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ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AP) — An American oil worker held captive in Iraq for almost seven months returned home today with the U.S. senator who negotiated his release.

"I will say I was not mistreated and was nothing more than a political pawn... They needed something to open a dialogue, something to gain recognition from the Western world, including of course the United States," said Kenneth Beaty, 45, of Mustang, Okla.

The Texas native, formerly of Borger, who arrived here this morning on an Air Force jet with Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., was freed Monday after Boren met with Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz, in Baghdad. Boren said today that Congressman Bill Sarpalius played a key role gaining support for Beaty's release in the House of Representatives. Beaty's parents live near Borger in Sarpalius' district.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of the North American Free Trade Agreement hope to reap a vote bonanza from deals on wheat, citrus fruit and other items as the clock ticks down to Wednesday's House decision on the pact.

An Associated Press survey found that President Clinton and his congressional backers had 193 likely votes for the agreement, trailing the apparent 203 votes in opposition. That left 38 publicly undeclared lawmakers, with supporters needing 218 votes to prevail. (See story on Page 2.)

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The ancient Aztecs delighted in chocolate as a hot drink, but U.S. candy makers are counting on the Mexican who said "A sweet tooth knows no borders" to expand exports under free trade. Mexicans are showing mixed feelings about an invasion of made-in-the-USA chocolate bars, which would increase dramatically under the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement. Bitter-tasting Mexican chocolates have long been a favorite here. But more and more Mexicans in this nation of 85 million people are reaching for the American-made chocolate bar to the tune of \$76 million last year.

WASHINGTON (AP) — During the year he waited for Social Security benefits, Fabius Buras had to stop driving, sell his beloved taxicab and turn to charity for food and money.

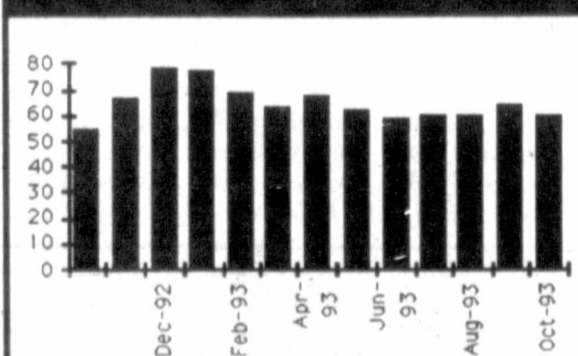
Depressed by the loss of his income after two strokes, Buras twice tried to kill himself. Across the country, thousands of injured or ill workers like Buras are waiting for Social Security to decide their claims for disability benefits. Some go hungry, others lose their homes. Families fall apart, people die on the waiting list. And though Congress recently boosted Social Security's budget by \$320 million to pare the backlog and accelerate decisions, the agency's plans to hire more workers now appear tangled in the politics of streamlining government.

DALLAS (AP) — Attorneys for self-proclaimed spiritual adviser Terri Hoffman says she kept changing her bankruptcy filings not because she was hiding anything but because of the complexity of the forms.

"This is not a highly educated woman," attorney Shirley Baccus-Lobel said Monday on the first day of Ms. Hoffman's trial on charges of bankruptcy fraud. She is being tried on accusations she hid assets from the government in her filings. A trustee testified that five different times, after saying her bankruptcy filings were complete, Ms. Hoffman revised her bankruptcy filings after they were scrutinized by officials assigned to her case.

AUSTIN (AP) — State Treasurer Martha Whitehead promises if voters elect her next year, she'll work to put herself out of office by abolishing her agency. "The people of this state are truly desperate to see this kind of reform happen," Mrs. Whitehead, a Democrat who draws a \$79,247-a-year salary, said.

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Commission names new county attorney

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS News Editor

Todd Alvey has been appointed to fill the slot of Gray County attorney beginning Jan. 1.

Alvey was selected Monday by Gray County commissioners to replace retiring County Attorney Bob McPherson. The local attorney was chosen in a 3-2 vote over applicant Assistant District Attorney Tracey Jennings Blades. Voting for Alvey were Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy, Commissioner Precinct 3 Gerald Wright and Commissioner Precinct 4 Ted Sim-

mons. Voting for Blades were Commissioner Precinct 1 Joe Wheeley and Commissioner Precinct 2 Jim Greene.

Kennedy said this morning that both applicants are well qualified for the job which pays \$33,800 per year plus retirement, major medical insurance and \$5,000 life insurance benefits.

Charges of driving while intoxicated will be pursued with more enthusiasm that currently, said Alvey today. Within a short time of moving here, he said, it came to his attention that local law enforcement believes DWI prosecution is weak.

Alvey said he is committed to vigorous prosecution of drug related offenses.

"I will try to do my part to stop the drug problem in Pampa," said the attorney.

Other facets of the County Attorney's job which he will continue include using the Family Code to file protective orders on behalf of people alleging abuse and co-operation with the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in filing civil actions on behalf of children. The collection of "hot checks" will continue.

Alvey plans to employ his

personal secretary Kim Dalton in the office of County Attorney to assist him. Dalton will

replace Doris Robbins, secretary to Bob McPherson.

The "hot check" clerk has not been named though Alvey said he has an individual in mind.

The transition is scheduled to begin immediately, said Alvey, who will go on the payroll in

January. McPherson has agreed to let Alvey observe him at work and to become familiar with pending cases.

Alvey plans to maintain a civil practice. His current load of court appointed criminal cases will be reassigned and private criminal cases handled by others.

The newly-appointed attorney will face the voters in November, and they will decide whether to keep him for two more years to fill all of McPherson's unexpired term. The next election for the full four year term will be in 1996.



Alvey

Winter weather returns

Katie Cook, a Pampa Middle School eighth grader, was bundled up against the cold today as panhandle residents were greeted this morning with a cold wet dawn. Although temperatures generally hovered above the freezing point, the Department of Public Safety today warned motorists of slick spots on highways, particularly around



bridges and overpasses. Forecasts call for clearing skies tonight and warmer temperatures tomorrow. But the National Weather Services said showers could return by Friday. It is expected to be colder this weekend with highs Saturday in the mid to upper 30 degree range. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Pampa business supports NAFTA

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK Staff Writer

With the intense lobbying by the White House and a vote too close to call in the Senate, the North American Free Trade Agreement seems to enjoy strong support among Pampa businesses and their leaders.

Bill Waters, president of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's board of director, said he supports NAFTA.

"Everything I've read and heard about it, would indicate that it would have a positive impact for Texas," said Waters.

Waters said he expects the legislation to help open the door to markets for area businesses previously not as open.

IRI (International) manufactures drilling and oil field reworking equipment and Mexico has quite an oil industry and hopefully freer trade would mean a company like IRI could sell to an advantage there," he said. "They're already selling in many European and Asian companies and hopeful this could give them a leg up in Mexico."

As for IRI International, Victor Raymond, president of the Pampa plant, said he sees NAFTA as a benefit.

"Anytime you can get borders opened up, it has to be good for both countries in the long run," he said. "And anytime we can get access to a market like Mexico without them having to pay large duties is beneficial."

If it doesn't pass, Raymond said the effects could appear at future negotiations with Asian and European countries.

"It's going to sent a significant message to the world. You might as well keep your barriers up, because the United States is going to keep it up too," he said.

Jerry Moore, plant manager of the Hoechst Celanese plant in Pampa, said that by eliminating trade barriers even more than they have been, greater trade between Mexico, the United States and Canada would be possible.

"We believe that it would be positive for Hoechst Celanese because we have an on going trade relationship with Mexico," he said. "We have production facilities in Mexico as well as in the United States and in Canada. We operate on a North American basis as opposed to just a U.S. or Mexican or Canadian basis."

Book reading on decline among older students

By CAROLE FELDMAN AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seventeen-year-olds think it is more important to learn math and computer skills than to read. And only 42 percent spend time each week reading books other than homework, according to a survey on children's reading habits.

Nine-year-olds are twice as likely to read books as are 17-year-olds, the survey found. Some 86 percent said they do so at least a few times a week. The survey was released today by the American Federation of Teachers, a union, and Chrysler Corp.

"Reading is necessary for mastering all other subjects," said AFT President Albert Shanker. "The good reader is excited about what they read; the poor reader only sees words and letters. The more you read, the more background knowledge you possess."

The survey offered a few explanations for the decline in reading between ages 9 and 17.

"The preteen and teen years are ones of intense interest in social interaction, which puts more solitary activities such as reading at a severe disadvantage for capturing young people's attention and involvement," it said.

Only 14 percent of the youths said reading would be the hardest activity to give up in a week; 34 percent cited playing sports, and 26 percent cited talking on the telephone.

If given an extra hour each day, half said they would spend it with friends and one-quarter said they would play more sports. Twelve percent said they would spend the extra time reading books or magazines.

The survey also found that "young Americans are consumed with the importance of mathemat-

ics and computers, to the detriment of reading and writing."

Sixty-five percent said math skills are the most or second most important ones to learn; 34 percent said the same about reading.

Fifty-four of those who watched five hours of television or more each day read only occasionally; 63 percent of those who watched one hour or less characterized themselves as active or moderate readers.

The survey found that more than 50 percent of students read for fun and pleasure, while only 30 percent read for facts and information.

While the percentage of youths reading books declines dramatically from ages 9 to 17, the percentage of those who read newspapers quadruples, from 21 percent to 83 percent, the survey said.

Ruth Graves, president of Reading is Fundamental, said reading newspapers is not enough.

"A newspaper tells you what is. It doesn't tell you what you can imagine can be," she said. "It doesn't take you off on the imaginative trips that a book can take you."

She said parents have a responsibility to let children know that reading is important in their lives.

"When the children see their parents reading, they understand that it is a value," she said. "Just reading aloud 10 minutes a day can make a very large difference."

A survey last year by the teachers federation and Chrysler found that only one in three parents share reading activities with children after age 9.

"Parents and students should be discussing books on family hikes, at the dinner table or while in the family car," said Tom Mooney, AFT vice president and president of the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers.

Slain students may have been fleeing drug debt

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two suspects were detained today over the deaths of two college students shot execution-style in a vacant lot, police said.

The victims may have been fleeing a \$6,000 drug debt, police reports indicate.

The two suspects were taken into custody at a south Fort Worth apartment complex, said a police dispatcher who declined to give his name. Further details were not immediately released.

One of the victims, Channing Elizabeth Freelove, 19, earlier in the week had asked her parents for \$6,000 to pay her drug dealer, according to police reports released Monday. She told them she had been dealing

narcotics and that 10 pounds of marijuana had been stolen from her apartment. Her parents did not give her the money, the reports said.

A week before her death, Freelove went to a friend and asked for help in getting the marijuana back.

"If I don't come up with the money or pot in two weeks, he's going to kill me," the 20-year-old woman, who asked not to be identified by name, recalled Freelove saying. "He's not joking; he's serious. This is my life."

Freelove and her best friend Melanie Golchert, 18, were last seen alive Friday night when they told friends and relatives they were going out to celebrate Freelove's birthday.

Baker star readers



Second graders Cameron Seger, left, and Zachary Woodruff were among Baker School students awarded T-shirts Monday by Pampa Aftusa Club members for their reading accomplishments. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Outside expert faults FBI 'mind-set' for Branch Davidian assault

By CAROLYN SKORNECK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI fell victim to a "law enforcement mind-set" in ignoring expert advice and launching a tear-gas assault against a religious cult's complex that led to 85 deaths, an outside authority says.

The FBI could have avoided last spring's debacle near Waco, Texas, if it had heeded its negotiators and behavioral experts who opposed pressure tactics, wrote Alan Stone, a Harvard University professor of law and psychiatry.

Instead, he wrote, the bureau succumbed to the "gut instinct" of the "law enforcement mind-set, the action-control imperative" in dealing with the Branch Davidians, led by David Koresh.

Stone's report was released Monday, five weeks after the Justice Department, an outside evaluator and nine other experts issued findings. He said he used their work and conducted additional studies to pursue unanswered questions. The department hired him and the

other consultants to recommend how to deal with similar cases in the future.

On April 19 after a 1 1/2-month siege, the FBI used an armored vehicle to punch holes in the buildings and poured tear gas through the holes. Shortly thereafter, flames engulfed the complex.

"If you're really concerned there are 25 innocent children there, then it's never too late to back off," Stone said in an interview Monday, rejecting the notion that "the tragedy was unavoidable."

The cult residents, including 25 infants and children, died after the fire broke out. Stone conceded that the Branch Davidians set the fire and killed themselves.

Left unclear was whether the FBI, in urging Attorney General Janet Reno to approve the tear-gas plan, told her "that the agency had rejected the advice of their own experts in behavioral science and negotiation, or whether the AG was told that FBI negotiators believed they could get more people out of the compound by negotiation."

"By the time the AG made her decision, the noose was closed and, as one agent told me, the FBI believed

that had 'three options — gas, gas and gas,'" Stone wrote.

He called it "a misguided and punishing law-enforcement strategy."

Stone also criticized the use of CS gas and questioned whether the FBI gave Reno sufficient information on its dangers.

Reno had no comment, but the FBI said Stone's report "went awry in suggesting the FBI failed to do everything within its power to bring the case to a peaceful conclusion without loss of life."

The siege began Feb. 28 with a raid by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that turned into a shoot-out that killed four ATF agents and six Davidians.

Regarding the CS gas, Stone did not accuse the FBI of deliberately withholding information from Reno but said the information she got "seems to minimize the potential harmful consequences for infants and children."

Criticizing the briefing the FBI gave him on the gas, Stone said that if Reno got the same information, "she was ill-advised and made an ill-advised decision."

Stone said a 1972 report found that a normal infant exposed to the gas in an enclosed home for up to three hours was hospitalized with numerous serious ailments, from his skin turning blue from lack of oxygen to an enlarged liver.

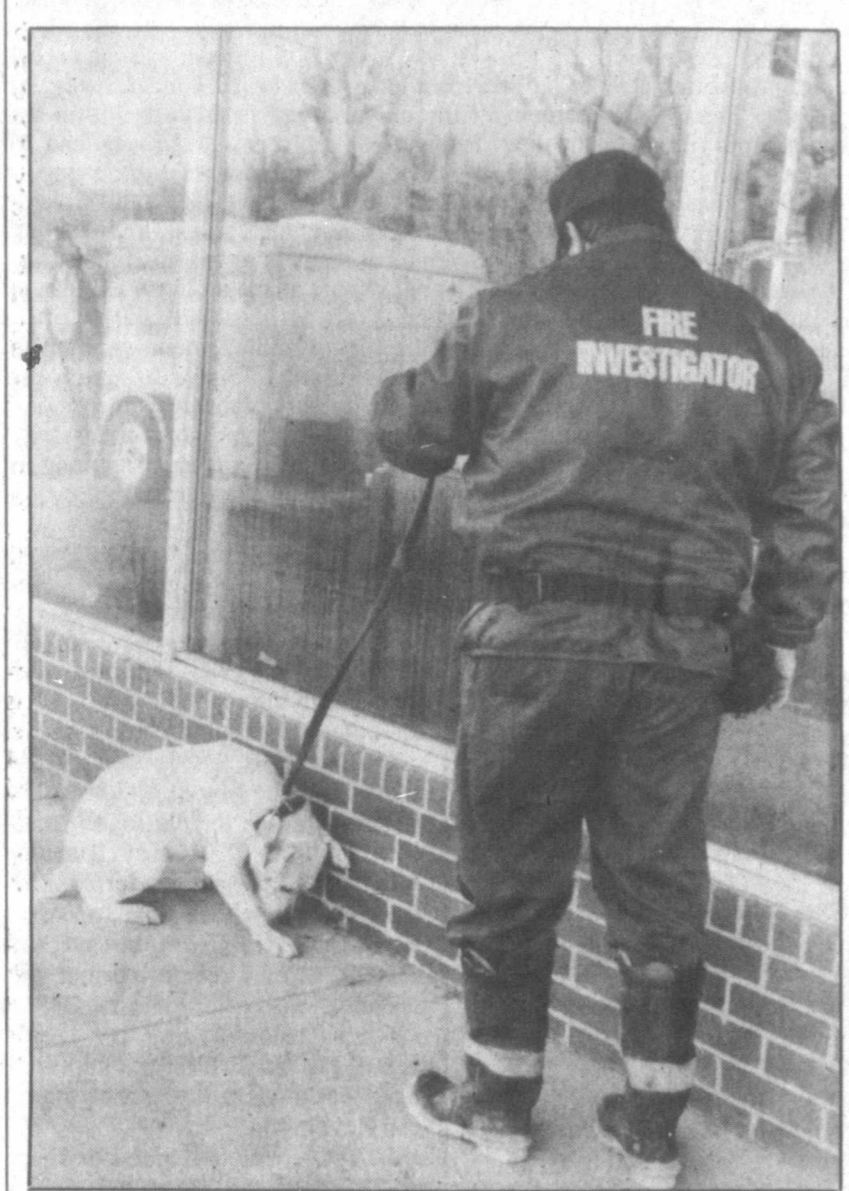
Although Stone raised the possibility that some of the children who suffocated could have been felled by the gas, Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said there was no evidence of that.

The FBI said it consulted a world expert on CS who told with numerous doctors about its effect on children, and noted that Reno and FBI officials extensively interviewed that person and two military experts.

In addition, the bureau said it negotiated for nearly two months and a number of people left the compound as a result.

A Justice Department chronology of the standoff said Reno approved the plan after the FBI provided a detailed report on the situation, but that Reno "did not read the prepared statement carefully, nor did she read the supporting documentation provided along with the statement."

Candy the fire dog



Mark Cheney, the assistant regional director and canine handler for Region 2 of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, and Candy search for evidence of material capable of fueling a fire Monday morning in front of Johnson Home Furnishings at 801 W. Francis. The furniture store was severely damaged in a fire early Sunday morning. Candy, 13 months old, was provided to the State Fire Marshal's Office by the State Farm Insurance Company and has undergone approximately eight months of specialized training at a fire school in Maine, according to Cheney. Candy is the only dog in Texas to be certified in the investigation of fires, Cheney said. (Pampa News photo by Randal K. McGavock)

Boy blames co-defendant for death

PRESTON, England (AP) — One of the two schoolboys accused of killing a toddler told police his co-defendant battered the child with bricks and a heavy iron bar, according to an interview played in court today.

The boy, who can only be identified by the media as Child A, is heard saying that he tried to restrain Child B from hitting 2-year-old James Bulger in the face with a brick.

Child A claimed he ran away at that point, but under questioning he said he saw Child B hit James with a second brick and then knock him out with the iron bar, which weighs 20 pounds.

When a police officer asked if the toddler's face was "mashed" by the brick, Child A first asks to have the word explained, then said: "I couldn't see because he'd fell onto the floor and blood was just pouring everywhere."

Although the child refers to a floor, the battering took place near a railway line, where James' body was found.

The two 11-year-old boys are charged with the abduction and murder of James Bulger, who was taken from a Liverpool shopping mall Feb. 12. The 2-year-old was led about two miles to the track.

Both boys, who were 10 at the time

of the crime, have pleaded innocent. Prosecutors say Child B has confessed to the crime while Child A told police he only watched. Since they are under age 14, the prosecution must prove they knew right from wrong.

As the trial resumed today, jurors heard the tape of the fifth police interview with Child A and part of the sixth. As the interviews continued, police became increasingly firm with Child A, confronting him with forensic evidence such as blood on his right shoe.

Child A said James was crying for his mother. He started crying when Child B threw paint in his eye, and continued to cry until he was knocked out.

A police officer is heard explaining to Child A how blood samples and other evidence are gathered by a pathologist in the hospital, where the body was taken.

"So you've taken him to try to get him alive again?" Child A asked.

Child A is heard crying at several points. The first time his sobs were heard today, his mother began crying in the courtroom.

Child A's lawyer, his mother and two police officers were present during the interviews, which were conducted at a police station Feb. 18 and 19.

Commission continues city manager search

The Pampa City Commission will meet in executive session today to discuss the appointment of a new city manager.

The mayor and commissioners are scheduled for an executive session at 5 p.m. in the City Commission chamber on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

Pampa's city manager position became vacant in July when the former city manager, Glen Hackler, accepted the assistant city manager position in Midland.

To date, three candidates have been interviewed for the position: Fred Hays of Oklahoma City, a research associate and former city manager for a number of Texas cities; Gary D. Greer, the city man-

ager of Kearney, Neb.; and Randall L. Gastafson, the city manager of Sterling, Colo.

Following the executive session, the commission will reconvene into regular session to take any action.

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Students urged to report use of illicit drugs, alcohol and tobacco

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Pampa High School students are urged to help in monitoring the campus for evidence of illicit drugs, alcohol or tobacco products, a school official said.

Assistant Principal John Kendall said he has received three complaints from PHS students so far this school year concerning illicit drugs observed near the campus.

None of the three cases led to punitive action against the students because "we have not been able to find proof" of the alleged incidents, Kendall added. All three cases were referred to Pampa police, he said.

Pampa school district prohibits possession or consumption of illicit drugs, alcohol or tobacco products on school grounds.

Kendall said he encourages students to meet with him on a confidential basis and report any evi-

dence of drug, alcohol or tobacco related violations of school district policy.

"We take every kid who comes in here and tells us of anything," Kendall said. "Any time we have a report (from a student), we check it out."

Kendall can be reached from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at the main office on the first floor of PHS or elsewhere on campus, or by calling him at his office number of 669-4800.

Asked about a concern expressed recently by PHS student body president Michael Foote that the PHS administration has not adequately publicized its receptiveness to drug- or alcohol-related complaints, Kendall replied, "We tell the kids that our offices are open. I feel like the kids know that they can come in and visit with me — or with teachers."

Kendall noted that there are anti-drug and anti-alcohol posters dis-

played throughout the high school building and that students are told during freshman orientation to report any cases they observe of illicit drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products on campus. The issue is also addressed in the student handbook, Kendall said.

In an interview last week, Foote encouraged students to avail themselves of Kendall's services. "I think that any student at PHS who knows of someone who uses (illicit) drugs or alcohol should report that to Mr. Kendall," the student body president said.

Foote expressed agreement with a recent comment by the PHS student newspaper editor, Rachel Beck, that illicit drugs are a leading issue for the PHS student body.

"I agree that we have a drug problem at this school," Foote said. "It is very apparent, whether people want to admit it or not."

Foote's comment came as Lesley

Koetting, coordinator of the Pampa ISD Student Assistance Program, planned to discuss with administrators the results of a spring 1993 survey on illicit drug and alcohol consumption by PHS students. Koetting declined to discuss the survey results with *The Pampa News*, saying that the administration plans to present the matter at a school board meeting in the near future.

Foote speculated last week that fewer than one-fourth of PHS students have taken illicit drugs at least once, and that approximately one-half of PHS students have drunk alcohol at least once.

Foote praised Koetting, a state-certified drug and alcohol abuse counselor, saying "she's doing a great job of helping kids with problems and helping with the (anti-drug) D-FY-IT program."

Koetting is sponsor of D-FY-IT at PHS; PHS junior Richard Williams is president of the group.

Gray County Republicans name new officers, precinct chairmen

The Gray County Republican executive committee today released the names of their new officers and those named to fill precinct chair positions.

According to Carolyn Stroud, county vice-chair, the executive committee met Monday night to select new officers and fill remaining precinct chair positions. The committee confirmed appointments made by Tom Mechler, county chair.

Linda Dyson was named treasurer; Bob Bruce, assistant treasurer;

Lynn Ray, secretary; and Judy Wood, assistant secretary.

Named as Republican precinct chairs were Janyth Bowers, Precinct 3; June Hall, Precinct 7; Jim Kochick, Precinct 8; Betty Lyman, Precinct 9; Evelyn White, Precinct 10; Randy Milligan, Precinct 11; Joy Thomas, Precinct 12; Elizabeth Meers, Precinct 13; and Eric West, Precinct 14.

These new precinct chairs join the current members of the executive committee, Stroud said.

They include Mike Shedeck,

Precinct 1; Chuck Morgan, Precinct 2; Jeff Haley, Precinct 4; Linda McAnear, Precinct 5; Jean Sims, Precinct 6; and Martha Earhart, Precinct 15.

Mechler emphasized at the meeting, Stroud said, the importance of all Republicans working together and clearly explaining to the citizens of Gray County that the Republican Party is the party of conservatives.

"The term 'conservative Democrat' is an oxymoron, like saying a red orange," Mechler said. "The

two terms do not correspond. The Democratic Party is a party of liberals who are trying to push our country into complete socialism. You wouldn't expect a liberal to be a member of the John Birch Society. Why would a conservative want to embrace the liberal Democratic Party Platform?"

Stroud said the Republican Party anticipates a full slate of candidates for the upcoming election.

Candidate filing for the Republican Party primary begins Dec. 3 and ends at 6 p.m. Jan. 3.

Source: Police want to strip-search Michael

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police have a warrant to strip-search Michael Jackson to corroborate a 13-year-old boy's allegations he was molested, a source says.

Jackson's lawyers, meanwhile, said the pop superstar was not trying to duck the criminal investigation when he checked into a drug rehabilitation center overseas.

"If Michael Jackson wanted an excuse to stay out of the United States, all he had to do is stay on his tour," lawyer Bertram Fields said. "This is his home. He's coming back. ... He doesn't intend to desert the United States."

A source speaking on condition of anonymity said Los Angeles police had obtained a warrant to check the boy's description of spots on Jackson's genitals. In February, the singer revealed he had a skin condition known as vitiligo, which can produce white patches.

"We know nothing about it," Jackson lawyer Howard Weitzman said Monday. "We are not con-

cerned about those issues in the case. We don't believe it, period."

The boy's attorney, Larry Feldman, refused to comment.

Jackson canceled his "Dangerous" concert tour Friday, saying the pressures of the investigation led to an addiction to the painkillers he was taking after recent scalp surgery for burns he suffered while making a Pepsi commercial in 1984.

Fields said a U.S. drug rehabilitation center would not have afforded the privacy Jackson needs to treat the addiction. The lawyer refused to say where Jackson was, although the singer's last stop was a hotel in the French Alps.

The boy sued the 35-year-old Jackson in September, claiming he was molested. No criminal charges have been filed, and Jackson's representatives say the allegations stemmed from a \$20 million extortion attempt by the boy's father.

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Opinion

Everyone seeks to silence others

Democrats in general and liberals in particular don't like Rush Limbaugh, and their dislike is understandable. The conservative radio talk-show host pokes fun daily at their president and ridicules their pet political causes.

But their dislike for Limbaugh would never translate into an intolerant effort to force him off the air, would it?

Think again. Some Democrats in Congress are trying to revive the Fairness Doctrine, a defunct federal regulation that would require radio stations that broadcast Limbaugh to offer a competing liberal viewpoint, even if ratings wouldn't justify the alternative program. The rule, if passed into law, would effectively discourage stations from carrying Limbaugh's program.

Apparently, many rank-and-file Democrats agree with the intent.

In a recent Time-CNN poll, Americans were asked, "Do you think the government should allow radio stations to air a program in which the host has a politically conservative doctrine and makes fun of the president, first lady, female activists and liberals in general, as Rush Limbaugh does?"

For any true freedom-loving, First-Amendment-hugging American, the answer should be easy: of course not. Government should never force anyone off the air because of their political views.

A majority of those responding agreed, saying "yes," the government should allow programs such as Limbaugh's to be broadcast. But the majority was not as decisive as it should have been. While 58 percent said "yes," such programs should be allowed, a sizable 34 percent said "no." And, in a revealing breakout of the results, 48 percent of Democrats polled answered "no," government shouldn't allow programs that tout conservative doctrine and make fun of the president.

Liberals are the folks who are forever preaching "tolerance" and "diversity." But if someone espouses a view or attempts to live a life that challenges their orthodoxy, they are usually the first to enlist the force of government on their side.

Not that conservatives, Democrats or Republicans, can claim a much better record. Too many of us can recall the days of McCarthyism, when fear was used to silence many in the name of freedom. And conservatives tend to tout more government-enforced moves toward censorship — in the arts, movies, television, books, whatever — as though they would prefer not to hear of the First Amendment.

It seems that everyone wants to silence someone in this "land of the free."

Lessons on crime and poverty

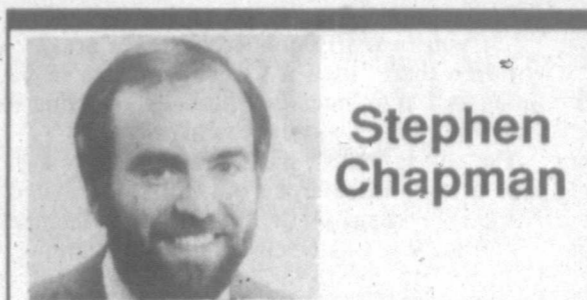
Having gotten lost after dark on a stroll around Bonn at the end of October, I found myself on a poorly lit street without another soul in sight and felt a twinge of the anxiety any American feels when alone in urban darkness. Turning a corner, I spied an elderly woman hobbling along with a cane, who was so confident of her security that she didn't even glance up as I strode past.

Upon visiting Europe for the first time in 10 years, I spent a lot of time pondering not what the Germans have but what they apparently lack: crime and poverty. Germany is one of those democracies that have attained prosperity and personal freedom without the social maladies that so mar life in the United States.

American liberals argue that Western Europe, where the welfare state is broader and more generous, has a lot to teach Americans about building a more civilized society. Germans are not averse to making the same suggestion. But anyone who assumes that we can duplicate European successes with European policies, or that Europe is immune to the hazards of paternalism, is making a mistake.

It's true that violent crime is at least four times more common in the United States than in Western Europe. But when you compare the United States with three non-European countries with European-style systems, you find that some types of crime are less prevalent here. In 1984, the most recent year studied, burglary rates were 40 percent higher in Canada, Australia and New Zealand than in the United States. They also surpassed us in auto theft.

Nor is crime ubiquitous in America. You can walk through any dark alley in North Dakota, Vermont or West Virginia without much risk to your person or property. The difference between the crime rate in Washington, D.C., or New York City and these



Stephen Chapman

places is a lot greater than the difference between the United States and Western Europe.

Charles Murray, author of *Losing Ground* and the most powerful critic of the American social welfare system, says he suspects the rate of crime among German-Americans or Swedish-Americans is probably no higher than the rate among Germans and Swedes. The statistics bear him out: Blacks commit serious crimes at about eight times the rate of whites.

There are all sorts of possible explanations why this particular racial minority is prone to crime. But the crucial fact is that large racial minorities are exactly what Western Europe generally lacks. Germany has never had to try to integrate into full citizenship a large black population that was brutally oppressed for centuries. The United States has — and no one should be surprised that it isn't easy.

What about the European conquest of poverty? In the United States, critics blame the welfare state for an epidemic of pathologies among the poor that breed more poverty — family breakdown, unemployment, drug use, alcoholism and crime. Liberals say that Western Europe shows you can assure cradle-to-grave security for everyone without promoting deviance.

For a time, you can. As Murray puts it, referring to

the vaunted Swedish model, "If you start with a country that is small geographically and ethnically homogeneous, with four centuries of Lutheran socialization, almost anything will work for a while."

But even there, the effect on behavior is corrosive. Today, more than half of all births in Sweden are out of wedlock — compared to about 30 percent here, which Americans think is scandalous. Illegitimacy rates in France and Britain, which 20 years ago were among the lowest in the industrialized world, are now among the highest, exceeding ours.

Western Europe has another problem that the United States has escaped — chronic high unemployment. In 1989, before the onset of the global recession, our jobless rate was lower than that of Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Britain. Writing in *The Public Interest*, Hoover Institution economist David Henderson points out that during the 1980s, job growth outstripped the expansion of the labor force in the United States but lagged behind in Germany and the European Community.

When you lose your job in Europe, you can expect to be idle for a long time. In the United States, 90 percent of the unemployed find work within six months, compared to 33 percent in Germany and 36 percent in France. The blame for Europe's unemployment woes, says Henderson, lies with "government subsidies that discourage people from finding jobs and government regulations that discourage hiring" — which are far more abundant in the EC than in the United States.

This is not the sort of achievement we want to import. Americans ought to strive to match the achievements of Europe in combating violence and poverty, but European solutions won't necessarily work for America. As Europeans are beginning to learn, they may not even work for Europe.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 1993. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 16, 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations. President Franklin D. Roosevelt sent a telegram to Soviet leader Maxim Litvinov in which he expressed hope that U.S.-Soviet relations would "forever remain normal and friendly."

On this date:

In 1776, British troops captured Fort Mifflin during the American Revolution.

In 1864, Union General William T. Sherman and his troops began their March to the Sea during the Civil War.

In 1885, Canadian rebel Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.



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Tricked or treated? No thanks

A leftover from the Halloween season:

I'd been out of town and hadn't returned home until late Sunday. I was watching Ed Bradley of *60 Minutes* explain how the Russians still had nuclear missiles aimed at me.

The fact there might be trick or treaters that evening had not occurred to me. Even if I had considered the possibility, I would have noted it was very unlikely.

The children would have done their trick or treating on Saturday night, one day before the official Halloween Day, rather than wait until Sunday, when Monday, a school day, loomed. Wouldn't they?

A cold front had just hit the city as well. A few flurries of snow would actually fall Monday morning.

But as Ed Bradley peered into a Russian missile silo, my doorbell rang.

It was two cute little girls in their Halloween costumes. Their father was with them.

I was caught completely treatless.

Ever try explaining to two little girls trick or treating, "Well, you know I've been out of town and I don't have a thing ..."

I reached into my wallet and pulled out two bucks apiece for them.

"I hope money is OK," I said.

They thanked me and their father thanked me and they were on their way.

I decided there may be more. I drove to a conve-



Lewis Grizzard

nience store and bought some cookies, a large bag of M&M's and some small, individually wrapped chocolate Dove bars in silver wrappers.

I drove back home.

An hour passed. The doorbell rang. I opened the door. It was dark but I could see I had been hit by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir of trick or treaters.

The children were pushing each other and their sacks further and further inside the door.

None was wearing costumes.

I began passing out silver-wrapped Dove bars.

"Look, mama!" one of the children screamed behind him to an adult, "he's giving out money."

Before I could explain, another kid said, "Naw, it ain't, it's just more candy."

The kids were gone. But still standing before me were four adults, one small woman and three men.

They didn't have costumes either. But they did have sacks.

I passed out everything I thought I had. But there was one man — probably in his early 20s — still standing in front of me with his sack opened. He was taller than I was.

I forgot about the M&M's and thought I had nothing left. I went to my refrigerator and found a pint of ice cream and dropped it into his sack. It hit bottom with a resounding thud. He left. Not one of the horde, including the adults — who came from who knows where — had thanked me.

I suddenly had a craving for sweets. I found the bag of M&M's and ate two. They had peanuts inside them. Another half hour passed. The doorbell rang again. There were two boys about 12. They were dressed as two boys of about 12. I got the bag of M&M's and began filling their sacks.

One took the candy and then stood there for five minutes, giving me a lecture on the fact I wasn't supposed to give out candy to trick-or-treaters from a sack that had already been opened.

"You don't have to take it," I said.

He took the candy and then he and his friend left with no thanks, either.

Next year on Halloween, I'm giving out strictly cash. You get thanked a lot more and nobody accuses you of trying to poison them.

Putting your family before football

I've seldom enjoyed a brouhaha more than the oil slick created when Houston Oilers right tackle David Williams played hooky from football recently to stay with his wife and newborn baby.

Let me say right up front that I didn't immediately side with Williams, except on his decision to be with his wife during her labor and the birth — which the Oilers brass had already given him permission to do, asking him to catch up with the team later. While I believe without argument that dads owe their families lots of time all year-round, except in circumstances beyond their control, Williams makes a lot of money to play a very few football games a year. I didn't think it unreasonable that the Oilers asked him to come play one of those games the day after his son was born.

And once the righteous indignation of columnists and commentators who couldn't believe the audacity of those ruffians who would TEAR A NEWBORN BABY RIGHT FROM HIS FATHER'S ARMS!!!! cleared away, we were left with an absorbing portrait of just how much attitudes about fatherhood have changed over the last couple of decades.

I was surprised at the unwillingness of younger men I talked with to find fault with Williams, who is 27 years old. But I'll never be sure if they really sided with him, or thought women might flay them alive if they didn't give the politically correct response. I thought it might just be a sign of their generation, a contrast to Dallas Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones, 51, whose son said he was "pretty" sure



Sarah Overstreet

that in a life-or-death situation, his father would choose him over football, although "it'd depend on the game."

Also a hug removed from Williams' generation is Oilers' offensive line coach Bob Young, 51, who compared the situation to being called up to war and refusing to go. "My wife told me she was having a baby and I said, 'Honey, I've got to go play a football game.' " Young, a former NFL star, was quoted as saying in *The New York Times*. He added: "David ... let the guys down, and he let hundreds of thousands of fans down."

Maybe that's why I was really surprised when men I knew in Williams' father's and grandfather's generations — guys I'd certainly define as "macho" — sided with the player. "Jeez, it's just a football game — where are our priorities?" a 62-year-old Korean War veteran, perhaps the macho-ist of the group, asked me. "The first moments of a child's life ... you're never gonna get them moments back."

Over and over again, I heard men talking like the Alan Alda-types a lot of women have been saying they wanted (at least when it comes to some things, like having kids) for the last 20 years. I hoped these men had not only begun to talk the talk, but were also walking the walk. It's one thing for a generation of men to graduate from pacing outside the waiting room to experiencing birth with their wives, and another for them to commit that kind of time to a child until it's grown.

Another conversation — unrelated but occurring in the middle of the Williams discussions — gives me hope. A 42-year-old friend, a divorced father sharing custody in the same city as his ex-wife, tells me that his 13-year-old son came home from school one day and thanked him for not moving away like his friends' divorced dads.

The father said, "One of them just spends a few weeks in the summer with his dad, and the other one sees his dad every couple of months. I told him, 'Son, there's no way I'd move. You're the most important thing in my life, and nothing could keep me away from you.'"

The boy's father, a popular television broadcaster, could probably make twice the money he makes by moving to a larger market.

May you live long and prosper, Scot Cooper Williams. May you grow to be as tall and strong as your dad, and may he teach you the pleasures of responsibility to family and dedication to work ... and the wisdom to keep them in balance.

Mexico's poor more concerned with daily struggles than border pollution

By **JOSH LEMIEUX**
Associated Press Writer

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — Home for Tomas Garcia is a shanty surrounded by a blowing, often-burning sprawl of garbage at the city dump.

Home for Maximino Camacho Hernandez is a farming community across the road from a giant chemical plant.

Most poorer Mexicans, such as Garcia and Comacho, are more worried about their daily struggle than about pollution, even though Mexico's environment has received attention during the debate over the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Mrs. Garcia, 37, who collects recyclables to help support her family, doesn't want to see the garbage better disposed. "Here one can find some shoes for the children," she said. "If they buried the garbage, how would we live?"

Camacho opposes government plans to move him from the house where he has lived for 50 years.

The government wants to relocate those living around Quimica Fluor to provide a 1.3-mile buffer zone to protect residents in the event of a chemical leak. The plant makes hydrofluoric acid for refrigerators and other uses.

"I've been here so many years since they put the Quimica in," said Camacho, a hearty 70-year-old farmer on horseback. "It never endangered me or my family."

Supporters say the treaty would ensure strict enforcement of Mexico's tough environmental laws and provide billions of dollars to clean up the 2,000-mile border with the United States.

Opponents say NAFTA would allow more unchecked growth and accompanying pollution. They argue that the NAFTA side agreement negotiated to satisfy environmental concerns is vague and lacks teeth.

They point to Carbon II, a \$1.6 billion coal-burning plant that was set for completion in 1996 about 150 miles southwest of San Antonio, Texas.

Amid pressure from environmentalists on both sides of the border, Southern California Edison Co. recently scrapped plans to operate the plant, which was expected to spew 120,000 tons of sulphur dioxide annually, polluting air in both countries.

"The problem is that no one really knows what will happen to the Mexican environment under NAFTA," said Homero Arijdis of the Mexico City-based environmental Group of 100. "What is really needed is an environmental impact report."

What few dispute is that Mexico must improve its environment, NAFTA or no NAFTA. And not just on the border.

From deforestation on the Yucatan peninsula to choking air pollution in Mexico City to untreated sewage and toxic sites throughout the republic, Mexico faces a sobering array of ecological problems.

Many emphasize Mexico's recent progress in environmental enforcement.

Officers for a new federal environmental enforcement agency now inspect and fine industries for environmental crimes. The state-owned oil company Petroleos Mexicanos was recently fined for a chemical spill in the southern state of Veracruz.

"Mexico, in four years, has had to try to move environmentally to where it has taken the United States 25 years to come," said Fred Quintana, executive director of the Matamoros Maquiladora Association, an industry group. "I think they should be given credit for that."

The companies themselves also are doing more, NAFTA supporters say.

Jose Rodriguez Anguiano, manager of a project to improve environmental practices of companies at the FINSA Industrial Park in Matamoros, said companies at the sprawling complex are investing in plants to treat their water discharges. Three such facilities are in operation.

Critics of the maquiladoras, as foreign-owned border assembly plants are known, say the water-treatment plants are long overdue. They say U.S. companies should do much more to clean up the border because the industries drew much of the uncontrolled growth of the last three decades.

The Matamoros dump is an example of how growth outstripped basic services in what grew from a small

border town just three decades ago to an industry-ringed city of about 500,000.

During a recent visit, fires smoldered throughout the 50-acre dump, despite anti-burning laws. Children played several feet from a hypodermic needle jutting from the dirt.

"Many years have passed in which these problems haven't been attended to," said Antonio Zamarripa Coronado, the Matamoros environmental-control director. "Taking care of the environment, with the treaty or without the treaty, is something we have to do."

Running east through the dump, an open canal carries most of the city's untreated sewage to Laguna de Barril along the Gulf of Mexico.

And blowing west to northwest, Gulf breezes carry smoke from burning garbage through neighborhoods of dusty shanties. The cloud often can be seen from Texas. Zamarripa said the city is planning two modern landfills so it can close the dump.

The city plans to build two new water-treatment plants and is working to clean out the canals, in some cases filling them with large pipes, Zamarripa said.

As he rode his horse past the imposing chemical plant, Camacho complained that he and his neighbors aren't being offered relocation money.

"There are many people who don't want to go," he says. "But if the government makes us move, what can we do?"

Government selects 105 colleges for its new direct student loan plan

By **LAURAN NEERGAARD**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Students at 105 colleges will get what Education Secretary Richard Riley calls "one-stop shopping" when they apply for government loans next year.

The Education Department unveiled its new direct loan program Monday, under which the government will lend students money instead of funneling the loans through banks and guarantor agencies that charge extra.

The Federal Direct Student Loan Program also will save taxpayers money by giving students a more generous repayment schedule that should lower the default rate, Riley said.

"We are on track to make good on our pledge to save taxpayers \$4.3 billion in the course of the next five years," he said. "Parents and students will appreciate one-stop shopping."

Congress enacted the program earlier this year at President Clinton's urging.

In its first phase, 105 schools will offer direct loans to nearly 300,000 students next year, accounting for 5 percent of the nation's total new student loans.

The following year, nearly half of the schools that provide federal student aid will offer direct loans. By 1998, these loans will make up 60 percent of all student lending.

"This is going to help us all," said Kassahun Tefera, a junior at the University of the District of Columbia, which will offer direct loans next year. "Now it's so confusing with all the papers to fill out."

"You shouldn't have to have an MBA in finance to understand how to get and process a loan," Riley agreed.

Now, students apply for loans through colleges under the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Banks provide the money and the government pays the loan's interest until the student leaves school. If a student defaults, one of 47 guarantor agencies repays the lender and then tries to collect the debt.

The government estimates direct loans could save taxpayers \$4.3 billion in five years, from the fees it pays lenders and from fewer defaults. In fiscal 1993, for example, default costs totaled \$2.5 billion.

Students will save immediately. Banks now charge 8 percent in up-front fees for federal student loans. The program changes that to 4 percent, a savings of \$120 on a \$3,000 loan.

Starting in 1995, the program also will lower the loan's interest rate.

The 105 participating schools were picked from 900 applicants that now participate in federal student loan program, have a default rate less than 25 percent and can electronically process loan applications or are installing the machinery to do so.

They include several large state schools, such as the universities of Florida, Michigan and Illinois, Ivy League schools such as Harvard, Cornell and Brown, and trade schools such as the Faust Institute of Cosmetology in Storm Lake, Iowa.

When a student applies for a direct loan, the college will electronically send the application to the Education Department, which will in 72 hours decide if the student is eligible and send a check.

But not everybody believes direct lending is the way to go. American Student Assistance, the nation's oldest student loan guarantor, said the industry is reforming itself, to make applying for and repaying loans simpler.

"The current public-private partnership is the best way to serve the interests of students, schools and taxpayers," said President Daniel Cheever.

TEXAS SCHOOLS

The Texas schools authorized by the government to provide direct student loans:

- Dalfort Aircraft Tech., Dallas, Proprietary.
- Prairie View A&M Univ., Prairie View, Public 4-year.
- Southwest Texas State Univ., San Marcos, Public 4-year.
- Tarrant County Junior Colg., Fort Worth, Public, 2-year.

Parachutist dies in stunt



A British tourist plunged 25 floors to his death when his parachute failed to open after he jumped from the top of an apartment building as a stunt in Sydney, Australia, police said. Jason Rooney, 24, of Befont, England [seen above as he descends a building by rope in April 1993 in Sydney], attempted the stunt Monday night from the roof of the Blues Point Tower building on the shore of Sydney Harbor. Friends said the dead man was well-known as a BASE (Building, Aerial, Span and Earth) jumper in Britain and Europe. That type of jumping is illegal in Australia because it's so dangerous.

Tribe sues Texas for land

MIDLAND (AP) — An Indian tribe in Oklahoma is trying to force the State of Texas to carry out an 1866 promise to provide a league of land for a homestead.

A lawsuit was filed Monday in Midland on behalf of the approximately 300 remaining members of the Tonkawa tribe, which now lives on a reservation outside Ponca City, Okla.

"This case ultimately involves the issue of whether the state will live up to its promises to the Tonkawas, a tribe of Indians who repeatedly sacrificed their lives in the defense of the citizens of Texas," the lawsuit said.

In the 1866 act, the Texas Legislature enacted an act promising a league of land — 4,428 acres, or almost 9 square miles — to be used for a home-land for the Tonkawas.

Ken Bellard of Ponca City, Okla., attorney for the tribe, said the Tonkawas were friendly to and allied closely with Texans throughout the period leading up to the formation of the Republic of Texas, its admission to statehood, and the Civil War.

Members of the tribe tipped off Texans on a Union-organized Indian raid on Texas in 1862, thwarting the

Court refuses death row inmate appeals

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused, without comment, to hear the appeals of three Texas death row inmates.

The court took the action Monday in the cases of Denton Crank, Roy Gene Smith and Monty Allen Delk.

Crank, 38, who won a late reprieve from lethal injection by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans in June, was convicted for the 1984 slaying of a grocery store employee in Houston.

Crank's attorney, Dan Wannamaker, had raised several appellate issues, including a complaint that jurors in Crank's trial were not allowed to consider evidence that his client was abused as a child. Wannamaker said Monday his client still has an appeal before the 5th Circuit.

Smith, 35, was convicted in the

Four Buddhist monks sentenced to jail terms for demonstrations

By **GEORGE ESPER**
AP Special Correspondent

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — A court has sentenced four Buddhist monks to jail terms of up to four years on charges of disturbing public order for their part in a demonstration last spring.

The sentences were handed down Monday by a People's Court in Hue following a Vietnamese crackdown on religious demonstrations protesting government restrictions.

In a broader implication, the monks drew the support of human rights groups and U.S. officials who said the trial was unfair and threatened normalization of relations with the United States, which Vietnam has been pushing.

Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., in a Nov. 8 letter to Secretary of State Warren Christopher, said the monks were being tried "solely for the non-violent expression of their religious beliefs."

"I have serious doubts that the trial of the monks, which began Nov. 1 behind closed doors, will conform to international human rights standards," Bradley wrote. "The accused have been denied access to legal counsel of their own choice. The government-controlled media has waged a countrywide campaign against them, in violation of their right to a presumption of innocence."

Bradley urged Christopher to raise these concerns with Vietnamese authorities. "As the United States and Vietnam move toward normalization of relations, it is important that respect for human rights be an integral part of the U.S.-Vietnam dialogue," he said.

Kenneth P. Hutchison, executive director of the Asian-American Free Labor Institute in Washington, wrote to Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet Nov. 5 that the Vietnamese government was making a "grave mistake" putting the Buddhists on trial

at a time when Hanoi is seeking to normalize relations with the United States.

"In preceding down this path, you are adding another roadblock to the establishment of good relations with the United States," Hutchison said.

A spokesman for the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the court "judged the citizens who committed the public disorder, not the Buddhists."

"The severe punishment to the troublemakers is a normal thing in any other country," the statement said. "The court was open and followed the correct criminal prosecuting procedures of Vietnam. There is no ground to say the judgment was unfair."

Venerable Thich Tri Tuu, the superior monk at the Linh Mu Pagoda in Hue, and Venerable Thich Hai Tang, superior monk at the Long An Pagoda in Quang Tri, drew the stiffest sentences — four years each.

Venerables Thich Hai Thanh and Thich Hai Chanh of the Linh Mu Pagoda in Hue were sentenced to three years each.

The Vietnam Committee on Human Rights in Paris said 40,000 Buddhists demonstrated in Hue last May 24, the biggest public protest against the Communist government since it took power in 1975.

The committee said in a statement that authorities in Hue confirmed that the trial began in secret on Nov. 1, as Bradley charged.

"The proceedings began behind closed doors, without any prior warning either to the accused, to their families, or to the press," the committee said. "The authorities tried to avoid diplomatic intervention by deliberately creating confusion about the date of the trial. A number of Western governments who requested the presence of diplomatic observers during court proceedings were informed that the trial had been postponed," the committee added.

New films try to get jump on holiday movie season

By **JOHN HORN**
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They were one for all and all for one, and this week *The Three Musketeers* were also No. 1 at the box office.

The movie made \$10.6 million in its debut weekend. It is expected to face a stiff challenge for the top spot next week, however, from *Addams Family Values*, which opens Friday.

The Three Musketeers was one of three films making their weekend debut in wide release, and they finished one-two-three at the box office.

Carlito's Way earned \$9.1 million for second place, reversing fortunes for director Brian De Palma whose other recent films, *The Bonfire of the Vanities* and *Raising Cain* had been chokers.

The third new film in wide release, *My Life* with Michael Keaton, made \$5.536 million for third place.

In limited release, the sequel *Ernest Rides Again* broke down, playing to near-empty theaters for a total gross of \$905,000.

Fourth place went to Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas* with \$5.47 million. *Cool Runnings* collected \$3.4 million for fifth place.

Here are the weekend's top 10 films, according to Exhibitor Relations. Estimated ticket sales are from Friday through Sunday, with distributor, weekend gross, number

of North American theater locations, average per location, total gross and number of weeks in release.

Figures are based on actual receipts and projections where actual figures were not available.

1. *The Three Musketeers*, Disney, \$10.6 million, 2,069 locations, \$5,134 per location, \$10.6 million, one week.

2. *Carlito's Way*, Universal, \$9.1 million, 1,647 locations, \$5,645 per location, \$9.2 million, 1 1/2 weeks.

3. *My Life*, Columbia, \$5,536 million, 800 locations, \$6,920 per location, \$5.5 million, one week.

4. *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, Disney, \$5.47 million, 1,657 locations, \$3,301 per location, \$34.5 million, five weeks.

5. *Cool Runnings*, Disney, \$3.4 million, 1,647 locations, \$2,057 per location, \$48.3 million, seven weeks.

6. *The Beverly Hillbillies*, 20th Century Fox, \$2.7 million, 1,530 locations, \$1,746 per location, \$34.4 million, five weeks.

7. *Look Who's Talking Now*, TriStar, \$2.4 million, 1,886 locations, \$1,284 per location, \$7.5 million, two weeks.

8. *Robocop 3*, Orion, \$2.1 million, 1,796 locations, \$1,174 per location, \$7.7 million, two weeks.

9. *Rudy*, TriStar, \$2 million, 1,334 locations, \$1,502 per location, \$18.4 million, five weeks.

10. *Flesh and Bone*, Paramount, \$1.9 million, 1,200 locations, \$1,554 per location, \$7.7 million, two weeks.

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House approves \$261 million for defense budget with tougher gay policy

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved a \$261 billion defense budget Monday that endorses a more restrictive version of President Clinton's policy on homosexuals serving in the military.

Approved by a vote of 273-135, the overall package largely tracks President Clinton's military blueprint and postpones many of the tough decisions on cutting weapons and reducing troops in a post-Cold War world.

The budget for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1 is \$2.6 billion less than the amount Clinton proposed and \$12 billion below last year's level.

"This report reflects a well-reasoned and prudent approach for funding defense programs," said Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif., of his first military budget since succeeding Defense Secretary Les Aspin as House Armed Services Committee chairman.

But the panel's ranking Republican, Rep. Floyd

Spence of South Carolina, said the cuts only represent one-tenth of what the Clinton administration plans, and "the next few years we're facing disaster."

Among the provisions of the bill are:
— Approximately \$3 billion for ballistic missile defense, a cut of \$745 million from Clinton's request and \$1.1 billion below last year's level. Earlier this year, the Pentagon overhauled the Strategic Defense Initiative to focus on a limited defense system.

— A pay raise of 2.2 percent effective Jan. 1, 1994, despite Clinton's call for an across-the-board pay freeze.

— Consistent with Clinton administration policy, repeals the restriction on women serving on Navy combat ships.

— \$2.9 billion to assist communities and contractors hard-hit by reductions in defense spending.

— Authorized \$2 billion for six C-17 transport planes, but reflecting Congress' disenchantment with a program marked by cost overruns, schedule delays

and wings that have failed stress tests, authorized \$100 million for alternatives such as C-5 planes or wide-body aircraft.

— \$1.7 billion to complete the B-2 stealth bomber program and removal of the limits imposed on about \$2.3 billion previously appropriated. The legislation also caps the program at 20 aircraft and \$44.4 billion.

— Following the Pentagon's recommendations on future tactical aircraft, cancels the Navy's long-range, carrier-based A7X plane and the Air Force's multi-role fighter plane.

Last week, Congress approved and Clinton signed the defense spending bill appropriating the funds that this legislation authorizes.

The most contentious issue of the year was Clinton's campaign pledge to lift the 50-year-old ban on homosexuals serving in the armed forces — a vow the president was forced to abandon when opposed by the military and Congress.

Clinton set forth a policy of "don't ask, don't tell,"

"don't pursue" on July 19 that says sexual orientation is not a bar to service, but open homosexuals will be forced out of the service.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sam Nunn, D-Ga., a leading opponent of ending the ban, wrote his own policy that was adopted by the House and Senate.

The Nunn policy says "don't ask" about sexual orientation, but allows a future defense secretary to reinstate the question. It says "don't tell" because homosexuality is an "unacceptable risk" to morale, good order and discipline.

The Nunn policy also makes no mention of "don't pursue" to stop the witch hunts to ferret out gays.

The White House and Nunn have said the senator's policy is "fully consistent" with the president's plan. Clinton's policy is a directive to the armed services, but Nunn's policy, once the president signs the legislation, will be law.

The Senate is expected to vote on the package later this week before sending it to the president.

Proposed deal: End to military exercise for inspections of nuke facilities

By RUTH SINAI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senior aides to President Clinton recommended Monday that the United States give up an annual military exercise in return for North Korean permission for immediate inspections of its nuclear facilities.

The recommendations, worked out at a lengthy White House meeting of the National Security Council, are included in a memo to be presented Tuesday to the president, said two U.S. officials who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Clinton is expected to make his decision before he heads to Seattle Thursday for a meeting with Asian leaders, said one official. Clinton will then brief those leaders, among them China's president Jiang Zemin.

China has been instrumental in attempts to get the secretive North Korean government to allow inspections of its nuclear sites, which it stopped allowing last spring after four were conducted by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The United States and North Korea's Asian neighbors are concerned that the communist Pyongyang government may be developing nuclear weapons and banning the inspections in order to hide this program.

Under the recommendations worked out by Defense Secretary Les Aspin, Secretary of State Warren Christopher and other top officials, the United States would publicly announce that it is canceling the annual Team Spirit exercise it holds with South Korea in the spring.

The North has for years demanded the maneuvers be halted, calling them a pretext for war preparations. The 1994 defense budget passed last week did not contain money for the exercise, the official said.

In low-level negotiations with the United States in recent months, North Korean officials have demanded a public announcement that Team Spirit would be canceled, said another U.S. official.

The United States was willing to offer private assurances, but the North Koreans said they did not trust anything but a public statement, he said.

In return for such a statement, North Korea must be willing to announce that it would allow immediate IAEA inspections of its declared nuclear sites, both officials said.

The administration believes North Korea is ready to make such a commitment, based in part on a statement last Thursday by a senior Pyongyang official who said his government would allow the inspections if the United States "takes a practical action of renouncing the nuclear threat against us."

That comment by deputy foreign minister Kang Sok Chu was taken to refer to Team Spirit.

The immediate deal, however, would not include inspections of two sites where North Korea is suspected of having dumped nuclear waste. The IAEA wants to take samples at those sites in order to determine whether North Korea has developed more bomb-grade plutonium than the tiny amount it claims to have.

The White House aides devoted most of their meeting to discussion of how to get North Korea to accept inspection of those two sites, said one of the two officials.

Under an emerging plan, the United States would offer the impoverished North Koreans some economic incentive in return for permission to conduct such inspections, the official said.

Establishing diplomatic relations with North Korea would not immediately be part of this package, although it would be held out as a carrot pending the successful resolution of the inspections dispute, he said.

Christmas stockings



Members of the Pam Extension Homemakers Club at Pam Apartments show off some of the Christmas stockings they have made, using club funds, for children at the Community Day Care Center. Sitting, from left, are Gladys Stone, Audrey Huff and Eula Wheeler, and standing, from left, Marie Donnell and Gladys Green. Nineteen Pam Homemakers members helped make the stockings, which will be decorated by the day care children. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Yeltsin concerned communists or fascists might try to seize power in Russia by force

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin says he is worried that communists or neo-fascists might try to seize power by force, a newspaper reported Monday.

The report came a day after an opinion poll showed the Communist Party doubling its support in the past week, jumping to among the top three parties in the race for December's parliamentary elections.

The Communist Party commanded the loyalty of 7 percent of the electorate, according to the poll commissioned by the Itogi current-affairs television show and released Sunday.

Reform parties were leading the communists, but all three were drawing little support. The most popular party, the pro-reform Russia's Choice, got the support of 12 percent of those surveyed. Its nearest rival, the reformist Bloc of Three, was the favorite of 8 percent.

The rest of those questioned supported other parties, and about one-third were undecided, the poll indicated.

Still, Yeltsin was quoted as saying

that he was concerned about a resurgence of communists or neo-fascists.

"As long as bolshevism or fascism are alive, there will be a danger of a forced seizure of power," the newspaper *Izvestia* quoted Yeltsin as saying.

Yeltsin banned several hard-line groups involved in last month's political turmoil in an effort to reduce opposition to his economic and political reforms.

But Yeltsin said he could not ban all pre-communist parties from taking part in elections because that could cause social tension and riots.

The communists continue to enjoy the support of officials and others who thrived under the Soviet state. Some older people, anxious for the order and stability of the Soviet system, also back the communists.

The Communists' jump in support could reflect voters' disappointment over Yeltsin's statement last week that he did not want to hold early presidential elections in June, as he had earlier promised.

But *Izvestia* quoted Yeltsin as

saying he has not made a final decision about the presidential elections. He indicated that a final decision would be made by the parliament to be elected in December, the newspaper reported.

Because the parliament is expected to be pro-Yeltsin, it would likely back any move to drop early presidential elections.

The Itogi poll surveyed 1,200 people polled in 15 Russian cities. No margin of error was stated, but the sample size is consistent with a margin of about 2.8 percent.

Itogi did not provide other details of the survey or say how it was conducted.

Yeltsin disbanded the Soviet-era parliament in September and ordered parliamentary elections in December to end a long-running struggle with lawmakers opposed to his economic and political reforms.

Hard-line lawmakers refused to disband. Their armed supporters provoked bloody street riots that ended when government tanks and troops stormed the parliament building Oct. 4. An estimated 190 people died in the violence.

Detained journalists freed in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Rebels released correspondents John Jennings of The Associated Press and Terrence White of Agence France-Presse Monday, a week after capturing the journalists during fighting outside Kabul.

Jennings and White had been reporting on the fierce battle between Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hezb-e-Islami group and President Burhanuddin Rabbani's militia when they were caught up in the crossfire near the strategic garrison town of Tagab.

Jennings, an American, and White, a New Zealander, had been traveling with Rabbani's forces when Hekmatyar's fighters overran their position about 40 miles northeast of the Afghan capital.

Jennings, who suffered a slight foot injury, and White were released from the heavily fortified headquarters of Hezb-e-Islami at Charasayab, several miles south of Kabul.

The two were in good spirits and said they had been treated well once the guerrillas believed they were journalists and not spies.

The rebels initially accused the two of spying, roughed them up and stole \$700 and a camera from Jennings.

But Jennings said that once their identities were known "we were treated not only in a humane way,

but in a friendly manner."

Jennings was being treated today at the Red Cross hospital in Kabul.

It wasn't clear whether the injury was from shrapnel or whether his foot had been grazed by a bullet, doctors said.

For two weeks the warring factions have waged a fierce fight for Tagab.

It is estimated that at least 250 people, mostly civilians, have been killed in the fighting.

Until Sunday when they were taken to the Hezb-e-Islami headquarters, the two had been held at a mountain base outside Sarobi, 10 miles south of Tagab.

Jennings speculated that their prolonged detention was more the result of poor communication than intentional delays.

The government troops fled but White stayed behind to bandage Jen-

nings' foot and together they tried to escape.

Hezb-e-Islami troops stopped them.

"The fighting got heavy and something hit my foot," Jennings said.

"There was a hole in my boot and blood oozing out."

Their captors dressed and treated Jennings' wound.

"My dressing was changed almost every day and we were fed well, if not better than the mujahadeen," Jennings said. Guerrillas of all factions call themselves "mujahadeen," or "Islamic holy warrior."

Islamic guerrilla groups last year ousted the Communist government installed by the former Soviet Union. The factions then turned their guns on each other and some 10,000 people have been killed in and around Kabul over the past 18 months.

Catholic bishops rallying around embattled cardinal accused of sexual abuse

By DAVID BRIGGS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. bishops rallied around embattled Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Monday, standing and cheering for their colleague accused of sexually abusing a teenager more than a decade ago.

While abuse victims stood outside asking the church to let the courts decide, some 300 prelates opened their fall meeting expressing their faith in Bernardin's innocence.

"To Cardinal Bernardin, we offer our support, our full support," declared Archbishop William Keeler, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In another development, a Chicago archdiocesan panel concluded after an initial inquiry that Bernardin does not pose a risk to children and should not be placed on leave pending further investigation.

At the bishops' meeting, a tired-looking Bernardin, 65, showed the turmoil of the last three days on his face as he again faced the media to profess his innocence.

"My life is an open book. And I think that will be my best defense," he said.

In other business Monday, the bishops unanimously voted to begin drafting the conference's first major pastoral statement on abortion since 1975.

The statement to be drafted by the bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities would be presented to the full body of bishops in November 1994.

"We need a new, fresh, more compelling and relevant message," said Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles, committee chairman.

Mahony said the new statement also would address more modern concerns such as assisted suicide, euthanasia and the health care debate.

The agenda for the four-day meeting also includes a proposed major pastoral statement on foreign policy that calls on the United States to combat a groundswell of isolationism and to continue to intervene in regional conflicts in areas such as the Balkans and Somalia.

The bishops also began their discussion Monday of a proposed statement on marriage and the family that encourages Catholic husbands and wives to move beyond the sexual stereotypes they grew up with and divide household and parenting responsibilities.

But the allegations of sexual abuse against Bernardin, leader of the nation's second largest archdiocese and a former president of the bishops' conference, have cast a cloud over the gathering.

In the suit, Steven Cook, 34, said Bernardin abused him sometime between 1975 and 1977, when Cook was in a high school program at a Cincinnati seminary. Bernardin was archbishop of Cincinnati from 1972 until 1982.

When the lawsuit was announced

Friday, current Cincinnati Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, immediate past president of the bishops' conference, said the allegations against Bernardin "are rubbish and deserving of nothing but contempt."

Archbishop John Roach, chairman of the bishops' International Policy Committee which had hoped the meeting would showcase the peace statement, said Monday there was something almost Satanic about the suit.

"There's something demonic about this. I'm just not walking out of the Middle Ages when I say this, but there's something really awful about this," he said.

But spokesmen for victims' rights groups said such comments and recent remarks by Vatican Radio that the allegations against Bernardin are "filthy, worthy only of disdain," are inflammatory and uncharitable.

"We have one message today: Please stop these attacks," said Mary Stagg, a member of the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests.

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— Archbishop John Roach

"We think this is a rare opportunity for church leaders and victims to affirm the importance of due process," said Peter Isely, a member of the survivors network. "This is going into the courts and this is where it belongs."

He added that with allegations of sexual abuse in recent years against some 400 Catholic priests, "No matter what the outcome of this case, this is a very serious problem in the Catholic Church in the United States."

The bishops in June established a special committee on clergy sexual abuse, and this week are scheduled to consider several proposals to make it easier to dismiss abusive clergy from the priesthood.

In his talk, Keeler said the bishops remain committed to helping the victims of sexual abuse. But in the case of their prominent colleague, the bishops left little doubt of their belief in his innocence.

"We express our complete confidence in his ultimate vindication," Keeler said.

In a soft-spoken voice, Bernardin expressed his gratitude to his fellow bishops.

"My dear brothers, I am deeply moved by this expression of support," he said. "From the bottom of my heart, I thank you."



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Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: This is a painful letter for me to write, but I have to tell someone.

A year ago, I met a wonderful man who had been separated from his wife for six months. Our relationship turned into a love like I had never known before. I had been a housewife and mother for 15 years, but all I could think of was this man — so I left my husband, go a job, and began planning a future with my new love, who said he wanted to marry me.

Well, one week before his divorce was to be final, he called to tell me that he still loved his wife and was going back to her that night. I haven't seen or heard from him since. I was totally devastated and didn't eat or sleep and ended up physically ill.

I felt I had nothing to live for, but I'm now trying to pull myself back together. My life will never be the same, and I hope someone learns something from my experience. Thanks for listening.

LEARNED THE HARD WAY

DEAR LEARNED: Your letter reinforces an important lesson: An affair with a married person is risky business, and there are always injured parties. It's generous of you to want to spare others the pain you have experienced. Good luck to you.

DEAR ABBY: Hooray for your response to "Nervous in New York," the person who was worried about condoms in schools. I agree completely!

If kids think they are ready to have sex, they are going to do it. If a parent or guardian tells them they can't, it only makes them more determined.

I firmly believe that handing out condoms by request — with instructions on their use — is helping. By instructing and providing, we are saving these kids from disease and from unwanted pregnancies. Abstinence is the best way. But most people (kids) don't know that until it's too late!

BEEN THERE IN TACOMA, WASH. (AGE 21)

DEAR BEEN THERE: I agree. Teaching abstinence is the best way, but that which is taught is not always learned. Parents, teachers, preachers and health professionals can talk until doomsday about the temptations of the flesh — but when the hormones are raging and the opportunity presents itself, it's easy to forget the lecture.

DEAR ABBY: The letter about the little girl who always said "I don't care" when she was offered something, brought back memories of my girlhood days. When I was 8 years old, we moved into a new neighborhood and I made friends with a girl my age down the street. Whenever she was offered something, she'd say, "I don't care" — which irritated my mother no end.

Finally, one day my mother asked my friend if she wanted some lemonade — and my friend replied, "I don't care." Then Mom very calmly said, "Well, when you care, please let me know" ... then she walked away. I'll never forget that. This was just one in a long list of lessons my mother taught me.

R.M.H. IN FORT WALTON BEACH, FLA.

Fritch artist is featured

A Fritch artist will be featured this month at the Lake Meredith Aquatic and Wildlife Museum in Fritch.

Betty Rusk painted and designed a wild bird display at the museum, according to Janet Ferguson, museum spokesman. One of Rusk's paintings was selected for the souvenir program at the musical drama "TEXAS" in 1985. Two of her designs were selected for commemorative coins.

"Betty has been very active in the Fritch Arts and Crafts Club since its beginning," Ferguson said. "She has held several offices over the years in the club and has held different workshops for the members."

Altars link African and African-American religious art

By JOAN BRUNSKILL Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — An exhibition at the Museum for African Art delights the eye with its theatrical beauty and engages the mind with the wealth of information it conveys.

It is also eliciting another response from visitors: Some are leaving offerings of small coins and other gifts at altars they obviously consider more than art.

"Face of the Gods: Art and Altars of Africa and the African Americas," which will travel to four other venues, has been organized by Robert Farris Thompson, art historian and Yale University professor who says he has long been "possessed by African art."

He describes the exhibition as the first to put African art "back where it was configured, first and foremost, on the altars."

The exhibition's title comes from

the vernacular term for altar in many West African languages — "face of the gods." The show, on display in New York through Jan. 7, examines how African religious art and beliefs have been adapted and flourish in the Americas.

A series of stunning installations links West African Yoruba and Central African Kongo traditions with those of their descendants in black and Latino North America, Haiti, Cuba, Brazil and Puerto Rico.

More than a dozen large altars are on display, along with related artifacts. An Afro-Brazilian altar draped in shimmering white and crowned with silver honors the god of honesty and purity. Another, Nigerian-inspired, glows with the red of the thunder god.

Alberto Morgan of Union City, N.J., created an Afro-Cuban altar celebrating seven Yoruba deities with an explosion of color, rich fabrics, brilliant strings of beads, peacock feathers. A bottle tree and

"yard show" demonstrate African traditions continued in the American South.

The museum commissioned altar artists to create and consecrate altars in the museum. It borrowed and reconstructed others. Most of the altars exhibited are from the New World; many are intensely personal, from homes or yards.

"I feel very lucky we've had the cooperation of these magnificent priests and priestesses who've come here and put down real altars with such great enthusiasm," Thompson said. "So much nonsense has been written about their religions, they enjoyed the opportunity to express their religion directly without mediation."

Complex layers of meaning in the altars' rich detail reflect the sophistication of the original cultures, as well as the creative vitality of their adaptation to new environments and fusion with other traditions.

The altar artists "have such a

sense of place and centering in making their visual sacrifices of beauty to the spirits under god," Thompson said. "They start with the idea of art as sacrifice. Therefore the perfect place to enact art is an altar."

Stately flag altars of Suriname pay respects to ancestors freed from slavery. Sequined banners from Haiti exemplify the use of protective glitter. A feathered headdress and shoulder-piece worn by black Indian dancers in New Orleans Mardi Gras parades reflect the belief that feathers bear the soul heavenward.

A Brazilian Umbanda "fusion" altar fringed with lace is peopled with statuettes mingling multiple traditions, including Yoruba, Kongo, Catholic and American Indian.

The exhibition begins by challenging what art is, said museum director Susan Vogel, and then examines the concept of authenticity with its varied presentation of exhibits. "We have done many new things here, with formal art, recon-

structions, variations based on originals," she pointed out.

Thompson talked of the altar makers' practice of siting altars anywhere, perhaps at a fork in the path, or in an inopportune domestic situation. "The museum is just another site," he said.

So the exhibition begins on the sidewalk outside the museum where a Cuban artist-priest painted Kongo symbols to extract evil from the exhibition: "There's where it draws off the bad luck," Thompson said, gesturing towards the arrow heading for the gutter.

The serene finale inside is the "Ultimate Altar: The Atlantic Ocean," an installation whose stretch of sand evokes Rio de Janeiro's beaches at night on New Year's Eve.

That's when thousands of candles, lit in small circles to ask the blessing of the Brazilian-Yoruba goddess of waters and abundance, transform the shore into one huge altar.



Polish youth Konrad Szwarc, a senior at Canadian High School this school year, is staying in Canadian with Dr. Teddy and Halina Darocha. (Pampa News photo)

Exchange student at home in Canadian

By JOHN McMILLAN Staff Writer

CANADIAN — For much of his childhood, Konrad Szwarc, 17, was not able to attend Catholic services in Poland with his parents.

The boy's parents feared that if the officially atheistic Polish government of that time learned the parents were attending church with him, the boy's father would be dismissed from his job, the youth said.

To avoid being identified by communists in Poland when he attended church, Konrad Szwarc and a brother traveled to a small town outside of Warsaw for Mass, the teenager recalled.

Szwarc, who is attending Canadian High School this school year as an exchange student, said his family has begun attending Catholic services together in Warsaw. The downfall of communism in Poland about five years ago made it possible for his parents to accompany him to church, Szwarc said.

Even in Canadian, thoughts about Poland — the nation of

today as well as the nation of yesterday — are a daily part of life for Szwarc. His host parents, Dr. Teddy Darocha, 70, a general practice physician, and Darocha's wife, Halina, 54, were residents and citizens of Poland until 1965 and 1972, respectively, and the couple proudly display a wide array of Polish memorabilia in their living room.

"We speak English and Polish, but I try to speak English with him and not spoil him with the Polish," joked Darocha, who has been a resident of Canadian since 1978.

Szwarc, who spent last school year as an exchange student in Oregon and chose to complete high school in the U.S., speaks such good English that he is at no risk of suffering from overindulgence by his hosts. And when the senior at Canadian High School isn't speaking English, the calm and eloquently with the frequency

of a charming diplomat. "We are very blessed to have him here," the physician declared. "We treat him as a member of the family. He's easy-going. ... a nice boy. We like him very much."

Darocha recalled that he met Szwarc's father, the owner of an international shipping firm in Warsaw, when Darocha made arrangements to ship a pickup truck to a nephew of his in Poland. The two families have stayed in touch ever since; Darocha agreed to serve as a host to Szwarc this school year without any involvement by an exchange student program.

Darocha expressed particular admiration for the industriousness of Szwarc.

"He finishes supper and he goes straight away to do his work — no waste of time," Darocha observed.

Nor has Szwarc wasted any time in becoming involved at Canadian High School. The 17-year-old Pole

is rehearsing to portray a pioneer immigrant from Norway in the Canadian High School drama club's performance of "I Remember Mama," scheduled for early January.

Although Szwarc isn't a member of Canadian High School's drama club, he confided with a smile, Canadian High School drama teacher Sterling Marcum asked him to play the part of the Norwegian immigrant because of his Polish accent.

Canadian High School students have responded well to Szwarc, too, it seems. The brown-haired, muscular Pole recalled that one female student at Canadian High School asked him for a Polish translation to the phrase "I love you" (Kocham Cie).

Szwarc also confided that he prefers the taste of Polish sausage made in Poland to that of Polish sausage produced in Texas.

"In Poland, everything is fresh," he said. "They butcher the animal one night and make sausage that same night."

Expressing pride in his home country, Szwarc recalled that he supported the Solidarity protest movement of about five years ago, even though he was not able to vote at the time.



Szwarc



Szwarc

New drug is focus for MS meeting

AMARILLO — The new drug for multiple sclerosis, beta interferon, will be the focus of the Annual Meeting of the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to be held Friday, Nov. 19, at the Amarillo Garden Center, Streit Drive, located at the Harrington Regional Medical Center.

The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner catered by The Olive Garden. The program will begin at 7:45 p.m.

The speaker will be Christopher Bever, MD, of Baltimore, Md., one of the principal investigators of the new drug and other promising drugs for multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Bever is a professor of the Neurology Department, University of Maryland Medical School, and a member of the University of Maryland MS Center/Baltimore VA Medical Center Task Force on Rehabilitation and MS. He is the

recipient of grants from the National MS Society. Dr. Bever has been sponsored by the Clay Dine Education Fund at High Plains Baptist Hospital. On Saturday, Nov. 20, the Panhandle Chapter will hold its annual educational program for physicians, allied health personnel, people with MS and family members or other caregivers.

Amarillo College, Department of Continuing Healthcare Education, has approved the course for 10 contact hours for nurses, physical therapists and physical training aides. The program also has been submitted to TSHA for credits. Lunch will be catered by The Olive Garden.

The new drug for MS, Betaseron, is the first drug in more than 25 years which actually alters the course of the disease by regulating the immune system.

MS is a chronic disease of the central nervous system that affects a third of a million people in the United States and causes the immune system

to malfunction. Vision, stamina, ability to walk, bladder and bowel control, and other bodily functions controlled by the brain, spinal cord and optic nerve are affected.

As yet there is no cure for MS, and the cause is still unknown. This new drug will be distributed to some people living in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles beginning later this month. Widescale distribution will be available to hundreds of thousands of people with MS by 1996.

Dr. Bever is the principal investigator of another promising drug for MS, 4 diaminopyridine (4AP). This drug has been shown to be effective in improving the speed of messages along the nerves, a serious problem for people with MS. In a small study, 4AP markedly improved vision, stamina and eye movement and is now being tested on a larger scale.

For more information and registration, call Fredricka Gens at the MS office, 372-4429.

Clubs

Pam Homemakers Club

The Pam Homemakers Club met at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12, in the Pam Retirement Center, 1200 N. Wells.

The meeting was called to order by President Janice Carter. G.C. Davis gave the opening prayer, and the devotion was given by Audrey Huff. Thought for the day was "Life is like a ladder; every step we take is either up or down."

Roll call was answered with "something I enjoy daily." A report was given on the craft fair and food sale held Nov. 6-7. A total of proceeds made could not be given until the Council Christmas party is to be Dec. 2 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gray County Annex, with a salad luncheon. The Council is going to adopt a child from the Angel Tree to buy Christmas gifts for.

The Pam Club Christmas party will be Friday, Dec. 10, at the Senior Citizens Center at 11:30 a.m.

The club is to bring items for the Department of Human Services Christmas baskets to the Council meeting on Dec. 2. Pictures were made of club members that worked on the Christmas stockings for the Community Day Care Center. Day care children are to decorate the stockings. There were 19 members present and one visitor, Beulah Terrell. A covered-dish luncheon was enjoyed by the members after the meeting.

The next meeting will be on Dec. 10 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

ABWA

The Pampa Chapter of ABWA met at 7 p.m. Nov. 9, at the Coronado Inn with Louise Hill, president, presiding. The invocation was given by Odessa Ledbetter. Minutes of the October meeting were read by Dorothy Herd and approved as read. The treasurer's report was read by Dorothy Herd. The president welcomed Estelle Malone who had been absent for several months.

A questionnaire was received from Pampa High School concerning the Chapter Scholarship for the coming year. Barbara McCain volunteered to fill out the form and return it.

The door prize was won by Odessa Ledbetter. The Rocket Fund was won by Louise Hill. November Hostess was Barbara McCain.

Each member will bring a Christmas gift to the December meeting and numbers will be drawn for the gifts. Odessa Ledbetter read the story "A Thanksgiving Turkey." Estelle Malone read the story "A Lesson in Being Thankful." The benediction was given by Odessa Ledbetter.

The next meeting will be Dec. 14.

PEWS

The Petroleum Engineer's wives Society met Nov. 9 at the Borger Country Club.

Hostesses were Pat Thomas and Margaret Swanson. The guest speaker was Linda Turner. There were six Pampa members, 24 Borger members, and three guests. The next meeting will be at 11:30 a.m., Dec. 14, at the Pampa Country Club.

Upsilon of Beta Sigma Phi

Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at 7 p.m., Nov. 3.

They gave their two foster children, one boy and one girl, ages two and three, each a Halloween basket and are planning a Thanksgiving dinner for later in the month. A Ritual of Jewels ceremony was held for Kim Lopez, Julie Frost and Valerie Miller. They each received their Ritual of Jewels pin after the ceremony. Valerie Miller and Kim Winegeart were hostesses.

The next meeting is scheduled at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 18, at Robbie Kirkham's house.

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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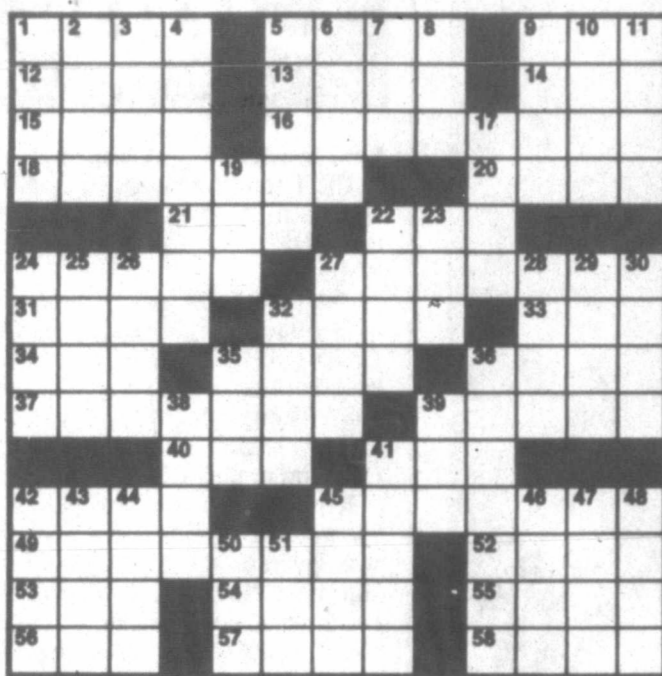
- 1 Secret writing
- 5 Finale
- 9 LP speed
- 12 Iranian money
- 13 Tints
- 14 Spanish cheer
- 15 Edible seaweed
- 16 Roofing material
- 18 Peacock feather marking
- 20 Household pets
- 21 — the season to be ...
- 22 Inlet
- 24 Legal
- 27 Jewish nationalist
- 31 Mediteranean sailboat
- 32 Small beds

DOWN

- 1 Motley — (music group)
- 2 Greasy
- 3 Pianist
- 4 Brubeck
- 5 Stretchable
- 6 Complete

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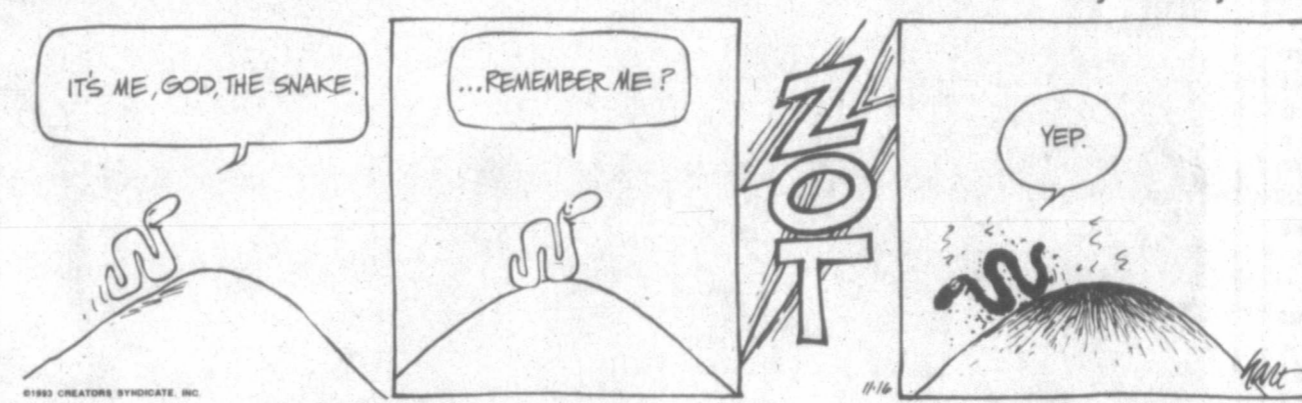
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Astro-Graph

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Associates might lack your drive and foresight today and not be motivated by the same situations from which you see you can derive benefits. If necessary, go it alone. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your intuitive perceptions and hunches are x-plus qualities that can be utilized to your advantage today. The ways they should be used will be rather obvious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A relationship can now be reinforced with a friend with whom you once had strong emotional ties. Now more than ever before you'll appreciate the values in this alliance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are presently in a good achievement cycle, so don't let your industriousness be appeased by nominal efforts. Aim for several objectives simultaneously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A special talent or knowledge you presently possess has considerable value for yourself and others. However, it will be up to you to make potential prospects aware of it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Critical conditions might be subjected to unexpected changes and reversals today. Things could take an usual, positive turn, so be alert for opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a good day for you to enter into significant agreements. You'll be very thorough where details are concerned and this will help make the instrument fair for both parties concerned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you do not restrict your imagination today, you might discover better procedures for doing a repetitious task that has slowed you down previously. Be progressive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's best not to bring someone with whom you're involved socially into one of your commercial endeavors today. This relationship is a trifle fragile and may not fit into another venue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Desirable end results are likely today if you keep your focus on the objective you hope to achieve. Once you take an aim on a target, don't toy with alternatives.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to let your emotions and feelings govern or cloud your judgment today. It's imperative you analyze situations from an objective, logical perspective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Continue to expand upon and develop situations that are meaningful to you in financial and material ways. These are your strong areas where you can generate substantial returns.

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SWIMMING

PAMPA — Nine Pampa swimmers competed at the Amarillo Swim Invitational held this past weekend at the WT pool in Canyon. The Amarillo Swim Team, for which the Pampa swimmers compete, finished second in the meet behind the City of Midland Swim Team.

In the 13-and-over age group, Jeremy Nunn won the 200 breast with a time of 2:29.66 and Bobby Venal captured first place in the 200 fly, finishing in 2:35.18.

Nunn also placed second in the 500 free and in the 100 breast and Venal finished second in the 1650 free while recording a personal best time of 19:30.18.

In girls' action, eighth-grader Ashlee David competed against high school swimmers and notched fourth place in the 50 free.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — End Phil Sexton of Pampa leads Central Oklahoma of Edmond in quarterback sacks with six going into the final regular-season game.

Sexton is listed as freshman redshirt for the Broncos, who have a 6-3 record. Sexton was an all-state player for the Harvesters in 1991 when they advanced to the state quarterfinals.

NEW YORK (AP) — St. Louis, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Fla., and Memphis, Tenn., renewed their applications for an NFL expansion franchise, with Baltimore adding a third ownership group to the mix.

Alfred Lerner, a minority owner of the Cleveland Browns, becomes the third owner to vie for a Baltimore franchise, joining bids by Leonard "Boogie" Weinglass and Malcolm Glazer. Lerner's group has the backing of Maryland Gov. William Donald Schaefer.

The league awarded an expansion franchise to Charlotte, N.C., three weeks ago. The second team is to be announced outside Chicago on Nov. 30.

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — New York Jets linebacker Marvin Jones, the fourth overall pick in the 1993 draft, will miss the rest of the season with a chip fracture of his left hip socket.

Jones was injured in the third quarter of Sunday's 31-17 victory at Indianapolis. Doctors said avascular necrosis, the injury that doctored Bo Jackson, may occur. It is a degenerative condition due to a lack of blood supply to the nerves and tissue in the afflicted area.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico, on the verge of its first winning season since 1982, gave coach Dennis Franchione a new six-year contract. The Lobos are 5-5 entering Saturday's final game against Texas-El Paso. Franchione is completing his second season on a five-year deal he signed in 1991.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — North Carolina senior center Eric Montross was one vote shy of being a unanimous selection and Duke senior swingman Grant Hill was the lone repeater on The Associated Press' preseason All-America team.

Montross was named on 64 of the 65 ballots from a nationwide panel, while Hill and Purdue junior forward Glenn Robinson each received 61 votes. California sophomore guard Jason Kidd had 56 votes and Vanderbilt senior guard Billy McCaffrey of Vanderbilt rounded out the team with 38.

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston center Hakeem Olajuwon, who averaged 29.0 points, 15.0 rebounds, 4.0 blocks and 4.6 assists in leading the Rockets to a 5-0 start, is the NBA player of the week.

TENNIS

NEW YORK (AP) — Third-seeded Martina Navratilova beat Natalie Tauziat of France 6-4, 6-4 in the first round of the season-ending Virginia Slims Championships at Madison Square Garden.

Earlier, Amanda Coetzer of South Africa upset sixth-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez 6-1, 1-6, 6-3. The world's top 16 singles players and eight doubles teams are competing in the \$3.5 million event.

HORSE RACING

MONDAY'S RACES
ARCADIA, Calif. (AP) — Giant Asset, \$5.40, edged Duke Dust by a head in the \$32,000 feature at Santa Anita.

NEW YORK (AP) — Nymphist, \$10.40, beat R.D. Whirl by 2 1/2 lengths in the \$40,000 Questionnaire at Aqueduct.

Kosar looks like a winner, Cowboys say

IRVING (AP) — "Winner" is the word they were using to describe Bernie Kosar at Valley Ranch on the day after his debut with the Dallas Cowboys.

"Bernie has always been a winner," said Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson. "He finds a way to get the job done."

"He may look a little awkward at times, but his passes get to the target on time and he doesn't make mistakes," said offensive coordinator Norv Turner.

Kosar hit 13 of 21 passes for

199 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions in the Cowboys' 20-15 victory over the Phoenix Cardinals. Kosar has the lowest interception rate in NFL history and he didn't serve any balls up for grabs in the game Sunday at Texas Stadium.

"It's all been a little overwhelming," said Kosar, who was a Cleveland Brown for 8 1/2 years until he was cut a week ago. "I just didn't want to let the organization and the players down. It was a hectic week."

Kosar went into Sunday's game late in the first quarter with 67 plays on a wristband.

"I should be able to learn more of the offense this week," Kosar said. "I just didn't want to make any plays to hurt the team."

Kosar, who was signed for a guaranteed \$1 million for the rest of the season, will go back to the bench along with Jason Garrett as soon as Troy Aikman's pulled hamstring heals.

Aikman still wasn't certain whether his hamstring had fully mended.

"I've never had a pulled hamstring before so I don't want to rush it," Aikman said. "It's very frustrating to be on the sidelines. I'd like to play against Atlanta this Sunday but we'll just have to see."

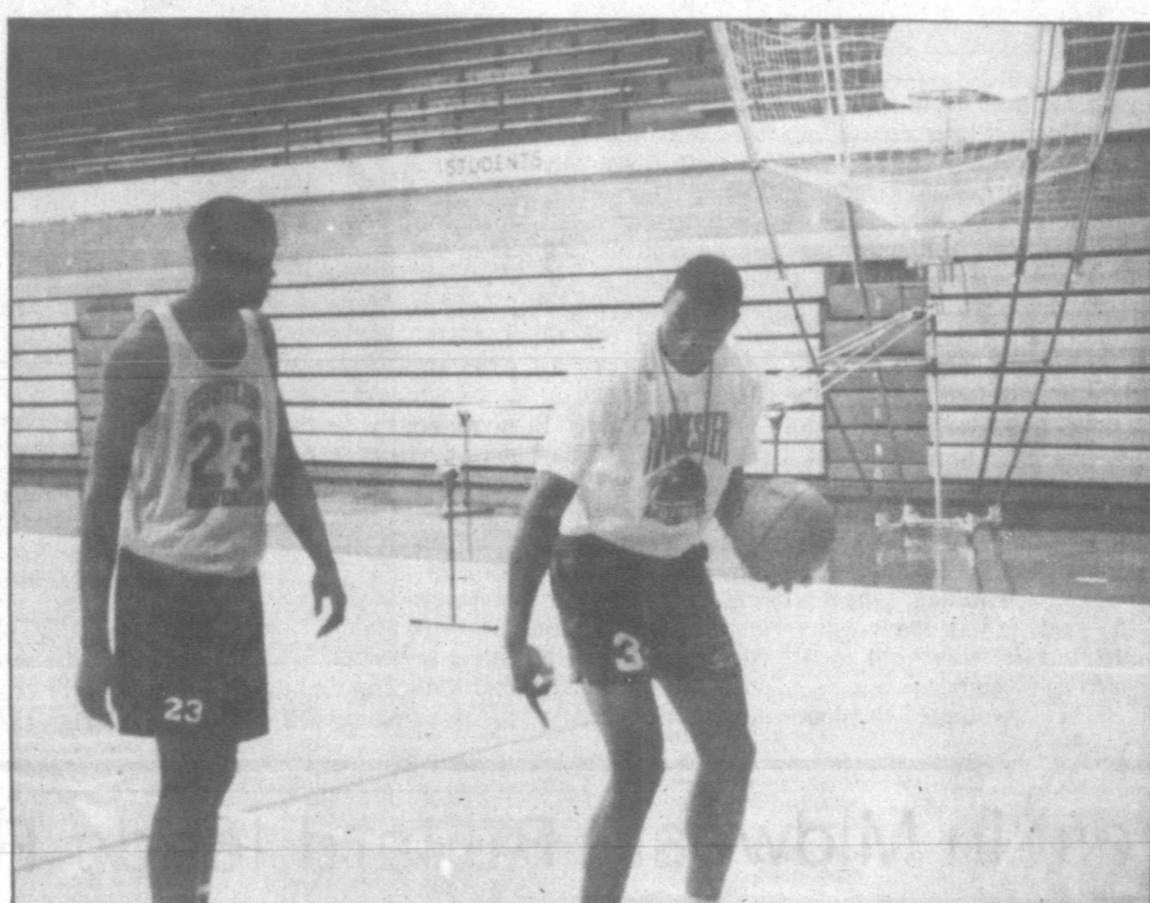
"I'll try it in practice this week but I don't want to re-aggravate it. I'm optimistic," he said.

Aikman has been treating the pull with ice and acupuncture. He was on the sidelines in blue jeans watching Sunday's game. Johnson said the Aikman situation "is still day to day. We'll just watch how Troy is coming along. He's still our starting quarterback. Nothing changes."

Kosar agreed, saying, "I just want Troy to get healthy so he can come back and lead this great team."

Tributes for Kosar poured in after the game.

"I'm not trying to put Cleveland down but Bernie is a good quarterback and has a very strong arm," said Phoenix coach Joe Bugel.



Pampa assistant coach Troy Bell (right) gives some tips on how to play in the middle to senior center Seivern Wallace during Monday's workouts. (Pampa News photo)

Pampa, PD cage opener could be real barnburner

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

If pre-season rankings mean anything, the Pampa and Palo Duro boys could start off the 1993-94 season tonight with one of those basketball barnburners.

The Panhandle Plains Basketball Magazine has Pampa picked to win the District 1-4A title and Palo Duro favored to finish on top in the District 3-5A race.

"Palo Duro did a lot of neat things last year. They won their district and went all the way to regionals and they've got all those players back," said PHS head coach Robert Hale.

"They're going to be one of the teams to beat in the panhandle."

Tonight's action tips off at 6 with the Pampa-Palo Duro girls' contest. The boys are slated to tip off around 7:30.

The Harvesters participated in a three-way scrimmage in Lubbock last weekend and held their own against Lubbock Monterey and Snider.

"We did some good things against both of those teams. Both Monterey and Snider have some good size and I was encouraged by our play. It's always nice to play somebody between ourselves in getting ready for the first game," Hale added.

The Harvesters return two fulltime starters in 6-4 senior Seivern Wallace and 5-9 junior Duane Nickelberry, along with 6-1 sophomore Coy Laury who moved into the starting lineup the second half of last season. Hank Gindorf, a 6-2 junior, and Rayford Young, 5-10 sophomore, round out tonight's probable starting five.

"We've got to give our football kids a chance to get ready. They've been at it hot and heavy since August and they're not in any kind of shape basketball-wise," Hale noted.

One of those football players Hale will be counting on for some inside work is 6-6 senior Justin Collingsworth, a returning letterman.

"Justin has a spot on the team. Any player who is a returning letterman is on the varsity, either sooner or later," Hale said.

Other varsity team members are seniors Brad Baldridge and Koby Stone, juniors Robert Bremerman, Jason Jones and Jeremy King and sophomore James Wilbon.

The Harvesters have traditionally been a fast-breaking team under Hale and this season's edition won't be any different.

"We're always hoping we can play fast and quick," Hale said. "But more than anything else we

want to control the game. There's not much of an advantage in running up and down the floor and shooting a lot of shots unless you have an unusual team that makes all of the shots. We like to play offense and defense on the entire floor and control the other team," Hale said.

The Pampa girls will be going through a rebuilding stage with sophomore Serenity King the only returning starter on the team. Head coach Mike Jones plans to use a two-platoon system to start off the season.

"We'll have two groups to begin with and switch them every four minutes or so," Jones said. "We've got nine kids who could start. We'll begin with two-platooning, but we may not stay that way."

Senior Misti Plunk saw some varsity action last season. Plunk and Elisha Calloway are the only seniors on the team.

"We had a good scrimmage against Guymon on Saturday. The girls did a good job of playing hard. The key for us is to play hard on defense and not letting people do what they want against us," Jones said.

Other prospects for the PHS girls include Jayme Davis, Selena Miller, Misty Scribner, Danette Hoover, Jane Brown and Jennifer Jones.

Red Raiders looking for one more victory to justify bowl berth

LUBBOCK (AP) — Saturday's game against Houston has Texas Tech fans counting the sentimental and intrinsic reasons they hope the Red Raiders win for a fifth straight week.

First, the matchup in San Antonio's Alamodome is the final Southwest Conference game for 25 Tech seniors, including 17 players on the explosive Red Raider offense.

Second, Tech (5-5, 4-2 in the SWC) needs just one more victory to qualify for a bowl berth.

Third, beating the Cougars could seal the Red Raiders' redemption from the 1-5 start that had the Tech student newspaper calling for coach Spike Dykes' job.

"I believe in this team," Dykes said Monday. "I believed in it five weeks ago."

Houston (1-7-1, 1-3-1 SWC) will make a tough match, he said, even though the Red Raiders rolled to a 44-35 victory over the Cougars last year.

"To beat them we're going to have to play good," Dykes said. "We're going to have to remember just exactly how

we got where we are today." The latest victims to Tech's four-game winning streak were the Southern Methodist Mustangs, who lost 41-24.

The Cougars, meanwhile, committed six turnovers Saturday in losing 41-17 to Cincinnati. Dykes complimented the play of Houston linebacker Ryan McCoy, who made 13 unassisted tackles.

But the Cougar defense, allowing a conference-worst 443.2 yards per game, faces the threatening prospect of Tech junior Byron "Bam" Morris breaking Earl Campbell's single-season rushing record.

Morris lacks 216 yards to surpass the 1,744 yards Campbell amassed to capture the Heisman Trophy in 1977. Morris, second in the nation in rushing and scoring, racked up 445 yards in his past two games.

"Certainly Bam has got a record that's approachable ... and if that thing comes to pass under normal circumstances, it'd be great," Dykes said. "If he needed a few yards to make it happen, we'd give him a chance."

Erxleben faces assault charges

HOUSTON (AP) — Russell Erxleben, former kicker for the University of Texas and the New Orleans Saints, has been charged with misdemeanor assault because of an alleged altercation in an elevator with a former business associate.

Robert Siscoe, 24, formerly the president of a Houston currency trading firm that lists Erxleben as owner and chief executive officer, complained that Erxleben grabbed his cellular telephone from him Friday morning in an elevator of the Galleria shopping mall and hit him in the mouth with it.

"He opens the flip of my phone and starts to twist it and break it," Siscoe said. "He grabs the phone in one hand and hits me in the mouth with it."

Erxleben spent Friday night in the Harris County Jail after being arrested at the shopping center on a charge of misdemeanor assault, the Houston Chronicle reported in today's editions.

The three-time All-American kicker was released Saturday night after posting \$500 bond, officials said.

Siscoe said Erxleben, 36, struck him because he is trying to assist investors in recouping money lost through Erxleben's investment activities.

Investors have lost about \$300,000 through Compwell Financial, a Houston currency trading firm of which Erxleben is owner and chief executive officer, Siscoe said.

Siscoe, a currency broker, said he was president of the company before he withdrew in October after he learned of Erxleben's dealings.

Siscoe said he filed a complaint with the FBI and the agency informed him that it has been investigating Erxleben for some time.

The FBI would neither confirm nor deny that it is investigating Erxleben.

Michael Hinton, an attorney representing Erxleben, said he would be shocked "if Russell hit him with anything."

PHS volleyball team achieved competitive status

By SUSAN ADELETTI
Sports Writer

Despite a losing record, Pampa varsity volleyball closed out the season feeling very satisfied.

"I thought we met our goals for the year," head coach Brad Borden said. "This year we just wanted to become competitive with the teams in our district."

The Harvesters achieved that status when they won a game against district heavyweight Hereford. Taking such a team to a tiebreaker game was a highlight of the season, Borden said.

"I'm just real proud of the whole group because of the team attitude that we maintained through the whole season," Borden said. "Everything went so smoothly because everyone wanted a good team."

The Harvesters were on a winning roll, building experience, until they hit the meat of the district schedule. Rough losses at the hands of Hereford, Borger and district champion Dumas put a sizeable dent in Pampa's record.

The Harvesters will lose four play-

ers to graduation next year. Young and Emily Brooks will be the only missing starters, but Lara Adams, who saw considerable time on the backcourt, will be missed, as will Shelly Flaherty.

"I think the outlook is good," Borden said of next year's team. "We're going to return five varsity players."

The returnees include juniors Tammy Chesher, Michelle Abbott, Candi Atwood and sophomores King and Jane Brown.

Pampa varsity volleyball individual statistics

Contributing to the up side of Pampa's 4-6, 11-13 records were several standouts, including sophomore Serenity King and senior Shelly Young, who both reaped awards at the season's end. King was named to the 1-4A All-District second team and Young received Honorable Mention. King's team-leading statistics consist of 194 total attacks and 108 digs, followed by Young's 180 TAs and 81 digs.

name	year	kills	Es	TAs	digs
Michelle Abbott jr.		41	25	136	23
Lara Adams sr.		0	1	7	29
Candi Atwood jr.		22	19	126	58
Emily Brooks sr.		9	8	86	8
Jane Brown so.		0	1	6	6
Tammy Chesher jr.		27	21	122	40
Shelly Flaherty sr.		0	1	1	10
Serenity King so.		42	33	194	108
Shelly Young sr.		39	19	180	81
totals		180	128	849	413



Sophomore Serenity King, seen here going for a dig against Dumas last month, was named to the District 1-4A Second Team. (Pampa News photo by Susan Adeletti)

Pittsburgh shuts down Buffalo, 23-0

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Buffalo Bills couldn't run and couldn't hide from a relentless Pittsburgh Steelers defense, and they were beaten so badly they could have sworn this was a Super Bowl.

The Steelers, playing more and more like a Super Bowl contender, knocked out Jim Kelly, Andre Reed and Don Beebe and shrugged off Barry Foster's own injury to dominate the defending AFC champions 23-0 Monday night.

The Steelers (6-3) stuffed the NFL's top-rated rushing offense with the league's top rushing defense, and outgained the Bills 400-157 overall behind big games from quarterback Neil O'Donnell (16-of-27, 212 yards) and replacement rusher Leroy Thompson (30 carries for 108 yards).

Thompson now has consecutive 100-yard rushing games at home following Foster injuries. He had 101 yards in the second half against New Orleans on Oct. 17 when Foster left at halftime with a bruised shoulder.

"When you shut out the reigning champs, it feels good. It shows what we're capable of when we put an entire game together," Steelers cornerback D.J. Johnson said. "This moves us into the upper echelon of teams in the AFC and the NFL."

Pittsburgh had lost five straight to Buffalo since 1985, including a pair of defeats last year in coach Bill Cowher's rookie season.

Buffalo, last shut out 28-0 by Miami on Dec. 22, 1985, lost for the first time in six games and fell back into a first-place tie with Miami in the AFC East.

The Steelers, apparently fired up by inflammatory pregame comments by Beebe and Bruce Smith, won for the fifth time in six games and now lead Cleveland and Houston by a game in the AFC Central.

"They made some ludicrous comments before the game ... Beebe said if he played against the Steelers all the time, he'd have 128 touchdown catches," Johnson said. "(Defensive backs coach) Dick LeBeau told us about it at breakfast and said, 'Do what you have to do about it.'"

Beebe, who had 24 catches in four starts against Pittsburgh, was leveled by safety Gary Jones while catching a pass along the Steelers' sidelines in the second half and didn't return. Neither did the Bills' offense.

"It hurts. It hurts your pride to lose like that," Bills center Kent Hull said. "But it's happened before to this team. What bothers me is that we have some people banged up and we have to get them healthy."

The Bills seemed to get a

huge break midway through an 81-yard Steelers' drive in the first quarter when Foster, who had 199 yards in two career starts against them, badly sprained his left ankle landing awkwardly on an overthrown pass.

But Thompson again proved the Steelers' most valuable reserve. He ripped off 9 yards on his first two carries to take the ball to the Bills' 9, then sidestepped an on-rushing Smith to score on third-and-1 to put Pittsburgh up 7-0 with 5:36 left in the first quarter.

The Steelers converted all four of their third-down plays on the 15-play drive, including O'Donnell's 9-yarders to Dwight Stone and Eric Green on third-and-long and a 12-yarder to Ernie Mills.

O'Donnell later crossed up the Bills' defense with a 1-yard touchdown pass to Green on Pittsburgh's opening drive of the third quarter, and Gary Anderson — 18 of 19 on field goals this season — hit from 37, 19 and 31 yards.

Buffalo opened 7-1 for the third time in four years behind a defense that led the NFL with 29 takeaways and the league's best rushing offense. But the Steelers outran them 123-34 in the first half and 227-47 overall as AFC rushing leader Thurman Thomas, who had 365 yards in four starts against Pittsburgh, was held to 40 yards on 13 carries.

"They dominated the foot-

ball game in all three areas: offense, defense and special teams," Bills coach Marv Levy said. "They made big plays when they had to. We weren't flat, but we didn't play well enough to be in the game."

Pittsburgh's attack-style defense, its best since the Super Bowl Steelers of the 70s, still hasn't allowed an opposing back to rush for 100 yards this season.

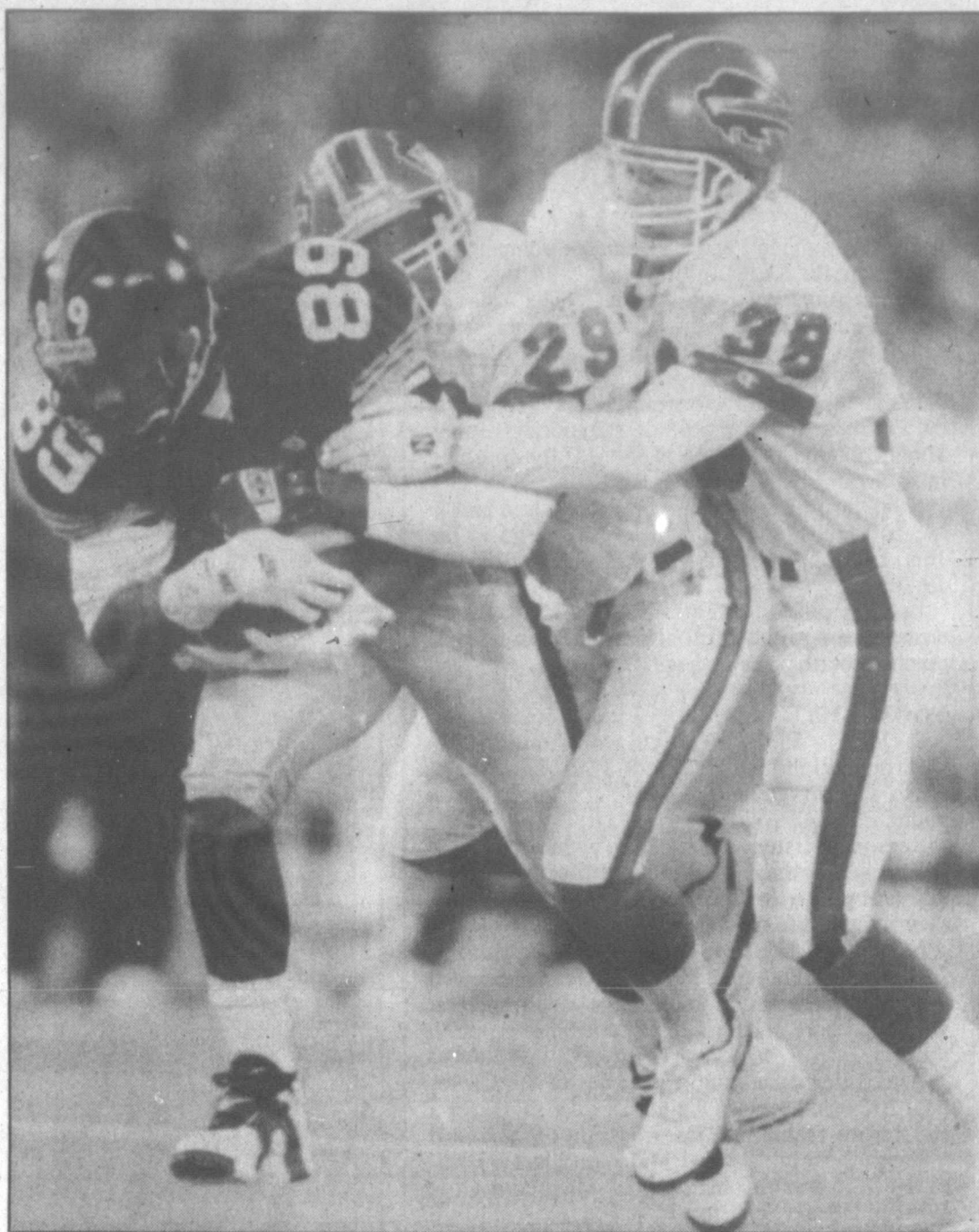
Kelly, playing in his native western Pennsylvania for the first time as a Bill, had an unhappy homecoming.

He had thrown for 1,056 yards and 11 TDs in four starts against the Steelers, but was 7 of 19 for 93 yards before leaving with a concussion at halftime. He was hurt when he was slammed to the turf by Kenny Davidson on an 11-yard loss on the next-to-last play of the first half.

Reed (broken left wrist) and Beebe (concussion) left in the second half as the Steelers' defense, playing with a 17-0 lead, teed off on a Bills' offense forced to pass on almost every down.

All three injured Bills will be reevaluated Tuesday, and Levy said Reed will have a cast applied to his wrist.

Frank Reich replaced an injured Kelly to engineer a 24-3 playoff victory in Pittsburgh last season, but couldn't produce even a point this night as Buffalo's three-game road winning streak ended.



The Steelers' Ernie Mills is brought down by the Bills James Williams (29) and Mark Kelso (38) in the first quarter. (AP photo)

Michigan picked as best in Midwest

By MIKE NADEL
AP Sports Writer

Though four fairly fabulous fellows remain in Ann Arbor, Chris Webber's early departure to the NBA should let other programs challenge Michigan for the unofficial title of Best in the Midwest.

Upstarts like Minnesota and Wisconsin of the Big Ten, Marquette of the Great Midwest and Oklahoma State of the Big Eight could emerge as the class of the nation's heartland.

But don't cry for Steve Fisher and the Wolverines.

With juniors Juwan Howard, Jalen Rose, Jimmy King and Ray Jackson left from the Fab Five, Michigan still has a shot at a third consecutive appearance in the NCAA championship game.

"Our last year's strengths are this year's liabilities. We don't have the size," Fisher said. "I'm not saying we're not going to have a pretty good team. I think we will. But we are far from a team that should be a prohibitive favorite."

Michigan will get pushed in the Big Ten by two schools that haven't won titles in years.

Minnesota, coming off an impressive run to the 1993 NIT title, has set its sights on its first conference championship since 1982. Voshon Lenard leads the Gophers, who return their entire starting lineup.

"I feel confident that we have the potential to be a top-20 club. I don't think we're overrated," coach Clem Haskins said. "We have a chance to not only get into postseason play but chance to advance."

Wisconsin, with Michael Finley and Tracy Webster being joined by 6-10 freshman Rashard Griffith, one of the nation's top recruits, is looking for its first Big Ten crown and NCAA tournament appearance since 1947.

Finley "is entering a different phase of his career. He's going to be very much a marked man," Badgers coach Stu Jackson said. "This year

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we'll be a little deeper and perhaps a little more talented and that will relieve some of the pressure. But our freshmen are going to have to grow up quickly."

Though Indiana lost Calbert Cheaney and Greg Graham off its 31-4 team, it's never wise to count out a team coached by Bob Knight.

Several other Big Ten teams may be able to ride their top players into the NCAA tournament.

The brightest star is Purdue's 6-8 Glenn Robinson, already projected as the No. 1 NBA draft pick if he leaves school after this season.

"When you have a player with Robinson's size who can play the perimeter, it's really hard to match up," Illinois coach Lou Henson said.

Henson has his own outstanding forward in Deon Thomas. Michigan State's Shawn Respert and Ohio State's Lawrence Funderburke also excel.

Marquette, in a constant rebuilding phase since Al McGuire retired after winning the 1977 NCAA title, looks like the best of the Great Midwest, one of the nation's emerging conferences.

Coach Kevin O'Neill has five of his top six players back from last season's 20-8 team, including 7-1 shot-blocker Jim McIlvaine, forward Damon Key and playmaker Tony Miller.

"It's nice to have more than one senior who's going to contribute," O'Neill said. "It's our deepest team."

Cincinnati, a 1992 Final Four team that almost derailed North Carolina's championship bid last season, will be good again. Memphis State lost Anfernee Hardaway to the pros but gets outstanding forward David Vaughn back after knee surgery. DePaul has an outside chance at the title.

The biggest force in the Big Eight

figures to be Oklahoma State and 7-footer Bryant Reeves. "Big Country" was the league's player of the year as a sophomore last season, averaging 19.5 points and 10 rebounds.

"I'm not sure he can improve at the rate that we've seen, but I think he has a chance to be better," said coach Eddie Sutton, who has three other starters returning from a 20-9 team. "On paper, we should be picked No. 1."

Two-time defending champion Kansas and Missouri will challenge in the Big Eight. Kansas must replace four starters. Missouri, with four starters back, can return to postseason play after a one-year ban due to NCAA sanctions.

Under Pete Gillen, who has coached Xavier to a 180-67 record in eight seasons, the Musketeers should continue to dominate the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

Illinois State tries to defend its Missouri Valley Conference crown in what should be a wide-open race. After losing the last two Mid-Continent Conference title games, Illinois-Chicago may be ready to take the next step.

Miami, Western Michigan, Ohio and Ball State are top contenders in the Mid-American Conference.

Texas was seventh in the Southwest Conference last season and Tom Penders will rely on transfers Tremaine Wingfield and Rich McIvler to get back to the top of the league.

Northeast Louisiana lost four starters, but there's still enough left for the Indians' to have a good run at their fifth straight Southland Conference title.

Alabama State was third in the Southwestern Athletic Conference last year, but is the favorite to replace 1993 champion Jackson State.

Bullard leads Rockets comeback

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Houston forward Matt Bullard feels he's finally in shape and his performance against Philadelphia proved his point.

Bullard scored 11 points in the fourth quarter as the undefeated Rockets rallied to defeat the 76ers 88-84 Monday night for their sixth straight victory.

Bullard, who missed several exhibition games because of eye and ankle injuries, hit three 3-point shots in the quarter as the Rockets outscored Philadelphia 27-11. He played the entire quarter and made two free throws with 4.8 seconds left to seal the victory.

"That's the first time I've played 12 minutes in a row since last year," Bullard said. "It feels real good to be back and to be shooting well."

The Rockets, who had been shooting 51 percent on the season, made only 33 of 80 shots (41.3 percent), while the 76ers made 29 of 66 (43.9 percent).

No team has scored 100 points against the Rockets this year.

"I thought the defense was the key in the final quarter," Bullard said. "It was a pretty ugly game, but we're glad to come out with a

victory. We struggled early, but everything worked out for us."

Philadelphia, which has yet to score 100 points this year, led 65-55 with 3:23 left in the third period and held a 73-61 advantage at the end of the quarter.

But the Rockets, led by Bullard and reserve guard Scott Brooks, then went on a 22-3 tear to lead 83-76 with three minutes remaining. The Rockets held a 86-80 edge with 38 seconds to go, but Jeff Hornacek hit a 3-point shot from deep in the corner and was fouled on the play.

His conversion cut the lead to 2, but Bullard's free throws clinched it.

"That was a really big win," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "In the last period, we really clamped down on defense (Philadelphia made only 2 of 15 shots) and dodged the bullet."

"That's a tough one to swallow," Sixers coach Fred Carter said. "It was one of those nights to make a head coach wander the streets and become a homeless person."

"The guys are working hard, though, and I told them Atlanta's next (Wednesday), and I told them

I expect them to work just as hard then."

For the Rockets, Hakeem Olajuwon had 21 points, and Otis Thorpe 14 points and 19 rebounds. Hornacek had 25 points and Clarence Weatherspoon 24 for Philadelphia, while rookie center Shawn Bradley had only three points and four rebounds in 28 minutes.

"Bradley is a different type of player to defend against," said Olajuwon. "He's very light, and he sets up farther from the basket, but he knows the game and he's smart. He just has to keep on training to get better, and he'll get better with the competition he'll be facing."

Bradley, who had a season-high 23 points against New Jersey on Saturday, was disappointed in his play.

"It would have been nice to have come out and played well again, but it just didn't happen. Olajuwon has a lot of quick moves to the baseline. There are so many specifics to his game that I look at, because he is such an agile player."

Bradley was poked in the eye by Robert Horry in the first period, and left the game briefly. He suffered a corneal abrasion of the left eye, but the injury was not believed to be serious.

Texas hopes to avoid looking past Baylor

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A record of 4-4-1 doesn't exactly stir images of a team destined for a bowl on New Year's Day.

But a Texas victory over Baylor Saturday would set up a showdown between the Longhorns and Texas A&M for a trip to the Cotton Bowl.

First things first, however, Texas coach John Mackovic said Monday.

"If we do (look ahead), we are foolish," Mackovic said. "Baylor is the biggest game of the year. This game puts us in the situation of playing our last game with a lot on the line."

Are the Longhorns, who are 4-1 in the Southwest Conference, focused?

"We don't have a choice," Mackovic said. "We need to have blinders on, just moving straight ahead."

Texas will attempt to avenge a

bitter 21-20 loss last year to Baylor that helped knock the Longhorns out of postseason, while giving the Bears a berth in the Hancock Bowl.

This year's contest has the same consequences.

Baylor (5-5) must win to gain the six victories necessary against Division I-A schools for a bowl bid. Texas must win its last two games to qualify, and doing so would mean a trip to the Cotton Bowl.

"There is a lot riding on this game," Mackovic said.

The second-year Texas coach praised the Baylor running attack, which leads the SWC with an average of 237 yards per game behind a line that averages 302 pounds across its front four.

"We are giving their running game a lot of attention," Mackovic said. "They will try to control the ball. We will have to find a way to get the ball back. Hopefully, it won't be by way of kickoffs."

Mackovic said Baylor's offensive and defensive lines are so big "that

their side of the field is going to tilt."

Baylor's defense is last in the SWC against the pass, giving up 252 yards per game through the air. The Bears will have to contend with 6-5 receiver Lovell Pinkney and speedy Mike Adams, who caught two scores in Texas' 24-3 victory against TCU last Saturday.

"I feel confident we could move the ball against anybody right now," said Texas quarterback Shea Morenz, adding that he has gained confidence in back-to-back victories against Houston and TCU.

Mackovic said Baylor has been lifted by the return of quarterback J.J. Joe, who has recovered from a midseason shoulder injury.

Joe was 12 of 17 for 165 yards passing in a 38-14 victory against Rice last week.

"With a healthy J.J. Joe, it makes them a good football team," Mackovic said. "They sputtered at mid-season without him. He gives them a psychological boost."

Oilers upbeat after fourth straight victory

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers, after a 1-4 start, finally are back in the AFC Central Division race.

They have a winning record (5-4) for the first time this season and they're feeling relief from the distractions that have haunted them throughout the season.

"Thank goodness, we got back in it," Coach Jack Pardee said Monday. "With a 16-game schedule, you have a chance to catch up. I'm glad

we were able to get going against teams we needed to beat."

The Oilers' four-game winning streak came against teams with a combined 6-22 (two victories over Cincinnati) record, but after the way the Oilers played early in the season, any kind of a streak is a positive.

"I knew we could come back, but not the way we were playing at the time," Pardee said. "We weren't running the ball, the defense had

breakdowns. We were having just enough bad plays to lose."

The Oilers will get a real test of their improvement on Sunday when they play in Cleveland's Dog Pound.

"Everything that's happened to us in the last four weeks has been perfect," wide receiver Webster Slaughter said. "Granted, we haven't been playing the best teams in the NFL, but we've play well and Cleveland will be a test for us."

Rangers' Rodriguez earns second consecutive Gold Glove award

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Omar Vizquel and Kenny Lofton were the only first-time winners of the American League Gold Glove awards this year.

Don Mattingly of the New York Yankees caught up with George Scott for the most Gold Gloves by an AL first baseman, winning for the eighth time in awards announced Monday.

Second baseman Roberto Alomar and outfielder Devon White of the World Series champion Toronto Blue Jays, outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle and pitcher Mark Langston of California were among seven of last year's winners to repeat.

Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez and Chicago third baseman Robin Ventura filled out the team.

The National League winners will be announced today. The Gold

Gloves are presented by Rawlings to the best fielders in baseball as chosen in a vote by major league managers and coaches late in the regular season.

Rawlings began the Gold Gloves in 1957 with one combined team. Winners in both leagues were started the next season.

Mattingly matched Scott as the top winner at first base in the AL with his eighth award in nine years. The only time Mattingly missed out

was 1990, when he was injured and Oakland's Mark McGwire won the award.

Mattingly, known for his quick throws, led major league first basemen with a .998 fielding percentage this year. He made only three errors in 1,345 total chances, including 84 assists.

Scott won in 1967-68 with Boston, and again from 1971-76 while with the Red Sox and Milwaukee. Keith Hernandez holds the record for the most Gold Gloves by

a first baseman, winning 11 straight times from 1978-88 with the New York Mets and St. Louis.

White and Langston each won their fifth Gold Glove. White made only three errors in center field and Langston led AL pitchers with 47 assists.

Griffey, also a center fielder, became the first AL outfielder to win four straight Gold Gloves since Puckett in 1986-89. The acrobatic Alomar, who showed off his abilities in the World Series, and Ventura

each won for the third year in a row. Rodriguez became the first Texas catcher to win two straight Gold Gloves since Jim Sundberg won from 1976-81.

Vizquel, a Seattle shortstop, ended Cal Ripken's two-year streak. Vizquel, had a .980 percentage and became the first Seattle shortstop to win the award. Lofton, another center fielder, was the first Cleveland outfielder to win a Gold Glove since Rick Manning in 1976.

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Bosnian army battles attack from Croats, holds ground against tanks

By DAVID CRARY
Associated Press Writer

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The Bosnian army fought off one of the heaviest Croat attacks of the war, holding its ground against tanks, artillery and thousands of troops near a town in central Bosnia, U.N. officials said today.

Lt. Col. Bill Aikman, a peacekeepers spokesman, said the eight-hour assault on Gornji Vakuf on Monday involved about 4,000 troops and 10-15 tanks attacking an eight-mile front.

The assault was backed by more than 550 rounds of artillery, he said.

Key supply routes for humanitarian aid traverse Gornji Vakuf, 40 miles west of Sarajevo.

Fighting and delays have left many towns with only sporadic supplies and Sarajevo itself almost totally dependent on a U.N. airlift.

Sarajevo got its first heavy snowfall of the season today. About 5 inches of snow blanketed the city, making it difficult for residents to get around by foot or bicycle, now the most common means of transportation.

The U.N. airlift of food continued despite the snow.

"The snow is too early for us," said Dilha Krlivic, 60. "I have old shoes, I have no firewood. I got scared this morning when I looked out the window."

The United Nations has invited Bosnia's political and military leaders to a meeting Thursday on reopening aid routes that have been restricted by fighting.

Bosnian Serb leaders have agreed to attend, but there has been no commitment from either the Bosnian Croat leader or Bosnia's Muslim president.

Aikman said British peacekeepers, though forced to spend most of Monday in bunkers because of heavy shelling, reported the Croats apparently captured one hill near Gornji Vakuf.

But the Muslim-led government forces, although believed to have suffered heavy casualties, put up strong resistance and generally held their ground.

Aikman said peacekeepers observed a Croat helicopter in the air during the battle, apparently directing artillery fire and observing Bosnian government troop movements.

Although such flights violate the U.N.-decreed "no-fly zone," Aikman said there was no attempt to halt the flight.

"Have you ever tried to chase a helicopter with a fighter?" he said. "You would have to throw a lot of resources at it and be notified very quickly."

Croat and Bosnian government forces were allied early in the war, which started in April 1992 when Bosnian Serbs rebelled over a Croat-Muslim vote to secede from Serb-led Yugoslavia.

The alliance collapsed as Serbs and Croats began cooperating on plans to partition Bosnia.

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Consent law for abortion upheld by High Court

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Mississippi abortion law requiring unmarried girls to get both parents' consent or a judge's permission before ending their pregnancies survived a Supreme Court challenge Monday.

The court rejected a constitutional attack on the law, called by opponents "devastating" and "the most burdensome of its kind."

Monday's action was not a ruling but an unexplained refusal to review the law. Nevertheless, both sides in the national debate over abortion were quick to react.

"The justices have denied young women their day in court," said Catherine Albisa of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy. She called the Mississippi law "an onerous restriction" that is more burdensome than any other state's.

"Most young women can and do consult with their parents when they are facing an unwanted pregnancy," Albisa said. "But for those who legitimately fear the outcome of involving one or both parents, this law is devastating."

Burke Balch of National Right to Life Committee said Monday's action was "not surprising." "What is surprising is how successful abortion advocates have been in tying up these laws in court after the Supreme Court strongly indicated ... that two-parent consent laws with (judicial) bypass would be constitutional," Balch said.

The Mississippi law was enacted in 1986 but had been tied up in court since a federal judge barred its enforcement that year.

The law requires doctors to obtain written permission from both parents before performing an abortion on a girl who is unmarried, under 18 and not supporting herself.

A judicial-bypass provision allows such a girl to avoid telling either parent if the girl gets a judge's permission. The law requires that the court proceedings be speedy and confidential.

The law also requires judges to grant permission if a girl shows she is mature enough to make the abortion decision on her own or proves an abortion is in her best interest.

In previous rulings, the Supreme Court has upheld one-parent consent laws and two-parent notification laws that included judicial-bypass options.

In 1990, the court struck down Minnesota's two-parent notification law because it had no judicial bypass.

The court never has upheld a two-parent consent law, but most of the justices have indicated such a requirement would be constitutional if an adequate judicial-bypass option were included.

Massachusetts and North Dakota also have such laws.

Lawyers for Mississippi's three abortion clinics say a rule implementing the two-parent consent law transforms the judicial-bypass provision into an "undue burden" on girls' abortion rights.

The rule says a girl must prove notifying her parents is not in her best interest.

The appeal acted on Monday argued that the rule unlawfully denies judicial permission to some girls who could show that getting an abortion is in their best interest.

The high court last year reaffirmed its 1973 decision barring states from outlawing most abortions. Last year's ruling said states may not impose undue burdens on women's constitutional right to such operations.

But that ruling also gave states greater leeway to regulate abortions.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, by a 2-1 vote last May, upheld the Mississippi law. It took effect two months later.

In the appeal turned down Monday, abortion clinic operators also argued they wrongly were denied an evidentiary court hearing before the law took effect.

They said the appeals court should have sent the case back to a federal trial judge "for fact-finding under the newly minted undue burden standard."

'Kentucky Cycle' provides grim history

By MICHAEL KUCHWARA
AP Drama Critic

NEW YORK (AP) — Think big. No, think epic. That might give you some idea of what playwright Robert Schenkkan has accomplished in *The Kentucky Cycle*, his nine-play, six-hour marathon that puts a 200-year all-American saga onstage at Broadway's Royale Theater.

Also think grim. Unrelentingly grim. And ambitious. For what Schenkkan has attempted is nothing less than the puncturing of the hyperbole of American history. Not for him the righteous, rosy glow of Manifest Destiny or even the Hollywood-style celebrations of John Wayne or *How the West Was Won*. If anything, his work is closer in spirit and tone to *Unforgiven*, Clint Eastwood's recent somber meditation on the western.

The people who dominate *The Kentucky Cycle* are not heroes. They are liars, cheats, cowards, betrayers, rapists and murderers. And what these villains are after is land, specifically a patch of earth in eastern Kentucky where most of Schenkkan's narrative takes place.

The Kentucky Cycle, which opened Sunday, is a fascinating and engrossing tale, beautifully and simply told in the style of story theater.

In the very first drama, an Indian calls this earth "a dark and bloody land." The description is accurate, one that is as true in 1775, when the saga begins, as it is in 1975 when the exhausting evening reaches its mournful, melancholy and yet appropriate conclusion.

In between, theatergoers follow three families through just about every calamity that can happen to mankind. Revenge, almost Greek in its intensity and passion, permeates the first three-hour segment that takes the cycle into the Civil War.

Humor is in short supply, but it finally makes an appearance in the play's second part when a charlatan tall-tale teller arrives.

Yet the laughter evaporates when the audience

realizes the man works for a coal company and is there to trick an unsuspecting family out of their land's mineral rights.

The villainy doesn't decrease as the plays march farther into the 20th century. The scoundrels become the coal company officials and even union leaders, corrupted by the power they had so painfully won.

Twenty-one actors play a variety of roles with varying degrees of success. Dominating them all is Stacy Keach who portrays several monstrous patri-archs. His malevolence is unnerving no matter what role he undertakes. Only Jeanne Paulsen as a valiant, plain-spoken coal miner's wife can match Keach's memorable work.

Director Warner Shook marshals his forces well. In fact, he could be the real hero of the whole enterprise. Simplicity and directness are the orders of the day.

Shook places the action on a raked wood platform, designed by Michael Olich and evocatively lighted by Peter Maradudin. Two-tiered scaffolding lines either side of the stage. A square of unbleached muslin stretched on a frame dominates the theater's back wall.

When the actors aren't performing, many of them sit on the side of the stage, making theatergoers aware that what they are watching is a tale being told.

The Kentucky Cycle began its life at Seattle's Intiman Theater Company where Shook is now artistic director. It was further refined at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles. On its journey to New York, the play won the Pulitzer Prize for drama in 1992.

The real power in *The Kentucky Cycle* lies in its cumulative effect. There's a satisfying arc to Schenkkan's storytelling.

Sure, the writing is often melodramatic and descends occasionally into agitprop. Yet there's a beauty in the story's vastness and scope, in its attempt to link generation to generation to generation by what America has done to the land it claims to hold so dear.

Judge gives Joey Buttafuoco maximum six-month sentence

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP) — Joey Buttafuoco, the married man who admitted an affair with the underage Amy Fisher, Monday was sentenced to the maximum six months in jail for statutory rape.

Fisher faced her former lover in court for the first time since shooting Buttafuoco's wife last year, for which she is serving a five-to-15-year sentence. She asked Judge Jack Mackston to make it a punishment that will send a message to other teenagers like her.

"If I had been allowed to cross the bridge between adolescence and adulthood unmolested (by Buttafuoco), I would not be where I am today," Fisher said in a statement at the hearing.

The case launched TV movies, talk-show jokes and a media frenzy, including tabloid headlines about an alleged "Long Island Lolita." Last month, after more than a year of denying he had relations with Fisher, Buttafuoco pleaded guilty to statutory rape, saying he had had sex with her in a motel in 1991, when she was 16. She is now 19.

Buttafuoco, 37, was led away in handcuffs. He could be out of jail in four months. He was also sentenced to five years' probation and a \$5,000 fine, also the maximum, and has to pay a \$5 "victim assistance fee."

Addressing the court in a soft, at times inaudible voice, Fisher said Buttafuoco's guilty plea showed she was not a "crazy, psychopathic" lovesick teenager as

Buttafuoco had claimed.

She repeated her contention — which has been denied by Buttafuoco — that "he was aware of my intentions toward his wife, and he encouraged me" to shoot her.

Buttafuoco stood ramrod straight during the proceedings with little expression. He made no statement to the judge.

His lawyer, Dominic Barbara, urged leniency, saying most recent statutory rape defendants in the county had gotten probation. Barbara called Buttafuoco "a devoted and loving father, a devoted and loving son." He said Buttafuoco had never been in legal trouble before and had conquered a drug and alcohol problem a decade ago.

The prosecution agreed to take no position on Buttafuoco's sentencing. Mrs. Buttafuoco pleaded last week on television for no jail time; she was not present Monday.

The case burst into the headlines in May 1992, when Fisher, bent on clearing the way for her life with Buttafuoco, rang the Buttafuocos' front door bell and shot Mrs. Buttafuoco. Mrs. Buttafuoco, a mother of two, was severely injured and still suffers health problems from the bullet lodged in her skull.

The truth came out after Buttafuoco balked at allowing a blood test and a physical exam. The tests could have backed up two of Fisher's claims: that Buttafuoco gave her herpes, and that he had a mole on his inner thigh.

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