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(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Marian Jameson displays an Egyptian treasure from her worldwide wanderings. Behind her on the mantle are animals she brought back from Kenya.

Marian Jameson Deep roots, wide branches

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

Marian Jameson is deeply rooted in Panhandle soil, but when far-away continents beckon, off she goes on one more trek. Sometimes she travels for pleasure. Sometimes she goes for the love of God and church. Either way, she's seen people, animals and scenery that many only see in books.

While being interviewed this month, Jameson sat on the sofa in her cozy home, surrounded by souvenirs and reminders of her journeys. Jameson was born the daughter of Gerrond and Lida Reed Ramsey in Miami. As a girl, she loved swimming, baseball and climbing Mt. Moriah.

"I had to try to behave myself," she said, explaining that her dad was sheriff of Roberts County for 18 years.

Ranching and farming in Gray and Roberts counties were her life when she married Harold Osborne in 1938. Following his death, she ran the ranch for several years.

With her daughter, Sharron Osborne, of Houston, she's ranching again with the Osborne and Jameson Cattle Co.

In 1964, she married D.B. Jameson. He died in 1991.

A little over 20 years ago, Jameson crossed the Atlantic under the auspices of World Evangelism, an outreach arm of the Southern Baptist Convention. The life-long Baptist and others of the First Baptist Church of Pampa, hit the streets in Madrid, Spain, handing out literature and visiting in homes.

In 1972, she visited Jerez de la Frontera, Spain, in the southern part of the country, proselytizing in the same way. "I like the people over in Spain. We visited some of the people we visited the first time," Jameson said. During the mid-1970s, she traveled to Korea with World Evangelism, led by Claude Cone of First Baptist Church. In 1976, as part of a pilot group, she visited Indonesia.

She reports that in Indonesia,

the missionaries were not free to engage in street corner evangelism, as it is against the law to proselytize. People, however, could be invited to church and they could be visited privately.

The beauty of the island of Java impressed her, particularly the fragrance of her hostess' yard, where roses and cinnamon grow freely.

The 1975 Korean trip was especially memorable because the mission group visited the demilitarized zone where North Korean soldiers were digging tunnels and aiming guns toward Seoul.

Of her many wanderings, her favorite is seeing and meeting the populace.

"It's really the people. It's not like a tour where you just see the sights," she said.

Other travels include Taiwan, Belgium, Brazil, Mexico, Scotland, and finally the Dark Continent — Africa.

When asked why she went to Africa, she replied emphatically, "To see the animals!"

And see them she did. Along with a daughter, Vicky Collier, of Colorado Springs, and Collier's club group, the Ports O' Call, Jameson safaried through Kenya and Tanzania, by way of Luxor, Egypt, and the Valley of the Kings, touring national parks which are home to the animals that Tarzan knew best — elephants, giraffes, zebras, antelopes, wildebeests, lions, rhinos and hippos.

The famed Masai natives welcomed tourists with handcrafts and singing, she said. Jameson, accustomed to her West Texas cattle, was not impressed by the Masai version of wealth. Their cattle, she said, looked sick in comparison to hers.

The moderate temperature of Kenya in November was pleasant, according to Jameson.

From Nairobi, Kenya, Jameson returned to Cairo, Egypt, and on to the United States.

Is she going again? You bet! Next stop — Russia.

U.S. aircraft carrier traveling from Somalia to Persian Gulf

By DENISE CABRERA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is dispatching the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk from Somali coastal waters to the Persian Gulf in response to Iraqi attempts to penetrate the no-fly zone over southern Iraq, Pentagon officials said today.

A U.S. fighter plane shot down an Iraqi MiG that was flying below the 32nd parallel over Iraq on Sunday, the first incident of its kind since the no-fly zone was established last August.

The United States normally has had a carrier stationed in the Persian Gulf-Arabian Sea area but none has been present since the buildup of U.S. forces in Somalia began earlier this month.

The Kitty Hawk was sent to Somali coastal waters recently and is returning to the Persian Gulf area, with arrival expected in the next day or two, said the officials, asking not to be identified. The carrier normally has about 70 combat aircraft aboard along with 5,500 troops, they said.

Meanwhile, President Bush and President-elect Clinton say they are united in their determination to enforce the U.N.-imposed no-fly zone, and that it would be a mistake for Saddam Hussein to test their resolve.

"We are not threatening anybody, but we must enforce those resolutions. He (Saddam Hussein)

must comply with the U.N. resolutions," Bush said Sunday after U.S. F-16 jets shot down an Iraqi warplane in the restricted area.

The Pentagon said the incident was sparked when two Iraqi planes "turned to confront" two U.S. planes patrolling the area. The fate of the Iraqi pilot was not immediately known, but the Americans were not injured, U.S. military officials said.

Clinton called the incident "part of a series of tests" of the resolve of the international community to make Iraq comply with the U.N. resolution.

"Saddam Hussein is mistaken if he believes the United States or the United Nations lacks that resolve," Clinton said in Little Rock, Ark. "I support efforts to bring Iraq into compliance."

It was the first Iraqi aircraft downed since an Aug. 27 U.N. resolution created a no-fly zone for Iraqi warplanes south of the 32nd parallel to protect Iraqi Shiite Muslims from repression by Saddam. There is a second no-fly zone in northern Iraq to protect the Kurdish minority.

Bush said Saddam "made a big mistake" by having his warplanes in the restricted area.

"I've heard that it might be some test of our will near the end of my presidency, but those F-16s sent the message to him pretty clearly," Bush said.

State Department spokesman Richard A. Boucher called the incident "blatant defiance" by the Iraqis, and said U.S. forces "were pre-

pared to respond as necessary to further provocations."

In a Baghdad radio broadcast, Iraq said it reserved the right to respond to the downing of the plane "in the appropriate manner and at the appropriate time."

The Iraqi ambassador to the United Nations, Nizar Hamdoun, said it was his understanding that the no-fly rule was not absolute and that the Iraqi jets were on routine maneuvers.

"I think (the Iraqi) people were appalled by the incident because the Iraqi planes didn't cause any U.S. threat," Hamdoun said. "Iraqi planes were patrolling the Iraqi air space as they usually do."

CIA Director Robert Gates, in an interview on CBS' "Face the Nation," said the incident was "part of the pattern over the last several months of increasing Iraqi aggressiveness in challenging the U.N." However, he said it was "too early to read larger implications into it."

The Pentagon said two Iraqi aircraft crossed the no-fly line about 2:40 a.m. EST, then turned back north.

"Twenty minutes later, coalition forces identified another flight of aircraft approximately 20 miles inside the no-fly zone," the Pentagon said.

Two F-16s flew toward the Iraqi planes and issued a verbal warning, the Pentagon said, adding that the Iraqi pilots ignored the admonitions and "turned to confront the U.S. aircraft."

One Iraqi jet was shot down and the other flew away to the north, the Pentagon said.

Forces occupy famine-wracked town Warlords announce end of war

By JEFFREY ULBRICH
Associated Press Writer

BELET HUEN, Somalia (AP) — U.S. and Canadian soldiers today seized this famine-wracked town, the final target of their campaign to make Somalia secure for food shipments. The capital, Mogadishu, was awash in celebration as two warlords promised to reunite the city.

Mohammed Farrah Aidid and Ali Mahdi Mohamed, the two warlords who control the divided, war-damaged capital, met at a public gathering for the first time in more than a year and announced their war was over.

Thousands of their followers, ululating and blowing into conch shells, celebrated the promise to reunify the capital, but it was unclear how soon the pledge would become a reality. Shooting incidents around the edges of the rally indicated gunmen were angry their days of plunder and mayhem might be drawing to an end.

Journalists in the area were harassed, robbed and one was shot at as Aidid and Ali Mahdi met for about 20 minutes amid the shell-shattered buildings around the old parliament.

American Marines exchanged fire with three Somalis who tried to rob a television crew from Britain's Visnews outside the main gate of Mogadishu's international airport, now a military base.

One of the bandits was killed, and a South African soundman was slightly injured in the elbow. The Visnews cameraman and soundman said they were accosted by three armed Somalis as they approached the airport gate.

Some 200 members of the 2nd Battalion of the 87th Infantry Regiment and 40 Canadian soldiers entered Belet Huen unopposed, as was the case in seven other cities secured by the U.S.-led force since it began arriving in the country Dec. 9.

The U.S.-Canadian force swept onto Belet Huen's dirt airstrip aboard 10 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters just after dawn from a flight from Beli Dogle, a town about 100 miles west of Mogadishu that has



(AP Photo)

Residents of a small village along the road to Gailalassi in Somalia reach out toward an unidentified Italian paratrooper for food late Sunday. The Italian regiment reached the famine-stricken village of Gailalassi late Sunday.

become the operational center of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division.

Hundreds of Somalis watched from the edges of the strip as choppers and, later, C-130 Hercules cargo planes disgorged soldiers and returned to the air.

"We passed the word yesterday that anyone that has a weapon parallel to the ground is a threat and will be dealt with," said Lt. Col. Carol Mathieu, the Canadian commanding the operation.

By the end of the week, some 800 Canadians will be in Belet Huen, which is 200 miles north of the capital near the Ethiopian border, and the Americans will be withdrawn for other tasks.

With the ports and airports at Mogadishu and Kismayu secured and large amounts of donated food beginning to pour into the country, the coalition plans to establish distribution centers in the six interior towns.

From the centers, supplies will be

moved out into surrounding villages and the countryside in an effort to flood southern Somalia's famine belt with food. But finding trucks capable of making the trips has been difficult.

Somali truckers, whose vehicles often are relics from the 1950s, on Sunday protested the World Food Program's hiring of Ethiopian truckers to haul the food aid.

More than 350,000 Somalis already have died in what has been called the world's worst humanitarian crisis, and 2 million more are at risk of starvation.

President Bush, who is to visit Somalia for New Year's, has expressed hope that the United Nations will take over the mercy mission and that U.S. troops could start coming home by Jan. 20, when President-elect Clinton takes office.

National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft reiterated that position Sunday, saying the job of disarming Somalis would be "an open-ended

commitment" best left to U.N. peacekeepers.

"I believe it will not be too long before U.S. contingents can begin to withdraw, first as other foreign forces come in and as the operation turns from a peacemaking, if you will, into more of a peacekeeping," Scowcroft said on NBC-TV.

Lt. Gen. Robert B. Johnston, commander of the U.S. joint task force to Somalia, told CNN it was "reasonable to expect that some troops" may be taken out of Somalia in January.

More than 18,000 American servicemen and women are in Somalia, either ashore or aboard ships just off the coast. The Pentagon originally planned to send 28,000 but that figure may be reduced.

Ken Freed, a reporter from the Los Angeles Times, said he, his driver and an armed guard were robbed at the green line today by a gunman who fired two shots at the three as they fled.

Police offer tips on avoiding criminal mischief

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

The holiday season isn't just a time for jolliness, as the Pampa Police Department well knows. In particular, the holiday season this year has been marked by a rash of criminal mischief cases to parked vehicles in the city, police officials say.

"A lot of it's because kids are out of school at this time and they happen to have more free time," observed Pampa Police Sgt. Jess Wallace. Criminal mischief involves intentional damage

to a vehicle, such as slashing of tires, breaking a window, or throwing eggs at a car, Wallace said.

Pampa police offer the following suggestions for preventing criminal mischief to your vehicle:

- Park the vehicle off the street, such as on a driveway or in a garage.
- Keep the area where your vehicle is parked well-lighted.
- Place a sound alarm in your car that can alert you about a burglar or vandal rocking the car or attempting to open a car door.

"It's becoming more of a popular thing," said Pampa Police Chief Chuck Flemings, noting that

the car alarm is primarily designed to prevent a burglar from stealing a car.

- Place a motion sensor with a light attached to it near your vehicle. The sensor will shine a spotlight on the vehicle if someone rocks your car, tries to open your car, or breaks a window of your car.

"Burglars and vandals don't like the light, because it makes it easily accessible for them to be identified," observed Flemings. "You'd be surprised how many people don't go to bed until late and look out the window when a light turns on ..."

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DUREE, Tom J. — 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.
JOWERS, Alva Alberta — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.
MURPHY, Wayne Allison 'Pat' — 2 p.m., graveside, Edith Ford Cemetery, Canadian.
TWEEDY, Alma Jameson — 2 p.m., Memorial Park Funeral Home, Amarillo.

Obituaries

JO FERN ANDERSON

Jo Fern Anderson, 71, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1992. Services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. M.B. Smith, a Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Anderson was born Feb. 28, 1921 in Miami. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1953, moving here from White Deer. She married Olen Anderson in 1966 in Pampa and was a member of the First Baptist Church. She worked for Southwestern Public Service for many years.



Survivors include her husband, Olen, of the home; a daughter, Wanita Taylor of Pampa; two stepsons, Harlen Hysmith of Pampa and Bruce Hysmith of Nashville, Tenn.; a brother, Ed Wells of Temple; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church Children's Building Fund (CARE).

TOM J. DUREE

Tom J. Duree, 71, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 1992, in Amarillo. Services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Earl Maddux, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Duree, born on April 20, 1921, in Elk City, Okla., moved to Pampa in 1960 from California. He married Dorothy Carver in 1945 at Manhattan, Kan. She died in 1979. He was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Susie and Raymond Edwards of Pampa and JoAnn and Tom Holcomb of Owosso, Mich.; a brother, Rex Duree of Keys, Calif.; and four grandchildren, Amy and Jenny Edwards, both of Pampa, and Kelly and Kasey Putman, both of Owosso, Mich.

ALVA ALBERTA JOWERS

Ruth Alberta Jowers, 70, of Richmond, Calif., died Friday, Dec. 25, 1992. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with John Kimbrough, minister of the Church of Christ in Fritch, officiating. Cremation will follow.

Mrs. Jowers was born Nov. 2, 1922, at Vernon, Okla. She moved 27 years ago from Dalhart to Richmond, Calif. She had been visiting in Pampa when she died. She was a Methodist and a member of the Isis Chapter of Order of Eastern Star in Amarillo.

Survivors include five daughters, Nita Mathis, Alva Wilbon and Ruth Brown, all 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 and William Bowles, both of Las Vegas, N.M.; a sister, Evelyn Bowles of Seattle, Wash.; 27 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

WAYNE ALLISON 'PAT' MURPHY

CANADIAN — Wayne Allison "Pat" Murphy, 89, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1992. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Edith Ford Cemetery with the Rev. Jesse Hodge, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Suckley-Hill Funeral Home.

Mr. Murphy, born in Marshall, Okla., served in the U.S. military during World War I. He married Iva Nell Hunter in 1923 at Arnett, Okla. She died in 1982. He was a rancher and a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sisters, Margaret E. Hearn of Amarillo, Fairy Olmstead of Austin, and Janice M. LaMaster of Perryton; a brother, Byron Hamilton Murphy Jr. of Perryton; a granddaughter; two great-grandchildren; and his friend, Alice Gamas of Canadian.

He was preceded in death by a son, Hunter Wayne Murphy.

BULAH EDITH NORRIS

Bulah Edith Norris, 91, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1992. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Howard Whitely, pastor of Apostolic Faith Church, officiating, and assisted by Lloyd Beasley. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. in Crowell Cemetery at Crowell.

Mrs. Norris was born on Oct. 27, 1901, in Indian Territory, and moved to Pampa in 1955 from Crowell. She owned and operated Norris Help Yourself Laundry for many years. She was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ and the Ladies Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, William and Gloria Norris of Pampa; four daughters and sons-in-law, Dorothy and Jack Hewett of Mount Air, N.M., Lela and Lloyd Beasley of San Benito, Mildred and Francis Fulton of Pampa, and Naida and Tommy Green of Liberty, Mo.; two sisters, Mable Collette of Springfield, Ore., and Cora Shields of Royse City; 25 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leander Grady Norris, in 1953; two sons, L.G. Norris, in 1962 and Louis M. Norris, in 1987; and a daughter, Katherine Harper, in 1978.

The family will be at 1920 N. Banks or 901 E. Campbell.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incident during the 42-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SUNDAY, Dec. 27

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported a case of aggravated assault.

Obituaries

HAROLD C. WEIDLER

Harold C. Weidler, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 1992. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Dr. John T. Tate, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Cremation will follow. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.



Mr. Weidler was born Oct. 7, 1906 in Erie, Pa. He had been a resident of Pampa for more than 50 years. He married Anna Jo Smith on Sept. 4, 1948, in Miami. He worked as an engineer for Cabot Corp. for 35 years, retiring in 1971. He attended First Christian Church and was a past member of the Pampa Noon Lions Club and honorary member of the Genesis House Board of Directors.

Survivors include his wife, Anna Jo, of the home; a son, Ronald C. Weidler of Amarillo; three daughters, Deborah L. Sharp, and husband Jimmy J. Sharp of Midland, Barbara Heilbrun of Wilsonville, Ore., and Nancy Rosenblum of Lakeland, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Genesis House, Boys Ranch, the Book of Remembrance at First Christian Church or a favorite charity.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.15	
Milo	3.40	
Corn	4.05	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Ky. Cent. Life	9	NC
Serfco	3 1/2	NC
Occidental	17 5/8	up 1/4

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	62.78	
Puritan	14.68	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:

Amoco	50 3/8	up 1/4
Arco	113 5/8	dn 1/8
Cabot	43 1/2	NC
Cabot O&G	17 3/4	dn 1/8
Chevron	69	NC
Coca-Cola	43 1/2	NC
Enron	47 7/8	NC
Halliburton	28 3/4	dn 1/4
HealthTrust Inc.	19	dn 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	29 3/8	dn 1/2
KNE	28 1/2	NC
Kerr-McGee	44 3/4	up 1/2
Limited	27 7/8	dn 1/8
Mappco	54 3/4	NC
Maxus	6 3/8	NC
McDonald's	49 1/4	up 3/8
Mobil	62	dn 5/8
New Atmos	23 1/2	up 1/4
Parker & Parsley	13 3/4	dn 1/8
Pennsey	76 1/2	dn 1/8
Phillips	25 1/4	NC
SLB	56 3/8	up 1/8
SFS	31 3/4	up 1/4
Tenneco	40 1/4	up 1/8
Texasco	59 5/8	NC
Wal-Mart	64 3/8	dn 1/2
New York Gold	332.70	
Silver	3.66	
West Texas Crude	19.83	

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents in the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23

2 p.m. — A 1988 Ford driven by Daniel E. Rivera, 1153 Neel road, collided with the back of a 1983 Ford pickup driven by David E. Livingston, Lefors, pushing that vehicle into the back of a 1986 GMC pickup driven by James Donald Coble, 1116 Prairie Drive, in the 800 block of South Hobart. No injuries were reported. Rivera was cited for following too closely and driving without a driver's license on his person.

DPS-Accident

SATURDAY, Dec. 26

10:35 p.m. — A 1989 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Wade Ray Wood, 20, 731 Naida, rolled three times after he lost control of the vehicle on a curve off U.S. 60 about three miles east of Pampa, according to the DPS. Wood and three passengers — John Matthew Chaney and Shane Bass, both of Pampa, and Brandon Walden of Altus, Okla. — received minor injuries and were taken to Coronado Hospital and released. Wood was charged with driving while intoxicated.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 42-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 26

10:45 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a medical assist five miles east of Pampa on U.S. 60.

11:02 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at 2409 Mary Ellen.

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5:22 p.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to a smoke scare at 834 S. Banks. The smoke, from a trash fire, was a false alarm.

5:38 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a smoke scare at 2200 W. Kentucky. The smoke, from a trash fire, was a false alarm.

8:23 p.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a fence fire in the backyard at 416 N. Dwight.

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6:41 a.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a smoke scare at City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill. The report was a false alarm.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 42-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 26

City of Pampa reported a hit and run at the 1100 block of North Somerville. The incident caused \$500 in damage to a guardrail on a bridge.

SUNDAY, Dec. 27

Vester Hargrove, 1116 Sandlewood, reported criminal mischief under \$20 to a 1981 Toyota.

Mickey Fellingham, 1112 Sandlewood, reported criminal mischief under \$20 to a 1979 Chevrolet.

Roger C. Scott, 509 Maple, reported a burglary. City of Pampa reported a case of evading detention at the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Brandi Ellis, 2320 Charles, reported a violation of protective order at Hobart and Alcock.

Billy Parrack, 1334 Coffee, reported burglary of a habitation.

Dennis Shephard, 629 N. Frost, reported criminal mischief.

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May Williams, 533 W. Oklahoma, reported criminal mischief at 1105 S. Huff.

Arrests

SUNDAY, Dec. 27

Raymond Crawford Cantrell, 27, 412 N. Somerville, was arrested on two traffic violations and a warrant. He was released on bond.

Kelli Lee Howe, 20, Lefors, was arrested on six DPS warrants. She was released on bond.

Weinberger: Walsh tried to coerce testimony against Ronald Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Escalating a bitter war of words, newly pardoned Caspar Weinberger denied today that he concealed notes about the Iran-Contra affair and accused the special prosecutor of trying to force him to falsely implicate Ronald Reagan in exchange for lenient treatment.

Weinberger, making the rounds of television talk shows, said special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh was "totally unethical" in his pursuit of convictions. "When he was after me, he was really pursuing President Reagan, and now President Bush," Weinberger said.

Walsh has heatedly defended his investigation and said that Weinberger's "concealment of notes is a part of a disturbing pattern of deception and obstruction that permeated the highest levels of the Reagan and Bush administrations."

"He simply is not telling the truth. These notes were not concealed at all," Weinberger said today on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Weinberger called those notes "little jottings that I'd made for 35, 40 years... and about five, six, seven percent of them related to the Iran-Contra."

Weinberger, asked on NBC's "Today" show if he had spoken with Bush since the Christmas Eve pardons, said: "Yes, I thanked him. I called him at Camp David, expressed my apprecia-

tion for what I thought was a courageous and a proper action."

Weinberger also accused Walsh of using his job "to force — literally to blackmail people — into accepting lesser pleas. That's what he tried to do to me. And the price was I was to give him what he called, with soft of a smirk, 'cooperation.' What that meant, of course, was giving him the kind of evidence that he wanted — false evidence in my opinion."

Walsh, who has said he was turning his investigation's focus to Bush after the pardon, has disputed Weinberger's assertion that he was trying to coerce Weinberger into incriminating Reagan.

"Walsh did not ask Caspar Weinberger to incriminate anyone," said Mary Belcher, spokeswoman for Walsh. "False testimony is the last thing a prosecutor wants. All he asked Weinberger for was the truth."

Just a day earlier, Walsh's assistant, James J. Brosnahan, suggested Bush may have granted pardons to avoid being a witness at Weinberger's trial.

Bush, vacationing in Texas, declined Sunday to answer reporters' questions on the Iran-Contra affair.

Appearing on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," Weinberger acknowledged errors and misstatements in his Iran-Contra testimony to Congress. But he said he lacked criminal intent,

and charged that Walsh had pursued his indictment only after Weinberger refused to cooperate in the prosecution of higher ups in the scandal over arms-for-hostages exchanges with Iran during the Reagan administration.

"Cooperation meant giving them the testimony that they wanted that would enable them to implicate President Reagan," Weinberger said.

"When they couldn't get that, then they went after me with five felony counts, all of which they would have been perfectly willing to drop if I had, quote, 'cooperated' with them. And I wasn't going to cooperate with them," he said.

Weinberger disputed the suggestion that Bush pardoned him to cover his own tracks.

He acknowledged that his notes indicate Bush, then the vice president, favored an exchange of 4,000 TOW missiles for hostages during a Jan. 7, 1986 meeting in the Oval Office. But he said the issue was not arms-for-hostages because Reagan later asserted part of his motive was to improve relations with Iran.

"The vice president at that time attended some of the meetings. He knew these discussions were going on. He said so. But, again, whether or not it was arms for hostages was basically a matter of opinion," Weinberger said.

Court report

DISTRICT COURT

Civil lawsuits filed

Johnson Home Furnishings vs. David Caldwell Jr. — suit on sworn account.

Ex parte: Daniel Earl Powell — writ of habeas corpus. Allen H. Prendergast, doing business as The Prendergast Co. vs. Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group Inc. — suit on contract.

Jerrold E. Dunken vs. Jim-O-Lette Inc., doing business as Hardee's of Pampa; Jim Giles, individually, and Charollette Giles, individually — worker's compensation.

Criminal

A charge of violation of probation was dismissed against Judy Eileen Hammer.

David Perez Gutierrez, 36, 802 E. Campbell, was sentenced to 10 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on a delivery of a controlled substance conviction.

A charge of delivery of marijuana was dismissed against David Perez Gutierrez, 36, 802 E. Campbell, after the defendant was convicted in another case.

Divorces granted

Ronnie Austin Peevey and Dana Michelle Peevey. Clarence Daniel Treadwell Jr. and Rhonwyn Nina Treadwell.

Jamie Sue Cross and Preston Blake Cross

GRAY COUNTY COURT

Roy Earl Gurley was fined \$45 and received deferred adjudication of one month probation on a speeding charge, appealed from Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace.

Tyrone Weldon Evans was fined \$75 and received six months probation on a criminal mischief \$20-200 conviction. He was also ordered to make restitution.

Bobby Gene Armstrong Jr. was fined \$300 and received two years probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.

Vereanki Royne Roland was fined \$150 and received one year probation on theft of \$200-750 conviction. He was also ordered to make \$400 in restitution.

William E. Forester was fined \$50 and received deferred adjudication of three months probation on an evading arrest charge.

Rondelle Perry Green was fined \$450 and received two years probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction. An unfiled driving while intoxicated charge was used in determining punishment and will not be filed.

Marriage licenses issued

Martin Martinez and Maricel Daplas Joven. Jose Trinidad Cervantes and Rosa Maria Venegas. Richard Henry Barnes and Karen Ann Barnes. Tommy Lee Cook and Angela Michelle Heiskell. Edward Swasey Brainard and Stacie Lynette Hall.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions

Lillian Bessie Inman, Pampa. Iva Marie White, Pampa. Cletis G. Butcher, Pampa. Destine T. Currie, Pampa. Maxine M. Gaines, Pampa. Ila Joan Holmes, Pampa. Elizabeth O. Thompson, Murray, Ky. Cameron O. Webster, Pampa.

Dismissals

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, a chance of showers with a low around 40 and southwesterly winds 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of showers and the high around 60 degrees and southwesterly winds 10 to 20 mph. Sunday's high was 60 degrees; the overnight low was 37 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows from the mid-30s northwest to the lower 40s southeast. Tuesday, cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs from the mid-50s northwest to the lower 60s southeast. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy with a continued slight chance of showers. Lows in the upper 30s to near 40. Extended forecast: Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid- to upper 30s. Highs in the lower to mid-50s. New Year's Day, mostly cloudy and sharply colder. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 30s. South Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of

showers. Lows in the mid-40s to around 50. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs in the mid- to upper 60s. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy with a continued slight chance of showers. Lows in the lower to mid-40s. Extended forecast: Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid-60s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid-40s. Highs near 60. New Year's Day, mostly cloudy and colder. Lows in the upper 20s. Highs in the lower 40s. Permian Basin: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers. Lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs near 70. Tuesday night, mostly cloudy with a continued slight chance of showers. Lows near 50. South Texas — Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas: Tonight, cloudy with patchy dense fog. A slight chance of rain. Lows in the upper 50s to near 60. Tuesday and Tuesday night, cloudy and warm. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 60s. Extended forecast: Wednesday through Thursday, partly to mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms Thursday and New Year's Day. Lows Wednesday and Thursday near 60, highs in the 70s. Lows New Year's Day in the 40s, highs in the 60s. Texas Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, cloudy, foggy at the coast. Lows in the 60s. Tuesday and Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 60s. Extended forecast: Wednesday through New Year's Day, partly to mostly cloudy. A chance of showers and thunderstorms Thursday and New Year's Day. Lows Wednesday and Thursday near 60, highs in the 70s. Lows New Year's Day in the 40s, highs in the 60s. Texas Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, cloudy, foggy at the coast. Lows in the 60s. Tuesday and Tuesday night, mostly cloudy. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 60s.

North Texas — Tonight through Tuesday night, continued mostly cloudy and warm with a chance of rain. Lows tonight in the 50s. Highs Tuesday in the mid-60s to low 70s. Lows Tuesday night in the mid-50s to near 60. Extended forecast: Wednesday and Thursday, continued mostly cloudy and warm with a chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s to mid-70s. Lows in the mid-50s to low 60s. New Year's Day, cloudy and cold with a chance of rain. Lows in the mid- to upper 30s. Highs in the 40s.

School principal fights to regain image after drug kingpin charges

By GEORGE ESPER
AP Special Correspondent

PASADENA, Md. (AP) — Patricia Emory knows who her friends are. They have sent her poinsettias, \$20 checks with a note to "buy something" for her son, food and fruit baskets, tapes of Christmas songs, a Bible. She also knows who her adversaries are. They're the ones who believe the charges, since dropped, that this highly acclaimed elementary school principal — an anti-drug crusader — was, in fact, a member of a drug ring. "She may be a pillar of the community by day, but she's a drug kingpin at night," prosecutors said in court papers. She retorts: "I'm a school principal. I'm not married to any mob." The parents who send their children to Severna Park Elementary School don't know what to think. Should she be allowed to return to her suburban school? "I have a mixed reaction," said Ron Riegel, as he waited to pick up his granddaughter from school. "I find it hard to believe that she could have been around all that money and not know what was going on. Maybe she was innocent. "It's hard to tell."

On Oct. 29, Mrs. Emory and her husband, Mitch, were arrested in a raid on their home. Mitch Emory's brother and seven others were arrested as well. Prosecutors accused her of being "part of the largest marijuana operation in the history of Anne Arundel County ... operating for more than 15 years ... part of the board of directors of a massive criminal enterprise." They alleged the ring met in her \$400,000 contemporary home and had contacts extending to North Carolina, Texas, New Mexico and abroad.

Pilot credits training with saving 2 lives

CLINT (AP) — A West Texas pilot credited his training with allowing him and his passenger to escape serious injury when his plane lost power and crashed into a field near Clint. "If I hadn't had a crop duster pilot teach me how to fly, we would've been gone," pilot David Armstrong told the *El Paso Times* Sunday from his hospital bed. Armstrong, 29, and passenger Edgar "Bubba" Burr, 21, both of El Paso, were flying in a Cessna 150 near Clint Sunday when the plane lost power. "I was at about 500 feet in a left turn when the engine started losing power," said Armstrong, who has been flying since 1990. "I had good airspeed but I couldn't get the rudder to react, nothing." The pilot told Burr to hold on and looked for a place to set down. He estimates that about 15 seconds passed from the onset of trouble to the crash, which left him dazed. Armstrong suffered facial cuts and a possible bruised heart and Burr was scraped up and also got some facial cuts. Armstrong was kept

"Whatever shiny public image she had, there's a dark side to her that severely tarnishes that image," the prosecutor said at her bail hearing. In mid-December, the charges against Mrs. Emory expired without a grand jury indictment. But her husband, a popular youth league soccer coach who has had drug and alcohol problems, was indicted. He is in jail awaiting trial. Why was there no indictment against Mrs. Emory? "Just as there is no crime in being married to the mob, an individual cannot be indicted for being the wife of a drug kingpin even though a briefcase containing over \$10,000 and drug deal tally slips was found secreted under the marital bed," said Frank Weathersbee, Anne Arundel County state's attorney. "We didn't have sufficient evidence to convict and therefore we didn't request an indictment, at least as of this time," Weathersbee said in an interview in his Annapolis office. The term of the grand jury expires Dec. 31. Mrs. Emory, 45, testified before the grand jury for 4 1/2 hours and passed a defense-administered polygraph test, according to her lawyers. She says the state had insufficient evidence because the charges are lies, politically inspired by publicity-seeking prosecutors. Take her home — and prosecutors mean to do just that, having filed a civil petition to seize it as part of the drug enterprise. Mrs. Emory said her husband built the house with a \$200,000 loan and with savings and investments. The alleged drug meetings, Mrs. Emory suggested, were teenage friends of her 16-year-old son, Jason, coming by to play pool. She denies any knowledge of her husband's alleged drug connections,

saying she knew only that he was a building contractor and that she was kept busy working 12-hour days at the school. She and her husband had separate briefcases for 25 years and she did not know her husband carried money in his, she said. On advice of her attorney, Mrs. Emory has separated from her husband and has not visited him in jail. Their 25-year marriage has been a rocky one; they have separated three times because of her husband's drug and alcohol problems. A second son, now 25, also was counseled for drugs. "I don't know how to feel right now," Mrs. Emory said. "My husband and I grew up together. We've known each other our whole lives and I have no reason not to love him. "I don't know how it will turn out. There are so many people involved in this case that I don't know if my husband was involved at all, a little bit, or a lot. I'm going to support him until I find out differently." Mrs. Emory says the episode has destroyed her career and left her personal life in shambles. "I think my integrity will always be questioned, that there will always be doubts," she says. She is on paid administrative leave from Severna Park, a 15-minute drive from her home. She and her attorney, Ann Hurlock, are awaiting a meeting with school officials to discuss her future, which she said will be dictated by "what is in the best interest of the children." She's having doubts about whether she wants to return to Severna Park. "I will either return or I will hopefully be reinvested in a job that's very similar," she said. "But it will be difficult because I know

that all eyes will be on me continually." There is support for Mrs. Emory. This is, after all, a woman who was named one of five outstanding principals in Anne Arundel County; she supervised police drug awareness programs at county schools, citing as inspiration the heroin addiction of her younger brother, who is in jail for using and dealing drugs. "Most are convinced of her innocence and most feel that she was a wonderful principal," said one parent, who did not want to be identified by name for fear of reprisals from Mrs. Emory's opponents. "A lot of the parents would feel like I did. They would welcome her back." "There's a good deal of suspicion about whether she is guilty," said Dennis Sachs, who has a son in the fifth grade. "But I think many of us probably would feel that if she is not charged, there's really no reason why she shouldn't resume being principal." But others, like Mel Jenkins, would not welcome her return. "Even though the charges were dropped, I still feel the police department must have had some reason for even charging her and I can't believe she didn't know that it was going on right under her nose," he said. "I hope she doesn't return to this school. It would be difficult for her and for the parents, difficult for the children to understand why their principal was arrested and hauled off and then came back. Children don't understand what it means when they say the charges are dropped." As if to confirm his father's point, 9-year-old Jarrod Jenkins broke in to say, "I've been complaining ever since she got arrested about when she kept coming into our classroom



Patricia Emory, an elementary school principal arrested Oct. 29 on charges she was a drug kingpin, displays a shirt given to her by school colleagues to show their support.

and saying that she didn't want us taking drugs. Then she went out and took drugs anyway and sold drugs." Mrs. Emory opened a bureau drawer filled with more than 400 letters of support from students, friends, strangers and colleagues, including her boss. They sent checks ranging from \$50 to \$1,000 for her bail and a defense fund. But she knows others who are hostile. She said she is afraid to go out because people stare and talk

about her. Jason is physically in distress, she said. Both are having difficulty sleeping. Both are afraid of the police. Mrs. Emory recently shuttered the windows of her home and installed an alarm system. Cars drive by every day with sightseers taking photos. On the sidewalk outside her home, in 4-foot letters, vandals painted their verdict. "Dope sold here," the graffiti read.



Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Gilbert Flores examines the wreckage of a Cessna-150 after it crashed on a farm in Clint on Sunday afternoon.

overnight to monitor his condition, but family members said Burr would be released late Sunday. Federal Aviation Administration officials from Albuquerque were to investigate the wreckage and crash.

The plane was owned by Olivas Aviation of El Paso. "It's our loss, but right now I don't even want to think about that," said owner Lucy Olivas. "To me, just the fact they're fine

is a relief. This is a true miracle. "This little airplane has taught a lot of people to fly, lots of people learned on it through the years." Clint is located about 30 miles southeast of El Paso.

Driver shoots probation officer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A Texas probation officer on vacation in Kokomo came to the state capital to visit an old friend and police officer and ended up in the hospital with a gunshot wound. Mark D. Miller, a juvenile probation officer in Galveston, Texas, was shot in the upper left chest Saturday while trying to apprehend the driver of a car that had rammed into the car he was driving. Miller, who was admitted for treatment at Methodist Hospital, has spent his time visiting with his family and giving media interviews. "I like the attention," he said. "The funniest thing I heard (from media reports) is that I was a Texas Ranger or a U.S. Marshal." Miller and his fiancée were visiting his mother in Kokomo for the holidays, and had come to Indianapolis on Friday to ride a shift with a friend who is a city police officer. As Miller drove to his mother's home afterward, about 2 a.m., a car struck him from behind. Miller, who was unarmed, followed the

car and was shot after he got out to talk with the driver, said Indianapolis police Detective Tom Sarfaty. Miller said he was on the ground, pretending to be dead. The suspect, he said, called him a "pig" and fired another shot, which missed Miller's head. Miller then got up and the suspect fired two more shots, which also missed. Although his trip home for Christmas didn't turn out as planned, Miller said he was grateful to the police department, Methodist Hospital and an unknown passer-by who called police after witnessing the shooting. "I like the attention," he said. "The funniest thing I heard (from media reports) is that I was a Texas Ranger or a U.S. Marshal." Miller and his fiancée were visiting his mother in Kokomo for the holidays, and had come to Indianapolis on Friday to ride a shift with a friend who is a city police officer. As Miller drove to his mother's home afterward, about 2 a.m., a car struck him from behind. Miller, who was unarmed, followed the

Laws taking effect Jan. 1 have common thread — economy

By ARLENE LEVINSON
Associated Press Writer

One frayed thread — the poor economy — runs through dozens of laws that take effect Jan. 1, from Alaska's new \$10 fee for king salmon anglers to Georgia's promise of business tax breaks for new jobs created in poor areas. Minnesota will tax hospitals to finance health insurance for its working poor, Florida will require tighter security against crime in convenience stores and some California schools will be freer to experiment. New Year's Day also inaugurates Indiana's \$125 tax break for used computers donated to public schools, lower workers' compensation costs for Maine employers and a New York state ban on toys shaped like hypodermic needles. Most of the laws resulted from legislators wrestling with shrinking revenues, dwindling jobs and escalating social service needs while also trying to enhance their states' attraction to business and the work force. "A big concern for states is the economy and what they can do within their state economy to make it better," said Doug Sacarto, a public policy analyst at the National Conference of State Legislatures. "The fundamentals are there," Sacarto said. "Saving jobs, educa-

tion that's going to keep us competitive in a global economy. This has been talked about at the national level, but you see it acted on in very important ways at the state level." Jan. 1 is not a legislative benchmark; laws more often kick in at the beginning of a fiscal year or within a certain number of months of enactment. But looking at the array of January laws is useful for checking trends. Some of the laws go straight to the corporate bottom line and the taxpayer's purse. Georgia is offering \$2,000 in business tax credits for each job created in poor counties. In Pennsylvania, divorced working parents can be compelled to provide health insurance for their children, regardless of who has custody. Part of the payroll contributions New Jersey workers and employers now make to unemployment and disability funds will also go to health care for the poor and uninsured after Jan. 1. The economic thread touches the future through school choice legislation to improve education. Parents' clamoring for options spawned a Utah law that will let children attend any school in the state, provided there's room. A new California law will unfetter up to 100 schools from state restrictions to encourage innovation.

Quality of life influences where businesses set up shop and a state's laws show how they look after their citizens. California employers must now warn workers against sexual harassment, while young sexual harassers in the fourth grade up will risk expulsion from school. Job discrimination against homosexuals is outlawed in California on Jan. 1. A few weeks later will also be the effective date of Colorado's ban on gay rights laws and the repeal of those in Denver, Boulder and Aspen. New York state set a three-minute limit on car alarms sold or installed there. Tennessee has a new law that tightens state supervision over guardians appointed to oversee the affairs of minors, the disabled and the aged. State Rep. Brenda Turner said legislation was prompted by a national report by The Associated Press four years ago that exposed abuses in guardianship systems. "This is a major piece of legislation that certainly stemmed from public interest created by the AP's 1987 series of stories," Ms. Turner said. Curbing crime is another way states show they care. Michigan's new anti-stalking law is the nation's stiffest, threatening five years in prison for harassing

and pursuing anyone relentlessly and maliciously. New Hampshire cranked up penalties for rape and will require convicted sex offenders to register with police when they leave prison. Illinois rape victims will be spared court disclosure of their other sexual history. Chasing drunken drivers from the road is the object of new laws in seven states. New Hampshire redefines drunken drivers in 1993 to include intoxicated operators of boats and off-road vehicles. With Georgia and Nebraska, it also joins 29 states allowing law enforcers to take licenses from suspect drunken drivers on the spot. On July 1, Louisiana, Delaware and West Virginia have new laws requiring convicted drunken drivers to install devices that keep the car from starting if the driver was drinking. The driver has to breathe into a device connected to the auto's ignition. The car won't start if there is too much alcohol on the driver's breathe. Legislators also tried to clean up their own act. Starting Jan. 1, Iowa lawmakers can't accept any gifts, or food or drink costing more than \$3. Individuals and political action committees can't give a political candidate in Kentucky more than \$500.

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Opinion

Privatization works when given a chance

Why does privatization work? That it does work — that governments can save money and improve efficiency by turning to private firms to perform "public" functions — would seem to be clear from the growing number of cash-strapped jurisdictions that have embraced the idea.

A recent newsletter from the Reason Foundation in Los Angeles lists a few examples: A number of localities, including Detroit, New York City, and Houston, have turned to private firms to manage golf courses; Indianapolis is proposing to privatize at least part of its wastewater treatment system; the feds, in Miami, have contracted with private jitneys to help buttress the transportation network in the wake of Hurricane Andrew.

Why do these approaches work? Not because people who don't work for the government are by nature superior to those who do. Both outside and inside government, you'll find about the same percentage of idealists, scoundrels, moralists, and people of weak and strong character.

What's different are the incentives that act on people. Government workers are not rewarded for cutting costs, increasing efficiency, serving the public, or eliminating abuses. They are rewarded for rationalizing higher spending, serving special or political interests, bulking up on departments, and so on. The result: misallocation of resources, government growth, complexity, rigidity, and hostility to innovation.

That's why contracting out can lead to better service for a lower price. Because they must make a profit and they face competition, private-sector employers and workers are rewarded for cutting costs or improving service. They can't take advantage of specialization, division of labor, and economies of scale. They have more flexibility in dealing with workers and can profit from (not feel threatened by) innovation.

To be sure, contracting out is not a panacea. It works best when the process emphasizes competition and competence rather than political influence, campaign contributions, or friendly relationships.

But it does work. And work. And work.

The more things change, etc.

WASHINGTON — The trouble with reformed sinners, as any sawdust evangelist will tell you, is that many of the sinners don't stay reformed for long. So it is with the House of Representatives.

In the spring, we heard the hallelujah cries. Behold! Our brothers and sisters had got religion. They had seen the light! No more overdrafts at the bank, no more unpaid tabs at restaurants, no more hanky-panky at the Post Office. Glory, glory, they had been born again. Praise the Lord!

Penitent members promised a major reform. The House would employ a non-partisan administrator, a kind of city manager, someone above politics, and he would get things straightened out. True believers gazed upon the scrubbed and shining face of Speaker Foley. Ah, they said, indeed there is joy in heaven.

That was nine months ago. It wasn't until Oct. 23 that Foley announced the appointment of retired Lt. Gen. Leonard P. Wishart III. His title would be "director of non-legislative and financial services." The meaning of that title, said Congressional Quarterly, deadpan, "is far from clear."

As of last week, Gen. Wishart had yet to go to work. The Capitol switchboard had never heard of him. He has no office, he has no telephone, he has no staff. What is to become of the fellow?

In March, Speaker Foley said, "The days of patronage are gone." He really said that. You could look it up. Five will get you 50 that the general winds up with little or no say over the hundreds of House jobs that the privilege of patronage now controls.

Other evidence strongly suggests that the old order has yielded to — the old order. House Democrats met the other day to elect committee



James J. Kilpatrick

chairmen for the incoming Congress. It will astound you, provided you are easily astounded, to learn that every chairman except for 82-year-old Jamie Whitten was re-elected.

The aging Jamie, bless him, has ruled House Agriculture since Noah got off the ark, but ill health has kept him sidelined for the past year. William Natcher of Kentucky, 83, will replace him. So much for new blood at the top.

The week's most remarkable development had to do with new rules by which the House is governed. The speaker and his born-again buddies proposed to limit what are known as "special orders." Republicans howled in protest.

Under a special order, any member of the House may speak on any subject, or on no subject at all, after the day's business is concluded. Except for an unlucky presiding officer, not another soul is in the chamber, but the C-SPAN cameras remain in action. The Democrats' rule change would limit special orders to three hours a day. No speaker would be permitted to speak after 9 p.m.

Republican members of the House, an oppressed

minority, delight in special orders. Their forlorn hope is that someone out there in the boondocks may be listening. When they heard of the proposed restrictions, they threatened to put sour cream in Foley's parliamentary coffee. The speaker relented, and for the moment the proposal has been withdrawn.

One other exercise in Democratic fun and games is more serious. The House consists of 435 elected members, plus a resident commissioner from Puerto Rico and "delegates" from Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia. These non-member members have House offices and House staffs. They introduce bills. They may vote in the standing committees, but they have no right to vote on the floor.

The Democratic Caucus, looking ahead to the new session, has moved to give the five delegates — good Democrats, one and all — the right to vote on the floor when it counts, that is, when the House sits as a Committee of the Whole. By this parliamentary razzmatazz, the Democrats, who lost 10 seats at the polls, will have recouped five of them on the floor. This is a slick piece of work.

It puzzles me to understand how the power vested in the House determine the rules of its proceedings gives the Democrats power to make members of non-members, but in my old age I puzzle easily.

Thomas Jefferson once recalled the patience of an Indian chief. At every grievance the chief put a pebble in his pouch, and when the pouch was full he went to war. Under the arrogant rule of the born-again Democrats, Republicans are piling up a heap of pebbles in their pouch. They are not incapable of waging parliamentary war.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 28, the 363rd day of 1992. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Seventy-five years ago, on Dec. 28th, 1917, the New York Evening Mail published "A Neglected Anniversary," a facetious essay by H.L. Mencken on the history of bathtubs in America which asserted, among other things, that Millard Fillmore was the first president to have a bathtub installed in the White House. To Mencken's disbelief, many readers regarded his spoof as the truth.

On this date:

In 1694, Queen Mary II of England died after five years of joint rule with her husband, King William III.

In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with President Jackson.

In 1869, William Finley Semple of Mount Vernon, Ohio, patented chewing gum.

In 1937, composer Maurice Ravel died in Paris.



Bill, sir ... you won!

Mr. Clinton, your predecessors all got their backs slapped and their chins chucked and their every utterance applauded and their jokes laughed at ...

They all got that curbside adoration and all those 3-foot putts ...

That's the fun part of the top job. But when the music starts, sir, dance with the date what brung you.

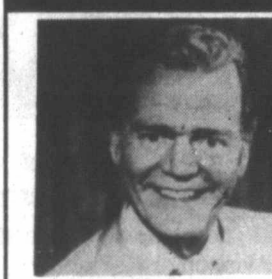
Mitchell, Foley, Kennedy will try to convince you that you have a mandate to "end the gridlock," to "cooperate with the Congress."

Respectfully, sir, you have no mandate. More Americans voted against you than for you.

The "enough people" who did vote for you responded to a considerable Christmas list of promises.

Your obligation is not to a party leadership that tossed you onto the altar as a sacrificial lamb when the race appeared unwinnable. Your first allegiance is to the date what brung you.

Your predecessor would have remained President



Paul Harvey

had he not made one deal with the devil in the name of political pragmatism.

Stick with your announced agenda, sir, even if it requires — and it will — breaking the strings of the puppeteers, retying to support for your agenda from your believers.

Cynics insist that all campaign promises are made with crossed fingers. You have a good chance to convert some cynics.

Dance with the date what brung you.

You've inherited an economy already on the

mend, so don't fix what ain't broke. But you got some outdated counsel during your first post-election meeting with Mitchell and Foley: "Don't go too fast," they said, "on abortion, deficit, gays in uniform, line-item veto ..."

Bill — I'll be dancing at your inauguration, but this is the last time I will be calling you "Bill" — you won the election!

Those "go slow guys" hid out when you charged onto the battlefield. They voices whispering in your ear are the hide-under-the-bed stay-behinds.

I'm not suggesting you now go charging up The Hill spoiling for a fight. I'm merely reminding you that you are the reason your party has been resurrected. It's your turn to call in markers.

Of course, if the Old Guard tries to pull seniority on you, then remind them that you are not a rubber-stamp President; you won the election; they are just along for the ride.

And should it come to a fight, they don't know what a fight is until they've confronted an angry Hempstead County razorback!

Demographic Santa arrived

There is some little-noted holiday good news for deficit-fighters, businesses, America and President-elect Clinton. It can even help future presidents who may seek to avoid Clinton's demeaning task of "picking a Cabinet that looks like America."

The happy tidings come from new Census Bureau "most likely" projections, which show American population growing 133 million by the year 2050, and still climbing moderately. The previous projection had shown a growth of 49 million, at a plateau, and with decline in sight.

That's an extra 84 million Americans who will be coming on stream — an amount equal to the current population of Germany! — yielding a total population of 383 million.

The earlier study used 1986 data; the new one uses 1991 data. Modest recent changes in behavior, law and medicine account for the differences. There is a lesson: Small changes, person-by-person, extended over time, change us in big ways.

Fertility patterns have changed. Almost alone among nations, America is having more babies than previously. From 1973 to 1987 the Total Fertility Rate had stayed at about 1.8 children per woman, a rate at which a society ultimately loses population. Recently, the TFR climbed to almost 2.1, at which level a population remains stable over time, not counting immigration.

(Japanese fertility has recently fallen from 1.8 to 1.5.)

So, the "Birth Dearth," chronicled by this author, has apparently been avoided in America, for now. The reason is a happy one: Women and men in their 30s are deciding to give parenthood a chance.



Ben Wattenberg

Immigration has changed, too. A 1990 immigration law was quietly passed, allowing in more legal, from everywhere, with an extra bonus for Europeans and people with skills (good news). However, we have been less successful in stopping illegal immigration (bad news). This means our annual net immigration rises from 600,000 to 880,000, of which almost 80 percent is legal.

In 2050, because of immigration patterns, 53 percent of the population will be whites of non-Hispanic descent, compared to 76 percent today.

Finally, life expectancy went up, from 75.2 years to 75.8 years. The new report is the first to feature the effects of the AIDS epidemic. Modern medicine, on balance, is outrunning our newest plague.

What does it mean? Among other things that it will be easier to square our financial accounts.

Why? Two major reasons. Because most of the new 84 million people will be arriving here young: They are babies and/or immigrants (median age 25). And because much of America's debt, budget deficit and due bills come from fixed costs.

For example, the interest on previous debt remains constant even though new immigrants arrive to help pay it off. (Thanks!) Military expenditures, too, stay the same.

Social Security is more complicated. It is in surplus now. It will go into deficit when Baby Boomers reach retirement age next century. But the immigrants and babies arriving in this decade will be around then to help pay the pension freight. All this reduces the need to either cut benefits or raise taxes, making Clinton's task easier.

It's also good news for most businesses. A "customer boom" is coming.

Consider the ailing real estate industry. There was a spasm of "overbuilding" in the '80s. So we now have lots of empty office buildings. The previous projection showed a growth of 18 million people during the 1990s. The current projection shows 25 million. The adult portion of the new 8 million people will help demonstrate that "overbuilt" is only another word for "underpopulated."

So: Small personal stories, driving the news. Americans are reproducing themselves, always a good idea. Americans are living longer, which is nice. People all over the world still seek a better life here, making us more diverse and more populous as our principal competitors shrink in size.

This being political silly season, it should be noted that greater diversity may provide a future bonus. It will, thankfully, be more difficult for a president-elect to choose, Clinton-style, a Cabinet that ostensibly "looks like America." After all, how could such a president calibrate an American of Asian-African-Latin-Moslem-European descent?

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"An adventure beyond your imagination"

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Lifestyles

Russian dam — the barrier that backfired

By STEVE RAYMER
National Geographic

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — A mammoth \$1.6 billion flood-control barrier across the Gulf of Finland may have to be dismantled or radically redesigned to save the city it was meant to protect.

Built to shield St. Petersburg, one of Europe's architectural jewels, from the ravages of fast-moving Baltic Sea cyclones, the 17-mile dam has created a storm of its own.

Critics of the partially completed dike, which links Kotlin Island and its giant Kronstadt naval base with the north and south shores of the gulf, say it is a classic case of the cure being worse than the disease.

"Either we destroy the dam or the dam destroys us," says Vladimir A. Znamensky, a Russian hydrologist who has submitted one of 68 proposals to a commission that will decide what to do with the city's troubled colossus.

The commission, the sixth panel convened over the past decade to study the problems wrought by the 25-foot-high earthen and concrete dike, is scheduled to make its recommendations to the St. Petersburg city council Jan. 15.

The dam's builders say a half-dozen plans are being given serious consideration and the winner will receive a 500,000-ruble prize — worth about \$1,250 at today's exchange rate. The winning plan then must be approved by the city council and money appropriated by municipal and national governments.

The only thing that everyone — builders, environmentalists and city officials — agree on is this: In its present form, the dike acts like a giant cork in a bottle, stopping up industrial wastes and raw sewage and threatening public health with dangerous levels of toxins in drinking water drawn from the shallow Neva River estuary.

Oxygen levels also have been reduced by as much as 15 percent in the Neva and nearby Lake Ladoga, officials say, and fish stocks have been decimated.

Environmentalists call St. Petersburg's water a "cocktail of pollutants" — water so foul-smelling and brown that it brings home the problems of toxic waste every time residents turn on their taps.

Scientists, including Americans, who have analyzed the city's brownish water say it is overflowing with heavy metals and intestinal parasites like Giardia lamblia that can cause severe diarrhea known locally as "Peter's revenge." Czar Peter the Great founded St. Petersburg on the islands and bogs of the Neva delta nearly 300 years ago.

Water-quality problems start in Lake Ladoga, the source of drinking water for this city of 5 million and the largest reservoir of fresh water in Europe. The lake feeds the 46-mile-long Neva, lined with factories and shipyards, which flows through the heart of St. Petersburg and empties into the gulf.

Until the dam went up, the fast-moving Neva carried off agricultural pesticides and wastes from paper and pulp mills, aluminum factories and oil refineries, dispersing the toxins in the Gulf of Finland and the Baltic.

Adding to water-quality problems is the city of St. Petersburg, which treats less than two-thirds of its sewage before dumping the bacteria-laden sludge into the Neva. A citywide treatment program won't be in place before 2000.

Scientists like Znamensky, who in 1982 was fired from his job at a state hydrology institute for opposing the dam, contend that their warnings were suppressed by the defunct Communist Party, which backed the project, and by KGB secret police.

Only with the rise of glasnost, former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of openness, were environmentalists able to challenge the project publicly. But by then, Znamensky tells National Geographic, it was too late.

Blooms of blue-green algae and high coliform counts began appearing behind the dike by 1987, the same year Znamensky



A highway bridge (background) will span one of the two locks for ocean going ships on a dam across the Gulf of Finland near St. Petersburg, Russia. The dam has trapped polluted water and sediments laden with heavy metals. (National Geographic photo)

and other opponents formed a group called Delta to fight continuing construction.

In 1991, a commission headed by marine biologist Alexy Yablokov, now Russian President Boris Yeltsin's chief adviser on the environment and public health, labeled the dam an "ecological catastrophe" and accused the builders of violating construction specifications.

Begun in 1980 and scheduled for completion in 1995, the dike was one of several grandiose schemes started by the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

For 150 years, engineers and city officials had dreamed of building

some sort of barrier that would spare St. Petersburg from devastating cyclonic tidal waves that roll eastward across the shallow Gulf of Finland. Since 1703 there have been 288 floods.

A flood in 1824, considered the city's worst ever, killed 569 people and destroyed 300 buildings. Water rose to 12.5 feet in a 1924 flood, the city's second-worst.

The dam was intended to prevent such flooding by shutting off the two channels on either side of Kotlin Island with floodgates that could be clamped shut when the seas began to swell.

But critics argue that periodic

floods perform a valuable function, flushing the river and delta of pollutants. They say the dam already has disrupted natural currents.

"This whole problem was a gross oversight," says Yuri Sergeev, a researcher at the St. Petersburg Institute of Geography and a member of the commission studying ways to fix the dam. "Nevsky Bay is turning into a landfill, full of toxins and heavy metals."

Even the dam's builder, the powerful Leningrad Sea Protection Administration, or Lenmorzashchit, concedes that some changes are needed to make the dike more permeable, allowing water to pass

more freely from the Neva estuary into the Gulf of Finland.

Once a series of spillways is inserted into the dike, says Gennady Safronov, a Lenmorzashchit spokesman, currents in the gulf will return to normal.

Neither Znamensky's proposal to dismantle the dike nor other proposed solutions are being taken seriously, say Lenmorzashchit officials.

A more likely outcome, local environmentalists believe, is a compromise that would allow construction to proceed, with some sort of international inspection or supervision of repairs.

Two halves make a whole in chickens, too

DEAR ABBY: Please help settle an argument I recently had with a friend.

We were in a restaurant discussing chicken anatomy after I had ordered a breast of chicken and was served half of a chicken breast. Abby, does a chicken have a singular breast or two breasts? So far, we have consulted vets, science teachers and butchers in several grocery stores; nobody seems to know.

I say a chicken has only one breast, not two — only two halves. I would appreciate any help you can give me on this one.

DICK IN DENVER

DEAR DICK: Over the years, I have dealt with problems involving "chicks," hen-pecked husbands, dumb clucks, and all manner of "fowl" play; however, at the risk of laying an egg, I'll try to answer your question.

Unlike humans, chickens do not have two breasts. In the chest area, they have one "breast," which is divided by bone and cartilage.

DEAR ABBY: Please remind nurses and other health care professionals that a person's weight is a personal and private matter.

The scales in my doctor's office are right beside the receptionist's desk, and only a few steps from the waiting room.

The nurse who weighed me on my last visit saw fit to announce my weight loudly enough for my husband as well as the other eight people in the waiting room to hear.

Abby, I am not ashamed of my weight, but it doesn't have to be a matter of public record. Incidentally, the nurse who blurted out my weight was plenty large enough to assure me that she would not care to have her weight announced.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Later, in the privacy of the examination room, this same nurse was struck mute when I asked her what my blood pressure was. I guess that information would require a security clearance from the government, but a patient's weight can be shouted to the multitudes.

This may seem like a small matter compared to some of the problems you hear about, but in this weight-conscious, eating-disordered society it would seem that a little sensitivity would be in order.

I thought I was the only person who felt this way, until other women as well as women — began voicing the same sentiments. Abby, people don't need another reason to avoid going to their doctors, and this practice of weighing in and loudly announcing the results is one of the reasons people dread this checkup. I finally told that nurse, "Write it down and show it to me if I ask!"

KEEP IT PRIVATE,
MOBILE, ALA.

DEAR KEEP IT PRIVATE: I'll bet this letter will be tacked up on a few bulletin boards. Thanks for writing.

WORTH QUOTING: "I had bought two male chimps from a primate colony in Holland. They lived next door to each other in separate cages for several months before I used one as a heart donor.

"When we put him to sleep in his cage in preparation for the operation, he chattered and cried incessantly. We attached no significance to this, but it must have made a great impression on his companion, for when we removed the body to the operating room, the other chimp wept bitterly and was inconsolable for days.

"The incident made a deep impression on me. I vowed never again to experiment with such sensitive creatures."

DR. CHRISTIAAN BARNARD

DEAR ABBY: I recently went to a wedding as an invited guest of a friend. Here was our dilemma: I did not give the couple a gift.

We are both women. Perhaps I should mention that I had met the couple only twice, and I was not invited by the couple; I was invited by my friend. My friend said I should have brought a gift. Abby, I went only as a favor to my friend because she does not drive and she lives out of the state.

I feel that my personal verbal congratulations were adequate. What do you think? You may sign this ...

UNINVITED WEDDING GUEST,
SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR UNINVITED GUEST: Since you were the guest of a guest, you were under no obligation to bring a gift. However, it would have been very gracious had you sent a token gift.

For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Radio comes alive



(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanskia)

Pampa elementary students were treated to an adaptation of "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 16 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The classic Christmas story was retold through a make-believe 1932 radio broadcast. Seven actors brought to life 33 roles. The program was funded through Pampa Independent School District and Texas Commission on the Arts.

Seeing double? Check your specs

By 3-2-1 CONTACT Magazine
For AP Special Features

Ever try to watch a 3-D movie without those special glasses?

Normal movies are shot with one camera. Three-dimensional movies are shot with two cameras or one camera with two lenses. The cameras are placed side by side, about as far apart as the distance between your eyes. Each camera shoots the same picture, but from slightly different angles.

When you see a 3-D movie, the film from both cameras is being shown on the screen at the same time. That's why you see double without the glasses.

The trick is to get your left eye to see the film shot from the left camera and to get your right eye to see the picture shot from the right camera. To do this, special filters are used. The filter allows each eye to see only one image. Then your brain thinks you're seeing as you normally do, and it creates an illusion of depth.

ATTENTION ADVERTISERS

So that our employees may spend the New Years Holiday with their families we will observe the following... **EARLY DEADLINES**

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MONDAY, JAN. 4.....	THURSDAY, DEC. 31, 5 P.M.

All other DEADLINES will remain at their regular times. We appreciate your cooperation and wish you and your friends a safe and happy holiday.

Menus

Dec. 28- 31

Pampa Meals on Wheels
Monday
Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, cookies.
Tuesday
Salisbury steak, gravy, black-eyed peas, fried okra, pineapple.
Wednesday
Sausage and rice, cauliflower, green beans, peaches.
Thursday
Oven-chicken, whole potatoes with cheese sauce, mixed vegetables, apples.
Friday

Closed for holiday.
Pampa Senior Citizens
Monday
Chicken fried steak or baked chicken, mashed potatoes, spinach, pinto beans, beets, slaw, toss or jello salad, carrot cake or lemon pie, cornbread or hot rolls.
Tuesday
Meat loaf or tacos, cheese grits, fried okra, green beans, slaw, toss or jello salad, strawberry shortcake or chocolate pie, hot rolls or cornbread.
Wednesday

Roast beef brisket with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, carrots, slaw, toss or jello salad, lemon cheesecake or cherry cobbler, cornbread or hot rolls.
Thursday
Fried cod fish or hamburger steak with onions, French fries, buttered broccoli, yellow squash, slaw, toss or jello salad, apple cobbler or German chocolate cake, cornbread or hot rolls.
Friday
Closed for holiday.

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The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

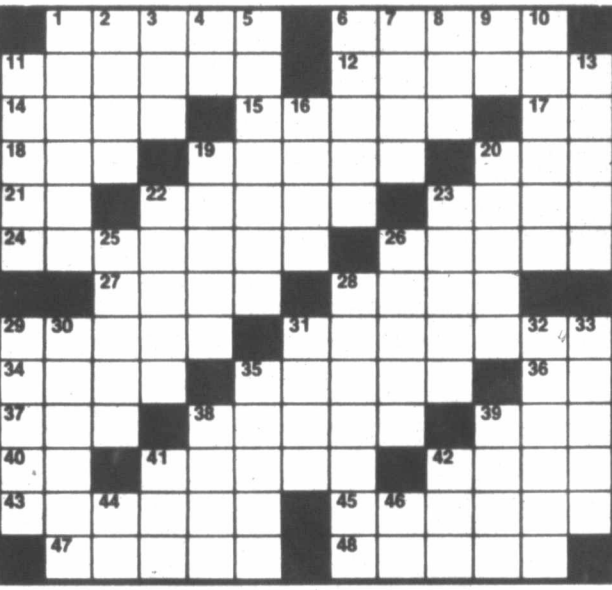
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- Scrap
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- Jackets or collars
- Acct.
- Magazine name
- Social rank
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- Nervous
- A Great Lake
- Monastery
- Stamped

DOWN

- City in Texas (2 wds.)
- Assists
- Numero —
- Princess —
- Rapture
- Merits
- War god
- Wander
- Tautonic deity
- Grated
- Politician
- Mario —
- Make fun of
- One who entertains
- Poem of lamentation
- Removed the center of
- Fruit drink
- Profits
- Horselike mammal
- Wheat, e.g.
- Tendency to blunder
- Vertically
- Haircutter
- Tree trunk
- Catches sight of
- Boring tool
- Lavishes fondness
- Audacity
- Facilitate
- French for "summer"
- US soldiers
- Duam
- That man

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are very perceptive today and it shouldn't be too difficult for you to know when someone is not telling the truth. However, you would be wise to keep your perceptions to yourself. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you might be a bit more generous than usual in your business dealings. This could be either good or bad, depending upon how far you go in your giving ways.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Situations you personally manage or direct could have better chances for success today than those where you are under the direction of another. Do your own thing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't let something that occurred in the recent past cause you to prejudice what is developing today and make you resentful. The two events are unrelated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Seek companions today who match you in generosity and sharing. If you make poor selections, you might end up a giver surrounded by takers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even though you may secretly think that your way of doing things today is better than your contemporaries' methods, for harmony's sake, let everyone have some sort of input.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This could be one of those days where you might create problems for yourself in areas where there are no reasons for problems to exist. Don't rock the boat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be helpful to friends today, but try not to become too immersed in their problems. Getting in too far could cause a loss of objectivity, and your ability to help could decrease.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you may do certain things that are worthy of praise and acknowledgment. However, you won't look good if you blow your own horn. Let the accolades come from others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone whose help you might want today could back off if he or she feels you're asking assistance in something you can do for yourself. When requesting assistance, be sure it's out of dire necessity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be upset or jealous today if someone you like gets more attention from others than you do. Everything moves in cycles and shortly it will be your turn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Domestic conditions in general look rather pleasant today, provided you don't rehash an old issue that recently disrupted the family.

Sports

Smith runs over Bears for rushing crown

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith defended his NFL rushing title in style.

Smith's 31-yard touchdown run in the third quarter not only helped the Dallas Cowboys to a 27-14 victory over the Chicago Bears on Sunday but also moved him past Pittsburgh's Barry Foster into No. 1 on the rushing list.

"I heard what Foster had done before the game so I knew it was going to be difficult, particularly against a team with a good rush defense like the Bears," Smith said.

In becoming only the ninth player to win consecutive rushing titles, Smith gained 131 yards on 20 carries to beat Foster by 23 yards. Smith's 1,713 yards broke the club record of 1,646 by Tony Dorsett in 1981.

"I wanted to prove that 1991 wasn't a fluke, no one-year deal," Smith said going into the game.

Smith said "getting the title against the Bears makes it special. I was able to scoot through some holes. I thought it was going to be a long day."

The Cowboys (13-3) set a club record for regular-season victories. The Cowboys, who had won 12 games in a season seven times, will get a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

Chicago was 5-11 in its worst season since 1973.

It could have been the last game in Chicago for coach Mike Ditka, who has a year left on his contract. Club president Mike McCaskey and Ditka will discuss the future later.

Ditka has said he wants to return but on his terms.

"There are no guarantees," he said before the game.

On Smith's decisive run, he broke a tackle by Richard Dent at the line of scrimmage, shook off another attempt by Mark Carrier, then ran through the end zone into the dressing room tunnel.

He returned triumphantly holding the ball and was swarmed by his teammates. Smith put on his baseball hat and didn't return to the game.

NFL Roundup

"It was just tremendous the way the offensive line sealed things off on that run," Smith said. "It was a perfect way to end the regular season."

Smith rushed for 160 yards against Atlanta in last year's regular-season finale to win the rushing title.

The Cowboys also scored on field goals of 21 and 34 yards by Lin Elliott, a 26-yard fumble return by tackle Russell Maryland, and Curvin Richards' 3-yard run, his first score in the NFL.

Maryland's first NFL touchdown came after he picked off a bobbled pitch by Darren Lewis and ran untouched for the score.

Chicago rookie Will Furrer, a fourth-round pick from Virginia Tech, made his debut as a starting quarterback but the Bears' offense was punchless. Furrer had three passes intercepted.

"We thought we would take a shot with Furrer," Ditka said. "I'm not unhappy with the way he played."

Chicago's Mark Green scored on a 6-yard run after Donnell Woolford's 32-yard interception return of Steve Beuerlein's pass in the fourth quarter.

Tackle Chris Zorich then returned a fumble 42 yards for the second

phins with the AFC East title and rewarded themselves with a trip to Buffalo.

With seven sacks by an intimidating defense that sent Jim Kelly to the sidelines with a sprained knee ligament, the Oilers assured themselves of a playoff visit to the Bills' home with a 27-3 victory Sunday night.

Earlier, Don Shula's 300th regular-season victory, 16-13 in overtime at New England, gave the Dolphins the division championship for the first time since 1985.

San Diego became the first team to start 0-4, then make the playoffs. The Chargers' seventh straight win, 31-14 over Seattle, also clinched the AFC West, their first division title in 11 years.

Kansas City, also rode an opportunistic defense to victory, routing Denver 42-20 to clinch the final AFC postseason spot. Next Saturday, the Chiefs are at San Diego, while Houston goes to Buffalo on Sunday.

Miami and Pittsburgh, the AFC Central champion that beat Cleveland 23-13, have byes next weekend. The Steelers have the home-field edge for the conference.

Defending Super Bowl champion Washington backed into a matchup next Saturday at Minnesota. All Green Bay had to do to qualify and bump the Redskins was beat the Vikings. But NFC Central winner Minnesota won 27-7, saving Washington, which lost to the Los Angeles Raiders 21-20 on Saturday.

Philadelphia, which took the New York Giants 20-10, visits New Orleans next Sunday. San Francisco, which faces Detroit tonight, and Dallas have NFC byes.

Oilers 27, Bills 3

Warren Moon, returning from a broken arm to play sparingly, had a touchdown pass, as did Cody Carlson. But it was Houston's defense that dominated against the undermanned Bills, who also saw running back Thurman Thomas sidelined by ankle and shoulder injuries late in the game.

The Oilers (10-6) held Buffalo (11-5) to 90 yards passing and had three interceptions. Kelly was sacked by Ray Childress for a 7-yard loss in the first half and Lee Williams fell on top of Kelly, who left the game. He spent the second half on the sidelines, supported by crutches, watching the Bills four-year run atop the division smashed.

"I'm not counting myself out now," Kelly said. "I was sorry we didn't repeat the title and make it five. We've made things tough on ourselves all year long."

So had the Oilers until closing with impressive wins over Cleveland and Buffalo.

"The biggest thing we wanted out of this game was to take care of Oiler business," coach Jack Pardee said. "We didn't turn the ball over and the defense played well again."

Dolphins 16, Patriots 13, OT

The Dolphins (11-5) often struggle at New England and this was no exception. Pete Stoyanovich's 35-yard field goal 8:17 into overtime, his third of the game, won it.

"We can't afford to make mistakes at the end," said Dan Marino, who was mediocre until the final two Miami drives, which produced the tying touchdown on Bobby Humphrey's 1-yard run and Stoyanovich's second game-winning field goal in two weeks. "We've been able to avoid making mental mistakes in those situations."

The Patriots finished 2-14 and will have the first pick in the 1993 draft.



Mike Singletary, playing in his last NFL game, prepares to stop Emmitt Smith.

Chiefs 42, Broncos 20

At Kansas City, the John Elway Jinx ended for Marty Schottenheimer, thanks to a defense that scored three times and set up another TD.

Derrick Thomas had three of the team's six sacks, forced an interception that was returned for a touchdown, sacked Elway in the end zone and fell on the quarterback's fumble for another score.

Schottenheimer now has a 2-9 record as a coach in games against Elway and the Broncos.

"Too much was made of the John Elway-Marty Schottenheimer thing," Chiefs linebacker Chris Martin said. "There will probably be people who see the score of this game and can't believe it, since it involved Elway and the Chiefs. But those people don't know anything about football."

Denver went home with an 8-8 mark and lost of five of its last six, four with Elway hurt.

"This game typifies our whole season," coach Dan Reeves said. "We didn't play well enough to make the playoffs and that's the way it should be."

Chargers 31, Seahawks 14

At Seattle, the Chargers finished their improbable resurgence for their first playoff berth in 10 years despite a separated left shoulder sustained by quarter Stan Humphries.

"Our doctors tell me there's a possibility he could play," coach Bobby Ross said of Saturday's playoff game. "They tell me it's day to day."

John Carney kicked a club-record 16th field goal in a row, Gary Plummer went 38 yards with an interception to set up a touchdown, then Darren Carrington ran back another interception 26 yards for a TD.

The Seahawks, with just 140 points this season, scored the fewest points ever by an NFL team in a 16-game season. They set a franchise mark with 14 losses.

Vikings 27, Packers 7

At Minneapolis, Sean Salisbury passed for a career-high 292 yards and two touchdowns and Terry Allen ran for 100 yards to the

Vikings' single-season rushing record with 1,201 yards.

"We could have lost and said, 'We're still the NFC Central champions,' but what a bitter feeling it would have been going into the playoffs on a note like that," Salisbury said. "We practiced as if it was us who had to win to go to the playoffs. Now we can go into the playoffs on a high note."

Green Bay, which had won six straight, finished 9-7. Sterling Sharpe established a league mark with 108 receptions, two more than Art Monk managed in 1984.

"He is a remarkable athlete, and he's one of those players we'll continue to build around," coach Mike Holmgren said. "To be able to be in this position gives us something to build on."

Steelers 23, Browns 13

At Pittsburgh, Barry Foster got a record-tying 12th 100-yard game, rushing for 103 yards and a touchdown. Foster tied Eric Dickerson's 1984 record of 12 100-yard games to finish with a team record 1,690 yards rushing.

"People are going to look at Barry Foster as a guy they have to stop," Foster said.

The Steelers (11-5) secured a bye next week and a home game in the divisional playoffs. Cleveland finished 7-9.

Colts 21, Bengals 17

At Cincinnati, on the day star tackle Anthony Muñoz retired after 13 seasons, Indianapolis tied the best turnaround in NFL history, going from 1-15 to 9-7. They also made an eight-game swing in 1975 as the Baltimore Colts in the first year of current coach Ted Marchibroda's first stint with the team.

Jack Trudeau replaced Jeff George and threw a pair of second-half touchdowns to overcome a 17-point deficit. Cincinnati finished 5-11.

Eagles 20, Giants 10

The Eagles (11-5), unbeaten and untied at home for the first time in 43 years, took their fourth straight and dropped the Giants to 6-10. Not since 1949, when the NFL champi-

on Eagles were 6-0, have they won all their home games. They were 5-0-1 in 1953.

Randall Cunningham threw for one touchdown and scrambled 20 yards for another. Herschel Walker, signed as a free agent in the offseason, ran for 104 yards to go over 1,000 for the second time in his eight-year NFL career with 1,066. The Eagles sacked Jeff Hostetler five times, recovered two fumbles and intercepted a pass.

Buccaneers 7, Cardinals 3

At Tampa Bay, Vinny Testaverde's 23-yard to Mark Carrier provided the only touchdown as the Buccaneers finished 5-11. They snapped a five-game losing streak and beat the Cardinals twice this year.

Phoenix ended up 4-12 for the second straight year and is 13-35 in three years under coach Joe Bugel.

Rams 38, Falcons 27

Rookie Todd Kinchen scored twice on punt returns, and David Lang ran for three touchdowns for the Rams (6-10), who ended a 15-game losing streak to NFC West opponents.

Wade Wilson threw for more than 300 yards for the third straight week for visiting Atlanta (6-10), going 31 of 47 for 374 yards, with three touchdowns and three interceptions.

Saturday

Raiders 21, Redskins 20

At Washington, the Raiders (7-9) rallied behind veteran Vince Evans, who hit Tim Brown for a 3-yard score with 13 seconds remaining. Still, the defending Super Bowl champions sneaked into the postseason when Green Bay lost.

Not that the Redskins are satisfied in any way with a 9-7 mark, the worst of any playoff team. They're also very banged up.

"People will rate us the big underdog, I think," Gibbs said. "We've just lost our last two and we've got a lot of guys hurt. I'm fired up about getting in. When you achieve your goal, you feel good about it, but I have to be concerned about our injuries."



Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas sacks John Elway in the end zone Sunday in Kansas City.

Ditka said after the Dallas loss that "regardless of what happens it has been a hell of a run. I'm not sure where the line is where you apologize but I won't be on it, I know that I'm a Bear whether some people like it or not."

He added that "it would be nice to know something as soon as possible. When I find out, I'll talk about it."

It marked the final appearance of linebacker Mike Singletary, who retired after 12 years in the league.

"Mike was a joy to coach," Ditka said.

"Tonight or tomorrow it will hit me emotionally that I'm not going to play anymore," Singletary said.

Chicago score in the fourth quarter, making Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson most unhappy after the game.

"I'm never happy with sloppy play, I don't care what the score is," a disgusted Johnson said. "It was a good season but the 13 victories won't mean anything unless we are successful after this."

Smith gained 94 yards on 18 carries in the first half to get within striking distance of Foster, who gained 103 yards on 26 carries against Cleveland. Foster had a 5-yard lead on Smith when the day began.

By pounding the Bills, the Houston Oilers presented the Miami Dol-

Teammates unhappy with Laettner

By MIKE NADEL
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Christian Laettner, at first embraced by his Timberwolves teammates, is being pushed away as Minnesota's losses mount.

Chuck Person, who once promised to take Laettner under his wing, has become increasingly unhappy with what he perceives as Laettner's selfishness.

Doug West, who once said that adding a proven winner like Laettner would make the Timberwolves a better team, is starting to have his doubts.

Micheal Williams the point guard who is paid to distribute the ball to the team's top scorers, has ignored the team's high-scoring rookie.

Laettner only says he'll keep trying.

"My personal motivation is always there," he said after scoring

26 points in Saturday's 113-105 loss to the Atlanta Hawks, Minnesota's sixth straight defeat and 10th in 11 December games.

Late in the first quarter, Laettner stole the ball from Stacey Augmon and drove the length of the court for a dunk.

Great play, right? It was, except that West was alone ahead of the field.

"I mean, the open guy has to get the ball," Person said. "If a guy is 30 feet in front of you and you dribble and dunk it, is that basing the decision on winning? Or is it personal loyalties?"

Wednesday, after a loss to Sacramento, West said that some of his teammates "think they know too much." He wouldn't name names, but Laettner clearly was one of the players West meant.

In Saturday's game, Williams twice looked right at Laettner, who was begging for the ball. Instead of

passing, Williams took long jumpers.

Laettner said he is trying to do what is being asked of him.

"I want to do well. I represent people," he said. "The Timberwolves and Minnesota made a commitment to me. Now I want to make my team better, make my team win."

However, the Timberwolves have lost more games in December than Laettner did in any of his four years at Duke, where he won NCAA titles his last two seasons and was national player of the year as a senior.

Laettner, of course, may be the least of Minnesota's problems. After all, he is averaging 19 points and 8.2 rebounds — numbers that compare to any rookie in the league except Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal.

The Timberwolves commit too many turnovers, don't rebound well enough and seem to fall asleep for long stretches of games.

They also play poorly at home, an NBA no-no. Only Dallas has a worse home record than Minnesota's 2-9.

Minnesota, at 15-67 the NBA's worst team last season, is 5-17 this year.

"This is tough for me," said Person, who expected to key the Timberwolves' turnaround after he was acquired in the offseason from Indiana. "It's frustrating to say the same things over and over and over again."

Minnesota, which entered the league in 1989-90, is obviously well behind Orlando and Charlotte — two recent expansion teams with winning records. Banged-up Atlanta, which beat the Timberwolves rather easily, was coming off losses to Orlando and Charlotte by a combined 58 points.

"As usual," Person said, "teams look like they should be going to the finals when they play us."

Jackson rejects offer

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Donald Carter has finally relented and offered top pick Jim Jackson of Ohio State and six-year contract. But Jackson's agent has reiterated his stance that Jackson is no longer interested in any deal that would bring him to Dallas.

Jackson said earlier this month he would never play for the Mavericks, who had refused to go above four years even though other top picks got six-year deals. Jackson was taken fourth in the June amateur draft.

After much lobbying from general manager Norm Sonju and vice president Rick Sund, Carter relented and offered Jackson a six-year deal worth between \$18 million and \$21 million, including an NBA record \$6 million signing bonus to be paid before New Year's Day.

But Jackson's agent, Mark Ter-

mini of Cleveland, rejected the offer.

"We've made our position very clear about the situation, and nothing has changed," Termini said.

Carter said he got a call from a friend of Jackson's, who said Jackson wanted to play in Dallas and gave him Jackson's home phone number.

"I figured if there was anything to it, Jim and I needed to talk in a hurry," Carter told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I wanted him to know that he could still get \$7 million on this year's tax break if we got going on this thing. At least the phone number was right because I recognized Jim's voice on the answering machine."

Carter said he left Jackson a message four days before Christmas.

Carter said all six years in the latest offer aren't guaranteed, "but that is negotiable."

Teams gear up for Sugar showdown

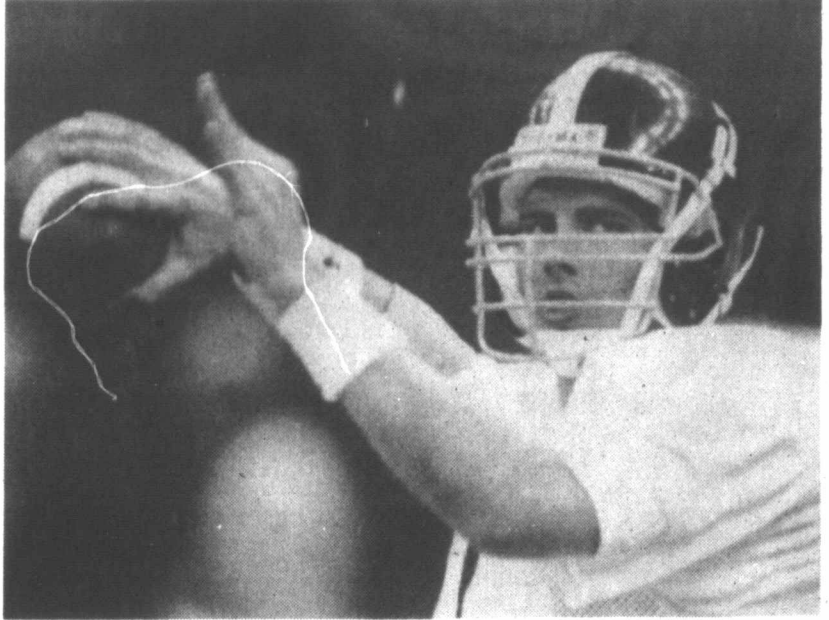
By RICK WARNER
AP Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — How big is the Sugar Bowl between No. 1 Miami and No. 2 Alabama? So big that Miami coach Dennis Erickson, who has already won two national championships, calls it the biggest game of his career.

"It's probably the most important game I've ever been involved in

because of what's at stake," Erickson said Sunday.

What's at stake for Miami is a chance to make college football history by winning its second straight national title, third in four years and fifth in the last decade. No team has won five titles in 10 years, only one has won three out of four (Notre Dame in the late 1940s) and nobody has won two in a row since Alabama in 1978-79.



Alabama quarterback Jay Barker will lead the second-ranked Tide in the Sugar Bowl Jan. 1.

"We've got an opportunity to do something that's never been done before, and that's very exciting," Erickson said.

Big games are nothing new for Alabama's Gene Stallings, who was in 10 college bowls and three Super Bowls as an assistant or head coach. None, however, were any bigger than the one that will take place New Year's night in the Superdome.

"We've been in lots of big games, but I think there is more at stake this time," Stallings said. "The winner takes all, and I sort of like that."

Despite a 12-0 record and 22-game winning streak, Alabama is an 8-point underdog to Miami, which is 11-0 with a 29-game winning streak.

"That doesn't bother me," Stallings said. "When you're the No. 2 team in the country, somebody is paying a little respect."

The Crimson Tide is getting plenty of respect from Erickson. He's impressed that Alabama went undefeated in the rugged Southeastern Conference, including a win over Florida in the league's first championship game.

"Anytime you win 12 games in the SEC and win a playoff game, you're a great team," Erickson said.

Erickson expects a low-scoring game dominated by two of the

nation's best defenses. Alabama gives up only 9.1 points per game, while Miami allows 11.5.

"I just hope we can score," Erickson said. "It's going to be a defensive game; there's no question about it. Both teams have tremendous talent on defense. I think it will boil down to which offense can move the ball and who doesn't turn it over."

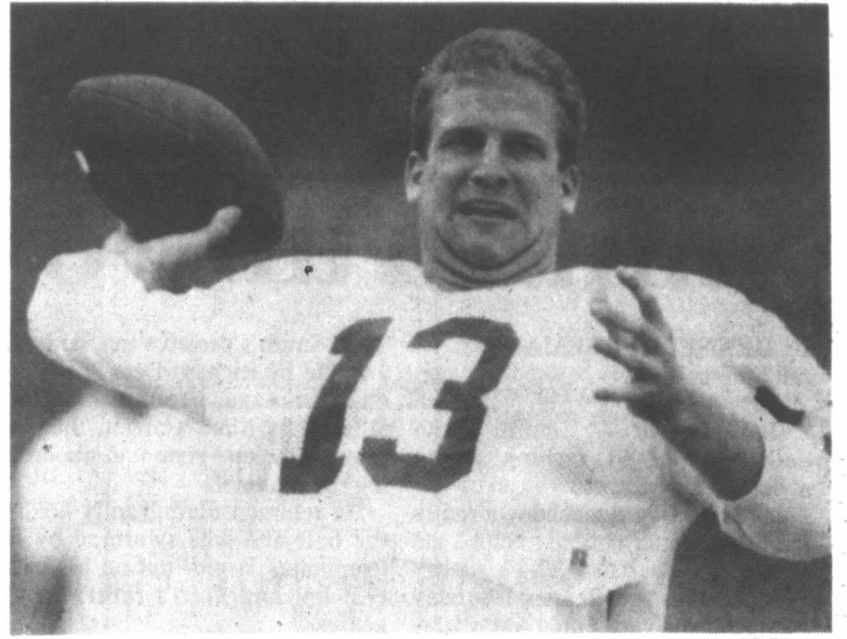
Stallings predicted the winner will score between 17 and 21 points.

"Both teams have good defenses, but remember that Miami also has the Heisman Trophy winner (Gino Torretta) at quarterback and an outstanding group of receivers."

"I think the difference will be turnovers. Since I've been (head coach) at Alabama, we've lost six games and we were minus turnovers in all six. So I know the importance of turnovers."

To beat Miami, the Tide also will have to overcome the loss of a key player and new allegations against the football program by former Alabama running back Gene Jelks.

Linebacker Michael Rogers, the team's second-leading tackler, will miss the Sugar Bowl because of injuries sustained in a car crash last Thursday. A few days later, Jelks claimed an Alabama businessman improperly consigned a loan for him during his senior season in 1989 and that the same man paid two Alaba-



Heisman Trophy winner Gino Torretta warms up during practice Sunday in New Orleans.

ma players to appear at a Christmas parade in 1991.

Jelks previously said he received a signing bonus and other benefits to play for the Tide.

Stallings said he didn't know anything about the allegations, which he called "another distraction." He added that Alabama athletic director Hootie Ingram would thoroughly investigate the matter.

"He's right on top of everything," Stallings said. "He wouldn't hesitate one second if he thought I was doing something out of line. He would call me in and we would talk about it."

Miami has had its share of distractions this season, including Hurricane Andrew, a financial aid scandal that resulted in the indictment of two players, and rumors that Erickson was leaving.

"Considering all the things we've been through, I'd have to say this has been my most difficult season," said Erickson, who squelched the departure rumors by signing a new seven-year contract last week. "But it's also been my most enjoyable season because we overcame so much to get here."

Holtz sees no difference in Aggies

By JAIME ARON
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said Sunday that No. 4 Texas A&M's loss of star running back Greg Hill and three backups just before the Cotton Bowl won't necessarily hurt the Aggies.

Holtz would know.

While at Arkansas, Holtz suspended three of his top offensive players for disciplinary reasons, but his Razorbacks stunned No. 2 Oklahoma 31-6 in the 1978 Orange Bowl.

"I don't think this weakens their team whatsoever," said Holtz, whose No. 5 Fighting Irish (9-1-1) play the Aggies (12-0) on New Year's Day.

"Let me tell you what happens: everybody picks their game up to another level. And Rodney Thomas, you know, becomes a lot more effective."

Hill, who rushed for 1,339 yards and 15 touchdowns on 267 carries, and three other Aggies were ruled ineligible Thursday after an in-house investigation into published accusations that a booster made payments to several players using federal money.

Three freshmen backups — offensive linemen James Brooks and Darus Smith, and receiver Percy Singleton — also were dismissed after the school discovered the NCAA rules violations.

The Dallas Morning News reported on Dec. 20 that Texas A&M players had received payment for work not done at apartment sites

owned by booster Warren Gilbert of Dallas, who played for the Aggies in 1946-47. Gilbert is being investigated by federal authorities for possible misuse of government funds.

The school said its investigation revealed that the four players were overpaid at their summer jobs, but found no evidence of exorbitant or year-round payments as alleged in the newspaper article.

So the focus of the oft-stumbling A&M offense becomes Thomas, a sophomore who gained 856 yards and scored 13 touchdowns on 154 carries this year, and freshman quarterback Corey Pullig, who withdrew a verbal commitment to Notre Dame to become an Aggie.

Holtz said he has been impressed with Pullig's emergence since he replaced an ineffective Jeff Granger late in the season.

"One thing I didn't notice when Corey Pullig committed to Notre Dame was how good of a scrambler he is," Holtz said.

But Pullig's primary duty likely will be handing off to Thomas.

"I told Rodney yesterday, 'You better get oiled up because we're going to see how many times you can carry this ball,'" Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said.

Many who followed Hill and Thomas during their high school careers and over their two seasons for the Aggies like to argue over who is the better player.

For Slocum, they have been perfect complements — Hill being the thrilling slasher-type and Thomas, who likes to bulldoze defenders.

Slocum said Thomas is not only a talented player, but also a special person who has accepted his role in Hill's shadow.

"For a player of his caliber to play a role on the team and never complain, it means so much. He's been the best example of what teamwork is about as any kid I've ever been around," Slocum said.

Once Slocum has to get beyond Thomas, though, he begins to worry. His options are limited to Leeland McElroy, a freshman slated to be redshirted; Wilbert Biggens, a star high school running back who this year has played primarily at wide receiver; and 240-pound fullback Cliff Groce.

McElroy is consulting his family to decide whether he'd be willing to give up a year of eligibility by playing in the Cotton Bowl. Slocum said he'd only use McElroy if Thomas was hurt this week or early in the game.

That leaves the lumbering Groce and Biggens, whose only experience at tailback came late in the Aggies' 41-7 victory over Southern Methodist. Slocum said he taught Biggens two plays on the sidelines for that situation.

Holtz said his backfield also could be in a bit of trouble, pointing to injuries to running backs Jerome Bettis, Lee Becton and Dean Lytle. Offensive linemen Aaron Taylor and Todd Norman also are banged up.

Both teams practiced early Sunday, then headed to Texas Stadium to watch the Dallas Cowboys play the Chicago Bears.

Montana returns tonight vs. Lions

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Joe Montana can't wait for the buildup to give way to his actual return.

"Everybody is acting like this is the first game I've ever played in," a bemused Montana said.

Montana, back from a career-threatening elbow injury, will be playing for the first time in nearly two years when the San Francisco 49ers (13-2) meet the Detroit Lions (5-10) in the last regular season game tonight.

The game has no postseason implications, so most of the attention in the week leading up to the game has focused on Montana. He's expected to play two quarters in relief of starter Steve Young.

The 49ers, with Young leading the league in passing and earning his first Pro Bowl berth, already sewed up another NFC West title. They also have a first-round bye and homefield advantage throughout the playoffs.

Detroit, which got to the NFC championship game last season, was unable to sustain its play through a wave of injuries this season; although the Lions regrouped to win their past two games, both with Andre Ware at quarterback.

A 10-year starter, Montana has been sidelined for most of the past two seasons by a torn right elbow tendon, missing San Francisco's last 31 regular-season games.

The injury required major surgery in October 1991 to reattach the tendon, and two other procedures to remove scar tissue.

Montana endured a setback-plagued rehabilitation before finally being activated from injured reserve on Dec. 18. He was the team's emergency quarterback the next day, when Young played throughout in a 21-14 win over Tampa Bay.

"I think everyone had written him off and I know he's excited to come back and play," 49ers tight end Brent Jones said. "I think it will add a little excitement to a game most people would have considered meaningless."

San Francisco coach George Seifert said he'll watch Montana's play carefully because how he performs could determine whether he goes into the playoffs as the team's No. 2 quarterback.

That would mean bumping Steve Bono to third string. But if Montana is capable, it would be hard to imagine Seifert calling on anyone else if Young was injured. After all, Montana led the 49ers to four Super Bowl wins in the 1980s.

"There is no question in my mind that Joe can play and play well in any type of game," 49ers offensive coordinator Mike Shanahan said. "This is just a chance to start playing again. It's a chance to get back in his rhythm. He's looked very good in practice. We expect great things out of him, as always."

Detroit coach Wayne Fontes said the prospect of having to deal with both Young and Montana wouldn't affect the Lions' preparations.

"We're going to do the things we have to do," he said. "When we play Steve Young, we have to

contain him. People say you can blitz Joe Montana, but he deals the ball off. He's a master at that. I'm interested in Montana playing."

Fontes also will be watching Ware with interest.

Ware, the 1989 Heisman Trophy winner and the club's top draft choice in 1990, has thrown for 428 yards and two touchdowns, with two interceptions, in victories over Chicago and Cleveland.

He'll make his third straight start in tonight's finale, but Fontes said he doesn't expect to sort out Detroit's quarterback question until training camp or 1993's exhibition season.

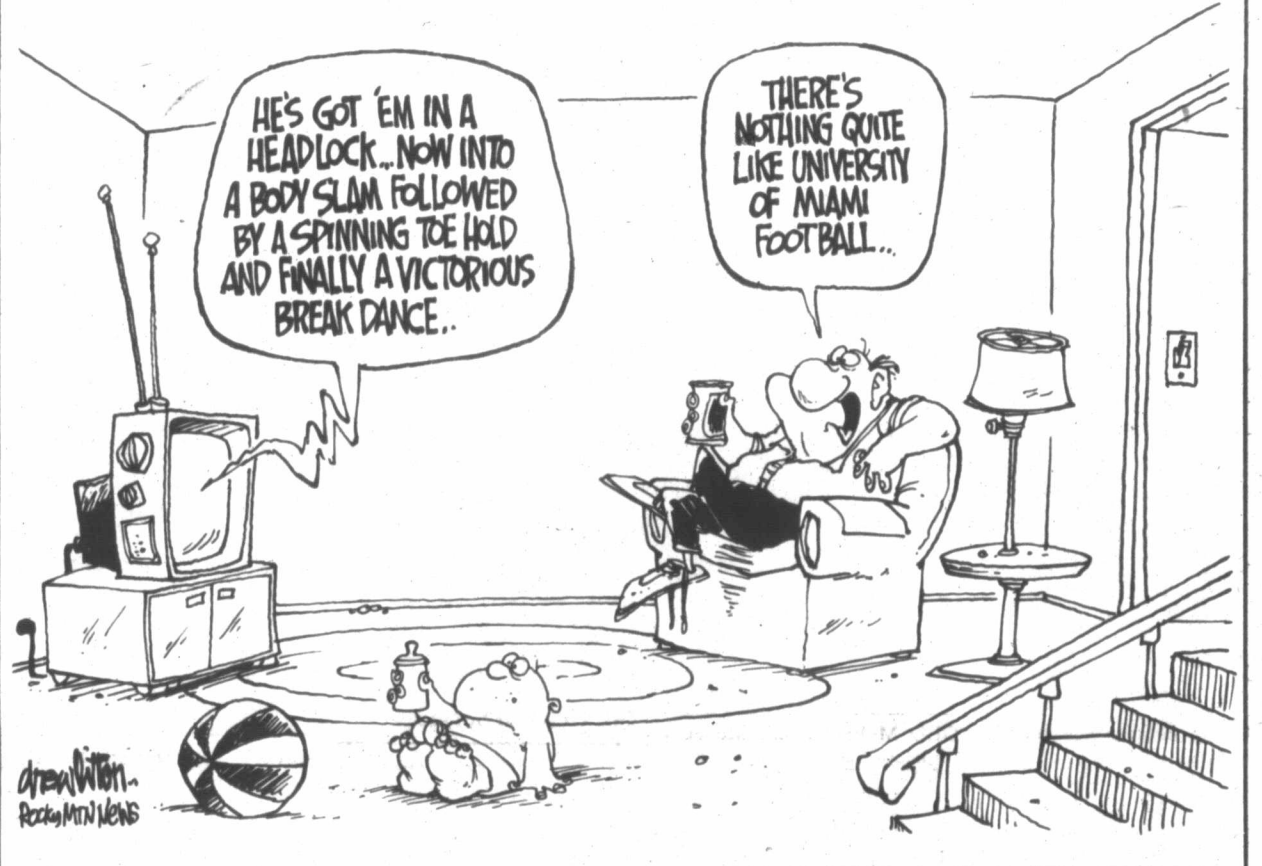
"Rodney Peete has tremendous skills and so does Erik Kramer. We have three quarterbacks and they're all about the same now. The thing we have to do is get one of these guys to really come out of the pack," Fontes said.

The Detroit coach also said he looked forward to season's end.

He said the failure to meet expectations, the injuries, the deaths of his brother, Len, and offensive lineman Eric Andolsek, and the paralyzing injury suffered by Mike Utley last year had hung with the team and made 1992 a difficult and emotionally trying season.

"It's been very difficult for me sometimes just to walk on the practice field," Fontes said. "The thing we have to do with this team is get through our heartbreaks, our setbacks and the tragedies with the Andolsek and the Mike Utleys and hopefully next year those things won't be brought up again. I think it's time, when this season is over, that we just go past those things."

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Phoenix continues winning ways

By The Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

Detroit at Cleveland (7:30 p.m. EST). The Pistons, winners of 11 of their last 13, try to move up another notch in the Central Division standings by beating the Cavaliers, who are one-half game ahead of Detroit in a tie for second place.

STARS

Wayman Tisdale, Kings, scored 31 points to help Sacramento snap its 12-game losing streak against Boston with a 118-102 victory over the Celtics.

Hersey Hawkins, 76ers, scored 11 of his 23 points during a 15-3 fourth-quarter spurt as Philadelphia rallied for a 110-106 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Charles Barkley, Suns, had 21 points and nine rebounds in only 25 minutes of playing time as Phoenix routed Denver 129-88 for its 13th consecutive victory.

STREAKS

Phoenix extended its franchise-record winning streak to 13 games with a 129-88 victory Sunday night over Denver. At the same time, the Nuggets equaled their longest single-season losing streak of 11 games, set in March and April of last season.

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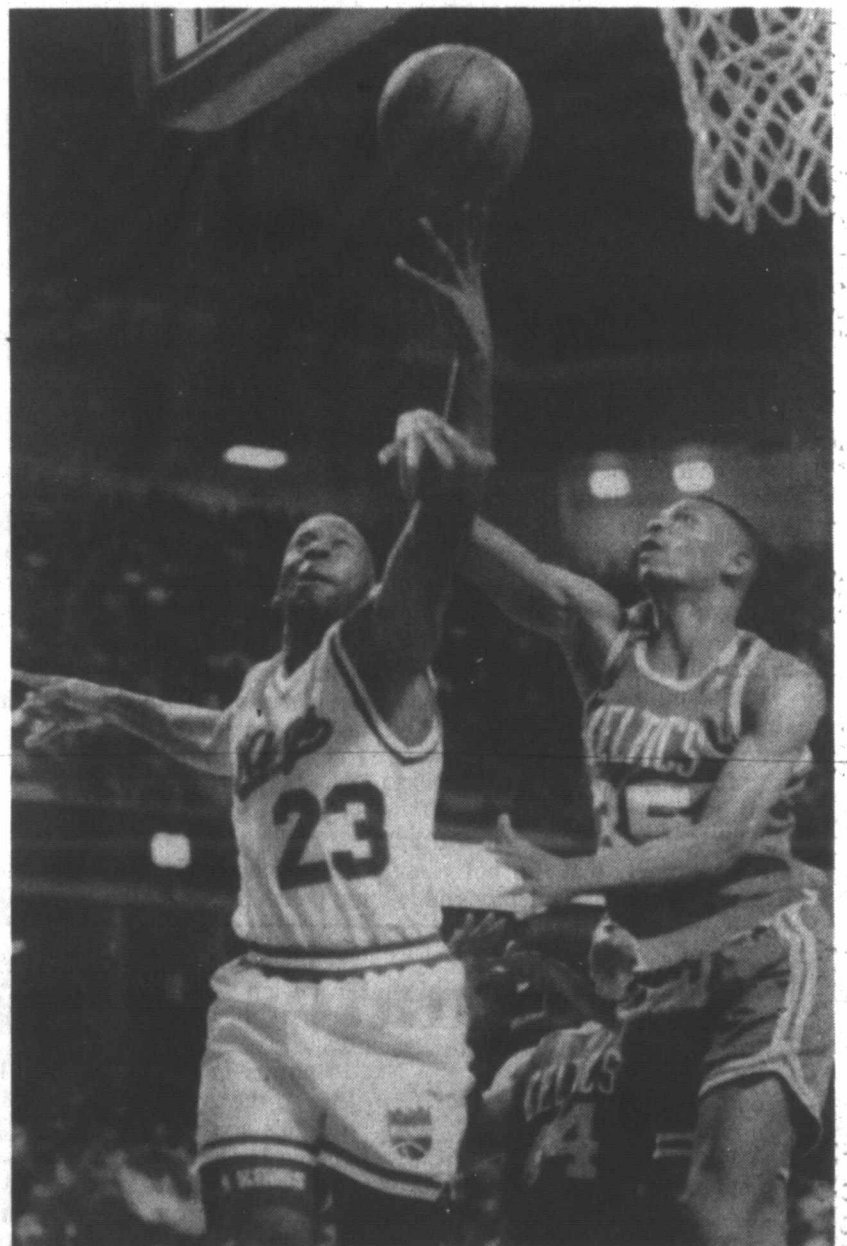
Alexander Dumas of Phoenix came off the bench to score a career-high 27 points on 11-of-15 shooting. He added four steals in only 27 minutes as the Suns defeated Denver 129-88.

SLEEPER

Boston's Alaa Abdelnaby scored a career-high 26 points, including 19 in the first half, in a 118-102 loss at Sacramento on Sunday. The Celtics forward was averaging only 5.2 points coming into the game, and had reached double figures only once in nine games since being acquired from Milwaukee in a trade on Dec. 4.

STATS

Philadelphia, the NBA's second-worst rebounding team, outre-



Wayman Tisdale gets 'hacked in the act' by Celtics guard Reggie Lewis Sunday in Sacramento.

bounded the Los Angeles Clippers 44-41 during a 110-106 victory on Sunday night, only the 14th time they have exceeded 40 rebounds in their last 24 games.

STATUS

Milwaukee Bucks guard Alvin Robertson will have tests performed on his aching back this week to determine if he has a herniated disk or some other injury. Robertson revealed after Saturday's 102-100 overtime victory against New York that his back has bothered him since about Dec. 8, but he is yet to miss a game or practice

this season. ... Kevin Johnson of Phoenix had 12 assists, a team high for the season, and scored 12 points in his second game back from being on the injured list with a strained hamstring.

SPEAKING

"I told the team before the game I was tired of the fourth-quarter heroics and I wanted a blowout. I realize now I should have asked for it sooner." — Phoenix coach Paul Westphal after the Suns routed Denver 129-88 Sunday night for their 13th consecutive victory.

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Bush arrives in South Texas for traditional quail hunt

BERCLAIR (AP) — Anxious people peered through misty rain and approaching darkness to catch a glimpse of the presidential motorcade they knew would be coming.

It was Sunday evening, two days after Christmas, and it was time for Berclair's "big event" — President Bush was coming back for his annual South Texas quail hunt.

As the motorcade approached, the crowd of roughly 100 Berclair residents and visitors clapped and cheered.

The president was there. A moment later he wasn't.

"It was the excitement, and then the disappointment when they just drove by," said Joe Mata, one of many residents who said they were disappointed by the Bush's failure to stop in the town.

Added resident Brenda Hedden, "He didn't even say hello or anything."

Actually, Bush did wave as he swept through the town on his way to the Lazy F Ranch, owned by his friend, Will Farish, for his traditional hunting vacation.

But he left behind a group of disappointed people who had expected him to stop there as he has in the past.

"It's a little town," said Rose Moya. "This is the only thing that we look forward to."

Many had thought they weren't going to get even as much as they did, though.

Rumors had been circulating through Berclair that Bush would fly to the ranch via helicopter since Air Force One would be landing in Corpus Christi this year instead of the nearby Chase Naval Air Station, which has been closed.

Bush landed at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station late Sunday afternoon. He stepped out of the plane amid cheering well-wishers and was whisked off almost immediately



(AP Photo)

President Bush reacts to the drizzling rain on his arrival in Corpus Christi Sunday afternoon. The president is in South Texas for his annual quail hunt near Beeville.

ly to the Bee County ranch, where he is scheduled to stay until Tuesday.

Ms. Moya and the others were waiting in Berclair, where welcome signs had been posted earlier in the day. They only knew for sure that Bush would pass through when the vanguard of law enforcement officers began to arrive.

This year's visit has special significance for the town of about 250

because it is Bush's last quail hunt as president.

"It's our event of the year," said Rachel Martinez, who organizes the posting of the signs. "Now we won't have an event."

There's still this year, however. And many residents haven't given up on their event. After all, they say, Bush has to take the same route out when he leaves Tuesday. And they plan to wait.

"I really do think he's going to stop on his way through," said Ms. Martinez.

It will be too late, though, for hunting guide Juan Guerra, who was only half joking when he said he wanted to talk Bush into going wild hog hunting.

But he has an alternate plan. "I'm going to try to get (President-elect) Clinton to come down hunting," Guerra said. "It'll keep Berclair on the map."

Woman is welcoming committee for Bush

BERCLAIR (AP) — Rachel Martinez has been welcoming George Bush to this tiny South Texas town for years. She doesn't intend to stop just because he won't be president anymore.

"We'll put a little sign out there that says: Welcome ex-President Bush to Berclair," said Ms. Martinez, whose front-yard signs have been greeting Bush since 1988.

Since then, Ms. Martinez, who fondly remembers the president shaking hands with her twin sons, Adam and Bryan, has become the head of the Bush welcoming committee in Berclair. The small town of about 250 is just down the road from the Lazy F Ranch, where the president has traditionally hunted quail each December.

Bush arrived at the ranch early Sunday evening.

Ms. Martinez was prepared, with a red, white and blue sign on the road leading to the ranch that read: "The Martinez Family Welcomes President Bush."

She began the tradition in 1988 with a banner made hastily with butcher paper and colored markers just before Bush, then president-elect, arrived in Berclair.

Her efforts were rewarded when Bush stopped his motorcade before

the row of houses lining the narrow road and began shaking hands with eager residents.

"He stopped and he went straight to the other side (of the road) and we said, 'Oh, no,'" she said.

But after someone called out, Bush made his way back toward the Martinez home. He shook hands with one of her twins then looked around and noticed the other boy.

"He said, 'Oh, here's another one,'" said Ms. Martinez, pulling out the pictures sent to her from the White House to commemorate the meeting.

She's also been keeping a scrapbook which she had hoped to get the president to sign.

"It's just been a neat experience because how many times are you going to see a president," she said.

Since that first meeting Ms. Martinez and some friends have been posting signs to attract the president's attention.

Ms. Martinez' actions have drawn some attention to herself as well. The school secretary has been interviewed frequently by television and newspaper reporters.

"I get jokes (like), 'Oh, Rachel is on TV again,'" she said laughing.

"We're going to miss that," Ms. Martinez added. "No more being on TV."

Snowball gives president shiner

HOUSTON (AP) — President Bush was sporting a black eye Sunday after being on the losing end of a Christmas Day snowball fight with his grandchildren at the presidential retreat in Camp David, Md.

Bush, who stopped here en route to Beeville, Texas, for his annual post-holiday quail hunt, had a large bruise just below his right eye when he spoke with reporters about U.S. warplanes shooting down an Iraqi jet over southern Iraq.

Aides said the shiner developed after one of the president's grandchildren caught him with a hard snowball while playing outside in the Catocin mountain chill after opening presents Christmas morning.

Bexar begins new felony trial procedure

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The caseload for grand juries in Bexar County should be reduced beginning this week when a new computer program takes over the task of setting court dates for people charged with felonies.

Bexar County is scheduled to join Harris County as the only urban Texas counties to use the new system of direct filing of felony cases at 7 a.m. Tuesday.

"We are completely revolutionizing the system of justice in Bexar County," District Attorney Steve Hilbig said.

However, grand juries aren't being eliminated. They still will be used to consider cases in which defendants don't plead guilty or accept plea bargains after their initial court appearance.

Under the new method, every person charged with a felony offense will appear in a district court within 30 days after arrest. In the current system, the first appearance does not occur until 120 to 150 days after arrest.

The old system requires the case to undergo an odyssey that includes review and investigation by the district attorney's intake prosecutors and investigators, grand jury review and indictment, assignment of the case to a court and preparation for trial by different prosecutors.

The new system provides for clerks to assign a case to a trial court at the time a person is booked on a felony

charge at the Bexar County Jail.

"For the first time, prosecutors who start with a case will pursue it to its conclusion," Hilbig said.

According to Hilbig and Administrative District Judge Pat Priest, felony cases will move through the system quicker and reduce backlogs in the courts.

The changeover will not affect about 8,000 felony cases pending in the county's seven criminal district courts, Priest said.

The county commissioners court has appropriated about \$500,000 to fund the direct-filing system. Almost three-fourths of that, or \$366,000, will go for seven new prosecutors.

Hilbig said a fourth prosecutor will be assigned to each of seven criminal district courts.

District Clerk David Garcia is hiring four new clerks to begin district court files on arrested felons as soon as they are processed at the county jail.

Clerks will assign each case to a district court, based on a rotating system. The defendant, before leaving jail, will be given notice of a date within 30 days to appear in court.

The defendant will be instructed to employ an attorney within 10 days or to report to district court administrator Mercedes Kutcher's office to be interviewed to determine eligibility for a court-appointed attorney.

San Antonio police officials have

agreed to provide police reports to the district attorney's office within 20 days after arrest, Hilbig said.

At the first hearing, prosecutors and defense attorneys should be familiar with the details of the cases, officials said.

Defendants will have an opportunity to plead guilty and to accept a plea bargain. If no decision is reached, the cases may be reset for a second hearing.

"We expect most cases will result in pleas or get dismissed at the first or second settings," Kutcher said.

The others will be referred to the grand jury for consideration of indictments.

"I'd like to have those cases indicted by Day 60," Hilbig said.

In the direct-filing system, each of the seven courts is expected to be assigned 21 cases a week for a total of 7,644 cases a year assigned to the courts.

Kutcher said direct filing will not reduce the population of the county jail. Built for about 1,800 inmates, the jail now has about 3,000 prisoners.

However, direct filing will result in felony prisoners being convicted and assessed prison time quicker than before. Therefore, the state will reimburse the county for the time the convicted felons spend in the county jail awaiting transfer to the Texas Department of Corrections.

MHMR agrees to investigate workers, volunteers

AUSTIN (AP) — Background checks are in store for as many as 30,000 Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation workers as the result of a fatal injury to a patient at a state school.

Under pressure from state lawmakers and the public, MHMR officials have agreed to investigate the backgrounds of all workers and volunteers who have contact with the mentally ill and mentally retarded in state institutions or programs.

The agency will pay the Texas Department of Public Safety to run a criminal history check on workers and volunteers, officials said. However, the investigation will not begin until March 1 in order to give workers and volunteers notification.

The decision to investigate backgrounds came after publicity about Bobby Phillip Masters, charged with the first-degree felony of injury to an invalid individual. Masters worked at San Angelo State School despite having a criminal record.

Margarito Correa, 61, the man he is accused of wounding last fall, died Dec. 13 in a skilled nursing facility in San Antonio. Correa, who suffered a broken neck, was left a quadriplegic by the injury and had been on life support.

Masters "shouldn't have ever been employed," said Allen Williams, superintendent of San Angelo State School. The supervisor who hired Masters with knowledge of his prison record "is no longer with us. He kind of retired in November," Williams said.

Masters, whose case was passed on by a grand jury this month and may be presented to another, had a felony record when he was hired in 1987, records show. He had twice been convicted of burglary.

After being hired, Masters was convicted of a misdemeanor assault and misdemeanor possession of marijuana, records show.

The Texas Legislature in 1983 gave MHMR permission to con-

duct criminal background checks on people being hired. And, last year, the Legislature passed a bill by Rep. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, giving MHMR authority to check the criminal history of current employees and volunteers.

But MHMR did not take advantage of the new authority.

"It was optional," said Denny Jones, commissioner of MHMR.

"I think the general rationale (for not checking current workers) was we'd been picking people up since 1984 (through background checks on new hires), and if you've got somebody who's been on board for eight years that it's a question of what's the payoff for doing it versus the cost of it, (and) potential downside from the employees' standpoint."

He said officials feared that workers would think "Big Brother is watching," and would feel "you don't trust me; my work record doesn't speak for itself."

Phillips: Visiting judges at times hamper justice

HOUSTON (AP) — A number of controversial or infirm ex-judges still are adjudicating cases around the state, despite being rejected by voters, reprimanded by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct or too feeble to run for re-election, a newspaper has reported.

Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips estimates that up to one in eight of all state district court cases is heard by an ex-judge. And he acknowledges that the visiting judge program at times has had a negative effect on the quality of Texas justice, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Sunday.

Texas officials say state district courts cannot function without the visiting judge program, which provides for use of former or retired judges to substitute for deceased, sick, or otherwise occupied incumbents, and for judges who are recused.

But Phillips said that useful as it is, the visiting judge program at times has had a negative effect on the quality of justice.

He said that lawyers have complained "that some visiting judges just are not competent," and the complaints are "not necessarily" from the losers. He also said that he had received complaints that one visiting judge in particular "lacked sufficient

vision and hearing to make valid decisions."

Critics say that rejected judges may seek work despite the will of the voters because they can still earn credit toward retirement benefits.

Other visiting judges have earned reputations for their abrasiveness, flamboyance, insensitivity or speckled backgrounds.

In 1980, the Commission for Judicial Conduct affirmed allegations that Tarrant County Judge Harold L. Valderas on two occasions displayed conduct "inconsistent with the proper performance of" the duties of a judge, and in a public reprimand stated that Valderas' behavior "casts public discredit upon the judiciary."

In one case, the judge set aside a divorce judgment after the death of one of the parties without having the authority to do so, the commission found, and without notifying the next-of-kin of the deceased.

The commission also found that Valderas' scolding of attorney Charles Van Cleve "and holding him up to public scorn" was a "gross abuse of your judicial authority."

Valderas, however, currently is a visiting judge, recently serving in Harris County.

In 1990, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct publicly reprimanded a defeated district judge who, working as a visiting judge in the same county, gave his own former campaign treasurer an early release from a deferred sentence on a bad check charge. The action of former Tarrant County Criminal District Court Judge L. Clifford Davis "gave rise to an appearance of impropriety," the commission found.

In the Second Administrative Region, former El Paso District Court Judge John C. McKellips, whose family life became such a scandal that his own children supported his opponent in 1988, is serving as a visiting judge in Fort Bend County in stints of six months.

With the exception of a Dallas bar poll that lets lawyers evaluate their performance, no system is in place to judge the visiting judges.

To be eligible to work as a visiting judge, an incumbent leaving office need only write a letter, depending on the length of tenure, to the chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court or the presiding judge in the region the judge lives in, to declare the desire to be appointed. Phillips noted the law provides no authority to withhold approval of the request.

Two tickets match Saturday Lotto Texas game

By The Associated Press

Two tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The tickets are worth an estimated \$2.5 million each. One of the jackpot tickets was sold

in Dallas, the other in Central Texas, lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 5, 17, 21, 23, 26 and 38.

The numbers are listed in sequential order, but any combination wins. In addition to the jackpot winner,

there were 362 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$424. There were 16,206 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$34. And there were 186,476 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

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