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Congress receives trillion-dollar budget

Few fireworks expected; help for education, AIDS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is sending Congress a \$1.09 trillion election-year budget combining his most restrained military request ever with conciliatory proposals for more spending on education, science and the fight against AIDS.

"Reducing the deficit is one of the nation's central economic policy concerns," Reagan said in his eighth and, for practical purposes, final budget message to Congress. A portion of the report was obtained by The Associated Press on Wednesday.

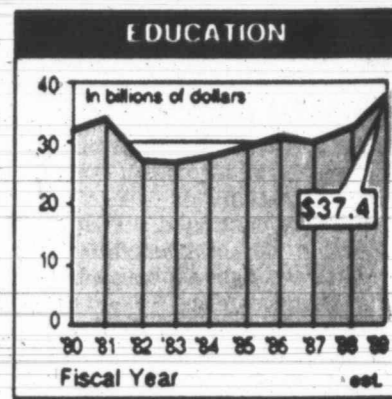
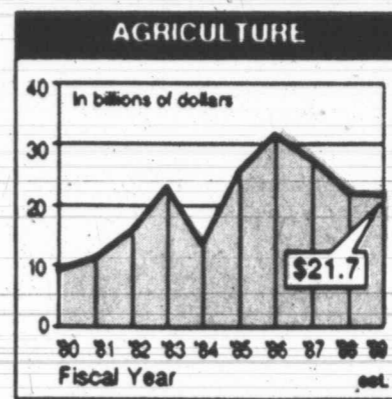
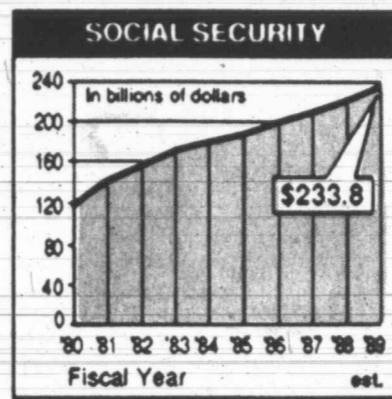
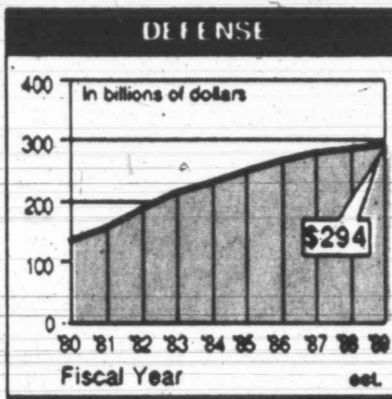
The new budget calls for reduc-

ing the federal deficit — which stood at \$78 billion when Reagan took office in 1981 — to \$129.5 billion in the fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1.

That's down from \$150.2 billion last year and the \$146.7 billion estimated for 1988 — and even below the target of \$136 billion called for in the Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction law.

Even in advance of its formal submission later today, Reagan's fiscal 1989 budget was expected to generate few fireworks on arrival at Capitol Hill.

That's largely because it adheres



to a two-year budget pact struck with Congress last November that sets limits for both military increases and social program spending cuts — the two most divisive areas in Reagan's past seven budgets.

And, in the final year of the

Reagan presidency, few in either Congress or the administration seem eager for the lengthy budget frays that have occurred in recent years.

Budget leaders, in fact, played down prospects of a major new budget confrontation.

House Budget Committee Chairman William H. Gray III, D-Pa., on Wednesday cautioned against "unnecessary battles over additional spending cuts that, in this election year, might achieve nothing."

Said House Majority Leader Thomas Foley, D-Wash., "We hope

to have early resolution of the budget. ... I think the budget summit agreement will facilitate speedy action."

Reagan told Congress his new budget "proposes a gradual deficit reduction in accord with the bipartisan BUDGET page 2-A

Spring board

How's That? Response

Q. Will the Herald provide the responses on its Gregg Street widening survey to the highway department?

A. Yes, the responses will be provided to the state highway department, Publisher John Brown said, so citizens who respond can expect their opinions to be received by the state. The form appeared in the Sunday and Wednesday Herald. It will appear again Friday and Sunday; the deadline to respond is Feb. 29.

Calendar Benefit

TODAY

• The Salvation Army Ladies Home League will have a spaghetti dinner 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the army's fellowship hall, 811 W. 5th, for \$4 per person.

• Residents interested in reactivating a community theatre will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Room 210-A, Permian Building. Everyone is invited.

SUNDAY

• The Potton House, 200 Gregg, will be open from 1-4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• A community blood drive will be at the Big Spring VA Medical Center from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. in room 219. For further information, contact Anne Looney, 263-7361, extension 248.

Outside Warmer

Forecast for Big Spring and West Texas: cloudy through Friday. Lows tonight in the low 30s. Highs Friday will be in the 50s.

Tops on TV Debates

Democratic presidential candidates will be featured in a debate on PBS. — 8 p.m. Ch. 5.
• Olympic Winter Games — 7 p.m. Ch. 2.
• L.A. Law — 9 p.m. Ch. 13.

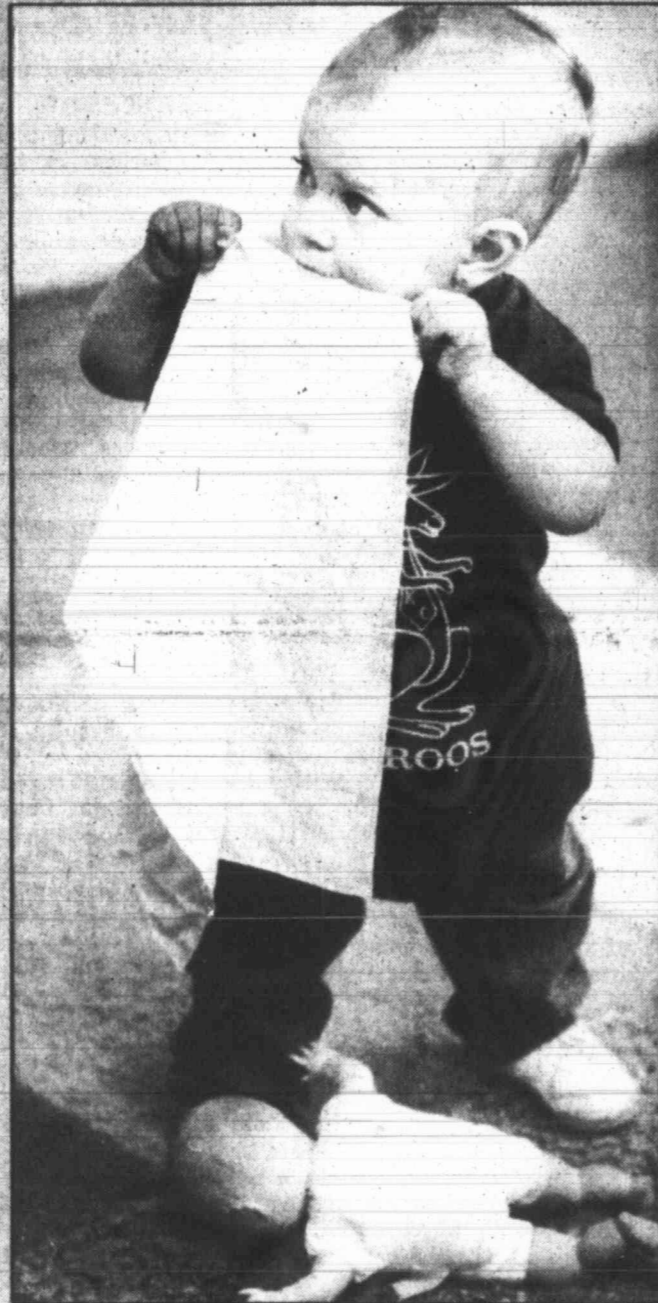
Chamber drive results are low

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's annual membership drive is lagging behind its 1987 counterpart by about two-thirds, according to executive vice president LeRoy Tillery.

"We have had only 10 new members turned in," Tillery said early today. "Our membership drive has been real slow."

"Last year, by Thursday, we'd had up to 25 or 30 new members turned in," he said.

The chamber drive will continue through Monday, Feb. 29, he said. Teams continue to recruit new chamber members, he said.



How to diaper

Cara Beth Shortes, daughter of Rick and Tanya Shortes, shows a one-year-old's approach to diapering



a child. First you check to see if anyone is watching, carefully spread the diaper, then quickly cover it all.



Cara Beth practiced her mothering at Profit Day Care Center Wednesday morning.

Herald photos by Tim Appel

Fire victims remain critical; undergo skin grafts

By KERRY HAGLUND
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring residents — burned Saturday when a Fiberglas tank they were repairing exploded — remain in critical condition in a Lubbock hospital, a relative said Wednesday.

Jesse Flores and Don Waltenbaugh, both 21, were burned over 70 percent of their bodies in an explosion that caused \$10,000 damage to a 750-barrel tank that was part of a salt water disposal facility at a Midland oilfield.

Doctors at Lubbock General Hospital say they expect Flores to pull through, but the survival of Waltenbaugh, whose heart has stopped a couple times, appears to be questionable, Esther Marquez, mother-in-law of Flores, said Wednesday.

Flores underwent surgery Tuesday that involved grafting skin to his arms. Waltenbaugh reportedly underwent similar surgery on Monday.

Surgery on Flores went well, said Marquez, who was in Lubbock to see her son-in-law after the surgery. Flores is married to

Marquez' daughter Diane Marquez Flores.

A fund has been established at State National Bank to assist the Flores family. No notice has been received of a fund for Waltenbaugh.

Flores is not improving much, Marquez said.

Only his forehead and feet were unscathed in the explosion, said Marquez, reporting that he can see and hear, but can't talk because of burned lips.

"It's just going to take a lot of time," she said, adding "they really are taking good

care of them."

Doctors predict the two will be patients in the burn unit for more than two months.

"We've all been praying, we've been asking (others) to pray ..."

Flores barely escaped a similar fate when a Roundup Tank facility at the Howard County Industrial Park burst into flames last month.

"He had left the building about 30 seconds before the explosion," Marquez said.

No one was injured in the Jan. 28 fire that

CRITICAL page 2-A

City elections

Three council seats available

By BILL FOSTER
Staff Writer

Big Spring Councilmen Russell McEwen and Johnny Rutherford are undecided about seeking another term, and Councilman Gary Don Carey said he will not file as a candidate in upcoming city elections.

At-large council positions seats now held by the three men will be decided by a May 7 election.

McEwen and Rutherford told the Herald Tuesday that they have not decided if they are going file as candidates. They had no further comments.

Carey said Tuesday that "as of this moment" he has decided not to enter the race.

Filing period for the council election opens February 22 and ends March 23. Interested candidates must apply in writing at the city secretary's office at Big Spring City Hall during the filing period.

The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A candidate for an at-large city council seat must live inside the Big Spring city limits, according to city ordinance requirements.

All candidates for the office also must have been residents of the city for not less than one year preceding the May 7 election date, ordinance states. Those owing taxes or other city bills are not eligible to file as a candidate.

Winners will be determined by a plurality of votes cast.

All three of the at-large council positions are for three-year terms.

Absentee voting in the council election will be conducted 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at city hall beginning April 18 and ending May 3. Absentee ballots must be cast in person.

Veterans' council reactivated

Representatives from the various county veterans' organizations met Monday to reactivate the Howard County Veterans Council.

Patrick Carnahan, commander of VFW Post 2013 was elected president; Eschol Graham, commander of American Legion Post 506 was elected vice-president; Jesse Hernandez, VFW district commander was elected secretary-treasurer at the Monday meeting.

Also present, Hernandez reported, were Marion Irland, past state commander of World War I barracks; Rocky Vieira Sr., vice-commander of VFW Post 2013; Grady Rhone, commander of D.A.V. Chapter 47;

T.A. Trevino, commander of American Legion Post 355; W.R. Purser, Permian Basin Chapter Ex-prisoners of War of America; and Kenneth Green, Vietnam Veterans of America.

Hernandez said the groups are uniting to consolidate their efforts to better serve the community and to help their fellow veterans and families "to overcome the ever-growing problems facing America's veteran."

The first business on the agenda was to create and maintain a scholarship fund to be awarded this year to a local high school student to be used at Howard College. Big Spring, Forsan, Coahoma and Ackerly high schools are being contacted to participate.

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State

Briefs

Mattox urges action on Brandley

HERALD BUREAU REPORT
AUSTIN — Saying nearly six months have elapsed since a judge ruled death row inmate Clarence Brandley was convicted without a fair trial, Attorney General Jim Mattox urged a higher court Wednesday to act quickly on the condemned man's appeal.

Mattox, in an unusual move by state's chief legal officer, asked the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to reach a prompt decision on the convicted murderer's request for a new trial and end the excruciating delay for Brandley and victim's family.

"Statewide and national attention is focused on the criminal justice system in Texas," Mattox wrote the court. "All involved in this case — Mr. Brandley, the family of (victim) Cheryl Dee

Ferguson, the people of Montgomery County and the people of Texas — deserve to have this case resolved."

The Brandley case has been the focus of national news articles and television broadcasts ever since District Judge Perry Pickett, after an independent hearing late last year in Galveston, recommended in strongly worded findings that Brandley be granted a new trial.

Pickett, of Midland, said the 1981 trial of Brandley, a black man, for the rape and murder of the white school girl from Bellville had been "fatally flawed" by secret agreements between the judge and the prosecution in Monroe County to conceal information from the defense and the loss or destruction of evidence which may have provided critical proof of Brandley's innocence.

Oil allowable set at 100 percent

AUSTIN (AP) — The Railroad Commission on Wednesday set the statewide oil allowable for March at 100 percent of market demand.

The allowable was announced after company representatives submitted nominations to buy a total of 2,013,821 barrels of crude oil

a day next month, a decrease of 3,596 barrels a day from February.

The commission first went to 100 percent production in April 1972. It applies to all fields except those specifically assigned lower rates.

As usual, the large East Texas field was restricted to 86 percent production to avoid possible waste.

Dallas police kill armed suspect

DALLAS (AP) — A man who pointed a pistol at a police officer was fatally shot by the officer's partner, investigators say.

The shooting victim was a black man in his 40s, the Dallas County medical examiner's office said following the shooting Wednesday night. The victim's name was not immediately released.

The fatal shooting was the third involving Dallas police in 1988. In the other two incidents, two Dallas officers were shot to death in a period of nine days.

Homicide Lt. Ron Waldrop identified the officer who shot the man as Kenneth Wolfe, 27. They identified his partner as Steven Johnson, 27, who has been with the force three years.

Waldrop said early today police are still investigating the shooting. The two officers said the shooting occurred "after the victim approached them with a gun in a residential area of north Dallas, he

said.

Initial reports indicated the shooting followed a traffic stop, but Waldrop said the two officers had been returning to patrol after a call when they noticed a "suspicious" vehicle.

The car turned onto a side street and turned into the driveway of a darkened house, the officers told investigators.

One of three occupants of the car, got out and walked to the house's porch, said the officers, who parked nearby and watched.

"He didn't knock or go all the way to the door," Waldrop said the officers told investigators.

The man then approached the squad car, Waldrop said. The officers told investigators they got out of their car and ordered the man to put his hands on the squad car.

The man reached for his waistband, produced a gun and pointed it at Johnson.

Astronaut's parents accept offer

ENCINITAS, Calif. (AP) — The parents of Challenger astronaut Judith Resnik said they have reached a multimillion-dollar settlement with the manufacturer of the shuttle's rocket booster over their daughter's death.

The settlement, completed Tuesday, concluded a year of negotiations between Morton-Thiokol Inc. and Marvin and Betty Resnik.

Resnik placed the mount at between \$2 million and \$3.5 million, the range of settlements received by other families of the seven-member crew killed in the Jan. 28, 1986 Challenger disaster.

The shuttle exploded 73 seconds after blastoff when a joint in its right-side booster leaked flame and ignited the shuttle's giant fuel tank.

The settlement leaves one claim pending against Morton-Thiokol, from the family of Challenger copilot Michael J. Smith, Resnik said.

Morton Thiokol spokesmen did not return a telephone call for comment Wednesday.

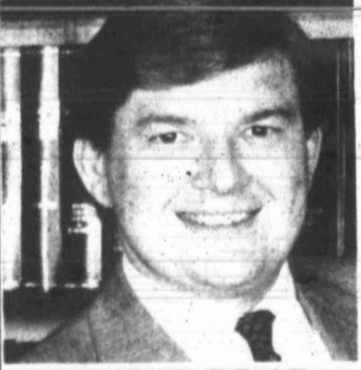
"It was commensurate with what some of the others got — from \$2 (million) to \$3.5 million," Resnik said of the settlement. "It's all settled, thank God," he added. "It wasn't what we wanted. It was OK."

Smith's parents filed a \$1.5 billion suit against the government, Morton-Thiokol and Lawrence Mulloy, director of the space agency's solid rocket booster program at the time of the accident.

A portion of the settlement will go to the Resniks' two grandchildren, and most of the rest will be placed in educational and scholarship funds established in Judith Resnik's memory in Ohio and Maryland, Resnik said.

Democratic Primary

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Dial-a-porn

PUC considers service shutdown

HERALD BUREAU REPORT

AUSTIN — The Public Utility Commission took the first step Wednesday toward eliminating 976 telephone services, but Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. immediately proposed a system that would ban only adult-entertainment lines.

After an emotional hearing during which more than three dozen people spoke, the commission said it would accept public comment during the next month on the proposal to eliminate 976 services. A final decision will follow.

Many of the witnesses identified themselves as members of anti-pornography organizations or members of the religious community who want dial-a-porn services banned. But many others were 976 providers who operate sports- or weather-information lines. They said a total ban of 976 services would put them out of business.

"You don't close a library to ban 'Lady Chatterly's Lover,'" said Rick Freeman, who operates a 976 line in Dallas. "Parents need to discipline their children. We don't need to close 976 down."

The commission will take written comments on the proposed rule that would either eliminate all 976 services in Texas or force consumers to subscribe to the services they



AUSTIN — Public Utility Commissioner Jo Campbell expresses her displeasure with the progress made by Southwestern Bell's solving the "976" dial-a-porn problem at the conclusion of Wednesday's meeting of the commission.

ing to open a Houston 976 line that will be a non-pornographic soap opera. "Both options are the same. They shut us down."

Bill Free, a Southwest Bell vice president, said the company would propose a rule that would let it terminate dial-a-porn services.

"I don't like pornography, and my company doesn't like pornography," Free told the three-member commission. "We're trying to bring this state into the information age, and maybe we're not doing a very good job of it."

Commission Chairman Dennis Thomas said he likes Bell's idea of voluntarily preventing some businesses from providing 976 services. He said there are constitutional problems with the state ordering Bell to disconnect some 976 providers while allowing others to remain on line.

Bell gets a percentage of money that 976 providers charge callers.

Commissioner Jo Campbell blamed Bell for the problems surrounding the 976 services. "I think their greed has got us into the problem we're in," she said.

Ann Loesch, a member of a Houston group called 976 Rebels, gave the commission a petition bearing the signatures of 5,000 people who want 976 banned.

want. The services are available in Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio.

"That's the same thing as shutting down the industry," said Tom Gatch, who is plann-

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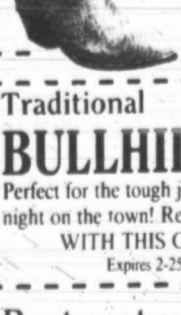



Reservations are now being accepted for booths and tables at the Second Annual Kimble County Gun, Knife, Coin and Indian Artifacts Show to be held in Junction, April 9 & 10. Anyone wanting a table or additional information should contact Roy Cooper at 720 Main Street, Junction, Texas 76839 -Telephone (915) 446-3361.

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Babbitt, Du Pont may call it quits

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS
The battle for the White House stood to claim a pair of casualties today — Democrat Bruce Babbitt and Republican Pete du Pont — while most of the surviving contenders marched south for a campaign blitz leading up to Super Tuesday and its huge haul of delegates.

Republican party regulars in Nevada were bracing for a possible assault by Pat Robertson's "invisible

Hampshire primary, said he would probably call it quits today — a few weeks shy of a year in the race.

"There's a point at which you draw the curtain gracefully. ... That's the way I'm leaning right now," the former Arizona governor said Wednesday night.

Babbitt, who formally announced his candidacy on March 10, 1987, failed to set the electorate afire with his call for a national sales tax to combat the federal deficit, but received good press reviews for his candor and wry humor.

Gary Hart, who finished last among Democrats in New Hampshire, headed home to Denver, where he said his campaign would continue but not for reasons of "ego and ambition."

Financially strapped Paul Simon, who placed second in Iowa and third in New Hampshire, said he would hang on at least until next week. But the Illinois senator said that without a win in Minnesota's precinct caucuses or South Dakota's primary on Tuesday he would have to drop out.

Another candidate for withdrawal was the patrician Pierre S. du Pont IV, an heir to a

chemical-company fortune who prefers to be known as just plain Pete. The former Delaware governor, who made poor showings in the early contests, called a news conference this afternoon in Wilmington, and a campaign source indicated it was the end of the road.

Du Pont entered the Republican race on Sept. 16, 1986, and, along

**Democratic debate
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with Rep. Jack Kemp of New York, sought to present himself as the conservative alternative to front-runners Bob Dole and George Bush.

Bush, who was campaigning in Missouri today, brushed aside complaints from Dole that he had misrepresented the Kansas senator's positions on taxes, an oil-import fee and arms control in a flood of commercials just before Tuesday's New Hampshire primary.

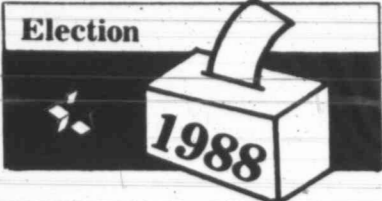
"I'm not going to dwell on it," the vice president said. "I don't want to be drawn into something like that. Keep it on a high plane."

Dole, who beat Bush in Iowa and had hoped to deliver the knockout punch in New Hampshire, promised to hit back if attacked again. Which he was — by Rep. Jack Kemp, campaigning in Minnesota, who hit Dole's record on taxes and Social Security.

The Democrats' New Hampshire victor, Michael Dukakis, huffed it South and took quick aim at Tennessee Albert Gore, who has hinged his campaign on a strong showing on March 8.

"There's a mythology about the South as if it's some kind of foreign country. It's nonsense," said Dukakis, who picked up endorsements Wednesday from former Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins and former New Orleans Mayor Dutch Morial.

Told that Gore had said his opponents were alienated from the voters, the Massachusetts governor retorted: "Mr. Gore left Iowa, virtually left New Hampshire. ... I don't know who's alienated."



ble army" as they geared up for a non-binding straw poll tonight. And Democrats were set for back-to-back debates, starting tonight in Texas, the biggest Super Tuesday state.

The Democratic field looked likely to lose one of its number today. Babbitt, after disappointing finishes in last week's Iowa caucuses and Tuesday's New

Dukakis talks tough in South

ATLANTA (AP) — Michael Dukakis headed full-speed from the Northeast into a Southern campaign Wednesday, spending the day after his New Hampshire triumph talking tough on military issues in a region where he hopes to take his next big step toward the Democratic nomination.

The Massachusetts governor, who won a lopsided victory over six Democratic rivals in New Hampshire on Tuesday, left New England at dawn and was in Atlanta and campaigning while his triumph was still fresh.

In the next three weeks, he will be spending much time — and money — in the South, where 14 states will have their primaries on March 8, known as Super Tuesday.

Dukakis, more liberal than many Southern Democrats, put a heavy emphasis on the military after a speech in Atlanta, declaring he would use force to stop a foreign aggressor in this hemisphere "crack terrorists."

"I'm a very tough guy when it comes to terrorism," he said.

"I don't yield on toughness to Al Gore in any shape or manner," he added in a reference to the Tennessee senator who has staked his campaign on doing well in the South.

Dukakis said his emphasis on defense issues had nothing to do with any Southern strategy but came simply "because I was asked about it." He also said some issues are more important to some regions than others, adding, "The South, for many years, has been the location for many military installations."

His speech to about 500 spectators was essentially the same as his victory speech in Manchester Tuesday night. Dukakis used the words "strong" or "strength" 14 times in a 15-minute address.

Former Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins and former New Orleans Mayor Dutch Morial endorsed Dukakis in his Atlanta appearance. Collins said that she and her fellow governors used to say of Dukakis, "Now there's something worth watching."

Dukakis said the idea that the South is politically different from the rest of the nation is a false image created by the press.

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LOS ANGELES — After 14 years as a professional actor, Larry Drake, shown during a scene from NBC's "L.A. Law," suddenly is getting a lot of attention for his portrayal of Benny Stulwicz, a retarded office boy.

Drake plays realistic 'Benny'

By JOANNE OSTROW
Denver Post
Television Critic

DENVER — Larry Drake knows the question everyone wants to ask. He counts on the fact that they think it "too personal and rude" to ask him directly.

Is Drake, the actor who plays Benny Stulwicz, the mentally retarded office messenger in "L.A. Law," himself retarded? "No one's ever said that to my face," he said. "Except on 'Entertainment Tonight.' I said, 'Only sometimes.'"

People are forever asking other cast members, the show's writing and production staff and TV critics whether Drake is truly mentally disabled.

He isn't, but he takes the question as a compliment.

Drake's character has had an unprecedented impact on American television in recent weeks. Experts hope Benny will shatter a stereotype that has hampered the lives of more than 6 million Americans with similar disabilities.

For Drake, what began as a one-shot part has become a recurring role on one of TV's top-rated series. Viewers are zeroing in on his sensitive performance, as the show achieves the highest ratings in its two-year history.

Recent episodes have shown Benny charged with sexual assault and exonerated, learning about the facts of life and resisting being outfitted in hip clothes by the firm's lecherous divorce lawyer, Arnie Becker, played by Corbin Bernsen.

Tonight at 9 p.m. on Channel 13, Benny will go on a date.

"You'll see the prelude and the aftermath," not the date itself, Drake said. Benny's first attempt at romance is with a mentally disabled woman he meets (played by Heidi Hennessy, who is mentally disabled). "He doesn't really get a girlfriend. But you get the idea he could in the future."

Despite his sudden acclaim, Drake is still on a week-to-week contract with "L.A. Law." He shies away from criticizing the network on the subject, saying only that a permanent cast position is "being discussed."

Before playing Benny, Drake portrayed Len in "Of Mice and Men" on stage at San Diego's Old Globe Theater three years ago. Even earlier he had played another developmentally disabled man in a TV movie, "Dark Night of the Scarecrow." He researched those characters at local institutions for the developmentally disabled.

A couple of episodes into the role of Benny, when Benny's mother died, "I arranged to talk with a therapist," Drake said. "After she decided to trust me, she introduced me to one of her clients, someone who was similar, as far as limits go, to Benny."

The 38-year-old actor meets monthly and talks weekly with a 28-year-old Malibu resident named Jeff Miller, who shares many of Benny Stulwicz's characteristics. Drake said Miller is more a confirmation than a role model.

"He stutters when he's nervous," Drake said. Overall, their acquaintance has "reminded me

how subtle I can be. He keeps me from drooping and rolling my eyes."

To Drake, there's "an unedited quality" to Benny. In general, he believes, the developmentally disabled "understand specifics better than subtleties. But they get it more often than you think. They are not simple-minded but simple, in a Thoreau way."

What Benny has done for the slick series is equally important. The naive, sweet, slow man-child brings out the humanity in the hard-driving, achievement-oriented, cynical bunch of lawyers who surround him.

"Corbin is the primary example, but Benny will deal with all of them eventually," Drake said. Benny's presence also has affected Abby (Michele Greene), he believes, because "Benny was her first court case win. There was something about watching the scene..." She gave it "a lovely light touch," he said.

"Arnie spent last season being a fascinating rogue," Drake said. This year, Benny has helped add dimension to the character. Arnie is "in some feeble, maybe shallow way, looking for a home life. Benny's kind of a substitute for that. I love the way they (the show's writers) have handled it."

The characters of Arnie and Benny have the "highest contrast" and yet they also may have the most in common, Drake said. They are "the most immature characters — both are still boys."

The possibility that Drake will be typecast is raised as often as the question about his mental aptitude.

Spielberg overlooked as director, but movie tops Oscar list

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "The Last Emperor," a panoramic drama of modern China, scored top honors with nine nominations Wednesday in an Oscar race that included Cher, Robin Williams and Michael Douglas but overlooked directors Steven Spielberg and James L. Brooks.

"Broadcast News," the comedy-romance set in a television news bureau, followed with seven nominations including those for stars William Hurt, Holly Hunter

and Albert Brooks. James Brooks was nominated as producer and writer, but surprisingly, not as director.

Spielberg's "Empire of the Sun" tied "Fatal Attraction" and "Moonstruck" with six nominations, but Spielberg was not mentioned for his direction, nor did the film make the best movie list.

Joining "Broadcast News" and "The Last Emperor," the life story of China's last monarch, as contenders for best pic-

ture were "Fatal Attraction," "Hope and Glory" and "Moonstruck."

Of the best picture nominees, "Fatal Attraction" was the only one to place among the Top Ten money makers of 1987.

Two-time winners Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep were nominated as best actor and actress for their roles as Depression-era low-lifers in "Ironweed."

Best actor nominees also included Douglas for "Wall Street"; Hurt, "Broad-

cast News"; Marcello Mastroianni, "Dark Eyes"; Williams, "Good Morning, Vietnam."

Joining Streep on the best actress list: Cher, "Moonstruck"; Glenn Close, "Fatal Attraction"; Miss Hunter, "Broadcast News"; and Sally Kirkland, "Anna."

Sean Connery, who never was nominated as James Bond, placed among the nominees for supporting actor with his role as the steely Chicago cop in "The Un-

touchables." Others in the race: Albert Brooks, "Broadcast News"; Morgan Freeman, "Street Smart"; Vincent Gardenia, "Moonstruck"; Denzel Washington, "Cry Freedom."

All of the supporting actresses were first-time nominees: Norma Aleandro, "Gaby — A True Story"; Anne Archer, "Fatal Attraction"; Olympia Dukakis, "Moonstruck"; Anne Ramsey, "Throw Momma from the Train."

Around town

• The Heart of Texas Band performs at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights at the Brass Nail, south of Big Spring on Highway 87. Cover charge is \$2 and the club is open from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

• The Trail Run features music by Mark and the Country Four from 8 p.m. to midnight, 1100 W. I-20.

MOVIES

This is Academy Award week at the Ritz.

"Fatal Attraction," starring Michael Douglas and Glenn Close, nominated for best actor and actress, will be shown at 7 and 9:10 p.m.

"The Untouchables," starring Sean Connery, nominated for best supporting actor, will show at 7 and 9:05 p.m.

Held over at the College Park Cinema are "For Keeps" starring Molly Ringwald, at 7:10 and 9:10 p.m.

Also, Steven Spielberg's "Batteries Not Included" PG film will show at 7 and 9 p.m.

The Saturday morning Kid Show will be at 10 a.m. and feature "Benji — The Hunted."

Getaway

The following are in addition to area performances published in the Feb. 11 edition of the Herald.

• Ballet Midland — Winter production Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at Allison Fine Arts Auditorium, Midland College. Dances will include contemporary, tradition and neo-classical. For tickets, call 683-2027.

• The Big Band Sound — Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorus, Inc. presents the third concert of the Pops Series featuring vocalist Terry Hawkins, originally from Odessa. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Holiday Inn Country Villa Ballroom (4300 W. Hwy. 80, Midland), and Feb. 27 at the Holiday Inn Centre (5901 E. Hwy. 80, Odessa).

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Hawks, Queens in final road games

The Howard College hoop teams will be in action tonight against South Plains College in Levelland. The Queens, 2-7 in conference play, will be going for their second big upset win over South Plains, who's headed to the regional tournament, now sporting a 7-4 record.

Howard will conclude the season Monday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum against Frank Phillips. Queens play at 6 p.m. and Hawks follow at 8.



Thursday Notes

In the individual competition at Bowl-A-Rama, Mark Dobek's 716 is leading the way. Leon Hobbs is second at 675 and Wayne Pate is third at 657.

Here's one from the Steve Belvin I blew it department. In Sunday's Herald sports section, there was a story on the Big Spring High School swim teams competing in the Fort Stockton Invitational.

One swimmer was left out. Ironically, he had Big Spring's best finish in the meet. Junior Johnny Webb finished second in the 200-yard freestyle in a time of 2:01.91.

Big Spring bull rider Wacey Cathey is off to a fast start on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association circuit. Cathey is currently in fifth place with \$5,574 in earnings.

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be the site of two upcoming bi-district playoff games. Tonight in 5-A girls play, San Angelo Central will take on Lubbock Monterey at 8 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

A pep rally is set for Steer Gym Friday at 3 p.m. for the Steers and Lady Steers basketball teams. The Steers are in an all-important district game against Andrews Friday night in Steer Gym.

A few fair days have brought fishermen out in modest numbers to Lake E.V. Spense, and they have been rewarded with good catches of striped bass, most in the intermediate range, according to the CRMWD's Joe Pickle.

The Comanche Trail Muzzleloaders' Club will have its regular monthly archery matches Sunday. Entry fee is \$3 per bow and the events begin at 2 p.m. at the club's range east of Cameo Mobile Home factory on 11th Place.

Club president Bob Lieb said the club encourages everyone interested in shooting or watching the events to come out and get acquainted. On Feb. 28, the club is sponsoring a Mountain Man Run at the range. The gate will open Saturday at noon for campers, who are welcome overnight, but should plan to provide their own firewood and water, according to Lieb.

The Fourth U.S. Cavalry Regiment has promised an appearance and demonstration, and Lieb said the club encourages everyone interested in either the Muzzleloaders' or the Fourth Cav's era to come out.

"We want to emphasize that this shoot is for everyone interested in blackpowder shooting, too," Lieb said.



Defense

Howard College Hawks' Chris Miller (32) and Tony Smith (22) apply the pressure on New Mexico Military Institute's Rico Blandin during action last week at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

SWC frontrunners win big

Co-leaders Southern Methodist and Arkansas got rare breathers in the thrill-a-minute, Southwest Conference basketball race on Wednesday night and they probably needed them for what's coming up this weekend.

SMU hosts Houston Saturday afternoon in a regionally televised game while Arkansas visits the Heart O' Texas Coliseum in Waco where the Baylor Bears always play tough.

The Mustangs gave Coach Dave Bliss his third 20-victory season in five years with the victory over the Owls.

SMU is 20-5 for the season. Todd Alexander hit six of SMU's 3-pointers and scored 20 points. Kato Armstrong had a game-high 22 points for SMU.

"We couldn't stop the 3-pointers," said Rice Coach Scott Thompson. "Some of them they hit were from NBA 3-point range."

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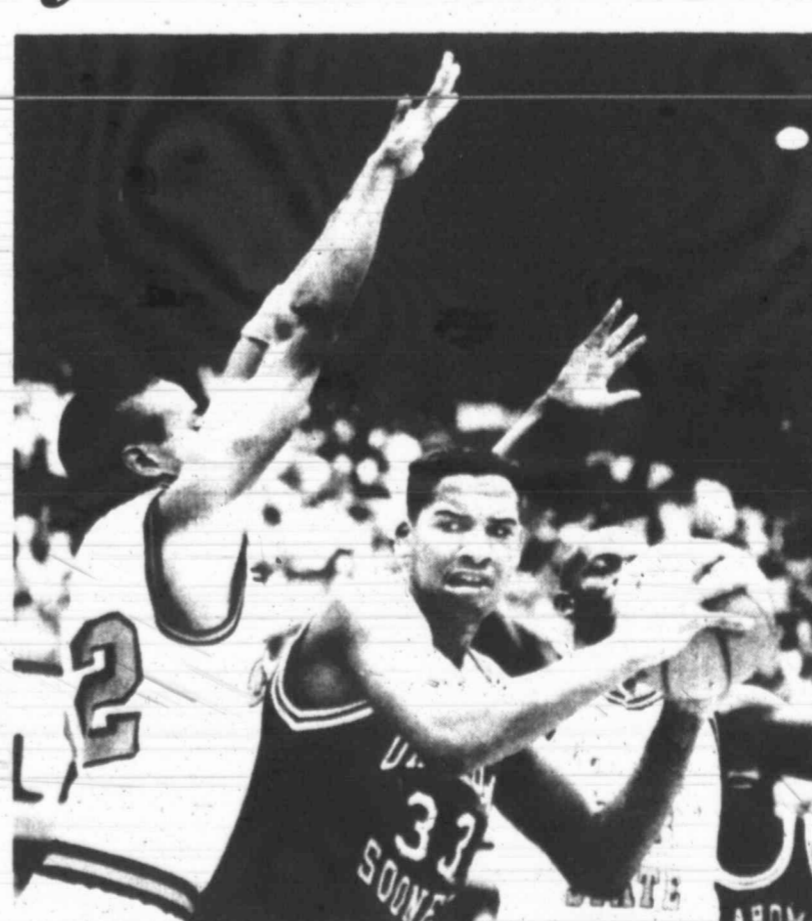
Junior forward Alvin Hegg came off the bench to score 22 points and lead Texas to a 63-59 victory over Texas Tech. It was the fifth straight loss for the Red Raiders, who fall to 8-14 overall and 3-8 in conference, and their 15th consecutive loss on the road.

SMU improves to 13-11 and 7-5 and has won five of its last six games. Junior guard Sean Gay hit for a season-high 24 points to lead the Red Raiders.

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Ed Davener made a free throw after an intentional foul by Doug Roth. Rob Lock's basket gave the Wildcats a 70-69 lead but, with 47 seconds left, Nix tied it on the first shot of a one-and-one.



NORMAN, Okla. — University of Oklahoma forward Stacey King (33) gets ready to make a move towards the basket, while being guarded by Oklahoma State's Richard Dumas.

Stacy King scored 22 points and Dave Sieger made two important free throws with 12 seconds left as Oklahoma won its ninth straight.

SMU School's track and basketball programs under question now

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist track coach Ted McLaughlin says he runs an honest program and believes reports of an NCAA investigation of the Mustangs' track and basketball programs are exaggerated.

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Gault not to push U.S. sled

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Willie Gault learned Wednesday that he won't be pushing one of the two U.S. sleds in this weekend's Olympic two-man bobsled competition.

"From what I hear, they're going to let USA 1 and USA 2 ride," the Chicago Bears' wide receiver said after a practice run at Canada Olympic Park.

Gault, who joined the bobsled team amid controversy last month after the NFL season ended, has been acting as pusher and brakeman for No. 3 driver Randy Will.

Will was told by the U.S. coaches Wednesday that he won't be racing in the two-man competition. No final decision has been made on the four-man race, which takes place Feb. 27 and 28.

"I've been told I'm out," said Will, 23, of Endwell, N.Y. "They told me this morning. As far as I'm concerned, the coaching staff made the wrong decision. It's terribly frustrating."

Will's chances of driving for the United States were hurt last December in a race-off on the Calgary course, when two of his pushers slipped to disqualify the sled from a critical four-man race. That was before Gault joined the team.

"If it hadn't been for that, I'd be USA 1, and the slip wasn't my fault," Will said.

"This is such a strange, selfish, selfish sport," Will said. "I don't think it's the American way. You're supposed to get an opportunity here."

Another chance

Jansen to skate again for sister's memory

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

CALGARY, Alberta — Dan Jansen skates one more time tonight for his sister, himself and a beleaguered American team in the Winter Olympics.

The young speed skater won't be favored in this 1,000-meter race, but a nation that suffered with him when he sprawled on the ice in the 500, just hours after his sister's death, will be pulling for him.

"Dan seems to be in good shape mentally, really sound," says Coach Mike Crowe. "I think he's confident. He's a lot more up, a lot more focused, a lot more keyed on what he's doing. I think he will be 100 percent."

The United States has only a single bronze going into the sixth day of the Games, and poor prospects for many more medals. The Soviets lead the medal list with three golds, four silvers and two bronzes.

The U.S. hockey team needed an upset Wednesday night against the powerful, more experienced Soviets in order to have a good

shot at reaching the medal round, but a wild rally ended too soon and the Soviets won 7-5. It was a day of disappointment more than magic all around.

Pirmin Zurbriggen, the stylish Swiss downhill gold medalist, unartistically and quite unexpectedly tripped 150 yards from the finish line in the slalom portion of the combined event and blew a certain gold.

"I knew that to win the gold I only needed to ski safely to the finish line. I was relaxed," he said. "I was totally surprised when I found the gate between my skis and I fell. I still can't understand how it all happened."

Neither could Austrian Hubert Strolz, but he didn't mind. He slipped into first place to take the gold while countryman Bernhard Gstrein moved up for the silver and Swiss Paul Accola got the bronze.

The U.S. barely missed a medal in 5,000-meter speed skating when Eric Flaim of Pembroke, Mass., finished fourth behind gold medalist Tomas Gustafson of Sweden, silver

medalist Leo Visser of the Netherlands and bronze medalist Gerard Kemkers, also of the Netherlands.

Swirling, 50 mph winds scuttled Matti Nykanen's quest for a second gold medal in ski jumping. The "Flying Finn," who won the 70-meter jump, was set to try again today in the 90-meter team event.

The final two runs of the women's luge also were postponed until today with the possibility of an East German sweep if the winds kick up too hard again and force cancellation of the runs. American hopeful Bonny Warner of Mount Baldy, Calif., was eighth after two heats.

American Brian Boitano is still dreaming of gold and could move a step closer today in the men's figure skating short program.

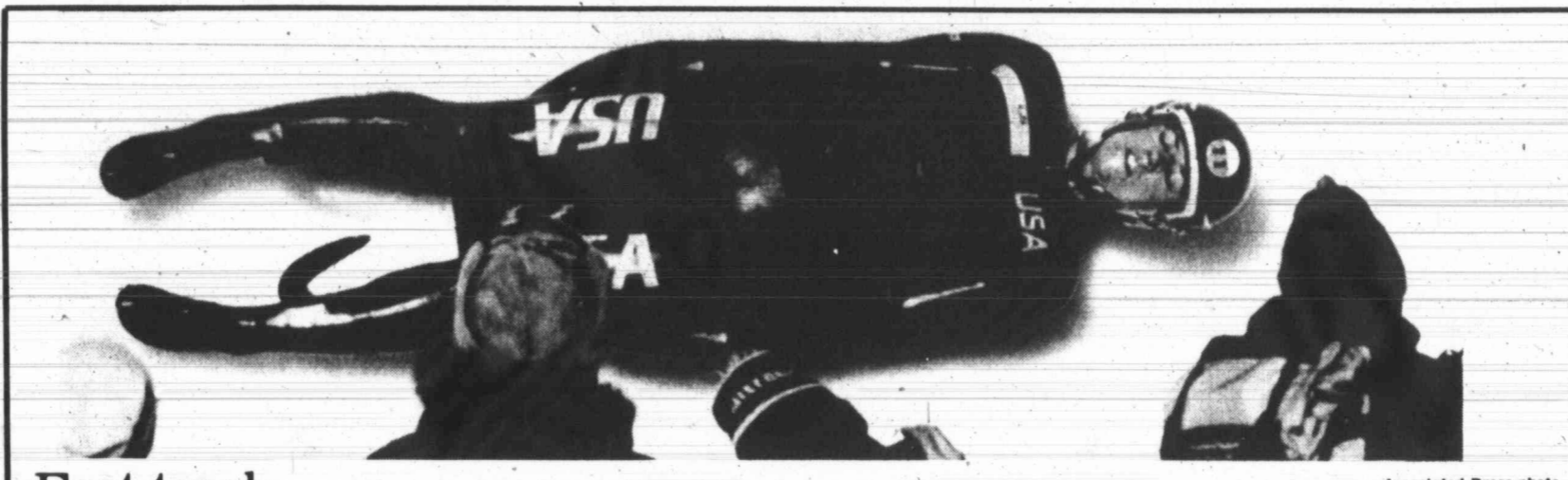
He finished second Wednesday to Soviet Alexander Fadeev in the school figures, but is rated stronger in today's program and the free skating finale Saturday. World champion Brian Orser of Canada was third going into the short program.



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Winning

CALGARY — Sweden's Tomas Gustafson reacts to his gold medal-winning performance in the men's 5,000 meter speed skating race Wednesday during Olympic competition.

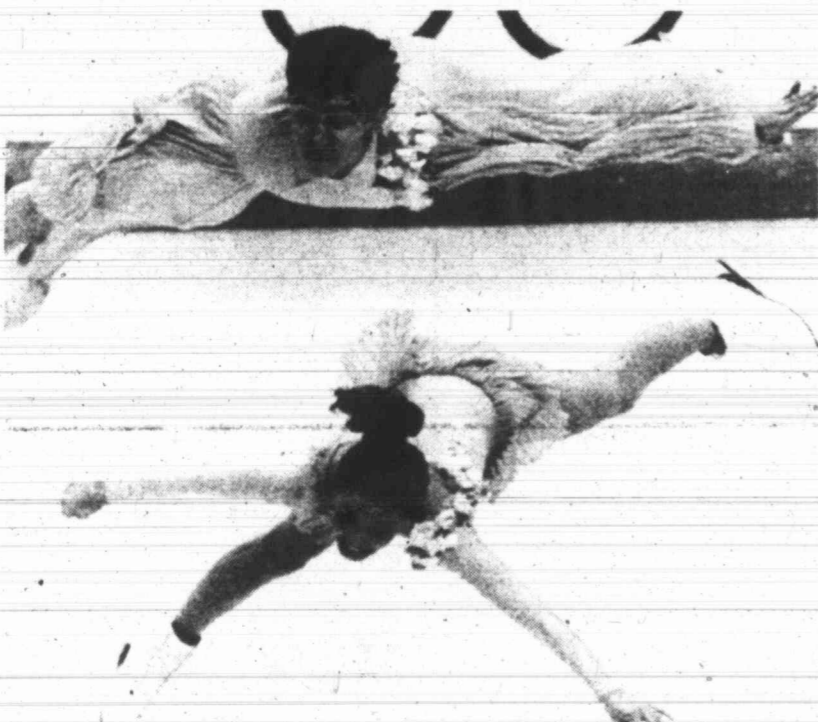


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Fast track

CALGARY — The U.S. women's luge team's Bonny Warner takes a fast ride during Olympic competition at the Canada Olympic

Park. She finished two runs in eighth place Tuesday and continues to compete in the event.



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Perfect flight

CALGARY — Soviet pairs skaters Sergei Grinkov, above, and Ekaterina Gordeeva perform their perfect routine to win the gold medal in Olympic pairs free skating.



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First

CALGARY — Alexandre Fadeev of the Soviet Union performs the first of three compulsory figures during men's Olympic figure skating competition Wednesday. He finished first in the event.

Mounties provide skiers with Olympic protection

MOUNT ALLAN, Alberta (AP) — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police always get their man on horseback, but for the Winter Olympic Games they've switched to skis.

For the first time in the force's 115-year history, Mounties are bucking on downhill skis to patrol the slopes of Mount Allan, site of Olympic alpine events.

"Where's your horse?" is the most common question," said Bruce Askew, 35, an officer normally assigned to a rural detachment in Alberta.

Askew is one of 13 Mounties, including one woman, selected for the Olympic ski patrol.

Chosen for their skiing ability, they got extra training from ski instructors before deployment on the 7,844-foot Mount Allan.

Their uniform is a dark blue insulated ski suit with a yellow stripe on the leg, a white ski cap and a backpack reading "POLICE." They are armed with walkie-talkies and ski poles.

So far, crowd control has been the main duty and they are trained for evacuations by sled or helicopter should it be necessary.

"Our eyes are always open, being on top of the mountain," said Randy Curtain, 31, from Kamloops,

British Columbia.

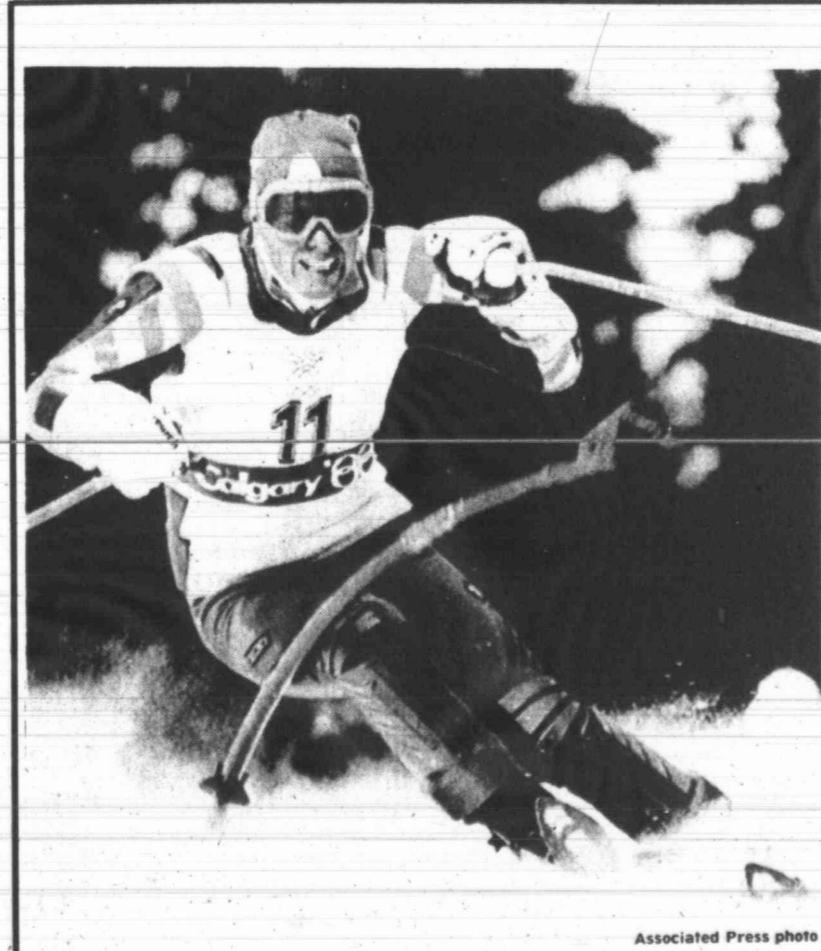
"The other day we saw two people coming over the top from the other side," he said. The Mounties intercepted them, but they turned out to be fish and wildlife officers looking after a herd of bighorn sheep that shares the windswept summit with Olympic skiers.

Curtain represents the Mounties in the annual police skiing championships in Trento, Italy, and once competed with downhill aces Ken Read and Steve Podborski, two of Canada's flamboyant "crazy Canucks."

"They can hardly get me off the hill," said Curtain, an experienced downhill, slalom and giant slalom skier.

The Mounties said they cheered on gold medalist Hubert Strolz in Wednesday's slalom race, because he's a policeman in his native Austria.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police began in 1873 with 150 recruits who ranged the far Northwest by horseback. Armed with pistols and carbines, they maintained peace with the Indians and enforced the law among miners and pioneers. Their scarlet tunics were inspired by the British Army.



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Star falls

NAKISKA, Alberta — Pirmin Zurbriggen of the Swiss combination downhill ski team, left, starts his run in Wednesday's slalom race. The favorite had only to finish in modest time to secure the



Associated Press photo

gold medal in the event, but took a tumble, right, on the course to allow Hubert Strolz from Austria to win the gold medal. The fall cost Zurbriggen a medal-winning finish in the race.

Soviet icemen skate past late Team USA rally

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — The U.S. hockey team ran out of miracles Wednesday night, losing 7-5 to the Soviet Union in their first Winter Olympic meeting since the stunning American victory at the 1980 Lake Placid Games.

This one fell just short for the United States, which rallied from a 6-2 deficit to 6-5

but couldn't get even despite outshooting the high-powered Soviets 12-4 in the final period.

The loss left the Americans on the brink of elimination from making the medals round, with a 1-2 record and having to beat Norway and West Germany to even have a chance. The defending gold medalist Soviets are now 3-0 and virtually assured a

spot in the medals round.

The top three teams from each of the two pools make the medals round.

With Vaicheslev Fetisov, their all-star defenseman from their main Red Army club, leading the way with two goals and three assists, the Soviets continued the domination of Americans in international play.

The victory was the sixth in eight meetings with the United States in Olympic play since the Soviets played their first Olympic game in 1956. The only time the Americans have beaten the Soviets in the Olympics came in the gold-medal winning years of 1960 and 1980, the last time a dramatic 4-3 victory that was coined the "Miracle on Ice" at Lake Placid, N.Y.

The Soviets have never lost to the Americans at the World Championships, holding a 22-0 advantage.

The Soviets looked every bit the team that U.S. Coach Dave Peterson called the strongest in the Winter Olympics.

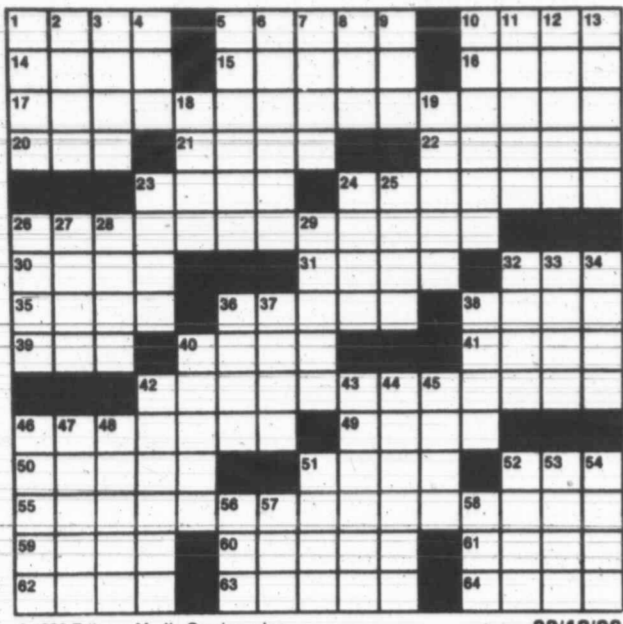
Fetisov set up Sergei Makarov at 7:23 and then Alexei Kasatonov at 9:41 to help the Soviets grab a 2-0 lead after one period.

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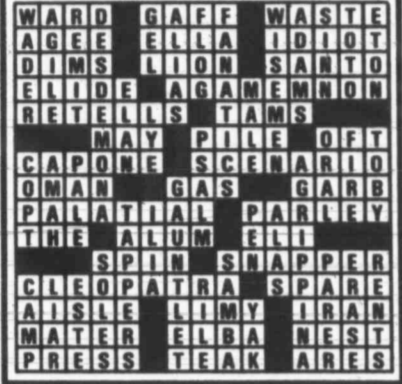
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GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are apt to be very confused today, so make sure you know the true facts and figures before making any decisions. You can learn much about your co-workers by quietly watching their actions.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't let your mate throw you off-schedule and keep you from doing your work. Keep your eyes open for any new opportunities.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Do your best to help a friend who is disturbed over a very serious matter, but don't neglect to take care of your own obligations tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Don't do anything which could jeopardize your reputation. This is

not a good time to ask favors of a superior or your friends.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) This is not a good day to begin any new projects or to go off on any unusual tangents. Avoid a stranger this evening.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Try to handle your bills without bothering a past benefactor. Don't open any old wounds with your mate, or an unfortunate quarrel could ensue.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can avoid trouble today by being sure to keep any promises you have made. Try to be more pleasing to your mate this evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your work may seem a bit boring today, but have some patience and you will

be rewarded. A co-worker could cause you some tension.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Forget about having fun today, and maintain the harmonious situation at home or in the office by getting more work done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Avoid any friction at home by being less ready to argue every point. Stay around friends who do not spend too much money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be extra-careful while driving or in motion of any kind today. An important discussion with your family should be handled tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Instead of taking on more expenses today, make a plan to save more

money. Go out and visit a good friend you haven't seen for a while.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You may feel as if you would like to run away from your daily routines today, but if you have a talk with a good friend, you'll feel better.

If Your Child Is Born Today
He or she will always want to take on the problems with which others have had difficulty, and will be quite successful at this. Encourage your progeny's abilities, and provide a fine education so your son or daughter's wonderful ideas will not be wasted.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!
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"If Grandma is in her twilight years you must be at daybreak."

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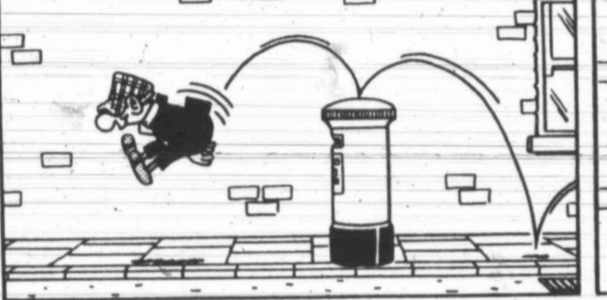


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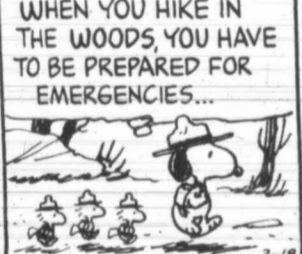
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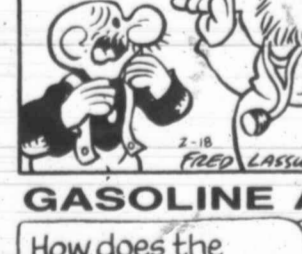
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