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## Livestock

**Class 6, Heavy Weight Yorkshires** — 1. Ty Kidwell, Pampa FFA; 2. Julie Coutts, Pampa FFA; 3. Nikki Bockmon, Gray 4H; 4. Craig Seely, Gray 4H; 5. Alan D. Parker, Gray 4H; 6. Jason Cochran, Pampa FFA; 7. Mike Campbell, McLean FFA; 8. Matt Rhine, Gray 4H; 9. Heather Ascencio, Gray 4H.  
**Breed Champion** — Ty Kidwell  
**Reserve Breed Champion** — Julie Coutts.

**Class 7, Other Pure Breeds** — 1. Johnny Walker, McLean FFA; 2. Chris Littlefield, McLean FFA; 3. Mark Tucker, Gray 4H; 4. Jarod Allen, Pampa FFA; 5. Jeremy Knutson, Gray 4H; 6. Tracy Tucker, Gray 4H; 7. Bobby Carroll, Pampa FFA; 8. J.W. Mains.  
**Breed Champion** — Johnny Walker  
**Reserve Breed Champion** — Chris Littlefield

**Class 8, Light Weight Crossbreeds** — 1. Kurt Baggerman, Pampa FFA; 2. Kristina Carr, Gray 4H; 3. Toby Northcutt, McLean FFA; 4. Paul Baggerman, Pampa FFA; 5. Chad McFall, Pampa FFA; 6. Nonnie James, Gray 4H; 7. Jennifer Ascencio, Gray 4H; 8. Brian Fuller, Gray 4H; 9. Beth Lee, Gray 4H; 10. Jason Hubbard, Pampa FFA; 11. Misti Hudson, Pampa FFA.

**Class 9, Medium Weight Crossbreeds** — 1. Melody Seely, Gray 4H; 2. Megar. Coutts, Pampa FFA; 3. Amanda Herpeche, Gray 4H; 4. Craig Seely, Gray 4H; 5. Anthony Albus, Pampa FFA; 6. Jason Cochran, Pampa FFA; 7. Melissa Coutts, Pampa FFA; 8. Kevin Chesher, Gray 4H; 9. Matt Rhine, Gray 4H; 10. Melissa Price, Gray 4H; 11. Dustin Brown, Gray 4H; 12. Matt Reeves, Gray 4H.

**Class 10, Heavy Weight Crossbreeds** — 1. Jenny Coutts, Pampa FFA; 2. Natasha Free, Pampa FFA; 3. Melanie Lee, Pampa FFA; 4. Julie Coutts, Pampa FFA; 5. Johnny Walker, McLean FFA; 6. Nickie Leggett, Gray 4H; 7. Tracy Tucker, Gray 4H; 8. Amy Eakin, Gray 4H; 9. Justin Thomas, Gray 4H; 10. Lee Shaw, Gray 4H; 11. Candace McClure, Gray 4H; 12. Jessica Carr, Gray 4H; 13. Clint McClure, Gray 4H; 14. Shonda Carroll, Pampa FFA.  
**Breed Champion** — Jenny Coutts  
**Reserve Breed Champion** — Natasha Free

**Steers**  
**Grand Champion Steer** — Tanner Hess (showed by Heather Hess)  
**Reserve Grand Champion** — Bryan Bockmon  
**Showmanship** — 1. Tanner Hess; 2. Bryan Bockmon

**Class 11, English & English Crosses** — 1. Tanner Hess, McLean FFA (showed by Heather Hess); 2. Tanner Hess, McLean FFA; 3. Shelly Davenport, Gray 4H.  
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**Reserve Grand Champion** — Heidi Phetteplace  
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**Class 14, Fine Wool Cross** — 1. Jill Hefley, Gray 4H; 2. Dennis Williams, Gray 4H; 3. Sean O'Neal, Gray 4H; 4. Sean O'Neal, Gray 4H; 5. Amanda Herpeche, Gray 4H.  
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**Class 16, Medium Weight Medium Wool** — 1. Odis Whitley, Pampa FFA; 2. Karry Bennett, Pampa FFA; 3. Karry Bennett, Pampa FFA; 4. Billy Everett, Pampa FFA; 5. Eric Parker, Pampa FFA; 6. Robbie Calhoun, Pampa FFA; 7. Jessica Fish, Gray 4H; 8. Chris Pullin, Pampa FFA; 9. Krista Keel, Pampa FFA; 10. Will Greene, Pampa FFA.

**Class 17, Light Heavy Weight Medium Wool** — 1. Holly Hefley, Gray 4H; 2. Odis Whitley, Pampa FFA; 3. Carly Downs, Pampa FFA; 4. Holly Hefley, Gray 4H; 5. Beth Shackelford, Pampa FFA; 6. Lanay Elledge, Pampa FFA; 7. Jeff Robinson, Gray 4H; 8. Angie Downs, Pampa FFA; 9. Isaac Hanes, Gray 4H; 10. Farah Oxley, Pampa FFA; 11. Cassie Hamilton, Gray 4H.

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**Breed Champion** — Jenny Coutts  
**Reserve Breed Champion** — Heidi Phetteplace.

**Class 19, Southdown** — 1. Lori Hefley, Gray 4H.  
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**Best of Show** — Scotty Henderson  
**Showmanship, Seniors** — 1. Shawn Dawes; 2. Jason Bliss.  
**Showmanship, Juniors** — 1. Ryan Chambers; 2. Shauna Broadus  
**Fryers** — 1. Scotty Henderson; 2. Scotty Henderson; 3. Schuyler Fulton.  
**Stewers** — 1. Jessica Dawes; 2. Shawn Dawes; 3. Shelly Davenport; 4. Angie Davenport; 5. Jason Bliss; 6. Shawn Dawes; 7. Leiloni Broadus.  
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**Grand Champion** — Jennifer Bliss  
**Reserve Grand Champion** — Rachel Laycock  
**Roasters** — 1. Jennifer Bliss; 2. Rachel Laycock; 3. Shauna Broadus; 4. Angie Davenport; 5. Scotty Henderson; 6. Nathan Dawes; 7. Jennifer Bliss; 8. Jason Bliss; 9. Chromister Laramie; 10. Leiloni Broadus; 11. Shelly Davenport; 12. Scotty Henderson; 13. Jessica Dawes; 14. Jason Bliss.

# Tell the kids — Saturday is Winnie-the-Pooh Day

By BEAR MILLS  
 Staff Writer

Teddy bear lovers unite! Saturday, Jan. 18, is your day.

One hundred and 10 years ago in London, England, was born the creator of the world's most famous teddy, Winnie-the-Pooh.

In honor of that most famous teddy and author Milne, Saturday has been declared International Winnie-the-Pooh Day.

Celebrants are being encouraged to read a Milne story to their children, watch a Pooh video and enjoy the innocence, friendship and warmth that Milne brought to life in his works.

### In honor of that most famous teddy ... Saturday has been declared International Winnie-the-Pooh Day.

The Milne/Pooh Fan Club, based in London, is also hoping remembrance of the Pooh stories will encourage parents to spend time with their children making up stories and enhancing young minds through imagination.

Alan Alexander Milne created the Pooh stories for his son, Christopher Robin Milne, bringing the boy's stuffed animals to imaginary life.

These bedtime tales were released in 1926 as *Winnie-the-Pooh*. It was followed two years

later with *House at Pooh Corner*.

Today Pooh is less the product of those legendary works than he is the product of extensive marketing and production by Walt Disney.

He stars in his own program on the Disney Channel, is featured in a line of clothing at Sears and sells millions of teddy bears, books and audio and video tapes.

In its original form, however, Pooh was only the latest in a series of successful literary endeavors by Milne.

A.A. Milne began writing for *Punch*, a humor magazine, in 1906.

By 1919, he had become known for the same sort of plays that Neil Simon now authors, tight comedies about the routine occurrences of life.

The first was *Mr. Pim Passes By*. It was followed by *The Dover Road* and *Michael and Mary*, all successes.

Three years after his first hit play, Milne showed his diversity and challenged Agatha Christie as a master of detective stories by writing *The Red House Mystery*. It is still considered by critics a classic example of the who-dunnit genre.

His attention to children's tales became formal with his next play, *Make Believe*, in 1918. In 1924 he wrote a series of short stories entitled *When We Were Young* that won him international fame and are still available today.



(Staff photo by Bonner Green)

Three-year-old Abby Weaver gets her daily dose of Winnie-the-Pooh. Mom Debbie describes the child as "a confirmed Poo-aholic."

They were followed in 1927 by the equally popular *Now We Are Six*, both featuring Christo-

pher Robin Milne as the lead character.

In the interim, Pooh was pub-

lished. Ann Thwaite, in her biography on Milne, explained how the bear got its name.

Thwaite quotes Christopher Robin Milne as saying, "I gave it to him ... (and) I have heard children, sadly, refuse to take the book off the library shelf because of its silly name."

It was based on a real bear in the London Zoo named Winnie. Because Christopher's father was famous and the bear Winnie was extremely docile, Milne sought permission for Christopher to get in the cage and play with it as a special treat.

A child accompanying Christopher said, "Pooh!" which at the time meant excitement, not disdain, when told they would get to play with the bear.

"It sounds rather hazardous," Thwaite editorializes in her book, *The Man Behind Winnie-the-Pooh*.

She goes on to point out that Milne himself told a different tale, noting that "pooh" in that day in England was also the slang term for a swan.

Milne told friends that his son, after visiting some swans one day, declared himself to be Winnie-the-Pooh, gentle yet strong like the bear, but pure and regal like the swan.

Shades of both stories appear to hold some truth in explaining how the stuffed animal, up until that time called Edward Bear, took his name.

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## Opinion

### Congress is back; watch your wallets

The 102nd Congress is back in Washington for the second half of its tenure on Capitol Hill. In 1991 the 102nd was criticized for allowing the recession to dig in; for passing a budget with a record \$366 billion deficit; for imposing the civil "rights" quota bill that divides our society along racial lines; for giving its members a \$25,000 raise, even as millions of constituents suffered unemployment and bankruptcy; for eat-and-run dining at taxpayers' expense in the congressional cafeteria; and for check-kiting at an exclusive bank.

What's next? Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell promises, "Just as no football game is ever decided at halftime ... no full, fair and final evaluation of the Congress can be made until the end of the Congress." Let's follow that analogy. So far the half-time score is: 102nd Congress and special interests, 50, American people, 0. We're being shut out big time, folks. There's some chance we could rally to victory. But it's more likely that, come January 1993, the score will be: 102nd Congress and special interests, 100, American people, 0.

Congress could join with President Bush in enacting a tax cut. That would be a touch-down for the people. Just as likely, though, Congress and the president will bicker through spring, enact some minor, cosmetic tax cuts, then hit the campaign hustings. Bush seems hardly in the mood to challenge Congress (although he could surprise us in his State of the Union address later this month); his top economic advisers favor doing nothing; and Congress might prefer keeping the economy down to damage Bush at the polls in November.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt has a special present for Americans: retaliatory protectionism that would boost prices for everyone and could spark a war against trade. Unfortunately, Bush has taken up this game plan himself during his Asian tour, calling for "fairer trade," a euphemism for protectionism.

One of the scariest items on the congressional agenda is socialized medicine. It would be a painful quirk of history if the United States, the year after it finally vanquished Soviet communism, adopted a Soviet-style medical system here. The Democratic Congress probably will try to enact something that Bush would veto, thereby allowing Democrats to claim they are the Health Party. But given Bush's penchant for compromise, he could broker a deal that would give us a small national program that would, later in the decade, grow into a megabillion-dollar monster.

Finally, the November election should be a verdict on the bad performance of the 102nd Congress. Instead, Congress has rigged the election to return at least 95 percent of congressmen to office. The 103rd Congress will be virtually identical not only to the 102nd, but to the 101st ("hundred and worst"), the 100th and the 99th. Term limits, anyone?

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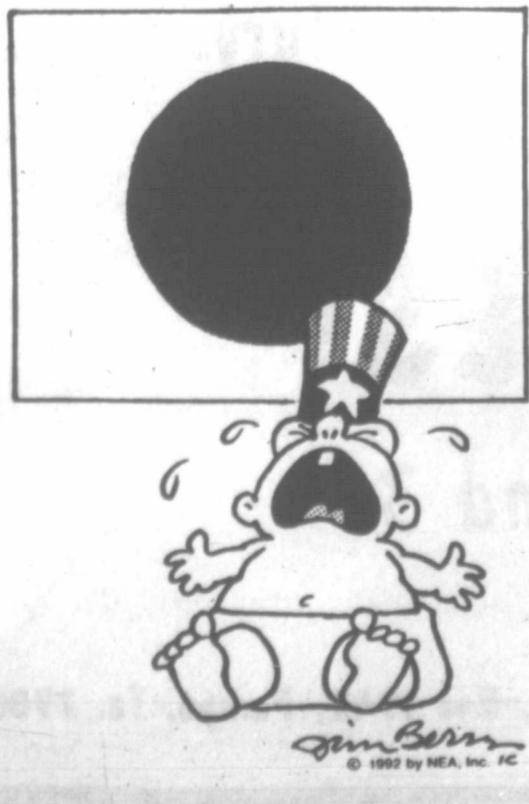
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### Berry's World



## One of those 'feel good' things

WASHINGTON - First things first. The first question to be asked of any proposition that comes from the United Nations is: Who needs this?

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee recently revived the U.N.'s International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. For some reason known only to himself, Chairman Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., is hot to get the agreement through the Senate. Presumably it will make him feel good. That is certainly a noble purpose, worthy of universal support, but apart from the senator: Who needs this thing?

Not the United States of America. This gauzy document has the gummy feeling of a wet spiderweb. Friends of the covenant say it merely restates the great principles of our own Bill of Rights and extends them throughout the world. If this were true, ratification might be defended.

It is not true. The covenant attempts to echo our Bill of Rights but it yodels off-key. A dozen provisions are worded with such feckless ineptitude that they virtually invite the embrace of pettifogging lawyers everywhere.

The United Nations adopted the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in December 1966. President Carter sent it to the Senate in February 1978. The Foreign Relations Committee held three days of hearings in November 1979. The document has been lying there doggo until this past Nov. 20, when Sen. Pell came to life, or appeared to do so. It is not always easy to tell.

Article 6.5 would prohibit capital punishment for crimes committed by persons under 18. The provision would trespass upon the laws of half our states - laws that have been upheld



James J. Kilpatrick

by the Supreme Court.

Article 10.3 says that juvenile offenders "shall" be segregated from adults. This may be sound penology, but it is not always possible to arrange confinement so conveniently.

Article 14.1 says that the press may be excluded from otherwise public trials "for reasons of morals, public order ... or when the interest of the private lives of the parties so requires." These are rubber-band reasons; they could be stretched to encompass the proceedings of any kangaroo court anywhere.

Article 17.1 is altogether typical of the fog that envelops the United Nations: "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on his honor and reputation."

Honor and reputation? In the context of criminal libel, what does this language mean? The provision evokes fragrant memories of the Sedition Act of 1798, which sought to punish anyone who engaged in "false, scandalous and malicious writings" about the president and members of Congress. A Virginia editor named Callendar called John Adams a "professed aristocrat" and

wound up on trial. Who needs this?

In Article 19.2 the covenant asserts a full-blown right to freedom of expression for "ideas of all kinds." Then the covenant takes it all back in 19.3: Freedom of expression may be subject to such restrictions as are "necessary" to respect the reputations of others and to protect public morals.

There is more. A feel-good provision in Article 20 would prohibit "any propaganda for war." Let the senator square that curious clause with our commitment to freedom of speech and freedom of the press. "Everyone shall have the right to hold opinions without interference." What is meant by "interference"?

Had enough? The document demands steps "to ensure equality of rights and responsibilities of spouses as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution." How did this get to be the business of the United Nations?

At the November hearing, Richard Schifter from the State Department spoke for the Bush administration. He presented a comprehensive package of reservations, understandings, declarations and statements. Their effect would be to ratify the covenant by nullifying its most potent provisions.

The Schifter package raises a fair question: If the U.N. covenant is acceptable only with so many "reservations," why adopt it at all? Why go through the dumb show? Well, we are told, 99 other nations already have ratified the thing, and it would be politically correct for us to join the agreeable gang.

That strikes me as the worst of all reasons for adding this covenant to the supreme law of our land. If we don't need it, we ought not to buy it.

### Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 1992. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One year ago, Jan. 17, 1991, was the first day of Operation Desert Storm. U.S.-led forces hammered Iraqi targets in an effort to drive Iraq out of Kuwait. A defiant Iraqi President Saddam Hussein declared in a radio address that the "mother of all battles" had begun.

On this date:

In 1562, French Protestants, also known as Huguenots, were recognized under the Edict of St. Germain.

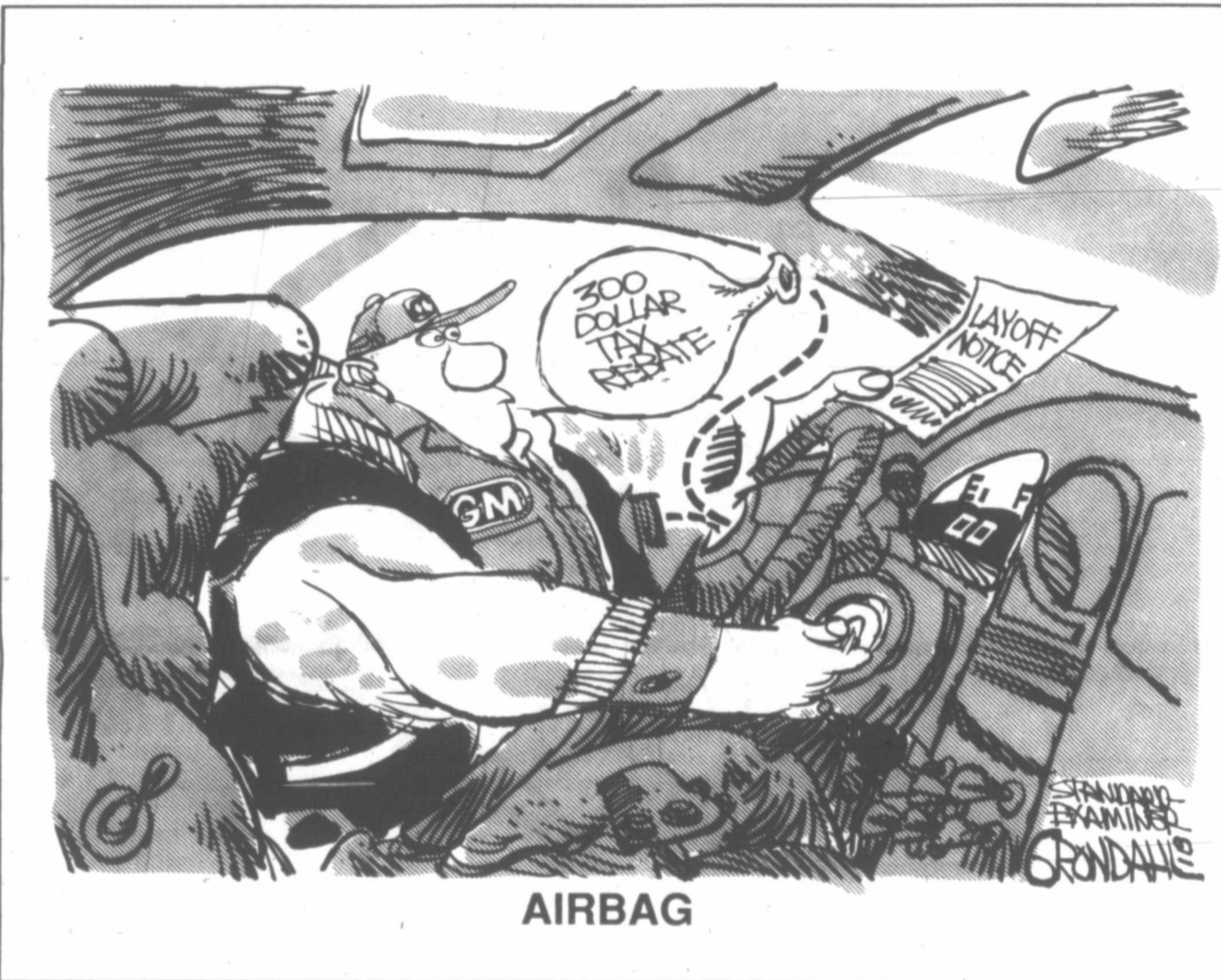
In 1706, Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston.

In 1781, American forces defeated the British in the Battle of Cowpens, S.C.

In 1806, Thomas Jefferson's daughter, Martha, gave birth to James Madison Randolph, the first child born in the White House.

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at the age of 70.

In 1917, 75 years ago, the United States paid Denmark \$25 million for the Virgin Islands.



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## Americans vote 'no' when mad

As history teaches and as San Francisco confirmed as recently as last month, a big voter turnout is a "no" vote.

We get mean when we get mad! Sufficient grievances - whoever is at fault - will be taken out on incumbents.

This is the challenge facing President Bush. This is the opportunity facing Pat Buchanan. President Bush is not eloquent. He is not charismatic. He is not macho.

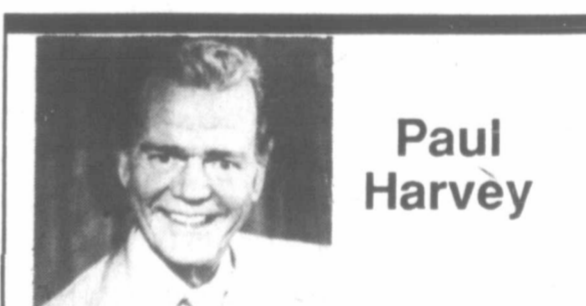
His is almost a Coolidge public image. If not quite that reticent, he is at least that lackluster.

President Bush would argue, and rightly, that appearance and eloquence are not the qualities on which we should judge a national leader.

But we do. George Bush is certainly a nice man, an effective diplomat and ultimately honorable.

Yet politically so naive that he allowed the hardball guys on The Hill to entice him to renege on the promise that anchored his election: "Read my lips - no new taxes!"

When he reneged on that solemn promise, he



Paul Harvey

alienated an enormous segment of his following, perhaps irretrievably.

Now everybody from partisan politicians to pundits to late-night TV comics can mimic that "read my lips" phrase to discredit anything he says.

So now Pat Buchanan emerges on the scene saying: "We can't blame liberals for what ails our country. It was not a liberal Democrat who said, 'Read my lips - no new taxes,' and then broke his word to cut a back-room deal with the big spenders."

"George Bush is a global president; we need an American president."

"George Bush is yesterday; we are tomorrow!" Buchanan advocates tougher trade policies, tougher immigration policies, affirmative action but without quotas.

Do not some of his views parallel those of David Duke?

Buchanan replies that David Duke has seized on some valid conservative issues, and "I am not going to abandon those issues just because Duke has adopted them."

Buchanan opposed our entry into the Persian Gulf War saying that the worthless Emir of Kuwait was not worth one American life.

Yet, once the shot was fired, he dutifully supported our Commander in Chief.

Buchanan acknowledges that beating a seated president is almost impossible, but Buchanan is telling conservatives in New Hampshire to speak decisively for what they want during their upcoming primary.

A big "no" vote would at least make Pat Buchanan a major power broker at the next convention.

## What Mikhail Gorbachev wanted

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

To his eternal credit, Mikhail Gorbachev seems to have reached, early in his leadership of the Soviet Union, two crucial convictions:

(1) that things "could not go on the way they were going" in the Soviet Union - that the system was fundamentally unworkable and had to be modified in major respects, in the direction of political democracy and a market economy; and,

(2) that, to this end, the Cold War had to be ended and replaced by a policy of cooperation with the Free World.

It can be argued - successfully, I think - that these two convictions necessarily implied everything that has subsequently occurred, down to and including the extinction of the Soviet Union. But, humbly enough, Mikhail Gorbachev refused to admit this, even to himself. He believed, or hoped, that the Soviet Union could be converted to a market economy, or at least some sort of "market socialism," by little more than a process of exten-

sive deregulation. He visualized himself presiding over a much freer Soviet Union, prosperous and at peace with itself and the world.

When, in 1989, the communist satellite states of Eastern Europe seized the opportunity presented by the Soviet reforms to break free of Soviet domination, Gorbachev thus had no theoretical basis for denying their right to do so. Internally, they sought only those freedoms he was trying to confer on the Soviet Union itself; internationally, their political independence was unacceptable only if the Cold War was to be pursued, which in Gorbachev's mind it wasn't. So he allowed them - perhaps in some cases even encouraged them - to go their own ways.

In 1990, however, Gorbachev was confronted with certain necessary implications of his policies - implications he had apparently never anticipated, or taken into account. In the implacable formulation of the late James Burnham, "Who says A must say B." Having acquiesced in the

freedom of the East European states, Gorbachev now found himself confronted with similar demands by the Baltic nations that Stalin had swallowed in 1940. Domestically, moreover, a proliferation of new parties and political movements threatened the supremacy of the Communist Party, of which Gorbachev was still general secretary.

It was at this point that Gorbachev began to wobble and vacillate in a way that is impossible to reconcile with a coherent policy, or even common sense. He was fatally reluctant to put his own leadership to the test of popular election (as Boris Yeltsin did, triumphantly), and shamefully acquiesced in military measures against the Baltic states. Meanwhile, the Soviet command economy, further weakened by Gorbachev's necessary but insufficient reforms, collapsed before any market system was ready to replace it, and the Soviet public inevitably blamed Gorbachev for the resulting shortages.

Gorbachev has recently begun arguing that his preference for hard-

line colleagues in the first half of 1991 was a piece of Machiavellian strategy ("I wanted to keep them nearby"). But it seems likelier that it was simply another zag in his zigzag technique for staying on top of any increasingly chaotic situation. In any event, it proved fatal to Mikhail Gorbachev: Boris Yeltsin emerged as the hero of the failed August putsch, and has dictated the direction and pace of events ever since.

It would be absurd, then, to credit Gorbachev with having consciously engineered the extinction of either the Soviet Communist Party or the Soviet Union itself. On the contrary, he resisted both outcomes (preferring reforms) as long as he was able.

But he was determined to end the Cold War, and to set his country's feet on the long road to freedom, and he achieved both of these noble objectives. He has earned his Nobel Peace Prize, and a high and affectionate place in the historical memory of the Russian people and the world.

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A woman displays a female condom that will go on sale for the first time in Switzerland in early February. American health experts are expected to recommend its approval in the United States at the end of the month. This is a recent but undated photo.

## Health experts welcoming introduction of female condoms in fight against AIDS

By CLARE NULLIS  
Associated Press Writer

GENEVA (AP) — Women will soon be able to wear condoms, finally giving them the power to protect themselves from AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The new condom goes on sale in Switzerland early in February and in France and Britain later in the year. American health experts could recommend its approval at the end of the month.

"We are 100 percent in favor," said Karen Pataky of Planned Parenthood in Washington.

"Many heterosexual men don't like using condoms and the bottom line is that if they don't want to use one they won't use one," she said in a telephone interview. "Female condoms would give women another option."

The vaginal condom is a large, lubricated, polyurethane adaptation of the male version. It is about 7 inches long, has flexible rings at both ends and is inserted like a diaphragm. The inner ring fits behind the pubic bone and the outer ring remains outside the body.

Unlike the diaphragm, which only stops sperm from passing the cervix, the female condom also protects the entire vagina and labia from contact with the HIV virus.

### Report: Investigators think Swiss attorney has vital information

LONDON (AP) — Investigators believe a Swiss lawyer holds vital information on Robert Maxwell's alleged bid to illegally prop up the price of Maxwell Communication Corp. shares, the Financial Times reported today.

Britain's leading business daily identified the lawyer as Werner Rechsteiner. It said he is based in Zurich and is the "administrative president of Yakosa Finanzierungs, a secretive Swiss holding company."

Maxwell died on Nov. 5, leaving his international publishing empire burdened with debt and enmeshed in allegations of financial chicanery. His holdings include the New York Daily News.

His body was found in the ocean off the Canary Islands. He had been cruising on his yacht. An autopsy indicated that he died of natural causes, but various reports have questioned that finding and suggested he met with foul play or committed suicide.

British authorities are investigating allegations that Maxwell removed million of dollars from his public companies and their pension funds.

Reports in the Financial Times and other London newspapers have said the money allegedly was used in a series of complicated deals to buy shares in those same companies, boosting their value.

The shares are then alleged to have been used as collateral for bank loans to prop up Maxwell's beleaguered private companies.

The Financial Times said Yakosa was one of two Swiss vehicles that bought between 20 million and 25 million Maxwell Communication Corp. shares, worth \$88 million, in April 1991. Britain's Serious Fraud Office, a prosecution agency, is investigating, the paper said.

Its Swiss distributors, Uhlmann-Eyraud, said it would sell for about four times the cost of the standard male condom.

An advisory committee of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is scheduled to meet on Jan. 31 on whether to recommend that the female condom be given the FDA go-ahead for U.S. distribution.

The concept was developed by a Danish gynecologist, ironically, in a bid to tackle infertility problems, said Dr. Patrick Rowe of the World Health Organization.

Rowe said sexually transmitted diseases cause of 65 percent of female infertility in sub-Saharan Africa and 25 percent in developed countries.

He said WHO became interested in the female condom as a way of preventing such diseases, particularly AIDS.

"Our interest in the condom is not as a contraceptive, but rather as an additional barrier method against AIDS," he said.

He said the condom's material is very tough and doesn't tear like latex male condoms, but is trickier to use. He therefore expects a pregnancy rate of about 4 percent to 5 percent because some women might not follow the instructions properly.

Dr. Patrick Friel of WHO's AIDS program said clinical trials have

shown the female condom to be safe. He said the U.N. agency now wants to concentrate on promoting acceptability studies around the world and to persuade governments to introduce it in national health programs.

He says projects are planned in Zimbabwe, Botswana and the Philippines. Zambia has also expressed interest.

The most detailed WHO study so far has been in Thailand, a popular tourist spot with a thriving sex industry where the number of AIDS cases is expected to rocket over the next few years.

Rowe said about a third of Thai prostitutes' clients refused to use condoms, but most did not complain about the woman wearing the device.

A large majority of the prostitutes found the condom uncomfortable, mainly because of the inner ring. But Rowe said manufacturers should be able to improve the design to make it easier to wear.

Manufacturers' trials in industrialized countries have shown better results.

Mary-Ann Leeper of Wisconsin Pharamcal, the U.S. company that will manufacture and market the product in North America under the brand name Reality, says 75 percent of women surveyed were happy with the condom.

### Earthquake registering 5 on Richter Scale hits Kamchatka peninsula

MOSCOW (AP) — A strong earthquake hit the town of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky on the far-eastern Kamchatka peninsula today, news agencies reported. There were no reports of damage or injury.

The quake, registering up to 5 on the Richter scale, was centered in the Avachinskaya Bay, about 40

miles from Petropavlovsk, Radio Moscow said. It quoted information from the Institute for Volcanic Studies.

Petropavlovsk is roughly 4,100 miles east of Moscow, on the Bering Sea.

Early quakes measuring 3 and 4 on the Richter scale were followed

by the largest tremor, according to reports by radio and the news agency Tass.

It was not immediately known what time the quakes struck.

The Richter scale is a gauge of the energy released by an earthquake, as measured by the ground motion recorded on a seismograph.

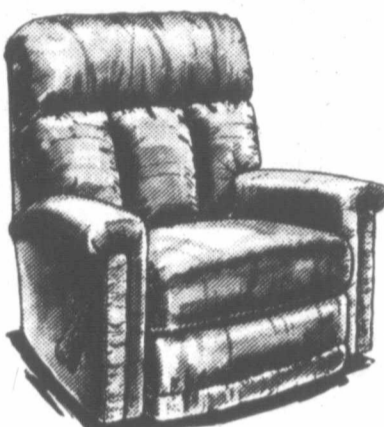
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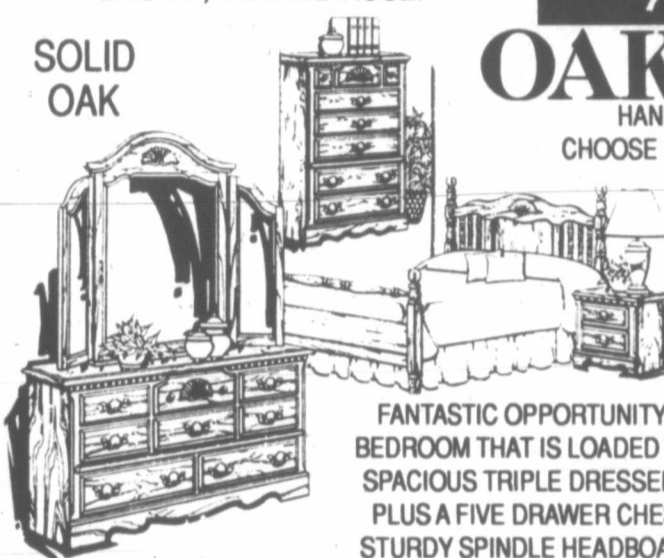


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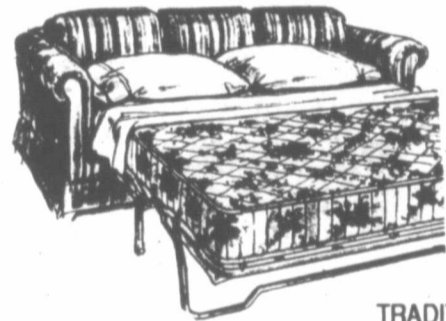
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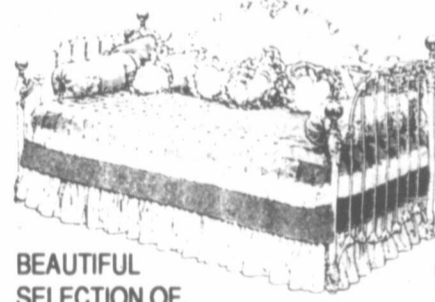


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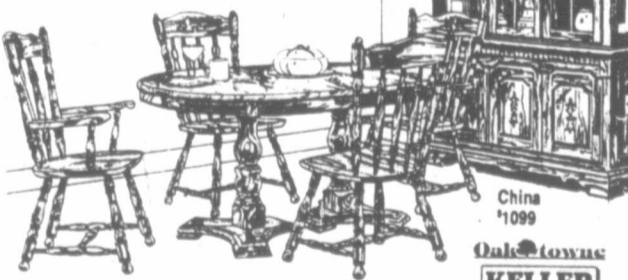
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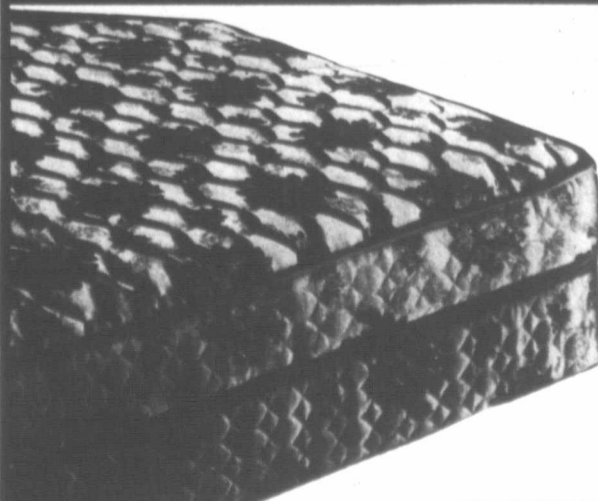
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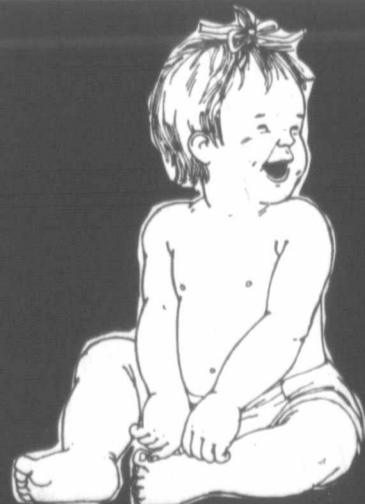
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# Red Cross seeks aluminum can donations to aid disaster victims

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
News Editor

Gray County Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will begin collecting aluminum cans Monday, Jan. 20, to help replace disaster funds depleted by several fires in the area and the flooding in south central Texas, officials said Thursday.

A box has been set up at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell, where aluminum cans may be taken, said Lynda Duncan, Gray County chapter manager. The box will be available during office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday for the next four weeks, she said. The time will be extended if the response warrants it, she added.

Duncan and Mary Richardson, chapter manager in Childress, left Pampa on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1991, to assist the flooding victims in Austin. They and other Red Cross disaster workers assisted 840 families whose homes were among those flooded in 18 counties of south central Texas.

By Jan. 10, the Red Cross had spent more than \$500,000 of a budgeted \$840,000 in disaster assistance

to the area, Duncan said. Approximately 325 persons were sheltered and well over 6,000 meals were served in the two-week period that Duncan was in Austin.

However, contributions have equaled \$106,943, or less than 13 percent of the budgeted amount of disaster relief needed, Duncan said.

Flooding in Waco has been assessed at a Level III and the flooding in Austin at Level IV, Duncan said, which is just under the Red Cross' highest disaster assessment of Level V. The level of the disaster is judged by the dollar amount needed to provide disaster relief, she explained.

A portion of the money raised will be sent to the Austin-area flood victims, Duncan said, while the remainder will stay in the Gray County area to assist victims of disaster here. In recent months, the local Red Cross chapter has had to provide assistance to several families whose homes were burned.

While in Austin, Duncan and Richardson served doughnuts and meals to Austin-area flood victims three times a day. They served out of a kitchen set up in the Exposition Center in Austin, Duncan said, and then drove the Gray County disaster vehicle to the surrounding area to feed flood victims and relief workers who were out on the flood sites.

"I think the meal they (the flood victims) enjoyed most was the first one out of the kitchen," Duncan said. She said they came in for second and third helpings of the beans and ham served over rice.

She said she was impressed by the volunteer spirit of the Austin residents.

"Every time we turned around,



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Lynda Duncan, Gray County Area Red Cross chapter manager, left, and Heidi Mitchell, Red Cross volunteer, right, deposit the first bag of aluminum cans into a special container set up to receive can donations at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell.

volunteers swarmed in," Duncan said. "It really helped take a load off of us."

Duncan said the volunteers came in particularly handy on one night when the Red Cross served 987 sandwiches. "Talk about a production line," she quipped.

She became especially close to a group of flood victims she christened the "Grave Yard Point Gang," and their pets, "Rock Dog" and

"Oreo." The group were flooded from their homes built on Grave Yard Point of Lake Travis, 27 miles northwest of Austin. Since looting was so prevalent, the group had elected to stay with their homes, sleeping in campers parked on high ground nearby.

Leaving the flood victims was hard, Duncan said, especially since the water had still not receded and a lot of work still had to be done.

However, medical reasons forced her to return to Pampa earlier than she had first planned.

"When I left, it felt like leaving family because we hugged, and we cried, and we laughed," Duncan said.

She hopes to return to Austin in March for more disaster training and when she does, she plans to return to Grave Yard Point and see how "The Gang" is getting along.



(Special Photo)

Lynda Duncan, left, and Mary Richardson of Childress, right, prepare to embark on a tour of flood damage in the Lake Travis area, 27 miles northwest of Austin.

# Democrats remain skeptical of president's emerging tax-cut plan

By JIM LUTHER  
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats aren't in a hurry to endorse President Bush's election-year plan for stimulating the economy but they do like some features, especially tax breaks for children and first-time home buyers.

"Turn this plan over and look at the label," suggested Rep. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. "It's likely to say, 'Made in New Hampshire.'"

That's where Bush will face recession-weary voters for the first time in this election year.

Many Republicans are delighted with the still-developing plan, which Bush will outline Jan. 28 in the State of the Union message.

"It's a 10-strike," Tony Blankley, spokesman for House Republican Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia, said Thursday.

Gingrich, "assuming what he's read about the plan is true, feels the proposals represent a vindication of the House Republican efforts last year to stimulate the economy and reduce taxes," Blankley said.

Details of Bush's package have been leaking out slowly. It is believed to include an increase of at least \$500 in the deduction families with children can claim and creation of a new tax credit for first-time home buyers.

Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-Maine, praised some parts of Bush's package, saying he welcomed the president's "latest reversal of position" in favor of a tax cut for the middle class.

But he added: "We don't think it will fool many Americans."

Rep. Donald Pease, D-Ohio, a member of Ways and Means, spoke for a large number of Democrats who question the advisability of any tax cut when the government already is taking in \$1 billion a day less than it is spending.

"The president and Congress may wind up competing with one another to give away tax revenue that we don't have and sorely need for deficit reduction," Pease said.

Many economists agree. But there's little indication Congress and the president will forgo an election-year tax cut — especially when unemployment is rising and politicians want to be perceived as doing something about it.

Bush's proposals will join scores of tax-cut ideas being considered

by lawmakers. In fact, every part of Bush's plan already has been introduced as a bill by one or more members of Congress.

Here, according to administration officials, are major tax items that the president is likely to propose, although he has not yet approved the plan:

—PERSONAL EXEMPTION: Raise the exemption for families with children. The exemption was \$2,150 for each taxpayer and dependent for 1991 and rose automatically to \$2,300 this year. An increase of at least \$500 is being proposed. That would save \$75 per child for a \$30,000 family and \$155 for a \$125,000 family.

—HOME BUYER CREDIT: A tax credit — subtracted directly from taxes owed — would be

allowed for lower- and middle-income families who buy their first home within the next year. The aim is to spur the moribund housing market. The amount of the credit has been estimated in published reports at between \$2,000 and \$5,000, although no figure has been settled on, officials say.

—IRAS: Workers who have invested in tax-deferred Individual Retirement Accounts would be allowed to transfer that money into a new type of account. They would pay tax now on the principal — generating a large amount of immediate tax revenue that would help finance other parts of the program — but win the right to withdraw all the interest tax-free in the future.

—CAPITAL GAINS: Any Bush plan will call for cutting taxes on

capital gains, which are profits from the sale of investments. Such profits now are taxed at rates of 15 percent and 28 percent. The president wants no tax on 30 percent of gains from property owned three years or longer, resulting in effective capital-gains rates of 10.5 percent and 19.6 percent.

Democratic leaders have opposed such a cut as a windfall for the wealthy although there is increasing likelihood a limited capital-gains reduction will be included as part of any major tax bill.

—DEPRECIATION: Businesses would be allowed a greater first-year tax writeoff for machinery and equipment — another way to stimulate business investment and job creation.

—REAL ESTATE: Real estate professionals would be allowed to use some losses from that depressed business to shelter wages and other income from taxation.

# Former Washington mayor seeks resentencing by different judge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Mayor Marion Barry, serving a six-month prison term for cocaine possession, is asking a federal appeals court to grant him a new sentencing before a different judge.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson showed bias when he told a Harvard University audience he was convinced Barry was guilty of perjury and other crimes and that some jurors were determined to acquit regardless of the facts, defense attorney R. Kenneth Mundy said in court papers.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit planned to hear oral arguments today.

Barry was convicted in August 1990 on one misdemeanor count of cocaine possession. Jackson sentenced him last September after a previous six-month term was thrown out by an appeals court. Barry is due to be released April 23.

The former mayor was transferred to a low-security facility in Loretto, Pa., this month after two inmates contended that a woman performed oral sex on Barry on Dec. 29 in a visit-

ing room at a prison camp in Petersburg, Va.

On Thursday, Barry's attorneys filed a \$5.5 million suit in Richmond, Va., federal court against six federal prison officials, saying they damaged his good name and his political future by wrongly concluding the oral sex incident took place.

The attorneys also said the investigation of the allegation was biased against Barry, who is black, and was influenced by a Justice Department conspiracy to harm his reputation.

Mundy's brief said Jackson's

refusal to remove himself from the case following the Harvard remarks in October 1990 was "a clear abuse of discretion" and violated judicial ethics.

"The integrity of the judicial system has been tainted. The only way to dissipate the appearance of partiality is for a new resentencing to proceed before a different judge," Barry's attorney said.

U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens countered in court papers that "an observer with knowledge of all the relevant facts would not reasonably question

Judge Jackson's fairness and impartiality at the resentencing or, indeed, at any other time."

The federal Judicial Conference has not adopted ethics provisions regarding judges' public remarks on cases they handle, and Jackson did not violate them in any event, the government said.

Mundy also maintained that Jackson erred in refusing to give Barry credit for accepting responsibility for his acts, contending that the former mayor had offered before the trial to plead guilty to four misdemeanors.

# Pipeline developers say meeting with regulators was not improper

WASHINGTON (AP) — The developers of the Iroquois gas pipeline deny having had improper secret discussions with the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Government investigators say they did.

"We feel very strongly that we have done nothing wrong," said Gary Davis, spokesman for the consortium building the pipeline.

Davis said the meeting in question, on March 15, 1990, involved only "procedural matters" unrelated to the merits of the 370-mile pipeline project for carrying natural gas from western Canada to the northeastern U.S.

The General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, released a study Thursday concluding that FERC and Iroquois officials had engaged in "ex parte" communications — discussions related to the merits of a proceeding before the com-

mission, which were not open to the public.

"FERC officials learned during the meeting that Iroquois was 'able and willing' to transport a volume (of gas) lower than it proposed in its amended application," Martin J. Fitzgerald, special assistant to the GAO's general counsel, told a House Government Operations subcommittee Thursday.

"We believe that it was improper for FERC officials to request and entertain this information about the merits of an application in a meeting that was not open to all interested parties," Fitzgerald said.

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# China, U.S. reach copyright, patent agreement, avoiding trade war

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and China reached agreement late Thursday in a contentious trade dispute involving protection of American copyrights and patents, negotiators for both sides announced.

The agreement came only hours before the Bush administration had said it would begin imposing tariffs of up to 100 percent on a range of Chinese exports to the United States.

As a result of the successful negotiations, U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills said she was terminating the threat of higher tariffs on up to \$1.5 billion worth of Chinese imports.

She said that under the agreement, China will make significant improvements in its patent and copyright laws.

"This agreement demonstrates that in an area of critical importance to the U.S. economy, China is willing to take important steps toward bringing its trade regime closer to international norms," Hills said in a statement.

"Principal beneficiaries will include pharmaceutical, entertainment, computer and agri-chemical industries," she said.

The Chinese trade delegation issued a statement say-

ing the successful conclusion of the talks should set a good precedent for resolution of other trade disputes between the two countries "through consultations on an equal footing. ... To resort to other unwise means does not help solve problems, but rather complicates matters."

The International Intellectual Property Alliance, a trade group representing 1,500 American companies in the computer, motion picture, recording and television industries, applauded the agreement.

"The copyright industries have suffered severe and growing losses due to piracy over the years while we patiently awaited China's decision to protect our intellectual property," said Eric Smith, general counsel for the trade group.

"This agreement ... demonstrates that the Chinese government is now committed to implement internationally accepted high standards of copyright protection," he said.

U.S. trade officials have called China the "single largest pirate worldwide of U.S. copyrights," and American business say they have lost \$430 million annually from Chinese copyright violations on everything from drugs and computer programs to clothing and records.

In the settlement Thursday, China agreed to join an international convention that protects copyrights and

said it will begin providing patent protection for drugs and agricultural chemicals on Jan. 1, 1993.

The agreement, reached only hours before a midnight deadline, followed a week of lengthy negotiations and averted a threatened trade war between the two countries.

Chinese officials had said last week that if the Bush administration went ahead with tariffs of up to 100 percent on selected Chinese imports, they would retaliate by imposing sanctions on up to \$1.2 billion of American goods sold in China.

A senior U.S. trade official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, said the final hang-up in the negotiations involved protection for pharmaceuticals and farm chemical products such as pesticides and fertilizers.

He said the United States achieved all of its goals and that U.S. industry representatives were happy with the outcome.

The official refused to put a dollar figure on how much in increased sales would be achieved, but he said American companies should begin seeing positive effects almost immediately.

"Ask IBM and other companies with copyrighted products. There should be an immediate payoff," he said. The copyright dispute is just the latest in a series of

frictions between the United States and China. Relations between the two nations have deteriorated since Chinese troops crushed a pro-democracy movement in June 1989.

Since the mid-1980s, the United States has watched its trade deficit with China skyrocket as imports from that country increased almost four-fold since 1985. America's trade deficit with China was expected to reach \$13 billion this year, second only to America's \$41 billion deficit with Japan.

While the administration insisted that the higher tariffs would go into effect without an acceptable agreement, many American retailers contended the higher tariffs would end up hurting U.S. consumers, the most, driving up the cost of many goods and creating shortages.

The list of products threatened with the punitive tariffs included beer, leather goods, clothing, footwear, electric water heaters, cassette players, televisions and watches.

The administration warned the Chinese that if that country retaliated against American products it would represent a setback to President Bush's efforts to ensure that China retains its most-favored-nation trade status.

Democrats in Congress have been trying to strip China of the MFN status for years because of the nation's human rights policies. Those efforts have been blocked by the administration.

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## The Burds Carpenter's Church plans guest speaker

The Rev. Lloyd Burd, superintendent of the Great Plains Conference for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, will be the featured speaker at The Carpenter's Church, 639 S. Barnes St., this Sunday.

Burd will speak at the 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. services.

Burd's wife will sing and will present a Christian skit.

Burd served as pastor for several Assemblies of God and Pentecostal Holiness churches during a 30-year period. For the past 5 1/2 years, he has served as the district superintendent.

He received a bachelor's degree in theology from Southwestern Seminary and has completed graduate work at Bethany.

The public is invited to attend the special services, according to Pastor Fred Palmer.

## Religion roundup

**LOUISVILLE (AP)** — Nearly all Presbyterians pray privately, according to a poll of 5,400 members and clergy of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Only 1 percent said they never pray.

Satisfaction was linked to the frequency of praying. The more often and regularly the praying, the more likely members were found to be "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with their prayer life.

Asked if they had ever had a "particularly powerful religious insight or awakening that changed the direction of your life?" 80 percent of clergy said yes, while 40 percent of laity did so.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Signs that Americans are turning back to church and to religion are documented in a program, "Search for Spirituality," to be shown Sunday on ABC-TV.

The program is the fourth in a Vision and Value series of the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission and was produced by the National Council of Churches.

**NEW ULM, Minn. (AP)** — At the end of a 10-year study, a relatively small branch of Lutheranism, the 420,000-member Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, has adopted a statement approving Bible passages saying wives should be subject to husbands.

**CHICAGO (AP)** — African Methodist Episcopal Bishop Vinton Anderson of St. Louis has been awarded Ebony Magazine's Black Achievement Award for Religion in recognition of his being the first black American elected a president of the World Council of Churches. He is one of a six-member presidium.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Back from a meeting with Pope John Paul II, the president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, said he found a "new and positive climate toward Israel" in the Vatican.

He said "attitudes toward Israel in the Vatican have greatly improved" and "further steps toward the improvement of relations may be expected." While several difficulties remain to be overcome, he foresaw eventual diplomatic recognition.

**LONDON (AP)** — About a third of the world's 5.2 billion people are Christians, with Roman Catholics comprising half that number, says The Tablet, a British Roman Catholic weekly.

**YONKERS, N.Y. (AP)** — Roman Catholic reformist groups are hailing Saturday's ordination of a married, former Episcopal priest as a priest in the Catholic Church. But they also criticized church policy.

While the church "grants a married priesthood to a few it denies it to all others," said a joint statement by Association for the Rights of Catholic in the Church, the Renewal Coordinating Community and CORPUS.

The latter is made up of Roman Catholic priests suspended from ministry because they married.

"We fully support Father (Bruce) Bowers as a married priest," the statement said, noting that about 60 married former Episcopal and Lutheran priests now have become married Roman Catholic priests.



# Religion

## 'Think tank' academy advises the pope about science

By MERCER CROSS  
National Geographic

VATICAN CITY — Its roots in Rome date back nearly 400 years, when it was the Academy of Lynxes, named for the animal that symbolized intellectual farsightedness.

Today's Pontifical Academy of Sciences is an 80-member international group of distinguished astronomers, chemists, physicists, mathematicians and others from 35 countries. Twenty-three are Nobel laureates.

Pondering some of the most far-reaching scientific issues, the academy serves, in effect, as a think tank for the pope. It meets several times a year amid the Renaissance splendor of Casino Pio IV, a frescoed and fountained 16th-century villa in the center of the Vatican gardens.

One of the earliest and most famous members was the Italian astronomer Galileo, father of modern science. His radical views of the universe earned him excommunication from the Roman Catholic Church in the 17th century. Not until a few years ago during the papacy of John Paul II were steps taken to exonerate him.

The pope's interest in science has stimulated the academy. But the work that now goes on inside the ornate rooms of Casino Pio IV remains unknown to all but a handful of people, most of them within the scientific community.

"The academy is not interlaced into the Vatican hierarchy. It is completely independent and reports directly to the pope,"

says biochemist Maxine F. Singer, president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington and an academy member since 1986.

Between the academy's biennial plenary sessions, smaller groups of members meet on such controversial subjects as resources and population, tropical rain forests and the conservation of species, brain death, future trends in spectroscopy and genetic engineering.

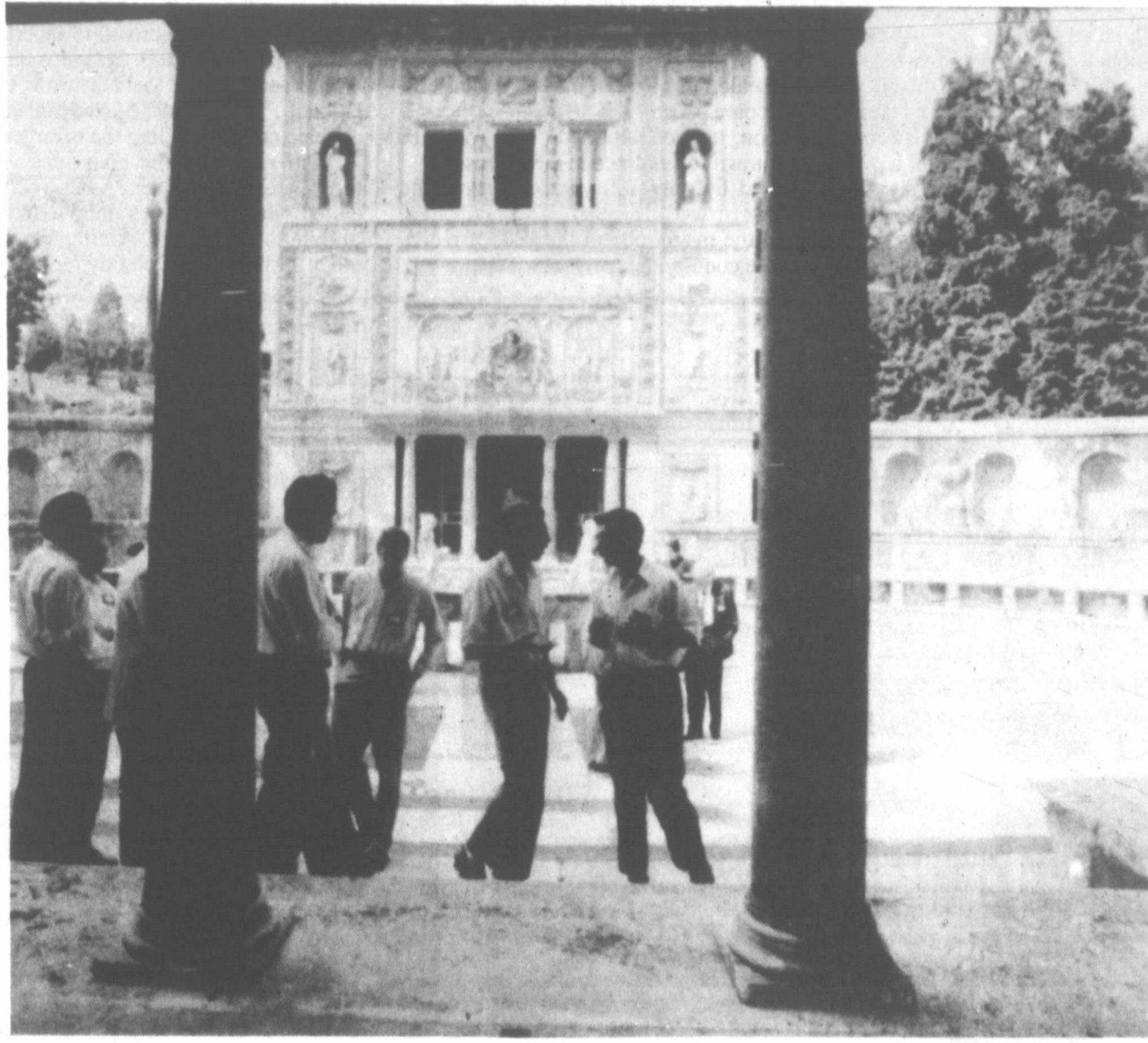
Results of the proceedings are published. Before they are, summaries are presented to the pope, who then responds. Customarily, he meets with participants after the sessions.

"To a very large extent, what the academy does is inform the pope about scientific matters and, in the course of doing that, provides the opportunity for interesting scientific meetings," Singer tells National Geographic. "So it's kind of a twofold thing. It also honors people."

Sometimes the academy takes strong positions that have an impact worldwide.

Victor F. Weisskopf, emeritus professor of physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a member since 1975, says he considers the academy's lead in opposing both the arms race and the destruction of rain forests to be its two most important stands in recent years.

In 1978, the year he became pope, John Paul II asked Weisskopf to organize an academy memorialization of Albert Einstein's birth in 1879. Einstein was Jewish, as is Weisskopf, who says he was moved that such an observance was held at the Vatican.



Ornately decorated Casino Pio IV, home of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences since 1922, was built in the 16th century in the Vatican gardens. This view shows the facade of the villa.

The scientific academy took its present shape in 1936, during the papacy of Pius XI, and began seriously expanding its influence in 1972 under the presidency of Carlos Chagas, a Brazilian biophys-

icist. He was succeeded as president in 1988 by Giovanni B. Marini-Bettolo, an Italian chemist.

Singer concurs with many others that Chagas' presidency "really

changed the academy: opened it up and made it, I think, a significant body."

With others, she is concerned that the present administration may not be as active as the previous

one. "Like many such academies, one drawback is that the average age is extraordinarily high," says Singer, a relatively young 59. President Marini-Bettolo is 76. Members are appointed for life.

Pope John Paul II's interest in science was expressed in a 1988 message about the relationship between religion and science, a fractious issue for today's scientists.

"There has been a definite, though still fragile and provisional, movement towards a new and more nuanced interchange. . . . It is crucial that this common search based on critical openness and interchange should not only continue but also grow and deepen in its quality and scope."

The pope has spoken against Christian fundamentalists' literal interpretation of the Bible. Weisskopf paraphrases: "One should interpret the scriptures only in a symbolic way of the culture of the time."

Singer, one of only four women in the academy, says she pays attention to "the absence of women from policy-making roles within the Vatican. I've made it a point to speak about that in connection with policies on human reproduction."

The existence of the academy is important, Singer says, adding:

"There have been, for example, several very forthright discussions about birth control. And the academy is probably one of the few places in the Vatican where discussions are held on a completely open basis. I have never felt in any way that there was anything I couldn't say."

## Between projects, Carter still teaches Sunday school class

By GEORGE W. CORNELL  
AP Religion Writer

In between his roving diplomatic and various humanitarian projects, former President Carter still teaches that Sunday school class at his hometown church in Plains, Ga.

But doing so is different than it used to be. It usually attracts more visitors than regular members.

"People come to my Sunday school class and quite often they will tell me they've never been in a church before and they just came as a tourist," he says.

They generally include Roman Catholics, rabbis, Mennonites and various other Protestants, including Baptists like himself, plus those unfamiliar with church concepts.

"I have a special need to be broadminded in my teaching and also be prepared for the most startling questions," he says, but adds that the diversity doesn't bother him.

He uses humor, personal anecdotes and gentle coaxing to draw strangers into the discussions. "But I teach just the standard — I think basically conservative — Christian story," he says.

Carter described his continuing role as a Sunday school teacher in a recent interview with Bill Summers, director of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission's library and archives.

The interview and videotape of Carter teaching the class are part of a commission project to preserve the denomination's history through interviews with Baptist notables.

Since Carter left the presidency a decade ago, he has kept occupied in various service work, ranging from renovating housing for the poor and health projects in Africa

to monitoring elections in Central America.

But on most Sundays, he's back at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains teaching that class — something he's done much of his adult life, including his White House years and before that while governor of Georgia.

"It strengthens my own understanding of the Bible," Carter says. "There's a certain discipline involved if you are going to learn a little more than the prepared lesson text."

In describing his approach, as recounted by Baptist Press, Carter centers each lesson on the weekly Scripture texts in the annual sequences used in most churches.

Preparing a lesson, he both studies the texts and supplementary references. On trips, he takes a lesson guide with him and makes notes of pertinent incidents to illustrate points.

"Quite often I don't get home until Saturday, but I get up early Sunday morning and go into my word processor and write down a lesson outline," he said.

Up to 120 people show up for his class, and the 150-member Maranatha congregation has built a new auditorium to seat twice its current membership.

Visitors to Carter's class introduce themselves and he sometimes invites guest clergy to lead prayers or supplement his commentaries on the subject at hand.

Carter has said that he has become more open to other faiths. However, in his recorded talk with the historical commission's Summers, he emphasized his Christian and Baptist heritage, talking of the influence of his parents' faith and his own early life.

"It was part of my life like

breathing, like being a Georgian or being a human being," he says. "To be part of a church life, to be a Christian was just assumed as a natural part of life."

He attended Sunday school starting at age 4 and was baptized at 11 after some revival services in Plains. As a boy, he rode a bicycle several miles to attend Baptist Young People's Union meetings.

"As a rural boy it gave me a chance to get to know big city life in Plains," recalls Carter, reared on a farm.

He says Baptist pastors taught him that Christianity is not to be confined to the church building or Sunday worship but applies to everyday life and conditions in this country and elsewhere.

As a young man, Carter helped one pastor start a church in Lock Haven, Pa., and served for a time as a lay missionary among Spanish-speaking people in Massachusetts.

However in the '60s, he differed with many Southern Baptists, whose congregations had remained racially segregated. The integrated Maranatha church was formed over that issue.

Maranatha's pastor, the Rev. Daniel G. Ariail, says Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, participate actively. He says that since it has only one other paid employee, the Carters take their turns cutting grass or cleaning the premises like other members.

"For me," Carter says, "my religious faith has not only been inspirational and my guide, but it's also been an element of relief during times of tension, of solace during times of sorrow, strength when I was tempted to be weak and falter, and of inspiration when I decided what my life ought to be."

## Mission officials quit, cite tactics abroad

By GEORGE W. CORNELL  
AP Religion Writer

A prolonged drive by fundamentalists that has gained control of Southern Baptist national operations and shaken some state facilities is now applying its clout overseas.

Two top administrators of the denomination's Foreign Mission Board last week said they were quitting because they couldn't go along with a "global agenda" of the board's trustees to enforce their brand of orthodoxy abroad.

The trustees have changed the approach "so that working with any sense of missiological purpose or personal integrity has become impossible," said the Rev. G. Keith Parker, area director for Europe.

He said the trust gradually built between Southern Baptists and European Baptists "is being destroyed and will profoundly affect mission outreach and ongoing work within Europe for generations."

Parker and the Rev. Isam Ballenger, vice president for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, announced taking early retirement later this year, but in

retaliation for their protest, trustee officials wanted them out sooner.

Under negotiated terms, they're now to leave Jan. 31, vacating key supervisory posts for the 15 million-member denomination's foreign missions operations, based in Richmond, Va.

Both are veterans of that multimillion-dollar global network that fields about 3,900 missionaries. Ballenger, 56, has served it for 28 years, and Parker, 55, for 23 years.

Because it has become clear the denomination's "so-called 'conservative resurgence' ... is also an agenda for the global missions effort, I can no longer represent this board at home or overseas," Ballenger said.

Parker said trustees were using money and power to enforce theological conformity abroad, spurning the diversity and autonomy of overseas Baptists. That "political agenda" has meant "near exclusion of mission," he said.

Both men indicated the "last straw" causing their departure was the trustees' defunding of \$365,000 previously promised to Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, accusing it of "liberal" tendencies.

## Religion roundup

REDLANDS, Calif. (AP) — The Mission Aviation Fellowship, whose flights serve more than 300 mission organizations in areas of difficult transportation, recently dedicated its 88th aircraft — a Cessna 206.

Pilots of the fellowship, who fly more than 80,000 flights annually covering 4.6 million miles, "are the real heroes of the church today," the Rev. Jack Hayford of Van Nuys, said at the dedication.

The new plane will be posted in Mozambique. Several of the fellowship's planes and facilities recently were damaged in violence in Zaire.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) —

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic family and fraternal service organization, recently presented Pope John Paul II with a \$2 million gift from its special fund whose earnings are given to him for his personal charities.


WATERLOO, Iowa (AP) — The presidents of three relatively small, conservative Lutheran denominations have issued a joint pastoral letter condemning abortion as "murder of the most innocent."

The teaching letter by heads of The American Association of Lutheran Churches, The Association of Free Lutheran Congrega-

tions and The Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America says:

"We understand that in many cases women contemplating abortion face difficult and sometimes tragic circumstances. On the basis of God's word, however, we declare that the murder of the most innocent and helpless party involved is not the solution.

"Also on the basis of God's word, we acknowledge our responsibility ... to reach out to these women — as well as to the fathers and all others involved — with compassion, love, assistance and especially with the Gospel of forgiveness and healing in Christ."



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# Rival block parties celebrate peace treaty in El Salvador

By DOUGLAS GRANT MINE  
Associated Press Writer

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Thousands hailed Alfredo Cristiani as the "president of peace" on his triumphant return Thursday night from Mexico, where he signed a treaty with leftist rebels ending 12 years of civil war.

The downtown Plaza Libertad was jammed with followers of Cristiani's Republican Nationalist Alliance, or Arena, waving the rightist party's red, white and blue flags. Revelers were invited to dance until dawn.

A block away, thousands more jammed the Plaza Civica. There the dominant color was red, for the leftist guerrilla army called the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN.

Tropical dance bands blared Latin rhythms from temporary stages in both plazas as multitudes

hailed the beginning of peace.

"We're certain that peace is here forever. Beginning today, violence is eradicated and we all have the duty to work for a better future, progress and to leave for our children a more beautiful fatherland in peace and harmony," Cristiani told the cheering crowd.

Fireworks launched at the end of his 20-minute speech exploded in colors against the clear night sky.

At noon, with the nation glued to radio and television sets for news of the peace ceremony in Mexico City, church bells pealed throughout the Massachusetts-sized nation to welcome peace.

By mid-afternoon, tens of thousands were gathered in or heading downtown to celebrate at the plazas.

Though separated by only 100 yards of pavement, the two squares were worlds apart. The figurative chasm underscored the magnitude of the task of reconciliation awaiting the country.

The conflict killed at least 75,000 people, wounded twice that number and laid waste to much of the nation's productive infrastructure.

By afternoon, the Plaza Civica was jammed with leftists, among them hundreds of guerrilla combatants who'd left their guns and fatigues in the hills.

German Serrano and Douglas Santamaria, insurgent commanders who had slipped into the city from the fronts, addressed the crowd to raucous applause. Several urban guerrilla chiefs were also on hand.

The facades of the National Cathedral and the National Palace bordering the square were ablaze with banners and flags hailing the insurgent army.

"Our rifles are the guarantee of the campesinos' land," said one banner. A 45-by-20 foot canvas was painted with a dove, a rainbow and a huge portrait of Farabundo Marti, a Communist who led an uprising here in 1932. It was a bloody failure.

The cathedral and palace are both unoccupied. The palace was severely damaged in a 1986 earthquake; the cathedral has been under construction for years.

Red flags were as abundant as white ones — for peace — or blue-and-white national banners in the Plaza Civica. Loudspeakers on a stage erected in front of the palace piped out a hymn that went "Peace, peace, peace, the world wants peace." But the MCs alternated that with revolutionary songs calling for "liberation."

In mid-plaza, 19th century hero Gerardo Barrios, namesake of the military academy, sat high on his metal horse, a red flag emblazoned "FMLN" raised incongruously in his hand.

At the moment Cristiani signed the accord, the plaza broke out in a thunderous cheer and celebrants hugged each other. Tears welled in many an eye. Firecrackers popped and Beethoven's Ode to Joy blared from the speakers.



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### The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

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12 Mountains  
(abbr.)  
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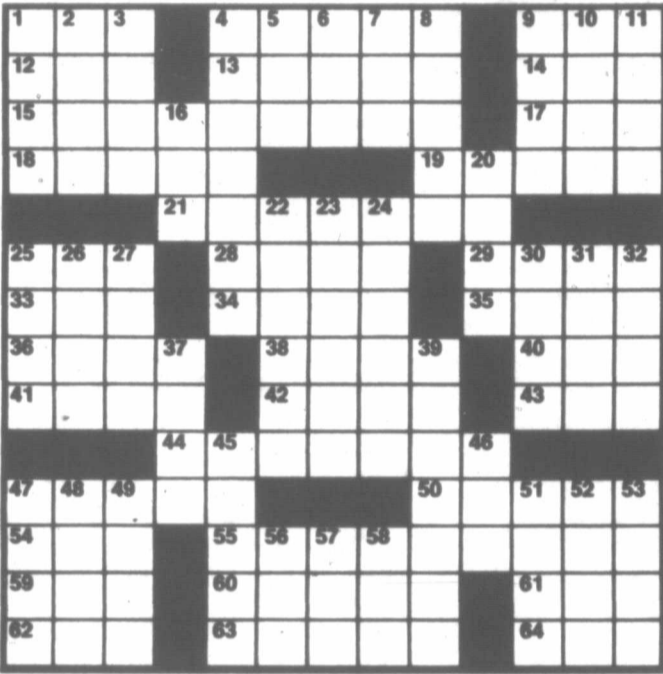
**DOWN**

1 Dec. holiday  
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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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7 Bernstein, for short  
8 Paradisees  
9 Graceful animal  
10 Chooses  
11 Rodents  
16 Child  
20 A state  
22 Performable  
23 Fishes  
24 Sends out  
25 1944 invasion date  
26 Eugene O'Neill's daughter  
27 Aim  
30 Dog's name  
31 Dramatic conflict  
32 Actress — Periman  
37 Withheld  
39 Built  
45 Actor Christopher —  
46 Beetle  
47 Horse directives  
48 Frog genus  
49 Vehicle  
51 Radiation measure  
52 How to lose weight  
53 Cut  
56 Hebrew letter  
57 — roll  
58 Short for Susan



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### WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

I never get spaghetti on dates. I can't eat it without looking like an idiot.

That's because you are uptight.

The first thing I do on a date when my food comes is dump it in my lap. That relieves the pressure.

Then I can relax and eat my spaghetti casually.

...out of your lap.

Hey, it's better than looking like an idiot.

By Jimmy Johnson

ARLO & JANIS

HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR CHRISTMAS THANK-YOU NOTES?

AHH...

GO! DO IT NOW!

Dear Aunt Joan, Thank you for the fire truck. I enjoyed it many years.

By Howie Schneider

ECK & MEEK

YOU'D THINK THAT EVOLUTION WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE BY THIS TIME...

WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE FACT THAT LONELY PEOPLE DON'T REPRODUCE AS MUCH AS OTHER PEOPLE

LORD KNOWS THEY TRY

By Johnny Hart

B.C.

fossil beds

WHERE OLD PEOPLE SLEEP

WILEY'S DICTIONARY

MARVIN

MAYBE HOTDOGS... MAYBE PIZZA...

I WONDER WHAT WE'RE HAVING FOR DINNER?

...OR MAYBE SPAGHETTI!

By Tom Armstrong

MARMADUKE

"No, No! The cushions do not need fluffing up!"

By Brad Anderson

KIT N' CARLYLE

HELP YOURSELF. IT'S PLANT FOOD.

By Larry Wright

ALLEY OOP

WHATCHA MEAN WE OUGHTA THINK TWICE ABOUT CONQUERING MOO? LET'S SAY AFTER A LONG FIGHT YOU'RE SUCCESSFUL! OKAY! TH' WOUNDED TO TAKE CARE OF BOTH LEMMIAN AND MOOVIAN! WELL, FIRST Y'GOT TO TAKE CARE OF BOTH LEMMIAN AND MOOVIAN! NEXT Y'GOT TH' MOOVIAN CITIZENS T' DEAL WITH! Y' GONNA TAKE 'EM PRISONER? DARN RIGHT! HAFTA FEED 'EM... ALL OF 'EM! THEN YOU'LL HAFTA FEED 'EM... ALL OF 'EM!

By Bruce Beattie

SNAFU

It's a masterpiece, Michelangelo. Could you do one in ice for the brunch next Sunday?

By Dave Graue

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Mommy, how long do we hafta stay out before we can have hot chocolate?"

By Dick Cavalli

WINTHROP

NO, YOU DON'T! NO PAPER BAGS OVER MY HEAD!

NO, SIR! NO MORE PAPER BAGS FOR ME!

I HATE IT WHEN THEY GET CLITE.

By Bill Watterson

CALVIN AND HOBBS

GIVEN ANY MORE THOUGHT TO THAT BACKYARD SKI LIFT PROPOSAL OF MINE?

OH, YES LOTS.

By Art and Chip Sansom

THE BORN LOSER

AH, BUT YOU MUST ADMIT THAT WE BRITISH ARE FAR AHEAD OF YOU YANKS...

EVEN THE TIME OF DAY... IN BRITAIN, WE'RE FIVE HOURS AHEAD OF YOU HERE IN THE COLONIES!

OR... 19 HOURS BEHIND!

By Bob Thaves

FRANK AND ERNEST

HEARING AIDS

BUSINESS ALWAYS SLACKS OFF DURING ELECTION YEARS.

By Charles M. Schulz

PEANUTS

HERE'S SOMETHING YOU PROBABLY SHOULD KNOW...

IF YOU WANT SOMETHING, THE TEACHER SAYS TO JUST RAISE YOUR HAND...

COOKIE BREAK!

By Jim Davis

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# Hubble finds 'infant' star clusters

By MALCOLM RITTER  
AP Science Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The Hubble Space Telescope has revealed surprising clusters of very young stars in a galaxy, a finding that may help resolve a question about how some galaxies form.

The young "globular clusters" were significant because other observed examples of such clusters are among the oldest celestial objects known, a researcher said Thursday.

In a separate presentation, another scientist said that the spacecraft, despite its flaws, has found evidence that a powerful black hole was collapsing the core of another galaxy.

The findings were presented at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

Neither discovery would have been possible without the Hubble's ability to make detailed pictures of distant objects, without atmospheric distortion, despite flaws in the design of its main mirror, researchers said. The Hubble was launched in 1990.

The stars all appear to be about the same age, which suggests they all formed at about the same time in response to some trigger, he said. The collision of two galaxies could be one possible trigger, he said.

It is not clear how such a collision would lead to the globular clusters, he said. But if it did, it could bolster the idea that spiral galaxies can merge to form elliptical ones.

One objection to that idea had been that elliptical galaxies tend to have more globular clusters per unit of brightness than spiral galaxies do. One might expect that if two spiral galaxies merged, that ratio would stay the same because the resulting galaxy would have more globular clusters but also be brighter, he said.

However, if the merger itself triggered formation of new globular clusters, that might account for a higher ratio after a collision, Holtzman said.

James Hesser of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Victoria, British Columbia, agreed that the finding would give a "tremendous boost" to the merger hypothesis if the observation and interpretation are correct.

"Astronomers are going to be very, very excited," he said. "There will be a tremendous amount of followup to this."

The clusters were found in a galaxy called NGC 1275, about 200 million light-years from Earth in the Perseus cluster of galaxies.

The apparent black hole detected

in the other study is in a galaxy called M87, about 52 million light-years away in the direction of the constellation Virgo. A light-year is about 5.9 trillion miles.

The black hole may be 2 billion to 3 billion times as massive as the sun, suggesting it may be the remains of a dead quasar, said researcher Tod Lauer. Quasars are mysterious and very bright objects now seen at the far corners of the universe.

The Hubble telescope showed that the galaxy's stars became more concentrated as astronomers looked closer and closer to the galaxy's center. That pattern suggests the stars were being drawn toward a black hole, said Lauer.

"The whole center of the galaxy is being drawn in," said Lauer, of the National Optical Astronomy Observatories in Tucson, Ariz.

Very massive black holes can trigger huge releases of energy as they suck matter toward them, and the calculated mass of this apparent hole suggests it would be enough to create the kind of energy seen in quasars, Lauer said.

"This is the first good case near us where it looks like there may be a dead quasar," he said.

If so, the quasar would have died when the flow of material toward the black hole became insufficient, scientists said.

Further studies will be needed to confirm whether the black hole exists, he said.

## NASA prepares for \$100 million search for space aliens

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA is celebrating the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the New World in a special way — with a \$100 million project to look for aliens from outer space.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration will begin setting up equipment in the Mojave Desert next week to carry out the search, which will begin on Oct. 12, Columbus Day.

The holiday was picked because "it celebrates the spirit of exploration," said Michael Klein, manager of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's part of the Search for

Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

"What we are trying to understand is ... are we alone in the universe and what is our part in this incredible universe?" Klein said Thursday. "I strongly believe someday we will make contact with other civilizations."

More than 50 searches for space aliens have been conducted since 1960, scanning the heavens for radio signals generated by an intelligent civilization within our Milky Way galaxy and others.

NASA's \$100 million effort will be the most extensive. It will scan the entire sky for a wide range of radio frequencies and conduct a

highly sensitive search for radio signals from any planets that may exist around roughly 1,000 sun-like stars within 100 light years — 588 trillion miles — of Earth.

"Circumstantial evidence suggests countless Earth-like planets exist in our galaxy," Klein said. "We hope someday we'll detect the existence of other intelligent civilizations from those planets."

Scientists eventually will use sophisticated radio-signal analyzers and giant dish-shaped antennas already located at NASA's Deep Space Network tracking stations at Canberra, Australia, and Goldstone, Calif.

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