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Walsh wants to question Bush on Iran-Contra deal

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Iran-Contra prosecutor said Saturday he wants to "learn the facts" behind the new disclosure that President Bush kept notes about the arms-for-hostage affair, and the White House declined to say whether Bush would submit to an interrogation.

"That's a hypothetical question and we're simply not going to comment on a hypothetical situation," said Sean Walsh, a White House spokesman.

The prosecutor, Lawrence Walsh, said his office had intended to seek answers from Bush this fall on other Iran-Contra matters but postponed the attempt and "indicated we would not bother him, until the campaign was over."

Walsh, when asked directly, refused to say whether he would seek to interview Bush.

With their comments, the prosecutor and the White House set the stage for a possible confrontation, probably after Bush leaves office.

The prosecutor made his comments in a telephone interview with The Associated Press two days after the Christmas Eve pardons of Caspar Weinberger and five others in the Iran-Contra scandal.

One Democrat, Sen. Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, said he had telephoned the president and voiced support for a pardon of Weinberger while Bush was considering it.

The president asked "how I thought it would play" if there was a pardon, the senator said. He told the president "I think you'll be bludgeoned by some of the Democrats, my guess is some of the leadership will be pretty much against it."

DeConcini's call was first disclosed by The Los Angeles Times, which also said that House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., and Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., assured Bush that they would support a pardon of Weinberger in the weeks before the Christmas Eve announcement.

Messages left for spokesmen for Foley and Aspin were not immediately returned.

Bush's typewritten notes are the latest piece of evidence to surface in the labyrinth of Iran-Contra — and they may well hold some answers explaining what took place after the scandal unfolded in November 1986.

Walsh already has received some of Bush's notes, while others "have been withheld" from prosecutors, Walsh says.

Walsh's relationship with the Bush has been contentious, both before and since the president took office. Walsh's office has sent the White House voluminous document requests during the Bush and Reagan administrations.

Should Walsh request an interview, Bush presumably could agree to a request to be questioned or could attempt to invoke a legal doctrine of executive privilege, which shields presidents from undue ques-

tioning about their official duties. Walsh's team has already questioned one former president, speaking with Ronald Reagan last summer at his California ranch.

Another question Bush and his lawyers may face: should they let the ex-president be questioned by prosecutors at a time when he is the "subject" of a criminal investigation?

The "subject" designation — from the U.S. attorney's manual — means that a person's activities fall within the scope of a grand jury investigation.

Walsh stated in June that he'd had trouble getting documents out of the White House and then-vice president Bush's office — and that it was only after renewing the requests that additional material had been turned over.

Weinberger was indicted after Iran-Contra prosecutors found his notes at the Library of Congress in 1990.

Weinberger's notes — the ones used as the basis for his indictment — were taken at numerous meetings on Iran-Contra in 1985 and 1986.

Bush's notes are different. They were taken after November 1986 — the month the Iran-Contra scandal erupted in public.

But much of Walsh's investigation has focused on just that — the post-1986 period when Reagan administration figures were allegedly lying to Congress, to the FBI, to the Tower Review Board and to Walsh's prosecutors.

Radar alerts residents during recent storms

By ANGELA LEGGETT
Staff Writer

During recent snowstorms in the Panhandle, residents have had access to the weather radar equipment located in the Pampa/Gray County Emergency Operations Center.

"I have been utilizing the radar during some of the winter storms that we have been having," says Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall.

The equipment came on line in April of 1991.

"Monitoring the radar screen has been helpful by giving us some ideas on what level of snowfall that we can expect," he said. "The satellite picture gives us a more overall picture of the storm fronts, when they will arrive and when they will move on past our area."

There will be an alternate to the radar screen with an upcoming change by the National Weather Service in Amarillo, Hall said.

"At the current time, the National Weather Service in Amarillo is in the process of converting from their conventional radar to the new doppler radar system," Hall said. "During this transition period, there will be times when the radar imaging that we have seen this last summer will not be available."

He said, "An excellent alternate to the radar screen is the satellite image that is available." There are no set guidelines Hall has concerning when to bring radar on line.

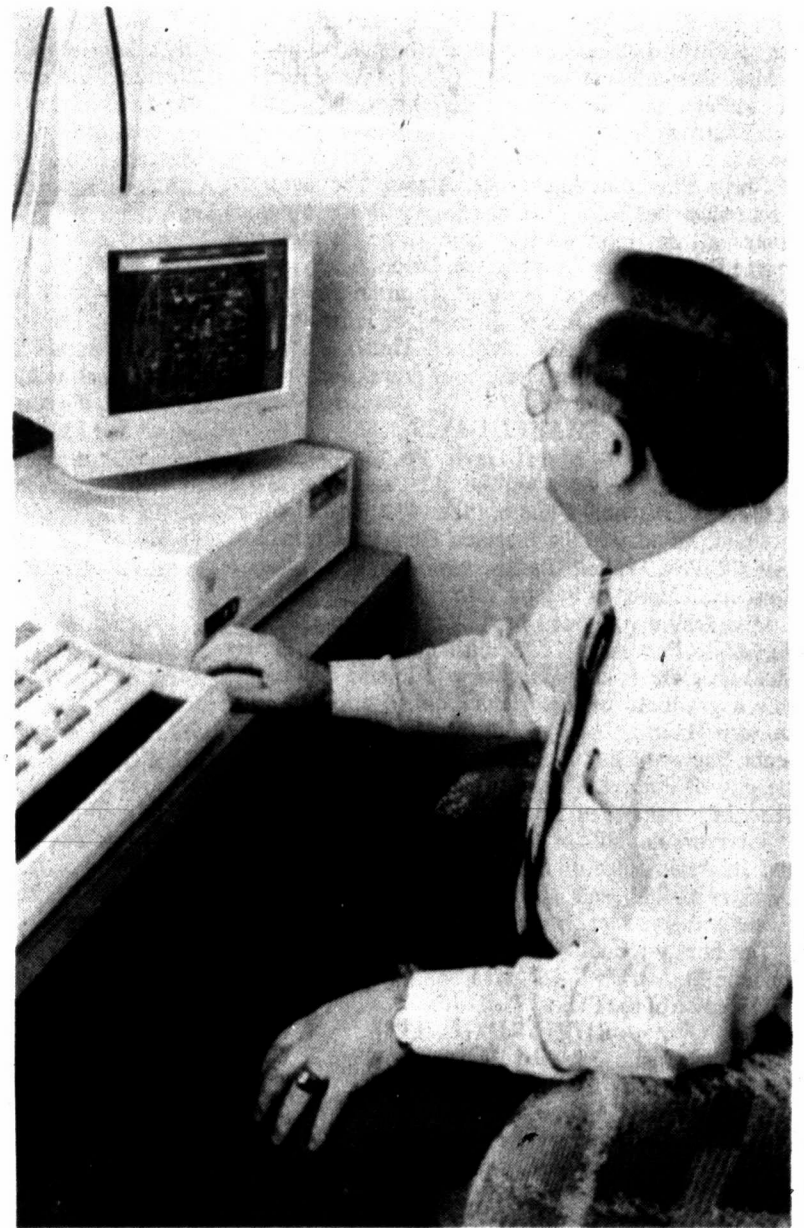
"When the radar was first purchased the guidelines that we used was that we would go on line when there was an immediate threat to Gray County," Hall said. "At that time and at the current time, the protection of people and property remain our first concern."

Leaving the radar on line for extended periods of time when less threatening conditions existed was not feasible when the equipment was first put on line, Hall said. Since that time Hall has overcome some concerns.

"If a severe summer or winter storm threatens areas of the Texas Panhandle, which in turn may ultimately affect Gray County, we can bring the radar on line," Hall said. "The criteria for bringing the radar on line is so subjective that it must be dealt with on an individual basis."

Hall said that having the ability to bring the radar on line during times when there are approaching storms has a positive, calming effect on the community.

"It permits citizens to monitor and evaluate the threat level of approaching storm for themselves," he said. "From this, citizens can pre-plan and determine what steps they need to take to



(Staff photo by Daniel Wieggers)

Ken Hall is shown with weather radar equipment recently.

protect their own lives and property."

The number of telephone calls received at Pampa Central Dispatch is reduced by this. It also permits the emergency services telecommunications operators to respond to other needs.

"Right now, bringing things on line is not cost prohibitive as it was," Hall said.

Hall said he would not hesitate to bring the radar on line if there is a threat in the Panhandle.

"Even if it is not directly in Pampa, the equipment may be turned on (television) so residents may monitor what it is like in other areas when they may have relatives property in the Panhandle," he said. "Generally the range on the map is 250 miles."

He said he usually puts the 100 or 200 nautical mile radius screen on television which includes the area around Amarillo.

"There are such a variety of things contingent on what makes a situation severe for us," Hall said.

"The needs of the community and the county are the dominant factors considered in determining why the radar is brought on line."

The radar is shared with the Community Access Channel of the local government.

"I have been given a broad leeway to use the Community Access Channel when it is determined that there is a need," Hall said. "I know that people depend on the access channel to list upcoming community events and I want to respect their needs."

Hall monitors his own access closely. Several times he has left the equipment on for a few consecutive days.

"This type of situation is more the exception than it is the rule," he said. "I am very proud to have this technology available in our Emergency Operations Center and want to share its benefit with as many people as possible."

He said, "The community made a terrific investment which will help us a long time to come."

New food labels lacking

WASHINGTON (AP) — You may wonder where all the vitamins went when you see the new nutrition labels on food packages.

They'll still be in the foods, but they're no longer considered essential health information.

And that's because diseases like beriberi and pellagra haven't been a threat to American health since anyone can remember.

It's cancer, diabetes, heart disease and a myriad of ailments caused by overeating and poor nutrition that health experts worry about now.

So the label is being retooled to discourage diets of excess rather than guard against diet deficiencies — emphasizing fat, sodium and cholesterol instead of B-vitamins like niacin, thiamine and riboflavin.

The new labels aren't out yet, but they should begin appearing next year. The government is giving food manufacturers until May 1994 to phase them in.

The National Academy of Sciences recommended removing some vitamin information after surveys showed that even Americans suffering from hunger are not at risk of diseases caused by lack of vitamins such as those seen in the Third World.

Vitamins A and C will still be listed along with iron and calcium, because there's an interest in them for other reasons, says the Food and Drug Administration, not because people are suffering from scurvy, a Vitamin C deficiency, for example.

It's mostly the B-vitamins that have been eliminated from the label.

This family of nutrients is essential to overall good health, but found in a wide variety of foods regularly consumed by most Americans, including whole grains, dried beans, eggs, meat and leafy green vegetables.

Additionally, during food processing, vitamins and minerals are routinely added, said Regina Hildwine of the National Food Processors Association.

Americans eat abundant proportions of processed foods from white bread and cereal to microwaveable dinners.

Hildwine said enough vitamins and minerals are spread through the American food supply that people can quit worrying about them.

Dietary deficiency "hasn't been a problem in this country for the last 20 years," she said.

Nancy Schwartz of the American Dietetic Association says it's been a lot longer than that.

Beriberi and pellagra are nervous disorders associated with a B-vitamin deficiency originally observed in Asia when the staple diet became white rice instead of brown. They never were overriding health concerns in the United States, said Schwartz.

Vitamins A and C, however, are believed to minimize cancer risk; calcium is important in the fight against osteoporosis and iron helps prevent anemia, health officials say. So they'll stay on the label.

As a whole, the new labels will tell consumers twice as much about nutrition as currently on foods and likely will seem more complicated at first.

Schwartz said her organization already is preparing educational materials and programs to help people use the label to plan healthier diets.

The government also will be providing information to consumers, promised Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan.

So will industry groups.

"This new label is a graduate degree in nutrition," said Jeff Nedelman of the Grocery Manufacturers of America. "Your children may be the first consumers who will be able to understand it, and that may make it worth doing."

Bush to collect significant pension benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — All those jobs President Bush held before he ran the country — con-

gressman, U.N. ambassador, envoy to China, CIA director and vice president — add up to a good pension

when he leaves the White House. The annual allowance, based on 21 years of government service, is

in addition to the presidential pension of \$143,800 and Bush's own personal income from a blind trust valued at \$1.3 million.

As he pens his memoirs in Texas, Bush will enjoy the monetary benefits of four years in the House of Representatives, two years as U.N. ambassador, more than a year as envoy to China, two years as CIA director and eight years as vice president.

Separately, four years in the House would not entitle Bush to a congressional pension, according to the National Taxpayers' Union, which says a minimum of five years is required.

But the pension is calculated on "all government service," including Bush's eight years as vice president, when he also was the president of the Senate, said Mary Ann Maloney, a spokeswoman at the Office of Personnel Management.

When Bush departs on Jan. 20, he will submit to OPM the paperwork on his congressional pension, and "a formula will kick in" to determine his yearly annuity, Maloney said.

The formula is fairly simple: The average of the three highest salaries, multiplied by the years of service, multiplied by 2.5 percent.

Bush's average highest salary was \$104,567 during his tenure as vice

president and based on the prescription, his congressional pension works out to about \$44,000 annually.

The pension for former presidents is equal to that of the current salary of a Cabinet secretary and this year the amount is \$143,800.

The federal government also provides for the rental of office space and staff salaries for the remainder of a president's life. The salaries can total \$150,000 for the first 2 1/2 years, and \$96,000 a year after that.

That limit doesn't go into effect until July 1993 for Bush, who will have \$1.5 million to spend on the six-month transition from office.

All told, Bush's annual pension

will amount to \$187,800, far less than the golden parachutes given to chief executives at some of the nation's major corporations, but a handsome retirement amount nonetheless when compared to his \$200,000 salary as president.

Personally, Bush reported taxable income of \$197,000 in 1991 on his blind trust that was valued at \$1.3 million and cash on deposit, including Individual Retirement Accounts for him and his wife, Barbara, of \$111,000.

The Bushes also own a vacant lot in Houston valued at \$79,000 and their estate at Kennebunkport, Maine, worth \$2,196,000.



(AP Photo)

President Bush is shown in this 1987 file photo on a quail hunt with Houston businessman Will Farish.

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Services tomorrow

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RAMSEY, John Marshall — 4 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery.
STARK, Lewis Richard "Jim" Stark — 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery.
WEEKS, Mamie Louise — 10 a.m., Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon/Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Amarillo.

Obituaries

NELLIE REESER BOSWELL
MILANO — Nellie Reeser Boswell, 92, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 1992. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Phillips & Luckey Chapel, Rockdale, with Dr. Bill R. Boswell officiating. Arrangements are by Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home, Rockdale.
 Mrs. Boswell was born Sept. 23, 1900, in Eureka, Ill., to Peter and Mary Eva (Roberts) Reeser. She married Thurman Boswell on July 28, 1931, in Enid, Okla. He was a minister who established the First Disciples of Christ Church in Anchorage, Alaska. She had been a schoolteacher before her marriage and was a homemaker all her married life. She earned a master's degree from Phillips University in Enid, Okla.
 Survivors include her husband, Thurman Boswell of Milano; a son, Dr. Bill R. Boswell of Pineville, La., and his wife, Martha; a daughter, Thurla Hubert of Milano and her husband Ted; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

MABEL DAVIS
PLAINVIEW — Mabel Davis, 96, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 1992. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Plainview. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Monday in the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with the Rev. William Bailey, pastor of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa, officiating.
 Miss Davis was born May 22, 1896, in Era. She moved to Pampa in 1918 with her parents, Henry McCauley Davis and Mary Jane Gilliland Davis. She was a graduate of Era High School and attended Decatur Baptist College. She lived in Pampa for 43 years. She was Gray County treasurer and secretary for the city of Pampa. She moved to Plainview in 1961. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.
 Survivors include two nieces, Jane Stolte of Trinity and Johnnie Smith of Pampa; two nephews, Weldon Davis of Lufkin and Bill Davis of Denton; and great-nieces and great-nephews.
 The family requests that memorial contributions be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Plainview, or to the Hospice of the Plains, Plainview.

RICHARD GUSTIN
Richard Gustin, 39, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1992. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Toronto Township Cemetery at Toronto, Kan., with the Rev. Lyndon Glaesman and the Rev. Gerald Zuck, pastor of the First Christian Church at Toronto, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Gustin, born Aug. 11, 1953, in Miesbach, Germany, moved to Pampa two years ago from Perryton. He graduated from Dodge City High School at Dodge City, Kan. He worked for Halliburton Services for four years. He married Pam Vang at Ensign, Kan., on May 26, 1973. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.
 Survivors include his wife Pam of the home; three daughters, Nanna Gustin, Amy Gustin and Stacy Gustin, all of Pampa; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Gustin of Springfield, Mo.; a sister, Cindy Cox of Springfield, Mo.; a grandmother, Phyllis Gustin of Toronto, Kan.; and a granddaughter, Tollyn Gustin of Pampa.

ACIE DEE HENDERSON
SHAMROCK — Acie Dee Henderson, 90, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1992. Services will be at 3 p.m. today in the Shamrock Church of Christ, with Cottie Tarbet and Mike Prosser officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery by Wright Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Henderson moved to Wheeler County in 1917. He married Donna Teakell in 1922 at Wheeler County. She died in 1977. He was an electrician. He was a member of the Shamrock Church of Christ.
 Survivors include two daughters, Frances Riley of Amarillo and Mary Prosser of Lubbock; six sisters, Mildred Gierhart, Muri Harris and Jessie Henry, all of Shamrock, Jeane Wisenbaker of Mesquite, Nell Burrell of Canadian and Bessie Carver of Amarillo; four brothers, J.B. Henderson, T.B. Henderson and Ernest Henderson, all of Twitty, and Joe Henderson of Wheeler; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
 The family will receive friends from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. today at the church and requests memorials be to the Shamrock Church of Christ building fund.

RUTH ALBERTA JOWERS
Ruth Alberta Jowers, 70, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1992. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Jowers was born Nov. 2, 1922, at Chickasha, Okla. She moved 27 years ago from Dalhart to Richmond, Calif. She had been visiting in Pampa when she died. She married Eddie Jowers, who preceded her in death. She was a Methodist and a member of the Isis Chapter of Order of Eastern Star in Amarillo.
 Survivors include five daughters, Nita Mathis of Pampa, Alva Wilson of Pampa, Ruth Brown of Pampa, Lois Jowers of Clear Lake, and Shirley Jowers of Richmond, Calif.; two sons, Alphonso Jowers of Denver, Colo., and Edward Jowers of Amarillo; four brothers, Booker T. Baker of Richmond, Calif., Calvin Baker of Oklahoma City, Okla., Mitchell Bowles of Las Vegas, Nev., and William Bowles of Las Vegas, N.M.; a sister, Evelyn Bowles of Seattle, Wash.; 27 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

W.A. LATHAM
SPEARMAN — W.A. "Pop" Latham, 87, brother of a Canadian resident, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1992. Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Heart Cemetery at Booker, with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.
 Mr. Latham was born in Madill, Okla. He married Mary L. Lee in 1927 at Perryton. She died in 1987. He farmed until 1957 and then worked as a custodian at Spearman High School, retiring in 1970. He was a member of the First Christian Church.
 Survivors include a son, Orville Latham of Spearman; a brother, Jim Latham of Booker; a sister, Irene Voorhees of Canadian; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

ROBERT OLIVER McDOWELL
 Robert Oliver McDowell Jr., 65, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1992. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Fairview Cemetery, with the Rev. Earl Maddux, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.
 Mr. McDowell was born March 17, 1927, at Vernon. He was a resident of Pampa since 1928. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was a Baptist.
 Survivors include three daughters, Terry Griffin of Sherman, Lisa Doyle of Pampa, Robyn Mitchell of Albuquerque, N.M.; two brothers, Ray McDowell of Amarillo, and John Snuggs of Pampa; three sisters, Neva Bailey of McLean, Dorothy Cockrell of Pampa, and Merle Boos of Sun City, Calif.; and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Rick Allen McDowell.

DAVID WILSON PARKER
 David Wilson Parker, 84, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1992. Services were at 4 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. M.B. Smith, a Baptist minister, officiating. Masonic graveside services were in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966 AF&AM.
 Mr. Parker, born in Oklahoma on Sept. 10, 1908, moved to Pampa in 1941 from Burns Flat, Okla. He married Odessa Thompson on Sept. 10, 1930, at Dell City, Okla. He was a pipefitter for about 32 years, retiring in 1973. He was a member of the Pipefitters Local No. 196 in Amarillo, Highland Baptist Church and the Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966 AF&AM.
 Survivors include his wife Odessa of the home; five sons, J.D. Parker of Odessa, Jim C. Parker of Sunrise Beach and Bob L. Parker, Don R. Parker and Glynn D. Parker, all of Borger; a daughter, Joan Nash of Amarillo; two sisters, Etta Mae Mabry of Elk City, Okla., and Stella Thompson of Rangely, Colo.; a brother, Jack Parker of Las Vegas, Nev.; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

JOHN MARSHALL RAMSEY
John Marshall Ramsey, 72, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1992. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery.
 Mr. Ramsey was born Feb. 9, 1920, in Tulsa, Okla. He was a resident of Pampa since 1946. He married Pat Miller on June 15, 1946, in Pampa. He worked for Pan American Oil Company for 25 years, retiring in 1985. He was a Presbyterian. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.
 Survivors include his wife Pat of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Jon Tarvin of Pampa and Paula and Bill Gilreath of Pampa; three grandsons, Scott Tarvin and Anthony Gilreath, both of Pampa, and Jay Tarvin of Amarillo; and a sister-in-law, Mildred Cooper of Pampa.

LEWIS RICHARD "JIM" STARK
Lewis Richard "Jim" Stark, 75, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 1992. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Fairview Cemetery, with the Rev. M.B. Smith, a Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery.
 Mr. Stark was born Jan. 12, 1917, at Neodesha, Kan. He was a resident of Pampa since 1927. He married Alice Brown on Oct. 1, 1971, at White Deer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Hobart Baptist Church. He was a lifetime member of the Presidential Task Force.
 Survivors include his wife Alice of the home; two sons, Eli Stark of Dangerfield and Zackery Stark of Pampa; two sisters, Lois Gillespie of Amarillo and Lillie Powell of White Deer.

WILLIS M. THOMAS
CLAYTON, N.M. — Willis M. Thomas, 73, a native of McLean, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1992. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ran Loy, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Clayton Memorial Cemetery by Schooler-Hass Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Thomas, born in McLean, lived in Plainview from 1953 to 1966 and moved to Clayton in 1967 from Dumas. He married Jonimerle Pickett in 1946 at Amarillo. He drilled water wells in the Clayton area for many years. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving for six years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.
 Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Letty Craft of Midland; two sisters, Wilma Elznic of Lake Monroe, Fla., and Neoma Stringer of Lubbock; and two grandchildren.

ALMA JAMESON TWEEDY
BEDFORD — Alma Jameson Tweedy, 80, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1992. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Amarillo at the Memorial Park Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Tuesday.
 Mrs. Tweedy was born May 8, 1912, in Canyon. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church in Amarillo for many years. She married T.M. Tweedy on July 16, 1932, in Clayton, and the couple lived in Amarillo. He died in November 1967. She was a lifelong resident of the Panhandle area, except for her last four years in Bedford.
 Survivors include a son, Don Tweedy of Bedford; two daughters, Jean Thompson of Pampa and JoElla Turner of Fort Collins, Colo.; a sister, Barbara Forbes of Odessa; a brother, John David Jameson of Sarasota, Fla.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
 The family requests that memorials be to a favorite charity.

MAMIE LOUISE WEEKS
AMARILLO — Mamie Louise Weeks, 79, a former resident of Wheeler and the mother of a Pampa resident, died Friday, Dec. 25, 1992. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon/Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, 5400 Bell St., with the Rev. Alvin Quick of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery at Wheeler.
 Mrs. Weeks, born on July 5, 1913, in Newport, Ark., grew up on a farm near Dozier and attended school in Collinsworth County, where she met John Grissom Weeks. They married in November 1928. He died in 1970. They were married 42 years, including several years as residents in Wheeler and Lubbock. She had been an Amarillo resident for 14 years. She attended First Assembly of God Church in Amarillo. She was preceded in death by a daughter, who died at birth.
 Survivors include five sons, Johnny Weeks of Wichita Falls and Leonard Weeks, Bobby Weeks, Ronnie Weeks and Kenny Weeks, all of Amarillo; four daughters, Louise Greenhouse and Betty Slater, both of Amarillo, Glenda Malone of Pampa and Teresa Guinn of Grand Prairie; 24 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.
 The family requests memorials be to the High Plains Children's Home.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 56-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.
THURSDAY, Dec. 24
 10:40 a.m. — Four units and seven firefighters responded to a structure fire at 828 E. Locust.
FRIDAY, Dec 25
 8:06 a.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at 1534 N. Sumner.
 9:03 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire at 1133 E. Kingsmill.
 1:21 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assist at 828 S. Somerville.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 56-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.
FRIDAY, Dec. 25
 Jimmy Burke, 510 E. Foster, reported criminal mischief to a 1978 Jeep.
 Juan Martinez, 426 N. Crest, reported criminal mischief to a 1986 Dodge.
 Adrian Martinez, 412 Crest, reported criminal mischief to a 1988 Ford.
 Ivonne Romero, 427 N. Crest, reported criminal mischief to a 1982 Ford.
SATURDAY, Dec. 26
 Emiliano Miranda, 1215 E. Francis, reported criminal mischief to a 1978 Mercury.
 Wayne Leathers, 1213 Darby, reported criminal mischief to a 1990 Toyota.
 Claro H. Guerra, 1214 S. Finley, reported reckless damage over \$200/under \$200.
Arrests
THURSDAY, Dec. 24
 George Thomas Williams, 30, Lefors, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and transferred to Gray County Jail.
FRIDAY, Dec. 25
 Thomas J. Carpenter, 27, 300 block of Faulkner, was arrested on two warrants and released after paying a fine.
SAURDAY, Dec. 26
 DeWayne Rodney Hill, 21, 1037 S. Schneider, was arrested on a warrant.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Jo Fern Anderson, Pampa
 Ernest Lee Godfrey, McLean
 Lori Ann Starnes, Pampa
 Mary Evelyn Chisum, Pampa
 Flora Mae Jones, Pampa
 Teresa Ann Keith, Pampa
Dismissals
 Helen Irene Farrar, Pampa

Ambulance

American Medical Transport Paramedic Service reported 52 calls for the period of Dec. 12 through Thursday. Of the calls, 30 were emergency responses and 22 were of a non-emergency nature.

Calendar of events

T.O.P.S. #149
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.
12-STEP SURVIVORS GROUP
 A 12-step survivors group for victims of incest and sexual abuse meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. For more information call 669-7403 or write SIA, P.O. Box 119, Pampa, 79066-0119.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 56-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23
 Leroy Thornburg, 1809 Zimmers, reported theft.
SATURDAY, Dec. 26
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported a case of driving while intoxicated.
Arrests
THURSDAY, Dec. 24
 George Thomas Williams, 30, Canadian, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and released on bond.
 Dickey Don Jackson, 28, Amarillo, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and released on bond.
FRIDAY, Dec. 25
 Franklin Lee Watts, 28, 312 N. Faulkner, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and released on bond.
SATURDAY, Dec. 26
 Terry Joe Miller, 31, of Amarillo, was arrested on a charge of forgery by making and released on bond.

Accidents

Accident reports were not available from the Pampa Police Department due to administrative offices being closed for the weekend.

Reba Kay Hamilton, Spearman
 Andy Ward Reed, Pampa
 Carolyn M. Rivera, Pampa
 Tom Jack Duree, Pampa
 Wanda Lee Ensey, Pampa
 Dorlain I. Ladd (extended care unit), Pampa
Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Mark Keith of Pampa, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ray Starnes of Pampa, a boy.
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
 Admissions and dismissals were not available.

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City briefs

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IMAGES HAS the complete line of Estee Lauder fragrances, makeup, skin care, and Lauder for Men. 123 N. Cuyler, 669-1091. Adv.
MAKE RESERVATIONS now for New Year's Eve at City Limits, 669-9171. Adv.
MARY KAY Cosmetics, Deb Stapleton consultant. Facials, supplies, deliveries. 665-2095. Adv.
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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Today, partly sunny and warmer with a high near 60, west winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy and a low of 28. Monday, mostly cloudy with a high of 55.
REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Panhandle, today, partly sunny and warmer. Highs, 55-60. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows, 25-30. Monday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Monday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Extended forecast, Tuesday through Thursday, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of light rain each day. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Highs, 50-55. South Plains, today, mostly sunny and warmer. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Tonight, fair. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Monday, increasing cloudiness. Highs around 60 to the lower 60s. Monday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 30s. Tuesday through Thursday, mostly cloudy. A chance of light rain each day. Lows in the mid to upper 30s. Highs, around 60. Big Bend, Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s mountains to 60s along the river. Sunday night, increasing cloudiness with lows in the 30s mountains to the lower 40s along the river. Monday, becoming mostly cloudy with highs in the 50s mountains to near 70 along the river.
 North Texas — Today, partly cloudy west, mostly cloudy elsewhere with a slight chance of showers southeast. Highs in the middle 50s to lower 60s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain over the southeast half. Lows in the lower to middle 40s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain central and east. Highs in the upper 50s to middle 60s. Tuesday through Thursday, seasonal temperatures with a slight chance of rain each day. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s. Lows in the 40s.
 South Texas — Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas, today through Monday, mostly cloudy. High in the 60s. Low in the 40s Hill Country, 50s south central. Tuesday through Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 40s to near 50. Highs in the 60s. Texas Coastal Bend, Sunday through Monday, mostly cloudy with dense late night and morning fog along with intermittent light rain or drizzle. High in the 60s Sunday, Near 70 Monday. Low in the 50s inland, near 60 coast. Tuesday through Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Highs in the 70s.

Analysis: Clinton's cabinet goes deeper than race and gender

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The diversity in Bill Clinton's Cabinet runs deeper than race and gender, his team a reflection of the Democratic Party's philosophical tug-of-war and the president-elect's desire for government innovation.

Where he was best served politically by being cautious and reassuring, Clinton aimed to be just that, naming economic and foreign policy-national security teams filled with respected moderates well known to global markets and leaders.

But in areas where he hopes to make a lasting mark — education, training, health and social policy — Clinton surrounded himself with outspoken, and in many ways untested, activists who favor sharp breaks from the Republican approaches of the past 12 years, on issues ranging from abortion to urban development.

Collectively, Clinton's Cabinet picks share an impressive mix of political experience, from running major cities and states to shaping federal policy from Congress.

For balance, Clinton reached into corporate boardrooms for two critical picks — his attorney general and energy secretary — and academia for two more, reflecting his style of inviting all views to the table and consolidating decision-making power at the top.

"It's a practical group in terms of matching people to his policies," said Vanderbilt University political scientist Erwin Hargrove.

"For all the diversity, there is a common element: these people share a belief that government is not an enemy but that it is meant to serve," said Democratic consultant Ann Lewis.

Here is a breakdown of Clinton's Cabinet, and a brief glimpse at what each pick brings to the new administration:

—STATE. In lawyer-diplomat Warren Christopher, Clinton

selected a trusted adviser well known in world capitals from his days in the Carter State Department as a shrewd negotiator. The cautious Christopher is considered more technician than innovator, leaving policy development at the White House. Like all Democratic foreign policy specialists, he is untested in the post Cold War era.

—DEFENSE. House Armed Services Committee Chairman Les Aspin's intricate knowledge of Pentagon programs and Capitol Hill make him a pragmatic pick at a time of warring interests because of shrinking defense spending. Like Clinton, Aspin has espoused interventionist views on flexing military muscle.

—TREASURY. In ultimate insider Lloyd Bentsen, Clinton sent a calming signal to Wall Street and recruited a persuasive, moderate-to-conservative voice on budget and tax policy. Clinton hopes the influence Bentsen held as Senate Finance Committee chairman gives early strength to his economic initiatives.

—JUSTICE. Clinton's most intriguing pick, corporate lawyer Zoe Baird has little criminal justice background, a weakness Clinton will try to negate by naming strong deputies to the department. If confirmed, the first female attorney general will lead Clinton's effort to reverse Reagan-Bush anti-abortion policies.

—EDUCATION. Former South Carolina Gov. Richard Riley is a longtime Clinton friend and classroom reform ally who favors giving states more latitude in spending federal education dollars in return for higher, uniform standards. Riley, because he shares Clinton's views on education as an economic tool, will have a broader role in domestic policy than is traditional.

—LABOR. Harvard professor Robert Reich is among Clinton's most trusted economic advisers, likely to blur the traditional lines of this job. A fervent advocate of expanded job training, Reich's influence would give the Labor Department a profile it hasn't enjoyed in more than a decade.

—HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. University of Wisconsin Chancellor Donna Shalala, a close friend of Hillary Clinton, is among the Cabinet's more liberal voices, yet her job includes promoting Clinton's conservative welfare-to-work policy.

—HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. Former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros used HUD and other programs to promote economic development in his city. Like Clinton, he believes the government has a vital role to play in these areas, but thinks many current programs perpetuate problems they are supposed to solve.

—TRANSPORTATION. Like Cisneros, former Denver Mayor Federico Pena's legacy was economic development and infrastructure improvements.

—ENERGY. In the corporate sector, utility executive Hazel O'Leary aggressively pushed conservation and alternative fuels such as natural gas, and the link between energy and economics. A glaring weakness is her lack of knowledge about nuclear weapons programs, a huge piece of her department.

—COMMERCE. Democratic Party chief Ronald H. Brown is unschooled in many of the intricate trade and technology issues at the core of this post, as is Clinton's choice for trade representative, another lawyer-lobbyist, Mickey Kantor. Both, however, are quick studies and seasoned negotiators.

'Putt' Powell dead at 80

AMARILLO (AP) — W.L. "Putt" Powell, who became dean of Texas sports writers during a 62-year career with the *Amarillo Globe-News*, is dead at 80.

Powell died Thursday at a hospice after a two-year bout with cancer.

Powell's career took him down a path filled with honors, the chance to cover every event from high school athletics to the World Series and an opportunity to write his "Putting Around" and "Short Putts" columns for *Amarillo's* afternoon and morning newspapers respectively.

He retired from the *Amarillo Globe-News* in 1977, but remained at the paper to write his columns on an individual basis.

Although he had been so ill on several occasions in the past year that he had not been expected to live through the night, Powell kept proving the doctors wrong and would soon reappear at work. The last of his daily sports columns with the newspaper appeared on Dec. 18.

Powell was awarded the Texas High School Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award in 1978, only the second sports writer to be so honored.

His columns frequently were controversial.

"When I started writing a column regularly in 1943, Gene Howe (publisher and columnist), told me, 'Decide if you want to be popular and dull or unpopular and read,'" Powell said.

Asked in an 1984 interview how he would like to be remembered, Powell said he wished to be remembered for giving teams he covered full credit when they did well, but also for writing that they played poorly when they did.

"I'm not sure everything I wrote was correct, but I believed everything I wrote," he said.

In that same article, Powell was asked the highlight of his career as a sports writer.

"Just being a member of the *Globe-News* sports department. Just knowing I can come to work seven days a week and there is a desk that is mine," he responded.

He started his sports writing career at the *Globe-News* on Sept. 1, 1930, while he was still attending Amarillo High School. He had a special place in his heart for the Amarillo High Sandies, who were among the state's superpower high school football teams at the start of his writing career.

Powell also had close ties to Oklahoma University coaches. He covered every Texas-Oklahoma football game from 1939 to 1984.

Powell was born Oct. 24, 1912, in Lubbock, Texas. During the seven decades he worked for the *Globe-News* papers, he devoted much of his career to helping establish organizations and projects honoring sports achievement.

Powell was instrumental in establishing the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame. He and the late Harold Ratliff, a longtime Texas Associated Press sports editor, organized the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame at Breckenridge.

He and four others organized the Texas Sports Writers Association during the 1944 Texas High School Coaches Association coaching school in Wichita Falls.

Powell established awards presented annually by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce awards, which go to the outstanding high school athletes in six sports.



W.L. 'Putt' Powell

He married Frances Asbury in 1963. He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Frances Ann Hirsch of Amarillo; a son, Jimi W. Wright of Rockwell; a son, David Powell of Albuquerque, N.M.; two daughters, Becky Estes of Golden, Colo., and Karen Miller of Amarillo; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in First Christian Church with Dr. John Bridwell, minister emeritus, officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

The family has announced plans to establish a memorial scholarship in Powell's memory. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions to the scholarship fund be addressed to the Amarillo Area Foundation, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 700, Amarillo, Texas, 79101. Checks should be made out "In memory of Putt Powell."

Bivins to conduct meeting in city

State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, will conduct a public meeting in Pampa this week to discuss the upcoming legislative session and to answer questions from constituents.

The public meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the M. K. Brown Room of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce building, 200 N. Ballard St.

At the meeting, Bivins plans to talk about bills he has introduced and to solicit views from constituents on state issues.

In January, the Legislature is expected to address such issues as financing for public schools, the state budget, health care, and criminal justice.

"It's very important that people

attend this meeting to let me know what they think," Bivins said. "I need to hear their ideas about solving the state's many problems."

The Legislature is scheduled to convene from January through May.

Alanreed early voting set

Early voting will be available beginning Monday for Alanreed Independent School District voters who want to vote on the question of abolishing the school district.

Election day on the issue is set for Jan. 16. Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter said the early voting will continue

through Jan. 12 in her office on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

Carter said she also plans to go to Alanreed one day during the early voting period for the convenience of the voters.

She said there are 95 registered voters in the Alanreed ISD.

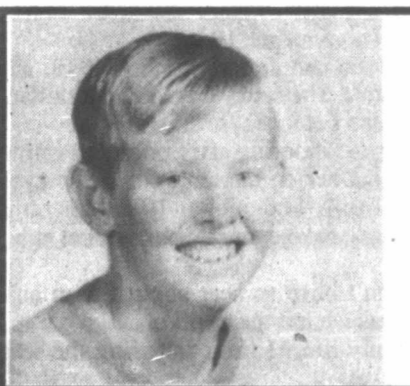
Congregation plans celebration

The Briarwood congregation is hosting a New Year's Eve celebration at the church, 1800 W. Harvester St., from 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday.

Special guest speaker will be

the Rev. B. Owen Oslin and a special music concert will be given by Heidi Allen Roush and the Rev. Lynn and Janet Hancock.

The public is invited to attend.



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Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

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

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

Louise Fletcher
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Opinion

Mr. Clinton is drafted

The first days of Operation Restore Hope — notwithstanding the Pellini-esque amphibious landing of our Navy Seals onto a media-created carnival stage — have apparently been conducted without hitch. So smoothly have the marines taken Mogadishu that we may be forgiven for wondering if the real restoration of hope belongs to the formulators of American foreign policy. Perhaps the New World Order wasn't still-born after all.

And it is all so humanitarian, so ... selfless. None of that Cold War carping about Washington's intervention into the internal affairs of other nations. Somalia can scarcely be called sovereign in the 20th-century sense; the major "war lords" actually welcome our presence, seeing it as a desperately-needed instrument to set things aright in their anarchy — a task they cannot, or will not, undertake themselves. Of most importance, starving people finally will be fed — who can deny the virtue of that?

Still, the rescue of Somalia — if that be the outcome — raises questions the incoming Clinton administration should be expected to answer, its temptation to muddle through being ever-present. On foreign matters Gov. Clinton was virtually silent during the presidential campaign, leaving the impression that a *tabula rasa* would be available to him on Jan. 20 of next year. President Bush, we trust not out of spite, has forced him to take something like real positions.

To be sure, during the campaign Mr. Clinton did try to outflank Mr. Bush on the right by calling for intervention into Yugoslavia. (That call was made months ago by Britain's former prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, and again last week by former president Reagan, the world's premier Tories.) The new president, who doubtless wanted to spend the first months of his term talking about health care and infrastructure, will have to make morally equivalent claims of the Bosnians and the Somalis. Or bite his lip and explain why they are not.

If he cannot decouple the Balkans and the Horns of Africa as recipients of America's armed attention, or even the Horn from the rest of Africa, then brace yourself for a new era of American adventuring. American servicemen, and American taxpayers, will be expected not only to keep the peace and restore stability anywhere in the world it becomes "feasible" to do so, but also to stop any outbreaks of genocide and feed the starving. It is a way both opponents and supporters of the American military can salvage their post-Vietnam consciences, the next best thing to making Sally Struthers secretary of defense.

The real quagmire does not lie in Somalia proper, but in all Africa and wherever else our minicam-tweaked consciences might send us. Will Mozambique be next? Or Sudan? Or Tanzania? Or, as US Ambassador to Kenya Smith Hempstone rightly warns, Somalia again in 1994? And might we expect assistance from the Organization of African Unity, our perpetual critic in various United Nations forums, or from the Islamic world? Indeed, why were they not the first to land at Mogadishu?

Our servicemen, stoic as ever, do not question their newfound duties as armed humanitarians. Let us do some questioning on their behalf.

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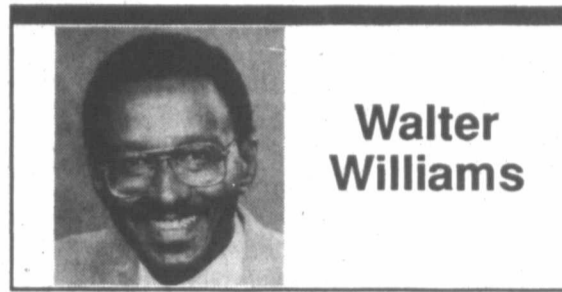
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Do-gooders and Africa

In 1989, I wrote "South Africa's War Against Capitalism." The book's last chapter said, "There is indeed much poverty in Soweto. But there is no misery of the kind found in, say, Addis Ababa, Kinshasa or Karachi. ... Since 1900, fewer than 7,000 South African blacks have died in civil conflict with government (compared) with the untold millions who have lost their lives in civil conflicts in Uganda, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Nigeria." The point was that, while there was considerable room for improvement in South Africa, its black citizens had greater human rights protections and a far higher standard of living than their brothers elsewhere on the continent. Anyone really concerned with the fate of African people might reprioritize their agenda and criticism to focus on the great suffering to the north. I was pilloried as an apologist for South Africa's apartheid.

It makes no difference to those muddle-headed do-gooders picketing the South African Embassy that, in July 1989, Somalia's soldiers gunned down 450 demonstrators in one day and some 500,000 Somalis fled for the desert of Ethiopia. The protestors and their allies on college campuses and churches across the nation expressed not one iota of concern that in August 1988, after the 1972 slaughter of an estimated 200,000, the Watutsi minority in Burundi murdered another 20,000 Hutu.

In Ethiopia, Uganda, Mauritania, Mozambique,



Walter Williams

Zimbabwe and the Sudan, there have been genocide programs where millions have lost their lives or have been forced to flee their homeland. Plus, in Mauritania and the Sudan, there is slavery. If these countries had slaughtered as many elephants or zebras, America's elite would have been up at the United Nations demanding that something be done. Our response to this barbarism differs little from one that says it's okay if blacks brutalize other blacks, but we won't tolerate violence from whites in South Africa; whites we hold to civilized standards of conduct.

Africa's problems are a result of the importation of half-baked ideas and policies that haven't worked anywhere in the world. African elites, schooled at prestigious universities like the London School of Economics, Cambridge, Harvard and Yale, carried back the bankrupt idea that centralized economic planning would create economic

growth. The other half of their idea was that if human rights stood in the way of planning, human rights would be brutally suppressed.

Western handouts have not helped. Between 1955 and 1985, Third World countries have received \$2.5 trillion in foreign aid. Most of it has gone for worthless projects and gave tyrants, who would have otherwise been overthrown, the resources to stay in power. Virtually every south-of-the-Sahara country, except South Africa, is worse off now than it was before receiving independence and handouts. The ordinary citizen can boast of greater liberty under colonialism.

We can constructively help Africa. Privately, we can host students who are taking courses in higher education — not in psycho-babble such as peace studies, environmentalism and sociology, but in civil engineering, agriculture and other fields indigenously useful. Of more significance would be the lifting of all trade barriers against goods produced in Africa plus the reduction or elimination all taxes on U.S. corporations doing business in Africa.

The overwhelming responsibility for higher standards of living and a greater measure of liberty lies with the people of Africa. They must repudiate in no uncertain terms the elite propaganda and sham excuses that their current programs are a result of western colonization. No amount of money can do the job Africans must do themselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 27, the 362nd day of 1992. There are four days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 27, 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a voyage to the Pacific aboard the H.M.S. Beagle. Darwin's discoveries during the voyage helped form the basis of his theories on evolution.

On this date:
In 1822, scientist Louis Pasteur was born in Dole, France.

In 1892, 100 years ago, the cornerstone was laid for the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City.

In 1927, "Show Boat," one of the major works of the American musical theater, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.

In 1932, 60 years ago, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York.

In 1945, 28 nations signed an agreement creating the World Bank.

In 1947, the children's television program "Howdy Doody," hosted by Bob Smith, made its debut on NBC.



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Dice talk

LAS VEGAS — I have often spoken, quite reverentially, about the night a former employee of mine, Susan, rolled 23 straight passes at a craps table at Caesar's Palace the first time she ever held a pair of dice.

For those not familiar with craps, that is some brilliant dice-tossing and it won me, and several others at the table, a nice piece of change.

As for myself, I'm a horrible tosser of dice. Give me a number to roll and I couldn't hit it with a stick.

So now I'm back in Las Vegas with the love of my life, Deidre. (That's how she asked me to refer to her in this and all subsequent columns in which I mention her.)

The love of my life had never held a pair of dice either.

But I had this hunch. We went back to Caesar's, found that table where Susan had rolled number after number and purchased some chips.

When the dice were passed to me I passed them to Deidre.

"What do I do?" she asked me. "Just roll them, honey, and make sure they hit the back wall. It's a rule," I said.

I put down my money, betting on Deidre, the shooter. She rolled a seven. I win. She rolled another seven. I win again.

"What do you want me to throw now?" she asked. "Another seven would be fine," I said.



Lewis Grizzard

She rolled an 11, another winner. It's *deja vu* all over again.

On her next come/out, Deidre rolled a six. What she had to do for me to win again was to roll another six before she rolled a seven.

No problem. She hit the six on her third throw. A crowd is beginning to gather at our craps table.

"Am I doing good?" Deidre asked me. I said, "Just keep rolling those bones."

She asked, "What does that mean?"

"It's dice talk, honey," I explained and motioned her to roll again.

She rolled an eight. Three rolls later she hit a six-two, and I'm wondering if it's going to be Tahiti or maybe the Orient on the vacation Deidre is winning for me.

By now there are two abreast at my craps table. The man with the stick is shouting, "We gotta lady shootah, and she's hot!"

That's dice talk, too.

There's money all over the table. Lots of colors. The fat man at the other end of the table has broken into a sweat, and he's dropping cigar ashes on the green felt.

Deidre rolled two more straight sevens for two more winners, and they're screaming and cheering for her, and the hotel wants to comp me for a month if I'll bring her back.

She rolled a four. She hit that. She rolled a five. She hit that.

This can't last I'm thinking. The doubts start to creep in. "Love of my life, why don't we walk out of here while I'm ahead?"

"Get a bet down," she replied. "I'm rollin' and I'm controllin'." She kept doing it. I lost count of just how many straight winners she threw before she finally rolled a seven and lost.

But I told her she had done a wonderful job and it was time to leave. She said, "Give me ten dollars. I want to make one bet for myself."

The fat guy was shooting. His point was nine. Deidre saw the marker on the table for snake eyes, two ones pay 31-to-1. She put her 10 dollars on it. The fat guy rolled snake eyes. Deidre pocketed her quick \$310.

"I guess I won't have to hear about Susan anymore," she said as we left the casino.

"No, love of my life," I said, caressing the winnings in my pocket.

It's the Year of the Woman, just about everywhere.

Civil rights and wrongs

If black America's problems are due to anything other than discrimination, Bill Clinton's administration will have a hard time finding out about it.

Why? Because the civil rights establishment is so fixated on discrimination that it reflexively attacks anyone who suggests there could be other reasons for the fact that blacks hold fewer professional jobs than whites, and for other such "evidence" of inequality.

If you don't believe this, just ask Thomas Sowell. Sowell, a black scholar at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, has tried his best to explain that while discrimination exists in America, it does not entirely explain black underachievement — and that the fixation on discrimination diverts our attention from other problems.

As a result of his heresy, Sowell is shunned by the civil rights establishment, and his scholarship — some of the best in the country on the issue of race — has been dismissed. That's why you may never have heard of him.

It's unfortunate. Sowell is not some right-wing nut, as the civil rights establishment likes to portray him. He is a serious social scientist — and the evidence he has found does not support the hypothesis that "discrimination causes underachievement."

"Groups with a demonstrable history of being discriminated against have, in many countries and



Edwin Feulner

in many countries and in many periods of history, had higher incomes, better educational performance, and more 'representation' in high-level positions than those doing the discriminating," Sowell says in his controversial 1984 book "Civil Rights: Rhetoric or Reality."

By way of example Sowell notes that in southeast Asia the Chinese, who make up five percent of the population, have for centuries suffered discrimination in employment, education, land ownership and housing. "In Malaysia, where anti-Chinese discrimination is written into the Constitution, is embodied in preferential quotas for Malays in government and private industry alike, and extends to admissions and scholarships at the universities, the average Chinese continues to earn twice the income of the average Malay," he points out.

The case is similar for the Japanese in America. They too have encountered widespread discrimination, culminating in their mass internment during World War II. Yet by 1959 they had about equaled the income of whites and by 1969 earned incomes one-third higher than the white average, Sowell notes.

But the case of blacks, argues the civil rights establishment, is unique — intense discrimination, based solely on the color of their skin, worse than what other groups have faced, keeps them from succeeding.

If that were true, Sowell says, West Indian blacks who emigrate to the United States should fare no better than American blacks. But they do. West Indian family incomes are 94 percent of the U.S. national average, compared to 62 percent for blacks as a whole, Sowell says. Furthermore, West Indian representation in professional occupations is double that of other blacks, and slightly higher than that of the U.S. population as a whole, Sowell found.

Sowell's fundamental point is that different performance levels between different groups cannot automatically be ascribed to racism.

To the civil rights establishment, Sowell is a quack doctor who misses the obvious diagnosis of what ails the patient. But in its stubborn refusal to re-examine its own theories, the establishment overlooks the possibility that a real solution to the problem of black underachievement might lurk elsewhere.

Letters to the editor

Thanks to merchants

To the editor,
My family and I want to thank the city merchants for their beautiful Christmas window fronts. The Christmas season starts so early sometimes it's hard to stay in the Christmas spirit. But with the help of the windows I am still very much in the Christmas spirit. And that makes it more fun to shop for Christmas. Thank you again. I loved them all.
Caroline Friend and family
Pampa

Resents pressure politics

To the editor:
I am so tired of gays and special interest groups trying to promote their morals and principals on the majority. I say YEA! for Colorado for passing their amendment. I think more states should follow their example. Why should gays have protected rights? Their lifestyle is immoral and against the principals of God!
I know homosexuals have been around forever, and I for one say if that is your lifestyle so be it, but don't try to force it on me and my family; we have not tried to force anything on you. Let's boycott any business or state that is for gay rights! I know the majority of the people are hard working and God fearing people, and we have let these special interest groups take over our country and run our lives. I think

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Army Signalman Philip Cooper, 20, was told he would be speaking to Caroline Cove, 26, on a BBC TV morning show through a live satellite link with Sarajevo, where she is a lance corporal with British forces helping the U.N. relief effort.

Cooper's first shock came when he popped the question and Ms. Cove refused to answer, saying: "I'll tell you when I see you next."

The show's presenters then disclosed that Ms. Cove had flown from Sarajevo and was standing outside the Birmingham studio.

When she rushed in to hug Cooper, her answer was: "Yes!"



(AP Photo) Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabbah, carries the infant Jesus at St. Catherine's Church in Bethlehem Friday.



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Opinion

Mr. Clinton is drafted

The first days of Operation Restore Hope — notwithstanding the Fellini-esque amphibious landing of our Navy Seals onto a media-created carnival stage — have apparently been conducted without hitch. So smoothly have the marines taken Mogadishu that we may be forgiven for wondering if the real restoration of hope belongs to the formulators of American foreign policy. Perhaps the New World Order wasn't still-born after all.

And it is all so humanitarian, so ... selfless. None of that Cold War carping about Washington's intervention into the internal affairs of other nations. Somalia can scarcely be called sovereign in the 20th-century sense; the major "war lords" actually welcome our presence, seeing it as a desperately-needed instrument to set things aright in their anarchy — a task they cannot, or will not, undertake themselves. Of most importance, starving people finally will be fed — who can deny the virtue of that?

Still, the rescue of Somalia — if that be the outcome — raises questions the incoming Clinton administration should be expected to answer, its temptation to muddle through being ever-present. On foreign matters Gov. Clinton was virtually silent during the presidential campaign, leaving the impression that a *tabula rasa* would be available to him on Jan. 20 of next year. President Bush, we trust not out of spite, has forced him to take something like real positions.

To be sure, during the campaign Mr. Clinton did try to outflank Mr. Bush on the right by calling for intervention into Yugoslavia. (That call was made months ago by Britain's former prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, and again last week by former president Reagan, the world's premier Tories.) The new president, who doubtless wanted to spend the first months of his term talking about health care and infrastructure, will have to make morally equivalent the claims of the Bosnians and the Somalis. Or bite his lip and explain why they are not.

If he cannot decouple the Balkans and the Horns of Africa as recipients of America's armed attention, or even the Horn from the rest of Africa, then brace yourself for a new era of American adventuring, American servicemen, and American taxpayers, will be expected not only to keep the peace and restore stability anywhere in the world it becomes "feasible" to do so, but also to stop any outbreaks of genocide and feed the starving. It is a way both opponents and supporters of the American military can save their post-Vietnam consciences, the next best thing to making Sally Struthers secretary of defense.

The real quagmire does not lie in Somalia proper, but in all Africa and wherever else our minicam-tweaked consciences might send us. Will Mozambique be next? Or Sudan? Or Tanzania? Or, as US Ambassador to Kenya Smith Hempstone rightly warns, Somalia again in 1994? And might we expect assistance from the Organization of African Unity, our perpetual critic in various United Nations forums, or from the Islamic world? Indeed, why were they not the first to land at Mogadishu?

Our servicemen, stoic as ever, do not question their newfound duties as armed humanitarians. Let us do some questioning on their behalf.

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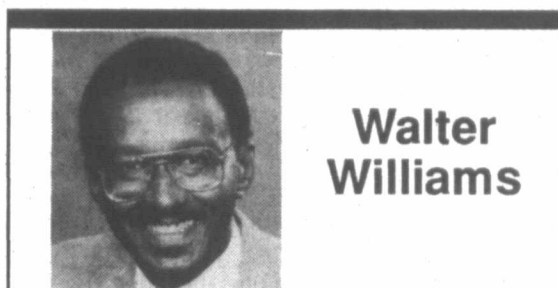
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Do-gooders and Africa

In 1989, I wrote "South Africa's War Against Capitalism." The book's last chapter said, "There is indeed much poverty in Soweto. But there is no misery of the kind found in, say, Addis Ababa, Kinshasa or Karachi. ... Since 1900, fewer than 7,000 South African blacks have died in civil conflict with government (compared) with the untold millions who have lost their lives in civil conflicts in Uganda, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Nigeria." The point was that, while there was considerable room for improvement in South Africa, its black citizens had greater human rights protections and a far higher standard of living than their brothers elsewhere on the continent. Anyone really concerned with the fate of African people might reprioritize their agenda and criticism to focus on the great suffering to the north. I was pilloried as an apologist for South Africa's apartheid.

It makes no difference to those muddle-headed do-gooders picketing the South African Embassy that, in July 1989, Somalia's soldiers gunned down 450 demonstrators in one day and some 500,000 Somalis fled for the desert of Ethiopia. The protesters and their allies on college campuses and churches across the nation expressed not one iota of concern that in August 1988, after the 1972 slaughter of an estimated 200,000, the Watutsi minority in Burundi murdered another 20,000 Hutu.

In Ethiopia, Uganda, Mauritania, Mozambique,



Walter Williams

Zimbabwe and the Sudan, there have been genocide programs where millions have lost their lives or have been forced to flee their homeland. Plus, in Mauritania and the Sudan, there is slavery. If these countries had slaughtered as many elephants or zebras, America's elite would have been up at the United Nations demanding that something be done. Our response to this barbarism differs little from one that says it's okay if blacks brutalize other blacks, but we won't tolerate violence from whites in South Africa; whites we hold to civilized standards of conduct.

Africa's problems are a result of the importation of half-baked ideas and policies that haven't worked anywhere in the world. African elites, schooled at prestigious universities like the London School of Economics, Cambridge, Harvard and Yale, carried back the bankrupt idea that centralized economic planning would create economic

growth. The other half of their idea was that if human rights stood in the way of planning, human rights would be brutally suppressed.

Western handouts have not helped. Between 1955 and 1985, Third World countries have received \$2.5 trillion in foreign aid. Most of it has gone for worthless projects and gave tyrants, who would have otherwise been overthrown, the resources to stay in power. Virtually every south-of-the-Sahara country, except South Africa, is worse off now than it was before receiving independence and handouts. The ordinary citizen can boast of greater liberty under colonialism.

We can constructively help Africa. Privately, we can host students who are taking courses in higher education — not in psycho-babble such as peace studies, environmentalism and sociology, but in civil engineering, agriculture and other fields indigenously useful. Of more significance would be the lifting of all trade barriers against goods produced in Africa plus the reduction or elimination all taxes on U.S. corporations doing business in Africa.

The overwhelming responsibility for higher standards of living and a greater measure of liberty lies with the people of Africa. They must repudiate in no uncertain terms the elite propaganda and sham excuses that their current programs are a result of western colonization. No amount of money can do the job Africans must do themselves.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 27, the 362nd day of 1992. There are four days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 27, 1831, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a voyage to the Pacific aboard the H.M.S. Beagle. Darwin's discoveries during the voyage helped form the basis of his theories on evolution.

On this date:

In 1822, scientist Louis Pasteur was born in Dole, France.

In 1892, 100 years ago, the cornerstone was laid for the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City.

In 1927, "Show Boat," one of the major works of the American musical theater, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York.

In 1932, 60 years ago, Radio City Music Hall opened in New York.

In 1945, 28 nations signed an agreement creating the World Bank.

In 1947, the children's television program "Howdy Doody," hosted by Bob Smith, made its debut on NBC.



Dice talk

LAS VEGAS — I have often spoken, quite reverentially, about the night a former employee of mine, Susan, rolled 23 straight passes at a craps table at Caesar's Palace the first time she ever held a pair of dice.

For those not familiar with craps, that is some brilliant dice-tossing and it won me, and several others at the table, a nice piece of change.

As for myself, I'm a horrible tosser of dice. Give me a number to roll and I couldn't hit it with a stick.

So now I'm back in Las Vegas with the love of my life, Deidre. (That's how she asked me to refer to her in this and all subsequent columns in which I mention her.)

The love of my life had never held a pair of dice either.

But I had this hunch. We went back to Caesar's, found that table where Susan had rolled number after number and purchased some chips.

When the dice were passed to me I passed them to Deidre.

"What do I do?" she asked me. "Just roll them, honey, and make sure they hit the back wall. It's a rule," I said.

I put down my money, betting on Deidre, the shooter. She rolled a seven. I win. She rolled another seven. I win again.

"What do you want me to throw now?" she asked. "Another seven would be fine," I said.



Lewis Grizzard

She rolled an 11, another winner. It's *deja vu* all over again.

On her next come/out, Deidre rolled a six. What she had to do for me to win again was to roll another six before she rolled a seven.

No problem. She hit the six on her third throw. A crowd is beginning to gather at our craps table.

"Am I doing good?" Deidre asked me. I said, "Just keep rolling those bones."

She asked, "What does that mean?"

"It's dice talk, honey," I explained and motioned her to roll again.

She rolled an eight. Three rolls later she hit a six-two, and I'm wondering if it's going to be Tahiti or maybe the Orient on the vacation Deidre is winning for me.

By now there are two abreast at my craps table. The man with the stick is shouting, "We gotta lady shootah, and she's hot!"

That's dice talk, too.

There's money all over the table. Lots of colors. The fat man at the other end of the table has broken into a sweat, and he's dropping cigar ashes on the green felt.

Deidre rolled two more straight sevens for two more winners, and they're screaming and cheering for her, and the hotel wants to comp me for a month if I'll bring her back.

She rolled a four. She hit that. She rolled a five. She hit that.

This can't last I'm thinking. The doubts start to creep in. "Love of my life, why don't we walk out of here while I'm ahead?"

"Get a bet down," she replied. "I'm rollin' and I'm controllin'." She kept doing it. I lost count of just how many straight winners she threw before she finally rolled a seven and lost.

But I told her she had done a wonderful job and it was time to leave. She said, "Give me ten dollars. I want to make one bet for myself."

The fat guy was shooting. His point was nine. Deidre saw the marker on the table for snake eyes, two ones pay 31-to-1. She put her 10 dollars on it. The fat guy rolled snake eyes. Deidre pocketed her quick \$310.

"I guess I won't have to hear about Susan anymore," she said as we left the casino.

"No, love of my life," I said, caressing the winnings in my pocket.

It's the Year of the Woman, just about everywhere.

Civil rights and wrongs

If black America's problems are due to anything other than discrimination, Bill Clinton's administration will have a hard time finding out about it.

Why? Because the civil rights establishment is so fixated on discrimination that it reflexively attacks anyone who suggests there could be other reasons for the fact that blacks hold fewer professional jobs than whites, and for other such "evidence" of inequality.

If you don't believe this, just ask Thomas Sowell. Sowell, a black scholar at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, has tried his best to explain that while discrimination exists in America, it does not entirely explain black underachievement — and that the fixation on discrimination diverts our attention from other problems.

As a result of his heresy, Sowell is shunned by the civil rights establishment, and his scholarship — some of the best in the country on the issue of race — has been dismissed. That's why you may never have heard of him.

It's unfortunate. Sowell is not some right-wing nut, as the civil rights establishment likes to portray him. He is a serious social scientist — and the evidence he has found does not support the hypothesis that "discrimination causes underachievement."

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Edwin Feulner

in many countries and in many periods of history, had higher incomes, better educational performance, and more 'representation' in high-level positions than those doing the discriminating." Sowell says in his controversial 1984 book "Civil Rights: Rhetoric or Reality."

By way of example Sowell notes that in southeast Asia the Chinese, who make up five percent of the population, have for centuries suffered discrimination in employment, education, land ownership and housing. "In Malaysia, where anti-Chinese discrimination is written into the Constitution, is embodied in preferential quotas for Malays in government and private industry alike, and extends to admissions and scholarships at the universities, the average Chinese continues to earn twice the income of the average Malay," he points out.

The case is similar for the Japanese in America. They too have encountered widespread discrimination, culminating in their mass internment during World War II. Yet by 1959 they had about equaled the income of whites and by 1969 earned incomes one-third higher than the white average, Sowell notes.

But the case of blacks, argues the civil rights establishment, is unique — intense discrimination, based solely on the color of their skin, worse than what other groups have faced, keeps them from succeeding.

If that were true, Sowell says, West Indian blacks who emigrate to the United States should fare no better than American blacks. But they do. West Indian family incomes are 94 percent of the U.S. national average, compared to 62 percent for blacks as a whole, Sowell says. Furthermore, West Indian representation in professional occupations is double that of other blacks, and slightly higher than that of the U.S. population as a whole, Sowell found.

Sowell's fundamental point is that different performance levels between different groups cannot automatically be ascribed to racism.

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To the editor,
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Hotel officials gave chocolates to some of the children and said they understood the demonstrators' demands.

Police in Palermo, Sicily, rescued an hours-old baby from a construction dump Friday after the mother confessed to abandoning the child, news reports said.

State TV showed the nearly 6-pound girl, dubbed Natalina, or "Little Christmas," sleeping peacefully in a hospital incubator after her rescue.

Christmas Day brought a double surprise to a British soldier, who proposed to his soldier girlfriend in front of millions of television viewers.

Army Signalman Philip Cooper, 20, was told he would be speaking to Caroline Cove, 26, on a BBC TV morning show through a live satellite link with Sarajevo, where she is a lance corporal with British forces helping the U.N. relief effort.

Cooper's first shock came when he popped the question and Ms. Cove refused to answer, saying: "I'll tell you when I see you next."

The show's presenters then disclosed that Ms. Cove had flown from Sarajevo and was standing outside the Birmingham studio.

When she rushed in to hug Cooper, her answer was: "Yes!"



(AP Photo) Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabbah, carries the infant Jesus at St. Catherine's Church in Bethlehem Friday.

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Holiday travel booms

By DAN BLAKE
AP Business Writer

Airports and train stations were filled with holiday travelers on Christmas Eve, but the industry was bracing for an even bigger crush of passengers — people trying to get home on the Sunday after New Year's.

Tourism in general has seen something of a recovery in recent weeks and surveys anticipate this year's holiday travel season will come close to being as busy as 1989, before the recession set in.

From the airport in Lincoln, Neb., to the bus station in Louisville, Ky., to a country inn in Connecticut, officials reported increases in traffic and reservations compared to last year.

"I don't know what it is, but people seem more upbeat this year," said Tony Daou, manager of Boulder's Inn in New Preston, Conn. Weekend reservations were booked earlier this year than last and that many guests are staying longer, he said.

At Amtrak, preliminary figures show holiday traffic might surpass its estimate of a 2 percent increase, perhaps reaching 3 or 4 percent over last year, said spokeswoman Pat Kelly.

With Christmas and New Year's falling on Fridays this year, travelers spread their departures out during the week, Kelly said. But bookings indicate many want to return home on Sunday, Jan. 3, to return to work the next day, she said.

Those who don't have reserved



Members of the Clinton, Ia., High School band wait for a connecting flight at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago Thursday. (AP Photo)

seats should arrive at the train station early to improve their chances of getting aboard, she said.

Airport, bus and train traffic was brisk Wednesday, but traffic dropped off as usual on Christmas Eve. For all the people anxious to get where they're going, many reported good spirits.

"Some of them are kind of antsy about seeing a relative," Greyhound driver Bill Liddle said before leaving Albany, Ga. for Atlanta. "I have a lot more questions about time — 'What time are we going to get in?'" Most of them have relatives waiting for them or they are going to surprise someone."

At Lincoln Municipal Airport in Nebraska, traffic was up about 13 percent last month and Wednesday was about as busy as the Sunday after Thanksgiving, traditionally the busiest day of the year there, said airport director Wayne Andersen.

But at Los Angeles International Airport, traffic was only barely up from last year, said spokeswoman Cora Fossett. At the current rate it appeared the airport would fall short of its estimate of 1.8 million travelers from Dec. 19 to Jan. 4, she said.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is expecting a 5 to 7 percent increase in passengers this weekend and next at John F. Kennedy International Airport, LaGuardia Airport and Newark International Airport.

The American Automobile Association estimates 5 percent more people will be traveling during the Christmas and New Year's holidays compared to last year and 2 percent behind 1989.

Andrews rethinks U.S. Senate seat

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews hasn't taken himself out of consideration, but is rethinking his interest in the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Lloyd Bentsen, Gov. Ann Richards says.

The governor said Andrews had sent word through channels that he was mulling over the possible appointment to replace Bentsen, who is leaving to become President-elect Clinton's Treasury secretary.

The governor has been dogged by questions over Bentsen's replacement. She is required to name an interim senator to serve Texas until a spring special election, which probably would be held May 1.

Andrews, a Houston Democrat, has been considered at or near the top of her list.

"All he said was he and his fami-

ly were going to think about it over the weekend," the governor said. "He didn't ask for his name to be withdrawn or anything like that."

Reached at his Washington, D.C., home, Andrews told the Houston Chronicle that he is still "certainly interested in the U.S. Senate," but also "very happy in Congress serving on the Ways and Means Committee."

Andrews said that in recent discussions with the governor they had talked about "the dynamics of the race" and what it would take to win the Senate seat.

"I think everyone is reflecting on this race and what it entails," said the Houston Democrat. "She has got to decide who can be first and foremost electable and the most effective senator."



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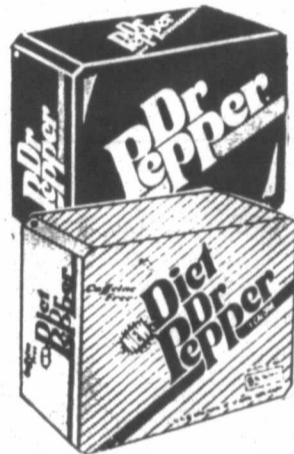
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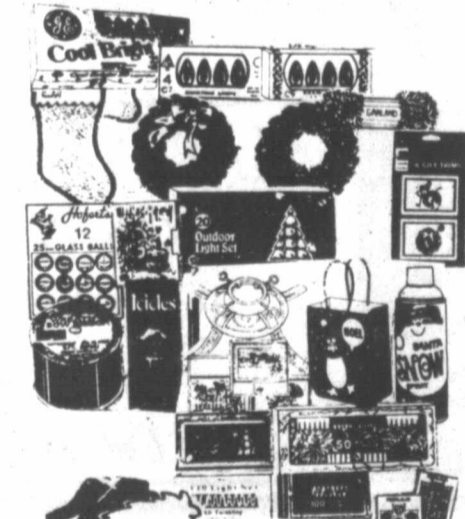
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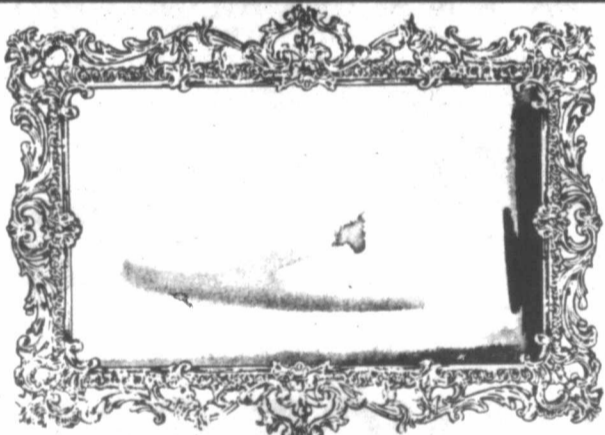
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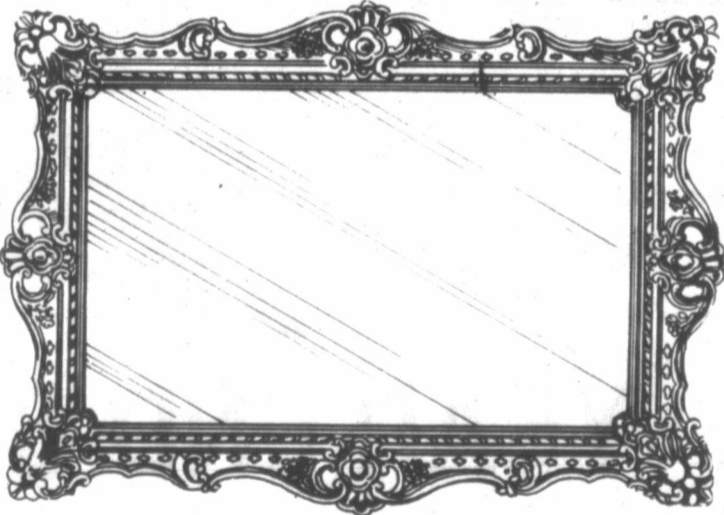
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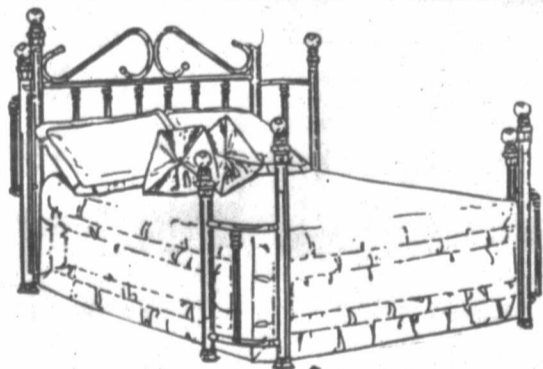
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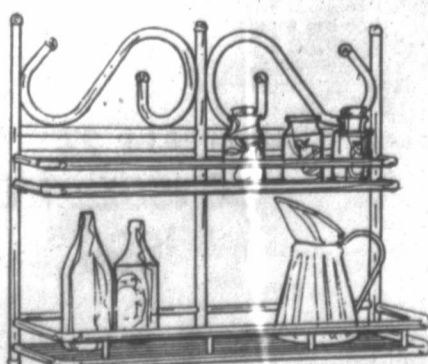
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Food routine set, but question hangs in Somalia's sultry air

By CHARLES J. HANLEY
AP Special Correspondent

BAIDOA, Somalia (AP) — Michael O'Reilly doesn't miss his old "50-cal" yet. But this gentle Irishman says he may start pining for the trusty heavy machine gun before long.

More than two weeks after the U.S. Marines rolled ashore in Somalia, Operation Restore Hope has restored some dependable food supply lines into the homeland of famine. But for aid workers like O'Reilly, and for millions of Somalis, uncertainties still gnaw away at hope, like locusts on a spring harvest.

Take O'Reilly's gun. In pre-Marine days, the men hired by his relief organization, Concern, mounted the .50-caliber on a vehicle they used to escort emergency food deliveries to the starving in outlying villages.

Concern crews surrendered the big gun to the Marines after Ameri-

can and French troops arrived in this inland crossroads town Dec. 15.

But the gunmen have simply faded into the bush, and the Marines are not guarding mobile medical teams or other small sorties of the half-dozen aid groups in Baidoa.

"Not having the gun could be a problem if the troops don't continue the operation and disarm everybody," said O'Reilly, Concern's local director.

The dilemma is crystallized in the two-sided question heard everywhere around Baidoa: Grime-caked Marines asking each other how soon they can get out, aid workers and Somalis asking how long they can stay.

The U.N. Security Council authorized the international military force to end the chaos and relieve the starvation that resulted from years of civil war—combined with a severe drought—in this east African nation. At least 350,000 people are believed to have died.

When the Marines arrived, they

disarmed the free-lance "security force" that had guarded food shipments arriving at Baidoa's airstrip. Other guards, intimidated, hid their weapons.

With their guards disarmed, the aid agencies complained loudly that the advent of the Marines might actually set back their food deliveries. But practical-minded young U.S. officers got to work on the problem.

"I think it's pretty much been fixed," said Army Capt. Kevin Cahill, a civilian affairs liaison here.

The American troops still confiscate any heavy weapons spotted anywhere. But they're allowing agency guards to keep their assault rifles and brandish them outside Baidoa, "as long as they don't flash them around in town," Cahill said.

The agencies are pleased with the accommodation. "The Marines are doers, not talkers," said Lockton Morrissey, the Australian who heads CARE International's Baidoa station.

Other problems do plague Operation Restore Hope:

—On Christmas Day, hungry crowds waiting for food distribution in Baidoa and Bardera, a town the Marines entered the night before, got out of control. At least one Somali was reported killed in the Baidoa melee. The Marines have not mastered Somali crowd control.

—A bottleneck has developed in getting food supplies inland from the port of Mogadishu. A plan to bring in 100 U.N. trucks from Ethiopia has stalled because of the opposition of local truckers. Only 20 of the trucks are in use.

—Aviation fuel shortages in Kenya this week slowed air shipments to Somalia. On Thursday, only three of five scheduled Catholic Relief Services food flights arrived in Baidoa.

Despite new and continuing obstacles, the operation is building momentum. The Marines will soon be escorting three, rather than two,

food convoys into the famished countryside each day — about 72 tons of grain per day, enough to feed 200,000 people.

The military and the aid agencies meet as often as three times a day to coordinate work. The operation's reach is quickly being extended to other bases. And some of the interior is steadily being pacified.

"We had one of our field teams return to Baidoa last night at 8 p.m.," said Bill Bergquist, head of the Catholic Relief Services station. "Being out that late would have been unheard of before."

But the unanswered questions hang heavily on minds here.

If the Marines and other international troops leave too early and do not aggressively disarm all of Somalia's gun-toting militiamen and extortionists, "what has gone on will all be blown away once the military leaves," said Bergquist.

The U.S.-led operation is supposed to hand off to a U.N.-con-

trolled force at some point. But the timetable remains unclear, in part because the Bush administration has not accepted U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's interpretation that the American mission includes disarming the population.

The Marines have begun working with Ahmed Sheik Muhadin, a former colonel of the disintegrated Somali army who has emerged as chairman of a Baidoa Security Committee. Some committeemen, unarmed, are manning checkpoints with the Marines.

Even Muhadin does not relish having Somalis take over security operations any time soon.

"It will take a long time to collect the weapons from the gunmen, who are now out in the villages," he said. "The Marines will have to stay a long time."

"There can be no question of their leaving," insisted O'Reilly.

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Wall Street wish for the New Year: From economic recovery to health

By CHET CURRIER
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If many Wall Streeters get their wish, discussions of economic recovery will give place in 1993 to talk of expansion, growth and maybe even prosperity.

Before the year is out, many forecasters see at least a decent chance that businesses and consumers will start to reap the benefits of the productivity improvements and debt housecleanings that have been taking place amid considerable pain so far in the '90s.

"The U.S. economy has hit several important benchmarks. We're no longer merely recouping the losses of the recession," says Greg Smith at Prudential Securities.

"Important measures such as gross domestic product and industrial production are now moving to new, higher levels of economic activity."

"Historically, this has been an important force in building confidence among consumers and business leaders. 'Growing' is much more fun than 'recovering,'" Smith adds.

"The American economy will pass 'go' next week at a good clip," asserts Erich Heinemann, chief economist at Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.

"Output of goods and services, adjusted for inflation, went up approximately \$100 billion this year. It should increase by roughly double that amount in 1993."

"The job picture, which has been bleak for the past 2 1/2 years, now looks promising."

But the issue of how this might affect the financial markets goes beyond prospective gains in corporate earnings or credit quality, analysts caution.

A key factor in 1992 was shifts in investors' perceptions about what markets and what securities stood to benefit most from changing economic circumstances. Thus, for instance, investors turned away in the early months of this year from growth stocks, moving money instead into cyclical issues with the most to gain in the short run from a stronger economy.

That trend had a lasting impact on the relative performance of many stocks for 1992 as a whole,

even though actual business recovery came along slower and weaker than most analysts had expected.

In 1993, forecasters say, a pivotal influence is likely to be economic policy decisions reached by President-elect Clinton early in his term, and how the majority on the Street interprets the likely results.

"The year is finishing well and there are a number of reasons to be hopeful regarding the future," observes Eric Miller at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette.

"In our judgment, however, the key test and issue for 1993 is whether the new administration uses this window of opportunity to tackle successfully the problem of getting control over government spending programs."

"Success or failure in meeting this challenge, together with the implementation of incentives that spur savings and investment, will have a substantial impact not only on 1993 but perhaps on the remaining years of the decade as well."

In holiday-shortened activity over the past week, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials edged up 12.97 points to 3,326.24.

The Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market rose 4.70 to 665.98, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 2.14 at 394.17.

The directions in which Clinton leads also stand to affect the behavior of many individual stocks and stock groups that started to gain favor because of campaign issues he raised.

A prime example: Machinery, construction and metals companies that would be active participants in a campaign to rebuild the nation's roads, bridges and other public facilities.

"Infrastructure was one of the more popular investment themes tied to a Clinton victory," noted Thomas Gallagher, Washington analyst at Shearson Lehman Bros.

"As a group, these stocks did quite well through mid-November. Since then they have suffered from profit-taking."

"We think these stocks could be in for another boost when Clinton releases his plans, probably in late January. We believe he won't back off. We expect him to propose an elaborate plan to improve the nation's infrastructure."

FirstPerryton Bancorp to purchase Amarillo bank

AMARILLO — FirstPerryton Bancorp Inc. has entered into an agreement to acquire Texas Commerce Bank-Amarillo. The announcement was made by John Chuck, chairman of FirstPerryton, and Marc Shapiro, president of Texas Commerce Bankshares Inc. in Houston.

"We are very excited about this pending acquisition," Chuck said. "Amarillo is the economic hub of the Panhandle and with a bank the size of Texas Commerce, it gives us

a significant presence in this area."

FirstPerryton Bancorp owns banks in Perryton, Pampa and Hereford, along with a branch bank in Booker. With the acquisition of Texas Commerce, the Perryton-based holding company will have slightly over \$400 million in assets and will be the third largest banking organization based in the Texas Panhandle.

The transaction is subject to approval of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. "This is a watershed event for

Amarillo because it brings the talents of two strong banking groups together for the benefit of the people in this region," added Shapiro. "The FirstPerryton group has a tremendous sense of vision and responsibility for the Panhandle which we believe will only enhance the economic strength of the area."

George Sell and his management team will remain to run the bank, which will be an independent, Panhandle-owned unit bank.

"Our interest was based on the fact that George Sell and his team would continue in their management of the bank," Chuck said. "They have provided exceptional leadership in the community both by providing outstanding financial services and by their dedicated civic involvement."

The bank will offer a wide range of financial services and will serve the financial needs of businesses, agriculture, retail and consumers, bank officials said.

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HANSFORD (BRILLHART Upper Morrow) Continental Resources Inc., #1-15 Brillhart, Sec. 15,45,H&TC, elev. 3013 kb, spud 2-11-91, drlg. compl 2-26-91, tested 3-

14-91, potential 173 MCF, rock pressure —, pay 6780-6792, TD 6902', PBTD 6850' —

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Travail marked first Christmas, also this one

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

In troubled darkness, the star glows. That's the typical way of Christmas, church leaders say. It was that way on the first Christmas, a mix of joy and travail. That also is the makeup of the 1992 event.

While it resonates joy, the time also is marked with suffering and violence. Yet through all the troubles, church leaders say Christmas brings an indestructible hope.

In "a world full of sorrow," Jesus "came and showed us how to live in hope," said Episcopal Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning. He added in a Christmas message: "God's gift to us is Christ. Our response to that gift is to proclaim and live the message of hope that Christ was then and is now."

A similar theme was expressed in Christmas messages from other church leaders, affirming the brightness of the occasion, along with the continuing pain and difficulties in the world.

It's a time of "lights and shadows," said Roman Catholic Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick of Newark, N.J. That's also how it was when Jesus was born, he said. "The world was not perfect then either. ... Yet God is faithful. ... He sent his Son to be our Savior!"

United Methodist Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel of Silver Spring, Md., president of the denomination's Council of Bishops, quoted Scripture that God sent his Son "in the fullness of time."

"There is a spiritual longing among our people that once again this world of ours is 'in the fullness of time' and in need of Christ's presence," Yeakel said.

Citing ethnic and racial conflicts, the travails of a fallen superpower (communism), famine, AIDS, economies shaken by massive debt and civil war, drugs, poverty, homelessness and broken moral standards, he said:

"In celebrating Christ's birthday, 1992, we pray for personal renewal and renewal of our institutions so that we may ... receive grace, strength and courage to live lives in contrast to the society that surrounds us. ... Our is the world which God continues to love and in which we are to be lovers in God's name," Yeakel said.

It was a similarly buffeted world into which Jesus came, born in a livestock barn to a poor, migrant

couple, driven to flight by Roman troops sent to slay the children of Bethlehem, made homeless refugees in Egypt.

Danger and hardship trailed that child from the first in a rough, often cruel world, finally crucifying him, an utmost barbarity which the record says he overcame in a stunning resurrection from death.

Celebrations of his coming are in a world that still hurls its hurts and turmoil.

"We live in the same climate of

violence, death and tragedy as that first Christmas," said the Rev. Emilio Castro, general secretary of the World Council of Churches.

"Our celebration of Christmas in the midst of a cruel world must not be an act of selfishness that cuts us off from this world but a sign of hope, a call to love, an act of solidarity," Castro said.

The Rev. Gottfried Brakemeier, president of the Lutheran World Federation, recalled Christ's advice, "Do not be afraid."

"Death and hell remain cruel reality in our world. But since God has appeared to us in Jesus Christ, they no longer have the ultimate power. The one who can lock them away and overcome them is here," Brakemeier said.

"Christmas wants to free us from fear ... we are invited and empowered to remain calm even in the face of danger, to keep faith, to preserve hope and to practice love. ..."

Eastern Orthodoxy's world spiri-

tal leader, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Istanbul, noted that Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Muslim leaders jointly have pleaded for peace in former Yugoslavia.

"However, in spite of these anguished appeals ... the merciless bloodshed continues," he said. On the anniversary of Christ's birth, "we raise anew our voice of agony" to cease this "frenzy of madness."


Evangelist Billy Graham urged that in celebrating Christmas "we will all" pray for and do "whatever

we can to bring relief" to starving Somalians and those "under fire" in former Yugoslavia's Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In Salt Lake City, the presidium of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said that for many "this special season passes virtually unnoticed because of their unrelenting suffering from war, hunger and other afflictions."

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Parents steal gifts from kids

CHICAGO (AP) — A retailer is donating a new batch of gifts for about 300 children whose Christmas presents were stolen by parents who were supposed to help hand them out.

Within 24 hours of the thefts, Montgomery Ward & Co. found replacements for all of the looted gifts, many of which had been bought and donated by Ward's employees, said Bob Kasenter, a company vice president. Chicago Sun-Times readers and WBBM-FM listeners also had contributed many of the gifts.

"I've been rushing around gathering toys," Kasenter said Thursday. "We had about 250 to 270 individual kids that had lists of things they were looking for that needed to be replaced."

He said the new gifts won't be distributed until a school assembly on Jan. 4.

The original gifts were looted from the Friedrich von Schiller School in the low-income Cabrini-Green housing project Wednesday by some of the 30 parents who had volunteered to help sort and arrange them on the school's auditorium stage.

During the sorting, parents started unwrapping the gifts and taking what they wanted, said principal Marshall Taylor, who described the scene as "complete chaos."

The intended recipients were Schiller's 325 fifth- through eighth-graders, who were on holiday break Wednesday but went to the school to collect their presents.

The children were supposed to get at least one present each: a toy, game, clothes or other items, Taylor said. They had made wish lists of items under \$40.

Some fifth- and sixth-graders got their gifts, but most left empty-handed.

"That's nice that people care enough to get us presents back," eighth-grader Sharika Fezell said Thursday.

Fellow eighth-grader Shanequa Silas agreed. She said she thought parents resorted to stealing "cause they couldn't afford to buy their kids nothing, and they're on drugs, I guess."

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Sports

Saints clinch home playoff with win over Jets

Defense sends playoff message in 20-0 package

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New Orleans Saints came, conquered and went home for the playoffs.

The New York Jets, undermanned and overwhelmed, gladly said goodbye to 1992.

Sam Mills ran a team-record 76 yards with a fumble and the Saints defense recorded its first shutout of the season in a 20-0 victory Saturday. New Orleans (12-4), second in the NFC West, will be at the Superdome next weekend for a wild-card playoff game against either Philadelphia or Green Bay.

"I don't have a preference," coach Jim Mora said. "Any time you get in the playoffs, you have the 12 best teams in football and a formidable opponent."

Craig Heyward scored on a 2-yard run in the third quarter and Morten Andersen made 27-yard and 36-yard field goals into a brisk wind, giving him 20 straight successful kicks.

"We ended up with 12 wins and made sure we're playing at home next week," Mora said. "I'm very proud of these guys."

It wasn't all artistic for the Saints, however. Dalton Hilliard fumbled on their first play from scrimmage and Bobby Hebert was intercepted three times, once at the New York 1 by Mo Lewis.

But the Jets, minus nine injured starters and without any running backs who were with them in November, were no match for a playoff-bound team. They had some chances early, then seemed to lose interest while the Saints — as sloppy as they were — dominated the second half.

"We got on each other while we were inside at halftime," Heyward said. "Then we got it going."

New York finished what began a

year of promise with a 4-12 record. A playoff qualifier last season and 5-0 in the preseason, the Jets expected to challenge in the AFC East.

Instead, the third year of Bruce Coslet's coaching regime turned dismal, disastrous and then tragic. The Jets lost their first four games, were ravaged by injuries and, on Nov. 29, lost defensive end Dennis Byrd to a broken neck that left him partially paralyzed.

"Getting humiliated 12 times, I think, that would be it, if that is going to motivate us," Marvin Washington said. "Seeing how it feels to play in front of 20-25,000, being out of the playoff chances with about 10 games to go — I think that should motivate everybody."

On Saturday, New York controlled the ball for 13:09 of the first period and trailed 7-0 after the quarter. Mills knocked the ball out of Browning Nagle's hands as the quarterback set up to pass, picked it up and rambled 76 yards to score his first NFL touchdown.

"It felt like the longest run ever," Mills said. "I was just running and hoping there were no receivers around to catch me."

"I was running scared. When you run that far, you'd better get in."

Mills was chased much of the way by center Jim Sweeney.

"I better get separation from a center," the Pro Bowl linebacker said. "The first few yards, he was right there and I looked back and saw him right there. I think that gave me the extra burst."

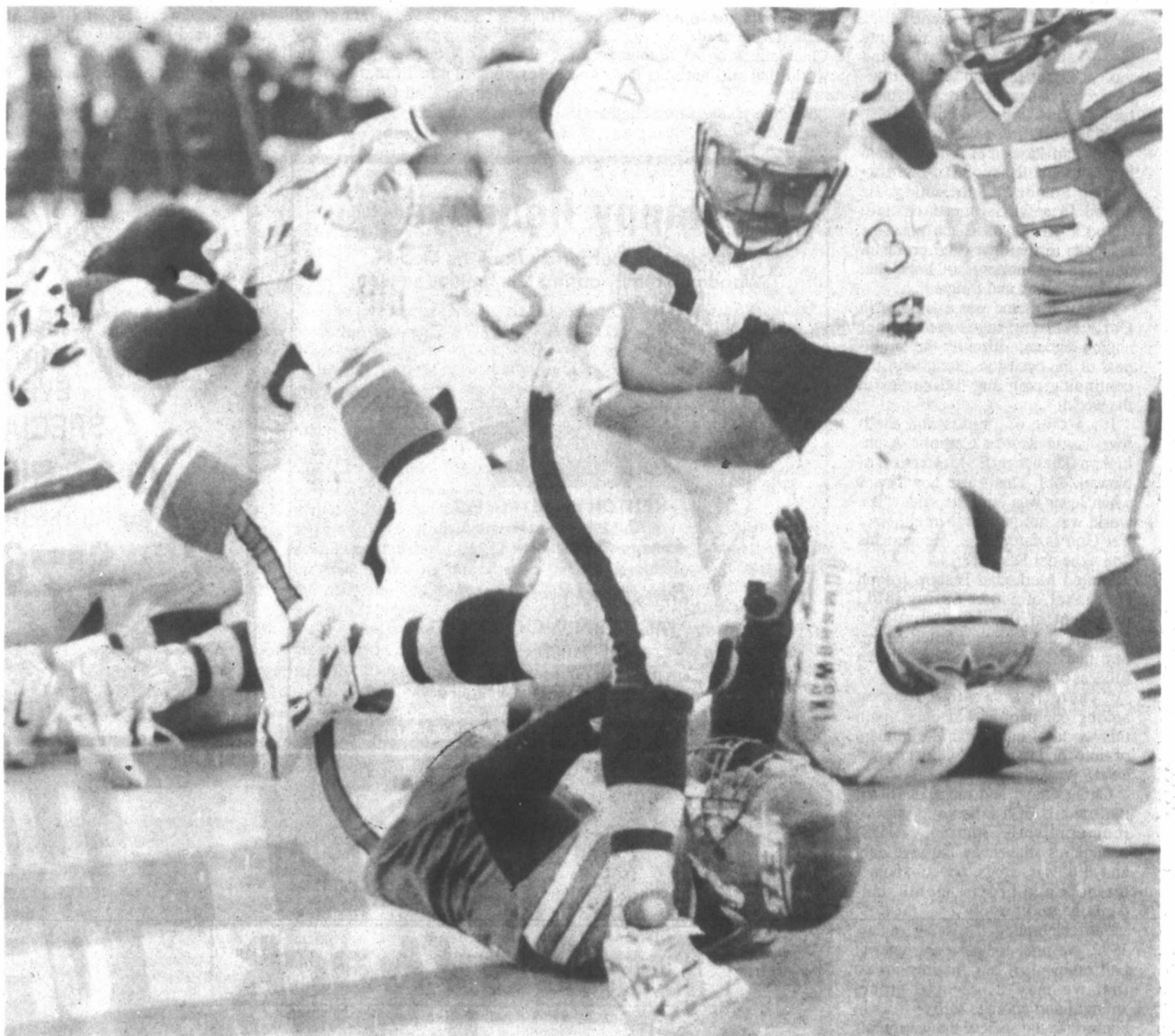
"At first, I thought if the center catches me, I'll never hear the end of it."

Sweeney had little chance of reaching Mills.

"I was breathing so hard the fog was pushing him away and clouding my vision," Sweeney said. "So I couldn't see when to dive for him."

Andersen's first field goal came with 33 seconds to go in the half. Heyward eased into the end zone to make it 17-0 in the third quarter, capping a 65-yard drive in which he had a 22-yard run.

Andersen defied the strong wind



Craig 'Ironhead' Heyward bowls over Jets linebacker Mo Lewis for a touchdown Saturday.

(AP Photo)

and minus-2 wind-chill conditions to kick a 36-yarder early in the fourth quarter.

It was the first shutout loss by the

Jets since they fell to Buffalo 37-0 on Dec. 23, 1989.

Nagle, playing on a twisted knee that saw him leave the game three

times, could not get anything going. Even when the Jets threatened, they'd make an error and not score — typical of this season gone sour.

"Maybe it's good for us," the second-year quarterback said. "We'll just turn the page, see if we can rebound."

Baylor gets revved up for Hancock Bowl

EL PASO (AP) — Last chance? Last hurrah? Baylor coach Grant Teaff wants no part of it.

Teaff, who is preparing for his final game as coach after three decades, said he wants the desire for victory — not his retirement to become athletic director — to motivate his players against No. 23 Arizona in the John Hancock Bowl.

"Motivation is deep within an individual. It's not superficial and people who deal in superficial moti-

vation, it doesn't last very long," Teaff said before Baylor's first workout at Sun Bowl stadium.

The Bears (6-4) finished their season with a 21-20 victory over Texas that earned them a bowl berth. Although Arizona is a 6-point favorite in the New Year's Eve game, some analysts give the edge to Baylor because of the desire to send Teaff out a winner.

But Teaff said it's not that easy. "If this team was going to have

a winning season because it was my last year, that's the wrong motivation. If they were going to try to go to a bowl game because it's my last year, that's the wrong motivation. That will wear out in a hurry."

The Bears and Wildcats were greeted at the El Paso airport Saturday by mariachi bands and Mexican-style dancers. They'll have five days of practice and activities before Thursday's game.

Arizona coach Dick Tomey also is reaching for a career benchmark since a victory in the bowl would be his 100th. His record stands at 99-74-7 after 16 years of coaching.

His Wildcats (6-4-1) enjoyed a five-game winning streak in the middle of this year's season. They beat three ranked teams, including a 16-3 victory over then-No. 1 Washington, and they were a last-minute field goal away from knocking off No. 1 Miami.

Late field goal gives Jayhawks bowl victory

By BEN DIPIETRO
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — Even before he scored the game-tying touchdown early in the fourth quarter, Kansas quarterback Chip Hilleary knew the Jayhawks were going to beat Brigham Young and win the Aloha Bowl.

Hilleary's 1-yard run with 11:26 remaining and ensuing 2-point conversion run tied the game 20-20, then Dan Eichloff kicked a 48-yard field goal with 2:57 left, giving Kansas a 23-20 victory over the No. 23 Cougars Friday.

The field goal capped a 7-minute, 15-play drive that gave the Jayhawks (8-4) a win in their first bowl

game in 11 years. Brigham Young finished 8-5.

"They kept missing field goals and giving us opportunities, and the momentum was staying with us," Hilleary said. "Time was a big factor in the fourth quarter. When you've got the ball, you've got to do something with it."

BYU kicker David Lauder missed three field goals, including two in the second half, and also misfired on an extra point. He hit the left upright on a 31-yard field goal try with 4:02 left in the third quarter, giving BYU nothing after an 4-minute, 67-yard drive.

"He's been good all year. He just missed them," BYU coach LaVell Edwards said. "I was disappointed we didn't score more points. We had our chances and didn't do the job."

BYU gained 187 yards in the third quarter, but could only score once. Hilleary and the other Jayhawk seniors sensed things were going their way, and didn't want to blow their best chance to prove the revival of the once-downtrodden program was complete.

Hilleary appealed to his teammates in a pep talk before the game-winning drive that they should win the game for him and fellow senior Keith Lonecker.

"Lonecker and I were the seniors in the huddle and we asked them to pick it up and do it for us," Hilleary said. "The seniors basically represent what we've been doing for the last four or five years."

The Cougars led 14-12 at halftime, and increased the margin to 20-12 when quarterback Tom Young found split end Otis Sterling with a 10-yard TD pass with 10:06 to play in the quarter. Sterling leaped higher than cornerback Dorian Brew to pull down the pass in the corner of the end zone.

Young, brother of San Francisco quarterback Steve Young and the

great-great-grandson of Mormon Church founder Brigham Young, finished with 15 completions in 31 attempts for 262 yards. The sophomore was making his first collegiate start because of injuries to three BYU quarterbacks.

His only interception came with 2:11 left when safety Charley Bowen stepped in front of a pass that Young forced up because of pressure from defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield.

"They had a great fourth quarter, showed some guts and came back and won," said Young, who showed a strong arm and great scrambling ability. He also couldn't get the ball in the end zone, and showed some of his inexperience by absorbing six sacks.

Stubblefield, who had three sacks and was named the game's most valuable player, said the plan was to force Young to make mistakes.

"We knew that if we put pressure on him that he would make bad decisions like he did," Stubblefield said. "They set their guards and tackles so far off the line that it gives me a chance to get a good running start."

BYU's Hema Heimuli returned the opening kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown, the longest return ever in this bowl game. Heimuli started up the middle of the field, then cut to the sideline near midfield and scampered untouched to the end zone.

Kansas tied it less than a minute later when Matt Gay caught a lateral from Hilleary and hit Rodney Harris with a 74-yard scoring strike, the longest pass play in the history of the Aloha Bowl. Harris was standing alone at the BYU 40 and ran untouched for the TD. Harris finished with four catches for 142 yards and Hilleary completed 11 of 23 for 126 yards.

Smith goes for rushing crown against Bears

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Although the Dallas Cowboys already have clinched the NFC Eastern Division title and a first-round bye in the playoffs, Emmitt Smith has work to do in the final game of the regular season.

Smith, bidding for his second consecutive NFL rushing title, will start today five yards behind Pittsburgh's Barry Foster. He's trying to become only the ninth running back — and the first since Eric Dickerson in 1983-84 — to win consecutive rushing titles.

Smith said his primary goal is for the Cowboys to reach the Super Bowl, but he wouldn't mind winning another rushing title. And no team with a rushing champion has ever appeared in the Super Bowl.

"I guess I'll have to tank it to make sure we get to the Super Bowl," Smith joked. "I can tell you I want to win the rushing title if I can."

"It would prove I'm no fluke, not just a one-year lucky deal."

Also, it would line Smith's pockets with more gold. "It would put a lot of money in my pockets in incentives this year and next year," said Smith, whose contract expires at the end of the season. "I wouldn't mind that at all."

Foster and the Steelers play Cleveland in a noon game, so Smith will know what he has to do when the Cowboys take the field at 4 p.m. EDT against the Bears.

And here's fair warning to the Bears: Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson believes the Cowboys are on a good enough roll to win the Super Bowl.

"The only time we're going to get giddy is reaching the ultimate goal," Johnson said. "Our goal in training camp was to improve on a year ago. We talked about getting to the point where we could play for the conference championship."

Dallas will play the Minnesota Vikings on either Jan. 9 or Jan. 10 if the NFC Central champions win their first-round game. If the Vikings lose, Dallas will play the winner of the other wild-card matchup.

The Cowboys spent little time celebrating after they defeated Atlanta 41-17 Monday night to clinch the NFC East title.

Johnson said he now thinks the team is good enough to get to Pasadena for the Super Bowl.

"There's no question we are a Super Bowl threat," Johnson said. "If you can get to the playoffs in the NFL, you can go all the way. Any team can get hot at any time and can do it."

Johnson said the Cowboys will try to win their 13th game of the season — which would be a club record — but they're not going to overwork their starters to do it.

"I want all our players to be ready for the playoffs," Johnson said. "We'll gauge how the game is going to see how long our veterans play."



Kansas head coach Glen Mason and Dana Stubblefield celebrate while BYU's Tom Young rests.

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Spurs celebrate with win

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Even though David Robinson didn't want to play on Christmas Day, it was a merry one for him and the San Antonio Spurs.

Sean Elliott scored 32 points and the Spurs went over .500 for the first time this season with a 103-94 victory Friday over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Robinson complained about playing on the holiday, citing family and religious reasons. The Spurs had to travel on Christmas Eve to be in Los Angeles for a 12:30 PST tipoff.

"I don't think playing would be bad if it was in Dallas or Houston," said Robinson, whose wife is expecting the couple's first child. "Coming out here, it hurt me leaving my wife. If we had the baby, it would even be harder."

In the Clippers' locker room, Ken Norman sat amidst the holiday decorations and looked at a Christmas card. Even though he's single, Norman said he sympathized with Robinson's wish to be home.

"I can understand how some guys are married with children and they don't want to play," he said.

Outside the locker room, the hallway was jammed with players' wives and children dressed in holiday finery. Several of the children sat on the floor and played with new toys.

The Spurs made the most of their holiday away from home, never trailing en route to beating a team with a winning record for just the second time this season.

Elliott's day mirrored the team's. He had 15 points in the first quarter, two each in the second and third and 13 in the fourth, while the Spurs' score by quarters was 39-15-15-34.

John Lucas marked his one-week anniversary as coach with his second straight victory. The Spurs are 3-0 since firing Jerry Tarkanian on Dec. 18.

"This win is just another road win," Lucas said. "I don't want them to say, 'Oh, we played on national TV. It's over.' We've got to go win some games."

The Spurs travel across town tonight to play the Lakers.

Elliott hit his first six field goals and the Spurs were equally hot. They shot 70 percent in the first quarter for a 39-17 lead — their highest scoring quarter of the season.

The Spurs shot 49 percent (36 of 73) for the game, but lost in rebounding (48-44).

Robinson, meanwhile, struggled against a swarming defense that double-teamed him. He finished with 21 points after scoring just nine through three periods. He fouled out with 2:08 remaining.

"The first and fourth quarters I tried to exert myself a lot more," he said. "I came inside and took my shots."

The Clippers got within four points late in the game on a pair of free throws by Danny Manning, who finished with 17 points. Norman led Los Angeles with 22 points and 13 rebounds. Ron Harper had 21 points.

Los Angeles has lost four of its last six games, and coach Larry Brown blames selfishness.

"I'm mad. I see a 2-on-1 break and we don't pass," he said. "We used to have 30-35 assists, now we have 8-10. Some of our guys just have to step forward and play."

The Clippers dug themselves an early hole, never recovering from 37 percent (34 of 91) field-goal shooting for the game.

In the first period, they tied their lowest scoring quarter of the season on 8-of-20 shooting.

"Their big lead really hurt us," Manning said. "They shot the ball well, and early on we didn't pressure the shots."

San Antonio's hot streak continued early in the second quarter as the Spurs hit 12 of their first 14 field goals for a 25-point lead.

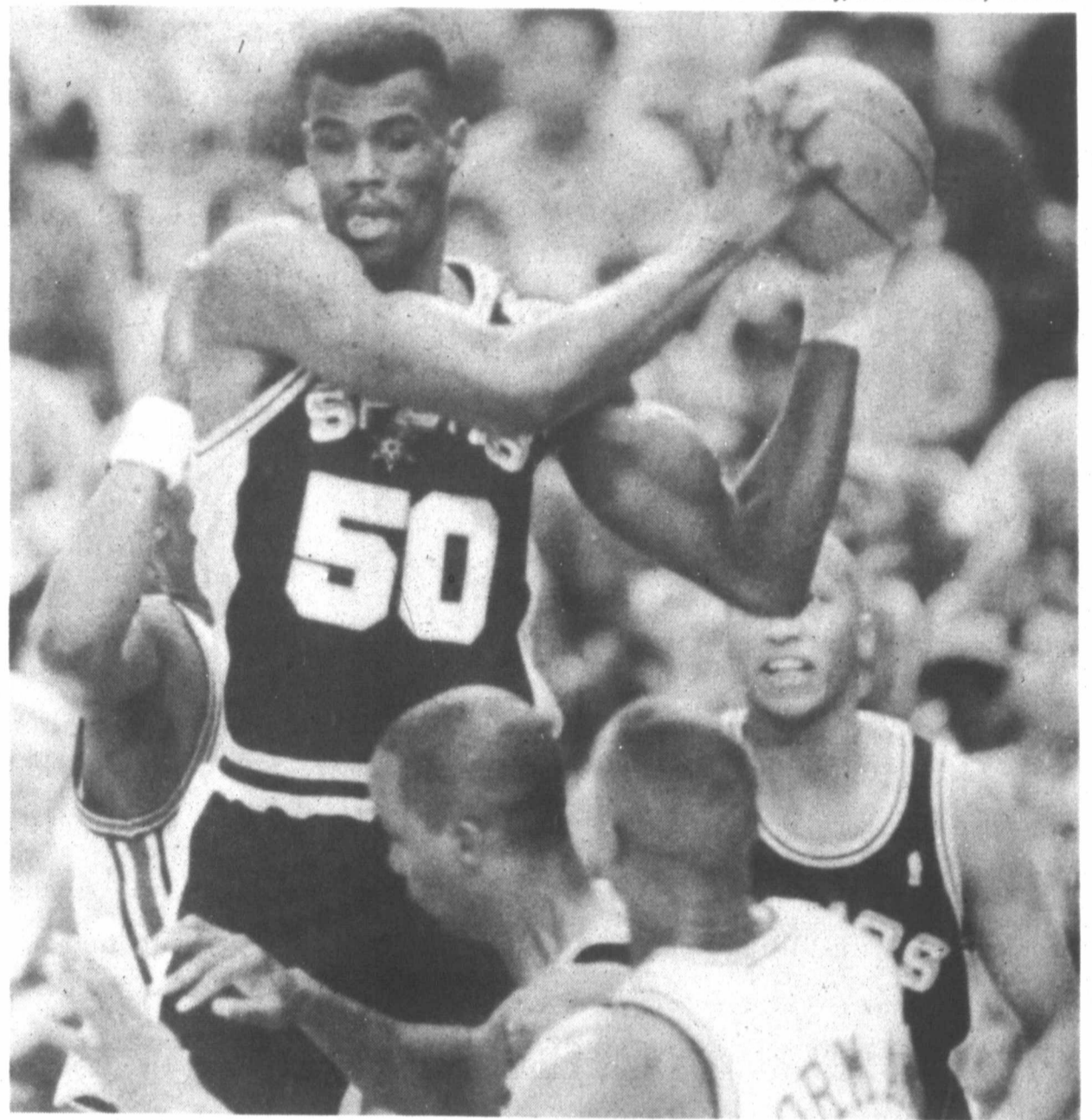
The Clippers got back in the game when San Antonio cooled to 10 of 27 field-goal shooting late in the period and led 54-46 at half-time.

Brown said Manning didn't get the ball often enough.

"We started to take ill-advised 3-pointers and we made some bad decisions," he said. "We were even missing 8- and 10-footers."

Led by Elliott's 15 points, the Spurs had their highest scoring quarter of the season, leading 39-17 after one. They were 16 of 23 (70 percent) from the floor, and led by as many as 22 points.

The game marked Magic Johnson's return to the broadcast booth since his second retirement just before the season started. Johnson received a rousing cheer from the crowd of 13,780, then did color commentary on the game.



David Robinson is heads above the crowd as he pulls down a rebound Friday in Los Angeles.

Bulls comeback is sweet revenge

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan turned around the Chicago Bulls just when they were facing another blowout loss to the New York Knicks.

"When we have to raise our level of basketball, we know we can do it," Jordan said after scoring 14 of his 42

points in the final quarter Friday night, leading the Bulls to an 89-77 victory. "We put them on their heels, and then we got the KO punch."

The outcome turned around the worst regular-season defeat of Jordan's eight-year career, a 112-75 loss at New York on Nov. 28. That game, coupled with the Knicks' seeking their first regular-season win in 13 games in Chicago since

March 1987, raised anticipation that the Christmas Day rematch would feature the same intense, physical play of last spring's seven-game Eastern Conference final between the same two teams.

The tension was heightened further when coaches Phil Jackson of Chicago and Pat Riley of New York swapped barbs about whether the clubs respected one another.

"If I had to summarize the game in just one word," Jackson said, "it would be 'dogfight.' We had to adjust at the half. We licked our wounds and went out to play hard."

The day before the game, Jordan talked about how he planned to spend the morning peacefully at home.

"In the morning, we'll be peaceful and try to spend as much time as we can with the family. But somehow," he added, "you have to turn yourself into a devil by the end of the evening."

As far as the Knicks were concerned, he did.

The Bulls began the fourth quarter with a 64-62 lead after Jordan almost singlehandedly staged a comeback that erased a 10-point halftime deficit.

With Chicago trailing 49-39, Jordan scored the first eight points of the third period and 10 during a 12-0 run that carried the Bulls to their first lead since the opening quarter. Patrick Ewing ended New York's drought after 4:01 with a short jumper, but the Knicks staggered through a 28.6 percent (6 of 21) shooting performance in the period.

They never really recovered, finishing that period with 13 points and adding just 15 more in the fourth. The 28 points were their lowest output for a half this season.

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intensity or attitude that we had in the first half. We attacked all the time," Riley said. "In the second half, we just sat back and waited for them to come to us. We wound up fighting for our lives."

Jordan also started quickly to open the final period, this time scoring six of the Bulls' first 12 points as they took a 76-68 lead. Rolando Blackman, who scored 17 points for New York, matched two of Jordan's jumpers during that stretch.

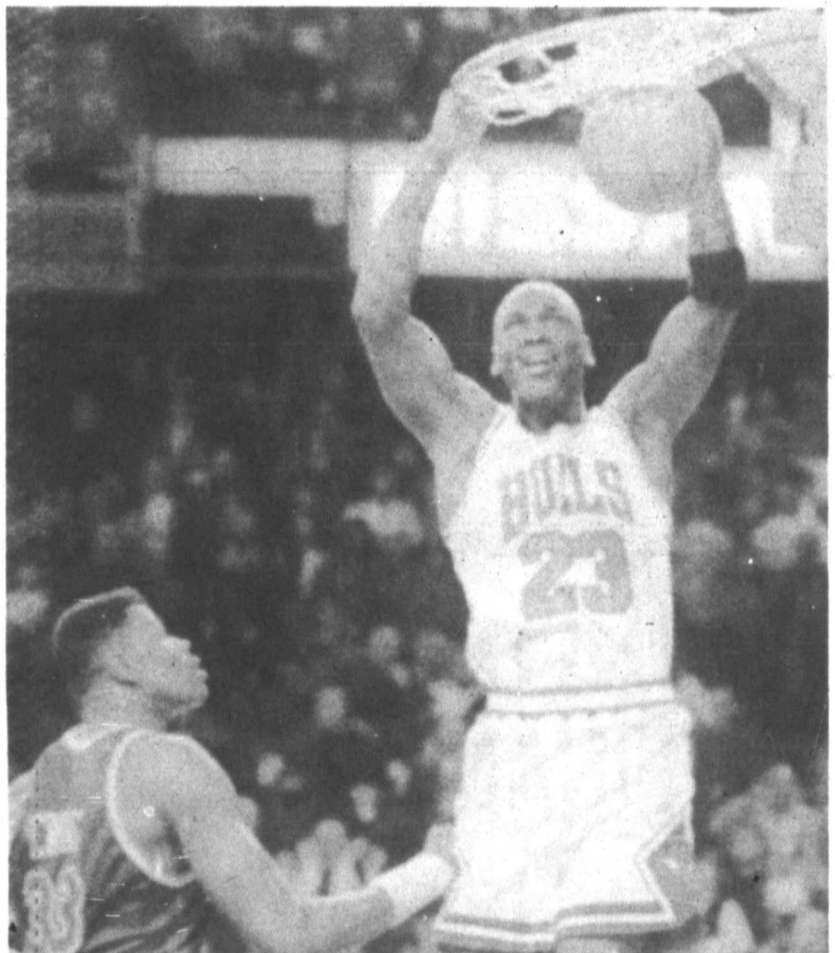
But, after Blackman's 15-footer at 7:51, the Knicks stumbled through the next six minutes without a basket. Chicago, however, failed to build on that lead, missing a handful of easy baskets and several free throws over the closing five minutes.

The Bulls' victory, their third straight, also snapped New York's win streak at five. It came less than a month after the Knicks' rout at Madison Square Garden and kept Chicago in first place in the conference standings, 1 1/2 games ahead of the Knicks.

If the two teams meet again in the Eastern Conference final, this will have served as a preview. Like their last meeting, it was as much a wrestling match as basketball — with one important difference, Friday night, the referees stepped in between the combatants early and often.

New York's Charles Oakley got whistled for a loose-ball foul on the game's opening possession, and the referees didn't let up from that point on. There were several minor skirmishes throughout the game, including a double-technical to Oakley and the Bulls' Bill Cartwright after only six minutes, but that was the most serious incident in a rough and sloppy game.

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Michael Jordan sails over Patrick Ewing for two of his 42 points Friday in Chicago.

Expos trade Wallach; continue to cut payroll

MONTREAL (AP) — The Montreal Expos have sliced another piece of payroll.

In their latest move, they shed the salary of third baseman Tim Wallach.

Wallach, after 13 years with the Expos, was to have earned a guaranteed \$6.8 million over the next two seasons. Instead, he was traded on Christmas Eve to the Los Angeles Dodgers for Tim Laker, 24, a smooth-fielding, ordinary-hitting minor league shortstop.

Barker was placed on Montreal's Class AAA Ottawa roster. He may get a shot at a backup infield job with the Expos in spring training.

While Wallach's departure lowers the Expos payroll — an already lean \$16 million last year — and frees cash to pay some of the team's emerging stars, it raises questions about Montreal's ability to contend in the National League East.

General manager Dan Duquette, fulfilling the wishes of the team's ownership consortium, has liquidated almost \$9 million in potential 1993 salaries in the last month.

He traded outfielder Ivan Calderon and his \$3 million contract, dealt pitcher Mark Gardner and the \$1 million he will probably receive from an arbitrator, passed on re-signing shortstop Spike Owen, and disposed of Wallach.

The Expos have agreed to pay an

unspecified part of Wallach's contract. Wallach in turn waived the third, option, year on his contract.

While Duquette insists "we've upgraded the ball club with our moves," there are question marks in several areas.

Wallach is a three-time Gold Glove Award winner at third base. That position now apparently belongs to either Sean Berry or Frank Bolick.

Duquette said it was up to manager Felipe Alou "to decide in spring training, but these two guys hit 49 homers between them last year."

Only one of the homers — Berry's first in the big leagues, on the last day of the season — came in the major leagues. Berry hit 21 homers at Class AAA Omaha, the Kansas City affiliate where he played prior to Montreal trading pitchers Chris Haney and Bill Sampson to the Royals last summer.

Bolick, obtained last month from Seattle for minor league pitcher David Wainhouse, hit 14 homers at Class AAA Calgary and 13 at Class AA Jacksonville.

Only Berry has a major league at-bat, and he had 140.

At shortstop, Wil Cordero has appeared in 46 major-league games. First baseman Greg Colbrunn has a tender right elbow and 168 at-bats in the majors.

Tim Laker and Tim Spehr, com-

peting with third-year performer Darrin Fletcher at catcher, have 46 and 74 big-league at-bats.

"It's certainly possible the Expos

have enough talent to win," said Wallach. "But the infield defense is probably going to be one of the biggest question marks on that team."

Aggies take action

DALLAS (AP) — Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said today that he doesn't expect four ineligible football players to be back in uniform by Jan. 1 when the fourth-ranked Aggies face No. 5 Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl.

Running back Greg Hill and three other Aggie players were declared ineligible after the school launched its own investigation into allegations of improper payments from a prominent booster.

News that Hill, offensive lineman James Brooks, receiver Percy Singleton and offensive lineman Darius Smith were ineligible came down late Friday in a press release from university president William Mobley.

Slocum said sophomore wide receiver Wilbert Biggens, who played running back in high school, would switch to the backfield to back up Rodney Thomas. "This is in no way an indictment of our program," Slocum said today. He added that the university's quick action demonstrates just how dedicated A&M is to complying with NCAA regulations.

Friday's release said the school had found the players "ineligible in accordance with NCAA regulations, but will consider requesting restoration of eligibility based upon the circumstances of each individual case."

"After extensive research, we have concerns regarding the amount of work performed by these four athletes and as a result have taken this action," Mobley said.

The school's action was triggered by a story in The Dallas Morning News last week that a prominent Aggies benefactor, Dallas developer Warren A. Gilbert Jr., paid at least five Texas A&M players for work they did not do.

The report said Gilbert, 67, one of the largest operators of public housing in Dallas, wrote the payments off as maintenance fees at his low-income housing units.

The players were paid year-round in apparent violation of NCAA rules, yet in some cases did no work, current and former employees of Gilbert told the newspaper.

Federal agents served subpoenas on Gilbert's properties last week seeking records, the report said.

Gilbert, who said the players worked only during school breaks as allowed by the NCAA, and school officials denied any infractions.

Mobley said its subsequent probe found no proof of wrongdoing by Gilbert or the school.

"Based on many hours our investigative team spent looking into published allegations that were made about our football program, we found that 1) there was no institutional impropriety, 2) no year-around payments had been made and 3) reported salary figures were grossly exaggerated," Mobley said.

"Since we first were informed of possible problems, we have been in contact with the NCAA, keeping them informed and aware of our activities and findings."

Spokesman Rene Henry said the school's investigation is being conducted by Robert Smith, the vice president of finance and administration. He said Smith is responsible for NCAA rules compliance and reports directly to Mobley.

Gilbert, a second-generation Aggie and a football letterman during the 1946-47 season, has defended the payments as proper.

"I just know that they all worked," he said. "That's all I can tell you. We have everything protected and we can validate every time they came to work ... It's not paying them, in effect, to play football."

The newspaper report named Hill, Smith, Singleton, sophomore receiver Brian Mitchell and sophomore linebacker Jessie Cox.

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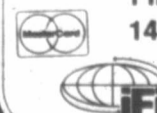
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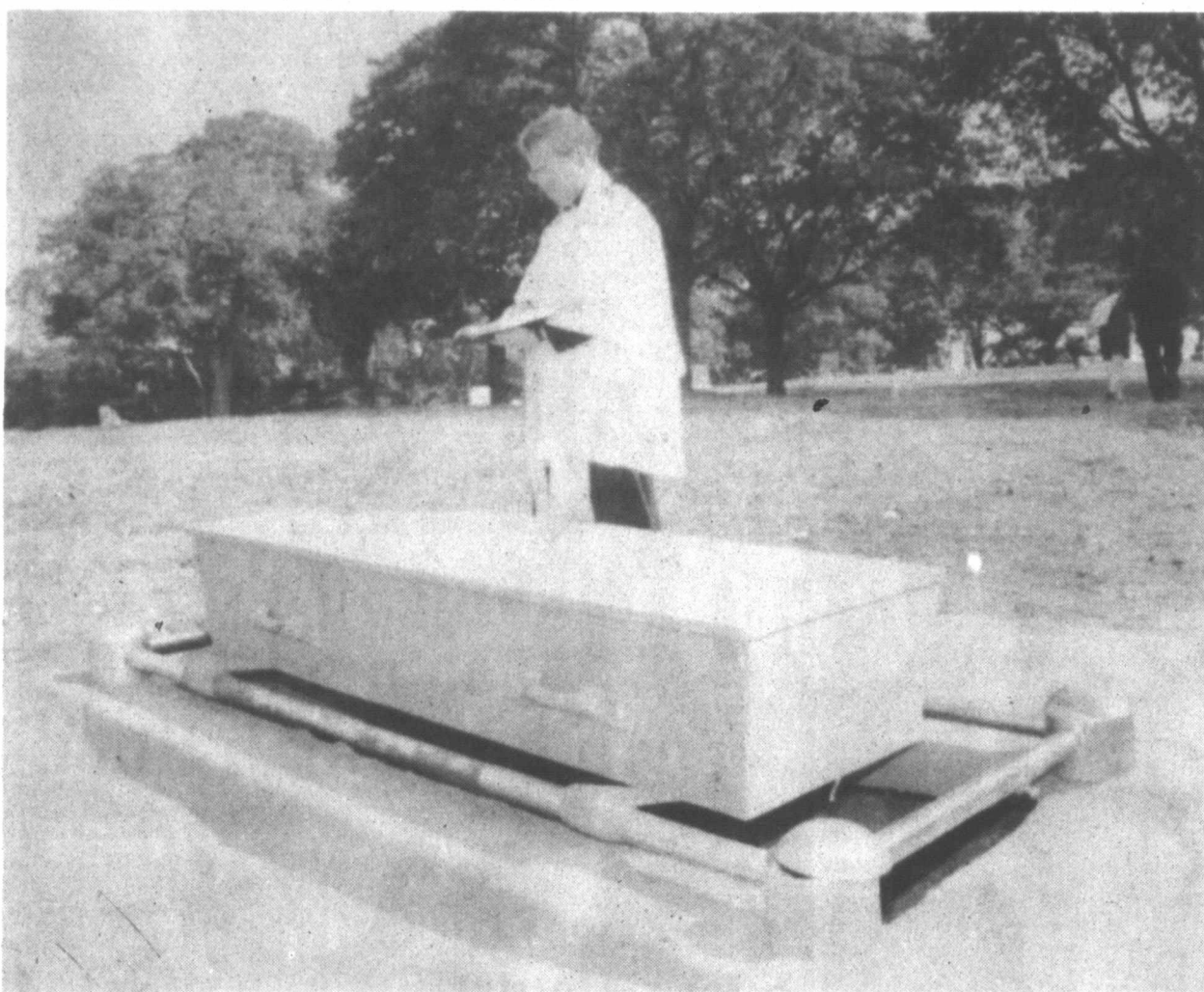
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Rev. James Riihimaki, an Episcopal priest from Quincy, Mass., performs funeral services for an unknown person earlier this year. (AP Photo)

Potter's field still serves the many nameless poor

By EVE EPSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The people buried in the potter's field at Fairview Cemetery did not always go gentle into that good night, but they went empty-handed, and sometimes unidentified.

Fairview contains the city's welfare lot, the place where the poor and the unknown are buried. Most big cities have some version of a potter's field. Boston's has been getting more use in recent years with the area hard-hit by recession.

The plot, surrounded by private lots covered with headstones, looks like an empty field. But close inspection reveals small metal circles, like large golf tees, inserted in rows along the ground. Each circle has a number — the number given to the body laid to rest there.

"I think that's the saddest thing," said Rev. James Riihimaki, an Episcopal priest from Quincy who — along with a funeral director — was the lone mourner at a recent burial of a 74-year-old man who died of cirrhosis.

The man was buried in a simple, cloth covered box, in plot number 15 on row 29.

"When you have huge wakes there's a lot of tears but there's a certain joy that that person has meant something to somebody," Riihimaki said. "But here, maybe

the most important thing is that this person is special in God's eyes."

The term "potter's field" has been handed down from biblical times. The New Testament tells of temple elders using the money Judas received for betraying Jesus to buy a potter's field — a reference that could mean the field where potters found their clay, although scholars are unclear about the exact meaning.

Records indicating the cause of death for people in the welfare lot reflect all of society's social ills. While many people die of natural causes, there are others who die violently, like the "unknown white male" buried May 5 who died of stab wounds and drowning. A few people buried this year died of AIDS. Others, like "baby boy Reed," are listed as fetal deaths.

The number of people buried each year at Boston's welfare lot hovered above 100 in the recessionary late 1970s and dropped to the 30s in the booming mid-1980s. It edged up to 43 in 1990 and 52 in 1991, but this year has seen only 32 burials.

Sometimes bodies are buried months after death, especially if the body needs to be examined and tested by the state medical examiner to determine the cause of death. Bodies are always sent to a funeral director in Boston, even if there are no relatives. It costs \$125 to open a grave in the potter's field, and the charges are covered by welfare.

In New York City, the potter's

field is located on an island in the East River, tended by prisoners. The city buries about 3,000 people there every year, about half of them infants. The island contains the remains of more than 750,000 people.

In Los Angeles, the bodies of indigents are cremated. If nobody steps forward within three years to claim the ashes, they are placed in a mass grave. Los Angeles County handled 2,688 indigent deaths in fiscal 1991.

Illinois officials estimate there were 7,318 welfare deaths in Chicago in 1991, and 5,706 welfare deaths in the city between January and November of this year.

Jim Stewart, who runs a homeless shelter in Cambridge, has attended several funerals in potter's fields. He says they contain an extra sense of loss.

"There's nothing quite as frightening as dying anonymously and unremembered," he said.

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Condemned killer to become first hanged inmate since 1965

By JOHN K. WILEY
Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — If three-time murderer Westley Allan Dodd gets his wish, he will become the first person executed by hanging in the United States since 1965.

Dodd has fought efforts to appeal or delay his Jan. 5 execution. He says he wants to die by hanging because he strangled the youngest of his victims, a 4-year-old, and hanged him in a closet. If granted clemency, the 31-year-old Dodd told the court:

"I will kill and rape (children) again and enjoy every minute of it."

Although the state Supreme Court approved Dodd's request to waive further appeals, the American Civil Liberties Union has said it will appeal on Dodd's behalf.

"This action (hanging) is abhorrent. It's not something a civilized country should do," said Jeffrey Cohen, an ACLU lawyer representing death-penalty opponents.

The last prison hangings in the United States were carried out in 1965 in Kansas, when four murderers were executed. Two of the condemned, Richard Eugene Hickock and Perry Edward Smith, became the subjects of Truman Capote's book "In Cold Blood."

Today, death by hanging remains legal in four states: Washington, Montana, New Hampshire and Delaware.

It's Washington's official method of execution, although condemned prisoners can opt for death by lethal injection. The last hanging in Washington occurred in 1963.

Death by hanging is considered so gruesome that a thin screen will be lowered before the trap door opens on the gallows so witnesses see only a silhouette, said state Corrections Department spokesman Veltry Johnson.

Dodd's mother, Carol Collins, 50, has said she wished her son chose lethal injection.

"I just think anyone given the death penalty should be given a shot and put to sleep," she said.

Dodd was sentenced to death in 1990 after admitting he strangled 4-year-old Lee Iseli in October 1989, and fatally stabbed 10-year-old William Neer and his 11-year-old brother, Cole, a month earlier.

Dodd said he started molesting youngsters when he was 14. He was sentenced to sex-offender treatment, but said he agreed to it only to avoid jail and continue molesting children.

At Dodd's insistence, trial lawyers said, witnesses weren't called who could have testified that he was well regarded by teachers and relatives, or that his criminal behavior could be related to a troubled childhood.

Dodd's attorney, Darrell Lee, said Dodd wants to be executed because his crimes were so terrible

that it makes him sick to think about them and because he doesn't want to spend the rest of his life in a cell.

Justice Bob Utter, one of the two state Supreme Court justices who opposed waiving Dodd's appellate review on the 7-2 vote, said the court risked sanctioning "state-assisted suicide."

Death penalty opponents have asked Gov. Booth Gardner to commute the sentence to life in prison. Gardner has said he won't intervene.

Prison officials are following a 12-page policy manual for capital punishment that's based in part on military capital punishment procedures, said Jerry Davis, the assistant prison superintendent.

The execution chamber, at the Washington State Penitentiary at Walla Walla, 300 miles southeast of Seattle, is a two-level room with white walls, a grey concrete floor and large viewing windows.

"The inmate will be brought out of the holding cell, a rope will be put around his neck. There will be an opportunity for last words," Davis said. "A signal will be given and the trap door will open. That's all there is to it."

The rope used for the noose is boiled and stretched to prevent any spring or stiffness. The rope's length is determined using a military chart that determines how far a person must drop for their weight to snap the neck.

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Hopes and Dreams 1993

By **CHERYL BERZANSKIS**
Lifestyles Editor

The city of Pampa and Gray County have had their share of ups and downs in 1992. On the up side, the county experienced the opening of the Rufe Jordan Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections, but on its heels came blinding snow and icy streets.

While the end of the year is the traditional time to pause for reflection on times gone by, it is also a time to look ahead with anticipation to the coming year. In tandem with that sense of wonder, comes a set of hopes and dreams for that unknown which is to be 1993.

Officials of Gray County, the city of Pampa and Pampa Independent School District were contacted and asked about their hopes and dreams for this part of the decade.

While they didn't say anything spectacular or surprising, the respondents followed a near constant theme — the dream for economic prosperity to return to the Panhandle.

"Another boom, please," responded County Clerk Wanda Carter about her dream for 1993. "I'd like to see the prosperity increase — property values and jobs. I want it over night!"

On the city side, Mayor Richard Peet and City Manager Glen Hackler must have been listening: "For the community I'd like to see



Mayor Richard Peet

renewed business prosperity," Hackler said in a telephone interview.

Peet also dreams of an improvement in the economic picture for Pampa.

"I think we're gonna see a turnaround, but that's the number one thing (economic improvement) we'd like to see," Peet said during a telephone interview. "I'd love to see an increase in filling our mall."

While Peet noted that the recent unemployment rates were not "too bad" due to prison start up, his wish for Pampa is for business opportunities which keep young people in the community.

"We have a good quality of life and a good place to raise a family," he said.

Margie Gray, Gray County tax assessor-collector, followed the same theme.

When asked about her hopes and dream for the county, she quickly responded, "For our economy to be better than it is!"

For the city, Hackler and Peet want to see consistent improvement in the municipal infrastructure.

"I would like to see great progress in our street improvement program," Hackler said.

The 1993 street improvement program is a high priority for Peet also. The project, financed by a bond issue, is scheduled to run over a two-year period, beginning in the spring of 1993.

Officials voiced some other hopes for 1993. Carter "dreams" of more storage space in her Gray County



County Clerk Wanda Carter

Courthouse office.

Fire Chief Claudie Phillips wants a new four-wheel drive Suburban. His chief's car is just in the shop too much, he said. For his firefighters, he dreams of some extra equipment — specifically a motor powered hydraulic cutting tool and spreader, commonly called "the jaws of life."

"What I would like is for everyone to have a fire free year," said Phillips.

Dawson Orr, superintendent of Pampa Independent School District, has two wishes which he communicated by letter — "That PISD con-



Tax Assessor-Collector Margie Gray

tinues to improve service to our students, parents and community" and "That each employee renews a commitment to personal and professional growth."

Police Chief Chuck Flemins said, "What I would like to see in the coming year is an excellent working partnership between the Pampa Police Department and the citizens of Pampa."

On a more personal note, besides dollars and cents, Hackler would like to see basic needs met for all Pampa citizens. He pointed out that while civic groups exist which touch many lives, a few still fall

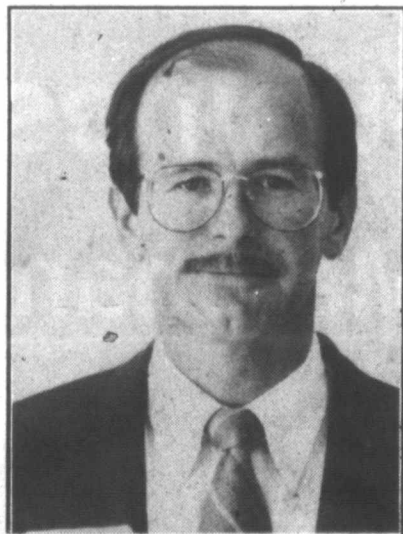
through the cracks.

"If all of us together could just meet those people with basic needs and provide for them," Hackler said.

Gray wishes that citizens of the county would show more love toward each other in the form of being better care givers, as well as work together for the common good. On the job, Gray said she hoped that cooperation among employees would continue and each would enjoy her job.

Somalia and the empty eyes and stomachs of matchstick children touch the heart of Carter: "And those little hungry children ... I'd like to feed the world."

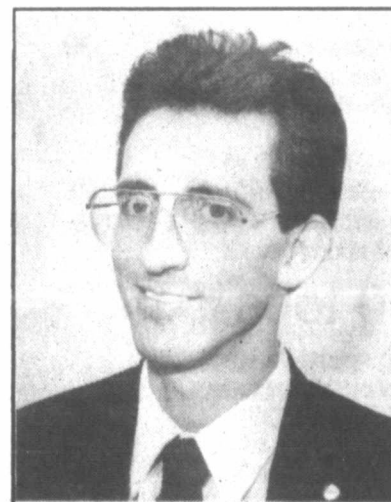
But her final wish for 1993? Peace on Earth.



PISD Superintendent Dawson Orr



Fire Chief Claudie Phillips



City Manager Glen Hackler



Police Chief Chuck Flemins

Lifestyles



Vicente and Catherine Martinez



Blake and Billee Laramore

Martinez anniversary Laramore anniversary

Vicente and Catherine Martinez of White Deer celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with an 8 p.m. Dec. 18 reception in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in White Deer.

The reception was hosted by their children. Mr. Martinez married Catherine Wessner on Dec. 29, 1967, at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Pittsburg, Calif. They have resided in White Deer for 25 years. Mr. Martinez has been employed at Northern Natural Gas as a mechanic for 22 years. Mrs. Martinez is a homemaker.

They are members of the Sacred Heart Church in White Deer. Mrs. Martinez belongs to the Altar Society and the All Around Homemakers Home Demonstration Club. Mr. Martinez is a member of the Navy Reserves, The American Legion, and is president of the Carson County branch of Catholic Life Insurance.

They have two children, Thomas Martinez of Lubbock and Kathleen Martinez of Amarillo.

Blake and Billee Laramore plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 30.

Laramore married Billee Kitchens on Dec. 30, 1942, in Pampa, while he was stationed at the Pampa Army Air Base. Both were raised in Pampa.

They are the parents of two, Gary B. Laramore, Panhandle, and Karan Cross of Pampa. They have three grandchildren, Preston Cross of Pampa, Gary B. Laramore Jr. of Waco, and Kerri Harris of Pampa, and one great-grandchild, Adam B. Cross of Pampa.

Danish stamp made in honor of new Bible

By The Associated Press

Denmark is proud that it has published a new Bible — the first contemporary translation of the Old and New Testaments since the Bible of Christian VI in 1740.

The Danish Post Office has released a new stamp in its honor. The design, by Danish painter Bodil Kaalund, features "Jacob's fight with the angel" from the Old Testament.

The new Bible was edited by the Danish Bible Association, which has supervised all authorized versions of the Danish Bible since 1814. When the new project was begun in 1975 the idea was to translate only the Old Testament, but six years ago it was decided that the New Testament also should be included.

Also issued by Danish postal officials was a set of two new stamps in their "Painting Series" depicting the works of Johan Lundbye (1818-1848) and Peter Christian Skovgaard (1817-1875). The pair of artists are counted among the greatest Danish romantic landscape painters.

The Bible stamps and the painting stamps are available at local dealers.

For Historical Collectors
The U.S. Historical Collectors Society is offering an unusual collection of special commemorative collectibles honoring the inauguration of President-elect Clinton and Vice President-elect Gore.

This limited edition suitable for gift or framing contains two multi-color commemorative envelopes with appropriate U.S. stamps, the special one-day United States Postal Service, Jan. 20, 1993, Inauguration Day pictorial postmark from Washington, D.C., plus photos of the president and vice president and two full color standard three-ring American History album pages.

Each complete presidential historical collection is \$15.95. Also available is a U.S. presidential stamp collection of 50 different U.S. presidential stamps from the past 50 years mounted on a 3-by-5 black display card for \$9.95. Both for \$24.95.

Honoring the Oregon Trail
The U.S. Postal Service has announced the design for its Oregon Trail commemorative stamp to be issued Feb. 14 in Oregon City, Ore. Deadline for first-day cancellations will be in March.

The horizontal design features a map of the northwest portion of the continental U.S., with the trail marked in red, stretching from western Missouri to northwest Oregon. The words "Oregon Trail" and "1843-1993" also appear in red. "USA 29" is printed in black.

A Holiday Gift Tip
The Junior Philatelists of America is again offering Holiday Gift memberships. In addition, JPA will give two free first-day covers to each member who joins by Dec. 31.

Menus		Dec. 28-Jan. 1
Pampa Meals on Wheels		
Monday	Steak fingers with gravy, broccoli and rice, carrot salad, cookies.	enchiladas, mashed potatoes, spinach, pinto beans, beets, slaw, toss or jello salad, chocolate ice box pie or peach cobbler, cornbread or hot rolls.
Tuesday	Oven-fry chicken, German potato salad, baked beans, pineapple.	
Wednesday	Turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, fruit salad.	Baked turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, candied yams, green beans with pearl onions, fruit salad, peach jello, toss salad, pumpkin pie, mincemeat pie, fruit, cranberry sauce, deviled eggs, stuffed celery, olives, hot rolls, tea or coffee.
Thursday-Friday	Closed for holiday.	
Pampa Senior Citizens		
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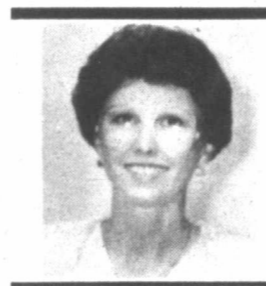
Food safety precautions necessary when dehydrating

Many people enjoy making their own beef or venison jerky. Making this food in a home dehydrator or oven saves money; but food safety precautions are necessary.

Typically, jerky is made by cutting meat into thin strips, marinating in a salty marinade and drying in a dehydrator or oven at 140 degrees Fahrenheit. The principle of food dehydration is based on the fact that the water necessary for bacterial growth is removed. In jerky, the salty marinade also helps prevent bacterial growth.

Because the potential for foodborne illness is high with protein foods, special precautions need to be taken. Clean hands and equipment are crucial, and the meat should be handled as little as possible.

The salty marinade is important. The meat is soaked in a salt and



Homemakers' News

Donna Brauchi

water mixture until the salt is absorbed. Seasonings may be added to this mixture. Marinade mixtures are for one time use only.

An additional precaution is to heat the raw strips of meat in the marinade to 145 to 150 degrees before drying. This can be done easily on the range and will help destroy any salmonella bacteria that may be present, while retaining the quality of the jerky.

Use thin strips of meat for jerky.

Meats cut in strips 3/16 to 1/4 inch thick are recommended. Uniform slices will shorten the drying time. Cut across the grain for increased tenderness and remove excess fat. Keep good circulation in the dehydrator and be sure meat is thoroughly dry. It should crack easily when bent.

Storage of the dried jerky in a well-sealed, moisture-vapor-proof plastic or glass container is necessary to prevent rehydration of the

product. Absorption of moisture by the product can allow bacterial growth, making the food unsafe. Also, failure to allow the jerky to cool before closing it in the container may allow condensation to collect on the surface and create an environment suitable for bacterial and mold growth. Jerky containing salt and cured without a commercial curing preparation may be stored at room temperature for 1 to 2 months. Jerky may be refrigerated or frozen in an airtight container to increase shelf life and maintain flavor.

Finally, those who are at special risk for foodborne illness, those with weakened immune systems, should be extra cautious in consuming home prepared jerky.

For more information on food and health, contact your Gray County Extension Office.

Hospital in The Dalles' main objective to restore caring to health care

By CAROL ANN RIHA
Associated Press Writer

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP) — Gone are all vestiges of coldness at Mid-Columbia Medical Center: the white sheets, the glaring lights, the aloof doctors.

Now, hospital sheets are striped or flowered. Track lighting runs the length of the halls, illuminating the watercolors on the walls rather than shining in patients' eyes.

But most importantly, patients are treated as human beings deserving of dignity and respect.

"The way we treated people was wrong," said Mark Scott, chief executive officer of the 49-bed hospital.

That realization led the hospital in this northern Oregon city of 11,000 to become the first in the nation to adopt the Planetree program.

Anyone who has been in a hospital has a horror story, Scott said.

Patients are stripped of their clothes and given skimpy gowns, slapped on carts, wheeled into a lab without warning.

"I've stripped you of your humanity, your uniqueness. I didn't mean to, but that's what I did," said Jacques Scott, director of acute care nursing and the Planetree program, and Mark Scott's wife.

Gail Eriksson, 49, had been hospitalized twice before in Pennsylvania. Both experiences were painful: "I had good medical care, but everybody was cold and aloof," she said.

Then she underwent laparoscopic surgery to remove her gall bladder at Mid-Columbia.

"I felt so comfortable, and everybody was so nice," she said. They were "in touch with the human spirit."

Technology has improved medicine but at the expense of patients' humanity, Scott said.

"You're never told about what's

happening to you; you don't understand what's happening to you," said Randy Carter, the hospital's training and development director. "At this hospital, that's not the way it works any more."

Patients now wear colorful gowns. Friends and family may come and go as they please. Each floor includes a kitchen, dining room and activity area. Decorations include plants and tropical fish. Quiet rooms with panoramic views overlook the Columbia River.

But while Mid-Columbia is more homelike, the key to better care is not in the surroundings.

"This could be done in a M-A-S-H tent," Carter said.

Patients are given as much medical information as they wish, so they can take part in their own care. They can read their charts and ask questions.

Their anxieties and fears are addressed. Nurses take time to talk and teach and hold patients' hands.

Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine, knew that to heal the patient, you must heal the soul, Scott said. Planetree is named for the sycamore beneath which Hippocrates taught.

Angelica Thieriot, wife of the owner of the San Francisco Chronicle, founded Planetree after she was hospitalized in 1978. While the technology was superior to that in her native Argentina, her hospital experience was lonely, impersonal and cold.

In 1985, an experimental Planetree unit opened at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. Scott heard Robin Orr, director of hospital projects at California Pacific, speak at a seminar.

Orr said she hoped one day to

find a hospital to incorporate Planetree systemwide. Scott committed his hospital.

Other experimental Planetree units are operating at hospitals in San Jose and Delano, Calif., and at Beth Israel in New York City.

Mid-Columbia finished the nine-month process of incorporating the Planetree concepts in June.

Everyone who comes into contact with patients went through a

weeklong training program: about 360 employees and 350 volunteers, board members, county health workers and others.

Representatives of at least 50 institutions since have visited Mid-Columbia, Carter said.

"Of that 50, there's probably 4 percent who come here and really get it," he said. "There's 96 percent of those people who come here and see it."

Man owns more than 6,000 tops

By The Associated Press

For centuries, colorful tops have fascinated children all around the world. According to Traditional Home magazine, adults are finding them equally captivating today, as these cone-shaped toys conjure up images of simpler times and whirl people back into the world of their childhood.

"Children will always love tops," says Dan Lassanske of Atascadero, Calif., a leading authority on the subject and owner of one of the country's largest private collections — more than 6,000 spinning toys. "There is a sense of wonder at how something so simple also can be so mesmerizing."

The top is one of the oldest toys. It was depicted in ancient Egyptian paintings, mentioned in the Iliad, and unearthed in the city of Troy. Tops

became so popular in England during the 18th century that societies for top spinners were formed, and a century later a special souvenir model was produced in London for the 1851 Exhibition with the Crystal Palace depicted on it.

German toymakers have always been regarded as the premier craftsmen in the field, creating some of the most colorful and artistic graphics as well as the finest mechanisms.

"In relation to other antique toys, tops have been ignored until fairly recently," says Lassanske, who has collected tops for more than 20 years. He displays his thousands of tops on well-lighted glass shelves that reflect all their brilliant hues.

"In the past 10 years the general public has warmed up to old tops, probably because they're a unique and affordable toy that begs to be played with," he said.

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Winter here, Christmas gone as other happenings abound

Winter came and stayed this week. Christmas came and went. For other events confined to the local area, do read on.

Before the big come-and-go party for Bob Baker, the Gray County Bar Association honored him with a luncheon/roast at the Pampa Country Club with Bill Waters as emcee. About 50 guests, present and former judges, attorneys and the courthouse gang, plus several spouses laughed and roared. So did Bob! And Peggy!

Bob is a Texan by choice. Born in Birmingham, Ala., he attended court reporter school at Plainview and worked two years in Natchez, Miss., before moving to Pampa 42 years ago. Bob has all-seeing eyes and all-hearing ears, can remember every case, every person, every word. While Bob will be greatly missed around the courthouse, his many friends wish him a happy, well-deserved retirement. Retirement? He will continue to take depositions to prevent total retirement.

A warm Pampa "Welcome home!" to Richard Mackie, Bob's successor. Richard is a native Pampa and the son of Helen Ruth Mackie.

How good it is to see Alberta Jeffries back in circulation after recent surgery. She returned to her post in the E.J. Dunigan office a few hours last week. For several weeks her willing chauffeurs were her mom, Vickie Williams, and her mother-in-law, Dorothy Jeffries.

Best wishes to Al Chapa, assistant administrator at Coronado Hospital, in his new position as administrator of a hospital in Gilmer. Al will be greatly missed by hospital staff and friends.

The same warm wishes to David and Keri Shoemaker, controller at Coronado Hospital. David has been named chief finance officer of the Valley Regional Hospital at Brownsville. Keri, an employee of the medical clinic of the Rufe Jordan Unit of TDC, plans to return to school.

Once again Retha and Ray Jordan opened up their home and hospitality with lavish decorations inside and outside for Preceptor Chi's Christmas party. Good food, caroling and exchange of secret sister gifts was a fun filled evening enjoyed by Martin and Irvine Riphon, Don and Terry Harrison, Nick and Carol Martin,



Peeking at Pampa By Katie

Gerry Caylor, L.G. and Joyce Clifton, Ruth McBride, Ottolene Jones, Helen Danner, Mary Baten, Charlene and Roy Morris, Teresa and Van Collins, Billie Bruner and Alberta Jeffries. Nice to see Alberta out after her recent heart surgery ... she looks great!

Glenn and Ermalie Sanders fled our snow to bask in the sun at St. Kitts in the Caribbean. Good planning, huh?

Sherrie and Bruce Derrick attended the graduation ceremonies of Sherrie's mother, Juanita Browning, from WTSU with a degree in nursing. Juanita and the Rev. Max Browning now live in Plainview, where he is minister of the United Methodist Church, after serving sev-

eral years in Pampa. It's OK to be proud of your mom, Sherrie! Her many Pampa friends share the joy of her accomplishment.

More than 100 teachers and staff members of Pampa High School attended their annual covered dish breakfast a few days ago. Nancy Coffee selected and persuaded a group of singers to sing traditional Christmas carols, the easy part, and to present a premiere performance of "The Monotone Angel." Johnny one-note was Vincent McGee, the Latin teacher, who is encouraged to wear a tie to keep from looking half his age. Singers, directed and accompanied by Susie Wilson, were Vincent, Fred Mays, Frank McCullough,

Mark Elms, Debra Scarbrough, Lib Jones, Sharon Wheeler, Katie McDonald. Assistant girls' basketball coach Denise Reed won the door prize.

Jerry Ward Hassell hosted a mid-night breakfast party to honor recent Knight Lites entertainers Larry and Bobbie. Knight Lites' employees and Dr. and Mrs. Prudencia Avendanio were guests hours after the Avendanos hosted a party for the X-ray department of Coronado Hospital.

At the Coronado Hospital Christmas party last Saturday evening at M.K. Brown Auditorium, there was something for everyone to do: dinner, bingo and a dance. Terry Barnes, public relations coordinator, was in charge of arrangements. Betty Scarbrough with Jewett standing close by to help, was in charge of bingo. Four-month-old Bo DeLange, son of Berrie and Jose, attended his first dance, but slept through most of it.

Recovery wishes to Jeff Skinner as he recovers at home from recent injuries. The same good wishes to Myrtle Leigh as she recovers from recent surgery.

Groups have shared Christmas carols with residents of both nursing homes in spite of the snow and ice. Their smiles speak of fond memories. Members of the local Altrusa Club treated residents of both nursing homes to a "shopping day" one recent Saturday afternoon when most people were snowed in. Club members furnished gifts for the residents to select, then wrapped them to be put under the Christmas tree either for the residents or family members. Who enjoyed the jaunt more, Altrusans or residents?

Hi-Land Christian Church members brought their annual Christmas party to Coronado Nursing Center, complete with homemade cookies and wonderful singalongs.

A new face at Coronado Nursing Center is Vinod Schini of India. Vinod is a physical therapist and Kathy Grahnn is the assistant PT and comes from Colorado. The PT-aid is La Gayla Wheat of Pampa. Can you even imagine the weather stories those three might share!

Do drive carefully so that we may ALL meet back here next week! A very Happy New Year to All! Katie



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Licking the problem of spreading germs

DEAR ABBY: Please comment on what seems to have become a national bad habit — people licking their fingers to turn pages, pick up papers, open plastic bags and countless other daily activities. I have seen people wet their fingers with saliva to pick up coins and before typing on a keyboard! (I've been grossed out more times than I can count.)

Abby, please check with your medical experts to find out just what these people are spreading with their saliva (colds, herpes, etc.). Am I being too sensitive, or are these people truly a health menace to themselves and others? If they are, please print your reply, as I would like to send copies to some of the offenders.

SICK OF LICKERS
IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SICK: Moistening one's finger to turn a page, etc., is in much the same category with the mom who tastes the soup, then puts the spoon back into the soup. Assuming the soup taster (or the page turner) does not have highly contagious diseases, I wouldn't worry too much about it.

According to Gary Richwald, M.D., of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, most viruses are too fragile to be transmitted by people licking their fingers before turning a page or picking up a coin. Cold viruses are most easily transmitted, but even they would most likely not be transmitted in that way. A virus usually requires a warm, moist surface to survive; and sexually transmitted viruses require much closer personal contact than the behavior about which you are concerned.

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. Three months ago, a friend came for a visit. He weighs more than 300 pounds. Always before, he has sat down on my couch very gently. This time, however, he came in and just fell down hard on the couch. He proceeded to laugh and make a joke of it when he discovered that he broke

my couch! The couch was only a year and a half old, and there was no reason for him to plop himself down that hard.

I asked him to replace the couch. At first he agreed, then he changed his mind and said he had spoken to his lawyer and was told that he was not responsible for replacing it.

I then talked to a lawyer myself, and he told me that I had grounds to take the man to small claims court because guests are responsible for damage, as they are obligated to show reasonable care for other people's property.

Abby, what do you think I should do? Take him to small claims court or forget it?

TICKED OFF IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TICKED OFF: Ordinarily, I'd advise you to take your lawyer's advice, but if you value your friend's friendship, you would be wise to forget it. After taking a friend to small claims court, your friendship would be history.

DEAR ABBY: I see you are into cockroaches again. Here's one:

My wife and I sit in the front pew at church. One Sunday I noticed a cockroach on the chancel dais approaching the altar. I got a tissue from my wife, left my seat, knelt devoutly at the rail with my head in one hand and surreptitiously seized the bug with the other. I crossed myself (not with the cockroach), arose, and left to flush the insect down the restroom toilet.

It was a win-win situation: The congregation thought I was very pious (nobody was discomfited at Communion by a six-legged co-worshiper), and the cockroach thought he went to heaven.

MORGAN C. LARKIN,
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By CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN
Associated Press Writer

INDIANOLA, Miss. (AP) — Some of the students, a teacher said, never have seen an elevator — theirs being a one-story world.

Some, their principal said, never have left Sunflower County, an expanse of flat farm fields interrupted only by an occasional uncut shade tree in the midst of the cotton rows or by a little whitewashed church.

So changes had to be made in a special, experience-based math curriculum developed in faraway Boston, with its mass transit and skyscrapers, before it could be tried in the Mississippi Delta.

The course, called The Algebra Project and now used in 50 schools around the nation, begins with a trip. And whether inner-city students ride a subway and catalogue the stations to work their problems — or Delta kids take a yellow school bus to landmarks here — their real destination is the same.

They're being steered toward an ease and facility with complex math concepts, according to project developers. They're being led through an academic "gate" that has barred many disadvantaged students from college.

"It's more fun," said sixth grader Howard Mitchell, whose Algebra Project classmates at Indianola Middle School worked busily on a recent morning.

His classroom would remind no one of the chalkdust clouds and head-scratching that used to typify the study of why X plus Y equals Z.

Here, said Howard, "we work as a team." And the four-student working groups, each with a name such as Hip-Hop Kids or Boyz in the Hood, are just the beginning of what's different, fun — and, teachers say, effective — about this approach.

First of all there's the bus trip, the "physical experience" that serves as a foundation for learning.

On their trip, the Indianola students stopped at about a dozen locations in town: the police station, a hospital, stores that welcomed the children and factories that showed off their machinery.

"They gave the students a grand tour," said Bobby Rushing, principal of the 625-pupil middle school where 99 percent are black and nearly all qualify for free or subsidized lunches.

The kids took notes along the tour: the order of the stops, distances between them, and other information.

"It's not just numbers now. It's taken on meaning," said Howard's teacher, Thelma McGee.

As she spoke, she monitored the



(AP Photo)

Jennifer Thomas, left, cheered by teammates Latoya Nelson and Ramesha Stevenson, right, races the clock to stack Lego pieces in her algebra class.

clusters of activity around her: groups completing brightly colored maps of their trip, others consulting on the symbols they've been asked invent for mathematical games they derive from the maps: new forms of plus and minus, symbols for direction, for "start here," "stop here," and so on.

Heads were together, discussion was quiet — and encouraged.

"In groups they all know they have to contribute," said Ms. McGee. "For so long, children had an inferiority complex that the teacher would 'call on me and I wouldn't know the answer.' Now, in groups, they're not afraid."

In another Algebra Project class, Debbie Murphy sees an additional change.

"I'm no longer the teacher in this classroom, I'm the facilitator. The children are teaching each other. And they are learning so much more from each other's experiences than from me," she said.

"Because a lot of kids, especially in sixth and seventh grade, don't listen to their teacher anyway. They think, 'Oh, she's just this old woman up there.' But when it's coming from each other, they really get a lot more out of it."

She added, "If nothing else this year, they've gotten a positive idea about math ... so when they get to their higher-level math classes, they're going to think: This is fun, this isn't hard."

That's the point, said Bob Moses, who created the Algebra Project curriculum.

A legendary figure in the civil rights movement of the 1960s, Moses developed it two decades later out of math lessons that he, as a

former math teacher, was giving his own children at home to ensure they were not closed out of advanced educational options.

"A student who has calculus complete into college has sort of the complete range of the college curriculum open to him," Moses reasoned. "But to do calculus in your senior year of high school means you have to do algebra in the eighth grade." To do that, he learned, students must be prepared in the sixth and seventh grades.

Over time, the goal he set for his children grew to include all children. He emphasized minority students, who have been plagued by low test scores, high drop-out rates and a tendency to avoid math and science classes.

Moses referred to surveys showing that black students who reached higher math classes, like his own children, were a rarity. "It broke down along race and class," Moses said. "Middle-class white students were judged to be prepared."

From the Moses children's Cambridge, Mass., public school, the Algebra Project has spread widely. It's now in 50 schools including Oakland, Calif.; New Orleans; Louisville, Ky.; Milwaukee; and Chicago.

The Delta Algebra Project started this year in three rural school systems in Mississippi and one in Arkansas.

"He was here in the '60s, during the struggle. That's why he wanted it here," said Rushing, the Indianola principal.

Moses, originally a New Yorker, had worked in the Delta, braving threats and assaults to register voters and organize blacks.

His return to this place and to the classroom fits well with his earlier

activism, said Taylor Branch, author of the civil rights history "Parting the Waters."

"He saw the dividing line between whether you had a chance or not in Mississippi (in the '60s) was whether you could vote," said the historian, who has attended some Algebra Project workshops and been impressed with the students' excitement.

"Now it's whether you could pass first-year algebra. I think he still sees that sharp dividing line between whether you have a chance or not."

Frank Davis, a math professor who is conducting a three-year evaluation of the Algebra Project under a MacArthur Foundation grant, agreed. "Bob Moses is a community organizer primarily," he said.

So, while teaching math skills, the Algebra Project attempts to create support networks of parents, local college educators and others to back up the students and their teachers; it attempts to retrain teachers. "It really is changing schools," said Davis, who teaches at Lesley College in Cambridge.

Moses said the curriculum is written so that no student starts at a disadvantage. Each builds on his or her own experience, using his or her own language. Thus the subway trips that kids take in Boston, the bus rides in the Delta, and the maps and reports and formulas they derive from them.

"Mathematics should get constructed by the students as much as possible based on these experiences," he said.

Shirley Conner, who oversees the Algebra Project at a school in Hollandale, Miss., said she believes it will make students look differently at their island in an ocean of cotton fields and catfish farms.



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Entertainment

Director sees release of 'Rampage' after five-year wait

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A veteran of the studio wars, William Friedkin knows about chaos in Hollywood.

He calls it an "almost permanent state," varying in degree.

Among Friedkin's own highs are "The Exorcist" and "The French Connection." His lows include the Chevy Chase romp "Deal of the Century." But the director said he never has had an experience quite like his current release, "Rampage."

"I made the film five years ago for the DeLaurentiis company," Friedkin said. "They went bankrupt after the film was finished. They had 300 prints, and they had millions of dollars in foreign, video and cable sales. But they couldn't release the film."

"It was in bankruptcy court for four years. It came out a year ago and Miramax wanted to release it. I was all for that."

Based loosely on a real case, Friedkin takes on evil and the insanity defense in "Rampage," the story of a boy-next-door killer who mutilates several people in a small Northern California town so he can drink their blood.

Friedkin, who wrote the script and directed, adapted the movie from a novel written by a former prosecutor. Portrayed by Michael Biehn, the

prosecutor seeks the death penalty and Friedkin sides with the prosecutor.

Friedkin recalled his first film, a documentary about a young man on death row in Illinois. He said the film, "The People vs. Crump," helped save the man from the electric chair.

"Over the years I have changed my attitude somewhat," Friedkin said. "It isn't that I believe in the death penalty. I feel that psychiatry in the courtroom and the insanity defense work against those of us who are not in the criminal justice system."

"I have met people and I have friends who have been victims of violent crimes. It seems to me that they have been excluded from the process and are not taken into account when these things happen. Yet they've been traumatized for the rest of their lives."

"On the one hand, we have seen a more violent society that America has become, coupled with a more lenient criminal justice system. That's what provoked the film 'Rampage,'" which was released recently.

A perfectionist, Friedkin insisted on re-editing "Rampage" and filming a couple of new scenes.

"I had changed my ideas about the film over the years," he said. "That's true of anything I have done. If I had the chance, I would go in and recut 'The Exorcist.' You

just feel differently about things when you see them again."

Friedkin, 53, remembers his troubles in 1971 with his Academy Award-winning "The French Connection." Twentieth Century Fox was close to bankruptcy.

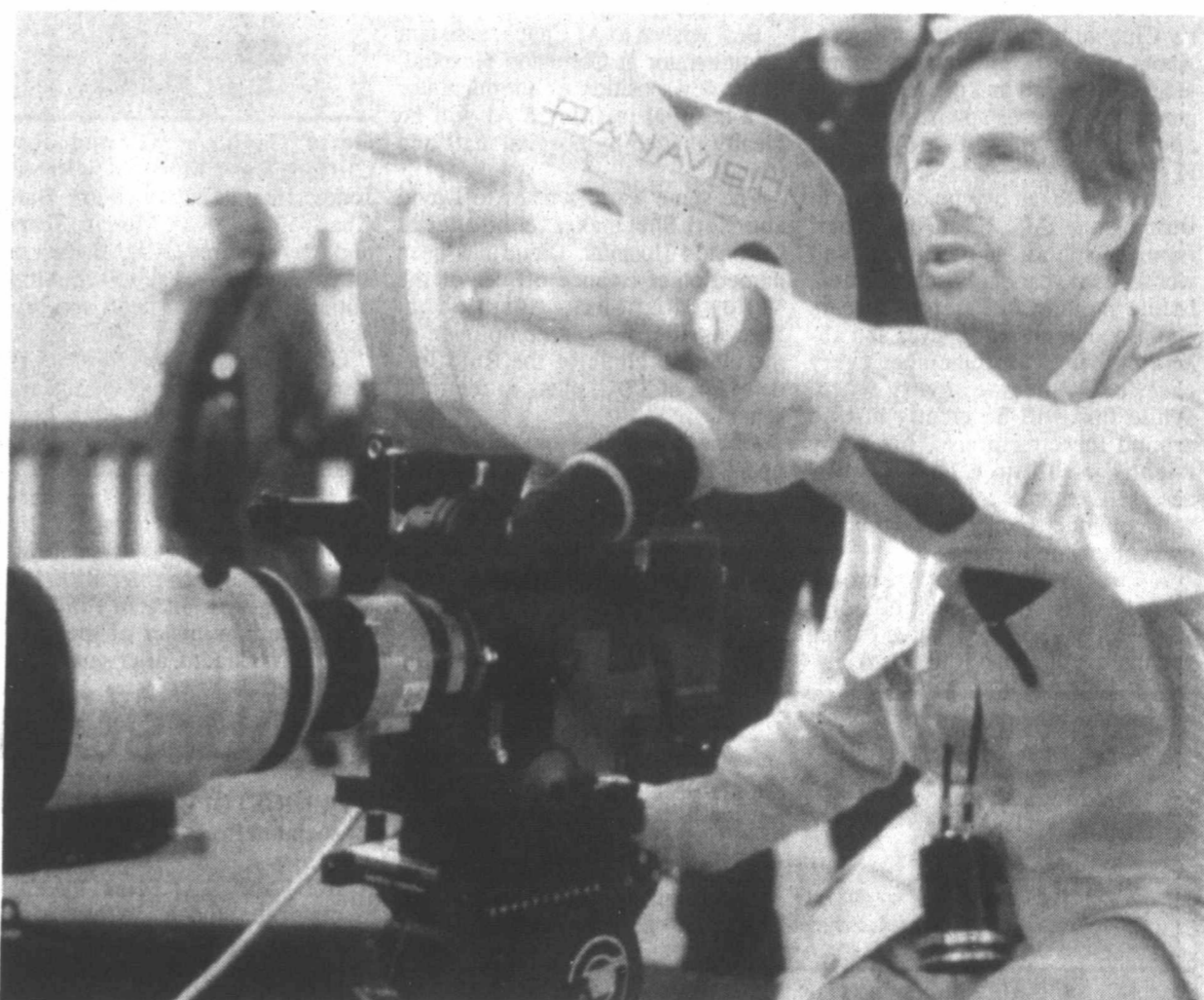
"There was literally no one in charge of the studio," he said. "The French Connection" was the only film they had. It sort of snuck out there, then the critics found it, and the audience found it."

Friedkin began his career at age 16 in Chicago, in the mailroom of WGN-TV. Within two years, he was directing live television. His prize-winning documentaries attracted the attention of David Wolper, who brought him to Hollywood.

In 1967, Friedkin directed his first feature, "Good Times" with Sonny and Cher. He followed with "The Night They Raided Minsky's," "The Birthday Party" and "The Boys in the Band." "The French Connection" put his career in high gear.

Also in high gear is Friedkin's wife, Sherry Lansing. She recently was named production head of Paramount.

"I'm really pleased for her, I think it's great," Friedkin said. "I think they got the best person for the job. Everything that Sherry does, she's 100 percent on. She cares not only about the studio but about its people."



Five years after the film was made, director William Friedkin, shown in front of a camera, finally sees release of 'Rampage.'

Music: Southern fried funk with a stream of consciousness

By DENENE MILLNER
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Arrested Development was inspired by "gangsta" rap, but you won't hear any of that on the group's debut album.

"3 Years, 5 Months and 2 Days in the Life of ..." celebrates African

culture, black consciousness and spirituality. It marries the message of the black poetry-and-music group of the Last Poets and Public Enemy's Chuck D with the harmonies of the funkadelic era and rural blues, creating what the group calls "southern fried funk."

Listen to the group's first single, "Tennessee," and you'll hear

Speech, the group's leader, sing a soulful prayer to God that inspires him to seek his heritage in his native Tennessee.

Speech sees maturity as separating Arrested Development's music from the hardcore "gangsta" rap of such groups as NWA that can feature profanity and violence.

"I think the difference is that as we grew as a group, we grew with a concern for our people," said Speech. "We choose to grow under the concept that you should try to grow with your people by finding solutions to the problem instead of detailing it."

In putting together the album, Speech incorporated the attributes of such disparate acts as Sly and the Family Stone, Bob Dylan and Minnie Riperton.

The result: a slick, polished sound that hasn't been heard since Tribe Called Quest's "People's Instinctive Travels and the Paths of Rhythm."

An added dimension to Arrested Development's music is Speech's rapping style. Instead of actually rapping, Speech sings his lyrics to the beat, reminiscent of how a Southern Baptist minister preaches to the amens of his congregation.

"We look at our music as the child of hip hop," Speech said. "Traditional hip hop samples and the artists rhyme. We've taken on harmony, with a lot more singing, and the music has its roots in folklore and African folk singing."

But Arrested Development's music wasn't always so intellectual and spiritual. When Speech (real name: Todd Thomas) first hooked up with DJ Headliner (real name: Tim Barnwell) at an Atlanta music school in 1987, they were into "gangsta" rap.

Public Enemy's music, suffused with the teachings of black economic power and self-sufficiency, made Speech and Headliner change.

"Public Enemy inspired me a lot because it sort of gave me an insight on culturalism and its struggle, and the need for black change," Speech said.

"Once I had that insight, it sent me on a continuous journey to learn more about my history, my culture and where my people and I came from and the struggles we endure."

It was Arrested Development's decision to change its musical direction that held back the group's fame, Speech said.

The album's title chronicle's just how long it took for Arrested Development to get into the business.

Said Speech: "We sent products to every record company under the sun and it took that long."

In that time, the group's members lived together, worked daytime jobs, and performed at clubs throughout the Atlanta area at night.

Speech considers the time lapse between the group's formation and the release of the album by EMI Records Group to be a blessing.

"I think it was some actual God-like guidance that didn't allow us to make it anytime earlier, because we needed to grow as people," Speech said.

"I'm thankful we've been able to grow, because we've grown as a group and it's given us a chance to look at things in a more mature manner."



The rap group Arrested Development poses recently for a photograph.

Disney branches into hockey

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Eisner wore his "Coach Goofy" hat to the hockey game, but what he saw was hardly the G-rated family fare he's accustomed to as chairman of Walt Disney Co.

Instead, he got a tough taste of Disney's latest business venture: professional sports, in the form of a \$50 million National Hockey League expansion team that may begin play next year.

From a rinkside seat at a recent

Los Angeles Kings game, Eisner watched two players brawl and stared raptly as the scoreboard replayed a series of rib-cracking body checks.

Disney's decision last week to bring a hockey team to Anaheim reflects its determination to keep expanding and diversifying its empire in a marketplace where wholesome fare and Disney's magic touch don't always work.

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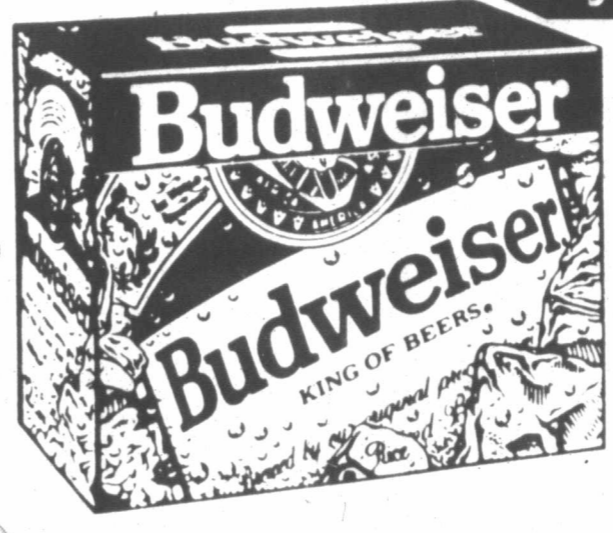


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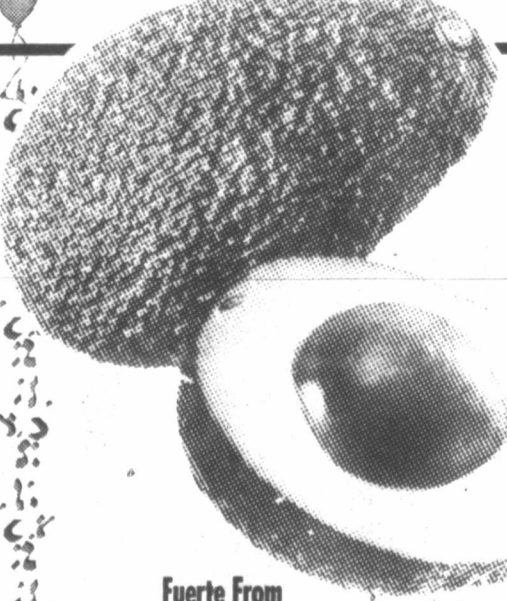
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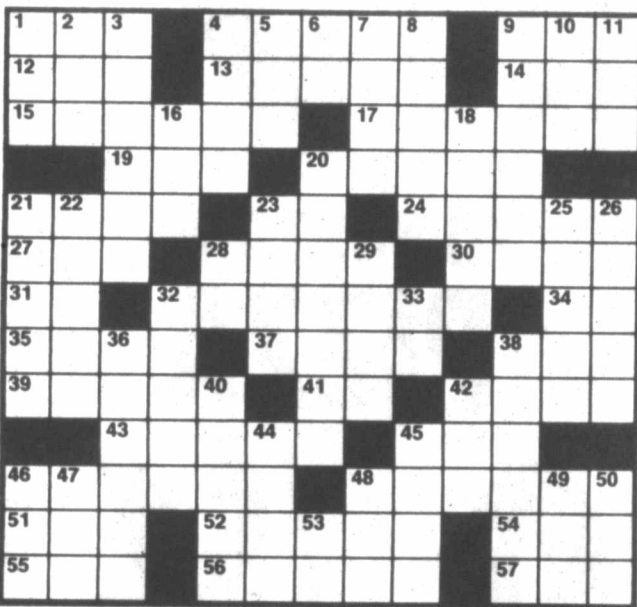
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 - 12 River in Germany
 - 13 Slopper
 - 14 Dilly
 - 15 Come into view
 - 17 — Hitchcock
 - 19 Fixed charge
 - 20 Novelist Zola
 - 21 Finery
 - 23 Neighbor of NC
 - 24 Fiber
 - 27 Snakelike fish
 - 28 Substance
 - 30 Actual being
 - 31 Between NB and ND
 - 32 Not professional
 - 34 Compass point
- DOWN**
- 1 Wide shoe size
 - 2 3,000,
 - 35 Try
 - 37 Trade center
 - 38 Without end (poet.)
 - 39 Short sword
 - 41 Symbol for samarium
 - 42 Boldness (sl.)
 - 43 Adversary
 - 45 Spike of corn
 - 46 Become visible
 - 48 Nearly
 - 51 The sixth sense (abbr.)
 - 52 Medicinal plant
 - 54 — Beta Kappa
 - 55 Sault — Marie
 - 56 Unsuccessful cat
 - 57 Even (poet.)
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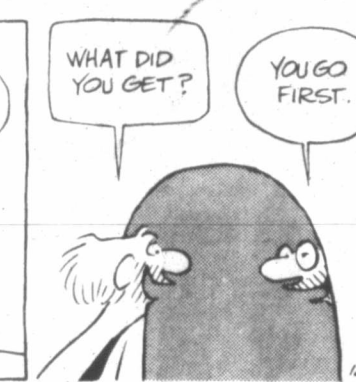
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't be intimidated by challenges today, regardless of their size or scope. Once you meet them head-on, they could turn out to be paper dragons. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions today, Mail \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try not to be stingy with your resources or possessions today, but, by the same token, if you have something you would rather not lend to a poor risk, say "no."

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your leadership qualities will be evident to your peers today, although you might not recognize them. Don't take a back seat if they are calling for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might have to deal with some uncertainties today, but don't let this disturb your blithe spirit. Find ways to enjoy yourself regardless of the circumstances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may feel a strong desire to socialize with friends today. Try to select a quiet atmosphere, because although you might need companionship, you don't need a loud environment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have a subtle, authoritative charisma today. This enviable asset could enable you to take command of situations without shaking everyone up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of making snap judgments today, take adequate time to sift through all of the information at your disposal. Each fact could be significant in its own way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Proceed cautiously if you are required to make any financial or commercial commitments today. Ask lots of questions if you feel you are in need of answers.

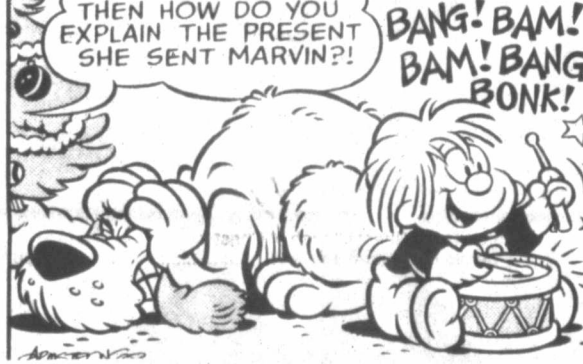
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take pains to be extra tolerant of people with whom you deal on a one-to-one basis today. Kindness and understanding will help you accomplish your objectives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Projects where you utilize your imagination and resourcefulness could prove to be especially rewarding for you today. Keep your focus on creative endeavors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) People who already like you will be even more enamored today, because they will see exceptional qualities in you that are absent in others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It is very important at this time that you finalize something you recently started before taking on any new endeavors. It will give you gratification to know you have finished what you started.

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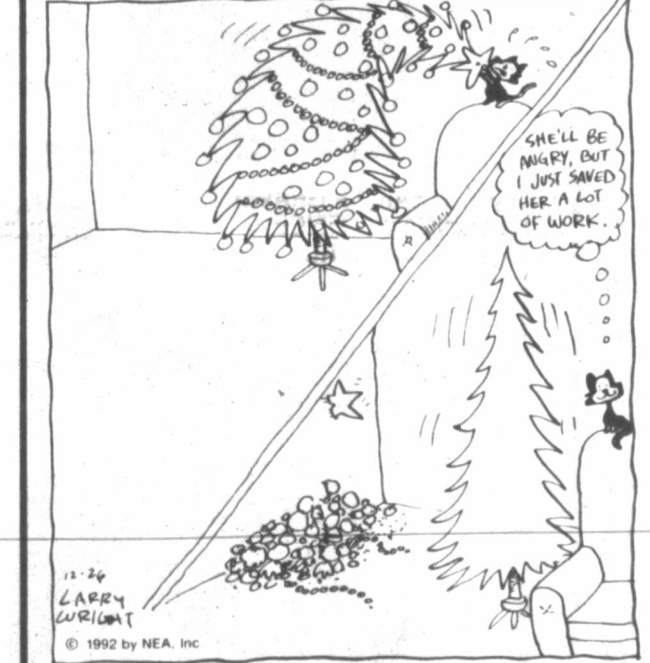
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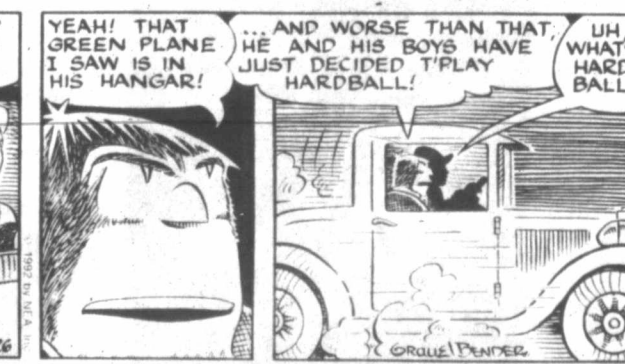
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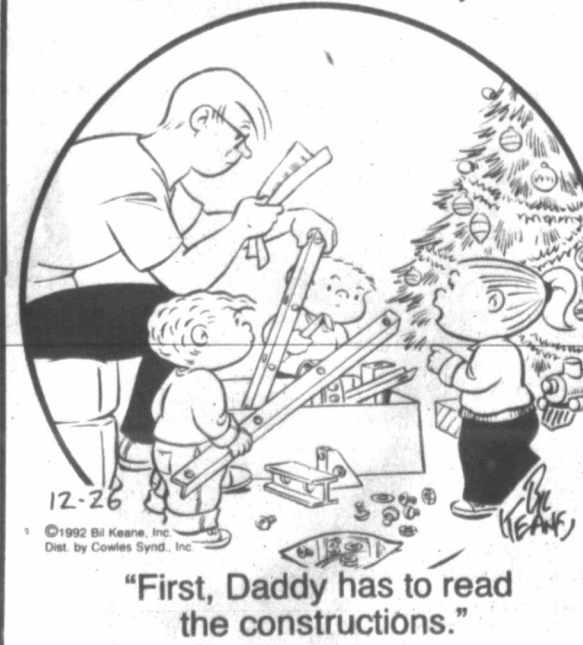
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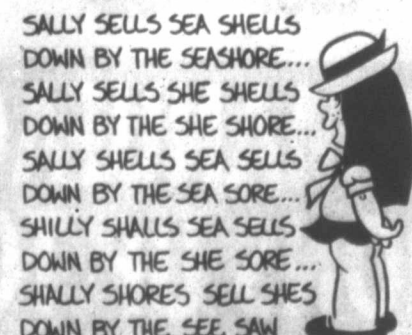
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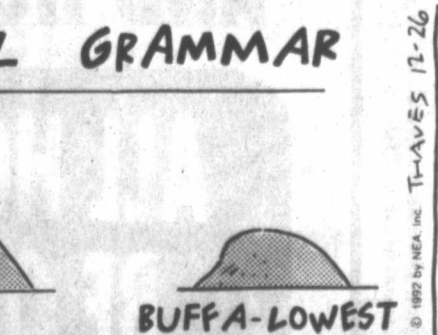
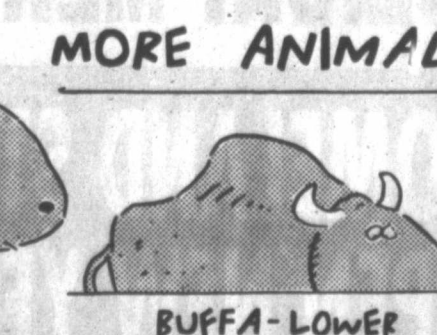
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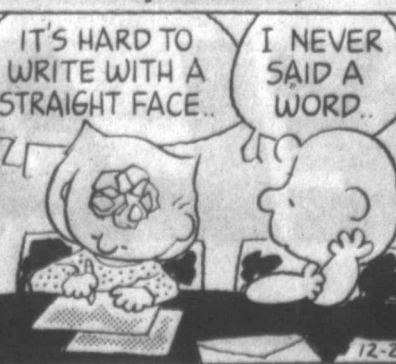
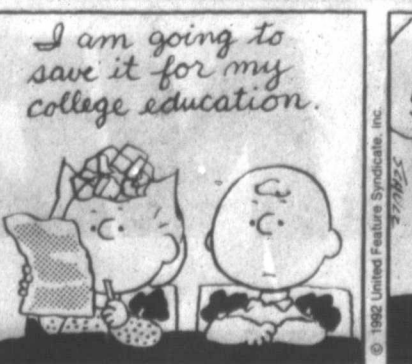
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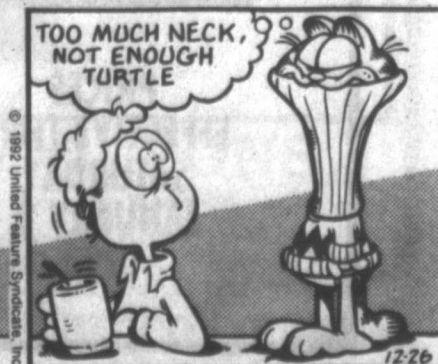
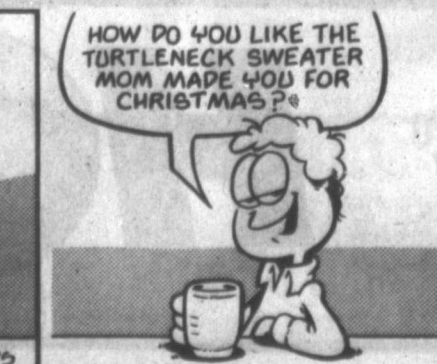
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DID JESUS REALLY CURSE THE FIG TREE ?

IT IS RECORDED THAT JESUS, ON HIS WAY FROM BETHANY TO JERUSALEM, AND BEING HUNGRY, STOPPED TO PICK FRUIT FROM A FIG TREE (MARK 11:12-14). BUT, ALTHOUGH THE TREE WAS IN LEAF, THERE WERE NO FIGS AND JESUS SAID, "HEREAFTER, NO MAN WOULD EVER EAT FRUIT FROM THAT TREE!" SOME AUTHORITIES SAY JESUS, FOLLOWING THE ORIENTAL CUSTOM OF HOLY MEN, PUT A CURSE ON THE TREE, FROM DISAPPOINTMENT AT NOT FINDING FRUIT. OTHER AUTHORITIES STATE THAT, BECAUSE THE TREE WAS IN LEAF AND THEREFORE SHOULD HAVE HAD FIGS, JESUS WAS POINTING OUT THAT, WHEN ONE OUTWARDLY SHOWS A GOOD CHARACTER WITHOUT THE FRUITS THEREOF, HE IS A HYPOCRITE, OF NO VALUE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BUT....

...STILL FURTHER AUTHORITIES MAINTAIN THAT, FOR JESUS TO CONDEMN A TREE, FOR NOT GIVING FRUIT, DOES NOT SEEM COMPATIBLE WITH HIS GENTLE LOVING NATURE AND, SINCE JESUS WAS AT JERUSALEM FOR THE PASSOVER, THIS PLACES THE TIME OF YEAR AT EARLY APRIL WHEN THE FIG TREE HAS JUST BEGIN TO LEAF AND GROW FIGS, WHICH THEN MATURE IN LATE JUNE... THUS, ALL JESUS MERELY DID, WAS REMARK THAT, BECAUSE THE TREE HAD ALREADY BEGUN GROWING LEAVES, BUT NO FRUIT, IT WAS BARREN, AND NO ONE WOULD HARVEST FIGS FROM IT WHEN THE FRUIT SEASON ARRIVED!

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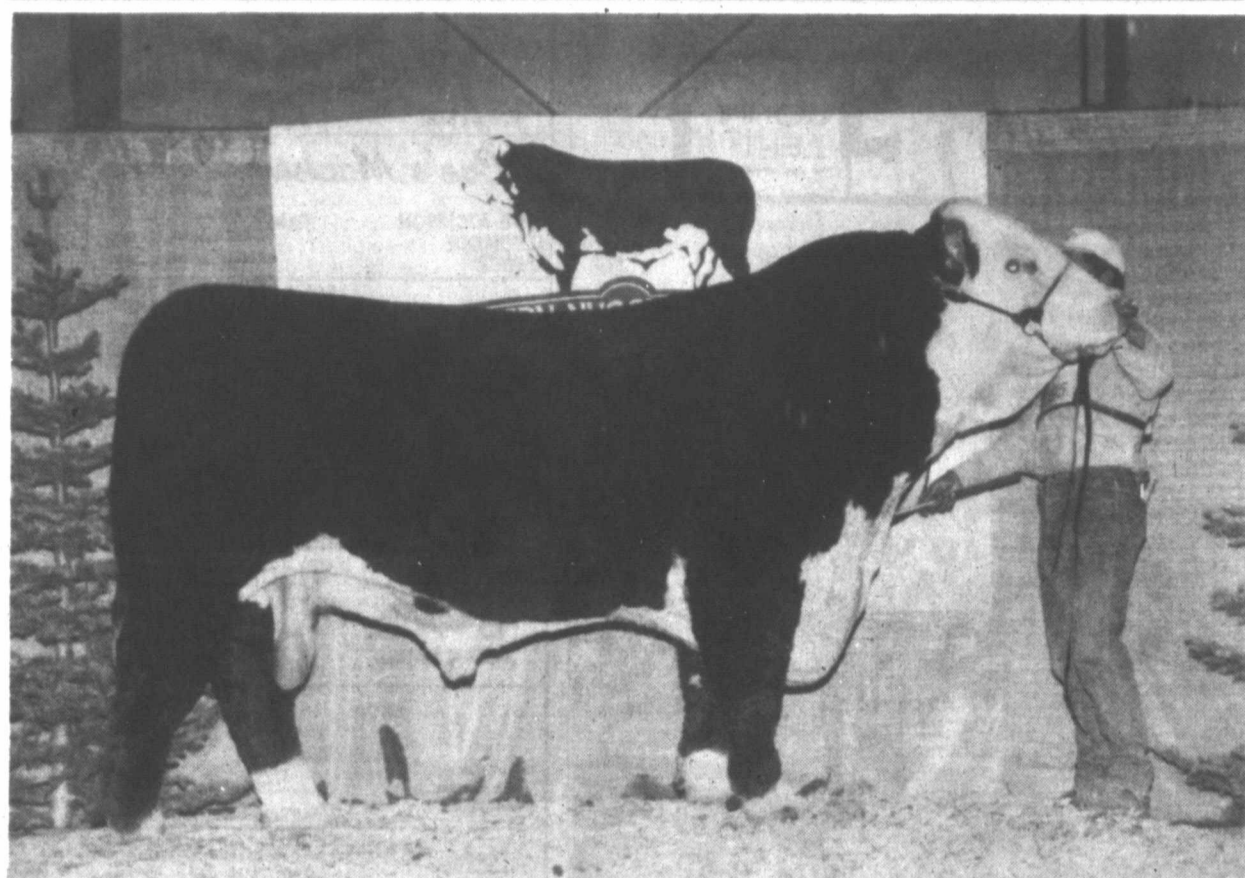
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Canadian's Indian Mound Ranch fares well at major Hereford show

RENO, NEV. — A crowd of 350 spectators watched as judge Gene Wiese of Manning, Iowa, selected the yearling division winners to take the grand and reserve honors in both the bull and female divisions of the Western Nugget National Hereford Show held recently in Reno.

Outplacing 45 entries in the bull show was BB Star Dom 6H 1087, a March 16, 1991, son of Star Domino 6H, exhibited by W.T. Bennett, Connell, Wash.; Little Outfit Ranch, Patagonia, Ariz.; and Steve Boyd, Connell, Wash. The champion bull weighed 1,977 lbs., posting a weight per day of age (WDA) of 3.16 lbs. The reserve bull tipped the scales at 2,169 lbs., listing a WDA of 3.19 lbs. He was SBR Prime Exp 43A, a Jan. 24, 1991, son of Tex Prime Time, owned by Split Butte Ranch, Rupert, Idaho, and Durham Hereford Ranch, Stillwater, Okla.

In the female show, BB Ms L1 Dom 1030 topped 43 other entries to take grand champion honors. She is a Feb. 9, 1991, daughter of BB L1 Dom 5376, shown by Leslie Ann Bennet, Connell, Wash. Following the champion out of the junior yearling heifer class, was the reserve yearling and reserve champion heifer, R High Hope 103. This heifer is a Feb. 23, 1991, daughter of DH High Time 925, and was entered by Rocking Heart Ranch of Petaluma, Calif.

For his calf champion bull, judge Wiese, selected the entry of W.T. Bennett. The winning bull was BB Red Stan 1476, an Aug. 5, 1991, son of BP Red Standard 137W. The reserve also came out of the senior bull calf class. He was O918 Stan Mark 1101, a Sept. 3, 1991, son of BBH Mark Domino 918, owned by Overson Herefords, Wal-lowa, Ore. The senior champion and reserve were winners of the

two-year-old bull class. The senior division winner was entered by Tom Chauncey, Springerville, Ariz., and Indian Mound Ranch, Canadian, Texas. He was IMR Record Time, a Jan. 14, 1990, son of Tex Prime Time. The reserve senior champion was WH Mr Phantom 0630, a May 4, 1990, son of 5E SF 4FW 38 Special, led out by White Hereford Ranch, Burns, Ore.

Calf champion honors in the female show were claimed by OK Ms Lola 227, a Sept. 16, 1991, daughter of DH High Time 925, exhibited by Oak Knoll Herefords of Santa Rosa, Calif. The reserve calf champion heifer was 4DF Duchess Charm 2B, a Jan. 8, 1992, daughter of WS Arch Duke 8288, entered by Grant 4D Farms, Rupert, Idaho.

The show's best six head were entered by BB Cattle Co., Connell, Wash.

Top instructor says future is bright for Ag students

EL PASO (AP) — The head of a local youth farming program says the agriculture field is a lot brighter than state analysts report.

While Steve Forsythe, director of Ysleta High School's FFA program, agrees with state and national experts who say "cows and plows" jobs are on the wane, he says the field is not that limited.

"Twenty years ago, I would have told a student, 'You will have a hog for a project, and without a project you will flunk,'" Forsythe said.

But now he says there's the

broader field of modern agricultural science, which appears to be growing like a weed, along with a host of related disciplines.

Studies in agricultural science can lead to careers in environmental science, health care, engineering and marketing, Forsythe said.

Still, the traditional ag activities, like raising and cutting hay at the school's 14-acre farm, carry lessons that are important in the age of MTV, Forsythe said.

"A lot of kids come here who don't know how to work," he said. "We teach 'em. We try to

emphasize that there's honor in good, honest sweat."

Last month, the Ysleta chapter of the National FFA was honored for having the best community service program among nearly 10,000 FFA chapters nationwide. It was the second consecutive win for the school.

Ysleta High's FFA program this year included a door-to-door campaign spreading information on cholera, and collection and distribution of canned goods.

FFA formerly stood for Future Farmers of America. Now the group goes only by the initials.



(AP Photo)

Ysleta High School student Troy Ladner, left, is assisted by Future Farmers of America program director Steve Forsythe, welding a project recently in El Paso.

USDA targets dozens of farm agency offices for possible closure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department's hit list of field offices targeted for closure totals more than 1,200, from a Soil Conservation Service office in the District of Columbia to 95 offices in Georgia.

USDA spokesman Roger Runnigen said the list, obtained by *The Associated Press*, was only a draft and that USDA officials in each state were not expected to complete their recommendations on farm office closures until the end of the month.

"There could be some changes, or there could be wholesale changes," Runnigen said.

But a congressional aide said the

list represented the field offices that USDA and the White House Office of Management and Budget believed should be shuttered or merged.

"These are the recommendations for closure, unless a state director can make a compelling case (for keeping one open)," said the aide, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The decision to target an office was based on several factors, including overhead costs, the number of farmers and the size of the region served.

States with the most offices targeted were Georgia, with 95; followed by Texas with 75; Tennessee, 67; Virginia, 55; West Virginia and North Carolina, 51 each; and Mississippi, 50.

President-elect Clinton's home state of Arkansas has 46 on the list.

Agencies with offices at stake are the Soil Conservation Service, the Farmers Home Administration and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Virtually every county in the country has at least one USDA field office, and some have three or four if the Cooperative Extension Service is counted.

Combined, the four agencies may have as many as 11,000 field offices nationwide, the remnants of a Depression-era farm policy.

Sens. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Richard Lugar, R-Ind., have questioned USDA's far-flung network of

field offices, particularly in counties with few remaining farmers.

The congressional General Accounting Office has said that consolidating the most inefficient offices alone could save \$90 million annually from the department's \$62 billion budget.

But eliminating field offices is sure to set off a political firestorm.

Katherine Ozer, director of the National Family Farm Coalition, argues that now is not the time to begin closing doors to struggling family farmers.

USDA's farm agencies, after 12 years under Republican Presidents Reagan and Bush, could play a role

under Clinton to revitalize rural businesses, communities and family farms, she said.

"And this consolidation ... may thwart that process," she said. "The real cost of the closing needs to be looked at. Who is going to pay the price? Is it farmers who have to wait twice as long for hearings or drive three times the distance? There really needs to be an examination of the consequences of these changes."

Clay Pederson, a spokesman for the National Farmers Union, also questioned the timing of USDA's effort and the impact on growers.

"The present regime at USDA ought not, in a cavalier fashion,

make all the recommendations and changes before the new administration has a chance to evaluate it," he said.

Although there are fewer farmers today than ever, Pederson argues that USDA's farm programs are far more complex.

"Farmers really need the ASCS office to help them sort through the puzzle and now there's the possibility that it will close and they'll have to go 100 miles away. It's just an inconvenience and a hardship on those people," he said.

But the congressional aide said the USDA's timing was in Clinton's favor.

In agriculture

by Danny Nusser

Irrigation conference

This year's annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show is scheduled for Jan. 7, 1993. It will be held at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West and registrations will begin at 8:30 a.m.

This program has become an annual fixture and has continuously been one of the best and most educational programs of the year. This year's program should be no different with timely information on irrigation systems, water management for efficient crop production, pumping equipment performance, environmental concerns, chemigation and potential changes in water rights and the law.

There will also be an opportunity for private, commercial, and non-commercial pesticide applicators to pick up two continuing education units (CEU's). Mark this date on your calendar and you will be glad you attended.

Grain evaluation workshop

This year's program will focus on methods of protecting stored grain and the safe handling of the materials used in that protection. The program starts at 8 a.m. and lasts until approximately 3:45 p.m. and will be held at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center on 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

This workshop will be accredited for five continuing education units (CEU's) for certified commercial or non-commercial pesticide applicators. Accreditation by the Texas Structural Pest Control Board is pending.

Topics will include fumigation safety, labeling, and monitoring; dosage and application procedures for phosphine; protectants for use on stored grain; biological pest control in stored produce; and rodent control in grain storage facilities.

Registration may be made by call-

ing or writing Dr. Carl Patrick at the Texas A&M Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo 79016, or telephone (806) 359-5401.

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Diary tells about school, boys and gunshots

By CATHERINE CROCKER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Latoya Hunter is just 14 years old, but recently the mail brought a packet of letters from teen-agers in Brooklyn, many of them girls seeking advice about boys and their parents.

"As I was reading it, I couldn't believe it," says Latoya, whose face still has the softness of childhood. "I mean, I'm going through those problems now and they think I am an expert."

They think she is an expert because they know her deepest thoughts, expressed in a diary she kept during her first year in junior high school.

"The Diary of Latoya Hunter," published earlier this year, is about the stuff of young girls' lives — school, friendships, boys, television, the urge for independence and conflicts with her mother.

But the slim volume, which runs 131 pages, goes deeper. It is also about being a black, immigrant girl growing up in the Bronx.

Latoya wrote in her diary about the gray, treeless streets of her neighborhood, the deadly violence around her, teen-age pregnancy, the poverty of caring and learning at her school and her homesickness for Jamaica.

It's the ordinariness of her pre-adolescent world against this troubled background that draws the reader into her diary. Latoya rhapsodizes about her passion for junk food and TV, and, then, in painfully clear prose, writes about the gunshots that killed a store clerk who sold her candy.

"Today gunshots echo in my head," Latoya wrote on Jan. 9, 1991.

"They are the same gunshots that killed an innocent human being

right across from my house last night. They are the same gunshots that have scarred me, I think, forever."

Latoya's world has expanded beyond its old Bronx borders because of a devoted teacher, a chance newspaper article and her gift for writing.

"I think it was mostly luck," Latoya says.

But then she adds, "I think, like, I am a good spokesperson for people around my age, for kids who feel that they don't count in anything, that they're being held back from being who they really want to be by outside things, like parents and friends and the kind of environment you live in."

A 1990 newspaper article about the graduation of Latoya's sixth-grade class said her English teacher wrote "The world is waiting for Latoya!" on her report card. An editor at a publishing company saw the story and was inspired.

He contacted the teacher to ask if Latoya would be interested in keeping a diary her first year in junior high. Latoya was offered a \$5,000 advance and will receive \$25,000 for the paperback rights.

Her first entries began "Dear Diary," then she decided to personalize her journal because "You've become like a best friend to me." She named it Janice Page, after her best friend in Jamaica.

"I like guys," Latoya wrote. "There, I said it. It's easy to say to you, but my mother would give me a real hard time if she heard me say that. She believes a normal 12 year old should only obey her parents, go to school, learn her lessons, and come home everyday and listen to her parents some more."

She recounts her first relationship

with a boy (they didn't go out, they just opened their hearts over the telephone), her brother's wedding (she was a bridesmaid in blue), the birth of her unmarried sister's boy, and a much-anticipated trip to Jamaica that left her deeply disappointed.

Her conclusion: "With understanding I think I will achieve anything I want."

On a cold and windy afternoon, Latoya, dressed in jeans and gold hoop earrings, was back in her old Bronx neighborhood, giving a reporter a tour. She harbors no nostalgia for it.

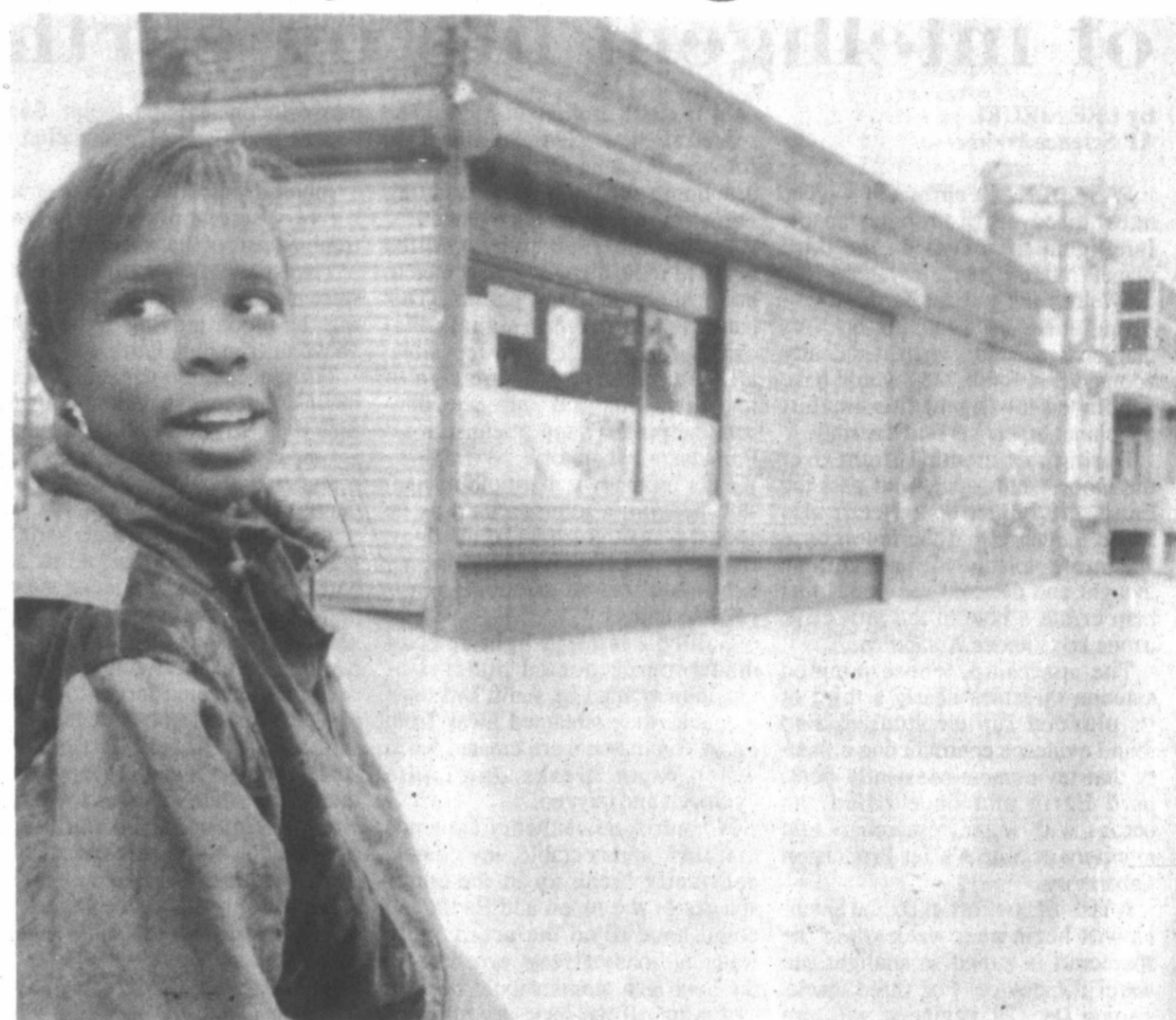
"It really makes you feel down to walk around and see the things around you," she wrote. "The only colors I see are brown and gray — dull colors. Maybe there are others but the dull ones are the ones I see. Maybe if the streets were cleaner, and I would see colors like red and yellow, my surroundings would be more appealing...."

Until she was 8, Latoya was raised by relatives in Jamaica while her parents were in the New York area struggling to make a new life for themselves. Latoya's old house, where she lived with her family on the second floor, has a chain-link fence in front and flowers in the planters that, she says, make it look better than it did when she lived there.

"It was the ugliest house on the whole block," she says. "And I never liked to bring anybody over."

Relatives live in the ground-floor apartment. Eager to see a newborn cousin, Latoya drops by for a visit. A stale smell fills the dark, sparsely furnished rooms. The walls are stained and cracked.

Today, her mother, Linneth, works evenings as a nurse's aide; her



Fourteen-year-old Latoya Hunter stands outside the Bronx neighborhood candy store where the clerk who sold her candy was shot dead two years ago. (AP Photo)

father, Linton, works overnight as a security guard. And Latoya now lives in a well-kept apartment in a blue house on a tree-lined street in Mount Vernon, a city just north of the Bronx.

The book's sales started out slowly, but the media response has been overwhelming. Latoya has been interviewed by reporters, appeared on television talk shows and news programs — including one that airs in Japan — and met the Jamaican prime minister.

Two movie companies are bidding for the rights to the book, says Richard Marek, her editor at Crown Publishing Inc.

But Latoya says wistfully that her parents have never talked to her directly about the diary's contents,

although she believes both have read it.

"If I do an interview or something, they say, 'I'm proud of you' and stuff, but they never really said that to me about the book, like, you know, 'You did a good job and I'm proud of you.'"

She's a sophomore in high school, having skipped a grade in school. Ithaca College and Columbia University have already approached her, she says.

She wants to study psychology and also be a writer. She also says that after she has had a job for a year, she wants to have a baby.

Sitting at her dining room table, she fidgets with a pendant necklace belonging to her mother. She is shy, soft-spoken, but articulate. "It's like everybody's dream to be in Ameri-

ca. And now that I am here, I just don't want to waste the opportunities I have."

But as doors open to worlds she never dreamed existed, there is a loss of innocence to which she is still adjusting. In her diary, she wrote: "I've never come across discrimination against me for being black."

Now she has. A few weeks ago, when she went to the Manhattan office of a national women's magazine to be interviewed about her book, the woman at the front desk asked "if I was there to deliver anything."

"She could have said, like, 'Could I help you?' or something," Latoya reflects. "...I guess they didn't expect someone like me to be there."



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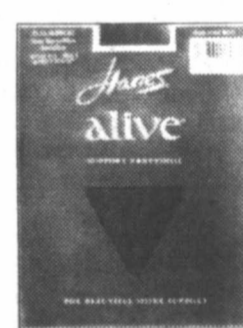

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Spacecraft 'discovers' signs of intelligent life on earth

By LEE SIEGEL
AP Science Writer

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The latest discovery from outer space: Intelligent life exists on the third planet from the sun.

(We're talking about Earth.) Had aliens been running NASA's Galileo spacecraft when it recently zoomed past Earth, they would have concluded intelligent life inhabits the planet, scientists said Tuesday. During this month's flight over the moon's north pole and past the Earth, the Jupiter-bound craft also found evidence that the moon once was more volcanically active than thought and detected ice clouds that help create a hole in the protective ozone layer above Antarctica.

The spaceship, whose jammed antenna threatens nearly a third of its planned Jupiter studies, also found evidence contradicting a theory that icy comets constantly bombard Earth and once filled the oceans with water, researchers told reporters at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

A last-ditch effort to fix the antenna will begin next week when the spacecraft is turned so sunlight can warm the device. For three weeks starting Dec. 29, engineers will turn the antenna drive motors on and off thousands of times in an effort to open the umbrella-shaped antenna dish to its full 16-foot diameter, said project manager Bill O'Neil.

Galileo was released from space shuttle Atlantis in 1989 and launched on a looping path that required it to fly past Venus and Earth in 1990 and Earth again this month, using the planets' gravity to

help it reach Jupiter in 1995. The spacecraft flew 189 miles above the southern Atlantic Ocean on Dec. 8, practicing for Jupiter by studying Earth as if it were an alien planet.

During the 1990 flyby, Galileo detected radio signals that seemed to be technological, not natural. This time, it heard radio signals that changed frequencies in a repeating, artificial pattern — a sure sign of intelligent life, said Torrence Johnson, the project's top scientist at Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"It's probably a maritime navigation beacon," Johnson said as he played a tape-recording of the tinny, flute-like signals. "It sounds like my kids when they're practicing musical instruments." Galileo's infrared-light detector made unprecedented pictures of radiation emitted by sunlight hydrogen atoms as they streamed away from Earth. Such atoms are created when water vapor breaks down into hydrogen and oxygen.

A controversial theory contends that tiny, undetectable, icy comets constantly break up in the atmospheres of the moon and Earth, and could have filled the oceans with water billions of years ago. If true, the hydrogen atoms should be seen streaming off the bone-dry moon as comets break up there and leave water vapor.

But Galileo found that hydrogen atoms near the moon really come from Earth, contradicting the theory, said Charles Hord, a University of Colorado researcher.

Galileo took pictures showing the Andes mountains and major lakes in South America; ice in Antarctica and McMurdo Sound; lightning

above Indonesia; and Egypt, Saudi Arabia and East Africa, including Somalia.

Johnson called the Somalia image "a very serene picture of a very troubled part of the world."

The spacecraft's pictures also were made into a brief movie showing the moon moving right to left above the spinning Earth.

The spacecraft took pictures of the moon's north polar regions showing that light-colored plains probably are made of rocky debris from huge meteorite impacts, and that such debris sits atop old volcanic lavas.

That indicates volcanic activity was much more frequent and widespread during the moon's early history than previously believed, said Arizona State University researcher Ronald Greeley.

Galileo detected large, high-altitude ice clouds above Antarctica, said NASA's Robert Carlson. The spacecraft also found more evidence that polar stratospheric clouds are sites where industrial pollutants called chlorofluorocarbons react to destroy ozone. That creates a seasonal hole in the ozone layer that shields Earth from the sun's cancer-causing ultraviolet rays.

UCLA physicist Margaret Kivelson announced that in 1991, when Galileo became the first spaceship to fly past an asteroid, it found evidence that 11-by-6-mile asteroid Gaspra may have a magnetic field, something unexpected for such a small object.

That suggests Gaspra is rich in iron and supports a theory that certain asteroids are the sources of iron-rich meteorites that strike Earth, she said.

Ministry helps homeless help themselves

By JUDITH LYNN HOWARD
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS (AP) — The carpet of the one-bedroom apartment is stained, the furniture worn and the covered windows fail to block the cold. But two children lie safely in bed instead of in a doorway on the streets.

For this, Mary Washington gives thanks.

The single mother has barely enough money through a small child-support payment and public assistance to keep up with the rent and pay the baby sitter. But she gazes beyond her maid's paycheck to care for her children, ages 4 and 5. She anticipates better days when she won't worry about buying the kids shoes and can pursue a nursing career.

The 24-year-old said that her East Dallas apartment, where she has lived since August, is a step up from poverty: "I'm working to strive for me and my kids. A whole lot of women out there think they have to have a man or something like that to depend on, and really, they don't know that if they tried by themselves, it just might work." That thrust toward self-empowerment is why Abundant Life I Am Ministries operates the complex at 1411 Annex Ave. for homeless families, said the Rev. Arris Wheaton, founder of the ministry.

City officials estimate that at least 500 families and 1,000 to 1,200 children are homeless on any given night in Dallas, said Greg Harper, manager of the Day Resource Center.

Instead of soup lines and free turkeys, whether for a holiday or any other day, Wheaton said he opened the apartments three and a half years ago to supply struggling families with a place to live and an

opportunity to manage their own lives.

"You go to the shelter, you go in this big bay and you got a cot. Well, here, you get a key to your own door," he said.

Some residents have neglected their apartments, but that is all a part of trying to learn responsibility, instead of having everything given to them, said Wheaton, who espouses a strong self-help ethic.

"When it comes easy to you, you don't maintain it," he said. "But when you've got to work and struggle for it, you try and fix it up. ... Some come and make the best of it and get on up."

Ms. Washington is one of those trying to make it.

Fifteen of the 21 units are occupied, Wheaton said. The only requirement to stay is to have a dire need for low-cost housing and to pay \$50 in monthly rent and a \$10 key deposit. There are no leases.

The Communities Foundation of Texas, which works on several projects in East Dallas, owns the complex. It would have demolished the apartments if Wheaton had not suggested that he be allowed to convert them for families, said Kevin Hill, an accounting manager for the foundation.

Within a year, the minister, along with homeless men, was able to rehabilitate more than a dozen apartments.

The foundation provides work for some of the residents and supplies material goods for the property's upkeep. But "we try not to assist them monetarily in that it is defeating the purpose of his program," Hill said.

Wheaton is "accomplishing his purpose over there, I believe," Hill said.

Hill said he met Wheaton when the minister was preaching and

feeding the homeless beneath an Interstate 30 bridge. But Wheaton said he became disenchanted when he saw that there was little incentive for the homeless to assist themselves.

Operating the apartments is not without problems. It takes about \$2,600 to \$3,000 a month to keep the complex running. That money comes from rent payments, and, if necessary, from Wheaton's own pockets or from raising other money.

The foundation may help in emergencies, but its financial support is not routine, he said.

To teach residents how to manage their lives, Wheaton conducts Sunday services in an apartment that has been converted into a chapel.

"My sermons are centered around goal orientations, with the help of Christ, and self-esteem building," said Wheaton, who has a master's degree in theology from Southern Methodist University and is working on his doctorate.

"Not all of them come. Sometimes, we don't have but two or three. But when they come, they're at a point that they realize, I got to have a better way."

Wheaton said he does not try to impose the gospel message on tenants.

"The requirement here is that you will maintain your apartment and you will pay your rent. And you will try to feed yourself and your family and get on out of there. "The concept is simple: Ain't nothing free."

Ms. Washington said that since she has stayed at the apartments, "It's helping me get on my feet."

"I have learned a few things since I have been here, as far as trying to accept God in my life," she said. "It's not easy now. I learn how to, what you call, survive."



Mary Washington and her children Forrell Dorsey, left, and Nettie Taylor pose in their apartment in Dallas recently. (AP Photo)

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF KATERINA MESHELL GRAYS, DECEASED Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration were issued on the Estate of KATERINA MESHELL GRAYS, Deceased, to me, the undersigned, on the 21st day of December, 1992, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectfully, at the address given below, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The correct post office address by which I receive my mail in connection with this estate is: Phil N. Vanderpool, Administrator of the Estate of Katerina Meshell Grays, Deceased No. 7441 in the County Court of Gray County, Texas D-4 December 27, 1992	3 Personal MARY Kay Cosmetics. Supplies and deliveries. Call Dorothy Vaughn 665-4953, 665-5117. MARY Kay Cosmetics and Skin-care. Facials, supplies, call The Wallin 665-8336. BEAUTICONTROL Cosmetics and skin-care. Offering free complete color analysis, makeover, deliveries and image updates. Call your local consultant, Lynn Allison 669-3848, 1304 Christine. SHAKLEE. Vitamins, diet, skin-care, household, job opportunity. Donna Turner, 665-6065. Alcoholics Anonymous 1425 Alcock 665-9702 H.E.A.R.T. Women's Support Group meets 2nd and 4th Monday 1:20-3 p.m. 119 N. Frost. Information 669-1131.	14i General Repair IF it's broken, leaking or won't turn off, call the Fix It Shop, 669-3434. Lamps repaired. WINDSHIELD REPAIR. Chips repaired in minutes. Call Joe Bailey 665-6171, 665-2290. 14m Lawnmower Service PAMPA Lawnmower Repair. Pick up and delivery service available. 501 S. Cuyler, 665-8843. 14n Painting PAINTING and sheetrock finishing. 35 years. David and Joe, 665-2903, 669-7885. INTERIOR-Exterior, mud and tape. Brick work and repair. Bolin 665-2254. CALDER Painting interior, exterior, mud, tape, blow acoustic. 665-4840, 669-2215. 14q Ditching BOBCAT loader, 5 foot bucket or forks, maneuvers in tight places. Ron's Construction 669-3172. 14r Plowing, Yard Work YOUR Lawn & Garden. Vacuum leaves, lawn winterizer, tree trimming, snow removal. 665-9609. TREE trimming, feeding. Yard, alley clean up. Hauling. Kenneth Banks, 665-3580.	50 Building Supplies HOUSTON LUMBER CO. 420 W. Foster 669-6881 White House Lumber Co. 101 S. Ballard 669-3291 60 Household Goods RENT TO RENT RENT TO OWN We have Rental Furniture and Appliances to suit your needs. Call for estimate. Johnson Home Furnishings 801 W. Francis 665-3361 SHOWCASE RENTALS Rent to own furnishings for your home. Rent by phone. 1700 N. Hobart 669-1234 No Credit Check. No deposit. Free delivery. JOHNSON HOME FURNISHINGS Pampa's standard of excellence in Home Furnishings 801 W. Francis 665-3361
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PROFESSIONAL Grooming also for sale Sheltie (miniature Collic) puppies, 1 male Poodle puppy. 665-1230.

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HERITAGE APARTMENTS
Furnished, unfurnished 1 bedroom. 665-2903, 669-7885.

NICE 1 bedroom, stove, refrigerator, duplex apartment. \$250, bills paid. 665-4842.

96 Unfurnished Apts.

1 or 2 bedroom, furnished or unfurnished, covered parking. Gwendolen Plaza Apartments, 800 N. Nelson, 665-1875.

DOGWOOD Apartments, 1 or 2 bedroom. References and deposits required. 669-9817, 669-9952.

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97 Furnished Houses

1 bedroom, 411 Texas, \$200 month, \$100 deposit. Inquire 620 N. Gray.

2 bedroom trailer, deposit required. 1028 S. Hobart. 665-6720.

LARGE 2 bedroom and FHA mobile home spaces in White Deer. 883-2015, 665-1193.

98 Unfurnished Houses

1, 2, and 3 bedroom houses for rent. 665-2383.

CLEAN 1 or 2 bedroom furnished or unfurnished house. Deposit. Inquire 1116 Bond.

1 bedroom, 701 N. West, \$200. 665-6158, 669-3842 Roberta Babb, Realtor.

2 bedroom, den with fireplace, central heat and air, covered patio, fence, stove, refrigerator. 425 N. Nelson. \$295. 665-6604, 665-8925.

3 bedroom farmhouse. Call for details. 669-2216 after 7 pm.

98 Unfurnished Houses

CLEAN 2 bedroom, 905 S. Nelson. \$275 plus \$135 deposit. References. 665-2767.

CLEAN 3 bedroom house. 669-9532, 669-3015.

FOR rent: 1049 Huff Rd., 2 bedroom, real clean. \$250 a month, \$150 deposit. 665-3361, 665-8694.

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LOVELY 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage, corner lot. \$750 month, \$750 deposit. 1824 Dogwood. Action Realty, 669-1221.

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CHRISTY
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CHESTNUT
One of Pampa's Most elegant homes. Marble floors in entry, dining, kitchen and atrium. Sunroom with parquet floors. 4 large bedrooms, master bath has jacuzzi and marble shower. Many extras. MLS 2620.

DOGWOOD
Lovely 3 bedroom home with covered patio. Nice back yard with garden spot. Storage building. Fireplace. Double garage. MLS 2488.

EVERGREEN
Lovely 3 bedroom brick with steel siding trim. Good condition with heat pump, plus added insulation. Sellers are motivated. MLS 2560.

HOLLY
Formal living room, 4 bedrooms, large den and another living area with fireplace. Wet bar, new sprinkler system, new paint, lots of room for the money. Hobby room, double garage. MLS 2605.

MARY ELLEN
Corner lot, overlooking Alameda Park, 3 bedrooms, 2 living areas, play room with wet bar, new paint, new carpet, fireplace, 1 1/2 baths, double garage. MLS 2617.

RUSSELL
This maintenance free steel siding home has 3 nice size bedrooms. 2 baths, some new carpet and vinyl. Lots of storage, single garage. MLS 2288.

ZIMMERS
Two living areas in this 3 bedroom home in the Travis School Area. Storage building, new paint, 1 3/4 baths, double garage. MLS 2568.

SUMNER
Nice clean home with large insulated workshop in back. Sprinkler system. Storm doors and windows. Central heat and air, storage building, 2 baths, 2 single garages. MLS 2413.

16TH STREET
Small three bedroom brick home with lots of wallpaper, central heat and air, close to park area, single garage. MLS 2448.

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Nice 3 bedroom home with one and half baths, seller will pay some of buyers closing cost. Single garage. MLS 2464.

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Singapore's copy of sleazy street is a bore

By KENNETH L. WHITING
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SINGAPORE (AP) — A purified imitation of bad old Bugis Street is back in business with the old sleaze neatly sanitized.

"Boogie Street," as foreigners called it, was razed seven years ago to make way for a subway station. Now, it has been replicated as a tourist attraction.

The once raffish neighborhood gained notoriety because it stood in such garish contrast to the rest of this affluent, sterile city-state.

In its heyday, Bugis Street attracted tourists on a spree, drunken sailors, female impersonators and other all-night carousers.

For more than 40 years, there was nothing else remotely like it in a squeaky-clean metropolis whose leaders expect cleanliness, hard work and thrift from a dutiful citizenry.

Almost anything went on Boogie Street and the action didn't even start until 2 a.m. Brawls were not uncommon.

Within two years of the demolition, the Tourist Promotion Board began to muse with longing about the commercial prospects of what had been regarded as a civic eyesore.

Some Singaporeans were puzzled

when the board referred to the "special ambience which came about from a unique mix of spontaneous activities and rustic streetscape."

That flowery description covered the stamping ground of roistering soldiers and sailors who sang bawdy songs on the roof of a public lavatory. It included touts, small-time con artists, overpriced beer and hundreds of food stalls.

Souvenir peddlers, palm readers and pimps contributed to the ambience. So did Or Kim Eng, the middle-aged shoeshine lady, and street-smart urchins who played tic-tac-toe for money.

A main attraction, scores of gaudily dressed drag queens known as "shims," for she-hims, were ogled each night by hundreds of tourists and locals.

The real Bugis Street became naturally seedy over the years. The copy is a \$9.4 million project inspired by tourism promoters. They decided more than pristine skyscrapers and well-manicured highways were needed to draw crowds to Singapore — something with a bit more color, even if it was off-color.

Original plans called for the new version of Boogie Street to be "reasonably risqué," but absolutely safe in terms of hygiene and personal safety.

P.R. Gopal, president of the

National Association of Travel Agents, predicted the success of a look-alike Bugis Street would depend on whether transvestites were allowed back.

"People did not go there for the buildings," he said. "They went for the drinks and the queers. I'm sure the activities will come back if there is no clampdown."

Acknowledging the attraction of shims, hawker Wong Kok Cheong suggested: "Perhaps they can be given cards and licensed. Keep those who are OK and do away with those who steal from tourists."

Others cited the threat of AIDS and said Bugis Street ran counter to the kind of virtuous society sought by the government.

In its annual report, the Tourist Promotion Board said: "The new Bugis Street ... is expected to develop its own casual character ... creating a popular venue for eating and relaxation."

Developers hired by the government to run the place said the main focus would be on street life and open-air eating.

The main result has been confusion. Officials apparently hoped to project a sleazy aura without actually allowing the new street to become, well, sleazy.

When half a dozen transvestites put on impromptu shows in mid-



(AP Photo)

Razed seven years ago to make way for a subway station, a purified imitation of Singapore's bad old Bugis Street is back in business with the old sleaze neatly sanitized.

January, imitating Michael Jackson, Prince and other entertainers, the authorities put a stop to it. The transvestites lacked a license to perform, police said.

Afterward, food-stall owners complained of losing money. Few tourists showed up because there was no entertainment, they said. Officials of Bugis Street Develop-

ment, the operators, said drag queens were still barred, but they would seek a permit for "impersonation" shows. They declined to describe such impersonations.

VP-elect says Texan aide is 'grace under pressure'

EL PASO (AP) — Suzanna Valdez often finds herself mouthing the phrase: "La lucha es permitida" — Fighting for your rights is allowed.

For her, the motto learned from her father and grandfather means: "No one should deny you the right to try or the opportunity to pursue something that you want."

She's lived by that philosophy — and now she can't help but marvel that a 27-year-old Hispanic from El Paso has a role in the drama of political power now playing in the nation's capital.

"Sometimes I'll be driving or something and I'll say, 'I'm in Washington and I'm working for Al Gore!' It is kind of amazing to me that I...went all over Texas and was basically shooting for Austin and ended up in D.C. And further more, ended up with a member from Tennessee."

Valdez, a 1983 graduate of El Paso's Burges High School, is a special assistant for long-range scheduling for senator — and now vice president-elect — Al Gore. And she has a real chance of landing a role in the Clinton-Gore administration that takes office Jan. 20.

"Sure, I marvel at what has happened, but sometimes I'm just going so fast that I don't have time to think about it," Valdez says. "But when I do, it's all very sobering and then I just don't think about it. I just keep going."

"How I got there? All I can say is that I didn't do it by myself. I did it with a lot of people, beginning with my family."

Gore says that "in her own cool-headed, understated way, Suzanna has been an outstanding addition to my Senate office. She has been my office's air traffic controller — telling me where I'm going, when

I'm getting there and with whom I'll be meeting.

"No matter what the crisis, Suzanna handles it. Truly, she is grace under pressure."

Valdez's circuitous path to Gore's office began after she got her business degree in 1989 from Pan American University in Edinburg — with stops en route at Texas Woman's University in Denton and the University of Texas at El Paso.

It began at a 1985 Mexican-American Democrats dinner. Her father, Aurelio Valdez, couldn't attend and gave her his ticket. Now he credits fate for intervening on his daughter's behalf.

She met three aides to El Paso Congressman Ron Coleman — Paul Rodgers, Jose Sanchez and Carlos Humphries — that night and was impressive enough to be offered a summer internship.

She couldn't accept then, but the meeting paved the way for a job in Coleman's office after she graduated a couple of years later. She spent a year in Coleman's office, became active in a Hispanic congressional staff association and also with the Women's Information Network — a group of pro-choice Democratic women — where she learned of a job opening in Gore's office.

Her final interview was with Gore himself.

The job offer came on her 25th birthday. She's been Gore's special assistant for little more than two years.

"It's a fascinating job when you work with somebody like Al Gore because one day you could be scheduling him to Japan and then he comes back and you can take him to Antarctica," she says. "Because of who he is, it makes the job that much more

interesting and gives it more depth."

She also compares her job to an air traffic controller: "You decide who lands, when they land and when they leave."

Until Bill Clinton chose Gore as his running mate, Valdez's job was to map out a yearlong schedule for the senator: "What's he going to do, how he's going to do it, where is he going to do it? That's the goal. It's great in theory, but sometimes you get 48 hours notice that something has to be scrapped. So it has to be scrapped."

Gore's leadership on environmental issues caught Valdez's attention when she tracked environmental legislation for Coleman. She describes herself as passionately concerned about the environment. Some of Coleman's assistants used to call "Enviro Cop."

"She's very smart, very principled, very diligent — probably one of the most conscientious staff people that I've ever worked with ... Plus, she knows how to pick her bosses," says John Buckley, who's worked for three congressmen including Coleman.

Valdez has a reputation for being meticulously organized — a trait she traces to her mother.

"Suzanna strikes you as very professional, very self-assured," says Jose Sanchez, Coleman's legislative director.

Sanchez expects Valdez will transfer to the Clinton-Gore administration when it takes office in January — something she says is speculative.

"I think she has an inside track. She's on the inside, and she's in a good position to definitely get a good position in the vice president's office and possibly in the White House," Sanchez says.

And that would be good for El Paso and the U.S.-Mexico border region.

which has two senators already."

Valdez said she's likely to return to El Paso someday and perhaps parlay her experience in Washington into a major role in public service.

Valdez's grandparents came to El Paso from Mexico. Her grandmother, Julia B. Esquivel, still lives in El Paso. Her parents, Aurelio and Margaret Valdez, now live in Corpus Christi, where her father is superintendent of the Corpus Christi State School. Her mother is a retired El Paso real estate broker.

"I just want to make sure that whoever I come in contact with (knows) what a colonia is. I think that's part of my responsibility," she said.

"It's not something that I'm quiet about," she said.

Gore agrees. "Suzanna is very proud of her hometown," Gore said, "and it didn't take long before I understood why the jewel of the desert is so special. I was delighted to visit El Paso twice during the campaign to see for myself what makes the area so unique."

"She spoke about El Paso so often that I had to remind her that I am a senator from Tennessee — not Texas,

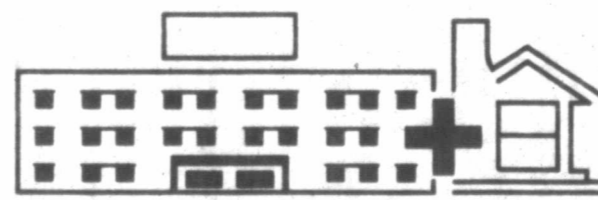
"I've always told my daughter it's not easy for us to get to these heights and when the opportunity comes, grab it, do your best, and set an example," her father says.

"People are looking up to you, some will question and some will wonder and some will aspire, so you have all this focus and it's up to you. It can be a terrible burden or a golden opportunity."

And he thanks Gore for giving his daughter that chance: "As a minority, all we ask for in life is an opportunity."

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