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## New definition of AIDS to boost number of cases

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ATLANTA (AP) — The number of people diagnosed with AIDS will climb dramatically when a new definition of the disease goes into effect Friday, raising demand for treatment and dollars.

Under the new definition, an estimated 90,000 Americans will be diagnosed with full-blown AIDS in 1993, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's almost double the current average of 50,000 a year.

Since 1981, about 242,000 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS and 160,000 have died.

The new definition could make it easier for people infected with the virus to collect disability benefits available to those diagnosed with AIDS. It would also enable them to take part in drug trials and qualify for low-cost medicines.

At the same time, some AIDS activists warned that it would sharpen competition for scarce dollars.

"All of the services are already strained and on the edge," said John Kappers of the National Association of People With AIDS.

Under the CDC's current, 5-year-old definition, people infected with the AIDS virus are diagnosed as having AIDS when they develop certain blood infections, the skin cancer Kaposi's sarcoma or any of 21 other indicator diseases.

Activists charged that women and drug users weren't receiving the help they needed because many of the diseases they got weren't included on the list.

The new definition, approved earlier this year, adds pulmonary tuberculosis, recurrent pneumonia and invasive cervical cancer.

In addition — and more important, according to the CDC — the agency approved a new indicator: a dip in the level of the body's master immune cells, called CD4s, to 200 per cubic millimeter, or one-fifth the level of a healthy person.

Up to 190,000 of the 1 million Americans infected with the virus have CD4 counts below 200 and most don't know they are infected or have never had a CD4 count,

said Dr. James Buchler, acting deputy director of the CDC's AIDS division.

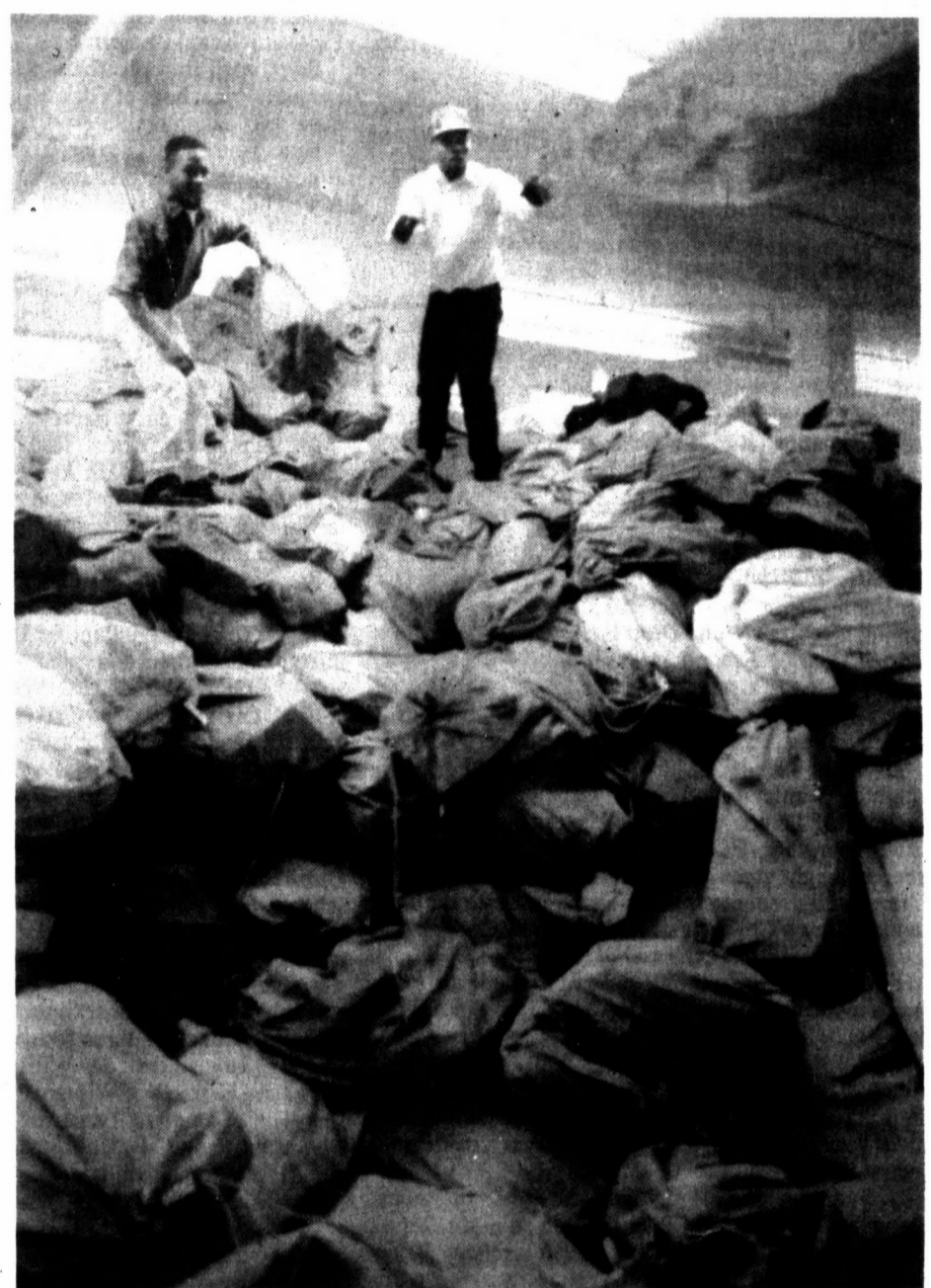
"We hope the definition will draw attention to the importance of testing," he said.

The Ryan White CARE Act distributes federal AIDS funds to cities according to the number of AIDS cases, so more cities may be eligible under the new definition. However, the act has never been fully funded, leaving AIDS clinics understaffed and many Americans who can't afford the \$200 CD4 tests.

"People are seeking these tests and being told they have to wait six months for the next clinic opening," Kappers said. "That's six months they could be taking medicine to prolong their life."

The AIDS clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta's only clinic for indigent patients, is already so crowded it can care for only the sickest patients, said director Curtis Morriss.

"This is contrary to everything we know about HIV disease because treatment is most effective in the early stages," Morriss said.



North Carolina Department of Revenue workers Barry Thomas, left, and Andrew Nealy stand on top of the tax heap as the department began shipping tax forms Monday.

## Mulch tree, help environment

By JOHN McMILLAN  
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Giving this holiday season doesn't end on Christmas Day.

A Christmas tree recycling program allows Pampa residents to contribute toward the environment by giving away their live Christmas trees for recycling.

Sponsors of the program, Clean Pampa Inc., the city of Pampa, and D.E. Ward of Asplundh Expert Tree Service, recommend that residents with live Christmas trees take them to the vacant lot at 900 N. Duncan and leave them on the pile there or take them to the landfill.

Trees taken to the vacant lot at 900 N. Duncan, next to the old Gibson's building, will be chipped and converted into wood

mulch, said Jeff Boyd, a member of the board of directors for Clean Pampa Inc.

Those who want to receive free mulch should take a sack with them to the 900 N. Duncan location, and Asplundh Expert Tree Service will give the mulch to them, Boyd said.

"I think the main goal of the (Christmas tree recycling) program is to reduce landfill space," Boyd said.

Other advantages to the Christmas tree disposal program include elimination of fire hazards through prompt removal of trees and reduction in solid waste operational costs, according to Clean Pampa Inc.

The Christmas tree recycling program in Pampa has been offered for the few years, according to Rick Stone, superintendent of the sanitation department for the city of Pampa.

Last holiday season, Asplundh processed 200 to 300 Christmas trees and Dennis Mitchell Enterprise picked up about 200 Christmas trees for the city that had been left in alleys in Pampa, Boyd and Stone said.

Dennis Mitchell Enterprise is expected today to begin picking up Christmas trees from the alleys of Pampa, Stone said. The trees should be left next to the dumpsters, he said.

Stone said he prefers that Pampa residents leave Christmas trees either at 900 N. Duncan or at the landfill, since the alleys are "very muddy" from inclement weather, he said.

Trees taken to the landfill or left in the alleys will also be chipped and recycled into compost, Stone said. The compost created at the landfill this holiday season will be used as compost fertilizer there, he said.

## Police: Employees foil robbery

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

A Monday evening "customer" at the Subway Sandwich Shop in Pampa had an appetite for money, not food.

Pampa police say that the customer entered the restaurant at 2141 N. Hobart about 9 p.m. Monday and brandished an eight- to 10-inch hunting knife while demanding that an employee of the store give him money.

Instead of giving the robber money, the employee wrestled the robber to the floor and held him while another employee called police, according to Pampa Police Detective Morse Burroughs.

Police arrived at the scene a few minutes after the call and arrested Michael Lynn

Dubose, 33, 713 Doucette, on the charge of attempted aggravated robbery, a second-degree felony.

The lead investigator on the case was Pampa Police Detective Terry D. Young.

Dubose is also being held in connection with the investigation of a robbery that occurred earlier Monday evening at Mrs. Baird's Thrift Store, 2301 N. Hobart, police said, and in other thefts that have occurred in the city.

Burroughs declined to say how much money was taken from the Mrs. Baird's store.

According to a statement issued by Pampa police, a man entered the store about 5:50 p.m. Monday, shortly before the store was about to close, and forced a clerk to open the cash register. The man then took

part of the money and fled the scene, police said.

No one was injured in the robbery, and no weapon was used during the robbery, police said.

The suspect was described as a young white man wearing a blue-hooded sweat shirt, a dark-colored cap, blue jeans, and two-to-three days' growth of beard. The suspect was described as about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing about 150 pounds.

Pampa police encourage anyone with information about the robbery at Mrs. Baird's to contact the police department's Criminal Investigation Division or Pampa Crime Stoppers (669-2222). All information will be kept confidential, police said.

## Iraqi jets make additional incursions

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iraqi warplanes made new incursions into the "no-fly zone" over southern Iraq but they were not confronted by the military coalition enforcing the ban, a U.S. military spokesman said today.

Lt. Col. Howard Carter, based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, said the Iraqi Air Force on Monday made "additional sorties across the 32nd parallel," the northern border of the zone where Iraqi military

flights have been banned by the United Nations.

U.S. warplanes on Sunday shot down an Iraqi plane that flew into the zone. That was the first known incursion since the zone was imposed on Aug. 27 to protect Shiite Muslim rebels who have taken refuge in the region's marshes.

Iraqi planes on Monday flew as far as 20 miles into the zone and planes of the U.S.-led coalition were prepared to intercept

them but the Iraqi planes flew out and no shots were fired, Carter said.

He was reading a statement issued by the Pentagon late Monday and declined to provide further details.

In the Sunday incident, American, British and French warplanes monitored the Iraqi incursion. Two U.S. F-16s issued a verbal warning to the planes, then shot down one while the other escaped, according to the Pentagon.

## Parliament votes to oust moderate premier Panic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Former Communists and nationalist allies of Serbia's hard-line president voted today to oust Yugoslavia's moderate premier, Milan Panic.

The no-confidence motion passed easily in both houses of the federal Yugoslav parliament. Panic had been weakened by a sound electoral defeat last week in his attempt to unseat Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

Milosevic's triumph has increased the likelihood of Western military intervention to halt the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina or to keep it from spreading to other parts of former Yugoslavia.

Milosevic, determined to keep ethnic Serbs united in a single state, has drawn international criticism by sending in soldiers and arms to aid Serbs in Bosnia and Croatia. Panic had called for compromise to save the Serbs from the status of international pariahs.

The upper house of parliament

approved the Panic no-confidence vote 30-5, with one abstention. The lower house voted 95-2 with 12 abstentions.

Sources close to Milosevic's Socialist Party said it had chosen Svetozar Marovic, a top official in Montenegro, as Panic's replacement.

That choice appeared intended to appease Montenegrins fearful of reduced status in the Yugoslav federation, which is dominated by Serbia.

Montenegro deputies had blocked two previous attempts to oust Panic.

Prospects for peace in Bosnia appeared to dim further today with reports that the government's desperate military leaders were massing thousands of soldiers for an offensive in the besieged capital, Sarajevo. A U.N. spokesman reported the first deaths of cold — and predicted hundreds more — in the freezing and hungry city.

"This is the beginning of what will be hundreds, perhaps thousands of deaths this winter," said U.N. spokesman Peter Kessler.

Mik Magnusson, spokesman for the U.N. peacekeepers in Sarajevo, said there were 6,000 well-armed government troops and 4,000 support troops on Mount Igman southwest of Sarajevo.

The city, increasingly desperate

because of dwindling supplies of food, has come to symbolize the war that began in March when Bosnian Serbs, backed by the Serb-dominated Yugoslav army, took up arms to oppose the Bosnian independence movement sup-

ported by Muslims and Croats. At least 17,000 people have perished in the bloodshed, and more than 1 million have been driven from their homes.

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali has proposed the deployment of up to 10,000 more U.N. observers on Bosnia's borders, said a spokesman for the French

Foreign Ministry, Maurice Gourdault-Montagne.

A millionaire thanks to his California pharmacology business, Milan Panic returned to his native Serbia in July to become premier.

Following his defeat in the Dec. 20 ballot for the Serbian presidency, Panic was reported last week to be weighing resigning the premiership.



An elderly Sarajevo woman carries her laundry back from the river today.

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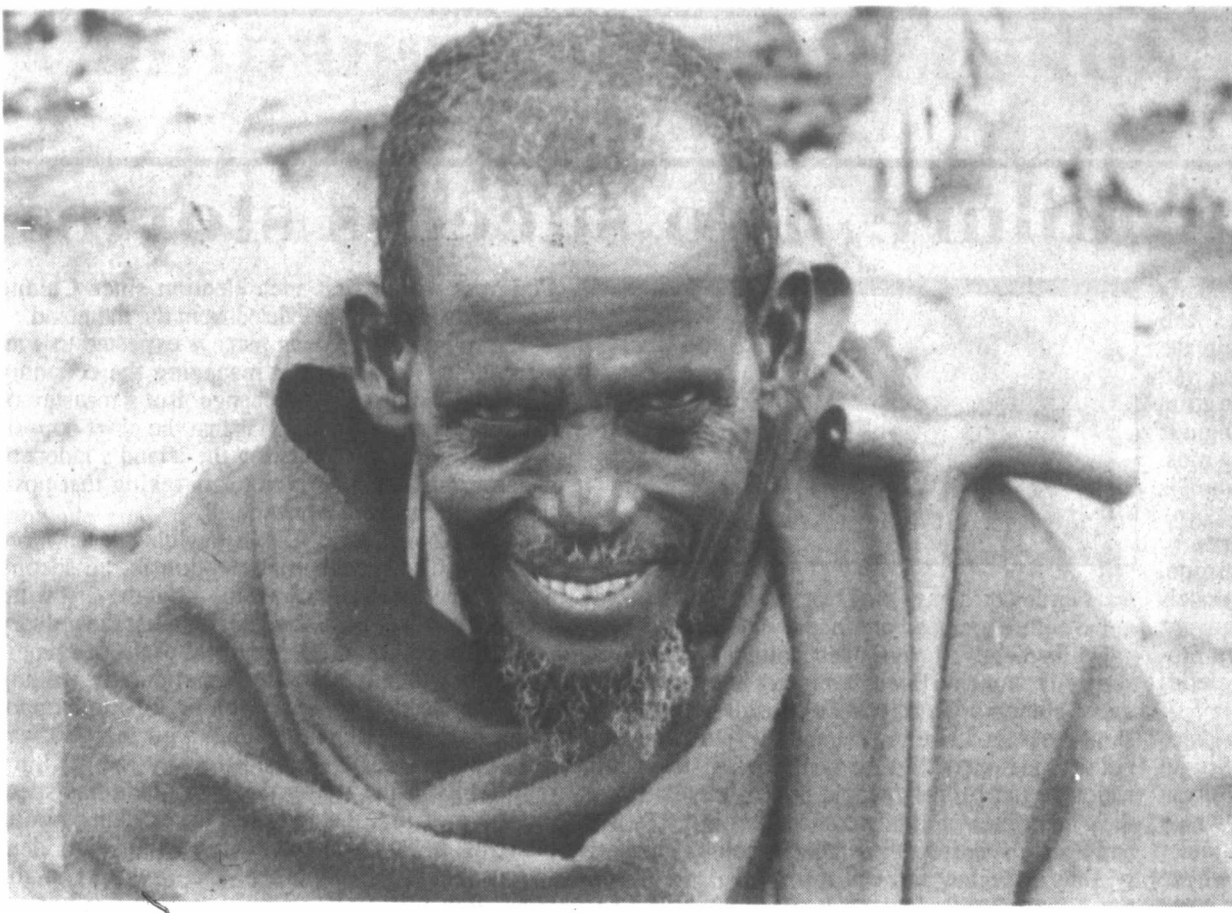
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An elderly Somali man grins Monday in his home village of Hoobishoole after returning last week from a displacement camp in Baidoa. (AP Photo)

## Troops in Somalia begin new phase of operation

By REID G. MILLER  
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MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — With their primary military objectives secured, American and allied troops today began doing in earnest what they came to Somalia for — feeding the hungry and extending their authority.

U.S. Marine foot patrols were crossing the so-called Green Line that divides the fiefdoms of rival warlords in the capital and moving for the first time into northern Mogadishu, a haven for the lawless.

And Marine helicopters were being used to hopscotch across minefields and deliver food to the starving in five villages within a 50-mile radius of Bardera, one of six vital inland aid distribution centers.

Marine Col. Fred Peck, a spokesman for the U.S.-led military coalition, said the Marines had begun twice-daily patrols into northern Mogadishu and would gradually strengthen their presence in the area.

"Our aim is to provide security in Mogadishu, and that means the whole city," Peck said.

The new emphasis on extending the military's authority and reach came as the last of eight supply distribution centers, the town of Belet Huen near the Ethiopian border in western Somalia, was secured Monday.

It was seized in an airborne operation mounted by 200 members of the 2nd Battalion of the U.S. Army's 87th Infantry Regiment and 40 Canadian troops.

The Canadians eventually will put 800 soldiers in Belet Huen and the Americans will be withdrawn for other tasks.

But even as that last objective was being taken, new violence erupted in

Mogadishu and reports surfaced of clan atrocities elsewhere in the devastated, famine-plagued East African nation.

More than 100 prominent members of a rival clan were slain in door-to-door searches in the southern port of Kismayu in the days before the Marines landed in Mogadishu on Dec. 9, *The New York Times* reported today.

The killing was done by militiamen under the control of Col. Omar Jess, a warlord allied with Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid, the strongman who holds the southern half of Mogadishu.

The *Times* quoted U.S. envoy Robert Oakley as saying he told Jess that "we knew exactly what went on and we won't forget it." Oakley and Jess met on Dec. 19, the day before American and Belgian troops entered Kismayu.

Jess and most of his followers are members of the Ogadeni clan, which has its roots in western Somalia and the neighboring desert region of Ethiopia known as the Ogaden.

The victims were all from the Harti clan, native to the Kismayu region.

The newspaper said all the killings occurred in three nights of searches before the allied military takeover and were an attempt to eliminate educated Somalis who might support the American-led forces. It said the victims included religious and business leaders and a prominent doctor.

Aidid and his chief rival, Ali Mahdi Mohamed, appeared publicly in Mogadishu for the first time in more than a year on Monday and affirmed a joint pledge to end the lawlessness and divisions in the capital.

It was a pledge they first made on

Dec. 11 and, like the original vow, appeared to have little effect.

But the occasion was marked by a carnival atmosphere, with brass bands from the two factions strutting and playing badly out-of-tune songs and tens of thousands of cheering, chanting people filling the streets.

Although few in the crowd heard their words, the two warlords embraced and tried to address the throng for about 20 minutes amid downtown buildings their armies had destroyed in five months of bloodletting.

More than 30,000 people, mostly women and children, were killed or wounded in the fighting that ended with Aidid and Ali Mahdi signing a U.N.-brokered cease-fire in early March.

Their disastrous, bloody feud left the country without a central government and plunged it into chaos and anarchy that aggravated a crippling drought and led to widespread famine.

More than 350,000 people have died in what has been described as the world's worst humanitarian disaster. Two million more are said to be at risk of starvation.

Despite the new pledges and embraces of the warlords, a coalition military spokesman said a firefight broke out between rival factions Monday night just outside the old U.S. embassy, now a Marine base.

Air Force Capt. Jim Davis described the firefight as a 30-second exchange of automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire, with some rounds striking the embassy's walls. The Marines did not respond.

"It seems like these are independent gangs rather than soldiers working for the two warlords," Davis told reporters. "We'll get them eventually."

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## Iran-Contra pardons take on life and change a celebration

By MIKE FEINSILBER  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said his Iran-Contra pardons were a simple act of Christmas compassion, but it is now clear his action will dog his remaining days in office and vex him in retirement.

The pardons changed the atmosphere in a capital that had been getting ready to celebrate a new president's installation.

The drama has not yet played out.

Bush may be called before grand juries and congressional committees, probably after he leaves office in three weeks. No chief executive, having lost his presidential mantle, could relish that prospect.

At the same time, Bush is being pushed by Senate Republican leader Bob Dole to remove Lawrence Walsh, the Iran-Contra prosecutor who tongue-lashed the president for issuing the pardons.

Removing Walsh likely would touch off an uproar akin to the one after Richard Nixon fired Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox, Nixon's most painful self-inflicted wound short of taping his conversations.

If Bush is called to testify, he likely would be asked to justify his decision to pardon former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and five other former government officials. And he probably would be asked to give a public accounting of his own role in the Reagan administration's arms-for-hostages deal with Iran, about which he has said only that he knew little.

Weinberger, who opposed the sale, was to have gone on trial Jan. 5 on charges of lying to Congress and prosecutors about the matter.

The president, quail hunting in Texas this week, has been quiet about all this, but Walsh hasn't. Usually inaccessible, the prosecutor opened a television campaign to

denounce the pardon as an interference with his own duties. He accused Bush of "misconduct" and of completing a "cover-up."

Walsh also said he now would turn his attention to Bush's own role in the affair and into why he kept quiet until a few weeks ago about the existence of his own typewritten notes, dictated at the time, while he was vice president. The White House calls the notes uninflamatory and says it is willing to make them public.

Walsh's deputy, San Francisco attorney James Brosnahan, who was to have prosecuted Weinberger, suggested that Bush, by issuing the pardons, may have acted to protect himself from having to testify at a Weinberger trial.

Bush has maintained throughout the investigations that he was "out of the loop" when the Iran deal was under discussion.

Beyond shadowing the president's last days in office, fallout from the pardons is likely to dominate events in Washington until Inauguration Day. Political repercussions already are evident.

—The Democrats are split. Responding to lobbying from Weinberger's lawyer, House Speaker Thomas Foley of Washington and Rep. Les Aspin of Wisconsin, defense secretary-designate in Bill Clinton's Cabinet, quietly let Bush know that they would not criticize a pardon. When the pardons were issued, Foley's chief deputy, House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri, denounced them.

—The battle over renewing the independent counsel law will become even more divisive.

The law, a Watergate-spawned reform, expired Dec. 15, but Walsh remained free to continue business. A filibuster by Republican senators killed a bill to extend the law.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said hearings by his Governmental Affairs subcommittee next year into the way the law has worked will provide an "appropriate and likely" forum for questioning Walsh, Weinberger — and Bush. Levin said the pardon had the effect of shielding Bush "from a court presentation, examination and cross-examination, under oath."

—Clinton will find it hard to keep from being drawn into the furor. The president-elect has said the pardons might send a signal "that if you work for the government you're beyond the law."

Congressional Democrats will be waiting for a signal from Clinton on how vigorously to pursue the pardons issue. Clinton will want attention focused on his economic proposals, not the death throes of a little-understood 6-year-old scandal.

What Bush may not have anticipated when, out of "honor, decency and fairness," he pardoned Weinberger, along with three CIA operatives and two former Reagan administration figures, was that Weinberger would use the occasion to wage a vigorous campaign to clear his name and undermine the independent counsel.

Aware that to many the acceptance of a pardon implies guilt, Weinberger charged that Walsh tried to force him to falsely implicate Ronald Reagan in exchange for lenient treatment.

"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, 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."

Walsh, through a spokeswoman, denied Weinberger's claim.

## Weinberger to become grand jury witness?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Caspar Weinberger may have one final role to play in the Iran-Contra affair: as an unwilling witness answering questions about President Bush.

Iran-Contra prosecutor Lawrence Walsh is considering calling the former defense secretary before a federal grand jury, according to officials close to the probe. The officials said the same fate may be in store for former CIA official Duane Clarridge.

Clarridge, like Weinberger, got a Christmas Eve pardon from Bush for his conduct in the Iran-Contra arms-for-hostages scandal.

Walsh declined to say what his plans are. He returned to Washington on Monday night from his home in Oklahoma City.

Before the pardons, neither Weinberger nor Clarridge was called as a grand jury witness because both were under investigation. They eventually were indicted and were awaiting trial when they were pardoned.

Weinberger charged Monday that going before a grand jury would be "just a form of harassment."

"There's nothing more that I can tell him," Weinberger said of Walsh. But such a move wouldn't surprise Weinberger "because otherwise Lawrence Walsh is out of busi-

ness," Weinberger said on CNN.

Walsh's spokeswoman, Mary Belcher, said she "will not comment on any speculative grand jury action."

The officials, speaking on condition they not be named, said prosecutors would like to question Weinberger extensively on his handwritten notes from 1985 and 1986, with particular emphasis on meetings that Bush attended.

Prosecutors didn't uncover Weinberger's notes until 1990, and this would be their first opportunity to question him about them.

According to Weinberger's notes, Bush attended a Jan. 7, 1986, meeting where the participants — including President Reagan — discussed trading 4,000 TOW missiles to Iran for five American hostages. Bush has always maintained he didn't find out until mid-December 1986 that the weapons deliveries to Iran were linked with hostage releases.

Walsh says Bush is a "subject" in the Iran-Contra investigation because he failed to turn over his own notes to prosecutors. A "subject" is someone whose activities are under scrutiny in a criminal investigation.

One step the prosecutors are expected to take, according to the

officials, is to check for possible discrepancies between Bush's notes and his January 1988 testimony to Walsh's prosecutors.

The White House didn't notify Walsh until Dec. 11 that it had Bush's typewritten notes, which the then-vice president began dictating in November 1986 as the Iran-Contra affair was erupting.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Friday the administration would release Bush's notes publicly if Walsh's office would turn over a transcript of Bush's 1988 Iran-Contra testimony.

But Walsh says the record of the 1988 interview is grand jury material and therefore subject to secrecy restrictions that bar him from providing it to anyone.

A grand jury appearance by Clarridge would renew questions about the CIA's role in the affair, particularly a CIA-assisted shipment of Hawk missiles to Iran in November 1985, the officials said.

Clarridge is mentioned frequently in former White House aide Oliver North's notebooks regarding the Iran arms sales and support for the Contras — the Nicaraguan guerrilla force that Congress had barred the CIA from assisting militarily.

## Report: Plutonium storage won't cause 'significant' environmental threat

AMARILLO (AP) — Storage of 20,000 plutonium weapon cores at the Pantex Plant for the next six to 10 years poses no "significant" environmental threat, according to an Energy Department environmental assessment released Monday.

Pantex, located about 17 miles northeast of Amarillo in Carson County, is the nation's primary assembly and disassembly plant for nuclear weapons.

The assessment, performed by Los Alamos, N.M., National Laboratory, found no significant impact on the Ogallala Aquifer, which provides a source of water for the city of Amarillo and much of the High Plains, or workers at the plant.

The report said the department

director for the state's environmental policy division, said Monday that Texas officials are now reviewing the document so the state can comment on the draft findings within 45 days before the federal government approves the assessment. Several state agencies will review the report and submit their comments within that time, Mulder said.

studied other possible storage locations including the Savannah River Site in South Carolina, Los Alamos, and some Defense Department sites. But it said using those facilities would require more costs and security needs than using present Pantex storage buildings, according to the Amarillo Globe.

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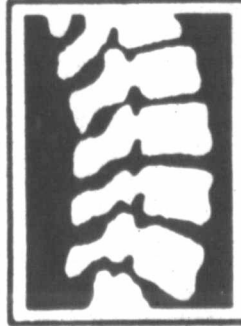
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# Campaign encounters lead to inauguration invites

By MATT YANCEY  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 60 "faces of hope" President-elect Clinton credits with inspiring his campaign of inclusion will be his personal guests during inauguration week.

The invitations were extended to people ranging from a 10-year-old boy in Phoenix who dramatized in a letter to the president his family's economic plight to an HIV-infected marathon runner who tries to break down stereotypes of people with AIDS.

What they all have in common are chance encounters with either Clinton or Vice President-elect Gore — or their wives, Hillary and Tipper — during the campaign that either touched one of the four emotionally or capsulized the message they wanted to deliver.

"Both families feel strongly about having the opportunity to honor them during inauguration week," said Rahm Emanuel, the inaugural committee's co-executive director.

The invitees include 10-year-old Ryan Sollace of Phoenix, who wrote Clinton in October after his father had told him that, because of the family's economic situation, he

couldn't play Little League baseball.

"I work nights, Cynthia works days, times are tough financially, and I had to tell him, 'no, you can't do that,'" Ryan's father, Michael, said Monday. "It's always been no, because we always have to work."

Clinton credited Ryan's letter with making a point "that I've been trying to make all over the country," only much "more powerfully than I could."

Ryan says he's going to the inauguration with his mother, who works for a freight company. Ryan's father said he would "love to go" but won't be able to get off work. He works for a street-sweeping service.

The inaugural committee is paying all costs for the "faces of hope" guests — including transportation, lodging and providing complementary dinner jackets and gowns for the Inaugural Ball. Two days before the Jan. 20 swearing-in, the Clintons and Gores will host a private luncheon for them.

Judge Fortunato "Pete" Benavides — whose Austin, Texas, program for wayward youths was cited by Clinton during the campaign as an example for improving communities and people's lives — said he

had been planning to attend the inauguration on his own.

"I have been a judge for over 14 years and I've seen a lot of things and sometimes I get blasé," he said. But after getting the invitation, "I feel like a kid all over again."

Michael Quercio, 32, of Worcester, Mass., also is looking forward to seeing Clinton again, after tapping him on the shoulder at a Boston fund-raiser in October, and explaining his classes to combat AIDS stereotyping.

"I said, 'Bill, my name is Michael Quercio, I am gay and I am HIV-positive and I teach a class on AIDS,'" Quercio recalled. "His eyes saddened and he said he was sorry. Then — we were already shaking hands — he took his other hand and clasped it over mine and never let go of me the four or five minutes we spoke. Nor did his eyes leave mine."

Cheryl Jones, 36, of Lexington, Ky., recalled Tipper Gore stopping by the new home being built under a Habitat for Humanity program for her and her husband and helping "do one of the walls in the living room."

"We've had so many wonderful things happen this year and this just extends it," she said.



An unidentified Tualatin Valley firefighter works to free Buster the beagle Monday in Tualatin, Ore. (AP Photo)

## Home alone, dog vents frustration, follows nose

TUALATIN, Ore. (AP) — Buster the beagle got into trouble by doing what he does best — following his nose.

Firefighters had to rescue him after he got his head stuck in a clothes dryer vent leading out of a house.

The family that owns the house in this Portland suburb was away

on vacation. Two boys who were feeding and exercising the dog noticed the problem Monday when they went to check on Buster. They found him with his head protruding through the vent.

The boys, 10 and 15, called their father, who came over and held Buster's back end — so he wouldn't twist his neck trying to

climb out — while firefighters rushed to the scene.

Hot water and lotion failed to free the dog. Finally, firefighters took a power saw to the house, cutting a square hole around the head.

After some wrenching with a crowbar, Buster was free and slurping down a bowl of water.

## Hostage recalls odyssey

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Colorado businessman says he won't rest easy until police arrest the Oklahoma ex-convict who forced him to drive through four states at gunpoint before freeing him unharmed in north Texas.

"He put me and my family through an ordeal and he is still out there," Edward Cooper told the *Daily Oklahoman* on Monday from Colorado Springs, Colo. "I'm just trying to reassure my wife that he is not going to come back."

Cooper spoke as authorities in three states, including Oklahoma, continued searching for Robert Allen Custard who exchanged gunfire with a police officer before escaping a weekend dragnet by kidnapping the businessman.

"He forced me into my truck and told me to drive. It wasn't until then that he told me that he had just been in a shooting with police. I really thought that this was going to be a one-way trip," Cooper told the *Oklahoman*.

Custard, 38, is wanted in Colorado and Oklahoma on a variety of allegations, including kidnapping, attempted murder, violating parole and concealing stolen property.

Authorities allege Custard first pulled a gun in a traffic dispute in Colorado Springs Saturday morning and led authorities on a chase along Interstate 25 before his vehicle crashed into a pickup on an exit ramp.

Custard then allegedly jumped

from the car, fired shots at Fountain police officer Ryan Belleau and ran into a nearby hotel.

Police say Custard then fled the hotel and abducted Cooper, 44, from his nearby business, Colorado RV Specialists.

Cooper said he wasn't alarmed when he heard nearby sirens and didn't hear the shots that followed.

"First thing I saw was Custard jumping over my back fence. I looked at him and asked, 'What are you doing here?'"

He said Custard responded by introducing himself and pointing a gun.

"He then decided he was going to wrestle with me. He put me into a headlock and said, 'Don't mess with me, or I'll blow your brains out.'"

Custard and Cooper then drove away in Cooper's 1978 blue GMC pickup.

Cooper said he was surprised when Custard ordered him back to the crime scene after driving north for only 10 miles.

"We got back onto the highway and we saw just one police officer who was just beginning to set up a roadblock," Cooper said. "As we drove up, he (Custard) aimed his gun at the cop and said he was going to shoot him."

Instead, the pair slipped through the roadblock undetected. The officer, with his back turned toward the fugitive, never saw the gun pointed at his head, Cooper said.

The journey continued through New Mexico and the Oklahoma

Panhandle into Texas, Cooper said.

Custard erupted into another rage when he spotted a police officer in the rearview mirror, Cooper said.

"He just lost it. He wanted me to slow down, so he could kill the officer when he passed."

Instead, Cooper said, the officer turned off the road and never passed the truck.

"The officer never even knew who he was following," Cooper said.

Custard began to relax, Cooper said, and started bragging about his past criminal exploits, labeling himself "the baddest man in the world."

Cooper said he felt like he was going to die until the conversation took a bizarre twist.

"He got real relaxed and said, 'You know, I really had a bad day. I just lost \$30,000. My guns are left back there with the cops and I've got a woman and child I left at that hotel.'"

Custard released Cooper unharmed near Amarillo, Texas, telling him not to call police, Cooper said.

"He said, 'I'm in my back yard now. But I've gotta be careful, because these boys know me.'"

Cooper, who was not hurt, reached home safely early Sunday.

### Plano girl found safe after abduction

PLANO (AP) — A 9-year-old girl was found safe after a gunman dumped her near a convenience store about four hours after he abducted her at gunpoint from an apartment complex, police said.

Police said the girl had been skate-boarding with her brother at the apartment complex about 5 p.m. Monday when a man jumped from his car with a pistol and forced her to accompany him.

The girl walked alone into a convenience store in the Dallas suburb about 9 p.m. and told assistant store manager Gerald Christmas, "I've just been dropped off by a kidnaper."

"She wanted us to call her daddy so he wouldn't worry," said store clerk Phu Layman.

Plano police spokesman Carl Duke said the girl did not appear to have been harmed.

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David Stenson, a sophomore at one of Chicago's most violent high schools, poses on the steps of the school last week.

# Chicago school — Learning in violence

By CLIFF EDWARDS  
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — As the first bell rings at 7:45 a.m., David Stenson heads down the hall, eyes darting.

The high school sophomore knows the peace can be broken at any moment by a cross word, a gunshot, the flash of a knife.

"I'm always on guard," he says. "Last year, I got jumped."

Gangs exert terror inside and out at David G. Farragut Community Academy, one of Chicago's most dangerous schools. It's one among many inner-city schools throughout the nation where youngsters have to learn amid danger.

"Kids are carrying weapons to school, not because they fear getting shot or knifed in school, but because they fear the gangs on the way to and from school," said Patrick Burns, assistant director of the American Alliance for Rights & Responsibilities, a nonprofit group that studies schools.

At Farragut, students walk in large groups, hoping to find safety in numbers.

"I have to walk by myself because I live far away or sometimes show up late because I didn't get up in time," Stenson says. On this particular day, he barely gets inside after four Hispanics throw bottles and rocks at him, yelling, "Nigger!"

The changing demographics of Farragut's West Side neighborhood are part of the problem — fights are often racial. The student body, 98 percent black a decade ago, is 70 percent Hispanic and 30 percent black now.

The Hispanic and black gangs often avoid each other on the streets, but they're thrust together in school. Classes are orderly, but stepping into the hall can spell trouble.

"It's little fights happening all over school every day," Stenson says as he heads to his midday class. "Gangs. Race. Those are the big problems. The only thing you worry about is getting away from it."

"You might get shot just for nothing," says freshman Juan Reyes. "Outside, inside doesn't matter. They start inside and finish outside."

Students talk about death as casually as they do about what's on the menu for lunch.

"I ain't scared," says freshman Morgan Sutton. "You got to go one day."

In Chicago, police post two officers in each high school. Metal detectors have been installed in 45 of the city's 67 high schools, but students find ways to sneak in weapons. Or they make do with scissors or sharp pencils.

As of mid-December, police had made 3,760 arrests in the schools this year, including 152 for mur-

der, rape, robbery or theft. Eighty-six handguns had been seized, some from children as young as 10.

In just six weeks in November and December, there were six shootings at Chicago schools. They left four students dead. Many more students have been wounded at school, but police said they do not keep records.

Principal Steve Newton watches each day as Farragut's 2,500 students are frisked and wait in long lines to go through the metal detectors.

"We have a battle line that has so many fronts to it that we're almost overwhelmed," he says. "Not only are the gangs struggling for control of turf and territory, but they are also struggling for control of the school."

Newton and teachers at Farragut say the problem is society's, not just theirs.

"You've got 10-, 11-year-olds going around selling drugs, toting guns," says teacher Glendora Ingram-Carter. "The times are different and the economic factors are different. You've got to have the community keep the gangbangers from coming into the community and taking over."

Police agree. "Seems like some of the parents have lost control of their kids," says Sgt. Harold Kirkling, a member of the Chicago police school patrol.

The final bell at Farragut rings at 3:15 p.m. Stenson leaves the building, moving as cautiously as before, but this time surrounded by friends. School personnel ring the building, hoping a show of force will keep the gangs at bay.

Sophomore Tina Williams says it will do no good: "They always end up fighting."

## Alabama governor accused of stealing from fund

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Gov. Guy Hunt pronounced himself "totally innocent" and vowed to serve out the last two years of his term after being indicted on charges of stealing \$200,000 from his 1987 inaugural fund.

Hunt, a 59-year-old Primitive Baptist preacher in his second four-year term, was booked and fingerprinted Monday on 13 felony charges including theft, conspiracy and an ethics violation and released on his own recognizance.

He's the eighth U.S. governor this century to be indicted in office.

The first Republican elected governor of Alabama since Reconstruction, Hunt was accused of conspiring with inaugural fund accountant Gene McKenzie, who was also indicted, and two former aides to take for his own use \$200,000 raised by the inaugural. The indictment didn't say what Hunt allegedly did with the money.

Under state law, a felony conviction would mean automatic removal from office. Eleven of the charges

carry prison terms of 2 to 20 years each.

"I'm totally innocent," Hunt said. "I'm going to fight. I'm going to serve out my term."

Earlier, his office issued a blistering statement accusing Alabama's Democratic attorney general of concocting the charges to embarrass a Republican. The statement later was withdrawn.

A grand jury returned the indictment after a six-month investigation that initially focused on whether Hunt illegally used state aircraft to take paid preaching trips. The panel later expanded its investigation.

The indictment made no mention of the preaching trips.

"I have never stolen anything in my entire life. These outrageous charges are absolutely false and will be proven such," Hunt said.

The governor will plead innocent at his arraignment Jan. 20, said his lawyer, George Beck.

Mark McDaniel, a lawyer for McKenzie, said his client is innocent. Tax records show that the inaugu-

ral fund collected nearly \$1.2 million from 1986 through 1991, spending only slightly less. Organizers of the first inaugural said the event was to pay for itself through the sale of banquet tickets, program advertising and donations.

Incorporation papers of the tax-exempt fund said it also was meant to promote the general well-being of all Alabama residents.

"We think there's some basic misunderstanding about the accounting for these funds," the governor's lawyer said. "Hunt did not expend any funds without first getting the advice of an accountant and an attorney."

The grand jury's report said the panel would continue work on seven other cases.

Hunt, a farmer, preacher and former Amway salesman who revels in his country bumpkin image, was first elected in 1986. State law prevents him from seeking a third consecutive term in 1994. He is the first Alabama governor indicted on criminal charges. Democratic Attorney General

Jimmy Evans assembled the grand jury after the Alabama Ethics Commission agreed 4-0 in 1991 that it found probable cause Hunt may have violated the law with his moneymaking trips aboard state aircraft.

The ethics case developed after The Associated Press disclosed that Hunt had taken state planes on preaching trips on which he took almost \$10,000 in offerings from congregations.

Terry Abbott, the governor's press secretary, issued a statement saying Evans brought "these phony charges against a sitting Republican governor in a thinly veiled attempt to damage him, his family and the Republican Party. The attorney general has disgraced the good people of Alabama."

Later, Abbott said the statement was released prematurely and had been withdrawn until Hunt's lawyers had an opportunity to go over the charges.

The last governor indicted in the United States was Arizona's Evan Mecham, who was acquitted of fraud and perjury in 1988 after being removed from office by impeachment.

## Jury pools increase as driver's licenses, IDs qualify

DALLAS (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of more Texans become eligible Friday to serve on Texas juries, and officials across the state are curious about the effect of the new law.

"I'm really anxious to see," said Linda Bierman-Davis, Tarrant County's jury administrator.

In the past, the state's list of registered voters was used as the source for prospective jurors. By not registering to vote, a person could assure he would never be asked to serve on a jury.

But under a new state law which goes into effect Jan. 1, county officials will also be provided the names of those licensed to operate a vehicle in Texas. The law was passed more than a year ago, but its effect was delayed to give time for the Texas Department of Public Safety and the secretary of state's office to work out the logistics.

Many county clerks have just sent out their first summons under the new law.

A preliminary estimate showed the number of potential Tarrant jurors increasing to about 670,000, a 22

percent increase over the 550,000 over the past year, she said.

In Dallas County, the increase of nearly 88,000 people represents an 11 percent jump from the current pool of approximately 716,000, to a new pool of 804,000.

In Bexar County, the new law has converted the number of eligible jurors from about 400,000 to more than 900,000, said Mellie Cardona, central jury bailiff.

Precise figures were not available for two of the state's other large counties, Harris and Travis.

In Travis County, the change has also included combining the jury process for both district and county courts.

Texas is the largest of about a dozen states to expand jury pools using drivers' licenses and IDs.

"This is something we have recommended for a number of years," Don Keenan, an Atlanta lawyer who is president of the American Board of Trial Advocates, told *The Dallas Morning News*. "It bothers us greatly when juries are not reflections of the community."

Some problems will result because

of the new source of names, since many convicted felons and people under the age of 18 are among the state's licensed drivers, but are ineligible to serve as jurors.

"My prediction is we're going to have a lot of old information from drivers' licenses," Ms. Bierman-Davis said, noting the renewal period for licenses is not as frequent as that for voter registration.

In addition, resident aliens who obtain drivers' licenses but are not allowed to vote will show up on the broader pool lists.

"The first week we sent out the new summons, we got calls from people from Panama and other countries who have Texas drivers' licenses but aren't citizens," said Ms. Cardona in San Antonio.

"I have an increased and heightened awareness that people might be coming down (for jury service) who do not meet the citizenship requirements," State District Judge Harold Entz said in Dallas.

A 20 percent increase in jury pool size is forecast in Travis County, said

Michelle Brinkman, chief deputy clerk.

"But we're also anticipating that we're going to have more people who are going to be excused or ineligible for jury duty," Ms. Brinkman said. She said the county will call more jurors than usual while trying to determine a typical exemption rate under the system.

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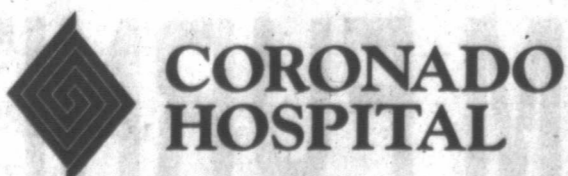
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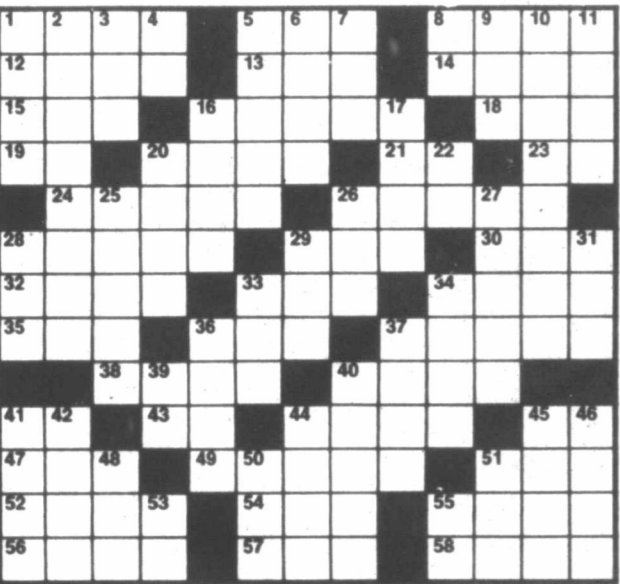
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By Mark Cullum

### Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You have good earning potential today, but there is a chance you might waste more than you accumulate due to a series of small miscalculations.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Where your work or career is concerned today, it is best not to take verbal commitments as gospel. Some people with whom you may be dealing might tell you only what you want to hear.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Usually you are not the type of person who holds things in, but today you might be moody and secretive. It is best to voice your frustrations, provided that it is done logically.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** If your friends plan something expensive today with which you're not in accord, don't be reluctant to bow out or you could later regret your participation.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your dignity and reputation could suffer today if you behave poorly in front of others. Should something sticky develop, keep your head and behave rationally.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** It is imperative that you have careful plans today or else you might later find yourself in a pickle trying to sort out a disorganized mess.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Even though you might presently be making progress on an important endeavor, keep your hopes and expectations within reasonable bounds. Make allowances for negative variables.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** In your one-to-one associations today, a failure to comprehend the other person's point of view could be detrimental to both parties. If you keep an open mind, you will encourage cooperation.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Don't spread yourself too thin today by attempting more than you can manage. Overburdening yourself could result in aggravation instead of accomplishment.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Beware of inclinations today to be wasteful with resources that have been entrusted to you by others. Treat their funds at least as prudently as you would your own.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** If domestic conditions are not as harmonious as they should be today, ask yourself honestly if you're the instigator. The answer might surprise you.

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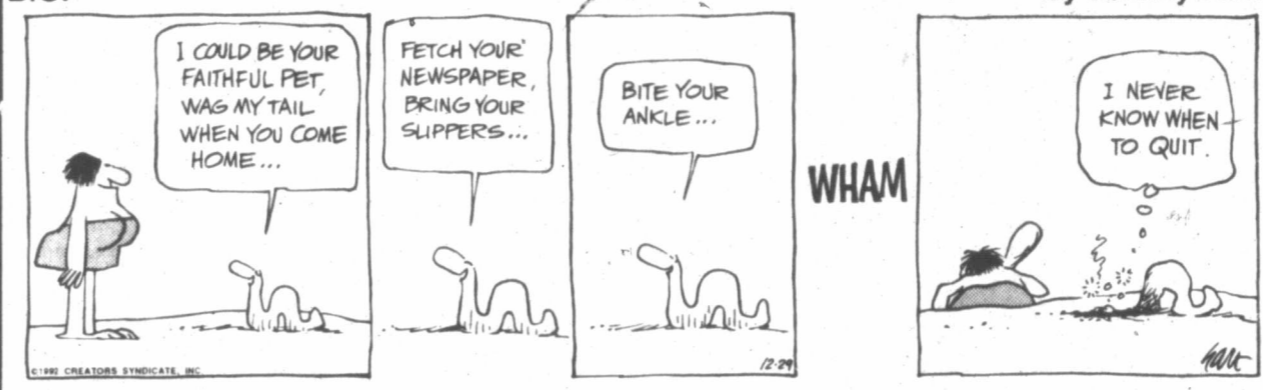
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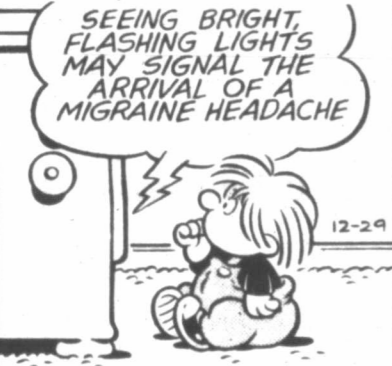
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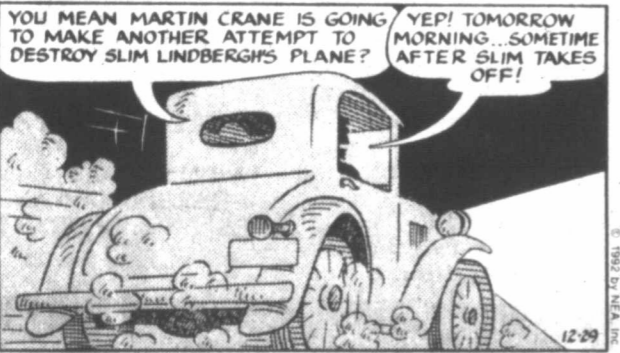
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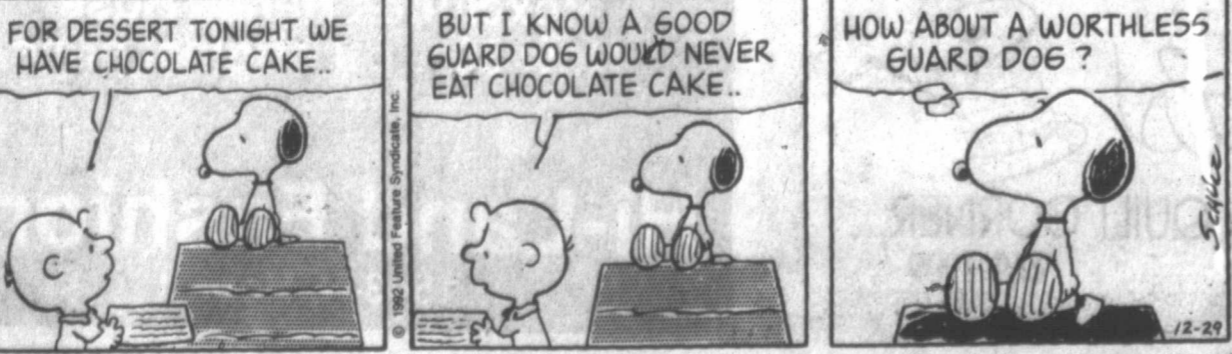
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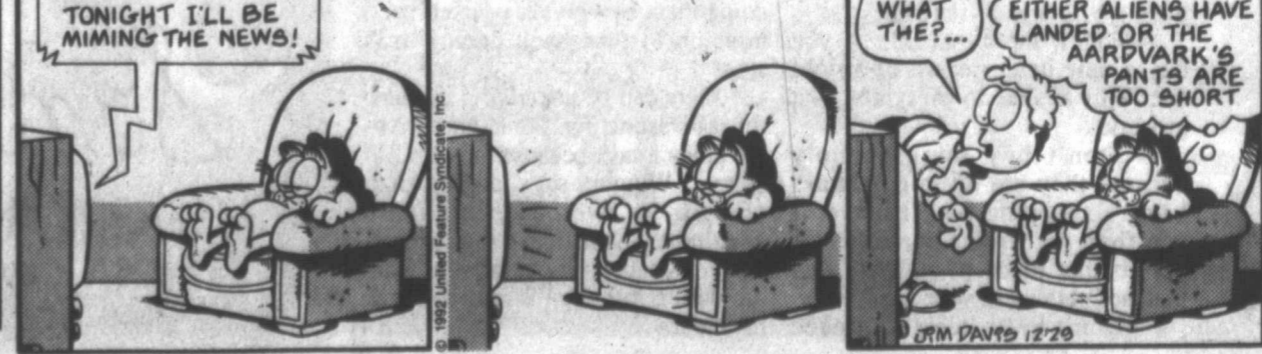
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# Casablanca 1992: 'Play it again, Hratch!'

By TERRIL JONES  
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CASABLANCA, Morocco (AP) — From the looks of the dim bar in Casablanca, you'd expect to look up and see Humphrey Bogart serving drinks under the gaze of Ingrid Bergman.

Fifty years after Warner Bros. released "Casablanca," among the most enduring and popular films in cinema history, the legend lives on in this watering hole on Morocco's western coast.

Much like Rick's Cafe Americain of the film, beggars and pickpockets thrive outside the Casablanca Bar, in a corner of the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Casablanca.

But inside it's not Sam, the black piano player, who croons "As Time Goes By" but a Lebanese named Hratch who sings in 14 languages — including Japanese.

Movie posters of Bogart as hard-boiled but sentimental cafe owner Rick, Bergman as his ex-lover Ilsa and Paul Henreid as stoic but dedicated resistance leader Victor Laszlo cover the walls.

The waiters and bartenders are dressed as Bogart in the film's cel-

ebrated final scene, in trench coats and fedoras, or as French police captain Louis Renault.

"It's kind of fun, with all the people dressed up," said John Shaahan, an attorney from Roseland, N.J. "It's in character — the waiter's a seriously unfriendly Frenchman."

Casablanca isn't quite the den of espionage, intrigue and gambling the film evokes but a dusty port city of 3 million people, home to Morocco's textile, car parts and construction industries.

"There's no similarity; the movie was filmed entirely in a studio," says Abderrahim Daoudi, Casablanca's director of tourism. "But it had an enormous impact. Every day, somewhere in the world, it's shown.... It's an excellent publicity aid."

The cynical mystique of Bogart and the beauty and heartbreak of Bergman torn between two lovers has added to the enduring appeal of the film, which premiered on Thanksgiving Day, 1942 after being shot in little more than nine weeks.

It's also a favorite subject for cinema trivia buffs and the source of some of Hollywood's most memorable lines.

Bogart's "Here's looking at you, kid" comes out as anything from "Good luck to you" in the Brazilian version to "Here's to the pupils of your eyes" in Japanese.

The Hyatt threw a 50th anniversary party in November, flying the British winner of a trivia contest (Example: "What was Ilsa's maiden name, mentioned only once in the film?" Answer: "Lund") to Casablanca for the bash.

Piano player Hratch is besieged by requests to play "As Time Goes By," up to five times a night. "Sometimes they don't even know the name of the song, they just say, 'Play it Again, Sam,'" he says in his obligingly raspy voice. "The Japanese ask me to play 'The Humphrey Bogart song'."

Most cinema fans know that Rick never actually said, "Play it Again, Sam." The phrase nevertheless lives on, as does the debate whether Ilsa really loved Rick and was just pretending with Victor Laszlo, who in any case got the girl.

"There's the theory that if she had gone with Rick, the film wouldn't have stood the test of time," says Fiona Atkinson, the British trivia winner. "It's all the human sacrifice of love."



Writers dressed in trench coats and fedoras serve drinks to tourists in the Casablanca Bar in Casablanca, Morocco, earlier this month. (AP Photo)

## U.S.-Russian negotiators reach agreement on Start II treaty

By BARRY SCHWEID  
AP Diplomatic Writer

GENEVA (AP) — Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger today announced agreement with Russia on a Start II treaty to sharply reduce nuclear missiles maintained by the two countries.

Eagleburger said after a 90-minute meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev that they were ready to report back to their presidents.

"We have made very good progress," Eagleburger said. "We now have a text we can put to the two presidents."

He said he was flying back to Washington later in the day.

Eagleburger said Presidents Bush and Boris Yeltsin will review the agreement and hopefully "we'll have news for you in the next few days" about plans to sign it.

The treaty would remove hundreds of deadly long-range nuclear missiles on both sides and cut the stockpiles of U.S. and Russian strategic weapons to about one-third current levels.

Answering questions on a cold and dreary winter day, Eagleburger left open the possibility of further negotiations to fine tune the agreement.

"It's up to the presidents to look at the documents and see if we've made sufficient progress to sign an agreement," he said. "If there are changes they would want to suggest, obviously, we'd have to come back together again."

Kozyrev said Eagleburger had given reporters "an accurate description" of the situation. "So please now, wait for news from President Bush and President Yeltsin," he said.

Neither Eagleburger nor Kozyrev provided details on how the last technical problems were resolved.

In Moscow, the independent news agency Interfax, quoting unidentified "well-informed sources," said the treaty would be signed at summit in Geneva or Paris.

In Washington, early reaction to the announcement was positive. Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., incoming chairman of the House Foreign

Affairs Committee, called the agreement "a great gift to the nation and to the world."

Hamilton, speaking on Fox Morning News, said "it certainly gives a good sendoff for President Bush as he leaves the presidency."

Leading up to the agreement, Eagleburger and Kozyrev had a working dinner until midnight while experts on the two sides discussed the remaining issues and brought periodic reports to them.

Eagleburger met at the Russian mission for more than three hours Monday with Kozyrev and Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev, and then they had lunch together while experts from the two sides held a working session.

Grachev's appearance at the negotiating table for the first time had seemed to indicate Moscow was ready to cut a deal.

Kozyrev, in particular, had expressed optimism all along.

Asked hours before it was announced whether he expected an agreement, Kozyrev said: "I am ready to bet a bottle of whiskey. We will do such work here to make it

possible for our presidents to have the right decision after the negotiations here."

The foreign minister quickly amended his remark to say: "positive decision."

Under the treaty, hundreds of the world's deadliest nuclear weapons — long-range, land-based missiles with multiple warheads — would be banned and stockpiles of U.S. and Russian strategic warheads would be pared to about one-third current levels.

It would be Bush's third major arms control agreement. In 1990, he signed an East-West agreement to cut troops and tanks in Europe. Last year, he signed a treaty with Russia to cut strategic nuclear weapons by about one-third.

The final, technical questions included how many SS-18 silos the Russians will be permitted to retain and how bombers are to be counted under the treaty.

The Russians wanted to use the

silos in which their heavy SS-18 missiles are deployed for SS-25 missiles. This could make the now-mobile SS-25s less vulnerable to a U.S. nuclear attack, although the Russians' motive apparently is to save money in implementing the treaty and revamping their nuclear forces.

The United States had sought destruction of the silos as a precaution against potential attack from some future hard-line regime in Moscow.

But Eagleburger had told reporters on the flight to Geneva that negotiations on the issue had come down to how many silos the Russians could retain under the treaty.

Also, he said, American negotiators had agreed to permit Russia to convert some of its 170 six-warhead SS-19 missiles to single-warhead missiles. The issue is how many.

Another sticking point concerned

how missiles aboard bombers are counted and how many missiles are allocated for particular warplanes.

A key part of the problem involves U.S. B-1 bombers that carry nuclear weapons. The bombers would not be counted under the treaty once the weapons were removed.

However, the United States wants to preserve the option of being able to rearm the B-1s with nuclear weapons as they replace B-52 bombers being retired. If so, the Russians say, the B-1s should be counted under the U.S. total.

Under the treaty, each side would be required to get down to 3,000 to 3,500 strategic warheads by 2003.

The Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty permits the United States to have about 8,500 strategic warheads, using lenient counting rules for bombers, and the Russians about 6,500.

The two sides now have a total of about 20,000 warheads.

## Lebanon rejects Israeli relief plan

By RIMA SALAMEH  
Associated Press Writer

MARJ AL-ZOHOUR, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanon today rejected a proposal that would have brought shipments of medicine and food to the 415 Palestinians expelled by Israel and now stranded on a snowy mountain slope.

Israel's prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, had told the Red Cross that he would allow a medical convoy to reach the deportees through Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone" in southern Lebanon if the Beirut government would allow a similar convoy through.

Lebanon has refused to accept the Palestinians because it does not want to legitimize the Israeli expulsion. The men are living in a freezing makeshift camp between the security zone and the forward-most Lebanese army checkpoint.

Prime Minister Rafik Hariri announced his rejection of the proposal moments before a meeting in Beirut with U.N. envoy James Jonah, who flew in after two days of talks with Israeli leaders on

ending the 12-day-old stalemate.

"He is wasting his time," Hariri told reporters. "It's a wasted trip."

Jonah earlier met President Elias Hrawi, who reiterated his refusal to allow diplomats including Jonah and French humanitarian affairs minister Bernard Kouchner to reach the deportees through Lebanese lines.

Israel has denied Kouchner and a French medical team access via the security zone.

The Red Cross, which made the rejected proposal, sent food and supplies to the Palestinians shortly after Israel expelled them Dec. 17 in a crackdown on Muslim fundamentalists. The deportees say their supplies are nearly exhausted.

"It doesn't stand to reason that those deported by Israel from the south should receive aid from the north," said Lebanon's health minister, Marwan Hamadeh. "Israel committed the crime of deporting them and it has to reap all the consequences."

Information Minister Michel Samaha said Lebanon would eventually ask the U.N. Security Coun-

cil to vote on a detailed mechanism to make Israel take back the deportees.

This morning, the deportees were busy, washing pots and pans from Monday's fast-breaking dinner of meat soup with boiled potatoes.

The deportees had a daylong fast to save food after their supplies diminished to small amounts smuggled on donkeys across mountain trails by sympathizers and villagers.

An overnight storm left the camp covered in new snow.

News of reports that at least seven of the 415 Palestinians, including a 16-year-old whose offense was painting slogans, were deported in error and could go back has created excitement in the camp.

Bassem Siouri, 16, the youngest deportee in the camp, said he had a feeling he was one of the seven who could be returned.

"I'm very happy that I may be going back, but my happiness would be complete if the whole camp could go back with me," he said.

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