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 Whayne

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 ounty 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 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

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'

"I think there is a little more optimism in the area,

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 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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economy), and our promoting Gentleman's Corner, 223 Main St., Sweaters were also big sellers at shop Big Spring first' has had an had not yet been compiled, Bob Dunlap's, Highland Mall, which 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

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

reported an 1112 percent increase in holiday sales as compared to last

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 througout 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,

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

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

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 Maurie-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 Khaled, 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, Khaled 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

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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 Interna-

tional 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. 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

In Indiana, the winter weather caused a tractor-trailer to jackknife 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 In-

diana 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

Associatd 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**

Legislative briefs

Bias cited in court elections

AUSTIN (AP) — The debate over judicial reform is "now more than just an issue of selection of make is whether they could elect judges," says a top aide to Gov. **Bill Clements**

Until Texans on Nov. 8 changed the lineup on the state Supreme Court, the focus of debate had been whether to retain the partisan election system and, if so, what changes should be made. A frequently heard proposal has been whether to limit campaign contributions.

But two lawsuits filed this year in federal court attack the districts from which judges run.

Appellate and trial judges are elected at-large within their districts, and plaintiffs in the suits charge that practice discriminates against minorities.

"It's an issue of preserving our form of electing judges," Mike Toomey, an aide to Clements, told the Austin American-Statesman.

"It's now rising to a critical issue, and the question that everybody must answer is: Are we going to get out ahead of this lawsuit or are we going to wait and see what the courts do?" Toomey

The political calculation Democrats and Republicans must more judges under the present system than they could if all judges had to run from geographical districts.

For example, all 13 Travis County district judges are Democrats, and each of their districts comprises the entire county.

But if the county were broken up into 13 judicial districts representing certain geographical areas, the newspaper said, Republicans probably would stand a good chance of winning some of those

A ruling early this year in a Louisiana case by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the federal Voting Rights Act applies to judicial elections.

That ruling opened the door to the same kind of legal challenge of at-large election of judges that in the past overthrew many city council and legislative at-large elections

After that ruling, lawyers for Texas Rural Legal Aid went to federal court in Brownsville to challenge the practice.

AIDS report impact feared

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker who serves on the Legislative Task Force on AIDS said the group's report probably will make the eyes of most lawmakers glaze over on the subject of acquired immune deficiency syndrome before the session

'My biggest concern is it will look so one-sided and large to the members that they'll simply dismiss the credibility of the entire report and not be motivated to do much of anything," said Rep. Billy Clemons, D-Lufkin.

Clemons told the Austin American-Statesman he believes only about four of the task force's 120 proposals to the 1989 Legislature have a good chance of passage.

"I would say it would cost (the state) in excess of a billion dollars to put most of them in force," he said. "I'll lobby for some of them but I'll work against some of them, its AIDS subcommittee

Clemons has been the most outspokenly conservative member of the 18-person task force appointed by legislative leaders in 1987. The group recently made proposals in a 43-page preliminary report to the Legislature. The final report is due in January.

"I cast a good number of 'no' votes," Clemons said. "There are a lot of things I think are off track."

AIDS is an affliction in which a virus attacks the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to a wide variety of infections and cancers. Among means of transmission are sexual contact, blood transfusions and the sharing of contaminated hypodermic needles or syringes by drug

In the last regular legislative session in 1987, Clemons was vicechairman of the House Committee on Public Health and chairman of

AUSTIN (AP) - In an effort to Todd said. He said there is no way make county government run more to adequately protect Lake Travis efficiently, Travis County commis- from development outside the city sioners are putting together a list limits of changes they want in state law.

'We are handicapped in that the county can only do what the state specifically gives us the authority to do," Commissioner Bruce Todd "We are prohibited from engaging in any activity not addressed by state law.'

Changes commissioners will be lobbying for include the ability to:

 Impose regulations on water quality and the environment. The subdivision and flood plain control the county now has is not enough,

CHIROPRACTOR

 Select local firms over out-ofstate firms when awarding bids.

Commissioners say it's better for the local economy to award a contract to a local company, even if they have to pay as much as 5 percent more for the work.

employees' retirement plans if departments within each government are consolidated. Commissioners say city or county employees whose departments are consolidated currently lose retirement benefits.

 Participate in local economic development.

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Bush, friends after quail

BEEVILLE (AP) - Presidentelect George Bush was secluded today at an isolated ranch for a quail hunt with his brother and two of his best friends.

Bush, an avid outdoorsman who says he loves shooting birds, planned no public appearances while at the Lazy F Ranch, 10,000 acres of range land about 70 miles north of Corpus Christi and 15 miles from this rural town of 15,000

Steve Hart, Bush's spokesman, said Bush viewed his time at the ranch, owned by Houston millionaire Will Farish, as a chance to relax away from the daily pressures of the nation's capital.

Joining Bush on the hunting trip, an annual event for the last 20 years, were Bush's brother, Jonathan, James A. Baker III, the designated secretary of state, and Farish. Also staying at the simple, one-story ranch house were Farish's wife, Sarah, and Baker's wife, Susan.

The Bushes, Bakers and Farishes have a bond that goes back to the days when they all lived in Houston, where Bush was in the oil business.

Mrs. Bush remained in Washington to pack the vice president's house in preparation for the move to the White House next month. Bush's schedule for the next

two days will involve rising early to stalk quail and then returning for lunch, Hart said. Bush probably will take a nap in the afternoon, do a bit more hunting and then retire early, probably about

Though Bush described himself as a "fairly good" shot, quailhunting conditions were less than ideal on Monday, the day he flew into Chase Naval Air Station.

Locals said the 70-degree



BERCLAIR — President-elect George Bush shakes hands with well wishers on his way to the Lazy F Ranch for four days of quail hunting in Berclair Monday.

the bird population was devastated by the summer

Bush said he was not squeamish about shooting birds, even though he doubted he would kill deer. Discussing birds, he said, "Our forefathers ate by harvesting game.'

Work was not a high priority during the holiday, even though Bush said he brought along "a little homework, a little inaugural background material, a little temperature was too warm and reading," primarily on the

budget.

Before he was driven to the hideaway in the scrub brush, Bush, wearing his pants tucked into his cowboy boots, told reporters that he had talked by telephone to his son, Jeb Bush, who was flying back from a quick visit to Soviet Armenia, scene of a devastating earthquake.

Jeb, a Miami real estate developer, and his son, George, 12, flew into Armenia on Christmas Day to deliver toys and medical supplies to children.

Happy day: Stolen ring is returned

FORT WORTH (AP) - Marla Ponitz received a gift unequaled by any under the tree when a man came to her home Christmas night and returned a diamond ring he stole from her kitchen two months

Mrs. Ponitz had just finished serving Christmas dinner to 21 relatives Sunday when the doorbell

'My husband answered the door and the man said, 'I worked here two months ago. Is your wife at home?' "Mrs. Ponitz explained. "I went and he said, 'I was sweeping the floor and I took the ring.' And he had tears in his eyes and I started to cry.'

The man was one of eight Mrs. Ponitz and her husband, Kenneth, employed to remodel their kitchen.

"He said, 'I don't need the money. I don't know why I took it." And then he pulled it out of his pocket.'

Mrs. Ponitz took the ring and told the man she didn't want to know his

"I just got hysterical because I never thought I'd see it again," Mrs. Ponitz said.

Her husband gave her the ring three years ago to celebrate the birth of their second child. The ring, a 11/2-karat diamond surrounded by 18 little diamonds, was worth \$3,400 when it was purchased in 1984. It was not insured.

Mrs. Ponitz said she wasn't going to press charges and hopes the floor company doesn't fire the

The eight men who worked on the Ponitz kitchen took polygraph tests, but results from three of them were not complete when the man returned the ring. The other five passed the tests.

"If they all passed the test, the company will never know who it was," Mrs. Ponitz said. "He doesn't deserve to lose his job."

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tion about Social Security. But, it isn't all correct. If you have a question about Social Security in general or need specific information that affects you, go straight to the source. Contact your Social Security office. Someone there will be glad to answer your questions or provide you with the facts you need. You can also get free pamphlets that explain different aspects of the Social Security program.

Four in ten Southern college freshmen need remedial work

ATLANTA (AP) — The Southern Regional Education Board found that just as many freshmen in the South's four-year liberal arts colreading, writing or mathematics as do freshmen in two-year

But far too many freshmen at all tion concluded from a survey of remedial and developmental programs at 404 public colleges and universities in 15 southern states.

'When 36 percent — close to four of ten — first-time entering college freshmen need additional academic support in reading, writing or mathematics, the problem is serious," the board said in a report released Friday.

The board recommended states, higher education systems and institutions take various actions to reduce the number of inadequately prepared college students, such as making sure high school educators and parents know the basic academic skills students need to pursue college-level coursework. In Texas, 30.5 percent of first-

colleges, 38.9 percent in four-year liberal arts colleges and 30.6 perleges need remedial instruction in cent in doctoral-research institutions

The survey, based on 1986 enrollment figures, found that 35.7 percent of first-time freshmen needed public colleges are ill-prepared to remediation in one or more of the do the work, the Atlanta-based areas of reading, writing and higher education support organiza- mathematics — including 37.3 percent at two-year schools, 37.6 per cent at four-year schools and 22.3 percent at the region's more selective research institutions offering doctoral degrees

"It is not surprising that the fouryear liberal arts and comprehensive colleges have a significantly higher percent of students in remedial/developmental programs than do the 'flagship' institutions in view of the role and mission of these institutional types," the report said.

'What is surprising, however, is that in the two-year colleges, the average percentage of first-time freshmen needing remediation, 37 percent, is about the same as at the four-year liberal arts and comprehensive institutions, 38 per-

time freshmen need remedial cent," it said. "Most would expect education; 28.1 percent in two-year the percentage of students at twoyear colleges to be higher given the role these institutions have traditionally played.

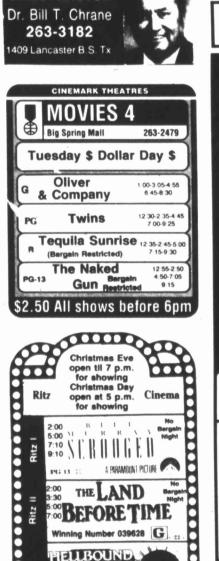
The report attributed the similar percentage of remediation requirements for two-year and fouryear schools to several factors:

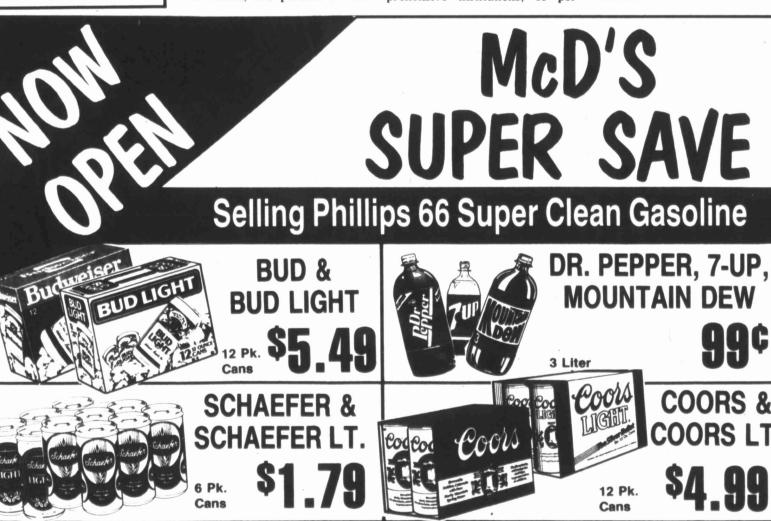
 Many four-year colleges have admissions policies much like the traditional two-year colleges' open-door" policies that require only that a student possess a high school diploma or its equivalent for admission • Four-year colleges may be

responding to the effects of competition for the declining population of traditional college-age students and may be admitting students who would not ordinarily be accepted. A relatively large number of

students in remedial courses are those who complete high school in the general curriculum, not college preparatory studies, and then decide to go to college. • Different institutions use dif-

ferent definitions to identify who needs remedial or developmental





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Q. Who will play in the Cotton Bowl Jan. 2?

A. The Arkansas Razorbacks and the UCLA Bruins will be the teams competing in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Calendar Greenbelt

WEDNESDAY • The city will be flushing fire hydrants in the Greenbelt Area from 1 to 5 p.m. Residents may experience low water pressure.

FRIDAY There will be a senior citizens' dance at 8 p.m. in the Airpark in building 487

Tops on TV **Dancing**

Dirty Dancing - Max discovers that he can't afford to run the lodge with a full staff. but when Penny is laid off, Johnny thinks of a personal plan to save her job. -7 p.m. Ch. 7.

• The Omega Man — (1971) Charlton Heston, Anthony Zerbe. A medical researcher, a lonely survivor of germ warfare, tries to preserve mankind by developing a curative serum from his own blood. -9:20 p.m.

Bomb

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rain-swollen waters of the lakes, reservoirs and bogs in the 100 square miles of rugged terrain and dense woods surrounding the crash zone

Civilian and Royal Air Force pathologists and a group of orthodontists examined bodies in temporary morgues in the town hall and ice rink, but expected the identification process would take another 10 days.

Police spokesman Angus Kennedy said today three more men had been arrested after being found in possession of parts of the aircraft.

The men, ages 20, 21 and 40. will appear in court on Wednesday, along with a 28-year-old man who was arrested Monday for looting at the crash.

"I am disgusted with certain things I have seen — at the very thought that something like this could happen in the midst of all this, when everyone else is trying to help," said Paul Newall, the area's chief deputy constable.

A suspect suitcase and an unspecified amount of wreckage were sent Monday to the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment in southern England "for more detailed examination to determine whether they exhibit evidence of a pre-impact explosion," Michael Charles, the top British investigator on the scene, said in a statement.

Transport Department press officer Penny Russell-Smith said the tests began today and might be concluded "as early as tonight or perhaps a few days.'

The Times of London reported that the suitcase, noticed lying among wreckage, was ripped and torn and might have been damaged by flying metal. The report said the Fort Halstead scientists "should quickly be able to establish whether those marks were made by an exploding bomb."

Charles' statement added that although no evidence of structural failure had turned up, that was still being probed as a possible cause.

The Daily Mail newspaper said without attribution: "Circumstantial evidence points to a bomb being planted in a suitcase loaded into the forward baggage compartment beneath the flight deck and the first class cabin. This part of the aircraft was ripped away from the main structure of the fuselage.'

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Papers: Agent Orange producer knew of hazards

By MICHAEL MORAN **Associated Press Writer**

NEWARK, N.J. - A manufacturer of Agent Orange and other dioxin-tainted herbicides knew of dangers to its workers for 12 years, but rejected safety modifications because they could have hurt productivity, documents show.

The Diamond Alkali Co., whose plant here produced the herbicides between 1951 and 1969, received a series of memos in 1957 from C.H. Boehringer Sohn, a West German chemical manufacturer, warning of the dangers of a nameless byproduct of the manufacture of certain herbicides.

The byproduct eventually became known as dioxin and has been linked to skin diseases, liver damage, birth defects and some forms of cancer.

The memos were among con-

fidential company documents pro- severe skin condition known as dated Sept. 18, 1957. vided to The Associated Press by an attorney, who acted on condition of anonymity, involved in litigation over the herbicides.

Company officials referred questions to attorney George McCarter of Newark, who said in a telephone interview that he and the company could not comment because of a pending lawsuit.

In 1967, Diamond Alkali merged with the Texas-based Shamrock Oil and Gas Co. to form the Diamond Shamrock Corp., which has its headquarters in Dallas. The New Jersey plant was closed in 1969.

Boehringer sent the memos to its competitors around the world after the West German company learned the hard way: A 1953 explosion at its Hamburg plant exposed 37 workers to the herbicide 2-4-5-T, and many of them developed a

chloracne and eventually suffered liver damage.

The West German company, worried about the long-term effects of the contamination, tore the plant down and redesigned its production process to virtually eliminate dioxin. It offered to help its competitors, including Diamond Alkali, to do the same.

After a 1960 explosion at its plant, Diamond Alkali rebuilt it with little change in design, despite plant manager John Burton's recommendation that some of Boehringer's methods be adopted, the

David J. Porter, a Diamond Alkali researcher who acted as a liaison with the West Germans, seemed to be impressed with the West Germans' methods, according to an internal company memo

"In view of our problems with chloracne problems in our plant, it would certainly seem in order to check these observations, if possible, in trial plant runs," Porter

But in papers filed with Essex County Judge Leo Yanoff, who is hearing the lawsuit against Diamond Shamrock, company researcher T.W. Fraser Russell questioned the feasibility of the West Germans' ideas.

"Those suggestions, specifically concerning temperature and dilution, would have resulted in a far less productive and significantly less economic operation of the plant," he said.

The documents are expected to figure in a lawsuit pending in Essex County Superior Court on behalf of 21 former workers at Dia-

mond Alkali's plant, their relatives and some long-time residents of Newark's Ironbound neighborhood, the site of the plant.

The lawsuit charges that the company fradulently withheld information about the dangers of dioxin from the employees and the government.

State environmental officials in 1983 called the neighborhood one of the worst dioxin contamination sites in the nation and ordered a \$16 million cleanup.

"It is clear that contrary to current beliefs, Diamond Shamrock knew in the late 1950s that its process for producing herbicides exposed workers to great risk and could have been altered," said plaintiffs' attorney Michael

Holiday sales

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November were up compared to last year at the same time, and a similar increase in December sales is likely, said Watt

Movies 4 is one Big Spring Mall business that has benefitted from the increased mall traffic, said Stan Feaster, manager.

Business at the theater during the holiday season has "been very good." Feaster said.

Friday and Monday were busy days at Movies 4, and its Tuesday specials have been extremely popular, he added.

Feaster anticipates larger than usual movie crowds throughout most of January.

"Christmas is over, but the people are still coming," he said.

Managers at J.C. Penney, Big Spring Mall, and The Kids Shop, Highland Mall declined comment.

Captives

Continued from page 1-A weather conditions over the Mediterranean.

The man did not elaborate and would not identify himself. Several Mediterranean countries

have been struck by a winter storm since Monday.

Khaled announced Nfv. 8, 1987 that his group had seized eight French and Belgian nationals aboard their French-registered yacht, the Silko, off the Israelioccupied Gaza Strip. The Fatah-Revolutionary Council accused them of spying for Israel. Israel denied it.

Some news reports have said the captives were being held in south Lebanon, and others said they were in Libya.

The girls' mother, Jacqueline Valente, gave birth to a baby girl in captivity and is due to deliver again in January, Khaled said. Since her separation from her husband, Pierre Betille, Ms. Valente has been living with Fernand Houtekins, one of the five Belgian

The other four captives are Houtekins' elder brother, Emmanuel, Emmanuel's wife, Godelieve, and the couple's two children, Laurent, 17, and Valerie,

Not counting the Silko captives, 15 foreigners, including nine Americans, are missing and believed held hostage in Lebanon. The longest held is Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of The Assoiciated Press. He was abducted March 16, 1985.

Abu Nidal, whose real name is Sabri Banna, formed Fatah-Revolutionary Council in 1976 after splitting from the Palestine Liberation Organization. He is wanted by many countries for masterminding hijackings, bombings and assassinations.

His group is bankrolled by Libya and believed responsible for the killings of three hostages in Lebanon following a U.S. air attack

on Libya in April 1985.

The gunshot bodies of Peter Kilburn, 61, of San Francisco and British hostages Leigh Douglas, 34, and Philip Padfield, 40, were found in Lebanon three days after the attack.

A stenciled note found near the corpses said they were "executed" by the Arab Revolutionary Cells to avenge the raid. The Arab Revolutionary Cells is one of several names Abu Nidal's activists have used when they claim attacks.

County

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jobs.

ing — "but unless we work

together to bring in jobs and new industries, we're going to be as

emphatically. Brown added.

"He's on the right track. He's a very learned man, and I hope for now (that) the whole community will be behind him . . . I think abatement and incentive zones

are a definite possibility.

person he knows assaulted him

• A man who resides in the 900

block of Scurry Street reported

unknown persons shattered the

passenger-side window, valued at

• An employee of the Exxon ser-

vice station, West Highway 80 and

Interstate-20, reported unknown

persons threw a bottle at a store

window which resulted in it being

\$205, on the car he owns.

assaulted her

Janet Harp

Janet Leigh Harp, infant daughter of Jerry and Joy Harp, Big Spring, died Monday, Dec. 26, 1988 in an Odessa hospital. Gravedside services will be at 2

Deaths

p.m. Thursday in Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. David Dawson, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, officiating under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Survivors include parents, Jerry

and Joy Harp, Big Spring; one brother, Charles, Mt. Pleasant; four sisters: Jennifer Harp and Kelly Kidd, both of the home; and Rhonda Bristow and Malisa Riechle, both of DeKalb; paternal grandparents Ed and Lucille Harp, Muleshoe; and the maternal grandmother Nada Ellsworth,

Lois Eitzen

Lois Fontaine Eitzen, 79, Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 1988 in Four Seasons Nursing Center, Austin. Graveside service was held in

Highland Cemetery, Durant, Okla., on Monday. She was buried in the Fontaine family plot where her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Fontaine, are buried. She was born Jan. 3, 1909 in

Shawnee, Okla. She and her husband, Arthur G. Eitzen, were longtime residents of Big Spring. She was a member of the Desk

and Derrick Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star and the First Methodist Church of Big Spring. She taught in the Canadian Academy in Japan while her sister, Blanche Hilburn and her husband,

MYERS&SMITH Funeral Home and Chapel

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301 E. 24th St., Big Spring

Sam, were missionaries there. Survivors are one sister, Helen Youmans, Beaumont; a niece, Mary Helen Fitts, Austin; and a nephew, Jack McKenna, Arlington,

Family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Franz Veser

Franz Anton Veser, 76, Big Lake, died Monday, Dec. 26, 1988 in a Big Spring Hospital.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Potter Hollow, N.Y., with local arrangements by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born March 5, 1912 in

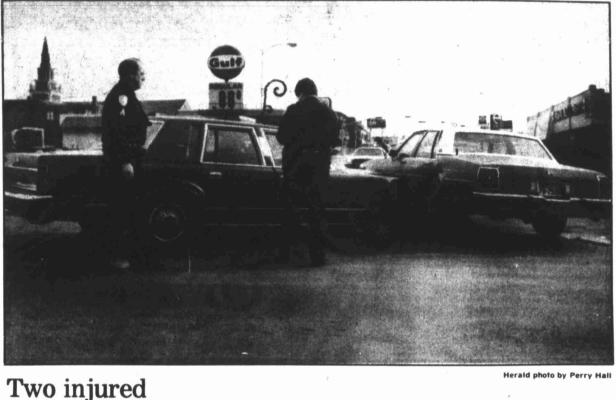
Germany and married Pauline B. Veser. She died in July, 1984. He was a Catholic and a member of the Cario-Durham Elks Lodge in Durham, N.Y. He was naturalized as a U.S. citizen in New York at the age of 27. he worked as a chef in New York for many years and came to Big Lake in February of Survivors include one son and

daughter-in-law, Joe and Reta Johnson, Big Lake; three grandchildren: Joe Johnson, Amarillo: Scarlet Ringener, Midway Community; and Tracie Beavers, Midland; and nine greatgrandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by one brother, Frank Veser.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

Roy Smith, 80, died Saturday. Services will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial



The accident occurred at 2:40 p.m., according to police reports. More details can be found in Police Beat this page.

Two people — one a Big Spring resident — suffered minor injuries in a two-vehicle accident Monday afternon in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

Storms

Continued from page 1-A outlook for spring planting.' The snow dissipated today as warmer air brought showers and thunderstorms to parts of the central Plains and Mississippi Valley, said Dan McCarthy, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Severe Storms

Forecast Center in Kansas City, "The main storm system is going to move slowly off into Ontario today, with some lingering snow across Minnesota," McCarthy

Nonetheless, temperatures early

today were in the single digits and below zero from the northern Plains through the northern Rockies, and some winter storm warnings continued this morning. Northerly winds increasing to 20

minus 50. On Monday, snow and freezing rain fell from the Rockies and upper Plains to Ohio. Accidents and blowing snow closed segments of interstate highways in Utah, Min-

Dakota. The highest accumula-

up to 10 inches of snow, the storm knocked out power to about 55,000 customers of Northern States to 35 mph there were expcted to Power Co. on Monday afternoon create dangerous wind chills of

when high winds caused icy power lines to bang together and shortcircuit, said John Lockhart, the company's construction manager. More than 100 slides were nesota, Indiana, Arizona and South

reported in Colorado's high country by Monday, according to the Avalanche Information Center in

tions were 12 inches around

In South Dakota, which received

Chicago and in Bemidji, Minn.

to bring in industry and more

Most cities, Allen pointed out,

have problems. So does Big Spr-

bad off as they are.

Commissioners William B.

Crooker and O.L. Brown agreed

Police beat

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Two persons suffered minor iniuries Monday afternoon in a twovehicle accident in the 300 block of Gregg Street, according to police

A car driven by Sharron Simmons Walker, 43, 2510 Chanute Drive, was preparing to turn left on West Third Street about 2:40 p.m. when another vehicle, driven by Harvey Ralph Adams, 62, Fort Davis, improperly made a left turn from the middle lane of Third Street, resulting in the collision, reports stated.

Adams — who was cited by police for turning left from wrong lane - and a passenger in Walker's

car sustained minor injurtes, ac- block of Stadium Road reported a cording to reports • John Hal Hensley, 59, 812 Willa

St., suffered minor injuries shortly

after 5 p.m. Monday when the car

he was driving collided with a car

driven by Marsha Potts Smith, 42, Odessa on FM 700 an West 11th Place, reports stated. A passenger in Smith's vehicle also suffered minor injuries, according to reports. Hensley was arrested on a

icated, reports stated. Big Spring police also reported investigating the following incidents:

A man who resides in the 1000

shattered. Estimated damage is charge of driving while intox-

 A woman who resides in the 1200 block of Harding Street reported someone she knows

Sheriff's log

HERALD STAFF REPORT Howard County Sheriff's Depart-

ment officers reported the following incidents as of 11 a.m. today: Mary Ledesma Vela, 31, 1210 Harding St., was released on \$1,000 bond after being arrested by city

police on charges of driving while

intoxicated. • Oscar Ramirez Lopez, 35,

bond after being arrested by city police on charges of DWI.

• Willie Ray Myles, 28, 708 E. Seventh St., was released on \$500 bond after being arrested by city police on charges of failure to identify.

was released on bonds totaling \$200 John Hal Hensley, 59, 812 Willia, was released on \$2,000 bond

after being arrested by city police on charges of DWI second offense. Cary Don Schofield, 29, 2514 • Texas Department of Public Larry Drive, was arrested on charges of public intoxication and rested Pedro Renteria, 25, El Paso, assault following an incident at the

on outstanding DPS warrants. He Brass Nail club late Sunday. O'Donnell, was released on \$1,000 Body of missing San Antonio police officer found

Safety Highway Patrol officers ar-

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Searchers today found the body of a policewoman in the murky waters of a creek after a search by dozens of other officers, firefighters and Civil Defense volunteers

Patrolwoman Patricia Calderon, 26, a five-year veteran, disap- tured near Interstate 10, and the brush along Salado Creek

peared at 2:15 a.m. while chasing a man through heavy brush behind an apartment complex, police said. Authorities searching at Salado Creek found her at about 6 a.m., aided by a police helicopter pilot. Police were holding a man cap-

man's brother, recently released. from the Texas Department of Corrections, was also being sought, officers said. The officer had chased the man

on foot through the Point East Apartments, then down into the

Opinion

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

Herald opinion

Honorariums are legalized bribery

Imagine the justifiable outcry that would erupt if the Secretary of the Interior were given \$2,000 by a major oil company, along with a free trip to a golf resort, and then decided to lease offshore tracts sought by the company for exploration. Our hypothetical interior secretary would be lucky to escape a prison term for bribery

But what is considered bribery for senior officials of the executive branch is simply routine business for many members of Congress. Last year, lawmakers accepted \$9.8 million in personal payments from various special interests. These sums, which masquerade under the euphemistic title of speaking fees or honorariums, nearly doubled between 1984 and 1987. The consequence is an intolerable conflict of interest between the public good and lawmakers' private gain.

Now a federal commission has proposed an equitable, and considerably belated, solution to the rampant abuse of speaking fees. The panel has recommended a 51 percent salary increase for lawmakers — from the current \$89,500 to \$135,000 — in exchange for a prohibition on acceptance of payments and free vacations from private

The reforms have been proposed at a moment when Congress, after years of winking at misconduct and questionable practices, appears amenable to improving its deplorable ethics record. Of the six House members who were defeated for re-election last month, each was tainted in some way by alleged ethical lapses. Consequently, lawmakers finally are getting the message that the voters are fed up with the loose rules and resultant cascade of special-interest cash.

The pay proposal provides a strong incentive for lawmakers to act on what they know best the bottom line. At present, senators are permitted under their own rules to accept up to \$35,800 a year in speaking fees; House members observe a limit of \$27,000. If they follow the commission's recommendation and abolish speaking fees in exchange for the hefty salary hike, senators would be \$10,000 a year richer than they are today, and congressmen would be \$19,000 better off.

But there is a risk that lawmakers will actually accept the higher pay without carrying out their half of the bargain. This danger exists because the salary increase, assuming it is included as expected in President Reagan's 1989 budget, will take effect automatically unless Congress passes a resolution of disapproval within 30 days. The pay commission's proposed ban on specialinterest payments is merely a recommendation and is not explicitly tied to the salary hike.

House Speaker Jim Wright of Texas and the Senate's new majority leader, George Mitchell of Maine, have hinted that the question of speaking fees will not be considered until after the pay issue is resolved. In other words, the Democratic leadership is likely to take no action on ethical reform unless the salary increase takes effect. Already, lawmakers are moving to decouple the higher pay from the sordid problem of speaking fees.

There is no justification for delaying the ethical reforms. Speaking fees can be eliminated, without legislation, by simply changing the rules of the House and Senate. This ought to be the very first order of business when the 101st Congress convenes, irrespective of the pay proposal.

And lawmakers ought not to address speaking fees only. The same stringent code of ethics that has been followed for years by executive-branch officials should be extended, in full, to members of Congress.

For starters, strict limits need to be enacted on travel provided by special interests. At present, lawmakers commonly accept free trips that are almost exclusively leisure, such as to an island resort, with their spouses' expenses also covered. In addition, stricter rules need to be adopted covering unearned income, such as from stocks and bonds, that poses potential conflicts of interest. Lastly, the House in particular needs to strengthen its ethics committee, which has often papered over ethical breaches rather than discipline members for blatant violations.

Until lawmakers act on their own to curb ethical misconduct, few voters will be sympathetic to the need for a pay increase. Rather, the voters will continue to repeat Will Rogers's cynical observation that we have the best Congress money can buy.



Jackson protege up for party chair

By JACK ANDERSON and JOSEPH SPEAR

WASHINGTON - During its final years of power, the corrupt regime of Haiti's "Baby Doc" Duvalier had a polished Washington lawyer on its payroll. Now that lawyer, Ron Brown, wants to become the next chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

By all accounts, Brown is a smooth politician. The main controversy around his bid to lead the party is his tie to the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Brown was Jackson's chairman for the Democratic National Convention last summer and Democrats aren't sure they want the appearance of a Jackson protege running the party.

But Jackson isn't Brown's only baggage. His list of clients once included the infamous Duvalier government. From 1982 until shortly after Jean Claude Duvalier fled Haiti in February 1986, Brown's law firm, Patton, Boggs and Blow, received \$12,500 a month from the **Duvalier** government

The ousting of Duvalier ended the 28-year reign of his family. The Duvaliers left Haiti the poorest tional claims that Haitian authorities under "Baby Doc" Duvalier arbitrarily arrested, tortured and killed his enemies. A New York law firm is now trying to help Haiti recover some of the \$500 million to \$700 million that Duvalier allegedly siphoned from Haiti's treasury before he left.

Brown, who has a background in civil rights law, told us that he did have some "apprehensions" about going to work for Haiti, but that he thought he could "do more good than harm." His job was to provide legal advice and to lobby the federal government for the interests of Haiti, which depends heavily on U.S. aid.

Quotes

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I am disgusted with certain

things I have seen — at the very

thought that something like this

could happen in the midst of all

to help." - Paul Newall, deputy

chief constable for the Lockerbie,

Brown's firm is registered as an

Anderson agent for foreign governments, and our associate Jim Lynch examined records filed with the Justice Department detailing Brown's work. His business relationship with Haiti began in October, 1982. The \$150,000-a-year contract was

Jack

Duvalier's ministers.

Brown claims he did not deal directly with Duvalier and only met him twice. He says his client was the country, not the president.

signed by Brown and three of

The foreign-agent records show at least one reason why Duvalier needed a Washington law firm. His brother-in-law, Franz Bennett, was arrested in the United States on drug trafficking charges about six months before Brown was hired. Duvalier's wife Michele was hysterical about the prospect of her recently published book, "Haiti: The Duvaliers and Their Legacy' by Elizabeth Abbott, recounts that Michele Duvalier became distressed when efforts failed to "convince, bribe or otherwise cause U.S. officials to release Franz.

The foreign agent records show Brown's firm met with high-level Justice Department officials regarding the drug case. Brown said that happened only after Bennett was convicted and sentenced. But he refused to explain how his work on Bennett's case would have benefited his client, the Haitian government.

Haitian sources in Washington told us they were shocked when Jesse Jackson picked Brown as his

Scotland, area, on looting in the

"Now I can smile and nobody

will get scared." - former

heavyweight boxing champion

Leon Spinks on his Christmas gift:

"I was stuck last year on

thought this year I'd take the bus.

Wrong!" - Jan Gabrielson of Cin-

wake of Pan Am Flight 103.

convention chairman. "How could someone like Jesse Jackson, who has helped the Haitian people so much, pick someone like Ron Brown?" said one former member of the Haitian embassy.

Our sources tell us that Brown still has close ties with several Duvalier cronies who have settled in Washington, including Jean Robert Estime, formerly Duvalier's minister of foreign affairs. Brown said he has associated with Estime. He also told us he has "a great affection for the Haitian people" and that most of his work for Duvalier government involved trade and aid matters that he hoped would help all Haitians.

TWO FACES OF MOAMMAR -Libya's Moammar Gadhafi has sent word that he would like to restore relations with the United States. He gave the message to two African leaders with the request that they pass it on to Washington. As a goodwill gesture, he said he would extend an agreement allowing U.S. oil companies to pump oil in Libya. Otherwise the agreement will expire in June. This is the same Gadhafi who is still an international terrorist. The Central Incountry in the Western brother doing time in a U.S. prison telligence Agency has learned that Hemisphere. Amnesty Interna- and vowed he would be released. A he paid Japanese Red Army terrorists to bomb U.S. installations. Washington has made it clear that Gadhafi's overtures of friendship will fall on deaf ears until he renounces terrorism. MINI-EDITORIAL — The East

German government claims it is loosening its emigration and travel restrictions. The government's idea of relaxed restrictions is to reject travel requests in a timely manner. The old policy was to never answer the requests and leave the applicants wondering. A country that makes a prison of itself will always be a prison until the walls are torn down — even the paperwork walls.

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cinnati, forced by a major winter storm to spend several hours at Chicago's Greyhound bus terminal while returning from a Christmas

trip to Iowa. "It has proved it hasn't worked. Furloughs and that sort of thing for those types ought to be abolished." R. Clayton Mitchell Jr., speaker of

the Maryland House of Delegates

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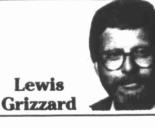
maximum-security prison

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They must be signed, free of libelous statments and in good taste



Call it a

By LEWIS GRIZZARD

Somebody broke into the birth control clinic at Grady Hospital in Atlanta recently and stole 16,000 condoms. I swore I wouldn't write a column about the incident.

At the time, it seemed that such a column would be a cheapie. All I would have to do is sit down in front of my typewriter and come up with a few cute lines about condoms, and I'd have a quick "no-brainer" and I could take the rest of the day

Anybody could write a column about the theft of 16,000 condoms, couldn't they? Sure they could. But let them try to make up something funny about Yasir Arafat not being allowed to speak at the United Nations or animal rights.

But then I began to act and think sensibly. Somebody steals 16,000 condoms only once in a columnist's career. I decided I couldn't pass up the opportunity.

In fact, I'm not sure this wasn't the first condom heist in history, and even if it wasn't the first, it certainly had to be the biggest.

Several questions concerning the theft began to creep into my mind. Like, how much do 16,000 condoms weigh? Would they weigh so much or be so unwieldy to handle

that the job involved more than one person? What went through the robber's (or robbers') mind when he or she

came upon the 16,000 condoms? Did the thief think, "Hey, there's 16,000 condoms here. Let's see, if I could sell them for 50 cents each, I'd make \$8,000."

Or did the thief think, "Just for kicks, I'll take these 16,000 condoms with me and see if anybody writes a column about it."

Or was the thought, "I think I'll stage a huge group sex party. I'll need these condoms, of course, and then I'll invite 'Audrey and Henry and Rebecca and Grover and Peggy and Ralph, etc."

If it was the thief's idea to throw such a party, I'd like to be invited — if not to engage in the activities to at least study and take notes and later chronicle the event for history. Maybe the Romans held orgies that required 16,000 condoms, but I don't think it's been done recently

Some more questions came up. If somebody steals 16,000 condoms, where do they hide them? Could you get 16,000 condoms in a closet? In the garage?

A locker at the bus station certainly wouldn't hold all of them. What if you buried them?

If the thief did bury the 16,000 condoms would he or she take a friend out to the burial site and say, 'Guess what I've got buried under

The friend might respond, "A Brinks' truck filled with money. 'No," the thief would explain,

'anybody could steal a Brinks' truck filled with money. I've got 16,000 condoms buried under

There's one other thought I had. Perhaps the condom thief was acting as a humanitarian. Perhaps he or she took the 16,000 condoms and plans to distribute them around the United States as a means of helping put a stop to unwanted pregnancies and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.

We always think the worst of people when we should think the best of them.

Imagine this person handing out condoms across the width and breath of our great nation as a favor to his or her fellow citizens.

Johnny Condomseed. It might be. It just might be.

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Mailbag

Medicare Act is unfair tax

To the editor:

Your article of Herald Opinion titled "Medicare Act Is A Good Deal" is noted, and seems to promote an erroreous conclusion. The information generally released on this matter shows that for those Medicare recipients who pay income tax (estimated to be from 33% to 40% of recipients) of \$150.00 or more, the increased tax is appreciable for those of such means.

At the low end of the bracket those who pay \$150 tax there is added \$22.50 plus \$4 per month, or \$70.50. And this is an increased tax burden amounting to a 47% increase in tax. At the upper end of the bracket — those paying an additional \$800.00 — it is calculated. using the 1988 tax tables, that the \$22.50 added tax per \$150 tax represents an increase of 15% in tax payment. And \$800.00 divided by .15 shows \$5350.00 as taxable in-

come before the Medicare Act.

If the levy of \$4.00 per month is added and the sum divided by the calculated income it is seen that those at that level of income have an increased tax burden of 15.85%. A substantial burden to those of such income

Further, published statistics show that less than 3% of Medicare enrollees will receive any added payment under the Catastrophic Act of 1988, not the 32 million as shown in your article. Also, further, the financial burden of the added tax will cause many to drop their Medigap insurance because of added expense. Therefore they become less well insured.

This added tax on Medicare recipients (the Bentsen TV commercials stating the position of ("I thought it a good idea") to those whose salaries and income place them in the upper 10 percentile of all incomes in the U.S., to say nothing of the added receipts from an extremely generous expense account, might seem good; but it certainly does place those whose in-

comes are \$27,000.00 per year and less in an unappreciated position.

Also from a perspective of history: For decades following the inception of Social Security, Medicare, we were repeatedly assured by those in government that (1) that Social Security and Medicare payments would not be sufficient to meet all needs of a relatively good life style, and therefore all people should discipline themselves and save in order to pay for contingencies as well as a more desirable life style, and (2) all would be treated alike and fairly by the program.

Now we see that rather than being treated equitably and alike the Congress in 1983 chose, from the possible alternatives presented by the Greenspan Commission to keep the program solvent, the possibility of taxing some recipients of Social Security. Subsequently, the Congress, led by Bentsen, passed the Catastrophic Illness Act of 1988. This in effect again reneges on the promise made in the past, by those in government, to treat all

equitably and alike.

A new set of teeth.

this, when everyone else is trying Christmas Eve at the airport, so I

Those who disciplined themselves and saved must now pay an ever increasing tax to provide others, many of whom dissipated their income during their working years by expensive living standards, drinking, gambling and other pursuits not necessary to decent living, with the means to continue living beyond their means, These people could have provided for themselves.

There has always existed means for caring for the truly indigent whose best efforts failed to provide adequately. And they would continue to exist if the responsibility for such service were left with local people, without increased encroachment from the federal government.

Many of the numbers quoted in your editorial are stated in a manner often used by politicians to slant the readers' perception to their desired ends, and need further definition.

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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

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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'

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,

WASHINGTON (AP) - Jeb 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 12, flew to Soviet Armenia (his son) for the rest of his life.'

'U.S. greetings, to Moscow'

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

CHICAGO (AP) - Iowa "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

Boy crushed in compactor

old boy was crushed to death in a compactor behind the supermarket managed by his father,

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-

NEW YORK (AP) - A 13-year- 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 up as a hole. 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,'

sunlight shining through" the cabin an Aloha Airlines flight at 24,000 roof, said another passenger, feet, killing one person and injur-Moore of Phoenix David

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 in the wheel well, attributed to things start with a crack and end metal fatigue.

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

However, Eastern spokeswoman Karen Ceremsak 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 "I looked up, and I could see of a 19-year-old Boeing 737 tore off

> The next month, an American Airlines Boeing 727 was forced to make an unscheduled landing in Detroit because of a 15-inch crack

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

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

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. Rela tions 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

The cause of the fire was under

investigation. Fire Chief Bob Babcock said Kaiser, a house guest and the staff fled without iniury 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

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.

on portions of this hilly capital, home to about 1 million people. Ali Abandah, director of the Na-

tional Weather Service, said more than 11 inches fell on the

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) town of Shobak in the southern mountains and at Tafileh, 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 Shodak and it was about 28 degrees in Amman.

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

Furlough furor, rapist's escape threaten unique prison

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

"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

tial campaign.

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

"The majority of the prison systems across the county 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

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

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

for violent offenders. The fate of the victim and a

JESSUP, Md. (AP) - A rapist Michael Dukakis in the presiden- Patuxent have been paroled after 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

that many of Patuxent's inmates have committed heinous crimes, Fine, an advocate of punishment but maintains that many criminals can be responsible members of

society after treatment. Patuxent since April to Robert Daly Angell, 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

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

prison's rules for the Legislature's 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.

directed aides to revamp the

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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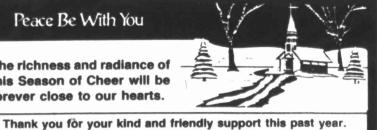
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Puppy school gets dogs off on right heel

ARLINGTON (AP) Youngsters need the right school ing early on to grow up prim and

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 huff-

ing along Ideally, the dog feels the leash FORT WORTH — Kathryn Driscoll, left, wattighten on its neck and slows or ches her puppy, Ziggy, size up Allison Pitrcock's

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 and flea and tick control. should never hit them. It cowers the dog. You can ruin a puppy by hitting him. Pick them up by the scruff of the neck like thier mother does in the litter. Then give them one command -



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.

great Dane, Wilson. The four are students in

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

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 The Dog Wash offers a free assigned to The Dog Wash in month-long series of classes for north Arlington. "They have to learn that it's OK to be touched." To socialize the puppies, each owner plays with all the other

"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 He agrees that it's important to

teach pets early. "They used to say not to train the dogs until they were mature,

"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.

6-month-old dog in training is like

putting a 9-year-old child in first

Behavioral problems must be

corrected immediately. Murphy

said that every time you touch a

puppy, you're training it.

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

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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

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

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

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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 nonoxynol-9. This kills both sperm and the AIDS virus, according to Dr. Merv Silverman, the president of the American Foundation for AIDS

Murphy said. But putting a Texans, French pay homage to the rescuer of French wine

and Denison residents recently completed a "French connection" that paid homage to Texas' unlike-

ly 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 Munsen'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

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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 France. It was a hectic time, but the French showered their guests with friendship.

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 chateauowners 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 grape harvests of the year in nearly 20 years, root lice had cut vineyard acreage by around 80

'I was impressed with all they "They (vineyard owners) all have done," Renfro said. "And took time out to welcome us and with what they have thought.

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By RALPH BERNSTEIN AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Buddy Ryan vs. Mike Ditka in an NFL playoff game. It's a match made in vell — maybe not heaven.

Ryan's Philadelphia Eagles. hampions of the NFC East, meet Ditka's Chicago Bears, champions of the NFC Central, Saturlay in a divisional playoff game n Chicago.

The Eagles' coach made a few emarks Monday that might raise he hackles of Ditka, his boss then Ryan was defensive coordinator for the Bears. Ryan left in 986 to take the Eagles' job.

First, Ryan took issue with the oddsmakers listing the Bears as -point favorites

'I don't understand that, Ryan said. "It should be a tossup. "The only place they're better s middle linebacker," Ryan said, conceding an advantage to the Bears' Mike Singletary "We're better at every other

osition," he contended. He also reacted to a reminder

hat Ditka once said Ryan would ind it tougher gving orders as a head coach than receiving them s an assistant

"I've given orders all my life," napped Ryan, a sergeant in the forean conflict.

"I never took orders from him anyway. The old man (former Bears' owner George Halas) hired me before he hired him." The Eagles worked up a sweat at the first practice of four days of

workouts before they head for Chicago on Friday. Ryan brought his team to Phoenix to escape the biting cold of Philadelphia, but the Eagles

arrived during a cold wave that

dropped the temperature into the low 40s. The forecast is for even

Ryan won't even concede a home field advantage to the Bears. He still considers himself more popular in Chicago than

"I've got the home field advantage," he said, smirking. He also scoffed at claims the Bears are banged up, with defensive end Richard Dent out for the season and defensive lineman Dan Hampton, running back Neal Anderson and quarterback Jim McMahon all nursing assorted

'They're crying. Everybody is beat up this time of the year. Injuries are mentioned when you're looking for excuses for losing. Someone mentioned there

already were six inches of snow in Chicago, and it would be bitter cold Saturday "That's Eagles' weather,"

Ryan said. "I hope there's five feet of that stuff. Ryan isn't surprised to meet

Chicago. He said he expected the Minnesota Vikings to beat the Los Angeles Rams and set up Eagles-Bears, Vikings-San Francisco pairings in the NFC semifinals.

Did he feel he had an edge with Randall Cunningham if Mike Tomczak started instead of McMahon'

'Tomczak is a hell of a quarterback. He's the guy who beat us in '86. They said (then) that we didn't know what we were doing. They beat us 13-10," and then with more than a touch of sarcasm added. "in overtime.

Did he feel he had anything to prove to Ditka?

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Buddy fires first Browner, Vikes oust Rams salvo at Chicago By MIKE NADEL AP Sports Writer MINNEAPOLIS — Seven percent of the NFL's coaches have

cast their ballots for the league's best player.

And - surprise! - they haven't voted for Dan Marino or Eric Dickerson or Lawrence Taylor or any of the other names usually found at the top of most people's

"I think Joey Browner is the best player in the league and I think he showed it today," Los Angeles Rams coach John Robinson said Monday after Browner and the Minnesota defense led the Vikings to a 28-17 victory in the NFC wildcard game.

"Joey is as good as any player in the league. No one can play bet-Vikings coach Jerry Burns said. "You can say anything about him that you want as long as it's

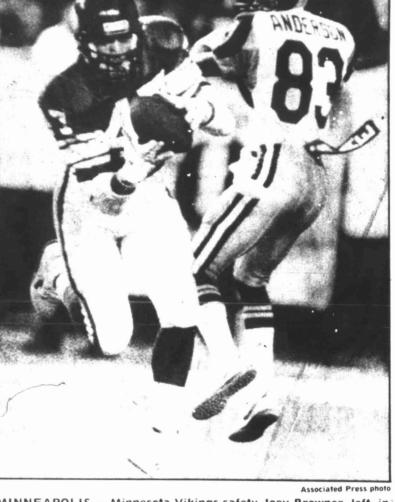
The praise for Browner — whose two interceptions in the game's first 8:28 set the tone and sparked the Vikings to a 14-0 lead — wasn't limited to two of the NFL's 28 head

"All I can say is I've been associated with a future Hall of Famer," Vikings defensive coordinator Floyd Peters said. "Weekin and week-out, it's great watching him do these great things. And I ask a lot of things of him.

Rams quarterback Jim Everett added, simply: "Joey Browner is the best.

The victory was the second straight in the NFC wild-card game for the Vikings, who made it to the conference title game as a wild card last year. They were 11-5 this season, finishing second to the Chicago Bears in the NFC Central for the fourth straight season.

Minnesota will visit NFC West champion San Francisco next Sunday as the race for the Super Bowl



MINNEAPOLIS - Minnesota Vikings safety Joey Browner, left, intercepts a pass intended for Los Angeles wide receiver Willie Anderson in the first quarter of Monday's playoff game.

49ers in last year's playoffs.

Philadelphia will play at Chicago next Saturday in the other NFC game. In the AFC, Seattle visits Cincinnati Saturday and Buffalo hosts Houston Sunday

Los Angeles, 10-6 during the title reaches the quarterfinal season, couldn't get its offense in stage. The Vikings shocked the gear despite the West Coast-like

conditions in the Metrodome. It was 69 degrees inside, compared to 21 and snowy outside

Blame a good chunk of the Rams' offensive woes on Browner and the Vikings' league-leading defense.

An All-Pro strong safety, Browner is feared around the

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Cupcakes' can be hazardous for ranked teams

"Last week we beat the University of Hawaii and we looked at it as

our biggest day ever," Chaminade coach Merv Lopes said after his

team beat Virginia, which was led by three-time college player of the

y JIM O'CONNELL P Basketball Writer

Every once in a while the cupike has a macadamia nut in it. Playing so-called sure W's in awaii has become a treacherous ip for ranked teams and more ian one coach has left the islands ith a chipped sweet tooth.

Iowa joined the ranks of the tocked troops when the thenpurth-ranked Hawkeyes lost to now and then. ivision II Cal-Riverside 110-92 unday night in the championship ty of Hawaii and we looked at it as ame of the Chaminade Christmas

It's somehow fitting that haminade's name be linked with ne upset, for the Silverswords pullthe one all others in college asketball will forever beneasured against.

On Dec. 23, 1982, the NAIA school om Honolulu beat the No. ranked team in college basketall, Virginia, 77-72. It was a hristmas present to all the teams hich had suffered crushing losses

rise up and sting the big boys every

"Last week we beat the Universiour biggest day ever," Chaminade coach Merv Lopes said after his team beat Virginia, which was led by three-time college player of the year Ralph Sampson. "Now we knock off the number one team in the nation. It's unbelievable. What more can I say?

Lopes' teams still had plenty to say over the next two years.

On Dec. 26, 1983, Chaminade beat 14th-ranked Louisville 83-72. Four days short of a year later, the Silversowrds again beat the Carbetter teams. The little guy can dinals, this time 67-65 on a last-

year Ralph Sampson. "Now we knock off the number one team in the nation. It's unbelievable. What more can I say?" second prayer by Mark Rodrigues. Three days later, Chaminade

beat third-ranked and unbeaten Southern Methodist 71-70, this time on a last-second shot by Keith Whitney, one that bounced off the rim at the buzzer and through the hoop a split second later. There certainly wasn't a trend

developing, but there was hope for teams that looked at the schedule before the season started and counted specific games as definite

Plenty has been said this season of the schedules of Georgetown ven that they were a good team and (Hawaii Loa, Hawaii Pacific, St. Leo and Shenendoah), Michigan said Iowa coach Tom Davis, whose cial reasons, others saying it was (Grambling, South Dakota State, team fell to ninth in the rankings. because of the level of competition.

Tampa and four schools with Michigan as the second name: Central, Western, Eastern, Northern). There's always that chance. Bert-

go by but, "On an any given Sun-Iowa's Sunday was this weekend. The Hawkeyes were 10-0, averaging 93 points per game with an average victory margin of 22.8. The only line on the game was a

Bell may sound corny as the years

wisecrack about playing the Little Sisters of the Poor. "We felt coming in they had pro-

we saw a lot of evidence tonight,"

"They played very hard and it just shows that the talent level throughout the country is very good. You can't overlook anyone.' Especially a team which came in

8-1 and sets an NCAA all-Division record with 21 3-point rield goals in

36 attempts. We knew we could not go against their taller players on the inside," Highlanders coach John Masi said. "We had to shoot from the outside and hope to hit. We put (rebounding) as our number one emphasis going into the game. If we didn't rebound, we'd be dead.

A grand word to end a statement when talking of major upsets.

We had to pack it inside and just

This one only came about because New Mexico State dropped out of the tournament about a month before the season started with some reports saving for finan-

loses sixth straight on road

AP Basketball Writer

The defending champion Los Angeles Lakers lost their sixth consecutive road game - their longest slide since 1979 — when they were beaten by Phoenix 111-96 Monday

It was the ninth straight home victory for the Suns, who trail second-place Portland by a halfgame and the first-place Lakers by a game in the NBA's Pacific

The frustration of the losing Oakes over an out-of-bounds call.

"We were trying so hard, we were missing easy layups, Johnson said of the Lakers' 40 percent shooting from the field. "We played hard, but we didn't win again. I'm frustrated from losing. I've never been through a stretch

like this before. "We caught the Lakers at the right time. They've been on the road and they've been struggling a bit," Suns coach Cotton Fitzsimmons said. "You can see they were frustrated. We got a lot of good efforts from a lot of people. We didn't play super, but we played hard and made some things happen. And it's

always fun to beat the Lakers. Elsewhere, Miami defeated San Antonio 111-109 for its third victory

Charlotte 97-95 and Washington beat New Jersey 120-109. The Lakers definitely are ready

'We've done a lot of dishing out over the years. We've beaten a lot of teams. We can take it," Coach Pat Riley said. "This is the toughest period we've ever had, the

but we didn't play well. Tyrone Corbin was 9-for-11 from the field and had 21 points and 10 rebounds in his first career start for Phoenix, while Eddie Johnson scored 11 of his 21 points in the

Phoenix, 12-2 at home this season, never trailed after a 7-2 run in the final two minutes of the first quarter put the Suns ahead 31-26.

Corbin, a forward starting at guard in place of the injured Jeff Hornacek, scored six points as the Suns took a 48-35 lead midway through the second quarter en route to a 59-50 halftime lead.

Byron Scott, who scored 24 points for the Lakers despite missing 13 of 23 shots, scored seven in a 15-5 run that brought Los Angeles within three points with 5:18 left in the third quarter.

Mark West's dunk and Eddie Johnson's jumper put the Suns up 78-71 heading into the fourth

The Lakers got no closer than that in the fourth period and Phoenix stretched its lead to 93-79

We held our poise and showed we have a lot of character," Corbin said. "The Lakers, who are the greatest team in the world, came at us and we were able to hold our

points for the Lakers and Tom Chambers led Phoenix with 23. Heat 111, Spurs 109

Miami won its second straight game after a 1-21 start as Pat Cummings scored six of his 17 points in the final minute against San Antonio.

record 17 straight games to start the season, downed Utah 101-80 last Friday and handed the Spurs their sixth straight defeat on the road. San Antonio has lost 10 of its last 11 games.

left, but the Heat responded with 10 consecutive points. Cummings had four free throws and tipped in a missed shot in the final minute.

Rory Sparrow led Miami with a season-high 28 points and rookie Kevin Edwards added 18 points and 10 assists.

also has seven interceptions this

"Here's a guy who is 215 pounds, 6-3, runs a 4.55 (in the 40-yard dash), has powerful hands and a great grip," Peters said. "A Hallof-Famer

Browner's first interception ruined the Rams' first possession, as he stole the football from Willie

Anderson near the goal line. "It was a touchdown, I even said it as Everett threw it," said Robinson, who coached Browner for four years at Southern Cal. "But Browner came out of nowhere and made the play.

After Browner's 26-yard return, the Vikings went 73 yards in nine plays, the last Alfred Anderson's 7-yard run.

On the next play, Browner picked off Everett at the Rams' 31 and returned the interception 14 yards. Allen Rice's 17-yard run on the first play from scrimmage made it 14-0. The Rams never caught up.

"I went back in a zone drop and could just read Everett's eyes,' Browner said. "I felt he did a good job disguising most of his passes except for my second interception

There was no disguising the fact that it was not Everett's day. After 24 straight games in which he completed at least 50 percent of his passes, he was 19 of 45.

That's the best defense we've played this year. They are very well-rounded and disciplined," he said. "And I'm very disappointed in myself.

'When Joey got those two interceptions early, that kind of rattled Everett," said cornerback Carl Lee, who held NFL receivingyardage leader Henry Ellard without a catch until the fourth quarter. "That put a lot of pressure

on him and he never got going." Added Browner: "We did all we could to rattle his cage. We were

Stephens top rookie on offense

BY HOWARD ULMAN **AP Sports Writer**

FOXBORO, Mass. - His name is plain, his school small nis personality numble John Stephens' talent, though, is eye-catching.

The soft-spoken star from Northwestern (La.) State became the focus of the New England Patriots' offense as a rookie. He ran inside with power and outside with speed. He surprised himself but not his coaches.

most valuable offensive player," Patriots running backs coach Bobby Grier said. "We thought he had that kind of ability from the first day we saw him Now many others know of that ability. Stephens today was

"Without a doubt, he's our

Rookie of the Year by The Associated Press. He received 30 votes from sports writers and broadcasters in each NFL city. Philadelphia tight end Keith Jackson got 29 votes, Cincinnati running back Ickey Woods 19 and Los Angeles

named the NFL's Offensive

Brown 4. Stephens didn't attend a major school like Jackson's Oklahoma, doesn't have the catchy name or the fancy end zone dances of Woods or the Heisman

Raiders wide receiver Tim

Trophy of Brown. But pro scouts still found him at his Division I-AA school. Playing against second-level competition didn't keep him from excelling against first-rate NFL competition

Stephens, who expected to be a backup as a rookie, rushed for 1,168 yards, fourth most in Patriot history and fifth in the NFL this season. His peers picked him to start with Eric Dickerson in the AFC's Pro Bowl backfield.

One of his best games was the season ending 21-10 loss in Denver that left New England with a 9-7 record and out of the playoffs. He gained 130 yards in that game, including a 52-yard run and a 23-yard touchdown

"I'll think about it over and over again," Stephens said of the loss. "If I had done this or that, maybe we would have made the playoffs.

Without him, the Patriots. without a productive passing attack, wouldn't have come close

to the playoffs. "It makes me feel good," to gain the rookie honor, he said.

in the Florida Citrus Bowl on Jan. 2.

Goofy squeeze play



LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. - Oklahoma University football players Anthony Stafford, left, and Potnei Anderson, right, outsqueezed Clemson University players in the Citrus Bowl Squeeze-Off, the first competitive event leading to the two teams' matchup

Frustration mounts as LA

By BILL BARNARD

After dealing out plenty of frustration in his 10 years in the NBA, Magic Johnson is finding it hard to deal with it himself.

night.

Division. streak came to a head for Johnson in the fourth quarter when he was ejected with two technical fouls for arguing with rookie referee Buck

in 24 games. Houston edged

for more home games after playing on the road for the 19th time in 27

toughest schedule. We played hard,

fourth period for the Suns.

Magic Johnson's layup made it 74-71 with 1:35 remaining, but with 23 points.

period.

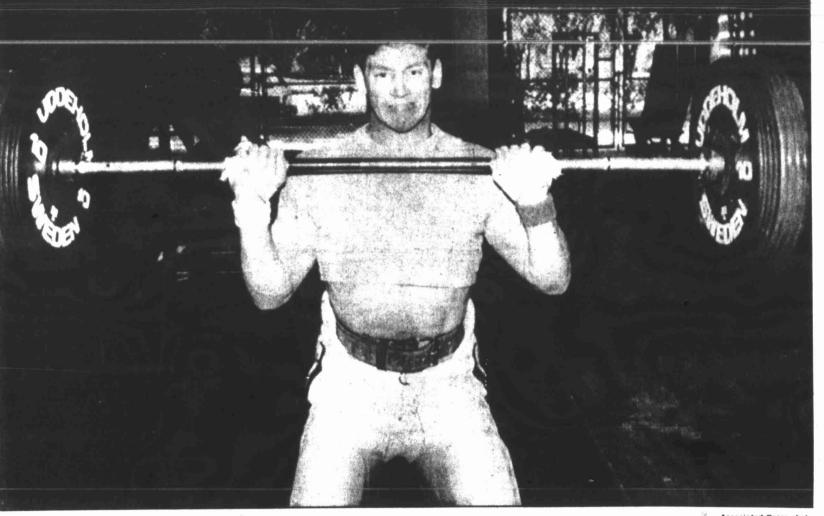
with 7:55 to go.

poise and win. Magic Johnson finished with 22

The Heat, which lost an NBA

Miami trailed 104-97 with 2:29

Greg Anderson paced the Spurs



Associated Press photo

Pumping iron

Monday at Miami's Tropical Park prior to the Huskers' first workout in the 55th Orange Bowl.

MIAMI — Nebraska Cornhuskers safety Mark Blazek lifts weights since arriving Sunday. They will meet the Miami Hurricanes Jan. 2

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 nation's longest home win streak at

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 to 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.

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

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.

Long Beach State, 6-2, moved up defending Big 8 champion Kansas and the host Knights, who have the and St. Joseph's.

Stanford, 6-2, which was upset at unranked North Carolina State, fell after defeating host Washington in Kentucky, Duke and St. Joseph's.

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

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

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

Bears' defensive personnel pretty

"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 ex pressed 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

goes deeper than that, according to Eagles' linebacker Todd Be Bell, a strong safety with the Bears under Ryan, said Monda that when Ditka first came Chicago as an assistant he didn like Ryan's defense and tried

Ryan said he still knew the undermine Ryan with th players 'But Buddy won," he said. Bell said Ryan, later under Ditka, continued to run ith defense Ryan's way, including the "46" which Ryan claims

> have invented. "I don't think Ditka understoo the "46" and wanted somethin he was familiar with," Bell sai "There were a lot of rumors the Buddy would go, but it neve happened.

> Bell, who missed a season with the Bears in a contract disput and last year was released, hook ed on with his old friend Rvar with the Eagles.

'My Christmas wish was to wi the Super Bowl," Bell said. "Th Bears are just one step towar the Super Bowl. Chicago is in ou way. I'm happy to go back smi ing. I'm going to downpla-But the rift between the two everything else — for now,

Vikings

Continued from page 1-B mixing our zones and he wasn't able to read them

Scott Studwell added a fourth quarter interception for the Vik ings, 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

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 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

After Mike Lansford's 43-y field goal made it 21-10, W. Wilson's 5-yard pass to Carl Hill put the Vikings up by 18 with 12 to play Everett's 11-va touchdown pass to Pete Holoh with 1:17 left was only a formali Hilton, a third-year tight end, h

five career receptions touchdowns. Wilson, a Pro Bowl quarterba who was benched in last week victory over Chicago, was 17 of

for 253 yards. "It's not the ultimate hurdle Wilson said when asked why it w relatively quiet in the locker room With the expectations of the fa ourselves and the media, everyo realizes that the wild-card game just the first step in a:

process The Vikings had today off before heading to Tucson for four days workouts. Then it's on to San'Fra cisco, where Burns will be looking

for more of the same solid play 'We played damn well," Bu said, "and we can play better

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," scored in the final three minutes to and I'm thankful.' 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

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

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

Larson was the trailer on the play when a bouncing puck hit his

"I just watched it go off my skate Coach Al Arbour said after Larson and go in," Larson said. "We won 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 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 Volek's power-play goal tied it for Lawton and defenseman Norm

Sabres 2. Bruins 1 Phil Housley scored two goals as skate and slid into the Maple Leafs' 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

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



CHICAGO — Chicago Blackhawks center Troy Murray, right, tussles with St. Louis Blues right wing Herb Raglan during first period action Mon-

day night. Both players were fenalized 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 s cond goal of the game in overtime with Calgary enjoying a two-ma 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, until Boeheim walks away from the

"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

that No. 300 will come in the 13th topped the 20-win mark 11 times in 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

"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 true reflection is not likely to occur 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 superstitious. He is not worried victories in his ninth year. He has

12 seasons and taken his team to postseason tournaments every year, including an NCAA championship game in 1987.

Boeheim-led teams have lost just

"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 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

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

His dedication goes beyond practices and games.

During the season he watches basketball at home on cable television into 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.

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

That's why Boeheim probably

the next season to prepare for," said Boeheim, who added he has not found time to savor his golfing victory at the College Basketbalk 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 oncourt, temperment are in sharp ference game.

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

His timid manner briefly shield ed Boeheim's playing and coaching talents, said Roy Danforth, who was an assistant coach at Syracus when Boeheim played there bet ween 1963 and 1966. Danforth wa the head coach when Boeheim served as an assistant in the early

"It's difficult to envision han as coach. He was quiet when he was player, even as an assistant, said Danforth, now athletic director a 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 con

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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.

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REGIONAL WEATHER

Accu-Weather forecast for Tuesday Daytime Conditions and High Tempe

Cotulla, Kingsville and Laredo, Texas, also had 85-degree -readings.

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 threequarters 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,

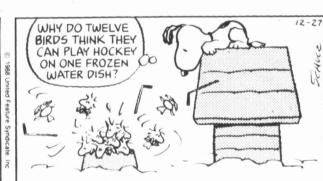
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Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

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

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 situa-

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

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

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 before it 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

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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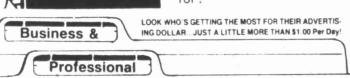
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By MICHAEL A. LUTZ **AP Sports Writer**

HOUSTON - Houston Oiler Coach Jerry Glanville's commentary on the Oilers' playoff travel log has changed from sarcasm to sentimentality.

The best part of playing in Cleveland is getting to go home after the game, Glanville says.

But Buffalo, the Oilers' next stop along the playoff trail, is totally different, says Glanville, a former assistant coach with the Bills.

"Nothing but pleasant thoughts come to mind," Glanville said Monday. "She (Glanville's wife, Brenda) cried when we moved to Buffalo and after we lived there she cried when we left.' After two weeks of panning the

City of Cleveland, Glanville wore a flak jacket to Saturday's 24-23 playoff victory after receiving a death threat. Returning to play the Bills Sun-

day will be more pleasant, Glanville said.

"Orchard Park is probably as nice a place as you could ever live if you want to raise kids," Glanville

said. "They don't know World War road victory over a team with a

You can go to a restaurant with \$14 and your family and have the best meal ever. They still have WW

Playing in cold-weather Cleveland two weeks in a row should help the Oilers for the rest of the playoffs, Glanville said.

'We love to be in front of our fans and we love our fans but I think the best thing that could have happened to us is winning that game on the road," Glanville said.

The Oilers lost their regularseason finale in Cleveland 28-23 on Dec. 19, giving the first-round home-field advantage to Cleveland.

The Oilers lost in a driving snow in Cleveland and won in 45-degree temperatures at kickoff.

"To end up where we all want to be we've got to go through some more of that on the road," Glanville said. "We'll have to play in those conditions two weeks in a row

The Oilers' victory over Cleveland Sunday was their first winning record since 1979.

They finished with a 3-5 regularseason road record. The Bills were undefeated at home this season.

If the Oilers beat the Bills they will advance to the AFC championship game against the Seattle-Cincinnati winner.

The Oilers, who specialize in cutback runners and bump-and-run defensive tactics, look forward to the artificial turf of Buffalo's Rich Stadium.

"Being on artificial turf helps our scheme both offensively and defensively," Glanville said. "But the Buffalo field can turn to ice, too. If it gets down real cold, you can slip and slide and fall down on it, too

The Oilers defeated the Browns without leading rusher Mike Rozier, who was sidelined with painful rib injuries.

Backup Allen Pinkett scored two touchdowns over a 15-second span of the first half, giving the Oilers early control.

"Mike told me before kickoff he thought he could play," Glanville

said. "But when the game started he told me he couldn't play.

"For Mike Rozier to say that, you know he's got to be really hurt. Nobody is more of a team player than Mike. I commend him for thinking of the team."

Pinkett gained 82 yards on 14 carries, and rookie Lorenzo White gained 30 yards on 12 carries and scored the go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

'Actually, we'd practiced Pinkett all week but everybody thought Mike would play," Glanville said.

the victory after the Browns held Houston to 37 yards rushing in the regular-season finale. Fullback Alonzo Highsmith

returned to blocking as his primary role against the Browns.

"Alonzo may have had his best game blocking," Glanville said.

"I take a lot of pride in that," Highsmith said. "I don't think there's a back in the league who works harder at blocking than

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NBA boxes

At East Rutherford, N.J. WASHINGTON (120)

King 4-9 7-9 15, Catledge 2-4 0-0 4, Feitl 5-10 4-4 14, Walker 4-7 5-6 13, Malone 15-23 0-0 30, J. Williams 7-12 0-0 15, Grant 3-6 1-27, C.A.Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Eackles 6-9 0-0 12, Colter 0-3 0-0 0, Alarie 5-5 0-0 10. Totals 51-88 NEW JERSEY (108)

Hinson 6-13 5-8 17, B.Williams 2-5 0-0 4 Carroll 5-13 2-2 12, Conner 8-14 1-3 17, McGee 11-16 1-5 25, Morris 6-8 2-2 16, 3-6 1-1 7, Hopson 1-4 3-4 5. Shackleford 0-0 0-0 0, Berry 2-5 1-2 5. Totals Washington

.35.29.24.20-108 New Jersey 3-Point goals-McGee 2, Morris 2, J.Williams. Fouled out-None. Rebounds—Washington 49 (Walker 14), New Jersey 43 (Hinson, McGee 6). Assists-Washington 30 (Walker 6), New Jersey 25 (Conner 12). Total Technical—Catledge. A—8,786.

HOUSTON (97)

B.Johnson 4-9 2-2 10, Thorpe 6-12 4-5 16, Olajuwon 10-17 3-4 23. Floyd 2-6 7-8 11. Woodson 8-15 5-7 22, McCormick 0-2 2-2 2. Short 1-3 2-2 4, F.Johnson 0-1 3-3 3, Chievous 0-3 0-0 0, Nevitt 0-0 0-0 0, Thompson 2-4 2-2 6. Totals 33-72 30-35 97. CHARLOTTE (95)

Tripucka 9-21 0-1 19, Rambis 2-7 0-0 4, Cureton 6-8 0-0 12, Holton 4-9 0-0 8, Reid 11-22 3-4 25, Curry 5-11 2-3 12, Kempton 3-5 5-6 11, Green 2-4 0-0 4, Tolbert 0-1 0-0 0, Bogues 0-2 0-0 0, Lewis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 42-91

29.27.24.17-97 Houston .29.28.21.17-95 Charlotte 3-Point goals-Woodson, Tripucka. Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Houston 52 (Olajuwon 15), Charlotte 45 (Cureton 10) Assists—Houston 14 (B.Johnson 5), Charlotte 28 (Holton 9). Total fouls-Houston 23, Charlotte 26 Technicals-Olajuwon, Charlotte illegal

defense. A-23,388. At Miami SAN ANTONIO (109)

G Anderson 9-15 5-7 23, W Anderson 6-12 0-0 12, Brickowski 6-10 1-2 13, Robertson 5-10 2-2 12. Maxwell 5-14 9-12 19. Cook 4-13 -3 11, King 5-7 2-2 12, Greenwood 2-3 1 2 5 Whitehead 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 43-88 23-30 109. MIAMI (111)

Cummings 5-7 7-9 17, Long 2-7 5-6 9 Seikaly 2-6 3-4 7. Sparrow 12-22 4-5 28. Edwards 8-14 2-4 18. Thompson 1-4 1-1 3. Washington 3-5 5-7 11, Shasky 4-5 1-2 9. Gray 3-4 0-2 5. Sundvold 1-8 0-0 3.Totals 41-82 28-40 111. San Antonio

30.24.21.36-111 3-Point goal-Sundvold. Fouled out Thompson Rebounds-San Antonio 59 (Brickowski 12), Miami 46 (Thompson 7) Assists - San Antonio 29 (Robertson 12) Miami 25 (Edwards 10). Total fouls—San Antonio 24, Miami 24. Technicals-Washington, San Antonio illegal defense. A-15,008.

L.A. LAKERS (96)

Green 4-8 4-4 12, Worthy 7-21 2-3 16, Abdul-Jabbar 2-8 2-4 6. Ea. Johnson 8-14 5-6 Cooper 2-9 0-0 5, McNamara 0-1 0-2 0, Rivers 0-0 0-0 0, Lamp 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 37-93 PHOENIX (111)

Chambers 8-20 7-8 23, Gilliam 6-16 2-3 14, Lang 0-1 0-0 0, Corbin 9-11 3-3 21, K Johnson 8-15 2-2 18, West 4-4 1-2 9, Kerr 1-3 0-0 3, Ed.Johnson 6-17 9-9 21, Nealy 1-1 0-1 2, Perry 0-0 0-0 0.Totals 43-88 24-28 111. Los Angeles .31.28.19.33-111

3-Point goals-Ea.Johnson, Cooper Lamp, Kerr. Fouled out—None. Re-bounds—Los Angeles 51 (Green 11), Phoenix 62 (Corbin, West 10). Assists-Los Angeles 21 (Ea.Johnson 8), Phoenix 30 (K.Johnson 13). Total fouls-Los Angeles 24. Phoenix 23. Technicals-Pnoenix coach Fitzsimmons, Los Angeles coach Riley, Ea.Johnson 2 (ejected). A-14,471.

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Minnesota 5, Winnipeg 1 Tuesday's Games Philadelphia at Washington, 7:35 p.m. New York Rangers at New Jersey, 7:45

Montreal at Los Angeles, 10:35 p.m. Wednesday's Games Hartford at Quebec, 7:35 p.m Detroit at Buffalo, 7:35 p.m. Minnesota at Chicago, 8:35 p.m. St. Louis at Winnipeg, 8:35 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL American League TORONTO BLUE JAYS-Agreed to terms with Mike Flanagan, pitcher, on a two-year contract.

National League NEW YORK METS-Agreed to terms with Kevin McReynolds, outfielder, on a three-year contract BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association MIAMI HEAT-Waived Anthony

Taylor, guard.
NEW JERSEY NETS-Activated Walter Berry, forward, from the injured list. Waived Ron Cavenall, center. PHOENIX SUNS-Waived Winston Crite, forward. HOCKEY

National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Traded Rick Vaive, right wing, to the Buffalo Sabres for Adam Creighton, center. LOS ANGELES KINGS-Recalled Bob Logan, left wing; Dave Pasin, right wing, and Sylvain Couturier, center, from New

Haven of the American Hockey League. NEW YORK RANGERS-Traded Don Maloney, left wing; Brian Lawton, center, and Norm MacIver, defenseman, to the Hartford Whalers for Carey Wilson. center, and a fifth-round draft choice in East Coast Hockey League

CAROLINA THUNDERBIRDS-Fired Brian Carroll, head coach. COLLEGE

CAL-SANTA BARBARA-Named Rick Candaele acting head football coach. ST. JOHN'S—Declared Greg Boo Harvey, basketball guard, ineligible for the spring semester.

JOSEPH'S-Suspended Henry Smith forward for five days for missing

Women's top 20

The Top Twenty women's basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses, total points based on $\boldsymbol{20 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14 \cdot 13 \cdot 12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3}$ 2-1, record through Dec. 26 and last week's ranking as compiled by Mel Greenberg of The Philadelphia Inquirer:

Record Pts Pvs Tennessee (42) 7-0 840 9-1 794 La. Tech Auburn Georgia 704 Mississippi 676 Iowa 605 Long Beach St. 568 Maryland 518Stanford 516 Rutgers Louisiana St Purdue 394 300 Texas 259 Virginia San Diego St. Steph. F. Austin South Carolina 218 Western Kentucky 19 St. Joseph's Nev.-Las Vegas

Others receiving votes Duke to Carolina St. 36, Vanderbilt 15, Kansas I Washington 13, La Salle 11 Tennessee 9, West Virginia 5, Nebraska 4 Old Dominion 4, Tennessee Tech 3, Waki

AP top 20

2. Michigan (9)

3.Syracuse (1)

The Top Twenty teams in the Associated Press' college basketball poll, with fir 4 place votes in parentheses, total points 20-19 18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-3-7-6-5-3 2-1, record through Dec. 25 and last week ranking:

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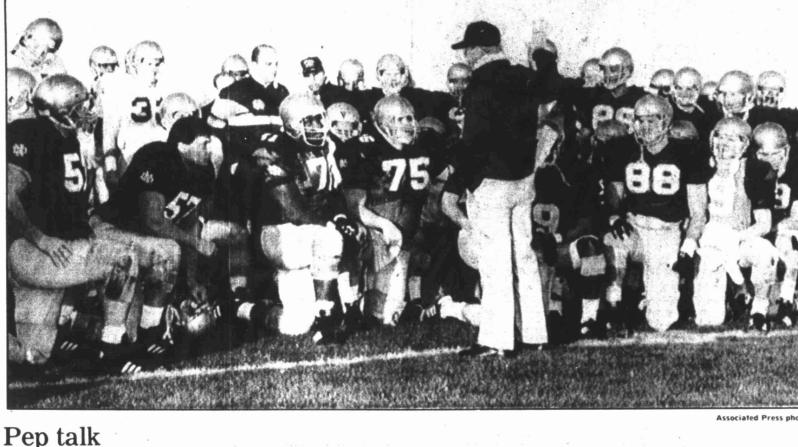
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Others receiving votes: Georgia 68, Connecticut 29; Ball State 19; UCLA II; St Mary's, Calif. 9; Cal-Santa Barbara 8, Purdue 7; Texas 7; Villanova 7; Indiana 5, La Salle 5; Stanford 5; West Virginia 5, Kansas State 4: Wichita State 4: North Carolina Charlotte 3; Notre Dame 2; Michigan State 1: Providence 1: Texas-El Paso 1; Vanderbilt 1.

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Environment

Volunteers at work to save oil-coated fowl

deaned 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 the search for dead and ailing birds contimaing, 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.

Sause Bros Ocean Towing of Coos Bay, Ore., owner of the tug Ocean Services and barge Nestucea, hired a company to begin cleanup operations Saturday. Dick Lauer, a company manager, said Sunday he doubted an estimate of

Officials said 570 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, of-

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

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



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 ar-

cheologists," he said. Fuller hopes to borrow a steelencased 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 galleons venture, Fuller said a 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

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 hard, pea-size pellets. fence posts opens next month.

ion of the maligned material

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

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

And its creators expect the \$4 Falls, N.Y., hope to use the pellets can be collected easily and carted million plant to change the reputathemselves and sell them to other to the 21,000-square-foot plant in one school in Lexington that a princompanies for making wall insulation, fence posts, flowerpots and packing material, or anything not dealing with food because of the an environmental hero," said 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

The plant, called Plastics Again, 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 Mobil and Genpak Corp. of Glens special garbage can so the waste this industrial town 40 miles west of cipal at another complained about

> 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

"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 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

rallying point of environmentalists. Supporters claim that polystyrene accounts for only 10 percent of all the plastics produced in the world, takes up only onequarter 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 The plant is the result of these banned polystyrene. Even Gov. and many other protests against Michael Dukakis, in the state the material that has become the 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



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

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

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



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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 shuttled into Glenwood Springs. No injuries were reported and damage was minimal.

Men survive 7-hour burial in avalanche

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

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) — Two — They were listed in satisfactory men who were buried alive in an 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, Andy Loving of the Avalanche In-

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

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

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.