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PAMPA -- A fund has been established at The First National Bank of Pampa to help defray Dorsey Cruzan Jr.'s expenses. Cruzan, featured in a story in Sunday's *Pampa News*, has been unemployed for several months because of back surgery. Deposits can be made by contacting Sheila Lott at the bank.

PAMPA -- St. Mark's CME Church will have a breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday followed by a Fellowship Day with traditional New Year's Day blackeyed peas and cornbread, according to the Rev. Merle Houska. Donations will be accepted.

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (AP) — Hoechst Celanese Corp. has sued Eljer Industries of Dallas for allegedly selling faulty plumbing equipment and then seeking to evade responsibility in product liability claims, Eljer has announced. Also named as defendants in the lawsuit, filed in Superior Court here, are Eljer's former parent, Household Industries, and two wholly owned subsidiaries, Eljer Manufacturing Inc. and United States Brass Corp.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — It's not everyone who would want to spend the Christmas holiday sitting through long-winded discussions about death, mistakes and dieting. But then Bill Clinton is not your ordinary vacationer.

The president and his family are back at Renaissance Weekend for their 10th consecutive year of dawn-to-dark socializing and philosophizing about everything from "Coping With Death" to "Leave it to ... Beavis and Butthead?" Some 335 families are taking part this year. Clinton arrived at dusk Wednesday, in time for the retreat's opening reception. But he skipped the evening's leadoff panel discussion: "Whoops! Mistakes, Their Lessons and Consequences."

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton promises to simplify health care and free Americans from "the most bureaucratic system that exists anywhere in the world." But Republicans see less choice for patients — and even more red tape.

"Simplicity is, 'I will do what I am told by the government. They'll tell me what I can buy, where I can buy it and how much I'll pay for it,'" complained Rep. Dick Armye, R-Texas.

"Thirteen hundred pages of red tape," sputtered House Republican Whip Newt Gingrich.

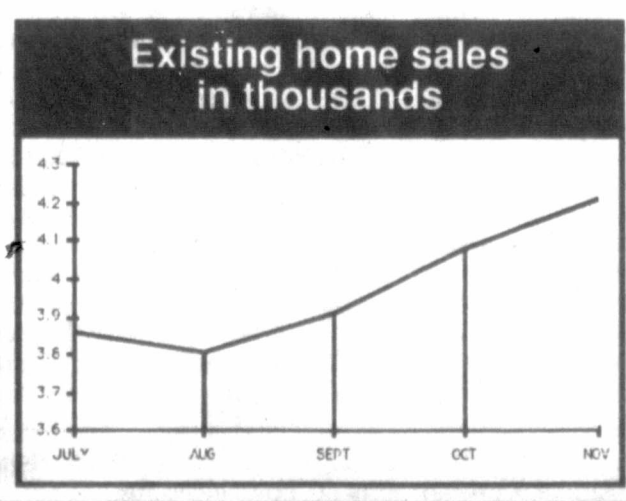
Clinton's critics are attacking two key features of his health reform plan. One is the creation of a powerful National Health Board that could set limits on private health insurance premiums; the other is a requirement that most Americans buy their coverage through new, government-run health alliances.

DALLAS (AP) — A big hurdle has been cleared toward beginning of construction on a major horse racing facility in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Officials of Lone Star Jockey Club, Trinity Meadows Raceway and various horsemen's groups announced Wednesday they had reached an oral agreement that would end Trinity's legal challenge to Lone Star's Class 1 license.

If the five-member horse racing section of the Texas Racing Commission ratifies the pact on Jan. 14, it would pave the way for construction to begin, with a goal of racing in the spring or summer of 1995. Lone Star Jockey Club has the commission's approval to build a Class 1 track about 5 miles west of the Dallas city limits, just north of the old Dallas-Fort Worth turnpike in Grand Prairie. But Trinity Meadow's litigation had halted everything.

DALLAS (AP) — Residents of apartment complexes where tenants had complained about abusive security guards said they are pleased that the Dallas Housing Authority has taken action. DHA officials have ordered J.L. Security & Investigation Co. to stop working at Town Park, Forest Green Manor and the Pebbles Apartments in North Dallas as of Jan. 7.



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Pampans make New Year resolutions

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

A new year is not just a time for personal resolutions on behalf of self-improvement. Civic and government leaders in the area are also committed to societal resolutions on behalf of improving this region.

New Year's resolutions this year range from streets to test scores.

"It would be nice for the concrete streets to be smoother in the downtown area and on Duncan Street," said the Rev. Lane Boyd, superintendent of the

eastern panhandle district of the United Methodists.

Transportation-related issues were also cited by Ron Unruh, airport manager at Perry Lefors Field, who said he would like to see "a whole bunch of more people from Pampa to fly airplanes."

Lefors Mayor Wendell Akins suggested more improvement of the appearance of that town.

"I would like to continue to tear down old houses that are not inhabitable anymore and clean up all the old vacant lots in the city," he said.

Don Babcock, president of

First National Bank of Pampa, offered a more general outlook.

"I would like for the citizens of our communities in Gray County, with Pampa leading the way, to resolve to take greater pride in this area and further resolve to educate our children and grandchildren to respect the property of others and finally resolve to always treat others as we would prefer to be treated ourselves."

Attitudes by the general public were uppermost as well in the mind of Pastor Ken Metzger of the First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

"I wish for Pampa/Gray County in 1994 to experience a genuine spiritual revival/renewal, with the churches of the area cooperating to that end," he said.

Jody Bradford, Carson County extension agent, cited a need for "increasing public awareness of agriculture. That's a good simple little goal that we can work on."

"On behalf of Pampa Independent School District, I'd like to see our performance on TAAS tests improve," said Daniel Coward, principal of Pampa High School.

"The Pampa business community and officials could try to get together to figure out a way for Pampa to be more competitive with surrounding areas, like Amarillo and Borger, as a regional center for shopping and other business," said W. Pat Bagley, chief appraiser for Gray County Appraisal District.

"I'd like to see a better economy and business pick up," said Claudie Phillips, chief of the Pampa Fire Department. "For the fire department, I'd like to have a safe and healthy year for all of our personnel and the public."

Congressman announces re-election bid in Pampa



Bill Waters, right, was one of the Pampans on hand to welcome Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo, to Pampa today as the incumbent congressman announced his bid for re-election to the 13th Congressional seat. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Gray County Democrats donate filing fee

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

Texas Congressman Bill Sarpalius announced his bid for re-election today as supporters greeted him at Perry Lefors Airport.

Sarpalius said the upcoming campaign will be about who can do the best job for the people of the 13th Congressional district.

"I think my record stands on its own," he said. "I have been an effective member of Congress and that will be the issue in this campaign — effective representation."

Sarpalius said that in the five years he has spent in office, he has established a dominant role for himself in Congress.

"As I apply for this job ... and you look at my application, you will see six years of experience, seniority and a leadership position where my opponents have nothing to offer," he said. "They would go in there as a freshman with no experience, no seniority and no opportunity to assume any type of leadership."

Specific programs Sarpalius said he is particularly proud of included the establishment of a national testing laboratory at the Pantex Weapons Plant near Amarillo, \$500 million in new construction for a Wichita Falls military base, and recent developments at the Lake Meredith National Park including a salinity control program and the addition of approximately 7,000 acres to the park.

John Warner, chairman of the Gray County Democratic party, donated a check of nearly \$2,500 to go for Sarpalius' filing fee.

(See Sarpalius, page 2)

National poll finds wide support for gun control

Compiled by staff and Associated Press reports

Americans by a wide majority want tighter controls on the sale of firearms and a ban on assault weapons and think handguns should be registered, according to a poll published today.

A quick sampling of opinion today in Pampa indicated local Texans disagreed with the national poll.

The *USA Today*-CNN-Gallup Poll found that six out of 10 people oppose an outright ban on handguns, but the reverse was true when the question referred to "cheap" handguns. Six out of 10 would ban the "cheap" guns. The report on the survey did not spell out the distinction between handguns in general and cheap handguns.

The poll comes a day after *USA Today*, the nation's second-largest daily after *The Wall Street Journal*, devoted a significant portion of the paper to articles focusing on gun violence in America.

Pampa Police Chief Chuck Flemings reacted to the poll by saying, "I think probably I would support the action to do away with cheap handguns. Specifically, I'm thinking about Saturday Night specials. As far as I'm concerned, they're unsafe."

Jim Baker, a Pampa member of the National Rifle Association, said he opposes a ban on handguns.

"An outright ban on anything is not the answer," he said. "You have to change people before you can do anything about crime."

Baker declined to comment concerning the proposed ban on "cheap" handguns, saying that he does not know which types of guns could be categorized as cheap.

John Tripplehorn, Gray County Veterans Service Officer, also voiced opposition to an outright ban on handguns.

"I guess I'm old-fashioned, because the gun is not the problem — it's the person using the gun improperly," Tripplehorn said. "Until we are harsh enough on these individuals, no kind of very superficial laws are going to fix the problem. The criminals aren't being punished. If the reasoning holds true that banning the guns will stop the illegal use of them then it only stands to reason that we'll need to ban the automobile also because it's killing people every day."

In an editorial Wednesday, *USA Today* called for the creation of a national system to register firearms and license gun owners, just as cars are registered and drivers are licensed after demonstrating they can drive safely.

"Treat guns as cars and shooters as drivers, and then watch the blood mist slowly, surely, lift," it said.

The poll today found wide support for gun control.

Sixty-seven percent of respondents said they favored stricter laws controlling firearms sales, with only 7 percent saying the laws should be less strict. Twenty-five percent said the laws should stay as they are.

And with 81 percent favoring the registration of handguns, only 18 percent opposed such a move. The rest had no opinion.

Fully 87 percent of respondents said they approved of the new Brady law requiring a five-day waiting period for a background check before the purchase of a firearm.

Eighty-nine percent of those polled said people should be required to take safety classes before qualifying to own a gun, and 69 percent said people should be limited to purchasing no more than one gun a month.

Seventy-seven percent favored a ban on assault weapons.

Well over half — 59 percent — said they wouldn't feel any less safe if only police officers were allowed to have handguns. Twenty-five percent said they would feel more safe, 34 percent said they would feel no difference and 25 percent said they would feel less safe.

The poll was conducted between Dec. 17-21 and sought the opinion of 1,014 people. Its margin of error was plus or minus three percentage points.

In *USA Today's* Wednesday edition, the newspaper devoted 18 pages of stories in all four sections to a comprehensive exploration of the gun issue.

It reported that there are now 211 million firearms in the United States, one for every adult and half the children. It said 22 major American cities have set homicide records this year.

The newspaper said 15,377 people were killed in firearms homicides in 1992 — 12,489 of them with handguns. That is twice the number killed by handguns in 1966.

No demand shortage for Super Bowl Ads -- even at \$1.8 million a minute

By STEFAN FATSI
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It's worth it. That's the refrain of advertisers who are forking over a record \$900,000 for each 30 seconds of commercial time during next month's Super Bowl on NBC.

The price of a spot on the National Football League championship is up 5.9 percent from \$850,000 for the 1993 game, a lopsided Dallas Cowboys win that disappointed advertisers hoping for a close game to retain viewers.

A month before the Jan. 30 contest, NBC has less than eight of 56 half-minute spots available. If all sell at around the \$900,000 price, the network would bring in \$50.4 million in revenue, exceeding the approximately \$41 million it paid for broadcast rights.

While the Super Bowl — which drew 133.4 million American viewers last year — always attracts innovative ads showcasing new products, new celebrity sponsors or technological gimmicks, the buying this year comes during an ad rebound in an improving economy.

Despite the rising price — up from \$500,000 for 30 seconds in 1985 — most spots sold far in advance of the game, indicating advertisers aren't waiting for last-minute markdowns.

Regular Super Bowl advertisers will return, including Anheuser-Busch Cos. and its Bud Bowl with competing gridiron beer bottles; sneaker makers Nike Inc. and Reebok International Ltd.; and soft-drink makers PepsiCo and Dr Pepper-Seven-Up Cos.

"It's worth it if you feel like you can compete

in the Super Bowl of advertising," said Dave Ropes, a marketing vice president for Reebok, which will have one 60-second spot featuring Orlando Magic basketball star Shaquille O'Neal singing his rap song "Shoot Pass Slam." For the 1993 game, the company bought two 60-second Super Bowl spots.

Nike, which has used the Super Bowl the last two years to unveil animated commercials featuring former Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan and Bugs Bunny, won't talk about its Super Bowl plans.

One newcomer is athletic shoe competitor Converse Inc., which will debut a 30-second spot starring its pitcher, Larry Johnson, the Charlotte Hornets star, in his familiar get-up as a basketball-slammng grandmother.

Chrysler Corp. also will appear for the first time on the Super Bowl, introducing its highly touted small car, the Neon.

Several 1993 advertisers have dropped out of the lineup because of concerns over the cost of time, the lack of a new product to introduce or a belief the showcase isn't necessarily effective.

Among the absent are Gillette Co., which debuted a new line of men's toiletries during the 1993 game; Ford Motor Co., which featured its Lincoln-Mercury Mark VIII; ServiceStar, which is reallocating ad spending; the accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand; Subaru of America; and Miller Brewing, a unit of Philip Morris Cos.

Anheuser-Busch, a perennial Super Bowl advertiser, has bought four 60-second spots for its Bud Bowl VI pitting two brands, plus another 30-second commercial.

Two-vehicle collision injures one



One person was being treated at Coronado Hospital emergency center today following a two-vehicle crash shortly after 10 a.m. today near the intersection of Perryton Parkway and Loop 171. (Pampa News photo)

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BURRESS, W.D. — Graveside, 2 p.m., Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie.
MAXWELL, C.R. — Graveside, 11 a.m., Westlawn Cemetery, Borger.

Obituaries

REGINA DIANE BRIGHT

Regina Diane Bright, 19, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1993, at Houston. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the First Assembly of God Church, with the Rev. Charles Shugart, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whaley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Bright was born on Oct. 19, 1974, in Pampa. She was a life-long resident of Pampa, attending Pampa schools and graduating from Pampa High School in 1993. She was a member of the Pampa High School choir and received the 1993 Hugh Sanders Award, an award given to an outstanding senior choir member. She had been a news carrier for The Pampa News and was once named Carrier of the Month. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church and was very active in the youth programs. She had been attending Clarendon College and was a teacher's assistant at Lamar Elementary School at the time of her death.



Survivors include her parents, Bobby and Patsy Bright, of the home; a sister and brother-in-law, Dena and Errol Hainer of Pampa; maternal grandparents, F.C. and Mabel Adams of Pampa; and a niece, Ashley Hainer of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Make a Wish Foundation.

W.D. 'WOODY' BURRESS

CANADIAN — W.D. "Woody" Burress, 76, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1993. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Mobeetie Cemetery, with the Rev. David Marak of Canadian officiating. Arrangements are by Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors.

Mr. Burress was born in Acme. He attended school in Mobeetie. He married Ramona Green in 1962 at Wheeler. He moved to Canadian in 1971 from the Pampa area. He was employed for several years as a plant operator for Northern Natural Gas Co. and had owned and operated Woody's Pumping Service since 1978. He was a Baptist. He was preceded in death by a son, Douglas Lafoy Burress.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Becky Urton of Lubbock, Shelia Potter of Houston, Sherie Skillern of Amarillo and Marilyn Smith of Canadian; two brothers, W.T. Burress of Levelland and Virgil Burress of Dallas; two sisters, Nadene Reynolds of Allison and Madeline Terry of Miami; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society or the Harrington Cancer Center.

C.R. MAXWELL

BORGER — C.R. Maxwell, 82, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1993. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Westlawn Cemetery, with the Rev. Jim Loper, pastor of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, officiating. Arrangements are by Ed Brown and Sons Funeral Home.

Mr. Maxwell was a native of Ellijay, Ga., and had been a Borger resident for 49 years. He was a retired operator at the Phillips refinery. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and a Baptist. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lola Bessie Maxwell, in 1987.

Survivors include a son, Bill Don Doham of Austin; a daughter, Virginia Brown of Tex Roy, Skellytown; a brother, Orville Maxwell of Tulary, Calif.; three sisters, Gladys Yeager of Tulary, Jewel of Sparks, Nev., and Sybil Shipman of Frederick, Okla.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.80
Milo	5.00
Corn	5.45

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

Serico	4	NC
Occidental	17	dn 1/8

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

Magellan	70.87
Pantlun	15.76

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

Amoco	53 1/2	up 1/4
Arco	104 3/8	up 1/4
Cabot	54 3/4	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	20 3/4	NC

Chevron	88 1/2	up 1/2
Coca-Cola	44 7/8	dn 1/8
Diamond Sham	23 5/8	up 1/8
Enron	29 5/8	up 1/4
Halliburton	32 3/8	dn 3/8
HealthTrust Inc.	24 3/4	up 1/8
Ingersoll Rand	39 1/4	up 1/4
KNE	25 5/8	dn 1/8
Kerr McGee	43 3/4	up 1/4
Limited	17 1/8	NC
Mapeco	60 7/8	dn 1/4
Maxus	5 7/8	up 1/4
McDonald's	57 3/4	dn 1/2
Mobile	79 1/8	NC
New Atmos	27 1/2	NC
Parker & Parsley	23 1/2	NC
Pennsey's	52 3/4	dn 5/8
Phillips	29 1/8	NC
SLB	59 1/4	up 5/8
SPS	30 3/4	dn 1/8
Tenneco	51 3/4	up 1/4
Texas	64 7/8	dn 1/8
Wal-Mart	25 5/8	dn 1/4
New York Gold	391.60	
Silver	5.10	
West Texas Crude	14.47	

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29

Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather, reported a theft of under \$20.
 Pizza Hut, 1500 N. Banks, reported a theft of over \$20 but under \$200.
 Floyd M. Baxter Jr., 1318 N. Russell, reported a burglary.
 Leonard Ray Davis, 125 S. Faulkner, reported a burglary of a habitation.
 Betty T. Graham, 120 E. 28th, reported a theft.

THURSDAY, Dec. 30

Misty Minyard, 1216 E. Darby, reported criminal mischief.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29

Dennis Ray Hayes, 45, 1104 S. Sumner, was arrested at his residence on four outstanding warrants.
 A 14-year-old Pampa resident was arrested at his residence on a charge of public intoxication.
 Chad Lee Augustine, 20, 515 Foster, was arrested at the intersection of Warren Street and Francis Avenue on a charge of theft under \$20.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported no incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29

Roy D. Britt, 30, 1161 Varnon Dr., was arrested on charge of violation of parole.
 Marvin Clay Wells, 29, Skellytown, was arrested on charges of displaying an expired license plate, having no liability insurance and for failure to appear.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

Pampa
 Billy J. Gordon
 Jessica Harris
 Jacob Forrest Hupp
 Grace E. Juengerman
 Danina Lin Kennedy
 Eunice Ann Radliff
Miami
 Oveda Forbau (extended care)

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Worley Kennedy of Pampa, a baby boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Urbanczyk of White Deer, a girl.

Dismissals

Pampa
 Irene Minatre
 Linda Norris
 Melanie Ray and baby boy
 Viola Schwartz (extended care)
Canadian
 Shelley Sanders and baby boy
Miami
 Oveda Forbau
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Doris Kirkland
Dismissals
 Clonda Adams
 Imogene Robinson
 Carrie Edwards
 Beatrice Huffman

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29

10:35 a.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a gas spill at 1025 W. Wilks.
 3:03 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a trash fire at 1865 W. McCullough.
 5:33 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 640 N. Wells.
 8 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a good intent call at 705 W. Brown.
 4:14 a.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a medical assistance call at 1504 W. Kentucky.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

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

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported no accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Crime Stoppers	669-2222
Emergency Stoppers	669-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
Police (non-emergency)	669-5700
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

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Sarpalius

"The farmers of this district particularly appreciate your service to all of the district and particularly to farmers and they have chipped in to raise your filing fee," Warner said.

In addition to being the chairman of a small business subcommittee in the House of Representatives, Sarpalius is also seeking the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Environment, Credit and Rural Development.

"To be chairman of that subcommittee puts me in the position of a real leadership role and is a real opportunity to have a lot of influence in drafting of the farm bill which sets farm policy for the next five years," he said. "That committee deals with all the loan programs for farmers ... all of the stock markets, commodities, and it deals with all the environmental issues that affect agriculture and rural America."

As for one of the major issues facing Congress and the Clinton administration in the upcoming legislative session, a national health care plan, Sarpalius said he has not committed to any specific program yet.

"On health care, I haven't endorsed any proposal yet and I don't think we have the proposal on the table yet on what the real answer to health care (is)," he said. "The president put a proposal on the table and made it clear that this is just a proposal and when we go back in January, over the next several months we'll pick and choose from several plans that will hopefully work."

As for concerns from critics of a national health care plan who fear one would hurt small business, Sarpalius said the majority of small businesses already provide health care and support the general proposal of the administration.

"Eighty percent of the small businesses support and like this bill because eighty percent of them provide health care for their employees and ... they will be able to provide better coverage cheaper," he said.

As for the 20 percent that do not provide health care for employees, Sarpalius said it would be a great strain and a solution is needed before he would sign on to any proposal.

No Lotto winner

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket would have been worth \$3 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 47, 34, 49, 15, 28, 24.

In addition to the jackpot winner, there were 78 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$2,005. There were 3,862 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$147. And there were 84,208 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$8 million.

City briefs

HOME ALARM \$300 plus tax. Free demonstration. 665-4237. Adv.

EASY'S POP Shop - 12 inch meat and cheese tray \$11.95. 665-1719. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH: 25, 30, 50 and 75% off. Also a \$10 rack. Adv.

LAKEVIEW APARTMENTS: 2 and 3 bedroom, furnished and unfurnished. 669-7682. Adv.

CELLULAR BAG Phone: 1 week only \$19.95 with activation. Borger Radio Shack, 274-7077. Adv.

HOUSECLEANING, \$6 a hour. 669-9818. Adv.

NEW YEAR'S Eve Dance, Double Duces. Members and guests. Get reservations early. Moose Lodge. Adv.

Christmas toys



Out playing in the 1800 block of North Hamilton Wednesday afternoon with some of their Christmas toys are, front, Justin Lake, 2, and his cousin Brett Powell, 3. Justin's parents are Kerri and Jimmy Lake and Brett's parents are Kim and Tyson Powell. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Chilly blanket of snow covers East

By DOINA CHIACU

Associated Press Writer

A storm coupled with extreme cold dumped up to 8 inches of snow in much of the East, sending cars into a slide and causing a jet to skid off a taxiway.

"Aaagh! That's how it's been tonight. We've been busy, real busy," Philadelphia police Officer Kimberley Fairweather said Wednesday. "Nothing serious, fender benders, but it seems like if there's something out there to run into, they will."

And Philadelphia got only 2 inches. Maine and New Hampshire got 4 to 7 inches along the coast. The snow continued early today on Cape Cod, which had at least 3 to 5 inches. New York City got 3 to 4 inches.

The arctic cold that moved in on Christmas lingered in the East and the Great Lakes.

It was 16 degrees this morning in Albany, N.Y., 18 in Boston, 13 in Cincinnati, 8 in Portland, Maine, 13

in Detroit and 6 in Lansing, Mich.

In Virginia, which got up to 8 inches of snow, David Murphy was at his desk when his car in the sloping parking lot went into a slide. "It was in park, but down it went," said Murphy, Isle of Wight County's public utilities director.

At least 11 deaths have been blamed on the weather since Tuesday. Also, a 7-year-old boy who fell into an icy pond in East Windsor, N.J., died.

John and Eunice Burris' car skidded on ice, flipped over a bridge guardrail and landed in a cold lake in western North Carolina. "They said they had to swim to the bank," said Tim Hand of the Rowan County Rescue Squad.

An American Airlines jet hit ice and skidded off a taxiway at Raleigh-Durham International Airport. None of the 69 passengers was hurt.

In the Midwest, a water pipe burst in a basement annex of the Michigan Capitol in Lansing. Some offices were evacuated.

LOTTO

Wednesday's winning numbers are:

15 - 24 - 28 - 34 - 47 - 49

Jobless claims plummet to nearly five-year low

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans filing the first time for unemployment benefits plummeted by 39,000 last week to the lowest level in nearly five years, the government said today.

In a report that shows just how volatile the job market really is, the Labor Department said initial claims declined to a seasonally adjusted 291,000 in the week ended Dec. 25, down from a revised 330,000 for the previous week. That was the lowest level since Feb. 4, 1989, when initial claims totaled 286,000.

Economists had predicted a decline in part because of the Christmas holiday. Initial claims usually decline during holiday weeks. But the drop of 39,000 was nearly four times what they had expected.

The huge decrease was fueled in part by fewer layoffs in construction, manufacturing and the textile industry.

The four-week moving average of initial jobless claims declined 7,750 from the previous week to a seasonally adjusted 321,000, the lowest level since Sept. 9, 1989. Economists prefer to use that figure as a measure of hiring trends because it is much less volatile than the weekly number, which has swung up and down over the last few months.

The four-week average has fluctuated in a relatively narrow range between 330,000 and 350,000 since mid-August.

Economists have consistently said the job market is improving, led by gains in hiring among smaller companies.

The government reported that for the week ended Dec. 18 there were 8,246 claims filed in 50 states under

a federal emergency employment program, up from 6,624 the previous week.

Figures for emergency claims and the numbers for individual state claims lag a week behind the initial jobless claims total.

For the week ended Dec. 18, Illinois showed the biggest decline in the number of initial jobless claims after leading the nation the previous week. The number of claims there dropped by 6,559 with fewer layoffs in construction and service jobs.

Virginia, which experienced layoffs in food processing, textile, apparel and furniture industries, showed the biggest increase in initial jobless claims with 4,764. Other sizable increases were reported in Massachusetts, 1,708; California, 1,509; Indiana, 1,428; and Arkansas, 1,258.

Vatican, Israel sign accord seeking to end centuries of enmity

By KARIN LAUB
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and the Vatican signed a recognition agreement today, taking a step toward ending some 2,000 years of enmity between Christians and Jews.

Israel's deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin, and Monsignor Claudio M. Celli, the Vatican undersecretary of foreign relations, signed an agreement of principles this afternoon at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

Israeli President Ezer Weizman said he hoped the accord would pave the way for a visit to the Holy Land by Pope John Paul II, the first by a pontiff in 30 years. The pope has accepted an Israeli invitation in principle, but no date has been set.

While Beilin was hailing the agreement as opening a new era in relations, dissenting voices in Israel said there was too much bloodshed caused by the Roman Catholic Church to be erased by a scrap of paper.

Outside the building, about 80 religious Israelis demonstrated against the agreement. They chanted "The people of Israel live" and waved signs recalling the Inquisition.

"In the name of Christianity, they killed us and persecuted us," said Amichai Eliash, 22. "The Christian church was silent during the Holocaust... We must not sign an agreement with them until they express regret."

Critics argued the Catholic Church must not be forgiven for 2,000 years of doctrine that said the Jews' suffering was God's punishment for their refusal to accept Christianity, which they said fostered anti-Semitism and planted the seeds for the Holocaust in which 6 million Jews perished during World War II.

Haaretz, Israel's influential liberal daily, said the Church "persecuted the Jews in the Middle Ages and the pages of its history are stained with Jewish blood... (it) should not be forgiven for this."

Other papers voiced suspicion that the Vatican took the step after so many years only to elbow into the final status talks on Jerusalem that are supposed to be completed by 1998 under the PLO-Israel peace accord.

There was also dissent among Arab Christians. "The agreement is against the Palestinian people," said Ilias al-Koz, a 42-year-old Syrian Orthodox Christian. "It would serve only interests of

Israel and the Vatican."

A Vatican statement stressed that it seeks an internationally declared "special status" for Jerusalem and guarantees about freedom of worship and access to holy spots for all religions.

Michel Sabbah, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Jerusalem, said the Israel-Vatican agreement came as a result of the "general process of reconciliation in the whole area."

The Vatican had resisted recognition of the Jewish state since its establishment in 1948, citing Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, questions about Church property in the Holy Land and the status of Jerusalem.

Under the agreement, Israel and the Vatican will exchange representatives that are to be upgraded to ambassador status later. Both sides have scheduled two years to negotiate the details of the agreement, including the status of church property and economic issues.

Israeli leaders see the agreement as capping a wave of international acceptance of Israel following the collapse of the Soviet bloc beginning in 1989 and the U.S.-backed Mideast peace talks since 1991.

"The influence the Vatican has on the Catholic nations of the world and on almost a billion believers is tremendous," Beilin said. "This was one of the most important steps of Israeli diplomacy in recent years."

In the agreement, the Vatican pledges to stay out of the Arab-Israeli conflict, but has expressed interest in joining the multilateral Middle East peace negotiations at a later stage.

The Vatican would also like some say in the negotiations over the future of Jerusalem.

The city holds some of Christianity's most revered sites, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, worshipped as the site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection.

A Vatican statement today said it will insist on an "internationally guaranteed special status for the safekeeping of religious and cultural values" in Jerusalem — which is also central to the Islamic and Jewish faiths. The Vatican, however, has not given specifics of its vision of Jerusalem's future.

Israel sees Jerusalem as its eternal, undivided capital and insists there is already free access to places of worship.

54-year sentence for first-time drug offender spurring debate

KINGSVILLE (AP) — A migrant worker's 54-year prison sentence for a first-time drug offense has led to a debate over whether richer defendants get off easier than poorer ones.

Hoping for probation, Pablo Diaz, 31, pleaded guilty to smuggling 54 pounds of marijuana through Kleberg County last spring.

Instead, Judge Manuel J. Banales of the 105th state District Court sentenced Diaz to a year in prison for every pound of marijuana he was caught with on May 8 at the U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint in Sarita.

"I suppose, compared to everybody else who has come up with similar offenses, it might be harsh," the judge was quoted as saying in the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

"I recognize that this person had no prior criminal history. For him, I felt sorry. I regret the impact it's going to have on him and his family," Banales said. "But for society as a whole, it was an appropriate decision."

Jaime Carrillo, Diaz's court-appointed attorney, said he was shocked.

"I was so angry that tears fell from my eyes," Carrillo said. Carrillo said the system provides probation to those who can pay a fine, but prison time to those who can't.

Last month, Assistant District Attorney Susan Snyder offered a

plea bargain to Diaz. Under the terms, in exchange for probation, he would have to pay \$2,000 on the day he pleaded guilty and an additional \$3,400 over the next five years.

Carrillo said his client wasn't able to pay.

Snyder said the issue is not Diaz's sentence but a prevailing attitude that drug defendants deserve probation.

"Plea bargaining is the tool of the overworked prosecutor," she said. "We were arguing about how cheaply the defendant could get out of the courtroom, and Judge Banales put it all in perspective."

Tom Krampitz, executive director of the Texas District Attorneys and County Attorneys Association in Austin, said it was the toughest sentence he's ever heard of in Texas for a first-time drug conviction.

"Judge Banales has obviously put the word on the street that trafficking isn't going to be tolerated in Kleberg County, and that's a pretty strong message," Krampitz said.

But Sam Fugate, a Kingsville defense attorney, said the sentence was a sign of unequal justice.

"Our law enforcement has come to a money game," Fugate said. "If you've got money, you can do anything. If you don't have money, you go to prison or jail. And I don't think that's the way the system is supposed to work."

Todd Alvey announces candidacy for Gray County attorney position

Todd L. Alvey, local attorney, has announced his candidacy for county attorney for Gray County, subject to the Republican primary.

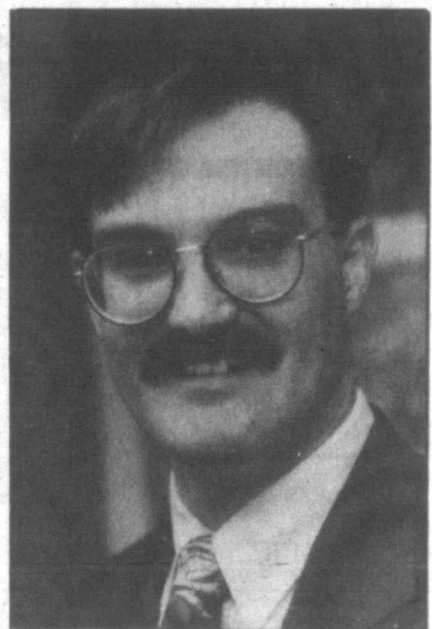
Born and raised in Wheeler, Alvey graduated from Wheeler High School in 1985 and attended Angelo State University, graduating in 1988.

He is a 1991 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law, where he earned the doctor of jurisprudence. He passed the bar in the summer of 1991 and moved to Pampa.

Alvey is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas, Texas Young Lawyers' Association and the Gray County Bar Association.

Alvey is a member of the board of directors for the Tralee Crisis Center and the board of directors for the Lake McClellan Improvement Board Inc.

"I look forward to serving the citizens of Pampa and Gray County as their county attorney. I will see that the laws of the state of Texas are



Todd L. Alvey

prosecuted fully and that justice will be served," he said.

Alvey is married to Misty Alvey and they are the parents of two children, Paige and Payton.

Officials order roundup of juveniles

HOUSTON (AP) — Juvenile probation officials have ordered a constant to round up more than 100 juveniles wanted on alleged offenses ranging from petty theft to aggravated robbery.

Constable Jack F. Abercia told newsmen on Wednesday that he had been trying unsuccessfully for five weeks to bring in the juveniles, but claims he was told to wait because there was no room at the Harris County detention center.

Abercia said Bob Husbands, a juvenile intake supervisor, told him "to hold up till they had room."

Juvenile probation officials promptly denied Abercia's assertions, saying they would not have allowed such a thing to happen.

Assistant Director JoAnn Jones said, "I just finished talking to Bob Husbands, and he told me that statement was never made. He does not recall ever having a conversation with Constable Abercia with regard to refusing to accept children on a writ of attachment."

Husbands did not return telephone calls Wednesday, and Executive Director Teresa Ramirez was out of town.

The dispute became knowledge when Precinct 3 County Commissioner Steve Radack called a news conference Wednesday and called for a management study of the juvenile agency.

Radack demanded a management study of the juvenile agency. He said he would question juvenile probation authorities at next week's Commissioners Court meeting.

The juvenile agency responded by telling Abercia to start Wednesday night picking up the 103 juveniles, wanted on writs of attachment or warrants signed by judges. The constable said as many as 50 could be in custody by Sunday.

The beleaguered juvenile detention center has been the center of media and Commissioners Court attention for months.

The Commissioners Court last month approved a \$17 million expansion that would add 252 beds to the already overcrowded facility, which currently has a population cap of 145. The cap has an overflow allowance of 20 percent, bringing total allowable capacity to 174.

Jones said there were 165 juveniles at the facility Wednesday and 14 others had been released that day. "There's no amount of overcrowding that should stop someone from enforcing the law," Radack said.

Asked where the youths to be taken into custody starting Wednesday would be held if the detention center was full, Radack said, "I don't care if we have to put them in the jury assembly room under guard."



Rena FINDER of Framingham, Mass., who was one of the Jewish workers saved from Nazi concentration camps by German industrialist Oskar Schindler during World War II, pauses outside a Boston theater after viewing the film 'Schindler's List' Wednesday evening. (AP photo/Boston Globe)

Schindler's list lives on; survivors recall his aid

By JANET KERLIN
Associated Press Writer

The sequel to *Schindler's List* already exists. In Alex Rosner's determination. In Sol Urbach's children. In the laugh of Edzia Wertheim.

It can be found in the people of Steven Spielberg's movie, the Jews who worked in Oskar Schindler's factories and were protected from the Nazis by the industrialist. It can be found in their rebirth, their professional success, their families, their triumphs of the spirit.

"This is my second life. I'm very, very thankful. I got another chance," said Wertheim, who was saved by Schindler along with her husband. "We are having a wonderful life."

Mila Page, whose husband, Leopold, was an adviser on the movie, agreed.

"The people that I know mostly did move forward," the 73-year-old woman said. "They will always remember that terrible suffering, but most of them were able to build lives and go on."

The Pages, who built a successful handbag business in Beverly Hills, Calif., encouraged Thomas Keneally to write a book about Schindler, who died in 1974. That led to the acclaimed new movie about the more than 1,000 workers Schindler protected at his factories in Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Edzia Wertheim's future began at Schindler's first factory, near Cracow, when she begged him to bring her friend Sam to work there.

After a time, Edzia and Sam were separated, but Schindler saved her and other women employees from the gas chamber. Later, she was reunited with her lover. When they married in 1946, Schindler gave the bride away.

"It's very romantic even now. I'm laughing with my husband, what a lucky coincidence," said Wertheim, 70, who now lives with her husband in Fort Lee, N.J.

Shoplifting ring suspects arrested in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A pair suspected in a cross-country shoplifting ring practically made a career out of shoplifting, and a successful career at that, an Oklahoma investigator says.

"They can hit seven or eight stores a day," Tommy Graham of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation said. "Depending on how hard they want to work, and how well they can sell the merchandise, they could easily steal a million a year."

Starla Dawn Ownbey, 27, and Jimmy Don Thornton, 44, were being held without bail after their arrests in Salt Lake City on Monday by a store security consultant who became suspicious when they tried to return two shavers with no receipts or identification.

Ms. Ownbey and Thornton had been profiled in a Dec. 21 episode of the television show *America's Most Wanted*. The security consultant, an off-duty Salt Lake County sheriff's

deputy, recognized them from the show.

The pair were wanted by the Pittsburg County District Court in McAlester, Okla., for failure to appear on racketeering charges, Graham said.

Ms. Ownbey is Thornton's sister-in-law, he said. Thornton's wife and five children, including a month-old infant, were traveling with the pair and all apparently were staying in motels, Graham said.

In 1989, Thornton and Ms. Ownbey were convicted of engaging in organized criminal activity in Texas for the same kind of shoplifting. They were placed on probation but absconded, then were arrested in April 1992 in Oklahoma on felony charges of racketeering related to the shoplifting operation, Graham said.

Thornton's wife, Brenda Denise Thornton, also had been charged in 1992 but was not being sought because she had appeared in court, he said.

Two men arrested in bombings that killed five across New York

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — An ex-convict who was said to be bent on revenge against his estranged girlfriend's family was arrested along with a friend in the parcel bombings that killed five people across New York.

Michael Stevens and Earl Figley were charged Wednesday with transporting across state lines the explosives used in two of the slayings. They could get the death penalty if convicted on the federal charges.

Investigators said the bombs were targeted at members of the family of Brenda Lazore, who had been Stevens' girlfriend. Among those killed in four nearly simultaneous blasts Tuesday night were her mother, her stepfather and a sister; an uncle was wounded.

An unidentified law enforcement source told the *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle* that Stevens "felt the family had turned his girlfriend against him."

The *Buffalo News* and *The New York Times* said relations between Stevens and Ms. Lazore's family became particularly strained around the holidays.

"If there was a precipitous act," an investigator told the *News*, "it might have been a (family) Christmas party where Stevens was asked to leave."

Stevens, 51, of Rochester, and Figley, 56, of Farmington, were ordered held without bail. The men could also face state murder charges.

Investigators said that at Stevens' request, Figley bought nearly 200 sticks of dynamite and 50 blasting caps for \$233.17 from the Kentucky Powder Co. in Mount Vernon, Ky., in June, using a Vermont driver's license with an alias.

Figley told police he brought the explosives to Stevens in Rochester and that both men built several bombs, according to court papers.

On Tuesday night, six bombs hidden in tackle boxes were delivered by the mail or by delivery services to four homes, an armored car

depot and a prison. Four went off within 90 minutes. Two others were intercepted and disposed of.

On Sept. 22 — more than three months before the attacks — authorities found 112 sticks of the dynamite bought by Figley that had been abandoned at a suburban Rochester home, the court papers said. Authorities refused to say whether an investigation was begun at that time into where the dynamite came from.

Stevens served two years' prison in New York after being convicted in a telemarketing fraud scheme in 1987, state officials said. A law enforcement source in Washington also identified Figley as an ex-convict, but details of his record were not immediately available.

Ms. Lazore's mother, Eleanor Fowler, was killed in a blast at her home in West Valley, 30 miles south of Buffalo. Mrs. Fowler's husband and Ms. Lazore's stepfather, Robert Fowler, died along with a co-worker at the armored-car garage where they worked in Cheektowaga, a Buffalo suburb.

Ms. Lazore's sister Pamela Lazore Lanza was killed by a bomb sent to her apartment in Rochester. A friend was also killed there.

And Ms. Lazore's uncle William Lazore was wounded by a bomb mailed to him in Hogsburg, hundreds of miles away in northeastern New York.

State police Col. James McMahon said there was no indication that the Fowlers had complained to authorities recently about being harassed or that they knew they were in danger.

Cheektowaga Police Capt. Thomas Rowan said the bomb sent to the armored car depot was packed with shrapnel.

"It was made to kill," he said, adding that security cameras at the depot captured the explosion on videotape.

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Opinion

Zhirinovskiy danger potential very high

Gazing on the election returns that were supposed to secure his power and make straight the path of reform, Russian President Boris Yeltsin might have been forgiven if he thought about giving the most honest election-night speech in history. "The people have spoken — the di ty, rotten so-and-so's."

The results — so may have validated Winston Churchill's famous remark that democracy is the worst possible form of government — except for all the others.

While Yeltsin saw Russian voters approve a new constitution that attempts to secure the rights to free speech and private property, while it gives the president more power and the parliament (called the Federal Assembly) less power, opponents of his policies out-poll supporters by solid margins.

Charismatic campaigner Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, is often called a "facist." Yeltsin supporters had hoped for better results from late-reporting big cities, with Zhirinovskiy claiming 23 percent in early counts, but didn't expect to overtake the extreme nationalist party.

Zhirinovskiy favors reuniting much of the former Soviet Union, pushing foreign arms sales rather than converting from military to civilian production, and slowing the withdrawal of Russian troops from Eastern Europe and other places. He is even said to have promised to put more fair-haired, blue-eyed ethnic Russian anchorpersons on Russian television.

Russia's Choice, formed by Yeltsin ally Yegor Gaidar, was pulling about 15 percent of the vote, while the largest of several communist parties were showing about 11 percent, an agrarian party favoring continued subsidies got almost 9 percent, and a Women of Russia party opposed to free-market reforms got almost 9 percent.

Those results added up to considerable early opposition to Yeltsin's program of modest and gradual moves toward a somewhat free economy. They have precipitated a wave of blame-placing and finger-pointing among those considered to be moderate reformers — and underlined the truth that democratic governance may have many virtues, but neatness and orderly, unambiguous results are seldom among them.

Under the new constitution, the parliament will have less formal power than the old Soviet-era body disbanded by Yeltsin in September. But since its members were just elected, they will have more claim to a popular mandate.

All of which means that while communism may be effectively dead in Russia, no real consensus has formed around an alternative political course. That could be an opportunity for more thoroughgoing free-market reformers — but so far Zhirinovskiy, a potentially dangerous leader, has most effectively taken advantage of the confusion that has followed the death of Sovietism.

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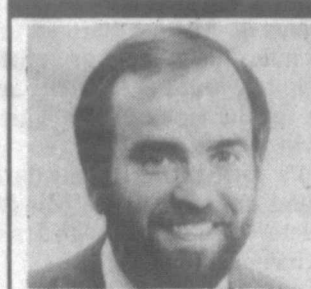
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Free markets best for airlines



Stephen Chapman

Just a few years ago, it was generally assumed that competition in the skies was going the way of the Hindenburg. The disappearance of Eastern Airlines, it was widely feared, would mean a windfall for the major air carriers and woe for passengers, who would henceforth be at the mercy of an invincible oligopoly.

In Congress, members stood in line to blame airline deregulation for this unwelcome development and to demand remedial action by Washington. The Justice Department responded by threatening to block any proposed airline mergers, and George Bush's secretary of transportation conceded that new regulations might be needed.

"The demise of Eastern would speed an alarming drift away from competition in the airline business, allowing a handful of big carriers and their unions to tighten their grip on the market," lamented an editorial in *The New York Times* as Eastern sank toward bankruptcy. "If Eastern goes, travelers will almost certainly end up paying higher fares."

Don't the big carriers wish. Instead of a neat and lucrative oligopoly, they have found themselves in a brutal state of nature. Since Eastern made its final descent, its former rivals have done anything but prosper. The industry has been in the red for nearly four years, losing close to \$11 billion since the beginning of 1990.

Only one airline, upstart Southwest, has been able to make a profit in recent years. United, unable to control its costs sufficiently, has tentatively agreed to sell a majority interest to its employees, who have accepted concessions to cut labor costs. Last month, American was paralyzed by a flight attendants' strike that cost it tens of millions of dollars and forced management to accept arbitration.

This is not what's supposed to happen when you have a free hand to gouge customers. The treat of oligopoly, unfortunately for Robert Crandall and Stephen Wolf, turned out to be a fantasy. This shouldn't be a surprise: Airline deregulation has time and again confounded its critics, who don't seem able to grasp the elementary truth that the best protection for consumers is an open arena that companies can enter and exit as they choose, charging whatever they can persuade buyers to pay.

The era of regulation was exceptionally pleasant for those being regulated — fitting the usual pattern when governments meddle with markets. During the 15 years before the industry was deregulated in 1978, it had only two unprofitable years. Since then, it has lost money eight times.

Airlines used to have a virtual guarantee of immortality, thanks to the solicitude of the Civil Aeronautics Board: No major carrier had ever gone bust before 1978. The deregulation landscape, by contrast, is littered with the wreckage of carriers that couldn't survive incessant competition — 144 of them.

Airline employees have also found the going tough. In 1979, they had the pleasure of working in

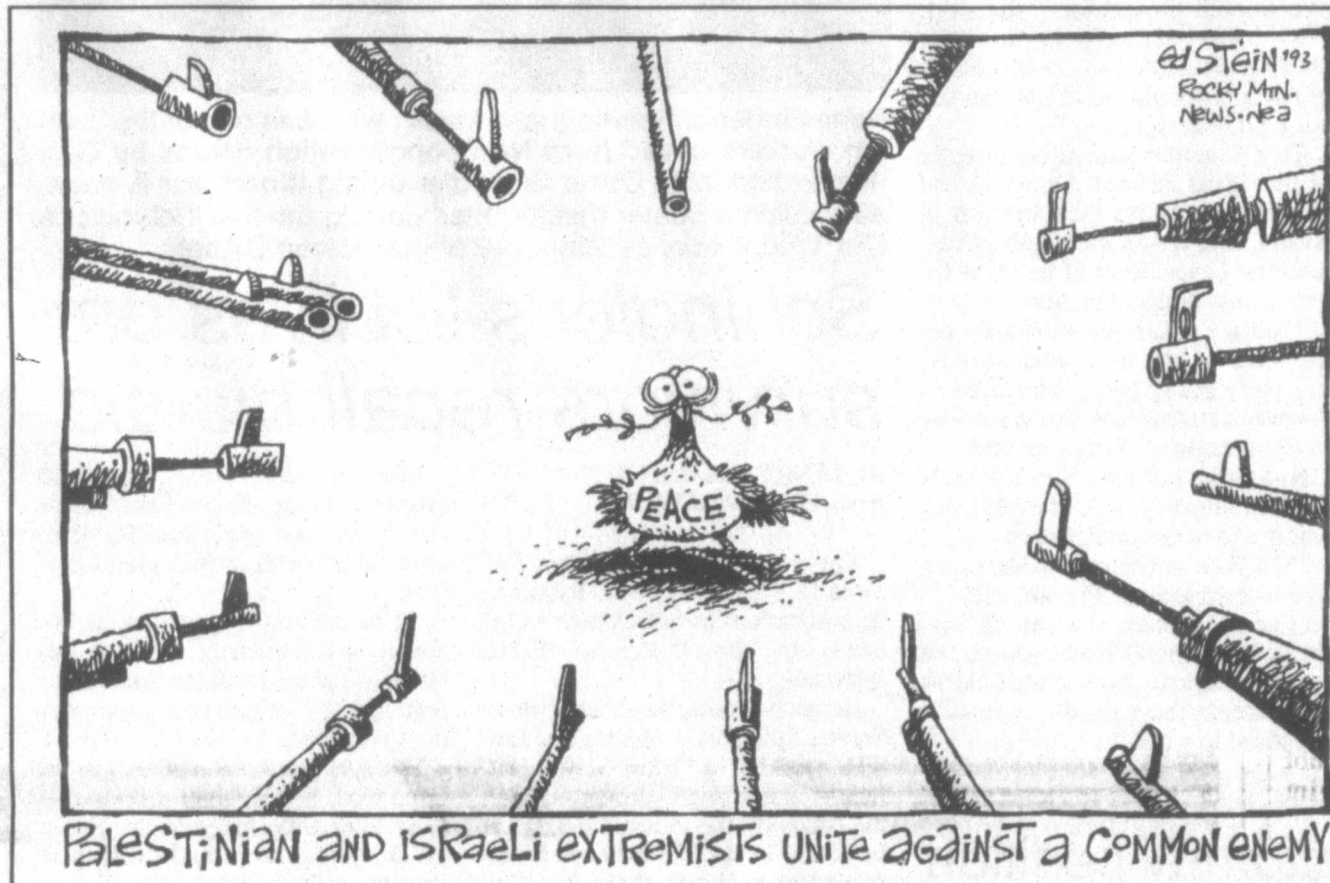
the nation's third-best paying industry. A decade later, forced into overdue economies, it was No. 17. Southwest owes its profitability partly to lower labor costs, stemming from such advantages as being able to keep its pilots flying 80 hours a month — compared to the 48 hours endured by pilots at American.

The traveling public, which used to bear the expense of keeping the airlines and their workers well-compensated, has been the main beneficiary of deregulation. Once the preserve of the well-to-do, flying has become affordable for just about everyone. The fare wars of 1992 attracted so many unsophisticated travelers who had never set foot on an airplane before that disgruntled airline employees took to calling them "the Clampetts."

Since 1978, the typical airport has come to resemble an outlet mall. Alfred Kahn, who as head of the CAB managed the transition to a free market, says fares have declined by 38 percent, after accounting for inflation. Today, more than 90 percent of airline passengers fly on discounted tickets.

Brookings Institution economists Clifford Winston and Steven Morrison estimate that on net, deregulation has improved the welfare of consumers by about \$12 billion a year. Flying has also gotten considerably safer.

In 1978, deregulation was a radical idea, resting on the belief that competition would improve efficiency and protect consumers even in a business that had never known competition. In practice, it has been a stern discipline for airlines but a great benefit for their customers, having repeatedly defied the predictions of skeptics. Those who so recently warned that the big airlines would gain the whip hand should have learned that free markets are the best guarantee that the consumer will rule.



Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 1993. There is one day left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 30, 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

On this date:
In 1853, the United States bought some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

In 1894, suffragist Amelia Jenks Bloomer died; she had gained notoriety for wearing a short skirt and baggy trousers that came to be known as "bloomers."

In 1903, about 600 people died when fire broke out at the Iroquois Theater in Chicago.

In 1911, Sun Yat-sen was elected the first president of the Republic of China after the fall of the Chinese dynasties.

In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

Elderly aren't necessarily dead

A friend was telling me a story about his elderly parents.

"Daddy's 81," he began. "And Momma's 76. "Daddy went to the doctor and found out he might have prostate cancer. He was supposed to have a lot of tests done, and I asked my own doctor what sort of prognosis I could expect if Daddy's tests were positive."

"He said, 'I really don't know why they would do a lot of tests on your father. They're not about to operate on him at his age. Prostate cancer moves so slowly, he'll likely die of something else before the cancer has time to do it.'"

"Anyway, the doctors went ahead and did the tests, and they did find prostate cancer in Daddy, but, like my doctor said, there would be no operation."

"But Momma called me again and seemed as little worried. She said, 'Son, there's something your daddy and me want you to find out for us.'"

"I said, 'What is it?'"
"She said, 'Well, our doctor at home is just so young we didn't want to ask him. But do you mind asking your doctor that, with Daddy's condition, is it still safe for us to have sex?'"

I have another friend whose father, a widower, was in his mid-80s when he was diagnosed as hav-



Lewis Grizzard

ing cancer of the testicles. An operation was scheduled to removed them.

"Daddy worried and worried about it," said my other friend.

"I said, 'Daddy, you'll do just fine.'"
"He said, 'I'm not worried about the operation, I'm worried about what's going to happen to my social life if I live through it.'"

I know another man who's well into his 80s. He's a widower, too. He's slim, tan, and he still has a full head of white hair.

He's a regular in the singles' bars, despite his age. He still even makes a move now and then. Once I asked him, "How can you stay this interested at your age?"

"For one thing," he answered, "I've never eaten any vegetables."

My grandmother described the night my grandfather died. He was 73.

"We had just gone to bed and all of a sudden, he turned over on top of me and started kissing me. He hadn't kissed me that way in years. Then, I felt his arms, which were around me, loosen. He died that way, in our embrace."

Earl and Phil were up into their 80s. As lifelong friends they made a pact that whoever died first would come back and tell the other what heaven was like.

Earl died and then came back to Phil as he slept one night.

"Phil," he said, "this is Earl."

"Earl! You're back! Tell me what it's like!"

"Well," said Earl, "I get up in the morning and eat and then have sex until noon."

"Then I eat lunch and take a nap and have sex for the rest of the afternoon. After that, I eat supper and have some more sex and then I go to sleep."

"So that's what heaven's like," said Phil.

"I'm not in heaven," said Earl. "I'm a jack rabbit in West Texas."

The older I get, the more I appreciate such stories.

Pull in reins on health care reform

If I have a problem, I don't like to just sit around say, "Oh, yipes, I have a problem." If I can't figure out what to do by myself, I go to someone I think will be able to help me figure it out. I have sought treatment from mental health professionals. And when asked for advice by friends, I have, on occasion, suggested they seek the help of a therapist.

I'd like to be able to tell you what I gained in therapy, but I honestly can't. In fact, I'm pretty puzzled about what was going on in a few instances, although the nature of the treatment may make that necessary. I do believe I learned something helpful, but I also believe I received as much helpful information by reading books by insightful professionals.

Sound confusing? Well, it should. Psychology is an inexact science at best. I was somewhat surprised to find that the treatment techniques of two therapists I saw were diametrically opposed; and among the many books I've read by trained therapists, there are as many opinions as there are \$24.95 best sellers.

Does this mean I'm anti-therapy? Not at all. But therapy is what it is, and the precise diagnosis of anything but textbook cases of mental illnesses can be extremely difficult.

That said, the mental health part of President Clinton's proposed health coverage is downright scary. It proposes to cover 30 visits per year for outpatient psychotherapy, but does not specify who makes the diagnosis that a patient is eligible for that psychotherapy. And starting at the year 2001, the visits per year would be unlimited for anyone diag-



Sarah Overstreet

nosed with a psychiatric ailment, which would include such disorders as anxiety, depression and substance abuse.

Since the plan as it stands now does not specify who makes the diagnosis of psychiatric ailment, it's reasonable to assume that psychologists treating patients could make the diagnoses.

And just how many diagnoses would they be making?

In *USA Today*, Towson University Professor Richard E. Vatz points out that the National Institute of Mental Health estimates that 25 percent of all Americans have at least one "psychiatric disorder" within any one-year period: "The institute's Division of Epidemiology and Services Research claims that 52 million U.S. adults — 52 million! — have a diagnosable mental illness (including substance abuse)."

Imagine the bill if only one-fourth of those of us with a "diagnosable mental illness" — 13 million —

received 30 psychotherapy sessions per year at \$100 a visit, or \$3,000 per year. That's \$39 billion a year. Now imagine the possible bill in 2001 when the limits are lifted from numbers of visits per year. You can bet that if the barn door were to come off, the cows would come home, and a lot of people who would make money off the program would begin herding them in.

President Clinton has started us on the road to health reforms by framing the debate and starting national action. But even a learned task force such as he put together can become too focused in one direction and lose focus in another. In this case, they've not only lost their sense of direction, they've plunged the car off the road.

We're never going to have a national health care system that can be all things to all people. The problems we started out to solve are pretty narrow: to find a way to get the estimated 37 million people not covered by health care protection covered, and find a way to fund it.

To do that, we may decide we need to tax major health offenders such as alcohol and tobacco commensurately with the damage they cause; force insurers to cover tests and other preventive measures so that diseases don't progress to a more expensive level of treatment; and perhaps implement a national health care tax.

Whatever we do, first things first. We're in immediate danger of creating another bureaucracy run amok unless we pull in the reins, and quickly.

Lifestyles

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have just had a huge argument with my boyfriend that was very disturbing. We are both 22. He is angry because I refused to let him read my diary. He said that when two people are in love (and we are), there should be no secrets from each other.

Abby, I don't write dark and dirty secrets in my diary; I record certain events and also express my feelings rather than keep them bottled up inside. It also helps me blow off steam and sort out my thoughts.

He says, "That's what I'm here for!" He thinks if he reads my diary, he can help me sort out my problems. He doesn't see that it makes me feel violated.

Abby, I tried explaining that one's privacy is part of being an individual. He said that two should be the same one, and maybe I didn't want to become part of his life. He says he doesn't keep anything from me, and I shouldn't keep anything from him.

No matter how I try to reason with him, he doesn't understand. We really love each other, but his insisting that he must know my most private thoughts is driving me away. What are your thoughts on this?

PRIVATE PERSON

DEAR PRIVATE PERSON: This argument is not about your diary - it is about his need to deny you the right to have private thoughts. After you told your boyfriend that his reading your diary would be a violation of your privacy, he should have backed off.

In the words of Kahlil Gibran when speaking of love, "...let there be spaces in your togetherness."

He is your love interest - not your therapist. Don't let him bully you into caving in.

DEAR ABBY: Today my adult son, who is here visiting me, bawled me out!

As he was leaving the house for a bike ride, I called after him, "Be careful, son!"

Stopping short, he shot back, "For heaven's sake, Ma, I am a 44-year-old man, but every time I go out, you or Dad warn me to be careful!"

You know what, Abby? He has a point. We parents get into a rut, warning our kids always to be careful.

I am going to try hard to cut that out - and to say instead, "Enjoy yourself" or "Have a good ride!"

That may surprise him so much, it just might make his day!

NANCY L. FOX, ASHLAND, ORE.

DEAR NANCY: No harm in repeating a warning, but try this: "Have a good ride and enjoy yourself, but there are a lot of nuts driving around, so be careful, son. I love you!"

CONFIDENTIAL TO "NEW MOTHER OF PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED CHILD": Helen Keller once made this statement: "I believe every child has hidden away somewhere in his being noble capacities which may be quickened and developed if we go about it in the right way."

Battery search

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — You drive home through a pollution-free city, hug the kids and settle down to watch a little television.

Oops! Just one last task: You have to plug in the car for tomorrow's trip to work.

This futuristic scenario of an electric car in the driveway may be in your not-too-distant future, says University of Rochester electrochemist Jacob Jorne.

The trick is to build a battery that will power a car for as many miles as a tank of gas, have enough juice for bursts of power, recharge quickly and last for thousands of charges.

It's a tall order, but Jorne remains optimistic. He is currently experimenting with batteries made from zinc and ones made from lithium, an ultra-light metal.

Partnership gives private employer a head start on day care

By LOU CHAPMAN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — In the brightly lit entry hall of the new Ellis Child Development Center, 17-month-old Ariana Cadena arrives in her mother's arms and 4-year-old Edwardo Cruz comes through the doors hugging his mother's legs.

On its surface, the scene appears no different from the opening hour at any other day-care center that is basic but well-furnished, sporting posters and classroom decorations with words in both English and Spanish.

But a major difference exists here, in the one-story, turquoise-trimmed building at 3620 Modlin Ave. near the city's cultural district.

Here, children whose parents work for two nearby businesses and who pay for their children's care sit side by side with youngsters enrolled in Head Start, a federally funded preschool program for poor children considered to be at risk of developing educational and social problems.

Osteopathic Health System of

Texas spent about \$500,000 for the land and building; the Day Care Association of Fort Worth and Tarrant County paid to furnish the interior and operate the facility.

The project is the first of its kind locally that teams a nongovernmental entity and the nonprofit association that is responsible for operating Head Start in Tarrant County.

The agency currently runs 17 other Head Start facilities, mostly in refurbished sections of churches, community centers, schools and other buildings.

Although the Ellis Center alliance is unique here, officials say it illustrates how private companies can provide professional day care at a reasonable cost to their employees, while also offering a community service.

"The difficulty is in finding the funding to do it," said Bob Duke, assistant to the director of the Day Care Association. "It's a drain from normal uses of their revenues and it's not something most companies normally get into."

The Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees

Head Start, is encouraging more of these coalitions, however. Three years ago, the federal agency began funding offices in Texas and 24 other states specifically to promote such ventures, said Earl Richardson, a supervisory Head Start specialist for the five-state Health and Human Services region that includes Texas.

About 60 percent of the 106 openings at the Ellis Center are allocated to Head Start children; the remaining slots go to the infants, toddlers and preschoolers of workers with Osteopathic Health System and the nearby University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

Those employees will save as much as 36 percent on their day-care costs compared with commercial rates found through an informal local survey, Duke said.

The savings come because of the mix of federally subsidized Head Start children with paying enrollees, officials said.

Carol Cadena, an occupational therapist at Osteopathic Medical Center, is pleased not only that her daughter Ariana gets day care at a

lower rate than she would pay a private center, but also because the toddler will be involved in Head Start when she is old enough. Children must be 4 to enroll in Head Start.

"I thought it'd be a great opportunity for her to join that group if it was possible," Cadena said.

The center's Head Start children come from the surrounding community, from the neighborhood around the Montgomery Ward store on Seventh Street and from the homes and apartments just outside the cultural district, center director Olga Gonzalez said.

For Adriana Cordero, 20, the Ellis Center means that she can enroll her son Edwardo in a preschool program that he seems to enjoy immensely while she pursues her high-school equivalency diploma.

"It gives us the opportunity, because we don't have really that much money to pay for private baby-sitting and he didn't do real well when we took him to the public school," Cordero said.

The only similar Head Start project in Tarrant County is a site in north Fort Worth. There, the city

donated old Fire Station No. 12 to Head Start and provided the financing to remodel it. The former firehouse now houses a combined Head Start and for-fee day-care facility open to the public.

Head Start routinely operates independently of private day care. One reason is that Head Start is completely federally funded, and its guidelines are set by the Health and Human Services Department. Also, its fees, federally subsidized, are below the levels that commercial day-care providers charge.

"We've tried to find corporate sponsors in the past, but it just hasn't come through," Duke said.

Osteopathic Health System had meanwhile been searching for a day-care ally for about four years, said board chairman Jay Sandelin.

After talking with several day-care operators, the private, nonprofit health-care corporation turned to the Day Care Association and Head Start.

"Others said, 'Don't do it, you can't afford it, it's a poor-people program, it won't work,'" Sandelin said. "But it looked right for us."



Dan Snider, the director of the Lovett Memorial Library, sits surrounded by books and other material in his office. In addition to being in charge of the city's library, he also finds solace through his work in the ministry. (Pampa News photo by Randal McGavock)

Library director is also an ordained minister

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
Staff Writer

Dan Snider's influence has touched everyone who has entered the red-brick Lovett Memorial Library building for the last 16 years.

Snider is the director of the library and the person responsible for its operation today as well as plotting its future.

While he is an administrator, he said his passion is working as a reference librarian. But his daily duties include supervising a staff of six, planning budgets and ordering books and other material to keep the facilities up to date.

He works with the library board and Friends of the Library, two fund-raising and support organizations created to help the library.

"I'd like to see more community involvement," he said. "Right now, the only involvement is with the library board and, of course, the Friends of the Library are a great deal of help to us. But we need more community help. We need people that are interested in certain areas that would like to help us build our collection because we are open to ideas."

Increasing the libraries collection is one area Snider sees improving. Other areas he said need to be addressed include bringing the library up to Americans with Disabilities Act standards and physical expansion of the main building.

"We have to have an elevator for the balcony, and the bathrooms have to be ADA approved for people with wheelchairs," he said. "That's an absolute must."

One of the things Snider seems particularly proud of is the library's literacy program.

"We do a tremendous amount of literacy training, and I think that's been a real plus for the library," he said of the program.

"It's a program primarily for adults although they have done some work with children that are strictly Spanish-speaking that need to learn English," Snider said. "They've also worked with some under-privileged children who didn't get the kind of help they need to help them succeed in school."

The program is designed to be on a one-on-one basis between the tutor and the student, Snider said.

"We've had several students that have gone on to become helpers in the program," he said. "One lady that I know of does all the ordering of all the books now. She works in the office and gives so many volunteer hours. It's just really heart warming."

Snider's educational background seems eclectic, but one suited for a librarian.

After a bachelor's degree from Austin College in 1966, Snider received his master's of divinity degree from the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1970 and then his master's of library science degree from the University of North Texas in 1973, although his time in seminary seems to be one of good memories.

"It was fantastic, it was a wonderful experience," he recalled.

It was in Austin that Snider picked up much of his knowledge and training he continues to

use today, not in the library but rather as a minister for churches in two Panhandle towns.

"I had some wonderful professors back there that really helped you," he said. "With that degree, you'd do bible study, you'd do church history, some administrative work... but it's mostly theological studies, and you'd go into tremendous depth into various theologians... (and) a lot of study was on the individual books of the bible depending on what you were interested in. Of course, you learned Greek and Hebrew."

His work in the Presbyterian church, Snider said, keeps his spare time occupied.

"All the church work I do is at night and on the weekends and both churches that I serve realize I cannot serve them full-time," he said.

Snider began helping out the First Presbyterian Church of Clarendon and the First Presbyterian church of Memphis on a Sunday-by-Sunday basis when he first returned to the ministry but has recently been able to devote more time to both churches.

"It's been a real source of pleasure," he said. "It gives me something else to do and it keeps my mind alert getting ready for the sermons and all. You get to the point where if you just go home and watch TV or just vegetate in the evening, you get to the point that your mind just goes to jelly. Some times it's nice to let your mind go to jelly for a little while, but it gets old fast."

Snider has plans for the library and the community, in his reserved, low-keyed manner.

The Golden Age of American toys

By COUNTRY LIVING
A Hearst Magazine
For AP Special Features

Antique toys bring out the little child in their collectors and they also can bring out big bucks — \$20,000 for a detailed tinplate clockwork mechanism in which a galloping horse pulls a wagon and a rider has a moving whip.

A more common tinplate toy with moderate wear, Bruce E. Johnson wrote in an article in the current issue of Country Living, might go for just a few hundred dollars.

"There is something magical in a toy of any age that transforms you into a child once again," said Tim Luke, collectibles specialist at Christie's in New York. "Toy collectors are passionate about their collections. They have fun letting their toys carry them back in time, even if just for a few minutes each day."

Toys can be traced as far back as early Egyptian civilization, but today's collectors tend to concentrate on traditional toys from the late 19th and early 20th centuries — mechanical banks, tin soldiers and cast-iron animals.

The toy industry began to develop in America during the early 1800s, but it was not until after the Civil War and the Industrial Revolution that it fully blossomed. Stamping machines and casting molds gradually replaced wood-carvers as mass produced cast-iron and tinplate toys became both affordable and popular.

Many collectors consider the period between 1880 and 1910 the golden age of American toys. During this era, cast-iron toys first matched stamped tinplate toys for accuracy in detail and brilliancy of color.

When more complex tinplate toys began to feature movable parts activated by a spring similar to that found in clocks, designers of cast-iron toys countered with mechanical banks in which a character or part would be activated with the insertion of a coin. The coin disappears into the bank — shot from the rifle of a doughboy or swallowed by a frog.

Still banks attract many collectors, in part because they are more affordable than mechanical banks. Prices for mechanicals generally begin at \$500 but can easily surpass \$5,000. Still popular banks depict camels, dogs, deer, horses, elephants and pigs, most of which fall into the \$50-\$250 range, depending on condition and rarity.

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Lend an ear to advice about hearing aids

By MATURE OUTLOOK
A Meredith Magazine
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If you turn the volume on your radio or television so high that others mention it, you could be a candidate for a hearing aid, says Mature Outlook magazine.

"Usually the person with hearing impairment is the last to know. Hearing loss comes on slowly," says Robin Holm, executive director of the International Hearing Society. "The best way to tell for sure is to have your hearing tested and to try a hearing aid. Many providers allow a 30-day trial rental period."

Hearing aids come in four basic types. They are:

— All in the ear. A small device sits in the ear and is custom built to the wearer's particular hearing loss. Because they are custom built, all-in-the-ear models provide personalized amplification.

— In the canal. This hearing aid is smaller than the all-in-the-ear variety and sits farther inside the ear canal.

— Behind the ear. A fitted ear mold is connected to the hearing aid, worn behind your ear. This is helpful for folks with profound hearing loss and for those who have physical problems — such as arthritis — that would make it difficult to

insert a smaller device.

— Body-worn hearing aid. This type is usually reserved for people with severe hearing loss. A small box is worn on the chest with a receiver going to the ear.

Holm recommends that you discuss with the provider what the price of a hearing aid includes. It should cover post-fitting counseling and adjustments. Depending on features, a hearing aid will cost between \$700 and \$2,000.

"You are developing a lifelong relationship with your hearing aid specialist," Holm says. "You should be comfortable with this person."

The Hearing Society operates the Hearing Aid Helpline — Monday through Friday (1-800-521-5247.)

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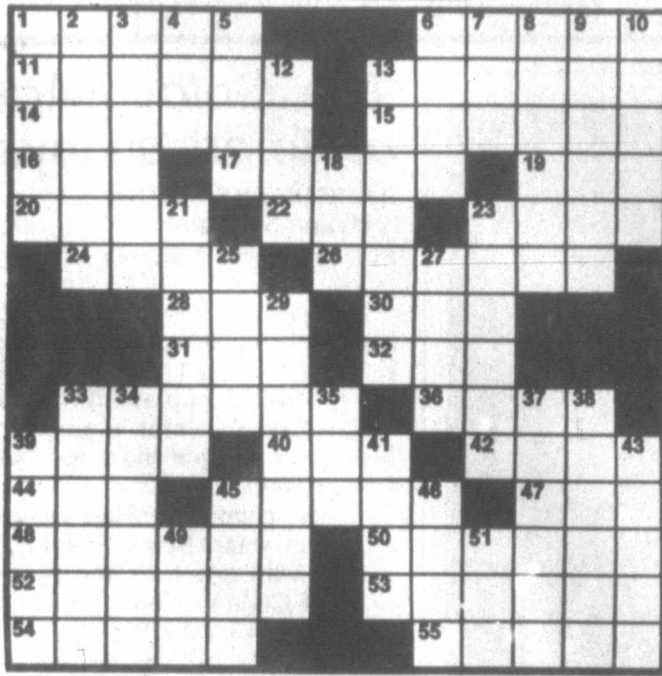
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- Not easily excited
- Being defeated
- Sharper
- Worker in a stable
- New York lake
- Aunt in Spain
- Merits
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- Abel's brother
- Small rug
- Surfeit
- Part of a harness
- Skin eruption
- Hurricane center
- New Zealand parrot
- Energy unit

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- Get lost!
- Shed tears
- Fuel
- Lump
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- Performed
- George Gershwin's brother
- Lazy
- Not so tight
- Dissertations
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- Tropical sea bird
- Robert E. —
- Beast
- Staid
- Eliminate
- Small weight
- Famous ratt
- Knock
- Wintry
- Typewriter bar
- Russian's "no"
- Kitten's cry
- Shows plainly
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE

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By Bruce Beattie

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By Bill Keane

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By Brad Anderson

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By Larry Wright

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By Dick Cavalli

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GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're not likely to be easily deceived in your commercial dealings today, because you won't take people or things at face value. If you do get warning signals, they shouldn't be ignored. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today 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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Instinctively you're likely to know today what is the real value of things to others, as well as yourself. This could be a big asset if you should be doing a little old-fashioned trading.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be bashful about accepting a helping hand today if it's offered. If others give you things or do things for you, you can balance the account at a later date.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's a situation in which you're involved that requires a firmer hand in its management. You can do what needs doing without agitating other.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Early in the day you might be a bit aimless and drifting. However, once you establish your objectives, your probabilities for fulfilling them are very good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Persons important to your present plans who have been difficult to reach lately should be accessible today. Get out your list and begin at the top.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Profitable results are indicated today, but not necessarily from any one large thing in particular. The gains may be small, but they'll be accumulative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to advance your personal interests today you must be self-reliant and not count too heavily on others. If anything is going to get done, you'll have to do it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your influence over your peers tend to be substantial today, provided your intentions aren't too obvious. Additionally, what you want for yourself you must also be prepared to get for others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to focus your efforts today on your people interests instead of your material interests. You will fare much better making friends than you will trying to make money.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Unless you are subjected to some form of challenge today, you are not likely to push too hard. However, if there is something you really want to achieve, it's another story.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try to treat people, life and developments philosophically today, without taking yourself or events too seriously. If you are calmly positive, favorable results are likely.

Sports

Notebook

FOOTBALL

CINCINNATI (AP) — Coach Dave Shula, whose Cincinnati Bengals have the worst record in the NFL, was given a two-year contract extension through 1996.

Shula, 34, has a 3-12 record his second season after finishing 5-11 his first. He became Cincinnati's coach Dec. 27, 1991, signing a three-year contract.

Shula previously was an assistant for the Miami Dolphins and Dallas Cowboys. He joined the Bengals in 1991 as receivers coach.

NEW YORK (AP) — Cleveland Browns quarterback Vinny Testaverde, who set an NFL record, and Philadelphia Eagles cornerback Eric Allen, who tied one, were honored as AFC and NFC Players of the Week.

Joining them were safety Blaine Bishop of Houston and kicker Steve Christie of Buffalo in the AFC, and running back Ron Moore of Phoenix and special teamer Roger Jones of Tampa Bay in the NFC.

Testaverde completed 21-of-23 passes for 216 yards, setting a record for accuracy with a 91.3 completion percentage in Cleveland's 42-14 victory over the Rams.

Allen returned two interceptions for touchdowns of 25 and 33 yards in Philadelphia's 37-26 victory over New Orleans. That gave Allen four TDs on interceptions this season, tying Ken Houston of the Oilers in 1971 and Jim Kearney of Kansas City in 1972.

Bishop had seven tackles including a sack, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble in the Oilers' 10-7 victory over San Francisco. Christie kicked three field goals as Buffalo defeated the Jets 16-14.

Moore rushed for 135 yards and two touchdowns as Phoenix beat the Giants 17-6. Jones recovered a fumble leading to a touchdown and made a touch-down-saving tackle as Tampa Bay defeated Denver 20-13.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Brigham Young's pass-happy reputation has turned Ohio State cornerback Tim Walton into a dreamer heading into tonight's Holiday Bowl.

Walton sees interceptions. Lots of interceptions. Maybe an unrealistic number of interceptions.

"We can't let them throw the ball and beat us with the home-run pass," Walton said. "They can spread the defense and wear you down and blow you out of the football game. But if you come ready to play, you can turn a game like that into seven or eight interceptions."

"You usually don't have the opportunity to get that much, playing in the Big Ten," said Walton, who had two interceptions during the regular season. "You know, we could have several guys with two or three interceptions. It's a great opportunity and we're looking forward to it."

BYU quarterback John Walsh is more likely to be sacked (43 times this year) than intercepted (15). He threw five interceptions in a 34-31 loss to Utah, but the better teams on the Cougars' schedule, UCLA and Notre Dame, combined for only three. UCLA, however, sacked Walsh a season-high 10 times.

Buckeyes senior defensive end Jason Simmons, whose five sacks this year gave him a school record 25 1/2, welcomes the passing challenge.

"I would like to see some of the WAC teams get out and play some more of the other teams because their offenses are so high-powered," he said. "They can put some points on the board and anything can happen in games like that. We're going to have to have our best game to be able to beat them."

Walsh completed 244 of 397 passes (61.4 percent) for 3,727 yards and 28 touchdowns.

No. 11 Ohio State (9-1-1) is a 14-point favorite over BYU (6-5), which will be making its 16th straight bowl appearance and its 11th visit to the Holiday Bowl.

The Cougars will be much healthier than they were during the regular season, which was punctuated by a four-game losing streak.

Every linebacker and running back on scholarship missed practice or game time during the regular season due to injuries, but only linebacker Travis Hall (elbow) will miss the bowl.

Leading receiver Eric Drage (54 catches, 867 yards) is back after missing time late in the season with broken ribs.

"Now that we're healthy, hopefully we'll be able to put on a better show than we did in the middle of the year," Drage said.

BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Indiana Pacers coach Larry Brown was fined \$3,000 by Rod Thorn, NBA vice president of operations, for verbally abusing referees after the Pacers-Cleveland Cavaliers game Sunday, which Indiana lost 107-103 in overtime.

HOCKEY

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Rangers centers Mark Messier and Adam Graves and goalie Mike Richter were added to the NHL Eastern Conference All-Stars, joining starting defenseman Brian Leetch to give the Rangers a conference-high four players.

Philadelphia will have three skaters with defenseman Garry Galley and right wing Mark Recchi joining starting center Eric Lindros.

Three other defensemen, Al Iafate of Washington, Larry Murphy of Pittsburgh and Scott Stevens of New Jersey, were added to the roster, joining Leetch and starter Ray Bourque of Boston.

The other forwards added were Brian Bradley of Tampa Bay, Bob Kudelski of Ottawa, Adam Oates of Boston, Joe Sakic of Quebec, Geoff Sanderson of Hartford and Pierre Turgeon of the New York Islanders. Other starters selected by fans were Jaromir Jagr of Pittsburgh and Alexander Mogilny of Buffalo.

John Vanbiesbrouck of Florida joins Richter and starter Patrick Roy of Montreal as Eastern Conference goaltenders.

SKIING

BORMIO, Italy (AP) — Austrian Hannes Trinkl attacked one of the most demanding downhill courses and wound up with his second World Cup victory in eight days.

Nebraska line could spell trouble for Seminoles

By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

Orange Bowl

MIAMI (AP) — They're farm boys from the Snowbelt. Countless hours at the training table and in the weight room have made them massive and muscular.

Nebraska linemen look a lot like those from Notre Dame, and the similarity could spell trouble for Florida State. The top-ranked Seminoles lost to Notre Dame in November and face No. 2 Nebraska on New Year's night in the Orange Bowl.

"We think Nebraska's going to use the same type of game plan Notre Dame did," Florida State linebacker Derrick Brooks said. "They have big linemen and a big team, and they're going to try to use their weight to their advantage."

That approach worked for Notre Dame, which ran through the Seminoles' defense and flustered their offense to win 31-24 at South Bend.

"Notre Dame came off the ball and tried to wear us down," Brooks said. "When you have 300-pound guys leaning on you, it takes a toll in the fourth quarter."

The Fighting Irish gained 239 yards rushing against Florida State, which allowed an average of just 87 yards in its 11 victories. The Orange Bowl may swing on whether Nebraska can find room to run.

As always, the Cornhuskers are at their best on the ground. They finished third in the nation with an average of 288 yards rushing per game behind an interior line averaging nearly 295 pounds.

"I think they'll try to do the same thing Notre Dame did — lean on us," Brooks said.

Defensively, the Fighting Irish harnessed Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward, who struggled through his worst game of the season. He threw just one interception, but it was

critical, setting up a touchdown that gave the Irish a 21-7 lead.

"They were putting pressure on Charlie with three guys rushing," Nebraska linebacker Mike Anderson said. "If you can do that, you can drop everybody else and make it virtually impossible to do anything."

It may take more than three people, but the Huskers hope to pressure Ward. They had 44 sacks during the regular season, led by Butkus Award winner Trev Alberts with 15.

Containing the elusive quarterback will also be critical.

"Notre Dame flustered Charlie a little bit and kept him in the pocket, which he wasn't used to," Nebraska strong safety Toby Wright said. "At times I saw him unsure of himself, which is the first time I saw that."

Ward said the Fighting Irish repeatedly anticipated what the Seminoles were going to do.

"Notre Dame had two weeks to prepare for us, and they did a

great job scouting our offense," Ward said. "They recognized what we did and had a defense for it."

The Cornhuskers (11-0) have had more than a month to get ready for Florida State (11-1).

"They're probably going to present problems for us early," Ward said. "Hopefully we can make adjustments."

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne acknowledged similarities between his team and Notre Dame, but noted that the Huskers lack a couple of advantages the Irish enjoyed against Florida State.

"I don't think we can approximate the setting that Notre Dame had, or the weather conditions," Osborne said. "But we've certainly studied that film."

While the Irish discovered ways to attack and defend Florida State, they also provided another revelation — the Seminoles are human. Prior to a loss in South Bend, Florida

State had outscored nine opponents 399-58.

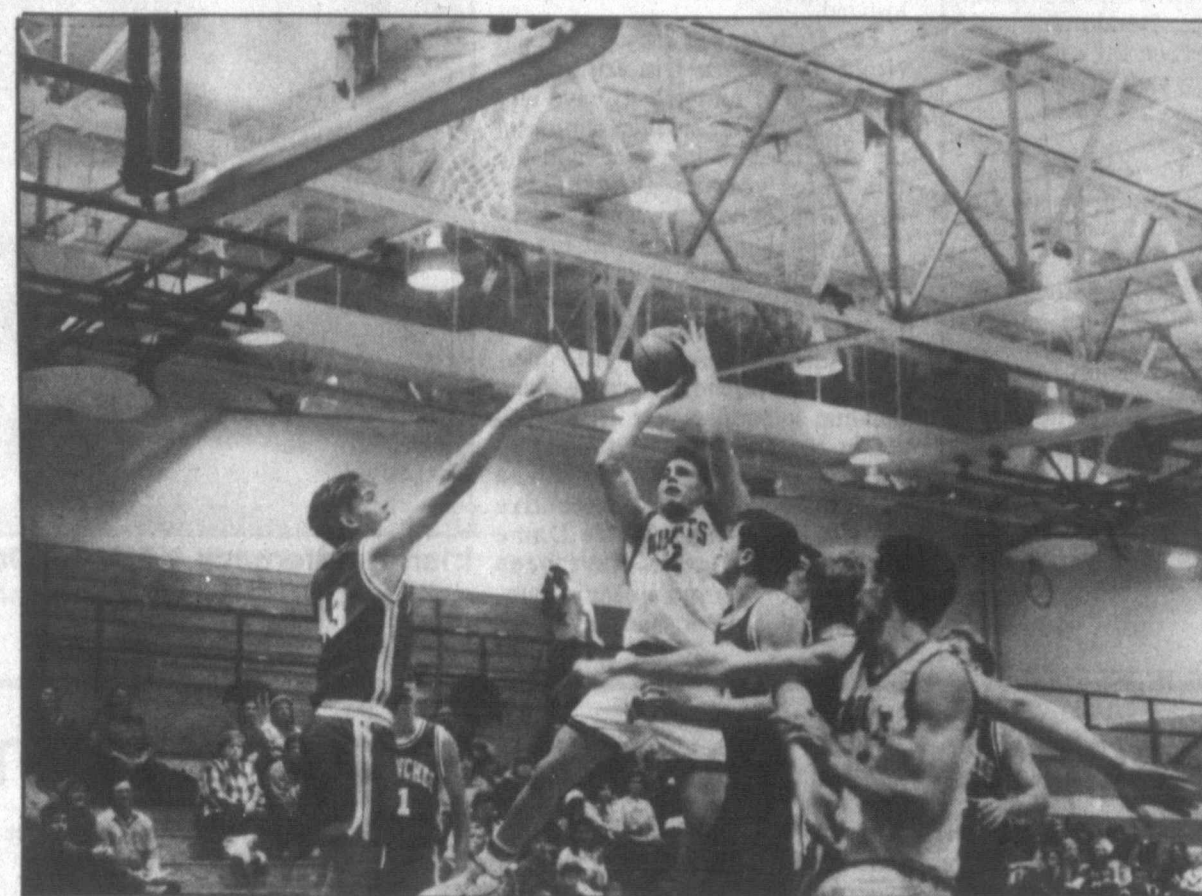
"Before that game, we had an image that there's no way these guys could be beaten," Nebraska safety John Reece said.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden also finds something positive in the outcome. It reduced pressure on the Seminoles, he says, by terminating talk that they were the best team of all time while still allowing them time to climb back to No. 1.

They did just that by closing the regular season with impressive victories against North Carolina State and at Florida.

"If we're able to win against Nebraska, the Notre Dame game is probably the best thing that could have happened to us," Bowden said.

"If we had won that game, we would have thought we were invincible," Brooks said. "I think the loss was a good experience. It taught us we weren't a superhuman team."



Canadian's Steven Flowers shoots for two during the Wildcats' 61-58 semifinal victory over West Texas High Wednesday. The 'Cats will meet Spearman in the Canadian tournament finals tonight. (Pampa News photo by Susan Adeletti)

Pampa surges past Burkburnett in Fort Worth Tournament

FORT WORTH — Senior center Seivern Wallace led a third-quarter surge as Pampa topped Burkburnett, 67-53, Wednesday night to advance to the semifinals of the West Side Lions Club Tournament.

Pampa meets Austin Anderson, a 78-41 winner over Azle last night, at 9:15 p.m. tonight.

Pampa trailed Burkburnett, 34-32, at halftime, but the 6-4 Wallace scored 12 points on 6 of 7 field goal attempts and pulled down 5 rebounds as the Harvesters outscored the Bulldogs, 24-7, in the third quarter. Burkburnett got no closer than 11 points the rest of the way.

Wallace finished the night with 17 points. Three other Harvesters scored in double-figures with Rayford Young leading the way with 18 points. Coy Laury had 13 points and Duane Nickelberry, 10.

Pampa went on a roll in the first quarter, scoring 10 consecutive points in a 30-second span after Burkburnett had taken a 5-0 lead. The Harvesters led by 11 (24-13) at the end of the first quarter, but the Bulldogs went on a roll of their own in the second quarter to regain the lead when the halftime buzzer sounded.

Burkburnett, due to some tough defense by the Harvesters, never could get untracked in the second half. Pampa scored the first six points of the third quarter and after Wallace hit three straight baskets underneath, the Harvesters were up by 14 (52-38).

Justin Collingsworth tossed in 7 points while Hank Gindorf had 2 for the Harvesters.

Josh Kollman was high scorer for Burkburnett with 16 points. Eddie Donnell followed with 10.

The Harvesters are now 10-6 for the season. Burkburnett is 11-6.

Pampa opened the tournament Tuesday with a 66-41 win over Fort Worth Brewer.

The winner of the Pampa-Austin Anderson contest advances into the championship finals of the Class 4A division at 7:15 Friday night.

DUNCANVILLE — Irving defeated Pampa, 55-32, in the Southwest AAU Girls' Tournament Tuesday in the loser's bracket.

Angela Looney led Irving scorers with 12 points. Serenity King was the leading scorer for Pampa with 13 points. Jayme Davis followed with 9.

Area high school basketball results

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Dolphins on the brink of missing playoffs

By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Battered but unwilling to concede, the Miami Dolphins talk optimistically about the looming new year and playoffs as a chance for a fresh start.

They need one. The Dolphins have lost four in a row.

"We have to get the December blues behind us," fullback Keith Byars said Wednesday.

The Dolphins went 0-for-December. The losing skid has left them at 9-6 and on the brink of missing the playoffs.

Miami must win Sunday at New England to ensure a wild-card berth. If the Dolphins lose, they might still make the playoffs, depending on the outcome of other games.

But who would give the Dolphins any chance of reaching the Super Bowl if they begin the postseason riding a five-game losing streak? That would match the longest in

coach Don Shula's 24 seasons at Miami.

"It's very important, not just for momentum but for how we feel about ourselves, to go into the playoffs with a win," receiver Irving Fryar said.

"The outcome Sunday will pretty much show our character as a ballclub," safety Louis Oliver said.

Unfortunately for the Dolphins, Oliver won't play. They're 0-4 since he went to the sidelines with a sprained ankle.

"It's frustrating. It's depressing. It's hard to stay sane," said Oliver, who might be available for the playoffs.

Miami's latest casualty, Pro Bowl guard Keith Sims, strained his left hamstring Monday in a 45-20 loss at San Diego and is listed as questionable for the Patriots. So is linebacker John Offerdahl, who has missed the past three games with a hamstring injury.

As the injury list grows, the decimated Dolphins losses get progressively uglier. They allowed 92 points the past two weeks, the most ever in back-to-back games under Shula.

"We looked horrible," linebacker Bryan Cox said.

During the losing streak, the Dolphins have been outrushed 579 yards to 184. They've committed 14 turnovers and managed just two takeaways. For the season, Miami has now scored just four more points than it has allowed.

Yet defensive end Jeff Cross argues that the Dolphins are not much different now from the team that posted five consecutive victories earlier in the year.

"It's a fine line between winning and losing," he said. "If you look at us at 9-2 and 0-4, you'd think there's a big difference. But the difference is a handful of plays."

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held with and for DIRECTOR'S PRECINCT NO. 4 of the PANHANDLE GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 3 on the 15th day of January 1994 at the Polling Place hereinafter set out to elect one District Director for a four-year term.

Upon each ballot shall appear the names of those qualified candidates who have filed for election to the office of District Director.

PRECINCT 4: beginning at the NE corner of Sec. 219, Blk. B-2, H&GN R.R. and going east to the SE corner of Sec. 68, Blk. B-2, H&GN R.R., thence north to the SW corner of Sec. 53, Blk. B-2, H&GN R.R., thence east to the SE corner of Sec. 16, Blk. H, A.W. Wallace Survey, thence south to the SW corner of Sec. 11, Wesco Survey, thence east to the Gray/Wheeler Co. line, thence south along the Gray/Wheeler Co. line to the Gray/Donley Co. line and continuing south along the Donley/Collingsworth Co. line to the south boundary of Sec. 36, Blk. 22, H&GN R.R., thence west to the SW corner of Sec. 39, Blk. 22, H&GN R.R., thence north to the NE corner of Sec. 14, Blk. 1, Cherokee Furnace Co., thence west to the NW corner of Sec. 8, Blk. 1, Cherokee Furnace Co., thence south to the SE corner of Sec. 37, A. Rowe Survey, thence west to the SW corner of Sec. 37, A. Rowe Survey, thence south to the SE corner of Sec. 14, A. Rowe Survey, thence west to the SW corner of Sec. 3, KWI Co., thence north to the NE corner of Sec. 3, IG&N R.R., thence west to the NW corner of Sec. 3, IG&N R.R., thence south to the NE corner of Sec. 4, IG&N R.R., thence west to the NW corner of Sec. 1, Blk. C-7 thence south to the SE corner of Sec. 1, T.T.R.R., thence west to the SW corner of Sec. 1, T.T.R.R., thence north to the NE corner of Sec. 3, Franklin County School Land, thence west to the Armstrong/Donley Co. line, thence north along the Armstrong/Donley Co. line to the Gray/Donley Co. line and continuing north along the Gray/Carson Co. line to the north boundary of Sec. 232, Blk. B-2, H&GN R.R., and thence east to the NE corner of Sec. 219, Blk. B-2, H&GN R.R., being the point of beginning. The Polling Place for Precinct No. 4 is as follows: The Crockett Exxon Station lunchroom, located at 140 exit 135, Alanreed, Texas. Judge: Catherine Dorsey.

Poll will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voters may vote at the Panhandle Ground Water District office, 300 S. Omohundro St., White Deer, Texas, during office hours beginning December 27, 1993 and continuing through January 11, 1994.

The election shall be held and conducted and returns made to the Board of directors of PANHANDLE GROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NO. 3 in accordance with the general election laws of Texas, except as same are modified by the provisions of Chapter 25, Acts of the 39th Legislature of Texas of 1925, together with all amendments and additions thereto. John Spearman, President, Board of Directors of Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District No. 3.

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Wildcats win Copper Bowl

By ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — No. 20 Kansas State won its first bowl game in the 97-year history of the school, routing Wyoming 52-17 in the Copper Bowl on Wednesday night behind an offensive blitz led by Chad May and Andre Coleman.

May scored on a short run and threw for two more touchdowns, one a 61-yard pass play to Coleman. Coleman, a wide receiver and return specialist, also scored on a 68-yard punt return.

The Wildcats (9-2-1), appearing in only their second bowl, handed Wyoming (8-4) its sixth consecutive postseason loss dating to 1968. The Cowboys fell to 4-6 in bowl play. The victory gave Kansas State its most wins since 1910.

Wyoming's last bowl appearance was a loss in the 1990 Copper Bowl to California. Kansas State's only other postseason game was a 14-3 loss to Wisconsin in the 1982 Independence Bowl.

J.J. Smith ran for a bowl-record 133 yards, May completed 19 of 28 passes for 275 yards and Coleman caught eight passes for 144 yards as Kansas State had 502 yards in total offense.

The Wildcats held Wyoming to 36 yards rushing and 302 total yards, with cornerback Kenny McEntyre, who had 11 tackles for the game, ending the scoring on a 37-yard interception return for a touchdown with 6:09 remaining.

Wyoming committed three costly mistakes early that enabled the Wildcats to jump to a 16-3 lead early in the second quarter.

Penalties nullified a first-possession Cowboys' touchdown and canceled a fumble recovery that would have snuffed a Kansas State touchdown drive. The Wildcats also picked off a Wyoming pass in their end zone.

Kansas State, which finished third in the Big Eight, set a Copper Bowl scoring record, surpassing Washington State's output in a 31-28 victory over Utah in last year's fourth Copper Bowl. The game was the highest scoring in the bowl's history.

Wyoming, which shared the Western Athletic Conference title with BYU and Fresno State, led 3-0 on Taylor Sorenson's 35-yard opening-drive field goal.

But the Cowboys' score came after a penalty nullified a 52-yard touchdown pass play from Joe Hughes to Ryan Yarborough and their 62-yard drive stalled at Kansas State's 18.

The Wildcats came back to score 16 straight points, and took a 24-10 halftime lead when Coleman returned a punt 68 yards for a touchdown with 1:07 left in the second quarter and May ran in a 2-point conversion.

Two plays into the third quarter, Coleman scored again, pulling in May's pass and sprinting 61 yards.

After the ensuing kickoff, Kansas State's Jaime Mendez recovered Ryan Christopherson's fumble at the Wyoming 14, but Tate Wright's field goal attempt missed. But on the next possession, Kevin Lockett made a leaping catch of a May pass at the left end zone pylon for a 30-yard touchdown and a 38-10 lead.

In the fourth quarter, backup yards, Wyoming quarterback John Gustin threw a 14-yard touchdown to Eddie Pratt before Leon Edwards scored on a 13-yard run for Kansas State and McEntyre turned in his interception.

Kansas State's first score came on a 2-yard run by Smith. After a missed extra point, Thomas Randolph intercepted in the end zone off a reverse. Wright capped a 76-yard drive with a 22-yard field goal and a 9-3 lead as the first quarter ended.

May scored on a 2-yard run, concluding another 76-yard drive after a Wyoming offside penalty nullified a recovery.

Wyoming cut the Wildcats' lead to 16-10 on Christopherson's 3-yard touchdown, and Wyoming linebacker Ryan Folsom stopped Smith for a 1-yard loss on a fourth-and-one play at the Cowboys' 13.

But Coleman fielded a punt at the Kansas State 32, broke right to the sideline, found a four-man escort and dashed to the end zone untouched. May then ran for a 2-point conversion.

Notre Dame wants No. 1 tag

By RON LESKO
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — In its quest to salvage at least a share of the national championship, Notre Dame is giving poll voters a history lesson.

The Fighting Irish were No. 1 for 10 straight weeks in 1989 against a schedule that included five Top 20 opponents. They lost their last regular-season game at Miami, then responded with a 21-6 win over No. 1 Colorado in the Orange Bowl.

However, Miami, which also had one loss, was voted the national champion because of its victory over the Irish. This year, No. 4 Notre Dame believes that reasoning still should apply.

The Irish (10-1) say their win over Florida State, which has been No. 1 in The Associated Press media poll all but one week, should be the deciding factor if none of the top four teams is unbeaten after Saturday's bowls.

"In 1989, I was the one that said we played the toughest schedule — nine bowl teams — and (the voters) said, 'Hey, wait a minute. You played head-to-head,'" Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz said. "I'll admit I was wrong then. (The voters) were right. Absolutely, head-to-head."

The Irish realize they must beat No. 7 Texas A&M in Saturday's Cotton Bowl rematch to have any chance at the title. Notre Dame beat the Aggies 28-3 last year, and the Irish are worried about Texas A&M's appetite for revenge.

"When I pass away in many, many years, I'll be able to lay my soul to rest if I can say I beat the University of Notre Dame," said Sam Adams, the Aggies' All-American defensive end. "Because, man, that hurt so bad last year."

But the Irish are a touchdown favorite to hand the host Southwest Conference its sixth consecutive Cotton Bowl loss. Notre Dame players and coaches have been somewhat reserved in their campaigning this week, but they admit

that likely will change if they win Saturday.

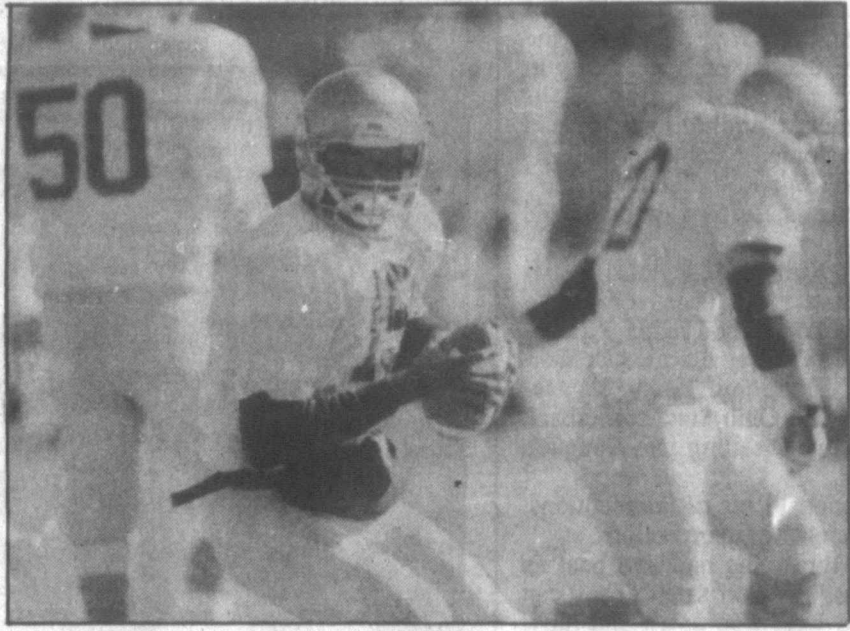
"If we don't win, all the logic is wasted air," said linebacker Pete Bercich. "That's why I feel so uncomfortable talking about it, because there's so much that needs to be done before you start talking about any of that."

The Irish already have prepared their case.

Florida State (10-1) was considered unbeatable before the Irish won 31-24 at Notre Dame Stadium. Notre Dame punished the Seminoles with its running attack, and Irish defenders dropped at least five potential interceptions. Two drops came on drives that led to 10 fourth-quarter points.

But after Notre Dame lost the next week, Florida State returned to No. 1 in The Associated Press poll. The Seminoles are No. 2 in the CNN-USA Today coaches poll and No. 2 in the bowl coalition rankings, a combination of the AP and coaches polls.

They are 17 1/2-point favorites to beat unbeaten Nebraska, the coalition's No. 1 team, in the Orange Bowl.



Irish quarterback Kevin McDougal goes through a drill during Wednesday's practice in Dallas. (AP photo)

Redskins face suspension for failure to pay union dues

By MATT YANCEY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — No pay, no play, an arbitrator says.

No way, say the Washington Redskins and the players who have refused to ante up their union dues and now face suspension from Friday's NFL finale to the team's worst season in three decades.

Thirty-five players on the Redskins' roster have refused to pay the \$5,000 annual dues, saying they disagreed with several provisions of the league-wide contract signed last spring between NFL owners and the players union.

A circuit judge in Virginia scheduled a hearing today on a suit by tight end Terry Orr seeking a court order forbidding any suspensions before Friday's game here between the Redskins (4-11) and the Minnesota Vikings (8-7). The Vikings can lock up a playoff berth with a win.

Several Redskin players — including receiver Art Monk, defensive ends

Charles Mann and Al Noga, and linebacker Carl Banks — on Wednesday said they will forfeit their last paycheck equal to one-eighteenth their annual salary and sit out the game rather than pay.

Although the Redskins are a joint defendant with the union in Orr's suit, the team reiterated its support of Orr's contention that Virginia's right-to-work law forbids the union from collecting compulsory fees equal to the dues. It called the arbitrator's findings "premature."

All NFL players in the union must pay \$5,000 in annual dues. Under the league-wide contract, those not in the union must pay an equivalent "service fee" except in states with right-to-work laws that prohibit compulsory fees.

Arbitrator Herbert Fishgold on Wednesday rejected the Redskins' claim that because the team practices in Ashburn, Va., the right-to-work laws in Virginia exempt the club from the provision in the labor contract requiring suspension of non-payers.

However, Fishgold said he would not direct the Redskins to carry out any suspensions until after today's hearing in Leesburg, Va., before Loudoun County Circuit Court Judge Thomas Horne.

The Redskins are the only team in the league whose union payments have not been met. Last week, the NFL Management Council notified the franchise that the labor contract requires the suspension of any player who doesn't pay. The Redskins balked and the union filed a grievance that was the subject of a six-hour hearing Tuesday before Fishgold.

The arbitrator said in his seven-page statement of findings that Virginia's law is not applicable because the Redskins play all their home games at RFK Stadium in the District of Columbia, which has no right-to-work law.

"The work that is the very raison d'être of the employment relationship between the Washington Redskins and its players is the playing of football games against other NFL teams," he said.

"While practice sessions and certain front office administrative functions occur in Virginia, all relevant indicia of payment to players are geared to their performance in the regular season games from which the majority of revenues are earned by the Washington Redskins."

"Washington, D.C., is the job site of the employment relationship between the Washington Redskins and the players. And it is the law of the District of Columbia rather than the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia that controls," Fishgold said.

He said he issued the findings in "hope that they will be of benefit" to Judge Horne.

Several players said they were upset at being assessed dues after being led to believe they would be covered automatically by a contract provision that turned trading card licensing revenues from NFL Properties, a league subsidiary, over to the union.

"The union did give us some money, but it was really very insignificant," said Monk, a 14-year veteran in

the league. "And the dues have never been this high, at the most \$2,000. There's really no justification for increasing them to \$5,000."

Other non-payers were taking a wait-and-see attitude in the belief the dispute could be tied up in the courts well into the offseason. Some indicated they were weary of the whole issue.

"I'm going to pay mine," defensive tackle Bobby Wilson said upon learning of Fishgold's decision. "I'd been meaning to pay. I'm a union man any way."

Redskins general manager Charley Casserly refused to say if the club has contingency plans for suiting up other players if the union is upheld in court.

In any case, the game will go on.

"We're not that foolish," Vikings coach Dennis Green said. "Regardless of what goes on, the Washington Redskins and Minnesota Vikings are going to play football. It's going to be on CBS and half the country will be watching it. I don't think there's any way the game wouldn't be played."

Ohio University ends Connecticut win streak

By The Associated Press

The way No. 14 Connecticut had been playing, the trip to Hawaii the week after Christmas was supposed to be win three games, accept the Big Island Invitational championship trophy and head back for the rigors of the Big East.

The Huskies had cruised to eight victories to open the season, the latest a 40-point opening-round win over Texas-Arlington in the tournament at Hilo. On Wednesday night, they ran into a problem they hadn't faced all season: playing catch up.

Ohio University took command early and then made the free throws down the stretch to hand the Huskies an 85-76 semifinal loss.

"Just like you can't simulate our press, you can't simulate somebody getting ahead on you and say, 'Come on, let's make up points.' Obviously, I don't think we did a good job of that," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "We tried to catch them down the stretch. We fouled them, but they hit the shots. They stood up to us."

The Bobcats (7-3) made 17 of 21 foul shots in the final 2:13, the crowning touch after a night of mixing up defenses that frustrated Connecticut, which trailed the whole game after a tie at 2.

"We've been able to jump on top in the past easy and people say that's great, but I've been literally sick worrying about the fact that this can't keep happening," Calhoun said.

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday night, it was No.

College basketball roundup

4 Temple 63, Fairleigh Dickinson 51; No. 6 Kansas 73, Rhode Island 60; No. 9 Massachusetts 94, Maryland 80; No. 11 Louisville 83, Florida 68; No. 15 Georgia Tech 71, St. John's 69; No. 17 Wisconsin 103, Grambling State 83; No. 19 Syracuse 85, Colgate 74; and No. 20 Oklahoma State 79, Cal Santa Barbara 74.

Gary Trent scored 11 of his 19 points in the first eight minutes as the Bobcats took a 20-8 lead on the way to leading 42-28 at halftime.

"I never felt any comfort level at any point in the game. The hole was dug because it's the first time anybody has stood up to us," Calhoun said. "Nobody has done that to us, so we never had that kind of experience."

Geno Ford had 22 points to lead the Bobcats, while Donyell Marshall, who had a career-high 33 points Tuesday night, had 22. He scored six points in an 8-0 run that brought the Huskies within 55-49, the closest they would get in the second half.

"We were able to handle their pressure and stop Connecticut's transition game," Ohio U. coach Larry Hunter said. "Our guards played well and our bench responded when we got into foul trouble. It was an overall team victory."

No. 4 Temple 63, Fairleigh Dickinson 51

The Owls (5-1) took third place in the ECAC Holiday Festival at New

York behind Aaron McKie's 18 points and 17 each from Eddie Jones and Rick Brunson. Brunson's rebound basket with 4:00 left was the Owls' last field goal of the game. He made all eight free throws he took in the final 1:39. Tanner Robinson had 14 points to lead the Knights (4-4).

No. 6 Kansas 73, Rhode Island 60
The Jayhawks (12-1) dominated the backboards and overcome 28 turnovers to advance to the championship game of the Golden Harvest Classic against Southern Methodist. Richard Scott had 17 points and 7-foot-2 Greg Osterag pulled down a career-high 13 rebounds for Kansas, the host for the tournament played in Kansas City, Mo. Kyle Ivey-Jones led the Rams (3-2) with 22 points.

No. 9 Massachusetts 94, Maryland 80
Lou Roe scored 30 points and Mike Williams had career-highs of 25 points and 10 assists as the Minutemen (9-1) won their own Hall of Fame Classic at Springfield. Massachusetts took advantage of foul trouble by Maryland freshman center Joe Smith to open an 11-point lead midway through the second half. Smith led the Terrapins (7-2) with 22 points, despite not scoring for the final 6:47.

No. 11 Louisville 83, Florida 68
Dwayne Morton had 22 points as the Cardinals (7-1) advanced to the championship game of the Rainbow

Classic at Honolulu. Florida (8-2) was down 16 but rallied within 65-57 with 2:47 left on Craig Brown's 3-pointer. The Cardinals made four of their next six free throws and the Gators never got closer than 10 the rest of the way. Dametri Hill had a career-high 28 points for the Gators, who held Louisville's Clifford Rozier to a season-low four points.

No. 15 Georgia Tech 71, St. John's 69
The Yellow Jackets (9-1) benefited from what appeared to be a bad call to win the ECAC Holiday Festival at Madison Square Garden. With the score 69-69, Georgia Tech called a timeout with 26 seconds left on the game clock and 22 on the 35-second shot clock. Travis Best dribbled out the time and found Ivano Newbill for a layup that appeared to be late, but it was the game's final points with 3.6 seconds to play. Martice Moore led the Yellow Jackets with 19 points, while Charles Minlend had 14 to lead the Redmen (7-3), who had won five straight.

No. 17 Wisconsin 103, Grambling St. 83
Freshman center Rashard Griffith had 20 points, seven rebounds and four blocks for the Badgers (8-0), who blew away from a 55-47 lead with a 19-4 run. Dan Avery had 22 points and 12 rebounds for the visiting Tigers (4-5), who have lost four in a row.

No. 19 Syracuse 85, Colgate 74
The Orangemen (8-1) went on a 17-0 run for a 69-42 lead in the home victory. John Wallace had 24 points to lead Syracuse.

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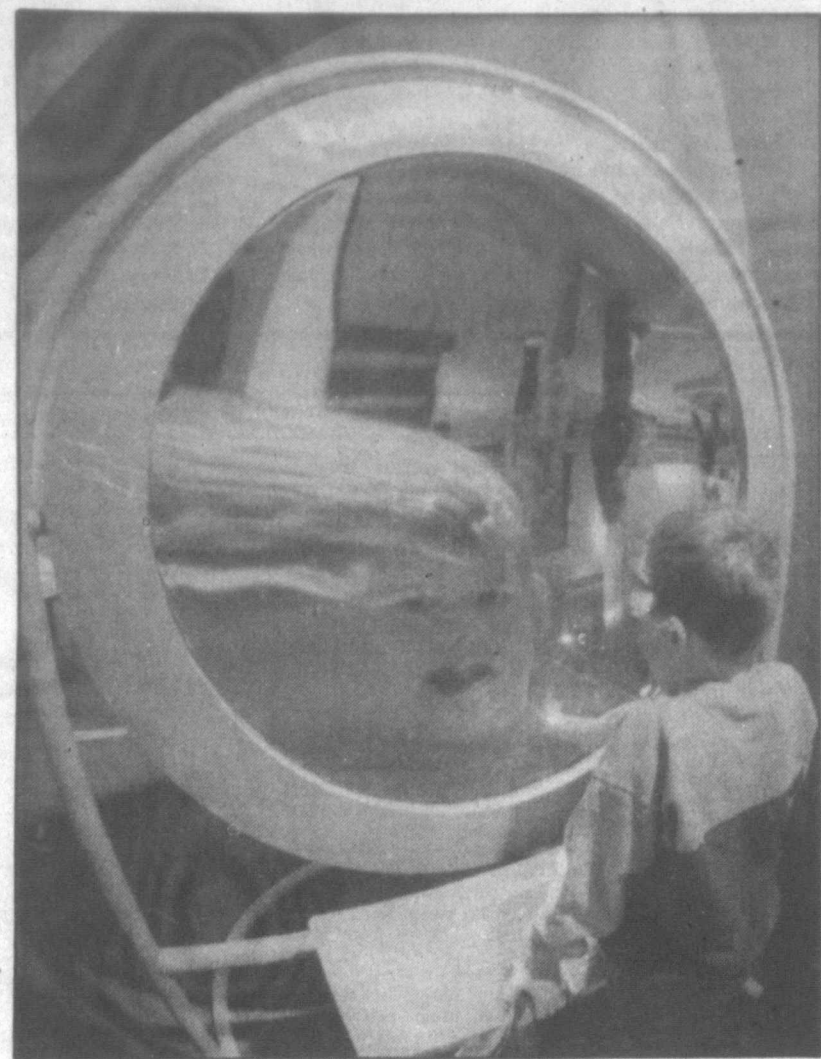
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Arafat aide says Israeli proposal unacceptable

By G.G. LaBELLE
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The last hope for a quick breakthrough in Israeli-PLO talks faded today as Yasser Arafat left Cairo and an adviser to the PLO chief said Israel's latest offer was unacceptable.

The talks foundered on an issue that has bedeviled them from the start — control of the borders to Egypt from the Gaza Strip and to Jordan from the West Bank town of Jericho, the areas where Palestinian self-rule is to first begin.

The border dispute and arguments on other details will probably mean a further postponement of up to three weeks in starting Israel's withdrawal.

Dr. Ahmed Tibi, who has acted as a go-between for Arafat and the Israelis, told Israel radio that the PLO had studied the latest Israeli offer and found it unacceptable "at this stage."

"It does not answer the minimal demands of the Palestinians," said Tibi, a physician with offices in Jerusalem.

Arafat refused to talk to reporters after a meeting here today with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, who has mediating between the two sides.

Moussa also said nothing after the meeting, and Arafat later left Cairo without holding an expected second round of talks with President Hosni Mubarak, who has been pressing Arafat to agree to a deal. Arafat was reported headed for Jordan for talks with King Hussein.

Mahmoud Abbas, the PLO's main negotiator, left for Tunisia today, telling reporters that the PLO had authorized continued negotiations by a subcommittee on security and that he may return to Cairo next week for more talks.

On Wednesday, after 2 1/2 days of negotiations, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres announced the two sides had reached "a meeting of the minds" on the various sticking points. But the PLO in Tunisia responded with a blast at Israel on the border issue.

The gritty details of withdrawal proved more complicated than envi-

sioned in the landmark Sept. 13 accord granting Palestinians autonomy.

The accord called for Israel to start withdrawing Dec. 13 and complete its pullout April 13, turning over day-to-day affairs in Jericho and Gaza to Palestinians. But the deadline passed with the two sides still arguing about borders, the exact size of the Jericho area, and protection of Jewish settlers.

The negotiators in Cairo worked out an elaborate plan for shared monitoring of the borders between Egypt and Gaza and between Jordan and the West Bank.

According to today's *Jerusalem Post*, it was so detailed it specified a tinted glass window between adjacent Israeli and Palestinian police posts.

Israeli Police Minister Moshe Shahal said Wednesday night Israel thought it had a deal on the borders. But Arafat objected.

After he met with other Palestine Liberation Organization leaders in Tunis, Tunisia, the PLO's Executive Committee issued a statement saying "the Israeli side has returned to its position of controlling and supervising the crossing points."

What apparently upset Arafat was Israel's demand to retain a veto on who entered Gaza and Jericho.

For Israel, the borders are a matter of security. But the Palestinians want control of the border crossings as a symbol they are actually headed toward their would-be state.

Arafat is facing increasing criticism and needs to show the Palestinians that Israel's occupation really can be ended through the Israel-PLO accord.

Peres said disagreements persist over the Israel army's access to roads in Gaza as part of protecting settlers remaining there.

On the size of Jericho, Israeli reports say an offer of 23 square miles has been accepted. But the Palestinians have not answered publicly, and Arafat's last demand was 80 square miles.

However, both Israelis and Palestinians still insist the accord signed in Washington can be implemented.

Administration to seek limited review in military gay case

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Battered on all sides by the issue of gays in the military, the Clinton administration plans only a limited challenge to a major court victory for a gay midshipman who had been forced out of the Naval Academy, his lawyer and a Justice Department official say.

The Nov. 16 ruling for Joseph Steffan undermines the administration's new compromise policy on gays in the military, but the Justice Department is not going to attack the core issue in the Steffan case.

Three federal appeals judges had ruled that the Navy cannot expel a midshipman solely on the basis of his sexual orientation — declaring that forcing Steffan out violated the equal protection guarantee of the Constitution.

In a narrowly focused appeal that

could come today, the government will assert that the judges exceeded their authority when they ordered that Steffan be granted a commission to serve in the U.S. Navy, the department source said Wednesday night, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The three judges ordered the Navy to give a diploma and officer's commission to Steffan.

A senior Justice Department official made a "courtesy phone call" Wednesday to one of Steffan's lawyers, Marc Wolinsky, saying that the government would seek review "on a limited issue" by the full U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, said Wolinsky.

"We are pleased that the government apparently is not challenging the key principles of the Steffan decision," said a statement issued by the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which is representing Steffan.

"We are disappointed by the petty effort ... to deny this outstanding midshipman his commission," the statement added.

Justice Department spokeswoman Julie Ambender declined to comment on what the government planned to do, or when. The deadline for seeking appeals court review is Monday. Faced with opposition in the armed services and on Capitol Hill, President Clinton has crafted a policy that forbids gay service members from openly declaring their sexual orientation.

Regulations implementing the Clinton compromise were announced last week — and the Clinton administration is girding to defend them in court.

Lambda and the American Civil Liberties Union are preparing a new court challenge "to the latest version of the anti-gay policy in the next few weeks,"

Lambda's statement said.

The court in the Steffan case was dealing with the old Defense Department ban on homosexuals, but its decision brought into question the administration's new policy: permitting homosexuals to serve in the armed forces as long as they don't tell their sexual orientation.

Steffan had confided to a midshipman and a chaplain about his sexual orientation, later admitting to a disciplinary board that he was homosexual. He resigned from the academy six weeks before graduation in 1987, after the board recommended he be dismissed.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice prohibits homosexual conduct. Under the new "don't ask, don't tell" policy, the military no longer asks recruits or service members about their sexual orientation. Steffan, now 29, is in law school at the University of Connecticut.

Hubble telescope seems in good shape three weeks after repairs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly three weeks after the Hubble Space Telescope was released from its repair bench on the space shuttle Endeavour, its ground handlers said Wednesday, "So far so good. We have absolutely no sign of problems."

The Hubble, fitted with new optical systems to correct the defects of its main mirror and new parts to fix broken guidance and power systems, is in the midst of a planned, long checkout since its release Dec. 10.

Hubble scientist Ed Weiler said things are going so well that the telescope will be ready to make its first pictures on the low end of the six-to-eight-week checkout period he had predicted.

One of the milestones in the Hubble's recom-

missioning after its repair was the moving of mirrors into the telescope's light path to provide corrected images to three scientific instruments. That was done successfully last weekend for two of the instruments, with the third scheduled later.

The astronauts replaced the telescope's wide-field planetary camera, which had its own corrections, and that checkout also was on schedule.

"We are going to, in the next two weeks or so make the first attempts to take test observations of real science targets and see what we've got," Weiler told reporters.

To date, he said, the instrument's faint object camera and the wide-field camera have taken only images of star fields for purposes

of aligning and focusing the Hubble.

David Leckrone, the senior Hubble project scientist, said engineers will try in the next two weeks to observe a nebula, two quasars, a far-away spiral galaxy and an "eruptive star" that appears to have ejected considerable material.

Replacement of the Hubble's electricity-producing solar arrays appears to have achieved its objective of removing the cause of a jittering that shook the telescope each of the 32 times a day it moved from daylight into darkness and vice versa.

"The Hubble has to be the most jitter-free spacecraft ever," Weiler said. "The new solar panels seem to have reduced jitter by at least a factor of 10."

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