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(AP Laserphoto)

U.S. Air Force personnel lower the American flag for the last time during ceremonies Tuesday at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.

Clark Air Force Base closed in Philippines

By OLIVER TEVES
Associated Press Writer

CLARK AIR BASE, Philippines (AP) — The American flag was lowered for the last time at Clark Air Base today as the United States abandoned one of its oldest and largest overseas installations, damaged by a volcano in June.

About 1,000 people watched as an Air Force honor guard handed the flag to U.S. Ambassador Frank Wisner. U.S. officials said about 250 American troops remained at the base, but planned to leave later today for new assignments.

"The longstanding U.S. military presence is ending," said Maj. Gen. William Studer, commander of the 13th Air Force, which will move its headquarters from Clark to Guam.

Filipino base employees embraced departing Americans and many in the crowd wept during the two-hour ceremony, marking the end of nearly a century of American military presence at the base about 50 miles north of Manila.

U.S. sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said looters quickly swarmed over the base, taking appliances and other materials. In February, looters stripped another U.S. facility, Camp O'Donnell, of nearly everything the Americans left behind.

In recent years, the United States stationed about 20,000 troops, military dependents and Defense Department personnel at Clark, a major transit and training facility for U.S. and allied forces in the Pacific region.

The 130,000-acre base was heavily damaged in June when nearby Mount Pinatubo erupted, spreading tons of volcanic debris.

U.S. officials decided to abandon Clark and tried to negotiate an

agreement to remain at the Subic Bay naval base, which was less severely damaged by the volcano.

In September, the Philippine Senate rejected an agreement that would have given the country \$250 million in aid in exchange for a 10-year lease. Talks are expected soon on a schedule for withdrawal from Subic.

"I think the general mood is probably excitement about going home, being back with your families again, sadness at leaving your friends here all mixed up with some fatigue from working the way we have for the last four or five months," said Clark base spokesman Lt. Col. Ron Rand.

A 1990 Philippine government report suggested turning the base into an international airport and agricultural business center. But the volcano damage has apparently put the plans on hold, and it was not immediately clear what the Filipinos plan for the site.

"It's sad," said Sgt. Harry Sharp, 27, of Canton, Ohio, a member of the honor guard assigned to Clark in May. "It's a goodbye to your friends and move on."

The closing of the base is expected to further damage the local economy, which is still suffering from the effects of the volcano.

Antonio Abad Santos, mayor of nearby Angeles, said about 30 percent of the city's 250,000 people have moved away in search of jobs elsewhere.

He said at least 15,000 people had lost their jobs when the base closed and only about 400 have found new employment.

Placards placed near the base praised the Americans and expressing regret they were leaving. "No country can replace you in our hearts," one of the signs read.

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Prison sub-contractor's financial problems lead to difficulty in cashing payroll checks

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
News Editor

Apparent financial problems of a sub-contractor at the Rufe Jordan Prison Unit here have affected not only the company's employees, but also numerous businesses in Pampa.

The Pampa News learned Monday that employees of Sol-Capital Construction of Abilene have had difficulty cashing payroll checks for at least two weeks.

A check with grocery store managers throughout the city confirmed that stores here will no longer cash the checks on Sol-Capital Construction, written to an account at First National Bank of Abilene, after numerous checks have been returned to the businesses marked "insufficient funds." While not releasing exact figures, store managers confirmed that several thousands of dollars were involved.

The wife of an Sol-Capital employee, who asked that her name not be used, said that she first had her husband's payroll check refused by three local grocery stores last week. When she contacted the Sol-Capital office, she was told to present the check to the Allsup's #96 here and it would be cashed. The check was indeed cashed, she said.

However, a second check, issued on Nov. 20, has now been refused, even by that Allsup's, she said.

"It has not been so hard for us because I work and we don't have any children so we're not so dependent on his check," she said, "but for some of (the employees) it has been really hard for them. They have to buy groceries and pay rent and things."

Frank Solis, owner of Sol-Capital Construction, could not be reached by The Pampa News today. A person in the company's office in Abilene, who would identify herself only as "Susan," said Solis was out of town and would not be back in the office until Monday. Checks from the company are signed by what appears to be "Sue Solis."

"All the checks have been paid except for two

payroll checks and they'll be good if they send them back through the bank," Susan said. She said she did not want to comment any further on the matter.

Joe Stevens, co-owner of Frank's Foods here, said his store will no longer cash any checks from Sol-Capital at this time.

"Yes, we have had some (checks) come back," Stevens said. "We had to quit cashing (the checks) because of evidently the financial problems they're having."

Stevens said he has sent the checks back through to the bank in Abilene and at this time, the checks have been covered the second time through. However, due to the time element while the store is waiting for the checks to clear and the amount of money involved, the store cannot afford to do this any longer, he explained, particularly when the company has not made any effort to contact the business or to provide any letters from their bank saying that checks on the company's account will be honored.

Randy Hamby, of Randy's Food Store, said his store has also received checks from Sol-Capital that were returned due to insufficient funds. These checks were also covered the second time they went through the bank, he said. Hamby said it is his store policy not to accept any more checks from a company after checks have come back "insufficient" until a representative has contacted him and is able to show that any further checks will be good.

At press time today, Hamby said he had not been contacted by anyone from Sol-Capital.

"If they would have someone from the company to contact us, we would be more than happy to cash their checks again," Hamby said, "because it benefits us if they brought their checks to us. They usually buy cigarettes or some food here when they do. If they would do that, we'll be happy to cash them again."

Ray Williams of Ray & Bills Food Store said he has not had many checks from Sol-Capital presented to his store to be cashed. On one, he called the bank in Abilene to make sure the check was good and it was at that time, he said.

But, he said, because bad checks have become a serious problem for his business, "I can't afford to cash them any more." He said he was notified of the problems with the Sol-Capital checks by a representative of Allsup's.

Several other store managers said they had been notified by an Allsup's "Mr. Payroll" representative as well. "Mr. Payroll" is reportedly a check-cashing service of the store. The Pampa News was unable to get calls to the Allsup's supervisor offices to go through at press time today.

Ben Harris, manager of Homeland grocery store, said today that he had been out of the office due to illness for several weeks, so he was not aware of any problems with the Sol-Capital payroll checks. Dan Martin, Homeland's assistant manager who was in charge during Harris' absence, was not in the office early today and had not returned a call to the paper at press time.

Greg Neeley, project manager for Harbert Construction which sub-contracted Sol-Capital, said he was unaware of problems with the sub-contractor's payroll checks early today.

"No one has contacted us about this," he said. "There are a lot of things we want to do here, get along with the people, and do a good job. We certainly don't want something like this to happen."

Sol-Capital Construction had won a bid for concrete work at the prison site, Neeley said. "The job goes to the presumably qualified bidder," he said, adding that the company came on-site on Aug. 26.

According to the various store managers and employees, initially there were no problems with the company's payroll checks.

Charles Brown, public information officer of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Austin which is building the prison unit here, said today that the letting of sub-contracts and the bidding process is left up to the contractor which is awarded the bid to build the prison. The TDCJ has no policy regarding the awarding of sub-contracts, he said.

"We don't have anything to do with that," Brown said.

Commissioners deny trying to drive store out of business

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Convenience store owner Jesse Whitson blasted city commissioners Monday night during their meeting at City Hall, saying all or some on that body are trying to

drive him out of business.

Whitson said he believes there is a conspiracy against his Harvey Mart stores in retaliation for his attempts to get Sunday beer sales inside the city limits.

"We were trying to make it fair for everybody," Whitson said. "We

brought up the issue of the sales tax (that Sunday beer sales would bring in). You said we didn't need that sales tax. Now you have come back saying you need more sales tax (for economic development and reduction of property taxes).

"You know as well as I do that

new taxes aren't going to help our economy. As far as getting people to help small businesses, we will have to do more than that."

He said if commissioners are truly interested in helping the local economy, the first thing they should do is allow Sunday beer sales, keeping that money from going to county businesses.

"But you don't want to talk about that," Whitson said.

He then accused some or all on the commission of trying to hurt his business.

"I've got two reliable sources that have come to me since the beer deal and one of you five is telling people not to trade at the store on 17th (Street) because we're giving students the wrong idea about beer."

"That's fine if you think that is helping local businesses, by telling them not to trade here. If this puts my store out of business, let's just stop there and don't go to the rest of them."

While some have suggested the majority of Pampans oppose Sunday beer sales in the city for moral reasons, Whitson responded, "If this is a moral issue, why did they go through 13 kegs of beer at the Country Fair?" (an event held recently to raise money for the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce.)

Whitson then left the meeting in disgust, visibly shaken with anger.

Following the meeting, Mayor Richard Peet said there is no attempt by the commission to hurt business at the Harvey Marts.

"It never has been suggested," Peet said. "I don't have any problem with Jesse whatsoever. We

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Free soup kitchen



(AP Laserphoto)

Pensioner Anna Davidova, 77, eats soup early Monday at a local community free soup kitchen in Lyubertsk, outside Moscow. As the Soviet economy collapses, many old pensioners are not able to stand in line nor buy highly priced food. Others have been found scavenging food in garbage dumps.

Senate OKs European military forces treaty; Bush threatens crime bill veto

By JAMES ROWLEY
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted overwhelming approval today of a treaty with the Soviet Union setting limits on conventional weapons in Europe.

By a vote of 90-4, well above the two-thirds required, the chamber gave its blessing to a pact that many say has become outdated just a year after it was signed in Paris by presidents George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev.

But Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said before the vote that the Conventional Forces in Europe pact "remains an important benchmark and building block for ensuring the future security of the

European continent."

Voting no were Republican Sens. Larry Craig of Idaho, Robert Smith of New Hampshire, Steve Symms of Idaho and Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming. Half a dozen senators did not vote.

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stripped of provisions limiting appeals by convicts.

Bush, speaking in Columbus, Ohio, today, said the crime bill "is simply not acceptable. So let me be clear: I would have to veto this bill because it would weaken our criminal justice system."

Democrats said they would seek a vote in the House later in the day, but conceded they lacked support to cut off an anticipated GOP filibuster in the Senate.

The six-year highway bill provides \$119 billion for highways and bridges and \$32 billion for mass transit, and will create an estimated two million jobs, according to officials.

The congressional tax-writing committees had yet to approve a

four-year extension of a 2.5-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax, necessary to pay for much of the measure.

The highway and crime measures were high on the list of bills that congressional leaders hoped to enact before adjourning for the year. Others included an extension of unemployment benefits beyond the bill signed 10 days ago by the president, and a measure to shore up the federal deposit fund that insures bank deposits.

Democrats who controlled the House-Senate conference turned up the political heat on Bush by crafting a crime package that expands the federal death penalty and regulates handgun seals but weakens key provisions sought by the president.

"They basically gutted the bill in

all of its meaningful provisions," Fitzwater said as the White House sought to cast Democrats in Congress as soft on crime.

Senate Republicans vowed to fight the crime bill, threatening a filibuster as several other major measures await final drafting and floor action.

The \$3.1 billion anti-crime package, approved by Democratic-led House and Senate negotiators, would apply the death penalty to about 50 federal crimes and impose a five-day waiting period for handgun purchases.

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Columbus portrait



(AP Laserphoto)

This is the 15th century portrait of Christopher Columbus attributed to Spanish painter Pedro Barrogetta and sold last year to American art dealer Francesco Ribaldo of Chicago from a private collection. The painting, according to art historian Maurizio Marini, finally may settle the question of what Columbus looked like. Some experts are now claiming this is the only actual portrait painted of Columbus while he was alive. The portrait indicates he had red hair.

Atlantis astronauts view Earth in experiment for Pentagon

By LAURA TOLLEY
Associated Press Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — An Atlantis crewman peered down at Earth through a telescope today, trying to recognize various spots on the globe in a test of how astronauts might serve the military from space.

Shuttle crewman Thomas Hennen ran into trouble with the Pentagon experiment Monday night when a system that tells the astronaut the telescope is trained on the desired target apparently failed.

He had better luck with the telescope assembly after turning it off and back on and was able to find three out of four targets early today.

Hennen told ground controllers the cueing system still didn't appear to be working exactly as it did in training, but "it really hasn't hindered the actual acquisition of the site."

He could not find Pretoria City, South Africa, but the first-time flier did spot Kampong, Cambodia; Harare, Zimbabwe; and Diego Garcia, an island in the Indian Ocean that was a major staging area for U.S. troops during the Persian Gulf War.

Hennen, the only crew member who isn't a full-time astronaut, planned to look at about 30 targets during the mission, including some secret sites.

The Pentagon wants to find out what astronauts can see from space. Hennen was picked for the flight because of his expertise in Army imagery analysis and spent months studying satellite maps and training in simulators.

"We're curious to see what a trained photo interpreter can discern from space," said Air Force Lt. Col. James McLeroy.

Crewman Mario Runco Jr. will work on a similar experiment during the mission, which is scheduled to end Dec. 4 with a landing in Florida.

Atlantis blasted into orbit Sunday night. The six astronauts completed their primary task early Monday with the release of a \$300 million satellite that can detect missile launches and nuclear explosions.

A rocket boosted the satellite to an orbit 22,300 miles above the equator. It will undergo about a month of testing before joining a network of similar satellites.

During their first full day in space, two other crew members also took turns inside a large vacuum container that forces body fluids from the upper body, where it gathers in zero gravity, back to the legs.

Scientists believe this transfer of fluids may reduce the lightheadedness astronauts feel upon return to Earth. The experiment has been on two previous missions.

When it was mission specialist James Voss' turn inside the collapsible sack this morning, he reported that the waist seal was tight and somewhat uncomfortable.

"Our records show that in training you tried a 26-inch one and the one that's flown should be 28 inches. So we've decided the food up there must be pretty good," Mission Control said.

"Maybe I gained a few inches," Voss replied.

Shortly before 3 a.m., the astronauts reported seeing the Soviet space station Mir as it passed within 24 miles of the shuttle. In a videotape on NASA television, Mir was a small white speck darting across the dark sky.

"We can't make out any details with the naked eye. But he's traveling at a pretty good rate," an Atlantis astronaut said.

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Another phase opens in redistricting court battle

By EDUARDO MONTES
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EDINBURG (AP) — The battle over the state's new voting boundaries has begun to wind down with a judge derailing one challenge and preparing for the end phase of another.

District Judge Mario E. Ramirez on Monday denied a motion for a new trial to challenge the lawsuit settlement that revamped the state Senate redistricting map.

Attorneys for minority interests opposing a twice-rejected state House map then began arguing to have the representatives' plan replaced with one of their own.

The map presented to the judge late Monday would create five to six new minority seats and strengthen some of the weaker minority districts, said civil rights attorney Jim Harrington.

The state did not present a revised map, but the House redistricting committee was expected to get started on approving a plan today, said Rick Gray, private counsel for the state.

"Until they meet there is no plan that we can bring forward," Gray said.

Ramirez, meanwhile, was expected to continue hearing testimony in the court case today.

The trial in 332nd District Court is the culmination of a long, tortuous redistricting dispute that has wound its way up to the federal level.

In Edinburg, the case revolves around a lawsuit challenging the state's use of census figures to redraw the Legislature's voting boundaries.

The census missed about 500,000 Texans, particularly minorities, according to the plaintiffs. As a result, redistricting plans based on the flawed count underrepresented minorities and diluted their voting strength, the suit says.

The plaintiffs, several South Texas residents who said they were missed in the final tally, had asked Ramirez to force the state to redraw the lines.

Ramirez did just that in August, ordering lawmakers to adjust population figures and remap the state accordingly. The state, which argued that it had no choice but to use the census count for redistricting, appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.

Before the high court ruled, however, minority groups and 19 state senators reached an agreement on a Senate plan. Ramirez approved the settlement last month.

That left only the House map, which in addition to being rejected by Ramirez was also declared invalid by the U.S. Justice Department.

Lawmakers have been pushing to get a new plan approved before Dec. 3, when filing for the 1992 elections get under way. The trial before Ramirez is expected to bring that phase to an end.

Another phase, the challenge of the Senate settlement plan, ended Monday with Ramirez' denial of the new trial bid.

The challenge was brought by Sen. Eddie Lucio and Sen. Bill Sims, who charged that the settlement approved last month was crafted in a clandestine fashion.

Lucio and Sims testified Monday that they had not known about efforts to draw a new plan. "I did not know that there were any negotiations going on to replace" the previously approved plan, Sims said.

The senators, acting as intervenors, also argued through their attorney that state Attorney General Dan Morales overstepped his authority in approving the agreement.

Robert Junnel, the attorney representing the senators, argued that a new plan should have been crafted by the whole Senate and that the courts did not have a right to create new laws.

"I don't believe our courts ... can go in and say, 'Yes, it's constitutional and here's the new laws,'" Junnel said.

Attorneys for the state and for the plaintiffs, however, argued that it was within the attorney general's powers to approve a lawsuit settlement.

If the Legislature can't pass a constitutional redistricting plan "then it is the duty of the court to set it aside," said Harrington. "And that is how democracy works."

East Texas agents seize 2,400 pounds of cocaine

By ARNIE STAPLETON
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DALLAS (AP) — Law officials have seized more than a ton of cocaine at two East Texas locations and arrested five men on charges of conspiring to distribute the bricks, worth \$240 million on the streets.

Of the five men arrested, two have been ordered held without bond, two have been released on bail and a fifth faces a judge today.

Charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine, they could face a minimum of 10 years in jail to life without parole and a \$4 million fine.

The seizure last week of 2,400 pounds of cocaine is the largest in the history of the Dallas offices of Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Customs Services, whose regions encompass north, east and portions of southeast Texas.

The cocaine was packaged in 2,200 bricks, each weighing a-half kilo, and was displayed Monday at the DEA's regional office.

"At least this is cocaine we'll never have to worry about being in the schools in southeast or anywhere else in the United States," said Bob Wortham, U.S. District Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas.

The cocaine, along with cash and other property, was seized Nov. 18-19 in rural Marion County and rural Gregg County, near Longview, about 120 miles east of Dallas. Wortham wouldn't give specifics for fear of jeopardizing the ongoing investigation.

Wortham said it is believed the cocaine is Columbian and was transported via Miami.



(AP Laserphoto)

From left, Louis Guirolo, Bob Wortham and Stuart Platt, all from the U.S. Attorney office in the Eastern District of Texas, look at some of the cocaine packages seized last week.

Five men were arrested, including Andy Restrepo, 52, a native Columbian residing in Longview, who was placed under surveillance in October after tips that his actions were suspicious.

On Nov. 18, three individuals were arrested in Marion County in possession of about 160 pounds of cocaine. Taken into custody were John Thomas Johnson, 38, of One City; James Clifford Lanier, 43, of Lone Star; and William Tipton Brooks, 42, of Pittsburg, Texas.

Their arrests led to other searches, Wortham said, culminating in the seizure of about 1,100 kilograms, or 2,400 pounds, of cocaine, and the arrests of Restrepo and Gustavo Bedoya Naranjo, 39, of Longview on Nov. 19.

All five face federal charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine. Lanier and Brooks were released on \$5,000 bond. Restrepo and Naranjo were ordered held without bail and Johnson's appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judith K. Guthrie in Tyler was delayed until today.

If convicted, each of them would face a mandatory minimum of 10 years in prison and could face life sentences without the possibility of parole and up to \$4 million in fines.

The largest cocaine seizure in Texas occurred on Oct. 4, 1989, when authorities seized nine tons of cocaine at a farmhouse outside Harlingen, a few miles from the Mexican border. The drug cache was the second largest seized in U.S. history. Cocaine is generally worth \$10,000 per pound wholesale and 10 times that on the street, the DEA said.

OPEC nations open key strategy session in Vienna

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC ministers today opened strategy talks that are expected to endorse high oil production through the winter.

Saudi Arabia's influential oil minister, Hisham Nazer, entered the discussions by saying the kingdom could boost production to 10 million barrels of crude a day, well over its estimated current output of 8.5 million barrels.

Such high output could move Saudi Arabia — already the biggest oil exporter — within striking distance of becoming the world's leading oil producer. The Soviet Union now holds the title, but its production has been falling sharply this year because of mismanagement and outdated equipment.

The Saudi desire to boost output was likely to be the main topic during the strategy talks by the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum

Exporting Countries. The cartel's market monitoring committee met in the morning before the opening of the full ministerial conference in late afternoon.

In advance, the ministers appeared willing to keep pumping at top speed through the winter. But they were at odds over how strong demand for oil would be in the first three months of 1992.

Nazer estimated demand would rise to 25.2 million barrels a day in the first quarter. "We want to meet the demand in the market," he said late Monday. But other ministers forecast about a million barrels less. Some worry excess output could

lead to an oil glut and lower prices in the spring.

Many ministers said they favored an extension of OPEC's current output ceiling of 23.65 million barrels a day into the January-March period.

Despite strong production, crude prices have stayed firm in recent months, climbing within about 30 cents of the cartel's target of \$21 a barrel before falling back some.

The average price of OPEC crude oil was \$19.74 a barrel last week, compared with \$19.98 in the previous week.

The ministers will likely delay setting output goals beyond the win-

ter because of uncertainties about Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil production.

Kuwait recently finished capping wells set ablaze by Iraqi troops, and Kuwait's oil minister, Homoud al-Rqobah, said his nation was producing 360,000 barrels of oil a day.

He predicted production would rise to about 1 million barrels a day by the middle of next year, about two-thirds of the output before the invasion.

Iraq's oil sales remain under a U.N. embargo imposed after it occupied Kuwait. Before the crisis, it pumped 3.1 million barrels a day, the same as Iran and second only to Saudi Arabia.

Fund organized to aid Soviets through winter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Founders of a private fund to help the people of the Soviet Union through the winter hope to raise \$100 million.

The Soviet-American Fund for Freedom and Democracy has the backing of both President Mikhail Gorbachev and Russian President Boris Yeltsin, said L. Ronald Scheman, president of the fund.

The Washington lawyer announced creation of the fund on Monday. Other sponsors include Lee Iacocca of Chrysler Corp. and Hamish Maxwell of Philip Morris.

Scheman said the fund will work through private voluntary organizations such as CARE, the United Way, and Project Hope, which is already sending an initial \$2 million worth of medical supplies.

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Opinion

Bush should heed call for tax cuts

Americans are finally being offered a choice on taxes and the economy, although the White House still doesn't seem to have noticed.

The first offering was made by Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. Rostenkowski proposed a tax increase to be imposed on "wealthy" Americans. Individual incomes above \$85,000 would have their taxes boosted from the 33 percent level to 35 percent. Couples would pay the tax above \$145,000. Now, with the recent pay hike congressmen gave themselves, they take in \$125,000 of your tax money. Congressmen are not required to release tax returns. But let's figure it out. Add about \$40,000 for a spouse's income. Subtract about \$20,000 in deductions. Result: A taxable income of about \$145,000 per couple, just at the level of the new tax hike. What a coincidence!

Rostenkowski also would impose a 10-percent surtax on anyone making more than \$1 million - effectively raising the marginal tax rate to 43 percent. This would punish wealth-producing businessmen, scientists and engineers, just when we need them to spark an economic recovery. Many would leave America for countries with lower taxes.

The ever-cunning "Rosty" included in his proposal a "temporary," two-year tax credit of \$200 per person (\$400 per couple) taken from Social Security payments. What do you bet the hikes on the "rich" would stick even as the "temporary" tax cut expired? The rusty Rostenkowski plan fails our basic test for a real tax-cut plan: Whatever else it does, a tax cut must not raise anyone's taxes.

A second choice: On *Face the Nation* Housing Secretary Jack Kemp urged President Bush to back tax cuts "to get America growing again." He even mentioned some Democratic plans, which would cut taxes without accompanying tax hikes, unlike Rostenkowski's tax-increase flim-flam. The plans included Sen. Daniel Moynihan's payroll tax cut and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Lloyd Bentsen's tax credit of \$300 for every child under 18.

It has long been rumored that Kemp was unhappy with Bush's tax policy. Now Kemp has made public his objections. Kemp also diplomatically replied to Bush's contention that the recession is over. Kemp cautioned that the economy is "limping ... anemic, and it needs some oxygen in the body economic to create more jobs, to create more growth."

What should Bush do? Well, from his days in Congress he is a friend of Rep. Rostenkowski. He should ask Rostenkowski about the tax hike on seniors the Ways and Means chairman helped push through in 1988 to fund the disastrous Medicare Catastrophic Coverage bill. One day in 1989 irate seniors spotted Rostenkowski and chased him through the streets of Chicago. He soon let the tax be repealed.

The Secret Service would protect Bush from such a humiliation. But irate voters could chase him from office in November 1992 unless he heeds the words of Kemp to cut taxes.

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"How about this! In Palm Beach, Will K. Smith has had an 'ALAN ALDA IMPLANT!'"

The danger we can't ignore

In 1981, Israel did the world an immense favor by bombing a nuclear reactor being built near Baghdad, abruptly dashing Saddam Hussein's dream of acquiring the most terrible weapon on earth. Soon the United States may need to do the world a similar service by eliminating the dread prospect of a nuclear North Korea.

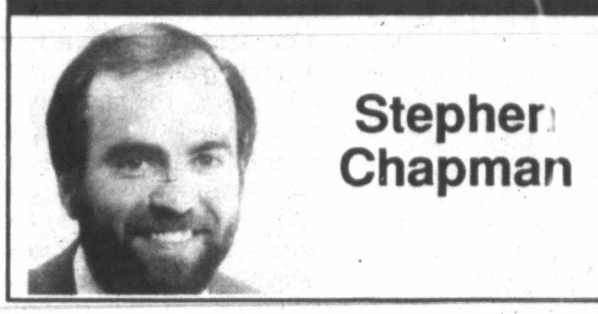
Time is short, and the need is urgent. Kim Il Sung, one of the world's most repressive, unpredictable and militaristic dictators, embarked years ago on a program to build nuclear weapons, and now the effort is nearing fulfillment.

Until recently, the U.S. government had estimated that North Korea's nuclear program wouldn't be able to produce a nuclear bomb for at least three years, and possibly five. But experts in the Bush administration and abroad now say it's much closer than previously thought.

Perhaps as soon as a year from now, Kim will have a functioning reprocessing plant. This is ominous because the plant will be able to extract weapons-grade plutonium from spent reactor fuel and because it has no other plausible function. Once the reprocessing plant has done its job, he can proceed to make a doomsday bomb.

The North Koreans have maneuvered to satisfy outside concern. In 1985, they signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, agreeing not to acquire nuclear weapons and accepting the principle of international inspection of their reactors. But when it came time to back up its pledges, the Pyongyang regime added a condition: It wouldn't submit to inspections until the United States pulled its nuclear weapons out of South Korea.

To Kim Il Sung's undoubted surprise, the United States and South Korea agreed. So the dictator made a new demand: Washington must remove South Korea from the protection of its "nuclear



Stephen Chapman

umbrella" - in other words, renounce the option of responding to an attack with nuclear weapons based elsewhere.

Given the unenforceability of such a pledge, the United States should hasten to make it. But it's probably wishful thinking to expect it to change anything. North Korea's accommodating stance has no apparent purpose but to buy time to acquire nuclear bombs - or at least the plutonium to make them.

So far the ruse has worked. But soon, unless the North actually allows outside inspectors into its nuclear facilities, the United States will face a grim choice: to let Kim Il Sung acquire the means to become a nuclear power or to stop him while it can.

Rest assured, the United States and its allies can stop him. An air attack on the nuclear complex at Yongbyon would shut down North Korea's program by destroying its reactors and the reprocessing plant needed to produce fuel for bombs - just as Israel's attack delayed Iraq's nuclear plans by at least 10 years.

"If we destroy the key junctures," says Ben Frankel, a proliferation expert who edits the new journal *Security Studies*, "we'll have bought a decade or more." Combined with close satellite monitoring, spying and vigilant efforts to keep bomb and ballistic missile technology out of the

hands of Kim Il Sung, a U.S. attack could deprive North Korea of nuclear weapons indefinitely.

The benefits of such a mission are obvious. Letting Kim get the bomb is as risky as letting Hussein or Qaddafi or the Iranian militants get it. This is the man who masterminded the 1983 assassination of 14 South Korean Cabinet ministers and may also have ordered the 1987 bombing of a Korean Airlines jet, killing 115 people. With a sizable nuclear arsenal, he would be able to bully South Korea, Japan, Taiwan and others - and, should he choose, to start a nuclear conflagration.

There is no reason on earth to let that happen - not when we can take action that would reliably prevent it at virtually no cost to ourselves. Some North Korean lives would be endangered by the release of radiation that would occur. But the number of innocents put at risk is tiny compared to how many would be in peril if Kim gets the bomb. To minimize casualties, we can give advance notice of the raid. Given our air superiority, the warning wouldn't be of any military use to North Korea.

One fear is the North would respond by attacking the South. But the regime will almost certainly be deterred, as it has been before, by the knowledge that it would be defeated and probably toppled in such a war. More likely, Kim will do what Saddam Hussein did after the Israeli raid - nothing.

In recent years, the United States has used its armed forces to remove two trivial threats, in Grenada and Panama. It sent half a million troops, took serious risks and expended large sums of money to combat another, Iraq, that could have been contained without a huge U.S. commitment.

North Korea is the rare case where the danger is real and the task easy. There are many worse uses of American military power. It's hard to think of a better one.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 1991. There are 35 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Nov. 26, 1789 was a day of thanksgiving set aside by President Washington to observe the adoption of the Constitution of the United States.

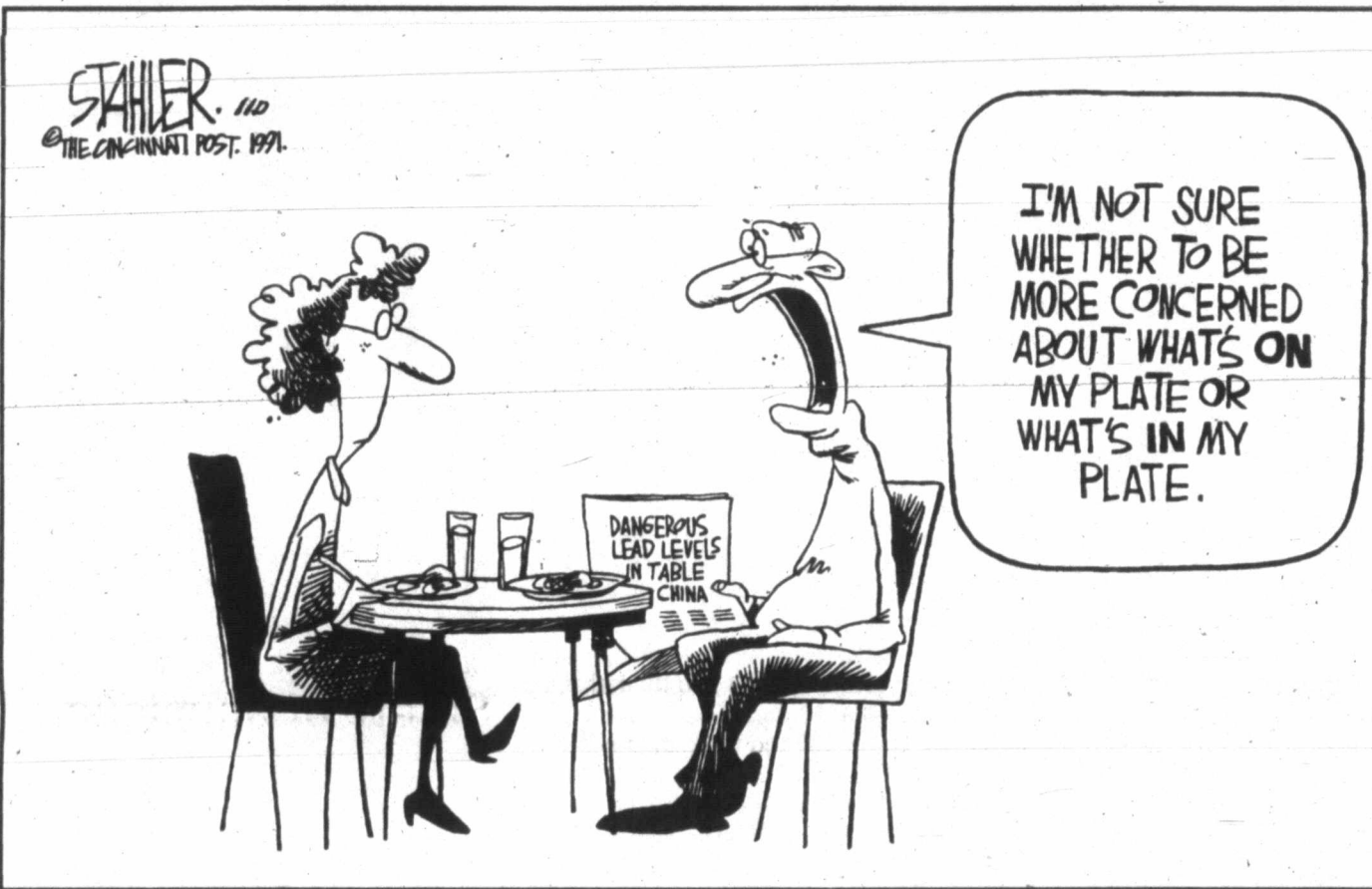
On this date:
In 1825, the first college social fraternity, Kappa Alpha, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

In 1832, public streetcar service began in New York City. The fare: 12 1/2 cents. (The horse-drawn streetcar was unveiled 12 days earlier.)

In 1940, the 500,000 Jews of Warsaw, Poland, were forced by the Nazis to live within a walled ghetto.

In 1949, India adopted a constitution as a republic within the British Commonwealth.

In 1965, France launched its first satellite, sending a 92-pound A1 capsule into orbit.



When to call a woman a lady

I was deeply disturbed, as well as totally confused, by a recent letter from a reader.

The letter was about a paragraph that appeared in a column I wrote after the third game of the 1991 World Series.

Here's the paragraph:
"At 8:32, the first trumpeter of the St. Louis Symphony, a lady, played the national anthem. I don't know why, but she did."

The author of the letter said the paragraph was "a little dig against women."

She went on:
"What is it Grizzard didn't understand? Was it that the national anthem was played before the game? I don't think so, since that's something we all expect and look forward to."

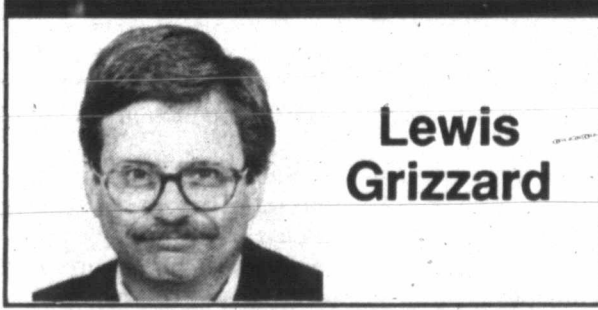
"Is it that a guest artist from out of state was invited to perform this important ritual? No, it couldn't be that - guest artists usually do."

"Or was it the trumpeter was, in Grizzard's use of the demeaning term, 'a lady'?"

What was disturbing about that letter is someone took offense at something that certainly wasn't intended to be demeaning.

I simply wondered why a trumpeter from St. Louis was playing the national anthem at the first World Series game played in Atlanta.

Aren't there trumpeters in the Atlanta Sympho-



Lewis Grizzard

ny? Why not invite one of them, since this was the biggest moment in the city's sporting history?

The reason I identified the trumpeter as a lady is that they taught us in journalism school to be precise in our reporting.

One doesn't write: "A human being robbed a liquor store at the corner of ..." No. Was it a man or a woman who robbed the liquor store? How old was the robber? What was the robber's physical characteristics? The old, "who, what, when and where."

Later, I learned Major League Baseball, not the Braves, was in charge of national anthems before World Series games, and apparently somebody in Major League Baseball has a connection with the St. Louis Symphony and/or the human being who plays trumpet for it.

As far as what confused me is concerned, I

didn't know referring to a woman as "a lady" was demeaning. I thought it was a respectful term.

Am I out of touch? What I did was call *Ms. Magazine* to find out.

Ms. Talton of the magazine said, when I told her how I had used the term, "I personally feel it is an inappropriate reference. Once someone described the first 'lady' astronaut, 'Lady' has nothing to do with the operation of a profession."

"... The term is not free from unconscious bias and sexism. To some it implies a female on a pedestal, someone dainty and fragile."

Oh.
Ms. Talton did go on to say, however, "lady" was OK when used in the same sense as "gentleman," as in a compliment, "based highly on certain aspects of behavior."

"My mama certainly was a lady" is OK then, if I've got my political correctness in order here.

You live and learn.
Ms. Talton also said if I needed any more on this subject, I should read, *Words and Women: An Update*, by K.C. Miller, who I suppose is a woman, but I can't mention that here.

I'm rushing out for a copy now. In order to get along in modern times, one must certainly stay abreast of words one can and cannot say - or the speech police will come down harshly upon one's behind.

Talking about AIDS - it can't wait

By SARAH OVERSTREET

"What have you told the girls about AIDS?" I asked my friend with the two teenage daughters.

"Well, I've talked to them a little bit," he answers.

"What exactly have you told them?" I ask. I sound like a nag. I don't care.

"Oh, I don't know exactly. My ex-wife usually handles things like that, and the few times I've said anything to the girls about sex she seems to have resented it, like I'm infringing on her territory."

I look at him incredulously. This is not 1967, when he was considering the Earth-moving question that faces all teenagers, like whether or not to become sexually active. The worst thing he faced in those years was unwanted pregnancy or venereal disease - unpleasant enough, and I don't mean to underplay them - but he did not face death from sex with the wrong person. This is what I tell him. "This isn't a matter of trying to protect your

kids from pregnancy or herpes. This is a matter of keeping them alive."

He nods his head and I have the feeling he is starting to face this fact emotionally for the first time, though only slightly. It's hard enough to go from viewing your child as the little girl you used to swing on your arms to a teenager who might become pregnant with a child herself, much less to acknowledge that you can add death from a simple act of sex to the many things you can no longer protect her from.

Things have changed so quickly since AIDS hit the scene that we may acknowledge that the disease is spreading throughout the heterosexual population, but our perceptions of ourselves as social beings has not caught up. Emotionally, as we think of ourselves in relation to the social act of courting and mating, we think that the risks of sex are much what they were a decade ago. To equate sex with death is too big a leap; it's a culture shock we can't come to grips with.

Perhaps this is why a superstar like basketball player Magic Johnson can

become infected with the AIDS virus during a time when there was plenty of information on the risks of getting AIDS. Johnson has readily admitted he had unprotected sex many times with many women he didn't know since he became a star, and says other athletes and entertainers he knows have done the same thing. They, like my friend with the two daughters, didn't really believe what they read.

And parents considering what to tell their children face an additional dilemma: How do you impart the value and joy of sex while painting a picture of the grim reaper hovering overhead?

So many of us grew up in environments where any kind of healthy sexual expression was suppressed, and in some cases worked for years to overcome conditioning that impaired healthy sexual functioning. We had hoped to spare our children what we went through, and send them out into the world equipped for sex with caring, respect and responsibility. Now we have to add this little disclaimer:

And by the way, you might die.

The luxury of having time to mull over how we will handle discussing this with our children is over. If I had a teenage child, I would pull no punches when explaining the risks. To start, I would talk about the strength of the sex drive and the lies one hears from people who want to exercise theirs, and I'd illustrate with examples from my own life.

I'd also talk about the many stories I've read about people who contracted AIDS, how they got it and what it did to them. I'd tell them that not even condoms are fool-proof, and then I'd hand out some pretty extensive and restrictive advice.

Do I believe my child would follow my advice? Not necessarily. But at least I would have sent my kid out into this life-threatening battle in the best armor I could supply: knowledge. How can I be a responsible parent and do less? Unfortunately, some of us still have our sex education manuals turned to 1967.

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Lifestyles

Little pilgrims remember their forefathers



Rector Bill Bailey joins young pilgrims of St. Matthew's School in celebrating with a Thanksgiving feast. Each class prepared food for the all-school dinner. (Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Chutzpah effective for both Jews and Gentiles

By COSMOPOLITAN
For AP Special Features

Chutzpah is a Yiddish word meaning brashness or brazenness, insolence or audacity. The classic example is the man who kills his parents, then throws himself on the mercy of the court because he is an orphan.

A more modern example, according to an article in the current issue of *Cosmopolitan*, concerns a songwriter who had been kicking around Nashville without any luck. Nobody would listen to his songs.

Johnny Cash was the man who could make things happen for songwriters. But Cash was inaccessible. At his office, the secretary was polite, took tapes of the writer's songs and nothing happened.

Cash lived in a house protected by walls and gates. In desperation, the songwriter — who had learned to fly in the Air Force — hired a helicopter and landed it on Cash's lawn.

This so impressed the king of country music that he listened to the songs, had them recorded and made a star of Kris Kristofferson.

Originally, the quality was not admired, as in "The bashful go to paradise and the brazen go to purgatory." But "brazen" is relative. There were centuries when anything a woman did that was not modest and retiring — daring to set pen to

paper and sign her name to what she wrote, for example — was considered unacceptably nerdy.

Yesterday's chutzpah is today's custom and these days chutzpah is nothing to be ashamed of — spunk makes for a good story and can testify to cleverness.

Chutzpah is a useful attitude for getting into things — closed auditions, better jobs, overbooked restaurants, even the private lives of celebrities.

It also is useful for getting out of things. People who escape from prison by disguising themselves and walking out the front door have it.

Chutzpah is often fostered by desperation and the conviction that the "ordinary" route to something is unfairly blocked. Tess in the movie "Working Girl" makes it clear the deck is stacked against her, that her working class background and style keep her in the secretarial pool, however smart she may be.

Breaking into show business is practically impossible without a good dose of chutzpah. In a world where drawing attention to yourself and standing out from the crowd are what it takes to get a break, legends abound of last-ditch efforts by self-assured people who weren't getting anywhere without it.

Two ambitious young men named David Lee and Peter Casey found jobs selling sandwiches on the lot of the Paramount studio in Hollywood,

which gave them access to where TV's "The Jeffersons" was being shot.

They dropped off a script they had written. It was bought.

Eventually, they became the producers of that show, which they then left for "Cheers," another extremely popular television program.

It is hard to draw the line between chutzpah and arrogance. Author Louise Bernikow maintains Oliver North and Leona Helmsley don't have a charming touch of audacity but, rather, an endless conviction that they are superior. That's arrogance, as in Helmsley's remark that only the "little people" pay taxes.

On the other hand, Elizabeth Taylor was introduced to a member of British royalty, who looked down her nose at Taylor's huge diamond and asked, "Don't you think that's a bit vulgar?"

Taylor offered to let the royal representative try it on, which she did. Taylor said, "Not so vulgar now, is it?"

Other members of the Female Chutzpah Hall of Fame, Bernikow wrote in *Cosmopolitan*, including Cleopatra, Bette Davis, Madonna, Cher, Joan Rivers, Sandra Bernhard and Tallulah Bankhead, who went up to an old lover dining in a restaurant with his parents and said:

"Darling, don't you recognize me with my clothes on?"

When shopping for children's books look for quality art and literature

By LEE MITGANG
AP Education Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The bewilderment many grownups feel in a children's bookstore can be compared to a longshoreman in a lingerie shop: Everything looks alike, and it's hard to judge what'll suit your loved one.

If anything, shopping for children's books is more baffling than ever.

Children's publishing is in the midst of a recession-defying boom. The industry projects \$2 billion in sales in 1991, almost double levels just four years ago.

Behind the prosperity are baby boomers coming of age and having their own children, and the growing popularity in schools of "whole language" reading instruction that stresses literature.

Some 5,000 new kids' books are coming out each year, and the American Booksellers Association estimates 331 million will be sold in 1991, compared with just under 200 million in 1985.

All of this has produced a luxury — and a confusion — of choice for the uninitiated shopper.

Children's book experts and critics generally see the boom as welcome. The recently updated "Parent's Guide to the Best Books for Children" by Eden Ross Lipson, children's book editor of *The New York Times*, celebrates some 1,700 classic and recent titles.

But many experts scan current best-seller lists and worry that prosperity has bred a good bit of schlock, too.

"In terms of proportion, you get more quality books for children than for adults," said Lee Galda, a University of Georgia education professor who reviews children's books for the International Reading Association.

But Galda also notes the number of books that sound as if they ought to be good, but aren't. Though Danielle Steele may be wildly successful at writing adult novels and Carly Simon a beloved songwriter, Galda, for one, is not enthusiastic

Safety of aluminum wiring questioned

By POPULAR MECHANICS
For AP Special Features

Q. — We bought a 13-year-old house that has aluminum wiring throughout. Can you tell me if the wiring is safe?

A. — The safety of aluminum wiring depends on whether corrective measures were taken by the previous owner. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission says that houses with aluminum wiring are a fire hazard. During the period between 1965 and 1973, because of the shortage of copper and its high cost, aluminum was used to wire about 1.5 million houses. Although aluminum wiring was approved by the National Electrical Code, it was later found that there was dangerous overheating in 15- and 20-amp branch circuits at some of the connections between the aluminum wires and outlet receptacles, switches, fixtures and appliances. Anyone who has aluminum wiring should be alert for the following trouble signs: Cover plates on outlets or switches that feel warm to the touch; sparks, arcing or smoke at outlets or switches; strange odors, especially the smell

of burning plastic around outlets and switches; outlets, lights or entire circuits that don't work.

Even though you may not find any trouble signs, the potential for a fire exists. It can occur at an outlet that has nothing plugged into it.

Correcting the problem does not require rewiring the entire house. The method recommended by the Consumer Product Safety Commission requires connecting a short piece of copper wire to the end of the aluminum wire by using a special compression-type crimp connector. The copper wire is then used for the connection to the outlets, switches, fixtures and appliances. The corrections described should be made by a licensed electrician who has this equipment. Connecting the copper pigtail to the aluminum wire using a wire nut is not an approved method.

You can check your outlets and switches to see if the wire terminations were pigtailed prior to purchase, but take precautions against shock. If the aluminum wiring in your home has not been corrected, you should take care of this problem as soon as possible.

Examples are the current hot-selling "The Berenstain Bears Don't Pollute (Anymore)" and the growing genre of books dealing with the horrors some children face, such as incest and drug addiction.

"I have to take these books seriously, but I hope the didacticism doesn't show up too much," said Nancy Needham, who reviews books for the National Education Association, the nation's largest teacher union.

One of the better authors who combines beautiful language with harsh realities like homelessness is the poet Gary Soto. His latest collection for older children, "A Fire in My Hands" describes life for Mexicans in California's San Joaquin Valley.

So what tips do children's literature experts offer for anyone adrift in kid's bookland?

— Turn to the pictures first. That's what kids do, right?

"They should be as well prepared as any painting in a museum," Kiefer says.

Proof of the power of pictures is the phenomenal recent success of the "Where's Waldo?" books, in which each page challenges children to pick out the striped-shirted, stocking-capped, bespectacled hero from a seemingly impossible clutter of detail.

Probably the most reliable guide to well-illustrated children's books is the annual listing of the Caldecott Medal, awarded by a division of the American Library Association.

One frequent winner is Chris Van Allsburg, illustrator of such best-selling favorites as "The Polar Express" and "Swan Lake."

— Give a book the read-aloud test.

"If you feel awkward or foolish, then it's probably not very good," says Galda.

The best children's books are literary in tone, rather than conversational, Kiefer says. Therein lies the difference between beautifully written fairy tales that have moral lessons and some current fare that tells kids why it's good to brush their teeth twice a day.

The sentences should invite children to participate with nice refrains, predictability and rhythm. The story can be sentimental, but not trite.

Timeless bedtime classics such as "Goodnight Moon," published in 1947, have pleasing sentence structures that somehow reverberate in the brain.

"More, More, More." Said the Baby," a 1991 Caldecott honor book, has the beauty of language and illustrations that may make it a classic as well.

— Get to know your local children's librarian.

"A major part of our work is to evaluate the material. What we're trying to do is promote high quality," says Susan Roman, executive director of the Association for Library Service to Children at the American Library Association.

Many librarians keep current listings of quality children's books. Besides the Caldecott list, the ALA has pamphlets listing the Newbery Medal winners, and also publishes an annual "Notable Children's Books" list consisting of about 60 current books broken down by appropriate age groups.

After it's over 'other woman' has roll to play

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Heartsick in Illinois," whose husband used their bed at home to have an affair. She urged readers contemplating an affair to have the decency to do it somewhere other than their own bed. And you advised her to do everything in her power to forget.

I, too, am married to a man who had an affair, and during the past two years I've come a long way with the help of a therapist. I have learned much and would like to pass along some additional advice for women who are having — or have had — affairs with married men.

Even among thieves there is a code of ethics, so if just one "other woman" heeds a few of these suggestions, it will go a long way toward helping the wife "to forget." We human beings, just like lower forms of animal life, have our territorial rights. The more of these territories violated by an intruder (another woman, in this case), the harder it is for the wife to forget.

ADVICE TO OTHER WOMEN
(Once the wife knows about the affair)

1. Don't write to the wife asking for compassion.
2. If you do write, don't send it to the wife's place of employment, as this may be her one haven of escape.
3. If you haven't already violated the wife's home, don't send mail there, either. This goes for Christmas cards, too.
4. Don't continue to attend his softball games. But if you choose to ignore this advice, at least don't sit next to his wife.
5. Don't join his church, of which his family had been active members for many years. (We now no longer attend.)
6. Don't move into his neighborhood.
7. If you decide to leave the husband's workplace, don't take a job where his wife works. Then, if you leave the wife's company and return to your former employer, if you've requested an assignment in a different department than the husband's, be big enough to stand



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

by that request if management asks you to work with him again.

8. Don't join the fitness center where the wife has worked out for several years.

9. Don't talk with his children, pretending that they don't know about you.

10. Don't stand behind the wife in the grocery store checkout line; busy yourself in the produce department until she has left the store.

11. Don't kid yourself that no one at work or among your mutual friends noticed what was going on between you.

12. Don't glibly tell the wife that you have forgiven yourself, forgetting that forgiveness does not include responsibility for your offenses, or thinking that it means all is forgiven and forgotten.

Thank God, I don't have to forget about the violation of my bed, but I'm still trying to forget about the above listed violations — all of which happened to me.

So, Abby, continue to advise the wives to get therapy. It helps. And, please, advise the "other women" to accept the end of the affair — when it's over — and to show some sensitivity to someone who has been deeply hurt. She's already been violated enough.

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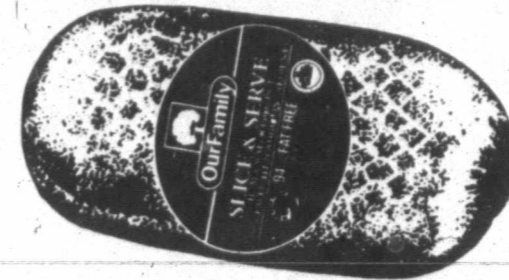
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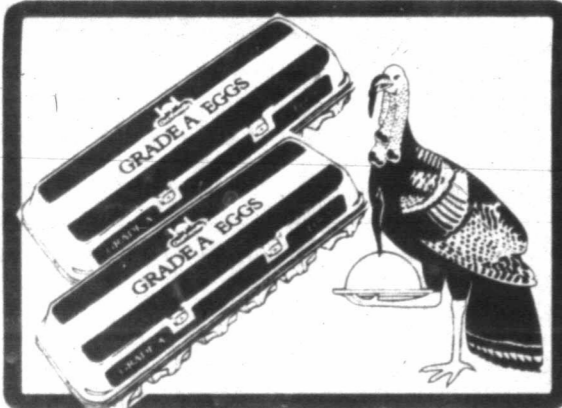
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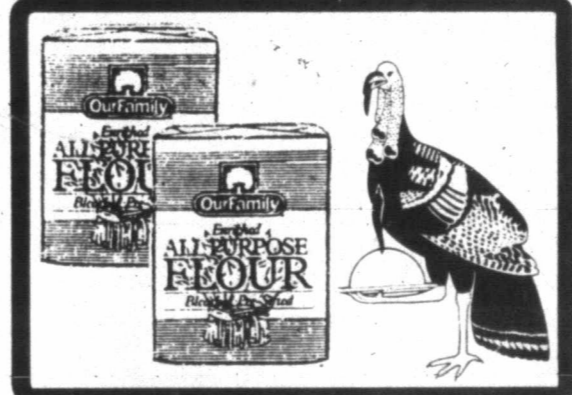
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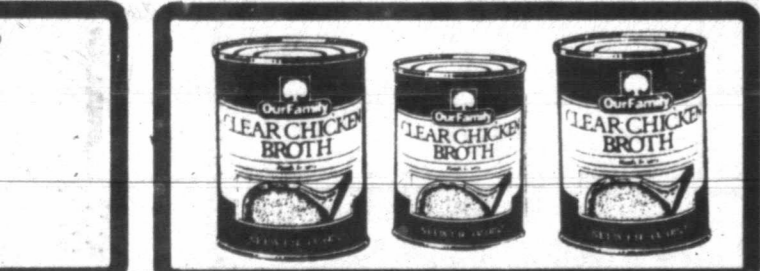
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The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Boy Scout
- 4 Tropical fruit
- 8 — time (never)
- 12 Language suffix
- 13 Opera role
- 14 Part of fan
- 15 Comedian
- 16 Arouse a memory (3 wds.)
- 18 Famed inventor
- 20 Roman bronze
- 21 Small island
- 22 Airline info
- 24 Cloud region
- 26 Grimiest
- 30 Tiny particle
- 34 — de-sac
- 35 Crude metal
- 36 Adult insect
- 37 Billowy expanse

DOWN

- 39 Contemptible person
- 41 Workers' assn.
- 42 Melt
- 43 Walker
- 45 Short sleep
- 47 Compass pt.
- 48 Liquid measure
- 51 Container
- 53 Gem State
- 57 Equal in, measure
- 60 Cow's chewed food
- 61 Actress Magnani
- 62 Layer of tissue
- 63 Conceit
- 64 Curved molding
- 65 Scream
- 66 German article
- 1 Small coin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

IRMA	IRKS	UPS
AHAT	MYRA	SAY
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OBI	HANS	IFAT
CANVAS	EAUDE	
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ABRI	INURE	
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UAW	PEREGRINE	
GRAPE	RIPEST	
AONE	ALAN	HUH
NUTATION	FARO	
DNA	ODIC	DRED
ADD	WASH	ADDS

- 2 Plaintiff
- 3 Sleeping places
- 4 Exposure to air
- 5 Bi plus one
- 6 Novelist Farber
- 7 Wisest
- 8 Coarse wool
- 9 Trip
- 10 River in Egypt
- 11 Sole
- 17 Request
- 19 Permit to
- 23 — Lingus (airline)
- 25 Sweet potato
- 26 Native of Edinburgh
- 27 Cry of pain
- 28 Olive genus
- 29 Religious denomination
- 31 Kite stabilizer
- 32 Amorous look
- 33 Tie up (boat)
- 36 Sarcastic
- 38 Plant bristle
- 40 Ornamental vase
- 43 Uneven
- 44 Guided
- 46 Circus animal
- 48 Hi or bye
- 49 Military abbr.
- 50 Southern bread
- 52 Woody plant
- 54 Shot hole-in-one
- 55 Of great size
- 56 Stench
- 58 Actress West
- 59 Under the weather

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Some people say there is no purpose to the universe... that events are entirely random.

I can't buy that. I see too much evidence of a higher will working in my life.

I mean, I look at my social life, my schoolwork, my family...

You're right. Somebody is out to get you, Andrew.

Don't I know it.

By Mark Cullum

ARLO & JANIS

I'VE GOT COFFEE MAKING

WHAT'S THAT?

I THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT IT WAS

By Jimmy Johnson

EEK & MEEK

SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE APPEARS TO BE DECLINING...

REALLY?

MORE ENLIGHTENED MEN?

NO...

FEWER WORKPLACES

By Howie Schneider

B.C.

ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE,

IF I HAD A TURKEY, I'D KILL IT FOR YOU...

HOW ENCHANTING

By Johnny Hart

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

Friends could be instrumental in creating conditions conducive to your financial success in the year ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you're disseminating information to a special group today, gauge your audience with care. Don't overpower them with facts; tell them only what they can comprehend and assimilate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) By allowing those who have no direct involvement in your affairs to poke their noses in, you could be courting disaster. Post a "no trespassing" sign, even if it ruffles a few feathers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Decisions you make for selfish reasons won't be nearly as advantageous as those which benefit all concerned parties. Let "one for all, and all for one" be your motto today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're likely to start the day with good intentions about doing a worthwhile job. However, if things get tough, you might attempt shortcuts that could spell trouble.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be extra mindful of how you advise others today, especially in financial matters. You might bank too heavily on chance, and you could steer someone toward a money-losing venture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This could be a productive day for you, provided you use your own methods and techniques. If your mate interferes with alternative procedures, you won't work well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When dealing with individuals who are performing work for you today, make sure everything is just business. Getting too chummy might tempt them to take advantage of your good nature.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Financial conditions could be both hazardous and beneficial for you today. Gains might be acquired in an unusual manner, losses could also develop in the same unfathomable way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to be gifted with clever ideas today, but you might lack the knack for implementing them effectively. Be neither too timid in planning nor too bold in execution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're gifted with an active imagination today but, unfortunately, you might focus on negatives as opposed to positives. To be a winner, you must think like a winner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It might be best not to lend anything you truly treasure to friends today, be it money or possessions. Something could be mishandled which might put the relationship in jeopardy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your insight pertaining to career matters is quite keen today. However, knowing what you know, you might still fumble it with poor timing.

MARVIN

WAAAAH!

DON'T TELL ME, MARVIN...

By Tom Armstrong

MARMADUKE

YOU'RE THIRSTY

IT MAY NOT REALLY BE NECESSARY, BUT IT MAKES HIM FEEL SAFER THIS TIME OF YEAR.

By Brad Anderson

KIT N' CARLYLE

"Well, I don't consider it a sign that the seat is reserved!"

By Larry Wright

ALLEY OOP

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THESE TWO HAVE PROVEN THEIR CLAIM!

YES! SO IF YOU TWO ARE ALSO TRUE REPRESENTATIVES OF OLYMPUS... THEY HAVE?

...I EXPECT YOU TO DO THE SAME!

UH, LIKE WHAT KIND OF PROOF?

YOU MUST SHAKE THE HEAVENS WITH THUNDER AS THEY DID!

By Dave Graue

WINTHROP

IS YOUR DAD WEARING HIS FUNNY FUR HAT AGAIN THIS WINTER?

NO... HE SAYS HE'S TIRED OF EVERYBODY LAUGHING AT HIM.

LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG, DULL WINTER.

By Dick Cavalli

SNAFU

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INITIATIVE

BY AN INDIVIDUAL FOR HAVING THIS PLAQUE MADE UP TO IMPRESS PEOPLE TOO LAZY TO READ THIS FAR

By Bruce Beattie

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

Bible Story of Creation

"When God made the universe, where was he standing?"

By Bil Keane

CALVIN AND HOBBS

LOOK WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH BIG SOCKS!

JUST PUT ONE OVER EACH EAR, AND ONE OVER YOUR NOSE.

AN ELEPHANT! HA HA! I WANT SOME SOCKS TOO!

By Bill Watterson

THE BORN LOSER

PASS THE KETCHUP. WILL YA, ACE?

By Art and Chip Sansom

FRANK AND ERNEST

I'VE GOT A GREAT JOB. I ONLY HAVE TO GO TO WORK ON THE DAYS THAT THE COPIER IS WORKING.

By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS

YES, MAAM... MY FRIEND, WHO SITS IN FRONT OF ME, NEEDS YOUR HELP...

NO, SHE'S NOT EXPERIENCING ACADEMIC DIFFICULTIES OR HAVING TROUBLE RELATING TO HER PEERS...

HER HAIR IS CAUGHT IN HER BINDER AGAIN!

By Charles M. Schulz

GARFIELD

Monday: Dear Diary, She dawned a new walk. The possibilities are limitless!

Tuesday: Dear Diary, Today I got my lips stuck in the blender.

By Jim Davis

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

Sports

Wheeler squares off against Rankin in 1A regional clash



(Special photo by Mack Bentley)

Mustangs' running back Nathan Willeford (35) has rushed for 701 yards and 16 touchdowns despite being sidelined with an injury earlier this season.

Mustangs have edge in size, experience

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

The last time Wheeler and Rankin squared off was in the 1989 Class 1A regional round of the playoffs and the Red Devils were on a hot streak.

Wheeler was 8-3 going into the playoff tilt and Rankin had reeled off 11 consecutive victories after losing the season opener. However, the underdog Mustangs cooled off the Red Devils by winning a 13-12 squeaker.

"I can remember Wheeler had a bunch of young kids then and now most of them are seniors," said Rankin head coach Troy Kennedy. "They have another extremely good football team. They do a lot of things well."

After the win over Rankin, Wheeler's '89 playoff run came to an end the next weekend at the hands of Sudan, 21-9.

The two clubs meet again in the regional round of the playoffs at 7:30 p.m. Friday night at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

Wheeler sports an 11-1 record and has whipped Happy, 15-0, and Motley County, 50-0, on the playoff

trail. Rankin, 10-1, drew a bi-district bye and defeated Sudan, 36-7, last week in the area round.

Wheeler, which starts 10 seniors, may have the edge on Rankin as far as experience goes.

"Rankin starts several sophomores, so they're going to be young in a few places. Overall, they've got a pretty good mixture of youth and experience," said Wheeler head coach Ronnie Karcher.

One of the most experienced of the lot is senior quarterback Kirk Kennedy, a three-year starter. Kennedy, who happens to be the coach's son, leads the Red Devils in rushing with over 1,100 yards.

"Rankin's offense is built around the quarterback. He's the type of player that worries me," Karcher said. "He's a strong runner out of their wishbone and he's tough to tackle."

Fullback Kevin Braden is Rankin's second leading rusher with over 700 yards.

Wheeler will have a size advantage on both the offensive and defensive lines. The Mustangs' offensive line averages around 190 pounds per man, compared to 177 for Rankin. Wheeler also has the

edge on defense, 185 to 177 pounds. Kennedy isn't all that concerned about Wheeler's size. It's what the Mustangs do with that weight that has him worried.

"They line up and hit you hard, especially their defensive line. They have the best defensive team I've seen this year and I'm not blowing smoke," Kennedy said. "They're got a very well-coached defense."

Wheeler's defense, which has shut out six opponents this season, certainly is one of the best, and then there's the Mustangs' powerful running attack.

What player does a defense key on? Mack Marshall has rushed for 1,267 yards and 13 touchdowns. Brother Mark Marshall has 968 yards and 18 TDs. Nathan Willeford, who was sidelined earlier in the season because of cracked ribs, has 701 yards and 16 touchdowns.

And don't forget senior quarterback Jason Beers, who makes few mistakes while guiding Wheeler's offense.

"Wheeler has an outstanding rushing offense led by Beers," Kennedy said. "He's a tremendous competitor and leader."

49ers keep playoff hopes alive with 33-10 victory over Rams

Bono stages aerial show

By KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — He'll probably never make anyone forget Joe Montana or even Steve Young, but on Monday night, being Steve Bono was plenty good enough.

Staging a passing show even Montana might envy, Bono threw for 306 yards, completing 18 of 33 passes as the San Francisco 49ers buried the hapless Los Angeles Rams 33-10.

Bono, a third-stringer thrust into a starting role because of injuries to Montana and Young, threw for 274 yards in the first half to stake San Francisco to a 30-3 lead. He threw only seven passes for 32 yards in the second half.

The 49ers went on to even their record at 6-6 and keep their playoff hopes alive while dealing the Rams (3-9) their sixth straight loss.

With Montana and Young watching, smiling and offering advice and lots of congratulations on the sidelines, Bono had by far the finest game of his seven NFL seasons.

He had never before thrown for more than 187 yards, and that was last week against Phoenix. Before this season, his best outing a 164-yard performance in a strike-replacement game against Atlanta. Making his third consecutive

start for the 49ers, Bono completed passes of 41 and 78 yards to set up the 49ers' first two scores; connected for 23 and 29 yards on their third touchdown drive; then had completions of 24 and 18 yards as they made it 30-0 late in the second quarter.

John Taylor had 100 yards in receptions by the end of the first quarter, on four catches that included a short pass he turned into a 78-yard gain. Taylor finished with 121 yards on six receptions.

Harry Sydney scored two of the first-half touchdowns, the first on a 1-yard run and the second on a 2-yard pass from Bono.

Tom Rathman also scored on a 1-yard run, and Dexter Carter added a 3-yard touchdown run.

Mike Cofer provided the 49ers' only scoring in the second half with a 39-yard field goal in the final quarter.

While the 49ers could seem to do no wrong, the Rams did little right. Their secondary, ranked 22nd in the NFL in pass defense, simply could not stop Bono in the first half.

And, until Los Angeles drove to a 37-yard field goal by Tony Zendejas on the last play of the half, the Rams' offense was almost completely shut down by the 49ers.

A couple of plays in the first half seemed to sum up the Rams' futility:

— On the kickoff following the 49ers' second touchdown, the ball bounced off the Rams' David Lang

in the end zone and bounded back across the goal line. LA's Vernon Turner scooped the ball up on the 1-yard line and frantically scooted back into the end zone, where he was pinned by the 49ers' Darin Jordan for a safety that gave San Francisco a 16-0 lead.

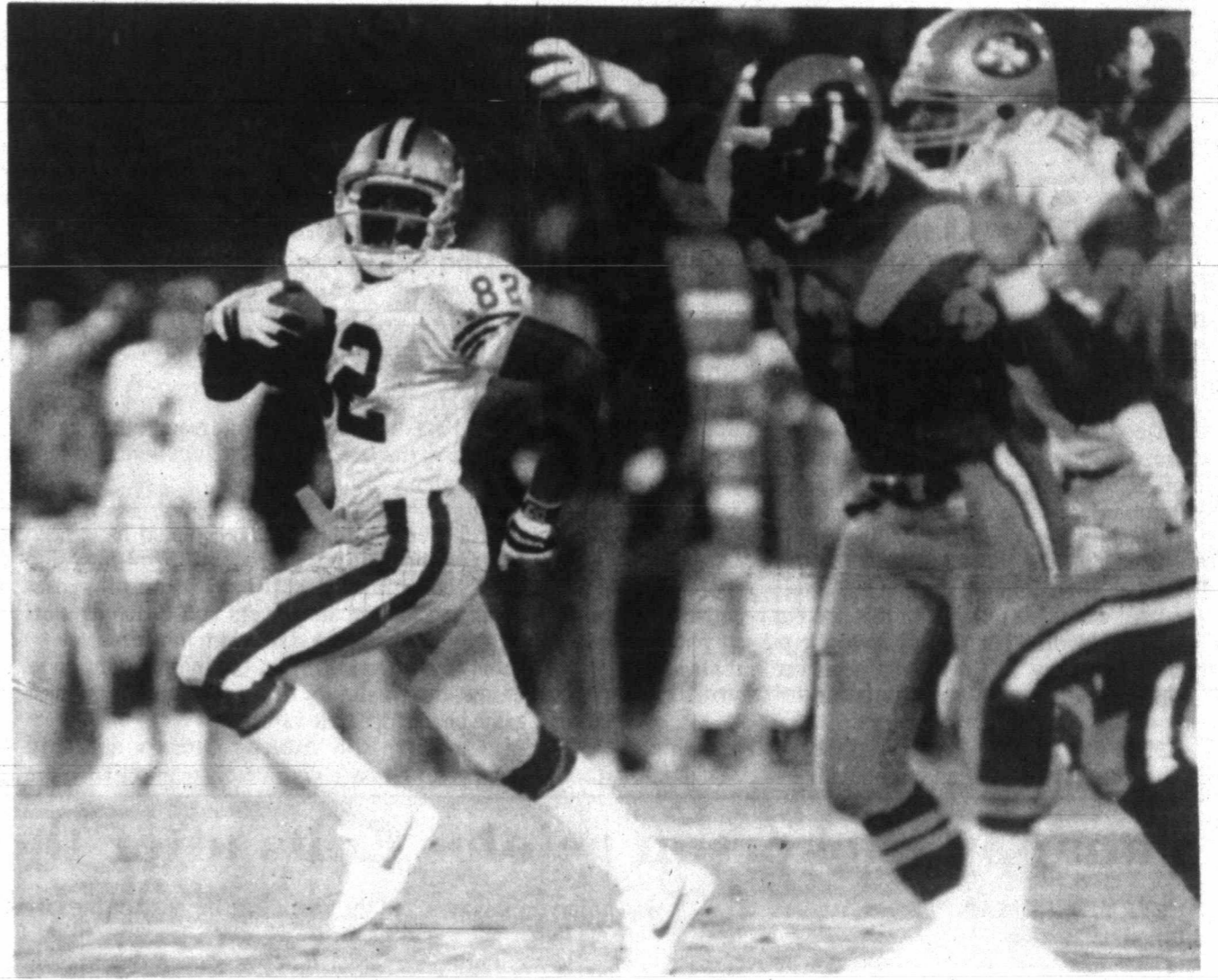
— In the second quarter, the Rams seemed to get a break when San Francisco's Sanjay Beach fumbled a punt on the 49ers' 37. But the Rams were called for holding on the play, had to punt again and the 49ers then drove to their fourth touchdown.

The Rams' only touchdown came on a 1-yard run by Marcus Dupree in the third quarter, the first NFL score for the former USFL star who is trying a comeback after being out of football for five years with a knee injury.

The Bono-to-Sydney pass made it 23-0 midway through the second quarter, with a 29-yard pass to Jerry Rice a key in the 77-yard march.

Bono passes of 24 yards to Jones and 18 yards to Rathman helped the 49ers move down the field again on their next possession, capped by Carter's TD run.

Bono wasn't the first unheralded quarterback who has looked like an All-Pro against the Rams this season; Blair Kiel of Green Bay, John Friesz of San Diego and Erik Kramer of Green Bay all had outstanding passing games against the LA secondary earlier this year.



(AP Laserphoto)

Wide receiver John Taylor of the 49ers eludes Rams' defenders after catching a pass for a 78-yard gain in the first quarter Monday night. Taylor's reception set up a San Francisco touchdown.

Sports Scene

Football

Tickets for the Pampa-Boswell Class 4A Region I playoff game are on sale until 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Pampa High School Athletic Office.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets at the gate will be \$6.

The playoff game is scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. in Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium.

Wrestling

ATLANTA (AP) — A professional-wrestling referee who broke his neck in an accident in the ring has filed suit, claiming that the 1989 bout didn't follow the "script."

Thomas M. Machlay, a referee for 20 years, says in his Fulton Superior Court suit that wrestler Thomas Richardson — known in the ring as "Wildfire" Tommy Rich — mistakenly tripped him during the match at Center Stage.

Machlay is seeking more than \$25,000 in damages from Richardson and from Center Stage.

Machlay said in his lawsuit that the "script" for the World Championship Wrestling match called for Wildfire to push the referee, seeming to divert Machlay's attention so that Wildfire's opponent could throw Wildfire out of the ring.

Instead, the suit said, the lights on the ring blinked out at about the same time as Wildfire was to have pushed the referee. Tripped up by the wrestler and unable to see, the suit said, Machlay fell head-first into the ring ropes, suffering "serious spinal and other injuries and damages."

Basketball

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon says he's seen enough hospital rooms to last a lifetime, which is about how far away Dec. 5 feels to him.

Olajuwon was released from the hospital Monday after spending four days undergoing tests for an irregular heartbeat. He said he's ready to play and wonders why the Houston Rockets put him on the injured list until at least Dec. 5.

"I guess I'll have time to plant my winter flowers, then I'll be ready to play again," Olajuwon said. "I wondered why they put me on injured reserve. I'm ready to play. I think the doctors are just being cautious."

Olajuwon, 28, went to Memorial Hospital Southwest last Wednesday night when his heart started beating irregularly. Doctors said he had atrial fibrillation — the same ailment that sent President Bush to the hospital this summer.

The condition is an abnormal rhythm in the upper chamber of the heart that can cause the heart to beat as fast as 400 times a minute. Often the upper and lower chambers are not synchronized.

"We have no reason to believe that anything untoward will occur and that he should be able to go back to action," associate team physician Dr. Frank Lanza said.

Lanza said Olajuwon would remain inactive until next Monday and then would undergo a treadmill test.

"If there are no problems after that, he can start working out again," Dr. Lanza said.

Cowboys' Aikman may be sidelined for a month

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys will have to make the NFL playoffs without Troy Aikman.

The quarterback may miss a month because of a partial tear in the lateral collateral ligament of his right knee.

Backup quarterback Steve Beuerlein, who led the Cowboys to their victory over Washington on Sunday, will start even though he's limping with a sprained left ankle.

Aikman was injured the 24-21 victory over the previously unbeaten Redskins when he was tackled by Charles Mann with 12:54 left in the third quarter.

"It still hurts," Aikman said. "I can't even backpedal. I don't see how there would be any way I could play."

Doctors believe the injury will heal without surgery.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said the Cowboys weren't going to rush Aikman.

"We don't want him back until he can be productive and not endanger himself," Johnson said. "We won't put Troy into the game unless he is 100 percent ready. We're not going to aggravate the injury."

Oilers missed chance for home field advantage in playoffs

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — With a four-game lead and four games to play, the Houston Oilers still have their best chance ever to win their first AFC Central Division title.

At least that's the pose they took Monday in the wake of their startling 26-14 loss to the injured Pittsburgh Steelers in the cold of Three Rivers Stadium Sunday, scene of so many Oilers' failures.

"It was kind of a lost weekend," Coach Jack Pardee said. "We were probably worse than what the score indicated. We had breakdowns in things

that hadn't been breaking down in a long time. "There must have been a lot of that going around yesterday around the league."

Upsets abounded Sunday with Washington losing its first game of the season and both Buffalo and Denver losing their games. In fact, all division leaders lost their games.

The Oilers (9-3) can still clinch the division crown Monday night in the Astrodome against Philadelphia but they missed a chance to pull even with Buffalo (10-2) for the home field advantage in the playoffs.

"The good news is we didn't lose any ground and the bad news is potentially what we could have done if we'd won," Pardee said. "Yester-

day, we didn't even resemble a good team."

The Oilers' run-and-shoot offense was blown away in the swirling winds that contributed to five interceptions by Warren Moon, who also lost a fumble.

"As bad as it was, until that last interception we were still in the ball game," Pardee said. Moon completed 24 of 48 passes for 324 yards and two touchdown passes but his five interceptions gave him a total of 19 for the year.

"It was mostly me, and to think it happened on what could have been one of the biggest days in franchise history," Moon said. "It's hard to swallow."

Kupp's only experience was a 3-of-7 day for 23 yards in Phoenix's 34-0 loss to Washington.

"We don't plan to bring another quarterback on to the team," Johnson said.

Asked what would he do if both Beuerlein and Kupp were injured, Johnson said: "I direct snap the ball to Emmitt Smith. And don't look for me on the sidelines. I won't be there."

Johnson said he was proud of the victory over Washington but added, "We don't have time to enjoy it. We saw what Pittsburgh did to Houston."

The Steelers defeated the Oilers 26-14.

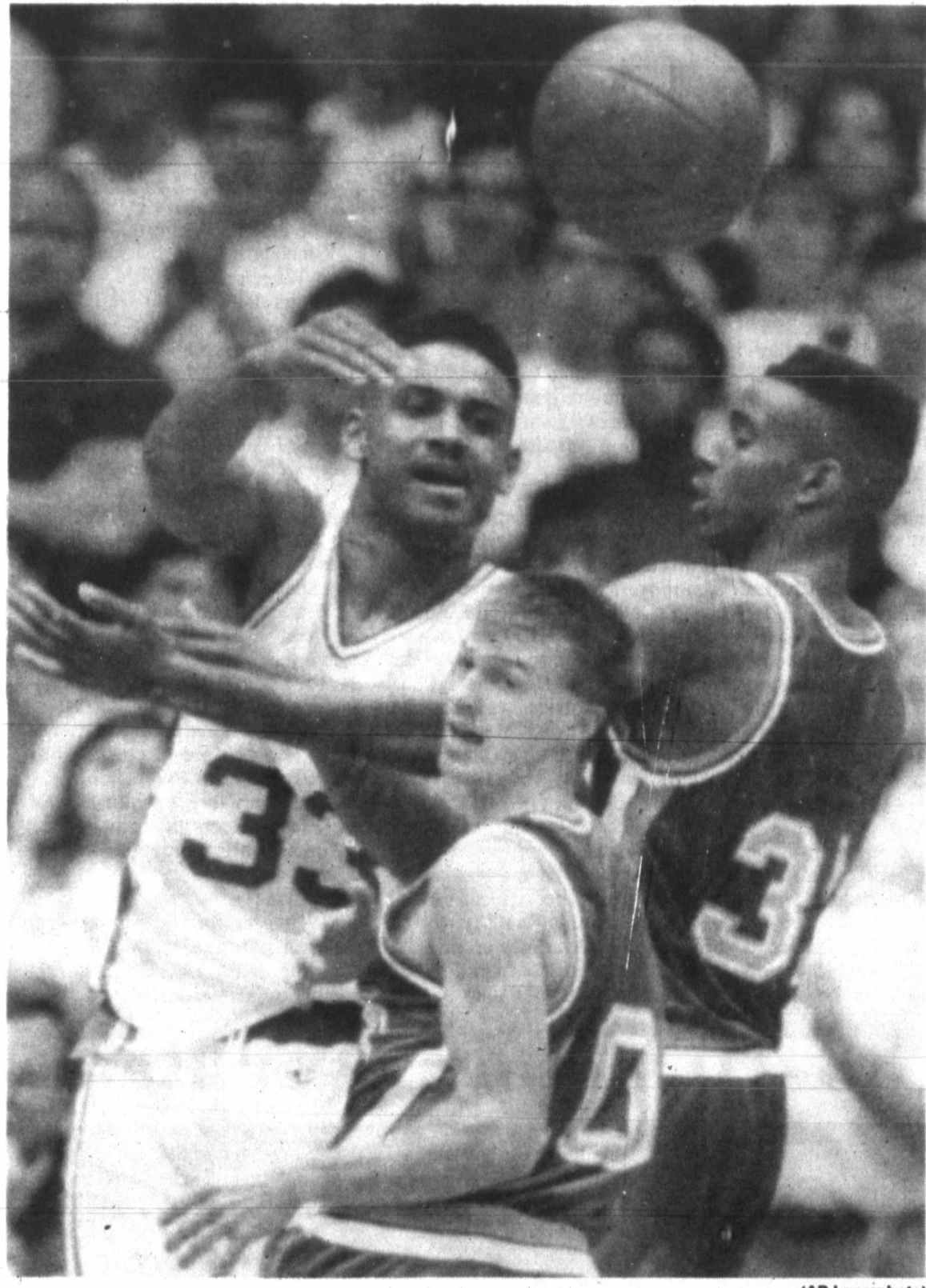
"It will be hard preparing for the Steelers on such a short week because we are unfamiliar with them," Johnson said. "Also, Steve may not get as many snaps because of his sprained ankle."

The Cowboys also will be without the services of tight end Jay Novacek, who has a sprained knee and will miss Thursday's game.

Aikman sustained a separated shoulder in the Cowboys' 15th game last season and lost a playoff spot when Laufenberg couldn't take them to a victory over Atlanta in the season finale.

"We could have had the same situation this time but we didn't," Johnson said. "Beuerlein took control."

Top-ranked Duke opens season with easy win



Duke's Grant Hill makes an outlet pass around East Carolina's Paul Childress (10) and Anton Gill during first-half action Monday

By The Associated Press

Very early in the game, Duke could forget worrying about an opening-night upset.

The top-ranked Blue Devils opened the defense of their NCAA championship with a 103-75 victory over East Carolina on Monday night. It seemed like Duke had had harder practices than this.

"We beat each other up quite a bit in practice," said guard Thomas Hill, who sat in the locker room with ice packs on his knee and ankle. "The guys on our team want to compete and win so bad at times we bang each other up."

Duke got 15 first-half points from Bobby Hurley and took advantage of its superior size and quickness. The top-ranked Blue Devils forced 16 turnovers in the first half as they beat East Carolina for the 20th consecutive time.

"It was a little of what we expected," East Carolina coach Eddie Payne said. "It was a very physical game. The tough thing about playing Duke, as someone asked me a minute ago, was when did the wheels come off? They didn't, it's just a constant thing. They just keep after it."

In other games, No. 2 Arkansas beat Minnesota 92-83 in the Maui Invitational, No. 11 Oklahoma State beat Tennessee State 89-58, No. 22 Wake Forest beat The Citadel 97-57 and Rice beat No. 25 Arizona State 77-71 at the Maui Invitational.

Duke, 32-7 in winning the title, playing without last season's leading scorer and rebounder, Christian Laettner, who was sidelined with a bruised right foot. Freshman Cherokee Parks replaced the senior and had 16 points and eight rebounds.

"Christian and the coaches get on me every day in practice and tell me that I have to come in and not be a freshman and let the veterans take over the game," said Parks, who was 5-for-5 from the field. "Christian is always getting on me and helping me because he went through the same process I'm going through."

Hurley scored 20 points for Duke and Marty Clark added 17. Lester Lyons scored 27 points for the Pirates and Curley Young scored 16.

No. 2 Arkansas 92, Minnesota 83

Oliver Miller scored 21 of his 23 points in the second half as Arkansas moved into the second round of the Maui Classic.

Miller, a 6-foot-9, 250-pound center, didn't play in Arkansas' two exhibition games and didn't start in Monday's season-opener for disciplinary reasons. The Razorbacks are also without three other players — including star forward Todd Day — because of various disciplinary actions by coach Nolan Richardson.

With Arkansas trailing 54-49 midway through the second half, Miller led a 14-0 run that gave the Razorbacks a 63-54 lead with 8:35 left.

Randy Carter scored 19 points for the Golden Gophers (0-1). Arkansas will face Chaminade, which upset Providence 111-108 in overtime.

Oklahoma St. 89, Tennessee St. 58

Byron Houston and Darwyn Alexander led a game-opening 22-2 run for 11th-ranked Oklahoma State.

Houston, who finished with 24 points, scored eight points and Alexander scored five as the Cowboys put the game out of reach in the first six minutes. Oklahoma State caused seven turnovers during the run.

Schedule conflict turns up between PHS football, basketball games

Conflicts. How could we live without them? Despite efforts to make a schedule change, the Pampa Harvesters' basketball team will be playing a non-district game at Levelland at 3:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

That's the same afternoon, the Pampa High football team will be playing Boswell in the Class 4A regional round in Wichita Falls, starting at 2 p.m.

"We would've liked to sit this one out because of the football playoffs, but I left it up to the players and they wanted to play," said Pampa head basketball coach Robert Hale. "Since we can't be at the football game physically, we'll be there in spirit."

Hale said he tried to move the basketball game to Friday, but Levelland had Lubbock Coronado scheduled

as its opponent on that date. "Levelland wasn't going to honor our other game with them later in the season and we didn't want to lose out on a home game," Hale said.

Hale had hoped the playoff game would have been scheduled for the Lubbock area and that way the Pampa-Levelland game could have been played at night, giving the basketball players and coaching staff the opportunity to see the football game in person.

"There always seems to be a lot of things going on at the same time, but we did try to get the date for the basketball game changed," Hale said.

Dennis Cavalier, PHS Athletic Director and head football coach, said he was completely supportive of the

basketball team's decision.

"There's just no way to predict if a team is going to make the playoffs and where the game will be played," Cavalier said. "I don't feel like it would have been in the best interests of our athletic program to cancel the basketball game. The programs need to support each other and the winter sports schedule needs to be continued."

Hale said there was speculation about playing the game on Thanksgiving Day.

"We've played before on Thanksgiving, but this was an away game and many of the parents had made plans. Playing at Levelland would have been an all-day trip," Hale said.

Unhappy Dickerson rejoins Colts after three-week suspension

By STEVE HERMAN
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts, who proved they could lose without Eric Dickerson almost as easily as they could without him, will have their unhappy and unrepentant star running back at least four more weeks.

After that? Well, Dickerson isn't shy about his preference not to return next season. In fact, if he had his way, he would not be back now.

"What do you think?" he said with a laugh Monday, his first day back after a three-week suspension. "I'm here to do my job, and that's it."

The Colts have won 28 games and lost 30 with Dickerson in the lineup since his acquisition in a trade with the Los Angeles Rams in 1987. They are 3-8 in games he's missed — one game because of an injury in 1989, five because of a suspension last season, two with an

injury this season and the past three because of the latest flap.

He has only 347 yards in seven games this season and appears likely to finish even worse than his career-low 677 yards of 1990. But he has said all along he is still capable of playing in the NFL.

"If I was finished, I think they would have cut me," he said.

Actually, that's what Dickerson wanted. He said he asked to be cut or traded after he was suspended for refusing to practice earlier this month. The incident started with Dickerson's claim he was insulted when new coach Rick Venturi yanked him from the field on certain third-down passing situations against Miami.

"Yeah, there's a lot of hard feelings," Dickerson said. "I still feel it was not a good deal."

"When I was out, there were a lot of things going through my mind, some I don't want to say. The main thing is I just want to finish out this year. I'll play hard;

I'll do the best I can," he said.

The Colts (1-11) won the first game during Dickerson's absence, at the New York Jets, then lost the past two in close games against Chicago and Green Bay. Dickerson wouldn't say whether he expects to be back with Indianapolis next year.

"It's a possibility, but who knows? I wasn't joking about asking to be cut," Dickerson said. "I love to play football, I love to do my job. I'm the same person I was before. I'm just looking forward to playing."

Venturi wouldn't say what he thinks of Dickerson's effect on the team for the final four games. But he said he's looking forward to Dickerson's return to the lineup.

"He might be able to give us a shot in the arm," Venturi said. "I sure hope so."

"We just have to let it fall into place. I'm going to put the best guys out there who can win the ballgame. Winning can do a lot for a team."

Giants showing signs of life in bid to claim NFL playoff berth

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Ray Handley inherited the defending Super Bowl champions, a quarterback dilemma and the New York media when he succeeded Bill Parcells this year as head coach of the Giants.

Handley picked Jeff Hostetler to start over Phil Simms — a difficult choice considering both had engineered Super Bowl victories — and stuck with the decision. He also weathered fan criticism that the Giants were not playing commensurate with their ability.

Now, at 7-5, they are showing signs of life in a bid to make the NFL playoffs. But it isn't getting any easier for Handley as he tries to deal with the media.

In fact, he refused to do so Monday, walking out shortly after starting his weekly news conference. It happened when a reporter persisted in asking who would start at quarterback when Hostetler recovers from a broken back sustained in Sunday's 21-14 victory over Tampa Bay

Handley decided he'd heard enough.

"Don't ask me that question," the coach said in response to the reporter's hypothesis. "That's a ridiculous question."

Asked why was it a ridiculous question, Handley said because he said so.

"There is no sense in even trying to create something," Handley said.

"No one is trying to create anything," the reporter said.

"If you persist, this interview today is over," Handley shot back. "I guarantee you. OK, because I don't want questions about the quarterback situation here with the Giants. It's not fair to Hostetler, Simms or me."

The reporter then asked why it wasn't fair. Handley got up and walked out of the media room in the bowels of Giants Stadium.

Simms didn't seem surprised by Handley's reaction. "I understand that," Simms said. "I think it's disrespectful to Jeff to talk about it. He's hurt. It's another if-and-or-but thing."

Simms said he has not thought about whether he will be the starter when Hostetler returns.

"I'm just thinking about winning this week and every week, and what position it puts us in," the MVP of the 1987 Super Bowl said. "I think the good thing for us is every week is a must-win situation."

"It started in Tampa and even before that. I think it will help us every week to be emotionally ready." Hostetler broke three lumbar transverse processes when tackled by Broderick Thomas in the third quarter against Tampa Bay.

The early prognosis calls for Hostetler to miss at least two games, and possibly more. That makes Simms the No. 1 quarterback again, a position he held from 1984 until this season.

Hostetler won the job in training camp after leading the Giants in the absence of an injured Simms to a Super Bowl victory last January over Buffalo.

After Hostetler was injured, Simms came on and finished off a touchdown drive. He later took the Giants on a decisive eight-play, 90-yard drive in the final two minutes.

Higgins basketball teams capture Lefors Tournament championships

LEFORS — The Lefors Lady Pirates advanced to the finals of their own tournament, but fell to Higgins, 45-38, last Saturday night.

Darlene Gifford was Higgins' high scorer with 12 points, followed by Janna Detrixhe with 9.

Starla Gilbreath paced Lefors with 15 points while Susie Davis added 11.

Higgins jumped out to a 18-6 lead over Lefors in the first quarter, but Lefors rallied to cut the deficit to five going into the fourth quarter.

Higgins won over Shamrock Freshmen, 58-44, in the boys' finals of the Lefors Tournament.

Higgins was ahead at halftime, 28-32, and expanded that lead to 18 (47-29) going into the final quarter.

Lefors girls opened the tournament Friday with a 36-26 win over Shamrock Junior Varsity as Davis led the way with 26 points. Gilbreath followed with four.

Lefors held a 25-9 lead at halftime.

Caldwell had 8 points and Houton 6 for Shamrock JV. Higgins girls defeated Alamo Catholic, 64-36, in the other first round game in the girls' division. Alamo Catholic came back Saturday to defeated Shamrock Junior Varsity, 59-39, Saturday.

In the boys' division, Higgins downed Alamo Catholic, 54-44, and Shamrock Freshmen defeated Lefors, 46-41, in first-round games.

For Lefors, Andy Swires scored 14 points and Tommy Cox had 9. Brulon led Shamrock with 15 points, followed by Gragg with 10.

Lefors fell behind by 11 (20-9) at halftime, but was able to close the gap to 4 (29-25) after three quarters. Saturday, the Pirates lost to Alamo Catholic, 50.

Dennis Williams had 19 points for Lefors, followed by Swires with 13.

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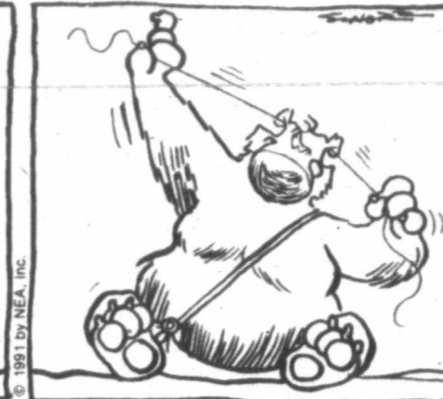
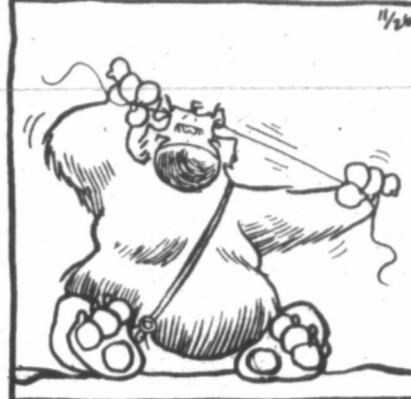
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Congress to extend 12 tax breaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is preparing to extend 12 expiring tax breaks, including a credit that subsidizes low-income housing and creates 100,000 jobs a year.

Lawmakers were considering extensions of the provisions under rules that would bar any other tax amendments, including President Bush's proposed capital-gains tax cut and Democratic plans for reducing the tax burden on middle-income families.

A bill renewing the provisions through next June 30 was approved by voice vote Monday by the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

Floor votes were expected before Congress begins its year-end recess this week.

"Welcome to the season of giving," Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., announced to a mob of lobbyists who filled his Ways and Means Committee room. But he cautioned that "any amendment at any stage will jeopardize passage of this emergency legislation."

Each of the 12 provisions has considerable support, and six of them have the administration's backing. Combined in one bill, the 12 are nearly unstoppable.

With Congress and the administration unable to agree this year on

any major anti-recession legislation, the expiring tax breaks are being hailed by lawmakers as a boost for the economy. The prime example is the low-income housing credit, which Bush backed in the budget he sent to Congress in February.

The extensions "are very welcome news for the economy," said Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., who led the fight to renew the provisions without any unrelated amendments. "The provisions serve important national needs and create jobs and economy activity," he said, noting estimates that the housing credit alone is worth 100,000 jobs a year.

The housing credit is the most popular of the dozen tax breaks. It is a credit of up to 70 percent for investors who put their money into the rehabilitation or construction of rental housing for low-income families.

Two of the other provisions are elements of Bush's economic-growth plan. These are a credit for businesses that increase spending for research and special rules that dictate how multinational companies deduct research expenditures against foreign and domestic earnings.

Two of the dozen tax breaks are employer-financed fringe benefits for employees. Workers may avoid being taxed on up to \$5,250 a year of education assistance that is designed to

improve job skills, and \$70 worth of premiums for group legal services.

Small business is pushing strongly for another provision, which allows self-employed people to deduct 25 percent of the premiums they pay for health insurance for themselves and their families.

State and local officials have led the fight to extend authority to issue tax-exempt bonds that are used to help low- and moderate-income families buy their first home.

Some of the poorest Americans and the disabled benefit from the targeted job tax credit, under which the government pays up to \$2,400 of first-year wages of newly hired employees.

High-income people who are subject to the alternative minimum tax are encouraged to donate prized art and manuscripts to museums and libraries by another of the expiring provisions. It allows a deduction for the full market value of such a donation; without the provision the deduction would be limited to the purchase price.

Renewal of the 12 provisions through next June 30 would cost \$3.2 billion. That would be collected from corporations with taxable incomes above \$1 million, which would have to accelerate their quarterly estimated tax payments.

'Addams Family' buries box office competition

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The creepy and kooky antics of *The Addams Family* buried the box office competition, piling up \$24.2 million in the movie's debut weekend.

Paramount Pictures, which bought *The Addams Family* from cash-strapped Orion Pictures, said it was the best fall opening in film history.

The movie starring Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston is based on the 1960s TV series and the ghoulish cartoons of Charles Addams.

Director Martin Scorsese's thriller *Cape Fear*, starring Robert De Niro and Nick Nolte, claimed second place with \$10 million, Exhibitor Relations Co. reported Monday.

Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* surged ahead of Universal's *An American Tail*. The Disney film made \$9.6 million for third place, while producer Steven Spielberg's *An American Tail* earned a mousy \$3.4 million for fourth.

Disney said it was the best three days' gross for a new animated film.

Here are the top movie ticket sales Friday through Sunday according to Exhibitor Relations, with distributor, weekend gross, number of theater screens, average

per screen, total gross and number of weeks in release.

Figures are based on a combination of actual receipts and studio projections where actual figures weren't immediately available.

1. *The Addams Family*, Paramount, \$24.2 million, 2,411 screens, \$10,039 per screen, \$24.2 million, one week.
2. *Cape Fear*, Universal, \$10 million, 1,702 screens, \$5,895 per screen, \$24.3 million, two weeks.
3. *Beauty and the Beast*, Disney, \$9.6 million, 977 screens, \$9,851 per screen, \$9.9 million, two weeks.
4. *An American Tail: Fievel Goes West*, Universal, \$3.4 million, 1,680 screens, \$2,045 per screen, \$3.4 million, one week.
5. *Curly Sue*, Warner Bros., \$2.4 million, 1,634 screens, \$1,454 per screen, \$25.9 million, five weeks.
6. *All I Want for Christmas*, Paramount, \$1.7 million, 1,507 screens, \$1,110 per screen, \$10.4 million, three weeks.
7. *The People Under the Stairs*, Universal, \$1.6 million, 1,552 screens, \$1,050 per screen, \$17.9 million, four weeks.
8. *Little Man Tate*, Orion, \$1.5 million, 1,008 screens, \$1,445 per screen, \$19.3 million, seven weeks.
9. *Other People's Money*, Warner Bros., \$990,464, 868 screens, \$1,141 per screen, \$22.6 million, six weeks.
10. *Billy Bathgate*, Disney, \$987,830, 1,005 screens, \$983 per screen, \$13.7 million, four weeks.

Former Ku Klux Klan recruiter says rabbi's friendship softened his heart

By J.L. SCHMIDT
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — In the end, a rabbi Larry Trapp had once harassed softened the heart of the self-proclaimed Nazi and Ku Klux Klansman.

The rabbi did it by harassing Trapp right back — with friendship.

For more than three years, Trapp had spread a message of white supremacy and hatred through mailings and phone calls.

He was a self-proclaimed Nazi and Klan recruiter who called his Lincoln apartment the KKK's state headquarters and himself the grand dragon.

A life of trouble and trial had left the 42-year-old, clinically blind, double amputee, in his own words, "in too deep to get out by myself."

Then Michael and Julie Weisser entered his life.

Weisser, rabbi and cantor of the Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, received a bundle of hate mail from Trapp after he and his wife moved into their Lincoln home in September.

The mail was followed by phone calls from Trapp, who was convicted earlier this month of trespassing for leaving a message laced with racial slurs on a former neighbor's answering machine.

At first, the Weissers were so afraid they locked their doors and worried for their three teenagers' safety.

Then Weisser decided to leave his own messages on Trapp's answering machine.

"The first time I called him, I said, 'Larry, you're going to have to answer to God for all of this someday,'" Weisser said.

"I probably called 10 times and left messages before he finally picked up the phone and asked me why I was harassing him. I told him I was the rabbi and said I'd like to help him. I offered him a ride to the grocery store."

Trapp started thinking. "When Michael started calling my racist hotline I could sense



(AP Laserphoto)
Larry Trapp, center, turns over all his Ku Klux Klan hate propaganda to Jewish cantor Michael Weisser, left, and Julie Weisser.

something in his voice that I hadn't heard before ... something I hadn't experienced. It was love," a tearful Trapp said Monday.

Trapp called the Weissers on Nov. 16, the day after he was in court.

"He called me that night and said he wanted to get out, but didn't know how," Weisser said. "We grabbed a bucket of fried chicken and took him dinner."

Trapp gave the couple his swastika rings, his hate tracts and his Klan robes. The Weissers gave him a silver ring with a twisted strand design.

"I called it my brotherhood ring. Julie bought it for me several years ago. She said it could sym-

bolize Trapp's twisted past," Weisser said.

The couple talked with Trapp for hours.

"They showed me so much love that I couldn't help but love them back," Trapp said.

That same day, Trapp gave up his recruiting job. There are now only two Klan members believed to be left in the state.

Trapp had dinner Saturday at the Weisser home with John Ways, president of the Lincoln branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Rev. Dr. Norman Leach, executive director of the Lincoln Interfaith Council.

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