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### ON THE SIDE:

#### New Year's baby

COLORADO CITY — Delia Diaz got a surprise when she was sent home Sunday from the hospital.

She says doctors told her the baby wasn't due, but when she got home she had a surprise for the hospital.

Diaz said she was sent home after going to the hospital Sunday. "They said I wasn't going to be due," she said. "Right when I went home I had her."

Tonie Annette Diaz is the first baby born this year in the five-county Crossroads-Country area.

The healthy 6-pound, 8-ounce girl was born at her home at 12:01 a.m. Monday, said her mother Delia. Her doctor, Dee Roach, was unavailable for comment.

"Our New Year's baby is doing fine," said Jo Ann Merrett, director of nurses at Mitchell County Hospital. She said Diaz will be going home today.

Diaz and her baby were admitted to the hospital at 12:20 a.m. Monday, said Edna Harben, director of medical records. "We brought her in by ambulance."

#### Filing deadline

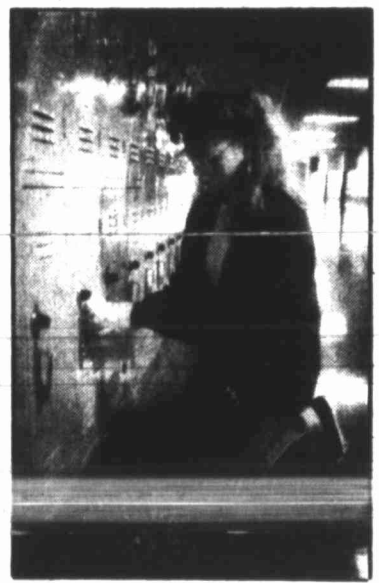
BIG SPRING — Today is the last day to file in county elections and Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray said she expects most of the filing to have been completed well before this evening's deadline.

"Usually they get their name in early so their name will be familiar to the public," Ray said of county candidates.

Candidates must file with the clerk's office by 5 p.m. and with their respective county party chairman by 6 p.m., Ray said. All county posts with the exception of county surveyor have been filed for by at least one candidate, she said.

"The sooner they file the more name recognition they have," Ray repeated. "Some of the gubernatorial candidates did that... I haven't heard of any last minute filings (in Howard County) but that doesn't mean there won't be. They have all day today."

Ray said candidates are also likely to file early because the election process begins almost immediately. Mail outs begin Jan. 27 and absentee balloting in person begins Feb. 21.



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#### Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Mostly sunny and windy Tuesday. Fair Tuesday night. Partly to mostly cloudy Wednesday with a chance of rain showers. Lows Tuesday night in the 30s.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

#### Not so happy

BIG SPRING — Goliad 6th grader Traci Castillo may have been suffering a little post holiday blues since today was their first day back at school following Christmas break.

## Size of police department eyed

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of articles pertaining to the Big Spring Police Department as a target for budget reductions.

By RUTH COCHRAN  
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — There is probably no police department in Texas that wouldn't like to increase the size of its force.

The Big Spring Police Department is no exception, but like other cities across Texas, a tight budget means the department faces the prospect of cuts instead of expansions.

According to its own calculations, based on an intricate formula, the BSPD needs 40 patrolmen below the rank of sergeant. When fully staffed, the department employs 46 certified officers, but only 24 of those are patrolmen.

The rest are comprised of: a chief, two captains, four lieutenants, nine sergeants and six detectives. In addition, the department employs 18 civilians, who are not certified officers. They include secretaries, clerks and dispatchers.

Even though police officials believe more officers are necessary to provide proper protection, the budget probably won't fund more employees. And, experts say more officers on the street won't necessarily decrease the crime rate.

The secret they say, is properly organizing and utilizing the staff available to the department.

According to the authors of "Local Government and Police Management," productivity does



not mean working harder — it means working smarter.

"Because of the emergency nature of police work, it might sometimes be desirable to concentrate first on making operations effective; then efforts could be directed later at making the operation efficient," the authors say. "The ultimate goal would still be productivity improvement."

To increase productivity, the authors say:

- A greater proportion of officers should be available for patrol. "The more sworn officers that can be assigned to street duty, the better the chances for increasing service to the community," the authors report.

- During each shift, actual time spent patrolling should be increased. Too much time, they say, is spent writing reports and performing other duties.

- Properly utilize time by patrolling high-crime areas, or "Increasing the ability of officers to perform their job by better training, by placing them where crime

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## 3 accidents mar holiday

By PATRICK DRISCOLL  
Staff Writer

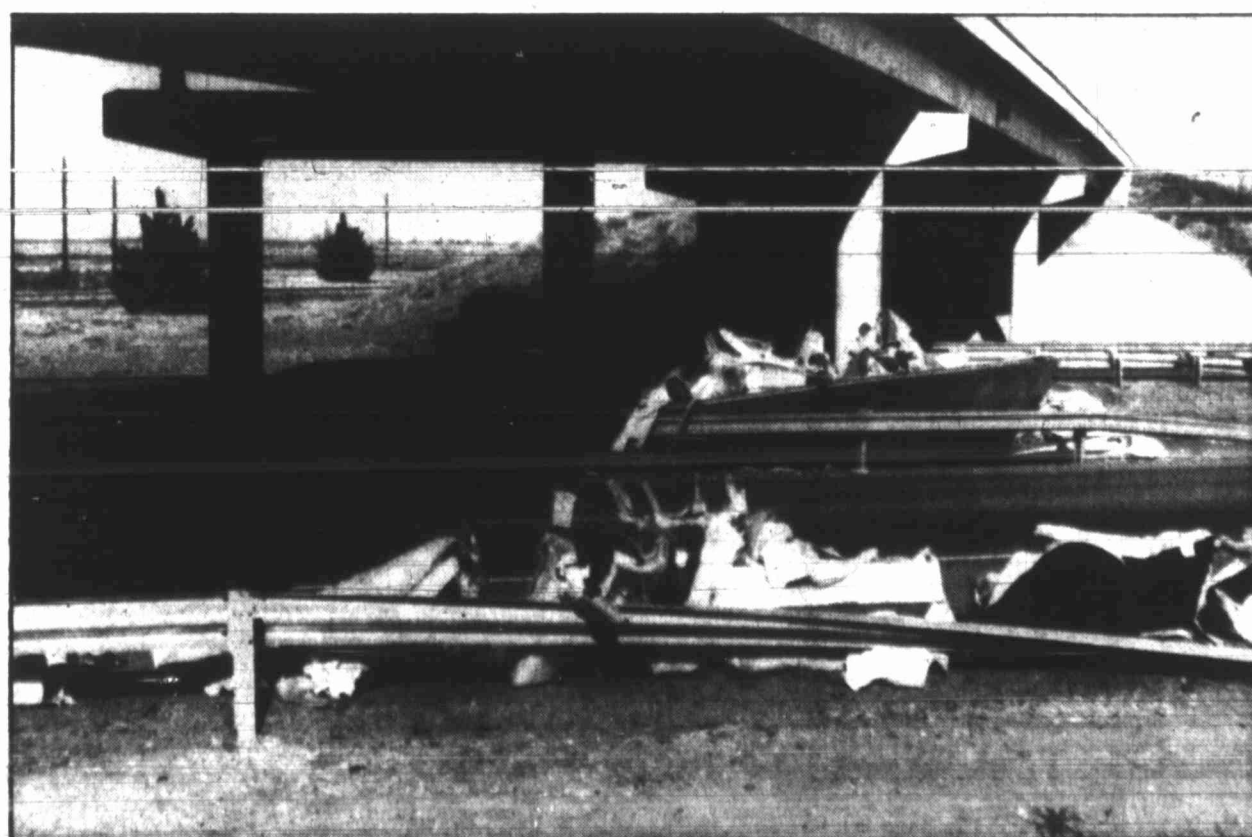
CROSSROADS — There were three vehicle accidents, according to a Department of Public Safety official, in a four-county area over the New Year's holiday. Two occurred near Stanton and the other in Colorado City.

An 18-wheeler truck loaded with furniture bound for California caused traffic to be diverted for about four hours Sunday after it crashed around 1 p.m. about a mile east of Stanton on Interstate 20, Wade Turner of the DPS in Stanton said Monday morning.

The driver, Ronald Eugene Bentley, of Buchanan Trucking of Marion, Calif., sustained minor injuries, said Turner, who investigated the accident. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

"The driver stated he blew a tire. He went into the median," Turner said. "The trailer disintegrated. There was furniture all piled up on

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Herald photo by Perry Hall

Furniture is sprawled on the westbound lane of Interstate 20 about one mile east of Stanton where an 18-wheeler crashed Sunday around 1 p.m. Traffic had to be diverted to one lane for about four hours.

## First troops back in U.S. from Panama

By DOUGLAS GRANT MINE  
Associated Press Writer

PANAMA CITY, Panama — As the first elements of the U.S. invasion force withdrew, Panama's new president said the Vatican should hand Manuel Antonio Noriega over to the United States because his government is not yet capable of trying the ousted general.

A church official said it was up to Noriega to decide when to leave the Vatican embassy, where he sought refuge Christmas Eve.

Two artillery batteries from Fort Ord, Calif. — a total of 141 soldiers — were pulled out Monday, said White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater. One planeload of troops arrived at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio late Monday.

The rest of the 14,000 troops sent in for the Dec. 20 invasion that top-

pled Noriega will probably leave "on a piecemeal basis," Fitzwater said. He did not specify when that might occur.

"The president is glad to see some of the troops coming home and hopes the rest can leave as soon as possible," Fitzwater said. The 12,000 troops permanently assigned to Panama would remain.

Twenty-three U.S. servicemen were killed in the operation and 322 wounded. Among Panamanians 297 soldiers and some 300 civilians were killed, according to the U.S. military.

Meanwhile, 20 American diplomats expelled by Nicaragua in retaliation for a U.S. troop search of the residence of that country's ambassador to Panama left Managua on Monday night.

Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista

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## Artist: God guides my art

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

STANTON — A born-again Christian here has discovered born-again art — so much so that she abstains from painting wine bottles. To depict wine bottles in one's paintings would risk



glorifying wine, said artist Jannie Linney. The spirits have been linked to alcoholism, broken homes and neglect of children's material needs, she said.

It is true that Jesus drank wine, Linney said from the living room of her Stanton home. But "at this time," she said with a smile, "I believe in total abstinence from alcohol."

Obedience to God, it seems, guides the life and art of the 55-year-old. "I wouldn't want to do anything on canvass that would not please the

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## Beals Creek flood plan meeting set

BIG SPRING — U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials will hold a public meeting Jan. 9 to discuss plans for flood control improvements to Beals Creek.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium, Third and Nolan streets.

According to a news release, Corps representatives from the Fort Worth district will detail their plans to construct a channel 8,000 feet long and 7 feet deep along the flood plain of Beals Creek. The Corps is to build the canal in partnership with the city of Big Spring.

Col. William D. Brown, district engineer, said in the release that initial estimates have priced construction at \$4.19 million. The city of Big Spring will be responsible for 25 percent of the cost, or about \$1.05 million, Brown said, while the federal government will pick up

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# Spring board

## How's that?

When was it decided that Catholics could eat meat on Friday?

A Roman Catholic bishop, according to the Timetables of History, ruled in 1966 that U.S. Catholics need no longer abstain from eating meat on Fridays except during Lent.

## Calendar

### YMCA basketball

Registration is still going on for the Youth Basketball League at the Big Spring YMCA.

The program is open to boys and girls ages 6-12.

### THURSDAY

• Texas Public Employees Association will meet at noon at La Posada.

## Tops on TV

### Movie

• Children of a Lesser God. William Hurt, Marlee Matlin. A new teacher at a school for the deaf meets a hearing-impaired girl who works as the janitor. — 7:30 p.m. Channel 7.

• Roseanne — 8 p.m. Channel 2.

• thirtysomething — 9 p.m. Channel 2.

## Meeting

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The plan requires diverting and realigning a channel separate of the existing Beals Creek, Brown said. The channel would run from north of the Union Pacific Railroad refueling station, extend from a point just south of Channing Street and end 450 feet east of the Owens Street bridge, he said.

Brown said the improvements to the creek would reduce the elevation of the 100-year flood plain by about 1 foot along the reach of the new canal. Additionally, the plan would have no downstream hydrologic impact on discharges, he said.

Copies of the Corps' report and an environmental assessment are available for review at 310 Nolan in the office of Tom Decell, city public works director.

## Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents:

• Arthur Trevino, 30, 608 N.W. Fourth St., was released on \$1,000 bond after being arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• Ernest Salgado, 41, Stanton, was released on \$1,500 bond after being arrested on a charge of DWI, second offense.

## Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents Monday:

• Luz Juarez DeLosSantos, 20, 606 N. San Antonio St., was arrested and charged with burglary of a building.

• A person reported the burglary of a 1989 Nissan car that occurred in the 1300 block of East Third. Thieves took a purse and its contents valued at \$84.

• A person reported the burglary of a 1984 Continental that occurred in an unknown place. Thieves took a .38-S&W handgun valued at \$250.

• T's and Too's, 114 W. 2nd, reported a burglary. Burglars took a tattoo machine valued at \$750, and jewelry and clothing of unknown value. Damage to a glass door was estimated at \$100.

• A major accident was reported at 1601 W. 11th Place, but an available report was not available.

## Police

Continued from page 1-A is most likely to occur."

Although the BSPD has 46 officers, only half of those are used for patrol. Most of the rest spend their time performing administrative and supervisory work.

In his book "Modern Police Management," Richard N. Holden writes, "Successful organizations have lean administrative staffs."

Effective departments have few personnel at each of the administrative levels, Holden writes. A rigid and lengthy chain of command, he writes, is less able to react to new problems and less likely to be effective.

The authors of "Police Administration," take one more step; they criticize departments that assign certified officers to duties a civilian could perform.

"The practice of assigning police officers to record tasks, clerical duties, reception desks, key punch operators, and so on is unsound from the point of view of both economy and efficiency," the book states.

Alan Stafford, who is director of criminal justice studies at Hardin-Simmons University, agrees that the problems in most police departments occur because of organization.

"A lot of times it's not a matter of how many people you have," but their distribution, Stafford said. "There are things a civilian could do much more cheaply than officers."

Because about half his force works either as a supervisor or administrator, Big Spring Police Chief Joe Cook said he has looked closely at the organization of his department.

"I've tried every way in the world to figure out how to cut this down," Cook said of the department's administrative duties. The complexity of the job creates the problem, he said.

# Competitive salaries reduce officer turnover

By RUTH COCHRAN Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — In any city, salaries take a huge bite out of the budget.

Because they are such a large part of the budget — and they can be changed — salaries often are targeted for cuts and freezes. For a police department trying to attract and keep qualified officers, salaries not competitive with the area market can be disastrous.

So how does Big Spring stack up? The city looks from average to good compared to several Texas cities, but according to the BSPD's comparisons with area law enforcement agencies, Big Spring is lagging.

According to the Police Department, Big Spring pays a low of \$16,635 per year and a high of \$19,572 to patrolmen. Area departments generally fare better.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office gives deputies an across-the-board salary of \$23,748. Martin County deputies also have a straight salary: \$19,200 annually. The Lamesa Police Department

pays its lowest rookie \$16,800 a year, and it pays its most experienced officers \$18,600. The city of Midland, which of course has a much larger department, pays its lowest officer \$19,548 and its most experienced patrolman \$27,480.

Cities across Texas, at first glance, seem to fare as well as the BSPD. Mike Smith, chief of police for the Texas Panhandle city of Borger, said salaries for Borger officers range from \$20,460 per year for the lowest rookie to \$22,365 per month for a lieutenant, Smith said.

Smith credits increased salaries and improved benefits for decreasing his department's turnover rate.

"We're very particular and we view our officers as assets to the community," Smith said. "Being able to keep highly qualified, highly motivated officers" is the name of the game in law enforcement in this day and time.

"It behoves a community to have the best qualified and best trained officers they can."

In the Hill Country city of New Braunfels, officials there say tur-

nover is almost non-existent. Surprisingly, New Braunfels officers don't make much: about \$15,000 for the lowest-ranking patrolman.

NBPD Sgt. John McEachern cautions, however, that the department is competitive with area wages.

"This is just a low-wage area in general," McEachern said. "Plus, we offer some benefits such as a permanent shift and their own personally-assigned vehicle."

In the Panhandle city of Pampa, salaries range from \$16,000 for rookie patrolmen to about \$24,500 for lieutenants. The city's finance director said those aren't especially good, even for the area.

"According to our survey, it's definitely not on the high side," the director said. "It's somewhere in the middle."

Pampa does offer other benefits and an incentives program, which the finance director said is an attempt to upgrade the police department.

According to the authors of "Police Administration," it's essential to pay competitive

salaries to attract and keep good officers.

"Candidates with good qualifications are in wide demand," the authors report. "Consequently, the pay, working conditions, and other benefits for officers and their families should compare favorably with those available in other occupations."

If a department is not competitive with area salaries, experts say, officers leave for other police departments or leave the profession.

Recruiting and training new officers takes time — and of course more money. Worse, the pool of candidates considered qualified by a department can be quickly depleted if a city is losing five officers a year.

Alan Stafford, director of criminal justice studies at Hardin-Simmons University, said low salaries can be costly.

"It might cost you less to give officers a raise than to lose them, hire someone else and train them," Stafford said. "Competition is keen for good officers."

"I can only ask people to do so much at a time," Cook said. "The rule of thumb is that for every hour of work, there're two hours of paperwork."

The BSPD did make an advantageous change by using a civilian instead of an officer to handle identifications and supervise the records division. The officer was moved to the criminal investigations division, giving the department an "extra" officer doing "real police work."

Increasing actual patrol time is another way to improve productivity.

According to "Local Government Police Management", often

too much time is spent on duties not related to patrol.

"If time spent in court, writing reports, responding to each and every call, etcetera is cut down, those officers assigned to street duty will be able to devote more time to 'real police work,'" the book reports.

Cook has complained to the City Council that his officers are bogged down by paperwork. Often the officers can be found in their cars with a flashlight propped up trying to finish reports.

In addition, BSPD officers, according to department calculations, answer an average of 528 calls each year. Less than one-

third of those are emergencies, according to department numbers.

Proper use of patrol time is another effective measure used by productive police departments. Concentrating on high-crime areas is a key.

According to "Local Government Police Management," distribution of patrolmen is extremely important. More officers should be patrolling when crimes are most likely to occur, the book says.

"Modern Police Management" asserts that officers should be distributed according to time and geographical requirements, work loads by day of week and time of

day, and types of calls.

Cook said his department takes all those things into consideration when assigning officers to shifts and districts, or areas, of the city. By using four eight-hour shifts, the department is able to "load" patrols during peak-crime hours and days of the week.

To improve distribution even more, the department is considering switching to 12-hour shifts, as well as redistributing the city, Cook said. Because high-crime areas move, he said, the department would create a "floating district" that will follow the crime area.

## Accidents

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The tractor had very extensive damage underneath. It pretty well totaled out the whole load of furniture.

Turner said the cause of the accident is still being investigated.

"There's no evidence to indicate that the tire blew out prior to the accident," he said. "Usually you'll have some tire marks. The rim will usually gauge the pavement."

Turner said traffic was moderate and weather conditions clear and warm at the time of the accident. There was no indication that Bentley was intoxicated, he said.

Also damaged in the accident was 162-feet of guardrail. Turner said it will cost about \$9,000 to replace it.

Bentley was admitted to the Martin County Hospital at 1:45 p.m. Sunday, treated for minor abrasions to the upper chest and released at 2:20, a hospital spokeswoman said.

"He said if he didn't have his seat belt on, he's pretty sure he would have been killed," Turner said.

In another accident about five miles west of Stanton in Midland County, a 1964 AMC Jeep overturned at 5 p.m. Sunday, Turner said.

The driver, who is from California and who was the only person in the vehicle, received minor injuries. No other vehicles were involved in the accident and the jeep came to rest off the freeway where it did not impede traffic.

"He blew out a right rear tire which caused it to go into the right median," Turner said. "The wheels dug in and caused it to do a complete rollover."

Fred Anthony Coates of Mareno Valley, Calif., was admitted to the Martin County Hospital at 6 p.m. Sunday, the hospital spokeswoman said. He was treated for minor injuries then released.

In Colorado City, a 1972 Maverick was found at 3:30 a.m. Monday after it went through a fence at Kelly Elementary School, said Lt. Pat Taylor of the police department.

Taylor said the vehicle was abandoned there. By Monday morning, the car had not been reported stolen, he said. He would not release the name of the owner, saying the accident still is under investigation.

There were no accidents Sunday and the following morning in Glasscock and Borden counties, reported the sheriff's departments in those counties.

## Artist

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Lord," she said. In particular, Linney said, paintings with nudity in them are "extremely vulgar."

Although some people attempt to justify such paintings by claiming that they celebrate natural beauty, she said, that argument is wrongheaded. "In First Corinthians, the Lord tells women to dress with humility."

Linney said she develops religious themes in her artwork, such as by depicting a valley cited in the Bible or the crown of thorns placed on Christ's head before his crucifixion.

The results are something to behold. Prints of her paintings appear in Christian bookstores around the country. Her stature is such that next year, Linney will be mentioned for the first time in "American Artists," a reference book of the nation's leading artists. But Linney is not one to boast.

"There are people meaner than hell that can paint better than I can," she said Friday. "They don't know it's from God but God is the one who gives them the ability to paint. They just don't use it to glorify him."

When Linney began as an artist 22 years ago, her outlook was

decidedly more secular. In those days, she said, she featured wine bottles in her paintings because she fancied them "pretty."

But that was before Linney became born-again as a Christian, a spiritual awakening, she said, that occurred at a citywide crusade in Stanton in 1971. "I told him, 'Lord, if this (art) will stand in the way of what you want me to do, I will throw it away or burn it up,'" she recalled. "Just a few days after that, he showed me in my mind's eye a painting that would glorify him. And that's when my Christian art started."

Linney's zeal for Christianity is not limited to the canvass, either. She and her husband, Leroy, are active in evangelical Christian groups, and Jannie Linney said she recently felt complimented when a grandson who lives in her home compared it to a church. "We pray together," she said. "There's a real strong Christian emphasis in this home."

Though she now believes she was not truly a Christian until 1971, Linney said she had to "burn" her earlier artworks as heretical. "They were still nature and God's creation, whether I realized it or not," she said.

But as a born-again Christian, Linney believes her art has undergone a renaissance. "My eyes were opened to see more color," she said. "I saw more detail, more depth and I realized that God was the ultimate artist because he did all things in exactly the right color." Although she began with oil painting, Linney has expanded into a variety of mediums, including acrylic, pen and ink, and pastel.

Linney's husband, Leroy, offered a testimonial of his own concerning the transformation in her art. "After she got saved," he said, "I could see her work change. It became softer, more peaceful." Though she's considered the best-known artist in Stanton, having been exhibited at Art Focus in Big Spring and at Midland Gallery, Linney repeatedly avoids any statement that might hint at excessive pride in her work.

"I realize it's a God-given talent," she said. "A Christian doesn't have pride in themselves. It's pride in what Christ does through them, and that's not an arrogant pride."

"I believe the Lord gives her things to paint that's good for the world to see," Leroy Linney said. "I think she paints what is revealed to her by the Lord."

## Panama

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government on Friday gave the diplomats 72 hours to leave the country and ordered the U.S. Embassy support staff cut from 320 employees to 100.

The United States apologized for the incident, saying the troops were unaware the home was a

diplomatic residence when they entered it — over the protests of Ambassador Antenor Ferrey — to search for weapons. President Bush said it was a "screw-up" but questioned what the numerous weapons found by troops were doing in the home.

In the latest round over

Noriega's fate, President Guillermo Endara said the stalemate could end if the Vatican and the papal nuncio "say once and for all that Noriega doesn't deserve to be sheltered in the house of God, that he is a common criminal of the worst kind and should abandon the second place."

Noriega is charged with drug trafficking in the United States, but Endara's attorney general said Sunday that Panama's new government was preparing murder charges against Noriega.

The move appeared to lay the groundwork for the mission to release Noriega him to the

Panamanian government.

But Endara said Monday that Panama does not have a prison secure enough to hold Noriega. He acknowledged that once outside the embassy, the general would be captured by U.S. troops surrounding the mission.

## Deaths

### Francisco Laso

Francisco (Chico) Laso, 94, Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 29, 1989 at a local nursing home after a lengthy illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel, with Ireo Requena, minister of Cherry Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Rosary will be said at 8 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born April 2, 1895, in Chihuahua, Mexico. He married Geneva Moreno in 1923 in Marfa. She preceded him in death April 14, 1988. He had lived in Big Spring 39 years, moving here from Marfa. He was a butcher in Marfa, and a rancher until he retired in 1970.

Survivors include five sons: Lupe Laso, Omaha, Neb.; Francisco Laso II, Brush, Colo.; Adam Laso, David Laso and Adolpho Laso, all of Fort Collins, Colo.; five

daughters: Juana Amaya, Holtville, Calif.; Bessie Marquez, Pueblo, Colo.; Eva Miranda, Minature, Neb.; Ignacia Acosta and Margaret Ramirez, both of Watsonville, Calif.; 66 grandchildren; 126 great-grandchildren; and 31 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Paz Baeza and Tomasa Aguirre.

Palbearers will be Lloyd Laso; Johnny Vega; Pablo Requena; Eddie Baeza; Manuel Baeza Jr.; and Jerry Baeza.

### Clara Shanks

Mrs. G.C. (Clara) Shanks, 92, Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1990 at a local hospital. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

### Eleanor Hinkley

WEATHERFORD — Eleanor Antley Hinkley, 87, Weatherford, formerly of Big Spring, died Jan. 1, 1990 at a local nursing home.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in Scott County, Miss. Burial will be at Eastern Cemetery, under the direction of Ott & Lee Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 4, 1902 in Forest, Miss. She married the late Frank Hinkley. She was a retired teacher, and a member of the Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Frank Hinkley, Dallas; and Robert Hinkley, Weatherford; one brother, George Antley, Forest Miss; and three grandchildren.

### Iosie Bishop

Iosie (Sissy) Bishop, 67, Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 1989 at a local hospital.

Services will be at noon Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Claude Craven, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park with military gravesite rites by Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo.

She was born Dec. 13, 1922 in Coleman. She married Leslie T. Joy. He preceded her in death in 1977. She married Alvin A. Bishop Dec. 3, 1977 in Big Spring. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. She worked for the Big Spring Independent School District as a bus driver for eight years. She had lived most of her life in Big Spring.

She is survived by her husband,

Alvin, Big Spring; two sons, Frankie Joy, Big Spring; and Leonard Joy, Odessa; four step-sons, Roland Bishop, Plainview; Carl Bishop, Temple; Alvin Lewis Bishop and Roy Bishop, both of New Mexico; one brother, Wayne Norrell, Pittsburgh, Calif.; five grandchildren; several step-grandchildren; one aunt, one uncle, and several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Palbearers will be Rusty Ille, Tom Marlow Jr., Ronald Cross and Dennis Burns.

### Alfred Valdez

Alfred Jay Valdez, six weeks old, Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 1, 1990 at his home after a sudden illness.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mount Olive Memorial Park, under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 23, 1989 in Big Spring.

He is survived by his parents, Alfred Leos and Lucy Valdez, Big Spring; his grandmothers, Eva

Leos and Teresa Valdez, both of Big Spring; his great-grandmother, Fina Leos; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

### Albert Everage

Albert Everage, 83, Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1990. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home

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W. F. (Mickey) Splain, 65, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 P.M. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

J. G. Littlejohn, 79, died Monday. Services will be 4:00 P.M. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Iosie (Sissy) Bishop, 67, died Sunday. Services will be 12:00 noon Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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**Arkansas tourists**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Texas is the No. 1 source of Arkansas tourists, and a major advertising blitz will be aimed at the state in 1990, Arkansas tourism officials say.

Television spots showing Arkansas' attractions may be aired as early as March, said Wayne Woods, executive vice president of sales for Woods Brothers.

The campaign will emphasize golf, water sports, history, scenic beauty, image and camping in six, 15-second TV spots written and produced by Woods Brothers.

It's also certain that the Dallas area, along with the rest of Texas, will be the biggest target of the Arkansas advertising blitz, Woods said.

"Texas is far and away the number one source of Arkansas tourists," he said.

Nearly \$2.5 million has been collected since July through the state's 2 percent tourism tax.

**Baby boom**

AUSTIN (AP) — When Ron Thompson sat down for lunch on New Year's Eve, he was the grandfather of five. At breakfast Monday, he was a grandfather of nine.

Three of Thompson's daughters — Mary Tolson, Joan Thompson and Carol Thompson — gave birth to four boys at Seton Medical Center late Sunday and early Monday.

One of the new arrivals — Jeremy Andrew Thompson Armeriz — was the first baby born in Austin in the 1990s, said hospital spokeswoman M.A. Bengston.

After about five hours at the hospital Sunday, Ms. Tolson, 28, gave birth at 2:40 p.m. to Shane Taylor Tolson, who weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces.

When Ms. Tolson went into labor, she asked her 19-year-old sister Joan, who was in the ninth month of her pregnancy, to drive her to the hospital.

At Ms. Tolson's delivery, Dr. Chris Seeker said Joan told him, "You will probably be seeing me, too."

Seven hours later, that prophecy proved true as Joan was hustled to Seton by sister Carol.

Joan gave birth to Jeremy Andrew was born at 12:01 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces.

Carol, 24, then went into labor and gave birth to twin boys just before 3 a.m.

The mothers and four boys spent New Year's day at Seton in good condition.

Seeker, who delivered all four boys, said, "It's been a busy day."

For being the first baby of 1990, Jeremy and his parents received an array of gifts from an Austin radio station.

"This beats partying," Joan said. "At least I have a (sense of) relief and not a headache."

**Fatal jump**

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman fell about 10,000 feet to her death Monday after jumping from a plane just north of Houston Gulf Airport.

The League City woman, whose name was withheld pending notification of relatives, died just after the 5:20 p.m. fall.

Lindsay Carleton, owner of Skydive Spaceland, said the woman jumped with three other skydivers from a twin-engine turboprop airplane.

But, for some reason, neither the jump parachute nor a reserve chute were opened, he said.

"I believe panic probably had something to do with it," Carleton said. "It was a normal sky dive. When it came time to open, she didn't open either parachute and we don't know why."

Skydive Spaceland, located in League City, provides about 10,000 jumps a year to students and experienced parachutists, Carleton said. The woman, who was not a student, but was one of about 150 to pay \$15 for a New Year's Day jump. She is believed to have been making jumps for about a year.

**Flight from Dallas makes emergency stop**

LINTHICUM, Md. (AP) — An American Airlines DC-10 plane with 247 passengers aboard made an emergency landing at Baltimore-Washington International Airport early today after the pilot reported smoke in the cockpit, an airline spokeswoman said.

Flight 240 was bound from the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to LaGuardia Airport in New York City, said Susan R. Kelly, American Airlines spokeswoman.

Passengers reported seeing smoke near the ceiling of the cabin, but Kelly said she could not confirm that.

The passengers and 10 crew members were evacuated onto the runway using the airplane's emergency slides, and about 10 passengers reported minor injuries from the unexpected exit, Kelly said.

Passengers said two chutes, on both sides of the middle of the plane, opened correctly, but each caught on the wings and did not fall to the ground.

Nine people were treated at North Arundel Hospital in Glen Burnie for sprains, muscle aches and bruises, said Kevin Murnane, hospital spokesman. The passengers were injured "from bumping into each other as they were going down the slide," Kelly said.

Many of the injuries were caused by passengers who pushed and shoved each other at emergency exit doors where the chutes failed to work, they said.

John Nouaisier, 34, of Paris, said he smelled smoke about 11:45 p.m., and a flight attendant told him it was food burning in the galley.

"It smelled like burning wires, not burning food."

Passenger Thomas Glanville, 31, of New York City, said light smoke was coming from the rear of the plane.

He was waiting in line to leave the plane when passengers realized that the chutes were wrapped around the wings.

"It was then that several people became panicky and didn't know what to do or where to go," Glanville said.

Kelly said the wind caused the chutes to stick straight out, and prevented them from falling to the ground immediately.

"The wind was blowing them a little bit, they were standing up straighter than normal," she said. "They were deployed properly."

The plane was to fly back to Dallas today for further checking, she said.

"They want to see if it develops problems while in the air, she said.

The DC-10 landed at 12:02 a.m., she said. The flight was scheduled to arrive at LaGuardia at 12:13 a.m. EST. The airliner had departed Dallas at 8:32 p.m. CST, Kelly said.

Kelly said passengers waited on the tarmac for 15 to 20 minutes until buses took them to the terminal. Some, who had begun their trip in Acapulco, Mexico, were dressed in clothing too tight for temperatures that dipped into the 30s.

"This was not really a long time, considering the plane was not expected in there at all. They had to find some buses to get out there," she said.

The passengers left BWI Airport about 7:30 a.m., on a DC-10 American Airlines sent down to ferry them to their original destination, according to Linda Green, BWI spokeswoman.

**Activists protest use of federal funds for Tech research project**

AMARILLO (AP) — About 15 local animal-rights activists carrying pets marched in protest to a Texas Tech researcher's use of lab animals.

Karen Green, executive director for the Amarillo Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and local organizer of the march, said Monday's march was part of a statewide protest.

She said protesters in about 10 Texas cities marched in front of federal buildings for about an hour Monday to protest the federal funding of animal research by Dr. John Orem, chief investigator in sleep research at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

Protesters in Amarillo gathered in front of the federal courts building downtown.

"We were protesting today because this is the first day of 1990," Ms. Green told the *Amarillo Globe-News*. Protesters are calling for the end to federal funding of research that people for the Ethical Treatment of Animals claims is cruel to animals.

PETA, a Washington-based animal rights group, organized Monday's marches.

Ms. Green said Orem has received almost \$1 million in federal grants during the last seven years.

"We feel those are tax dollars misspent," she said. "He's been doing the same research for seven years for something he admits may not be applicable to humans."

Ms. Green said PETA is not opposed to all animal research, but that the group believes Orem's



AMARILLO — Amarillo animal-rights activist Judy Bonner, with pet Misty, was one of about 15 activists that marched in front of the local federal building from 11 a.m. until noon to protest the federal funding of animal research by Dr. John Orem, chief investigator in sleep research at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. Amarillo was one of about ten Texas cities that participated in the protest.

research is unnecessary and inhumane to animals.

Orem's research, which uses cats, is aimed at understanding the control of respiration during sleep. The research may explain why breathing sometimes fails when a person sleeps and could conceivably lead to a the

discovery of the cause of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

In July, members of the Animal Liberation Front, an underground animal rights group, broke into Orem's lab, took five cats used in sleep experiments and caused \$70,000 damage.

**Automobile theft is a fact of life for residents of El Paso**

EL PASO (AP) — A newspaper publishes weekly car theft reports, rental agencies warn customers there's a good chance their vehicles will be stolen, and dealers make pitches for anti-theft devices as they sell new cars.

These are among the precautions being taken in El Paso, where car thefts have increased 94 percent during the past two years.

"It has gotten so bad that we go to the stores and my husband — he used to walk around the shops with a rifle — now when we go shopping he stands by the window and watches the car," said Mary Vallez, who had a 7-month-old car stolen from her driveway before dawn one day in 1979.

Organized auto thieves make nocturnal sweeps of the city with "shopping lists" of the cars they want — most often American-made models such as Fords or Chevrolets for which parts are available across the border in Mexico.

"When we arrest a suspect, they have told us that for that night they have a list of the types of cars to steal. Two of these, one of these," said Dallas Chief John Scagno.

To find out what models are most popular with thieves in a given week, and how many cars are stolen from a certain neighborhood, residents can check a graphic printed each week in the *El Paso Times*.

Through the first 11 months of 1989, 4,861 cars, trucks and other vehicles were stolen in El Paso, said Lt. Arturo Flores of the police auto theft division.

That's a 10 percent increase over last year, on top of an 84 percent leap in the number of car thefts from 1987 to 1988, Flores said. El Paso lost 986 vehicles per 100,000



EL PASO — El Paso police Lt. Arturo Flores holds up a sticker that officials hope will combat the rising auto theft rate in El Paso. The blue and white B.A.T., or Beat Auto Theft, stickers will allow police to stop cars at unusual hours.

population, compared with a national average for major urban areas of 713, Flores said.

The per capita car theft rate is higher in nine other Texas cities — Dallas had the worst rate with 2,393 vehicles stolen for every 100,000 residents in 1988, according to the Texas Association of Vehicle Theft

Investigators.

But theft victims in El Paso are less likely than residents of other areas to recover their stolen cars, primarily because they disappear over the border, police said.

"Our recovery rate is terrible. That's what makes our vehicle

thefts unique," Scagno said. "Ten minutes more or less after the car is stolen it's in another country. It's crossing the border before its owners even know it's stolen."

El Paso police recover half of stolen vehicles, compared with about 90 percent nationally. About 60 percent to 70 percent of those

recovered are found in Mexico, Flores said. Many are found as far away as Mexico City.

Several suspected thieves are juveniles hired by organized rings across the border, Flores said. One 17-year-old suspect told police he was paid \$500 to \$700 per stolen vehicle.

The increasing rate of thefts in El Paso has residents on edge.

"We're like a big town with small-town insights, so when you say 100 cars a week have been stolen, that's startling," said Len Schermer, owner of Accessory Choice, a car accessories business that sells anti-theft devices.

He said his sales of security devices such as steering-wheel locks, flashing lights, alarm systems and automatic engine shut-offs are up 70 percent over last year and now make up 20 percent of his business.

Residents and city officials are fighting the thefts on several fronts, but so far results have been mixed.

At least 500 vehicles have been registered in a new program in which owners paste stickers on a car that allow police to stop it without cause and question the driver. The program is called B.A.T. for "Beat Auto Theft."

Police set up temporary checkpoints at the border to try and catch stolen vehicles going into Mexico. Although thefts went down during those periods, they shot back up when the checkpoints were dismantled because they caused traffic jams.

And another police crackdown on auto thefts in June apparently made little impression on thieves. They stole a pickup truck belonging to a deputy police chief who was leading the crackdown.

**Exxon brings second unit on line at damaged plant**

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Officials from Exxon's Baton Rouge refinery plan to bring a second unit on line today and should be producing its full product line by the end of the week, a spokesman says.

"We'll have all 31 flavors," said spokesman Walt Eldredge, but the refinery will only be processing about 200,000 barrels of crude a day, compared to normal capacity of 455,000 barrels.

Cleanup continued Monday of the massive Christmas Eve explosion at the nation's second-largest

refinery. The explosion killed two workers, injured seven others and shut down the plant.

The explosion rocked Baton Rouge, shattering windows miles away and scattering debris over a 35-block area. Eldredge said workers inspected areas around the refinery Monday to check for any other debris.

"They're making sure anything with asbestos is picked up," he said. Eldredge said he wasn't sure how much asbestos, a known cancer-causing agent that was us-

ed to insulate pipes, was scattered through the area. But he said it didn't appear to be enough to endanger anyone.

Eldredge said the refinery will be able to operate at half capacity by the end of the week by rerouting operations around the damaged areas. Two giant storage tanks and several smaller ones were destroyed in the blast.

Within two weeks, technicians will finish a plan to bring the plant back up to full capacity. Such a plan, Eldredge said, will involve additional construction around the

damaged areas.

"We're working up a schedule for doing that," he said. "We think by sometime next week we'll have the plan finalized and know when we can go back on full operation."

Eldredge also said the company is focusing much of its effort in the next few days to contacting residents and businesses that experienced property damage with the explosion occurred.

"We want to recontact those who have a claim and at least let them know we haven't forgotten about them," he said.

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# Opinion

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

## Herald opinion

### Fair trade with Japan, or else

The tough provisions of the U.S. Omnibus Trade Act of 1988 appear to be achieving the desired effect of nudging Japan away from protectionist trading practices that unfairly block our exports.

In a complete reversal of postwar industrial strategy, the Japanese government has agreed to implement a plan to give tax credits to companies that increase their imports rather than their exports.

The credits will go to Japanese companies that increase their imports of machinery, automobiles, computers and other manufactured goods by at least 10 percent next year. In practical terms, the move will generate an increase in imported products valued at about \$3 billion a year. Obviously, this will not go far toward leveling out Japan's staggering \$52 billion merchandise trade deficit with the United States. But any step that furthers that objective is a move in the right direction and a welcome indication that Japan is unwilling to engage in a destructive trade war that would harm their economy as much as ours.

Fear of the automatic punitive tariffs on Japanese imports provided for in the U.S. trade act obviously was largely responsible for Japan's about-face. The Japanese cabinet completely reversed the role of the trade and industry ministry. The ministry, which once held the main responsibility for basing Japan's economy primarily on exports, now holds the responsibility for boosting imports.

Despite the fact that Tokyo now seems to be sending the right kind of trade signals, the United States government should maintain pressure for far more profound structural changes in Japanese trade policy that would eventually remove all protectionist barriers.

The Bush administration has made plain its intention to take a much stronger line with Japan than did the Reagan administration. While initial results of that policy are encouraging, much remains to be done. Washington should continue to press for major changes in Japan's export control system, its interlocking corporate relationships and restrictions on foreign investment, among other things. The message from the American people is loud, clear and unwavering: fair trade, or else.

### The exportation of American capitalism

By ART BUCHWALD

An East German refugee named Fritz stopped by the office the other day. He was in a good mood and said, "It's only a matter of time before we drop Marxist economics and replace it with some form of capitalism. I plan to return home soon, and I was wondering if you could advise me on what kind of Western business venture to go into."

"I thought about it for a moment and suggested, 'Why don't you open a savings and loan institution? People in this country have been saving for years and years.'"

"What is a savings and loan?"

"It's a marble building that looks like the Acropolis where people deposit their money for safekeeping. The S&L takes it from them and lends it to somebody else for a fee."

Fritz seemed pleased. "It sounds so easy."

"It is unless the people who borrowed the money can't pay it back."

"Does that ever happen?"

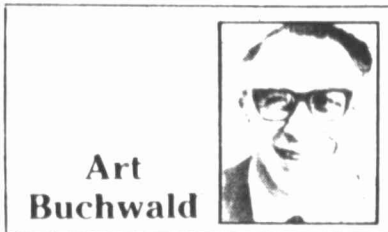
"Would you believe \$160 billion? Sometimes the owners of S&Ls mistakenly make loans to bad businessmen, shady developers and their relatives. When there is no money left, the government declares the bank insolvent."

"Does that mean they go to prison?"

"No, it doesn't. Most of our leading S&L officers have been declared insolvent, but they still play golf every day and are entitled to valet parking at the Senate office buildings."

"What does a person do if he is accused of taking money from the savings and loan that isn't his?"

"He goes to as many senators and congressmen as he thinks he needs and says, 'I will contribute to your campaign if you get the government off my back. If you can't do it, then I'll take the Fifth Amendment.'"



Art Buchwald

"How much should you give to a senator?"

"It's up to the individual. Some senators are more generous than others. That's what makes politics so interesting. We had an S&L fellow in Arizona who told his story to five U.S. senators for a million and a half dollars."

"I didn't know it was that easy to make money in America," Fritz said.

"The real dough is made in S&Ls to take over a bank that has already gone broke, and let the government put up the money so that you can get it back on its feet."

"I'm not sure if the Iron Curtain is ready for that. How do I get started?"

"My advice is to open the First Beethoven S&L in East Germany and lend money to people who want to build condominiums on top of the Berlin Wall."

Fritz was excited. "I'll do it. When do I take the Fifth Amendment?"

"You can only take the Fifth Amendment after you make enough bad loans."

"Wait a minute. We don't have a Fifth Amendment in East Germany."

"I told him, 'You have to have one if you are going to do business with the West. I am sure that the United States will give you one under the Lincoln Savings Favored Nation Treaty.'"

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### '80s set the stage for German domination

By GEORGE F. WILL

WASHINGTON — What a difference 3,653 days can make. But, then, this decade got a running jump into itself.

Abroad, it began June 2, 1979, when the "Polish Pope" returned to Poland. The vicar of an ancient faith kindled the secular passion of nationalism, lighting the fuse that would detonate all the revolutions of 1989.

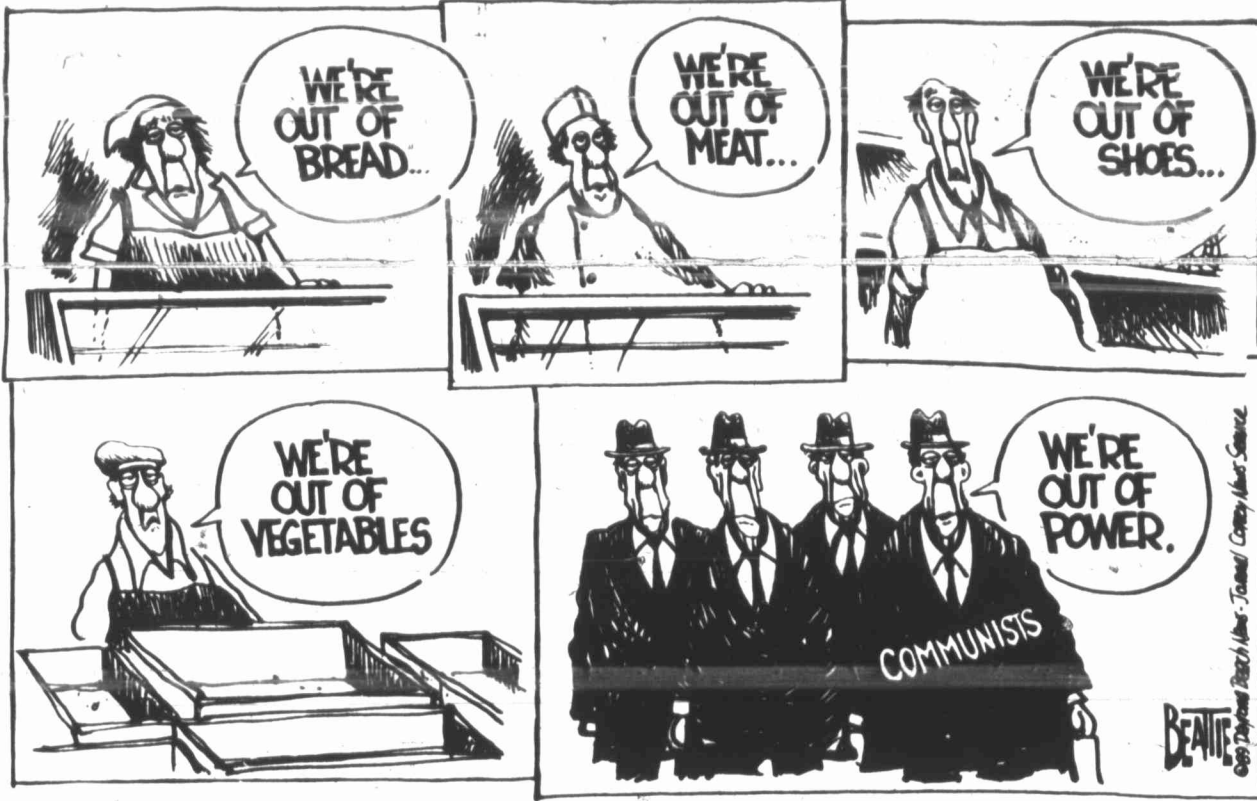
Intellectually, the decade's great development was the death of the socialist idea. The old argument, made by intellectuals, that intellectuals should plan economic life in accordance with equalitarian notions of "fairness," had two flaws: Intellectuals did not know how, and the masses did not want it.

Institutionally, socialism committed suicide, and not just in the East bloc. In France, a socialist president embarked upon a predictable program of "planning" and redistribution, with predictable, disastrous results. In Spain, too, a socialist government wound up embracing the market and pruning government ownership and subventions. Even Britain's invincibly ignorant Labor Party found the wilderness conducive to rethinking.

In 1981, the world's three largest figures — Reagan, Sadat and the Pope — were shot, the Pope by a Bulgarian-backed agent of "the Evil Empire." By calling it that, Reagan who did more than anyone to end the Cold War, was accused of "taking us back" to the Cold War. In a sense, he did. To end the Cold War, the detente mentality first had to end.

The hinge on which the decade turned was 1983. Reagan used the phrase "Evil Empire" in March, 1983. Two weeks later, he proposed the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), the devastating challenge to the Soviet Union to compete in an arena — the most advanced science — that depends on the fecundity of freedom. Elections in 1983 in Britain and, more problematically, in Germany defeated the Soviet attempt, using Western "peace movements," to stop NATO's Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) deployment.

In America, the 1980s began June 6, 1978, when Californians passed Proposition 13, the beginning of the revolt of the middle class. So in Eastern Europe and the western

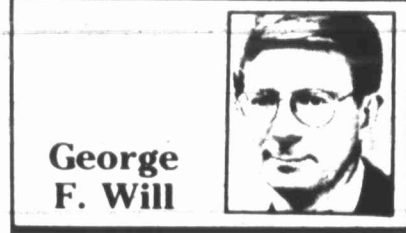


United States, the two revolutionary (meaning, transforming) forces of the 19th century were still going strong: nationalism and the bourgeoisie.

At the beginning of the decade, rational people — that is, pessimists — feared that inflation was the systemic and perhaps fatal disease of democracy. It no longer seems to be, because it radicalizes, and drives to the right, the middle class. Reagan's tax cuts shrank the government's revenue base and shifted to the right, perhaps for a generation, the nation's political agenda.

The two most interesting democratic governments, Reagan's and Thatcher's, were highly ideological about economics at a moment when economic theories seemed to have lost their predictive uses. America's national debt doubled in five years, the stock market in 1987 dropped 508 points in a day, but inflation declined and expansion continued.

The chord struck by two books, Tom Wolfe's novel "Bonfire of the Vanities" and Allan Bloom's "The Closing of the American Mind," indicated that a vague sense of — dare we say it? — malaise survived from the 1970s among a significant



George F. Will

minority of Americans.

For the mass of Americans, a suitable symbol of the decade was the remote-control wand for VCRs and cable-equipped television. The American grazed in private in a vast field of frivolous choices, actively choosing which pictorial stimuli passively to absorb. For much of the rest of the world, the next decade will not allow the luxury, such as it is, of passivity.

Although the 1990s are supposed to feature the blurring of particularities (Europe '92), these years may see sharpened distinctions, including new sovereign nations — three in the Baltics, six or so from what has been Yugoslavia. The end of perestroika (such as it was; it barely began in the 1980s) and glasnost may arrive abruptly in suppression of national aspirations in the Ukraine and other cap-

tive nations within the Soviet Union.

The Soviet Union — dismembered or not — will be eclipsed by Germany, reunited whether or not others wish it. The most intriguing question about reunification has not been imagined by most people, but it has been by Geoffrey Wheatcroft of the London Sunday Telegraph. There are, he notes, not two but three German states, the Federal Republic, the People's Republic — and Austria.

In 1945, the Allies chose to regard Austria as liberated rather than conquered. But, says Wheatcroft, the Austrian republic is essentially artificial. It was created "in spiteful fashion" by the victors after the war against the Kaiser, when the Austrians were the only people formerly ruled by the Hapsburgs who were deliberately denied self-determination. They would have joined the rest of Germany if they could have.

Perestroika was the foreign word given widest currency in the 1980s. In the 1990s, the word could be Anschluss, and Germany could extend from the Baltic almost to the Adriatic.

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### Mailbag

#### Truth can dispel hatred

To the editor:

In your editorial on December 26, 1989, you asked the sobering question "When will we outgrow hatred?" In my opinion, we will outgrow hatred when all people have the insatiable desire to always seek truth. Hatred results from ignorance and false teachings. It thrives on opinions which have been passed from generation to generation without undergoing any process of evaluation to determine their validity.

To outgrow hatred, we must all be a people who are willing to question the things which are being said to us and taught to us and determine if they are true. Children should be encouraged to question what their parents are teaching them. Students should be allowed to question their teachers. Congregations should evaluate what their leaders are saying. Citizens should listen closely to what the government tells them and analyze what is being said.

A teacher of mine said of truth: It can be evaluated from different angles, but will always result in the same conclusion. Anyone who is unwilling to encourage an evaluation of their statements is generally speaking from opinions, rather than truth.

The idea of evaluating and questioning the things which are being taught and proclaimed is important to me, because I grew up in a home where prejudice lives. If I had accepted blindly those ideas which were taught to me, I would today be passing on the same erroneous and harmful traditions to my sons. This is why we must seek truth or else we become a people of groundless traditions and hateful emotions. We must come to understand, if a person teaches something which is wrong, regardless of how sincere he may be, he is still wrong.

Truth is not equal to sincerity or to truthfulness. Truth stands on its own. If people are willing to seek truth regardless of where its conclusion leads, groups like the Ku Klux Klan would die today. It is sobering to contemplate the results of what we are capable of when we accept lies as truth. We become a world which will nail the Creator's son to a cross, and watch him die. This happens when we cherish our opinions, more than we cherish truth.

KENNETH GARRETT  
4024 Vicky Street

percent (city tax) from the current 1 percent. This will spread the burden over a large spectrum to where everybody pays a fair share of the tax. Then, too, the transits (passing through our city and making a purchase) will be helping to pay the cost.

The ad valorem tax burden on the property owners is high enough now. This makes for a few paying the big bill, and all residents enjoy the benefits. Therefore, all should help pay for the work that needs to be done, and a sales tax is the only way to do that. The tax would be distributed. It is also the easiest to pay, because it is spread over the whole year instead all coming due in one lump sum when it is least affordable. Then too the city treasury will be getting several small amounts of needed funds all through the year.

So, let's get behind our city mayor and help him get it into law.

The last few days of December 1989 when we have had so many water line breakages is a glaring example of what happens when the funds for repairs and/or replacements are a must.

J. WALTER UNGER  
1024 Birdwell Lane

#### Raise in sales tax more fair

To the editor:

I have been hearing the rumor that the City of Big Spring is running short of funds needed to make the necessary repairs and replacements to our streets and water lines. The rumor has it that an increase in our property tax is on the discussion list.

I do not agree that an increase in ad valorem tax is the answer. I support raising the sales tax to 2

Senior Citizens Center, and the building was flooding.

As Officer Sawyer was patrolling, he noticed that water was running in the area of the Senior Center, building 487 in the Industrial Park. He stopped to locate the broken pipe, and found that water was running under the doors.

The Police Department contacted me to open the building to see where the problem was. When I arrived, Sgt. Armstrong, and Officer Sawyer were waiting for me. They had already contacted the Water Department to come and shut off the water, and were waiting for the water to be turned off.

When we entered the building, there was water 2 to 3" deep in the hallway, pouring from the men's restroom.

Jaynet Smith, Director of the Senior Center was contacted and came as soon as possible, Jesse Bravo, an employee of the Senior Center, was also contacted and came immediately to help with the clean up. Officer Sawyer used a large pushbroom, pushing hundreds of gallons of water out the doors.

We want to say how much we really appreciate these two Big Spring Policemen who were alert to the water leak, and were willing to wade the water, helping in every way they could.

We feel that they did over and beyond what would have been expected, and want to say how much we appreciate them.

JOY L. DECKER  
RSVP, Director  
JAYNET SMITH  
Center Director  
P.O. Box 3190

#### Officers' help appreciated

Quotes

"Out of gifted and sovereign people, the regime made us little screws in a monstrously big, rattling and stinking machine. We have become morally sick." —Vaclav Havel, the long-banned playwright who became Czechoslovakia's first non-communist president in 41 years, attacking the toppled communist regime.

"There are a lot of ifs and ands and buts in the contract. If it's not what we want, we're willing to stay out for another nine months." —Terry Collins, Chapmanville, W.Va., coal miner, on the tentative settlement of the bitter nine-month strike at The Pittston Co.



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# Nation

## Barge spills gasoline into river

MONONGAHELA, Pa. (AP) — About 10,000 gallons of gasoline spilled into the ice-clogged Monongahela River after a barge hit a bridge, but state and federal officials said water supplies were safe.

The barge was one of at least 50 to break loose from moorings along a 40-mile stretch of the river from Brownsville north to Pittsburgh.

The leaking barge, owned by Gutman Oil Co. in Charleroi, broke loose about 8:30 a.m. Monday, hit the Monongahela Bridge and ruptured about 15 miles south

of Pittsburgh. The leaking barge was tied up along the shore near New Eagle in Washington County late in the afternoon, but the swift current prevented a tug boat pushing two cleanup barges from reaching the site until nightfall.

Several miles south of the leaking barge, about 25 coal barges broke loose Monday and piled up at the Maxwell Dam, where severe flooding resulting from a similar barge jam-up in November 1985 damaged numerous homes.

## Green River Task Force cut back

SEATTLE (AP) — The Green River Task Force, which once had 56 officers and support workers assigned to track the deaths and disappearances of dozens of women, is being cut this week to seven people, *The Seattle Times* reported Monday.

The investigation into the deaths and disappearances of 49 women from 1982 through March 1984 once included several law enforcement jurisdictions but now will be limited to King County officers. The case is among the largest unsolved serial murder

cases in the United States.

"We plan to keep the four detectives in the case through 1990. The remains of 41 women have been found. Victims have been from the Seattle and Portland, Ore., areas and most had ties with prostitution. No one has been charged in the case.

The county has spent about \$16 million on the case. Other jurisdictions that have contributed personnel to the task force include the Seattle police, the FBI, the Washington State Patrol and the Port of Seattle.

## Tentative settlement reached

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Striking coal miners welcomed a tentative settlement of their bitter 9-month walkout at The Pittston Co., but promised to keep the picket lines up until they've had a chance to vote on the pact.

If ratified by the company's 1,700 workers, the agreement would end a sometimes-violent strike that spread far beyond one small company, at one point triggering wildcat sympathy strikes by 46,000 miners in 10 states.

Details of the tentative accord between Pittston and the United Mine Workers were kept secret until the union could explain the deal to its members in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. They will vote on the pact in the next eight to 10 days, said union president Richard Trumka.

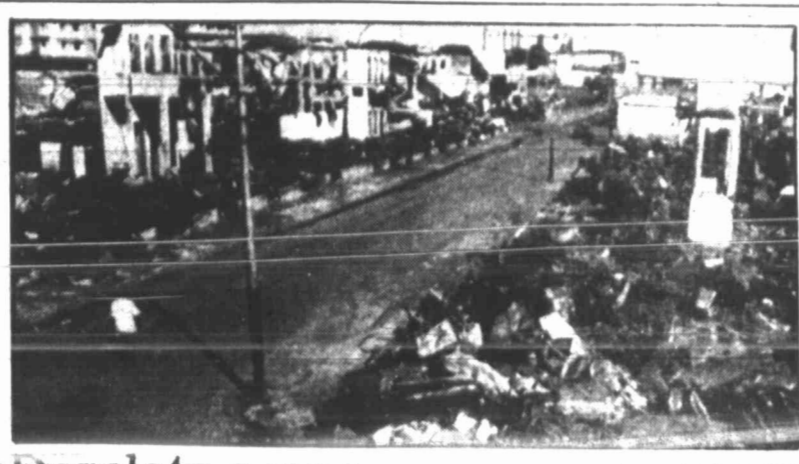
Some idled miners reserved judgment until they see the

details, including provisions on the sensitive issues of health and retirement benefits. Several union leaders said miners would keep walking picket lines.

The principal issue in the strike that began April 5 was Pittston's attempt to end its contributions to the UMW's industry-wide retirement fund.

Pittston's coal subsidiary, Pittston Coal Group Inc., said it couldn't afford to continue payments to the fund, which covers 130,000 pensioners who retired between 1947 and 1976. Pittston has just 560 retirees covered by the fund.

The union, in the most recent stand made public, insisted on continued contributions to the fund, fearing that if Pittston quit paying, it would lead to wholesale departures by coal companies.



Desolate scene

PANAMA CITY — A solitary pedestrian crosses a street in the devastated neighborhood behind the Comandancia, the Panamanian Defense Forces' former headquarters, in Panama City Monday.

## Leaking tanker towed out to sea for repairs

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — An Iranian supertanker still leaking 72 million gallons of oil bound for refineries in Europe, came within 50 miles of Safi, south of Rabat, before salvors towed it 120 miles off the coast, the official Moroccan news agency Maghreb Arab Press said.

The roughly 19 million gallons of crude that escaped the stricken vessel, threatened oyster beds, fishing stocks, a pink flamingo breeding ground and resort beaches on Monday. Officials said 100,000 jobs also hung in the balance.

The huge oil slick moved to within 12 miles of the coast on Monday, and some of the oil could wash ashore as early as Wednesday, said Jean-Francois Levy, secretary-general of France's Interministerial Mission on the Sea.

The spill was nearly double the 11 million gallons of crude oil dumped into Alaska's Prince William Sound by the Exxon Valdez last year, but the warmer water off Morocco could help disperse it.

On Monday, a tug secured a line to the half-sunken Khark 5 and began towing the 1,837-foot vessel out to sea.

An explosion, its cause unknown, tore through the tanker's hull Dec. 19 when it was about 400 miles north of the Canary Islands. A fire forced the crew to abandon ship and the vessel began drifting toward northwest Africa. The ship, originally loaded with

72 million gallons of oil bound for refineries in Europe, came within 50 miles of Safi, south of Rabat, before salvors towed it 120 miles off the coast, the official Moroccan news agency Maghreb Arab Press said.

It said Moroccan technicians were struggling to repair a gash in the hull that continued streaming light crude oil.

Experts placed a barrier at the leading edge of the slick to prevent it from reaching a 106-mile stretch of coastline. Spanish oil-spill technicians on the scene and experts from Marseille, France, say high winds and 8-foot waves have slowed efforts to control the spill.

Robert Luigi, an oil spill expert for the Marseille Port Authority, said Moroccan authorities were coping well with the spill and the risk to coastal areas was slight. Morocco is a former French colony.

Luigi, who returned to France on Sunday after aiding local authorities for a week, said much of the oil had evaporated or disintegrated into small particles due to the warm seas.

The slick threatened an area from Mehdya north of Rabat, the capital, to Mohammadia in the south, the French TV station La Cinq reported. It said the slick was moving toward the coast at about 650 feet per hour.

# World

## Interim government changes laws

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — The revolutionary government began tackling the most hated legacies of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu by abolishing the death penalty, disbanding the secret police and legalizing private property.

Crowds dressed in black gathered on the capital's central Romana Square to light candles for relatives and friends who died in the two-weeks popular revolt that claimed thousands of lives as it brought down the Ceausescu regime.

As the country celebrated its first non-Communist New Year's Day in more than four decades, interim President Ion Iliescu announced major governmental

changes in a broadcast address to the country's 23 million people. Iliescu renewed promises of multiparty democracy — with free elections in April — and said he hoped 1990 will "mark a genuine leap in Romania's people's lives."

Other changes announced by Iliescu included the re-establishment of private property, with farmers now permitted to buy, sell and lease land and trade their produce privately.

Hundreds of armed special police were still believed at large Monday, despite orders last week by the provisional government to surrender themselves and their weapons.

## Cuba takes Security Council seat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cuba is beginning the new year on an upbeat note after a string of setbacks as it assumes a U.N. Security Council seat for the first time since the 1959 revolution.

Some U.S. officials are concerned that Cuba's election to a council seat will give President Fidel Castro new leverage for influencing council debates and promoting anti-American policies.

But more optimistic officials believe Cuba may feel constrained in its new role to diminish its alleged support for leftist rebels in El Salvador.

Cuba will assume its seat as the United Nations gears up to send a peacekeeping force to Central America to ensure that rebel forces such as the Salvadoran insurgency do not receive outside assistance.

In response to American criticism, Cuba contends that no country tramples on U.N. principles more relentlessly than the United States.

U.S. officials are particularly disappointed over Cuba's elevation to a council seat because other Latin American countries rallied behind Cuba's candidacy last year over U.S. objections.

## Battle erupts between rival militias

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Rival Shiite Moslem militias using tanks, rocket-propelled grenades and 106mm guns today battled in southern Lebanon, and police said five people were killed and 12 wounded.

The fighting raged among the bluffs of Kfar Hatta village, southeast of Sidon, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman, who cannot be named in line with standing regulations, said the hills were essential for the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, or Party of God, to ensure supplies to its southern bases from the eastern Bekaa valley.

Kfar Hatta is just below the mountainous routes controlled by Israeli troops and allied South Lebanon Army militia men from Israel's self-proclaimed buffer zone in southern Lebanon.

The new casualties raised the overall toll to 64 killed and 228 wounded since the current round of fighting erupted Dec. 13, pitting the fundamentalist Hezbollah against the pro-Syrian secular Amal militia.

Efforts by Iran and Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization to curb the fighting have failed to stop the fighting.

# It is still a knock on the door, and 'his deep regret ...' when a GI dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Panama invasion wasn't an hour old before the telephone awakened Army Col. Mel Hoherz. It wasn't a day old before Hoherz had dispatched officers on those dreadful knock-on-the-door missions to inform families that a son or husband had died in combat.

As with everything, the Army has a system for this — and a 214-page Regulation 600-8-1 on what to do when a soldier is killed.

An Army manual even tells the visiting officer what to say. "The secretary of the Army has asked me to express his deep regret ..."

Hoherz, son of a career Army officer, grandson of a German pacifist who fled to America to avoid military service, is in charge of seeing to it the process runs smoothly.

"We try to do it with dignity," he

said in a recent interview. "Everyone grieves differently, and sometimes they grieve angrily, in anger at the Army, and we know that, but we try to be helpful."

Hoherz's job is to see to it that the body is accompanied to the gravesite by a soldier — sometimes by a buddy who has been designated for the task by the surviving family.

Hoherz dispatches the "notifier," who brings the first word — but often no details — and offers whatever comfort a stranger can. By regulation, the message is always delivered in person.

He makes sure that another officer follows up with the forms that will bring the family the benefits to which it is entitled — usually a \$50,000 life insurance payment plus a \$3,000 death gratuity payment, the soldier's unpaid pay and

allowances; a monthly check for the widow until she remarries and surviving children until they are age 18 (23 if they go to college); and Social Security benefits.

He tries to nudge families toward opting for a military funeral. "We can do it with great dignity and they don't need an unexpected \$5,000 expense at a time like this," Hoherz says. The Army will provide a steel casket worth \$2,000, six pallbearers and a seven-member firing team that fires three volleys of shots.

And Hoherz makes sure word reaches the White House, where President Bush has determined to write a personal letter to the family of every military man killed in the line of duty.

Panama marked the first American battle deaths since the Grenada episode in 1983, which kill-

ed 19 U.S. servicemen. In Panama, the U.S. military suffered 23 deaths — 13 Army, four Navy, one Marine — and 322 wounded. Among Panamanians, 297 soldiers and some 300 civilians were killed.

Panama aside, the Army had 116 military related deaths in 1989 — helicopter crashes, training accidents, heart attacks and the like and about 625 other accidental deaths, mostly car crashes.

Hoherz's outfit — the Casualties and Monuments Unit, Operation Center in Quantico, Va. — seeks to notify the family within four hours of receiving word of the casualty.

The old process is still used. An officer or senior non-commissioned officer is sent from a nearby military base. Sometimes he brings along a chaplain. No mission

is undertaken between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

"In these days of family mobility and frequent divorce, Hoherz says, notifiers often must do detective work to track down relatives or estranged wives, sometimes using the police or postman or utility company records.

How to do it is spelled out in a 53-page manual that uses the initials "NOK" for "next of kin."

"As a notifier, you represent the secretary of the Army," the manual says. "You are expected to be courteous, helpful and sympathetic toward the NOK in this sensitive mission. Your presence should soften the blow, if possible, and show the Army's concern for its personnel, their dependents, and their NOK."

The visit is followed by a telegram or a mailgram. Its pur-

pose is to confirm what has been said and to make it clear the family has not been the victim of a macabre hoax.

Meantime, at the scene of combat, there is a written report on the fatal event and an investigation "if it is an unexplained death," Hoherz says. Families are entitled to these reports and to autopsy reports, but they must ask for them.

A company commander, in theory at least, knows the people in his unit. "If he's doing his job, he'll know them by name and well enough to know where they come from and whether they're married, that sort of thing," says Hoherz.

The company commander writes a letter of condolence to the next of kin. It is sent within 24 hours if field conditions permit. This letter often brings the first full account of how the soldier died.

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# Churches and ministers can't exist on their faith alone

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a young Lutheran minister who has just moved to a new community. I am told that a few years ago you had a wonderful answer for a reader who wrote to you complaining that every time he turned around, the church hit him up for money. You told him in no uncertain terms what the church did with all its money.



Dear Abby

If you can locate that letter, please run it again. — WISCONSIN PREACHER

**DEAR PREACHER:** I located it. And here it is:

**DEAR ABBY:** We are not overly religious people, but we do like to go to church once in a while. It seems to me that every time we

turn around in church, we are hit for money. I thought religion was free. I realize that churches have to have some money, but I think it is getting to be a racket. Just what do churches do with all their money?

**DEAR CURIOUS:** Even priests, ministers and rabbis must eat. Since they work full time at their

tasks, the churches must support them. Staff, professional choir members and musicians must also be paid. Buildings must be maintained, heated, lighted and beautified. (And, of course, first they must be built!) Custodial staff must eat and feed their families. Most churches engage in philanthropic work (aid to the needy, missions and education); hence, they have their financial obligations.

Even orchids contrary to folklore, do not live on air. Churches can't live on air either. Religion, like water, may be free, but when they pipe it to you, you've got to help pay for the piping. And the piper!

**DEAR ABBY:** After reading your article on what not to give Aunt Bessie and Grandpa for Christmas, I just had to write.

Are you talking about the infirm or the old folks?

My mother is 76, and she wouldn't be caught dead in a warm-up suit.

And you say "no pets." Why not? Haven't you heard that older people with pets do better and live longer — because they have something to live for?

And how do you know what magazines someone else will enjoy? Some people don't care for Reader's Digest; others swear by it!

You suggested "homemade goodies." Have you ever tasted

some people's cookies? (For health reasons, people are told to cut down on sugar, salt and butter; consequently their cookies taste like cardboard!)

Also, not everybody wants to send gift certificates or cash because then you will know how much they spent.

Gift suggestions to give on special occasions, or postcards. Abby, who uses postcards for personal correspondence? If they are that hard-up, give them a change purse full of quarters so they can go to Atlantic City.

How about VHS tapes? My mother-in-law would love "Dr. Zhivago."

If you are going to send a care

package, give them light bulbs, paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo and toothpaste.

If they are really poor, give cash so they can pay the rent, or the gas and electric bills. Thank you very much. — MARGO W., HENDERSON, NEV.

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## Making a lamp

**RICHMOND (AP)** — Using a stuffed animal, a fishing rod, broken pieces of an antique lamp and a lot of elbow grease, Bill and Mary Ellen Toombs can create lamps for today or chandeliers reminiscent of the 1690s.

It all started about 20 years ago with a lamp-making and repair business and a man who couldn't say no.

"When we first started out, all we did was make lamps, repair lamps," says Mary Ellen Toombs.

But a customer would bring a brass table, for example, and Toombs would fix it, or a picture of a lamp from a magazine, and Toombs would make it.

"I think the more difficult it is," she says, "the better Bill likes it."

Toombs has turned a fishing rod into a floor lamp for a man in Florida, and he's made stuffed animals into lamps for a number of people.

"I can't recall a thing that got turned away," says Mary Ellen, except that "some things are not worth fixing and I tell them that."

Mary Ellen has taken over much of the business while her husband concentrates on his law career. Her work is more down-to-earth, such as cleaning and re-wiring a 1910 Waterford crystal chandelier.

Recently she's been working on lamps with college logos on them. They are shipped to schools all over the country to sell, mostly to alumni and as gifts.



Associated Press photo

## Tight squeeze

**LONDON** — Argentinian contortionist Hugo Zamaratte demonstrates the art of "enterology," the opposite of escapology, to the astonishment of a passerby on a London street Monday. Hugo, who is 5-feet 9 inches tall, while the bottle measures 26 in-

ches high and 18 inches in diameter, claims the secrets of enterology were revealed to him in a "dream-vision." His body-bending feats were on display Gerry Cottle's circus in London during the Christmas holidays.

## Blind man searches for cure

By TOWN & COUNTRY For AP Newsfeatures

Blindness has not stopped Gordon Gund from a successful career. Nor prevented him from leading the drive for a cure for retinitis pigmentosa, a disease afflicting some 1.5 million people around the world.

Recent breakthroughs in research on the disease, according to an article in the current issue of Town & Country, have raised the possibility that a cure might be found in a matter of years, and Gund has been a major force in the drive to eradicate RP.

benefit the 100,000 Americans who suffer from RP, but also some 400,000 others who have similar retinal degenerative diseases.

At a black-tie gala fundraiser in New York, Gund, 50, told the audience:

"I was blinded by RP nearly 20 years ago. Long ago I gave up any hope of treatment for myself. But my wife, Lulie, and I resolved to find a cure for future generations."

Gund, from one of America's wealthiest families, was a 25-year-old banker when he was diagnosed in the 1960s as suffering from RP. It usually is detected in childhood and advances gradually from night blindness to loss of peripheral vision to virtual blindness.

Because Gund was diagnosed as an adult, doctors assured him he would see until he was 60 or 70. Five years later, in 1970, his sight deserted him within six months.

He traveled from doctor to doctor, searching for a miracle cure.

"With all the advances in medical technology and scientific research, not to find anything that could be done to reverse or stop it — the frustration was more than I

could bear," Gund said.

Until then, he had led a life of privilege. His father developed a decaffeinated coffee company that became the Sanka division of General Foods. Gund attended Groton and Harvard, earned a private pilot's license, pursued photography as a hobby.

By October 1970, he was barely able to glimpse his newborn son, Zachary, as a tiny pinhole of light at the end of a dark tunnel. The following month even that pinhole closed. Yet within months, he had resigned himself to blindness.

"I didn't want to consume any more of my life looking for a cure for myself," he said. "I felt, let's at least make the experience positive in terms of helping others."

Dr. Elton Berson of Harvard Medical School, one of the world's leading RP researchers, said: "Gordon Gund has been absolutely crucial to the advance of RP research. Many people make a gift to a cause and walk away. He didn't do that. He formed chapters, conducted benefits and spoke publicly about his disease."

Gund also runs Gund Investment Corp. in Princeton, N.J. He has multiplied his inherited fortune several times since his father's death in 1966.

With his brother George, he owns the Minnesota North Stars hockey team and the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball team. Gund attends 10 to 15 Cavs games a year, sitting in the stands with an earphone to hear the radio play-by-play.

Gund says he devotes about 25 to 30 percent of his time to RP work.

"What keeps us going," Gunn said, "is the belief that basic science, if directed, will lead to removing this group of problems from the world."

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## Inside style

### Toddler tiffs

**ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)** — When toddlers play together, disagreements crop up about every 10 minutes, says University of Rochester psychologist Judith Smetana.

Usually, says Smetana, the conflict is over an object, such as a toy, or over aggression, such as hitting, pulling hair or biting.

Instead of restoring the peace by ordering the kids to stop fighting, parents should take the opportunity to talk to youngsters about rights and fairness.

By so doing, Smetana says, parents lay the groundwork for children learning to reason independently about right and wrong.

### Leaning tower

**PISA, Italy (AP)** — The Leaning Tower of Pisa, the famous Italian landmark which inclines about 14 feet out of the perpendicular, is over 800 years old.

Building began in 1174 and the ground beneath the tower started sinking after the first three of its eight stories were finished.

The circular bell tower is 179 feet tall and has walls 13 feet thick at its base and about six feet thick at the top. The marble structure has tipped one foot during the past 100 years.

### Know your onions

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Onions come in a range of flavors and enhance all sort of dishes.

Here are some tips from Family Circle magazine to help you choose the right onion for the right dish:

- **Yellow Onions:** Strongest in flavor and pungency. These are good for soups, stews, stocks and spaghetti sauce.

- **Spanish Onions:** Sweet onions that include the Vidalia, Imperial Valley, Maui, Walla Walla, Texas and Bermuda types. Best in onion rings, marmalade, omelets and pizza.

- **Red Italian Onions:** Mild and sweet. They can be used raw in salads and on sandwiches, sauteed with red cabbage and apples, or stir-fried.

- **Leeks:** This mild onion is popular in French dishes. It is used in vichyssoise or gently braised as a side dish. Just the white bottom is used for appetizers.

- **Shallots:** Oniony, with a hint of garlic. Best in butter sauces for vegetables, fish, meats and rice.

- **Green Onions or Scallions:** These are somewhat stronger than chives. They give Tex-Mex, fried rice and stir-fry cooking a real kick. They also can serve as a garnish.

### Cardiac problem

**ORADELL, N.J. (AP)** — A cardiac problem known as IHSS (idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis) can make vigorous activity deadly for some people in their 20s and 30s.

There is no cure for the disease, which is transmitted genetically, says RN Magazine.

If you experience dizziness, fainting, chest pain or difficulty breathing after physical exertion, get to the hospital for a chest X-ray, EKG and echocardiogram. A positive diagnosis of IHSS means radical changes in lifestyle, including a ban on strenuous exercise.

## Military

**Navy Fireman Jimmy D. Smith,** son of Nella S. Bingham, Route 1, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

During Smith's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to

prepare him to further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Smith's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in physical education and hygiene.

A 1989 graduate of Coahoma High School, he joined the Navy in June.

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## ON THE SIDE:

### BSHS hoops

**BIG SPRING** — The Big Spring High School Steers and Lady Steers basketball teams turn

opponents tonight.

The Lady Steers, fresh from a sixth-place performance in the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock, will face the Snyder Lady Tigers tonight in Steer Gym. The BSHS girls are currently 1-1 in district action.

The Steers, 1-14 for the year, will open defense of their district crown tonight when they travel to Snyder to take on the Tigers.

Game times for both boys and girls is 6 p.m. for the junior varsity and 7:30 p.m. for the varsity.

### Coach arrested

**CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP)** — Rockford Lightning coach Charley Rosen was arrested after storming out of a locker room and punching the coach of the Cedars Rapids team after a Continental Basketball Association game.

Rosen, a former English professor and sports writer, was charged with assault, interference with official acts and disorderly conduct. He posted \$405 bond and left town with his team.

The dispute began after Rosen was kicked out of the game — a 119-98 Cedar Rapids victory — with 90 seconds left after receiving his second technical foul. He attempted to charge Whittaker, but was restrained by officials.

### Calcavecchia wins

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)** — Mark Calcavecchia fought off challenges by Dave Barr and Bill Glasson to win the Spalding Invitational Pro-Am by two strokes with a final round of 71.

Calcavecchia, who earned \$60,000, finished the four-day, mixed-field tournament at 10-under 276.

### Jumping to title

**LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP)** — Daniel O'Meara of the U.S. Nordic Combined Ski Team made two 84-meter jumps Saturday to win the annual New Year's 70-meter Ski Jump.

O'Meara, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., finished with 212.7 points, edging teammate Joe Holland of Norwich, Vt., who collected 211.9 points on jumps of 84 and 85 meters.

### At the races

#### Saturday's Races

**ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)** — Sunny Blossom, \$12.60, captured the \$107,400 Palos Verdes Handicap at Santa Anita with a track record time of 1:07 1/5 for six furlongs.

**CICERO, Ill. (AP)** — Loyal Pal, \$24.00, posted a two-length victory over Ankles in the \$52,550 Chicago Handicap at Hawthorne.

**LAUREL, Md. (AP)** — Learned Jake, \$4.80, captured the \$100,000 Congressional Handicap.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Packett's Landing, \$9.20, raced to a one-length victory in the \$120,600 Alex M. Robb Stakes for 3-year-olds and up at Aqueduct.

**Sunday's Races**  
**ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)** — Wretham, \$21.80, took the \$112,700 San Gabriel Handicap on the turf at Santa Anita.

**CICERO, Ill. (AP)** — Peach of It, \$4.80, captured the \$52,150 Bornstar Stakes on closing day at Hawthorne.

**LAUREL, Md. (AP)** — East Royalty, \$2.60, prevailed by a nose in a three-horse finish in the \$65,550 Inner Harbor Stakes for 2-year-olds at Laurel Race Course.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Passing Ships, \$3.20, romped to a 17 1/2-length victory in the \$85,650 Display Handicap for 3-year-olds and up at Aqueduct.

**SAN MATEO, Calif. (AP)** — Nasers Pride, \$8.60, raced to a 2 1/2-length victory over Brought To Mind in the \$53,850 Bay Meadows Lassie Stakes at Bay Meadows.

### Monday's races

**ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)** — Akinemod, \$4.40, captured the \$107,650 La Brea Breeders' Cup Stakes by two lengths over Fantastic Look at Santa Anita.

**LAUREL, Md. (AP)** — Fire Plug, \$8.60, posted a half-length victory in the \$44,275 Resolution Handicap at Laurel.

**MIAMI (AP)** — Ells Once Again, \$38.20, edged Banbury Fair by a head in the \$87,300 Virginia Handicap for fillies and mares at Calder.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Feel The Beat, \$4.80, posted a two-length victory in \$112,300 Interborough Breeders' Cup Handicap at Aqueduct.

# Miami, ND make case for No. 1

## 'Canes drown 'Bama

By **BEN WALKER**  
AP Sports Writer

**NEW ORLEANS** — What began as a transition year for Miami has apparently ended as a championship season.

The Hurricanes, the team of the 1980s, began the 1990s in style Monday night, winning the Sugar Bowl and probably the national title, too.

Shortly after Notre Dame finished beating No. 1 Colorado in the Orange Bowl, second-ranked Miami took care of its business, defeating No. 7 Alabama 33-25.

The Associated Press' final rankings will come today and the Hurricanes seem certain to get their third championship in seven seasons. Only No. 4 Notre Dame might stand in their way, and Miami routed the Irish 27-10 last month.

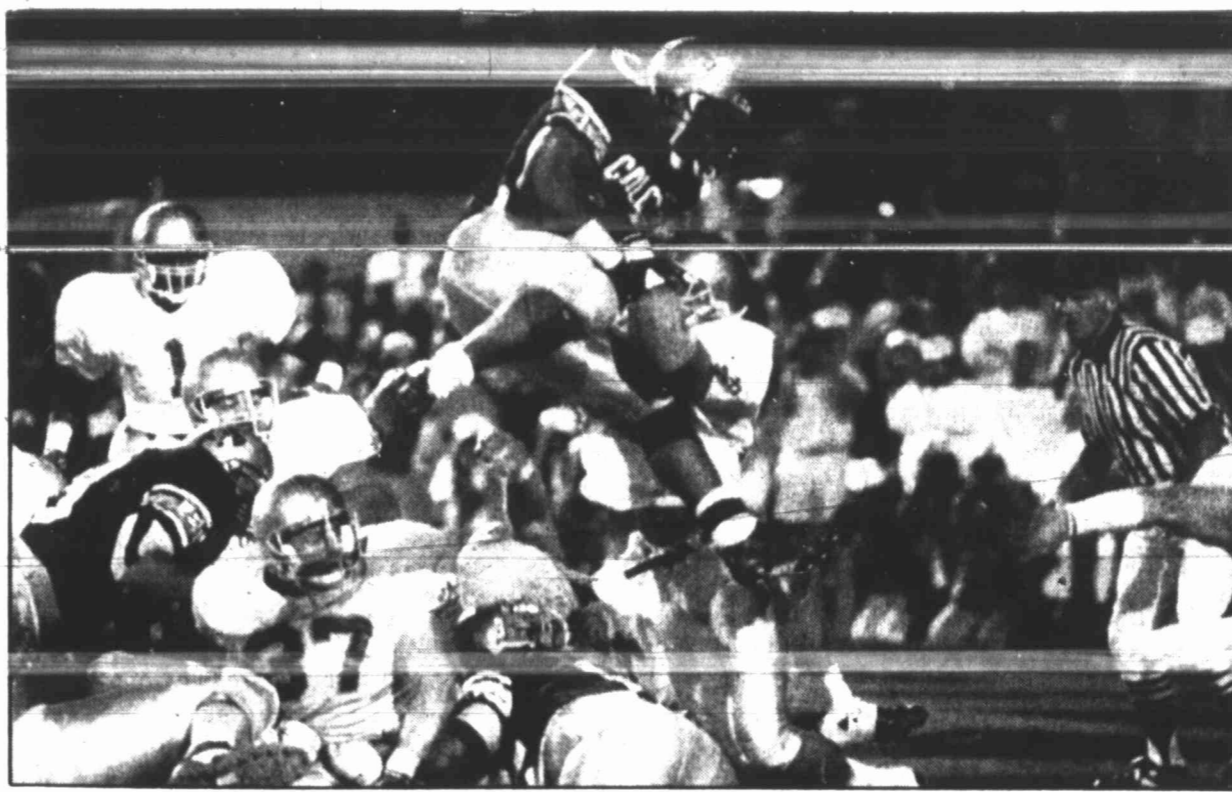
Miami and Colorado each finished 11-1 and Notre Dame was 12-1. Fifth-ranked Florida State, the team that beat Miami, and No. 3 Michigan were 10-2.

"We played a tough schedule, won when we needed to and came out on top. We deserve the national championship," quarterback Craig Erickson, who threw three touchdown passes, said.

Coach Dennis Erickson agrees, although he admits the scramble for No. 1 likely will cause further debate about a playoff system.

"I think that we are probably the best team in the nation, but there are a lot of good ones," he said. "It's now up to the voters to decide."

"The only true way you're going to get a national champion is to play it on the field," he said. "But we've played 12 tough games this year."  
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Colorado's Eric Bieniemy is stopped short of the goal line (top photo) during the second quarter of the Buffaloes' loss to Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl. In the bottom photo, Miami's Dale Dawkins, right, is dragged down by Alabama defender Eirum Thomas in action from the Sugar Bowl.

## Irish bounce Buffs

By **HAL BOCK**  
AP Sports Writer

**MIAMI** — If you beat No. 1, does that make you No. 1?

Notre Dame thinks so after ending top-ranked Colorado's perfect season 21-6 in the Orange Bowl Monday night, using a dose of good, old-fashioned grind it out football spiced by a dramatic goal line stand.

It was the stuff that national championships are woven from but it may not have been good enough for the Irish because No. 2 Miami beat Alabama 33-25 in the Sugar Bowl.

What does that mean for the final poll?

"We have played 13 games and won 12 of them," quarterback Tony Rice said. "We beat the undefeated No. 1 team. We deserve to be No. 1. We'd better be No. 1."

They might not be, though.

The Irish, defending national champions, learn their poll fate today and just how badly hurt they were by a 27-10 setback to Miami in November, a loss that left them wounded, perhaps fatally.

Notre Dame doesn't think so.

"I can honestly say we have the best record and played the toughest schedule," coach Lou Holtz said. "We were No. 1 for 11 weeks and the one week we were out of No. 1, we came back and beat No. 1 by 15 points."

"I believe in my heart if you have the best record with the toughest schedule... I rest my case."

Notre Dame's summation was delivered against Colorado, first with a goal line stand that cut the heart out of the Buffaloes and then with just enough offense in the second quarter to seal the deal.  
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# 1989 Crossroads Country sports year in review

By **STEVE BELVIN**  
Sports Editor

**Editors Note** — This is the final installment of a three-part series depicting the year in review of area sports.

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**JULY** started off with the resignation of Boyce Paxton as the Steers' boys basketball coach to take the job at San Angelo Central. In three seasons at Big Spring, Paxton's teams compiled a 61-35 record.

In city baseball action, the Senior League All-Stars beat El Paso 7-2 to win the District III tournament at Roy Anderson Complex. Mike Lucio pitched a two-hitter for the victory.

In Little League baseball action, the International League All-Stars dropped a 5-1 decision to Odessa Northeast in the Division III tournament in Odessa. The Internationals, the last Big Spring team eliminated, finished fourth in the tournament.

Former Big Spring athlete Willie Williams was named to National Association Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame, for his play at Austin College. Williams lettered in baseball, basketball, football and track, and was a two-time All-American in football.

The Senior League All-Stars were beaten 8-7 by Abilene, eliminating Big Spring from the sectional tournament.

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**AUGUST** began with the

Hillcrest Baptist and the Sand Stormers winning their respective Church and Industrial League. Hillcrest was 13-1 and the Sand-stormers went 18-0.

Tommy Washington was hired to replace Paxton as the Steers' new basketball coach.

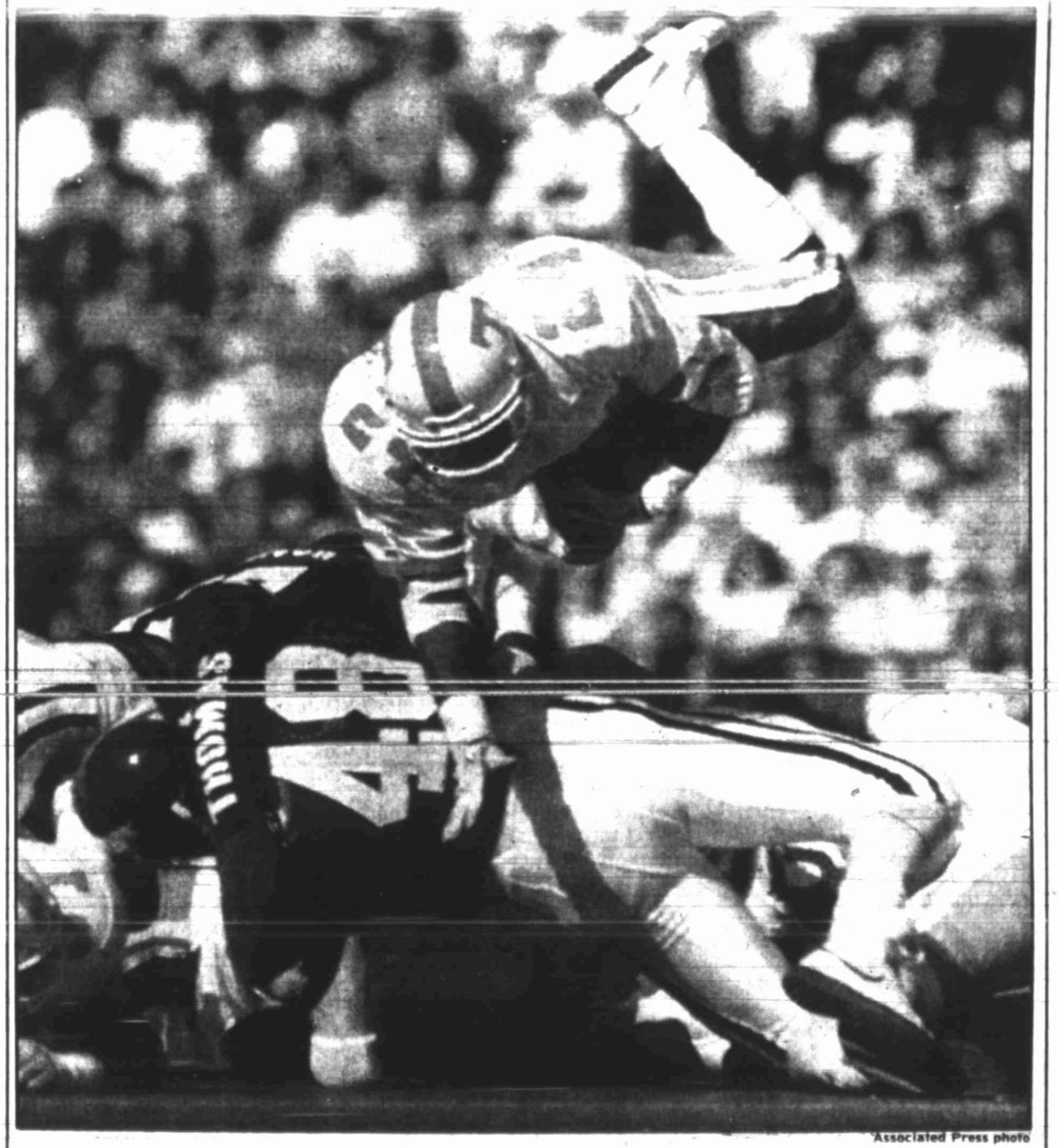
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Local slowpitch softball team, the Kings, started off the news in **SEPTEMBER**. The Kings finished second in the state LULAC tournament in Abilene, losing to Midland

Stone 9-8 in an extra-inning finale.

The Steers started their 1989 football season, defeating the Hobbs, N.M. Eagles 21-17.

The month ended with local boxer Rene Villa being invited to participate in the USA-England competition. Villa was the first West Texas boxer ever invited to the competition.

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**OCTOBER** rolled around and the Big Spring tennis team won the state title.  
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## Flying Vol

**DALLAS** — Tennessee running back Tony Thompson (24) leaps over Arkansas linebacker Mitch Thomas (19) for a five yard gain Monday in the Cotton Bowl. For game story and additional bowl information, see page 2-B.

# Glanville waiting for the telephone to ring

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

**HOUSTON** — Houston Oilers coach Jerry Glanville planned to go back to work today and wait for a phone call from team owner Bud Adams.

The Oilers were eliminated from the NFL playoffs 26-23 in overtime by Pittsburgh Sunday amid speculation that Glanville's job was in jeopardy.

"I don't think this team has anything to be ashamed of; we had a chance to get the job done and we didn't," Glanville said Monday. "Tomorrow we go back to work evaluating our needs and trying to make this a better football team."

Despite Houston's three-game skid out of the playoffs, Glanville said he never considered resigning.

"It never entered my mind," Glanville said. "What you do is come back and regroup and go to work and do the best job you can do."

Glanville said he had not met with Adams yet to discuss his future, despite persistent rumors that he would be replaced.

"He usually calls when he's ready (to talk)," Glanville said. "When Mr. Adams and I talk, he and I will discuss those items."

Adams was not in the Oilers locker room following Sunday's loss as he was a week earlier when the Oilers lost to Cleveland 24-20 in the final 39 seconds to close out the regular season.

"Every year, as long as the Oilers have existed, I've sat down with the head coach after the last game to evaluate the season," Adams said.

"I've done that with Jerry every year that he's been here. At an appropriate time, Jerry and I will again sit down and have that an-

nual meeting."

Adams said he left the stadium immediately after Sunday's game because he was battling the flu and would not have gone to the Oilers locker room even if they had won.

Glanville, who has one year remaining on his contract, said he was proud that the Oilers played hard, despite losing their last three games.

"If our team hustles, chases, hits, pursues and plays as hard as they can and they want to fire me, that's fine. I can live with that," Glanville said.

"If our team did not play hard, and attacked you like a pack of wimps, and everybody in the media loved me and they gave me a new five-year contract, I couldn't live with myself."

The Oilers hustled throughout their late season demise, Glanville said.

"This team has nothing to be ashamed of," Glanville said. "Three years ago, if I had guaranteed that we'd be in the playoffs three straight years, somebody would have given me a million dollars."

Now the fans want more. "Wherever you get this year, the fans want you to go farther the next year," Glanville said. "We had an opportunity to get the job done. We just didn't make the plays."

The Oilers finished their season 9-8 after missing two chances to win the AFC Central Division title.

Despite Houston's, three-year string of playoff teams, Glanville said he wasn't surprised at talk about his job security.

"After 26 years in this (business), about all of your surprises are over," Glanville said. "If those things bother you, then you've lost your effectiveness."









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# Names in the news

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Richard Lewis says next week's episode of "Anything But Love" will be the first in which he and Jamie Lee Curtis get a love scene. "We were so intimidated," the star of the ABC comedy told the Daily News. "Jamie Lee's husband was in the audience and so was my girlfriend. So we were embarrassed by the whole thing."



RICHARD LEWIS DANGERFIELD

**FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)** — A lawyer who represented Rodney Dangerfield in a lawsuit against a car dealership that used a Dangerfield sound-alike in a commercial is now suing the comic, claiming he owes more than \$24,000 in legal fees.

Robert Shupack's lawsuit, filed Wednesday, also names Dangerfield's nephew Leonard Garfinkel, who is identified as his uncle's agent or trustee. Shupack, of Hollywood, Fla., says nearly \$18,000 of the money is

for the lawsuit he filed against Hollywood Honda. That suit was settled out of court.

**BOSTON (AP)** — Fans of the pop group New Kids on the Block put on a hysterical show of appreciation that forced the cancellation of a concert.

About 4,000 concert-goers — primarily teen-age girls and their parents — attended Wednesday's show, a benefit for Boston Against Drugs. But the show ended before the first number when hundreds of fans surged toward the stage.

Backstage the group presented Boston Against Drugs with a check for \$25,000.

# Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1990

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** actress Victoria Principal, pianist Victor Borge, ballerina Anna Pavlova, hockey great Bobby Hull.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Health programs started now have a good chance of success. An ill-tempered friend could be causing trouble. Stash a windfall in the bank. Romantic partner goes the unexpected. Show your gratitude.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Put mind over matter if you want to succeed. Marriage brings greater changes than you realize. Your connections in high places come through for you. Repay favors in meaningful ways.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Success will depend on your attitude. Work is sheer joy to some people, but a drag to others. Variety makes romance a thing of beauty. Loved one inspires you to scale new heights.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Logic is the key to winning a challenge. Emotional outbursts will undermine your efforts. Restrain your generous impulses or you could bend your budget out of shape. Personal charm helps promote romance.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Your positive attitude wins you friends and influences those who control things on the job. Hasty decisions will only work against you. Postpone a social engagement that promises to be tiring.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You are an expert at predicting trends. Doing your homework helps you stay ahead of the pack. Keep up the good work begun yesterday. Community activities act as a tonic for recent retirees.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Investigate new job opportunities. It is not so difficult to communicate your thoughts. Lost objects are recovered. Seeing a romantic film puts you in a loving mood.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You have the cure for what ails a

loved one. Pay more attention to your own needs. True commitment to your work leads to financial gains. A scheme is not as wild as it seems.

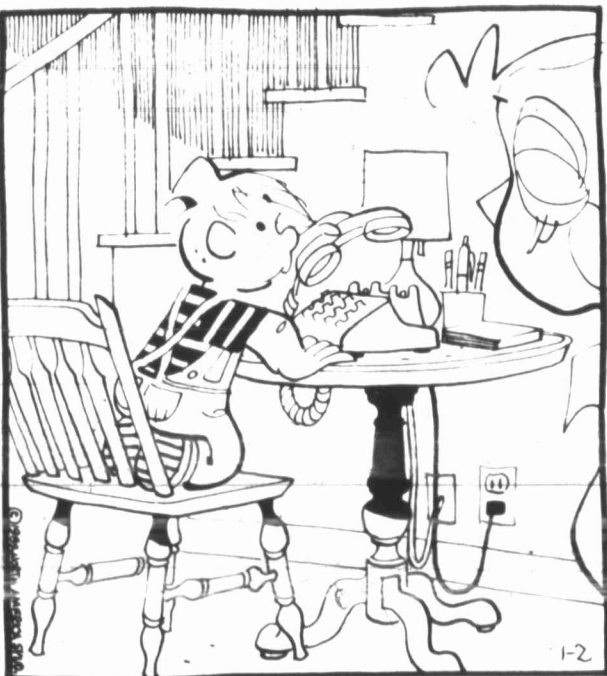
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** An unconventional route is the quickest way to the top. Potential business deals need more study. Buy time any way you can. Do not commit yourself until you know a cause is legitimate.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Relationships that have been sluggish until now begin to perk up. Togetherness promotes romance so long as it is not overdone. The time is right to consult higher-ups about productivity.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Something you accidentally overhear inspires you. Act on the information you have — it will be enough. Do not be intimidated by threats. Right is on your side; justice will be served.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Paperwork is easier to handle than high-tech tasks. Let a child show you the practical side of an idea. Some people see things clearer than others. Call someone you love and make up

## DENNIS THE MENACE



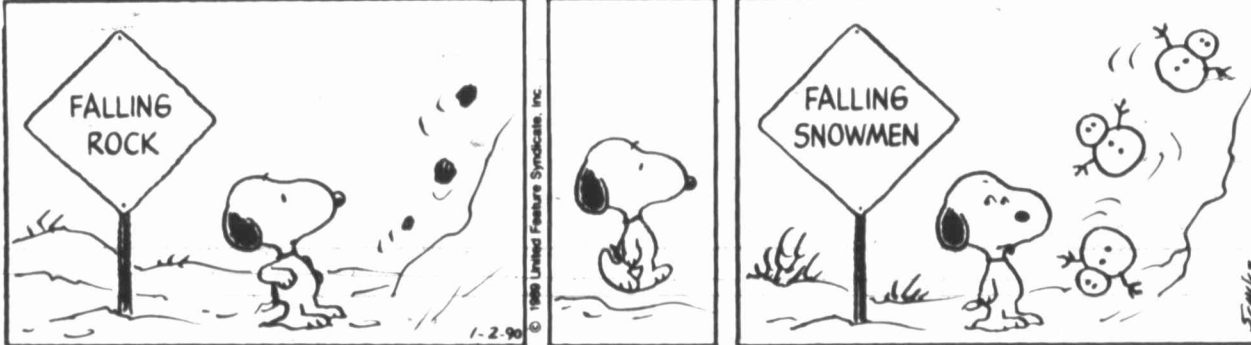
"MR. WILSON DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO AND I'M GONNA HELP HIM!"

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Oh, I thought someone was at the door."

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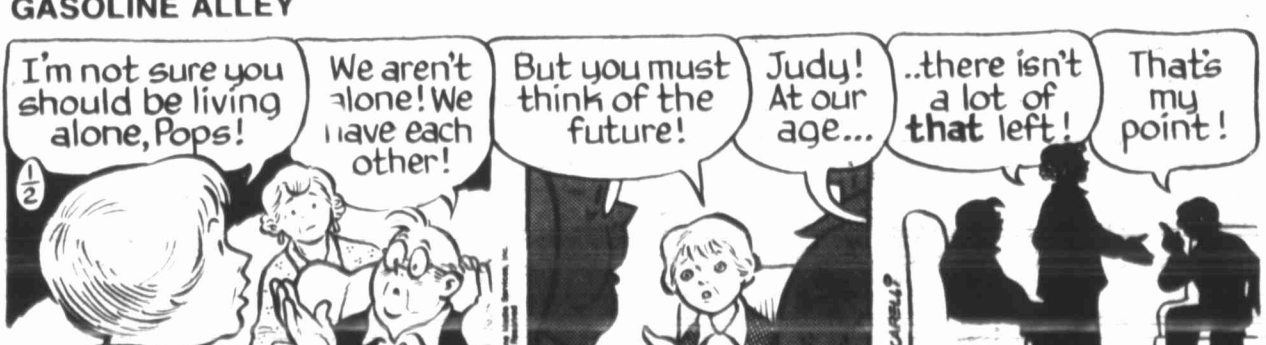
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# Outdoors

## Outdoor beat

### Calendar

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the Texas outdoor calendar for early 1990 as compiled by Texas Parks and Wildlife:

#### January, 1990

Jan. 6-Feb. 11 — Sandhill crane season, Zone C

Jan. 6-15 — Winter dove season, central and south zones

Jan. 7 — Regular deer season closes, most of Texas

Jan. 14 — South Texas deer season closes

Jan. 20-Feb. 4 — South Texas antlerless deer only season

#### February, 1990

Feb. 13 — Application deadline, Type 1 spring turkey hunts

#### April, 1990

April 7-22 — Eastern turkey season open

April 7-May 6 — Rio Grande turkey season open

#### May, 1990

May 1-31 — East Texas squirrel season, 53 counties

### Seminars planned

HUNT — Wildlife biologists of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Kerr Wildlife Management Area will conduct two seminars on the management of white-tailed deer during January and February.

Biologist Bill Armstrong said hunters and landowners are invited to participate in the free seminars to be held Jan. 12 and Feb. 9 at the area located 12 miles west of Hunt on FM 1340. Each seminar will begin at 1:30 p.m. and last approximately three hours.

Items to be discussed include whitetail population control, influences of grazing with various classes of livestock, livestock grazing systems, brush control, prescribed range burning, influences of exotic deer and white-tailed deer genetics.

Armstrong said 33 whitetail seminars have been held at the Kerr WMA over the past five years, with more than 9,000 persons attending. The growing interest in deer management prompted area personnel to schedule two seminars, he said.

### Applications sought

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Law Enforcement Division will accept applications during the period of Jan. 2-Feb. 2 for a game warden class to begin in late summer.

Officials said some 30 to 35 applicants will be selected to attend the 42nd training school to be held in Austin beginning in September or October.

The application process will include an examination, interviews and background investigations. Applicants are required to have completed at least 60 semester hours of college by the date of the application.

The TPWD is an equal opportunity employer, and qualified applicants from all racial and ethnic groups are encouraged to participate in the selection process.

Prospective applicants may obtain application forms from Lubbock, San Angelo or Midland law enforcement offices or the Austin headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744, or by calling the division's recruiting officer, Louis Washington, in Austin at (512) 454-2502.

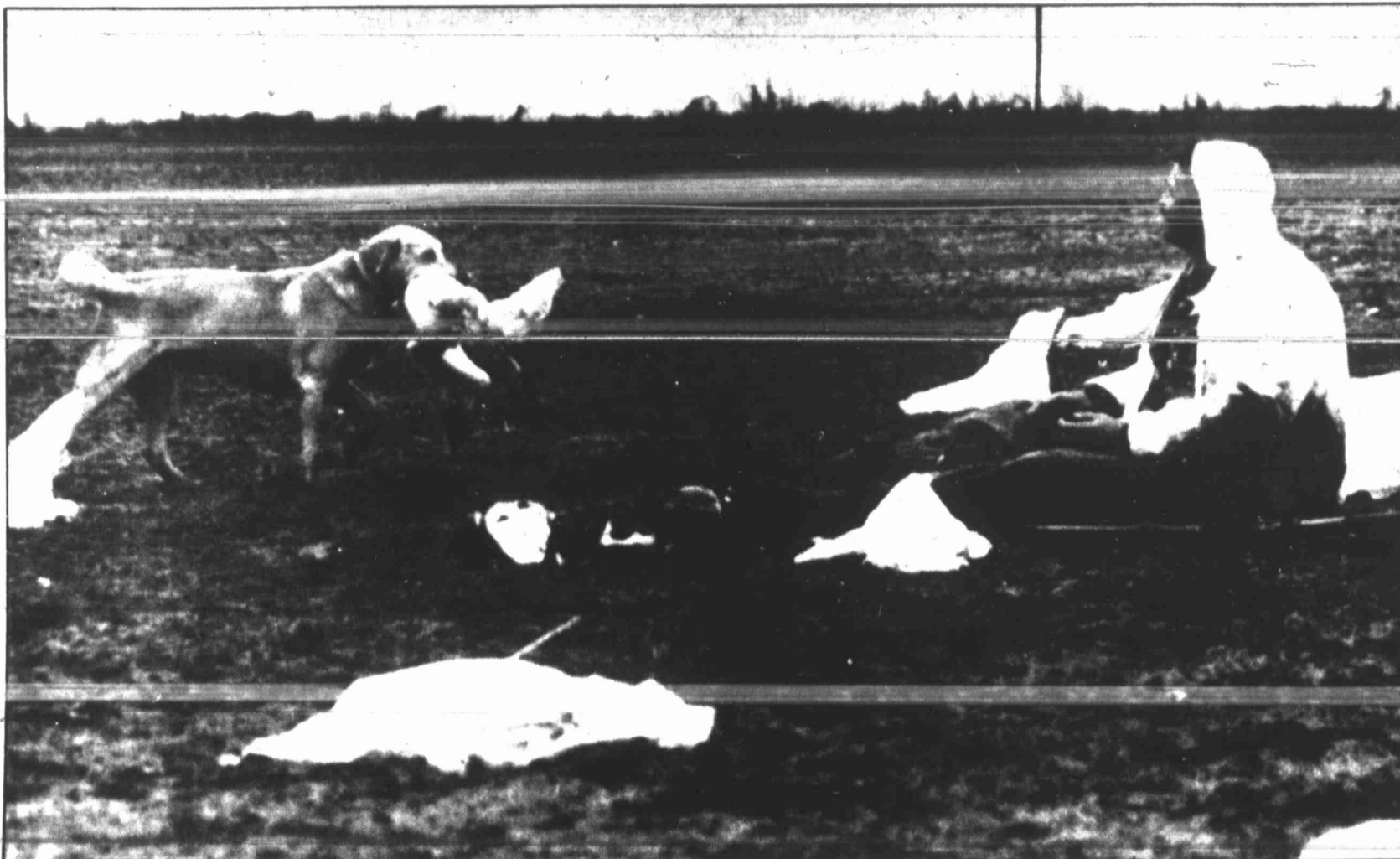
### Quake hikers

APTOS, Calif. (AP) — A trail through Aptos Canyon has become a tourist attraction, drawing hundreds of hikers eager to stand at ground zero of the deadly and devastating October earthquake.

"It's awfully crowded... it's swamped," said senior park aide Barbara Louck on Sunday, adding that the crush of curious sightseers were creating problems for parking and access to the six-mile round-trip trail.

"It's an exciting place to be," said Bud Getty, superintendent of Forest of Nisene Marks State Park. "This was the major quake of people's lifetimes, and it really captures your imagination to walk out to the epicenter. You can really see the power of the earth."

A sign posted by Ranger Jerry Waggoner marks the spot about 50 miles south of San Francisco that was calculated by latitude and longitude. The site has 4-foot-diameter redwood trees snapped off at the ground, and a 150-foot wide landslide nearby. Just beyond the epicenter, the trail is closed because of danger from new landslides.



## Goose hunting

ALTAIR, Texas — Fred Walker, a goose hunting guide from Eagle Lake, waits for his retriever, Yankee, to bring back a goose after it

## Debate flares over accidental shooting

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Hunting deaths in Maine aren't unusual — two generations ago the state recorded 15 plus a year. But the lone death last season has ignited a debate greater than all the rest combined.

The accidental shooting of Karen Wood in the trees behind her home struck a raw nerve in a state where tens of thousands pour into the woods when deer season opens each autumn.

More than a year later, the death of the 37-year-old mother of year-old twin daughters remains a focus of wrangling between hunters and non-hunters.

The case sparked arguments over the adequacy of the state's hunting regulations and raised questions about the criminal justice system after the grand jury that first heard the evidence declined to hand up an indictment.

A second grand jury this month returned a manslaughter indictment against Donald Rogerson, the Bangor man who admitted

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shooting Mrs. Wood when he mistook her for a deer while hunting in woods in the Bangor suburb of Hermon.

The 45-year-old Rogerson, a supermarket produce manager, has pleaded innocent and remains free on his own recognizance while awaiting trial. If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison.

The case prompted some people to call for tighter restrictions on hunting near homes. The current law forbids shooting within 300 feet of an occupied residence.

But others suggested Mrs. Wood should have worn bright clothing, like the fluorescent orange garb required of hunters, before venturing

into the woods during deer season. Some faulted her for wearing white mittens that could have been mistaken for the underside of a deer's tail.

The head of the state Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Department notes the uproar comes at a time when state safety programs have reduced hunting deaths to their lowest level in history, even though more hunters are in the woods than ever.

"The public has been somewhat tolerant over the years of hunters shooting other hunters," said Commissioner William J. Vail, noting that hunters assume some risk whenever they go into the field.

"This particular case involved a non-participant, someone who was not hunting, and I think that was at the root of the outrage."

Mrs. Wood, who had just moved to the area from Iowa that summer, was shot in the chest the afternoon of Nov. 15, 1988, while she stood amid some hardwoods behind her home in a new residential subdivision.

Rogerson was arrested that evening and charged with manslaughter. But the charge was dropped the following month after the grand jury concluded that his actions were neither criminally negligent nor criminally reckless.

Vail bristles at the suggestion Mrs. Wood may unknowingly have contributed to her death.

"That sort of criticism is outrageous," he said. "Hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange. Non-hunters are not, and there are literally thousands of people who live and work in the Maine woods in November who do not wear it."

## Eagle on comeback; ban on DDT credited

By BILL SCHULZ

The bald eagle, freed from the crushing destruction of DDT, is making a comeback and may be removed from the endangered species list.

"We now know of a minimum of 2,500 breeding pairs of bald eagles" in the lower 48 states, said Dan James, endangered species office with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "That probably translates to somewhere between 10,000 and 12,000 eagles."

By comparison, there are 30,000 eagles in Alaska.

Although some eagles were shot, the culprit in their near extinction was the pesticide DDT. Running off cropland into streams, DDT built up in the bodies of small marine organisms, which were eaten by larger ones, then by fish, which are the bald eagle's primary prey.

The DDT affected the birds' ability to lay eggs with shells strong enough to withstand brooding. For years, few if any eaglets hatched.

"Use of DDT was canceled in 1972 by the Environmental Protection Agency. That one single factor is largely responsible for the eagles' recovery," James said by telephone from his Minneapolis office.

No one knows for sure how close the nation's symbol came to extinction. But an Audubon Society survey done in the early 1960s came up with 417 breeding pairs in the lower 48 states.

"Breeding pairs is the best index as to the status of the population, that plus productivity," James said.

In 1963, productivity had dropped to .58 eaglets per active pair per year, James said.

"We knew we had problems. The accepted standard for a maintenance level of productivity is 7 young per active pair," he said. "By 1988 the productivity index was up to 1.04 and remains above one."

Eagles have a reproductive life of up to 35 years.

In the lower 48 states, the birds' strongholds are around the western Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, the Pacific Northwest, Maine and Florida, James said.

Florida has 439 known nesting pairs, to 390 for Minnesota and 109 for Maine, James said.

Because of their recovery, the Fish and Wildlife Service has prepared a notice of intent to change the animal's status which is to be published in the Federal Register, probably in January.

The notice says the service had set specific goals for the bird's recovery and in four of the five regions the goals have been met. The exception is the Southeast.

"We have not taken a position" on whether to take the bird off the endangered species list and change its status to threatened or take some other action, James said. "We're leaving the door wide open" to comments from the public and conservation groups.

The unanswered question in the eagle's recovery is the role of "hacking," or rearing captive birds and releasing them into the wild.

Nearly 1,000 bald eagles have been hacked in the last 10 or so years by governments and conservation groups.

"The degree to which hacking has contributed to the recovery of the bald eagle has not been determined," James said. "The key to the success of a hacking program is evidenced by the return to the hacking site by eagles released there and those birds producing young."

"We've only seen a handful of birds that have done that," he said, in part because it is five to seven years after release before the birds mature and return to raise their own broods.

"It's a viable technique," James said. "But the degree to which it has contributed to full recovery has yet to be determined."

## Count those snappers

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Beginning in mid-January a snapper scorecard will be as important as bait for offshore sport fishermen.

When a federal plan to help a variety of reef fish recover from over fishing takes effect, fishermen will have to carefully scrutinize their catches to stay within three sets of daily limits and minimum sizes for the various snapper as well as limits for grouper and amberjack.

The plan approved by Secretary of Commerce Robert Mombacher will affect virtually all party boat fishing and others who drop lines for snapper and amberjack in federally controlled water of the Gulf of Mexico.

The regulations, incorporated in the "Gulf of Mexico Fish Plan," were devised by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Council, one of eight regional councils that manages fish stocks in federal waters.

The regulations are designed to restore declining populations of snappers, groupers and amberjack which are suffering from over fishing, they will be effective in Gulf waters from nine to 200 nautical miles off the coast.

The two major points of the plan that will affect sport fishermen are a daily limit of seven red snapper no less than 13 inches long overall and three amberjack with a minimum fork length of 28 inches.

There is a 13-inch minimum size for red snapper but sport fishermen have been permitted to keep five fish less than the minimum size, but that escape clause has been eliminated.

Other provisions are:

- A minimum size of eight inches for vermilion (beeline) and lane snapper, but no bag limit.

- A minimum size of 12 inches for gray, mutton and yellowtail snapper with a daily bag limit of 10 of those species in any combination.

- A combined bag limit of five grouper — red, gag, black, yellowfin, Nassau and jewfish — with a 50-inch minimum on jewfish and 20 inches on the other species.

- A commercial limit of 3.1 million pounds for red snapper, which is 80 percent of the annual average from 1985-87.

- A commercial size limit of 36 inches for amberjack.

The inclusion of jewfish in the regulations is likely to be temporary because the Gulf Council recently proposed a new regulation to ban taking the fish.

Terry Leary of the Gulf Council said there has been a considerable amount of comment from fishermen and scuba divers who reported a virtual disappearance of the species, a grouper that can weigh up to 1,000 pounds. All groups have supported the proposed ban, Leary said.

A series of public hearings on the topic have been scheduled in January. The lone hearing in Texas will be Jan. 3 at Freeport.

The variation in size and bag limits may confuse the angling public, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department official said.

"One thing we are concerned about are the complexity of the rules," said Hal Osburn, director of fishery harvest programs. "We're concerned about getting socially acceptable rules. If they can't be complied with because they are not understood or people drop out of the fishery because of the complexity, then we haven't made the most of the fishery."

Confusion aside, Port Aransas party boat operators said they'll operate trips as usual but will have to change marketing strategy.

"(The limit) is a lot better than the five red snapper limit they had originally proposed. But we had hoped they'd wait until next year to put it into effect, after this bottom fishing season," said Bob Tyler Jr., operators of Deep Sea Headquarters.

"If we catch a limit of snapper, we'll go after amberjack. And if we get a limit of those, we'll try for shark or kingfish," Roy Schuster, manager of Fisherman's Wharf, said. "We'll have to sell fishing trips. It'll hurt us in the sense of selling pure snapper trips."

With these rules in effect only in federal waters, National Marine Fisheries is certain to ask individual states to enact companion regulations, avoiding law enforcement problems.

Texas, which has a 13-inch minimum size for red snapper but no other regulations covering reef fish, had planned to consider its own provisions once the federal rules were in effect. With that set to happen next month, Osburn said "we may have to speed up our review now."



## Heads Wildlife 2000

DENVER — Sherry Tippie, head of the citizens' activist group Wildlife 2000, holds one of the beavers that her organization has trapped in the South Platte River near here recently.

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