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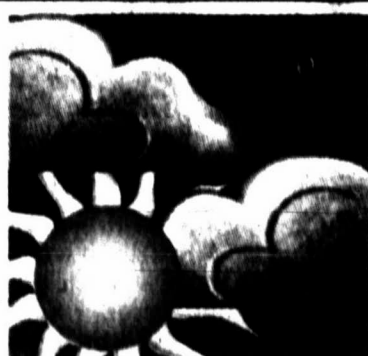


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PAMPA -- The annual Chipping of the Green, running used Christmas trees through a chipper to turn them into mulch for gardening, will be Saturday, Jan. 15, in the Warner-Horton parking lot at 900 Duncan.

The annual event is a project of Clean Pampa.

BORGER -- The second annual Miss Top of Texas Area Scholarship Pageant will be at Frank Phillips College in Borger at 7 p.m., Jan. 29.

Entrants must be at least 17-years-old and a senior in high school, according to Carolyn Scott, one of the pageant directors.

There will also be a Junior Miss Top of Texas Area pageant for girls from two to 17-years old, according to Karmin Pool, another pageant director.

AUSTIN (AP) -- Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-13-23-25-27-32.

Estimated jackpot: \$10 million.

Number matching six of six: 1.

Winning ticket sold in: Friendswood.

Matching five of six: 108. Prize: \$1,322. Matching four of six: 5,573. Prize: \$92.

Matching three of six: 106,472. Prize: \$3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$4 million.

- Samantha Henderson, 85, mother of a Pampa resident.
- Jessie Hudson, 86, sister of a Pampa resident.
- W.D. Morton, 88, former Pampa resident.
- Thelma Prcesang Prouse, 94, mother of a Pampa woman.

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Pampa couples have Y2K problem with police

By KEITH ANDERSON
Staff writer

Two men and two women decided to take on the Pampa Police Department around midnight New Year's Eve.

Officers Keith Morris and Corey Powell heard bottle rockets going off within city limits. They tracked down the fire-

works to the 800 block of South Banks. When they tried to issue a ticket to the four offenders, things got ugly, Deputy Police Chief John Goes said.

"It started over fireworks," Goes said. "They didn't want to take the ticket, so the fight was on."

The group was shooting the fireworks in the street, Goes said. Michael Eugene Horton, 38,

853 S. Sumner, refused to accept the violation of city ordinance ticket. He refused to identify himself, and he resisted arrest, according to police accounts.

The other male, Gary L. Bolch, 40, 855 S. Banks, was charged with disorderly conduct (language) and public intoxication.

During the arrest police say the two females shoved Officer

Powell. The two females — Loretta Medley, 42, 853 S. Sumner, and Sherry Lynn Bolch, 37, 855 S. Banks — were charged with interference with a public servant.

All four were arrested and taken to the Gray County Jail. They were free today on bail.

Horton's bond was \$1,500 for resisting arrest, \$200 for violation of a city ordinance and

\$400 for failure to identify himself.

Bond for Sherry Bolch and Medley was \$1,000 each for interfering with a public servant.

Bond for Gary Bolch was \$400 for disorderly conduct and \$400 for public intoxication.

Gray County officials said they were released Saturday.



John Tripplehorn and John Chaney ring in the new year with a new business. The two Pampa men, along with their wives, started a new business here building holiday decorations.

New business rings in New Year

In the back room of a Pampa restaurant, two couples have given birth to a new business.

John and Kathleen Chaney and John and Susan Tripplehorn are decorating the world as the new millennium approaches.

The Chaney and Tripplehorn make holiday decorations.

John and Kathleen Chaney have headed Pampa's Celebration of Lights since it started. It was one of those volunteer jobs that was going to last for one year or so. It has lasted — years.

Last September, John Tripplehorn was watching John Chaney work on a new display for the Celebration of Lights in the workshop behind Chaney's restau-

rant. "I told him he was crazy to give his time and effort away," Tripplehorn said. "Kathleen said, 'I've been telling him that for years.'"

A new business was born in Pampa. Actually, it wasn't all that new.

"Kathleen and I started 15 years ago," John Chaney said, leaning against one of the work tables in his shop. "We've been doing it for a long time."

But it has always been kind of a part time business, especially after they opened their restaurant on Foster.

Chaney got started building holiday decorations when his father wanted a display for his front yard.

"Then the first thing I knew, my sister

wanted one, too," Chaney said. For years, he built the displays and gave them away. He finally started charging for them.

Then he and his wife became involved with the Celebration of Lights.

"We've done that since day one," Chaney said.

The displays are basically iron rods that are bent and welded into shape, then Christmas lights are wrapped around the iron frame.

Using available technology and a little ingenuity, they have developed animation in their displays. The most visible demonstration locally are some of the Celebration of Light displays showing

(See BUSINESS, PAGE 2)

Wright to seek fifth term as county commissioner

Gerald Wright, Gray County Commissioner in Precinct 3, has announced he will seek a fifth term as county commissioner.

Wright, a Republican, was first elected to office in 1984. He feels that the Gray County road system is one of the best in Texas and said he has made maintenance and upgrading of these roads one of his ongoing priorities.

Wright said county government is the oldest form of government in the United States and counties are on the front line of addressing many of the nation's most critical issues.

"My mission is to meet the needs of our citizens without placing an undue burden on local taxpayers and to find solutions that are of benefit to local residents and to all Texans," said Wright.

He is an active member of the Gray County Historical Society

and the Texas Historical Society. He has been instrumental in working to preserve the historical sites of the county. He also holds membership in the Texas Association of County Judges and Commissioners, Gray County Republican Party, the Republican Party of Texas, the Republican National Committee and Governor George Bush Committee 1998.

Wright has also served as an ex-officio member of the Lovett Memorial Library Board of Directors, is a member of the Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society and has served as president of the Lake McClellan Improvement, Inc. Wright has served as safety director of Gray County for the past 14 years.

For the past 16 years, Wright and the Gray County Commissioners Court have been actively involved in the improvement of the Lake

McClellan Recreation area. It is a National Grassland unit administered by the U. S. Forest Service.

"We have made many improvements at Lake McClellan in the past few years," said Wright, "but there are still projects needing to be done in order to complete the lake project."

The Gray County Commissioners Court works with the U. S. Forest Service under a challenge cost-share agreement. Wright recently received notification the Gray County Commissioners Court will receive the Prairie Partner Award, an annual U. S. Forest Service Award that recognizes the best partnership efforts within the U.S. Forest Service System. Gray County is the only county in the United States to receive this award.

Wright and his wife, Charlene,

are members of the Fellowship Baptist Church.

He has appointed Carl



Wright

Kennedy, retired Gray County Judge, as his campaign treasurer.

CRMWA to discuss rain making project

SANFORD -- Election of officers for the year 2000 will headline the agenda of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's January meeting in Plainview.

The CRMWA board will also discuss participation in the precipitation enhancement program of the White Deer-based Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District. The groundwater conservation district voted last year to try a cloud-seeding project in an effort to increase rainfall in the region.

The CRMWA board will review the salinity control project near the Texas-New Mexico stateline on the Canadian River, according to John C. Williams, CRMWA general manager.

Also on the board's agenda is a status report on the authority's alternate water supply project, authorization of installation of rural water taps and amending an engineering services contract.

The board is also expected to authorize the purchase of more vehicles and radios for construction personnel and inspectors.

CRMWA provides drinking water to 11 cities and towns in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, including Pampa.

Pampa is represented on the board by Jerry Carlson and William Hallberg.

The other communities belonging to the authority are Amarillo, Borger, Plainview, Lubbock, Slaton, Luboka, O'Donnell, Lamesa, Brownfield and Levelland.

The CRMWA board consists of two people from each community that use the water from the Canadian River reservoir, Lake Meredith.

Case of the missing sign quickly solved; perpetrators punished; no charges filed

Quick work by a Pampa police officer saved some city property, but got a couple of kids in trouble at home.

Justice was apparently swift and sure as the officer tracked down a missing street sign.

When Pampa city employees reported a street sign missing in the 1900 block of Chestnut last week, Officer Fawnswa Burrows was assigned to investigate the case.

The sign, which read "Children Playing" was reported missing on Thursday.

Within a few hours, Officer Burrows had tracked down the sign and two juveniles who were accused of taking it.

No charges were filed in the case, but the parents said they would handle the needed discipline.

"Daddy wasn't very happy about it," Officer Burrows said.

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Services tomorrow

HENDERSON, Samantha — 10 a.m., Messenger Worship Center Pentecostal Church of God, Amarillo. Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
HUDSON, Jessie — 10 a.m., Morrison Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel, Dumas.
TRUSTY, Clyde James "Woodrow" — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Obituaries

SAMANTHA HENDERSON
AMARILLO — Samantha Henderson, 85, mother of a Pampa resident, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Messenger Worship Center Pentecostal Church of God with Pastor Jim Patillo, of the church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa. Burial will be under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Henderson was born in Garvin County, Okla. She belonged to Messenger Worship Center and Pentecostal Church of God in Amarillo and was a 35-year member of Church of God in Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Lee Henderson, in 1983.

Survivors include a daughter, Juanice Noel of Amarillo; two sons, Glyn Henderson of Austin and Royce Henderson of Pampa; a sister, Thelma Webb of Pampa; three brothers, Malcolm Moon of Elmore, Okla., Calvin Moon of Malaga, Wash., and Glen Moon of Brownwood; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 1218 N. Woodland and requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101; or to American Diabetes Assoc., 8008 Slide Rd., #12A, Lubbock, TX 79424.

JESSIE HUDSON
DUMAS — Jessie Hudson, 86, sister of a Pampa resident, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999. Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Morrison Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel with the Rev. H.L. Stevens, retired Assembly of God minister, officiating. Burial will be in Dumas Cemetery.

Mrs. Hudson was born at Dorsey, Miss. She married C.A. Hudson in 1934 at Wellington; he died in 1999. She lived at Arlington for five years and had been a longtime Moore County resident. She was a homemaker and belonged to First Baptist Church of Dumas.

Survivors include three sons, Gerald W. Hudson of Germany, Harold "Buddy" Hudson of Houston and Jack Hudson of Arlington; four sisters, Billie June Monroe and Chloe Wren, both of Amarillo, Jewell Hessler of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Charlie Mae Browning of Pampa; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 10826 McClary Road and requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 617, Dumas, TX 79029.

Visitation is scheduled from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home in Dumas.

W.D. MORTON
FORT WORTH — W.D. Morton, 77, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Dec. 27, 1999. Graveside services were Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa. Burial was under the direction of Baumgardner Funeral Home of Fort Worth.

Mr. Morton was born at Cryer Creek. He formerly resided in Stinnett and the surrounding area and served on Stinnett and Pringle School Board from 1954-73. He moved from Amarillo to the Pampa area in 1991.

He belonged to Stinnett United Methodist Church, Saginaw United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Miriam Morton; a daughter, Karen McClain of Watkinsville, Ga.; a son, Gary Morton of Watauga; two sisters, Zula Hale of Corsicana and Bernadin Messina of Galveston; and two grandchildren.

THELMA PRICESANG PROUSE
AMARILLO — Thelma Pricesang Prouse, 94, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with Elmer McLaughlin officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Prouse was born Oct. 28, 1905, at Gage, Okla. She lived at Kokomo, Ind., prior to moving to Texas and held a bachelor of arts degree from Wichita University. She married Dr. Ervin J. Prouse in 1927 at Miami; he died June 16, 1998. The couple lived at Topeka, Kan., and later Berkeley, Calif., where Dr. Prouse earned his doctorate degree from the University of California.

The Prouses resided at Austin for 52 years during which time Dr. Prouse taught at the University of Texas. They relocated to Park Place Towers in Amarillo in 1991 and spent many summers at their farm near Miami.

They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 1997.

She was a member and former officer of Daughters of the American Revolution, DAC, Huguenots, PEO, AAUW, Pathfinders Study Club, Faculty Wives, University Ladies Club, Austin Woman's Club, Standard Club and University Methodist Church of Austin.

Survivors include two daughters, Darlene Birkes of Pampa and Dr. Ruth Morgan of Dallas; a son, E.D. Prouse of Amarillo; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests and reports for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 1
William Clarkworth, 1006 S. Barnes, was arrested on the charge of disorderly conduct.

Police investigated a report of simple assault at the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A mongoose bicycle was reported stolen at the 900 block of Jordan.

The back window of a Ford Explorer was

reported shattered at the 1300 block of East Francis.

Police found a bicycle and a Green Bay Packers pullover at Recreation Park.

Sunday, Dec. 2
Police investigated a burglary of more than \$1200 at a habitation at the 300 block of North Banks.

Criminal Mischief was reported at the 900 block of West Aleock.

A handicapped man was robbed of \$600 at the 1000 block of Prairie Dr.

Assault and criminal mischief were reported at the 1600 block of West Somerville.

BUSINESS

people, animals and machines with the appearance of motion. At Recreation Park this past year, there has been musicians, dancers, Santa driving a stage-coach, an airplane, a fisherman catching a whale and a number of others using alternating lights to give the illusion of motion.

Last fall, with the Triplehornes, they began advertising the displays. Their website on the internet led to a call from a church in Wisconsin that ordered a few angels. The Wisconsin church was so delighted with the dis-

play, they ordered a Nativity scene for next year.

They've also sold displays to groups in South Texas and in Colorado.

"We just got started late last year," Triplehorn said. "We're going to get serious about it this year."

Nor is their business particularly seasonal. They produce lighted displays for a number of holidays.

The red and green Christmas lights have given way to green and orange on a jack o' lantern they made for Halloween. They have plans for crosses and bunny

rabbits for Easter displays and American flags for the Fourth of July and Veterans Day.

"We don't have much left," Chaney said as he looked around his workshop in the post-holiday respite. "We sold everything."

"We sell them about as fast as we get the lights on them," Triplehorn says.

While it is not unusual for new businesses to have problems, the problems the Chaney and Triplehornes are having may be the kind any business wants, keeping up with demand.

"We may have to get a bigger place," Chaney drawled.

New chairman plans new vote on convention site

By ROCHELLE OLSON
Associated Press Writer

ST. PAUL (AP) — Newly seated Reform Party Chairman Jack Gargan plans to take a third vote by the end of this month to definitively determine whether the national convention will be held in California or Minnesota.

Gargan said today he wants another mail-in vote of the 140-member national committee so he doesn't have to choose between the two previous votes.

"We're starting from scratch," Gargan said.

The site of the convention has been a battle between the supporters of Gov. Jesse Ventura and party founder Ross Perot of Dallas. Gargan believes new national committee members who support presidential candidate Pat Buchanan could sway the coming vote.

"Many of the new members are Buchanan backers and the governor said some uncomplimentary things," Gargan said.

Ventura recently said he didn't think he would be able to support Buchanan if he were the party's nominee, although he also said, "Maybe he can change my mind if he works hard at it."

Former Chairman Russ Verney of Dallas, a Perot ally, harshly criticized Gargan's decision to call another vote.

"The decision has been made. The contract has been signed," Verney said.

The first vote on the convention site went to Long Beach, Calif. Verney conducted that vote by the executive committee. In November, Minnesota Chairman Rick McCluhan and California Chairman Paul Hale polled national committee members by mail.

Verney called McCluhan's vote a "farce" and put a \$2,000 down payment on the Long Beach site. McCluhan went to federal court and unsuccessfully asked a judge to rule on Minnesota's behalf.

In the worst case, Verney said the party could lose \$36,000 by not following through on the contract, but added, "It's not the issue of the money. This is foolishness. This is a temper tantrum by Jesse's boys up there who want the convention in Minnesota so they can stack the deck. It's just not going to happen."

The site is just one point of contention between Ventura and Perot supporters, many of whom also support Buchanan. While Ventura favors free trade, Perot and Buchanan are protectionist. Ventura is liberal on social issues, supporting abortion and gay rights. Buchanan supports neither.

The governor is encouraging others to get into the race. Potential candidate Donald Trump will be in the Twin Cities on Friday to meet with the governor and attend a state party fund-raiser.

Verney believes Ventura supporters — including Gargan — want to block a Buchanan candidacy.

White Deer FFA



(Special photo)

White Deer FFA senior chapter conducting team placed first in state competition held recently at Sam Houston State University at Huntsville. The team advanced to the state competition. FFA teams compete against the entire state regardless of school classifi-

cation. Above: Carmen Terry, Johnathan Warminski, Kacey Knocke, Suni Petty, Patrick Warminski, Brandon Crain, Alberic Haiduk, Michael Grilley and Jon Kinsey. The White Deer team will represent the state of Texas at national competition next fall in Kentucky.

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON
Clean Air Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-3988.

TRALEE CRISIS CENTER
Tralee Crisis Center will offer Volunteer Training for people interested in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crime victims. For more information, call Diane Wells at 669-1131 or 1-800-658-2796.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD
Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is extending clinic hours in Pampa. The clinic is now open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A. Special evening hours until 6 p.m. are available by appointment. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

AMARILLO HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Amarillo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2000 Gala Awards and Officer Installation Banquet beginning with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21 at Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza, 401 S. Buchanan. Dinner will be at 6:45 p.m. followed by a dance at 9 p.m. Guest speakers will be U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry and Attorney General John Cornyn. Cost per per-

son is \$25 for both dinner and dance and \$10 for the dance only. RSVP by Jan. 7, (806) 356-8262 or (806) 379-8800.

COLGATE YOUTH SERVICE CONTEST
Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc., Camp Fire and 4-H organizations are invited to enter their best community service projects in the "Colgate Youth for America" campaign. Cash grants of up to \$2,000

will be awarded to the most creative and best executed projects from local clubs and troops between March 1, 1999, and March 1, 2000. Entry forms are available through regional offices of the national organizations or by sending a SASE to: Colgate Youth for America Campaign, P.O. Box 1058, FDR Station, New York, NY 10150-1058. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2000, and are also available on-line at www.colgate.com.

Menus

Jan. 3-7

Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, German chocolate cake or pineapple squares, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY
Salisbury steak or mushroom chicken with angel hair pasta, onion potatoes, green beans, buttered squash, beans, French vanilla cake or chocolate pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY
Roast beef brisket with brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes,

cream corn, broccoli casserole, beans, confetti cake or bread pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

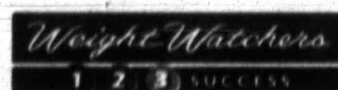
THURSDAY
Chicken strips or taco salad, mashed potatoes, Spanish rice, California blend, pinto beans, marble cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls, jalapeno cornbread or cornbread.

FRIDAY
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CINEMA

3rd Week
Bicentennial Man (PG)
Fri. & Sat. 7:00 & 9:30
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:00
Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:45

3rd Week
Stuart Little (PG)
Fri. & Sat. 7:05 & 9:05
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05
Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:50

4th Week
Deuce Bigalow (R)
Fri. & Sat. 7:10 & 9:00
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:10
Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:55

6th Week
Toy Story II (G)
Fri. & Sat. 7:05 & 9:05
Sun. thru Thurs. 7:05
Sat. & Sun. Matinee 1:50

New Mom's Sloppy Wardrobe Covers Body Back in Shape

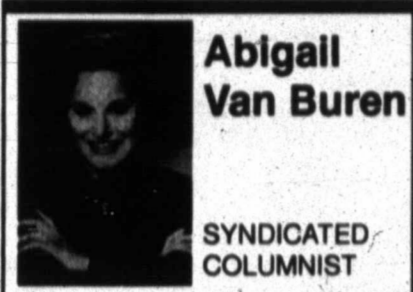
DEAR ABBY: I am a working mother who just had a baby last June. Fortunately, everything is going great. She is healthy and happy, my husband and I are doing well, and the proud grandparents baby-sit for our newborn.

I have gotten right back into shape. I swim 40 laps every day, eat very healthfully and happily fit into a size 4 again. (Actually, the pants I'm wearing right now are a size 2!) My problem is this: Since my job is laid-back and does not require a dress code — Web development, sitting behind a PC all day — I seem to dress very poorly each day. Sometimes I look at myself in the mirror and say, "For someone who takes such good care of her body, eats so well and stays in shape — you look like a slob!"

Please, Abby, help me devote more time to myself. Although going to the gym during lunch is a priority and eating healthfully goes without saying, I let my hair look like a complete mess, my clothes never match, I wear old sneakers every day, and my shirts are wrinkled and three sizes too big. What can I do to look neater and actually make it a priority every day?

"L" IN MIDDLE VILLAGE, N.Y.

DEAR "L": Everyone should have your problems! An effective way to make sure you look sharp at work each day would be to coordinate your outfit the night before so you'll have it ready to wear the next morning.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Talk to a hairstylist about creating a style you can manage in 10 minutes with a minimum of bother, and then determine how much (or little) makeup you need to look civilized. Many young women apply only mascara, a little rouge and lipstick, and look terrific.

Taking a few extra minutes to fix yourself up before leaving the house will ensure that you start the day feeling good about yourself. It's been my experience that every time I failed to do it, thinking I probably wouldn't meet anyone who knew me, I inevitably ran into someone I knew — and was ashamed of myself because I didn't look my best. Nuff said?

DEAR ABBY: I am a family law specialist and feel compelled to add my 2 cents' worth regarding the action to be taken by "In Shock and Heartbroken," the dumped and virtually penniless wife of the surgeon. You said she should find an attorney on a contingency basis.

Although in some states attorneys may be able to accept family law cases on a contingency-fee basis, such an agreement in a dissolution action in California is generally thought to be "void against public policy" because, in the event of a reconciliation of the divorcing parties, such an agreement places a lawyer's financial interest in conflict with the client's interest.

However, "In Shock" should have no trouble obtaining counsel for little or no advance fee in California — given that her husband is a surgeon (and presumably earns substantial amounts of money) — because California Family Code 2030 provides that a court may make an award of attorney fees and costs to any party in an amount as may be reasonably necessary for attorneys' fees and the amount of maintaining or defending the proceedings. The purpose of this statute is to ensure equal access to legal representation to preserve litigants' rights.

GEORGIA ANN MICHELL-LANGSAM, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, ALAMO, CALIF.

DEAR GEORGIA ANN: I have heard from attorneys in at least six states saying exactly the same thing. Thank you for explaining that although "In Shock" may not be able to have an attorney take the case on a contingency basis, her ability to defend herself is still protected under the law.

energy. A boss listens to your advice and depends on you. Don't do anything halfway. Remain secure about your choices. Your enthusiasm is contagious. You can tackle that job. Ask for a pay raise or promotion while the going is good. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Meet challenges with optimism and security. There is no reason to think that a situation won't work. You have the savvy and knowledge to push an idea over the line. Make calls. Accept an opportunity. Don't compromise a long-term dream. Go for it! Success is yours. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Listen to family members, whose great ideas help make a difference. Be optimistic and positive. A partner comes through for you in a big way. You work well as a team. Count on a partner to come through for you. Listen carefully to another's ideas, and value them. Tonight: Make it a cozy night for two!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Others come to you. There are so many choices, you might want to check your horoscope! You excel in communication — others clearly get your message. You know how to stay on top of your work and your personal life without excluding anyone. Remove the word "can't" from your vocabulary. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Though you think everything is good to go, you could still have a lapse in judgment about spending. Pull-back and take a hard look at recent decisions. You might be going overboard, presently.

Plug into work; clear your desk. Make time to explore a new health club. Tonight: Indulge a little, but not everything needs to be expensive! **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Beam in what you want. Listen to a loved one or child who has gems of wisdom to share. Creativity remains high. Take a long lunch. Visit with a friend or two simultaneously. A relationship could be heating up considerably. You like what is going on. Tonight: Your general manner draws your desires.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You resolve what has been a personal problem. Do a better job of listening. A family member clearly cares about you and wants to be part of your team. You are coming from a place of security. Open up to others. Your self-confidence and sense of security speak. Tonight: Take some personal time.

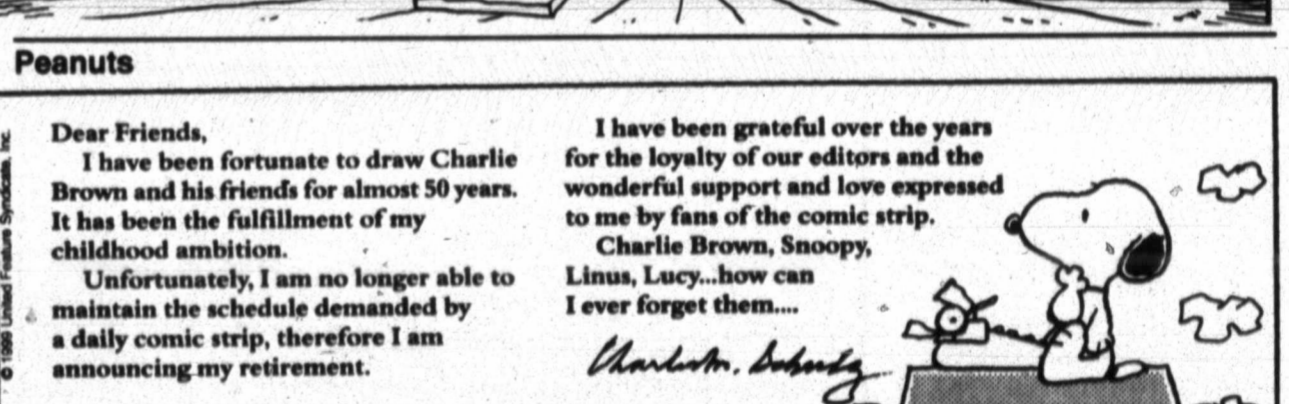
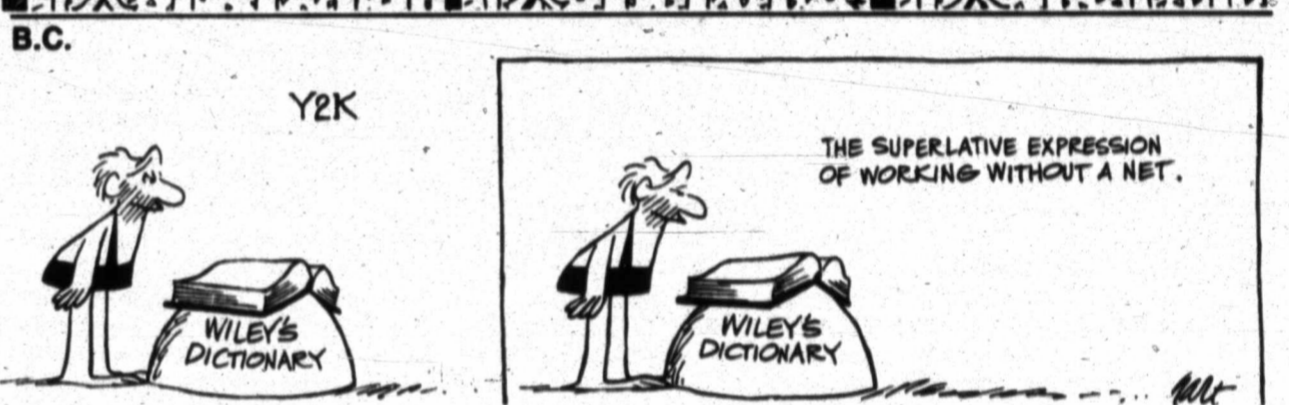
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Get together with friends; schedule meetings and network. The key to success comes through your abilities to bring others together and to spread your message to groups. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is on your desk. Sort through work and return calls. You can do it. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** A boss will do his share to make what you want happen. Listen carefully, but make your own financial decisions. Stay on top of work. Others come to you for feedback. Consider what is being offered. Be willing to say no if you are uncomfortable with how much time an issue could take. Tonight: Shop.

For Better or For Worse



Horoscope

TUESDAY, JAN. 4, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Reach out for another at a distance. Conversations pique your imagination. Stay centered, however. You may become overly excited about a possible happening. Look at a plan from all possible points of view. Check for potential potholes in your path. Stay open to change. Tonight: Make a dream real.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Take a back seat. Be sure of yourself when dealing with a partner, who clearly wants the best for you. Examine your long-term desires carefully. Right now, everything feels possible. Discussions reveal another side of a loved one — one that you never knew existed. Remain upbeat and positive. Tonight: Be a duo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** What you have wanted tumbles into your lap. Make must meetings. Extend yourself. Stay secure in your choices. Popularity peaks, but although this could be an exciting moment, you might make a wrong choice. Stick with what you know will work. Don't hesitate to ask that important question. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You are full of excitement and

Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

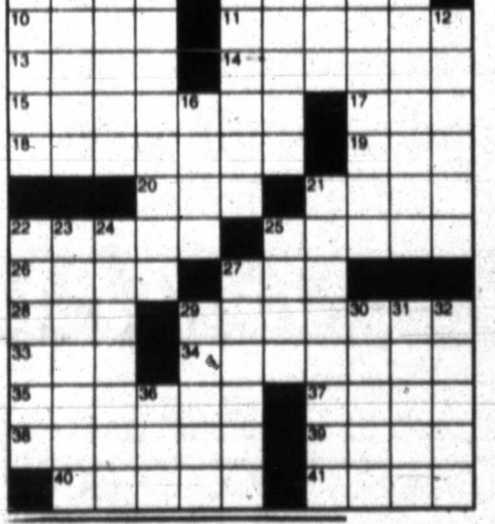
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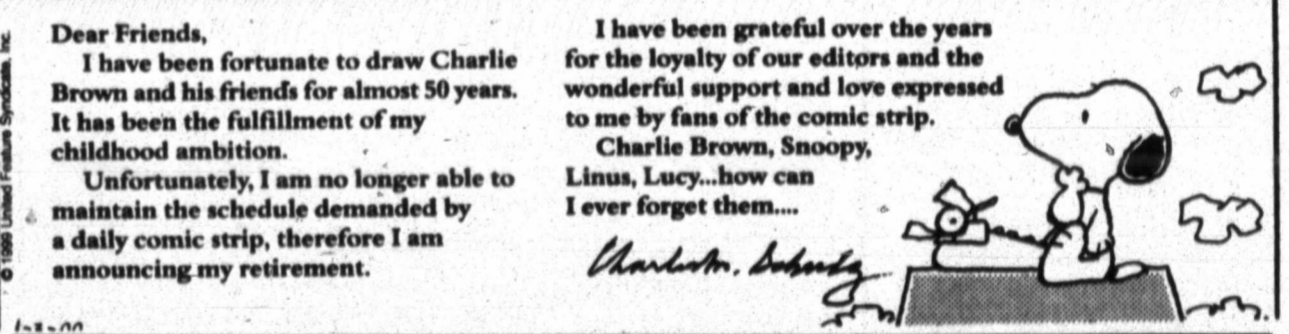
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MEDICAL

Low-carb, high-protein diets not popular with health experts

By AMY FRAZIER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Pork rinds, beef jerky and hot dogs sound more like the diet of a junk-food junkie than that of someone determined to lose weight.

But this latest fad diet promises you can shed the pounds fast while eating all the meat, cheese, eggs and fat you want. The trick is to lay off the carbohydrates and sugars.

Ron Glasgow, a 39-year-old computer support technician from Cumming, said he has went from 425 to 330 pounds in 11 months, while continuing his lifestyle as a "big-eater." A typical breakfast for him while on the diet consists of a three-egg omelet and a 12-ounce package of bacon or a half-pound of ham.

Many dietitians and health experts — 10,000 of whom met 000000 in Atlanta this week for the American Dietetic Association's annual meeting — insist the diet is unhealthy and the weight loss is temporary.

The high-protein, no-carb plan is "a nightmare of a diet," said Kathleen Zelman, a registered dietitian and ADA spokesperson. "At first, it sounds so alluring. You get the green light to eat these foods."

But she said the monotony soon gets old. Sure, you get the hamburger, but no bun or fries. You can eat a big steak, but forget the baked potato and tossed salad.

Plus, it's just unhealthy, nutritionists say. Along with the risk of increasing cholesterol levels, the diet could cause kidney problems or possibly a loss of calcium in the bones, Ms. Zelman said. Limiting the intake of carbohydrates to such a dramatically low level starves the body of needed nutrients and causes an artificial metabolic state.

"Think of it on a global perspective — the world at large survives on grains," Ms. Zelman said. "If we didn't have carbohydrates, we would not be able to survive. Bread is the staff of life."

But Glasgow said the diet allows him to lose weight and continue to be a "big eater."

"I'm aware of some of the opponents, but for me right now, it seems to be working," he said.

Glasgow said he lost 100 pounds once before on a low-fat, high exercise diet, but he couldn't stay on it. While on that diet, he said he took a two-month leave of absence from his job and exercised between 6 and 8 hours a day. When he returned to a more reasonable exercise schedule, the weight stopped coming off and he went back to his old ways.

Glasgow and others who've lost weight following the Atkins plan will probably gain it back, Ms. Zelman says. The initial weight loss occurs because without carbohydrates, the body is forced to burn fat and protein for fuel — but that creates fatigue. Also, the monotony of the diet gets some people to eat less.

With studies showing that more than half of all adults are overweight and that exercise is at an all-time low, Americans are constantly searching for a way to slim down without drastically changing their lifestyles.

The increasing number of unhealthy and overweight adults and children is one issue of particular concern for the ADA at its four-day meeting that starts today. Like other health organizations, the ADA maintains the only way to lose weight is through a healthy, well-balanced diet and exercise.

In addition to weight loss, the ADA will hold discussions this week on issues such as food safety, children's health and reducing the risks of heart disease and colon cancer through diet.

The low-carb diet was first touted by Dr. Robert Atkins more than 20 years ago. Its popularity in the '90s has been attributed to his latest book "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution," currently the best-selling mass market paperback in the country.

"Part of the reason for the resurgence is that Americans are getting fatter and there's a greater desperation than there's ever been," Ms. Zelman said.

Atkins has dismissed criticism of the diet as "dietitian talk" and points out that many people have maintained their weight loss for years and lowered their cholesterol by following his diet.

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Sooner or later, the dieter will have to go back to at least moderate carbohydrate consumption. When they do, the weight will likely return.

"I certainly don't want to bust anyone's bubble who's having success because it's so hard to come by," Ms. Zelman said.

Her advice for anyone who considers going on the diet is to consult their doctor, drink plenty of fluids and take a multivitamin, mineral supplement.

"Realize it's a short-term fix," she said. "Ultimately, you will have to face reality of weight management."

Glasgow has not had his cholesterol levels checked since starting the diet, but said he isn't too worried about it. He said the diet "seems to work best for big-eaters" and he will eventually add more carbs back into his meals.

"I don't plan on eating just meat the rest of my life," he said.

Experimental retinal implant may help restore eyesight

BALTIMORE (AP) — Wireless video goggles and a tiny, laser-powered microchip stapled to the retina could someday give blind patients a small measure of sight, scientists said Wednesday.

The intraocular retinal prosthesis, or "eye chip," uses a small video camera in a set of goggles to send images to the microchip fastened to the back of the retina. Electrodes on the chip form an image that can stimulate the retina and be "seen" by blind people.

"The beauty of it is that you're hooked up to the most powerful computer in the world, which is the human brain," said Dr. Mark Humayun, an ophthalmologist at Johns Hopkins Hospital's Wilmer Eye Institute.

Last week, Stevie Wonder said he was considering surgery to implant the chip. Wonder, who has been blind since birth, spoke with Humayun, who offered to examine the 49-year-old singer. Humayun said the surgery is unlikely to help Wonder, but wouldn't rule it out.

Humayun said the prosthetic eyes would probably be most useful for people who saw at one time or whose eyesight is worsening due to a condition such as macular degeneration, the major cause of blindness in the elderly.

Wilmer scientists are developing the prosthetic eyes along with electrical engineers at North Carolina State University.

The entire system hasn't been tested on humans, but researchers have been conducting tests on its components for a decade. Seventeen patients have had tiny electrodes inserted directly into the retina for a few minutes in the operating room.

Most have been able to recognize light and a few have identified lighted forms and colors, Humayun said.

One patient, 72-year-old Harold Churchy of Sharpsburg, Md., was able to recognize that a series of lighted dots formed the letter H.

"From the very first time they put that first probe in my eye, I knew they were on the right track," he said.

If planned animal and human trials are successful, the eye chip could be available in two to five years.

One major obstacle to the device's success is the capacity of the chip. Researchers are using a square chip measuring 5 millimeters on each side, but it can only transmit an image of about 100 pixels, or points of light. Researchers hope to create one that will transmit 500 pixels for a sharper image.

Another obstacle: How to secure the microchip to the retina, which is as delicate as wet tissue paper. The chip also must be sealed tightly to prevent fluid in the eye from corroding it, said North Carolina State researcher Wentan Liu. It must also operate on a minuscule amount of power to keep it from heating up and damaging the retina.

Peter Dudley, program director for retinal diseases at the National Eye Institute, said blind people should not expect the eye chip to be a cure.

"It would help their quality of life because they could make out the general forms of a spouse or a child," he said. "But it's not going to give them the kind of high-acuity vision that you and I have."

Leukemia pill showing remarkable promise, doctors say

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An experimental pill has shown remarkable promise against one form of leukemia in early tests, helping every patient in whom the standard treatment had failed. It could prove to be the first major treatment for the disease in 13 years.

"The scientific community is very excited," said Dr. David A. Scheinberg, chief of leukemia at Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

The drug, called STI-571, is intended to treat chronic myelogenous leukemia, which

accounts for about 4,300 of the 30,000 new cases of leukemia in the United States each year, according to the Leukemia Society of America.

All 31 patients taking at least 300 milligrams a day have had normal white and red blood cell counts for as long as eight months, said Dr. Brian J. Druker of the Oregon Health Sciences University. Moreover, 30 of them had normal blood counts within a month of beginning treatment.

Most important, the medicine apparently eliminated cancer-causing cells in three patients,

and reduced their number in six others.

STI-571 could become the first major treatment for this kind of leukemia since interferon shots were introduced in 1986.

Interferon, a natural protein that revs up the body's immune defenses, is the current standard treatment for CML and cures up to one-third of those with the disease.

However, it can take two years of daily shots of interferon to get remission. And interferon has many side effects, including pain and inflammation of the joints. The new drug's side effects are few and mild, and it is available in pill form.

Nobody knows yet if the new medication's effects will last or whether the cancer will develop resistance to it. But researchers said it is an important study even if the effects turn out to be short-lived.

The reason: The medicine is designed to stop a certain enzyme that triggers the disease. Doctors said this approach breaks new ground by targeting the particular biological defect that causes the cancer.

"This is perhaps the best example of how understanding the cause can lead to an effective

treatment for cancer," Scheinberg said. "It will serve as a model for development of other types of cancer, where we are beginning to learn more about what causes them."

Leukemia, left untreated, produces vast numbers of immature white blood cells. These crowd out the mature white cells that protect the body from infection, as well as oxygen-carrying red blood cells and platelets, the tiny cells needed for blood to clot.

One specific enzyme, tyrosine kinase, is believed to cause more than 97 percent of all cases of CML.

Druker, who presents his findings Sunday to the American Society of Hematology in New Orleans, said he has been working for a decade to find something to stop that enzyme. He and researchers from Novartis Pharmaceuticals found such a compound six years ago and have been testing and refining it ever since.

The current tests in Oregon and at UCLA and the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston were designed to find out whether the drug is safe and how much the body can tolerate. Patients took daily doses of 25 to 500 milligrams.

Study: Exercise may reduce risk of breast cancer by 20 percent

CHICAGO (AP) — Women who exercise at least an hour a day may reduce their risk of breast cancer by 20 percent, according to one of the largest studies ever done on the topic.


The findings, published recently in Archives of Internal Medicine, add to the growing evidence that exercise can help prevent breast cancer. A smaller 1997 study in Norway found that women who exercised at least four hours a week were about a third less likely to get breast cancer.

"All the evidence suggests that there's nothing to lose by women being physically active," said Beverly Rockhill, lead author of the latest study and a researcher at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Researchers believe exercise may affect breast cancer because it lowers the level of estrogen circulating in a woman's body. Estrogen has been found to stimulate breast cell growth, increasing the chances of cancer, Rockhill said.

The latest study was based on the analysis of questionnaires from 121,701 women nationwide who participated in the Nurses' Health Study, a long-term health survey of women ages 30 to 55. Rockhill and her colleagues looked at data from 1980 to 1994. They found 3,137 cases of breast cancer among the 85,364 women who answered questions about physical activity.


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SPORTS

Cowboys advance into playoffs with 8-8 record

Notebook

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Harvester Football Banquet will be held at 7 Friday night at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Tickets (\$10 each) will be available Wednesday and Thursday at the high school athletic office.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

NEW YORK (AP) — Buffalo will be at Tennessee at 11:30 p.m. CST Saturday to begin the NFL playoffs, with Detroit facing Washington at 3:05 p.m. to begin the AFC schedule in the wild-card round.

On Sunday, Dallas will play at Minnesota at 11:35 p.m., followed by Miami at Seattle at 3:05 p.m.

The top seeds, who have first-round byes, start the following weekend. Jacksonville will be at home in the early game Jan. 15, followed by a late game in Tampa.

St. Louis will be at home in the early Jan. 16 game, and Indianapolis will play in the late game.

Jacksonville (14-2) is the top AFC seed, followed by Indianapolis (13-3), Seattle (9-7), Tennessee (13-3), Buffalo (11-5) and Miami (9-7).

St. Louis (13-3) tops the NFC, followed by Tampa Bay (11-5), Washington (10-6), Minnesota (10-6), Dallas (8-8) and Detroit (8-8).

BASKETBALL

AUSTIN (AP) — Chris Mihm had 20 points, 13 rebounds and tied his school record with seven blocks as No. 18 Texas was forced to abandon its smaller lineup in the second half for more size before pulling away from Houston 90-80 Sunday night.

Texas (8-3), which has started a three-guard lineup over the last three weeks, found itself trying to match baskets with the Cougars (6-7) and the score tied 57-57 with 12:23 to play.

That's when Texas coach Rick Barnes reverted to using three forwards with a steady rotation of Mihm, Gabe Muoneke, Chris Owens and William Wyatt.

The shift in size and power near the basket sparked a 14-4 run over the next five minutes to put the Longhorns ahead 71-61 with 7:19 to play. Guard Ivan Wagner started the run with a 3-pointer and Mihm and Muoneke ended it with seven straight points in the paint.

Muoneke had 17 points, while Owens added 14 and William Clay 12.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — It was only one good game after two clunkers. Actually, it was only three good quarters. Yet it was enough to give the Dallas Cowboys hope they can be the first 8-8 team to win a playoff game.

"I've thought the last few weeks we've been getting better offensively," Dallas coach Chan Gailey said after a 26-18 victory over the New York Giants Sunday, which gave the Cowboys a trip to Minnesota next Sunday. "If we keep working like that, we've got a great opportunity."

Emmitt Smith ran for 122 yards, Troy Aikman threw touchdown passes of 90 and 4 yards and Eddie Murray kicked four field goals as Dallas rebounded from two ugly losses

to snag the NFC's final wild-card berth.

The Cowboys and Detroit Lions became the fifth and sixth 8-8 teams ever to make the playoffs. None of the previous three won a game.

Dallas wound up the fifth seed because of a better conference record than Detroit. That means the Cowboys would host the NFC championship if they and the Lions make it that far — which is highly unlikely.

For the Cowboys to advance, they must win on the road, and they're 1-7 away from Texas Stadium. They lost 27-17 to the Vikings in Minnesota in November. They also have failed to win consecutive games since starting 3-0.

Then again, this has been one weird season. And Dallas has reached the conference finals in four of its previous five wild-card trips, even going to the Super Bowl in 1975.

"One of the things you like to do when you're David fighting Goliath is make sure you have a good sling and good rocks. I feel like we have that," team owner Jerry Jones said. "I'm pretty excited about the challenge."

The Giants' challenge Sunday was to win by 81 points. That was the only way New York could make the playoffs because Green Bay beat Arizona 49-24 in an earlier game.

To their credit, the Giants (7-9) didn't fold after trailing 23-3. They rallied for 15 fourth-quarter points, keeping the game

interesting until the Cowboys recovered an onside kick with 57 seconds left.

Still, they lost their third straight and sixth of eight.

"We didn't play very maturely," quarterback Kerry Collins said of the season-ending skid. "I don't think we knew what to do when the game was on the line. When those things happen, you're going to lose ballgames."

Both teams came in having supposedly been fired up by loud pep talks from their owners.

Jones apparently was more effective in his speech than New York's Wellington Mara, whose brief talk might have stunned players more than anything because he's usually so quiet.

"A lot of people say things on

and off the field, but our guys do it on the field," Jones said. "I'm very happy we're in the playoffs. It's where I expect us to be because I know how tough it is to do."

The Cowboys showed why they didn't make the playoffs sooner by setting for field goals on their first two drives after facing first-and-goal from the 5 and 6.

Raghib Ismail's 4-yard touchdown came after the first two disappointments, then Jason Tucker dropped a wide-open pass in the end zone to set up another field goal that left Dallas up 16-0 at halftime.

"Those things have a tendency to come back and bite you," said Aikman, who was 23-of-38 for 288 yards. "Luckily, it didn't."

Boxing club keeping kids in the ring, off the streets

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — It started out with three or four youngsters throwing jabs at a punching bag in J.R. Moreno's garage. Now, just a year and a half later, the "Youth Survival" Boxing Club of Pampa is a state-licensed organization and is sending a group of boxers to a tournament Jan. 8 in Lubbock.

"Local boxers scheduled to make the Lubbock trip are Sergio Silva, Memo Marquez, Brian Maxwell, Mandan Conklin, Ivan Perez, Marshall Garcia and Danny Bedolla. They will be competing in the open and novice divisions."

"This (tournament) is going to give these guys a chance to compete in the Junior Olympics and state and national tournaments later on," Moreno, the club's founder. It's all up to them."

Perez, a welterweight, is the most promising of the boxers.

"He's very good with the gloves," Moreno said. "He wants to turn professional."

The Youth Survival club now has close to 75 members ranging in age from 13 to 18 years of age. With the growing membership, Moreno was able to move the club from his garage to the former Horace Mann Elementary School.

"We're charter members and licensed by USA Boxing," Moreno said. "The main thing we teach is discipline and lots of it."

Moreno is a former state Golden Gloves champion, but now he mainly supervises the operation of the club as the founder and director. Serving on the board of directors are Robert Cottrell and George Hernandez. They leave the actual training of the boxers to four coaches and trainers.

"We do accept donations. It takes a lot of money to keep things going," he said.

The club is not without its critics.

"There's rumors that we're teaching these guys to go out and fight in the streets. That's totally untrue," Moreno said. "People who think that should come here and see what's going on, get involved. We work out almost every night."

A number of organizations and individuals volunteered their time to convert the former Horace Mann cafeteria into a weight room and a workout room, according to Moreno.

"I've got a lot of people to thank. Without them, we wouldn't have been able to keep going," he said.

Working with the young boxers as coaches and trainers are Terry Steadman, Jeff Martin, Kevin Harris and Raymond Del Puerto. The 28-year-old Del Puerto is a karate expert who holds three black belts and is also proficient in other martial arts.

"I'm helping J.R. with the boxing right now," said Del Puerto, a San Diego, Calif. native. "My main goal is to keep these kids off the streets and out of gangs. I hope I can be a role model for them. At least that's what I'm shooting for."

The boxing club became a personal crusade for Moreno after his own son become involved with drugs.

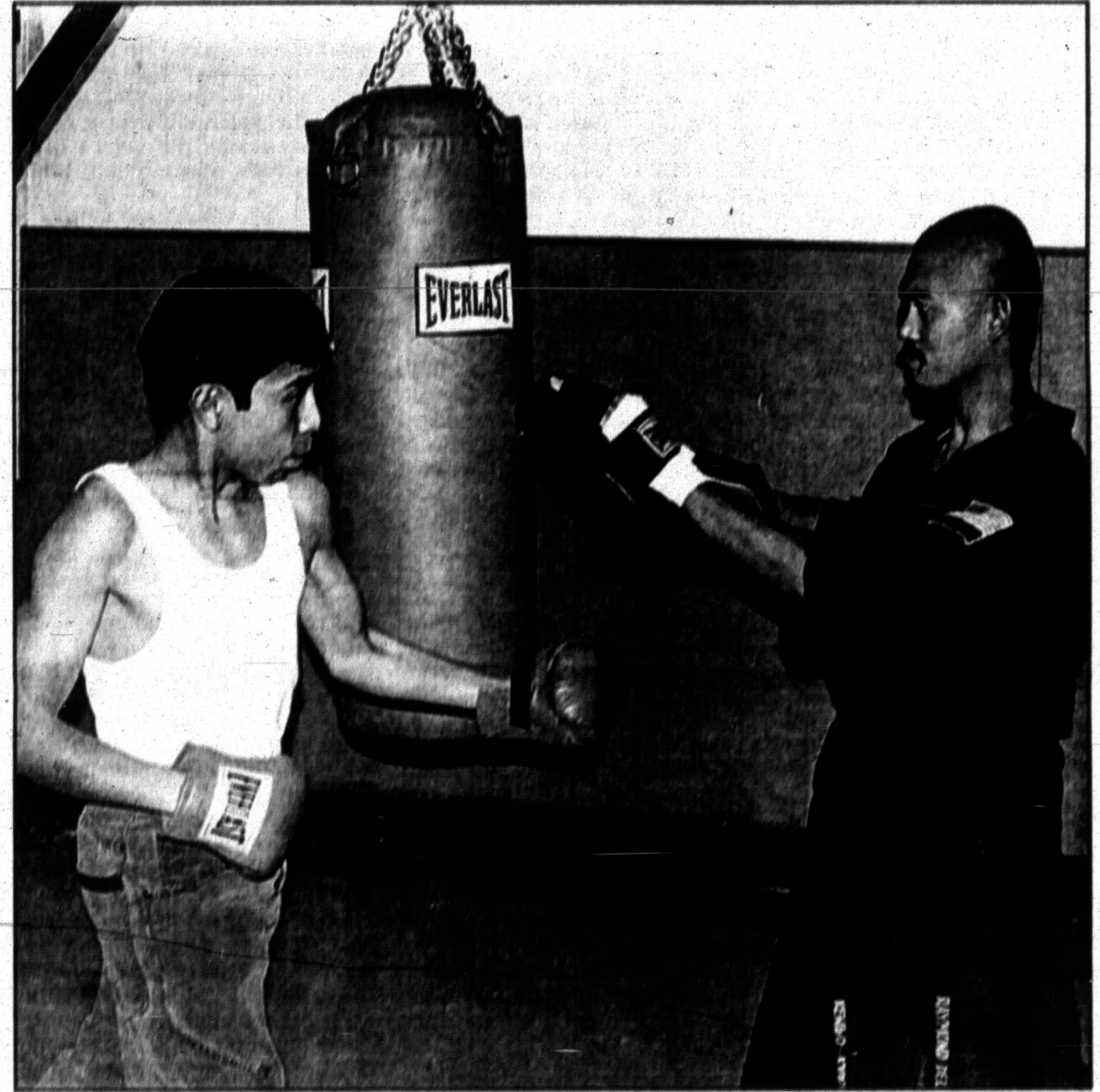
"He went bad and he's doing time now. I hate drugs and I decided I needed to do something," Moreno said. "I hung a punching bag in my garage and started trying to help these kids. I've lost some, but I've kept a lot of good ones. I try to keep them out of trouble and help them with any problem I can. I've seen a lot of good come out of this. Many of these kids have gone back to school, others have gotten jobs

and others are going to join the armed forces after they finish with their schooling."

J.R. Moreno and the Youth Survival Boxing Club members would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their support of the club: John Triplehorn and the VFW, Rick's

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(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Thirteen-year-old Sergio Silva (left) works out with coach-trainer Raymond Del Puerto.

Nebraska wins Fiesta Bowl

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — At its best, the option is unstoppable, and Nebraska was at its best in the second half of the Fiesta Bowl.

In touchdown drives of 96 and 99 yards, followed by a marathon, 7-minute, 25-second march to end the game, the third-ranked Cornhuskers used a

deadly combination of speed and strength Sunday night to beat No. 6 Tennessee 31-21.

"We had to be the most physical team," Eric Crouch said. "I think it showed."

Crouch was the game's MVP. The shifty, lightning-quick sophomore at the controls of Nebraska's offense never was corralled by the Volunteers for long.

It was all too familiar to Tennessee. Two years ago, Nebraska wore down the Vols in the second half for a 42-17 victory in the Orange Bowl.

"I'd say we got another good lesson tonight," Vols coach Phillip Fulmer said.

This time, after Tennessee cut the lead to 17-14 following a fumble by the Huskers on the first play of the second half, the stage seemed set for a come-from-behind victory. Then, Nebraska's offense took over.

The Cornhuskers (12-1) went 96 yards in nine plays, with Crouch throwing to wide-open tight end Aaron Goliday for a 13-yard touchdown and it was 24-14 with 4:44 left in the third quarter.

Crouch never threw another pass.

A perfect punt pinned the Huskers at their own 1 the next time they got the ball, and they went 99 yards in 10 plays to take a 31-14 lead on Correll Buckhalter's 2-yard touchdown run with 12:01 to go.

"Once we started running, we found out that maybe we can keep running it," Nebraska coach Frank Solich said. "That's what we ended up doing."

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At Memphis, Tenn.	Payout: \$1.2 million	y-Miami	9	7	0	.563	326	336
At Memphis, Tenn.	Southern Mississippi 23, Colorado State 17	N.Y. Jets	8	8	0	.500	308	309
At Memphis, Tenn.	Independence Bowl	New England	8	8	0	.500	299	284
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Shreveport, La.	Central						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Payout: \$1 million	x-Jacksonville	14	2	0	.875	396	217
At Memphis, Tenn.	Mississippi 27, Oklahoma 26	y-Tennessee	13	3	0	.813	392	324
At Memphis, Tenn.	Saturday, Jan. 1	Baltimore	8	8	0	.500	324	277
At Memphis, Tenn.	Outback Bowl	Pittsburgh	6	10	0	.375	317	320
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Tampa, Fla.	Cincinnati	4	12	0	.250	283	460
At Memphis, Tenn.	Payout: \$1.8 million	Cleveland	2	14	0	.125	217	437
At Memphis, Tenn.	Georgia 26, Purdue 25, OT	West						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Cotton Bowl	x-Seattle	9	7	0	.563	338	298
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Dallas	Kansas City	9	7	0	.563	390	322
At Memphis, Tenn.	Payout: \$2.5 million	San Diego	8	8	0	.500	269	316
At Memphis, Tenn.	Arkansas 27, Texas 6	Oakland	8	8	0	.500	390	329
At Memphis, Tenn.	Cator Bowl	Denver	6	10	0	.375	314	318
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Jacksonville, Fla.	NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Payout: \$1.4 million	East						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Miami 26, Georgia Tech 13	x-Washington	10	6	0	.625	443	377
At Memphis, Tenn.	Citrus Bowl	y-Dallas	8	8	0	.500	352	276
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Orlando, Fla.	N.Y. Giants	7	9	0	.438	299	358
At Memphis, Tenn.	Payout: \$3.8 million	Arizona	6	10	0	.375	245	382
At Memphis, Tenn.	Michigan State 37, Florida 34	Philadelphia	5	11	0	.313	272	357
At Memphis, Tenn.	Rose Bowl	Central						
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Pasadena, Calif.	x-Tampa Bay	11	5	0	.688	270	236
At Memphis, Tenn.	Payout: \$12 million	y-Minnesota 10	6	0	.625	399	335	
At Memphis, Tenn.	Wisconsin 17, Stanford 9	y-Detroit	8	8	0	.500	322	323
At Memphis, Tenn.	Orange Bowl	Green Bay	8	8	0	.500	357	341
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Miami	Chicago	6	10	0	.375	272	341
At Memphis, Tenn.	Payout: \$11.15 million	West						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Michigan 35, Alabama 34, OT	x-St. Louis	13	3	0	.813	626	242
At Memphis, Tenn.	Sunday, Jan. 2	Carolina	8	8	0	.500	421	361
At Memphis, Tenn.	Fiesta Bowl	Atlanta	4	11	0	.267	251	351
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Tampa, Fla.	San Francisco	4	11	0	.267	286	419
At Memphis, Tenn.	Payout: \$11.13 million	New Orleans	3	13	0	.188	250	434
At Memphis, Tenn.	Nebraska 31, Tennessee 21	x-clinched division title						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Tuesday, Jan. 4	y-clinched playoff spot						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Sugar Bowl	Sunday's Games						
At Memphis, Tenn.	At New Orleans	Green Bay 49, Arizona 24						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Payout: \$11.13 million	New England 20, Baltimore 3						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Florida State (11-0) vs. Virginia Tech (11-0), 8 p.m. (ABC)	Jacksonville 24, Cincinnati 7						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Saturday, Jan. 15	Minnesota 24, Detroit 17						
At Memphis, Tenn.	East-West Shrine Classic	Buffalo 31, Indianapolis 6						
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Stanford, Calif.	Carolina 45, New Orleans 13						
At Memphis, Tenn.	4 p.m. (ESPN)	Oakland 41, Kansas City 36, OT						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Saturday, Jan. 22	Philadelphia 38, St. Louis 31						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Senior Bowl	New York Jets 19, Seattle 9						
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Mobile, Ala.	Tampa Bay 20, Chicago 6						
At Memphis, Tenn.	2:30 p.m. (TBS)	Dallas 26, New York Giants 18						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Hula Bowl	Washington 21, Miami 10						
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Kahuku, Hawaii	San Diego 12, Denver 6						
At Memphis, Tenn.	4 p.m. (ESPN)	Tennessee 47, Pittsburgh 36						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Saturday, Jan. 29	OPEN: Cleveland						
At Memphis, Tenn.	Orion Bowl	Monday's Game						
At Memphis, Tenn.	At Orlando, Fla.	San Francisco at Atlanta, 9 p.m.						
At Memphis, Tenn.	2 p.m. (ESPN2)							
At Memphis, Tenn.	Friday, Dec. 31							

Professor's program would 'forecast' tomorrow's traffic report

By JAMES PILCHER
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Just as meteorologists can forecast the weather days in advance, a Georgia Tech researcher is designing a system that can predict traffic jams long before

Dispatchers could use it to plan around slow drive times and take some vehicles off the road, while the media could get the word out to commuters.

rush hour begins.

The software being developed by Georgia Tech

engineering professor John Leonard will predict traffic "temperatures,"

showing drive times in bright colors like a weather map. He also is developing a scale for gridlock so traffic conditions can be expressed in a figure.

"People need a simple-to-understand number — even if it doesn't have a physical meaning — to represent traffic

congestion," Leonard said. "What I want to do is bring traffic flow science to the traveling public ... and get people to start developing a personal understanding of congestion and plan accordingly."

And just like people use weather reports to plan how they will dress the next day, they could use traffic reports to plan tomorrow's commute.

"You know at certain times of the day it's going to be bad no matter what," said Marion Jones, state traffic operations engineer for the Georgia Department of Transportation. "But this might be able to tell you if you should leave 15 minutes early or can hit the snooze that one extra time."

Leonard's current drive-time predictor helps with an immediate departure. It uses historical data collected from the DOT along with variables such as weather, population growth figures, the calendar and events such as ball games or major conventions.

Current users can only click on five different departure points on the map — Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, downtown and the main junctions of the interstate system around the city — to get drive-time estimates.

But by March Leonard says someone can click anywhere on the map and make that the departure point, so someone could check the estimated travel time into the office before they leave home.

He also says predictions made 24 hours in advance could be online early next year, allowing drivers to create custom drive-time estimates.

"That would be the big picture stuff," Leonard said. "Then, as we get closer to real time, we could fine-tune it with what's going on now."

Leonard said the concept can be applied to any major city with a traffic management system that tracks flow and average speeds and has the his-

torical data necessary for predictions.

"Most major metros have something up and running," Leonard said. "It's just that Georgia's and Atlanta's is one of the most extensive and offers us a chance to show the future of this kind of stuff."

Leonard especially hopes that traffic reporters and truck and delivery dispatchers will use his system. Dispatchers could use it to plan around slow drive times and take some vehicles off the road, while the media could get the word out to commuters.

Always looking for a scoop on reporting traffic jams, veteran Atlanta traffic reporter Herb Emory said he would use the real-time data but is taking a wait-and-see attitude to the long-range predictions.

"We are all looking for any kind of extra input in trying to cope with Atlanta traffic," Emory said. "It's so hard on so many people's nerves, including mine. But as far as predictions, it is awfully hard to nail down times, and I could tell you certain things are going to happen just based on experience."

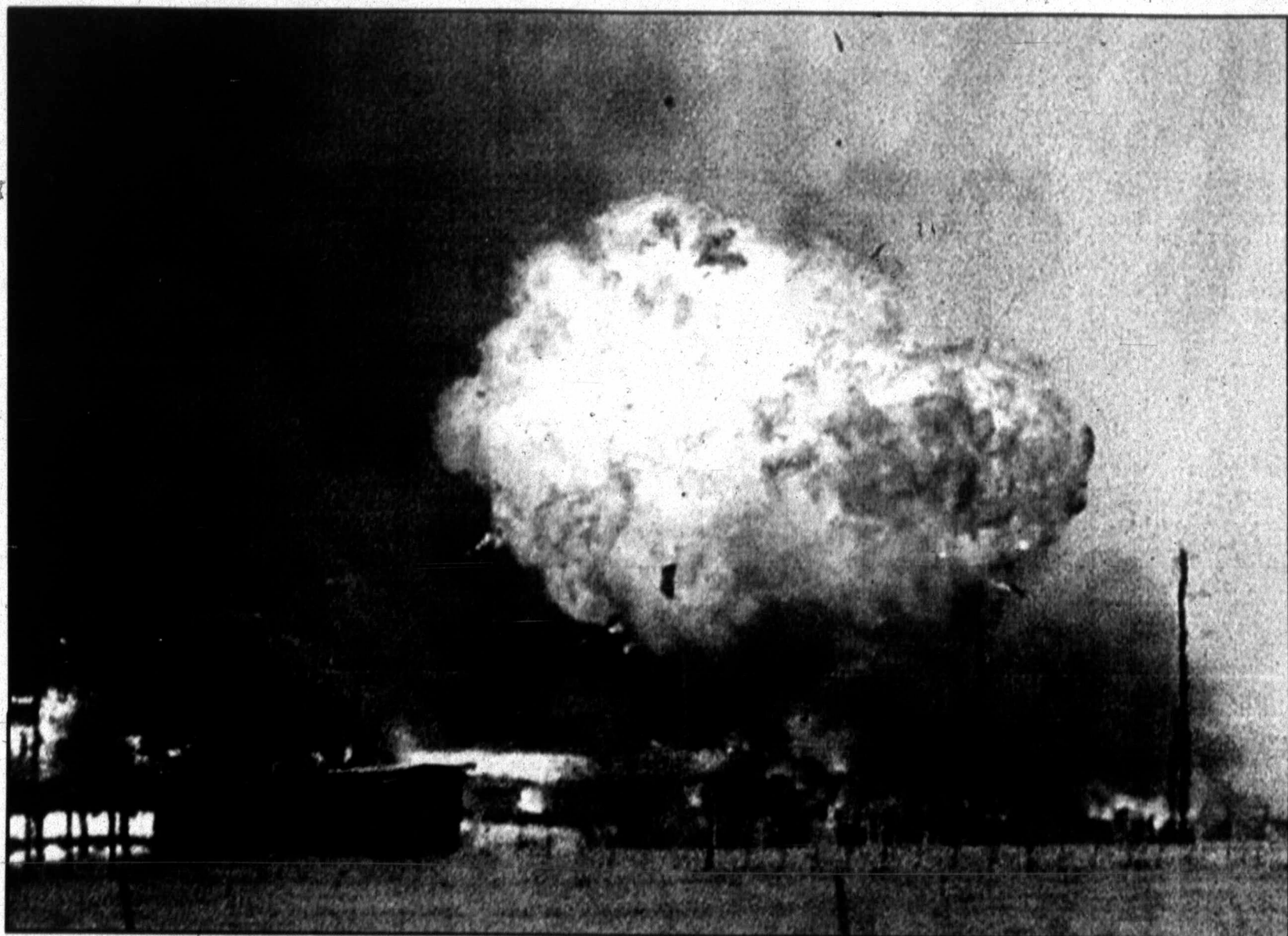
One drawback to the long-range system is that it doesn't account for accidents or other incidents — such as a gas main break near Interstate 85 that literally shut down Atlanta for four hours Oct. 19.

Jones said that about 64 percent of tieups in Atlanta telling motorists how long problems will take to clear.

"Traffic is like the heartbeat of the city, and a traffic jam is like a heart attack," Leonard said. "If we can get people to alter their driving patterns or get a few more people off the road during rush hour and relieve some of that pressure, then it will be worth it."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Web site is <http://traffic.ce.gatech.edu/trafficweather>.

Highlights of the century



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A ball of fire erupts from the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, April 19, 1993. Eighty-one Davidians, including leader David Koresh, perished as federal agents tried to drive them out of the compound. A few weeks earlier four agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were slain in a shootout at the site.

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