

# Big Spring Herald

At the Crossroads of West Texas

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## Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Decreasing cloudiness from west to east. Colder with highs from the lower to mid 30s. Clear and cold tonight. Lows in the mid 20s. Cool with highs in the upper 40s. The high for Monday was 71 and the low was 32.



## Staff, taxes, economic plans keep court busy

By SARAH LUMAN  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners appointed Kathy Sayles today to continue as tax assessor/collector for the county.

Sayles' appointment will end Dec. 31, 1990, and she must run for the remainder of the unexpired term of the late Dorothy Moore in the 1991 general election.

Commissioners also approved a two-year contract for collecting taxes for the Forsan Independent School District, leaving only the Coahoma School District collecting its own taxes. Commissioner Paul Allen said he has spoken with the CISD board and its members remain undecided on the matter.

Homestead exemption tax refunds were approved, and a lease agreement entitling the county to use the senior citizen center building at 487 Simmler Road was also approved. The lease costs the county \$1 per month and is a two-year contract.

Terms were set for the county court, with the quarterly increments to begin on Jan. 2, April 3, July 3 and Oct. 2 in 1989. Those terms will end April 2, July 2 and Dec. 31, respectively.

Having paid bills and set budget amendments aside until the next meeting, the commissioners approved prior minutes, purchasing requests, and heard a presentation by new chamber of commerce executive Wayne Moore.

Moore outlined a program of economic development that touched on improvements — from industrial recruitment to tax abatement to attracting tourists — designed to involve the city, the county and the chamber in promoting economic growth.

He also pointed out the need not to forget existing businesses, but to treat their expansions or new investment with the same proposed incentive program — tax abatement and other tax incentives — offered new industries for additions to such plants as the existing container manufacturers.

Commissioner David Barr agreed, commenting, "When you mention the plastic industry, something's got to be done to keep the old plant here, when it wears

out."

He noted that in the past the commissioners' court has awarded tax-free bonds to some industries, and recounted a common complaint of extant businesses: "They'll say, 'Nobody's helping me.' I've heard that thousands of times."

"He had a real good presentation. If everyone works together, it will work. I think he's on the right track, and if there's anything we can do legally, the commissioners' court will help."

"I think he has the expertise to get things done, and he has the experience," Barr said. "He's certainly the best we've had here."

Commissioner Paul Allen agreed, "In the first place, he presented his program real well. It's going to be a hard task to fulfill, because we've never approached it this way before, to bring in new industry and keep the jobs we have."

He said the key to success in the development plan is cooperation. "It will require everybody's help, the city and county, all the taxing entities and the public. Like he said, changes may be made, have to be made, in the plan to do this, but what it all boils down to, I think, is cooperation."

Joining Commissioners William B. Crooker and O.L. Brown, Allen said the county will help in any way it can, "because it's going to be the livelihood of our county, the way it looks to me, COUNTY page 3-A



WHAYNE MOORE



## Dreams of a white New Year

With "snowflakes" above their heads, Tammie Castaneda, left, Shawna Smith and Ashley Smith cut more snowflakes out of paper in their four- and five-year-old class at the Westside Day Care

Center this morning. Although no snow is forecast, the weather is expected to be colder, with the lows dipping into the 20s.

## Merchants sing 'Merry Christmas'

By STEVE GEISSEN  
Staff Writer

The recent emphasis on shopping locally seems to have paid off in the form of increased holiday sales, according to local merchants and mall managers.

Most of the stores at Highland Mall reported an increase in holiday sales as compared to last year, said Sherry Rose, mall manager.

"I think there is a little more optimism in the area (concerning the economy), and our promoting 'shop Big Spring first' has had an impact on the surrounding area," said Rose.

"The whole community has gotten involved in the shop Big Spring campaign, and we're very happy about their support."

Rose also cited the above average cotton crops and slightly higher oil prices as contributing to increased sales this holiday season.

Highland Mall merchants, for the most part, were "very encouraged" by their holiday sales, she said.

While complete sales figures at

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Gentleman's Corner, 223 Main St., had not yet been compiled, Bob Beasley, manager, said holiday sales at the men's clothing store were up compared to last year.

"I think the emphasis on shopping here paid off," said Beasley. "More people seemed to be doing their shopping locally this year."

The week before Christmas was not as busy as last year, Beasley said, rather holiday sales at the store were steady throughout the season.

Beasley attributed the steady business to "more consumer confidence," and said the store's hottest selling items were sweaters.

Sweaters were also big sellers at Dunlap's, Highland Mall, which reported an 11 1/2 percent increase in holiday sales as compared to last year.

"Pre-Christmas sales at Dunlap's were "real, real good," and business on Monday was "pretty fair," said Cliff Attaway, manager.

Embellished sweaters for ladies — sweaters with "lots of splash and jangle on them" — were extremely swift selling items, said Attaway.

Friday and Saturday were the busiest days at the store, he said, but business was steady throughout the holiday season.

Said Attaway, "This was one of

our best years in several years."

Holiday sales were also brisk at Connie's Fashions, 600 Main St., according to Michelle Zant, assistant manager.

Connie's had approximately a \$10,000 increase in holiday sales compared to last year, said Zant.

Leather and suede apparel were especially popular items this year, she said.

Home stereos, televisions and satellite equipment were the hottest selling items at T. Marquez and Sons Radio and Television Service.

Holiday sales did not noticeably increase compared to last year, but the store's repair business did.

"We're real busy doing repairs," said Raul Marquez, manager. "We're still trying to catch up on orders filed last week."

While she has not received her monthly sales report, Tammy Watt, manager of Big Spring Mall, said that mall merchants have spoken of "excellent" holiday sales figures.

Sales at Big Spring Mall for HOLIDAY SALES page 3-A

## Captives: No word on fate

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A day after claiming it freed and sent two French girls home from 13 months of captivity, an extremist Palestinian faction today said it could not "set a specific date" for their arrival in France.

In Paris, the Foreign Ministry said it was expecting the arrival of the two girls, but would not elaborate.

A spokesman for Fatah-Revolutionary Council announced in Lebanon Monday that Maurice-Laure Betille, 7, and her 6-year-old sister Virginia, who had been abducted with their mother and five Belgians, had been released and were on their way to Paris in an airplane.

But the spokesman, Walid Khaleed, said today: "I cannot set a specific date for their arrival in Paris or say anything more than what has been mentioned in the statement I have just released."

In the statement, Khaleed said the group's leader, terrorist mastermind Abu Nidal, had met the girls and approved security arrangements for their transportation to Paris. He did not say when the meeting occurred.

Earlier today, another man who answered the phone at the group's information office maintained: "The two sisters are on their way to Paris. Arrival time depends on CAPTIVES page 3-A



## Sorting bricks

Dressed for the colder weather, Thomas Mitchell examines a brick as he sorts them into different piles this morning near Fourth and North Gregg streets.

## Storms choking holiday traffic

By MICHAEL HIRSH  
Associated Press Writer

Snow, sleet and freezing rain stretching from the Rockies and upper Plains to Ohio stymied holiday travelers in choked airports and on snarled, icy highways, causing at least 10 traffic deaths.

At O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, the nation's busiest, only two runways were open Monday and United Airlines, O'Hare's heaviest user, canceled most outbound flights after 5 p.m. and an additional 165 flights this morning. Nearly 50,000 passengers were stranded at O'Hare on the day after Christmas, one of the busiest travel days of the year.

Milwaukee's Mitchell International Airport was closed for two hours Monday so crews could clear snow off runways. About 25 flights were delayed, airport spokeswoman Patricia Rowe said.

Warmer air moved into some areas today, but cold air dominated the northern and central Intermountain area. Ely, Nev., registered 20 degrees below zero and had a wind-chill reading of 55 below zero this morning.

The early winter storm Monday dropped up to a foot of snow, closing interstates in five states.

"I was stuck last year on Christmas Eve at the airport, so I thought this year I'd take the bus. Wrong," said Jan Gabrielson of Cincinnati, who spent several

hours at Chicago's Greyhound bus terminal while returning from a Christmas trip to Iowa.

In Utah, the heavy snow caused the collapse of a department store roof south of Salt Lake City. No injuries were reported, since managers of the Fred Meyer store denied entry to customers when they arrived Monday morning and found the roof sagging and creaking from 6-foot-high snow drifts. It collapsed soon afterward.

"Luckily they didn't open the store or we would have had a major catastrophe," said Salt Lake County Fire Department Capt. Max Berry.

In Indiana, the winter weather caused a tractor-trailer to jack-knife on Interstate 69, triggering a 42-car pileup that left one person dead and 23 injured. An unrelated 35-car pileup on the highway injured eight people.

Altogether, five people died in Indiana traffic accidents blamed on the storm. Also Monday, Illinois and Minnesota each reported one storm-related traffic death. Three people died on roads in Wisconsin.

Farmers welcomed the storm in North Dakota, which like much of the region had suffered a severe drought. Up to 11 inches fell on parts of the state.

"It's good news," said wheat farmer Peter Silbernagel of Linton, N.D. "It greatly improves the STORMS page 3-A

## Bomb in suitcase possible

By ROBERT BARR  
Associated Press Writer

LOCKERBIE, Scotland — The first of the dead have been identified from Pan Am Flight 103, and investigators today began tests on a suitcase for clues as to whether a bomb or structural failure caused Britain's worst air disaster.

Police said they hoped to release five or six bodies to next of kin today once the last formality of registering the death in Lockerbie was completed. Names and nationalities were not issued.

One more victim was found Monday, bringing the total in two temporary morgues in the city hall and an ice rink to 240.

Pan Am said today it had determined that another infant was on board Flight 103, bringing the total of passengers and crew on the plane to 259. Eleven townspeople are still listed as missing and feared dead.

After three days of constant rain, more than 600 rescue workers resumed their search under clear skies today for the remaining victims and for missing wreckage, including sections of the airplane's wings.

Police divers joined the rescue effort, searching the icy, BOMB POSSIBLE page 3-A

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# Nation

## Surprises are planned from IRS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 101 million tax forms being mailed out beginning today will contain a surprise for some taxpayers. The forms they receive will be different and simpler than the ones the Internal Revenue Service mailed to them last year.

Despite widespread grumbling that the drive toward tax simplification has instead produced a more complicated system, the IRS is predicting that 3.5 million Americans will be able to switch to the simpler forms this year.

To help make that projection come true, the IRS is making a

greater effort this year to direct taxpayers to the form that is best for their tax situations.

The IRS formerly mailed taxpayers the type of form they had used in the previous year. However, for the first time this year, the IRS analyzed the returns taxpayers sent back last April 15 and used those findings to determine what type of package to send for the new filing season.

"Instead of routinely sending out the same form people used in the past, we are trying to send them the tax package that best suits their needs," says IRS spokesman Frank Keith.

## Armenia trip one 'Point of light'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jeb Bush said today that the trip he and his son took to deliver supplies to earthquake victims in Armenia exemplified the "thousand points of light" his father, President-elect Bush, talked about during the presidential campaign.

"You remember during the campaign my dad did talk in political terms about the thousand points of light," said the president-elect's son on NBC-TV's "Today" show. "And this is an example of it," he said.

"It's one example of hundreds of things that are occurring in this country and outside this country," he said.

Jeb Bush and his son, George, 12, flew to Soviet Armenia

Christmas eve on an airlift to deliver toys and medical supplies to victims of the earthquake that struck there three weeks ago. The trip was sponsored by Americares, a Connecticut-based relief organization.

Bush, 35, a Miami real estate developer, said he had talked to his father since he returned from the humanitarian effort and "he was proud of us and very pleased at the response both in the Soviet Union and in the United States."

In a separate interview on "CBS This Morning" Bush described the hospital visits to children injured in the tragedy as particularly moving and "something that'll be with him (his son) for the rest of his life."

## 'U.S. greetings, to Moscow'

CHICAGO (AP) — Iowa businessman James Lawlor's quest to tally 2 million signatures for what he calls "America's greeting card to Russia" hit the road on a snowy day worthy of the Russian steppes.

Lawlor was undeterred by low temperatures and blowing snow across the Midwest on Monday as he set out on his eight-city tour to collect signatures for the 45-by-12-foot scroll-like Christmas card.

Lawlor, who owns a safety goggle manufacturing company in Fairfield, Iowa, said he woke up Dec. 1 with the notion of sending

"a message of peace... from one superpower to another."

He had a huge card made that says, in Russian, "Dear Mr. (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev, We citizens of the United States of America wish to extend to you and the people of the Soviet Union our great appreciation for your courage and dedication in bringing peace to the world. Merry Christmas."

Under the Russian Orthodox church calendar, Christmas is celebrated on Jan. 7, but the main winter holiday in the Soviet Union is New Year's Day.

## Boy crushed in compactor

NEW YORK (AP) — A 13-year-old boy was crushed to death in a compactor behind the supermarket managed by his father, police said.

Andre Duran Jr. was stuffing cardboard boxes into the machine at the C-Town Supermarket in the Bronx Monday night when he became caught, said Officer Ed-

ward Feeney, a police spokesman.

Andre Duran Sr. found his son, put him in his car and took him to Lincoln Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, Feeney said.

The death appeared to be an accident but police were investigating, Feeney said.



ATLANTA — Shirley Lynch, center, 59, from Rochester, N.Y., is hugged by her daughter, left, and grandson, as she arrives at Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport Monday. Lynch was on an Eastern Airlines flight, forced to make an emergency landing in Charleston, W.Va., Monday morning after a hole opened in the fuselage.

## Fuselage hole forces emergency landing

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — A recent federal inspection found a fuselage crack in an aging Boeing 727 that tore open at 31,000 feet and caused some of the 110 people aboard to fear a bomb had exploded.

Eastern Airlines Flight 251 from Rochester, N.Y., to Atlanta landed safely Monday at Yeager Airport here after the 14-inch hole in the fuselage caused the plane to lose cabin pressure, authorities said.

Two passengers were treated at Charleston Area Medical Center for nosebleeds and headaches as a result of the decompression, said Gary Chernenko, a hospital spokesman.

Passenger Sam Piazza, 55, a former pilot from Boca Raton, Fla., said he and his wife at first thought a bomb had exploded, a possible cause of last week's crash of Pan Am Flight 103 with 258 aboard in Scotland.

"We were cruising along and you could hear the rush of the wind and the pitch of the wind and all of a sudden you could hear a big pop," he said.

"I looked up, and I could see sunlight shining through" the cabin roof, said another passenger, David Moore of Phoenix.

The opening in the crown of the fuselage was "about a 14-inch square hole," said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jack Barker in Atlanta. "Those things start with a crack and end

up as a hole."

A five-inch crack had been found on the fuselage of the plane during a July 1986 inspection, and corrosion and a tiny wing crack were found in April 1987, said Bobbie Mardis of the FAA's safety data branch in Oklahoma City.

Federal officials investigating Monday's incident also said mechanical problems, including a failure to maintain cabin pressure, had forced the jet to land at least five times during the past five years.

However, Eastern spokeswoman Karen Ceremak in Miami said the 20-year-old jet was maintained according to FAA guidelines and "had an inspection of the crown in September — that's the whole top area from the cockpit to the tail."

Dick Meyers, an FAA spokesman in Seattle, told CBS News that the jet's record of mechanical difficulties was not unusual.

The aviation industry recently has focused on the problem of jetliner aging, due in part to an April 28 incident in which the roof of a 19-year-old Boeing 737 tore off an Aloha Airlines flight at 24,000 feet, killing one person and injuring 61.

The next month, an American Airlines Boeing 727 was forced to make an unscheduled landing in Detroit because of a 15-inch crack in the wheel well, attributed to metal fatigue.

# World

## Rancher's son surrenders in death

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A cattle rancher's son has confessed to arranging last week's murder of an ecologist and labor leader known worldwide for his efforts to preserve the Amazon rain forest, police say.

Police said Darcy Pereira, 21, told them he hired a professional killer to slay Francisco Mendes, who was shot Thursday as he stepped from his house in the jungle city of Rio Branco, 2,650 miles northwest of Rio de Janeiro.

The local police official who was reached by telephone and provided The Associated Press with the information identified himself only as officer Calbi and would not offer further details.

TV Globo, the nation's principal private network, said Pereira's father was involved in a land dispute with Mendes, 44, who was known internationally for leading a campaign against destruction of the Amazon region.

In June 1987, Mendes was honored by the United Nations for his fight as head of the local rubber tappers' union to stop acres of rain forest from being cleared for cattle grazing.

Pereira surrendered to the 4th Police Precinct in Rio Branco accompanied by a lawyer, according to TV Globo. It identified Pereira as the son of cattle rancher Darli Alves da Silva, whom TV Globo reported was involved in a land dispute with Mendes.

## Blacks isolated from Chinese

BEIJING (AP) — Authorities today held about 140 African students and six Americans in a Nanking hotel after a weekend of clashes between Chinese and black African students.

Thousands of Chinese youths chanting "Kill the black ghosts!" on Monday surrounded the central Chinese city's train station as the students tried to depart for the capital by rail, American witnesses said.

But police would not let the Africans embark, one American student said.

Chinese students at a university in Nanking did not attend classes today and officials at another

school urged students not to participate in further demonstrations, American students said.

Several truckloads of police patrolled the city, Americans said.

The clashes and demonstrations, which began Saturday and lasted until Monday night, are the latest in a series of incidents between Chinese and China's 1,500 African students, invited as a show of Beijing's solidarity with other Third World nations.

China prides itself on its good ties with African countries. Relations between the Africans and Chinese, however, have often been strained.

## Fire destroys Kaiser home, art

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — A three-alarm fire destroyed the home of millionaire industrialist Edgar Kaiser, including his art collection, authorities said.

At the height of the Christmas Day fire, about 40 firefighters were battling the blaze in the expensive Point Grey area of Vancouver near the University of British Columbia.

Kaiser, 45, and his family escaped unharmed, but a fire captain suffered minor injuries when part of a wall collapsed on him.

The cause of the fire was under

investigation. Fire Chief Bob Babcock said Kaiser, a house guest and the staff fled without injury when the guest saw a Christmas tree had caught fire.

Neighbors, who said the house was about 2 months old, quoted Kaiser as saying, "The art collection is all gone. I just want to be left alone."

There were no immediate details on the contents of his collection.

Antique and specialty cars in an underground concrete garage escaped damage, and a Lamborghini and a Porsche were moved to a neighbor's house.

## Snowstorm cripples arid kingdom

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — A winter storm dumped sleet and nearly a foot of snow on parts of this arid kingdom today, knocking out power to thousands of homes and closing schools and universities, officials said.

More than 4 inches of snow fell on portions of this hilly capital, home to about 1 million people.

Ali Abandah, director of the National Weather Service, said more than 11 inches fell on the

town of Shobak in the southern mountains and at Tafiteh, about 80 miles south of the capital.

Abandah said snow also fell on the northern part of the country, accompanied by 56 mph winds. He said the temperature fell to about 19 degrees in Shobak and it was about 28 degrees in Amman.

The snow and water closed some highways and soldiers helped city workers clean the streets.

# Furlough furor, rapist's escape threaten unique prison

JESSUP, Md. (AP) — A rapist charged with attacking a woman while on furlough from Patuxent Institution may help doom the maximum-security prison devoted to treating violent offenders rather than punishing them.

Coming on the heels of reports that a Patuxent review board had granted unsupervised furloughs to a triple murderer, legislative leaders are threatening to abolish the therapeutic institution, believed to be the only one of its kind in the country.

"I just don't think that it works," said R. Clayton Mitchell Jr., speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, who has called for the firing of the prison director, Norma Gluckstern. "It has proved it hasn't worked. Furloughs and that sort of thing for those types ought to be abolished."

Criminal justice experts say the furor over Patuxent's early releases and furloughs epitomizes a national fear of crime that George Bush exploited to defeat

Michael Dukakis in the presidential campaign.

The Republican candidate blamed Dukakis after convicted murderer Willie Horton came to Maryland while on furlough from a Massachusetts prison and raped a woman.

"The majority of the prison systems across the country have been re-examining their furlough programs in view of the recent national political campaign," said Hardy Rauch, director of standards and accreditation of prisons for the American Correctional Association in College Park.

Patuxent operates independent of the rest of Maryland's penal system, with a review board that grants furloughs and recommends paroles based on its determination of whether any of the 710 inmates have been rehabilitated.

The prison focuses on therapy to make inmates remorseful for their crimes.

Since 1982, five inmates who were sentenced to life terms at

Patuxent have been paroled after spending an average of nine years in prison, a little more than half the average for inmates sentenced to life in Maryland's other prisons.

State and federal statistics for 1987 show that three years after release, 18 percent of Patuxent inmates were convicted again, dramatically lower than 47.6 percent for Maryland's other prisons, and 38 percent for federal prisons.

But Ms. Gluckstern said she is worried that Patuxent's success in reforming its inmates will not weigh strongly enough to ensure that the prison survives.

"I'm fearful policy is going to be made on extremes," Patuxent's director said. "The final issue is: Do these people have a second chance?"

Some insist they don't.

"There is no early release from the grave," said Wisconsin Appeals Court Judge Ralph Adam Fine, an advocate of punishment for violent offenders.

The fate of the victim and a

future victim is forgotten once a criminal is convicted, he said.

Last week, Maryland Corrections Secretary Bishop Robinson called for sweeping reforms at the prison, changes that would essentially abolish the institution as it now exists.

Robinson recommended to a special legislative committee studying the prison that Patuxent's independent status be revoked and that prison officials be stripped of their broad authority to put inmates convicted of violent crimes into furlough and work-release programs.

But he said the institution should accept prisoners serving terms of 20 years or less. More than 86 percent of the prisoners now at Patuxent are serving life or long-term sentences for murder, rape and armed robbery.

Ms. Gluckstern acknowledges that many of Patuxent's inmates have committed heinous crimes, but maintains that many criminals can be responsible members of

society after treatment. Patuxent admits just one in four inmates who apply, based on the review board's judgment of their capacity to change.

"No one gets out of here until they live through their crime, that rape or that murder or whatever," she said. Once inmates accept responsibility and guilt for their deeds "they're not going to go rape or murder again," she said, adding, "It doesn't guarantee 100 percent success."

Patuxent has intermittently come under fire since it was created in 1955.

The most recent controversy began in November with the disclosure that the Patuxent board had given 11 daylong furloughs

since April to Robert Daly Angell, 31, who was sentenced in 1976 to three consecutive life terms for killing two police officers and a teen-ager.

Angell's furloughs outraged Gov. William Donald Schaefer, who directed aides to revamp the prison's rules for the Legislature's review.

Then James M. Stavarakas, a convicted rapist, walked away from a work release job on Nov. 28. He was captured Dec. 4 in China Grove, N.C.

After a warrant was issued charging Stavarakas with rape while he was missing, Ms. Gluckstern and the prison's independent review board canceled all leaves as of Dec. 1.

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## Puppy school gets dogs off on right heel

ARLINGTON (AP) — Youngsters need the right schooling early on to grow up prim and proper.

That includes puppy kindergarten for pets. Mike and Kristi Curry found that out when they tried to get their 4-month-old miniature schnauzers into a kennel.

"I called a kennel and they said they wouldn't take them if they hadn't been to puppy kindergarten," Kristi Curry said. "They made me feel real bad. They said, 'They're 4 months old and they haven't been to puppy kindergarten!'"

So the couple dropped their plans and attended a Thursday night class sponsored by the Arlington Humane Society at The Dog Wash on Cooper Street. After all, parents must sacrifice for the education of their youngsters.

The schnauzers, Max and Maddie, seemed somewhat confused during their first class. They were supposed to be learning to heel while walking on a leash. But the dogs weren't quite getting the hang of it.

Coughing out gagging noises, the dogs strained at their leashes ahead of their owners.

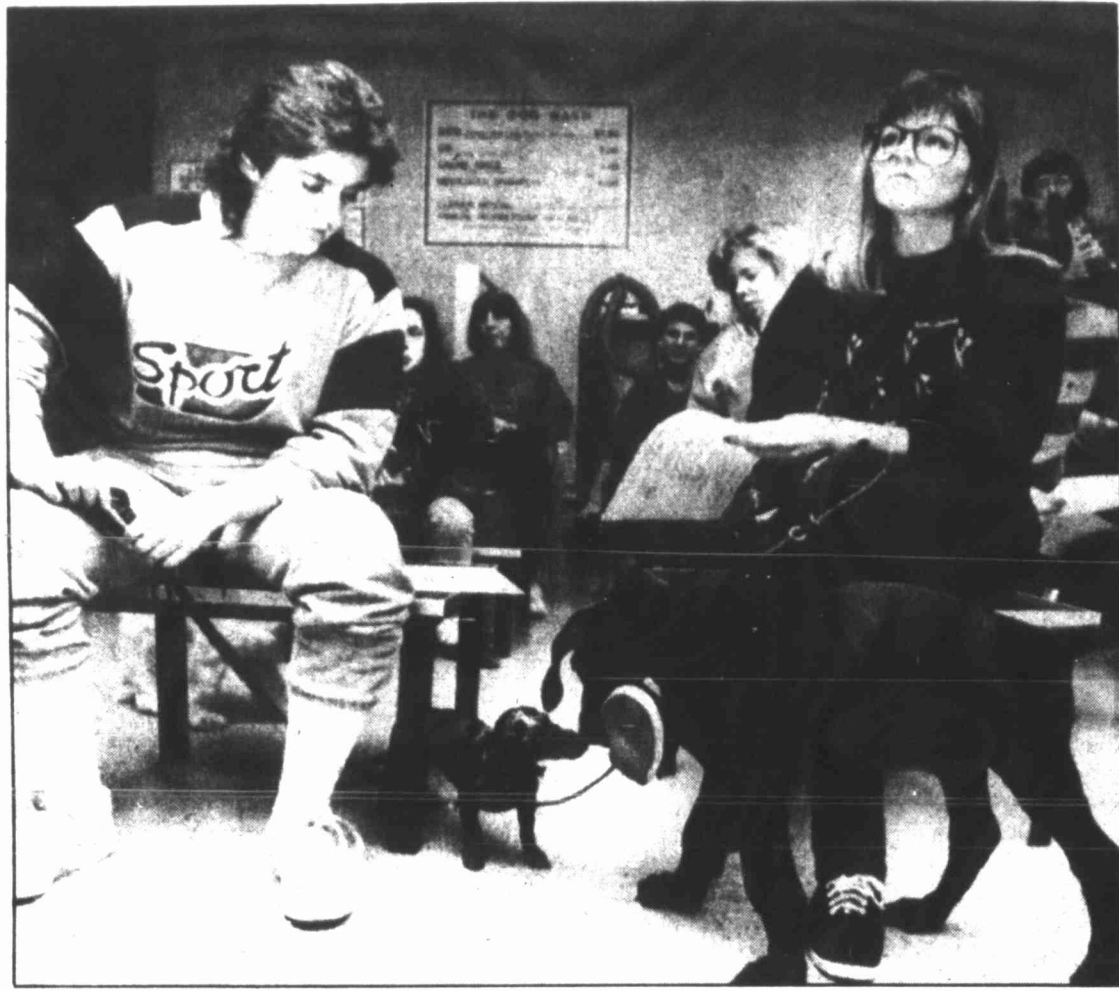
"They haven't figured out that the collar is choking them," Mike Curry said. "They just keep huffing along."

Ideally, the dog feels the leash tighten on its neck and slows or changes direction.

Puppies exhibit unique behavioral problems from adult dogs, said Jeannie Powell, regional manager of The Dog Wash, where Max and Maddie are enrolled.

Puppies have certain behavior problems — housebreaking, chewing, biting, barking. Powell said "You should never hit them. It covers the dog. You can ruin a puppy by hitting him. Pick them up by the scruff of the neck like their mother does in the litter. Then give them one command — 'No.'"

The Dog Wash offers a free month-long series of classes for



FORT WORTH — Kathryn Driscoll, left, watches her puppy, Ziggy, size up Allison Pitcock's great Dane, Wilson. The four are students in Puppy Kindergarten class at the Dog Wash in Arlington.

dogs 7 to 16 weeks old at its three Arlington locations. The company is planning on opening three in Fort Worth early next year.

Both pet and owner learn proper handling, socialization, basic first aid, grooming, veterinary care, dog psychology, nutrition, and flea and tick control.

A volunteer with the Arlington Humane Society is at each class.

"You have to work with puppies at this age to keep them from growing aggressive," said Marty Andres, the society's volunteer assigned to The Dog Wash in north Arlington. "They have to

learn that it's OK to be touched." To socialize the puppies, each owner plays with all the other dogs.

"Socializing dogs is nothing new," Andrews said. "If you want a well-managed dog, you have to socialize them."

Denny Murphy owns Texas K-9 College in Arlington and has been training generations of dogs for 24 years.

He agrees that it's important to teach pets early.

"They used to say not to train the dogs until they were mature," Murphy said. But putting a

6-month-old dog in training is like putting a 9-year-old child in first grade.

Behavioral problems must be corrected immediately. Murphy said that every time you touch a puppy, you're training it.

"You can't let a dog jump all over you, then come to me six months later because he's developed a behavioral problem," Murphy said.

Murphy said the classes are more for pet owners than dogs. New dog owners make mistakes with puppies.

## Child wanted adoption instead of real parents

DEAR ABBY: For years I have been writing this letter "in my head" — now it's time to put it on paper.

I scream inside when I read letters in your column from grown adopted children who wonder about their "real" parents — what they look like, possible siblings, and agonizing over whether to try to find them.

My "real" parents raised me, and I wished they hadn't. Throughout my childhood, I used to dream that some loving family would adopt me and tell me that I was "chosen" by them. Abby, this is an open letter to an adopted child:

Dear Adopted Child: So you wonder about your birth parents and their families today? Your curiosity is normal, but I beg you, leave well enough alone. Your mother had a very good reason for entrusting your care to someone else. She did not "give you away" — she gave you opportunities she could not offer you. Allowing someone else to adopt and raise you was the most loving, unselfish act a mother can make.

If you had an average upbringing with your adoptive parents, praise God that your birth mother had the courage to surrender you. If your adoptive parents did not treat you well, I am sorry, but bear in mind, you might not have fared better with your biological parents. Blood ties do not automatically create loving relationships. I know. Here is my story:

I was one of several children born to a middle-class, blue-collar working man, and a gentle, obedient, hard-working rural mother. Outwardly we appeared to be an average middle-class family. My father always worked steady, and my mother cooked and cared for her home and children. We all attended church regularly. We children were polite, and turned out better than just average. A "typical American family" — from outward appearances.

Now for the truth: My father was a devil to live with. I, along with my brothers and sister, were subjected to every kind of abuse a child could experience, and I mean every kind — verbal, physical and sexual. I grew up with fear and shame. My mother's goal was to protect us kids long enough to get us out of the house alive. In that she succeeded, but we all sustained enormous psychological damage. As a child, I used to dream that someone would adopt me. The closest I came was having a



Dear Abby

childless aunt and uncle who agreed to adopt us if we should ever become orphaned. Unfortunately, my uncle — not my father — died prematurely. For a while we had a wonderful neighbor, "Leona," who befriended this battered, lonely child. We'd roll pie crust and play games. Then she moved, and that was the end of my adoption fantasies.

Years of psychotherapy, divine guidance and commitment to survival have enabled me to overcome my battered childhood. I'm middle-aged now, but when I was born, I know there must have been a childless couple who were praying they could have a healthy baby daughter like me to love and raise.

Perhaps such a couple received you, Adopted Child. If they loved and cared for you, look at them closely, for they are as "real" as any parents can be.

Sign me... WISH I'D BEEN ADOPTED

DEAR ABBY: I don't know whether you can use this in your column or not, but I hope you can, because it could help a lot of people who are as ignorant as we were.

I had never read the instructions that came with condoms because I figured that was my husband's department, so consequently, I was not aware that one should never use an oil-based lubricant. Well, we found out the hard way that using Vaseline, baby oil or cold cream with a condom can cause it to break!

We have been married for 12 years and this will be our third child, so it's no big deal, but please, publicize this very important information so other people will not have the kind of accident we had.

I'm signing my real name, but if you print this, sign me... PREGNANT IN ALABAMA

DEAR PREGNANT: Thank you for wanting to warn others. Readers, for the best protection, ask your pharmacist for a lubricant containing nonoxonyl-9. This kills both sperm and the AIDS virus, according to Dr. Merv Silverman, the president of the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

## Texans, French pay homage to the rescuer of French wine

SHERMAN (AP) — Sherman and Denison residents recently completed a "French connection" that paid homage to Texas' unlikely grape genius.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of T.V. Munson's celebrated success in saving the French wine industry from a parasite that ravaged vineyards. A French delegation visited Munson's home in Denison in 1887 to learn the agronomist's secrets. Munson had grown grapes in limestone soil, similar to that of the French vineyards. The roots were resistant to root lice and adapted well from cuttings.

For helping to save the French vineyards, Munson received the French Legion of Merit in 1888, an honor previously accorded only one other American, inventor Thomas Edison.

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of his work, several Munson relatives and interested friends went to the south of France in October and returned with glowing accounts of their visit.

"This was a great way to build Franco-American relations," John Morris, President and CEO of Associated Travel, said. "This was a significant occasion. The real news happened 100 years ago with Munson and Viala (Pierre, a major French researcher)."

"I was impressed with the generosity and warmth of the French people," said Ben McKinney, a Sherman realtor. "I had the impression that the French were always cold and rude. This was not

the case." The ceremony honoring Munson was held in the city of Cognac, where an entire research center is devoted to viticulture (the study of vines.) The American consul to Cognac joined in the ceremony along with Pierre Gaillet, a prominent French researcher.

Dr. Roy Renfro, the Grayson County College professor who organized the trip to France, compared Gaillet to Pierre Viala. Viala's great-grandson helped unveil a plaque honoring Munson. The French still revere Munson's memory. A replica of the plaque is displayed in the T.V. Munson Viticulture and Enology Center at Grayson County College. A French delegation visited GCC in September to honor Munson.

The trip coincided with the first grape harvests of the year in France. It was a hectic time, but the French showered their guests with friendship.

"They (vineyard owners) all took time out to welcome us and

really showed us some great hospitality," Renfro said. "That was the thing that impressed me the most. It was really nice to see."

Throughout the trip, the Texans presented their French hosts with medallions commemorating the anniversary. Touring Chateau Margaux, the group witnessed the first pressing of the grapes for the 1988 crop. Chateau Margaux is famed for its excellent wines. The group visited all the major vineyards, which comprise the region's only industry.

"It was really fascinating hearing and seeing that their very livelihood is in the vines," said John Morris, who owns a Sherman travel agency. "If the vines were damaged or destroyed, a lot would be at stake."

While there, the trio was inducted into the "Commanderie du Bontemps-de-Medoc et des Graves," a group of chateau-owners who promote their wines. The group has existed nearly 300 years, according to Renfro.

"It was like being inducted into a fraternity," Morris said. "We are now members of the most prestigious wine society in France. I'm very proud."

The visit also reminded Texans how a dedicated agronomist more than a century ago introduced vinegrafting in France, where for nearly 20 years, root lice had cut vineyard acreage by around 80 percent.

"I was impressed with all they have done," Renfro said. "And with what they have thought."

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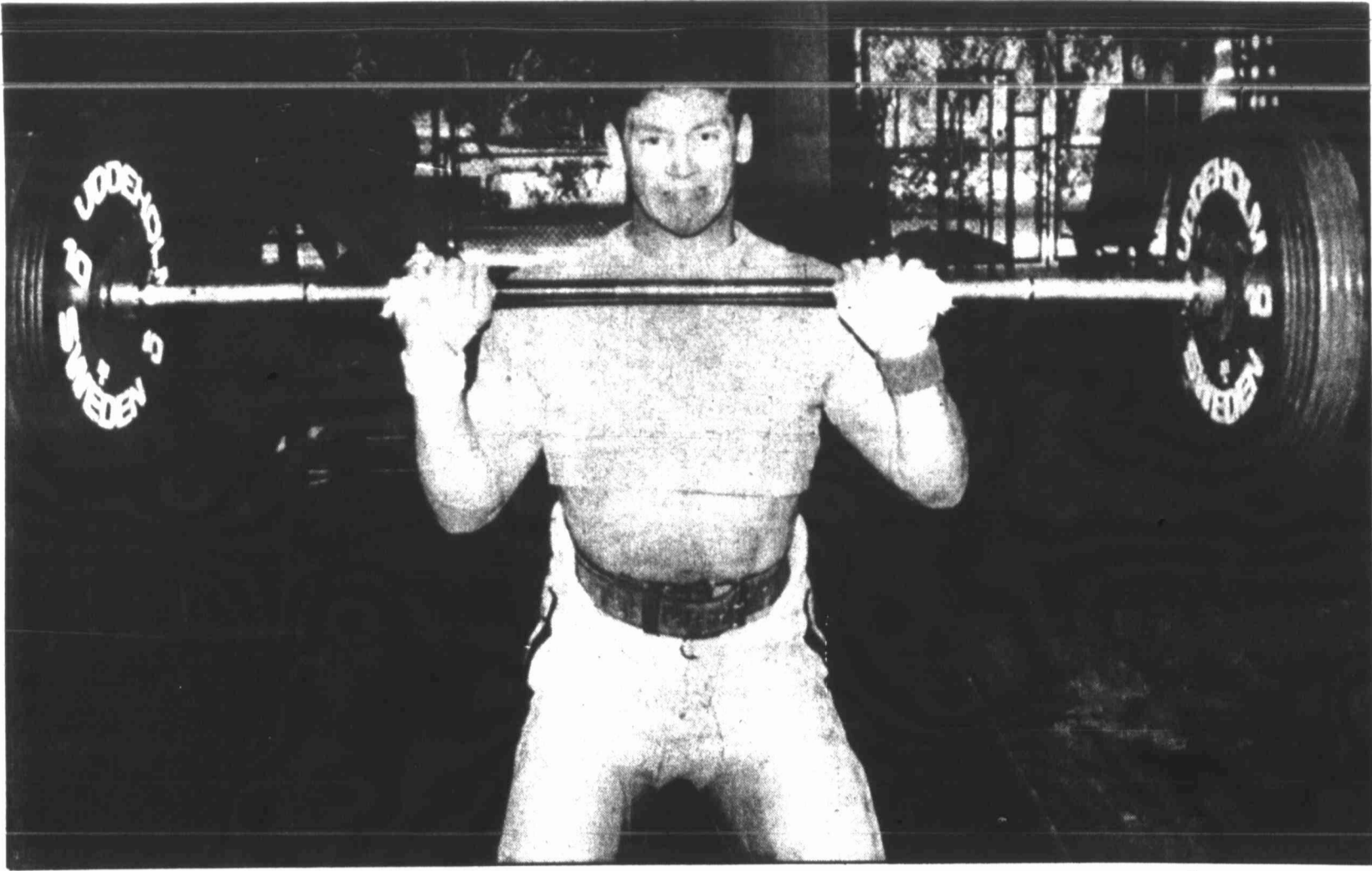
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### Pumping iron

MIAMI — Nebraska Cornhuskers safety Mark Blazek lifts weights Monday at Miami's Tropical Park prior to the Huskers' first workout since arriving Sunday. They will meet the Miami Hurricanes Jan. 2 in the 55th Orange Bowl.

## Tennessee still tops in women's poll

By MEL GREENBERG  
For The Associated Press

Unbeaten Tennessee, 7-0, continued its season-long streak on top of the Associated Press women's basketball poll.

The Vols were an unanimous choice today for the fourth straight week by a nationwide panel of 42 women's coaches — a low turnout from the 70-member panel because of the Christmas holiday.

The Vols, who visit the Bell Atlantic Tournament at Rutgers starting Thursday, received 840 points. Tennessee opens against Wake Forest in a field that includes defending Big 8 champion Kansas and the host Knights, who have the

nation's longest home win streak at 52.

Nevada-Las Vegas, 8-0, which upset Southern Cal in Los Angeles last week, returned to the list for the first time in a year at No. 20, just a point better than Duke, which fell after a loss to Stanford last week. The Rebels received 46 points for the Blue Devils' 45.

The four teams after Tennessee were the same as last week. Louisiana Tech, 9-1, received 794 points for second, followed by Auburn, 9-0, at No. 3 with 758 points; Georgia, 8-1, at fourth with 704 points, and Mississippi, 9-0, at fifth with 676 points.

Stanford, 6-2, which was upset at unranked North Carolina State, fell

from sixth to ninth, just two points below No. 8 Maryland. The Terrapins, 5-2, who visit No. 7 Long Beach State tonight, received 518 points in moving up a spot in front of the Cardinal, which collected 516.

Iowa, 7-2, moved up a spot to sixth with 605 points. The Hawkeyes travel to the Orange Bowl tournament, whose eight team field includes Auburn. Wednesday at Miami. Iowa defeated Auburn, Virginia and then No. 1 Texas in the tournament last year to jump from fifth to No. 1.

Long Beach State, 6-2, moved up a spot to seventh with 568 points after defeating host Washington in

the Seattle Times Classic title game last week. The 49ers host Maryland, No. 18 Western Kentucky and No. 13 Texas this week.

Rutgers, 5-1, stayed 10th with 454 points. The Knights open their own tournament Thursday against Kansas.

The second 10 was Louisiana State, Purdue, Texas, Virginia, San Diego State, Stephen F. Austin, South Carolina, Western Kentucky, St. Joseph's and Nev.-Las Vegas. The second 10 last week was almost the same with Louisiana State at 11th, followed by Purdue, Texas, Virginia, San Diego State, Stephen F. Austin, South Carolina, Western Kentucky, Duke and St. Joseph's.

## Larson celebrates new contract by scoring winning goal

By KEN RAPPOPORT  
AP Hockey Writer

The New York Islanders gave Reed Larson a contract — and Larson gave the Islanders a victory.

"Santa Claus came for us," Coach Al Arbour said after Larson scored in the final three minutes to give the Islanders a rare road victory Monday night, 4-3 over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

For the Islanders, it was only their second road victory of the season, their last coming on Oct. 10 with a 3-2 decision over Vancouver. Overall, they have the NHL's worst record of 9-24-2, 2-14-2 on the road.

Larson, a free-agent pickup by the Islanders after he was cut earlier this season by the Edmonton Oilers, was on an eight-game trial basis before signing a regular contract Monday.

"The big thing here is we have youth and a lot of new faces and it will take time," said Larson, playing for his third NHL team in seven months. The veteran played with the Boston Bruins last season.

Elsewhere, it was the New York Rangers 5, New Jersey 1; Buffalo 2, Boston 1; Pittsburgh 4, Hartford 3 in overtime; Minnesota 5, Winnipeg 1; St. Louis 4, Chicago 1, and Calgary 3, Vancouver 2 in overtime.

In an exhibition game, the Quebec Nordiques played to a 5-5 tie with the touring Soviet Red Army team.

Larson scored the Islanders' winning goal with just 2:51 left, capping a two-goal rally for New York. The Maple Leafs led 3-2 heading into the third period, but David Volek's power-play goal tied it for

the Islanders.

Larson was the trailer on the play when a bouncing puck hit his skate and slid into the Maple Leafs' net.

"I just watched it go off my skate and go in," Larson said. "We won and I'm thankful."

The rally ruined a good effort by Toronto's Gary Leeman and Ed Olczyk, each of whom had a goal and two assists. Veteran Borje Salming also scored for Toronto.

Pat Flatley and Brent Sutter also scored for the Islanders.

Leeman said the Maple Leafs' biggest mistake was trying to nurse a one-goal lead through the third period, although Toronto has a record of 10-3-1 when leading after two periods.

"Sometimes it makes you play a little tentative, when you've got a goal lead," Leeman said. "We were just a little tentative."

"But it is important that we look at the good things that we did and continue to do them, but maybe not sit on a goal lead again."

**Rangers 5, Devils 1**

Tomas Sandstrom scored two goals and newly acquired Carey Wilson assisted on three scores for New York.

The loss broke a three-game unbeaten string for New Jersey, but was only the Devils' second defeat in their last 10 games and their first loss in three games with the Rangers this season.

The Rangers obtained Wilson in a trade earlier Monday from the Hartford Whalers along with a fifth-round 1990 draft pick for left wing Don Maloney, center Brian Lawton and defenseman Norm

MacIver.

**Sabres 2, Bruins 1**

Phil Housley scored two goals as the Sabres defeated the Bruins and extended their season-high unbeaten streak to five games.

Housley scored the game-winner at 4:58 of the third period when he put in the rebound of Ray Sheppard's wrap-around shot, giving the Sabres their third straight victory.

Boston took a 1-0 lead 8:57 into the first period on a goal by John Carter. Buffalo tied the game six minutes later on Housley's first score.

Earlier in the day, the Sabres traded Adam Creighton to Chicago for Rick Vaive in a trade of forwards.

**Penguins 4, Whalers 3**

Pittsburgh's Rob Brown scored 1:39 into overtime to lift the Penguins over Hartford.

Brown scored on a rebound after Whaler goaltender Mike Liut stopped a low shot from just inside the blue line. Mario Lemieux added his 37th goal and also collected two assists for the Penguins, who are unbeaten in their last eight games.

The Whalers' Ron Francis scored at 14:08 of the third period to force the overtime.

**North Stars 5, Jets 1**

Neal Broten scored one goal and had two assists and Jon Casey stopped 31 shots to lead Minnesota over Winnipeg.

Broten assisted on two of the North Stars' first three goals and added Minnesota's fourth goal on an unassisted breakaway score with 4:54 remaining in the final period.



CHICAGO — Chicago Blackhawks center Troy Murray, right, tussles with St. Louis Blues right wing Herb Raglan during first period action Monday night. Both players were penalized five minutes for fighting.

Winnipeg has gone five games without a victory, while Minnesota ended a two-game slide.

**Blues 4, Blackhawks 1**

Tony McKegney scored two second-period goals and Brian Benning collected two assists in the same period as St. Louis defeated

Chicago.

The Blackhawks, 3-13 in their last 16 games, were 0-6 on the power play. The Blues converted one of three power-play goals as McKegney scored with the man advantage in the second period.

McKegney's goals helped the

Blues take a 3-1 lead after two periods.

**Flames 3, Canucks 2**

Joe Nieuwendyk scored his second goal of the game in overtime with Calgary enjoying a two-man advantage, leading the Flames over the Canucks.

## Boeheim has little time to reflect on impending achievement

By WILLIAM KATES  
AP Sports Writer

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — There will come a time when Syracuse's Jim Boeheim can linger over the achievement of winning 300 games faster than any other coach in the history of major college basketball.

There might be a smattering of that time at the end of this season, but for a man who admits being a 24-hour-a-day basketball junkie, true reflection is not likely to occur until Boeheim walks away from the game.

"Someday it will mean something. But right now my concern is to get this team playing well," Boeheim said. "It's something to look back on, but not something to look at now."

Unless third-ranked Syracuse is upset Tuesday night by Rutgers, Boeheim's 300th victory will come Friday against St. Francis, Pa.

The 44-year-old Boeheim is not superstitious. He is not worried

that No. 300 will come in the 13th game of his 13th season. Louisville's Denny Crum now has the distinction of reaching 300 victories quicker than anyone else. He did it in the ninth game of his 14th season.

"It's always nice to set a record, but records are made to be broken. He's a deserving coach," said Crum.

"It's a great record because it shows consistency. You can't have too many bad years and expect to do that," Crum said.

In those 13 years, Boeheim has won 76.1 percent of his games, averaging 22 victories per season. His winning percentage is fourth best among active coaches — behind only UNLV's Jerry Tarkanian, Temple's John Chaney and North Carolina's Dean Smith — and 11th best among all-time Division I coaches.

Boeheim won 100 games in his first four seasons and reached 200 victories in his ninth year. He has

topped the 20-win mark 11 times in 12 seasons and taken his team to postseason tournaments every year, including an NCAA championship game in 1987.

Boeheim-led teams have lost just 93 times.

"He achieved success in the first year and hasn't stopped," said New York Knicks coach Rick Pitino, who was Boeheim's assistant for two years and remains a close friend.

"Outside, he won't let you know it, but inside, this means a lot to him," Pitino said. "Jim will always put his kids' interests before himself."

Boeheim lives basketball.

"I love the game. I love to see the kids play it right. I love to see great plays. Ten minutes of great basketball against a team like Indiana, that's what I live for," said Boeheim, referring to Syracuse's 102-78 rout of the Hoosiers earlier this year.

The win was especially satisfy-

ing for Boeheim, who regards Indiana's Bob Knight as one of the best coaches in the game.

"I also enjoy dealing with the kids off the court. You have rough times and good times, but all those times are special. You get to know special people. You don't get an opportunity like that in all walks of life."

His dedication goes beyond practices and games.

During the season he watches basketball at home on cable television in the morning and frequently travels out of town looking for good players and good plays.

"If you're into basketball coaching, you're into it 365 days a year, every minute of every day. That's the only way there is," said Boeheim, who allows himself only two diversions: his family and golf.

That's why Boeheim probably won't savor his 300th victory until he is no longer coaching.

"Right now it doesn't matter because there is the next game or

the next season to prepare for," said Boeheim, who added he has not found time to savor his golfing victory at the College Basketball Coaches Invitational this summer.

Boeheim said he has learned bits and pieces from every coach and every game he has ever watched.

"It's all basketball. I may take something from a pro game. I see things at high school games that I use or develop. I learned from my college coach and my high school coach showed me certain things. I learn from watching (former UCLA Coach John) Wooden's teams pressing. Our motion offense is something I liked that I saw at Indiana," said Boeheim.

"You take things from different places and different times, save them, and then develop your own style," said Boeheim, whose teams like to run the fast break and play pressure defense.

Syracuse's wide-open play and Boeheim's sometimes fiery on-court temperament are in sharp

contrast with the coach's reserved personality off the court.

His timid manner briefly shielded Boeheim's playing and coaching talents, said Roy Danforth, who was an assistant coach at Syracuse when Boeheim played there between 1963 and 1966. Danforth was the head coach when Boeheim served as an assistant in the early 1970s.

"It's difficult to envision him as a coach. He was quiet when he was a player, even as an assistant," said Danforth, now athletic director at Fairleigh Dickinson. "But he was an extremely intelligent player. He was always a quick learner and he knows the game very well. It looks like he's instilled that in his players."

Pitino, who has designed the resurrection of the Knicks this season, recalled the dread he had as head coach at Providence when he was about to face Boeheim's Syracuse team in a Big East conference game.

## Ryan

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"I don't have to prove anything to Ditka. We had many scrimmages when I was in Chicago. They know we have a good football team. No doubt that we've played great defense the last four or five weeks."

Ryan said he still knew the Bears' defensive personnel pretty well.

"I don't see any difference. Only some different people doing some other things. And they run the same offense."

"This is a great opportunity for a young football team to go into Soldier Field with horns blowing. Let people know we're here."

It's well known that Ditka expressed great resentment when Ryan received a major part of the credit for the Bears' Super Bowl XX championship.

Ryan's defense turned in consecutive shutouts against the New York Giants and the Rams in playoff games that led to a 46-10 Super Bowl victory over New England. The Bears' defense held the Patriots to the fewest rushing yards and fewest first downs in Super Bowl history.

But the rift between the two

goes deeper than that, according to Eagles' linebacker Todd Bell, a strong safety with the Bears under Ryan, said Monday that when Ditka first came to Chicago as an assistant he didn't like Ryan's defense and tried to undermine Ryan with the players.

"But Buddy won," he said.

Bell said Ryan, later under Ditka, continued to run the defense Ryan's way, including the "46" which Ryan claims to have invented.

"I don't think Ditka understood the '46' and wanted something he was familiar with," Bell said. "There were a lot of rumors that Buddy would go, but it never happened."

Bell, who missed a season with the Bears in a contract dispute and last year was released, hooked up with his old friend Ryan with the Eagles.

"My Christmas wish was to win the Super Bowl," Bell said. "The Bears are just one step toward the Super Bowl. Chicago is in our way. I'm happy to go back smiling. I'm going to downplay everything else — for now."

## Vikings

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mixing our zones and he wasn't able to read them."

Scott Studwell added a fourth quarter interception for the Vikings, who during the regular season led the NFL in interceptions with 36 and giveaway-takeaway ratio with plus-23.

"If they want to give them to us, we'll take them," tackle Tim Irwin said.

Even though Browner and company controlled the game's tempo, the Rams trailed only 14-7 at halftime, as Everett hit Damone Johnson with a 3-yard scoring pass in the second quarter.

But the Vikings went 84 yards on their opening drive of the second half — capped by Anderson's 1-yard burst — and it soon became obvious the Rams wouldn't be able to rally from the 21-7 deficit.

"It was immensely important," Irwin said of the drive. "Once we got up 14 points again, it had to put doubt in their minds whether they were going to stay in the game."

After Mike Lansford's 43-yard field goal made it 21-10, Walter Wilson's 5-yard pass to Carl Hill put the Vikings up by 18 with 12:42 to play. Everett's 11-yard touchdown pass to Pete Holobaugh with 1:17 left was only a formality.

Hilton, a third-year tight end, had five career receptions — all touchdowns.

Wilson, a Pro Bowl quarterback who was benched in last week's victory over Chicago, was 17 of 22 for 253 yards.

"It's not the ultimate hurdle," Wilson said when asked why it was relatively quiet in the locker room. "With the expectations of the fans, ourselves and the media, everyone realizes that the wild-card game is just the first step in a long process."

The Vikings had today off before heading to Tucson for four days of workouts. Then it's on to San Francisco, where Burns will be looking for more of the same solid play.

"We played damn well," Burns said, "and we can play better."

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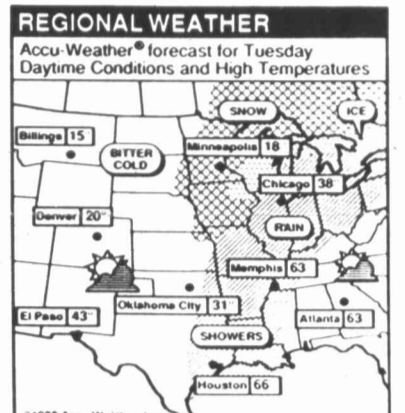
### Weather

Heavy snow, freezing rain, or a mix of the two hit the Midwest today, leaving up to a foot of snow and making roads treacherous, while the next storm churned off the Pacific Coast.

The freezing rain left a layer of ice on top of 1 to 3 inches of snow that fell Monday, making roads slick and dangerous.

In the lower Missouri Valley, showers and thunderstorms brought winds gusting to 45 mph and brief heavy rain. By early today, the thunderstorms extended southwest into northwest Texas.

The nation's high was 85 degrees in Beeville, Texas, where President-elect Bush flew Monday for a quail-hunting vacation.



Today's forecast called for snow, with rain at lower elevations, from the northern Rockies to the northern Pacific Coast; snow from the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles to sections of Oklahoma. Snow was expected to change to freezing rain over parts of Oklahoma, South Dakota and Wisconsin; rain and occasional thunderstorms was expected from the eastern three-quarters of Texas to the lower Mississippi Valley, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and much of inland New York.

High temperatures were forecast in the 30s and 40s in central New England, Maryland, Delaware, the rest of the Great Lakes.

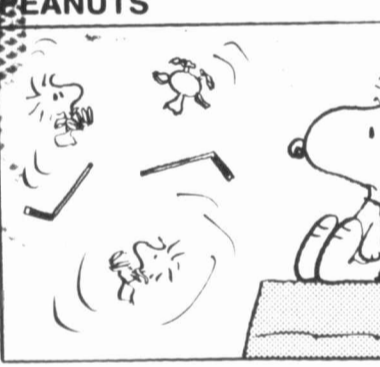
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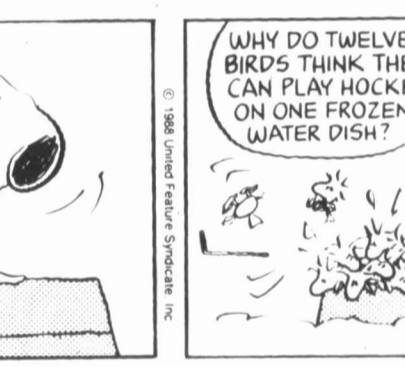
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### Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Analyze recent career and financial decisions very carefully. A friend pays you a meaningful compliment. Keep an open mind where other points of view are concerned. An expert's advice is invaluable.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): New friends and associates prove helpful. A conversation with member of opposite sex is most revealing. Less tension means greater happiness in love and marriage. Avoid making mountains out of molehills.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Longtime contacts come through for those seeking new employment or better pay. Stop protecting someone who must stand on his own two feet. Calmness gives you the upper hand in volatile situations.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Save

money instead of spending it. Your chief assets are a keen sense of humor and innovative ideas. Protect secrets that keep you ahead of the crowd. Romance is in full bloom.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Face the fact that some people never change, and stop pushing so hard. Time is on your side. Career strategies work better than in the recent past. A distant friend provides needed information.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone may try to shake your beliefs. Maintain your dignity. A financial offer is better than it sounds. A change in travel plans gives you a chance to combine business with pleasure.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Money is less of a problem. A compromise will help avoid further conflicts. Your intelligence is far more valuable than monetary wealth. Romantic partner is a source of inspiration. Show your love.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Turn a mistake into an asset. Refuse to be pressured into making

a romantic commitment you do not really want. Member of opposite sex gives your career and ego a healthy boost.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Curb your jealousy which hurts you either professionally or personally. You garner support for a new project or invention but you may have to wait a while to launch it. Be patient.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Unexpected changes could alter your working plans. Flexibility is needed to keep everything on track. A legal matter will be settled out of court in your favor. Celebrate quietly at home.

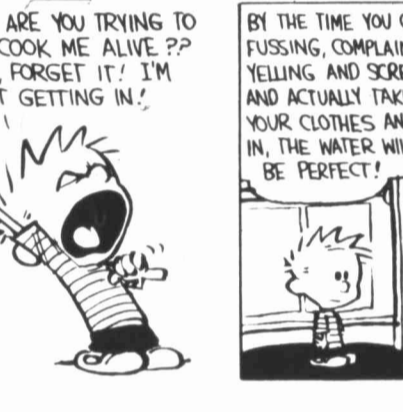
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not be afraid to put the blame where it belongs. Make amends to someone you may have slighted in the recent past. Flowers or candy should do the trick. Romance is intriguing.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Think and act in a more positive way. A clear-headed approach will help you emerge triumphant from a difficult dilemma. Expand your social horizons.

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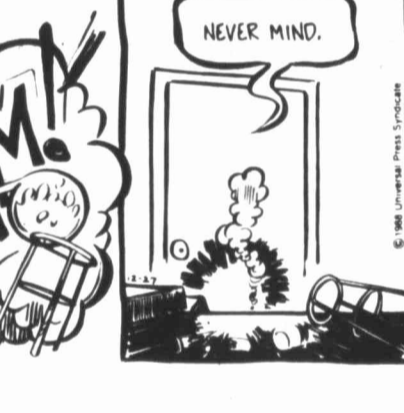
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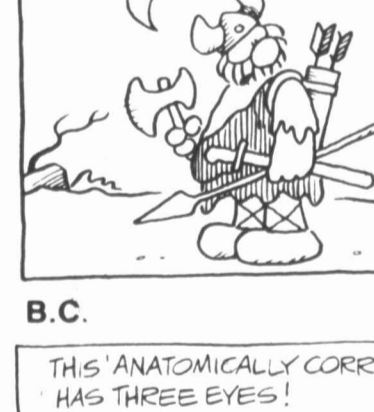
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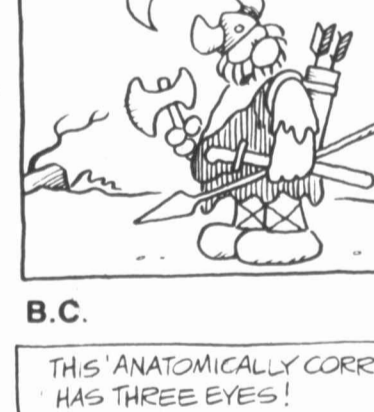
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# Environment

## Volunteers at work to save oil-coated fowl

OCEAN SHORES, Wash. (AP) — Volunteers cleaned and fed hundreds of squawking waterfowl coated with some of the 70,000 gallons of oil that spilled into the ocean after a tug boat collided with a barge.

With the search for dead and ailing birds continuing, 207 dead birds had been found by Sunday night, and it could take weeks for officials to determine how many of the injured waterfowl will survive, said Pam Miller, a state biologist in charge of the rescue mission.

Sauve Bros. Ocean Towing of Coos Bay, Ore., owner of the tug Ocean Services and barge Nestucca, hired a company to begin cleanup operations Saturday. Dick Lauer, a company manager, said Sunday he doubted an estimate of cleanup costs would be available immediately.

Officials said 370 rescued birds were kept in cardboard boxes around the Hoquiam Middle School gymnasium, locker rooms and hallways. About 50 volunteers worked on bird cleanup Sunday at the makeshift bird hospital, noisy with squawking birds tapping on their boxes.

It took about an hour for each bird to be cleaned by a pair of volunteers and then wrapped in towels or cloths to be kept warm.

The birds, mostly open ocean birds such as murres, were being tube fed twice a day with smelt. Most arrived "pretty well coated with oil from head to toe," Ms. Miller said.

It would probably take three or four weeks to clean, inspect and return the stricken birds to the wild, said Alice Berkner, executive director of the Bird Rescue Research Center in Berkeley, Calif., and supervisor of the rescue. Of those treated, 25 percent to 65 percent are expected to survive, officials said.

Oil ruins the insulating effect of a bird's feathers, which can cause it to die of cold, Ms. Miller said. Birds also can be poisoned by ingesting oil while cleaning their feathers, she added.

The birds, including grebes, loons, scoters and other sea ducks, were found along a 30- to 40-mile section of coastline after the tugboat Ocean Services struck the fuel-oil barge Nestucca it was towing to Grays Harbor on Thursday, authorities said.



HOQUIAM, Wash. — Volunteer Ruth Hensley of Aberdeen feeds fish to oil-covered birds at the Hoquiam Middle School Monday. Efforts continue to try and save as many waterfowl as possible following a tug-barge collision off the coast near Ocean Shores, Wash. These birds have not yet been cleaned.

## Texan: Mercury capsule recovery difficult, possible

LAKE WORTH (AP) — A Lake Worth man who plans a search for the only unrecovered craft in the history of the American space program admits that pinpointing the Liberty Bell 7 will be difficult.

"It's sitting down there as clean as a whistle," said Robert Fuller, 44, an oil exploration specialist.

The two-ton craft, barely bigger than a compact car, is believed to be 18,000 feet below the surface of the Atlantic where it sank after a 15-minute suborbital flight July 21, 1961, about 200 miles east of Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Locating the capsule will be like "finding a needle in a haystack," said Fuller, who hopes to have funding and NASA approval so he can begin the venture in the spring.

"It's a part of our history, something people should be able to see, so we want to bring it back."

Astronaut Virgil "Gus" Grissom scrambled out of the Mercury capsule when explosive bolts blew open its emergency hatch after splashdown.

A spokeswoman for NASA's Washington D.C.-based Artifacts Committee told the *Dallas Times Herald* they are considering "whether to allow Fuller's \$3 million hunt for the capsule. The space agency has supplied Fuller with plans that detail the capsule's size and configuration.

Fuller will own the capsule if he recovers it, but he said he plans to loan it to museums.

"On this project, we're not treasure hunters; we're marine archeologists," he said.

Fuller hopes to borrow a steel-encased underwater "rover"

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similar to one used by a New England research team that located the Titanic in 1986. The Titanic was found in 13,000 feet of water about 560 miles of the coast of Newfoundland.

If the capsule cannot be floated to the surface with the use of an inflatable air bag, Fuller said he may ask the U.S. Navy for assistance.

His company, Subsurface Technologies, includes friends and a film crew who are involved in energy research and exploration. Since the downturn in the Texas oil industry, Fuller's company has been looking for new projects.

He hopes recovering the space capsule will help him line up financial support to search for Spanish galleons shipwrecked in the Caribbean.

"There are billions and billions of dollars sitting on the Caribbean floor," Fuller said. While seeking funds for a galleon venture, Fuller said a friend suggested looking for the Liberty Bell 7.

"He said, 'Look, if you want some notoriety, go find Grissom's capsule,'" Fuller said. "So here we are."

## Founders hope recycling gives polystyrene new image

By CAROLYN LUMSDEN  
Associated Press Writer

LEOMINSTER, Mass. — The nation's first plant to turn plastic items like foam coffee cups and hamburger trays into things like flowerpots, coat hangers and even fence posts opens next month.

And its creators expect the \$4 million plant to change the reputation of the maligned material.

"I predict that the plastic bashing that's going on today will stop and polystyrene will become an environmental hero," said Robert J. Barrett, safety environmental officer at Mobil Chemical Co. of Rochester, N.Y., one of two backers of the factory.

The plant, called Plastics Again, is a converted warehouse with machines that can turn 3 million pounds of dirty cups, trays and cutlery — the amount that 1,000 schools throw away yearly — into hard, pea-size pellets.

Mobil and Genpak Corp. of Glens Falls, N.Y., hope to use the pellets themselves and sell them to other companies for making wall insulation, fence posts, flowerpots and packing material, or anything not dealing with food because of the danger of contamination. They expect a profit by 1992.

Barrett sees a lucrative market because the nation uses 5 billion pounds of polystyrene yearly. He

said Mobil has five people searching for cheap sources of used or low-grade plastic film for recycling.

One key to the plant's survival, however, is teaching diners to stack their used cups and trays in a special garbage can so the waste can be collected easily and carted to the 21,000-square-foot plant in this industrial town 40 miles west of Boston.

To that end, the company has spent three months carrying out lunchroom experiments at schools in Lexington and Glastonbury, Conn. The company has agreed to take their polystyrene waste for free if the schools use the special

garbage cans. "Kids will be kids. Some are throwing plates in the wrong place as an act of rebellion," said Brad Devlin, Glastonbury schools' director of food services. "But I'm willing to bet a week's pay that it's been 90 percent effective."

The project has worked so well at one school in Lexington that a principal at another complained about being left out of the experiment, said James MacInnes, assistant superintendent.

The reason for its success, the two said, is that children are worried about diminishing landfill space for garbage including polystyrene, which accounts for

half the waste in school cafeterias.

MacInnes said 300 teen-agers signed petitions last spring demanding that Lexington schools switch from polystyrene to paper, although plastic is cheaper, keeps food warm longer and doesn't get soggy.

The plant is the result of these and many other protests against the material that has become the rallying point of environmentalists. Supporters claim that polystyrene accounts for only 10 percent of all the plastics produced in the world, takes up only one-quarter of 1 percent of the nation's landfill space and takes just as long as paper to biodegrade.

The polystyrene industry even volunteered to stop using chlorofluorocarbons in plastic manufacture by the end of 1988 because it threatens the Earth's ozone layer.

Nevertheless, Berkeley, Calif., and Suffolk County, N.Y., have banned polystyrene. Even Gov. Michael Dukakis, in the state where the recycling plant is being built, has banned state agencies from buying plastic-foam food packaging beginning in July.

"The Styrofoam industry has come to realize that if they want the public to buy the stuff, they've got to do something about throwing it away," MacInnes said.

## Plant populations primary interest in cotton testing

By DON RICHARDSON  
County Extension Agent

A lot of interest has been created this year among cotton producers in the county about the performance of our test plots of cotton in the county. These demonstration sites were located on the farms of Howard Armstrong, Larry Fryar, Larry Shaw, Bob Nichols and Lloyd Robinson.

More than 15 varieties of cotton were involved in this year's varietal studies but perhaps what has caused the most interest was our studies in plant populations along with these varietal plantings.

Each of the varieties of cotton being evaluated in this year's program have also been subjected to plant spacings of 2, 3, and 4 plants per foot. This relates to about 12, 15 and 20 pounds of seed per acre planting.

Plots were replicated three times in each variety in each plant spacing test. All plots were hand harvested by Victor Lucero, Mike Bragg and myself in late November and early December.

Composite samples will be ginned at the Texas Agricultural Experimental Station Research facilities near Lubbock. Samples will be evaluated on total gross weight, lint weight, seed weight and fiber quality and strength. Computer evaluations will convert the samples' results to a per acre yield basis together

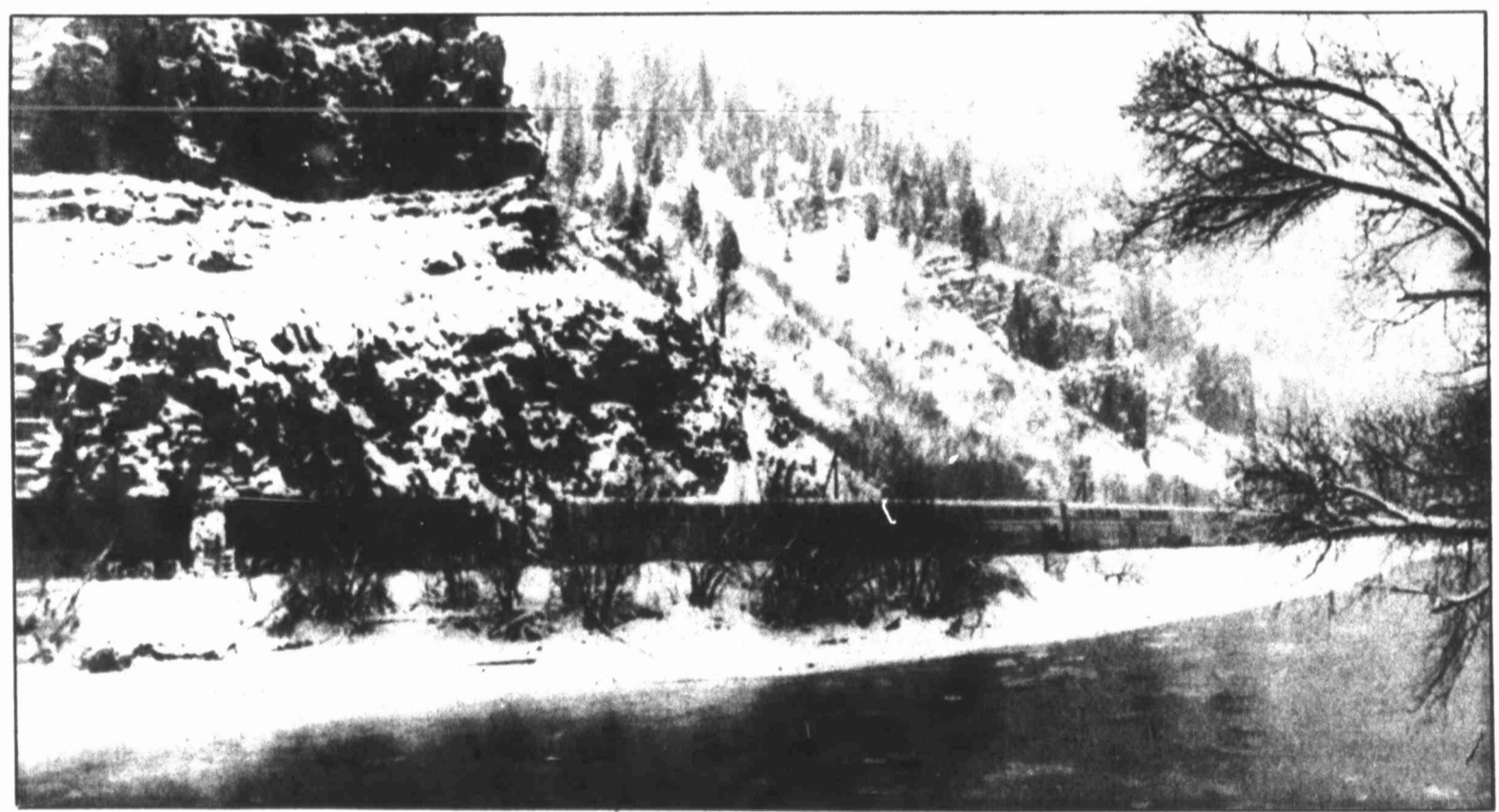


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with a dollar value return and these end findings will be compiled and made available to any interested individual by late January or early February of 1989.

Records will be reported and similar studies again evaluated in the coming seasons and hopefully accurate planting rates and varietal evaluations can be determined and recommended to county producers with some degree of predictability.

One season's studies can not be used as an accurate recommendation for future operations due to the great degree of variability of West Texas weather conditions, methods of farming by different producers and other factors, that are the reasons several seasons of study are needed before any degree of accuracy can be predicted. Any county producer or other interested individual may request the results of these findings in these demonstrations by contacting the Howard County Extension Office and reserving a copy of our Handbook of Agricultural Result Demonstrations.



### Derailment

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — The westbound California Zephyr Amtrak train remained upright after it derailed in Glenwood Canyon, about 150 miles west of Denver Sunday night. The 294

passengers and 24 crew members spent Christmas night on the train before being shuffled into Glenwood Springs. No injuries were reported and damage was minimal.

## Men survive 7-hour burial in avalanche

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) — Two men who were buried alive in an avalanche for nearly seven hours say they survived because they stayed calm and managed to pound air pockets in the 6-foot-deep snow.

Brett Woods, 24, and Keith Cathcart, 19, were dug out Sunday morning after passersby heard their screams and spotted Woods' blue glove sticking out of the snow.

The two Durango men said they were caught in the slide while climbing a hill on the outskirts of their home town to see what it looked like on Christmas all covered with snow.

They were listed in satisfactory condition today at Mercy Medical Center, recovering from hypothermia and muscle injuries.

"I panicked massively for a minute," Woods said from his hospital bed. "I thought I was going to suffocate."

But he said he managed to calm down and begin digging for air.

"I kept thinking I didn't want to suffocate on Christmas. I don't know what kept me going. I guess that I want to go skiing," he said.

"I stuck my glove out of the snow. Just the fingertips. I was pretty much trying to get some air,

but then after I got some air and I got to thinking clearly, I thought someone would see it."

Cathcart said he remembered Boy Scout training and pounded an air pocket in the snow with his head and fists. He said he and Woods were lucky they landed in sitting positions.

Woods said he heard traffic on the road just 15 feet away. After many hours, he heard footsteps and shouted for help.

Nine hours is the longest anyone has survived being buried in an avalanche in the this country, said Andy Loving of the Avalanche In-

formation Center in Denver. Someone in Canada survived 22 hours, he said.

Woods and Cathcart, who both work at a pizza restaurant, apparently set off the slide as they walked near the top of the Chapman Hill ski area Sunday afternoon. They rode the slide down, but a second avalanche buried them at the bottom of the hill before they could get up.

Cathcart's temperature dropped to 87 degrees, and Woods' to 91, hospital officials said.

Nearly 3 feet of snow fell in southwestern Colorado by Sunday.