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U.S. ambassador, other hostages leave for Washington

By MAUD S. BEELMAN
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The U.S. ambassador to Kuwait flew back to the United States today with about 50 American and other foreign hostages he led out of the deepening Persian Gulf crisis.

The U.S. military C-5 transport plane headed for Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington with 33 Americans and non-U.S. citizen family members, as well as 15 people going to Canada, according to U.S. consulate spokesman Craig Springer.

All had come from Iraq or occupied Kuwait on Thursday.

Ambassador Nathaniel Howell, who spent three months defying Iraqi orders to vacate the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait after Baghdad invaded the emirate in August, refused to talk to reporters as he left his

hotel this morning.

Former hostages who would talk to reporters were very bitter about their experiences and accused Iraq of a host of atrocities.

Howell and a planeload of Americans and other hostages flew in to Frankfurt from Baghdad late Thursday night on a U.S.-chartered Iraqi jet.

"We're very happy to be here," Howell said after arriving. "We're delighted that Americans who wanted to leave did."

U.S. consulate officials said 94 people were aboard the Iraqi airliner. Craig Springer, a spokesman for the U.S. consulate in Frankfurt, said of those 31 were Americans, including Howell and his bare-bones embassy staff.

Springer said the Americans who were not aboard the C-5 today have chosen to return home independently.

The group, on what was to be the last U.S. chartered plane carrying foreigners from Iraq and Kuwait, also included Britons, Canadians, Japanese, Italians, Norwegians, Irish and other nationalities.

"This morning I closed the embassy," Howell told a horde of waiting reporters after arriving Thursday night. But he then caught himself, saying, "I did not close the embassy, but I vacated it. The flag flies."

He would not comment on whether there were any Kuwaiti nationals left to watch the embassy compound.

Howell declined to speak at length, explaining that "we haven't had electricity and water, hot water, at night for 110 days. So, we're going to take advantage of that."

Iraq's government of President Saddam Hussein ordered all foreign missions in Kuwait to close Aug. 24, and those that defied the order had services cut off by authorities who took over the emirate after

the Aug. 2 invasion.

Howell, who picked up his luggage along with the others, acknowledged he had lost "a little" weight on the siege diet, which featured a stock of canned tuna. But he added, "I feel great, I'm in good health."

One American, who said his mother was from Indiana and his father from Kuwait, said several people who had been imprisoned after the invasion later told tales of torture.

He said he knew of one 15-year-old boy who was arrested by Iraqi authorities after protesting the shooting death of his younger brother. The younger boy had been caught spray-painting anti-Saddam Hussein graffiti and shot on the spot, he said.

The young American, who went to Kuwait last summer to marry a Kuwaiti woman, said he planned to return to Indiana and continue his studies at Purdue University.

Grand jury hands up 11 indictments

Gray County grand jurors handed up 11 indictments, including one for attempted murder, after hearing evidence presented by the District Attorney's office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday in 223rd District Court.

Donald Eugene Graham, 33, also known as "Cowboy," was indicted on a charge of attempted murder stemming from a stabbing incident on July 21.

On that day, Robert James Potter, 38, was treated at Coronado Hospital emergency room for multiple stab wounds, including a slashed throat and punctured lung. Potter was hospitalized for eight days, according to District Attorney Harold Comer.

The stabbing reportedly occurred near the residence at 307 E. Browning at approximately 1 a.m. A warrant was issued naming Graham, whose last known address was 911 Twiford, as a suspect in the attack shortly after the incident.

He was arrested by Nebraska authorities some time later. He waived extradition and was returned to Pampa by the Gray County Sheriff's Department. At the time the grand jury met, Graham was out on a \$7,500 bond for aggravated assault.

District Judge Don Cain set bond on the attempted murder charge at \$12,000.

An indictment alleging aggravated assault named Marvin Ray "Shorty" King, 33, also of 911 Twiford. The indictment came as the result of an unrelated stabbing incident involving Ruben Garza in May. Garza was stabbed a number of times with a broken beer bottle, Comer said. Judge Cain set bond on the aggravated assault charge at \$7,500.

Other indictments included the following:

- Floyd Wayne Huddleston, 33, 702 Frost, driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense. Bond was set at \$3,000.

- Ignacio Vargas III, 17, 631 S. Ballard, burglary of a motor vehicle. Bond, \$5,000.

- Abel Rodriguez, 18, 1111 1/2 S. Hobart, burglary of a coin-operated machine. Bond, \$2,500.

- Michael Moreno, 17, 1016 Huff Rd., burglary of a coin-operated machine. Bond, \$2,500.

- Michael Moreno, 17, 1016 Huff Rd., burglary of a motor vehicle on July 16, 1990. Bond, \$5,000.

- Michael Moreno, 17, 1016 Huff Rd., burglary of a motor vehicle on July 31, 1990. Bond, \$5,000.

- Dallas Prescott, 23, Lefors, failure to stop and render aid. Bond, \$3,000.

- Matthew Gilbert Maul, 19, Rt. 1, Box 89, burglary of a building.

- Tendra Rachelle "Tonya" Jackson, 21, 1049 Varmon Dr., criminal mischief. Bond, \$1,500.

This grand jury will meet again on the first Monday in January, Comer said.

Former hostages praise Bush's gulf policies

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven former Persian Gulf hostages got a festive White House welcome even as images of the destruction they had left behind lingered in their minds.

The newly freed captives met with President Bush on an hour Thursday, and five tagged along as he lit the national Christmas tree in a nearby park. They provided a united vote of confidence for Bush's efforts to free Kuwait from Iraq.

"To a man, we were in agreement with the care and the diligence which is being taken by the president," said Ralph Montgomery, who spent four months hiding in Kuwait.

The hostages urged Bush to see that the international coalition against Iraq stands firm, said Mont-

gomery. The 57-year-old architect from Indian Rocks Beach, Fla., hid with his son-in-law, who was a teacher at the American school in Kuwait.

Montgomery praised his son's Palestinian neighbors for protecting them throughout the ordeal. Gunfire and explosions could frequently be heard nearby, he said.

The hostages included a Texas-born civil engineer who hid within the U.S. Embassy compound in Kuwait, four who had been used as "human shields" at sensitive Iraqi installations and two who had been in hiding in Kuwait.

Antonio Mireles, a native of Laredo and University of Texas-El Paso graduate, hid in the U.S. embassy in Kuwait. Before the Iraqi invasion Aug. 2, he worked as a civil engineer for the Kuwaiti Ministry of Public Works.

Mireles, 48, said the hostages

told Bush the Kuwaitis are a peace-loving people and "what has happened here cannot be left unattended. ... It was atrocious what occurred here."

"Even if I do not go back, I would like them to get their country back," he said.

Ernest Alexander, who was in hiding in Kuwait, said Bush's policies and his efforts on behalf of the hostages were "one of the things that heartened us" while the captives awaited freedom.

Alexander, a 38-year-old lawyer who had lived in Kuwait for several years, said that two weeks ago he never would have expected to back in the United States before Christmas. He suggested it bodes well for further progress on the gulf crisis.

"Maybe he'll blink," Alexander said, referring to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

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Christmas singers



(Staff photos by Jean Streetman-Ward)

The Austin Elementary School's Fifth Grade Choir entertained customers and workers Thursday morning in the lobby of First National Bank. Above, Amanda Bogges sings a solo during the program. At right, Jordan Fruge, dressed as Frosty the Snowman, participates in one of the special Christmas season songs. The choir was directed by Susie Wilson, assistant choir director at Pampa High School, with JoAnn Shackelford producing the show. Other choirs will be performing in the bank lobby during the holiday season.



Businesses asked to mark handicapped parking

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa's Municipal Court judge is seeking assistance from business owners in legally marking handicapped parking spaces around the city.

Judge Pat Lee said several businesses in the city do not have their handicap parking marked to meet state requirements, which means she cannot prosecute violators who park in those spaces.

"The police are writing tickets for it," Lee said, "but when the person brings in a picture of the space and I see that it's not legally marked, I have no choice but to dismiss it."

Lee explained, "I'm having a problem enforcing the law because sometimes the sign is not in the very middle of the parking area. Maybe there is one sign in the center of four parking spaces. Some of the

parking spaces are not legally wide enough. I would like for the merchants to make sure their signs are wide enough and their spaces are correct."

Two examples of correct handicapped parking spaces include those at Coronado Hospital and Hidden Hills Golf Course, Lee said.

"It is not required that the pavement be painted or that there be a handicap symbol on the pavement," she said. "There must be a sign of the correct height and the space must be the correct width."

Lee gave the following guidelines for marking a legally enforceable handicapped space: It must be 13 feet wide or eight foot wide with a five foot clear aisle beside it. A vertical sign must be in front of the space in the center, high enough to not be obscured by the vehicle parking in the space.

She said the sign must include the international symbol of access

and have plain language stating the space is reserved for handicap parking. The sign must also be in contrasting colors.

"There is no law that says a business must have handicap parking as far as I know," the judge stated. "But if they are going to have it as more than just a courtesy and they want it enforced, it must meet the legal requirements."

Lee suggested that businesses wanting to enforce handicap parking contact the police department in advance and give officers permission to write citations on their private property.

She also pointed out that those wishing to have handicapped parking privileges must pick up an application at the county motor vehicle office in the court house, have it signed by their doctor and return it for processing to Margie Gray, county tax assessor and collector.



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Rural/Metro-AMT Paramedic Service EMTs Robert McDonald, left, and Les Leach, right, transport injured Marvin Breuer to the ambulance while Pampa Police officer Morris Burroughs watches. At back, Margaret Griffith stands in the doorway of her residence.

Pampa man injured in hit-and-run accident

A Pampa man was injured Thursday afternoon in a hit-and-run accident, with a suspect arrested later that day by Pampa police officers.

According to Pampa Police Department reports, Martin Breuer, 54, of 604 S. Reid, was struck by a white pickup in the 800 block of Gordon Avenue at approximately 12:40 p.m. Thursday. The driver of the pickup then reportedly left the scene.

Police later arrested Jesse Charles Foust, 51, of 736 E. Craven at his residence about an hour later on warrants for charges of failure to stop and render aid and driving while intoxicated, according to police reports.

After being struck, Breuer, left lying on the dirt road, crawled to the doorway of the residence at 801 Gordon, home of Margaret Griffith.

Pampa police officers Allen Smith and Morris Burroughs investigated the hit-and-run incident.

Rural/Metro-AMT Paramedic Service ambulance personnel were called to the scene and transported Breuer to the emergency room at Coronado Hospital for treatment and observation.

Foust remained in jail this morning.

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Services tomorrow

CARY, Eula Lee - 10 a.m., First United Methodist Church.
RUSSEY, Mrs. A.R. - 2 p.m., St. Mark's CME Church.
FOX, Joe H. - 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.
MORRISON, Lois Mae - 10 a.m., Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, Okla.
COOPER, Eva R. - 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Perryton.

Obituaries

EULA LEE CARY

Eula Lee Cary (Mrs. Fred A. Cary), 91, member of a pioneer Gray County family and a Pampa resident since 1927, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 1990, at Coronado Hospital following an illness of several weeks.

Services for Mrs. Cary are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Metzger, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, and the Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Mrs. Cary was born Eula Lee Richardson on March 2, 1899, at Dunn, Texas, which was named for her maternal grandfather A.T. Dunn. On Jan. 9, 1927, she married long-time Pampa attorney Frederick Allison (Fred) Cary at Snyder. Mr. Cary was Pampa city attorney at the time Pampa's charter was written. He died in 1975. The Carys had no children.

A 1917 graduate of Dunn High School, she was a 50-year member of the Pampa Chapter #65 of the Order of the Eastern Star, a long-time member of the Pampa Garden Club, the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club and the Varietas Study Club, where she served as president 1968-1969. She had been a member of the First United Methodist Church for 63 years and was an active member of the Friendship Sunday School Class and a member of the Women's Society of Christian Service from its founding.

Survivors include a sister, Lela Williams of Pampa; a brother, Ollie T. Richardson of Snyder; 53 nephews, including Tracy Cary of Pampa, and 55 nieces.

JOE H. FOX

Joe H. Fox, 69, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 1990, at Pampa. Services are to be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Crowell Cemetery in Crowell with the Rev. Ronnie Fox, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Vernon, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Born Dec. 7, 1921, at Crowell, Mr. Fox had been a resident of Pampa since 1950. He married Mattie L. Taylor at Crowell on Sept. 17, 1940. He retired from the City of Pampa in 1973 after 34 years of service. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II. He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Joe Dale Fox of Amarillo and Don Roy Fox of Denver, Colo.; two brothers, George Fox and Jim Fox, both of Vemon; one sister, Edith Fox of Crowell; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

LOIS MAE MORRISON

ADA, Okla. - Lois Mae Morrison, formerly of Pampa, Texas, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 1990, at a local hospital. Services are to be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Criswell Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Rusty Fuller officiating. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery by Criswell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morrison attended East Central University in Ada, receiving a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Evansville in Evansville, Ind. She received her master's degree from West Texas College in Canyon, Texas. She taught school in Pampa for 31 years and managed a motel in Dalhart, Texas, for 1 1/2 years. She moved to Ada in 1988 from Dalhart. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Ada, where she was a member of the Glad Girls Sunday School Class.

Survivors include three sisters, Hazel Martin and Gladys Coffey, both of Ada, and Gwen Wall of Plano; and several nieces and nephews.

GRACE W. BUSSARD

CANADIAN - Grace W. Bussard, 78, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1990. Graveside services were to be at 4 p.m. today in Glazier Cemetery with the Rev. Jack Lee, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Stickley-Hill Funeral Home.

Miss Bussard was born in Lipscomb and attended school in Lipscomb and Higgins. She attended Draughon's Business School in Amarillo. She farmed and ranched in the Glazier community. She served as postmistress at the U.S. Post Office in Glazier until her retirement in 1977. She lived in Amarillo for the past 13 years.

Survivors include two brothers, L.H. Bussard of Canadian and B.F. Bussard of Amarillo; four sisters, Gladys Detrixhe and Frances Sherrod, both of Amarillo; Mildred Mabery of Pampa and Eddie Kaatz of Reddick, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

EVA R. COOPER

PERRYTON - Eva R. Cooper, 99, a former Pampa resident, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 1990. Services are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Edward Allsup, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cooper, born in Bell County, moved to Lubbock in 1909. She moved to Pampa in 1916 and to Ochiltree County in 1926. She married George M. Cooper in 1914 at Lubbock. He died in 1975. She was a housewife and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Winifred Bozeman of Perryton; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions
 Vivian Blackwell, McLean,
 Cara Diane Gage, Stinnett,
 Julian Knipp, Canadian,
 Betty Ann Tomlinson, Skellytown,
 Mary VanZandt, Clarendon,
 Cecil Williams (extended care), Pampa

Birth
 To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Terry of Pampa, a boy.

Dismissals
 Daniel Arnold, Pampa
 Marjorie Fish, McLean

Frison Hendrix, Pampa
 Lisa Johnston, Pampa
 Dorothy Peters, Pampa
 Alpha Omega Sullivan, Pampa
 Eugenia Varnon, Pampa
 James Waldrop, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions
 Thomas Nichols, Shamrock
 Susan Floyd, Texola, Okla.

Dismissals
 Bernice Lasater, Erick, Okla.
 Minnie Porter, Shamrock

Stocks

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

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Lawyer: Informants intimidated at Lubbock State School

LUBBOCK (AP) — The attorney for a profoundly retarded woman who was allegedly raped and impregnated while under state care says threats may keep former state employees from revealing critical information about the case.

David Ferleger, a Philadelphia attorney who represents Lubbock State School resident Debra Lynn Thomas, told the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* he will ask U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders to order that "no person be retaliated against for giving us information on Debra's pregnancy."

Cathy Sescil Robinson, a former dormitory worker at the state school who had told Ferleger that sexual activity was commonplace at the institution, received a threatening phone call on Sunday, according to a Lubbock police report.

According to the report, an unknown male called saying "You're gonna be in trouble for what you said in the paper. You're gonna get it."

Sanders, whose court is supervising Ms. Thomas' case, earlier had denied an anti-retaliation motion, saying it overlapped other state regulations.

"All employees have a right to call me to talk," said Ferleger. "He denied that motion because he felt there was no reason to worry that

people would be intimidated. But somebody has been intimidated."

In other legal business, Thomas will likely not be allowed to live with her sister until DNA tests determine who fathered the baby, attorneys said.

Thomas' sister and legal guardian, Dori Wooten, wants her sister to reside permanently in the Wooten home.

But Assistant Attorney General Dona Hamilton told the *Avalanche-Journal* that until DNA tests conclusively identify the child's father, Thomas will likely not be allowed to move in with her sister.

Ms. Hamilton, who represents the state mental health department, said Thomas can not move in with the Wootens because Mrs. Wooten's husband, Jimmy, is one of 11 suspects.

Wooten and the other 10 men, who are Lubbock State School employees, have submitted blood samples to the state.

When the child is born, DNA tests will determine whether any of the 11 suspects fathered the child.

Thomas, who is bound to a wheelchair, will remain in University Medical Center in Lubbock until she delivers the baby, which is due next month.

The child, who risks birth defects because of the anti-seizure medicines prescribed to Thomas;

is expected to be turned over to Wooten's custody, according to Lynn Collins, an attorney for the Department of Human Services.

Ferleger, who represents hundreds of other plaintiffs in a class-action suit against the state, said he "doesn't expect any fight in court" over custody of the child.

"We are hoping that the state will agree to work out a way for the baby to come home with Debra to Dori's house," he said.

More accusations of wrongdoing were made against the school during a taping of the Phil Donahue show Tuesday. The show was scheduled to be aired Friday.

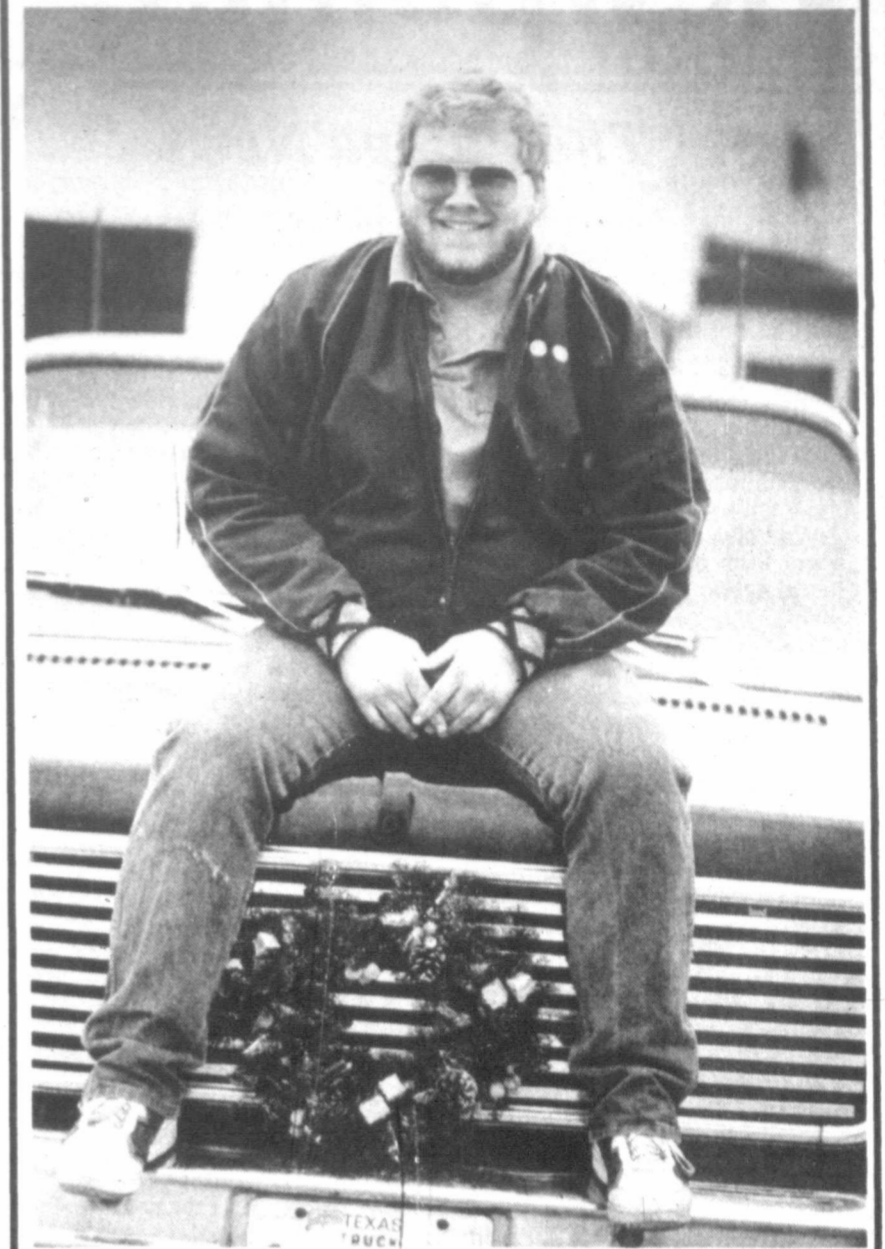
A former Lubbock State School employee, who was disguised and went by the name "Diane," said in some instances employees put hot peppers in the mouths of patients they did not like.

She also claimed a patient was allowed to lie on a day room floor for days before receiving medical attention.

Jaylon Fincannon, deputy commissioner for Texas' mental retardation services, said Thursday he had not seen the Donahue segment but was skeptical of some of the charges.

"It's just inconceivable that a person would lie on the floor ... for days and nothing would be done about it," he said.

Merry pickup



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Scott Harris gets into the holiday spirit by decking the front of his pickup truck with a Christmas wreath. Generally he drives around in his pickup sporting the wreath, but here he poses on the hood, talked into doing so by the photographer.

Mosbacher says he's stepping down as state welfare chairman

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — An aide to Gov.-elect Ann Richards says it's too soon to say who she may appoint to replace state welfare board chairman Rob Mosbacher.

Mosbacher, a Republican appointed by Gov. Bill Clements, said Thursday that he will resign from the Department of Human Services board after Richards is sworn in.

Mosbacher was the GOP nominee for lieutenant governor this year, losing the general election to Democrat Bob Bullock.

Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for the governor-elect, said Richards "appreciates the gesture on his part. It gives her the opportunity to have some real input in the direction of that agency."

But McDonald said Richards hasn't begun screening candidates for vacancies on the six-member panel.

Mosbacher said he was resigning two years early because he wants the welfare agency to be able

to ask the 1991 Legislature for additional funds "free of any hint of partisanship."

The Department of Human Services has been struggling with a budget deficit for more than a year. Officials blame the shortage on increased caseloads and changes in federal laws.

Agency analysts have forecast a \$380 million deficit for the fiscal year ending on Aug. 31, 1991. The department also is seeking an additional \$2 billion for the 1992-93 budget years.

During a special session earlier this year, the Legislature devoted part of a \$620 million tax increase to help offset the department's spending deficit. Most of the additional tax money went to public schools.

Mosbacher said he will resign at the board's Jan. 16 meeting. Richards will be sworn in Jan. 15. His term

wasn't due to end until 1993.

Two other board members' terms were scheduled to expire on Jan. 20, 1991, according to state records. The board elects the chairman.

Mosbacher's bid for lieutenant governor was his second try at winning statewide office. He also lost the 1984 GOP U.S. Senate nomination to Phil Gramm.

Mosbacher said he had met with Richards and Bullock before announcing his resignation.

"I expressed the board's complete confidence in (DHS) Commissioner Ron Lindsey and the progress he has made in establishing a greater sense of accountability and making the department more 'user-friendly,'" Mosbacher said.

"I also urged Ms. Richards and Mr. Bullock to pursue aggressively all appropriate federal funding opportunities as a means of more effectively leveraging state and local

tax dollars," he said.

Mosbacher defended his record as welfare board chairman. During the election campaign, Bullock hammered him over the department's deficit and the extra taxes needed to cover it.

Mosbacher said Texas is not alone in coping with additional welfare costs created by changes in federal laws on eligibility and other welfare matters.

"The changes in programs were driven largely by the federal government and have created funding commitments that are tough to absorb under the best of circumstances," he said.

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Opinion

U.S. should not abandon Baltics

The democratically elected parliaments of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia assembled in Vilnius, Lithuania, earlier this month for an extraordinary joint session. The reason: They fear Soviet President Gorbachev might be ready to deploy troops or impose martial law on the three Baltic countries. The irony is that the U.S. government may have implicitly approved such a Soviet action at the recent European summit.

The three Baltic countries were forcibly incorporated into the Soviet empire after the infamous Hitler-Stalin pact 50 years ago. The United States, along with most countries, has always refused to recognize the annexation. A year ago even the Soviet Congress of Peoples Deputies formally recognized the illegality of the Nazi-Soviet pact.

This spring, democratically elected parliaments in all three countries formally declared independence from the Soviet Union. But all three countries are still occupied by Soviet forces and are relying on peaceful negotiation to achieve independence, despite an economic blockade and various threats from the central government.

Gorbachev, facing unrest in other parts of the Soviet empire, has been given extraordinary powers by the Soviet legislature; many expect his troubled regime to use military force to put down rebellion and employ food aid from the West (primarily Germany) to reward loyalists. As recently as Nov. 22, Gorbachev was asked whether the Baltic states should sign a new Union Treaty which would make independence virtually impossible. "They should and they shall agree," said this year's Nobel Peace Prize winner.

The attitude of the Bush administration through all this has been troubling. At the European summit in Paris, the U.S. delegation made no reference to the Baltic countries' right to independence—for the first time in the history of such meetings. No member of the U.S. delegation attended functions sponsored by the Baltic states. Some European leaders did mention including the Baltic countries in the new Europe. The U.S. attitude was unusual and noticeable.

Did this attitude tacitly give Gorbachev permission to use force to bring the Baltic countries to heel? U.S. officials are (anonymously, of course) quoted by the *New York Times* as desperately hoping Gorbachev stays in power. "We have considerable stakes in the foreign policies of Gorbachev," said a "senior official." U.S. officials have predicted that Gorbachev "will have to resort to coercive force to hold things together." Is that tantamount to sanctioning it?

This fixation with Gorbachev is curious. It is not obvious that the best interests of the United States—let alone freedom in the world—are served by helping Gorbachev to retain control rather than letting the Soviet Union break up into less unified, more independent entities. Bugging out on the Baltic countries and other regions in the Soviet Union that clearly desire more independence means abandoning a policy Democrats and Republicans have supported for 50 years. It puts the United States squarely on the side of the authoritarian past.

The U.S. government could recognize the independence of the Baltic countries and express concern about the possible use of force by central Soviet authorities. Western countries should take steps to make sure food aid actually gets to people who need it rather than being used as a political tool to prop up the old regime.

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"HOI HOI HOI IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?"

When patience wears thin

WASHINGTON — Sam Nunn may know more about national defense than any member of the Senate, but in urging an open-ended policy of "patience," he contributes little to the national debate. As a policy for the Persian Gulf, patience has its virtues. Patience also has its limits.

As chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Nunn has been able to put on quite a show in the past few days. One after another, his witnesses have made the same case: Let us give sanctions several years, if need be, to do their work. Nunn summoned two former chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to support a waiting game. James R. Schlesinger, a former secretary of defense, testified to the same effect.

Let us pray over this policy. Saddam Hussein, dictator of Iraq, pulled off his blitzkrieg conquest of Kuwait on Aug. 2. The United Nations at once voted for economic sanctions. By Aug. 10, virtually the whole world had fallen in line. We are now well into December. Under the latest U.N. resolution, no military action may be taken until Jan. 15 at the earliest. One is inclined to ask with Isaiah, Lord, how long?

Nunn's argument has the sound of reason: "If we have a war," he says, "we're never going to know whether the sanctions would have worked." True enough, but if we wait for the sanctions to work, we may wait forever. Time is not on the side of the allied coalition. Time is on the side of Saddam Hussein.

This is true, or so it seems to me, for reasons that have more to do with human nature than with military strategy. What has been the world's recent experience with economic sanctions? May we recall the example of what used to be Rhodesia?



James J. Kilpatrick

When its government stubbornly refused to yield to black rule, everyone ganged up behind sanctions against Rhodesia.

A year or so later, I happened to be in what used to be Salisbury. The sanctions had not worked. Every conceivable kind of consumer goods had found its way around the embargo. The government was having no serious problem in keeping its planes flying and its troops supplied. Call it greed, or call it opportunism, or call it what you will, it was business as usual in Rhodesia.

At the moment, South Africa is under all kinds of sanctions. Have these impositions done their work? Have the restrictions brought South Africa to its knees? The United States bars commerce with Cuba. Does anyone seriously believe that U.S. goods have become unattainable in Havana? The lamp of experience should guide our steps. Viewed in that light, why should we believe that sanctions will work against Iraq?

Other considerations challenge the wisdom of waiting for a few years. The international coalition formed against Saddam Hussein looks fine on paper, but paper fades. So will this fragile coalition

begin to lose its forceful image. No exhortations will sustain the morale of troops bogged down month after tedious month in an inhospitable desert. Here at home, political support is bound to dwindle. The American people have little patience with patience.

"I don't believe in taking needless risks," Nunn says. No one can argue with that proposition. But if a risk is simply a risk, and not a needless risk, we have a different calculus. The senator adds, gratuitously, "I believe any president has to think about whether there are other alternatives before he risks a large number of American lives."

Merciful heavens! Does Nunn really suppose that President Bush has not thought about the alternatives? Bush knows war. He has been there. He is not an impetuous man, given to impulsive and ill-considered actions. The terrible, fateful responsibility of sending young men to die weighs upon him night and day.

But this situation cannot be permitted to drift along indefinitely. The credibility of the United Nations, never very high, is at stake. Of greater importance, the credibility of the United States is at stake. Bush repeatedly has called upon Hussein to withdraw "immediately and unconditionally" from Kuwait. At some point, such calls cease to be impressive and become ludicrous instead.

The key consideration may be stated in three words: now or later. If Hussein's naked aggression is not nullified—if the dictator is not disarmed now, if our troops are anticlimactically brought home—nothing will have been gained and much will have been lost. Yes, of course, let us be patient. But when patience wears unbearably thin, we must strike.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 1990. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his home in Mount Vernon, Va., at age 67, nearly three years after leaving office.

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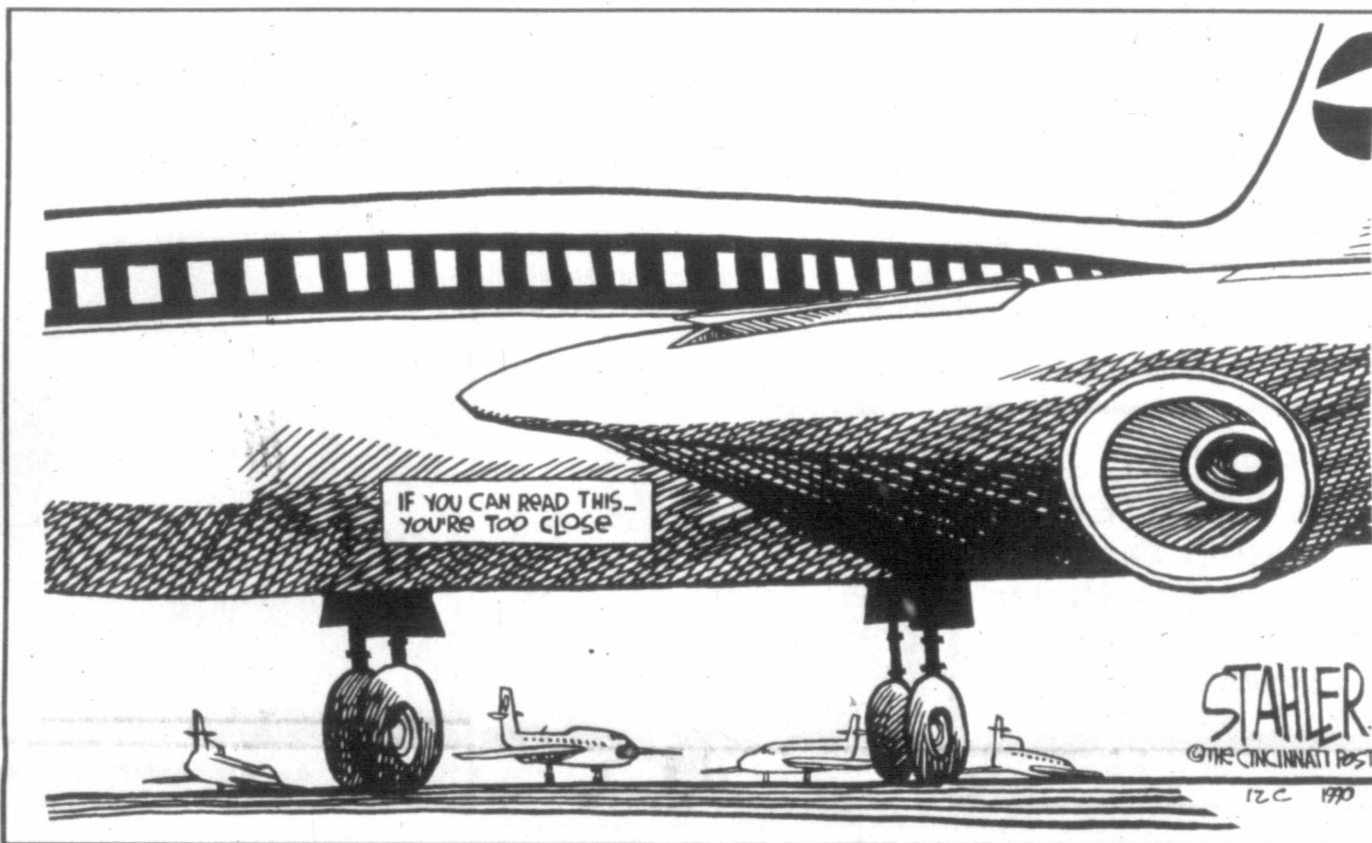
In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1861, Albert, the prince consort of England and the husband of Queen Victoria, died in London.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1939, the Soviet Union was dropped from the League of Nations.

In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner II approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet's atmosphere and surface temperature.



No longer need envy the gulls

If I may anticipate your question, yes, my knuckles are white as I grip the sills of the open door—the last solid contact with reality.

But preoccupied with the litany of arms crossed, back arched, legs bent, arms extended—and which is the chute handle and which are the toggle grips—I'm so distracted that Bill asked, "Ready?"

I said, "Ready!"

He said, "Here we go!"

And together we rolled forward into nothing!

In those first moments of falling free, earth, sky and horizon are tumbling in a gaudy kaleidoscopic blur.

I hear a pop and feel a slight tug. The tiny drag drogue will keep our heavier bodies free-falling in tandem at the same speed as the unencumbered cameramen alongside.

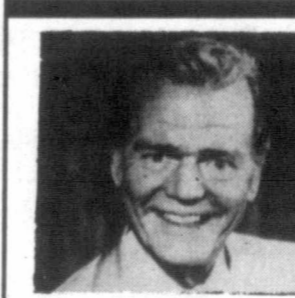
Now we are right side down. My recollection of Bill's carefully calculated words take over—legs up, arms out, head up, back arched—and what?

And what am I doing here!

In that instant the Tulsa boy who has spent a lifetime longing to soar with the eagles is thrillingly aware he is doing just that!

I'm flying! There is no machine holding me up and no gravity holding me down. I'm flying! And sure enough, with the slightest shift of a leg or an arm I am turning—soaring—maneuvering.

With the cameraman alongside falling at the same speed, we are so juxtaposed as to feel motionless—with only the roar of the wind to remind me that both of us are plummeting downward at 125 miles an hour.



Paul Harvey

I am shouting aloud—wordless words. From initial terror is emerging overwhelming delight!

Dare I suggest an almost orgasmic climax to half a century of anticipation.

Never again need I envy the gulls that soar so effortlessly and the migrating geese in graceful formation and the barn swallows demonstrating their aerobic precision in anticipation of an Ozarks rain. I am one with them now.

Down below, all directions are limited to the scimitar edge of the horizon. That is the mundane domain of ground-bound earth-people.

Now and evermore I will have seen their world from a God's-eye view.

I am growing more confident, more at ease now—directing the course of the adventure.

I am one with the eager men of all ages who have stepped off high places flapping their arms—only I made it.

I can hear Bill's voice above the thunder of the wind. I know what's next. "Now!"

And with a flutter, shudder and jerk that beautiful, colorful, kite-like chute flares open overhead.

Now, in utter silence, I can use the toggles to steer and bank and stall and accelerate.

For magnificent, momentous, perhaps once-in-a-lifetime minutes I belong to the ocean of air that has lured every generation since Leonardo Da Vinci and against which so many have broken their hearts with a lifetime of innovation and frustration.

Here, high above this lovely lattice of California vineyards, I have made myself strangely, comfortably at home.

The breeze was just right.

We flared out and touched down safely if not gracefully on a grassy flat less than 50 yards from the airport hangar.

It was then—staggering to my feet—I wished I could come up with some profound remark like Neil Armstrong's "Giant step for mankind..."

Instead, in my exhilaration, I am reduced to gibberish. I am helpless to proclaim anything more profound than the words of the little orphan girl in *Annie*...

When she was excited beyond expression...

She and I could think to say nothing more eloquent than, "Oh, my goodness. Oh, my goodness!"

Being aloft is hardly a new experience for any of us anymore.

On borrowed wings, in all her moods and mine, I had long since made friends with the sky.

But we had never made love before...

Before one sunny autumn afternoon over Lodi, Calif.

Thatcher stood for freedom for all

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

One of the most remarkable of the many remarkable things about Margaret Thatcher was how little her career owed to the noisy feminists who presume to speak for today's women.

I cannot recall ever having heard Mrs. Thatcher complain about the discrimination she undoubtedly experienced in the "man's world" of Britain's Tory politics.

On the contrary, she rose firmly up the ladder with the rest of her generation of aspiring politicians, ousted and replaced the dithering Ted Heath as leader of the Conservative Party, won the prime ministership in her own right, broke the power of Britain's arrogant labor unions, reversed the slide of the British economy toward socialism, installed the principles of free enterprise in its place, restored her country's pride by retaking the Falklands from Argentina, became the only British prime minister in this century to win three general elections in a row and stepped

down acknowledged, even by her enemies, as the most impressive holder of that office since Winston Churchill.

And all the while the Betty Friedans and Gloria Steinems on both sides of the Atlantic were yakking (quite profitably, of course) about how a woman couldn't get an even break.

Let us do Margaret Thatcher the courtesy of ignoring her gender as serenely as she did, and look at her two most important achievements.

She came to power in Britain for the same reason that Ronald Reagan, just one year later, came to power in the United States: She stood foursquare for the proposition that free men and women, making their own economic choices with their own money, could do far better for themselves, and in the process benefit society far more, than a Nanny State that wanted to tax their resources away and spend them on what it considered the public weal.

Like all who labor in the vineyards of politics, she had to make

compromises. But there is no doubt at all that she left Britain far freer and stronger than she found it, and she may well have made the difference between its total collapse and its survival as a viable nation.

In the field of international affairs, her performance was almost equally spectacular and probably even more important. Throughout almost the whole decade of the 1980s she was one of four Western leaders who formed an absolutely implacable front against the advance of world communism. The others were Ronald Reagan, West Germany's Helmut Kohl and Yasuhiro Nakasone, the longest-lasting of a steady succession of conservative Japanese premiers.

These were the four leaders who together formed the stone wall into which communism helplessly drove Soviet society, smashing it to smithereens.

It is idle but amusing, in the safety of retrospect, to speculate on what might have happened during the critical decade of the 1980s if the four

nations in question had been led by (say) Michael Dukakis, the British Labor Party's Neil Kinnock, West Germany's Social Democratic standard-bearer Oskar Lafontaine and Japanese socialism's Miss Doi.

To be sure, not even they could or would have saved the Soviet Union from the dire economic consequences of communism; but Brezhnev & Co. might well have scored enough exploitable advances internationally to enable their system to survive.

At last the accumulation of resentments that inevitably accompanies a life in politics made its weight felt, even by Margaret Thatcher. She may never have heard Harry Truman's salty observation that "If you stick around this game long enough, you'll get beat," but she knew its truth instinctively.

And I, for one, am glad that she chose to step down when she did, rather than risk ending her magnificent career with a defeat that might seem to tarnish it.

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ALPHONSE, THE MISGUIDED MOOSE

By Heidi Stetson



Wholesale prices rise slight 0.5% in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices rose 0.5 percent in November, the government said today, reporting the first moderation of inflation since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait sent energy costs spiraling more than three months ago.

The rise in the Labor Department's Producer Price Index, which measures inflation of finished goods one step short of retail, follows three months of steep increases.

Prices rose 1.1 percent in October and August and 1.6 percent in September.

The November rise, although tame by comparison, still translates into a 6.1 percent annual inflation rate. And, it was substantially higher than the 0.1 percent to 0.3 percent increase anticipated by most economists.

For the year so far, wholesale prices have risen at a 6.9 percent annual rate, compared with 4.9 percent for all of 1989.

In November, energy prices rose a scant 0.1 percent, after soaring 8 percent in October, 13.8 percent in September and 9 percent in August.

Gasoline prices fell 2.6 percent and fuel oil dropped 7.3 percent. However, natural gas costs, which had been largely unaffected by Persian Gulf turmoil, rose 5 percent.

Food prices rose 0.8 percent last month following a 0.9 percent jump in October.

Prices excluding the volatile food and energy categories — considered a better barometer of underlying inflationary pressures by most economists — rose 0.5 percent after no change in October.

Tobacco prices were up 3.7 percent in November and 15 percent over the past year. Passenger cars rose 1.8 percent as some manufacturers curbed incentive programs. Costs also rose for medicines, tires, floor coverings and textile furnishings. Prices fell steeply for glassware and edged down for lawn and garden equipment and sporting goods.

Until today's inflation report, most economists believed that Federal Reserve policymakers, meeting Monday, would stimulate the economy with another cut in interest rates before the end of the year. However, the Fed has nudged short-term rates lower three times since early November and may hesitate to cut them again if inflation worries persist.

Reduced rates stimulate the economy by making it cheaper for consumers and businesses to borrow, but they also tend to foster inflation by creating more demand for goods than producers can meet.

Catholic theologian in Auburn tenure dispute says he will teach at SMU now

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — A Roman Catholic theologian mysteriously denied tenure at Auburn University says he will teach at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

The Rev. Charles Curran announced Thursday that he will move into a permanent teaching position at SMU once his temporary job at the east Alabama campus ends.

Curran said his treatment was a symptom of serious problems at the heart of the school's power structure.

"Auburn's academic freedom, autonomy and role as a major institution of higher education in the United States are at stake," Curran said. "My fear is that this is a tragic situation in which all of us will be losers."

An associate provost at Southern Methodist, Leroy Howe, said the university was not worried about Curran's trouble at Auburn. Howe said SMU, owned by the United Methodist Church, was happy to be getting Curran, who will fill a tenured teaching chair starting next fall.

"One associate dean said it's the best Christmas present the university could get," Howe said.

At least 50 colleagues attended the news conference at which Curran said changes need to be made in Auburn's board of trustees, comprised of 10 members appointed by the governor to serve 12-year terms. The four other members include the governor, the state school superintendent and two student representatives.

"There should be more members (of the board) and the terms should be shorter," Curran said.

At least one trustee, Jack Venable, has acknowledged that some members expressed concern over Curran, who has been at odds with the Vatican for years on various conservative decrees.

"Most on campus seem to realize there are structural and institutional problems that need to be addressed and changed," Curran said.

Auburn President James Martin overruled two university committees in denying tenure for Curran, but he has refused to explain his decision publicly. Martin did not return a telephone call seeking comment on Curran's claims.

The president pro tem of the board, Michael McCartney, also did not return a call seeking comment.

Four years ago, Curran became the first American barred by the Vatican from teaching Catholic theology. That action resulted in him losing his last tenured position at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Curran, who disagrees with strict church doctrine on abortion and sexual issues, was hired at Auburn under a plan approved by the Legislature to help bring leading educa-

tors to Alabama's colleges and universities.

Curran was named the Goodwin-Philpott Eminent Scholar in Religion, beginning with the 1990 fall term. Although the position was nationally advertised as being tenured, Martin decided against tenure for Curran once he already had decided to accept the job, leaving him with a one-year assignment.

Martin's refusal to explain his decision has raised the ire of the university's Faculty Senate, which is set to consider possible action against Martin on Jan. 8.

Martin last week spent two hours meeting with the university tenure and promotion committee. Following the meeting, the committee issued a statement saying it was satisfied the president had not violated "the letter" of the school's tenure policies.

Faculty critics have argued that Martin ignored the spirit of tenure procedures, whether or not he followed proper procedures.

Curran, who specializes in Christian ethics, has written more than 20 books. The immediate past president of the American Theological Society, he also has headed the Society of Christian Ethics and the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Palestinians blamed for stabbing deaths of three Jews

JAFFA, Israel (AP) — Palestinians today fatally stabbed three Jews in a factory in this Tel Aviv suburb, police said, and an angry mob gathered to demand revenge.

The slayings were carried out to mark the third anniversary of the founding of Hamas, or Zeal, an extremist Moslem fundamentalist movement that backs the Palestinian uprising, police said.

Tel Aviv police spokeswoman Ettie Grinberg said the bodies of the victims, two male factory workers and a woman secretary, were discovered in a factory building beneath slogans attributing the deaths to Hamas.

Police detained Arab workers from nearby factories for question-

ing, and a crowd of several hundred Jews gathered at the site, shouting "Death to the Arabs," and "No work for the Arabs" and accusing police of lack of action.

Police blocked journalists from entering the factory, apparently an aluminum plant, and brought out the bodies, wrapped in black plastic bags. The crowd then charged at police officers and reporters, punching and beating them.

Police Commissioner Yaacov Terner, speaking on Israel army radio, described the slaying as a "grave event ... The reason for this murder is one, nationalism. The slogans written in Arabic on the walls inside are clear."

Hamas, or Zeal, called for a day

of escalation in the 3-year-old Palestinian uprising today to mark the third anniversary of the group's founding.

The call was issued in a clandestine leaflet distributed earlier in December. The leaflet also urged "the escalation of Jihad (Holy War) operation inside and outside Israel."

Terner said police were pursuing two Palestinians, one of whom worked at the factory. Both were from the occupied Gaza Strip, a stronghold of Hamas. Many Gazans work in Tel Aviv and Jaffa, a mixed Arab-Jewish suburb.

The army radio described the two as brothers and Hamas members, and said one suspect was later detained at the Erez checkpoint at the entrance to Gaza.

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Twelve ritual celebrants die; alcohol poisoning suspected

By ED MONTES
Associated Press Writer

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Twelve participants in a ritual to call the spirits died of poisoning and three survivors clung to life in comas today, apparently from drinking an industrial variety of alcohol in the sacrament.

Authorities who went to the house Thursday night in the impoverished El Florido neighborhood of this border city found twelve bodies strewn about the living room, with five survivors.

The victims suffered a purplish discoloration of the skin, apparently caused by poisoning, the judicial police report said. Autopsy reports were expected later today.

Authorities in this city south of San Diego speculated the deaths were caused by an industrial-strength alcohol in a fruit punch the participants shared during a religious ceremony.

"We believe we've ruled out both suicide and homicide," said Jose Nunez de Caceres, a commander of the Baja California state police.

In a hospital interview, a survivor described watching as his sister-in-law drank from the punch and fell to the floor. The woman, Margarita Ramos de Osuna, 25, was listed among the dead.

The survivor, 22-year-old Alfredo Osuna Hernandez, said in the interview that the gathering was a cleansing or purification ritual. Hernandez, an unemployed auto body repairman, said he took part with hopes the ceremony would change his luck.

He wanted "a little of the Lord's coin," Hernandez told The Associated Press. "I was looking for a key to a job, a key to work."

Relatives of the victims said they had previously attended healing rites in the house that were a mixture of Christianity and spiritualism, calling the spirits of the dead for consultation.

"They were holding a session in which they communicated with the spirits," said Tijuana state judicial police commander Jaime Sam Fierro. Neighbors said chanting had filtered from the house over the past several nights, the last time starting Wednesday night and continuing into the morning.

The house was located in a cluster of shanties typical of the grubby suburbs of Tijuana, Mexico's fourth-largest city with about 2 million people.

Officers who saw the living room said a rope with 13 knots tied in it had been laid in a circle on the floor around four or five of the bodies.

Officers were conducting tests on the punch and a bowl of cooked chicken found in the house where the 12 bodies were found, said Baja California Police spokeswoman Sara Yolanda Gonzalez.

Hospital officials said three survivors, Ana Osuna, aged four months; Consuelo Ponce, 35, and Juan Jose Sarabia were in comas.

Fierro said the group leader and house owner, Federico Padres, 72, was also in a coma. Other police reports said Padres had died.

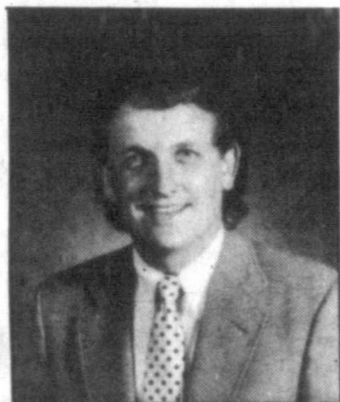
Ana Faviola Miranda, 17, the daughter of a woman who died in the tragedy, discovered the bodies and reported them to police, Gonzalez said.

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Albania's first opposition party issues statement condemning rioting

By **TEDDIE WEYR**
Associated Press Writer

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Official newspapers today, in an unprecedented move, published a statement by the country's first non-Communist Party, which condemned violence in a northern city and asked Albanians to show "that we are a civilized nation."

Ten people were reported injured in the violence in the city of Shkodra.

Police and troops moved into Shkodra on Thursday to deal with the disorder, in which hundreds of "hooligans" attacked officials and buildings, wounding the local police chief and two other officers, official reports said.

The reports said the attackers were armed with knives and iron bars and used dynamite in attacks on Communist Party and government buildings in the

town. They also ransacked the local radio station.

Journalists reached in Tirana, the Albanian capital, said at least 1,000 citizens also came into the streets in an effort to stop the violence.

A reporter with the state news agency ATA said 10 people were injured in the violence and that 30 people were detained.

The Democratic Party of Albania, founded Wednesday after the ruling Communist Party unexpectedly reversed its position and agreed to allow alternative parties, immediately condemned the violence.

The statement from the party which was carried in official newspapers today also was read on government TV late Thursday by one of the party's leaders, Arben Imame.

The statement condemned the acts of violence, saying they were aimed against democracy and against what had been achieved by the protesters who forced the Communist leaders to accelerate reform, the ATA

journalist said.

The statement appealed for calm and urged Albanians to "use the traditional wisdom" to show "that we are a civilized nation," the journalist said.

The party, which aims to field candidates in elections in February, welcomed President Ramiz Alia's "new initiative, opening the way to pluralism," said a diplomat reached in Tirana.

Newspapers today also published letters from factories and other workplaces around the country expressing support for Alia and his new policies. This appeared to be part of a concerted effort to unite Albanians around Alia and a peaceful transition.

On Thursday, a Tirana University economist, Gramoz Pashko, who is involved with the new party, said in a telephone interview that the party considered the attackers in Shkodra were "dark forces."

"We are for a peaceful solution, because we have

seen that there is no victory in fratricide. Fratricide is always a defeat," he said.

On Tuesday, Alia bowed to the pressure of student protests in the capital Tirana and promised to allow the formation of non-Communist parties. Only a month before, the Communist leadership had reiterated that it would not permit pluralism.

Alia also sacked five members of the Communist Party's ruling Politburo, believed to be hardliners.

On Wednesday, students, intellectuals and others declared the founding of the new party to the cheers of tens of thousands of people calling for democracy.

Alia and his staunchly Communist leadership began this year to implement cautious reforms, but had rejected the kind of sweeping reforms that had swept other East European nations in the past year.

But on Wednesday, Alia, in a nationwide address, said the move toward democracy was "irreversible."

Judge dismisses murder charge against doctor

By **JIM IRWIN**
Associated Press Writer

CLARKSTON, Mich. (AP) — A judge dismissed a murder charge against a doctor who invented a device that an Alzheimer's disease victim used to kill herself, but he didn't clear the doctor to use the machine again.

District Judge Gerald McNally on Thursday threw out a first-degree murder charge against Dr. Jack Kevorkian in the June 4 death of Janet Adkins. She died after activating a machine Kevorkian invented that sent poison into her veins.

Kevorkian was with her at the time of her death.

McNally ruled at the end of a two-day preliminary hearing that Michigan has no law against suicide or assisting in it.

Michael Modelski, chief assistant Oakland County prosecutor, said an appeal was being considered. Circuit Court could reinstate the murder charge or allow lesser charges such as second-degree murder or manslaughter, he said.

"I think everyone realizes this isn't the final step," Modelski said.

The ruling doesn't let Kevorkian use the suicide device again. It remains in police custody after prosecutors obtained a temporary court order preventing its further use. A civil trial, probably in January, will decide whether or not to make that order permanent, said Kevorkian's attorney, Geoffrey Fieger.

Once hooked up to the device, Mrs. Adkins, 54, of Portland, Ore., pressed a button on the machine, starting a flow of lethal chemical into her veins. She died in the back of Kevorkian's van. Kevorkian said several motels and funeral homes had refused his request to let him use their sites for the suicide.

Kevorkian notified authorities of the death, and state police questioned him. But he wasn't charged with murder until nearly six months later.

"I was always convinced that I was doing the right thing, but it was under terrible conditions, and no one would want to repeat that," Kevorkian, 62, a retired pathologist from Royal Oak, said after McNally's ruling.

He said the ruling bolstered his longtime support of what he calls physician-assisted suicide for the terminally ill.

"We need a rational system to meet a crying need," Kevorkian said. "I'm going to work with the authorities and in the (medical) system. We've got to re-establish the nobility of the profession."

In announcing his decision, McNally called on the Legislature to address the issues raised by Kevorkian. A bill introduced by state Sen. Fred Dillingham would make assisting in a suicide a felony punishable by four years in prison and a \$2,000 fine.

The judge ruled after viewing a videotape of Mrs. Adkins and Kevorkian discussing her fight against Alzheimer's, which causes loss of memory and irreversible brain degeneration. The tape was made two days before her death.

"My life before was wonderful," she says. "I could play the piano and read. I can't do any of those things (now) ... it's too taxing."

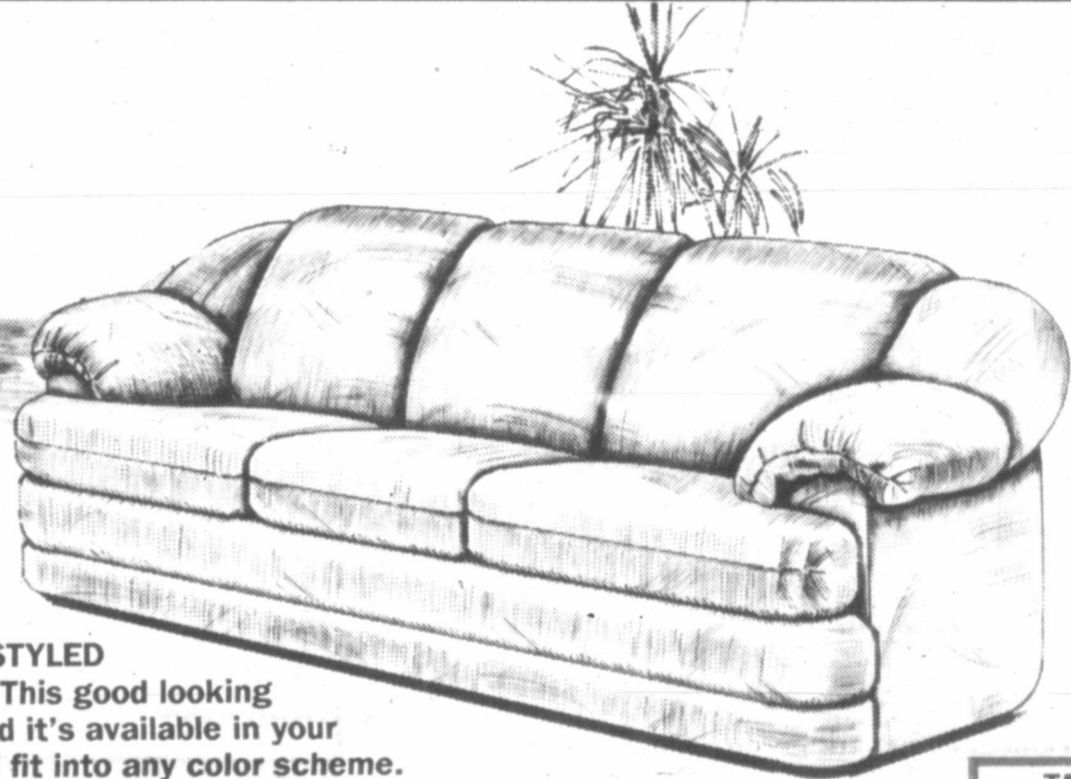
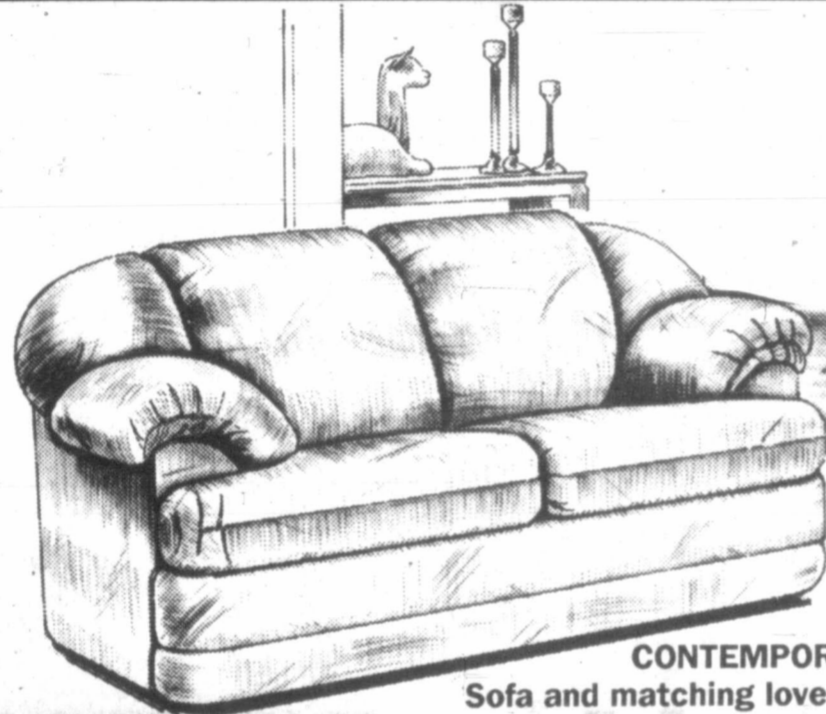
"Why do you want your life to end?" Kevorkian asks.

"I've had enough," Mrs. Adkins answers, her voice breaking.

Mrs. Adkins' husband, Ronald, said from his home in Portland that he was pleased with the judge's ruling and had no regrets about his wife's decision.

"I respected Janet's wishes. She was a very intelligent woman and had it very well thought out," he said. "Its concept was something we had thought and talked about years before."

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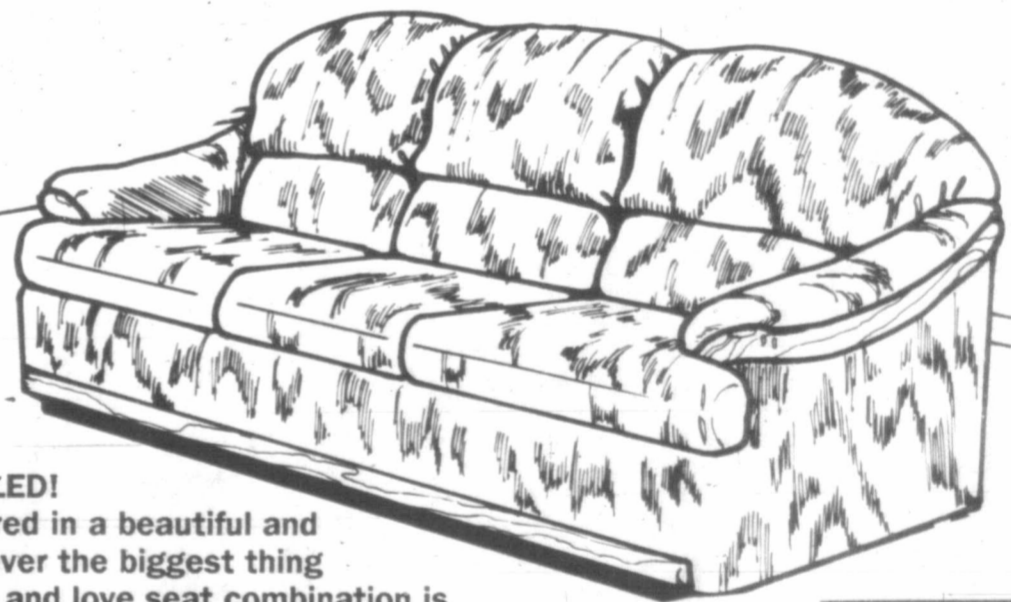
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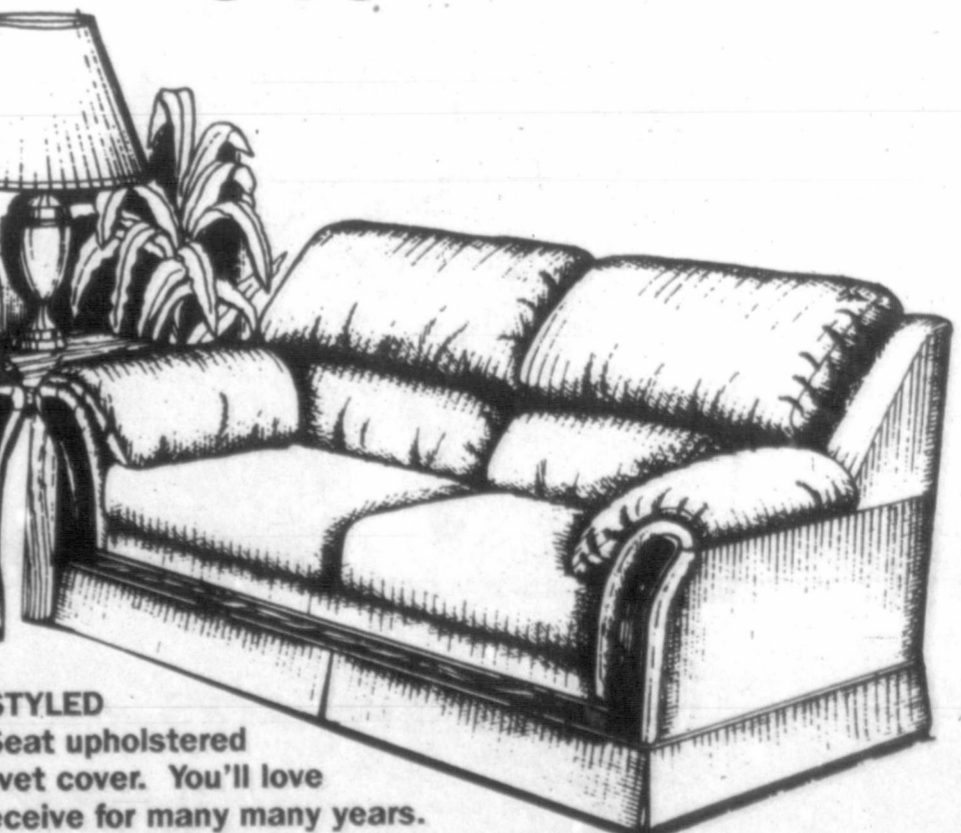
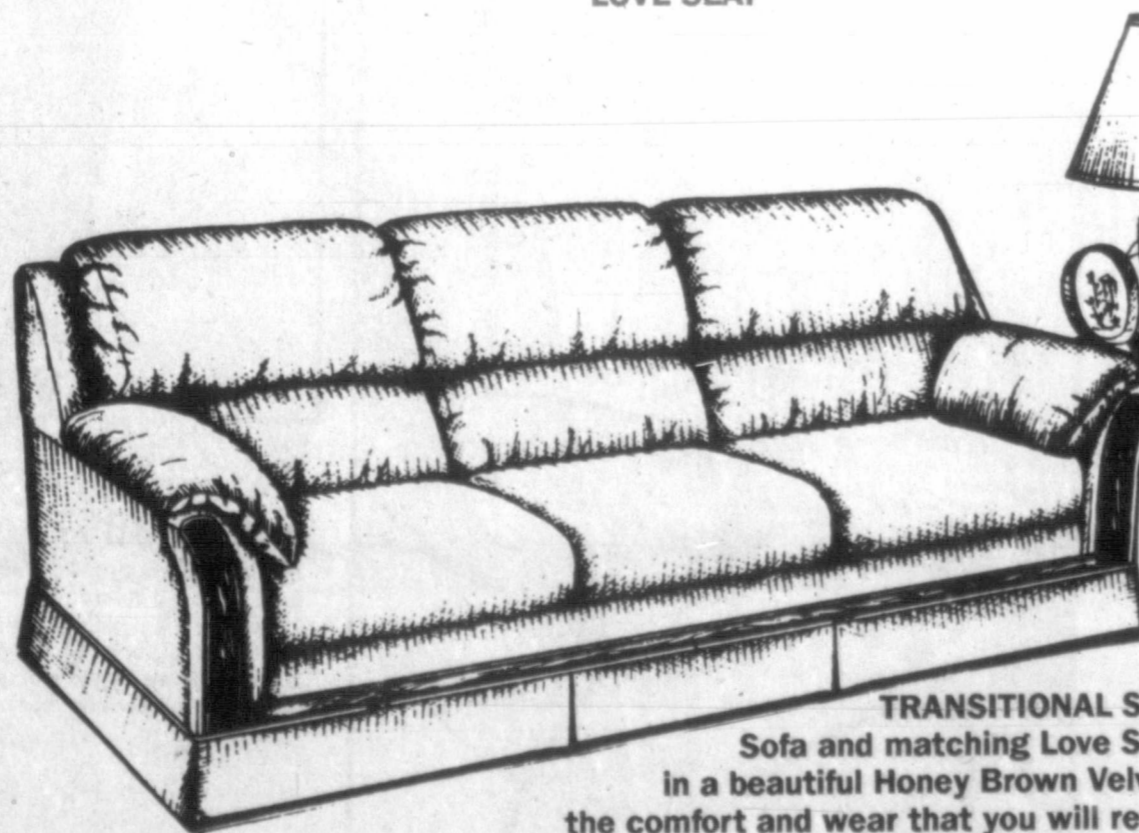
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'New Open Bible' makes perfect Christmas gift

By BEAR MLLS
Staff Writer

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for the Christian on your shopping list?

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Called *The New Open Bible*, this New King James translation features red letter markings of the words of Christ, read-along references and translation notes, a topical index and concordance.

In addition, there is a comprehensive section called "The Christian's Guide to the New Life" that will provide hours of in-depth Bible readings and study.

Each book of the Bible is introduced by author (if known), time of writing, circumstance of writing, key ideas, overview and survey, outline, and an especially illuminating breakout entitled "The Christ of Genesis" or "The Christ of Romans."

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the Christian to go from cover to cover in 12 months.

Every few pages through *The Open Bible* there are special full-page explanations of concepts, practices or places that may be vague to modern readers.

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For example, in the midst of Exodus is a page entitled "The Name of the Lord." This gives explanation regarding the Hebrew words for God: Adonai, YHWH (generally translated as Yaweh) and Jehovah.

In Joshua 24 there is a page on the city of Shechem, explaining the importance of this city, where Joseph, the son of Jacob, was buried after his bones were brought out of Egypt by the Children of Israel.

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The New Open Bible also features a service similar to that in chronological Bibles. It shows where similar stories are found in other books. In Matthew 8, where Jesus tells the parable of the two builders, is a reference note that Luke's retelling of that story is found in the sixth chapter of his gospel.

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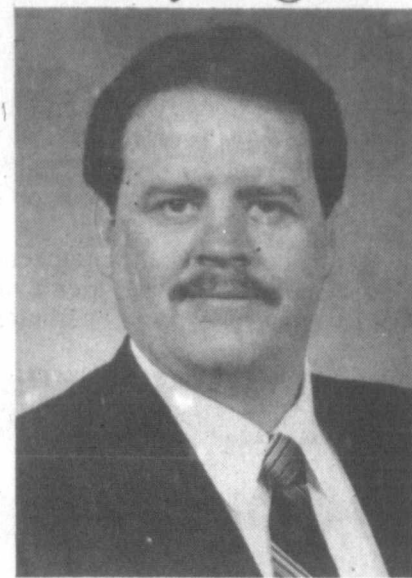
Greer to receive divinity degree

FORT WORTH — James Glen Greer is scheduled to receive the associate of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement ceremonies today.

President Russell Dilday will award 297 degrees in Southwestern's schools of theology, religious education and church music.

Greer is the son of Laven and Virginia Greer of Pampa. He is married to Dana, the daughter of Roger Hedrick and Ora Mae Hedrick of Pampa.

Southwestern, one of six seminaries affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, is the largest theological school in the world. Each year more than 5,000 men and women train for ministry at Southwestern.



James Glen Greer

Falco Retreat Center schedules seminar for married couples

AMARILLO — Fred Gene Hill and Linda Hill, a married couple and professional marriage and family counselors, will conduct a seminar on Couples Communication on six consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning Jan. 23 through Feb. 27 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center.

The sessions are scheduled for 7:30 to 9 p.m.

"Communication is the key to a healthy, satisfying relationship. It doesn't just happen, but takes work and attention," Mr. Hill said.

The topics for the six sessions are: Jan. 23, Assessing Our Strengths; Jan. 30, Human Relations: The Basics; Feb. 6, Here I Am: Self-Awareness and Sharing; Feb. 13, Four Styles in Communication; Feb. 20, Negotiating So Both Win; Feb. 27, Common Values: Here We Are.

There is a fee for the course. For more information, contact Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 N. Spring, Amarillo, TX 79107 or call 1-383-1811.

Calvary Baptist to present Christmas musical

Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, will be presenting the musical drama for Christmas, *Lord of Light/Prince of Peace*, at 6 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday.

A nursery will be provided for both performances.

Rev. Lyndon Glaesman, pastor, said *Lord of Light/Prince of Peace*

is a dramatic musical that will provide audiences with a thought-provoking parallel to the first century's dark world, into which the Prince of Peace made his entrance.

The symbolism of war, night and privation is an appropriate background out of which beams the Christmas message of peace, light

and hope, he said. Each character in the dramatic action provides the viewer with a varying facet of God's loving concern, a concern that culminates in the coming of eternal day.

Rev. Glaesman invited the public to attend this special Christmas season presentation at Calvary Baptist Church.

Briarwood plans 'Season of Love' program

Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, will present the musical *Season of Love*, directed by John McKinzie, at 7 p.m. Sunday.

The musical portrays the mixture of world and worship so many experience in our homes at Christmas. The family gathers together and wonderful feelings of love and joy mingle with nostalgia and guilt. As

the sham of the world drops off, the true meaning of Christmas emerges.

"Christmas time is often perceived as 'the most wonderful time of the year,'" said Rev. Gene Allen, pastor. With it comes traditional carols, giving and sharing, and cheerfulness everywhere — a time of remembering God's most precious gift to this world.

But there is another celebration held simultaneously by the world, that of "Xmas," complete with bright lights, expensive gifts and flashy idols. Sadly, much of the "Xmas" celebration has overshadowed the real reason for the season.

Rev. Allen invited the public to attend Sunday's performance to experience the *Season of Love*.

Chisum to address Christian Fellowship meeting on Tuesday

State Representative Warren Chisum of Pampa is to be guest speaker for a joint meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship and the Christian Men's Fellowship on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church,

1600 N. Nelson.

His topic will be "Who Decides Health Care Issues." Rep. Chisum will conduct a question and answer period following his lecture.

The public is invited to attend the program.

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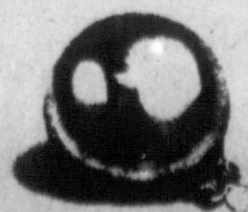
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First Christian schedules cantata, Living Nativity

The music and drama department of First Christian Church, 1644 Nelson St., invites the public to its annual Christmas cantata and its first presentation of a Living Nativity.

On Sunday, Dec. 16, the chancel choir, directed by Fred Mays, will present *The King: The Long Awaited Promise*, as their annual Christmas cantata during the morning worship service beginning at 10:45 a.m.

And on Monday, Dec. 17, and Wednesday, Dec. 19, area residents are invited to drive by and

view the Living Nativity taking place on the church's front lawn at 18th and Nelson streets.

Featured in the nativity scene will be church members, both youth and adults, dressed to represent Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus, the angels, wise men and shepherds.

A group of carolers from the church will provide a background of Christmas hymns to the presentation.

Robbie Pepper is directing the Living Nativity, presented by First Christian Church for the first time

this year. Frances Hall designed the costumes.

The King, created and arranged by David T. Clydesdale, features the fictitious character "Benjamin," a Jewish religious leader who is extremely curious and concerned about Jesus and whether or not He was the long-awaited Messiah.

Benjamin is first introduced as Herod asked him to search the scriptures to determine the place where the King of the Jews would be born. He begins studying the prophecies concerning the long-

awaited promise.

"The King" is not a "sleigh bells, 'snowman-type' Christmas musical, but an inspirational presentation that inspires thoughtful reflection.

Soloists for the cantata include Jackie Harper singing "The Angel Song," Dee Dee Laramore, "How Wonderful Thou Art (Mary's Song)"; Mike Clark, "I Will Love Him"; Laramore and Clark duet, "How Wonderful Thou Art (Reprise)"; Cindy Gindorf, "How Should A King Come," and Jo Mays, "If I Only Could Believe."

Retreat features help for persons experiencing grief

AMARILLO — A non-denominational weekend program designed to help those who have experienced the death of a loved one will be held Jan. 4-6 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 N. Spring.

The program includes information on the process of grief and ways of coping with loss. A trained team will lead participants through the program in a gentle, supportive manner.

There is a cost for the program, which includes lodging, meals, the program and activity fees.

For more information about the weekend and to receive a registration form, call the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays at (806) 383-1811.

Religion roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leaders of the nation's two biggest religious bodies, the Roman Catholic and Southern Baptist churches, are protesting proposals to cut tax deductions for charitable contributions.

Monsignor Robert N. Lynch, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said, "Weakening the incentives for contributions would not only be counter-productive but contradict the repeated calls by President Bush for increased involvement by the non-profit private sector in addressing needs of the less fortunate in our society."

Kay S. Dowhower, director of the governmental affairs office for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, noted individuals contributed \$96 billion in 1989 to various causes serving public purpose.

Houston church's angel exhibit brings Christmas blessings to homeless

By RICHARD VARA
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — An innovative light and sound exhibit at Houston's Second Baptist Church showcases larger-than-life papier-mache angels sculpted by a Texas artist, and it also benefits the homeless.

While "Realms of Glory" promises a visual delight for the young and old, it also promises to provide food, clothing and Christmas toys to 5,000 homeless adults and children.

"This is the first time we have ever done anything of this magnitude," said Judy Craig, director of the ministry network for the church.

Each night Monday through Friday, church buses will pick up the homeless and poor at shelters

throughout the city. Church volunteers will take orders from them for clothing, food and toys. At the church, participants will eat dinner and go to the worship center for a special service.

They will then tour the light and sound show as well as another multimedia exhibit titled "Beads, Strings and Angel Wings." That exhibit consists of 12 scenes of angelic visitations described in the Bible. Each scene is 9 feet high and 10- to 12-feet wide.

After the tour, the poor will receive their orders of food, clothing and toys, Craig said. Church members and businesses have donated the items. More than 2,000 volunteers will be involved.

Gary Moore, the church's music minister, said "Realms of Glory"

may be seen by 75,000 people. The four-story church annex has been enclosed for the exhibit.

"It will be total darkness when you walk in," Moore said.

Then giant speakers will begin a narration completed with taped choir performances that focus on the birth of Jesus Christ. During the 20-minute show, lights also will focus on one of the suspended 12-foot papier-mache angels. Each has a wingspan of 24 feet.

Scenes will depict angels such as Gabriel, Michael and even the fall of Lucifer.

Moore said he got the idea from an "angel tree" at the Metropolitan Museum of New York.

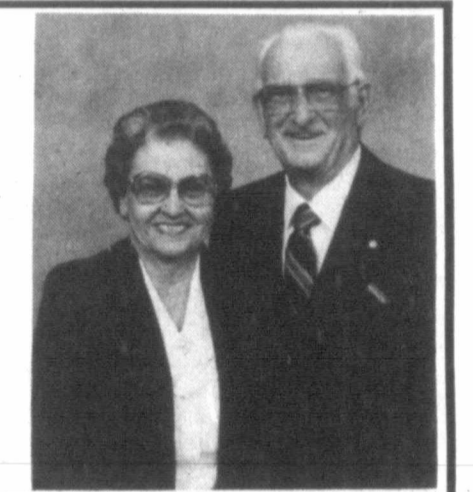
"The angels are 18 inches tall on a giant Christmas tree," he said. "I

wanted to do that, but I had never found anyone who could work in papier-mache. Then entered Antonio Serna."

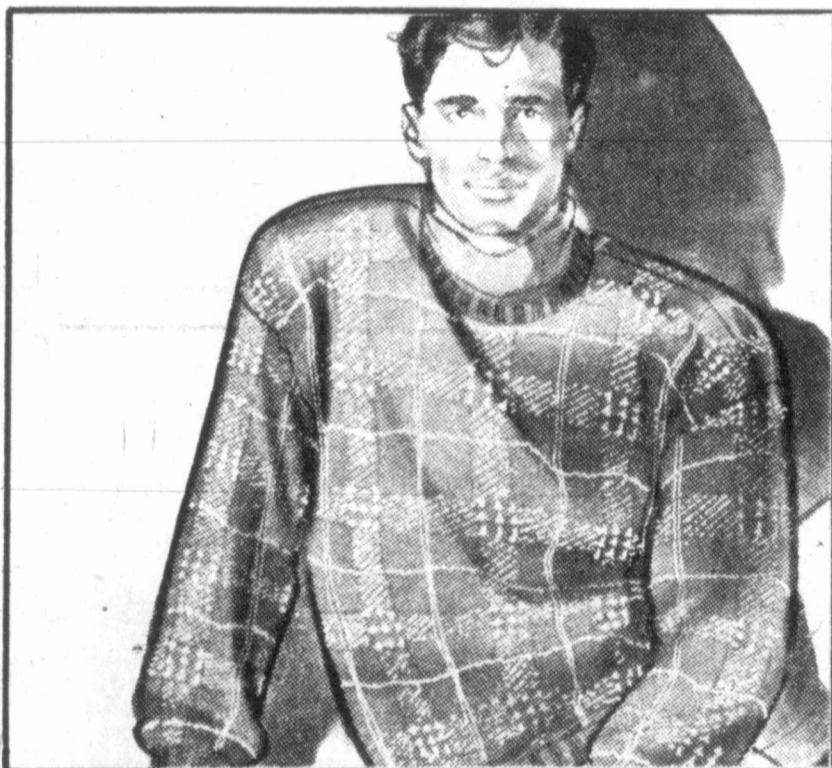
Serna, 30, had joined Second Baptist in April and volunteered his professional abilities as an artist.

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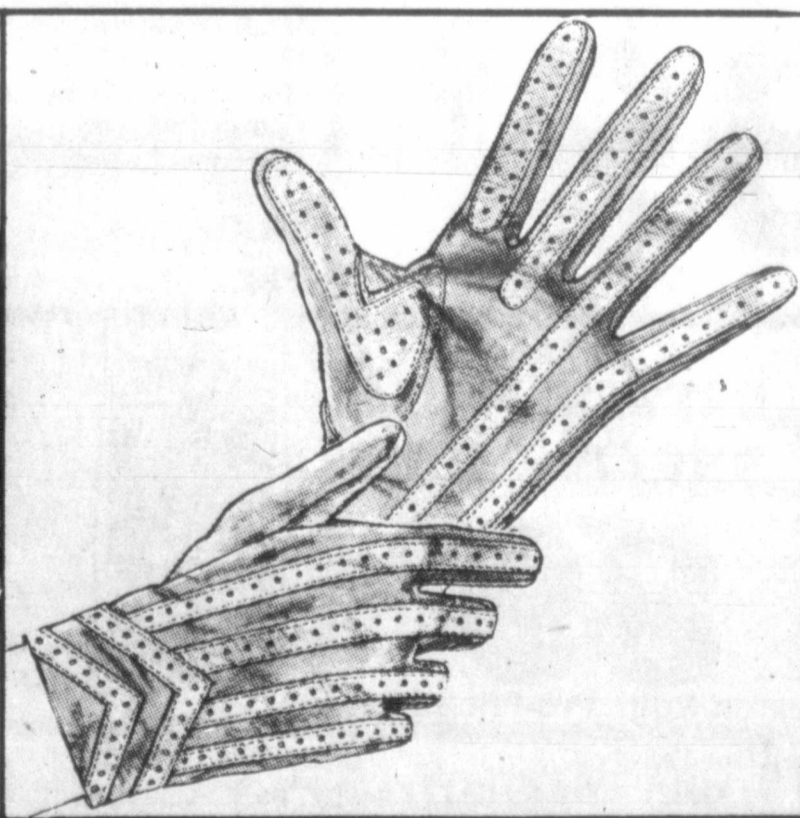


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Lifestyles

Avoiding holiday moments when you're 'present tense'

By PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ
Dallas Times Herald

DALLAS (AP) — Some people get their holiday shopping done by Halloween, always know exactly what to get everyone and — honest — even get their packages mailed by the official Postal Service deadline.

Then there are the rest of us. Go figure which one's the bigger group. New Yorker Andrea Claster did, and she has made a cottage industry out of such hapless souls. First she left the retail business to start a corporate gift-giving consulting firm; now she has written a new book for the poor souls who don't know it's ill-advised to give a wheelbarrow as an anniversary gift or to put off the Christmas shopping until Dec. 23.

Her "Modern Giving and Modern Living" (Cadeau Press: \$6.59) is essentially a guidebook to help you avoid giving the gift-from-hell. And it's particularly well-timed, coming as it does just when gift-giving anxiety starts peaking across the country.

"It gets crazy after Dec. 1," says Claster, who stopped in Dallas while promoting her book.

"Everybody wants to look good; they want people to know they care. It's a real skill."

It is, however, a skill that even the most inept gift-givers among us can learn. The first step may be the most difficult: Stop procrastinating. Claster actually recommends you start thinking about your holiday list Oct. 1 and that you make your first shopping expedition during the Columbus Day sales.

Yes, she's serious. "You're better off shopping early, because you have a bigger selection," Claster said. "You have more time to have fun with the gift wrap. Presentation is important."

At this relatively late date, having something to present, period, is the most pressing goal. So, after drawing up your list, set a reasonable gift budget for your income and within it, decide on price

ranges for each person. Pledge not to exceed it. You needn't be extravagant; in fact, a good rule is not to give a gift more expensive than the recipient could afford to buy for you.

Within that price range, buy the best you can afford. Claster frowns on buying gifts on sale, especially clothing, because clothing is the gift most often returned. You then run the risk of the giftee realizing the present was a Blue Light Special — which, of course, may be perfectly OK to your mother-in-law who thinks it's a crime to pay retail.

But what to buy? For close friends and relatives who show up frequently on your gift list, create a file of personal traits: sizes, hobbies, allergies, favorite foods, colognes, clothing styles. Note their reaction to past gifts. Don't get too practical.

Think about theme gifts: a zoo membership for the animal lover; cooking lessons for the apprentice gourmet; a piece of porcelain for the collector. For family members, you might consider starting a gift tradition; maybe sending your aunt a poinsettia each December or your dad a box of his favorite chocolates.

If you don't know the person well enough to know his or her taste, avoid personal gifts like clothing or art. You're safer with food or a houseplant, assuming you've checked to make sure the recipient isn't violently allergic to your choice.

All this does not solve the initial problem of knowing who to put on your list in the first place. The easy answer is, everyone you actually want to give a gift to, not those you feel an obligation to. The realistic answer is, everyone you think you should put on the list.

While at other times of the year, an unexpected gift can be accepted graciously with a sincere thank-you note, Christmas windfalls are trickier. Depending on the relationship and the gift — morally, you

should not feel obligated to give a gift to anyone who without warning gives you a fruitcake — you may feel better if you reciprocate.

One idea is to stockpile a few extra gifts, such as a few batches of homemade cookies or jam or a favorite book. Generic gifts like these can be handed out to nearly anybody and still seem personal, she says.

When the situation is reversed — you bought a gift for a person who obviously hadn't planned on giving one to you — do your best to reassure the recipient that a return gift isn't expected and you're not keeping score.

"It's that spontaneity," Claster says. "Let them know, 'I was just thinking of you, I wanted to show my appreciation to you.'"

More tips from Andrea Claster if you haven't started on Christmas shopping:

— Sit down immediately — not tomorrow, not next week — and MAKE A LIST of everyone you want to give a gift to. Decide on a price range for each person.

— Brainstorm about gift ideas. Page through every catalog you've collected, circling ideas. Think about each person individually, his or her hobbies, likes dislikes. Narrow it down to as few ideas as possible for each person; don't just wander blindly into the mall.

— If you make any special food items — homemade cookies or bread — consider whipping up a few batches to take care of several people on your list.

— For those people you still don't have a clue about what to give, consult a personal shopper or a gift-giving expert. Give them your price range and as much personal information about the person as possible; they'll give you suggestions. Some will even wrap and send the gifts for you.

— Make it easier on yourself for next time. Keep the list, and start seizing the moment: if you see the perfect set of baseball cards for your nephew next August, go ahead and buy it.

Husband still haunted by wife's past

DEAR ABBY: I have been reading your articles for a long time, but I've never seen a problem like mine.

I've been married for 16 years. When I was married, I was 25 and my wife was 22. I was a virgin, but she wasn't. On our honeymoon she confessed that she had slept with four of her previous boyfriends. Now, every time we make love, I wonder who she's thinking of — and who she's comparing me with.

It also bothers me during the daytime when my co-workers talk about who's fooling around, because I wonder if they know about my wife's past.

Abby, please urge your readers to abstain from sex until marriage, because the most important gift a person can give a spouse is virginity.

How do others deal with this? I have forgiven my wife, but I am still haunted by her past sins.

STILL BOTHERED

DEAR BOTHERED: You can't rewrite history, so don't dwell on the past. Not to belittle the value of virginity, but one who is



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

not able to give a spouse that very special gift is not necessarily a bad person. A far greater gift would be a lifetime of devotion.

DEAR ABBY: Would it be appropriate to send a Christmas card to an old boyfriend I haven't spoken to in eight years? We are both married, and even though I love my husband, I still have feelings for this man.

I want him to know that I still think of him, and I don't want him to forget me. Even though he never told me he loved me, we were lovers for nearly a year. I would include a recent picture of myself and also an update of what I've been doing since he last saw me. I would send it to his office so as not to arouse any questions from his wife.

Thanks for any advice you can give me.

FOND MEMORIES

DEAR FOND MEMORIES: Do yourself and your old boyfriend a favor and resist the urge to re-establish communication with him. No good can come of rekindling this old flame. Be content with your "fond memories." What was, was.

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

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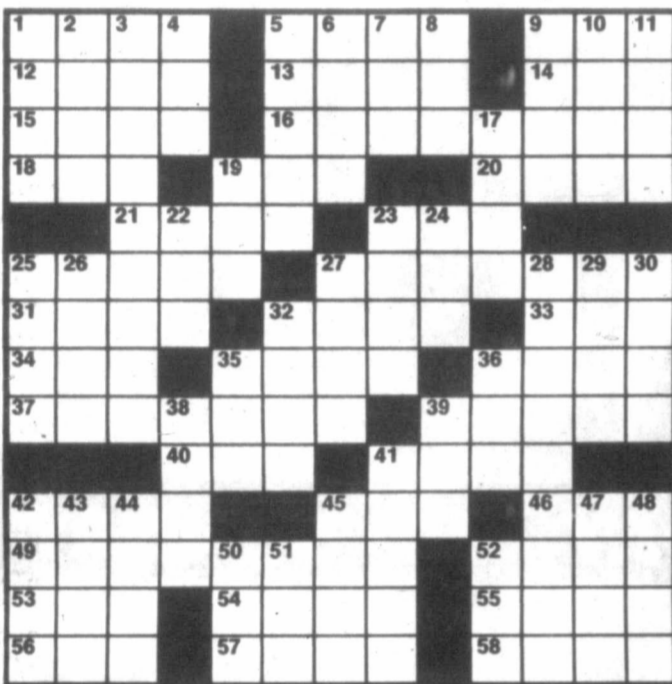
- ACROSS**
- Goals
 - Opera by Verdi
 - South of Ga.
 - Barber's concern
 - Maple genus
 - Soak (flax)
 - Type of carpet
 - Body of soldiers
 - Type of larva
 - Dress style (sl.)
 - An apple
 - Blow one's own
 - Corruptness
 - Round objects
 - Sleepwear
 - Trounced in tennis
 - Of aircraft
 - Gypsy man
 - Rights (abbr.)

- DOWN**
- Seaport in Arabia
 - Japanese aborigine
 - Tried
 - Newspapers
 - Intermediate (pref.)
 - Straight — arrow
 - Minutes of court
 - Powerful explosive (abbr.)
 - Steal
 - Emerald Isle dweller
 - General's assistant
 - Scarlet
 - Two words of dismay
 - Author Jean M.
 - Regard
 - Annoyingly slow
 - Diary of

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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LUCRE EYEWASH
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ASE ROT
KURT ARLENE
ETERNAL GRILL
MADEIRA ALLIE
PHOEBE YEAS

- Housewife**
- Seeker of Moby Dick
 - Othello villain
 - Without happiness
- DOWN**
- Mrs. in Madrid
 - Biblical priest
 - Cooled
 - Temp. unit
 - Jackie's 2nd husband
 - Astaire
 - Singer Horne
 - L.L.B.
 - Arithmetic, etc.
 - Wife of Mr.
 - Ancient
 - Field of granular snow
 - In the past
 - Stark
 - Bible book
 - Necessity
 - Period of 3 years
 - Charged particles
 - Tall birds
 - Drinks
 - Indeed
 - Macaw genus
 - Nursemaids
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 - Ventilates
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Astro-Graph

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be afraid to elevate your sights in this time frame where your objectives and goals are concerned. You could be luckier than you think going after big game.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could be lucky today through your social associations, either with individuals per se or through some club or organization. It behooves you to make your presence felt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today is a great day to present your case to the exact person who can do you the most good. Your chances of gaining his/her cooperation are excellent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone who has your best interest at heart might make a decision on your behalf today that could have far reaching, favorable effects. This person has intervened for you previously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are now in a cycle where you should be able to find ways to increase your earning capacity, either through your present sources or a new side venture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Endeavors in which you have an active management role have excellent chances of producing desirable results at this time. Don't abdicate your authority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) At present the ways and means might not be totally discernible to you, but positive influences are starting to permeate your affairs. You may now know success where you previously experienced failure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Either today or very shortly you may receive some news that will elevate your expectations and optimism. It pertains to a development you've been wishing would happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your long range financial projections are starting to look better and better. Lady Luck might intervene at this time to start you off on a new, more lucrative path.

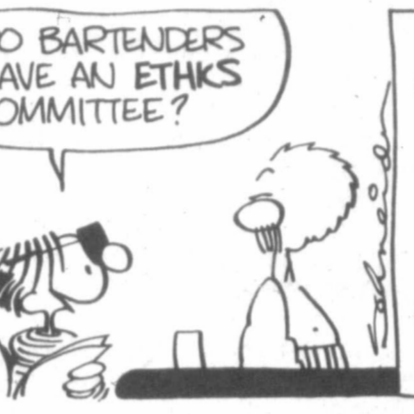
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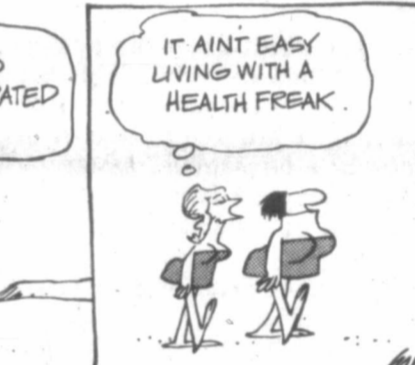
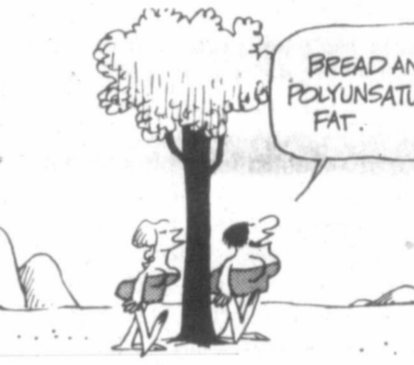
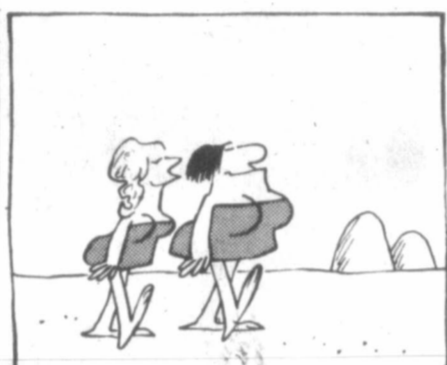
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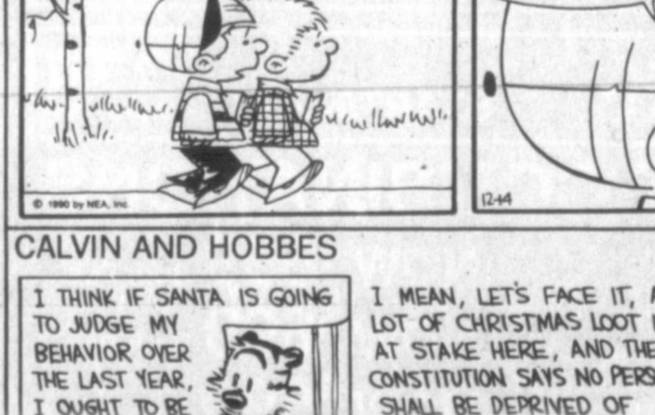
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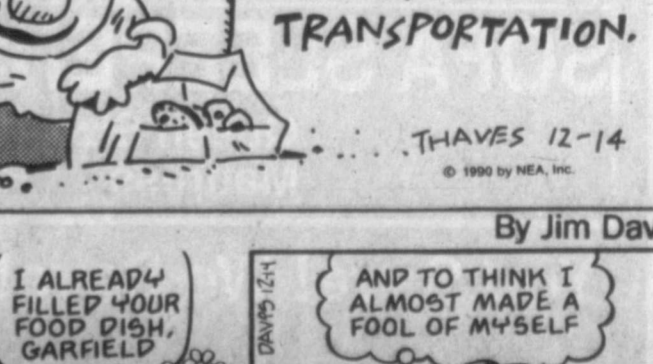
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Sports

America's Sampras reaches semifinals

By NESHA STARCEVIC
Associated Press Writer

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Pete Sampras expects to play Goran Ivanisevic a lot in the future. He is probably hoping that it won't always be as tough as it was in the inaugural Grand Slam Cup.

Sampras, the U.S. Open champion, battled for 2 hours, 24 minutes before overcoming the tall Yugoslav 7-6, 6-7, 8-6 Thursday to reach the semifinals of the \$6 million Grand Slam Cup.

Michael Chang beat Henri Leconte 7-6, 6-3 to also advance to the semifinals, assuring himself, like Sampras, of at least \$450,000.

In today's two remaining quarterfinals, Brad Gilbert plays Aaron Krickstein and Ivan Lendl, the top seed left in the 16-player tournament, faces David Wheaton.

Sampras and Ivanisevic, both 19, thrilled the crowd with their hard-hitting, big-serving games that also produced delicate volleys and sizzling passing shots. They were given a standing ovation by about 8,000 fans in Munich's Olympic Hall after their memorable duel.

With neither looking close to scoring a service break, Sampras produced two great passing shots to take an edge in the tiebreak and won the first set.

He finally scored the first service break in the 11th game of the sec-

Grand Slam Cup

ond. But, serving for the match, Sampras dropped his serve for the first time, hitting a volley into the net at break point.

Ivanisevic went on to win the tiebreak and level the score.

Sampras fought off a break point in the third game and then four more in the ninth. Had the American lost the serve, Ivanisevic would have been serving for the match.

"I thought I had him, but he served very well on big points," Ivanisevic said. "The third set was pure luck."

Sampras agreed. "I shouldn't have gotten into that situation," he said. "I made some simple errors and I could have lost the match."

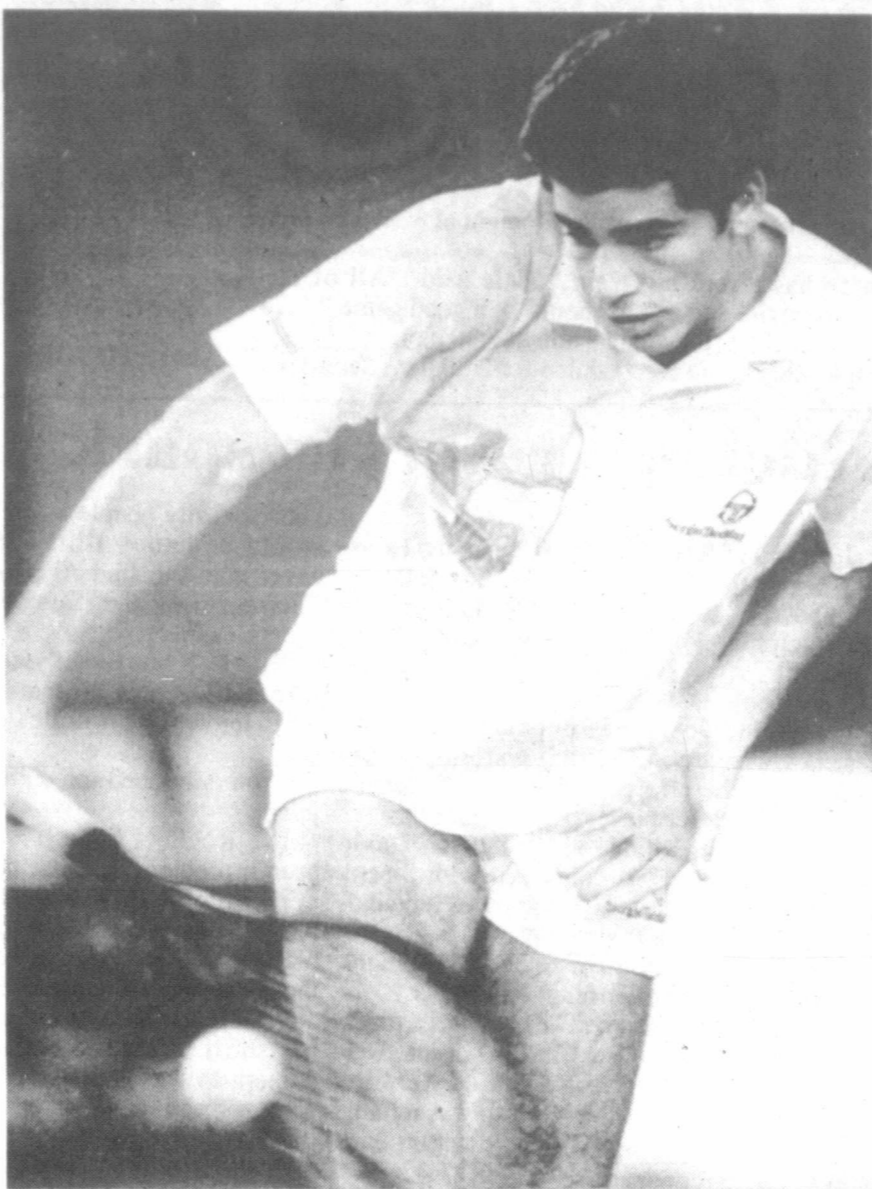
"I'm sure I'll be playing Goran a lot in the future. I tried not to get into a slugging match with him, because that's not how I would win."

"I tried a few lobs, a few passing shots, a few volleys."

The two are now 1-1 in career meetings.

Chang, who upset top-seeded Stefan Edberg in the first round, was far too steady for the flashy Leconte, who also committed nine double-faults.

With both players dropping their serve twice in the opening set, Chang won the tiebreak 7-3.



(AP Laserphoto)

Pete Sampras returns a shot during Thursday's quarterfinals.

Bengals' Esiason may miss Raiders' contest

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

Will Cincinnati's playoff hopes go bust without Boomer?

The Bengals, locked in a three-way tie for the Central Division lead, enter Sunday's game against the Raiders with quarterback Boomer Esiason's health a big question mark. That makes Cincinnati's playoff chances just as questionable.

"You'll probably see Erik Wilhelm," Bengals coach Sam Wyche said of the backup to Esiason who never has started an NFL game.

Esiason strained a groin muscle during the Bengals' 20-17 overtime loss to San Francisco last weekend. He is listed as questionable, but Wyche has not sounded optimistic.

Esiason has a more positive outlook.

"The doctors here are very cautious," he said. "They feel if I'm hurt in any way on Sunday, they're not going to allow me to play."

"But in my own mind most of us football players, when it comes time to play, aren't very smart. So I would imagine, being as dumb as I am, I will probably end up playing anyway."

The Raiders, 9-4 and tied with Kansas City for first place in the AFC West, are healthy. And skeptical about Esiason's potential absence.

"(When) Boomer Esiason comes on the sidelines in street clothes, then I'll say he won't play," Raiders coach Art Shell said. "But until that time, we're preparing for Boomer Esiason."

And not for starting safety Rickey Dixon and running back Craig Taylor, both out with leg injuries.

The Raiders have won two straight since losing to Kansas City 27-24, with Bo Jackson rushing for

NFL preview

246 yards in victories over Denver and Detroit.

The Chiefs try to keep pace with the Raiders by shutting down the run-and-shoot of the Houston Oilers, who are tied with Cincinnati and Pittsburgh at 7-6.

Also Sunday, it's Atlanta at Cleveland, Indianapolis at the New York Jets, Minnesota at Tampa Bay, Phoenix at Dallas, Pittsburgh at New Orleans, Seattle at Miami, Green Bay at Philadelphia, San Diego at Denver and Chicago at Detroit.

On Saturday, Buffalo is at the New York Giants and Washington visits New England. Monday night's game features the two-time defending champion San Francisco 49ers, with the league's best record of 12-1, at the Los Angeles Rams.

Washington will clinch an NFC wild-card slot with a win, while the Raiders and Chiefs also can secure wild cards — but they need help in other games.

The Chiefs have had some success facing the run-and-shoot, beating Detroit 43-24 in October. That might not be preparation enough for Warren Moon and the high-powered Oilers, who are much more efficient with the offense.

"Warren Moon is the second-rated quarterback in the league," Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "Nobody's got Warren under control."

Schottenheimer certainly doesn't expect a repeat of last year's meeting, won 34-0 by Kansas City.

"Both football teams right now are in the middle of a playoff hunt," he said, "so I don't think there's anything less than a playoff atmosphere that's a part of this game."

Eight McLean players named to all-district six-man squad

Miami's Bean captures district coaching honors

Terry Bean of Miami has been named Coach of the Year in District 1-A Six-Man.

Bean, in his first year at Miami, guided the Warriors to a 6-4-1 record and a second-place playoff spot this season.

District champion McLean placed eight players on the all-district team.

Kicker — Tuffy Sanders, McLean.
Second Team
Quarterback — Christian Looney,



Terry Bean

All-District 1-A Football Team OFFENSE

First Team
Quarterback — Matthew Neighbors, Miami; Running backs — Dennis Hill, McLean; Robert Miller, Groom; Spread back — Greg Frazier, Follett; Center — Cleve Wheeler, Miami; Ends — Brian Halley, Follett; Destry Magee, McLean;

McLean; Running backs — Kam Russell, Higgins; Don Howard, Miami; Jason Ott, Miami; Spread back — Brian Baker, Groom; Center — Mike Acuna, McLean; Ends — Shane Daniels, Lefors; Robert Pudwell, Higgins; Daniel Harris, McLean.
Higgins; Rowdy Slavin, Higgins, Matt Fields, Groom.
Linebackers — Gary Wyatt, Lefors; Daryl Homer, Groom; Brian Halley, Follett; Tanner Hess, McLean; William Gill, Miami; Safety — James Klem, Higgins.

DEFENSE

First Team

Down linemen — Robert Allemand, Miami; Cleve Wheeler, Miami; Caesar Looney, McLean; Dennis Hill, McLean; Linebackers — Destry Magee, McLean; Daniel Harris, McLean; Cam Russell, Higgins; Safeties — Aaron McReynolds, Miami; Tyler Terrell, Follett; Punter — (tie) Tuffy Sanders, McLean, and Don Howard, Miami.

Second Team

Down linemen — Scott Schilling, Follett; Robert Pudwell,

Giants, Bills pose interesting matchup

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Somebody somewhere, probably at NBC, is bound to portray Saturday's game between the Bills and Giants as a Super Bowl preview.

Maybe, maybe not. But it is still one of the year's most interesting matchups — even if each team has two losses.

So what have we got?

A rejuvenated Lawrence Taylor vs. a Bruce Smith who's playing as well as he ever has and is at his best on national TV. It's also a matchup of the best of the AFC vs. the acknowledged second best in the NFC and the NFL.

The Giants are favored by 31/2 points.

Let's go to incentive.

The Bills (11-2), with a killer closing schedule that also includes the Dolphins and Redskins, need this game to keep their tenuous hold on the AFC East going into next week's game with Miami.

The Giants (11-2) need this game only if they still think they can catch the 49ers for home field in the playoffs. Even if they lose, they can still get a first-round bye by beating Phoenix and New England in their final two games.

But the Giants don't look ahead. Plus, they haven't lost at home this season.

GIANTS, 17-13.

Houston (plus 31/2) at Kansas City
Two factors:

—This game isn't in the Astrodome.

Rangers deal Coolbaugh to Padres for catcher Parent

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers beefed up their catching and made a move toward shoring up their pitching staff as well.

The Rangers acquired catcher Mark Parent on Wednesday from the San Diego Padres in exchange for backup third baseman Scott Coolbaugh and

Pro picks

—The Chiefs aren't Cleveland, even though Marty Schottenheimer is their coach.

CHIEFS, 24-17

Green Bay (plus 10) at Philadelphia
Somehow the idea of Anthony Dilweg (or Blair Kiel) facing Buddy's Boys off two straight losses is ... well ...

EAGLES, 31-10

Cincinnati (plus 51/2) at Raiders
Isn't this the Bengals' week to win? If the 49ers can shred their run defense, what will Bo do?

RAIDERS, 27-20

San Francisco (minus 6) at Rams (Monday night)

The oddity of this series is that Rams have won four of six regular-season games at Candlestick, including this year, and lost nine of 10 in Anaheim.

49ERS, 27-14

Minnesota (minus 6) at Tampa Bay
Minnesota has lost eight straight outdoors and 12 of its last 13. Guess where the one win was?

VIKINGS, 24-13

Chicago (minus 3) at Detroit

Another of those quick turnarounds — the Bears won in overtime two weeks ago in Chicago because the wind turned aside Eddie Murray's field-goal try.

On the other hand, if the Bears intercepted Mark Rypien five times, what will they do to Rodney Peete?

BEARS, 20-10

Washington (minus 13) at New England

Whatever the Vegas guys give the Patriots isn't enough.

REDSKINS, 41-3

Atlanta (plus 1) at Cleveland

The Falcons have lost 16 straight on the road and they're favored.

See above.

FALCONS, 41-3

Seattle (minus 51/2) at Miami

Yes, the Seahawks are coming on. But they're also road-weary.

DOLPHINS, 20-13

Pittsburgh (plus 2) at New Orleans

Bubby goes home, but this could be one of those touchdown-less weeks.

SAINTS, 17-6

Phoenix (minus 51/2) at Dallas

It's the Cowboys' playoff drive.

COWBOYS, 17-10

San Diego (pick 'em) at Denver

It's this kind of year for the Broncos ...

CHARGERS, 13-10 (overtime)

Indianapolis (plus 31/2) at New York Jets

For what it's worth, this is for third place in the AFC East. The Colts won the first time, 17-14.

JETS, 17-14

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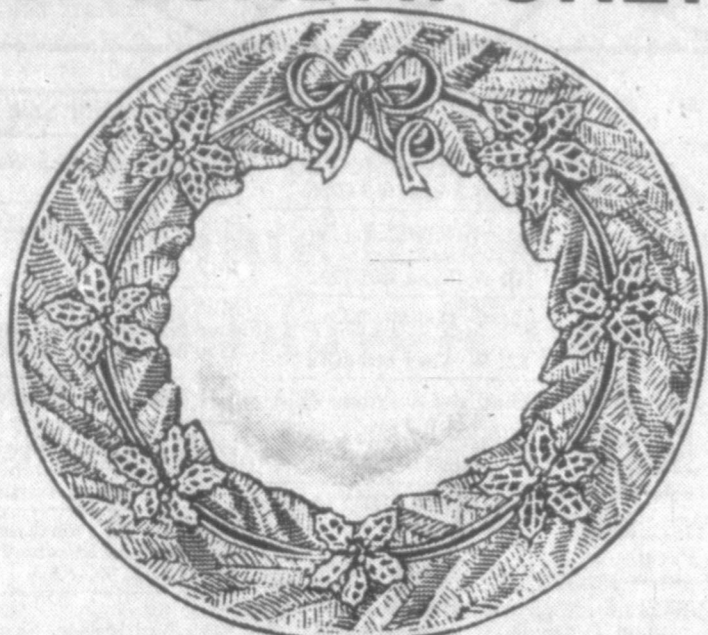
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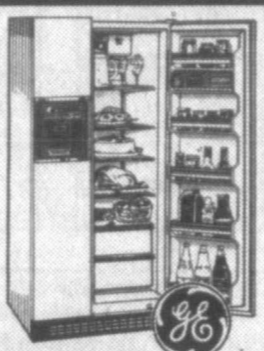


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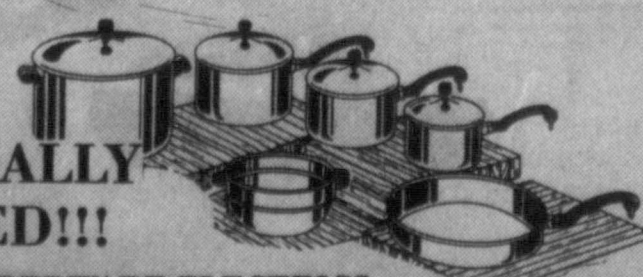
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