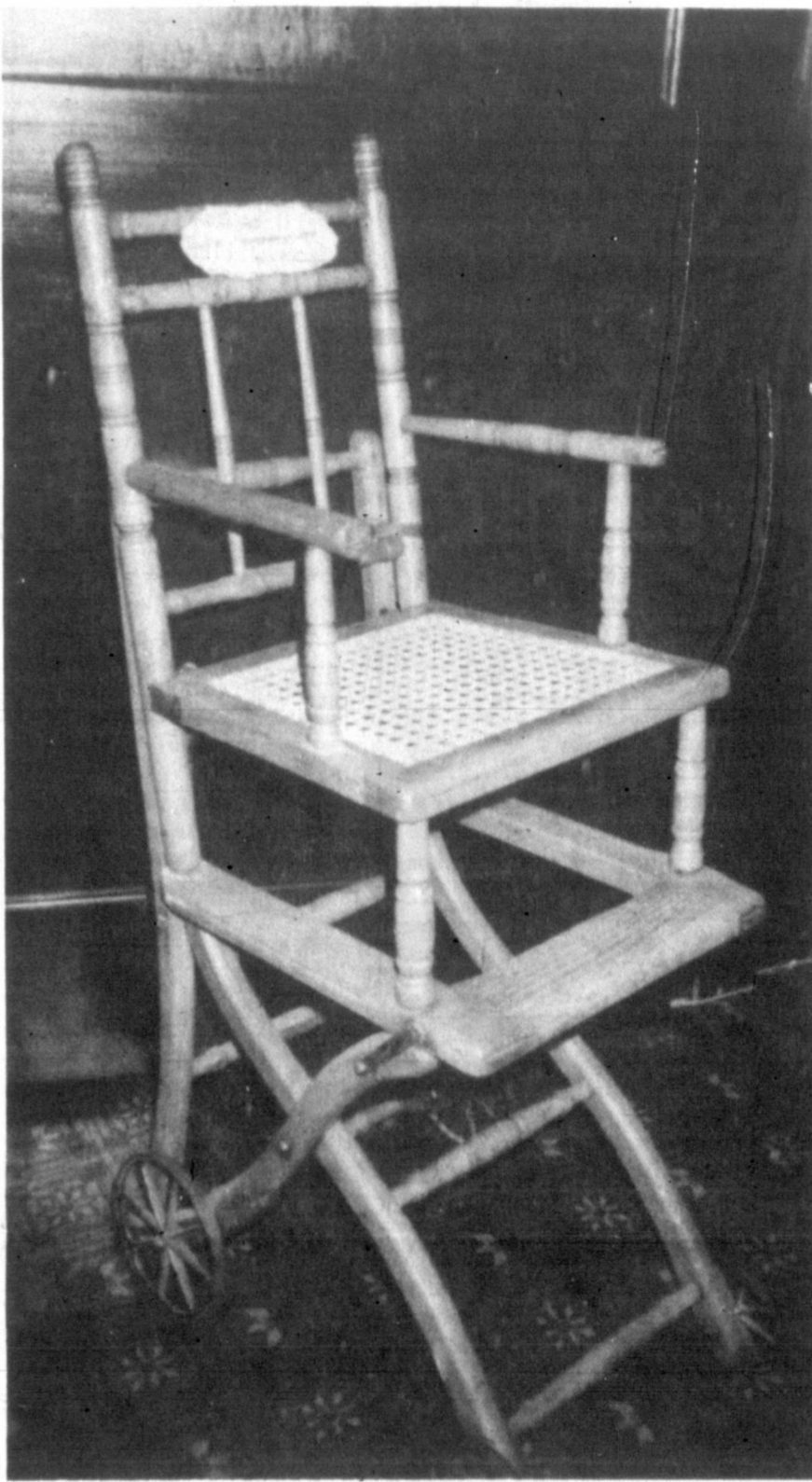
Museum Mementos

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land Museum

the closest to the present SH 70, was a convenient place for travelers to stop and have a refreshing drink of water.

One Fortenberry family member, an old English bulldog named

"Bob," was not as cordial as the rest of the family. Many times Joe and Maude returned to their home to find a salesman or traveler sitting on the roof of the house or on the windmill tower.



(Special photo courtesy White Deer Land Museum)
A combination highchair and stroller used by the Baggerman children.

The visitors would be praying that the occupants of the house would soon return and rescue them from old "Bob."

In 1917 Edwin Gleason Nelson drove a wagon pulled by a four-horse team from Oklahoma to begin farming in the newly developing area south of Pampa. As a graduate of Oklahoma A&M and as an expert with figures, he found employment at the Groom State Bank to earn extra income when he was not breaking sod and building a house that he could call home.

He soon became a respected member of the community, and on Sept. 18, 1921, he married Ellen Mae Fortenberry, daughter of Joseph W. and Maude Fortenberry. The newlyweds and another local couple, Guy and Maudé Andis, were shivareed by the mischievous residents of Groom.

As the years went by, Edwin and Ellen Nelson continued farming, but they enjoyed traveling, especially to visit their son Joe and his wife and their three daughters. Joe's family lived at various times in Oklahoma City, Enid and Dallas.

After Ellen died in January 1974, Edwin invited his granddaughter Jan and her husband, Bill Ragsdale Jr., and their infant twin sons, Jerome and Joseph, to come to live with him on the farm.

On July 2, 1984, Edwin died as the result of an automobile accident.

Jan Nelson Ragsdale, with her husband and sons, now lives on land that once belonged to both sets of her grandparents. She teaches at Grandview-Hopkins School, where her father and her sons received their elementary education. In 1983 Jan, who is a talented artist, completed a three-year project: painting a 12x18 foot mural depicting world, national and county history on a wall in the White Deer Land Museum.

Probably about 1927, residents of the Grandview community had a picnic which began the tradition of having a barbecue at the end of each school year. For several years some of the farmers, which probably included L.P. Eakin, father of Paul and Jim, would fatten a calf for the next year's feast. In later years John Baggerman donated the beef for the yearly event.

There are reports that a reunion of those who have lived in the Grandview community prior to consolidation with Hopkins is being planned for August 1991.

(Stories of families mentioned in this article are in *Gray County Heritage*.)

Where there's smoke, there's fire: call 911

DEAR ABBY: In your column of Sunday, Nov. 25, was a letter signed "911" that needs some clarification. Abby, 911 was designated as a national emergency reporting number and should be used to report all medical, police or fire emergencies. Apparently, the writer of the letter you published is from a community where they dispatch only for the police department.

We at the International Society of Fire Service Instructors strongly advocate and teach nationwide that 911, where available, should be used to report any emergency dealing with fire or smoke, as well as accidents and medical emergencies. By using the 911 system, access to telephone number and location is available to the dispatcher immediately, thus greatly reducing response time and consequently saving many more lives.

Contrary to what the writer said, do call 911 should your television emit sparks or should you smell something burning.

EDWARD H. MCCORMACK JR.,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF
FIRE SERVICE INSTRUCTORS



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR MR. MCCORMACK: Thanks for the information. I've heard from many others advising me of the same thing.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating this guy for 10 months. I really fell for him, and he told me he loved me. Two weeks ago, I heard that he is engaged to marry a girl who lives out of town. Their wedding is scheduled for January, and I was shocked because he never even mentioned her to me. I finally asked him if what I heard was true and he said it was, but he says he loves me and wants to continue seeing me. He asked me to please be there for him if his mar-

riage doesn't work out. I don't understand this. He knows that I love him, and if he really loves me, why does he want to marry someone else?

What should I do? This is very painful for me, because we had such a great relationship for 10 months and it will be hard for me to end it. Should I keep going with him up until the time he gets married or what?
HEARTBROKEN DOWN SOUTH

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: End it now, and thank your lucky stars you aren't the girl he's engaged to. How would you like to be engaged to a guy who's telling another girl he "loves"

her and wants her to be there for him in case his marriage with you doesn't work out? He's bad news. Please, read the first sentence of my answer again. And commit it to memory.

DEAR ABBY: I was told that you had a letter in your column about a dog that served as the ring bearer at a formal church wedding. I can't believe a clergyman would allow a dog to take part in a marriage ceremony. Say it isn't so, Abby.
DOUBTING THOMAS

DEAR THOMAS: It is indeed so. When I received that letter, I, too, had my doubts, so I called the bride in Bozeman, Mont., who confirmed that Knicky, her female Labrador, had served as the ring bearer at her wedding. She said the rings had been placed in a beautifully decorated basket. The dog held the handle of the basket in her teeth and was trained to trot down the aisle on cue.

Now isn't that a pip? (Or a pup?)

'The Encyclopedia of Bad Taste' finds the kitsch

By BARBARA MAYER
AP Newsfeatures

Lovers of off-color gags, shag rugs, accordion music and surf 'n' turf, rejoice. Your special tastes have been dignified with a book — an encyclopedia, no less.

"The Encyclopedia of Bad Taste" (HarperCollins Publishers) fondly surveys the little things in life that we've learned to say we hate. But somebody must love them because there are so many of them.

Authors Jane and Michael Stern are like owners of a large, unruly dog who privately admire their pet while publicly deploring its excesses. Personally, they love the stuff they write about. They collect it and even display it in their home, a dignified colonial on a quiet road in the heart of cultivated Fairfield County, Conn.

Except for the grimacing life-sized stone hippopotamus on the front lawn, a passerby would hardly imagine that the house is full of kitschy collectibles, as well

as shelves of books. The Sterns, each with a graduate degree in the arts, are best known for their books and articles extolling the culinary virtues of the nation's diners and truckstops. In their travels along America's highways and back roads in search of a good story, they say they acquired a fondness for objects such as whoopee cushions and "wall rugs" which they picked up at flea markets and souvenir shops.

They don't flaunt the stuff — it would be tasteless, after all. Rather, they tuck it in among the quietly appropriate furnishings in their house. In a second-floor study, however, just in time to promote the book, they have arranged the cream of their collection.

That's where they keep their pink flamingo and rubber chicken, the Elvis memorabilia and the bust of Michael Jackson wearing a "super sipper" plastic hat with straws and a can of beer on each side.

Mainly a humorous romp through the

fickle fields of fad and fashion, the book is far too gentle to cut deeply. Yet, those who share their values are likely to enjoy the sensation of horror that teacup-sized chihuahuas, fuzzy dice, pushup bras, body building, hot pants and heavy metal can arouse.

They single out lamps filled with bubbling liquid and known as Lava Lites, novelty ashtrays, figural candles, Hummel figurines, recliners, shag carpeting, waterbeds, paintings on velvet, lawn ornaments, artificial grass, sno-domes and giant pepper mills as examples of extreme decorative tastelessness.

The facts they've dug up on each of the 135 entries could help readers shine in trivia contests. Data such as where the best rubber chickens are made (Spain) and when novelty ashtrays and fuzzy dice were invented (the 1930s) fill the book.

Fans more than critics, they revel in bad taste rather than analyze it. However, they say, bad taste does have a number of useful

functions. "It's inappropriateness, it's extremism; it's too much, but in that too muchness there is vitality, heat and excitement," Jane says.

Bad taste has been a wonderful source of images, patterns and colors for artists, and the shoddy, tacky and tasteless has a freeing effect in art and literature, says Michael, who cites the current art exhibition, "High and Low" at New York City's Museum of Modern Art, as an example of the fascination bad taste holds for artists and intellectuals.

The Sterns, who met while they were graduate students — Michael in art history, Jane in fine arts — at Yale University, are, as Jane says, fascinated by "the perpetual battle between snobs and slobbs. Taste is provocative because it is through our cultural choices that we present ourselves to the world." It's because there is so much popular culture in the United States, supported by a large and affluent middle class,

that there is also plenty of bad taste, they say.

The very rich and the very poor do exactly as they like in matters of cultural preference, says Michael. "In societies where there is no class mobility, there is no bad taste. People in this country feel free to express themselves."

Yet we pay a price for this freedom — in worrying. People in the middle are nervous about their place in society. They worry that their taste reveals more about them and their origins than they would like.

Of course, Americans didn't start bad taste. In fact, some of the most obviously tasteless items included in the Sterns' book actually come from other cultures — the whoopee cushion, for example. They report that the balloon, which is blown up slightly and placed under a seat cushion to create the rude noise of flatulence when someone sits down, got its start in France in the 17th century.

The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Grasped
- Hooklike parts
- Clergyman's title
- Spin
- Made of (suff.)
- Entire
- Dress material
- Feather scarf
- Comedian
- Caesar
- Islands near Italy
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- Chief Egyptian god
- Scorns
- Water barriers
- Two-toed sloth
- Relative
- Center of shield

DOWN

- Baby's bed
- Comedian Jay

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ACROSS

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- Symbol for tellurium
- Pie coverings
- Skater Sonja
- City in Oklahoma
- Insecticide
- Major Armstrong
- Early Briton
- Actress
- Chase
- Dolly
- Bushy-tailed animal
- Entertainer — McEntire
- Beast of burden
- about
- Autos
- Swing music
- Cup-shaped flower
- the
- Mood for love
- Oil tree
- Male children
- Dispatch
- Freshwater fish
- Those under 18
- Sound detector
- Ponder
- Burden
- Southwestern Indians
- Irritated
- Cut
- Freshwater porpoise
- Make a loan
- Theater box
- Mountain
- Greek letter

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GEECH



By Jerry Bittle

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You should be very effective today in the way you handle your intangible interests, but you might not be equally as adroit in managing things of a tangible nature, such as your earnings. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Two opposing forces might be at odds today where your career is concerned. There is a possibility the proponents of your cause may not be equally as strong as your opponents. Be careful.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't go to persons who have rejected you in the past for favors today. Conversely, you should be able to count on the very same individuals who have been kind enough to help you previously.
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could be more gifted than usual in advancing your ambitious aims today, but, on the other hand, in purely social situations you might put your foot in your mouth.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) Hard feelings from a past experience shouldn't be allowed to influence your decisions today. If you behave poorly, your counterpart might do something out of spite to balance accounts.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might have problems being a self-starter. If co-workers try to prod you into action today, be receptive instead of resistant. A little push could be helpful.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Before you make a request of another today, be certain you'll be able to reciprocate when conditions are altered. If you are merely a taker, instead of a giver, it could tarnish your image.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your plans regarding something you want to achieve today are feasible and should work out as you envision. Don't become fainthearted when it is time to implement them.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to avoid negative thinkers today, because you'll already have self-doubts with which to contend. You need to be with people who say you "can do," instead of those who say you "can't."
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Being a "good time Charley" with your resources in hopes of impressing others is an exercise in futility today. If you want to really make points, use your funds to benefit loved ones.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An associate who is jealous of you might attempt to demean you in the eyes of others today. His, or her success will be dependent upon the way you react. Keep cool.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Doubts might creep into your mind today, but they are not likely to be focused on things you lack. The problem could be what to do with what you already have.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



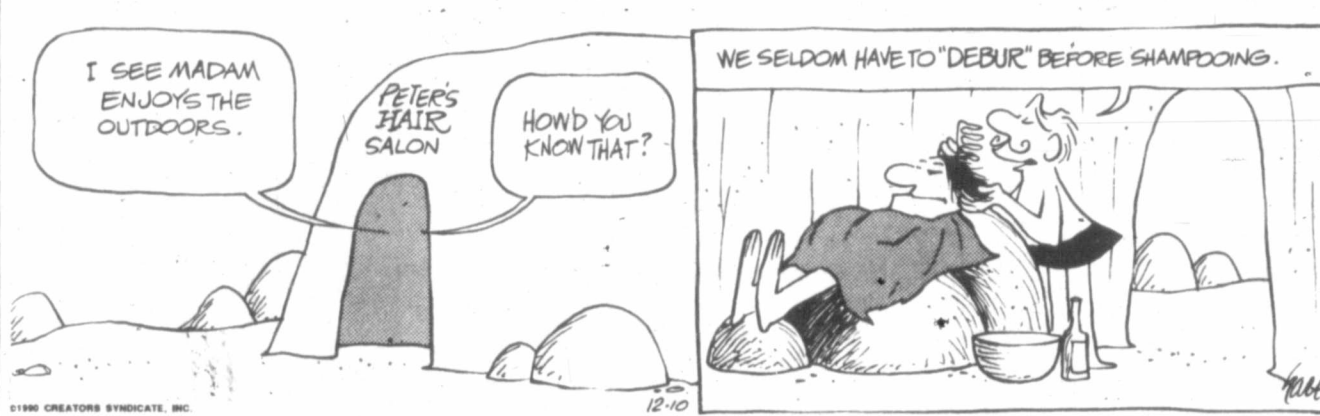
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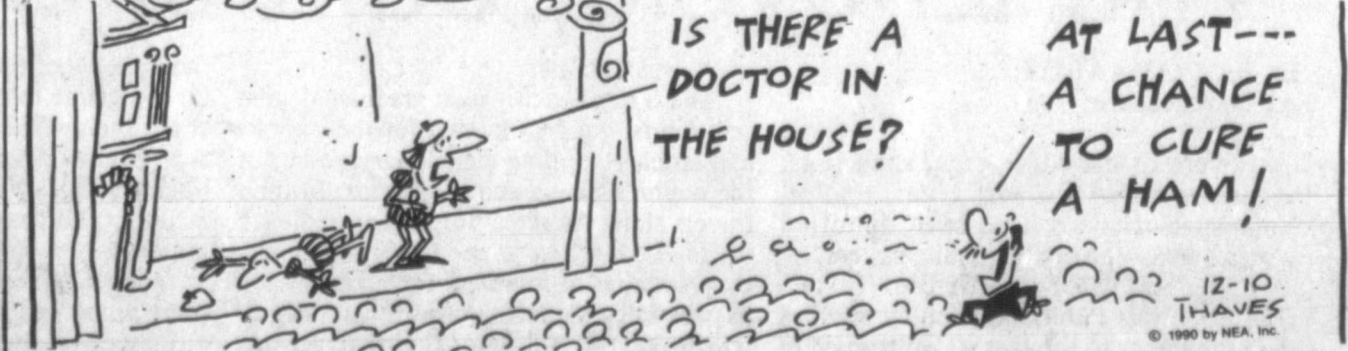
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Sports

Patriots, Browns and Broncos — they're still embarrassed by losses

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

Help! It's ugly down here, where the Patriots and Browns and Broncos reside.

The NFL's three worst teams showed why they are floundering at the bottom of the standings with awful efforts again Sunday. While the Buffalo Bills were clinching a playoff spot, the New York Giants were taking a division crown and the San Francisco 49ers were winning an NFL-record 17th straight road game, New England, Cleveland and Denver were embarrassing themselves. Again.

"We have digressed as a team since I took over as head coach," Jim Shofner said after Cleveland's 58-14 rout at the hands of Houston. "There must be some lack in my ability to coach with a result like this. There must be a kink in the armor somewhere."

"Learning how to win — that's the one thing all of us have to do," Patriots running back John Stephens said following a 24-3 loss at Pittsburgh that was a club-record 11th in a row. "It was negative pretty much the whole game because we didn't do a lot of things and we're not consistent."

"The typical things that seem to happen all year," Denver coach Dan Reeves said after a 31-20 defeat at Kansas City, the Broncos' sixth straight loss. "We are ahead at half-time and we come out and lose the game."

It was one of the uglier weekends for the AFC weak sisters, whose only race is for the first pick in the draft. The Patriots are 1-12, Cleveland is 2-11, Denver 3-10.

At the other end of the NFL

standings, the Bills solidified at least a wild-card spot with a 31-7 romp at Indianapolis. Buffalo (11-2) leads Miami by one game in the AFC East — the Dolphins beat Philadelphia 23-20 in overtime Sunday night.

The Giants secured the NFC East title for the second straight year with a comeback 23-15 win over Minnesota. The 49ers, with the league's best record, 12-1, needed overtime to beat Cincinnati 20-17.

Kansas City's victory gave it a half-game edge over the Raiders in the AFC West, with Los Angeles at Detroit tonight. The AFC Central is a three-way jumble again, thanks to the wins by Houston and Pittsburgh and Cincinnati's defeat.

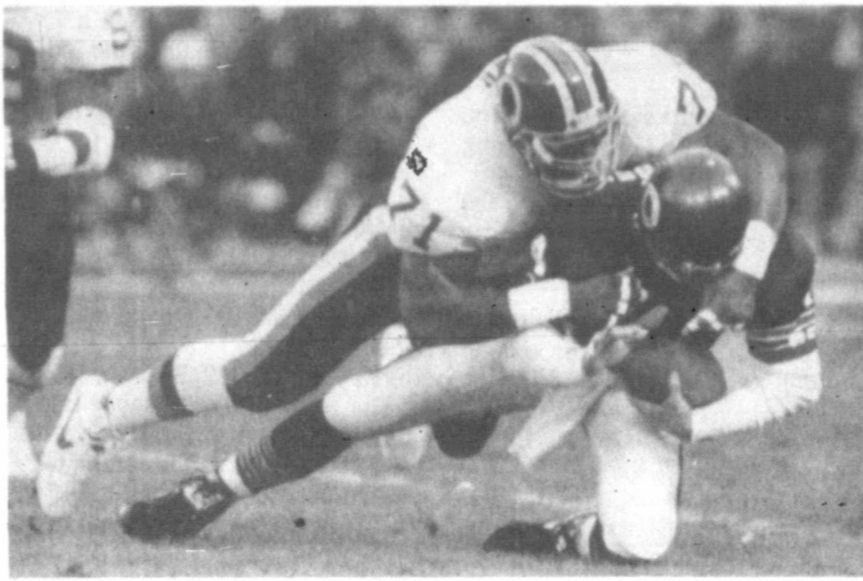
Also, Washington (8-5) nipped Chicago 10-9 and pulled a game ahead of Philadelphia in the NFC wild-card race. Seattle moved to 7-6 and in solid contention for an AFC wild card with a 20-14 victory against Green Bay. New Orleans beat the Los Angeles Rams 24-20, and Phoenix took Atlanta 24-13.

The Bucs, Chargers, Cowboys and Jets were idle.

Oilers 58, Browns 14
Houston crushed Cleveland with a 45-point first half, keyed by Lorenzo White scoring three of his four TDs and a 72-yard run with a fumble by Terry Kinard. The Oilers set a franchise record for points in a game.

"We were due for one like this," QB Warren Moon said.

Steelers 24, Patriots 3
Pittsburgh grabbed its share of the AFC Central lead with Chuck Noll's 200th victory as coach. Noll, the only coach to win four Super Bowls, joined George Halas, Tom Landry, Don Shula and Curly Lambeau as the only NFL coaches to



Chicago Bear's quarterback Jim Harbaugh, with football, is sacked by Washington Redskins' defensive end Charles Mann during first quarter action Sunday in Washington. Washington won 10-9.

win 200 games. He is 200-146-1 in 22 seasons.

Chiefs 31, Broncos 20
Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer got his first victory against the Broncos as Steve DeBerg had three TD passes. Denver has lost eight times after leading at halftime.

Bills 31, Colts 7
Bruce Smith, Andre Reed, Thurman Thomas. The usual suspects were unstoppable for Buffalo.

Four sacks by Bruce Smith, giving him 19 for the year, kept the Colts' Jeff George off-balance. Thomas rushed for 76 yards and two TDs and caught four passes for 91 yards.

Reed set a team record for career touchdown receptions with 37. He had seven catches for 95 yards and two scores Sunday.

Dolphins 23, Eagles 20, OT
Miami clinched at least a wild-card playoff berth — its first postseason appearance since 1985 — as Pete Stoyanovich kicked two key field goals against Philadelphia.

Stoyanovich's 34-yarder with three seconds left forced overtime, and his 39-yarder with 2:28 to go in sudden death won the game.

The Dolphins trailed 20-10 with less than six minutes remaining, but they improved their record to 10-3 and stayed one game back of AFC East leader Buffalo. The Eagles fell to 7-6 with their second consecutive loss after a five-game winning streak.

Giants 23, Vikings 15
For three quarters, Bill Parcells might have wished he had remained in his hospital bed — he was admit-

ted for kidney stones Saturday night. But the Giants came back and ended Minnesota's five-game winning streak, handing the Vikings their eighth consecutive loss outdoors.

Trailing 15-10, the Giants rallied behind their defense in the final period. Greg Jackson's interception at the Vikings' 37 led to Matt Bahr's wind-aided, 48-yard field goal.

49ers 20, Bengals 17, OT
It happens every time these teams meet. The Bengals take a late lead and can't hold it.

Cincinnati (7-6) had a 17-14 lead, but San Francisco had the ball with 4:11 to play. That was plenty of time for Joe Montana and Jerry Rice to work their magic.

Montana took San Francisco 55 yards to Mike Cofer's tying 23-yard field goal. In OT, he hit Rice with three key passes and Cofer won it from 23 yards.

Redskins 10, Bears 9
All season, the Bears have prospered because of turnovers. But they managed only three field goals by Kevin Butler despite picking off five passes, and Brad Muster's fumble gave Washington a chance to win.

Chip Lohmiller, who moments earlier had missed a 54-yard field goal, booted one from 35 yards and Jim Harbaugh threw two interceptions to blunt any hopes of a comeback by the Bears (10-3).

Rookie Mark Carrier had three interceptions for NFC Central champion Chicago (10-3), which slipped a game behind the Giants and two in back of the 49ers in the overall NFC standings.

Earnest Byner gained 121 yards rushing for Washington.
Seahawks 20, Packers 14
For the fifth consecutive week,

Seattle went down to the final minute. The Seahawks built a 20-0 lead behind 112 yards rushing for Derrick Fenner.

Then Blair Kiel, Green Bay's third-string quarterback, replaced Anthony Dilweg. Playing in his first game since Nov. 13, 1988, Kiel hit two scoring passes and had Green Bay (6-7) at the Seattle 8 before the Packers bogged down. Seattle climbed to 7-6 with its third successive win.

Saints 24, Rams 20
New Orleans (6-7) made a late comeback, then held on in the final moments. Steve Walsh found Eric Martin for a 4-yard TD pass to win it. Earlier, rookie Gill Fenerty had a 60-yard scoring run and Brett Maxie went 50 yards with an interception for New Orleans.

Cardinals 24, Falcons 13
Phoenix (5-8) continued its resurgence with its third straight win, paced by interceptions and rookies. Marcus Turner returned an interception 47 yards for a touchdown, Cedric Mack set up another score with a pickoff and rookies Ricky Proehl and Anthony Thompson had big games. Proehl made 6 catches for 102 yards and a 45-yard touchdown, while Thompson ran for 96 yards.

Atlanta (3-10) has dropped six straight and was without starting QB Chris Miller. Backup Scott Campbell was just 13-for-30 and threw three interceptions.

Defensive end Dexter Manley played for the Cardinals on passing situations, his first action since being suspended last year for a third violation of the NFL's substance abuse policy. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue reinstated Manley on Nov. 19 and he was picked up on waivers from Washington by the Cardinals.

Oilers beat Browns, take three-way tie for AFC Central

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers had one regret about their franchise record victory over Cleveland.

They couldn't save any of the points.

"It's great to win but at half-time I wanted to quit and save our enthusiasm and points for next week," offensive tackle Bruce Matthews said.

Lorenzo White scored three of his four touchdowns in a 45-point first half and Terry Kinard had two big defensive plays, leading to a 58-14 victory that thrust the Oilers into a three-way tie for the AFC Central Division lead with Cincinnati and Pittsburgh. All have 7-6 records.

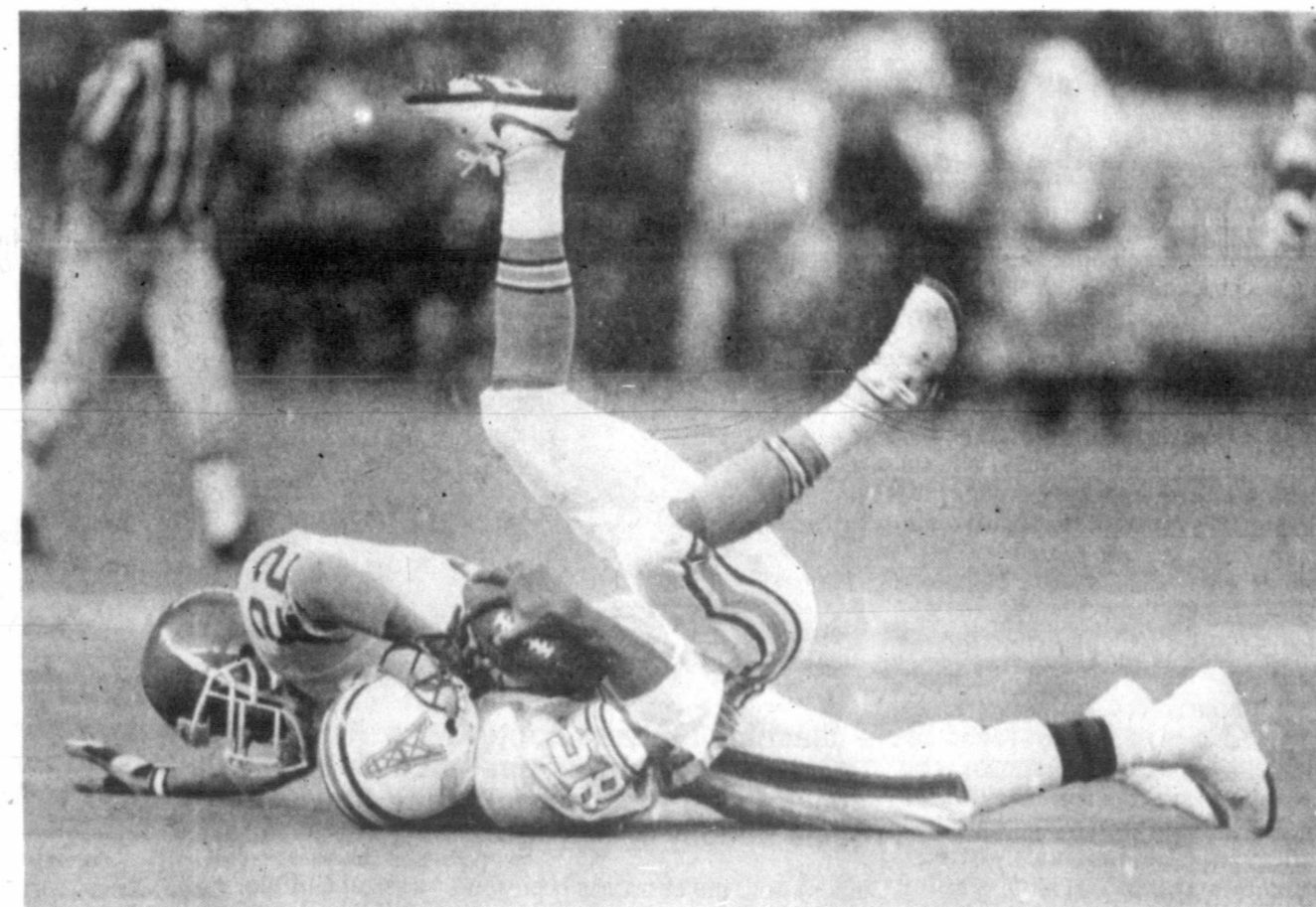
"We can't save any of these points and use them next week, we've got to come right back and do it again," Coach Jack Pardee said. "There are some games coming up that where we'll have to play above ourselves."

Kinard intercepted a pass by Bernie Kosar and returned it 47 yards to set up White's 10-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. White also scored on runs of 1, 7 and 5 yards and Kinard returned a fumble by Kevin Mack 72 yards for a touchdown.

White rushed 116 yards on 18 carries and sat out much of the second half after becoming the second Oiler to score four touchdowns in a game. Earl Campbell had four touchdowns against Miami Nov. 20, 1978.

"As a team we are down to our last four games and at that point you have to kick it in," White said. "Today we were able to turn it on and keep it going. The key is for us to take this victory with us into Kansas City."

The Browns (2-11) lost their



Houston Oilers' Drew Hill (85) and Cleveland Browns' Felix Wright roll on the ground after Hill completed a three-yard pass in the first quarter Sunday in Houston.

eighth straight game and tied the club record for most losses in a season. They've given up 380 points, also a club record.

Interim coach Jim Shofner spent an uncomfortable afternoon on the sidelines and felt even worse afterward.

"This is clearly a very difficult game in which to give a post-game interview, based on the way we played," Shofner said. "We ruined any chance we had of winning early because of those early miscues."

The Browns are 0-4 since Shofner replaced Bud Carson as head coach.

"We have digressed as a team

since I took over as head coach," Shofner said. "There must be some lack in my ability to coach with a result like this. There must be a kink in the armor somewhere."

Eric Metcalf provided Cleveland's scoring punch with a 101-yard kickoff return and a 31-yard touchdown catch from Kosar.

"I have spent happier afternoons in the Astrodome," Metcalf said. "The fun isn't gone out of the game but it's hard to stay motivated. I stay motivated because I think I'm a good player but it's hard to feel any satisfaction for my two touchdowns."

Houston's Warren Moon had his

season low in yardage but continued to set records.

Moon completed 17 of 25 passes for 190 yards and increased his completion total for the year to 310, a club record. He broke the record of 293 set in 1980 by Ken Stabler.

"We were due for one like this," Moon said. "We haven't had a lot of breaks this year. Our defense set the tone today by going after them early."

Kosar completed 13 of 26 passes for 166 yards and one touchdown but he was sacked four times for 28 yards in losses and threw two interceptions.

Milwaukee Bucks garner 10-0 start

By RICK GANO
AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Milwaukee coach Del Harris can't credit boisterous fans or an imposing building to his team's 10-0 start at home this season.

The Bucks, in fact, have yet to sell out the 18,633-seat Bradley Center despite matching the best home start in team history set in 1984-85.

"We don't have a homecourt advantage here," Harris said Sunday night after a 105-99 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics improved the Bucks' overall record to 14-6, tying them with Detroit for first in the NBA Central Division.

"The players just work their tails off. We have a quiet crowd. Ask someone if you could win 10 in a row at any time, any place in the NBA. You know how hard it is to win one game? Then you know how hard it is to win 10," Harris said.

In the only other NBA game Sunday night, the Los Angeles Lakers defeated Washington 106-99 for their sixth consecutive home victory.

Milwaukee needed a strong fourth quarter from Ricky Pierce, who scored 14 of his 24 points in that final period.

"I was a little timid because of my groin (pull)," said Pierce, who's been hobbled for 10 days. "I've been

nursing it. I just don't want to come out too fast and hurt it again.

"We have a lot of confidence in ourselves and we feel we can compete for the division title."

Lakers 106, Bullets 99
Los Angeles had five players with 17 or more points, offsetting 40 by Bernard King and 25 by Horace Grant.

James Worthy scored 20 points, Magic Johnson 19, Byron Scott and Vlade Divac 18 and Terry Teagle 17 as the Lakers beat the Bullets for the 17th time in 18 meetings at the Forum since 1976.

King had 14 points in the third quarter, 11 of them in a 4 1/2-minute span to key a 13-2 run that helped shrink Washington's 12-point halftime deficit to 73-71 with 1:43 left in the period.

But the Bullets never got closer as Teagle and Divac scored all of the Lakers' points during a 15-7 run that put Los Angeles ahead 94-81 with 5:42 remaining.

"I want to see my game as being as important as it was at Golden State," said Teagle, who came to the Lakers from the Warriors in late September for a 1991 first-round draft choice.

"Here, I don't really have to play the real long minutes like I did up there. But whenever things aren't going well for us, I like to pick up the tempo, get some quick baskets and keep things going."

Pampa soph and frosh teams gain tourney championships

BORGER — The Pampa Harvesters' sophomore and freshman basketball teams returned with championship victories from the Borger Tournament this weekend.

Both teams played in the tournament championship games Saturday night, with the Pampa sophomores defeating Hereford 67-56 and the Pampa freshman Green team downing the Randall Black team 66-49.

The Harvesters sophomores took the lead in the first quarter against the Randall Black team 66-49. Hereford 18-13 and maintained the lead in each succeeding quarter: 37-26 in the second, 58-40 in the third and the winning score of 67-56 in the final quarter.

High scorers for the Pampa sophomore team were Matt Finney, 24 points; Troy Black, 17, and Chris Poole, 16.

The tournament victory gives the Harvesters sophomore team a 3-2 record. The Pampa sophomores

will play the Liberal sophomore team at 5 p.m. Tuesday in McNeely Fieldhouse here.

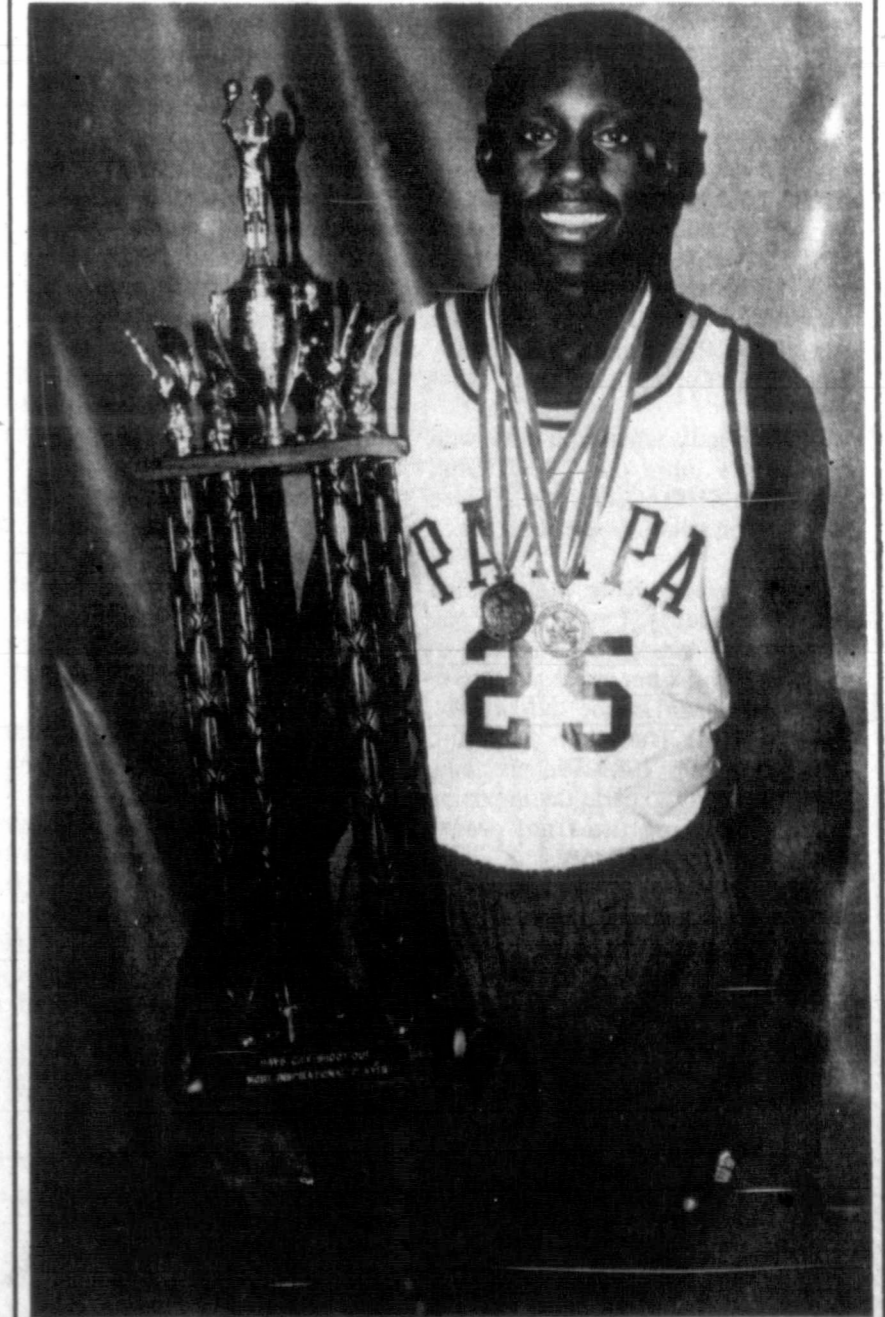
The Pampa freshman Green team also kept the lead in each of the quarters against the Randall Black players, with 13-7 in the first quarter, 32-23 in the second, 45-35 in the third and 66-49 in the final.

Harvester freshmen Green members and their scores in Saturday's game are as follows: Greg Moore, 11 points; Tyler Kendall, 5; Justin Collingsworth, 15; Brad Baldrige, 4; David Potter, 8; Seivern Wallace, 6; Andy Sutton, 2; Jason Soukup, 8; Tim McCavit, 3; and Joby Focke, 4.

The tournament championship gives the Pampa freshman Green team an undefeated 7-0 opening season record.

The freshman Green team will play Randall in McNeely Fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m. today.

Top player



Pampa junior Cederick Wilbon won top individual honors in the Hays Basketball Shootout held recently in Hays, Kan. Wilbon was named the tournament's most inspirational player in addition to being named to the all-tournament team. Wilbon set four individual tournament records as the Harvesters won the Shootout championship.

Mike Tyson knocks out Stewart in first round in heavyweight match

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Mike Tyson, looking every inch the Iron Mike who dominated the heavyweight division for several years before his upset loss to Buster Douglas, knocked out Alex Stewart in the first round Saturday at the Convention Center.

Stewart had given heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield a tough fight before being stopped in the eighth round in 1989, but he was no match for Tyson.

Tyson knocked Stewart down with a right hand to the head with the fight just 8 seconds old. The end came when Stewart went down for the third time at 2:27 of the round.

In other boxing action, junior welterweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez outclassed Ahn Kyung-Duk to retain his title Saturday and extend his undefeated string to 73 victories.

LSU uses one-man barrage to knock off No. 2 ranked Arizona

By The Associated Press

Top-ranked UNLV won with a barrage of 3-pointers. Second-ranked Arizona lost because of a one-man barrage named Shaquille O'Neal.

O'Neal, LSU's 7-foot-1 sophomore center, almost singlehandedly knocked Arizona out of the unbeaten ranks on Saturday with 29 points, 14 rebounds and six blocked shots in a 92-82 victory at Baton Rouge.

Coach Dale Brown imported Bill Walton and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to give pivot lessons to the 18-year-old sophomore, and he responded against the Wildcats, who lost for the first time after seven victories.

"I tried to dominate the game," O'Neal said. "I went out and played hard. I got into foul trouble as usual, but we played hard and we played as a team and we won."

Later Saturday, UNLV made a school-record 21 3-pointers in a 131-81 rout of cross-state rival Nevada (1-6).

In other games Saturday, it was No. 3 Arkansas 95, Missouri 82; fourth-ranked Syracuse 113, N.C. Charlotte 99; No. 5 Duke 75, Michigan 68; No. 6 Georgetown 53, Rice 47; No. 7 Indiana 91, San Diego 64; No. 8 UCLA 99, Notre Dame 91; No. 9 Ohio St. 112, Chicago State 54; No. 11 Pittsburgh 96, West Virginia 87; No. 13 Georgia 117, Mercer 50; No. 16 Oklahoma

141, Virginia Commonwealth 105; 17th-ranked St. John's 67, Brigham Young 62; No. 19 Michigan State 83, Detroit 61; No. 20 Georgia Tech 92, Fordham 72; No. 21 South Carolina 87, No. 24 Temple 63; No. 21 Virginia 70, Vanderbilt 56; No. 23 Texas 116, Texas-Pan American 70; and No. 25 Kentucky 88, Kansas 71.

On Sunday, No. 14 Connecticut defeated Maine 85-60.

No. 3 Arkansas 95, Missouri 82
The Razorbacks snapped Missouri's 34-game home winning streak as Todd Day scored 26 points, including a pair of 3-pointers that triggered a 15-2 run.

The Tigers rallied from a 10-point deficit to tie the score with a little more than 10 minutes to play before Arkansas (7-1) pulled away.

No. 4 Syracuse 113, N.C.-Charlotte 99

Billy Owens scored 20 points in the first half, and Dave Johnson matched that production in the second half as the Orangemen won the Carrier Classic for the ninth straight year.

Owens, the tournament MVP, finished with 24 points and 16 rebounds for Syracuse (7-0).

No. 5 Duke 75, Michigan 68

The Blue Devils (6-2) won their 61st straight home game against non-conference opponents.

Freshman Grant Hill scored 19 points for Duke,

which took advantage of 27 turnovers by Michigan (3-2).

No. 6 Georgetown 53, Rice 47

Playing without Alonzo Mourning, who was out with an ankle injury, Georgetown (5-0) struggled to beat Rice at Houston.

No. 7 Indiana 91, San Diego 64

The Hoosiers (7-1) used a 15-0 first-half spurt to take charge in the finals of the Indiana Classic.

No. 8 UCLA 99, Notre Dame 91

Don MacLean scored 30 points for the Bruins (6-0), while LaPhonso Ellis had 21 for the Fighting Irish.

No. 9 Ohio State 112, Chicago State 54

The Buckeyes (4-0) had five players in double figures, led by Perry Carter's 24 points.

No. 11 Pittsburgh 96, West Virginia 87

Sean Miller had 21 points for Pitt (5-1). Chris Brooks led West Virginia with 23 points and Tracy Shelton added 21.

No. 13 Georgia 117, Mercer 50

The Bulldogs (5-0) stayed unbeaten behind Litterial Green's 23 points against winless Mercer (0-6).

No. 14 Connecticut 85, Maine 60

Two baskets by Chris Smith, who scored 20 points, ignited a 24-12 second-half run that boosted the Huskies past Maine (2-4).

No. 16 Oklahoma 141, Va. Commonwealth 105

The Sooners won their 49th straight home game, using 24 points and 17 rebounds from Kermit Holmes.

No. 17 St. John's 67, Brigham Young 62

Malik Sealy scored 26 points as St. John's (6-0) defeated host Brigham Young in the final of the Cougar Classic.

No. 19 Michigan St. 83, Detroit 61

Steve Smith's 28 points halted Michigan State's two-game losing streak.

No. 20 Georgia Tech 92, Fordham 72

Kenny Anderson scored a career-high 32 points, 19 in the second half, to lead Georgia Tech.

No. 21 S. Carolina 87, No. 24 Temple 63

Jo Jo English tied a school record with seven straight 3-pointers, all in the first half.

No. 21 Virginia 70, Vanderbilt 56

The Cavaliers (5-2) scored 22 consecutive points in one stretch of the first half run against Vanderbilt, which missed 15 consecutive shots during the spurt.

No. 23 Texas 116, Texas-Pan American 70

Joey Wright and Benford Williams had 27 points apiece as Texas set a single-game scoring record for the 7-year-old Longhorn Classic.

No. 25 Kentucky 88, Kansas 71

Jamal Mashburn and Sean Woods keyed a 19-0 run in the second half that carried Kentucky to its fourth straight win.



(AP Laserphoto)

Betsy King leans into the wind, watching her tee shot at the fourth hole of Makai Golf Course in Sunday's final round of the Itoman LPGA Match Play Championships.

Betsy King gains winner's spot in LPGA Match Play

By STEVE ELLIOTT
Associated Press Writer

PRINCEVILLE, Hawaii (AP) — Just an average trip to Princeville for Betsy King. For the third tournament in a row, she leaves here with a winner's check in hand.

Like she did at the 1988 and 1989 Women's Kemper Opens, King mastered the Makai course Sunday and beat Deb Richard 2-up in the final of the \$450,000 LPGA World Match Play Championship.

"The hardest thing to overcome was Betsy's memories of this course," Richard said. "When a player has that many good memories on a course, she'll play fearlessly."

"Definitely when you play well at a site it helps you," said King, who won \$100,000 in the LPGA's first match play competition since 1979.

And the way King won brought back memories. Once again she clinched the victory by watching an opponent plunk her approach shot in the water hazard on the 18th hole.

Like Beth Daniel in 1988 and Nancy Lopez in 1989, Richard came up short trying to clear the imposing hazard fronting the final green, handing King the victory.

"Every single person I've played coming into 18 has knocked it in the water," King said.

King, the top seed, was 1-up going into the hole after breaking a deadlock with a 15-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole.

Richard, hitting first, had 163 yards to the front of the 18th green

and hit a 5-iron about 10 feet short, into the water. King made the green and was left with a 20-foot eagle putt.

Richard took a drop and placed her ball 25 feet from the pin, but conceded when she saw King's position.

Richard walked away with \$70,000. Caroline Keggi beat Cindy Rarick 3-up in a playoff to win the \$50,000 consolation prize.

Neither player made many mistakes, despite miserable weather on Kauai Island's north shore. The tournament, which began in calm, sunny conditions, ended in wind gusts of 30 mph and passing showers.

"I wanted the wind to blow, and I got what I wanted," said Richard, who said she'd have an advantage in the wind. "I played well, but it wasn't enough to beat Betsy today."

King went 3-up with three birdies in the first six holes, but Richard chipped away at that lead. King lost the seventh by missing a 5-foot par putt just left. She missed a 6-foot par putt on No. 13 to fall to 1-up.

"Those were my only two mistakes," said King, who missed only one green.

Richard tied the match by landing her approach shot 1 foot from the pin on No. 14, while King missed an 8-foot birdie putt.

The turning point came on No. 15, when King went 1-up by hitting a pitching wedge to 15 feet and holing her putt.

Twenty-four U.S. LPGA players and eight Japanese LPGA golfers were invited to the tournament.

Optimist Club schedules boys basketball signups this week

The Pampa Optimist Club will be having boys basketball signups this week at the Optimist Club building, 601 E. Craven.

The first signups will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Another signup will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. All players, even though they

may already be on a team, must sign up.

Players need to make at least two of the three tryouts.

The league is for players in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Registration fee is \$20. For more information, call 665-1135 or 665-4160.

Drug found on Texas player used to beat steroid detection

AUSTIN (AP) — A chemical found in the possession of a University of Texas football player in October is often used to mask the results of steroid tests, doctors and NCAA officials say.

The chemical, epitestosterone, made by the Sigma Chemical Company, is reportedly finding its way into locker rooms where some athletes use it to beat steroid detection tests.

Alan Luther, a reserve lineman for the Longhorns, was charged with possession of a controlled substance after police found a small vial labeled "epitestosterone" in his car, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported Sunday.

Charges against Luther were dropped after tests affirmed that the chemical was epitestosterone rather than testosterone, which is illegal.

Luther said he used epitestosterone to treat his inflamed shoulder.

Epitestosterone is not available by prescription and has no medical use, said Dr. William Taylor, a specialist in anabolic steroids. But the drug can be used by athletes to increase the level of the hormone testosterone, a practice banned in all sports.

"If an athlete has 24 hours notice, he can beat the drug test every time by using epitestosterone," Taylor, a spokesman for the College of American Sports Medicine, said.

Taylor said athletes can inject the chemical an hour prior to a drug test and still pass the test.

"Athletes are very savvy, and this is just another example of it," said Frank Uryasz, NCAA director of sports sciences. "We're always faced

with the problem that athletes know what to use and when to use it."

Luther said he was using the epitestosterone for pain and inflammation following shoulder surgery two years ago.

"I was told to rub it on my shoulder," Luther said. "That's what the doctor told me to do. It was given to me by a doctor in Houston."

Luther declined to name the doctor.

"We knew it was not a steroid, that it wasn't anything," said David Minton, Luther's attorney. "It was epitestosterone ... It was very clear what it was. He was taking it under the advice of a physician in Houston."

But several experts say the drug is useless in reducing shoulder pain and inflammation.

Don Leggett, a compliance officer with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Washington, said the chemical's only use is to camouflage steroid use.

"All I can say is epitestosterone has not been approved by the FDA as safe and effective for drug use in this country," Leggett said.

Taylor said he knows of no medical uses for epitestosterone.

Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds said he plans to investigate the matter, but he expressed concern that the NCAA has not contacted him.

"We can't know what this is unless they tell us about it," Dodds said. "If this is what they say it is, that they've known it's been around for at least two years, then for it not to be on the banned substance list is atrocious."

Boston Bruins overrun Buffalo Sabres 3-2

By JOHN F. BONFATTI
AP Sports Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The Boston Bruins got the goals. Buffalo Sabres coach Rick Dudley was left with the questions — and not many answers.

How could the Bruins, who played the night before in Montreal, have outskated the Sabres, who had the night off, in Boston's 3-2 victory on Sunday night?

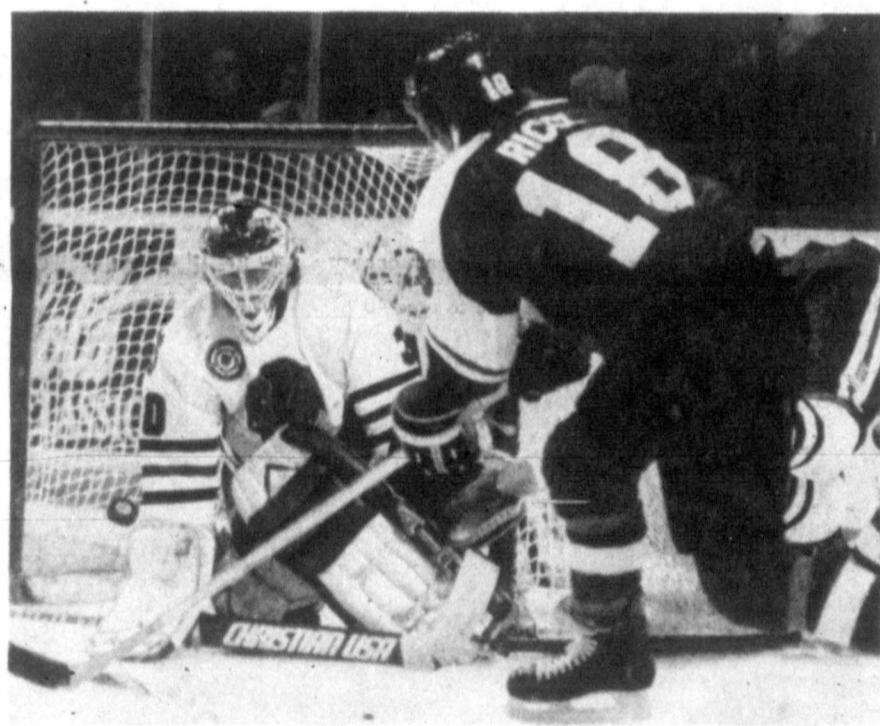
When will the Sabres get more goals from the people on the team who should be scoring them? And why did most of the Buffalo players wait until the team was trailing 3-0 in the third period to finally put some effort into the game?

"I don't know" was Dudley's answer to the last two questions. But he did have an explanation for the first one.

"Because they got beat 7-1" by the Canadiens Saturday, said Dudley. "We should have known what was going to happen. They're not going to want to have another loss after that humiliation in Montreal, and they came out and worked hard."

In other NHL games Sunday, it was Philadelphia 5, Chicago 4, and Calgary 3, Edmonton 2.

Hard work has been a hallmark of both Boston and Buffalo when they are playing at their best. But



(AP Laserphoto)

Philadelphia Flyers center Mike Ricci, right, watches as Chicago Blackhawks goalie Ed Belfour fails to stop the puck, giving Ricci a goal in the first period of their NHL game Sunday in Chicago.

this season, the effort has been spotty for both.

It certainly wasn't there for the Bruins in losing their last two games — both to Adams Division rival Montreal — by a combined score of 13-5. It certainly was there — in particular in the first period —

against Buffalo.

"We came out desperate in the first period," said Raymond Bourque. "We outplayed them pretty good in the first period."

Flyers 5, Blackhawks 4

In Chicago, the Flyers got a lift as Ron Hextall, playing for the first

time since Oct. 27, stopped 29 shots to help Philadelphia hold off the Blackhawks and end a three-game losing streak.

Hextall injured ligaments in his left knee against the New York Islanders six weeks ago. He had lost his first three decisions this season before the injury and the victory was his first since Feb. 22.

Hextall was at his best in the second period, making 17 saves as the Flyers were outshot 18-4.

Rick Tocchet had a goal and an assist for the Flyers: Dave Manson scored twice for Chicago, which was unable to overcome a 4-1 deficit.

Flames 3, Oilers 2

In Edmonton, Al MacInnis, the NHL's highest-scoring defenseman, scored two goals in the second period to help Calgary move into first place in the Smythe Division.

MacInnis gave the Flames a 2-1 lead early in the second period when he unleashed a slap shot that hit Edmonton goaltender Bill Ranford's pads and trickled into the net. He added an unassisted power-play goal on another slap shot at 13:17.

MacInnis extended his point-scoring streak to six games and brought his season totals to 13 goals and 31 assists for 44 points. Paul Ranheim also scored for the Flames. Charlie Huddy and Joe Murphy had goals for Edmonton, which had its four-game winning streak halted.

Cowboys hoping that old magic will lead to playoffs

IRVING (AP) — Maybe the Dallas Cowboys really are getting that old magic back.

On Sunday, the Cowboys had the day off, but still watched their chances to make the playoffs this season improve as Green Bay, Philadelphia, Minnesota and the Los Angeles Rams all lost.

Dallas (6-7) is trying to make the playoffs just one season after finishing 1-15.

The Cowboys, who play host to Phoenix (5-8) next week before hitting the road against Philadelphia (7-5) and Atlanta (3-10) to close the regular season, are hoping a 9-7 or 8-8 finish will be good enough to earn a wildcard spot.

Coach Jimmy Johnson said he planned to spend Sunday in front of his television, watching other NFC teams that are jockeying for playoff spots.

"I'll be plopped down in front of my TV, working the satellite," Johnson told the *Fort Worth Star-*

Telegram. "And I'm going to enjoy it."

The Washington Redskins (8-5) improved their chances for a playoff spot Sunday with a 10-9 win over the Chicago Bears (10-3).

Chip Lohmiller booted a 35-yard field goal with 2:14 remaining to help boost the Redskins, who moved two games ahead of the Cowboys with New England (1-12), Indianapolis (5-8) and Buffalo (11-2) left to play.

The Packers (6-7) and Vikings (6-7) both lost and New Orleans (6-7) beat the Los Angeles Rams to create a four-way tie with Dallas.

Derrick Fenner scampered for 112 yards and a touchdown and Seattle stopped Green Bay's final drive at the 8-yard line with a minute remaining to beat the Packers 20-14.

Minnesota ended its five-game winning streak in a 23-15 loss to the New York Giants. The Vikings led 15-10 after three quarters, but Otis

Anderson scored on a 2-yard run with 6:50 remaining and the Giants (11-2) woke up in the fourth quarter to capture their second straight NFC East title.

Former Cowboys' quarterback Steve Walsh threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Eric Martin as the New Orleans Saints beat the Los Angeles Rams 24-20. The loss virtually eliminates the Rams from playoff contention.

Green Bay still must play Philadelphia (7-6), Detroit (4-8) and Denver (3-10), while Minnesota will face Tampa Bay (5-8), the Los Angeles Raiders (8-4) and San Francisco (12-1). New Orleans still has Pittsburgh (7-6), San Francisco and the Rams (5-8) on its schedule.

Philadelphia's wildcard hopes dimmed a bit with Sunday night's 23-20 overtime loss to Miami. The Eagles still must play Green Bay, Dallas and Phoenix.

Baylor Bears show as most improved team in SWC basketball

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

The Southwest Conference is off to a 33-18 start against outside competition and Baylor wins the prize for the most improved team in the first month of play.

The Bears are 5-0 and the only unbeaten team in the league.

Here's how the nine teams shape up after a month a non-conference play:

Arkansas (7-1): Dominating as expected. The only loss was to Arizona in the finals of the NIT Big Apple. The Wildcats hurt the Hogs inside in that game and any team with two tough inside players and good guard play has a chance to beat Arkansas, which looks even better

than its Final Four team last year. Broke Missouri's 34-game home winning streak on Saturday.

Baylor (5-0): Coach Gene Iba's crew is playing tough defense. Got a school record 21 steals in recent victory over Iowa State of the Big Eight Conference. Joey Fatta has improved at center and guard David Wesley has been hot. Scored 32 against the Cyclones.

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Houston (5-1): Only loss was to South Carolina in finals of Diet Pepsi Tournament. The overtime loss to the Gamecocks was aided by poor free throw shooting.

Alvaro Teheran has improved tremendously at center but the ques-

tion remains if the Cougars will miss Craig Upchurch who had to have back surgery just before the season started.

TCU (5-1): The bulked up body of center Reggie Smith has made the Horned Frogs an imposing threat. TCU beat Arkansas last year and the Frogs will be a threat to the defending champions again this season.

Rice (3-2): The Owls only lost by six points to mighty Georgetown. Center Brent Scott held his own against the Hoyas with 14 points and 16 rebounds. The Owls could be tough in January.

Texas (3-2): The Longhorns lost early games to Oklahoma and Louisiana State but coach Tom Pender's team should be salty again in

March with the development of Dexter Cambridge. Texas closed fast to get into the Final Eight last year.

Texas Tech (3-3): Texas Tech coach Gerald Myers is turning the Red Raiders around and if he gets Will Flemons back from injury the Red Raiders will be pesky again.

Texas A&M (2-3): New coach Kermit Davis has his problems with injuries, academic flunk outs, and losing Freddie Ricks in an on-campus incident.

SMU (0-5): SMU coach John Shumate has a young team that may not win more than five games. Newcomer Mike Wilson is a great shooter but doesn't have much scoring help.

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New evidence found that gene plays role in gender selection

NEW YORK (AP)—Scientists say they have found new evidence that a recently discovered gene plays a key role in determining a person's sex.

The idea is that fetuses inheriting the gene develop as males, while those without the gene become females.

Scientists studied rare cases of people who inherited the gene but became females anyway. In two cases, the gene was found to have been altered, which apparently made it defective.

This association of a defective gene with an abnormal result in gender designation gives new evidence that the gene helps determine a person's sex, the researchers said.

Two independent teams of European researchers report their results in the Nov. 29 issue of the British journal *Nature*. Discovery of the gene, called Sry, was announced in July along with some evidence for a sex-determining role.

Sry lies within the bundle of genes called the Y chromosome, which is usually inherited only by males.

The new studies "provide fairly strong support for the role of Sry in sex determination," Dr. David Page of the Whitehead Institute of Cambridge, Mass., said.

The European scientists said they failed to find any Sry mutation in most women they tested who carried the gene. In those cases, a mutation may lie in a part of the gene that was not examined, or there may be a defect in some other gene that helps determine gender, they suggested.

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Record store owner on trial in 2 Live Crew obscenity case

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A record store owner facing trial today on an obscenity charge for selling a 2 Live Crew rap album says he believes a jury will side with him.

"The whole community, minus all the elected officials, have been very supportive of me," said Dave Risher, owner of Hogwild Records and Tapes.

"Strangers have been stopping me in the grocery store wishing me good luck."

Risher has pleaded innocent to promotion of obscene material for selling the album *As Nasty as They Wanna Be*.

Risher was charged in June after San Antonio police vice officers visited local record stores and told owners and managers the album had been declared obscene by a federal judge in Florida.

Officers asked store operators to sign statements saying they had been given the warning. Risher refused to sign.

Days after the police warning, Patrick Weaver, son of the president of Citizens Against Pornography, bought the 2 Live Crew album at Risher's store and filed a complaint with police.

The Bexar County prosecutor handling the case did not return a telephone call late last week from The Associated Press.

If convicted of the Class A misdemeanor, Risher could face up to a year in jail, a \$1,000 fine or both.

Risher said he is pressing the case to make the point that consumers should be able to buy the type of music they like.

"I guess I got a lot of publicity because I was trying to point out the absurdity of it," Risher said. "It's not up to the police department to determine what's sold in record and tape stores, and, by extension, book stores ... Music that's offensive to some people has been around a long time."

Risher contends most people upset about the album are reading its printed lyrics rather than listening to the words, when they are less decipherable and accompanied by music.

Risher himself said he doesn't care for the rap group's music. He cited a *New York Times* critic who described the music as "lewd and sexist."

Said Risher: "That probably seems to be accurate."

ALPHONSE, THE MISGUIDED MOOSE

By Heidi Stetson



Scientist raising blue lobsters in hatchery

By WILLIAM C. HIDLAY
Associated Press Writer

WALPOLE, Maine (AP) — Every year, a few lobstermen find a freak when they haul in their traps — a lobster with a shell as blue as the Maine sky.

And they'll often call Sam Chapman, the godfather of blue lobsters in Maine. He has about 400, ranging in hue from powder blue to electric cobalt blue to "a blue so dark it's almost black."

Most lobsters plucked from the Atlantic's icy waters are a mottled mixture of green, red and brown. They turn bright red when they're cooked.

Blue lobsters are genetic mutations in which the crustacean's blue gene is dominant. About one in every 3 million or 4 million lobsters caught along the Maine coast is blue, Chapman said.

"Lobsters have genes for the production of red, yellow and blue," said Chapman, an aquaculture specialist at the University of Maine's Darling Marine Center. "If the gene for red and the gene for yellow aren't functioning, you get a blue lobster."

The disorder also produces lobsters with yellow shells, red shells and even yellow with black spots, known as calico lobsters.

Chapman has been raising blue lobsters since 1982 in a study to determine if Maine's fishing grounds can be restocked with lobsters raised in hatcheries.

Hatcheries have operated in Maine off and on for decades. But Chapman said no one has ever proved that restocking coastal waters increases the number of lobsters in the ocean.

Part of the problem is that hatchery-raised lobsters are released when they're the size of a thumbnail and hard to tag for later identification.

So with the blue lobster, Chapman said, "what you have is essentially a colored tag."

"You can do all of the plot sampling and research that you want, but the proof of the pudding in this whole program is how many blue lobsters show up in traps" over the next five years, he said.

It took from 1982 — when he collected Amanda and Vinnie, the first two blues he bred — until the summer of 1988 to raise enough blue lobsters to get started.

In June and July 1988, Chapman and another University of Maine researcher released 5,600 blue lobsters off Boothbay Harbor. In 1989, they sampled the area

and found two blues. But sampling this past summer turned up none.

Chapman released 1,100 blue lobsters in Pemaquid Harbor this past summer and 1,500 in Cutler Harbor.

He thinks the latest restocking will be easier to monitor because Pemaquid and Cutler are sheltered harbors. "My feeling is somewhere between the two and four years after you let them go, they'll start showing up in traps," Chapman said.

He also has kept about 375 blue lobsters for behavior testing. They're living in rows of cages in his laboratory, each 2 years old, 3 to 4 inches long and bright blue.

In addition, Chapman has older, larger blues that have been donated over the years by lobstermen. He fetched two for a photographer — a 1 3/8 pounder that is 8 years old and a 2 1/2 pounder that is about 10 years old.

"An obvious question is, do blue lobsters survive at the same rate as regular lobsters do? What we need to know is, do they behave the same when they're introduced to the ocean bottom?" he said.

To answer those questions, he has begun studies to see how blue lobsters behave when introduced to different environments with and without the presence of predators.

David Dow, a former lobsterman and executive director of the Maine Lobster Institute at the University of Maine, thinks Chapman's work could be important for the future of the industry.

"We don't know how long our production is going to last," he said. "Ten years down the road, we might not have as large a supply. Or 10 years down the road, if we do our homework and expand our markets, we might want to increase our supply."

Anthony D'Agostino, director of the Montauk Marine Science Institute on Long Island, said Chapman's project seemed "worthwhile."

"I just wonder if he has enough funding to do it properly," said D'Agostino, who has been studying lobsters since 1975.

Chapman's funding is slight — he started with \$7,000 from the Lobster Advisory Council and keeps going with a yearly stipend of about \$600 from the Maine Lobstermen's Association.

For all Chapman's work, however, he can't answer the key question on every lobster-lover's mind — do blues taste the same?

"Everyone asks that question," Chapman said. "The problem is we've never had enough to be able to eat any. So I don't know. I've never eaten a blue lobster."

Pollution, industry blamed for sharp climb in cancers

By PAUL RAEBURN
AP Science Editor

NEW YORK (AP) — Cancer death rates in industrialized nations are rising faster than aging and smoking might account for, heightening suspicion that pollution and other environmental dangers are at fault, scientists say.

Cancer causes about 2.3 million of the 11 million deaths annually in industrialized nations, according to one of an international set of reports collected and published by the New York Academy of Sciences.

When lung cancer — most often caused by smoking — is excluded, the cancer death rate among men in industrialized nations has risen 9 percent since 1950, the report said. Cancer death rates for women have risen in some countries and fallen in others, it said.

"Cancer is increasing in industrial countries above and beyond that due to cigarette smoking or aging alone," said Devra Lee Davis, an editor of a collection of studies and a researcher at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington.

"The combination of air pollution and industrial activity is obviously a very important factor."

Brain cancer is among the most rapidly increasing, Davis said, especially among people over 65. In some cases, the rate in the industrial world has increased more than sixfold in those over age 75, she said. Such cancer has also increased

among young people, although at a lower rate, she said.

Research shows that in the United States, the rate of lung cancer deaths among nonsmoking women is now higher than the total lung cancer death rate in women 30 years ago, she said. That could reflect exposure to second-hand cigarette smoke as well as to radon, asbestos and air pollution, Davis said.

According to National Cancer Institute figures, the lung cancer death rate among all American women in 1955 was 5.1 deaths per 100,000 women. Davis and her collaborators calculated that the death rate in women nonsmokers by 1985 was 6.1 per 100,000.

Sharp increases are also occurring in a blood cancer called multiple myeloma and the dangerous skin cancer called melanoma, Davis said. The rates are climbing in many industrial nations, including the United States.

In Italy, Cesare Maltoni and colleagues at the Bologna Institute of Oncology found that cancer causes nearly 40 percent of all deaths in the Bologna area, and the rate continues to climb. That's double the rate for the rest of the country. Bologna is in the most industrialized part of Italy.

"The changes are so great over such a short time in so many countries in men and women that we need to look carefully for their causes," Davis said. "These could be very important as clues for prevention."

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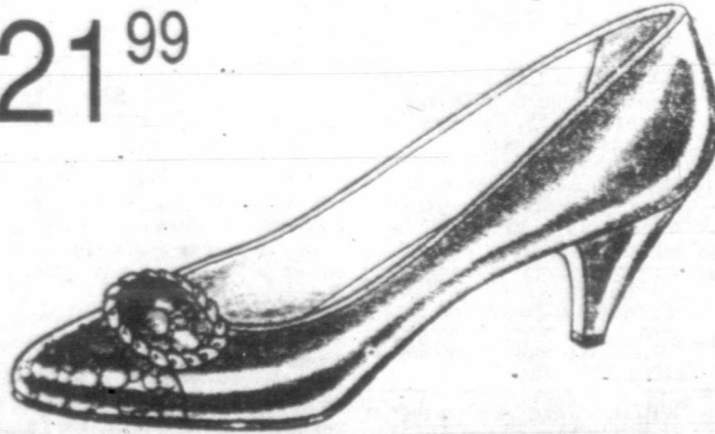
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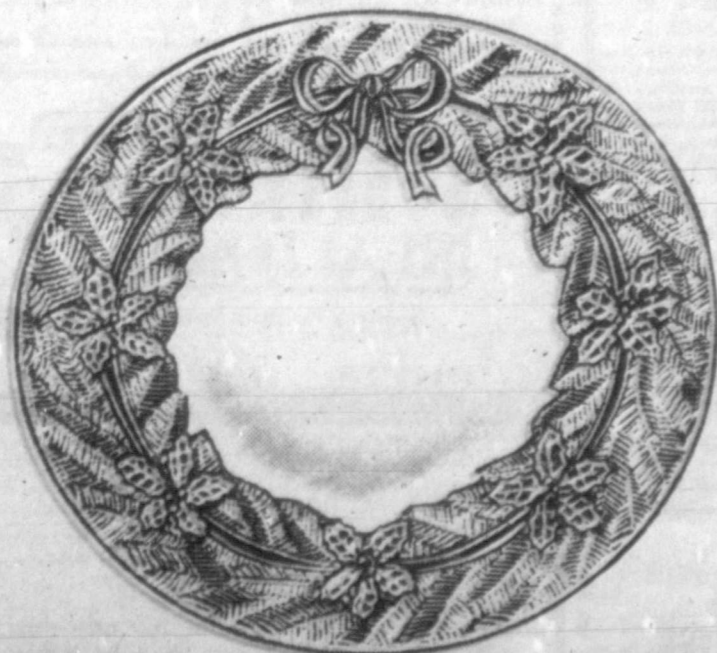
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