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Texas National Guard member Brad Love, second from left, speaks to a fellow guardsman as the crew prepares to load into Armored Personnel Carriers following a rescue mission.

Efforts during blizzard net awards for Guard

By ANGELA LEGGETT
Staff Writer

National Guard members hope snow does not hit the Panhandle anytime soon.

Meanwhile, some of the men who assisted in the blizzard Nov. 24 will be honored Saturday in an awards formation presentation by dignitaries of the National Guard.

"It was great to have something to give," said Staff Sgt. Val Stone. "Awards are nice because they are not that frequent."

Those scheduled to attend the activities include battalion commander Lt. Col. Gene Sparks, battalion executive officer Maj. David Lee, battalion Sgt. Major Vernon Day and brigade Sgt. Major Bill Abernathy.

The dignitaries are scheduled to arrive in Pampa at 11 a.m. Saturday. The awards will be presented in official military style.

Nearly 20 members of Detachment 1 Co. D, 2nd Battalion 142nd

Infantry were activated at 6 p.m. Nov. 24 for 72 hours of service.

Local guardsmen were contacted, Stone said. Austin-based guardsmen approved, guided and offered administrative support.

"If I could get a hold of them they were activated," he said. "We had to send vehicles to get them. Some were just lucky we found them. Others didn't have telephones, but we ran into them."

Stone is inviting local dignitaries who participated in the weekend rescue mission to attend the Saturday ceremony along with victims of the blizzard who were rescued.

The men will receive Department of the Army achievement medals for their actions during blizzard conditions in and around Pampa.

Stone recalled the rescue mission as a learning experience.

He has taken actions so he isn't stranded without necessities and a change of clothes in the future.

"All in all it went pretty good," said Stone. "It was quite an ordeal."

He said their job was to bring people in from the weather, provide shelter and offer assistance.

"Then we tried to contact the American Red Cross and other agencies and get help for them," he said. "We tried to get them some food and contact local family members."

Stone said some people they brought in were upset they were not taken home.

"We did what we were authorized to do," Stone said. "There were enough guard members to rotate crews so the men had time to rest, get warm and eat throughout the day."

He said some of the crews had done this previously, while others gained experience and learned.

"Most of Nov. 26 was spent on vehicle maintenance and repair," Stone said. "Two Armored Personnel Carriers had been stuck in the snow and one had broken down 19 miles north of town on a rescue mission."

Marines stage air strike in Somalia

By MARK FRITZ
Associated Press Writer

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — U.S. attack helicopters, tanks and ground forces blasted clan positions in northwestern Mogadishu with heavy fire today in an effort to crush increasingly brazen sniper attacks on U.S.-led troops.

The early morning attack followed clan militiamen's refusal to surrender heavy weapons as demanded by U.S. Marines.

Cobra AH-1 gunships, Humvees with anti-tank missiles and M-1 battle tanks took part in the assault on two arsenal compounds controlled by Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid, one of Somalia's two main warlords.

One Marine was reported wounded by other U.S. troops in what officials said was a case of mistaken identity. The wound was not believed to be life-threatening; no further details were immediately available.

There was no information on Somali casualties.

The U.S. assault was the biggest demonstration of firepower since Operation Restore Hope began on Dec. 9 and came after several days of sniper attacks on Marines and worsening clan skirmishing.

"We hit them with a firestorm," Maj. Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, commander of the 1st Marine Division, told reporters.

He said the assault was ordered after it was determined that sniper fire was coming from two areas to which Aidid's forces had agreed to move weapons after Operation Restore Hope began.

U.S. Marine spokesman Col. Fred Peck said the compounds' occupants appeared to be leaderless, and that Aidid's representatives claimed the snipers had been acting on their own.

In one instance Wednesday night, a gun-mounted truck from one of the Aidid compounds fired on U.S. troops, Wilhelm said.

Aidid himself was attending a U.N.-sponsored meeting of Somali warlords, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, today. Conference sources said the

warlords, who have tentatively agreed to hold a national reconciliation meeting in April, have been arguing over whether to sign a formal cease-fire or just agree to stop fighting.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Aidid favors a formal agreement while his main rival, Ali Mahdi Mohamed, and nine other factions want an informal one.

In Mogadishu, an assault force of about 400 U.S. troops surrounded the two compounds on Wednesday night and warned the occupants by loudspeaker that they should surrender.

Wilhelm said the vehicles later fired wire-guided TOW missiles while the Cobras put down suppressing fire during an assault that lasted 20 minutes.

At least 13 people were taken prisoner but Wilhelm said he did not know how many people had been in the compounds.

The arsenal seized by troops included several tanks, anti-aircraft guns, mortars and more than 15 field artillery guns, Wilhelm said.



A U.S. Marine dashes for safety behind a wall at the ransacked American Embassy Wednesday as automatic weapons fire erupts in Mogadishu.

DPS discovers body after traffic stop near Shamrock

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

SHAMROCK — Drinking and driving don't mix, as they say. Drinking and driving mixed with picking up hitchhikers can explode like a Molotov cocktail.

One Arkansas man died, and two transient hitchhikers on Tuesday were charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with that death, after a bizarre turn of events that led to Shamrock, said John Mann, 31st District Attorney.

Mann maintains that Ricky Wayne Lewis, 29, and Steve Paul Bogard, 39, strangled Ted Eugene Vinson, 44, of Rogers, Ark., to

death somewhere in the Panhandle. The means of strangulation is still under investigation, Mann said.

"It's a situation where two men tried to be Good Samaritans, and ... it exemplifies the potential problems of giving rides to persons you don't know," Mann said. Vinson and passenger Paul Wayne Ham, 41, had been driving from Arkansas to Oklahoma to find work, Mann said.

Potter County pathologist Dr. Elizabeth Peacock has determined that the cause of Vinson's death was strangulation. Vinson had suffered a fractured larynx from the strangulation, according to Peacock.

Lewis and Bogard are being held in Wheeler County Jail in Wheeler

in lieu of \$10,000 bond each. The bond was set by Justice of the Peace Doyle Ramsey.

Involuntary manslaughter is a third-degree felony with a maximum sentence of 10 years and a \$10,000 fine.

Although the two men are accused of involuntary manslaughter, Mann said the charge might be increased to murder after Mann discusses the case with Constable Jerry Bob Jernigan of Shamrock.

Jernigan, investigator Bill McMinn of the district attorney's office, and Texas Ranger Gary Henderson are investigating the case, Mann said, adding that Wheeler County Sheriff's Office did forensic evidence-gathering.

The body of Vinson was discovered by Department of Public Safety Trooper Kevin King about 5 p.m. Tuesday approximately one mile east of Shamrock on Interstate 40,

said DPS spokesman Sgt. Jim Powell, who was riding with King when the incident occurred. King stopped the Chevrolet Nova for a reported case of driving while intoxicated, Powell said.

Lewis was driving the car when the vehicle was stopped, and the body of Vinson was in the front right seat, Powell said. Bogard was sitting in the right rear seat behind Vinson, Powell said.

Vinson and passenger Ham, apparently of Arkansas, had picked up the two hitchhikers

early Tuesday afternoon within a few miles from each other in Oklahoma City, Mann said. The two hitchhikers reportedly had known each other in Oklahoma City at a mission where they had stayed, Mann said.

It appears that all four people in the vehicle were drinking alcohol, Mann said. "They were drinking cheap bourbon, real cheap bourbon," the district attorney said.

As the Chevrolet headed west on I-40, Mann said, "they were just drunk and they were arguing, and one thing led to another, and apparently one of the hitchhikers tied up (a) passenger, Mr. Ham."

Ham was apparently choked with

a piece of nylon cord that was removed from a bed roll, Mann said.

The car stopped in western Oklahoma and Ham was thrown from the car, Mann said. It isn't clear who ejected him from the car, the district attorney said. Ham has since been charged in Oklahoma with public intoxication.

An argument continued in the car as it drove west, which apparently triggered a one-vehicle rollover to another vehicle, Mann said. That accident occurred near the Texas-Oklahoma border, he said.

The Texas DPS stopped the car after receiving a report from the Oklahoma Highway Patrol about hazardous driving, Mann said.

Iraq rejects missile ultimatum

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Baghdad today railed against an allied ultimatum demanding that it remove anti-aircraft missiles from southern Iraq by Friday, but a Pentagon official said later that the missiles were being moved.

However, the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it

was too early to say whether the Iraqis were complying with the demand that they return the missile batteries to their previous bases or face possible attack.

A second source said it was possible the missiles were being shifted to more fortified positions or moved in an attempt to hide them.

The ultimatum was drafted by the United States, France, Britain and Russia and handed to Iraq's U.N. ambassador Wednesday. It gave Iraq until 5:30 p.m. EST Friday to withdraw the missiles from the southern Iraq "no-fly zone" declared by the allies last August.

Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, said today that "it is the right of Iraq to deploy air defenses throughout the country," according to the country's official news agency.

The Iraqi News Agency said Aziz claimed any aggressive action against Iraq would be a violation of international law.

Aziz also asserted that "Iraqi pilots are not prohibited from flying in the skies of their country for training and patrol purposes," the agency said.

But Aziz did not specifically say the Iraqis would or would not defy the ultimatum.

Continued war against potholes proves an uphill battle in city

By ANGELA LEGGETT
Staff Writer

City crews are working to fill potholes in Pampa caused by the recent bad weather that plagued Pampa during the months of November and December, said Director of Public Works Nathan Hopson.

"The weather we've been having has been hard on the streets," he said. "Currently we are working to patch the holes. It'll take a while. We are still due our worst part of the winter yet."

Hopson said it would take 30 to 40 clear and dry days without snow or moisture to repair the streets properly.

"If we have more snow or rain it will hold things up," he said. "Strangely enough the ones (streets) that are bad are bad, but not as many are as damaged as we thought."

The residential streets do not have as much damage, he said.

Streets most highly traveled such as Harvester, Somerville, Duncan, West Foster, Starkweather, 23rd and 25th streets, have the largest amount of damage.

Hopson and staff have assessed the streets, but they have not put a dollar amount on the damage.

"The amount will come when

we count up time and materials we used," he said.

The city is looking at patching the potholes on streets that are not in the Street Improvement Program.

"We don't see putting a lot of money in those streets that are going to be reconstructed," Hopson said. "In the spring we will put permanent patches on those streets not in the plan."

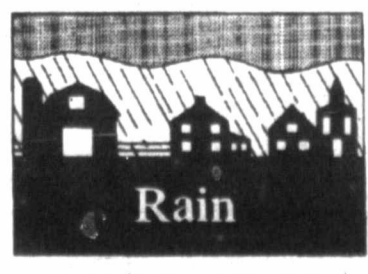
City employees will replace and re-work the base of the street and add three to four inches of hot mix.

"Currently we are trying to fill up the holes and hold them," he said.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

DUKE, Ethel — 2 p.m., Fairlanes Baptist Church, Borger.
FRIER, Estelle Vickery — 2 p.m., graveside, Memory Gardens Cemetery.
GATLIN, Charles N. (Sam) — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.

Obituaries

ETHEL DUKE

BORGER — Ethel Duke, 87, sister of a Lefors resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Fairlanes Baptist Church with the Rev. Art McAninch, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in Oaklawn Cemetery in Sulphur, Okla. Arrangements are by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Duke was born in Davidson, Okla., and had been a resident of Borger since 1953. She had worked as a pastry cook for North Plains Hospital. She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1789. Auxiliary and Fairlanes Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Elbert Duke of Borger and Ralph Duke of Skellytown; two daughters, Frances Shrader of Elmore City, Okla., and Mark Parks of Brenham; two brothers, Bud Carter of Borger and Raymond Carter of Faxon, Okla.; two sisters, Leta Gifford of Lefors and Pauline Eason of Visalia, Calif.; 21 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Edward Duke, in 1953, and two sons, Bill Duke in 1958 and Ernest Duke in 1980.

The family will be at 224 Tumbleweed.

BEN R. EZZELL

CANADIAN — Ben R. Ezzell, 76, died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1993. A memorial service for Ezzell is scheduled for 4 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Ezzell and his wife, Nancy, served as editors and publishers of the weekly *Canadian Record* newspaper since 1948.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy, of Canadian; his mother, Ray Newman Ezzell of Canadian; three sons, Ben R. Ezzell III of Albuquerque, N.M., James David Ezzell of Enid, Okla., and Robert W. Ezzell of Canadian; three daughters, Marian M. Ezzell of Albuquerque, N.M., Catherine A. Ezzell of Bryan and Laurie Ray Brown of Canadian; two sisters, Nell Martin of Wichita Falls and Beth Bomar of Lubbock; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The Ben R. Ezzell Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in his honor at First State Bank in Canadian. The scholarship will be awarded and to college-bound Canadian High School graduates, with first consideration given to journalism students. Donations may be sent to First State Bank, c/o Renee Johnson, 115 Main St., Canadian, 79014.

CHARLES N. (SAM) GATLIN

CHARLES N. (SAM) GATLIN, 62, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Ralph Hovey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Mobeetie, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Gatlin was born Sept. 2, 1930, in Mobeetie. He was a former longtime resident of Wheeler and Gray County. He moved to Pampa in 1976 from Casper, Wyo. He married Jan Lane on June 6, 1974, in Casper. He was a longtime rancher and herdsman for Lockhart Llamas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Jan of the home; a son, Mike Gatlin of Pampa; two stepsons, Mike Lane of Pampa and Ron Lane of Minneapolis, Minn.; a stepdaughter, Cheryl Velasco of Pampa; his mother, Mayme Hathaway of McLean; two brothers, Harold Gatlin of Paris; and Gary Gatlin of Amarillo; and 10 grandchildren.

WILLA THORNE McDANIELS

Willa Thorne McDaniels, 84, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1993. Services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Dr. Don Turner, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Edith Ford Cemetery in Canadian by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McDaniels was born July 18, 1908, at Arlie. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1958. She married Leroy McDaniels in 1929; he preceded her in death in 1956. She was a member of First Baptist Church. She taught in the Pampa school system from 1955 until her retirement in 1973.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruth Sloan of Pampa; a son, Dale McDaniels of Pampa; a brother, William J. Thorne of Amarillo; two grandchildren, Scott Sloan of Lakeland, Fla., and Venus Waggoner of Ely, Nev.; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to First Baptist Church "CARE" Building Fund.

TOM PRICE

Tom Price, 82, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1993. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Christian Church with Dr. John T. Tate, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Price was born April 28, 1910, in Texas. He married Lorene Price on Dec. 11, 1937, at Sayre, Okla. She died on Nov. 26, 1988. He had lived in the Pampa area in the 1930s. He served from 1942 until 1946 in the U.S. Navy and served three years in the South Pacific theater during World War II. Returning from service, he had lived in Skellytown, Kingsmill Camp, west of Pampa, and then moved to Pampa in 1969. He had worked as a field supervisor for Skelly Oil Co. from 1946 until his retirement in 1971. He was a member of the First Christian Church and the Aquila-Priscilla Sunday school class.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Jeneane and Phil Tate of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and two grandchildren, Kirk Wilson and Valerie Lee, both of Austin.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Christian Church Memorial Fund in Pampa.

The body will be available for viewing after 4 p.m. Friday at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6

3:19 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1700 block of Price Road.

TODAY, Jan. 7

7:28 a.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at 309 Jean.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

James Alfred Alexander, Pampa
 Marcus J.C. Chennault, Pampa
 Krysti Joan Horst, Pampa
 Lonnie Douglas Howard, Pampa
 Roy Henry Lynn, Pampa
 Diana Kay McCain, Pampa
 Nellie Pearl Potect, Pampa
 Lucy Rosalie Smith, Pampa
 Rudon Stephenson, Pampa

Birth

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Horst of Pampa, a boy.

Dismissals

Samie Shirleen Corse and baby boy, Mobeetie
 Jewell I. Judkins, Pampa
 Roy Henry Lynn, Pampa
 Winfred Don Quarles, Pampa
 Carolyn Rivera, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admission

Inez Walraven (observation), Shamrock
 Velma Willis, McLean

Dismissal

Tina Alley, Wheeler

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6

8:10 p.m. — A 1980 Ford driven by Teresa L. Gowin, 19, Lefors, and a 1986 Dodge pickup driven by Kevin Wayne Jacoby, 24, 1913 N. Christy, collided in the 300 block of East Francis. Gowin was cited for passing on the right when unsafe and not having proof of liability insurance. No injuries were reported.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa		Cabot O&G.....16	NC
Wheat.....3.20		Chevron.....69 1/4	dn 5/8
Milo.....3.40		Coca-Cola.....41 1/8	dn 1/4
Corn.....4.01		Enron.....46 5/8	up 1/8
		Halliburton.....28 3/8	NC
		HealthTrust Inc.....18 5/8	dn 3/8
		Ingersoll Rand.....30 3/4	up 5/8
		KNE.....28 1/8	dn 3/8
		Kerr McGee.....44 1/4	up 1/8
		Limited.....28 5/8	dn 3/8
		Mapco.....52 5/8	up 1/8
		Maxus.....6 1/2	dn 1/8
		McDonald's.....49	NC
		Mobil.....63 1/2	dn 1/8
		New Atmos.....23 3/8	NC
		Parker & Parsley.....14 3/4	up 1/8
		Penney's.....75 3/4	dn 1/4
		Phillips.....24 7/8	dn 1/8
		SLB.....56 1/4	dn 1/8
		SPS.....31 3/8	dn 1/8
		Tenneco.....40 1/2	dn 1/8
		Texaco.....59 1/2	dn 1/8
		Wal-Mart.....59 5/8	dn 1/8
		New York Gold.....328.70	
		Silver.....3.66	
		West Texas Crude.....19.04	

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6

Lanie Elizabeth Putman, 124 N. Nelson, reported criminal mischief.

Pampa Police Department reported criminal mischief at Central Park.

Jackie Hobbs, 1012 E. Browning, reported criminal trespassing.

Rita Price, 1025 Neel, reported criminal trespassing.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6

Aletha Jane Lewis, 42, 1344 Coffee, was arrested in the 1000 block of East Browning on a charge of criminal trespassing. She was transferred to Gray County Jail.

Cesario Aldaba Hernandez, 32, 731 E. Locust, was arrested on a charge of domestic violence and assault.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check is offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

CHAPTER NO. 1064 OES

Top O' Texas Chapter No. 1064 Order of the Eastern Star plans to meet 7:30 tonight to host deputy grand matron, Dorothy Burke. Meet for dinner at Furr's at 6:30 p.m.

PEWS

Petroleum Engineers Wives Society plans to meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Pampa Country Club. Reservations are required by Friday. PEWS is open to any woman whose husband is in an oil-related industry. For membership call 665-0155 or 665-7370.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Arrest

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6

Lesa Gail Rush, 25, 1003 Fisher, was arrested on a warrant charging theft by check. She was released on bond.

DPS-Arrests

TUESDAY, Jan. 5

Darrell Roy Harvill, 33, 1208 N. Bond, was arrested on a warrant charging assault. He was released on bond.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6

Joe S. Constancio, 20, Amarillo, was arrested on charges of not wearing a seatbelt, not having a driver's license, and failure to appear in court.



James Taylor of Pampa unloads a Christmas tree at a lot on Duncan Street. The trees will be chipped into mulch Saturday.

'Chipping of Greens' set Saturday

Residents who intend to take their Christmas trees to the designated location to be chipped have two days to do so, said Pam Locke of Clean Pampa Inc.

The "Chipping of the Greens" is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday on a vacant lot at 900 N. Duncan. The

trees will be mulched in a chipper and residents who want a bag of chips are asked to bring a bag with them.

Locke said the chipping is a safe and efficient method of Christmas tree disposal. She said it saves valuable landfill space, eliminates fire hazards by prompt removal, reduces

solid waste operational costs and enables the solid waste department to concentrate on increased residential refuse from the holidays.

The program is sponsored by D.E. Ward of Asplundh Expert Tree Service, Clean Pampa Inc. and the city of Pampa.

Analysis: Clinton faces crisis in deficit cutting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest budget forecasts, which are even worse than gloomy projections six months ago, suggest that President-elect Clinton's campaign pledge to halve the deficit in four years is all but dead.

Although President Bush's farewell budget, unveiled Wednesday, projected deficits running tens of billions of dollars a year higher than expected last summer, Democrats said even these new numbers underestimate the problem.

And Democrats say that could put even more pressure on Clinton when he unveils his own economic plan later.

"Given the much larger deficit projections, the president-elect will have a very difficult if not impossible task of cutting the deficit in half," Sen. James Sasser, D-Tenn., conceded.

Sasser, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, made his assessment after Bush released a \$1.5 trillion spending plan for fiscal 1994, which begins Oct. 1.

As a spending plan, Bush's budget was insignificant. It proposed no policy changes and will be ignored anyway by Clinton after he takes office on Jan. 20.

What was meaningful was its somber look at the parade of mammoth deficits that loom unbroken across the government's fiscal horizon: \$292 billion next year, dipping

but then rising again to \$320 billion by 1998.

The new figures dwarf not only those offered by Bush in the presidential election campaign but the ones Clinton cited when he promised to cut the gap in half by 1996.

Cutting such deficits down to size would require far greater tax increases and spending cuts than Clinton spoke of during his campaign.

The major culprits: skyrocketing health care costs, the weak economy and a delay in the government's bailout of savings and loans, pushing such spending into future years.

To complicate matters, Clinton is still considering an early package of tax cuts and public works projects aimed at boosting the economy. The measure is expected to cost \$30 billion to \$60 billion, another jolt to the budget.

"We now can see the full magnitude

of the debt we inherit and the challenge we must confront," Clinton said.

His communications director, George Stephanopoulos, wavered a bit. Asked repeatedly by reporters whether the bleaker numbers meant Clinton would be unable to cut the shortfall in half in four years, Stephanopoulos answered indirectly and then said, "I am not backing away from anything the governor said in the campaign."

The Bush budget also brought Democratic allegations that, as grim as the new numbers were, Bush was still keeping his deficit figures down by assuming spending cuts that will never happen. Republicans defended the projections and said Clinton's deficit figures of last summer were low.

But Bush's spending plan, low-balled or not, does give the latest look at just how hard it will be for Clinton to bring the budget into line.

LOTTO

Wednesday's winning numbers are:

8-14-16-25-26-34

City briefs

WATER WELL Service, Doug Kennedy, 665-4088. Adv.

BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.

DANCE LESSONS. Beginners Country Western. Thursday January 7, 1993, 7-9 p.m. \$40/couple. 324 Naida. Russell and Linda Hollis. 665-1083. Families welcomes. Adv.

CUSTOM MADE Sewing and Alterations. Call 665-3176. Adv.

SUNTROL WINDOW Tinting 10% Off. Remote Auto Alarms \$99 installed. 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.

FALL AND Winter merchandise 50-60-75% Off. One rack \$10. Personal Touch, 113 N. Cuyler. Adv.

TAX SERVICE, Glenda Brownlee, 1433 Dwight, 665-0310, 274-2142. Adv.

REFRESHER COURSE for Cosmetology, Monday, Thursday night, 6-9 p.m. \$100 tuition for 100 hours. Cecil Kerbo instructor, Frank Phillips College, Borger, 273-7912. Adv.

ELSIE'S FLEA Market, all Winter clothes and Christmas items 1/2 price. 1246 Barnes. Adv.

CARPET AND Vinyl installed, restretch old carpet, all jobs considered. 669-1720 leave message. Adv.

NAIL TECH Lane's Stubblefield is back at Chez Tanz, welcomes all new and old customers. Plaza 21, 2137 N. Hobart, 669-6836. Adv.

20% OFF Selected gifts. Olde Town Kitchen and Mustard Seed, 420 W. Francis, 669-1240. Adv.

HOME REMODELING, Repair. Karl Parks 669-2648. Adv.

ALL ITS Charm January Clearance Sale - Christmas 50% Off and many other items reduced for this Special Sale. 109 W. Francis. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, a 40 percent chance of rain, changing to freezing rains and cloudy with a low near 30, northeasterly winds 5-10 mph. Freezing rain likely on Friday morning, then changing to rain in the afternoon. Cloudy with a high of 35 and southerly winds 10-20 mph. A 60 percent chance of precipitation on Friday. Wednesday's high was 34 degrees; the overnight low was 32 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, a chance of freezing rain or snow north and rain changing to freezing rain south. Lows in the lower 20s to near 30. Friday, freezing rain likely, possibly mixed with snow in the morning north. Freezing rain likely in the morning, changing to rain in the afternoon south. Highs in the upper 20s to upper 30s. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a good chance of freezing rain or sleet. Lows in the 20s. Extended forecast: Saturday, decreasing cloudiness. Highs in the 40s. Sunday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s. Monday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the mid-20s to mid-30s. Highs in the 50s. Texas

South Plains: Tonight, cloudy and colder with a chance of rain, possibly changing to freezing rain after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Friday, cloudy with a good chance of rain, possibly mixed with freezing rain during the early morning over northern sections. Highs from the upper 30s to mid 40s. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows in the 30s. Extended forecast: Saturday, decreasing cloudiness. Highs 50 to 55. Sunday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.

North Texas — Tonight, cloudy rain likely east. Chance of rain elsewhere. Lows in the 40s. Friday, a chance of rain, then turning colder in the afternoon. Highs in the mid-40s northwest to the upper 50s southeast, dropping by afternoon into the 30s northwest and into the 40s elsewhere. Friday night, cold with a chance of rain, possibly mixed with freezing rain or sleet in the west. Lows in the lower 30s west to low 40s east. Extended forecast: Saturday, decreasing cloudiness in the west, cloudy with rain ending in the east. Highs in the upper 40s to low 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy with lows in the 30s, highs in the upper 40s to low 50s. Monday, mostly cloudy with lows in the 30s, highs in the mid-50s to low 60s.

South Texas — Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain or showers. Lows near 50. Friday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs near 60. Extended forecast: Saturday, decreasing clouds with rain ending. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the 60s. Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s Hill Country, 40s south central. Highs in the 60s. Texas Coastal Bend: Tonight,

mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the 50s. Friday, mostly cloudy with highs in the 70s. Extended forecast: Saturday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Low in the 50s. Highs in the 70s. Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Highs near 70. Texas Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows from 60s at the coast to the 50s inland west. Friday, mostly cloudy with highs in the 70s coast to near 80 inland west.

World mourns masters: Nureyev and Gillespie

By POLLY ANDERSON
Associated Press Writer

They pursued their art with intensity, grace and showmanship — Rudolph Nureyev and Dizzy Gillespie, the master of ballet and the master of jazz who died Wednesday.

Nureyev, who had been suffering from AIDS, died at age 54 in a Paris hospital of what his doctor described as a "cardiac complication following a cruel illness."

Gillespie died in his sleep at Englewood (N.J.) Hospital, where he was being treated for pancreatic cancer. He was 75.

The Soviet-born Nureyev was already the Kirov Ballet's leading dancer in 1961 when, at age 23, he made a sudden run for freedom at the Paris airport during a tour.

Within a short time, his skill, innovation and charisma on stage — and his eloquence and offbeat style off stage — made him a celebrity. By the mid-60s his fame rivaled that of the Beatles.

"For me, purity of movement wasn't enough," he told an interviewer in 1963. "I needed expression, more intensity, more mind." On his defection, he once said "a country is just a place to dance. Your roots are your work. Work is sacred."

He made his first appearance with Margot Fonteyn, 19 years his senior, at the Royal Ballet in London in late 1961. One newspaper called his performance "probably the finest piece of male dancing seen on the Covent Garden stage in this generation." Their partnership became legendary.

Kevin McKenzie, artistic director of the American Ballet Theatre, said Nureyev was responsible for "not only bringing ballet to the awareness of the general public but for single-handedly creating legions of dance fans."



Rudolph Nureyev



Dizzy Gillespie

Interest generated by his celebrity inspired choreographers to create more works for men dancers, and programmers to put dance on TV.

Nureyev performed on stages around the world until he was in his late 40s, old for a male dancer.

His super-high leaps that had so amazed his audiences gradually faded, but his artistry remained. He eventually turned to choreography. He directed the Paris Opera Ballet from 1983-89, retiring to take the lead role in a traveling version of the Broadway musical "The King and I."

Gillespie blew new life into jazz with his speed, melodic warmth and compositional skill — topped off with a comic spirit. His puffy-checked style, bent trumpet and goat-te became trademarks.

"He was a true leader," said jazz drummer Elvin Jones. "I've always felt butterflies in my stomach whenever I was around him because I knew I was around a great person."

Gillespie turned jazz in new directions as a founding father of the style known as bebop and again when he collaborated with Cuban musicians to give African-American

music a Latin beat. Out of that came such albums as "Afro-Cuban Jazz Moods," 1975.

He wrote or co-wrote many songs that became jazz standards, including "A Night in Tunisia," "Groovin' High," "Manteca," "Salt Peanuts," "Con Alma" and "Woody 'n You."

The critic Leonard Feather called him "one of the most creative musicians of the 20th century."

Gillespie, born John Birks Gillespie in Cheraw, S.C., came of age during the Big Band era. His early style descended from Louis Armstrong and Roy Eldridge. Bebop — Gillespie was credited with coining the term — grew out of all-night jam sessions and other adventurous young players who employed complex new rhythms and chords.

With celebrity in the 1940s and '50s came an invitation by the U.S. government in 1956 to lead the first in a series of State Department world tours as an unofficial goodwill ambassador. In 1964, he staged a symbolic bid for the presidency, saying the major party candidates were not doing enough for civil rights.

Hepatitis outbreak began with food handler

DENVER (AP) — Dick Fleming and thousands of others are thinking back to their holiday parties — what they ate, who was tending the buffet.

"The fresh fruit was good," said Fleming, president of the Denver Chamber of Commerce. "Just when you think you are eating healthy..."

Fleming is among an estimated 15,000 people who may have been exposed to hepatitis in an outbreak traced to a kitchen manager at a high-society catering company.

Thirty-six people have gotten hepatitis so far — all of them employees of the company or those who attended any of the nearly 100 holiday-season parties it catered. Health officials warn that 100 people could fall ill before the outbreak is over.

"I think we have potentially the

most dangerous, explosive situation related to food-borne exposure to a virus that I have seen in my 22 years in Colorado," said Dr. Franklyn Judson, Denver's chief of public health.

The list of those who may have been exposed is a who's who of Denver, including Gov. Roy Romer, numerous state lawmakers and the coaches and staff of the Denver Broncos.

Fleming, who attended a catered board meeting Dec. 16 of the Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau, is among hundreds who have been given shots against the hepatitis A virus.

"It was a painful shot. They give it in your hip," he said.

Officials believe the outbreak began when a worker at LePetit Gourmet Catering, one of Denver's oldest caterers, handled food served

Nov. 22 at two holiday parties. Several more workers fell ill in mid-December.

Hepatitis A is a serious liver disease transmitted through food or water contaminated by human waste. Symptoms include fatigue, poor appetite, fever, nausea, jaundice and dark urine. The best way to guard against it is washing your hands after using the bathroom or changing diapers.

Since the outbreak was announced just after Christmas, hundreds of people have lined up for shots, and clinics have rushed in supplies of gamma globulin injections. Health officials have ordered employees of Denver-area restaurants to use either gloves or utensils when handling food.

Gov. Richards defends health care proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards' health care proposals were criticized by proponents of publicly financed health coverage.

But Richards on Wednesday defended her package, saying it was all that could be done within existing revenue, and that national initiatives proposed by President-elect Clinton may help alleviate the problem.

Richards said her measures would guarantee children's immunizations, make insurance more available and set up school health clinics.

"We have to accept the fact that we have got to operate within the state money that is available to us," said Richards, who had earlier vowed to make health care her top priority in the upcoming regular session.

The Legislature starts meeting Tuesday facing a \$5 billion budget shortfall and increasing demands in education, prisons, and health and human services.

Texas leads the nation in the percentage of people lacking health insurance. More than one-fifth of Texans, or 22.1 percent, did not have health insurance in 1991, including 1 million children. "This is a big disappointment," Charlotte Flynn, leader of

the Gray Panthers of Texas, said about Richards' proposal. "We're back to square one."

Lisa McGiffert of the southwest regional office of Consumers Union said Richards' argument that the state lacked funds did not make sense. "What we have now is the most costly system in the world. We can't afford what we are doing now."

She said federal health care reforms may take years to implement, and that Texas should join a handful of other states that are working on local solutions. "We don't feel like we should miss the opportunity by waiting for the federal government."

The Texas Health Policy Task Force recommended a publicly financed health coverage plan for children and pregnant women, which Richards said would have cost about \$2 billion.

The head of the 29-member task force, Shirley Chater, said she wished the state could do more but that she understood the governor's fiscal dilemma. Ms. Chater said that Richards' initiatives were a good first step.

"The economy of Texas will prevent perhaps the Legislature from moving as quickly as we would like," Ms. Chater said. "We

know that. But nevertheless we hope (the task force report) will serve as a blueprint for the future."

Richards said she would push for up to \$50 million to ensure that all Texas children are properly immunized. Compared to the cost of treating childhood diseases — such as measles, which has grown 10-fold in the last year — Richards said the price "is really a bargain."

Currently, Texas ranks near the bottom of states in immunizations. Health Commissioner Dr. David Smith said a \$50 million appropriation would make Texas a leader in immunizations.

Richards said she would work with schools that want to set up clinics and dismissed criticism by some who fear the clinics will be used to dispense birth control.

"I don't know what the fear is in some very small right wing groups that somehow good health is not in the best interest of children," she said.

Wanting to make health insurance more affordable would also be a primary goal, she said.

But Ms. Flynn of the Gray Panthers said, "Having an insurance policy does not guarantee people access to health care. Many people can't afford the deductible."

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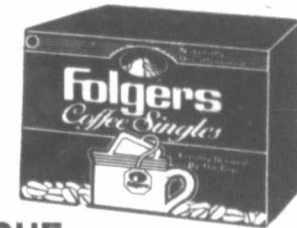
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Opinion

See you in court

During the presidential campaign, Bill Clinton promised to give the country a cabinet "more like America." That would be true only if America were made up almost entirely of activist lawyers and politically correct academics.

Over the next four years American businesses, large and small, are likely to reel from an assault the likes of which they never expected. About the only people to prosper will be trial lawyers, environmentalists, and businesspeople who specialize in maneuvering around government edicts. Trial lawyers, who heavily financed the Clinton campaign, appear likely to get a quick return on their investment.

Trying valiantly to defend the cabinet picks, Clinton spokesman George Stephanopoulos said, "Solving the goals of both diversity and excellence isn't always easy, but it's worth the effort." That, of course, begs the question of what "worth" means for the Clintonites. Competence in solving domestic problems? Political capital? Whatever, the taxpayers will pick up the tab.

Contrast that with private companies crushed under the weight of an already too-heavy government burden. For companies, "excellence" isn't just a political slogan. It means the difference between survival and bankruptcy.

America, meet your hierarchy of functionaries:
Donna Shalala, nominated to be secretary of health and human services and the former chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, will be inclined to push for new standards of political correctness on companies, while mandating myriad arcane health regulations.

Carol Browner nominated to be the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, will want to impose the hyper-regulatory agenda of Vice President-elect Al Gore, whom she advised in the writing of his Chicken-Little book about the earth's environment.

And Brooksley Born, the litigation liberal and the likely choice for attorney general, will tend to tie businesses up in so many knots of lawsuits that executives will think they've been sucked into a weird TV rerun that combines "Perry Mason" with "The Twilight Zone."

Mr. Clinton has reserved his favorite positions for cronies or establishment pols: Treasury, State, Labor, and Defense. The other positions, described above, have gone to the friends or political acquaintances of Hillary, the First Woman.

Bill and Hillary are not entrepreneurs. Instead, they're litigation-ists to the core. Where will Americans spend much more of their precious time in the next four years? Try the courtroom.

Plan needs exposure to reality

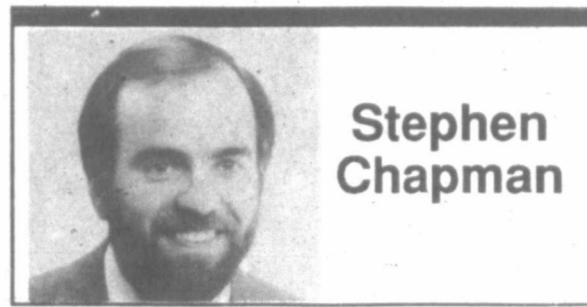
The centerpiece of Bill Clinton's economic message as a presidential candidate was the contention that the American economy is going to hell on a bullet train and can be saved only by vigorous government action. Seeing layoffs at General Motors and IBM, once the powerhouses of our prosperity, Americans probably are inclined to agree.

"Our nation has compiled its worst economic record in 50 years," Clinton said in his book, "Putting People First," a statement that does a serious injustice to the record of Jimmy Carter. "We have no economic vision, no economic leadership and no economic strategy." Over and over, Clinton depicted the United States under Reagan and Bush as steadily losing the competitive battle with the unstopable Japanese and Germans.

Campaign speeches not being given under oath, he can be forgiven for making these claims. The danger arises only if he actually believes them. Whatever its transient travails, the U.S. economy is not fundamentally unsound, and assuming it is threatens to lead us into policies that would make it so.

Right now, the Japanese and Germans would be happy to trade their economic performance with ours: In the last quarter, their economies both shrank, while ours expanded by nearly 4 percent. More important than stages in the business cycle, though, are long-term trends and basic indicators, both of which also give our trading partners cause for envy.

Americans are used to hearing that their productivity is anemic, but the truth is our workers are the most productive in the world. In 1990, according to a recent study by McKinsey and Co. — done with the assistance of such stalwart Democratic economists as Nobel Laureate Robert Solow of MIT — the typical American worker produced



Stephen Chapman

\$49,600 worth of goods and services. The average annual output was a humble \$44,200 in Germany, \$38,200 in Japan and \$37,100 in Britain.

Our manufacturing sector, the perennial object of mourning among Democratic politicians, has done just fine, thank you. In fact, over the past decade, the Japanese and Germans have fallen further behind in manufacturing productivity. In the service sector, an increasingly important part of advanced economies, America enjoys an even bigger lead.

Americans note with alarm our trade deficit in cars, while stubbornly overlooking our trade surpluses in such sectors as capital goods, commercial aircraft and chemicals. Despite growing international competition, the United States remains the leader in high-tech goods — generating more of the world's supply than either Japan or the European Community.

Democratic doomsayers are fond of blaming every passing ailment on our excessive attachment to free markets, contrasting it with the supposedly brilliant government guidance emitting from Tokyo and Bonn. But the McKinsey study had a simple explanation for the superior health of the U.S. economy: incessant competition fos-

tered by laissez-faire policies in Washington.

General merchandise retailing, it found, is more than twice as efficient here as in Japan because we don't shield small stores from the Sam Waltons of the world. Banking and telecommunications, both deregulated in the 1980s in the United States, far surpass their protected, complacent German counterparts. American airlines, also evicted from a regulated cocoon, are now a third more productive than their European rivals.

No less a liberal authority than Solow insists that if we want to do better still, we merely have to tear down other barriers to competition. He told *The New York Times* he sees further promise for deregulation in services, particularly banking and insurance.

Trusting free markets more and governments less does not sound like a forecast of Bill Clinton's administration. His own pronouncements on the economy start from the assumption that everything Reagan and Bush did was stupid and that anything the Japanese and Germans do is wise. If he recognizes the value of the deregulation ventures of the 1970s and '80s, he has kept the secret well. You are about as likely to hear him using the term "free market" approvingly as you are to see Al Gore packing a shotgun through spotted owl country.

Clinton's advisers provide no grounds for optimism. His choice to head the Council of Economic Advisers, Laura Tyson, is probably the first person ever to hold that job who is not an unabashed apostle of free trade. His designated Transportation Secretary, Federico Pena, has no use for airline and trucking deregulation. It would be no surprise to see NASA headed by a member of the Flat Earth Society.

Clinton thinks the U.S. economy is a basket case. It isn't yet, but give him time.

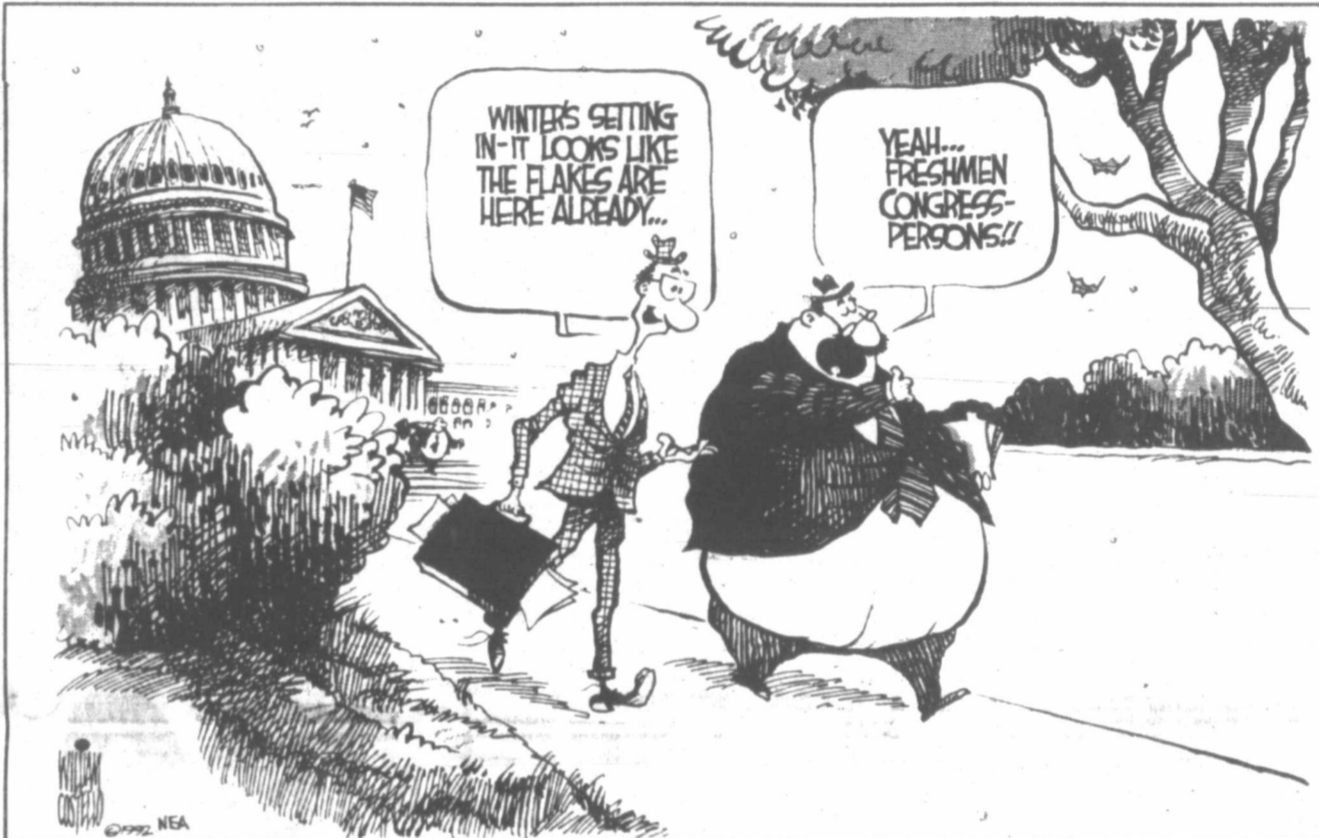
Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 7, the seventh day of 1993. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 7, 1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. Americans voted for electors who, a month later, chose George Washington to be the nation's first president.

On this date:
In 1610, the astronomer Galileo Galilei sighted four of Jupiter's moons.
In 1782, the first commercial bank in the United States, the Bank of North America, opened in Philadelphia.
In 1800, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, was born in Summerhill, N.Y.
In 1927, commercial transatlantic telephone service was inaugurated between New York and London.
In 1942, the World War II siege of Bataan began.



Christmas morning whiners

I've never had any children so I don't know what parents used to do to make their kids feel guilty on Christmas morning.

When I was a child, however, my mother, who grew up poor but proud in rural Georgia, used three items, hallowed by their names:

1. Hard rock candy.
2. Tangerines.
3. A few toasted pecans.

One year I wanted a pony and got an erector set instead for Christmas. I whined.

"Young man," Mama said, "I'd be ashamed. When I was growing up, all we ever got for Christmas was a few pieces of hard rock candy."

I often tried to conjure up an image of hard rock candy. I kept thinking of pieces of gravel, coated with sugar.

The closest I came to getting hard rock candy was in the third grade when my classmates swapped gifts and Alice McTavish, the biggest and meanest girl in my grade, gave me a box of Sophie Mae peanut brittle, which isn't quite as steel-like as sugar-coated gravel, but it's right up there with Chinese arithmetic in degree of hardness.

I whined and Alice took the box of peanut brittle and hit me over the head with it. They said I was out for nearly five minutes.

Another Christmas I wanted an air rifle and I received a goldfish in a bowl. I whined.



Lewis Grizzard

"Young man," Mama said, "I'd be ashamed. When I was growing up all we ever got for Christmas were a few tangerines."

"What happened to the hard rock candy?" I asked.

"Corn was way off that year," she explained. I never did really like tangerines, because they appeared to be oranges with a bad case of malnutrition.

So it wouldn't be a total loss, I named my goldfish "Tropicana."

Then there was the Christmas I wanted a motor scooter. Imagine my disappointment when what I found under the tree was a lousy pair of roller skates.

"Just great," I whined. "I've gone from Evel Knievel to Pinky Lee."

"Young man," Mama repeated, "I'd be ashamed.

When I was growing up all we ever got were a few toasted pecans."

"What about the hard rock candy and the tangerines?" I asked.

"That was the year the boll weevil got the cotton," she explained.

A few toasted pecans. At least hard rock candy was sweet. At least tangerines were mildly exotic.

But a few toasted pecans? You might as well give a boll weevil a few toasted pecans.

I must say, however, that Mama's annual Christmas admonition about my greediness worked on me. By the time my last Christmas at home rolled around, and I wanted a new Thunderbird convertible but got a motor scooter instead, I knew not to whine anymore.

I couldn't imagine what would come after hard rock candy, tangerines, and toasted pecans. Mud cookies?

Perhaps one of the reasons I never had any children was that I wouldn't have known how to greet a Christmas morning whiner.

What on earth could my generation use on our children that would be as effective as guilt-trip tickets as hard rock candy, tangerines, and a few toasted pecans?

When they complain about not getting Madonna's \$49.95 "Sex," should we tell 'em we didn't even have MTV?

Forget it. They'd never believe us.

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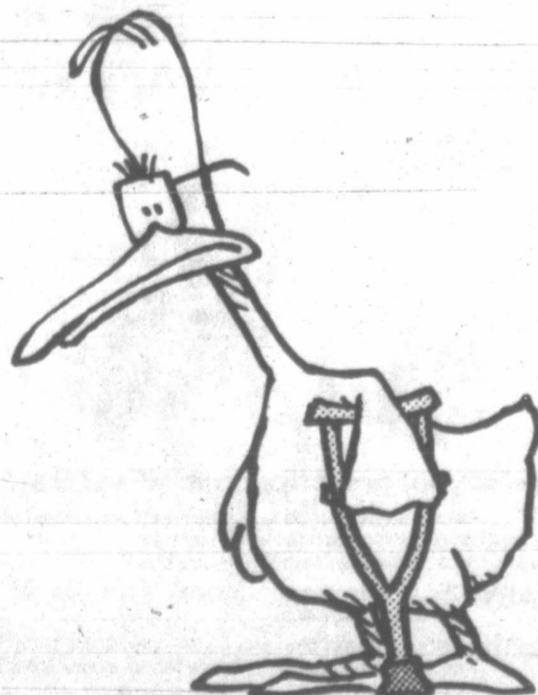
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The education tyranny

In the politically correct (PC) world in which we live, it's OK to teach school children that homosexuality is just another quirk of nature, like being left-handed or having bright red hair, but heaven forbid anyone suggest that children be told homosexual behavior is harmful — or even wrong.

In New York City recently, some brave souls dared to challenge this prevailing orthodoxy. The result wasn't pretty.

Parents representing Community School Board 24 — who think sexual orientation is a delicate subject better discussed in the family room than the classroom — told New York Schools Chancellor Joseph Fernandez that they wouldn't implement a new elementary-school curriculum called "Children of the Rainbow." This new teaching guide suggests that students as young as age six be exposed to what the PC crowd calls the "positive aspects" of homosexual families, and includes such recommended reading as "Daddy's Roommate" and "Heather Has Two Mommies," two "children's books" that describe what it's like to grow up with parents with same-sex live-ins.

Since it's their tax dollars that are being used to fund the curriculum, one would expect the parents of District 24 to find a sympathetic listener in Fernandez, who is supposed to be a public servant.

Instead, Fernandez suspended the community school board, appointed new trustees to run the school district and, as their first task, ordered them



Edwin Feulner

to implement the Rainbow curriculum (the New York City Board of Education later reinstated the District 24 board, but on the condition that they work out a "compromise" with Fernandez on the Rainbow curriculum).

Did Fernandez's imperial actions get him into hot water with politicians and members of the education establishment? Hardly: Fernandez was mentioned as a possible candidate for secretary of education in the Clinton administration, and the "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum that made him so "popular" with District 24 parents has been recommended as a model for similar programs nationwide.

Believe it or not, the parents of District 24 actually were lucky — at least they knew what was going on. In many school districts, the same kind of PC propaganda is forced on the kids without telling the parents — or worse, with spe-

cific instructions to teachers and students that they not reveal to parents what's taught in the classroom.

A new book by Hoover Institution scholar Thomas Sowell, "Inside American Education," reports one "sex education" curriculum that uses explicit color slides of homosexual and heterosexual fun and games to "educate" the kids — accompanied by a warning that students "should not be given extra copies to show their parents and friends."

In cases where parents find out what is happening and object, school board members tell parents they know nothing about education and that all the "experts" disagree with them. They accuse parents of trying to impose their morals on others and make them feel like they are the only people in the community to raise such complaints, Sowell writes.

The issue here is control. Who has the right to say what our children will be taught: education bureaucrats or parents?

If I'm reading the tea leaves correctly, school bureaucrats are writing their own epitaphs with their arrogant "who-gives-a-damn-about-the-stupid-parents" attitude. How many more incidents like that in District 24 will the public endure before it demands that the government refund to every parent the amount they contribute to their local school and let them send their child to any school they want, public or private?

Classroom Corner



(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Pampa Middle School assistant principal Dick Crockett and Natalie Williams discuss poetry.

Art supplies needed by campus

Pampa Middle School art classes are in need of supplies throughout the school year, according to instructor Melanie Smith.

Items needed included laundry detergent scoops, large muffin tins, silk floral greenery, candles, paraffin, burlap, yarn, crochet thread, 100 percent cotton white fabric, ceramic tile (especially

bright colors), artificial Christmas trees and electric skilllets. Items may be dropped off at PMS or sent with students.

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Teen poetess versifies on middle school campus

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
Lifestyles Editor

"The teacher was absent and we had to write an essay about 'what would we do if we were in charge of the war?' I didn't want to write an essay so I wrote a poem."

This rather accidental beginning was the start of the poetry career of 15-year old Natalie Williams.

The Pampa Middle School student is known on the campus for her serious, topical poetry.

Her poems flow as a complete unit from her mind. Rather than being humorous or whimsical, they are pleadings from a child's heart for what she perceives as the problems around her.

Williams, who described herself as not particularly emotional or tender hearted, was discovered by sixth-grade teacher Marcella Diller. From 1990, she has become more famous in her corner of the world.

She is a regular on the campus, sharing her poetry with the CAST club and over the intercom to the entire student body.

Whether she cries over lost puppies or not, Williams seems to have a knack for stepping into another's shoes.

"I feel, you know, as if I was one of those people who was in the tragedy," she explained.

She gets ideas from the news. War, famine, ravages of weather and racism all provide fodder for her pencil.

"That's where I get my ideas

for writing. When I see what's happening to them I feel bad. What if that woulda been me? Sometimes when I write my poems, I cry," she said.

Being a little famous, Williams said, is fun. "Everybody looks up to you," she said smiling.

By being well known on the campus, she has friends she doesn't know and people know her name when she doesn't know theirs.

"It's fun," she said about writing poetry. "It's something you wouldn't expect a lot of people to do. It brings you a lot of attention."

She has the ability to see two sides of a question, she said. Not only does she not know why she can do it, Williams explained that her mother is equally mystified by that ability.

Short stories about the past or future but not the present are fun, too.

A career in writing doesn't capture her fancy, but running like the wind does.

"I want to beat Tanya Lidy's record," Williams said with a gleam in her eye and determination in her voice.

Track is her love and she wants to beat her own time of 1:05 minutes in the quarter mile.

She wants to go to the University of Texas and study chemistry because science is her favorite subject in school.

"It's talking about the environment and how the world is," she said. "I like English a little."

On the campus, Williams receives quite a bit of support for her budding talent. When Williams was asked for her photograph, she insisted that PMS assistant principal Dick Crockett be in the picture, too. Herman Vinson, counselor on the campus, encourages her to read her poems to CAST and Crockett asks for her to create poems for current events. She described a special relationship with seventh-grade English teacher Janice Williams.

The teen is proud of her ability and through it a certain fame or identity that it brings.

May her words continue to flow.

AMERICA'S HURRICANES

American's hurricane, why did it come?

To ruin peoples' lives and spoil their fun.

An American hurricane is water, and strong winds of fright.

Will it come in the morning or will it come at night?

American hurricanes are dangerous, you see.

They come from the ocean, it travels the sea.

Hurricanes are rarely happy, it's mostly sad.

Taking peoples' homes and family — isn't that sad?

Hurricanes hurt people and kill them, too.

Be prepared for a hurricane, know what to do.

A hurricane takes. It has nothing to give,

But damage to homes where people and their families live.

I wasn't there, but I felt the pain.

I pray people get their lives back together again.

I have sorrow for those who lost their lives.

We can all get together and pray the rest survive.

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Racial violence is a problem, so what should we do?

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"Someday we'll all be together," says Dr. King.

The U.S. has a problem and racial violence is one.

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— Natalie Williams

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Illinois senator Braun pleads for chance to get on with work

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Carol Moseley Braun, the nation's first black woman senator, defended herself and her campaign manager Wednesday as she pleaded for the chance to get on with her work.

"I'm not looking to be a celebrity," the Illinois Democrat told her first news conference as a senator.

But she clearly was one, as several dozen national reporters peppered her with questions about controversies that have been dogging her in Illinois.

Braun said in response to questions:

—She didn't use any campaign or government funds to pay for a

27-day vacation before her swearing-in on Tuesday.

The senator, her 15-year-old son, Matthew, and her boyfriend-campaign manager, Kgosic Matthews, visited four African countries and England, flying from London to New York on the supersonic Concorde.

"If I could have done it all over again, I would have had a press person while on vacation," she said. "I had no idea going on vacation was a problem."

—An investigation by a lawyer she hired turned up no evidence that Matthews sexually harassed female campaign workers.

"Until I get other information, I'm going to consider the matter closed," she said.

The Chicago Sun-Times quoted two women it did not name, one a

campaign volunteer and the other a paid staffer, as saying Matthews' behavior toward them changed after they rejected his requests for dates.

—Campaign workers now have been paid through Nov. 15, even though they only worked through the Nov. 3 election.

Recent news stories in Illinois said that Braun's debt-ridden campaign was unable to pay employees while the senator-elect moved into a \$3,300-a-month penthouse and bought a new jeep and expensive clothes.

—Her first choices for committee assignments are banking and appropriations, but "I never said no" to becoming a member of the Judiciary Committee. Only hours after the news conference, the Democratic leadership recommended her for

seats on the Judiciary and Banking Committees.

Braun has come under fire for not seeking a seat on the Judiciary Committee even though she entered the Senate race because of anger over the committee's handling of the Anita Hill-Clarence Thomas hearings.

—Her son would remain in parochial school in Chicago for now, and she has not decided whether he would attend a public school in Washington in the future.

"A parent has a right to choose what is the most appropriate educational facility," she said, adding that she was a strong supporter of public education.

When Braun was asked if her honeymoon was over, she replied, "If this is a honeymoon, I want a divorce."



Sen. Carol Moseley Braun, D-Ill., walks past members of the media on Capitol Hill. (AP Photo)

Smooth sailing seen for Clinton nominees

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary-designate Les Aspin and three other Cabinet appointees of President-elect Clinton face confirmation hearings in a Democratic Senate sure to roll out the welcome mat for its party brethren after 12 years of divided government.

Aspin's testimony about where he intends to take a pared-down, post-Cold War military — one that could still face a rash of festering regional challenges — was almost sure to draw the most attention.

But there was virtually no suspense about any of the four nominees who took the blocks in the Senate's initial advise-and-consent heat.

The others were:

—Robert Reich, a Harvard economist, as secretary of labor.

—Former Denver Mayor Federico Pena as secretary of transportation.

—Jesse Brown, a Vietnam veteran, as secretary of veterans affairs.

Aspin, 54, a Wisconsin congressman for 22 years, including the last 7 as chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, was likely to face a few jabs from Senate Republicans still smarting over the rejection four years ago of the late John Tower of Texas as defense secretary.

Some of the GOP's barbs also were likely to be directed at Aspin's success at steering defense projects to his home state. But no one believed he faced serious trouble, especially since outgoing Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and his predecessor, Caspar Weinberger, both conservative Republicans, have praised him warmly.

Aspin was a key adviser to Clinton during the presidential campaign, and has helped mold the Democrat's proposals for shaving some \$60 billion in Pentagon spending from President Bush's \$1.42 trillion, five-year defense budget.

Still, Aspin could face touchy questioning, even from Democratic colleagues. In the past, he has angered some members of his own party by his votes for aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels and his support of expensive strategic weapons at the expense of conventional projects such as the F-14 jet fighter and V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft.

Senate Armed Services Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said he saw no impediment to Aspin's confirmation.

And while no Republican has much quarreled with that, Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said senators are likely to want to know more about the Democrat's involvement with the Aspin Procurement Institute.

The institute is a private organization that helps Wisconsin businesses get defense contracts and is one of 97 partly financed under a Pentagon program to help local businesses become defense contractors. It has received at least \$993,000 in federal money to match funds put up by local businesses.

The institute gets \$170,000 to \$180,000 a year from Wisconsin-based companies to run workshops and conferences to help firms get defense work.

Many lawmakers have lobbied the

Heart surgeon resigns position

HOUSTON (AP) — Famed Houston heart surgeon Dr. Michael E. DeBakey on Wednesday said he was stepping down as chairman of the department of surgery for Baylor College of Medicine, a position he has held for 45 years.

DeBakey told the college's board he would resign the chairmanship at the end of the current school year.

DeBakey, 84, said he will devote his time to his surgical practice, research and academic pursuits. He will retain his position as distinguished service professor of surgery and as director of the DeBakey Heart Center and Methodist Hospital.

DeBakey is a world-famous cardiovascular surgeon and a pioneer in the development of the artificial heart.

Pentagon to set up such institutes in their home states. But the Aspin Institute is the only one that bears the name of a sitting member of Congress, officials say.

Although the program was approved by Congress, critics contend that Aspin's involvement as honorary chairman of the institute created an appearance of a conflict of interest.

Meanwhile, Pena, 45, a Hispanic and native of Brownsville, Texas, was expected to be questioned about Clinton's campaign pledge to spend

more on highways, bridges, high speed rail and other elements of the nation's transportation grid to create jobs while investing in infrastructure.

He also is likely to be asked what plans Clinton may have to help financially struggling U.S. airlines.

Reich, 46, was going before the Senate Labor Committee, chaired by one of his sponsoring senators, Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Reich has a friendship with Clinton that dates to their days together

as Rhodes scholars at Oxford University in England. He was one of Clinton's main campaign advisers on economics and is a big advocate of job training and worker education to prompt economic revival.

Brown was to testify before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, along with his colleagues from the Disabled American Veterans organization.

Brown is a Marine veteran of the Vietnam War who was wounded in Danang in 1965. His right arm is partially paralyzed from the injury.

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Lifestyles

Alzheimer's patients' care can be easier

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Imagine the day your spouse or parent peers into your eyes and declares you a stranger, and then orders you out of the house.

Or comes the day they accuse you of stealing their misplaced possessions, or hit you for the first time in an incomprehensible rage.

Such are the prospects for someone who takes care of a loved one with Alzheimer's disease, the mind-robbing condition that afflicts an estimated 4 million Americans.

About 70 percent of Alzheimer's patients are looked after at home by a family member for four to seven years after the diagnosis. That can mean dealing daily with such stressful problems as feeding, bathing, incontinence and irrational behavior, while watching the disease slowly transform a loved one into a stranger.

But caregivers can use strategies that help them cope, said speakers at a recent conference sponsored by the New York City Department for the Aging and local chapters of the Alzheimer's Association.

One key rule: get help. "This is not an illness that can be taken care of on your own," said Janet Walsh of the Long Island (N.Y.) Alzheimer's Foundation, who cared for her father for 10 years. "It is literally a 24-hour, seven-day a week problem."

Leonie Nowitz, director of the Center for Lifelong Growth in New York, which helps older people obtain health care, warned against "caregiver self-abuse."

She recalled a client so involved with her husband's care that the only time she left his side was to

enter the hospital for her own heart problems.

"The only way she could really find it acceptable to leave him was to get ill and be hospitalized," Novitz said in an interview. "She just didn't want to leave him with anyone else." And the stress of caregiving probably contributed to her ill health, Novitz said.

Apart from health problems, the strain of constant caregiving can lead to resentment that may poison the relationship, speakers said.

"This is the only life you are ever going to have," said Elaine Yatzkan of the Jewish Guild for the Blind in New York. "When the sick person is getting everything and you're not, something is not right. And it doesn't work indefinitely."

"Speakers recommended taking breaks from caregiving. Call on friends, relatives or respite-care workers to assume the day-to-day care for a spell. Private care managers can coordinate these arrangements. Day-care programs for Alzheimer's patients also provide relief for caregivers.

Information about such help may be obtained from doctors, clergy, social service agencies and local chapters of the Alzheimer's Association.

Friends must be told about the disease if they are to be asked for help. "This is not to be kept secret," said Patricia O'Malley of Hunter College in New York.

"Don't be ashamed or embarrassed or guilty somehow for saying this person has Alzheimer's disease. ... The more people who know, the more people can help you."

Another important step for caregivers is to join a support group or get professional counseling. "I don't think anybody can get through

this illness without somebody to talk to," Yatzkan said.

In a support group, caregivers often discover that mixed feelings, and occasional anger at the Alzheimer's patient, are normal.

Caregiving "doesn't mean you're going to love what you're doing. It doesn't mean you're not going to have angry thoughts, or that you won't think, 'Oh my God, how long is this going to go on?'" Yatzkan said.

"How could you not have mixed feelings? You are being called on 24 hours a day to oversee, to care for, to answer the same question for the thousandth time, for people who don't quite remember who you are, who can become abusive," she said.

"Do you think babies would get raised if they never smiled? That kind of back-and-forth giving is what love is all about. And when you've got an Alzheimer patient, you're not getting that. ... That's why caregiving is so deadly difficult, the person you're caring for is not giving back."

In dealing with the troubling or odd behavior of somebody with Alzheimer's, experts said, caregivers should focus only on actions that pose real problems.

"There may be nothing wrong with Grandma setting out chips and soda for Phil Donahue because she thinks he's in the living room," O'Malley said.

Caregivers need not trouble themselves arguing with the Alzheimer's patient who says the loved one looking after them is an imposter or a strange intruder. Logic won't help, and the confrontation may only agitate them.

Instead, duck the question of who you are and "reassure them, 'I will take care of you, you will be safe here,'" advised O'Malley. And rec-

ognize that strange, disoriented requests, such as to "go home," may reflect a longing for the old days, and discussing old times may meet that need, she said.

One husband was told by his wife that he was not her husband, because her husband had died. So he took the role of a friend from her past.

Distraction is another technique for dealing with irrational requests or tantrums that may occur. Or a caregiver may deflect an irrational request by promising to fulfill it later or "in a few minutes," by which time the request probably will be forgotten.

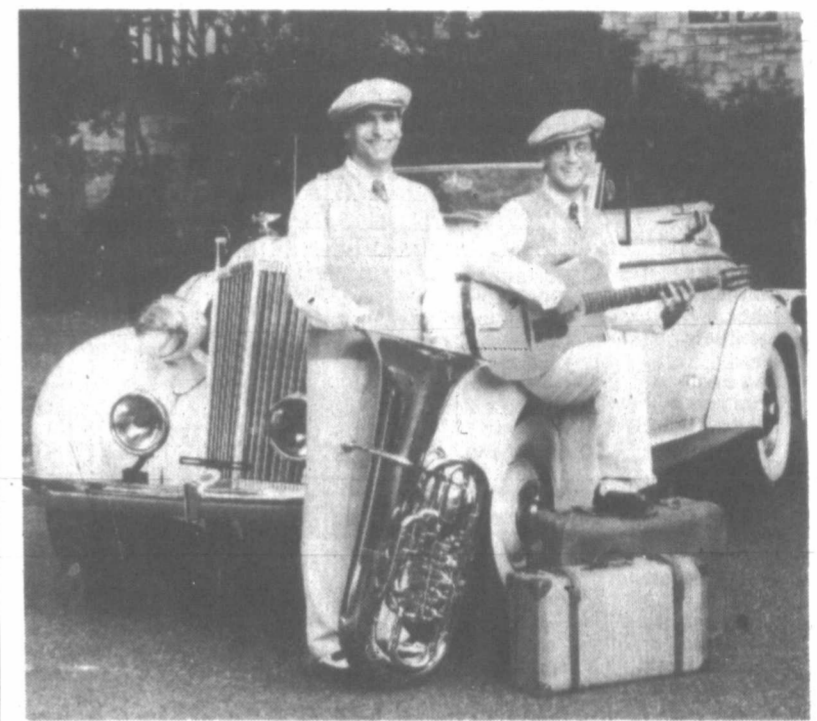
Tantrums may signal the patient's frustration over loss of control, O'Malley said. This might be eased by giving them some control, such as asking which shirt they would like to wear rather than the caregiver making that choice. The tantrum might also be a response to an overactive environment where there is too much activity or noise, she said.

Similarly, change in environment can be upsetting to someone with Alzheimer's. For this reason, when several family members in different households share the caregiving, they should do it at a single house rather than moving the patient around, speakers said.

After a day of listening to such advice, an audience member said she just feared she lacked sufficient energy to do the right things for her mother.

"You do what you can," Gertrude Steinberg of New York University Medical Center reassured the woman. "You cope with it by patting yourself on the back and saying, 'I'm being a damned good daughter.'"

Travelin' Light



(Special photo) Sam Pilafian, left, and Frank Vignola, guitar, are two of the quartet known as "Travelin' Light," scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The Community Concert offering combines classical jazz with the music of Duke Ellington, Jerome Kern, Harold Allen, Fats Waller and George and Ira Gershwin. Admission is by Pampa Community Concert season tickets.

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Deathbed promise is one that some would break

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Tough Decision," who had made a deathbed promise to his brother, "Ray," to tell their grandparents that Ray was gay and had died of AIDS, was a bummer.

In the first place, if Ray had wanted his grandparents to know that he was gay and was dying of AIDS, he should have told them himself; he had plenty of time. It was unfair of Ray to lay that kind of burden on his brother.

Abby, you told "Tough Decision," "You made a deathbed promise to your brother, and you owe it to him to keep your promise. The truth never hurt anyone — only lies hurt." Bull! You came up with a trite parable of an answer.

"Tough Decision" made his own best analysis: "Ray is gone now, and revealing the truth isn't going to bring him back, and I hate to hurt our grandparents by revealing something like that."

Who said deathbed promises are sacred and must be honored at all costs? And where did you learn that the truth never hurt anybody? Deathbed promises are made in times of stress, and they are not necessarily binding. Then you went on to say that Ray had his reasons for wanting his grandparents to



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

know that he was gay. That is ridiculous! What good would it do their grandparents to know? It would only hurt them.

You blew it, Abby. You really blew it big time!

CHARLES PIPER,
RANCHO PALOS VERDES

DEAR CHARLES: All right, already. You and several hundred other readers wrote to tell me I blew it. But this is the way I saw it:

Ray's grandparents adored him. Ray was a decent, respectable, lovable young man, but he didn't have the courage to tell his grandparents that he was gay because — as he said — "they were old-fashioned" and wouldn't understand that being gay was not a choice. But at the

end, Ray wanted his grandparents to know that a person could be decent, respectable and lovable — and also be gay.

DEAR ABBY: This is very late, but better late than never. Two years ago, I acted on your suggestion, and as my birthday gift to my father, I wrote a letter telling him how much he meant to me. After he read the letter, he told me, with tears in his eyes, that it was the greatest gift I could have given him. (I shed a few tears myself.)

Four months ago, my father passed away suddenly of a massive heart attack. He had always been in the best of health and it was a terrible shock for all of us. He was only 60.

It has been very difficult for my mother, but at least Dad died knowing how much I loved him, for which I am very grateful.

Abby, please keep reminding your readers that life is short, so now is the time to get right with the people you love; clear the air, clean out the cobwebs, and tell them how much they mean to you. You never know when you will be called home. You may use my name.

LISA BUTLER, COLUMBIA, S.C.

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Hampton, Peggy Williams, Samantha Hurst, Bobby Venal, Richard Williams, Marcy Pratt and Celeste Stowers.

Among pieces performed were "Arabesque No. 2" by Robert

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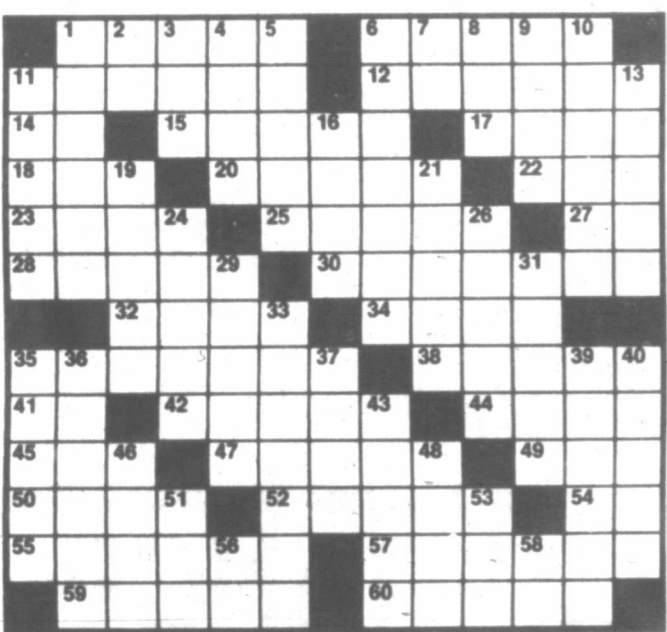
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GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Back off from a situation today where you feel someone else is trying to pressure you into making a commitment. Any promises you make under duress are not apt to be honored. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be careful today that you don't make things harder for yourself than they actually are. You need space to operate in, and if you reduce your wiggle room, you'll also reduce your effectiveness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a possibility you might get involved in a development today where there is disension between two friends. The worst thing you could do is to side with one against the other.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try not to be too hasty or impulsive today in handling matters that pertain to your career. If you take off without your propeller, it's likely you'll have to abort the flight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not accelerate your intensity today if you see that what you have to offer or promote is being rejected by others. A soft sell might work, but a hard sell won't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's best not to ask favors from friends today, especially financial ones from anyone to whom you're already obligated. Your request could evoke a negative response.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are likely to have a very active imagination today and this could be to your detriment, especially when you are trying to make an important decision. Don't be overwhelmed by too many alternatives.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be prepared to fend for yourself today, because people who are usually willing to do your bidding might not be in a cooperative frame of mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It might be difficult for you to be your own person today owing to complicated developments with friends. If you try to be all things to all people, the net result could be zero.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to achieve your objectives today, you will have to be both tenacious and tactful. If you step on someone's toes in the process, you might be sent back to square one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If associates aren't receptive to your suggestions today, you could be unduly offended and say things you shouldn't. Don't let your temper get you in trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is not a propitious time for you to assume new long-range financial obligations in hopes that you'll be able to cover things when the bills arrive. Live within your available resources.

Sports

Coaching both boys and girls is challenge for Miami's Rice

By DAN FROMM
Sports Writer

Sitting in his office about 40 feet from the gym floor where Miami's varsity basketball teams just swept the McLean Tigers, coach Dwight Rice takes a deep breath and leans back in his chair. Three hours of game intensity can wear you down. The Warriorettes won by nine points, a comfortable margin, but a very even game in the second half. Then came the boys. Trailing for most of the second half, the Warriors battled back to win by three. Through it all, Rice gave direction and encouragement from the sideline.

Area basketball

"Some nights it's tough, some it's not," Rice said of his juggling act. He says he tries not to slight either team, but balancing practice time and keeping his focus during games can be difficult tasks. More than anything, coaching both girls and boys basketball is a challenge for Dwight Rice—that's why he does it.

"I'm definitely mentally exhausted after two games, but I'm used to it and I'm not the only coach in the Panhandle that does it," Rice said.

The boys practice early and the girls come in afterwards or vice-versa. Of course, sometimes they just practice together. "It helps to bring in the boys to a girls' practice if the girls are trying to get ready for a real quick team," he explained.

He also said that both teams are working on basically the same things in their practices. So far, the girls have been more successful. They are 7-6 and Rice is looking forward to district play.

"We feel like with the talent we

have, we have a good shot at winning the district. That's a realistic goal with our size (Cam McDowell and Shilo Wheeler are both six feet) and our shooters," Rice said.

Standing in their way is Fort Elliott. At 13-2, the Lady Cougars are the favorite to win district 10-1A, but an upset is definitely not out of the question. On Dec. 15, the Warriorettes stunned a previously unbeaten Groom team, 43-41 at Groom. Rice smiled, "That was the best we've played this season, but our girls have a lot of talent and when we put it all together, we're real good."

The boys are a different story. They lost four starters from last year's 13-15 team. The Warriors have advanced to the area round two years in a row and will have a tough time completing the hat-trick.

Currently, they're 4-10. "We only have one senior in the starting five," Rice said. The rest of the starting lineup includes two sophomores and two juniors. The first two players off the bench are also underclassmen. "From the beginning of the season, we thought if we learned and improved we could finish second in the district," Rice said the goal still stands, but he is more hopeful for the future of the boys team.

"We had 16 players out for this year's boys team and we're trying to play some junior varsity games to get everybody some playing time," he said.

In his third year at Miami, Rice feels lucky to have had some of the success he's had.

"I walked into a very good situation here. Now, we're starting to build a tradition and I just hope it continues."

As for the inherent difficulties

that go with coaching two teams at once, Rice said, "It's hard to explain. It doesn't take me long to switch focus. If the girls' game is close, it gets me invigorated for

the boys game and otherwise I block it out." If he's successful, Rice is invigorated more than he's blocking out.



Miami's Jim Locke puts up two points while his teammate, Brock Mayberry, looks on in a recently-played basketball game.

(Staff photo by Dan Fromm)

Game of the Week

Wheeler (7-11) at White Deer (7-6), 8 p.m. Friday

Friday night's game between Wheeler and White Deer has all the necessary ingredients for a classic matchup. The two teams met earlier in the season and needed overtime to decide a winner... and the winner was White Deer.

But things have changed since these teams paths last crossed. The Bucks have lost their last three games and Wheeler has won their last four. Bucks coach Clay Richardson said he knows what Wheeler is thinking. "After going down their and winning in overtime, they're definitely going to want a piece of us."

The game will be an emotionally jam-packed event, pitting two very evenly-matched teams. At least they were evenly-matched the last time they played. Now, it looks as though Wheeler has found their groove. "We played the best basketball we've played all season in the first half Tuesday night," coach Shawn Read said of his team's seven-point win over Shamrock.

Read is in his second year at Wheeler and this is the first time his team has been able to put together a winning streak of more than one game. He said, "The kids are really taking pride in winning and it couldn't come at a better time."

Wheeler begins district play Tuesday at Panhandle and Read would like to keep the streak going. "Our district is going to be very tough and we need to keep playing like we've been playing to be successful in it," he explained.

Tomorrow night's game should be very physical even though neither team is real big. It may be decided by the younger players on both teams. White Deer freshman Chris Miller is much-improved since the beginning of the season and could dominate inside if he plays well.

For Wheeler, sophomore Phil Wiggins has been playing extremely well and will need to shoulder more of the burden if White Deer's defense focuses on seniors Joe Dan Leadbetter and Todd Baize.

Richardson said he thinks this game will be tougher for the Bucks and he is hungry to start winning again before district play begins later this month. "It's an important game," he said. "We need to play well and get our confidence up to where we know we can win again."

For two teams moving in opposite directions, tomorrow night's game could be potentially devastating for the loser or inspirational for the winner. Either way, it should be a hard-fought battle to the end.

Friday's other area games:

BOYS

McLean (1-11) at Silvertown tournament
The Tigers are still looking for ways to win, but they're coming off a strong showing at Miami Tuesday night. Tom Pennington and

Toby Northcutt appear to be the players who will need to step up in support of Christian Looney if McLean is going to get hot before district play begins.

Kelton (9-3) at Fort Elliott (9-5)
Kelton won the first meeting between these two on Nov. 17, but hasn't played since Dec. 18. They'll need to regain their winning form quickly if they're going to beat a well-balanced Fort Elliott team that has won six straight. Senior point guard Travis Goad is averaging 16 points, 8 assists and 6 rebounds in the last two games for Fort Elliott.

Miami (4-10) vs. Samnorwood
Andrew Neighbors scored 21 points in the Warriors win over McLean Tuesday and coach Dwight Rice is looking for his team to start coming together in time for districts.

Groom (6-8) at Shamrock
Groom lost the first meeting between these two teams on Nov. 20, but the Tigers have won three of their last five and Wes Hall has 60 points in his last two games.

Lefors vs. Higgins
This will be a rematch of a game last month as Lefors prepares for their first district game Tuesday against Samnorwood.

GIRLS

Groom (14-3) at Shamrock
Groom will try to rebound from a four-point loss at Valley Tuesday night. Coach Terry O'Dell said he wants his team

Fort Elliott (13-2) at Kelton
Fort Elliott is coming off a loss to Samnorwood Tuesday in which they shot 7 percent (2-27) from the field in the first half, but they shouldn't have much trouble with the Lady Owls, who are struggling this season.

Miami (7-6) vs. Samnorwood
Miami is looking to get hot going into their first district game Jan. 12 at Allison. They are coming off an easy win over McLean and will need their twin towers, Shilo Wheeler and Cam McDowell, to step up if they want to make a run at Fort Elliott and Follett in District 10-1A.

McLean at Silvertown tournament
A nine-point loss at Miami Tuesday showed how important Mindy Magee is to the Tigerettes. Magee suffered a sprained ankle in the game. Joetta Bailey has been playing well, but Magee will need to be healthy for McLean to do well.

Lefors vs. Higgins
Lefors hosts Higgins in their final game before district play begins.

Jackson recalls past after Hall of Fame election

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — On the day after his election to baseball's Hall of Fame, Reggie Jackson held court, just like he did in the old days.

"Now that you're the only one inducted, you have to have a really long speech," David Letterman told him during one of his appearances.

"I've been known," Jackson said softly. Jackson was the center of attention Wednesday, just where he wanted to be. People were hanging on his every word. He talked about Billy and George and Thurman, boasting about his battles and blasts. Most of all, he talked about his favorite subject: Reginald Martinez Jackson.

"I had a great time," he said. "I raised a lot of hell. I didn't do anything with drugs or beat up women or anything like that. The things that happened to me here, with George and all that kind of stuff in the media, guys calling me crazy and then hitting two home runs the next day — it was fun doing it my way. Strike out a couple of times, get booted, hit a bomb."

Reggie with a bat or a microphone was like Shakespeare with a pen or Sinatra with a song: He had an unforgettable style all his own, a persona no one could copy. There were the highest highs and the lowest lows. He could foul up the easiest fly in April, then hit the most heroic homer in October.

He wasn't the best. He may have been the most dramatic. That's why he's going to Cooperstown.

"I think 'Mr. October' is neat," he said of his nickname. "But I don't write the plaque. Other people write the plaque."

Although he spent 10 seasons with the Athletics in Kansas City and Oakland, he is defined by his five seasons of tumult in Yankee Stadium's Bronx Zoo, where competing with teammates for tabloid headlines was co-equal to competing with the Boston Red Sox for first place. He said he wants to go into the Hall with a Yankees cap.

"I think I'm remembered most for what happened in New York, and the night of Oct. 18, 1977," he said.

That's when he became Reg-gie! Reg-gie! Reg-gie! He homered on three consecutive pitches off Burt Hooton, Elias Sosa and Charlie Hough to lead the Yankees to an 8-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers in the sixth and deciding game of the World Series. He talked about how he felt great in batting practice while Dodger manager Tommy Lasorda and Hooton watched from the dugout.

"I had 50 swings and probably hit 30 balls in the bleachers," Jackson said.

He said he moved an extra six inches off the plate and kept hoping the Dodgers hadn't noticed. He walked on four pitches in the second. Then, in the fourth, "I said, 'Please God, just let this guy throw a strike.'" And he put it

into the right-field stands for a 4-3 lead.

The one in the fifth made it 6-3. "I hit the second ball better than the rest of them," he said. "As I was running down the first-base line, I just said, 'Stay up. Stay up.'"

He couldn't believe Lasorda let Hough, a knuckleballer, pitch to him in the eighth. "I said to myself, 'I have eight or nine home runs off Wilbur Wood. They can't bring in this guy.' ... The first pitch he threw was like room service. It looked like a beach ball."

It soared into the center field bleachers, bouncing like an exclamation point. It seems like everything he did had an exclamation point. His father, Martinez, tried to play that down Wednesday, saying of his son: "I don't think his ego is inflated."

Back then, egos made Yankee Stadium a place of endless intrigue. Now, with a receding hairline, those headline battles fade to history, a time when everyone was much younger and every slight was an attack. As Jackson stood at the microphone in a navy herringbone suit, looking more corporate than contentious, he spoke nicely of his former mates.

"Billy Martin and I should have gotten along," he said. "Two guys from similar backgrounds. Scraggy guys. I really didn't know what went wrong."

They all wanted top billing. Steinbrenner showed up Wednesday, and it was impossible to tell whether he was there to pay tribute or to share attention.

Sherman coming on strong for Philadelphia

By RALPH BERNSTEIN
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For the first eight games of the season, Heath Sherman was an unspectacular special teams player for the Philadelphia Eagles.

The running back from Division II Texas A & I carried the ball only 15 times for 86 yards in the first half of the season.

But when Eagles coach Rich Kotite made Keith Byars' move from running back to tight end permanent, Sherman became Herschel Walker's running mate in a two-back offense.

When the Eagles meet the Dallas Cowboys at Texas Stadium Sunday in the second round of the playoffs, Sherman will get equal billing with Walker.

In the last half of the season Sherman carried 118 times for 602 yards and six touchdowns.

In Philadelphia's 30-20 win over the New Orleans Saints in the wild card playoff game last week, Sherman carried 21 times for 105 yards. Walker, who had 1,082 yards on the season, carried just five times for 12 yards.

The Eagles had signed Walker in the offseason, giving the free agent a two year, \$2 million contract in hopes that he would revitalize Philadelphia's running game.

In past years, the ground game was considered a weakness of Philadelphia's. Sherman played a part in that. After missing three exhibition games in a contract hold-out, he ran for only 279 yards in 1991.

He said this week that Walker's signing did not affect his play.

"I just made sure I came into camp on time and in shape and ready to play, to do the things I had to do to be here," he said.

Sherman didn't beat out Walker or Byars in training camp, but Kotite liked his running style and kept him around. When Keith Jackson won free agency and left for Miami, Byars eventually replaced the Pro Bowl tight end, opening a running spot for Sherman. He took advantage of the opportunity.

His fine performance really isn't a mystery to Sherman.

"I just got more playing time than I did the first half," he said. "When they put me in I was ready to play. I was in shape."

Steelers hoping to pay back Bills for blowouts

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — They beat Houston twice, they beat Kansas City, they beat San Diego.

The Pittsburgh Steelers did not beat the Buffalo Bills. They have not beaten the Bills in four games since 1985, all of them in Buffalo's Rich Stadium, including a 28-20 loss there Nov. 8.

The Steelers have home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, but they are aware that the road to the Super Bowl for them runs through Buffalo. They finally get to play the Bills at home in an AFC playoff game Saturday, but they still haven't proved they can beat the Bills.

"The Bills certainly are the best team right now," Steelers coach Bill Cowher. "They're the defending champs. They're the best in the AFC. They're very well coached and they're very talented, but you couldn't have a better scenario than the opportunity to play them here."

The Steelers hope the home field will be an advantage against a team that has handed them two of their worst defeats the past two seasons.

Pittsburgh never recovered from a 52-34 loss at Buffalo in the second

week of the 1991 season, a blowout that was even worse than the score indicated.



Barry Foster

Jim Kelly had a career day with six touchdown passes, four to Don Beebe, and 363 passing yards.

The Bills didn't embarrass the Steelers as badly eight games ago, yet the Bills had season highs against the Pittsburgh defense in first downs (31), total yards (458) and offensive plays (78), and Kelly was 26 of 33 for 290 yards and three touchdown passes.

The Steelers' secondary complained the rock concert-like decibel count in Rich Stadium led to missed communications on two of the Bills' scoring passes, but that crowd won't be a factor this time.

"We feel good about playing in Pittsburgh, as opposed to playing in Buffalo," Cowher said.

And, perhaps, as opposed to playing against Kelly, who is out with a knee injury. Bills backup Frank Reich may be the King of the Comebacks, but Kelly, not Reich, grew up in the Pittsburgh area and always seems to elevate his play

against the team he once rooted for.

"The Bills are coming off a big win, some of their top people are hurt, they'll have a short week of preparation and we have them at home," the Steelers' Gerald Williams said. "That's what we have going for us."

That and the desire to prove they're now on a par with the two-time defending AFC champions.

In each Steelers player's locker Tuesday was a blowup reproduction of the USA Today line listing the Steelers (11-5) as 40-1 underdogs to win the Super Bowl. No other playoff team was lower than 25-1.

"That's the way it's been the whole year — people have doubted us," All-Pro cornerback Rod Woodson said. "Look at the preseason predictions — no one even thought us about being in the playoffs. We're going to have doubters even if we win this game. We'll have doubters even if we win the Super Bowl."

The Bills, for example, finished 11-5, just like Pittsburgh, but have nine Pro Bowlers to the Steelers' four. Only one player, Woodson, was chosen off a defense that was second only to Philadelphia in points allowed.

The Steelers' attitude? Let the Bills go to the Pro Bowl — we'd

rather go to the Super Bowl.

"It takes time to gain a reputation in the NFL," safety Carnell Lake said. "Hopefully, the individual players on the Pittsburgh Steelers will be more readily recognized next year and will start building their own reputations."

And, perhaps, finally stop the comparisons to the Steelers of the '70s. These Steelers have grown increasingly weary with constant comparisons to their Super Bowl predecessors, yet the similarities between the 1972 Steelers and the '92 Steelers are inescapable.

Both teams made remarkable one-season turnarounds under a youthful coach to win 11 games. Both teams got huge seasons from a running back, Franco Harris in '72 and Barry Foster in '92. Neither team generated much national hype before the playoffs.

It took a breakthrough victory over the Oakland Raiders for the '72 Steelers to be taken for real. These Steelers realize they must beat the Bills, who have defeated them four straight times, to be taken for real.

"I'm very excited for the game. I can barely sleep at night," Woodson said. "No ifs, ands or buts about it, we're going to play Saturday and we're going to have fun."

Pampa, Borger girls' game tips off at 6

The Pampa and Borger girls' varsity basketball game is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. Friday night in the Borger High School fieldhouse.

The junior varsity girls' game begins at 4:30 p.m.

Both Pampa and Borger will be trying to bounce back after opening District 1-4A play with losses Tuesday night.

Pampa lost to defending state champion Randall, 48-31, while Borger was edged by Dumas, 43-41. Overall, the Lady Harvesters are 6-9 while the Lady Bulldogs are 10-9.

Pampa gave Randall problems until the fourth quarter when the Lady Raiders outscored the Lady Harvesters, 18-6. Randall was ahead by only five, 30-25, after three quarters.

Borger was leading Dumas, 30-27, after three quarters in a game that was close most of the way.

The last time Pampa and Borger met was in the final game of the regular season a year ago with the No. 2 playoff seed at stake. Pampa pulled out a 48-47 win to advance to the playoffs.

Bulls handed second straight setback

RICHFIELD, Ohio (AP) — No, Michael Jordan hasn't lost his shooting touch, or his stamina, or his drive. He's just caught a little bug.

"I think I'm coming down with a virus, so my energy level was not really high," Jordan said Wednesday

night after he went cold for the second straight game as the Chicago Bulls lost to the Cleveland Cavaliers 117-95.

The Bulls lost their second game in two nights, while Cleveland won for the 11th time in 13 games.

49ers' Young named MVP

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Steve Young became an overnight success in his eighth NFL season.

A Tampa Bay castoff who came to San Francisco in 1987 as Joe Montana's backup, Young put together an extraordinary year in his first full season as the 49ers' starter.

On Wednesday, he was rewarded with his selection as The Associated Press 1992 NFL Most Valuable Player.

Young, the league's passing leader and a central figure in the 49ers' return to the playoffs with a league-best 14-2 record, received 56 of 80 votes cast by a nationwide panel of media members.

"Nobody else has done as much for his team this year," tight end Jamie Williams said. "He had pressure. He had a lot of pressure on him. He dealt with it this year. He's come of age as a quarterback."

Most of the pressure came from having to replace the injured Montana, a 10-year starter who led San Francisco to four Super Bowl victories. Young had been Montana's understudy for four years after coming to the 49ers in a 1987 trade with Tampa Bay.

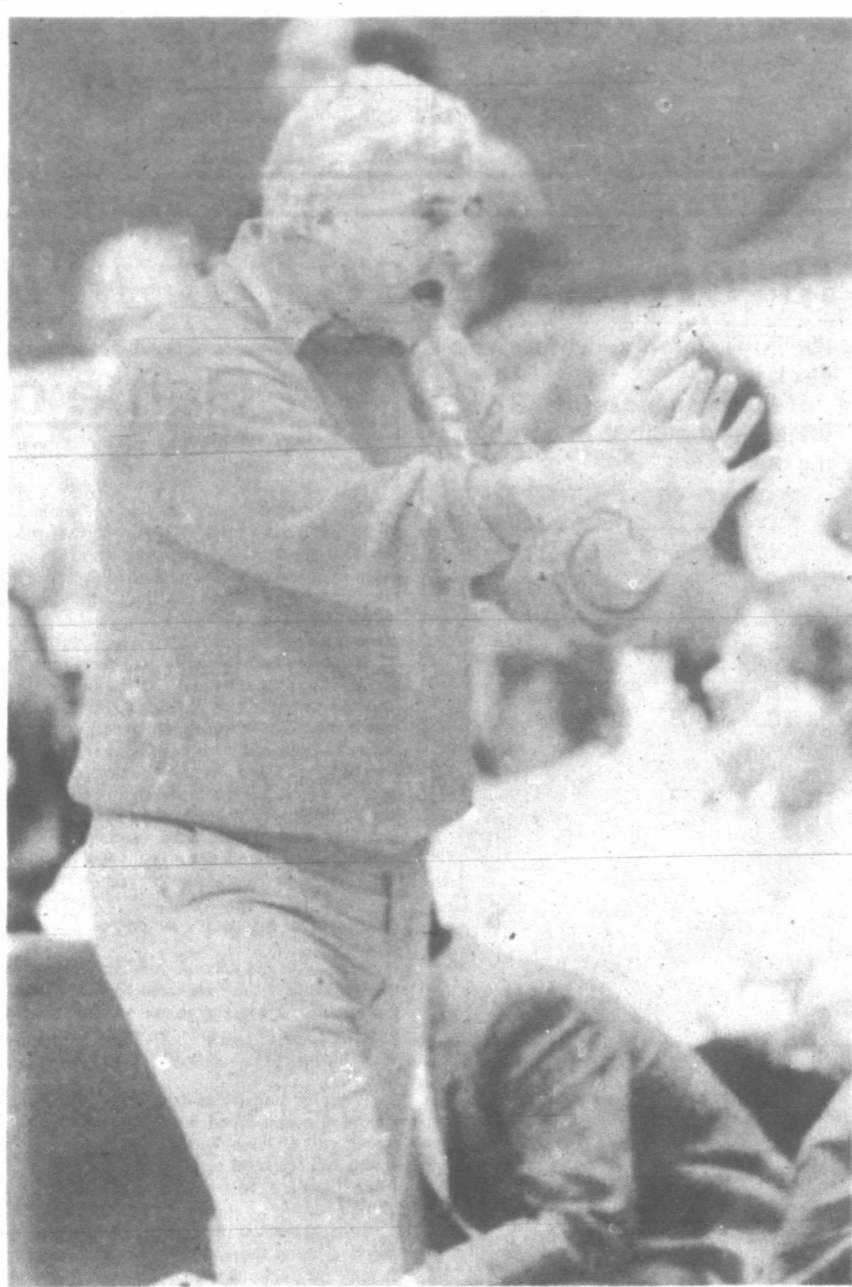
He stepped in as the starter at the beginning of the 1991 season, when a torn right elbow tendon put Montana on injured reserve. Young struggled early on, going 4-5 before suffering a knee injury that sidelined him for six weeks.

In Young's absence, Steve Bono went 5-1 as the starter and there were those who questioned Young's ability to handle the job fulltime. But, when a knee injury felled Bono, Young started the final game of the 1991 season, throwing for 338 yards and three touchdowns in a 52-14 rout of the Chicago Bears.

Despite their 10-6 finish in 1991, the 49ers missed the playoffs for the first time in nine years.

When lingering elbow problems put Montana on injured reserve again, coach George Seifert named Young the starter at the beginning of this year and told him the job was his until he played his way out of it.

Young led the league in passing with a 107 rating, completed a league-high 66.7 percent of his passes and threw 25 touchdown passes, also tops in the NFL. His 3,465 passing yards were second only to Miami's Dan Marino.



Indiana coach Bobby Knight calls out a play in last night's game with previously-unbeaten Iowa. (AP Photo)

Knight nabs 600th victory

By The Associated Press

If you want to know what Bob Knight thought about his 600th win as a college coach, you'll need a camouflage outfit and a gun.

Knight skipped the postgame news conference Wednesday night after No. 5 Indiana beat No. 8 Iowa 75-67 to make him the youngest of the 15 coaches to ever reach that victory milestone. Word did filter down, however, that he planned a hunting trip today.

"He's a terrific coach, and that's obviously an understatement," said Tom Davis, his counterpart at Iowa. "Those of us in the profession almost as long as he has been appreciate the perseverance it takes to get that many W's and still remain relatively sane."

Knight has a 600-212 mark in 28 seasons, and his teams in 22 seasons at Indiana are 498-162. At 52, he is one year younger than Henry Iba was when he won No. 600.

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday night, it was No. 1 Duke 110, Clemson 67; No. 4 Kansas 103, Wichita State 54; No. 13 Arkansas 90, Mississippi 78; Minnesota 64, No. 14 Michigan State 57; Memphis State 84, No. 18 Vanderbilt 78; No. 25 Virginia 80, No. 23 Florida State 76; and No. 24 Pittsburgh 85, Miami 78.

The Hoosiers (12-2) won the Big Ten opener for both schools and handed Iowa its first loss of the season by hitting a season-high 10 3-pointers. Guards Damon Bailey and

Greg Graham came off the bench in the first half with Indiana trailing by eight and scored 28 of Indiana's next 35 points as the Hoosiers took control.

Bailey finished with a season-high 17 points, all but two on 3-pointers, and Graham had 17. Calbert Cheaney added 14 as the Hoosiers bounced back from Sunday's 81-78 loss to No. 2 Kentucky.

College basketball

"Coach stressed after the Kentucky game we didn't give enough effort, and it hurt us," Cheaney said. "We gave an effort in this game and we prevailed."

Val Barnes led the Hawkeyes (11-1) with 18 points.

"Indiana showed they are every bit as good as advertised," said Davis, who is 414-214 in his 22nd year of coaching. "You have to play an exceptional game to come in here and win, and right now they're playing on a little bit higher level than we are."

No. 1 Duke 110, Clemson 67

The Blue Devils (10-0) tied the school record with their 23rd straight win in rebounding from the overtime victory over Oklahoma on Monday night. The loss was the worst for Clemson (9-1) since a 44-point loss to North Carolina in 1970 and the Tigers' ninth in a row at Cameron Indoor Stadium. Bobby Hurley led Duke in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams with 20 points. Devin Gray led Clemson with 25 points.

No. 4 Kansas 103, Wichita State 54

Center Eric Pauley missed his first shot and then made his last 10 to finish with 20 points and lead the Jayhawks (10-1). The loss was the worst for the Shockers (4-4) since a 71-13 setback to Emporia State in 1917 and the worst to a Division I foe since the school began competing on that level in 1947. Chad Elstun had 14 points to lead Wichita State, which lost its 18th straight non-conference road game.

No. 13 Arkansas 90, Mississippi 78

Scotty Thurman's 34 points led the Razorbacks (10-1), who trailed by as many as 12 points in opening defense of their Southeastern Conference title. Thurman broke the game's final tie at 63-63 and then he and Robert Shepperd added consecutive 3-pointers as Arkansas broke open the game. Joe Harvell had 28 points and Kevin Watkins added 27 for the visiting Rebels (3-5, 0-2).

Minnesota 64, No. 14 Michigan State 57

The Gophers (9-1) opened their home Big Ten schedule with a win over a ranked team for the fifth straight year. Jayson Walton scored all 14 of his points in the second half for Minnesota, but it was the defense of Chad Kolander on Michigan State center Mike Peplowski that made the difference. Peplowski was held to eight points, 10 below his average, and made just three of eight shots, well off the 73 percent he was shooting entering the game.

Injuries, illness have taken its toll on TCU basketball program

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH (AP) — Let's start with the basketball joke going around campus at Texas Christian University.

First student: "I hear the Horned Frogs have some great outside shooters this season."

Second student: "Yeah! Too bad they play all their games indoors."

That's about as funny as it gets in this miserable season at TCU, where star center Kurt Thomas was lost for the year when he re-fractured his left leg during the pre-season after doctors removed stabilizing pins.

"That took away the guy that we planned on building our ballclub around," lamented coach Mo Iba, whose string of four straight winning seasons at TCU is the school's first since 1949-53.

Foreman's season also ended before it began when he aggravated a high school knee injury while lifting weights. And freshman Raymond Roberts quit the team for personal reasons and returned home to Bartlesville, Okla.

Even tonsillitis and the flu have taken their turns on the youthful Frogs, who lost their top four scorers from last year's 23-11 squad that advanced to the NIT.

TCU opened the season with an impressive 64-50 victory over Louisiana Tech, but has since dropped six of seven, including games to perennially weak North Carolina A&T and Centenary.

And timing couldn't have been worse for the NCAA to cut pre-season practice time from six weeks to four.

"That's the amazing thing," Iba said. "We didn't have the whole team together but for probably three

or four days in the preseason. Then Chris Ward got tonsillitis and missed 10 days ...

"But you know, this happens to people. As I told our kids, basketball or life, it's how you handle adversity. You have to deal with it."

By far the biggest blow to the Frogs was the loss of Thomas, a junior who flourished as TCU's front-line replacement off the bench last year until he fractured his left tibia against Texas Tech on Feb. 5 and was lost for the remainder of the season.

"The biggest thing about Kurt getting hurt again, it took away the way we try to play," Iba said. "It took away our go-to man."

Iba's words of sorrow are mixed with a tone of frustration. Thomas, an aggressive force on both ends of the floor, was running in the gym a week before practice when he felt a burning sensation in his ankle.

"Doctors thought the screws shifted," Iba said. "They went in and took the screws out four days before practice. He missed one day. Then the incision got infected. He was out one week. Finally, everything seemed to be all right — Then it broke, in the same spot as last time."

"Now I'm not a doctor. I don't know if it weakened. But I don't think he would have broken his foot if he had the screws in there," Iba said.

Into a cast went Thomas and topsy-turvy went TCU's season.

"What we've gotten into now is we're playing people that should be playing 20 minutes a game for 35 minutes," Iba said. "We've got Eric Daily playing as post man, and he's not a post man ..."

With a lack of depth and frontline talent, about the only way for TCU to stay with teams is to play excep-

tional defense — a staple of Iba's programs — and to control the pace.

"But with the tempo in college basketball today, you're not going to tell kids not to shoot the ball," Iba said.

The Frogs don't open Southwest Conference play until Jan. 13, giving them 11 days between games.

"We need the time to work on some things," Iba said. "What we're having a hard time with right now is getting the ball off the defensive board. Our shot selection needs to get better. There's so many things that we can do to improve."

The Frogs do not only trail the SWC in rebounding, they're dead last in field goal percentage (42) and free-throw shooting (54 percent).

"The kids haven't given up," Iba assured. "We haven't given up as coaches. The only thing we're trying to do is get better every day."

Most Bears' fans on Ditka's side

By SARAH NORDGREN
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Call him obnoxious, outspoken. Call him a winner with a string of bad luck.

Call him Iron Mike or St. Mike — the way some Chicagoans were referring to Mike Ditka on Wednesday, a day after he got the ax as coach of the Bears.

Across the city and beyond, Bears fans commended the man who in many ways personified Chicago's brash, working-class personality.

"I think he got the shaft," said shoe salesman Darrel Laney, as he dug into his chicken pot pie at Manny's Coffee Shop and Deli, on the city's West Side. "He WAS Chicago. He was a winner. All the people in Chicago want to be winners."

"He's flamboyant; he's controversial," agreed scrap worker Aren Porec. "Like swearing at the fans in the stands — you won't see (Miami Dolphins coach) Don Shula do that. He's just a pit bull."

In downtown Urbana, during a question-and-answer session at the annual Illinois Agricultural Pesticides Conference, an audience member sent a note to the podium: "Pray for Ditka."

If Ditka were elevated to sainthood — as was suggested on one talk show Wednesday — club president Mike McCaskey, who did the firing, was being cast by some as a devil.

"He's a businessman; he's not a sportsman," scoffed officer Edward Mahay, whose police district includes Soldier Field.

"All he cares about is his money — his mommy's money," said Laney, a reference to the fortune inherited by McCaskey, grandson of Bears founder George Halas.

Halas handpicked Ditka for the head coach's position in 1982. When Halas died the next year, his daughter, Virginia McCaskey, named her son Michael the team president.

Newspapers devoted huge headlines and pages of copy to Ditka, who led the team to its first and only Super Bowl in 1985.

Ditka-Chat dominated radio talk shows Wednesday.

"It feels like I just lost my best friend," said WLS-AM talk show host Roe Conn, who suggested Ditka's canonization.

Conn even took an informal poll on his show: "Who do you hate more, Mike McCaskey or the Schoos?" — an Illinois couple accused last week of leaving their two youngsters home alone while they vacationed in Acapulco.

One caller suggested scrapping the ferocious Bear name for the more docile Chicago Deer. "How 'bout the Chicago Oh Dears?" quipped Conn.

Later in the day, a psychic was scheduled to try to raise the spirit of George Halas, to see what "Papa Bear" would have to say.

At a North Side gourmet coffee shop, "Everybody was kind of bummed," said Marina Calozzo.

"Chicago is not Chicago without Ditka — it's sort of an institution," said Calozzo.

In Chinatown, firefighters mulled the fate of Chicago's team as they played a casual game of poker over a station picnic table.

"He's the best thing that happened to Chicago, compared to the slobbs they had before," said firefighter John Fitzpatrick.

"They were nobodies till Ditka came in," agreed Joe Rapinkas.

But Rapinkas added some perspective to the conversation.

"It's not going to change my life in any way, shape or form."

NFL players gain free agent status

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

GRAPEVINE (AP) — The National Football League has a labor agreement for the first time since the dark days of half-empty stadiums and player replacements during the 1987 strike.

And it includes what players picking back then wanted: free agency, although not the brand that has left baseball players cashing megamillion-dollar checks and frequently changing cities.

Working under a judge's deadline, the NFL and its players agreed Wednesday on a seven-year contract that brings unrestricted free agency and a salary cap to professional football.

Although the deal satisfies nobody, it comes as a relief to everyone.

"Neither side got everything that it wanted to get," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "But that's the litmus test of a fair and balanced agreement."

"Both sides seem somewhat unhappy with the result, leading me to believe that it is a good mutual settlement," added U.S. District Judge David Doty of Minneapolis, who on Tuesday gave both sides 24 hours to reach an agreement.

The contract, which runs through 1999, includes a free-agency plan that allows players with more than

five NFL seasons to become unrestricted free agents. If player costs reach 67 percent of designated NFL gross revenues, a salary cap goes into effect and players can become free agents after four years.

Had the sides not reached agreement by Wednesday, Doty said he would impose his own contract — and that neither side would be happy. Doty's threat came a week after an agreement fell apart, with each side accusing the other of backing off earlier concessions.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said the agreement left no winners and no losers.

"I think the system is not perfect, but I think we can make it work," he said. "We're a better league today. We're a better league."

Even the pending lawsuits filed by players against the league have been dropped.

"We are pleased to announce a settlement agreement has been reached in the Freeman McNeil, Reggie White and related lawsuits," Tagliabue and Jim Quinn, the players' lawyer, said in a joint statement. "We expect that this settlement will lead to the establishment of the NFL Players Association as a labor union."

Free agency in the NFL will more closely resemble the National Basketball Association's system than baseball's, where superstar command huge sums of money.

Sports scene

Bowling			
WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED			
Team	Won	Lost	
Derrick Club	47	13	
Respond	40	20	
Chingadera's	38	22	
Don's Pro Shop	31	29	
Showcase Rent To Own	29	31	
Cox Enterprises	28	32	
Harvester Lanes	27	33	
Peggy's Place	24	36	
Carter's Automotive	21	39	
Panhandle Equipment	20	40	
Gregg Parks Welding	30 1/2	25 1/2	
Black Gold Restaurant	20 1/2	35 1/2	
Week's High Scores			
High series: Men — Andy Anderson, 620;			
Women — Emma Bowers, 573; High game:			
Men — Ray Romack, 237; Women — Emma			
Bowers, 221.			
Basketball			
NBA STANDINGS			
By The Associated Press			
All Times EST			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	19	10	.655
New Jersey	17	14	.548
Orlando	15	13	.530
Boston	15	17	.469
Philadelphia	9	18	.333
Washington	10	20	.333
Miami	9	19	.321
Central Division			
Chicago	22	9	.710
Cleveland	19	13	.594
Detroit	16	13	.552
Charlotte	15	14	.517
LA Lakers	14	15	.483
Indiana	14	17	.452
Atlanta	12	17	.414
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division			
Utah	20	8	.714
San Antonio	15	13	.536
Houston	14	14	.500
Denver	7	21	.250
Minnesota	6	21	.222
Dallas	2	24	.077
Pacific Division			
Phoenix	22	5	.815
Seattle	20	8	.714
Portland	19	9	.679
LA Lakers	17	13	.567
Golden State	16	14	.533
LA Clippers	16	15	.516
Sacramento	12	16	.429
Tuesday's Games			
New York 95, Cleveland 91			
New Jersey 102, Orlando 99			
Miami 89, Detroit 83			
Boston 107, Charlotte 103			
Washington 107, Atlanta 100			
Indiana 114, LA Clippers 106			
LA Lakers 91, Chicago 88			
Milwaukee 113, Minnesota 100			
Portland 109, Dallas 95			
Phoenix 106, Houston 104			
Utah 113, San Antonio 87			
Seattle 116, Golden State 106			
Sacramento 126, Denver 106			
Wednesday's Games			
Boston 103, Indiana 94			
Philadelphia 132, New Jersey 106			
Cleveland 117, Chicago 95			
Detroit 110, LA Clippers 103			
LA Lakers 98, Minnesota 78			
Thursday's Games			
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.			
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.			
Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.			
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.			
Miami at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.			
Friday's Games			
New Jersey at Boston, 7:30 p.m.			
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:30 p.m.			
LA Clippers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.			
New York at Orlando, 8 p.m.			
Atlanta at Detroit, 8 p.m.			
Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.			
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.			
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.			
Sacramento at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.			
Fishing			
AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Jan. 6.			
CENTRAL			
BASTROP: Water clear, 58 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 5 pounds on Rattle Traps and worms; crappie are slow; catfish are slow.			
BELTON: Water clear, 56-61 degrees, 4 1/2 feet above normal level; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds on jigging spoons, jigs and spinners; striped are slow, hybrid striped are good to 8 pounds on jigging spoons and slabs in 40 feet of water from Temple Lake Park to Rogers Park; crappie are good to 2 pounds on fleasies and L'il Fishes in 8-12 feet of water; white bass are good on jigging spoons and slabs; catfish are slow.			
BROWNWOOD: Water clear, 68 degree normal level; black bass are fair in the 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 pound range on dark plastic worms and spinners; hybrid striped are fair in the 6-7 pound range while schooling in mid lake under the birds on spoons and slabs; crappie are fair to 7 keepers per string on minnows and jigs in 12 feet of water; white bass are schooling under birds and are caught with slabs and spoons; catfish are good to 4 pounds on cut bait and shad; yellow catfish are slow to 38 pounds on drop lines from docks.			
BUCHANAN: Water clear, 60 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass are fair to 4 pounds, 9 ounces on charrtrause DBs; striped are excellent to 6 pounds on live-bait with limits morning or evening, most fish are caught under gulls; crappie are slow; white bass are good in the high line dock area on deep diving trolling baits; catfish are fair to 5 pounds on the upper end of the lake with fresh shad.			
CANYON: Water clear, 70 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are slow to 3 1/2 pounds on minnows, Rattle Traps and cranks; striped are good to 7 pounds downrigging goldfish; crappie are good off new pier at Crane Mill Park early and late and at night on minnows in 45 feet of water; white bass are fair near the boat ramp at Crane Mill Park and around Tom Creek; catfish are good in the 1-5 pound range on chicken liver, shrimp and worms.			
FAYETTE: Water clear, 65 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 7 1/2 pounds on Bass Assassins, worms, spinners and slab minnows, best bass fishing is in 1-4 feet of water, usually bass are in the 7-12 foot range; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 6 1/2 pounds on rod and reel baited with slab minnows and liver.			
GIBBONS CREEK: Water muddy in 1 creeks, clear in main lake, 55 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow, some in the slot but no keepers this week; crappie are fairly slow on minnows in 6-8 feet of water; catfish are good to in the 3-5 pound range.			
LEB: Water clear, 60 degrees, lake full; black bass are fair to 5 pounds, 12 ounces on purple worms; striped are slow, some caught up Colorado River on trolling baits; white bass are beginning to congregate south of the Llano River, trolling baits are good with limits caught daily; crappie are slow; catfish are fair to 5 pounds on stinkbait in baited holes.			
LIMESTONE: Water murky, 1 foot low; black bass and all fishing slow due to lack of fishermen and cold fronts.			
SOMERVILLE: Water slightly off color, 58 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow; striped and white bass are slow; crappie were good until the front hit; catfish are slow; few fishermen on minnows.			
SQUAW CREEK: Water clear, 57 degrees normal level; black bass are excellent to 4 1/2 pounds on cranks, spinners and minnows in 7-40 feet of water; smallmouth bass are good in the 3 1/2 pound range in 15 to 35 feet of water on stinkbait,			

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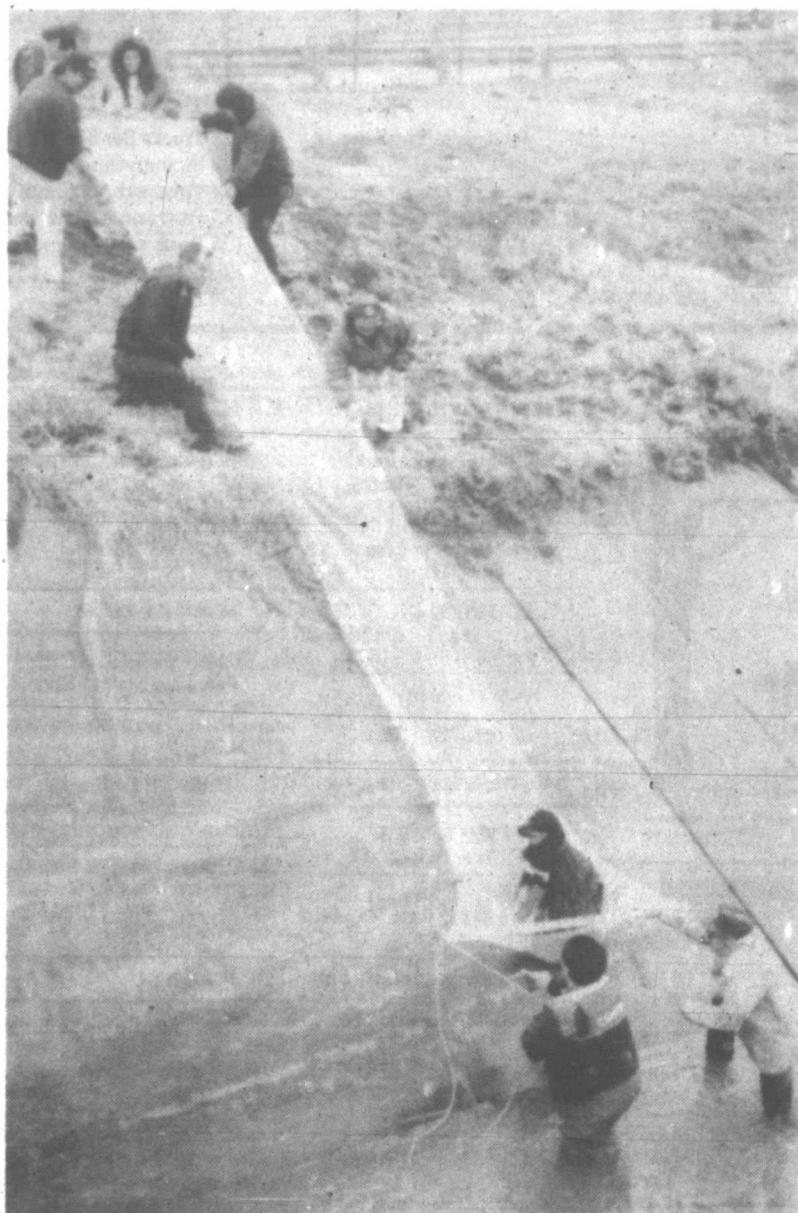
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Doggie rescue



(AP Photo)

Volunteer rescuers from the Texas Water Commission and security personnel from the American Smelting and Refining Co. lift a dog which was trapped Wednesday in a rain-swollen canal in El Paso. The dog was unable to climb the steep, slippery walls of the canal after falling in. One of the rescuers said he will adopt the dog.

Waste disposal in salt dome denied

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Water Commission has rejected a sanitation company's bid to store hazardous waste inside a Liberty City salt dome.

The decision Wednesday was hailed by residents of the Houston-area town as a long-awaited victory. Hundreds of people bused in from Liberty County, about 40 miles northeast of Houston, cheered and shouted "Praise the Lord" when the decision was rendered.

"It's been three years that we've been sitting through this," said Betty Cooley, Kingwood resident. "It means that just for a little while we've got assurance that our roads will be safer, our water will be clean and we won't be breathing toxic air."

The unanimous decision ended nearly three years of hearings on the matter.

Had the permit been approved, Hunter Industrial Facilities Inc. would have become the first company to store hazardous waste in a salt dome in the country.

Water Commission Chairman John Hall said Hunter Industrial failed to show that they would be

financially capable of constructing and maintaining the site.

He also said that issuing the permit would not be in the public's interest.

Mike Byers, president of the Humble Chamber of Commerce, said the decision echoed the voice of the people.

"We were very concerned, but we feel like the concerns of the community were heard and the right decision has been made," Byers said.

Keith Price, president of Hunter Industrial, said the company would appeal the decision.

"This is a terrible decision for the state of Texas. We expect to look at our options and make an appeal."

Earlier in the day the three-member commission held a public hearing on the proposal.

Opponents of the storage — carrying signs reading "Toxic Waste Destroys the Future" and "Salt Dome Technology Never Proven or Used in U.S.A." — argued that depositing the waste in the North Dayton Salt Dome would be too risky.

They contended the salt dome is unproven and located too close to

Lake Houston, a major water supply for Harris County.

"Not enough is known about this technology. The risk is too great," said Joe Crabb, a newly elected Republican state representative from Humble.

Those in favor of the waste site said it would bring jobs to the area, while providing a safe natural reservoir for waste.

"One problem we must solve is our waste problem," said Carrell Richardson, Mont Belvieu City Council member. "Salt dome storage is the best known to man."

Texas accounts for 21 percent of the country's hazardous waste production, which leads the nation, according to Hunter Industrial.

James Jackson, a geologist who has worked on the dome, estimated to be millions of years old, said: "I don't foresee any problems with storing hazardous waste in the dome."

Hunter Industrial's proposal included construction of 10 hazardous and non-hazardous waste wells and containment caverns for the disposal of solidified waste.

The facility would have encom-

passed 128 acres of land about 10 miles east of Lake Houston.

Drainage from the salt dome site runs into nearby Cedar Bayou. Opponents feared heavy rainfall could cause flooding of waste materials into the water supply.

The Executive Director's Office of the Water Commission agreed that Hunter Industrial had not sufficiently proved that waste would not leak and recommended the permit be denied.

"The applicant has failed to look at worst case scenarios," said Lydia Gonzalez-Gromatzky, attorney for the Executive Director's Office.

Hunter Industrial officials maintain the waste would not migrate from the domes in a million years.

Hearings on the salt dome proposal began in August 1990 but were suspended to allow parties time to prepare for the proceedings. Hearings were further delayed when Gov. Ann Richards imposed a moratorium on toxic waste permits, pending stronger regulations.

In 1991 the Legislature passed a bill providing additional rules for the regulation of the disposal of hazardous waste.

Lubbock mortuary blamed in mix-up of babies

EL PASO (AP) — A Lubbock mortuary blamed for mixing up the bodies of two El Paso babies has a clean record dating back to 1985, a state regulator said.

The Texas Funeral Service Commission will not investigate the mix up unless a complaint is filed by family members or the agency finds reason to launch an investigation, said Debbie Smith, the commission's legal counsel.

The two babies were buried in their proper graves Tuesday. One of the children, 4-month-old Joshua

Carrasco, had to be exhumed to correct the mix up.

El Paso funeral homes handling burial services blamed Kennedy Mortuary in Lubbock for the mix up. Officials at the mortuary did not return a phone call requesting comment from *The Associated Press* Wednesday.

Joshua Carrasco and 2-day-old Joseph Garcia died on Dec. 30 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Their bodies were picked up on New Year's Eve by Kennedy Mortuary in Lubbock, officials said.

The Carrasco baby died of sepsis, a

poisoning of the bloodstream, said Gwen Stafford, spokeswoman for University Medical Center of Lubbock. The Garcia baby died of "multi-organ system failure," meaning he was born with many problems.

She said the hospital correctly identified the babies with bracelets and toe tags and paperwork and placed them in caskets for transport by Kennedy.

A Kennedy employee who picked up the bodies verified in a meeting with police and hospital officials Sunday that the babies were correctly identified when they were picked up, Ms. Stafford said.

But spokesmen for Hillcrest Funeral Home and Martin Funeral Home in El Paso said they received the wrong bodies.

Three white laborers arrested in attack on black tourist

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Three white men have been arrested in an attack on a black tourist who was abducted, doused with gasoline and set on fire in a field, a racist note left nearby.

Jeff Ray Pellet, 17, Mark A. Kohut, 26, and Charles P. Rourke, 33, were jailed without bail Wednesday on charges of attempted murder,

armed kidnapping and armed robbery charges in the New Year's Day attack on Christopher Wilson.

Authorities said the three abducted Wilson at gunpoint from a suburban shopping center and forced him to drive his boss' car 15 miles to a field, where he was robbed, subjected to racial slurs and set on fire.

A note found nearby read: "One less nigger, one more to go" and was signed "KKKK," Sheriff Cal Henderson said.

Wilson, 31, of New York City was in serious condition at Tampa General Hospital, recuperating from skin-graft surgery. He was burned over 40 percent of his body.

Investigators released sketches of the suspects on Tuesday and the sheriff said a tipster led to the arrest of the three, all day laborers in Plant City.

Wilson was said to have told friends his attackers taunted him by saying: "You're a nigger, boy, and you're going to die. One more to go."

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