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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Mostly cloudy through tonight and cooler through Saturday. Lows tonight in the upper 30s and highs Saturday in the upper 60s to lower 70s. The high Thursday was 81 and the low was 46.



From simple traffic stop to deportation

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

A routine traffic stop by Big Spring patrol officers early Wednesday proved to be anything but routine.

The traffic stop led to the arrest of a 24-year-old man and prompted a police investigation that uncovered unusual circumstances and will apparently lead to the man being returned to El Salvador.

When police stopped a car driven by Jose Adam Rivera in the 1000 block of Gregg Street about 2:30 a.m. they discovered that a woman passenger was bleeding profusely — an apparent beating victim, Acting Patrol Sgt. Billy Arnold said.

El Salvador native may be returned home

Although the woman — who has been identified as Bernice Garcia, 23 — refused to tell police how she sustained the injuries, Rivera was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon after a pair of numchauka (pronounced num-chucks) were allegedly discovered in the vehicle, Arnold said.

While police were transporting Rivera — who reportedly carried identification with more than one name — to the city jail, Garcia was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment, Arnold advised. She is seven months

pregnant, he said. A nursing supervisor at the hospital said this morning that Garcia is in stable condition.

Police learned the couple had left — alone at their 1301 Park Ave. residence — four children under five years of age while they searched for a hospital.

Sources said the family has been in Big Spring only a few days.

Detective Sgt. Bill King said Garcia refused to tell police how she sustained the injuries, although domestic violence is suspected, King said. However, one spouse must file charges

against the other in order for police to pursue prosecution in domestic violence cases.

Lisa Brooks, director of Rape Crisis/Victim Services, said that although she has visited Garcia in the hospital, Brooks has been unsuccessful in persuading the woman to relocate her family in a battered women's shelter in Midland.

Brooks said women who are victims of domestic violence often react in the same way.

The children were initially taken to the police station and later placed in the Rainbow Pro-

ject — a temporary home for victims of domestic violence and abuse, Brooks said.

Garcia appeared to have been severely beaten, Brooks said.

King said Rivera told police he did not know how Garcia sustained the injuries, although he admitted he was looking for a hospital when stopped by police.

Police Chief Joe Cook said a records check revealed Rivera has two counts of aggravated assault pending against him in Phoenix, Ariz., although detectives in that city apparently don't want him extradited.

He added that police learned Rivera is not an American citizen, but a citizen of El Salvador.

The couple is reportedly not married.

"He had apparently been involved in some type of gang-related violence. They don't want him back, they want him deported," Cook said.

James Stone, a Border Patrol agent with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, said he has learned through INS records that Rivera is in the United States illegally.

Stone said he has initiated deportation proceedings against Rivera.

It is unclear what will happen to Garcia and her children.

Wright's wife: Subpoena issued for work records

WASHINGTON (AP) — The special counsel investigating House Speaker Jim Wright has subpoenaed records on work his wife, Betty, did for a partnership between Wright and a Fort Worth real estate developer and investor, according to a source familiar with the case.

The source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said investigators for outside special counsel Richard J. Phelan had subpoenaed and received records of transactions, working papers and memos related to Mrs. Wright's work for George A. Mallick.

Until 1984, Mrs. Wright was paid \$18,000 a year for advice that she gave to an investment venture formed by the Texas congressman, Mallick and their wives in 1979, according to financial disclosure statements filed by the speaker.

With the six-month ethics probe of Wright entering its home stretch, the investigators are examining transactions underlying the partnership company, Mallightco, in much greater detail than available in public records, the source said.

Wright's financial disclosure form shows that he apparently exchanged stock worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for his initial share of the partnership, which was formed to manage investments in stocks, real estate and precious and semi-precious stones.

He listed the value of his Mallightco holdings, which were later placed into a blind trust, at between \$100,000 and \$250,000. The trustee disclosed last July, two months after the ethics probe began, that the assets had been disposed.

Wright's investments with Mallick are not mentioned in the six-count resolution which spells out the bounds of the investigation

Supporters of Wright have been complaining in recent weeks that the probe, which may cost upwards of \$800,000, has grown far beyond its original intent and become a fishing expedition.

by the ethics panel, formally known as the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

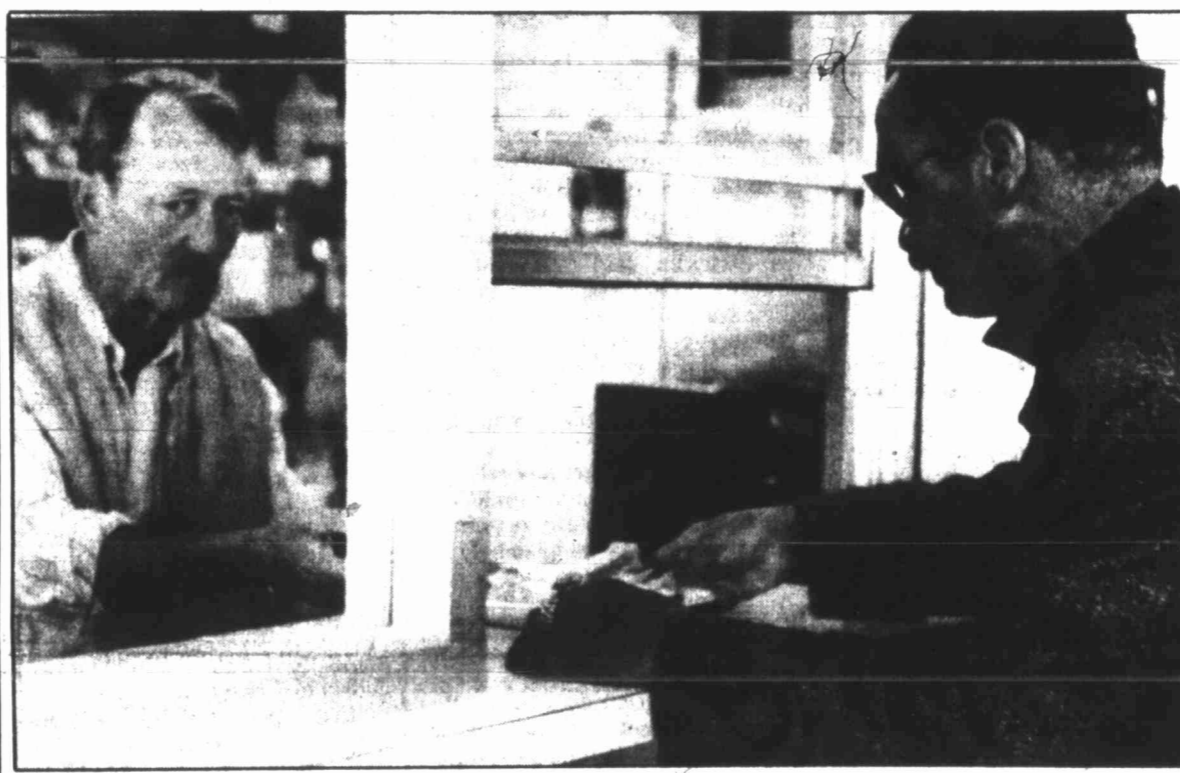
The complaint against Wright involves charges that he improperly used his office to lobby federal officials, used campaign funds to pay for publication of a book on which he received some \$55,000 in royalties, and used rent-free a Fort Worth condominium owned by Mallick's son.

Committee chairman Julian Dixon, D-Calif., declined to comment on whether Phelan is probing Wright's financial dealings with Mallick or on other matters under investigation. But he denied that any such scrutiny would amount to an expansion of the investigation.

"I am totally satisfied that Phelan's office has not in any way expanded the scope of the preliminary inquiry," Dixon said. "I cannot comment or explain why a particular issue is relevant" to the initial six charges.

Dixon also said he was not concerned that Wright's attorney, William Oldaker, also is acting as counsel to others who testified before the ethics panel, including Mallick and Carlos Moore, a Wright campaign contractor who published the book that is a subject of the probe.

Oldaker did not return phone calls earlier this week.



Herald photos by Michael McCarthy

Turkey Day delight

Virgil Pyles, left, a holiday employee of the Salvation Army, passes a plate to one of the 45 shelter residents, transients and homeless who enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner at the shelter Thursday. Expressions of thanks were common as guests enjoyed the dinner of turkey, dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Shelter cook T.H. Arledge said the meal, including 36 pies, took several days to prepare.



Officials update n-plans

By TIM AHERN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — In the event of a nuclear war, the Interior Department would try to keep the nation's mines open and the Education Department would seek out teachers to reopen schools, according to a new order signed by President Reagan.

Not surprisingly, the lion's share of the responsibility for responding to nuclear attack is assigned to the Pentagon, according to the recently released directive.

The order overhauls a 19-year-old executive directive that was first approved by President Nixon, said Russell Clanahan, a spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The new 27-page document brings up to date the 1969 order by taking into account a number of changes in the structure of the federal bureaucracy since then.

For example, the old Department of Health, Education and Welfare has been split into two Cabinet agencies: the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education.

The 1969 order had been updated periodically but never totally rewritten until now, Clanahan said. The job took several years.

"It had to go around the government several times for coordination," he said. "It did take quite awhile. You'd be amazed at the amount of nit-picking the bureaucracy can do."

The order covers 26 federal agencies, including FEMA, the office charged with coordinating the government's response to a wide variety of disasters, including atomic war.

The new document does not propose spending any more money for civil defense, nor does it propose changing any policies.

When he took office in 1981, Reagan began a large build-up of military forces, including a variety of nuclear arms, and administration officials also proposed increasing the nation's civil defense effort. They said the Soviets have a much larger civil defense system.

Critics charged that the administration was pursuing a policy based on the belief that a nuclear war could be fought and won. The administration denied this.

The latest executive order sidesteps that controversy, noting only that "the policy of the United States is to have sufficient capabilities at all levels of government to meet essential defense and civilian needs during any national security emergency."

Most of the emergency tasks assigned in the Reagan order are meant to fit the federal agencies' areas of expertise. The Labor Department, for example, is to ensure "effective use of civilian work forces resources in national security emergencies."

The Pentagon was given several tasks in addition to its role of maintaining the necessary military forces. For example, it is expected to ensure an adequate supply of drinking water, keep waterways and harbors open, help the Justice Department enforce civilian laws and coordinate the efforts of the government and private industry.

Harman: Parole duties differ from perception

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

Too much of his time is spent in explaining what he and his fellow parole officers don't — or can't — do, District Parole Officer David Harman says with a sigh.

Harman, a serious-eyed giant, and first-year parole officer Mike McCrury operate out of a three-room suite on the first floor of the Permian Building. What they do is supervise parolees, Harman said.

What they don't do is choose which inmates get out of prison on parole or when those parolees begin, he said, explaining that those decisions are made by the Texas Department of Corrections.

Some prisoners are required to remain free on parole, Harman explained, and the parole officers don't make that decision either. One such prisoner is Jesse Nunez Torres, currently being held in isolation in the Howard County jail.

Torres has reached the mandatory supervision stage, Harman explained, meaning that his time served in the penitentiary and the

Personality profile

"good conduct time" he has earned while serving added up to his release date for an original sentence.

That means Torres has to be paroled — but the parole will continue until the end of his original sentence, Harman said. "What they do in TDC is strip (such inmates) of their good time. They have to serve their good time out on the street."

Inmates who violate conditions of their parole — and those conditions may be as varied as the offenders — are entitled to a parole revocation hearing.

Preparing for those hearings demands another major portion of his time, Harman said. For some parolees, he prepares to defend the

releasee, he said, citing a case early in his career in which a Corpus Christi parolee was falsely accused.

For many, though, his job is to convince a hearing officer that the parolee should be returned to the penitentiary. He is not always successful, Harman said ruefully, citing a recent hearing officer's decision not to revoke parole for a man accused of murdering another parolee here in April.

"Getting ready to go to a hearing," he said. "There will be nights when I can't sleep. I don't leave a stone unturned, and I stay awake the night before trying to figure out whether there is anything I haven't looked into."

Sometimes parolees complete their supervision — Harman and McCrury are required to collect \$10 monthly fees from parolees, and to visit each one at least once a month — satisfactorily, he said.

"Some of my guys make good out here, and when they do I'm really glad to see it," he said. Too often, HARMAN page 3-A

Hearings at times border on mundane

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

Not all a parole officer's hearings involve releasees accused of heinous crimes, District Parole Officer David Harman said.

Wednesday, he appeared during one of the more ordinary hearings. Parolee George Dye allegedly violated seven rules of his release, and a hearing by summons was conducted.

His hearing differed from the hearings that make headlines — such as May's hearing for Leroy Alaniz, during which Midland Hearing Officer Tracey D. Snell presided as a grisly tale of murder unfolded.

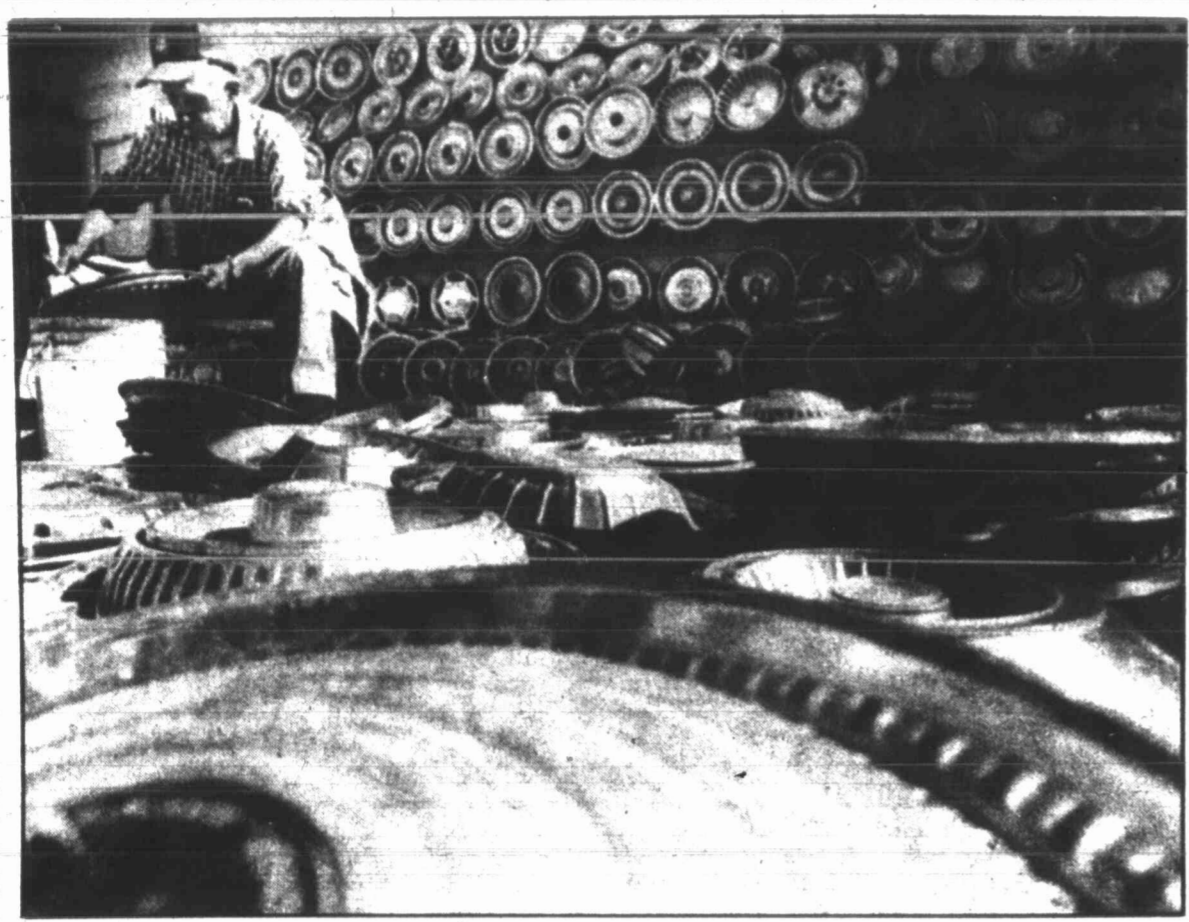
George Dye's case did not make headlines; his violations of

parole rules were what Harman and Snell described as technical infractions.

He changed residences — repeatedly — without permission from his parole officer; he didn't provide monthly reports to his parole officer; he didn't pay his supervision fees; he was twice arrested for public intoxication, and served the fines in jail.

During his hearing Dye admitted violating every condition alleged. Then, sometimes helped by Harman and Snell, he explained why he had broken the rules.

His parole to a Houston halfway house provided him a place to stay — but only for 90 days. After that, he said, he was "out on the HEARINGS page 3 A



Hub of activity
SAN ANTONIO — An endless pile of hubcaps awaits while Julian Covarrubias, 62, washes one of the score he cleans daily at Flores' Hubcaps in San Antonio. "I even do this on Sunday," said Covarrubias, whose work is never completed, despite washing more than 20 hubcaps a day.

Associated Press photo

Minister accused of child abuse by son

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A state official said he considers a minister dangerous and is trying to take 10 children out of the man's home after a son testified that the children were beaten with a leather strap and one daughter was sexually molested. The Texas Department of Human Services is seeking to retain temporary custody of the children while the abuse investigation involving minister Ron Larrinaga, 52, continues. "Our position is, he's a danger to these children," Assistant District Attorney Richard Garcia, who represents DHS, told 299th District Court Judge Tom Rickhoff. "These children have been brainwashed and controlled." Randall Larrinaga, 29, told authorities that he "escaped" from his father's control four years ago out of fear for his life. "He uses the Bible to justify anything and makes it quite believable," the son said. In a custody proceeding Wednesday, minister Ron Larrinaga denied the allegations. "I study the word of God, and I give my life to God," Larrinaga said from the witness stand, while clutching a maroon Bible. Of the 13 children born to Larrinaga and his wife, Dorothy, 10 were still living at home when authorities got an emergency court order on Nov. 7 that allowed them to take three teen-age daughters and two sons, ages 10 and 13, from them. Authorities are attempting to take the five other children still at home, including their eldest daughter, who is 27. The custody hearing resumes Tuesday. "(Considering) the children in this day and age — with drugs, promiscuity and fornication — (my) children have decided they want to stay in the home," Larrinaga testified Wednesday. Larrinaga testified that his children spent much of their lives in a motor home traveling America's highways on Christian missionary trips. "We were traveling to different parts of the country that God led us to," Larrinaga said. Attorney Bob Byers, who was appointed to represent the interests of the children, said the children endured more than brainwashing. "This goes far beyond that, to severe physical abuse, sexual abuse and extreme emotional abuse," Byers said. Defense attorney Cecil Bain vehemently denied that the young children have been abused in any way. "We have heard nothing but innuendo and allegations from a disgruntled son," Bain said.

Guide says gunshots in canyon are common

ALPINE (AP) — A man injured when he and a West Texas couple were attacked by snipers while rafting down the Rio Grande says he first thought the gunmen were harmless. River-rafting guide Jim Burr, who survived the attack that killed one man and injured his wife Saturday, said he really wasn't alarmed when he first heard gunfire in the distance. "That wasn't unusual," Burr said. "In the past, it hasn't been a cause of concern." Even when the snipers first fired on the three, Burr said he still didn't think those shooting were seriously trying to hurt them. "When I got hit, I realized they weren't kidding." Burr, 36, a guide with the Terlingua-based Far Flung Adventures, was shot in the thigh. He remains hospitalized in Alpine in stable condition. Michael Heffley, 40, of Eastland was killed in the attack. His 32-year-old wife, Jamie, was wounded and remains in stable condition in an Abilene hospital. The three were rafting through the Colorado Canyon when they were attacked by snipers who opened fire from atop 300-foot bluffs overlooking the Rio Grande, which runs along the Texas-Mexico border. The attack occurred about 30 miles southeast of Presidio. Heffley was fatally shot while trying to shield his wife from the gunfire. Authorities on both sides of the river joined in the search for the attackers, but they have not made any arrests. Burr said the gunshots he heard before the attack didn't trouble him because hunters and people "just shooting" have used the area. After he was shot, he said, "I started hollering at them and running down the river. I'm hollering, 'There's no money on the boat. Please don't shoot! No more! No more!' "They were hollering something back, but in the distance it all got wadded up. But I think it was Spanish," he said. "As far as I can tell, it was totally without motive," Burr said of the "attack." "They didn't steal anything. They didn't come down to the boat." At one point, after Burr and the Heffleys swam about 50 yards across a canyon wall to elude their attackers, Burr thought their troubles were over. But moments later, Heffley was fatally shot.

Seizures expected in bingo probe

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators collecting information on bingo halls that allegedly skim profits from charities may soon begin carrying out seizures, officials said. "As soon as we are able to put it in a logical pattern, we'll act," First Assistant District Attorney Don Stricklin said. "It will be sometime later on next week before we can run on it." Authorities may also consider calling witnesses before a grand jury and convening a court of inquiry to hear allegations, Stricklin said. Harris County judges have said a court of inquiry, which would be conducted by the state criminal district judges, has not been held in Houston since the 1950s. A grand jury would call witnesses to testify privately, but a court of inquiry could question witnesses publicly. District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. met Tuesday with representatives from the state comptroller's office, the attorney general's office, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the FBI to discuss allegations raised and the FBI to discuss allegations raised about bingo operations in the Houston area. Stricklin said the agencies discussed a strategy to curtail abuses in the bingo industry, which generates an estimated \$1 billion in profits annually in Texas. Earlier this week, the state revoked licenses of 12 bingo halls in Houston, League City and Beaumont after discovering questionable bookkeeping practices and other irregularities. The state legalized bingo in 1982 to aid charities. Most charities, especially smaller ones, lack the expertise to run bingo games and hire hall operators to help. Some industry observers claim hall operators actually control all aspects of the games and split profits with the charity.

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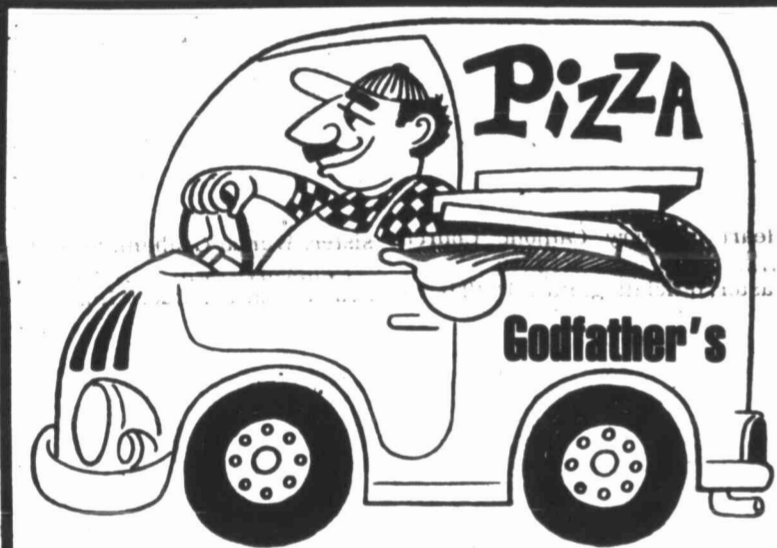
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"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

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An issue that must be faced

Funny how the world gets serious immediately following an election. Funny how plain talk about the issues, which we always thought was the essence of a campaign, gets postponed until after an election.

A case in point is Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan and his pointed remarks this week about the dangers of the budget deficit. What he had to say not only underscored the hollowness of campaign discussion about the deficit. It was a sober reminder to President-elect Bush and the Democratic Congress that they have little time to come up with a credible deficit-reduction package. If they don't act, Greenspan suggested, he will.

To dally means that we will continue to depend on a huge and unreliable foreign cash flow. To dally is to risk a plunging dollar, which we already are seeing.

That would impel Greenspan and his Federal Reserve colleagues to allow interest rates to rise rather than risk the distress of high inflation.

Speaking to the bipartisan National Economic Commission on Wednesday, Greenspan criticized economists who contend that "deficits do not matter very much, or in any event that there is no urgency in coming to grips with them."

Greenspan warned that "the deficit has already begun to eat away at the foundation of our economic strength."

Deficits are damaging, he said, because "they tend to pull resources away from net private investment."

Deficits have forced the government to borrow money that otherwise would be available to private borrowers — people who want to start businesses or develop new products or build new buildings.

Deficits, in fact, are a form of taxation — on ourselves and on our children.

Our deficit difficulties are compounded by our low personal-savings rate, now about 2 percent. That means that Americans do not provide an adequate pool of capital to finance both debt and investment.

In his Wednesday remarks, Greenspan refused to be drawn into the argument over whether Congress needs to raise taxes. Nor did he suggest what programs he thought ought to be cut, though he did say that cuts have to be made.

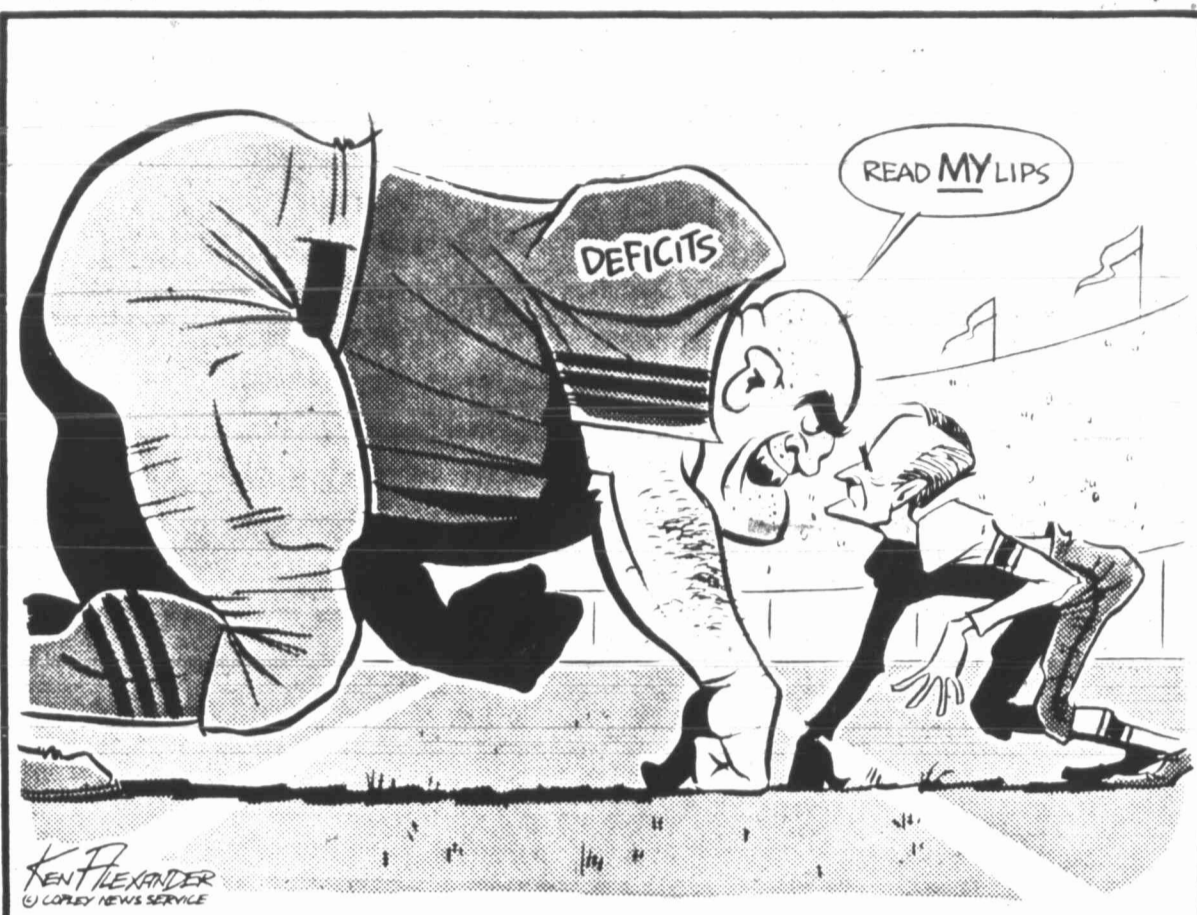
The real question, he said, is political. "We don't have a numbers deficiency. We know all the numbers. What we have to find is the means to find a national consensus to reach a national compromise."

Congress and the White House created the National Economic Commission to lay the groundwork for that national compromise. Now, the commission is having difficulty.

Public bickering has erupted within the 12-member panel — half Democrat, half Republican — over whether taxes should be raised and whether defense spending should rise at the expense of domestic programs. President-elect Bush will add one Democrat and one Republican to the panel after the inauguration.

Robert Strauss, commission chairman, has insisted that the deficit cannot be solved unless Congress and the White House are willing to consider everything — spending cuts, Medicare, Social Security benefits, defense spending and, yes, taxes.

That sort of plain talk makes Washington nervous, as did Greenspan's remarks. But Washington, nervous or not, needs to hear more of it.



Is Sakharov gullible or ignorant

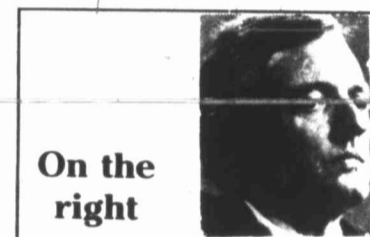
By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

I was going up in the elevator at the Hilton in Washington from the lower lobby when suddenly I saw, piling into the car, Andrei Sakharov. The leading nuclear physicist in the Soviet Union, inventor of their hydrogen bomb, hero of the resistance. He was exiled to Gorky, rehabilitated by Mikhail Gorbachev, permitted last week for the first time to come to the United States.

We were introduced by his retinue of translators and guides and, one supposes, KGB agents. I could not detect in his craggy, Slavic, peasant's face scar tissue from his harassment by the country he served so grandly, but the fatigue was manifest. Indeed, he had served notice on his hosts, the Ethics and Public Policy Center, that he would need to catch a plane to Boston at 9 p.m. Since the program called for him to be introduced at 9:45 in Washington, this was convulsive news to the planners. He pleaded, pure and simple, overwhelming fatigue, and it was palpable.

When he got up to speak he was without a single note in hand, and a young woman expertly (I must suppose) translated what he said. He paid great tribute to Edward Teller, the man who invented our hydrogen bomb, slid over completely the subject of human rights about which he had been invited to speak, and went directly to make war on SDI. It would be very costly... it would destabilize the international balance... it would bring on temptations to knock down the other power's satellites... this might mean nuclear war.

The crowd was faced with a theatrical challenge. They wished to applaud the man, not his message. The master of ceremonies attempted to articulate the distinction.



On the right

When time came for Dr. Teller to speak (also without notes), one could hear the tenderness he felt for his opposite number in the Soviet Union. Although by this time Sakharov was halfway to Boston, somehow it was not appropriate to scold him. To do such a thing would be on the order of scolding Mother Teresa for coming out against the Reformation. But in a half-hour, Teller carefully made his points. They were that the great feature of the 20th century is the acceleration of technology, that it was the responsibility of a free people to probe means of defending themselves... And then the only raw nerve: An allusion to what Andrei Sakharov might NOT know. Although the foremost physicist in the Soviet Union, he was years ago deprived of his security clearance and it is just possible that academician Sakharov does not know a) what progress has been made by the Soviet Star Wars team; and b) just possible that he does not know the progress made by the U.S. Star Wars team.

The Soviet Union has for the past four years (at least) spent \$25 billion per year on SDI, utilizing the services of 10,000 scientists. All of this is not done in order to create Disneyland in space. What are the responsibilities of the United States given Stakhanovite Soviet activity in attempting to launch creatures in the atmosphere that would end our capability to deter?

Two rumors are floating in Washington. The first is that Sakharov was slipped, in Russian, an exact account of how the United States stands in its SDI program — i.e. factual data that dissipate many technical doubts about the capacity of SDI to perform. On the basis of his knowledge of this, Sakharov may in the future decline to say, as indeed he declined to say on Wednesday night, that the whole idea was technologically implausible.

And then most interesting of all. It is speculated that the reason the Kremlin permitted Sakharov to come to the United States has become plain: to influence Congress, and to harden the opposition to SDI of so many of our scientists, who seem driven by ideological rather than factual considerations.

I give it as my own view of Sakharov that he is incapable of guile. The theory supposes that Gorbachev called him in and said, Andrei Dimitrievich, here's my idea. I let you go to the United States and guarantee you the right of re-entry. You go there, say your usual bit about human rights, but stress your opposition to SDI. OK?

I cannot believe he'd have participated in such a deal. But — what need was there for Gorbachev to make it? Sakharov had already on several occasions renounced SDI, for reasons as gullible as those that dominate the thought of the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy. All he had to do was go to America and speak — and he would say what the Soviets wanted him to say. There was, to be sure, the risk that someone would ask him what in the hell his government was doing with that \$25 billion per year. But that question was not put to him. Not in public.

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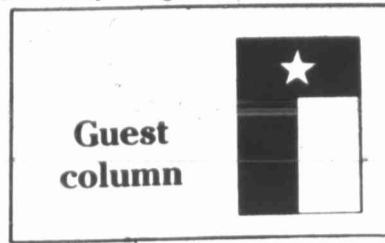
"We're not anti-American. We just don't want to be American." — Rick Salutin, a Toronto playwright who campaigned against the U.S.-Canada free trade agreement

which became the focus of the recent Canadian election.

"The more we say about it, the more we legitimize what the rumors are, and we hate to do that." — Bill Corbett, a spokesman for the Secret Service, about the residents' speculation concerning

security arrangements for President-elect George Bush's compound in Kennebunkport, Maine.

"So far from God, so close to the United States." — lament by a former Mexican president, Porfirio Diaz.



Barbara is beautiful

By MARYLN SCHWARTZ
Dallas Morning News

I'm a bit tired of all these snitty predictions about how style and elegance are going to leave the White House just because a size 4 (Nancy Reagan) is moving out and a size 16 (Barbara Bush) is moving in.

Let's get serious, folks. Life does not end at size 6.

The models with the 33-inch hips may be in mourning at Galanos and Oscar de la Renta. But they're popping champagne corks at Lane Bryant.

Barbara Bush announced last week that she has nothing to apologize for. "Nancy Reagan may be a size 2, but I'm a size 52 and that's it."

Hooray for you, Barbara. You're not alone. *Fortune* magazine reports that one-third of the women in America are size 14s or larger. It's the size 4 that's not natural.

Exit Nouvelle Anorexia. Enter Haute Robust.

A clothes call

The next four years are going to be fun. We're going to see reality again. We're going to see real thighs again. We're going to eat sour cream again.

So let's stop giving Babara flak for being human. (Some fashion writers have chided the first lady-to-be for appearing at black-tie events looking like a grandmother.)

The woman is 63-years-old. She is a grandmother. She accepts that she will never again wear miniskirts, and she doesn't try to wear ball gowns that pouf at the fanny.

But don't cry for her, Valentino. Somehow she still manages to hold her head high.

"Leave Barbara Bush alone," says Nancy Redmin, owner of the *Forgotten Woman*, a national chain of large-size dress stores. "She's wonderful just the way she is."

The *Forgotten Woman* has two dress stores in the Washington area. Sales of designer outfits, which start at size 14, have doubled since the election.

"Our glamour just comes in a larger size, but it's definitely there," Mrs. Radmin says. "We do a wonderful business. Lots of Washington names shop with us. They are thrilled with Barbara. She seems so content. She will bring life and fun to the White House. If she went on a diet, it would probably wouldn't be that way at all. It's very hard to be fun and jovial when you're hungry."

Lane Bryant, a large-size dress store with 10 locations in the Washington area, also believes glamour comes in all sizes.

"Barbara Bush will be a wonderful, wonderful role model," says Ann Armbruster, vice president of marketing. "I can certainly identify. I wasn't a size 4 when I was born."

The stories on the Bush "style" don't end with the soon-to-be-first lady's wardrobe.

Some analysts say caterers may lose business because the Bush White House won't do much elegant entertaining.

Ridiculous. Caterers probably will flourish as never before. People may start to actually eat again. With the Bush administration, you can still say "no" to drugs — but now you can also say "yes" to chocolate mousse.

The fat of the matter

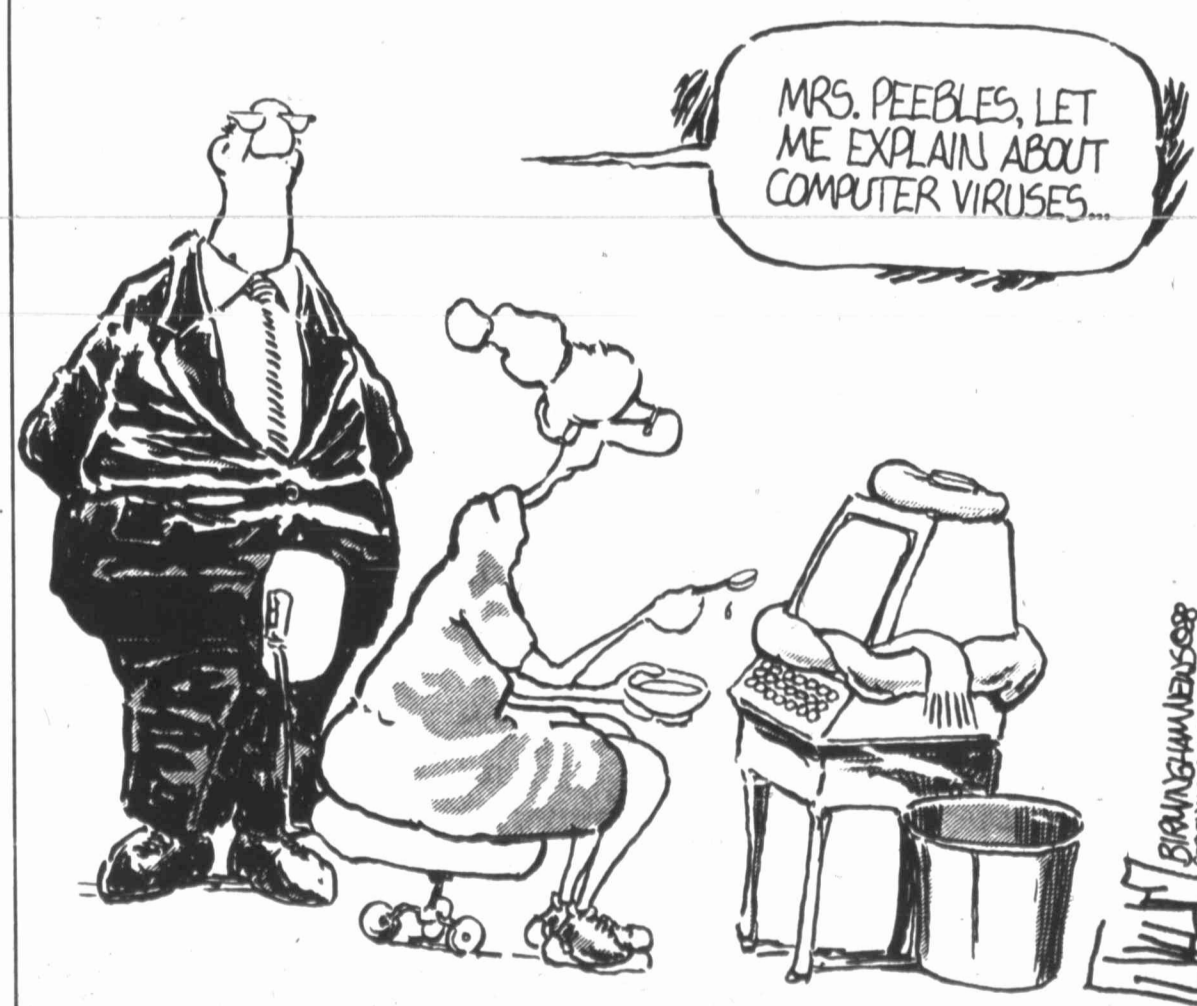
"I'm going to be thrilled with Barbara Bush," says Dallas investments counselor Linda Binion, a loyal Republican and a size 18. "I was at the Republican convention in Detroit eight years ago. I went to a luncheon honoring Nancy Reagan. I was on the front row of tables and had a good view of her the whole lunch. She nibbled on the four strawberries for half an hour. She didn't eat anything else. It made me feel guilty."

Of course, not everyone has been won over. A Dallas aerobics instructor says Nancy Reagan has been an inspiration to her and her customers. She thinks that fat is distasteful and that men in particular are turned off by excess weight.

But it should be pointed out that the size 4 who was talking is divorced and working as an exercise teacher. The size 16 she was chiding is married to the president-elect of the United States.

As far as I'm concerned, let's just let Barbara be Barbara. The new first lady has her own agenda and her own style, and it suits her well.

Let those without cellulite cast the first stone.



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Carnival accident kills rider

HALLANDALE, Fla. (AP) — A paint-covered crack has been blamed for the collapse of a whirling, dipping carnival ride that killed a 17-year-old girl and injured six others, state investigators said.

An inspection of the "Monster" ride Thursday at the Broward County Fair showed that one of its six arms had collapsed at the spot of a tiny metal fracture, a crack that went unnoticed in previous inspections because it was

Painted over, said Wally Rich, director of the state's Bureau of Fairs and Expositions.

James E. Strates Shows, which owns and operates the Broward fair's midway, purchased the 10-year-old ride in the early 1980s, according to the state investigators.

Christie Schafale died of head injuries suffered in Wednesday's accident. Her brother-in-law, Christopher Burch, 23, was hospitalized in stable condition.

No trace of stolen Rodin mask

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — No trace has been found of a gunman who handcuffed three museum guards and made off with a 19 1/2-inch tall bronze mask by French sculptor Auguste Rodin, police said Thursday.

The gunman fired a warning shot and handcuffed the guards Wednesday evening before fleeing with the Rodin Museum in downtown Philadelphia with the 19th-century sculpture, Man With the Broken Nose, police said.

Essence magazine honors women

CHICAGO (AP) — Six women and a young girl in fields such as sports, literature and space have been honored by Essence magazine with 1988 Essence Awards.

"These women are proof that with faith, hard work and a special focus on obtaining goals, success can be reached and obstacles can be overcome," said the magazine, which is geared toward black women.

Essence gave awards to astronaut Mae C. Jemison of Chicago; track star Jackie Joyner-Kersey of East St. Louis, Ill.; activist Miriam Makeba of

South Africa; and 9-year-old Darlwin Carlisle, a Gary, Ind., girl whose lower legs were amputated after she was left in an unheated apartment.

Also honored were poet Gwendolyn Brooks of Chicago; Soft Sheen Products Co-Chairman Bettian Gardner of Chicago; and Beulah Mae Donald of Mobile, Ala., winner of a \$7 million lawsuit against white supremacists.

Ms. Donald died in September. The awards were announced at a ceremony Tuesday at the Chicago Theatre.

Scientists debate whale search

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Scientists are reconsidering whether to try to determine the fate of two California gray whales freed from the ice off Alaska's northern coast last month after a three-week international effort.

Officials decided against attaching radio transmitters to the whales, in part because many did not want to find out in case the mammals died soon after the \$1 million rescue effort. They were battered and bleeding when freed and had to navigate 200 miles of ice-clogged waters to get to open seas.

But now, scientists are considering distributing posters of the whales to California tour boat operators in hopes that it will help

someone spot the animals, said Jim Harvey, a whale expert at the National Marine Mammal Laboratory in Seattle.

The main benefit would be to satisfy public curiosity about the fate of the whales, Harvey said Tuesday.

But he said any knowledge gained might be useful in determining whether to undertake similar rescue efforts in the future, and whether techniques developed in Barrow were effective.

Harvey remained optimistic that the whales are still alive despite the beating they suffered because the animals can lose a significant amount of blood and survive.



SOUTHERN SUDAN — A malnourished boy waits in line for a bowl of food at a Sudanese relief camp. Continued fighting between the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army and government forces has turned about 2 million residents of southern Sudan into refugees, many of whom are starving.

Civil war in Sudan halts starvation relief efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — With thousands of "stick children" starving in civil war-torn Sudan, the United States should be speaking out against the atrocities rather than preserving its ties to the Sudanese government, congressional and relief officials say.

The State Department contends it is doing the best it can in dealing with an ineffectual and stubborn government and the complexities of a cruel civil war pitting the Moslem rulers in the north against the Christian and pagan minority in the south.

Both the State Department and relief officials agree that the government and the rebels are using available supplies of donated food as a weapon against millions of innocent civilians, but opinions differ on how best to handle the crisis.

In the southern town of Abiye, where the United States was able to arrange a food airlift a few weeks ago after months of pressure on the Khartoum government, there are no children under three years old, the staffers and relief officials said.

"They've all died of hunger or been sold for food," said Jeffrey Clark, who coordinated the trip on behalf of Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Tex., chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger. "We saw stick children, their arms barely two inches in diameter," he added.

Roger Winter, director of the privately funded U.S. Committee For Refugees, said he had been urging the State Department to take a stronger stand with the Khartoum government.

"A high profile U.S. leadership role is critical at this point," he said, to get a massive relief effort under way.

In response, the State Department issued a statement saying "a major human catastrophe continues to unfold in the Sudan. The world is witnessing famine that is the result of nature but of endemic civil war."

The department also said its main objective is to get a massive relief effort under way but added that "we're dealing with a very complex political situation."

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The Citizen, a pro-government English-language newspaper, reported today that Coetzee's reference to "secure living ac-

World

Hundreds missing after rains

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A week of monsoon rains sent logs and mud crashing into villages and killed at least 142 people, officials said today.

Unofficial counts placed the dead at more than 200, with hundreds missing and believed drowned or buried beneath mudslides that hit several villages in Nakhon Sri Thammarat province.

The Interior Ministry said at least 70,000 villagers in 12 southern provinces were left homeless while extensive

damage was reported to roads, bridges, railways and agricultural land.

Torrential rains in southeast Asia from Saturday to Wednesday also were blamed for the deaths of dozens in Malaysia and Indonesia.

A spokesman of the Meteorological Department in Kuala Lumpur, the Malaysian capital, said the weather, part of the annual Asian winter monsoon season that lasts from November until March, was among the three worst this decade.

Shiites clash in Beirut slums

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Rival Shiite Moslem militias, backed by Syria and Iran, battled with tanks, rockets and mortars in the slums of south Beirut today.

Police said seven people were killed and 20 wounded before a cease-fire ended the worst fighting in six months.

A police spokesman said most casualties were residents caught in crossfire after skirmishes broke out Thursday night between the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, or Party of God, and the pro-Syrian Amal. Amal is Arabic for "hope."

Hezbollah fighting.

The spokesman said stray shells hit several apartments in the densely populated slum area, driving panic-stricken residents to spend the night in basements and bomb shelters.

The police spokesman said Amal fighters, backed by six Soviet-made T-54 tanks, advanced about 500 yards across the northern flank of Hezbollah-controlled territory in south Beirut's Mouawad district.

He said the two sides were observing a "cease-fire-in-place," with Amal militiamen refusing to withdraw from the area they gained.

"The gunmen are still there. God knows when they will start shooting again," the spokesman said.

Mandela will move to new location

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The government said it will not send black leader Nelson Mandela back to prison when he completes his hospital stay but will keep him under guard at an unspecified location.

A brief statement on Thursday by Justice Minister Kobie Coetzee did not give any details on when Mandela would leave the hospital, where he would be taken, or what restrictions he would face.

The 70-year-old Mandela, head of the African National Congress guerrilla movement, has been recovering from tuberculosis since August at the Constantiaberg Clinic in Cape Town.

The Citizen, a pro-government English-language newspaper, reported today that Coetzee's reference to "secure living ac-

comodations" may mean that Mandela would be accommodated in a house built for prison officials on a prison farm.

"These homes are within the enclosed prison compound and therefore Mandela's security would not pose an insurmountable problem," The Citizen said.

It also referred to speculation that Mandela might be allowed to receive visitors outside his immediate family and lawyer, including the press, and that it may become possible to quote him. It is now illegal to quote him or print his picture.

The government statement suggests authorities are attempting to release Mandela in stages in an effort to temper the public's reaction to the country's best known black leader.

Mideast top market for U.S. arms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Middle East remained the No. 1 market for American arms manufacturers last year, although total U.S. arms exports fell sharply, according to a new study.

The report also said McDonnell Douglas Corp. was one of the few major defense contractors to post a sales increase for the year. The St. Louis-based company assumed the top industry position with sales of \$657 million.

The value of contracts awarded to U.S. defense contractors for military equipment and services earmarked for export abroad fell to \$4.9 billion — off 22 percent from the 1986 level and 44 percent below 1985's total, the report said.

The study examined sales in the 12-month period ended Sept. 30.

"The overall decline in Foreign Military Sale awards led to a drop in the level of arms export business for 17 of the top 25 U.S. arms exporting companies in 1987," the report said.

The study was conducted by the Investor Responsibility Research Center, which bills itself as a non-partisan research organization dedicated to conducting impartial studies on public policy issues involving corporate America.

The group has been analyzing foreign arms sales for several years, focusing on the official Foreign Military Sale, or FMS, transactions, that are arranged and overseen by the U.S. government. FMS sales account for about 84 percent of all U.S. arms exports; the remainder normally involved

company-to-country agreements.

The research center waits until complete government tabulations are available for each fiscal year, meaning there normally is a lag of more than a year. The latest report was mailed out this week.

Center officials attributed the

Pentagon figures show that based on deliveries of equipment in fiscal 1987, the Middle East "continued to be the largest recipients of U.S. military exports in 1987," Ferrari said.

Saudi Arabia, Israel and Egypt led the way in that region, he added.

"It's still a good business, but a lot of the oil-rich countries and developing nations either don't have the funds anymore, or they have stocked their arsenals to the brim for the time being."

steep decline in U.S. overseas sales to a small drop in overall demand coupled with an increase in competition.

"The biggest reason for the dropoff has to do with competition," said Paul Ferrari, a center spokesman. "It's a tighter market out there."

"It's still a good business, but a lot of the oil-rich countries and developing nations either don't have the funds anymore, or they have stocked their arsenals to the brim for the time being."

"And the demand is slackening off a little bit at the same time there are more suppliers in the market, including countries like Brazil and South Korea."

Ferrari said the fiscal 1987 totals would not have dropped nearly as much if Congress had not blocked Reagan administration proposals to sell new jet aircraft to such Middle East countries as Saudi Arabia

The six largest U.S. arms contractors account for 55 percent of the total FMS awards in fiscal 1987, the study said.

Besides McDonnell Douglas, they are General Dynamics Corp., which had \$606.9 million in foreign sales; Grumman Corp., with \$503.7 million; General Electric Co., \$341.5 million; Raytheon Co., \$326.2 million, and United Technologies Corp., \$223 million.

General Dynamics had held the top spot two years ago with sales of \$1.4 billion.

Rounding out the top 10 arms exporters were Lockheed Corp., \$197.1 million; General Motors Corp., \$194 million; Unisys, \$173.1 million, and Westinghouse Electric Corp., \$122.7 million.

The center said the export contracts for fiscal 1987 benefited the states of New York, California, Massachusetts, Texas and Missouri the most.

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Christmas in Big Spring

Jesse Rentfrow, left, and Kenneth Whitehead prepare to help fellow Don's IGA employee Kenneth Brady unload Christmas trees Wednesday.

The trees are believed to be the first Christmas trees for sale in Big Spring.

Time for Operation Dear Abby IV

DEAR ABBY: Can you believe it's time for Operation Dear Abby IV? Once again, we will join forces with the America Remembers campaign, whose national chairman is still Donald P. Grimes.

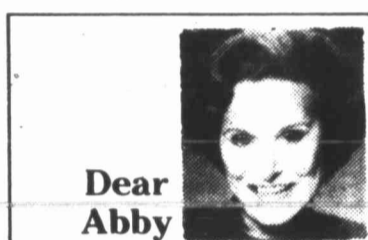
Last year, Operation Dear Abby III sent an estimated 2 million pieces of mail to our servicemen and women stationed in Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Iceland and Europe, as well as those serving in the Mediterranean and Indian Ocean. Tons of letters and packages were dropped from helicopters to aircraft carriers to cheer those who had been deployed for weeks — some for months.

Schoolteachers in the United States and Canada made class projects of writing to our servicemen and women who would be away from their families during the holidays. Women and men who love to bake sent cookies, brownies and fruitcakes. The elderly residents of the Jewish Center for the Aged in St. Louis baked 12 dozen kosher cookies, under strict rabbinical supervision. (They received letters of gratitude from Marines and sailors in Okinawa who enjoyed "the sweet touch of home.")

I received hundreds of heartwarming pictures of men and women in uniform — jubilant as they eagerly sorted through thousands of letters, searching for some from their home states.

Veterans of previous wars wrote to give our young servicemen and women a lift because they remember how rough it was to be away from home for the holidays. Romances blossomed — and some weddings took place following long pen-pal relationships.

This year, more than 100,000



Dear Abby

troops will participate in the program. Please join me in this campaign to let them know that you love and appreciate them. Send as many Christmas and Hanukkah cards as you can. Last year, many readers wrote to say that they were overwhelmed at the responses they received from grateful servicemen and women.

Take your pick:

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4. AMERICA REMEMBERS, USS Constellation (CV 64), FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96635-2780. ATTN: Public Affairs.

5. AMERICA REMEMBERS the U.S. Forces/Okinawa, Box 743/USO, FPO Seattle, Wash. 98773. ATTN: Operation Dear Abby IV.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a plain-looking, 17-year-old high school girl who will graduate soon. I'm an honor student and have been accepted at our state university, but I hate to go because I am in love with one of my teachers.

"Mr. X." is 14 years older than I am, and I cannot get him out of my mind. I told him I was in love with him and he told me he could not afford to get involved with me because of the rules and my age. He's not married and he doesn't have anybody special. We've had some long conversations (in his car) when he drove me home from basketball practice. He told me he thought I was an exceptional young woman who could be anything I wanted to be.

Abby, all I want to be is his wife. He has never laid a hand on me, and I certainly gave him every chance. I know he has some special feelings for me, but he's afraid to give in to them.

I have dated some guys, but they seem so immature compared to Mr. X. How can I get him to take me seriously, or get him out of my mind? And should I write to him from college?

CRAZY IN LOVE
DEAR CRAZY: You can get him out of your mind by thinking about something else. Keep busy, busy, busy until you go to the university and make many new friends. Don't pursue him. You could get him into trouble.

Coahoma 4-H Club meets

Coahoma 4-H Club met three times since the beginning of its new year in September.

The organizational meeting was conducted Sept. 13 with 35 members and 13 parents and guests present.

New officers were introduced, they are: Denise Walker, president; Chad Archibald, vice president; Justin Wood, secretary/reporter; Becky Walker, treasurer; Shaundra Walker, recreation chairman; Michael Brooks, refreshment chairman; and Denise Walker and Lee Coleman, county council representatives.

Summer activities were discussed. Members completed new enrollment forms; games were played and refreshments were served.

The club met Oct. 11 with 38 members in attendance, with President Denise Walker presiding.

The November meeting was a service project for the club. Fifteen members and five parents visited Golden Plains Care Center Nov. 8, serving coke floats to nearly 40 residents. Magazines also were offered to the patients.

Lifestyle

Military

Pvt. Margarito O. Yanez, son of Margarito O. and Margarita Yanez, 506 N. Runnels, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1988 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Pvt. Michael Burton, son of Robert B. Burton, Snyder, has completed the tactical satellite/microwave systems operator course at the U.S. Army Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

The course provided enlisted personnel with a working knowledge of the proper installation of tactical microwave and multiplex equipment.

His wife, Angie, is the daughter of Kenneth W. and Sammy L. Housden, Snyder.

The private is a 1987 graduate of Snyder High School.

Air Force Sgt. Karen K. Matteson, daughter of Ralph R. and Elaine R. Matteson, 4210 Calvin St., has arrived for duty at Kelly Air Force Base.

Matteson is an administration specialist with Headquarters,

Electronic Security Command.

She is a 1983 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Charles D. Williamson, son of Ronnie F. and Diana L. Williamson, Snyder, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Williamson is a weapon control systems mechanic at George Air Force Base, Calif., with the 35th Aircraft Generation Squadron.

His wife, Misty, is the daughter of Gilbert R. and Delores Merritt, Snyder.

He is a 1984 graduate of Snyder High School.

Second Lt. Randal G. Kelly, son of Joyce L. Ellis, Stanton, has graduated from the officer rotary wing aviator course and has received the silver wings of an Air Force aviator at the U.S. Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Ala.

Students received instruction in helicopter flying techniques, including tactical instrument flying maintenance, navigation and radio procedures.

His wife, Sandra, is the daughter of Gerald D. Clubine, Cumbly.

He is a 1983 graduate of Stanton High School, and a 1987 graduate of East Texas University, Commerce.

Dr. Charles T. Justiz will no longer be associated with Cowper Clinic after Dec. 1st, 1988 and will be practicing Medicine in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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- Girl's Bedroom Furniture
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Military

Spec. Joseph A. Gulseth, son of Carolyn A. and Dennis J. Gulseth, Snyder, has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Stewart, Ga.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

Gulseth is an artillery fire-support specialist with the 24th Infantry Division.

His wife, Lisa, is the daughter of David C. and Judy K. Hill, Arlington.

The soldier is a 1986 graduate of Snyder High School.

Airman Julie A. Williams, daughter of Smauel G. and Louise J. Williams, 4405 Connally, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force avionics navigation systems course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Graduates of the course were taught basic navigation, maintenance of radio and radar avionics navigation systems and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

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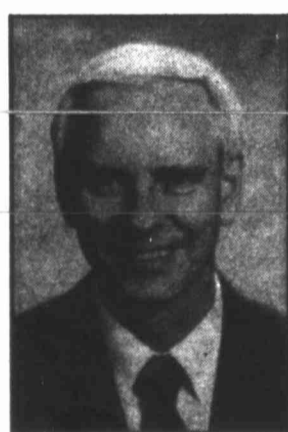


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A Seminar on Happiness by Willard Tate

Willard Tate teaches at Abilene Christian University and preaches for the Hamby Church of Christ near Abilene. A native of Alabama, he is a graduate of Alabama Christian College, Auburn University and Troy State University. He was a minister and elder in Alabama before they moved to Abilene in 1973. He is married; he and his wife, Bobbie have a son and a daughter.

The Coahoma Church of Christ would like to invite you to join us at 7:00 P.M. each evening on Nov. 38-30. Willard Tate of Abilene will be our speaker for a special seminar entitled "Abundant Living." We will be honored by your presence as our special guests.

Mystery boy now in school and doing fine

CIUDAD VICTORIA, Mexico (AP) — One year after he was found wandering the streets of Ciudad Juarez, partially deaf and unable to speak, 9-year-old Jose de Jesus Garcia Aguilera is attending school for the first time.

Jose's identity remained a mystery for months, but now authorities say special education classes are unlocking a superb mind.

"In one day, I swear, he learned the whole alphabet in sign language," said Gloria Ferrel, a staff psychologist at the Casa Hogar del Nino, a government-run children's home where Jose now lives.

Jose, a spunky streetwise kid despite his handicaps, fled the crowded two-room hut and meager meals he had shared with his mother, grandmother and four siblings in Tampico, a port city on the Gulf of Mexico.

He was found Nov. 7, 1987, wandering the streets of Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, 700 miles from home. Social workers spent eight months trying to learn his identity, but Jose could communicate only through gestures, pictures and his crooked-toothed grin.

"He's very sharp. He's always been able to communicate in one way or another," Cecilia Villarreal, Casa Hogar director, said in an interview this week at the home.

The mystery was solved in June when his mother, Micaela Aguilera, learned where he was. Aguilera, a poor barmaid with an estranged common law husband, turned her son over to the Casa Hogar in Ciudad Victoria, capital of the state of Tamaulipas, about 130 miles from Tampico.

Jose now lives with 120 other children ranging in age from newborn to 15; his mother has visited several times, officials said.

The small campus with spotlessly clean dormitories, a dining hall, classrooms and a large garden is one of four homes in the state and dozens around the country for abandoned, mistreated and needy children.

Jose started classes at a special education school in September. Although he has a lot of catching up to do, he seems unfazed by the burden of learning to spell, count and communicate through sign language at the same time.

"He's learning very fast," said Patricia Franco, a staff teacher who helps Jose practice his sign language.

Jose, wearing new corduroy pants, a sports shirt and tennis shoes and carting a big blue book bag, charged into the office to greet a visitor and show off his new knowledge.

He spelled his name in sign language, then flashed the signs for desk, glass and book as Franco pointed to the objects.

That accomplished, he grinned at his instructor for approval.

Numbers still confound him, though. When Franco pointed to

three cups on the table, Jose wrote the number eight in a notebook.

On other pages he has spelled his name and the words tree, star, hand, sun, and one of his favorite words, airplane.

Jose drew many pictures of an airplane in flames drew during his stay in Ciudad Juarez; that led authorities to speculate that he had survived a plane crash.

Specialists now say those pictures reveal a very active imagination fueled by television and the fact that his home in Tampico is next to an airport.

But Jose is sticking to his story, using new skills to tell of his odyssey.

When Franco used sign language to ask where he comes from, Jose attempted to sign a lavish story about how he'd crossed the mountains and flown in an airplane.

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"It's crude," she said. "But he's telling us he's been traveling, that he's been on an airplane."

Villarreal said Jose is still being tested; his deafness is considered quite severe. A hearing aid didn't help and authorities are awaiting another.

Plans call for Jose to see a specialist in Los Angeles for more tests and to determine if an operation could correct his hearing loss.

Jose still is difficult to discipline because he has always fended for himself, Villarreal said.

"He likes to learn and he responds to the stimuli," she said. "But for eight years of his life nobody every told him, 'Come, sit down and study!'"

She said teachers kept an eye on the gate for the first few weeks, thinking he would probably take off again.

"He could easily have escaped and he's had a lot of opportunities," said Villarreal. "But he seems happy here."



Map for sale
HEREFORD, Eng. — The Dean of Hereford Cathedral, Very Rev. Peter Haynes, left, and the Earl of Gowrie, chairman of Sotheby's UK, at Hereford Cathedral, western England, are shown with the 13th century Mappa Mundi. The map, valued at more than 2.5 million pounds (\$4.5 million) is to be auctioned next June to save the cathedral from bankruptcy and to fund repairs.

Billboards will promote literacy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 10,000 billboards proclaiming "Erase Illiteracy" will appear along U.S. roads this year in a drive launched Thursday by two government agencies and the nation's printing and outdoor advertising industries.

The billboards are painted to look like blackboards. The words "Erase Illiteracy" are printed in yellow on top of a book and the word "Read."

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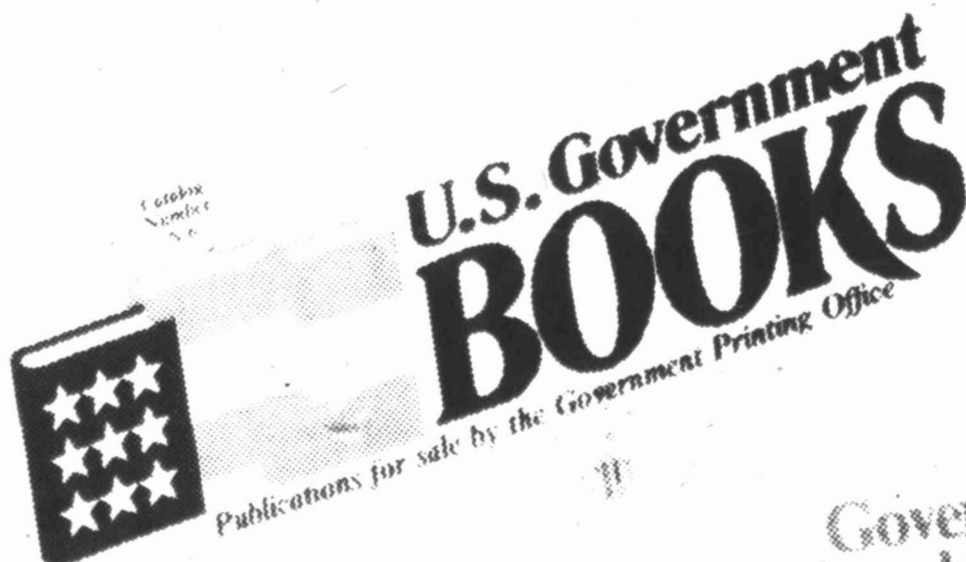
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ANNAPOLIS, Calif. — Brother Toby, author of "Morning Glory Babies," center, holds AIDS-free youngster David, 2, while Sister Julie, left, holds Rachel, 3, and Sister Marti holds Melissa, 2. Both young girls have AIDS and are being cared for at the lay Catholic monastery of Starcross, 120 miles north of San Francisco.

Morning glories

Book details caring for AIDS babies

By RICH CARTIERE
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Firefighters refused to respond to medical emergencies at the monastery, garbage men wouldn't pick up its trash and a county health worker described its tiny patients as "little rattlesnakes."

The reason: Starcross Monastic Community, a Roman Catholic monastery run by lay workers, wanted to provide a home for infants with AIDS.

Yet through it all, much of the bad was offset, said Tolbert McCarroll.

"For every problem we encountered, there was some surprising force that came along to balance it," said McCarroll, author of "Morning Glory Babies."

McCarroll, known as Brother Toby, said the book is an "unconcealed plea" to readers to adopt infants infected with the AIDS virus who otherwise will "spend their days in walkers tethered to doorknobs in hospital corridors."

"There are a lot of misconceptions about how ill these babies

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are," he said in an interview. "People think they are nothing but trouble, always sick."

"Nothing could be further from the truth, as we hope our story shows."

McCarroll describes a social worker yanking Starcross Monastic Community's 12-year-old foster care license because it would not abandon plans to care for the infants, a neighbor telling reporters the nearby town of Annapolis didn't consider Starcross "part of the community anymore" and a poster being defaced with graffiti reading: "Catch exotic diseases, kiss AIDS infected kids."

"We never carried (the babies) near the public road because of some threats shouted from cars," McCarroll writes in the 160-page book, published last month by St. Martin's Press.

Even now that two years have passed, McCarroll said, "good will toward us will continue to be a local sin for some time to come."

The monastery, about 120 miles north of San Francisco, cares for three or four infants with AIDS.

Although the internationally known monastery's conflicts have been reported before, the book, which details the first two years of Starcross's efforts to help the babies, offers the most complete picture so far of its struggles since November 1986.

Aside from neighbors' fears, the "most antagonistic reaction" came from the government, McCarroll said.

At one point, a social worker ordered McCarroll's 82-year-old bedridden mother, who lived in a separate house on the remote property in Sonoma County, to be

fingerprinted for a criminal check, McCarroll says. After an argument over the matter, he said, the monastery's license was temporarily revoked.

Despite the problems, "unsolicited helpers" began showing up, offering physical labor, supplies and friendship.

A banker with AIDS who has two children started showing up early in the morning to do whatever was needed; an elderly woman would drop off a newly made quilt and baby kimonos every few months; a public health worker brought diapers on his day off; and a retired New York subway worker "tackled the mysteries" of farm chores.

Since 1981, about 1,020 cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome have struck children younger than 5, according to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. AIDS can be passed from mother to child at or before birth.

McCarroll and health officials warn that by the mid-1990s thousands of infants will be infected with the virus.

Possible new AIDS treatment developed

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Laboratory experiments announced today show that a plant toxin combined with a synthetic protein is able to attack and kill cells infected with the AIDS virus while leaving healthy cells untouched.

In a study published today in the journal Science, a group of researchers report that a manmade molecule called recombinant CD4 can be used to deliver a killer toxin to cells infected with AIDS in test-tube experiments.

However, they cautioned that the new laboratory development — like other incremental advances in AIDS research — was far from being ready for clinical application and, at best, might offer a potential new treatment approach rather than a cure.

Dr. Jonathan W. Uhr, chairman of the department of microbiology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, said the CD4 molecule naturally binds to a glycoprotein, called gp120, that forms on the surface of cells infected with human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, which causes AIDS. CD4, he said, will not attach itself to cells not infected with HIV.

In the laboratory, Uhr said, his research group combined a synthetic CD4 molecule with a toxin called ricin that is extracted with plants.

When exposed in a test tube to HIV-infected cells, he said, the CD4-ricin combination binds to the cell surfaces and the ricin then kills the cell, thus eliminating a source of HIV virus.

"Early in the course of HIV infection, T-cells and macrophages (two types of immunity cells) are thought to be the major cellular reservoirs for the virus. Both of those bear the CD4 molecule that permits the virus to enter," said Uhr.

By combining a toxin with the CD4 molecule, the researchers are, in effect, creating a guided missile that attacks only those cells that are infected. Healthy cells are not touched by the toxin, said Uhr.

The scientist said toxic effects of the CD4-ricin combination will have to be studied in the laboratory before the technique could be used in clinical experiments. Ricin has been used in cancer drugs and has been found to be well tolerated by patients if managed carefully, he said.

Uhr said it will be at least a year before the drug could be tested on patients. And, though this technique shows promise, he said he is not suggesting that it would cure AIDS.

"We would not expect it to kill a latently-infected cell and this represents a significant obstacle in terms of curing this disease," said Uhr. "I think that one might expect, at best, to slow it down."

He said the AIDS virus is known to invade cells and stay there quietly.

"One would have to consider the problem of these latent infected cells as a major one in terms of ridding the body of all the infected cells," said Uhr.

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Oilers take hard-earned victory

IRVING (AP) — Soft-spoken Warren Moon shocked the Houston Oilers into action with a rare tongue-lashing.

They were so amazed at their quarterback's outburst that the Oilers overcame their road phobia to beat the Dallas Cowboys 25-17 on Thanksgiving Day.

It was Dallas' ninth consecutive loss and its 11th defeat of the season, tying a club record set in 1960 when the Cowboys went 0-11-1.

The Oilers are 9-4, with each of the defeats on the road.

Moon said he was tired of them easing up once they left their so-called "House of Pain," the Astrodome. He gave them a hard chewing out after Dallas jumped to a 7-0 lead and seemed to be on the way to one of the shocking upsets of the NFL season.

"When you get to this time of a year, you have to count on something besides the home crowd to fire you up," Moon said.

So, in the absence of a Houston crowd, Moon took it upon himself to provide the incendiaries.

"I had a few players on my team mad at me for awhile," Moon admitted. "I felt we came out flat and I said so on the field. I don't usually do things like that, but I could see us flat and so I said something."

"Maybe some of the guys thought it would be like preseason (when Houston beat Dallas 54-10) coming in here, but I knew it wouldn't be like that. When you're playing a team that's down and they get off to a good start it gives them too much of a lift. That's when I noticed I had to say something. Dallas played us tough and I knew they would."

The Oilers are a half-game behind Cincinnati in the AFC Central race.

"We ran into a trap today," Houston coach Jerry Glanville said. "Dallas was emotionally high. We were flat coming out."

"I thought (Dallas coach) Tom Landry did a hell of a coaching job.

You saw a lot of pride out there. They gave us a lot of new looks."

Glanville said Moon was the difference.

"He was the key, the catalyst," Glanville said. "He makes this football team work."

The Cowboys led 17-10 in the third period after Steve Pelluer's 3-yard touchdown run, but Moon wouldn't be denied. He took the Oilers on what proved to be the game-winning drive after safety Jeff Donaldson intercepted a tipped pass at midfield. Other than Mike Rozier's 12-yard run in the second period, it was Houston's only touchdown of the day.

Tony Zendejas kicked four field goals, but his miss on an extra-point kick caused some concern for the Oilers. But Zendejas padded a 19-17 edge with two fourth-period field goals.

The Cowboys could be thankful that they played Houston tough and still remained in the race for the NFL's No. 1 draft pick next spring.

But Landry said, "This wasn't a happy Thanksgiving for me."

He praised his downtrodden club's effort.

"I'm proud of their performance," Landry said. "Houston knew they were glad to get out with a win. Houston has a good football team. A playoff team. It seems like we just can't make the big play. I didn't want just a moral victory."

Dallas defensive end Jim Jeffcoat said the Cowboys were mad over charges that the team had quit in losses of 44-3 to Minnesota and 38-24 to Cincinnati.

"People said we quit last week and we wanted to prove to people that our defense never quits," he said.

Dallas linebacker Steve DeOssie chipped in, "I don't care if we're 2-13, we're not going to quit no matter what happens around here. We have pride."

Moon didn't see much quit in the Cowboys, either.



IRVING — Dallas Cowboys running back Herschel Walker (34) is upended by Houston Oilers defender Jeff Donaldson during second

half action Thursday at Texas Stadium. The Oilers won the game, 25-17, pushing their record to 9-4 and dropping the Cowboys to 2-11.

Vikings roast Lions, 23-0

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Detroit coach Wayne Fontes didn't know it, but his good buddy Jerry Burns had him in a hole before the opening kickoff.

Once the Thanksgiving Day contest between Detroit and the Minnesota Vikings had begun, Burns quickly filled in the hole and the Vikings buried the Lions 23-0.

Fontes, coaching his second game on an interim basis after the firing of Darryl Rogers, went from player to player during warmups, giving hugs and handshakes.

Meanwhile, Burns, a Detroit native, was standing at midfield chatting with Lions owner William Clay Ford, the man who will decide Fontes' future when the season is over.

"Wayne's a good friend," Burns said. "I think he could be a very good coach for the Detroit Lions."

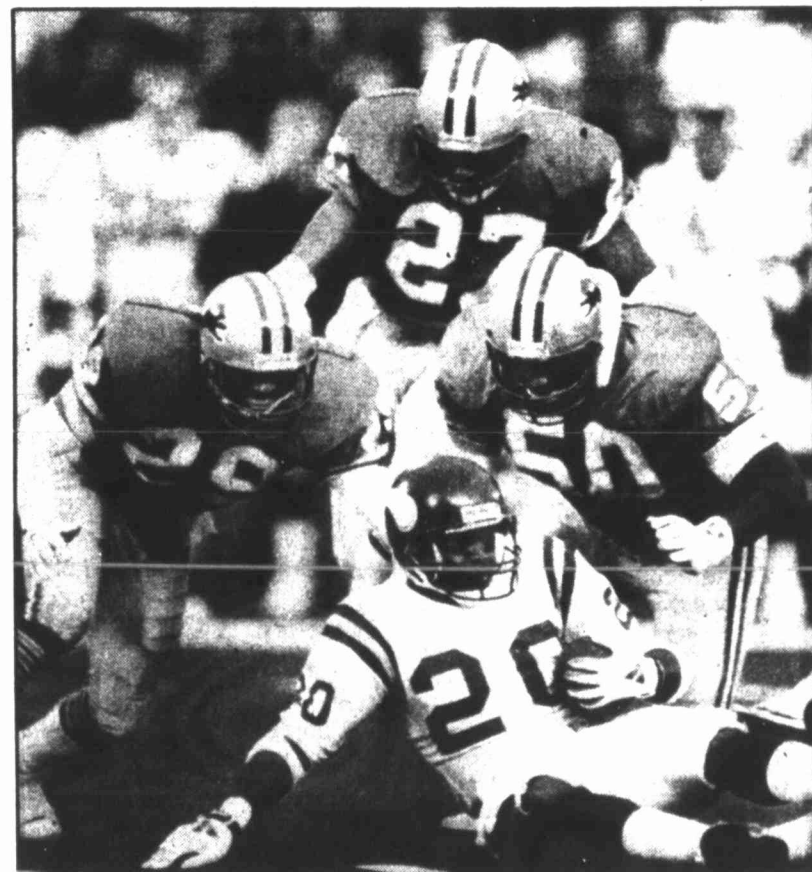
But it became quickly apparent that what separates the Vikings from the Lions is not coaching. Detroit needs horses.

The Lions fell to 1-1 under Fontes and 3-10 for the season.

"One day, hopefully, we'll be that good," Fontes said. "They've got athletes and they're so well-coached."

The Vikings, evoking memories of the defensive line dubbed "The Purple People Eaters," completely dominated the Lions.

The Vikings defense allowed



PONTIAC, Mich. — Minnesota's Darrin Nelson (20) recovers his own fumble as Detroit Lions Bruce McNorton (29), Bobby Watkins (27) and Danny Lockett converge on Nelson.

only three first downs, a club record; 60 yards total offense, tying a club record, and in-

tercepted two passes to run their season total to 30, tying another team mark.

One of the interceptions was by Carl Lee, his seventh, making him the NFC leader.

Detroit, which had the ball only 15 minutes, 3 seconds, didn't get a first down until late in the third quarter and didn't cross midfield until 2:25 into the fourth quarter.

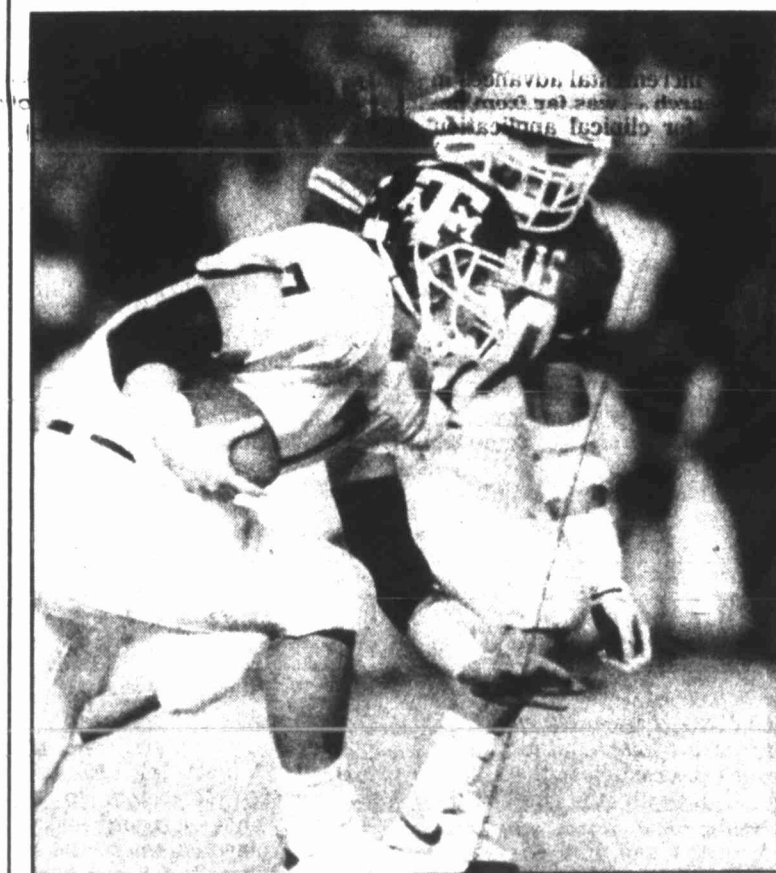
The Vikings remained on track for a wild-card playoff berth, although they still believe they can overhaul the Chicago Bears in the AFC Central title chase. The Vikings are 9-4, the best record for an NFC team that isn't a division leader.

Minnesota has won five of its last six, including four straight. The Vikings, who have three games remaining, host the Bears at the Metrodome in the final Monday night game of the season.

Vikings quarterback Wade Wilson and wide receiver Anthony Carter, who tormented the Lions in a 44-17 thrashing Nov. 6, continued the assault on Thursday. Wilson completed 16 of 21 passes for 186 yards and Carter had seven catches for 84 yards.

Alfred Anderson, who rushed 19 times for 55 yards, scored on runs of 2 and 1 yards, and Chuck Nelson kicked field goals of 21, 33 and 18 yards.

Fontes tried to make something happen by giving quarterback Chuck Long his first start since injuring his left knee six weeks ago.



AUSTIN — Texas A&M quarterback Bucky Richardson (7) stumbles forward for yardage at Texas linebacker Britt Hager (60), a former Odessa Permian player, closes in on the tackle during action Thursday at Memorial Stadium.

Aggies whip Longhorns for fifth year-in-a-row

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas, frustrated for the fifth year in a row by Texas A&M, 28-24, can only look to next season. A&M, basking in its 500th college football victory, will seek No. 501 next Thursday against Alabama.

A&M, 7-4, but ineligible for bowl play because of NCAA probation, led 28-0 Thursday before the underdog Longhorns, 4-7, rallied in front of a national television audience and sellout home crowd of 77,809.

The Southwest Conference loss ended Texas' worst football season since 1956 when it went 1-9.

A&M running back Darren Lewis, a 210-pound sophomore, ran 38 times for a career-high 212 yards and a 15-yard touchdown for the favored Aggies.

Lewis also set up fullback Robert Wilson's 1-yard touchdown with a 36-yard run.

All-American linebacker John Roper ran a blocked field goal 48 yards for a 21-0 A&M lead, and sub quarterback Chris Osgood's 8-yard scoring run raised the score to 28-0 in the second

quarter.

Texas redshirt freshman Mark Murdock brought screaming Texas fans to their feet with scoring tosses of 9 yards to Kerry Cash in the second quarter, 14 yards to Stephen Clark and 76 yards to Tony Jones in the second half.

"It was all on guts and effort tonight," said Texas Coach David Williams, whose team lost four games this season by a total of 13 points.

A fumbled pitchout on third-and-2 after Texas had reached the A&M 34 spoiled Texas' chance for a possible go-ahead touchdown.

Texas sub quarterback Donovan Forbes tossed the ball to tailback Eric Metcalf, who said he slipped, and the ball bounced to the A&M 49, where A&M recovered.

"We practiced it all week - it's unfortunate it turned out that way," said Metcalf, among the nation's leaders in all-purpose yardage.

"The momentum was ours the whole second half. Time just ran out," said Texas linebacker Britt Hager, who was credited with 20 tackles.

Porkers to make move for national crown

MIAMI (AP) — Unbeaten Arkansas has been hanging back in this season's race for the national championship. Now, says Coach Ken Hatfield, is the time for the Razorbacks to make their move.

The Hogs, 10-0 and ranked eighth, play a Top Ten team for the first time on Saturday when they visit No. 3 Miami, 8-1. A victory would certainly figure to boost the Razorbacks into contention for No. 1.

"I don't think there'd be any doubt," Hatfield said. "If you beat Miami in Miami ... realistically you'd put yourself in position."

The Hogs have already won the Southwest Conference title and a berth in the Cotton Bowl, but have been virtually ignored in talk about the national championship.

"Because of the Southwest

Conference being somewhat down, they have not received the respect due to them," said Miami coach Jimmy Johnson, whose own team retains hopes of repeating the No. 1 finish of last season.

Some of the skepticism about the Razorbacks stems from scores of their games. Six of the victories have been by a total of only 32 points.

"We've been about one play better than everybody else we've played so far," Hatfield said. He feels no temptation to complain about a lack of respect.

"No, no, no. That isn't tempting to me at all," the coach chuckled.

"There are probably 10 or 11 teams right now sitting at their place daydreaming that, if the right scenario broke, all 10 of 'em feel they would have a claim to the national championship. It's

been that close and that good all season, and I think it will be all the way through the bowl games."

For their own dreams to come true, the Hogs and Hurricanes both need for No. 1 Notre Dame to lose Saturday at No. 2 Southern Cal. If the Fighting Irish win, their game against unbeaten West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl likely will determine the national champion.

The Orange Bowl-bound Hurricanes are 16-point favorites over Arkansas, the large margin based in part on Miami's last game — a 44-3 smashing of then-No. 16 Louisiana State at Baton Rouge — and the memory of its 51-7 rout of Arkansas last year.

"We took advantage of Arkansas last year with the style of pass defense they played," Johnson said. "Also, we took advantage of their offense, in that

they were one-dimensional. This year, they've made drastic improvement in those two phases."

Quarterbacks Quinn Grovey and John Bland have both averaged better than nine yards per pass attempt out of Arkansas' flexbone offense, and Grovey also has rushed for 492 yards.

But those statistics can't match the numbers of Steve Walsh. The Miami junior has thrown for 2,517 yards and 28 touchdowns. He has already broken the Miami season record for touchdown passes set by Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde, and needs only one more to tie Testaverde's career record of 48.

"Walsh is just playing outstandingly well," Hatfield said. "Walsh is as good a quarterback as I've ever seen. That's high praise. The guy is that good."

Event is 'tremendous success'

First Church of God conducted a "Harvest in Gathering" Saturday. "It was a tremendous success. There were plenty of old-fashioned-dressed people," said Pastor Darrell Hendrickson.

Antiques were displayed throughout the sanctuary. Members shared baskets of food.

After lunch, the children and a few adults tried their hand at horseback riding across the street from the church.

Kerosene lanterns lit the sanctuary during the evening service as testimonies were heard by several members.

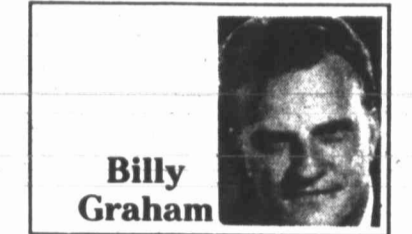
"This will become an annual event, hopefully next year will be better — but this year was great," said Hendrickson.



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Recognize temptations

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: My wife says people can talk me into just about anything, and I guess she's right. I know I shouldn't give in to temptation, but when I am with my friends it never even occurs to me to do anything but follow the crowd. It is causing a lot of strain in our marriage, with my wife threatening divorce. Why am I such a weak person when it comes to temptation? — M.B.



Billy Graham

DEAR M.B.: The real question is not "why" but "how" — how can you recognize temptations before they overtake you, and then resist them.

The answer is to seek God's help. He wants to help you, and he will if you let him. Look closely at what God has written about temptation in his Word: "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under

it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

But how will God "provide a way out"? Let me suggest several ways. First, write down the situations in which you know you are most tempted — and then avoid them. Don't even get in them — and if that means dropping your old friends and activities, have the courage to do it. (They are not really friends anyway if they let you keep on destroying yourself and your family.) Then ask God to prick your mind and heart when temptations arise, and turn to him. In addition, you need to devote more time and energy to building your relationship with your wife.

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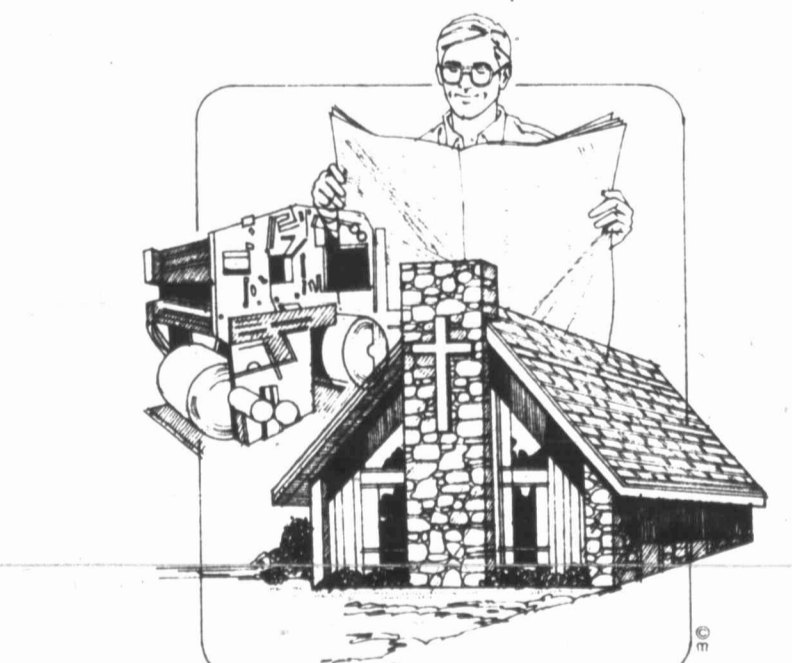
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Bailideros

Bailideros — dancers — from the three local Catholic churches performed Mexican dances as they entertained patients at the VA Medical Center during a pre-Thanksgiving celebration Tuesday. The children are members of the Spanish dancing troupe, "The Hispanic Culture." Among those performing were Kristi Duron, left in the photo above, and Amber Alvarez, 5. Kristi is the daughter of Rosemary and Larry Duron; Amber is the daughter of Albert and Patsy Alvarez. Others dancing Tuesday included: Israel Diaz, Amanda Alvarez, Yvette Gonzales, Aamador Gonzales III, Vanessa Billaba, Letecia Mata, Monica Gonzales III, Teressa Porras, and Melissa Martinez.

The group has been dancing informally for the past four years, parents said, under the direction of Mary Paredes. She said anyone who would like the group to perform its dance routine should contact her at 263-7543.



Area briefs

Parade needs pastors, laymen

Pastors and laymen of all denominations are needed to walk in the Christmas parade, a unit organized by Sig Rogers. Interested persons should contact Rogers at 267-6970.

Adult Sunday School selection

First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, offers adult Sunday School designed to give a variety of interests to broaden your perspective. Classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

- Bible Quarterly — fellowship classroom;
- "A Study of Togetherness" — fellowship hall;
- "New Life" class — fellowship building room 4;
- "Christian Dynamics" — sanctuary;

The Nazarene Teens and Adult group will meet Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. at Bowl-A-Rama. Cost is \$1.25 per game; no charge for shoes.

For more information, call 267-7015.

Study finds new religions aren't declining

NEW YORK (AP) — New religions that have proliferated in America in the last two decades aren't fading away as they had been widely expected to do, but instead are growing and multiplying.

This is the finding of research by The Rev. J. Gordon Melton of Santa Barbara, Calif., director of the Institute for the Study of American Religions.

"Non-conventional religion in the United States has flourished for a generation, continues to grow and is transforming America, religiously, into a radically pluralistic culture," he says.

"The anti-cult movement... has had no measureable affect on the development of the unconventional religions" which in the last decade "have continued to grow, consolidate gains and expand."

An authority on the country's increasingly wide religious spectrum and editor of the Encyclopedia of American Religions, Melton says scholarly assumptions had been that new religions soon would die out.

But that simply has proved not to be the case, he says, either nowadays when they've cropped

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up profusely, or in the past.

He says fresh data collected on 835 new religions formed since 1940, most of them in the last 20 years, only 125 now are defunct, while most have shown a decade-by-decade growth.

In a paper presented at a meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Chicago last weekend, he said:

"While some groups have experienced ups and downs, most... have shown a pattern of continued high-level recruitment of new members, net growth and geographical spread."

Melton, a United Methodist, over the last year surveyed U.S. religion groups for a new edition of the religion encyclopedia to be published in December. It describes 1,586 U.S. faiths, old and new.

He said there have been

numerous false assumptions about new religions that have "attained the status of truisms," including these:

- That new religions, often called cults, mainly represent periods of social turmoil.

- That they are transitory, depending on some charismatic leader, and usually break up and gradually die out after the leader dies.

- That they are "deviant, weird and largely irrelevant religions on the margins of culture."

Actually, he said, most of them are offshoots of older religions, such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Theosophy, Spiritualism, Adventism, Christian Science, Mormons or others.

"Most of those groups we refer to as cults are simply representative... of these older religious traditions which are rapidly diffusing through the Western nations...," he said.

The most common misassumption, Melton said, has been that the new religions were less than genuine and simply a passing phenomenon that would disappear under social and legal pressure.

"The opposite seems to be the case," he said. "As new non-conventional religions continue to emerge, the older groups have shown an amazing staying power."

He said the past "framework for studying cults has viewed them as small, ephemeral, disconnected and essentially a-historical groups which exist on the margin of society, deviating from its normative central core."

However, he said the survey shows "a decade by decade growth in the number of additional religious groups and no rapid decline" of older groups.

"While a few non-conventional religions do in fact come and go quickly, and while most pass through unstable phases especially in their first generation, the great majority which survive the first decade continue to become stable organizations and long-term factors in the religious ecology of their communities."

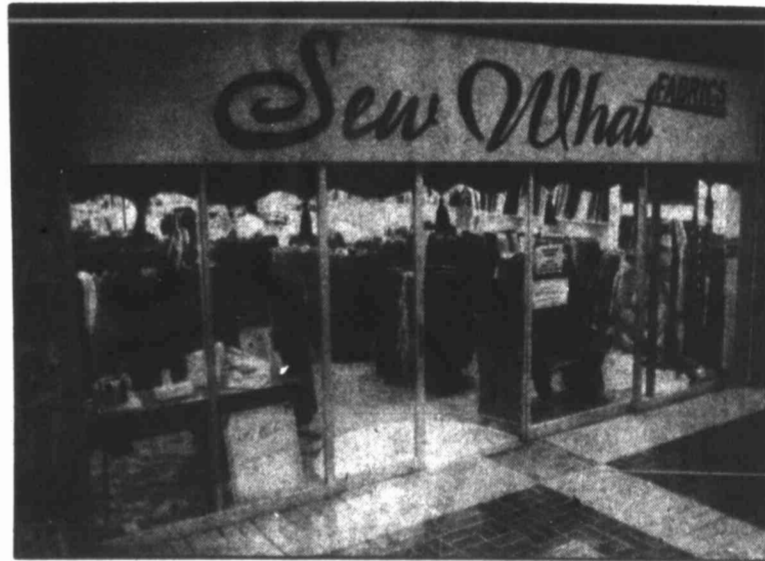
As for the idea that the groups gradually disappear after the death of their charismatic leaders, Melton this hasn't generally been the case.

Citing cases of various groups whose founder-leader had died, such as Scientology, the Way International, Hare Krishnas, Alamo Christian Foundation and International Buddhist Meditation Center, Melton said:

"Each group passed through a brief period of mourning... Completely absent were any signs of significant internal turmoil and noteworthy problems with a transition of authority."

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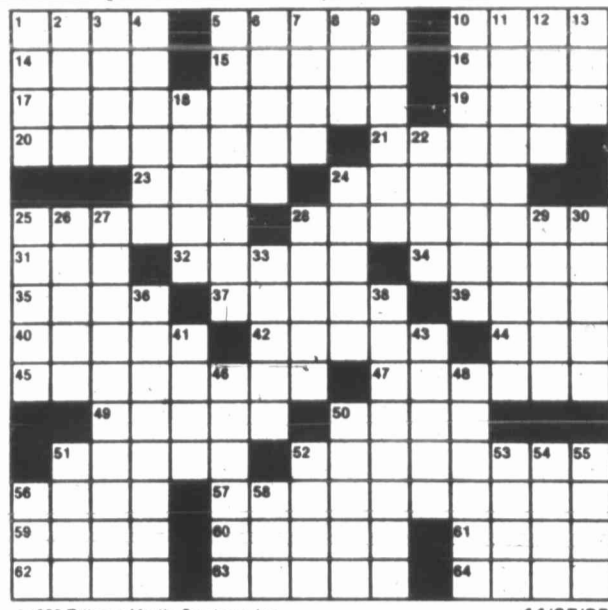
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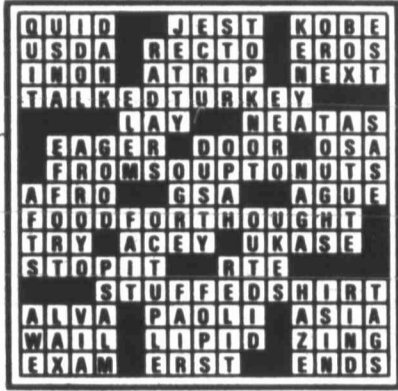
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JEANE DIXON'S Your Horoscope

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1988

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! — IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Stick to routines developed in the past; they will pay rich dividends in the immediate future. More rest will give you the stamina you need to get what you seek. Pursue goals you know can be attained. Certain business risks are worth taking. A financial windfall is possible. Keep confidential tips to yourself. Improving your appearance will attract people you want to know better. Your social life becomes more glamorous.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: newsmen Eric Sevareid, cartoonist Charles Schulz, singer Robert Goulet, comic Rich Little, pitcher Lefty Gomez.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): If possible, postpone a major trip. Protect your health by avoiding excess. Make sure you get guarantees before making a commitment. You may have to wait for the results you desire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You could get your wish! Share the glad tidings with your mate and children. Spending time outdoors will invigorate you. You are hungry for an intense emotional experience. Look before you leap.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your jangled nerves need rest and quiet. Insist on it! You may have to wait longer for a reply to a letter you sent last week. Good luck comes in a small package. Enjoy!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Play your cards close to your vest until sure of someone's true intentions. You need to learn how to make your time alone more satisfying. Do not give up on anything you really want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): More family time will pay off in better communication, happier relationships. It is better to save than spend this weekend. Read a book. An evening of dancing could cure whatever ails you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your relationship with mate or partner shows improvement, thanks to better communication. Do your errands early today so you can relax with your family this afternoon and tomorrow. Stay home tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A better day for dealing with distant matters than domestic affairs. You make an excellent impression on people in faraway places. Keep entertainment costs down. Host a small informal gathering at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your business deals open and aboveboard, especially those involving distant affairs. Secret promises should be avoided. A good day for Christmas shopping. Bargains abound in shops close to home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A good day for Christmas shopping and gift wrapping. Get packages in the mail. Social invitations abound! Accept the ones that will make you happiest. You will enjoy seeing new faces.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do not allow petty disagreements to mar your day. Avoid saying or doing anything that will rile someone you must rely on sooner or later. Romance benefits from more TLC. Show affection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Spend a relaxing day at home with loved ones. A weekend visitor adds to your pleasure. Member of opposite sex is very much on your mind. Write or call this special person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A friend could cause you problems without realizing it. Come clean and air your views. Good relationships are strengthened by candid talks. Save receipts for tax purposes. Keep track of everyday expenses.

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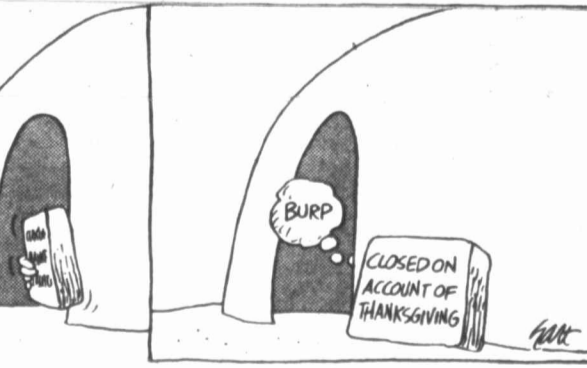
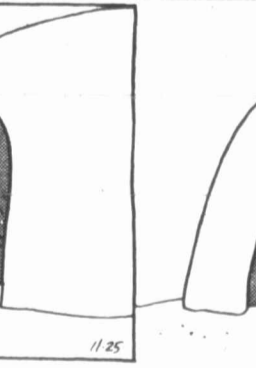
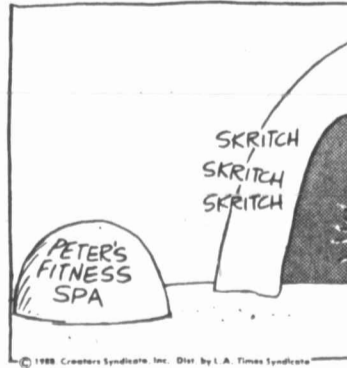
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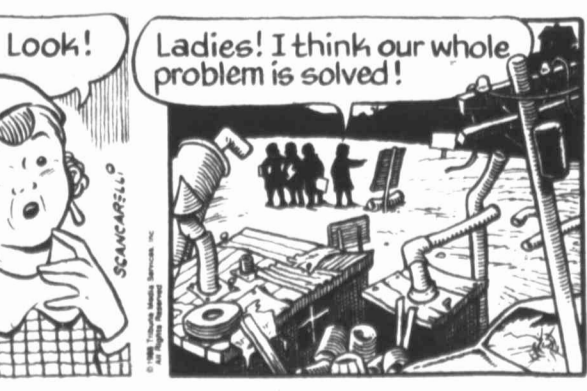
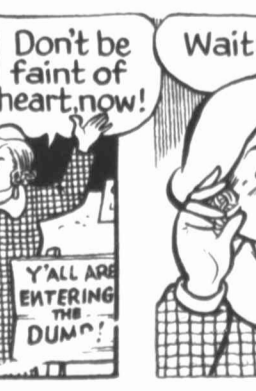
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