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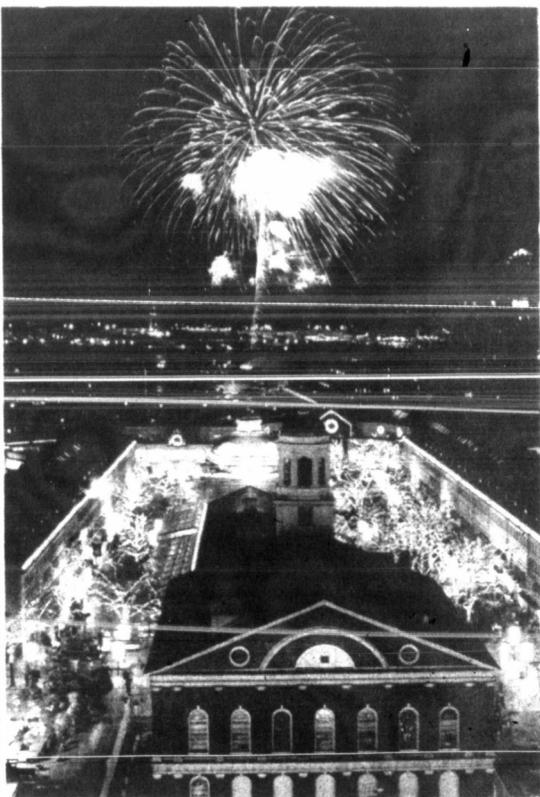
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TUESDAY

First Night fireworks



Midnight fireworks over Boston Harbor help highlight the 15th anniversary of Boston's annual First Night celebration welcoming the New Year. In the foreground is the historic Faneuil Hall.

Bush and Gorbachev condemn Saddam in messages on U.S. and Soviet television

By MIKE FEINSILBER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush and Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev are condemning Iraq's conquest of Kuwait in New Year's greetings beamed to each others' people.

Bush called the invasion "brutal aggression" and Gorbachev labeled it a threat to "the advance toward a peaceful period of civilization."

Bush, in his videotaped remarks for Soviet television, also sought to give the beleaguered Gorbachev a boost at home, hailing him for undertaking "an arduous journey, but one well worth making, for it is a path that leads to a brighter future for your nation."

Gorbachev, for his part, prodded America to shed some Cold War attitudes. He said he expected the Moscow summit in mid-February to give "new impetus" to Soviet-American relations, still hampered by some "old obstacles."

"Economic and scientific and technological cooperation still do not respond to the spirit of the time," he said.

The custom of exchanging New Year's messages over each others' television was started by Gorbachev and President Reagan in 1986, dropped in 1987 and resumed in 1988.

In the 1986 exchange, Reagan defended the American people's "strong interest in humanitarian issues" and Gorbachev stressed the Soviet people's interest in peace, "having suffered for it" in World War II.

Bush took the occasion to underscore the Soviet-American "common approach" in standing up to Iraq's Saddam Hussein, with whom the Soviets formerly had close ties. The Soviets, while declining to commit troops to the allied force in Saudi Arabia, have supported United Nations resolutions condemning and isolating Iraq.

"I applaud, the world applauds, the decisive action of the Soviet Union in strongly opposing Saddam Hussein's brutal aggression in the gulf," Bush said.

Gorbachev said the international community "should find strength to overcome this obstacle, not to discontinue the advance toward a peaceful period of civilization."

The Soviet leader summed up 1990 as a momentous year. "The Cold War is over. There is no more danger of nuclear catastrophe. The horizons of peace have been widened."

And Bush cheered the warmth developing between ordinary Soviet and American citizens as a result of the Cold War's demise.

"Tens of thousands of Soviets have had con-

tact with Americans now, and the numbers are growing," he said. "Barbara and I are thrilled to see our two peoples meeting and getting to know one another as friendly neighbors."

In a separate television address to his own people, Gorbachev said the elapsing year was "one of the most difficult years in our history."

"Crisis phenomena in economics, the lowering of people's personal safety, a weakening of order and discipline affected the conditions of life," he said.

Bush said the reform path on which Gorbachev has embarked ultimately would lead to a brighter future for the Soviet people.

"On this New Year's Day, as you celebrate with your friends and family, I also want to applaud the Soviet Union for the important steps you've taken in building a new society, for the determination with which you are pressing forward with difficult political and economic reforms," the president said.

He made no reference to Gorbachev's struggle to keep his nation from splintering as some of the Soviet republics assert uncompromising claims to sovereignty.

Nor did Bush mention the way Gorbachev's economic reforms have bogged down or the food shortages that impelled Western countries to send emergency supplies to the Soviet Union.

New Year begins with Gulf diplomacy on horizon

By BRIAN MURPHY
Associated Press Writer

The new year arrived with fresh European efforts to ward off war in the Persian Gulf and hints of a possible break in the impasse blocking talks between Iraq and the Bush administration.

Middle East allies will probably receive a visit from Secretary of State James A. Baker III before the U.N.-sanctioned Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait or face the possibility of attack.

Troops in the gulf welcomed 1991 with water, soda and non-alcoholic "Saudi champagne" in deference to Muslim tenets against liquor. On the Armed Forces Radio Network, comedian Robin Williams cried: "Good Maaawwrrring, Saudi."

In Iraq, 17-year-olds were preparing to be transformed from students to soldiers under an order to report for military duty beginning Wednesday. They will be the youngest ever drafted in modern Iraq.

A New Year's message from the Iraqi Embassy in London portrayed President Bush as a warmonger and said Iraqis "always carry the olive branch and sing songs of peace."

The statement said 1991 could bring "roses, rainbows or ... a blood bath and piles of corpses and everlasting sorrow."

In London, former Prime Minis-

ter Edward Heath accused the United States of failing to pursue a diplomatic initiative.

"Tens of thousands of lives depend on this and the whole of the world order," he said on the British Broadcasting Corp.

Vice President Dan Quayle wrapped up a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia today with visits to troops before meeting with the

deposed emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al-Sabah.

Quayle was expected to ask the emir for more money to help support the U.S. military buildup in the gulf. Quayle made a similar request to Saudi King Fahd on Sunday.

Luxembourg took over the European Community presidency today and the 12-nation trade bloc plans Friday to discuss a possible political settlement to the gulf crisis.

The Luxembourgian foreign minister, Jacques Poos, said he expected some member states to push for him to meet with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

King Hussein of Jordan has vigorously pursued a diplomatic solution to the crisis ever since it began with Iraq's Aug. 2 seizure of Kuwait. He was scheduled to travel to Europe for talks with some leaders this week.

In an effort to keep the anti-Iraq alliance strong and search for ways to avoid war, Baker will probably visit Saudi Arabia and other Middle East allies early this month.

A Bush administration official who revealed the possible Baker trip said the visit would be to "touch bases" with gulf leaders. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

There are no immediate plans for Baker to travel to Iraq, but one U.S. official said Saddam Hussein could invite Baker to Baghdad.

Saddam has suggested that

Baker meet with him on Jan. 12, a date the Bush administration contends is too close to the Jan. 15 deadline. U.S. officials had proposed Jan. 3 to begin talks.

But the State Department is now saying that it has not ruled out a Baker trip to Iraq after Jan. 3.

In other developments:

• Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu of Japan said his nation is ready to offer economic aid to Iraq if it withdraws peacefully from Kuwait. Japan, which had been Iraq's top aid donor, froze about \$3 billion in assistance after the invasion. No specific aid figure was noted in the New Year's message.

• Iraqi Health Minister Abdul-Salam Mohammed Said claimed Monday that more than 4,200 people have died because of shortages in medical supplies caused by the U.N. trade embargo. Western officials have challenged similar Iraqi claims.

• In Washington, the Army said Monday it is ordering to active duty 2,667 National Guard and Army Reserve members. More than 125,000 reservists have been called to active duty since late August.

• The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Bush should face impeachment if he leads the nation to war against Iraq without congressional consent. "The focus should be on the goal of getting Iraq out of Kuwait, not on a cutoff date," Jackson said Monday in New Orleans.

Celanese plant contract worker treated for inhalation of fumes

A contract worker at the Hoechst Celanese Chemical Co.'s Pampa Plant was treated Monday for inhalation of fumes from a vapor cloud that was released after a gasket failed.

Brent Stephens, plant manager, said the event happened at 3:48 p.m. Monday when a gasket in a pipeline in the north reactor system failed. A butane and acetic acid mixture was released into the atmosphere.

The worker, who was not identified, was treated at Coronado Hospital's emergency room for inhalation of the vapor mixture. He was released Monday evening.

Stephens said the hospital checked the worker's lungs and blood gases and released him after finding no problems.

Stephens said the plant's emergency system was put into operation when the gasket failed, activating a diluting sprinkler. A siren also was

sounded to warn plant employees and neighboring residents.

An emergency crew, wearing protective gear, entered the area and secured the leak, preventing further damage and leakage of the fumes.

An all-clear signal was sounded at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Stephens said precautions were quickly taken to limit the spread of the vapor cloud and prevent any danger to workers or nearby residents.

The north reactor incident was the second such in Celanese plant operations on New Year's Eve.

Earlier in the day, at about 12:30 a.m. Monday, a gasket failure permitted oil to spill onto a hot steam pipe and ignite, Stephens reported.

The flash fire was extinguished quickly by an employee at the plant, he said.

There were no injuries in the first incident.

Prison, sheriff's office and murders among top stories for 1990

By BETH MILLER
and BEAR MILLS
Staff Writers

Nineteen-ninety's top local stories consisted of controversy, murder and mayhem, topped by some good economic news.

After almost a decade of businesses closing, people moving away and oil and gas companies seeing no signs of hope, Pampa became part of a statewide trend of turning lemons into lemonade.

While violence continues to plague the state, communities large and small are cashing in on the crime wave by landing state dollars through corrections units.

After Amarillo and Childress got units, Pampa managed to sneak in and receive the last prison slated for construction in the Panhandle, with the awarding of the prison gaining the top spot in local news stories for the year.

Meanwhile, scandals and controversies racked the Gray County Sheriff's Office, Dick Waterfield congressional campaign and McLean High School football program, along with funding problems in the schools, residents upset by a proposed self-esteem curriculum, construction of a new county jail and disputes over Canadian River access rights.

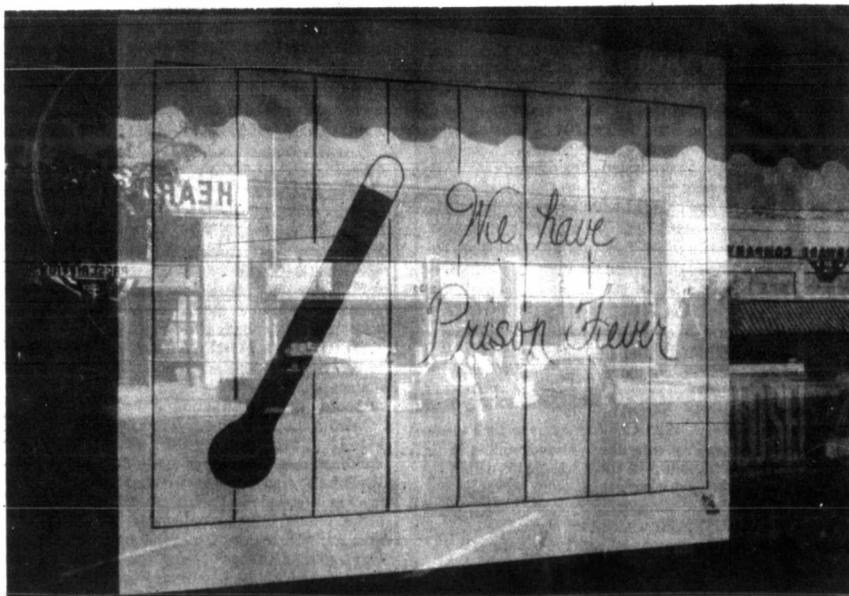
Two murders made the year's top ten stories, with both of them claiming the lives of young people, and another one gaining honorable mention.

Some long-standing local problems were laid to rest in 1990 when the city negotiated a new cable television contract with Sammons Communication and approved a state plan to widen Hobart Street.

The top 10 local stories and eight honorable mentions were determined by *The Pampa News'* editorial department after a review of 34 nominated news items from around the area.

1. **A new state prison:** Though Pampa was the new kid on the get-a-prison block, the city was successful in bringing a 1,000-bed unit and nearly 400 new jobs for the city.

Adopting the theme "A Prison for Pampa: Two P's in a Pod," the Industrial Foundation, city, Gray County and Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce officials, along with a number of local residents and merchants, urged



Pampa merchants showed their support for a state prison site, such as this sign on a downtown street reading "We have Prison Fever." The awarding of a prison site to Pampa ranked as the top news story for 1990.

the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to become "P-pickers."

Pampa had sought a prison also in 1989, but was passed over in nomination for the sites in November. But the officials, led by Industrial Foundation president Bill Waters, kept active in bringing a prison to the area when selections began in 1990 for the awarding of other prisons.

Construction on the new unit is slated for 1991, with

groundbreaking tentatively scheduled for mid-summer.

2. **Sheriff's Office problems:** Turmoil surfaced in the sheriff's office in late April when Sheriff Jim Free suspended four employees pending two separate investigations into alleged wrongdoing.

Chief Jailer Othal Hicks, Chief Deputy Ken Kieth and Secretary Sue Matthew were suspended amid allegations involving the forgery of a high school diploma for Hicks. Sgt. Dave Keiser was suspended pending an

investigation into allegations of official misconduct by a peace officer. Keiser was reinstated less than two weeks later after being cleared by an internal investigation.

On May 16, District Attorney Harold Comer requested the aid of the Texas Rangers in investigating various allegations regarding the Sheriff's Office. In mid-June Free signed a letter stating that Hicks, Matthew and Kieth were suspended without pay effective June 16. On June 26, Kieth announced his resignation from the sheriff's office.

On July 11, after meeting for three days, a Gray County grand jury returned indictments against Sheriff Free, Hicks and Kieth. Free was indicted on a third-degree felony charge of tampering with a governmental record and three class A misdemeanor charges of appointing unlicensed law enforcement officers.

Kieth was indicted on two third-degree felony charges of tampering with a governmental record and one class A misdemeanor charge of perjury. Hicks was indicted on one third-degree felony charge of tampering with a governmental record and one class A misdemeanor charge of perjury.

Matthew was granted immunity from prosecution in return for her testimony.

On July 19, the grand jury also issued a report finding a number of deficiencies with the Sheriff's Office and making a number of recommendations. The grand jury also issued a statement that there was insufficient evidence to indict Keiser.

On July 26, Kieth pleaded guilty to one count of misdemeanor tampering with a governmental record. He was given deferred adjudication of one year probation and fined \$500. The two other charges against Kieth were considered as unadjudicated offenses and then dismissed.

Free and Hicks both waived their arraignments on the indictments on July 31 and their cases have not yet come to trial.

On Nov. 26, Comer was allowed to withdraw from prosecuting the case against the sheriff and the case will now be handled by the 47th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

In mid-July, Free named Deputy Wayne Carter as

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Services tomorrow

HEATH, J.P. - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.
MILES, Letha Belle Keeton Worley - 4 p.m., Bible Baptist Church.
REEVES, Marie Brawley - 2 p.m., graveside, Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.
KNIPP, Julian K. - 1 p.m., St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Canadian.
BURKHART, Frank - 10 a.m., College Heights Baptist Church, Plainview; 5:30 p.m., graveside, Coleman Memorial Cemetery, Coleman.
TRIMBLE, Gertrude Guinell - 2 p.m., Lemons Memorial Chapel, Plainview.
HYATT, Nora Ellen Beatty - 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, Wheeler.
KEENEY, Pete Jr. - 2 p.m., graveside, Canadian Cemetery, Canadian.
HODGES, Oliver - 2 p.m., San Jacinto United Methodist Church, Amarillo.
LOYD, Margie E. - 2 p.m., Assembly of God Church, Shamrock.

Obituaries

C. DUANE SCHAUB
 BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - C. Duane Schaub, 45, a former Pampa, Texas, resident, died Monday, Dec. 31, 1990 as a result of an automobile accident. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.
 Mr. Schaub was born on Aug. 29, 1945, in Oklahoma. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1963 and graduated from Texas Tech University in 1968 with a degree in chemical engineering.
 Survivors include his wife, Carol, of the home; three sons, Duane Howard Schaub of Independence, Kan., Derek Troy Schaub of Stillwater, Okla., and Aaron Eugene Schaub of Tulsa, Okla.; a stepdaughter, Erin Perry of Birmingham, Ala.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Schaub of Pampa, Texas; a brother, Robert Schaub of Pampa, Texas; a sister, Paula Longbine of Childress, Texas; and two granddaughters.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions	Pampa	Jane Ann Levick,
Eunice G. Bohot,	Pampa	Petra Mendez, Perry-
Pampa		ton
Ester Mae Landers,	Pampa	Joe Montgomery,
Pampa		
Mariah L. Osburn,	Pampa	Lester G. Newman,
Pampa		
Aurenia E. Polk,	Pampa	Eva "Lynne" Scanlon,
Pampa		
Buster J. Strickland,	Pampa	Chester H. Terry,
Pampa		
Dismissals		Dorothy J. Whatley,
Willie A. Gipson,	Pampa	Burkburnett
Royce Goodson,	Borger	SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Thadys R. Hedger,		Not available

Obituaries

OLIVER HODGES
 AMARILLO - Oliver Hodges, 81, relative of area residents, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 1990. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in San Jacinto United Methodist Church with the Rev. Julius Early and the Rev. Royce Womack, both of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Bell Avenue Chapel.
 Mr. Hodges was born in Henrietta. He married Alma Brown in 1925 at Miami. He retired as an engineer from Santa Fe Railway. He was a member of San Jacinto United Methodist, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Amarillo Masonic Lodge #731, the Lubbock Scottish Rite Consistory and Amarillo Commandery #48.
 Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mary McCaffree of Amarillo; five sons, Bill Hodges of Canadian, Jim Hodges of Richmond, Va., Don Hodges and Gary Hodges, both of Dallas, and Robert Hodges of Amarillo; a brother, Clyde Hodges of Miami; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

MARGIE E. LOYD
 SHAMROCK - Margie E. Loyd, 79, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 1990. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Wynes Manney, pastor of Assembly of God Church in Memphis, and the Rev. Z.A. Myers of McLean, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Loyd was born in Blue Mountain, Ark., and moved to Wheeler County in 1942 from Oklahoma. The former Margie E. Cole married Howard H. Loyd in 1942 at Elk City, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of the Assembly of God Church. She and her husband lived in McLean from 1950 to 1986 before moving to Shamrock.

Survivors include her husband; a sister, Gladys Loyd of Shamrock; a brother, Wilton Cole of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

GERTRUDE GUINELL TRIMBLE
 PLAINVIEW - Gertrude Guinell "Nell" Trimble, 79, a former area resident, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 1990. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Lemons Memorial Chapel with Elder Gayle McCoy, pastor of Plainview Primitive Baptist Church, and Steve Trimble, her grandson, officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery.

Mrs. Trimble was born in Grenola, Kan., and reared in Woodward, Okla. She married George E. Trimble in 1929 at Wellington; he preceded her in death in 1985. She lived in Shamrock, Bakersfield, Calif., and McLean before moving to Hale County in 1952. She also lived in Floydada from 1953 to 1973 before moving to Bowie and then to Plainview in 1985. She was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mildred Igo of Denver, Colo., and Levene Grant of Waco; six sons, Pitman Trimble of Buhl, Idaho, Leslie Trimble of Rialto, Calif., Gerstle Trimble of Radcliff, Ky., Joe Trimble of Winston-Salem, N.C., Johnny Trimble of Escondido, Calif., and Larry Trimble of Plainview; four brothers, H.J. Garvin of Missoula, Mont., Jimmy Garvin of Lake Jackson, Paul Allen Garvin of Midland and Loyd Garvin of Amarillo; two sisters, Lavell Camp of Missoula, Mont., and Mary Hugg of Jal, N.M.; 23 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.
 The family will be at the Larry Trimble home, 206 Zephyr.

NORA ELLEN BEATTY HYATT
 WHEELER - Nora Ellen Beatty Hyatt, 89, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 1990. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Helsley, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery by Wright Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Hyatt was born in Martha, Okla., and moved to Wheeler in 1920. She married Thomas Franklin Hyatt in 1919 at Wellington; he preceded her in death in 1984. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Tommy Hyatt of Amarillo; two daughters, Melba Wallis of Tucson, Ariz., and Wanda Nations Tower of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

PETE KEENEY JR.
 CANADIAN - Pete Keeneey Jr., 70, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 1990. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Canadian Cemetery with Rick Bartlett, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Stickle-Hill Funeral Home.

Mr. Keeneey was born in Edmond, Okla. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was a manager of C.R. Anthony stores for 37 years. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include his wife, Edna of the home; a son, Joe Keeneey of Canadian; and a brother, Arthur Sargent of Wichita, Kan.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	665-5777
Fire.....	911

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Dec. 31
 Pampa Police Department reported driving while intoxicated in the 100 block of East Atchison. Shannon Hughes, 1121 Varnon Drive, reported criminal mischief.

Lisa K. Putman, 2204 N. Christy, reported a theft of \$20-200.

TODAY, Jan. 1
 A domestic dispute was reported in the 1800 block of Beech Street. Texas Department of Public Safety issued a wanted outside agency report in the 400 block of West 23rd.

Pampa Police Department reported minors in possession in the 400 block of West 23rd.

Arrests
MONDAY, Dec. 31
 Arville Glen Prince, 32, 736 W. McCullough, was arrested in the 1100 block of South Hobart, on a capias pro fine warrant for public intoxication. He was released upon payment of the fine.

Patrick Thomas McGill, 40, 412 Hill #1A, was arrested at 25th and Perryton Parkway, and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Curtis Lee Brown, 33, 114 N. Gillespie, was arrested in the 100 block of East Atchison and charged with driving while intoxicated (breath test refusal).

TODAY, Jan. 1
 Billy Wayne Morgan, 19, 418 Rider, was arrested at Brown and Gray streets and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Christopher Leal, 17, 1111 E. Frederic, was arrested at Brown and Gray streets and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

Monty Ray Waters, 17, 2228 N. Sumner, was arrested at Brown and Gray streets and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

Terry Wayne Stroud, 20, Lefors, was arrested in the 400 block of West 23rd and charged with driving while intoxicated (breath test refusal), minor in possession of alcohol and on three DPS warrants.

Roy Lee Lott, 21, 528 N. Christy, was arrested in the 1000 block of North Sumner and charged with a capias pro fine for speeding.

DPS-Arrests
MONDAY, Dec. 31
 Louston Lynn Samuel, 37, 1009 Huff Road, was arrested at Hobart and Oklahoma streets and charged with driving while intoxicated (second offense), no proof of liability insurance and no seatbelt.

David Wayne Strnad, 28, 701 E. Foster, was arrested at Graham and Frederic streets and charged with driving while intoxicated (first offense).

Steven Leonard Fite, 32, White Deer, was arrested on U.S. 60 and charged with driving while intoxicated (second offense), speeding 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, no driver's license and no proof of liability insurance.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TODAY, Jan. 1
 1:37 a.m. - A 1985 Chevrolet driven by Robert Harold Taylor, 23, Amarillo, collided with a 1985 legally parked pickup in the 1800 block of North Duncan. Taylor and a passenger, Amy Dawn Eaves, 16, Amarillo, were transported by Rural/Metro-AMT to Coronado Hospital where they were treated and released. The accident investigation is pending.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Dec. 31
 3:48 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire at 2117 Duncan.
 11:16 p.m. - Three units and five men responded to a call when an owl landed on a transformer at the residence of Jim Campbell, 1330 Williston, and shorted out the transformer. Southwestern Public Service was called to restore power to the residence. The owl died in the mishap.



A Palestinian guerrilla salvages weapons and ammunition from a base flattened by Israeli warplanes in southern Lebanon Monday. Police and Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization said 12 guerrillas were killed in the raid on a PLO base near Sidon. It was the deadliest among 21 air strikes unleashed by Israel in Lebanon this year.

Israel bombs PLO bases, 12 die

By AHMED MANTASH

SIDON, Lebanon (AP) - Israel unleashed its deadliest air attack of the year on Lebanon Monday, killing 12 PLO guerrillas in a pre-dawn raid near Sidon.

Police and the Palestine Liberation Organization confirmed in separate statements that there were no survivors among Yasser Arafat's Fatah guerrillas at the base.

The Lebanese police report said two F-15 fighter-bombers struck 20 minutes past midnight Sunday. They dropped two 1,500-pound bombs that flattened the two-story villa occupied by the guerrillas.

It was Israel's 21st raid on Lebanon this year. The Israeli command said its planes returned safely after hitting "a launching pad for attacks on Israel."

Fatah, the largest and oldest of nine groups under the PLO, marks the 26th anniversary of its founding on Tuesday, New Year's Day.

The base was in a lemon grove 7 1/2 miles southeast of Sidon, a PLO spokesman said.

"There were no survivors. Those who were dug out from the rubble alive died in ambulances before reaching hospital," the spokesman said. He could not be identified in line with standing rules.

A PLO statement issued in Sidon said the bodies of all 12 Fatah fighters were recovered before bulldozers were brought in to clear the rubble.

Guerrillas dispatched from Sidon's Ein el-Hilweh refugee camp looked through the debris for hours to salvage weapons and ammunition from the destroyed base.

"It was a disaster. Our comrades were caught unawares," one guerrilla told reporters. He refused to give his name.

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Market strategists say new year hinges on course of world events

By STEFAN FATSI

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Instability in Europe, the threat of war in the Middle East and economic woes everywhere pushed world stock markets down sharply in 1990, and strategists said the new year hinges on the course of those events.

In major markets, Japan tumbled on overvalued stocks and high interest rates and Germany sank as the effect of absorbing its former Communist eastern neighbor set in, while Britain benefited from a weak dollar.

According to an index of 20 major markets by Morgan Stanley Capital International, world stock markets tumbled 23 percent in 1990 through Friday as measured in local currencies. The American, Canadian and British stock markets were open Monday, but most 1990 trading worldwide ended Friday.

Excluding the United States and Canada, the decline for U.S. investors playing foreign markets translated to 24.4 percent in 1990, compared to a 9.1 percent increase in dollar terms in 1989, Morgan Stanley said.

"Basically we had a year where the consequences of high real interest rates came out," said Richard

B. Hoey, chief economist with Barclays de Zoete Wedd. He said higher rates in Germany and Japan were felt worldwide.

Market strategists said Monday that the world developments that shaped 1990 will spill over as the dominant themes of 1991. Among the key questions:

- Will the United States go to war with Iraq? Rising oil prices had a bad inflationary effect on equity markets from Stockholm to Singapore, and trading closely followed the movements of oil prices.

- How bad will the world financial crisis get? The pace of slow-downs in Europe and Japan and recessions in Britain and the United States, and the movement of interest rates, particularly in Germany, are considered keys to 1991 stock market performance.

- Will the tinder box politics of

the Soviet Union ignite? Will Eastern Europe become more than an economic drain for the West? Economists said the potential for quick gains there is slim, but that disaster could depress stock markets.

In the Morgan Stanley index, Japan's stock market dropped 39.9 percent in yen terms in 1990, the world's second worst performance behind a 40.2 percent fall in Finland. Germany declined 20.9 percent, France fell 25.2 percent and Italy lost 29 percent in their local currencies.

The declines were smaller when measured in U.S. dollars, which fell against European currencies for the year.

The best performer in local terms was the Hong Kong market, which rose 4.6 percent. The U.S. market was down 5.9 percent, according to Morgan Stanley.

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LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, fair with a low near 20 degrees and westerly winds 5-15 mph, shifting northerly after midnight. Wednesday, partly cloudy and colder with a high in the upper 30s and northeasterly winds 10-15 mph.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Fair through Wednesday. Highs today upper 40s in the Panhandle to mid 50s in the Concho Valley and upper 70s for Big Bend river valleys. Lows tonight mainly 20s, upper 30s for Big Bend lowlands. Highs Wednesday low 40s for the Panhandle to mid 50s in the Concho Valley, near 60 in Far West regions to near 80 in Big Bend river valleys.

North Texas - Mostly cloudy in southern areas through Wednesday. A slight chance of rain southeast. A little warmer New Year's Day, turning colder Wednesday. Highs today 44 to 51. Lows tonight 26 in the northwest to 36 southeast. Highs Wednesday 40 to 48.

South Texas - Cloudy to mostly cloudy with a chance of rain most sections through Wednesday. Highs through Wednesday in the 40s and 50s. Lows tonight in the 40s, the 30s in the Hill Country and the 50s in extreme south.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Thursday through Saturday

West Texas - Mostly fair through Saturday. Panhandle: Highs in low 40s to near 50. Lows near 20 to mid 20s. South Plains: Highs in mid 40s to low 50s. Lows in mid 20s. Permian Basin: Highs near 50 to upper 50s. Lows in mid 20s to near 30. Concho-Pecos Valleys: Highs in low 50s to near 60. Lows in upper 20s to mid 30s. Far West: Highs in mid 50s to near 60. Lows in mid 20s to near 30. Big Bend: Highs in the 50s mountains to the 60s along the Rio Grande. Lows in the 20s for the mountains, near 30 to mid 30s in the lowlands.

North Texas - A slight warming trend through the period. Partly cloudy through Friday. Mostly cloudy Saturday. West: Lows in mid 20s to low 30s. Highs Thursday in low and mid 40s, low 50s by Saturday. Central: Lows in low and mid 30s. Highs in mid 40s to low 50s. East: Slight chance of rain Saturday. Lows in low and mid 30s. Highs in mid 40s to low 50s.

South Texas - Considerable cloudiness with gradual warming. Possible rain Thursday and Friday. Hill Country and South Central: Highs in the 50s Thursday and Friday, the 60s Saturday. Lows in the 30s to near 40 through Friday, the

40s Saturday. Coastal Bend: Highs in the 50s to near 60 through Friday, the 60s to near 70 Saturday. Lows in the 40s through Friday, the 50s Saturday. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Highs in the 60s through Friday, the 70s Saturday. Lows in the 40s to near 50 through Friday, the 50s Saturday. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Highs in the 50s to near 60 through Friday, the 60s Saturday. Lows in the 30s to near 40 through Friday, the 40s Saturday.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma - Fair and warmer New Year's Day. Turning colder northwest tonight and most sections Wednesday. Highs New Year's Day in low 40s for the northeast to mid 50s in the western Panhandle. Lows tonight mid teens in the Panhandle to low 30s southeast. Highs Wednesday near 30 north to upper 40s southeast.

New Mexico - Sunny and a little warmer New Year's Day. Fair through Wednesday. Little cooler in the eastern plains on Wednesday. Lows tonight from near 10 below zero to 15 above in the mountains. Teens and 20s elsewhere. Highs New Year's Day and Wednesday mostly in the 30s and 40s for the northern mountains and northwest. Upper 40s to low 60s elsewhere.

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the new chief deputy. However, that appointment will end with the New Year after Carter announced in late December that he is resigning to become the new 31st District court bailiff. No replacement has been named.

Gray County was also slapped with a racial discrimination lawsuit in mid-October by Deputy Lynn Brown. The county was not made aware of that lawsuit until late November when it was served with the paperwork.

3. Arson kills child: Pampa was rocked with the devastating news that the life of a teenage boy had been claimed in a house fire on May 21 and that a suspect in the case was charged with murder. Dale Noble, 13-year-old son of Paulette Noble, died in the fire, which was reportedly caused by a Molotov cocktail.

Arrested and later indicted on a charge of murder in the case was Robert Kimberly Blalock. Blalock, 34, was scheduled to go to trial in the case on Dec. 17, but the trial was continued until Jan. 28 on the defense's motion. Blalock remains in Gray County Jail in lieu of a \$75,000 bond on the murder indictment.

4. Cable TV: Residents and the news media in other cities found it hard to believe that the single thing most Pampans were apparently concerned with from day to day was the addition of more cable channels and improved service from Sammons Communications.

However, for several years, complaints against Sammons were the most consistent type letter received by the editor of *The Pampa News*. And on Tuesday, March 20, almost 500 residents jammed the M.K. Brown Civic Center Heritage Room to take Sammons on.

The cable company reached an agreement with the city, which will result in approximately four times as many TV channel options when a system rebuild is completed in 1991.

5. Killing on Francis Street: The life of one young man was taken and another irreversibly changed with a shotgun killing that erupted in the parking lot of the Senior Citizens Center on Feb. 28. Early on March 1, Roger Dale Miller, 20, of Pampa died of the shotgun blast he received to the abdomen, and 17-year-old Jeremy Teakell was arrested and charged with murder.

The last week of August was a trying time for both Miller's and Teakell's families as Jeremy Teakell went to trial and the night of the shooting and events before and after were re-lived for the jury.

Teakell's defense was that the killing was one of an "immediate influence" of "sudden passion" arising out of an "adequate cause," and erupted after Miller kissed Teakell's long-time girlfriend. The prosecution had sought a conviction for first-degree murder.

The jury began deliberating Aug. 31 — a Friday afternoon — and returned with a verdict of guilty to voluntary manslaughter shortly before midnight. After deliberating on the punishment phase of the trial until 5:45 a.m. Saturday morning — Sept. 1 — the jury finally decided Teakell's sentence would be 11 years in the state penitentiary. Because of a finding that a deadly weapon was exhibited, Teakell is not scheduled to be eligible for parole until one-fourth calendar time of the 11-year sentence is served.

6. Self-esteem: Pampa public school superintendent Dr. Harry Griffith opened a Pandora's Box of trouble when he permitted the administering of a self-esteem



(Staff photo)

First Lady Barbara Bush, right, campaigns in Amarillo for Dick Waterfield of Canadian in his GOP election bid for U.S. representative. The race between Waterfield and incumbent Bill Sarpalius, Democrat of Amarillo, ranked as the seventh top story of the year.

questionnaire to elementary school students in February. Dozens of students apparently misunderstood their teachers' instructions to not discuss the test with anyone and went home telling their parents they were asked lots of questions about their family life but couldn't tell their parents what they said.

School officials said the teachers meant the children shouldn't discuss the answers with each other. Parents insisted that any questionnaire that was so easily misconstrued and asked such personal questions as whether the children thought their parents loved them was dubious.

When the district in September wanted to install a self-esteem curriculum that dozens of parents insisted taught secular humanism, the fray again made front-page news. In December new superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr informed the school board he was removing the material from consideration.

He informed parents and teachers that schools would focus on the one thing that was guaranteed to improve self-esteem: successful academic performance.

7. Waterfield/Sarpalius race: Though general elections involved numerous candidates in local, area and state positions, attention in the Pampa area concentrated on the battle between incumbent U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpalius, Democrat of Amarillo, and opponent State Rep. Dick Waterfield, Republican of Canadian.

Though Waterfield had strong GOP backing up to the national level, with campaign support appearances by First Lady Barbara Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle, Sen. Phil Gramm and other state and national leaders, Sarpalius retained his seat in the U.S. House.

Waterfield had bucked the national trend by raising a campaign fund chest nearly twice that of the incumbent, but it wasn't enough to gain him the seat that Sarpalius had won two years previously after former GOP representative Beau Boulter decided to seek the GOP senatorial nomination against Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

The campaign was marred by accusations of negative campaigning by Waterfield against Sarpalius. Sarpalius claimed Waterfield had made distortions of Sarpalius' voting record and upbringing, implied that he did not support the sending of U.S. forces to the Persian Gulf by President Bush and exaggerated the liberal tag attached to him by Waterfield. After losing the election, Waterfield said district voters apparently preferred to send a liberal to Congress instead of a conservative.

8. New jail construction: In January, Gray County Commissioners Court got down to business on constructing a new jail and sheriff's office when the group signed a contract with the architectural firm, Maxey and Associates Inc. of Austin, to design the 78-bed — expandable to 96-bed — facility.

In March, commissioners began preparing the Russell-Francis street site for construction by first taking bids on removable items from three standing buildings on the site, which were later demolished.

In late August, bids came in for the jail construction with the lowest bid of just over \$3 million, by A&S Steel Buildings Inc. of Amarillo, being awarded at the Sept. 15 meeting of the Commissioners Court. The contract with A&S Steel was signed in mid-October and preliminary work at the site began soon thereafter. The jail is scheduled to be completed in late 1991.

9. School funding problems: Pampa schools got a double dose of financial woes in 1990. First, the statewide school financing mess cost the district hundreds of thousands of dollars when a funding formula was eventually passed by the Legislature.

Then, Hoechst Celanese's lawsuit against the Gray County Appraisal District over values cost the district more money, at least temporarily. By law, if the tax payment is being disputed in court, as Celanese is currently doing, the company only has to make a minimal payment.

Taxpayers bore the brunt of the shortfall caused by both situations, paying an additional seven cents in property taxes.

Through the end of 1990 the district's money problems seemed no closer to resolution. Again the Legislature is being pressed by the Texas Supreme Court to find a better funding formula and the Celanese appraisal is still the subject of legal wrangling by attorneys for the tax district and chemical company.

10. Canadian River land controversy: In March action heated up concerning plans by State Sen. Teel Bivins to introduce legislation to sell 18,000 acres of Canadian River land in exchange for the Alibates Ranch, a 26,500-acre site in Potter County.

In the summer of 1989, landowners along the Canadian River filed a lawsuit against the state of Texas, and Bivins' proposed legislation was an attempt to settle the lawsuit. The ownership of the land has been in dispute for about 25 years.

The Texas Panhandle Recreationalist Association, a group fighting to keep the Canadian River bed land public domain, strongly opposed Bivins' legislation and argued that the controversy would best be decided by the court.

In April, Bivins expressed hope that he would get the bill into the special session for consideration. However, in late April that hope was dashed, and Bivins then said he'd refile the bill on the Canadian River land at the next special session.

In early June, the Senate rushed through the bill that would have settled the dispute, but it was effectively killed in the House when the chairman of the State Affairs Committee agreed to hold the bill and not present it for a vote.

The fate of who will be awarded the ownership of the Canadian River land, be it the state or the landowners who are claiming the land, is yet to be determined. Maybe 1991 will provide the answer.

Honorable mention: Also gaining votes in the year-end poll were the McLean-UIL controversy surfacing after two football players were arrested and charged in an assault incident, with the school district, football coach and one of the players being placed on UIL probation; horizontal oil drilling efforts in the Panhandle; the resignation of PISD school superintendent Harry Griffith and the naming of Dawson Orr as his replacement; the crisis in the Middle East costing IRI International oil rig orders; the Hobart Street widening project controversy; the discovery of the body of Alzheimer's disease victim Robert French in December after he had been missing since February 1989; the fire damage to Genesis House caused by residents of the home; and the Friday, July 13, murder of Frankie Gasper Garcia, 17, at an abandoned farmhouse near Panhandle and the subsequent arrest of suspect Kenneth Glenn Milner, 19, with satanic rituals allegedly involved.

Vice President Quayle greets Indiana guardsmen in Arabia

By RITA BEAMISH
Associated Press Writer

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — Snickers rippled through the crowd of several hundred troops when Vice President Dan Quayle pointed out a sign held aloft by three soldiers that read, "Indiana National Guard."

Then he asked the guardsmen to stand and take bows and the laughter turned to a boisterous, comradely round of applause.

These were residents of Quayle's home state, as he had, in the Indiana National Guard.

But unlike the vice president's experience, these guardsmen were on the brink of potential combat, serving just 40 miles from the Kuwaiti border, in an area that is likely to be a hotbed of fighting if war breaks out with Iraq.

Quayle joined the guard in 1969 at a time when many young men were getting drafted and shipped to the Vietnam War. Years later, when he was nominated for vice president, allegations swirled that Quayle's well-connected family helped get him into the guard while others were on a long waiting list.

"Honestly, we laughed a lot about it," Sgt. Michael Collins of Buffalo, N.Y., said Monday in describing how he and his friends reacted when they learned Quayle would come to the desert to boost their morale.

It was ironic, said Collins: "First off that he didn't go to Vietnam. Then we listened to Bush that this is not going to be another Vietnam. Then Danny came over."

It wasn't that Collins minded that the vice president visiting the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment desert base, but he saw it as somewhat humorous.

While most seemed excited to see the vice president, his visit did

cause "a few comments" around the base, said Capt. Norbert Jocz of Blacksburg, Va. But, echoing a common sentiment, Jocz said what really mattered was that Quayle came.

Jocz said he believed that controversy over Quayle's military service has died away in the two years he has been vice president. Many of the young troops Quayle saw during his three-day trip to Saudi Arabia said they didn't think much about his military record one way or the other.

"He did that, but other people have done worse things than him," said Marine Cpl. Kimberly Gender of Bloomfield, Ind.

"We don't ever think about it," Capt. Dan Clancy said after meeting Quayle at the sandy Marine encampment where Clancy flies Harrier attack jets. "He puts his pants on the same way we do."

Quayle himself brought up his guard service in a backhanded way, throwing out a crowd-pleasing line to the Marines when he said his father and brother had been in the Marines, and thus "notwithstanding my own service in the National Guard, Marines in the Quayle household are No. 1."

Quayle even ran into his old commanding officer from the Indiana guard, Lt. Col. Sam Graves, now assigned to the 22nd Support Command handling public relations in Saudi Arabia.

Graves told reporters he never imagined that under such circumstances he would again meet with Quayle, who served under him as a photographer-journalist in Indiana's 120th Public Information Detachment.

He said the vice president seemed like the same "hardworking, really sincere" guy he had known, who "didn't seem to take himself seriously. He wasn't too impressed with his position."

Kasparov draws with Karpov in world chess

LYON, France (AP) — Garry Kasparov played archival Anatoly Karpov to a draw Monday in the final game of their World Chess Championship, guaranteeing himself \$1.7 million of the \$3 million in prize money.

The resignation of Karpov after 36 moves gave Kasparov 12.5 points of a possible 24 in the competition.

Had he lost to his fellow Soviet grandmaster, they would have had 12 points each and split the winnings evenly.

The first 12 games of the compe-

tion were played in New York starting Oct. 8.

Kasparov, 27, successfully defended his title for the third time last Wednesday by drawing with Karpov in their 22nd game.

As defending champion, he needed only 12 points — a potential tie in the overall competition — to keep his title.

The final two games were key to see who won how much.

Karpov came back with a win Saturday night, bringing the score to 12-11.

Thrift failures leveled off in 1990, report says

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of bank and savings institution failures declined in 1990 for the first time in seven years, but with the economy slowing down since the summer shown up.

"1990 in a way was really a lull year," said financial institutions analyst Bert Ely of Alexandria, Va. "Every indication is that in 1991 we're going to see a significant increase."

The geographic pattern of failures shows they reflect old problems from the mid-1980s in oil-producing states in the Southwest rather than new problems in the Northeastern states where real estate markets are weakest, he said.

Although 1990's failures were spread among 38 states and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, more than a third — 140 — were in Texas.

Ten other states had 10 or more failures. They were California and Florida, 21 each; Illinois, 18; Louisiana, 17; New Jersey, 14; Oklahoma, 13; New York, 12; Massachusetts and Colorado, 11, and Mississippi, 10.

Zapata officials hopeful about debenture sale

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials from Zapata Corp. were "optimistic" that an extended deadline for the sale of its debentures would help stave off a bankruptcy filing.

"We're not going to have a final word until Wednesday morning, but we're very optimistic," said Barney White, spokesman for the Houston-based oil and gas production company.

Zapata board members had voted Saturday to extend a Friday deadline for buying back a series of subordinated debentures until 4 p.m. CST Monday. The board said it would file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection if the corporation failed to buy back two-thirds of the debentures by the end of December.

"We are very optimistic we're going to make it," White said. "We were short about \$2.13 million and that's not very much considering how much we'd already obtained."

If Zapata does not retire 66 2/3 percent of the debentures, it will not be able to restructure its senior debt under the agreement reached with banks in August.

The company's senior creditors, who hold \$573 million in debt, have agreed to pare the debt to \$115 million in exchange for an additional 53 percent of the company's equity and \$173 million in cash. That would give bankers and investment groups who have bought the debt

improvement. The sharp deterioration in real estate values, particularly in New England and New York and New Jersey, have yet to make their full impact on the failure rate, they said. Nor have the effects of the economic slowdown since the summer shown up.

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from banks 83 percent of Zapata's stock.

Zapata came up with the cash portion by selling its drilling rig fleet earlier this year for \$298 million. The rig sale also is providing the money to repurchase the bonds.

Without completing the bond tender offer, Zapata technically would default on its senior bank debt on Tuesday, prompting the

bankruptcy filing.

Zapata sold \$77.6 million in bonds to pay for new drilling equipment during the oil boom of the late 1970s. The subsequent oil bust left Zapata swamped by debt.

Under a 1987 debt restructuring, Zapata is supposed to begin making debt payments of \$16.7 million a quarter.

Zapata offered 52 cents on the dollar to debenture holders.

with \$190 billion in assets are in danger of failing.

If all of the endangered S&Ls fold, only around 2,000 privately-managed S&Ls would be left operating. If Seidman's bank failure prediction proves accurate, the number of commercial and savings banks operating would be reduced to around 12,700.

The big danger, according to economists, is that regulators will hesitate to seize failing institutions and sell them off to new investors. Seidman said the FDIC has enough money to handle bank failures through this year, but the insurance fund would begin 1992 dangerously diminished to around \$4 billion.

Seidman is proposing that healthy banks contribute around \$25 billion to shore up the fund.

Resolution Trust Corp. officials, meanwhile, estimate they will be out of funds unless Congress expeditiously acts to provide more. After spending most of the \$50 billion that Congress appropriated for the S&L bailout in 1989, the Bush administration estimates it needs at least another \$40 billion to cover losses in 1990.

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Opinion

Drastic measures are needed for education

George Bush, our self-proclaimed "education president," could have begun a major push for parental choice in schools. Instead, for his new secretary of education he chose a long-standing member of the current malaise, Lamar Alexander, the president of the University of Tennessee and former governor of Tennessee.

"No governor in the country," said Bush, in announcing the selection, "is so clearly identified with the imperative to improve education in America." As Tennessee's chief executive from 1979 to 1986, Alexander conducted the Better Schools program. It raised standards for teachers and has had a modest success. It also was copied by several other states.

But America's education programs are so bad that they need solutions far more drastic. After nearly a decade of reform, standards are worse than ever. Said outgoing Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos, in a report issued earlier last year: "Anything would do better than what we're doing now." He noted that in 1988, the latest year reported, 71.1 percent of students were graduated from high school, down from 71.5 percent in 1987.

Meanwhile, expenses and taxes keep going up. Total spending for the 1990-1991 school year is up by 6.9 percent to an estimated \$359 billion. Spending on elementary and secondary school is up even more, 7.2 percent, to \$231 billion. Teacher salaries in public elementary and secondary schools stand at an average of \$33,000 per year, up 6 percent from 1988. And per-pupil spending on students in kindergarten through 12th grade now averages \$5,638, a rise of \$354 from the previous year.

Yet many private and parochial schools do far better with per-pupil expenditures of \$2,000 to \$3,000. Why? These schools lack the public schools' top-heavy bureaucracies. In New York City, one-fourth of school spending goes to administration. Across the country, parents, students and even local school boards have little say. Distant bureaucrats in the state capitals and Washington, D.C., rule by decree. Yet, in a state as big as Texas, how can state bureaucrats possibly make proper choices?

Parents can either let their children suffer from the bureaucrats' edicts or take their children out of the government schools. If they take the latter choice, parents are severely punished: They must not only pay for the private schools, but they are taxed for government schools they don't use. For many middle class and poor families, such taxation can be financially ruinous.

What's needed is more choice, beginning with tax credits for every dollar parents spend on private schools. Next, state voucher systems might be instituted, giving parents full choice in where their children go to school. Perhaps Alexander will emerge as a fierce champion of choice, for which we might applaud. So far, alas, he has been notably silent on the issue, preferring to tinker with an untimely unworkable system.

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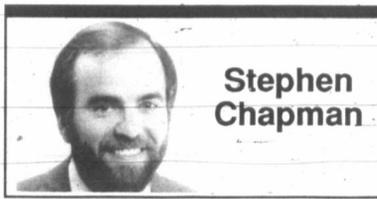
A few months ago, civil rights groups were pushing the Civil Rights Act of 1990 and rejecting President Bush's characterization of it as a "quota bill." They insisted they didn't want racial quotas, minority preferences, guaranteed slots or any other special advantages. The bill, they said, was designed not to reward blacks for their skin color, but only to prevent their being penalized for it.

The fate of the measure on Capitol Hill thus turned not on whether minority preferences were defensible — no one defended them — but on whether the bill would impose them. Since the bill disallowed such remedies, supporters were able to make a case that they were only trying to assure a level field for all players. So Congress approved the measure, though it didn't have the votes to override Bush's veto.

If we're all against giving out benefits to people based on their skin color, we should all be willing to get rid of that practice where it already exists. But when the Bush administration proposed to attack explicit minority preferences in another arena, it suddenly found all sorts of support for them.

The head of the NAACP, Benjamin Hooks, said he was "appalled" and "incensed" by the proposal. Ralph Neas of the Leadership Council on Civil Rights concluded that "the Bush administration seems determined to compile a worse civil rights record than the Reagan administration."

The administration had noticed that many colleges and universities provide special scholarships for minorities that aren't available to other students. Every college wants to increase its enrollment of blacks and Hispanics, who are generally underrepresented in higher education. The most reliable way to get them is to offer special financial



Stephen Chapman

aid — to pay them a bonus for their race.

Now the NAACP and its allies would be appalled if a school reserved certain aid for whites only. The Rhodes scholarships, in fact, used to do exactly that, in keeping with the stipulations of Cecil Rhodes' will. But criticism from those excluded eventually forced the administrators to remove the whites-only sign.

The administration thinks racial discrimination is offensive whether it victimizes blacks or whites. So it announced that it would cut off all federal aid to any institution that offered scholarships restricted by race.

Why do civil rights groups regard white-only scholarships as intolerable but black-only scholarships as essential? The NAACP says that minority enrollment is already declining and fears this new policy will hasten the trend.

Declining minority enrollment? Since 1978, according to the Department of Education, the number of black undergraduates has grown by 6 percent, while black representation in graduate and professional schools has increased by 14 percent. Hispanic numbers have risen by more than 60 percent at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

Nor should colorblind scholarships be much of

an inconvenience to the great majority of students. In the first place, the amount of money involved is "very small," according to the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators.

In the second place, students of modest economic resources will still qualify for financial aid based on need, which is how most aid is awarded. The poor black student who can't afford college without monetary help will continue to get it, not because she is black but because she is poor. The only minority kids who may lose out are those from middle-class and rich families — which hardly seems like a miscarriage of justice.

Even these students may not feel any impact. As the administration emphasized, colleges may still use race as one of several criteria for handing out financial aid — as long as race doesn't automatically disqualify anyone.

Minority scholarships can speedily be converted to diversity scholarships that, in practice, will continue to go largely to minority students. Schools that want to provide opportunities for blacks and Hispanics, as most obviously do, will have no trouble doing so.

So why bother with the change? Because a crucial principle is at stake here — that people shouldn't be rewarded or punished for their skin color. The right answer for racial discrimination against blacks isn't racial discrimination for blacks. The right answer is to end racial discrimination, period.

When it came to the 1990 Civil Rights Act, civil rights groups claimed that minority preferences were as repugnant to them as they were to President Bush. When it comes to minority scholarships, they claim minority preferences are indispensable. Which claim are we supposed to believe?

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 1, the first day of 1991. There are 364 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 1, 1863, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states were free.

On this date:
In 1735, Paul Revere was born in Boston.

In 1752, flagmaker Betsy Ross was born in Philadelphia.

In 1892, the Ellis Island Immigrant Station formally opened in New York.

In 1901, the Commonwealth of Australia was proclaimed.

In 1913, the U.S. Parcel Post system went into operation.

In 1935, The Associated Press inaugurated Wirephoto, the first successful service for transmitting photographs by wire to member newspapers.

In 1945, France was admitted to the United Nations.



Ku Klux Klanner unmasked

The Georgia State Supreme Court has rejected a Ku Klux Klan member's claim that he has a constitutional right to wear his KKK mask in public.

The court said wearing a mask can terrorize and intimidate. This from the Chief Justice: "A nameless, faceless figure strikes terror in the human heart."

Indeed, Frankly, I've never trusted anybody wearing a mask. What's the face behind the mask hiding?

Take the Lone Ranger. Was he really Bernie Eisenstadt from New Rochelle, N.Y., running away from a morals charge involving two teenaged girls and a poodle dog named "Buffy"? And what did "kemo sabe" really mean? "Lone, you rotten scuzzbucket!"

The Georgia high court took the case after Klansman Shade Miller Jr. (what a great name for a guy involved in a case like this — Shade) was arrested during a Klan demonstration for violating the state's anti-mask law, passed in 1951.

There is likely to be a subsequent appeal to the United States Supreme Court, but I've got to believe the Georgia Court's ruling will stand.

If these Klods are so dedicated to their long-lost causes, why do they want to wear masks in the first place?

What happened at the first Klan meeting ever?



Lewis Grizzard

Did one of the Klansmen suggest to the Grand Lizard, "This is pretty backward stuff. Maybe we ought to wear masks. If we don't, we might get kicked out of Rotary?"

While we're at it, I think we ought to do away with the rest of the Klan garb.

What are those silly robes all about? Judges, clergymen and choir members ought to be the only people allowed to wear robes in public.

You see somebody wearing a robe in public and it can be pretty intimidating, too.

What's under that robe? Is this guy on his way to rob a bank with an AK-47 hidden under there?

Or maybe he's just stolen a pig or he's naked underneath and is out for a few flashes.

We ought to make the Klan take off those silly-looking pointed hats, too. Where do you go to buy

one of those things, anyway? The KKK mart?

Nobody has worn pointed hats since the castle wizards during the Dark Ages. They went out with burlap rags for serfs, who started wearing polyester rags.

Not only did they look better, but also they seriously cut down the itching factor.

Not only do I hope the Supreme Court upholds the Georgia ruling, I wish it would order that when the Klan demonstrates, it wear leisure suits with name tags that say, "Hello, my name is Spooky Gildenhammer, and I'm still living in the Dark Ages."

Said the Georgia Chief Justice: "... Remove the mask and the nightmarish form is reduced to its true dimensions. The face betrays not only identity, but also human frailty."

My way of saying that is, put the Klan in leisure suits with name tags and they won't be able to scare anybody ever again. We'll be too busy laughing at the Krapheads.

All of which reminds me of the time somebody walked up to my boyhood friend and idol, Weyman C. Wannamaker Jr., a great American, and said, "Folks have been saying you're a member of the Ku Klux Klan."

Replied Weyman, "You misunderstood. What they've been saying is, I'm a booger under the sheets."

Christmas cards preserve a lost art

By SARAH OVERSTREET

Each year as the Christmas cards roll in, many with verbose soliloquies about the Herculean exploits of each member of the sending family, I am increasingly amazed.

These are people you can't get so much as one line from during the year, no matter how many letters you might send them, and even if those letters contain the most heart-rending tales of personal tragedy since God visited Job. They'll send you flowers and perhaps even leave a sympathetic note on your answering machine, but they will not send a letter.

These are folks to whom the art of letter writing has been lost, a casualty of the ever-increasing ability to reach out and touch, fax and correspond via computer.

We are no longer geared to conversing via a piece of paper that is actually sealed in an envelope and mailed, and those who still use this outmoded means of message trans-

mission are doomed to wait weeks or months for a reply if one comes at all.

There is an unspoken agreement among VBIPs (Very Busy Important People) that if a letter sits in an "in" basket over six months, the statute of limitations runs out and it can be legally thrown into that outcast of "out" baskets without fear of punishment.

This doesn't mean we're bad people. It simply means the amount of ways people can contact us has increased so dramatically we must have quick ways to reply or we can't answer them all.

It used to be that if someone called when we were not available, he or she simply couldn't make contact. Now, with answering machines, everyone who wants to contact us can, leaving us with a string of calls to answer when we get back to our homes or offices, where there would have been none a few years ago.

Instead of giving us a three- or four-day chance to catch a breath while our letter gets across the coun-

try to us, someone can fax us a message in three minutes. We can't even get into our cars, hit the highways and leave it all behind: They call us on our car phones from their car phones.

And woe be unto the person who has no phone and needs some vital information. When I was a consumer reporter in an office where we tried to help 40 or 50 people a day on our telephone hotline, we'd receive letters from people with urgent emergencies and no phones. The time required to write back to them if we needed more information, then get to the appropriate people or agencies and then back to the letter writers was time we sometimes just didn't have.

I know they face that problem everywhere they turn, because no other office has any more time than we did.

So why is it, in this age of instant information — where demands for our attention are so numerous that each response must be pared to the absolute minimum of time expenditure —

that we still find time to send Christmas cards to everyone we know and some we wouldn't recognize anymore if they were standing at our front doors with pitchers of eggnog singing "White Christmas"?

I suppose some of it may have to do with preserving tradition no matter the cost in personal sanity, and some of it owes to guilt and obligation. But I suspect it has more to do with being starved for the kind of personal reflection we can only share by sitting down and putting thoughts down on paper, for the lovely feelings we can get only from opening and reading a welcomed letter, for the opportunity to touch it and read it again and again.

This Christmas, as I opened each card, I hoped to find more than just a signature, and especially not a commercially printed name. The message didn't have to be long, just long enough to give me a little piece of the sender to savor a while.

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Economic slowdown could cost additional 1 million jobs in 1991

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The New Year will bring tough economic times, according to many forecasters who say 1991 will begin with America in a mild recession that could cost an additional 1 million jobs.

Inflation will moderate somewhat in 1991 according to these estimates, and interest rates for mortgages, car loans and other purchases should drift downward in the coming months.

These economic forecasters express optimism that the recession could end sometime in midyear, in part because of expanded export sales and improvements in the housing industry. But there's a catch: a war in the Persian Gulf that damages oil production facilities could lead to a deeper, more severe downturn.

"Anything that gets the crisis over with in a hurry, whether it is a quick war or a quick peace, helps the economy," said David Wyss, chief financial economist at DRI-McGraw Hill Inc.

"But if the crisis drags out and it keeps oil prices high and consumer confidence low, then that will make the recession worse."

Other dangers could scuttle hopes that the recession will be a brief one, ranging from the huge consumer, business and government debt left over from the 1980s to signs of serious weakness in the nation's banking system.

And the most recent indicators are discouraging. The government announced on Friday that its chief economic forecasting gauge, the Index of Leading Indicators, fell 1.2 percent in November for the fifth monthly drop in a row.

"The basic message is there's no light down there in the tunnel that we can see," said economist Robert G. Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "The recession is clearly in place and clearly has further to go."

Not everyone is as pessimistic. "There is a list of risks to the forecast as far as the eye can see," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co. "But the most optimistic prospect is that by midyear some sort of recovery will be emerging."

"By this time next year, I believe we will all feel a little better about our economic opportunities and the pessimism that seems pervasive now will be a distant memory," said Mark Zandi, an economist with Regional Financial Associates of West Chester, Pa.

Following is a look at how analysts believe a variety of economic barometers will perform in 1991:

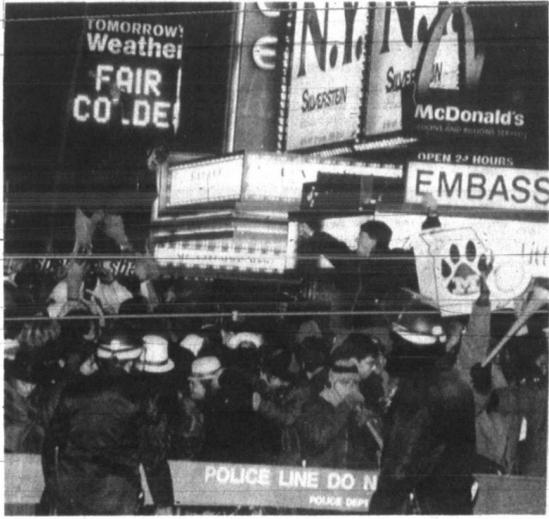
• **GNP:** Estimates on the amount that the total output of goods and services will shrink during the recession range from less than 0.6 percent to above 2 percent. The average drop in output in the eight previous post-World War II recessions is 2.6 percent. Given the fact that analysts believe there will be a rebound in the second half of 1991, they are forecasting a modest GNP increase of around 0.4 percent for the year as a whole.

• **UNEMPLOYMENT:** The jobless rate, which had fallen as low as 5.2 percent earlier in 1990, rose to 5.9 percent in November as the economic slowdown showed up in layoffs and production cutbacks. Analysts predicted that the unemployment rate would rise to around 7 percent before beginning to improve. Each

percentage point increase in the jobless rate translates into about 1 million more people out of work.

• **INFLATION:** The one bright spot for 1991 is the widespread belief that consumer prices, which shot up at an annual rate of 6.4 percent in the first 11 months of 1990, will moderate. Many forecasters are predicting the Consumer Price Index will rise less than 4 percent in 1991 although they caution that this prediction is based on an assumption that the Persian Gulf crisis will be resolved without pushing oil prices higher for a sustained period.

• **INTEREST RATES:** The Federal Reserve, which has already pushed short-term interest rates down by a full percentage point in the past two months, will keep lowering rates to rekindle economic growth. Sinai said he was looking for banks' prime rate, the benchmark rate for many business and consumer loans, to be around 8.5 percent by next summer. The prime rate at many banks is currently 10 percent. Analysts were also forecasting that mortgage rates, currently at 9.6 percent for fixed-rate loans, will drop as low as 9 percent next year.



(AP Laserphoto)

Revelers in Times Square celebrate the turning of the New Year in New York.

Once in a blue moon, decade starts a second late

By ANITA SNOW
Associated Press Writer

Americans hit the liquor stores en masse Monday, stocking up to beat the new federal "sin taxes" and get a little bubbly to greet the last decade of the millennium and a rare New Year's Eve appearance of a blue moon.

"It's going to be a great night to look at the moon if you can get your eyes off the gutter," said Jim Sweitzer, astronomer and assistant director of the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. A blue moon — the second full moon in a month — last appeared on New Year's Eve in 1971.

Holiday revelers had one extra second to celebrate during 1990 because experts at the Naval Observatory added a leap second to the country's atomic clock. Such leap seconds adjust the time for the slowing of Earth's rotation.

New York's Times Square was again the venue for the world's best-

known New Year's Eve celebration.

It was the first time the 240-pound, 6-foot-high stainless steel ball atop the 22-story building at 1 Times Square was lit with red, white and blue bulbs, rather than just white, for its descent down a 77-foot flagpole.

"We wanted to dedicate this year to the troops overseas," said Steven Israel, owner of the building where the ball has been dropped every year since Dec. 31, 1907.

In Boston, people costumed as party favors and cutlery planned to serve 10,000 pieces of a massive cake during the city's 15th annual First Night celebration.

Hundreds of Philadelphians put the finishing touches on costumes for the annual Mummers New Year's Day Parade through downtown. In Pasadena, Calif., thousands of people staked out front-row spots for Tuesday's Tournament of Roses Parade, which features floats bedecked with flowers and greenery.

In Atlanta, authorities beefed up security patrols at big downtown hotels. The city's Marriott Marquis was heavily damaged last year by revelers who hurled furniture, potted plants and debris into the lobby.

In Minneapolis, record-setting backward walker Anthony Thornton set out Monday on an attempt to set a new record, hoping to cover 100 miles by some time New Year's Day. On Jan. 1, 1990, Thornton set a backward walking record of 95.7 miles in 23 hours and 45 minutes.

Those outside could see the blue moon, an appearance astrologers considered significant because it coincided with the start of the last decade of the 20th century.

The blue moon, "is going to cause a lot of stress and tension," said Demetria Nanos, a Chicago astrologist.

"People are going to be very aggressive and do things much more spontaneously," she said. "They'll be more instinctual and less reason-

ing. There'll be a feeling of resentment about having to obey laws."

More than a few Americans resentful at the prospect of paying higher federal taxes for luxury goods in the New Year bought liquor by the case, cigarettes by the carton, and completed sales on yachts and fancy cars.

"Business is big," said Tim Carroll, manager of a San Francisco Liquor Barn store. "This is the biggest New Year's Eve day we've ever had. People are really stocking up."

As of Tuesday, tax on liquor will go up by about \$1 per proof gallon of distilled spirits, 50 cents for a six-pack of beer and \$1.15 for a liter of wine.

Dave Neibert, president of Pacific Yacht Sales Inc. in Marina Del Rey, Calif., came into work on New Year's Eve to finish sale of a 52-foot, \$400,000 yacht to a customer trying to save \$30,000 in taxes. The new boat tax is 10 percent on sales above \$100,000.

Heavy fighting reported in Somalia as rebels claim control of capital

By DIDRIKKE SCHANCHE
Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Heavy fighting between government forces and rebels raged Monday near the presidential palace in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, and there were conflicting reports over who was in control.

President Mohamed Siad Barre, leader of the Horn of Africa nation of 8 million residents for two decades, fled the palace and was reported huddled up in a bunker at the airport outside the city center, according to the reports.

Rebels claimed to have seized the presidential palace, state radio and television and much of the rest of the city. But sources in and out of Mogadishu disputed some of the claims.

In a communique issued in Rome, the rebels also said some unidentified members of the ruling party fled Monday morning for the Italian capital.

Diplomatic sources and a rebel sympathizer inside Mogadishu said fighting continued into the night with bazookas, mortar fire and light cannons. Casualty figures weren't known.

"I hear heavy artillery right now," the rebel sympathizer said in a telex message to The Associated Press in Nairobi shortly before midnight Monday.

The rebels controlled the government television station but were still fighting at the national radio, said the sympathizer, who

requested anonymity. "There are no celebrations on the streets," the sympathizer said, because most residents fled to the countryside to escape the intensifying, two-week-old battle between the government and the opposition United Somali Congress.

Three loosely coordinated rebel groups have rejected government calls for negotiations the past month, saying they prefer to remove Siad Barre at gunpoint.

Siad Barre, said to be in his 70s or 80s, seized power in a coup in 1969, installed a political system he called "scientific socialism" and became a favorite of the Soviet Union.

In 1977, Somalia and traditionally pro-Western Ethiopia went to war over the vast stretch of desert known as the Ogaden that forms part of their border. Their superpower relations flip-flopped, with the Soviet Union deserting Siad Barre and Washington turning to Somalia.

The United States has been Siad Barre's strongest ally since the late 1970s but has sharply reduced aid in recent years, citing human rights abuses.

Most official Americans have already left the country as a precaution, and the U.S. Embassy is operating with a very small staff.

Somalia borders Ethiopia, Kenya and tiny Djibouti, and is across the Gulf of Aden from the Saudi peninsula. It became independent in 1960 as a merger of former Italian and British colonies.

Feds investigating alleged price fixing of baby formula

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal authorities investigating alleged price fixing in the baby formula business have subpoenaed company records and the files of an infant health group that opposes formula advertising on grounds it would discourage breast feeding.

Company officials said Monday the subpoenas were issued by the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition.

Antoinette Parisi Eaton, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said the records subpoenaed from the academy dealt mainly with its position in opposition to infant formula advertising.

The group is concerned that breast-feeding rates, already falling in the United States, would be reduced further if formula is heavily advertised.

Debbie Feinstein, assistant to the director of the Bureau of Competition, said she understands there has been limited advertising of baby formula, but "certainly it is not the kind of thing that you see on TV."

"To the extent that there is any kind of agreement not to advertise, that would be something that would be a cause for antitrust concern," Ms.

Feinstein said. Lack of advertising would make it harder for newcomers to the industry to gain sales, she said.

Feinstein said the investigation was launched in late May after the bureau received price fixing allegations from state welfare officials and consumer advocates.

Infant formula is a major ingredient of food packages given to low-income families who qualify for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children. The federally funded program, known as WIC, serves about 4.4 million people a month and accounts for one-third of the infant formula sold in the United States.

Kevin J. Arquit, director of the bureau, testified before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee in May that the agency had received complaints from state directors of the program about alleged anti-competitive practices in the industry.

Company officials testifying before the subcommittee said their prices are fair.

Audrey Ashby, a spokesman for Wyeth Ayerst Laboratories, one of the principal manufacturers of formula, said the company received the FTC

subpoena in September and has begun turning over the requested documents.

"We set prices independently and compete vigorously and independently in all aspects of the infant formula business," Ms. Ashby said. Wyeth-Ayerst is a division of the American Home Products Corp.

According to a story in *The New York Times* on Monday, records were also subpoenaed from Ross Laboratories, a division of Abbott Laboratories; the Mead-Johnson Nutritional Group, a division of Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.; the Carnation Co., a subsidiary of Nestle S.A.; and the Gerber Products Co.

Officials of some of the companies could not be reached because of the New Year's holiday, and Feinstein said the FTC could not confirm that subpoenas had been issued.

Mead Johnson, Ross Laboratories and Wyeth Laboratories make about 90 percent of the infant formula sold in the United States, according to testimony before the Senate subcommittee. The domestic market has been estimated at about \$1.3 billion a year.

"This is a high-priority investigation," Feinstein said. She said it was not possible to say how long it would take.

Texas Supreme Court says police can be held liable in high speed chases

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court ruled Monday that police may be held liable for accidents resulting from high-speed chases in some cases.

The decision reversed earlier rulings in a 1983 Mesquite crash that killed one man. The Supreme Court sent the case back to a Dallas County district court to determine if the police and the city of Mesquite should be held liable.

Brenda Ann Travis sued Mesquite and police officers who followed a suspect driving the wrong way down a one-way street, according to court records.

The suspect's car crashed into Ms. Travis' vehicle, killing one of her passengers, Leonel Lozano, according to court documents. She and other passengers were injured.

The trial court ruled against Travis. The Dallas-based 5th Court

of Appeals upheld that decision.

But the Supreme Court's decision, written by Justice C.L. Ray, said police must balance the public risk when deciding whether to give chase. "Public safety should not be thrown to the winds in the heat of the chase," he said.

Justice Eugene Cook wrote a sharp dissent, which in turn drew criticism from Justice Lloyd Doggett, who voted with the majority.

Cook wrote: "The majority has changed 100 years of established law and has made the police officers of this state liable for the negligent conduct of drug dealers, drunken drivers, and other felons."

Countered Doggett: "If a rookie officer sprayed a crowd with automatic weapons fire in pursuit of a purse snatcher, we would have no difficulty in questioning such conduct."

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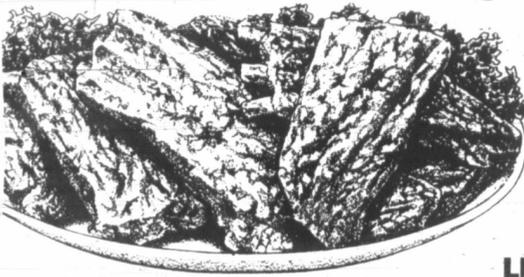
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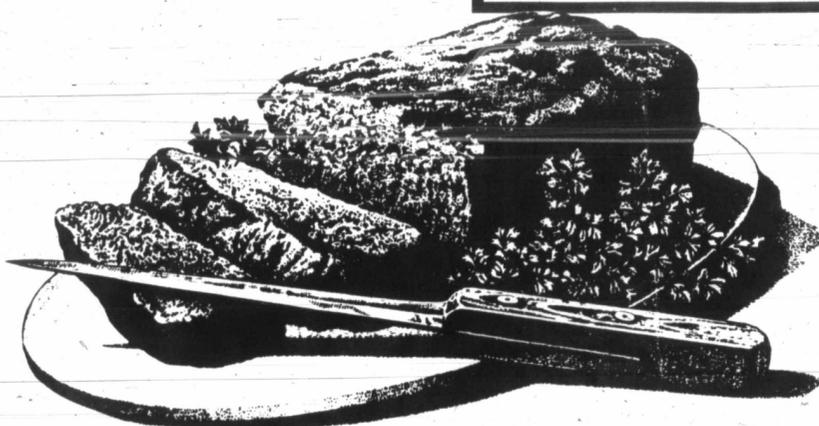
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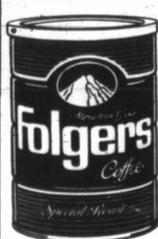
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Lifestyles

Insurance facts to consider

By CHANGING TIMES
The Kiplinger Magazine

Insurance Coverage: It's easy to forget about such pesky chores as upgrading your insurance coverage. But if expensive jewelry, a fur, a piece of fine art or even an American Eagle gold coin is in your home be sure to learn whether it is properly insured.

Homeowners insurance typically covers jewelry, furs, watches and gems up to \$1,000, or sometimes \$2,000. Currency, including collectible coins, is usually covered up to only \$200. Beyond those limits, you'll need an endorsement or a floater — a separate policy — to insure for full value. Both cover accidental damage or loss in addition to burglary, theft or fire damage.

You may have a 90-day "grace period" for taking care of this task if you bought the item with a Visa or MasterCard that carries purchase-protection insurance. The 90-day coverage is secondary to your homeowners policy, so you'll submit a claim to your insurance company first. Purchase protection will then pick up the deductible or any loss that exceeds the limits of your policy.

Expect to shuffle a lot of paper and perhaps deal with claims adjusters before it's all over. American Express cardholders expressed so much frustration over drawn-out claims processing on big-ticket losses that in October Amex limited its purchase-protection coverage to \$1,000 per occurrence.

Despite advertising that implies new purchases are covered against any conceivable mishap, Visa and MasterCard exclude floods and earthquakes and don't cover "mysterious disappearances."

Say you took off a ring in a public restroom to wash your hands. If you left it behind and it disappeared, credit card insurance isn't likely to cover the loss. Neither will your homeowners policy, unless you have coverage against accidental loss.

Living Benefits:

The latest wrinkle in life insurance: a "living benefits" rider that turns your policy into a hybrid life and long-term-care policy. Agents are gearing up to sell this product in the 31 states where it has been approved by regulators, and some employers have begun offering the option on group policies. For an additional 4 to 10 percent of the base premium, partly depending on your age, you have the option of drawing against the death benefit to help pay medical costs if you become terminally ill or confined to a nursing home.

On a policy offered by John Hancock, for example, you can draw up to 2 percent of the policy's face value per month up to a maximum of half the face value. On a \$125,000 policy you could draw \$2,500 per month for up to 25 months, when you would have reached the \$62,500 maximum. On that size policy, you could fully cover the average nursing home cost of \$75 per day and still have at least a \$62,500 death benefit.

The combination of life and health benefits makes these new riders so complex that many consumer advocates and insurance experts won't say whether they're a fair buy. But they have spotted some important flaws.

First, if you have substantial cash value already built up in a policy or if you have plenty of time to build up cash value before you ever expect to need nursing home care, it makes no sense to spend 4 to 10 percent extra on premiums for the early payout option.

If your main concern is long-term care, you'll get better value from a long-term-care policy, says Susan Polniasek, director of the United Seniors Health Cooperative. You also could leave your family underinsured if you draw down the death benefit to pay medical expenses.

Another potential problem: Congress and the Internal Revenue Service haven't determined whether early payouts are exempt from taxes. Two bills in Congress would make payouts to a terminally ill policyholder tax-exempt, but neither addresses whether the payout would be taxable if you used it for nursing home care. For now you could end up giving 15 to 33 percent of your living benefits to the IRS.

Software makes it possible to do legal work at home

By LARRY BLASKO
Associated Press Writer

Many of us have a hate-hate relationship with our lawyers. We hate the time and money it costs when we consult them, and we hate the time and money it costs if we don't.

Personal Law Firm, from BLOC Publishing, may offer an inexpensive alternative to those with an IBM PC or compatible.

The program takes up more than 1.5 million characters of storage on a hard disk drive, requires a printer and doesn't care if your monitor is color or mono. It covers 30 legal documents most commonly encountered and helps you create them with an interview format.

If, for example, you co-habit with someone other than a spouse, the software has a Living Together Agreement that will help the two of you sort out everything from who pays what bills to who takes out the garbage.

Let's say that cranking out a multi-page legal document has so fired romance in the two of you that you consider marriage. No problem. Just whip through the Prenuptial Agreement. Or, if you find yourselves already married without benefit of an attorney, better take a peek at the Post-nuptial Agreement.

Finally, if it all sours, the software thoughtfully provides a Marital Settlement Agreement. If the trauma of divorce brings on a terminal illness

and you dislike the thought of machine-sustained living, you can muster your failing strength to tap out a Living Will allowing the doctors to pull the plug.

Although the personal documents are more interesting, business documents are two-thirds of the program, covering purchases, promissory notes, liens, warranty agreements, real estate leases and other common business brushes with the law.

In all cases, the Personal Law Firm shields you from the frumpledum of legalese. Just answer the questions asked in English, and the software will take care of rendering the answers in Lawyer.

The software comes with a 500-page, two-volume manual that takes you step-by-step through the documents, explaining the effect of the jargon. It's worthwhile reading, helping you understand what the documents you create will do. Installation is easy.

The documents created by the program are valid in 49 states and the District of Columbia.

Residents of Louisiana, which follows a French legal tradition, have some documents excluded.

Suzie Wilkinson 665-0356



Someone to Stand by You



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Curbside consultations give pain to doctor and his family

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a cardiologist. We have a daughter, 12, and two sons, 9 and 4. Last Sunday morning, we went to church as a family. Following the service, we started to go downstairs for refreshments when a woman cornered my husband and engaged him in conversation about her husband who is in the hospital. My husband was not his primary physician, but he had seen him once in consultation. I took the children downstairs.

Our daughter had some church activities that took about an hour, so we decided to take the boys for a walk around town. We stopped at the courthouse and the boys began to play on the steps when a man drove up, stopped, got out of his car and said, "Oh, Doctor, am I ever glad to see you! I've been having these awful chest pains..." I took the children while they talked.

We picked up our daughter, then some man stopped my husband and said, "Say, Doc. I'll take only a minute of your time." And we were held up for another 15 minutes.

When we finally got home, my husband said wearily, "I can't even go to church on Sunday with my family without being stopped to answer questions from people I hardly know."

Abby, physicians need their privacy, family time and time off. So please ask your readers not to ask their doctors — or any doctor — medical questions when they see him/her in a social setting. Thank you.

TIRED DOCTOR'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: You and your

husband belong to a very large club that includes dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians, nurses, lawyers, accountants, etc. If anyone has a prescription for a sure cure, please rush it to me and I'll publish it.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from the young woman who was planning her wedding, I thought you might be interested in a family wedding I attended a few years ago.

The bridegroom was a cousin of mine. He had a sister and a younger brother. After the parents had taken their seats, the music began to play again, and a tall man in a tuxedo walked down the aisle alone — except for the seeing-eye dog who led him. The dog wore a very proper formal bow tie.

Thinking this was rather unusual, I asked the younger brother later, "Weren't you supposed to be the best man?" He laughed and said, "It was my brother's wedding, and it didn't bother me a bit that he asked his best friend to be his best man."

MRS. J. MILLER, LOS ANGELES

Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Caring for ivory and marble in your home

By READER'S DIGEST
For AP Newsfeatures

If you've been wondering how to keep your piano's ivories white, or what to do about that nasty scratch on your marble tabletop, here are some tips for maintaining two of nature's most beautiful and decorative materials.

First, always make sure the item you are working on is real ivory or marble. Many of today's synthetics look like them but may require different care.

Ivory:

— To retain its warm-white color, ivory must be exposed to light. If you always keep ivory-handled knives in a chest or a piano's keys covered, they will eventually darken and yellow.

— Dust ivory with a soft, clean cloth. Wash with mild soap and water, rinse and let dry. Buff with a clean woolen cloth.

— Don't soak ivory pieces such as jewelry or knives; water can soften the glue that holds the ivory in place.

— To whiten slightly yellowed ivory, try rubbing it with lemon juice diluted with an equal part of water, being careful not to get the mixture on metal parts. Then wipe the ivory with a damp cloth and buff. Let a professional jeweler scrape and polish badly stained and yellowed ivory.

— Clean ivory jewelry with denatured alcohol. Rub with a drop of lemon oil for extra shine.

— Whiten yellowed piano keys by rubbing them with a soft cloth and a tiny amount of one of the following pastes: toothpaste; two parts salt and one part lemon juice, baking soda and water.

— Rub one key at a time, being careful not to get paste into the cracks between the keys. Wipe the keys clean with a damp cloth, then

buff them with a dry cloth.

Marble:

— On furniture, lay plastic under cosmetics that can cause staining. Use coasters under drinking glasses and wipe any spills immediately.

— Never drag furniture across a marble floor. Protect heavy traffic areas with throw rugs.

— Vacuum marble floors frequently and damp mop weekly with clear water or a mild detergent. For stubborn dirt, use dry borax and a damp cloth; then rinse with warm water and buff dry.

— To clean and polish simultaneously, use a self-polishing marble cleaner.

— For major cleaning, strip off any old wax with a wax remover, rinse thoroughly with clean water,

Final food topics for 1990



Homemakers' News

Donna Brauchi

In this final column of 1991, a number of food and nutrition topics will be addressed. Read on to learn more about alcohol in food, bovine somatotropin, and sous vide.

ALCOHOL IN FOOD

Evelyn Augustin, a food scientist at Washington State University, discovered that alcohol does not evaporate from a recipe during the cooking process. She and a biochemist were commissioned by the USDA to provide nutrient data on six recipes that include liquor or wine. A pot roast simmered in red wine for 2.5 hours lost most of its alcohol. Only 5 percent remained. But oysters baked in sherry for 25 minutes retained 45 percent of the alcohol. A Brandy Alexander pre-chilled for 16 hours, 75 percent; a cherries jubilee, after 48 seconds of flaming, still had 75 percent of alcohol. It seems that the degree of heat, the type of alcohol, and the size of the pan all affect retention values.

While the quantity of alcohol in a serving of any of these dishes is not enough to intoxicate anyone, it is enough to affect the potency of certain antibiotics and other drugs, and can affect those who are allergic to alcohol.

BOVINE SOMATOTROPIN

Bovine somatotropin (BST) or bovine hormone (BGH), which is the same, has gotten public attention. Bovine somatotropin is a natural protein present in milk and dairy products without which milk cannot be produced.

The reason BST is in the news now is because scientists can produce it in quantities through modern biotechnology, a science which involves the use of genes to create new or improved products. Cows can then be administered extra BST enabling them to produce milk more efficiently. This means that farmers should be able to cut their costs. Consumers, in turn, can be assured of stable, affordable supplies of high quality, wholesome milk.

Although BST can help keep milk abundant and affordable, not everyone agrees that BST is a good idea. Some farmers are afraid that more milk will mean lower prices for them. Some people are opposed to biotechnology in general.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has tested BST for human consumption and reports that milk and meat from cows given extra BST are safe for people. Other medical organizations and government agencies around the world agree. Currently the FDA is evaluating whether BST is safe for long-term use in cows.

SOUS VIDE

Sous Vide is French term meaning "under vacuum". The procedure involves putting raw food into plastic bags, drawing a vacuum, and then sealing the bag. The food is then partially cooked at controlled temperatures, chilled rapidly to stop the cooking and refrigerated until used. The food may then be reheated, completely cooked, or served cold.

and apply sealer followed by paste wax.

Treating Stubborn Stains:

1. Make one of the following pastes for marble:

— Grease stains: powdered whiting or chalk dust mixed with acetone.

— Organic stains (coffee, tea, tobacco, fruit juice, carbonated beverages): powdered whiting or chalk dust with hydrogen peroxide. Add a few drops of ammonia just before applying it.

— Rust stains: liquid rust remover with powdered whiting or chalk dust.

2. After making the appropriate paste, apply it to the stain, cover it with plastic wrap and seal the edges with masking tape.

3. Let the acetone and peroxide mixtures stand overnight; the rust paste, a few hours.

4. Sponge off the mixture and buff the treated area.

5. Rust stains may benefit from a follow-up treatment with a peroxide paste.

6. If removing a major stain dulls the surface, wet the area with water and sprinkle it with a marble-polishing powder (tin oxide). Rub with a thick cloth or use an electric buffer.

Some general advice:
— Seal all marble doorsills, windowsills and floors with a marble sealer.

— Smooth away surface scratches with superfine sandpaper. Polish the spot with tin oxide, then buff with a chamois cloth.

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Sports

New Orleans claims final wildcard berth with win over Rams

Saints foil Cowboys' NFL playoff hopes

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Morten Andersen kicked a 24-yard field goal with two seconds left to put New Orleans into the NFL playoffs for only the second time in franchise history as the Saints beat the Los Angeles Rams 20-17 on Monday night.

Andersen's first attempt was blocked by nose tackle Alvin Wright. But Wright was offside and Andersen got a second chance to make Saints history.

Dallas lost to Atlanta 26-7 Sunday, but, having beaten the Saints this year, would still have gone to the playoffs with a 7-9 record had the Saints lost to the Rams.

The Saints (8-8) play Sunday at Chicago (11-5), champions of the NFC Central. Their only other trip to the playoffs was in 1987, and Minnesota ended that with a 44-10 victory.

The Rams (5-11) were NFC runners-up to San Francisco last year.

The Rams gave the Saints a scare when Jim Everett tossed a 1-yard

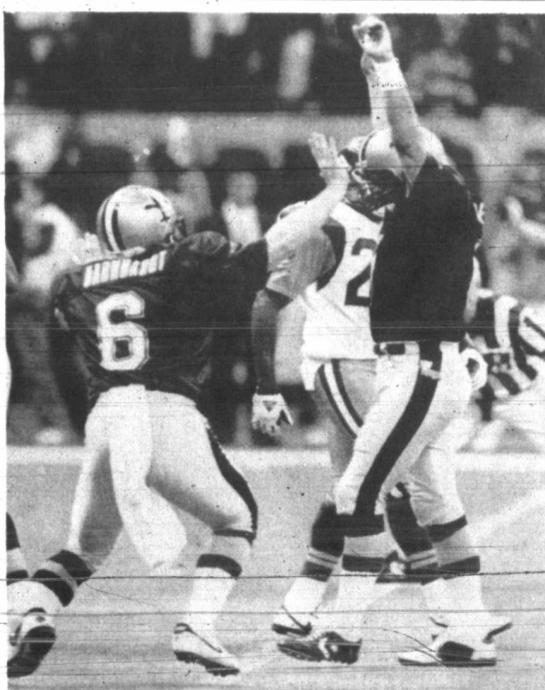
TD pass to Robert Delpino with 1:19 left in the game.

Steve Walsh's 26-yard touchdown to Floyd Turner in the first quarter gave the Saints the lead. Walsh didn't throw at all on the Saints' second touchdown drive, a 10-play, 47-yard march capped by Craig Heyward's 1-yard plunge.

After Mike Lansford cut the Saints' lead to 7-3 with a 36-yard field goal, Gene Atkins returned the kickoff 50 yards to set up the drive to Heyward's score. Heyward carried seven times for 27 of the 47 yards.

A big special teams play also set up a short drive to New Orleans' first score. Vince Buck returned a punt 33 yards to the Rams' 36-yard line. Heyward got 12 yards up the middle, and Walsh hit Turner after another running play lost 3 yards.

The Rams closed to 14-10 with 13:31 to go in the fourth quarter on a 47-yard pass from Everett to Willie "Flipper" Anderson, but Andersen, who had missed from 51 yards in the first quarter and 48 in the second, made a field goal from 41 yards with 6:08 to go in the game.



Morten Andersen (right) is a happy kicker after his 24-yard field goal gave the Saints a 20-17 win over the Rams.

NFL's best teams hit slump at season's end

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

The unwritten rule on Super Bowl champions is that they enter the playoffs on a roll.

In that case, the rule is likely to change this season. Most of the NFL's so-called powers are stumbling in, even San Francisco, which needed a last-minute rally under Steve Young to beat Minnesota 20-17 Sunday.

To put it another way, maybe the teams that started so well — particularly the NFC teams — were so bored that they fell into a funk at season's end.

To wit:

— The 49ers started 10-0 and finished 4-2.

— The Giants started 10-0 and finished 3-3.

— The Bears started 9-1 and finished 2-4.

— The Bills took Sunday off after clinching home field in the AFC and lost to Washington 29-14.

— Philadelphia, supposedly possessing momentum, barely hung on to beat Phoenix 23-21 Saturday and save the home-field advantage for its wild-card game with Washington.

Moreover, on the final weekend all the teams with playoff positions wrapped up either lost, like Buffalo and Chicago, or barely won — like

the 49ers and the Giants, who crawled by 1-15 New England 13-10.

So what does that mean? "Thirteen wins," the Giants' Otis Anderson said. "We won. That's all that counts."

The playoffs start next weekend with the wild-card round.

Perhaps the two best matchups are on Saturday with Washington (10-6) at Philadelphia (10-6) followed by Kansas City (11-5) at Miami (12-4).

On Sunday, Houston (9-7) will be at Cincinnati (9-7), an encore to a game won 40-20 by the Bengals two weeks ago. Then comes the game at Chicago, where the Bears (11-5) face either New Orleans or Dallas.

The Saints would be 8-8 if they beat the Rams on Monday night. At 7-9, the Cowboys would be the first losing team — save the expanded tournament following the 1982 strike — ever in the playoffs.

In the NFC, the lowest-seeded team to win will play at San Francisco (14-2) while the other winner will be at the Giants (13-3). In the AFC, one winner will travel to Los Angeles to play the Raiders (12-4) while the other will be at Buffalo (13-3).

That means if the seedings hold up, the 49ers will host the Eagles-Redskins winner while the Giants will host the Bears.

California captures Copper Bowl victory over Wyoming

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Mike Pawlawski passed for a touchdown and Greg Zomalt ran for another Monday as California withstood a dramatic Wyoming comeback to win the Copper Bowl 17-15 for its first postseason victory in 53 years.

Zomalt scored on a 4-yard run with 13:38 remaining to cap an 11-play drive that gave California a 17-3 lead.

Pawlawski threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Brian Treggs in the second quarter and Robbie Keen kicked a 46-yard field goal in the third quarter for California (7-4-1).

Jay Daffer's 11-yard touchdown run capped an 83-yard drive with 5:53 left as Wyoming (9-4) pulled to 17-9, and Robert Rivers' 70-yard punt return for a touchdown with 49 seconds remaining made it 17-15.

Tom Corontzos, whose 2-point conversion pass after Daffer's touchdown failed, was sacked by Joel Dixon while scrambling to find a receiver on a second 2-point try after Rivers' runback.

Before Rivers' score, Wyoming forced California to punt with 3:44 remaining, and Corontzos drove Wyoming from its 22 to California's 27. But Sean Fleming's 41-yard field goal attempt was wide left.

Anthony Wallace rushed 17 times for 76 yards for Cal, which won its first bowl game since a 13-0 victory in the 1938 Rose Bowl over Alabama.

Spartans edge Trojans in Hancock Bowl

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Michigan State abandoned its potent ground attack and relied on big plays by receiver Courtney Hawkins Monday as the 22nd-ranked Spartans beat No. 21 Southern Cal 17-16 in the John Hancock Bowl.

Hawkins caught six passes for 106 yards and a touchdown, and Michigan State (8-3-1) capitalized on Southern Cal turnovers for its third victory over the Trojans (8-4-1) in three years.

Southern Cal lost even though it stopped Michigan State running backs Tico Duckett and Hyland Hickson. Duckett, who gained 1,376 yards during the regular season and was voted the Big Ten offensive player of the year, was held to just 18 yards, only four in the second half. Hickson gained just 68 yards with one touchdown.

The game got physical and Eric Moten, Michigan State's All-Big Ten offensive lineman, was ejected early in the second quarter for deliberately pushing a Southern Cal defender after play had stopped.

The Spartans took a 17-10 lead in the third quarter before Southern Cal closed within a point on two field goals by Quin Rodriguez, the last with 3:07 left.

Michigan State then ran out the clock, converting a third-down play with 1:04 remaining.

In a matchup of conferences usually reserved for the Rose Bowl, Mazio Royster of Southern Cal was the top offensive player with 125 rushing yards.

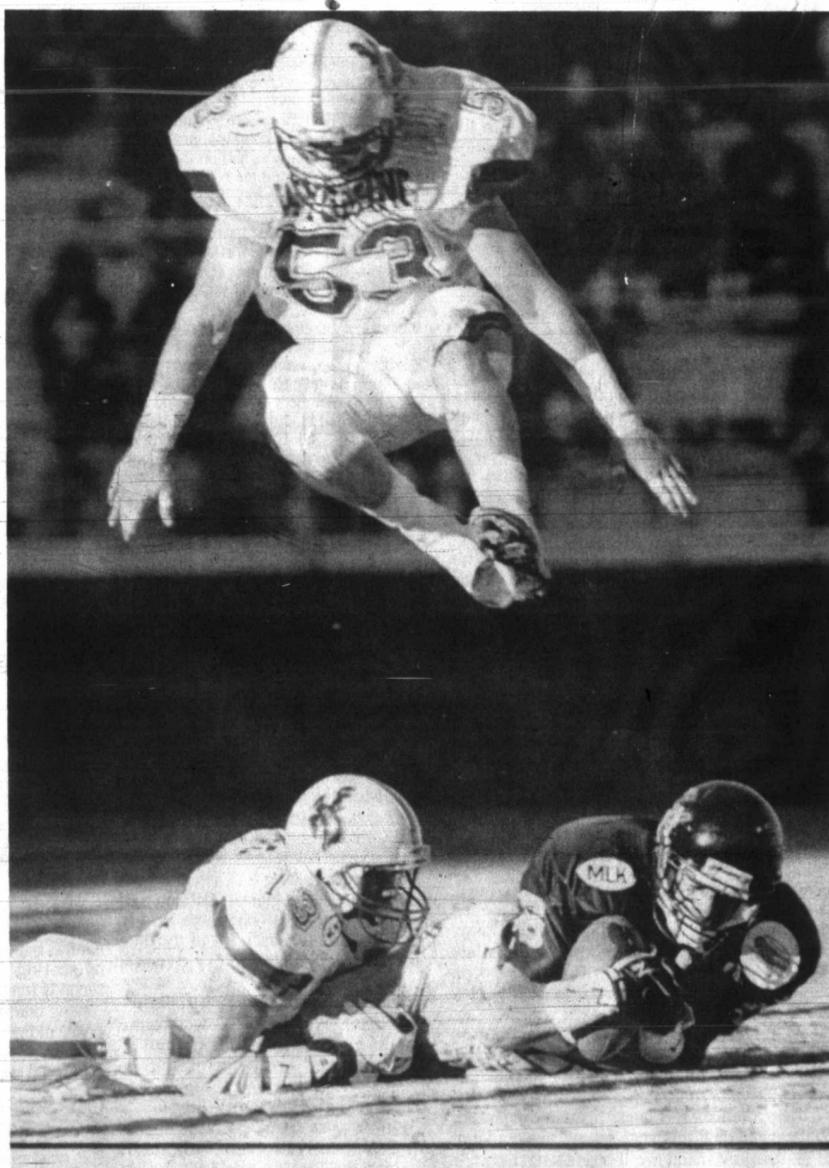
Todd Marinovich of the Trojans completed 18 of 30 passes for 174 yards with three interceptions, while Michigan State quarterback Dan Enos completed 9 of 17 passes for 131 yards with one interception. The Trojans out-gained Michigan State 336-215, holding the Spartans to just 84 yards on the ground, and held the ball for 35 minutes, 45 seconds.

Southern Cal took the lead midway through the first quarter on Marinovich's 7-yard touchdown pass to Gary Wellman.

The Trojans had a great scoring chance in the second quarter, but Marinovich fumbled on fourth-and-goal at the Spartans' 1, and Alan Haller recovered for Michigan State in the end zone. The Spartans then drove 80 yards for a touchdown, with Hyland Hickson scoring from the 18.

Southern Cal took a 10-7 lead on the opening drive of the third quarter as Marinovich completed 6 of 7 passes in an 18-play, 80-yard drive capped by Rodriguez' 20-yard field goal.

Michigan State then went ahead with a 71-yard drive as Enos completed all five of his passes. Four of them were to Hawkins, including a 21-yard



Wyoming linebacker Pete Gosar leaps over teammate Brad Leopard and Cal receiver Grett Callan to avoid a collision.

Number of factors create sparse ticket sales at bowl games Day sparks Razorbacks' run

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

Where have all the bowl fans gone?

Certainly not to the glut of games that crowded the calendar in December, turning what once were special events into little more than another night of programming for television.

Bowlflation created 19 postseason games. Of the 11 played so far, just two have been sellouts — the brand new Blockbuster Bowl between Penn State and Florida State in Miami, and the Holiday Bowl matching BYU and Texas A&M at San Diego. The John Hancock Bowl matching Michigan State and USC at El Paso, came close with 50,562 in a stadium that holds 52,200.

The others have played to large numbers of empty seats, nearly 50,000 of them in the Liberty Bowl at Memphis for the game between Ohio State and Air Force, almost 36,000 in the Syracuse-Arizona Aloha Bowl at Honolulu, and about 32,000 in the All American Bowl that paired North Carolina State and Southern Mississippi at Birmingham.

Ohio State and Air Force drew just 13,144 to

the 62,642-seat Liberty Bowl after a cold, rainy day in Memphis. Organizers had sold 39,000 tickets, just shy of the 40,000 break-even point. It means the game — one of the few with no corporate sponsor — will lose money for the first time in 26 years.

There were a number of factors at work here. Ohio State came within three seconds of reaching the more prestigious Rose Bowl and there wasn't a great deal of enthusiasm — translated into ticket sales — at the university for going to a less glamorous game against the Air Force, which came in at 6-5.

"Ohio State goes somewhere every year so being in a bowl game held no great novelty for their people," said Edward C. Duke, president of the Liberty Bowl.

ESPN paid \$400,000 for the Liberty Bowl rights but insisted that the game be played on a weeknight so it didn't clash with the NFL on the weekend.

"A lot of people from the surrounding areas, 90-100 miles away, don't want to do that drive on a mid-week night," Duke said. "The Peach Bowl

in Atlanta went against the NFL on Saturday and did all right."

All right, perhaps, but not great. That game between Indiana and Auburn drew 38,912, leaving 20,901 empty seats in Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium. It, too, was played in rainy weather.

And the Freedom Bowl at Anaheim between Colorado State and Oregon attracted only 41,450, leaving 25,550 empty seats.

Still, Duke thinks with a better schedule, the Liberty Bowl would have drawn more people.

"I'd like to play on Saturday, sometime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.," he said. "We'd get plenty of local people out for that."

Syracuse and Arizona drew just 14,185 fans to 50,000-seat Aloha Stadium for the Aloha Bowl, although corporate ticket purchases pushed the total sold to about 34,000.

Again, the matchup was a questionable attraction. Both teams came in with four losses and few local fans willing to make the long trek to Hawaii. The game was played on a rainy Christmas Day and, because of ABC-TV requirements, began at 10:30 a.m. local time.

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (AP) — Todd Day scored nine of his 23 points during a 10-0 second-half run as second-ranked Arkansas pulled away from stubborn Northeast Louisiana for a 114-92 victory Monday.

The Razorbacks (11-1), who had seven players in double figures, never led by more than seven points during the first 26 minutes.

Anthony Jones had 37 points for Northeast Louisiana (3-6). Oliver Miller added 15 points for Arkansas, which got 14 each from Ron Huery and Roosevelt Wallace. Lee Mayberry added 13 points, Arlyn Bow-ers 11 and Ken Biley had 10.

Two free throws by Day made it 75-69 with 14:33 left before he tipped in Biley's miss preceding the latter's free throw. Biley then got the ball to Huery, who gave it up to Day on a break.

Day faked a return pass and stuffed it for the Razorbacks' first double-digit lead with 12 minutes left.

Northeast Louisiana turned the ball over when trapped on the sideline and Day made a 3-pointer for an 83-69 lead with 11:31 left.

A 3-pointer by Jones, who had 25 points in the first half, cut the lead to 87-78 — the last time it was below 10. But Day answered from the corner. Huery made two free throws and Oliver Miller got a fast-break basket for a 93-78 advantage.

The Razorbacks could not shake the Indians in the first half because of the play of Jones, who hit nine of 12 shots in the first 20 minutes.

George Allen dead at 72

By KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif. (AP) — George Allen, a hard-driving, slightly eccentric coach who had a knack for making winners out of losing teams, died Monday at 72.

Greg Allen said his father died at home. No further details were immediately available.

Allen, who coached the Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins of the NFL and two teams with the USFL, had ended a 5-year retirement to coach at Long Beach State in December of 1989.

In an interview last Thursday, Allen admitted that he hadn't been completely healthy since his players drenched him with icewater to celebrate a season-ending victory over Nevada-Las Vegas.

"We couldn't afford Gatorade," he said with a smile.

Allen said his season at Long Beach State was the most rewarding of his entire career. He had a 6-5 record in his year as the coach after Long Beach was 4-8 the previous season.

Allen ranks as the winningest coach in team history for both the Rams and the Redskins. He was 49-17-4, a .742 percentage with Los Angeles, and 67-30-1, .691, with Washington.

Although he had excellent records in the pros, he never was able to produce an NFL champion. The closest he came was with the Redskins in the 1972 season, when they lost 14-7 to the Miami Dolphins in the seventh Super Bowl.

Allen was known for wild spending to build a winner and trading draft choices for veterans.

The Redskins kept winning but he was fired after the 1977 season. The late Edward Bennett Williams, who owned the team, said "George was given an unlimited budget — and exceeded it."

Allen's celebrated coaching career, which covered six decades, began in 1948 at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. In his first year, the team had a 3-6 record.

It was one of only three times he had a losing record, the other two coming at Whittier College in 1951 and 1954.

Buffaloes go for No. 1 crown in Orange Bowl

It's Texas vs. Miami in Cotton Bowl tilt

By The Associated Press

The most extensive of bowl seasons — with a record 19 postseason games — comes to what may be a fitting conclusion tonight when top-ranked Colorado tries to beat No. 5 Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl to win the national title.

That game and the Sugar Bowl showdown between Virginia and 10th-ranked Tennessee put the lid on what also is the busiest day in bowl history. Eight games are being played on this New Year's Day.

Colorado (10-1-1) is hoping to avoid repetition of last New Year's night when it also came in ranked No. 1. Notre Dame beat the Buffaloes 21-6 that night, giving Miami the crown.

Buff's coach Bill McCartney says that experience — the hype, the distractions and the scrutiny of the media — will prove invaluable to his team.

"Once you've experienced something and you have time to digest it and sort it out, you're better suited to take it on the second time," McCartney said Monday. "I don't recommend that for marriage. But for football it works well."

Earlier today, it was No. 12-Michigan (8-3) vs. No. 15 Mississippi (9-2) in the Gator Bowl, No. 14 Clemson (9-2) vs. No. 16 Illinois (8-3) in the Hall of Fame Bowl, No. 2 Georgia Tech (10-0-1) vs. No. 19 Nebraska (9-2) in the Citrus Bowl, No. 3 Texas (10-1) vs. No. 4 Miami (9-2) in the Cotton Bowl, No. 18 Louisville (9-1-1) vs. No. 25 Alabama (7-4) in the Fiesta Bowl, and No. 8 Washington (9-2) vs. No. 17 Iowa (8-3) in the Rose Bowl.

On Monday, it was No. 22 Michigan State 17, No. 21 Southern Cal 16 in the John Hancock Bowl and California 17, Wyoming 15 in the Cooper Bowl.

McCartney is confident Colorado's schedule, featuring six ranked teams, and its ability to come from behind had prepared it for a game of this magnitude.

"After last year's loss, we knew we needed to become mentally tougher," McCartney said.

He hopes Colorado's regular-season success carries over to the battle with Notre Dame (9-2).

Regardless, both sides are downplaying the rematch angle.

"I don't view it as a rematch," Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said. "It's a different season with different teams and different problems."

"I think Colorado is a better team than it was last year. I'm not sure if we're better or worse, but we're definitely different."

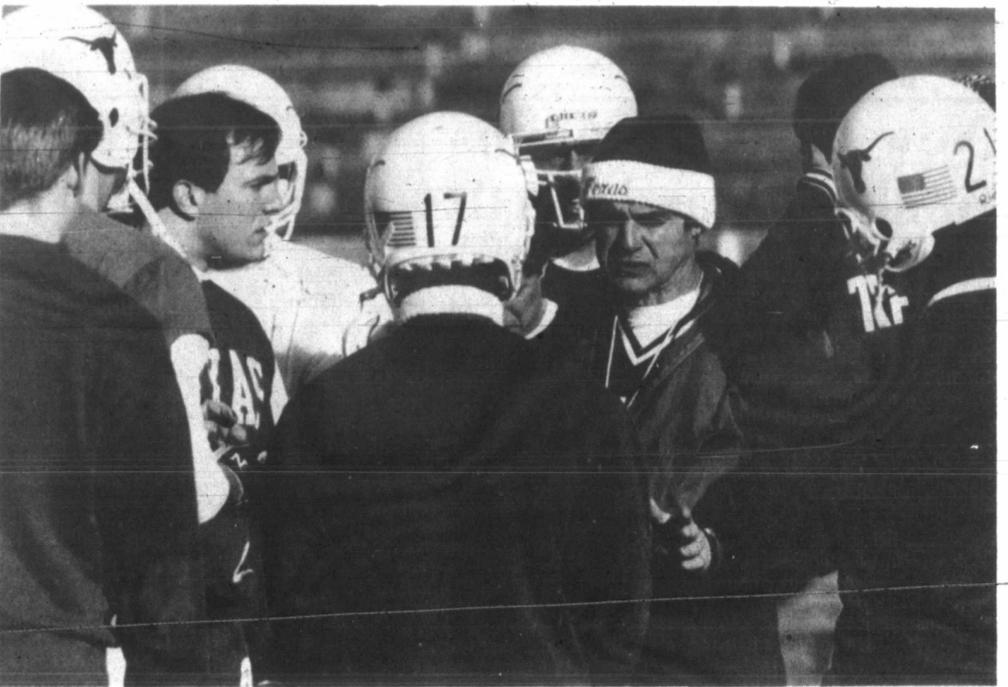
Virginia hopes to return to its early-season form when it won seven in a row and rose to No. 1. But the Volunteers finished 1-3 and dropped out of the rankings.

"We have to play better on defense — get back to where we were at the beginning of the season, get some sacks, get some tipped balls, destroy the quarterback's rhythm," Virginia coach George Welsh said. "We were fairly effective against the opposition's running game."

Tennessee coach Johnny Majors is facing a question of motivation for his Volunteers.

"I've been asked a couple of times if I think the team's overlooking Virginia," he said. "Why should we?"

"What have we got to overlook, when you get right down to it," Majors said. "I don't know why we should look to anything except this ballgame."



Texas head coach David McWilliams talks with his team during a light workout Monday.

(AP Laserphoto)

Celebration ends quickly for Cowboys

By CHARLES RICHARDS
Associated Press Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Rookie running back Emmitt Smith couldn't bear to watch the final seconds before the Dallas Cowboys' 1990 season officially came to an end.

Smith grabbed teammate Kenneth Gant's white coonskin cap and covered his eyes as Morten Andersen prepared for a short field goal that, if successful, would give New Orleans a playoff-clinching 20-17 victory over the Los Angeles Rams in a Monday Night Football game ending the regular season.

The deafening ovation from teammates and scores of Cowboys fans watching the game on big-screen TV in Eugene Lockhart's Cowboys Sports Cafe told Smith the impossible: the Rams had blocked the kick and the game was going into overtime, giving Los Angeles a chance for a victory that would put Dallas in the playoffs instead.

But the celebration quickly ended. LA nose tackle Alvin Wright, who blocked the kick, was ruled offside. New Orleans got another try, and this time Andersen's kick sailed through the uprights for the win.

"I thought it was a clearly blocked field goal, but then I didn't see it until the replay anyway," Smith said. "I think it would have given LA the momentum and they would have done much better in the overtime. No telling what might have happened."

The Cowboys, who had the NFL's worst record in both 1988 and 1989, lost seven of their first 10 games this season. But Dallas then won four straight for a 7-7 record.

Dallas had only to beat Philadelphia or Atlanta for the NFC's third and final wild-card spot, but the Cowboys lost to Philadelphia and quarterback Troy Aikman separated his right shoulder. Then the Cowboys lost to Atlanta 26-7 on Sunday with backup quarterback Babe Laufenberg.

Having beaten the Saints this year, the Cowboys still would have gone to the playoffs with a 7-9 record had New Orleans lost to the Rams.

Lockhart, a Dallas linebacker, let out a loud whoop at the blocked field goal. He slammed a fist on the table when the second-try field goal was good.

"That's the kind of luck the Cowboys have been getting all year long," Lockhart said. "We can't take advantage of a situation unless we create it ourselves."

"We kept our hopes and it went down to the last seconds, so what can you say? We should have won the last two games. We didn't take care of business, and that's what happens."

Steve Walsh, whom the Cowboys traded to the Saints during the season, led New Orleans into the playoffs, completing 11 of 26 passes for 174 yards and a touchdown.

"We're disappointed that we didn't make the playoffs after showing so much progress in 1990," Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson said in a statement.

"We had a great deal of development this year with our football team, but we still have a long way to go. I'll be hoping that (New Orleans) can win two more games so our second-round pick (for Walsh) in 1992 becomes a first-round pick," Johnson said.

"Why am I here rooting against Walsh anyway?" Michael Irvin, a Cowboys wide receiver and former teammate of Walsh at the University of Miami, asked after New Orleans built a 14-3 lead that caused some Dallas fans to give up hope.

"We had a great season. We hoped we'd have an opportunity in the playoffs, but the Saints played hard," Gant said. "Now I hope the Saints go on through the playoffs and hopefully play in the Super Bowl."

Defensive back James Washington added: "We should have won yesterday. You rely on other people for your fate — all you can do is have hope. No question we fell short. I guess it wasn't meant for us to do it this year, but we made a lot of improvement. We'll be back next year."

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ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Four Nebraska football players, including first-team fullback Lance Lewis, have been suspended from today's Citrus Bowl game against Georgia Tech, a source close to the Cornhusker team said.

Tom Osborne, Nebraska coach, suspended the players for an undisclosed disciplinary reason, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The other three players were not identified, but the source said they likely would not have played in the game anyway.

Lewis shares the starting fullback duties with Omar Soto.

Assistant Nebraska football coach Frank Solich refused to discuss the situation, saying it is an internal matter.

The Associated Press tried to reach Osborne at his hotel for comment, but was told he was not available.

Character of coaches in national limelight

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — The creaking old wooden bowl west of downtown wasn't built to handle the weight of these kinds of questions.

In years past, the Orange Bowl was asked to decide nothing more morally strenuous than who will become the national champion of the college season about to be concluded. This time around, though, the inquiries have been considerably heavier.

Is Lou Holtz a cheater? And should Notre Dame give the shrinking redhead — hounded on the one hand by allegations of misconduct at Minnesota and on the other by speculation that he is floating resumes around the NFL — a severance check and a gentle shove in some new direction?

Why didn't Colorado coach Bill McCartney, who professes to be a man of conscience, listen to his own and ask the Big Eight Conference to reverse the Buffaloes' win against Missouri in which the winning touchdown was scored on a fifth down? And would a victory by No. 1-ranked Colorado stem the growing outcry for a playoff system?

Rumors of Lou's largely unrequited love for the pros — and his repeated denials that he would leave Notre Dame — are not new. Earlier this season, a former player contended in a "Sports Illustrated" article that Holtz looked the other way regarding steroid use by some members of the team, and less than two weeks ago the NCAA weighed in with a host of similarly troubling charges.

The agency said that while coaching at Minnesota, Holtz gave \$250 to one player to pay for a correspondence course so he could stay in school, \$500 to an academic adviser to be passed on to the

same player, and \$200 to a quarterback recruit who claimed he lost his wallet while visiting the Minneapolis campus.

Soon after those charges were made public, Holtz made his rebuttal. He acknowledged the payment for the correspondence course, but said he made it for "humanitarian reasons" and because he knew it was impossible for the player involved to regain his eligibility. He vehemently denied the second charge, and said the recruit who lost his wallet got \$20, not \$200.

Because Holtz will have to repeat those answers when he appears before the NCAA infractions committee in February, he lamely begged off doing so upon arriving here with his team.

"We really don't know the scrutiny that he's under," Notre Dame linebacker Andre Jones said. "He tells us things before they appear in the media, but only for the purpose of putting us at ease. If these things are getting to him, I wouldn't know."

About all Holtz finally would say about the distractions was: "I look in the mirror and I like myself. I'm very comfortable with Lou Holtz, what he is and where he is going."

Whether McCartney has made such an assessment is thus far unknown. Immediately after pocketing the flawed 33-31 victory over Missouri on Oct. 6, he attempted to justify the win by complaining that Missouri had intentionally allowed the field conditions to deteriorate to slow down Colorado's swift backs.

In the days since, McCartney has explained his lack of penitence — a decidedly un-Christian attitude given the religious fervor that is such an integral part of his coaching — by saying that he, like the officials, thought it was fourth down when the Buffaloes scored on the game's final play.

"I don't see any reason to give the game back," he said. "We won fair and square."

Belfour closes year with stellar performance

By JOHN KREISER
AP Sports Writer

Ed Belfour rang out 1990 by showing why he's been the NHL's top goaltender this season. Derek King said goodbye to the old year with the best game of his career.

Belfour, the leader in wins (24) and goals-against average (2.41) stopped 22 shots Monday night as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-0 for their first road shutout in more than six years.

Hours earlier, King had the afternoon of a lifetime at the Nassau Coliseum by scoring four goals — one more than he had managed all season — in the New York Islanders' 6-3 victory over the Quebec Nordiques.

In other games, it was Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3; Winnipeg 2, Vancouver 1; Buffalo 5, Philadelphia 2; Calgary 7, Montreal 2 and Los Angeles 4, Minnesota 2.

Blackhawks 4, Red Wings 0
Belfour, who spent last season with the Canadian National Team before rejoining the Blackhawks for the playoffs, is the biggest reason for Chicago's rise to the top of the NHL standings. He made half of his 22 saves in the final period to give the Blackhawks their first road shutout since Warren Skorodenski was a 7-0 winner in Hartford on Nov. 17, 1984.

"He's playing with a good team that has a good record and he's very much a part of that," Blackhawks coach Mike Keenan said. "He's played with a lot of

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confidence and he's handled his success well and he's handled his work load well. He's getting more confident as the year goes by."

Islanders 6, Nordiques 3
For one day, at least, King was everything the Islanders thought he would be when they picked him in the first round in the 1985 draft.

His power-play goal midway through the second period broke a 2-2 tie and he scored the game's next two goals for a natural hat trick before capping his day by scoring into an empty net with six seconds remaining.

King entered the game with just three goals and none since Oct. 28.

"I knew I was in a drought," King said. "To tell you the truth, I just wanted to get back in the lineup and work hard."

Penguins 4, Blues 3
It was a happy new year for the Penguins, who ended a five-game losing streak against St. Louis on Mark Recchi's second goal of the game with 3:11 remaining in the third period.

Recchi re-directed Larry Murphy's shot past Curtis Joseph to give the Penguins their ninth win in 11 games. The Blues, who were 9-1-1 against Pittsburgh over the past four seasons, have lost three in a row.

Jets 2, Canucks 1

Phil Housley's tie-breaking goal midway through the third period set off an early celebration at the Winnipeg Arena.

Housley pinched in from the point and whipped a backhand past Kirk McLean at 8:42.

Sabres 5, Flyers 2
Buffalo extended its unbeaten streak to five games as Alexander Mogilny, who hadn't scored a goal in nine games, had two goals and two assists.

Dale Hawerchuk, Grant Ledyard and Pierre Turgeon also scored for Buffalo while Rick Tocchet and Murray Craven scored for the Flyers.

Flames 7, Canadiens 2
Rookie Robert Reichel scored late in the second period to break a 1-1 tie and Calgary piled on five more goals, four in the third period.

Theoren Fleury, who also had three assists, snapped Reichel's pass behind J.C. Bergeron for a 3-1 lead and Mark Hunter, Stephane Matteau, Gary Roberts and Frantisek Musil completed the rout in the third period.

Kings 4, North Stars 2
Wayne Gretzky didn't get his 700th career goal, but did get two assists.

Tomas Sandstrom's fluke goal in the second period broke a 1-1 tie and Bob Kudelski and Brad Jones added third-period goals. Gretzky remained at 699 goals, fourth on the all-time list.

Ex-North Star Daniel Berthiaume made 33 saves, 17 in the first period, to beat his old club for the second time this season.

Monday's sports in brief

By The Associated Press

FOOTBALL
NEW YORK (AP) — A pair of first-round doubleheaders open the NFL playoffs Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's first game has Washington (10-6) at Philadelphia (10-6) in the NFC, starting at 12:30 p.m. EST. In Saturday's other game, Kansas City (11-5) is at Miami (12-4) in a matchup of AFC wild card teams at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, Houston (9-7), a wild card team, is at Cincinnati (9-7) in the AFC at 12:30 p.m. and wild-card entry New Orleans (8-8) is at Chicago (11-5) at 4 p.m. in the NFC.

Four division champions with the best

records — San Francisco (14-2) and the New York Giants (13-3) in the NFC and Buffalo (13-3) and the Los Angeles Raiders (12-4) in the AFC — have first-round byes.

TENNIS

PERTH, Australia (AP) — David Wheaton defeated Petr Korda 6-4, 6-2 and Zina Garrison stopped Regina Rajchrtova 6-4, 6-4 as the United States advanced to the semifinals of the Hopman Cup team tournament with a 2-1 victory over Czechoslovakia.

Korda and Rajchrtova beat the American pair 8-1 in a mixed doubles match that was reduced to one professional set after the top-seeded United States clinched the match with the two singles victories.

The United States will face the Swiss

team of Jakob Hlasek and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere in the semifinals Wednesday. France's Guy Forget and Catherine Tanvier will meet the Yugoslav team of Goran Prpic and Monica Seles in the other semifinal.

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Akiko Kijimuta of Japan beat Pam Shriver 6-4, 6-2 in the first round of the Danone Open.

Kijimuta repeatedly passed Shriver, playing her first tournament in nine months after undergoing surgery on her right shoulder, at the net on her way to the victory.

Teens Magdalena Maleeva and Kirrily Sharpe upset seeded players in their first-round matches. Sharpe, 17, beat 11th-seeded Patty Fendick 6-3, 7-6 (9-7).

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Morales says he hopes to get state out of the courts

AUSTIN (AP) - Dan Morales, the next Texas attorney general, sees his administration as the calm after the storm.

Morales, a three-term Democratic legislator from San Antonio, will replace Jim Mattox, whose eight years as attorney general ended in a failed bid for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Morales defeated State Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, to become the second Hispanic in Texas history to win a statewide election.

Morales said that unlike Mattox, he enjoys a positive relationship with the Legislature, which begins its regular session Jan. 8.

"It's no secret there's not a very good relationship between (Mattox) and the legislative leadership," Morales said. He said the difference between Mattox and himself will be like "night and day."

Mattox's bruising political style left him with a long list of enemies, but his supporters say his punches were thrown on behalf of the defenseless.

Child support collections are 10 times what they were when Mattox first took over that responsibility, and the office has won \$187 million in judgments and restitution for consumers - nine times more than the previous eight years, according to the attorney general's office.

Mattox has won acclaim for his fights against polluters and insurance companies, and he took a lead role among state attorneys general against airlines and food companies over alleged deceptive advertising.

Morales lauded Mattox's performance in these areas, but he says he will be more effective in moving Texas forward in a series of legal challenges that have thrown most of state government into the courtroom.

The state is under court attack for shirking its constitutional duties in education, prisons, mental health facilities and the method of electing judges.

Morales said he sees his role as a mediator to try and settle these issues. Past history, he says, has shown the state spends a lot of time, money and effort to fight these challenges in court, only ultimately to lose and create a lot of ill-will.

"I would like to get the state out of court with regard to major policies. Hopefully by the time we hit roughly the midpoint of my administration, we will have seen significant success with regard to the resolution to some of these," Morales said.

Morales also said he would work with the Legislature to implement laws that would provide criminal penalties for polluters. "Major polluters are viewing our current regulatory scheme, our environmental laws, as the cost of doing business," he said.

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Remembering 1990, from Panama to Persian Gulf

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG
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Ten years from now, it's a good bet people won't be asking, "Where were you on Aug. 2, 1990?"

But if an entire year can pivot on a single date, then 1990 turned on that summer Thursday, when Iraqi troops rolled into Kuwait and trampled a lot of assumptions about how the new world of the 1990s was going to unfold.

Remember the peace dividend? That was the big bonus that was going to accrue to society when the Cold War had thawed.

Remember \$1-a-gallon gas? A lot of things changed after Saddam Hussein unleashed his tanks on a little "oil-igarchy" to which most of the world had been paying plenty of money but scant attention. But, then, it was already a year for rethinking old assumptions. A lot of them didn't seem to apply any more.

They didn't apply to the Soviet Union, which abandoned Karl Marx's dream and staggered, not altogether happily, into the free market.

They didn't apply to Europe, where the twin of East and West met along the rusted remnants of the Iron Curtain.

They didn't apply to South Africa, where some of apartheid's tallest fences were torn down, including the one that kept Nelson Mandela captive for 27 years.

They didn't apply to Latin America, where two former military dictatorships — Chile and Brazil — completed the transition to democracy.

And they didn't apply to the United States, where people wondered: What is art and what is obscenity? What is the meaning of the words, "Read my lips: No new taxes?" And what is America's proper place in the world?

America's place at the dawn of the '90s was in Panama, where U.S. soldiers were blasting Manuel Noriega out of hiding and into a Florida prison with strategic rock 'n' roll.

That kicked off a year of wars and rumors of wars. Americans fittingly sought lessons in the nation's bloodiest saga, the Civil War, which was revived on movie screens ("Glory") and television screens ("The Civil War").

On the home front, the economy rode to the end of a boom and then busted, although government economists twisted their tongues every which way to avoid using the dreaded R-word — recession. The Dow Jones Industrial Average crested at a fraction below 3,000 in July, and slid slowly downhill from there.

But nobody needed the Dow to read the end of the high-rolling '80s. The Greed Decade imploded in 1990, when Donald Trump had to be hauled out of a \$65 million hole; when junk bond king Michael Milken was dethroned in a federal fraud case and his company, Drexel Burnham Lambert, went belly up; when taxpayers got their bill for the savings and loan debacle — a cool \$500 billion, including interest.

"People have a hard time comprehending greed at so large a scale," Rep. Jim Leach of Iowa said of the S&L scandal.

People also had a hard time comprehending the difference between "taxes" and "revenue increases." President Bush won the 1990 Doublespeak Award from the National Council of Teachers of English for being against the former and in favor of the latter. No matter. Taxpayers understood that "revenue increases" would cost them just as much as taxes, and they didn't like it.

At midterm elections, voters grumbled and grouched and then returned most of the same old faces to office. But most people didn't even bother to vote; in China, the American elections were held up as an example of the failures of democracy.

Other cracks also showed in the American mosaic. Despite small signs of progress in the national drug war, drug abuse and the violence attending it continued to erode the quality of life in many cities. New Yorkers despaired over children killed in the crossfire of drug battles. Washington Mayor Marion Barry was convicted of cocaine possession and sentenced to prison.

Battle lines formed along the boundaries between art and pornography, music and obscenity.

The photographs of the late Robert Mapplethorpe, by turns sensual and shocking, were at the center of a fight that pitted religious fundamentalists and political conservatives against civil libertarians and artists.

The battle came to a head in a courtroom in Cincinnati, where jurors acquitted a museum director of obscenity charges for displaying photographs that depicted, among other things, one man urinating into the mouth of another.

"The pictures were not pretty. No doubt about it," juror James Jones told The Cincinnati Enquirer. "But,

as it was brought up in the trial, to be art it doesn't have to be pretty."

Jurors reached the same conclusion in the trial of the rap group 2 Live Crew, whose members were charged with obscenity for playing songs from their album, "As Nasty as They Wanna Be," at a nightclub in Hollywood, Fla. They, too, were acquitted.

In Los Angeles, the longest criminal case in American history skidded to a halt after seven years when jurors deadlocked on eight child molestation counts against former McMartin Pre-School teacher Raymond Buckey. The judge declared a mistrial.

General Motors launched Saturn, its first new division in 58 years. Los Angeles launched a new trolley line so it wouldn't need so many automobiles. NASA launched the Hubble Space Telescope, which turned out to be equipped with a funhouse mirror.

The Census Bureau tried, with middling results, to get Americans to stand up and be counted.

Donald and Ivana Trump split. Roseanne Barr sang the national anthem and wished she hadn't; Sinead O'Connor refused to sing it and wished she had.

Mikhail S. Gorbachev won the Nobel Peace Prize, but it took all his peacemaking abilities to maintain order in his restless nation.

Another Nobel laureate, Lech Walesa, completed an unlikely rise from shipyard electrician to president of Poland.

The president of the United States bared his soul in a heartfelt run-on sentence: "I do not like broccoli and I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it and I'm president of the United States and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli."

An era passed in Washington



(AP Laserphoto)

U. S. soldiers carry a flag through the streets in Panama City as they celebrate with Panamanians the surrender of former strongman Manuel Noriega in early January.

when U.S. Supreme Court Justice William Brennan announced his resignation. Bush went to the legal backwoods to find a New Hampshire appeals judge, David Souter, to succeed him.

The age of Margaret Thatcher came to a close in Britain when the increasingly unpopular prime minister stepped down, giving way to 47-year-old John Major.

Other eras passed with the deaths of the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, right-hand man to Martin Luther King Jr.; Malcolm Forbes, who made being rich look fun; Dr. Karl Menninger, dean of American psy-

chiatry; William S. Paley, the titan of CBS; and Armand Hammer, oilman and art hound.

In Indiana, young Ryan White died of AIDS, the disease that enabled a boy to teach his elders something about dignity and tolerance.

The arts world lost Pearl Bailey, Leonard Bernstein, Art Blakey, Aaron Copland, Sammy Davis Jr., Greta Garbo, Dexter Gordon, Rex Harrison, Jim Henson, Joel McCrea, Barbara Stanwyck, Sarah Vaughan and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Disasters claimed other, less heralded, lives.

Two struck in the Middle East. In June, an estimated 50,000 people died in an earthquake in Iran. The next month, 1,400 Moslem pilgrims were killed during a stampede in a pedestrian tunnel in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Two struck in New York, where 73 people died in an Avianca jet crash on Long Island in January, and 87 died in an arson fire at a Bronx social club in March.

It was a tough year for mapmakers.

Lithuania declared its independence from the Soviet Union but later backed off. Soviet leaders

talked about changing their country's name. Czechoslovakia did change its name — not once, but twice, finally settling on the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic.

In one of the year's most emotionally resonant moments, an enormous German flag rose in front of the Reichstag building in Berlin, marking the reunification of East and West Germany.

North and South Yemen also merged, and a Frenchman shook hands with an Englishman beneath the English Channel in the coupling of the "Chunnel."

East and West Beirut also achieved a merger of sorts after rival militias began pulling out of the shattered city. A shaky peace returned to the Lebanese capital — what was left of it — under a plan sponsored by the Arab League.

American hostages Robert Polhill and Frank Reed were released from captivity in Beirut, but Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson stayed behind. His 43rd birthday was the sixth he had endured as a captive in Lebanon.

A new word for hostage entered the vocabulary when Saddam closed Iraq's exit doors to foreign "guests," who became "guestages." Women and children were allowed to leave, then Germans; finally, as Christmas approached, Saddam relented and allowed all his "guests" to go home.

Still, Iraq stood its ground in Kuwait, and a coalition of armies led by the U.S. armed forces dug into the desert in Saudi Arabia.

"A line has been drawn in the sand," Bush said, and more than a quarter-million American men and women stood behind it. As the year drew to a close, they waited, trained, and waited. The world watched, and waited.

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