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## Iraqis burn oil facilities

### Allied forces continue non-stop bombing raids



SAUDI ARABIA — American tank crewmen in the Saudi Desert Monday prepare an M1A1 for the future ground assault against Iraq. The new high-tech tank is outfitted with a special plow to be used for clearing minefields left for advancing allied ground forces.

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The forces of Saddam Hussein, igniting the Middle East's lifeblood, blew up a Kuwaiti oil facility, the U.S. military said today. Two major Kuwaiti storage tanks also were ablaze.

In Iraq, two more men identified as captive American airmen were displayed on television and presumably will join the other prisoners of war who are being used as human shields at strategic sites.

The U.S. Patriot missile, meanwhile, has been used in a series of Iraqi Scuds out of Saudi skies. The attacks were the latest in a series of fruitless Iraqi barages with Scud-type missiles.

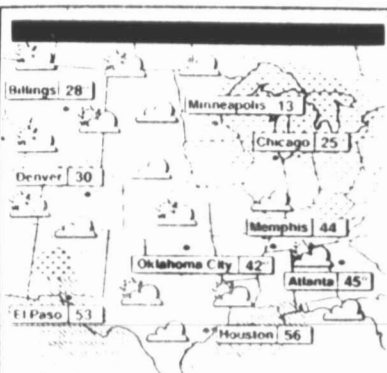
U.S. warplanes roared off runways again this morning at a foggy air base in eastern Saudi Arabia, continuing their nonstop bombing campaign against Iraq. And the air force of Qatar, Saudi Arabia's oil-rich neighbor, joined the fray for the first time.

Navy planes attacked several Iraqi boats on Monday, according to Army Lt. Col. Greg Pepin. At a briefing today, Pepin said one Iraqi mine-layer was left dead in the water, another boat was sunk and two others were chased away in the northern Persian Gulf.

The Baghdad government, in a military communique carried by Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency, claimed today that residential areas in Baghdad and other cities had been hit by more than 20 allied air raids overnight. Baghdad radio also assailed what it called the allied "crime of aggression" against sacred Muslim shrines.

Word that Kuwaiti oil facilities were ablaze was an ominous development. In September, six weeks after it seized Kuwait, Iraq had threatened to turn the region's oil fields into an inferno if it was challenged.

Air Force 1st Lt. Casey Mahon, a WAR page 6-A



### Weather

Mostly cloudy Wednesday. Low tonight in the upper 20s; high tomorrow in the 40s.

Monday's high temperature: 33  
Monday's low temperature: 25  
Average high: 54  
Average low: 26  
Record high: 83 in 1974  
Record low: 02 in 1918

Month to date: 1.61  
Normal for Month: 0.69  
Year to date: 01.61  
Normal for year: 00.42

### War increases need for blood

The need for blood has intensified due to the war in the Middle East, a United Blood Services official said today.

"We have been contacted by the Armed Services Blood Program to send 120 units a month to New Jersey to be shipped to Saudi Arabia," said Gary Karschner, community relations representative with the agency.

Although the need has increased, the agency's first priority is to local hospital patients.

"If we can't take care of the people here, we can't afford to send it overseas," Karschner said. He added that concerned citizens should donate at local drives in order to help meet the community's need.

Drives planned locally include:

- Jan. 23, Lakeview Headstart from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; American Medical Transport office, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Jan. 24, the Sparenberg Building, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., sponsored by city and county employees; VA Medical Center, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Jan. 30, SouthWest College Institute for the Deaf, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Coahoma Church of Christ, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Feb. 4, Howard College student union, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Knott Co-op Gin, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5, Big Spring State Hospital, Old Physical Therapy Building, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### Addresses for Mideast troops

To send mail to the men and women in the United States Armed Forces stationed in the Middle East, the Military Postal Agency has established these addresses:

For members of the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps in Saudi Arabia, use:

Any Service Member  
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APO New York 09848-0006

For mail to the Navy and Marine Corps in the Saudi region, use:

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FPO New York 09866-0006

To send mail to a particular service member, use the appropriate APO/FPO number. These are:

- 101st Airborne Division (AA) APO 09309
- 82nd Airborne Division APO 09656
- 24th Infantry Division (M) APO 09315
- 1st Corps Support Command, Fort Bragg APO 09657
- 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade APO 09656
- 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment APO 09209

If the APO/FPO number is unknown, or if the soldier has not yet been assigned to a unit, use the individual's last known address and the mail will be forwarded as quickly as possible.

## Crime tips helping to keep community safe

By DEBBIE LINCECUM Staff Writer

With a simple phone call, Big Spring citizens can contribute to the safety of their community, a police officer said.

With CrimeStoppers, a service organized by the Big Spring Police Department, concerned citizens can give information to law enforcement officials. In 1990, those tips led to the solving of 33 crimes.

Most recently, a CrimeStoppers tip led to the arrest of a man in connection with the burglary of the Comanche Trail Golf Pro Shop.

"That last tip will probably help show everyone it can work," said acting Sgt. Tom Hain, an officer specially trained to use the service. "In the next few months, I think we'll see it get more active."

A total of 101 calls contributed to 18 arrests in 1990, according to department records. Of those, four were drug-related, one was a homicide and the others were burglary charges. From 18 calls, police were able to solve 28 area burglaries.

Using CrimeStoppers is simple, Hain explained.

"You call, and the person who answers never asks your name," Hain said. "We don't want any names. (The officer) will take down as much information and as specific as possible, like license plate numbers, names or addresses."

"With something specific, like a location, we can verify that (the call) is not some prankster," he said. "Then we'll give you a date and time to call back, with a number to use to identify yourself. No one else will get that number."

From then on the caller, now a "confidential informant," will be kept in constant contact with officers.

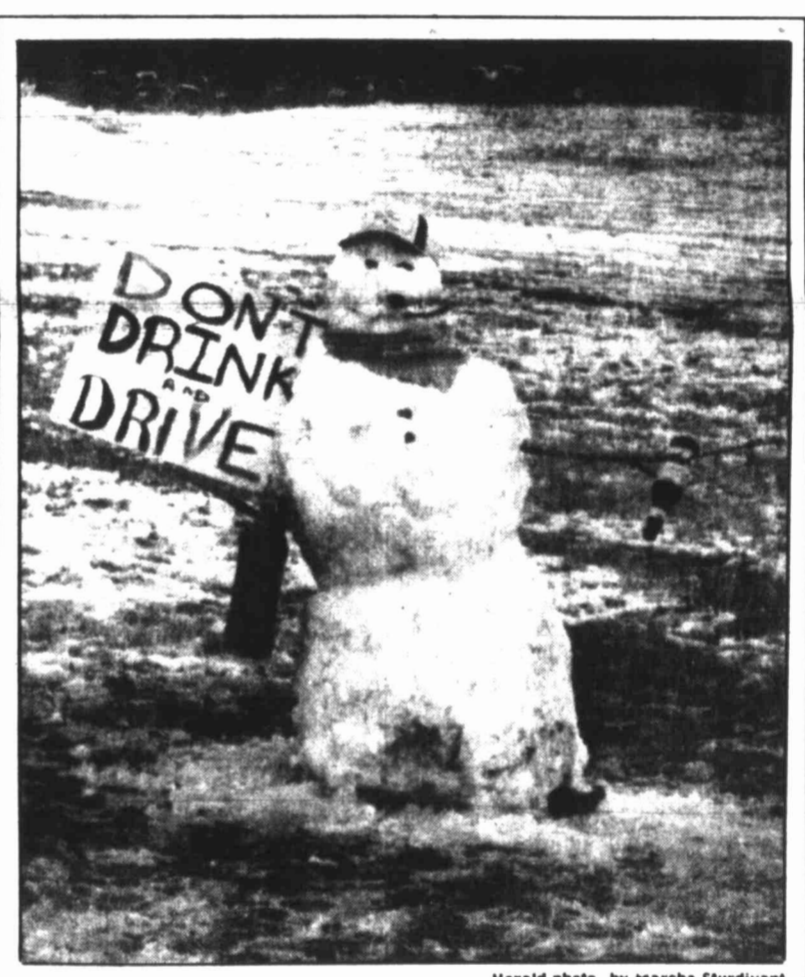
"He'll know when to call us," Hain said. "We won't call him."

For providing information that leads to the arrest, conviction or indictment of a suspect, the informant may be paid a reward. In 1990, reward money paid out totaled \$2,100.

"We take the (information) before the CrimeStoppers board, and they set the amount," Hain explained. "It usually depends on CRIMESTOPPERS page 6-A



TOM HAIN



Cold messenger

Local drivers were warned by a snowman in a field, near the Quail Run Apartments on Wasson Road, not to drink and drive. Monday's snow storm provided just enough snow to allow residents a chance to build snowmen.

## Board finds deficiencies in fire protection

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer

Big Spring commercial and residential properties could see an increase in fire insurance in February as a result of deficiencies in local fire protection.

Following a recent inspection of the Big Spring fire department, The State Board of Insurance recognized certain deficiencies that will increase the key rate for the Big Spring area. "The key rate," explained Lee Jones of the State Insurance Board, "is a statistical tool that is used to assess fire insurance rates for a given area."

Joyce Brumley of Mancil Insurance in Big Spring said, "Right now, the key rate in Big Spring is 18 cents. A key rate increase of 5 cents will probably affect commercial rates. If it's more than that, it could affect residential rates."

The most notable deficiency is in the area of manpower, according to a letter to City Manager Hal Boyd by Andrew Whitney, an engineer with the State Board of Insurance. "Personnel deficiencies are based on there being three on-duty firefighters for each required vehicle. Based on the minimum manpower per shift, the city is 20 percent deficient in personnel," said Jones.

Paul Brown, the local president of the Firefighters organization, crew, and the National Fire Protection Organization lists four as the minimum crew per truck. You just cannot do suppression and rescue with only two guys."

"This is the second study that lists manpower shortages as the major deficiency in the department," Brown said. "The first was an independent study, done in May, by the Fire Insurance Bureau."

When asked about the manpower shortage, City Fire Marshal Burr Lee Settles explained, "Due to the economy, several years ago there were cutbacks in many city departments and we lost some men."

Other problems described in Whitney's letter are: A deficiency in the coverage of the west end of town and the lack of a second full-time fire prevention employee to conduct fire prevention inspections. In the report Whitney stated, "The code enforcement officer position should be filled, and adequate enforcement of the building electrical codes must be re-established to prevent further reduction of the related key rate credit."

The report also stated that, because of the overlapping coverage of stations two, three and four, the central fire station at Fourth and Nolan streets is not required to satisfy state requirements.

There was, however, a plus side in Whitney's report. The alerting system has been upgraded from the old phone system to a more reliable radio tone system. The insurance board also approved of the hiring of a full-time fire marshal.

"We have a new fire truck com-



The Central Fire Station at Fourth and Nolan streets is unnecessary, according to a new study. Overlapping coverage of stations two, three and four create redundancy in fire protection for the city, the report said.

## St. Clair accepts director position

By DEBBIE LINCECUM Staff Writer

Ted St. Clair of Fort Worth has accepted the directorship of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

St. Clair, currently senior vice president of a commercial real estate firm, will report to Big Spring Monday to begin work as executive director of the economic development corporation.

The new director said today that he looks forward to his work here "with excitement."

Reading from a statement he had prepared for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, St. Clair said, "Where there's a will, there's a way, and I sense there's a will among the people of Big Spring. Together we'll find a way."

Board of directors chairperson Owen Ivie said the group had chosen St. Clair largely because of the strength of his past experience.

"He has had a lot of experience," Ivie said. "That was and is his drawing card as far as the board was concerned. He has knowledge of industry throughout the United States to some degree."

The son of a Seymour, Texas, farmer-rancher, St. Clair's career has included work with chambers of commerce in Lubbock and Fort Worth as well as economic development tasks with the office of the governor of Virginia. A graduate of Texas Tech, St. Clair has taken graduate credit courses as well.

Ivie explained that St. Clair's position here would include work with local industries to explore options for expansion and growth. He will also try to contact outside businesses and industries about the possibility of locating here.

St. Clair said the first priority would be his work with existing industry.

"We want to see if we can help existing businesses grow," he said. "The first order of business is to be sure we are doing everything... that we can to help Big Spring companies."

Although no office space has been located for the corporation, Ivie said St. Clair would be "set up" in some temporary location until a permanent office can be secured.

One of the new director's first appearances will be at a Town Hall meeting sponsored by Moore Development Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Board member Steve Fraser said the meeting will allow citizens to speak out regarding the corporation.

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Ag officials say food generally safe

AUSTIN (AP) — State agriculture officials say many reports on the dangers of pesticides and hormones in food production are exaggerated or false. On Monday, members of the Texas Agriculture Extension Service announced a drive to educate the public that the nation's food production system is safe.

Cocaine seized by Border Patrol

RIO GRANDE CITY, Texas (AP) — About 590 pounds of cocaine worth more than \$18 million were seized from a pickup truck near the Mexican border, according to the U.S. Border Patrol. Value of the seizure was based on a price of \$2,000 per ounce, said Fred Rangel, an intelligence agent with the Border Patrol's McAllen sector office in McAllen.

Teen accidentally shoots his friend

HOUSTON (AP) — A 13-year-old boy playing with a shotgun kept by a woman for protection against rampant crime in her neighborhood accidentally killed a 9-year-old boy, police said. Harry Durrell Johnson, 9, died instantly from a gunshot wound to the neck, police said.

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AG asks officials to remedy undercount

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales says the Census Bureau's "acknowledged failure" to include all Texans in its 1990 count is "a social disgrace and an economic blunder" that must be corrected. "The potential loss of congressional representation and federal funding puts each Texan at a disadvantage," Morales told Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.

Marchers mark Roe vs. Wade decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion rights supporters and opponents alike lined up activities in the nation's capital today to mark the 18th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision. The March for Life rally, which has become an annual ritual since the landmark 1973 decision that legalized abortion, was to begin at noon on the Mall in Washington, where this year's theme is a call to politicians for a firm anti-abortion stand.

"The theme is no waffling on the life principles," march leader Nellie Gray said. "We saw candidates in the last couple of years who had been pro-life and they waffled and tried to take a moderate stand, and then no one trusted them. They lost their elections."

Activists on both sides of the issue have been holding events across the country for the past several days leading up to today's anniversary. In Pittsburgh, abortion opponents planted 26 white crosses in a cemetery on Monday, with each cross representing 1 million abortions.

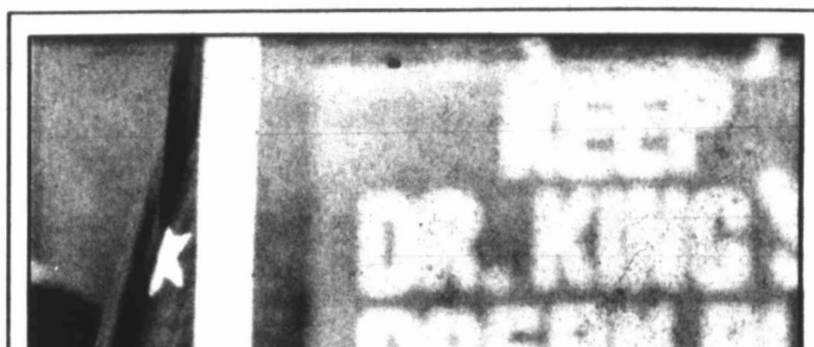
Today, the Utah state Legislature is debating legislation that would outlaw most elective abortions. Supporters said the measure could be sent to Gov. Norm Bangert as early as Wednesday, while opponents promised a legal challenge if it is enacted.

Abortion rights activists have stepped up their campaign to bring this drug to the United States, while abortion opponents pledge to boycott any company that does. NOW officials said their demonstration would include erecting a "wall of names" 100 feet long and eight feet tall, displaying the signatures of more than 25,000 Americans who support abortion rights.

"The acknowledged failure to count some of our people in the census is a social disgrace and an economic blunder."

Dan Morales

people, as well as rural Texans, has been substantially higher than the undercount of the nation as a whole," Morales said. In a similar letter to Mosbacher, Morales said that as many as 547,000 Texans were missed in the 1980 census — a number that exceeds the populations of three states. The undercount cost Texas at least \$580 million in federal money over the decade.



King dedication
TEXARKANA — Fred Sanders, 10, holds the American flag during a ceremony formally dedicating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the slain civil rights leader.

Senator wants to stop PUC settlements
AUSTIN (AP) — A state senator and former Public Utility Commissioner has introduced legislation that would prevent the PUC and other regulatory agencies from settling cases without approval of all the parties in the case.

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enforcement. "The acknowledged failure to count some of our people in the census is a social disgrace and an economic blunder," Morales told Thornburgh. Comment was not available from the Census Bureau Monday, a federal holiday. Texas last year joined the city of New York in a lawsuit seeking to correct an undercount. In his letter to Thornburgh, Morales said he intends to "commit the full resources of my office toward ensuring that those Texans who have been chronically undercounted by the U.S. Census Bureau are included in the final tallies of the current census."

TEA: No pass, no play rule too harsh
AUSTIN (AP) — The state may want to consider reducing the penalty for not passing a course from six to three weeks' enforced absence from taking part in extracurricular activities, the Texas Education Agency staff said.

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He said Texas expects to receive its city and county population counts this week, but that the totals may or may not be the final numbers, making it difficult to redraw political boundaries for congressional and legislative seats.

"How can you get involved in a process using numbers that more than likely are inaccurate to begin a process that is very straining and cumbersome and complicated and technical and time-consuming, and then when you get the final accurate numbers you have to start all over again," Dusek said.

The Census Bureau is considering whether to correct its counts to adjust for an undercount — or overcount — and will publish corrected counts, if any, by July 15.

Dozens of Texas cities have also filed challenges with the Census Bureau over their population counts.

Dusek said the attorney general's office believes the 17 million total for Texas is below its estimates for the state's population.

Under the no pass, no play rule, students must pass every course during a six-week grading period to participate in extracurricular activities, such as sports or drama, in the following six weeks.

The rule is one of several reforms studied by TEA staff to determine the impact on students considered at risk of dropping out. The staff is halfway through a four-year study, said agency spokeswoman Jorjanna Price.

More than 80,000 students in grades 7-12 were reported to have dropped out of school in Texas during the 1988-89 school year. Students in the study expressed a positive attitude toward the no pass, no play rule.

The rule has resulted in coaches being more involved in athletes' academic work, better coordination between teachers and coaches and more remedial efforts to ensure students pass, the study said.

But 45 percent of the 1,800 students said they were denied the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities during 1989-90. Being unable to participate was viewed by faculty and school district staff as a factor contributing to dropping out.

The consensus among students, faculty and staff was that the penalty period should be reduced to three weeks, according to the preliminary report.

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Italy to locate plant in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials of Italy's state-owned energy company are expected to announce next week that Baytown has been selected as the site of the company's first U.S. petrochemical plant. The Houston Chronicle reported today that Ente Nazionale Idrocarburo, or ENI, has begun preliminary work on a new plastics and rubber plant that analysts say will likely cost at least \$100 million.

The plant, which will be operated by ENI's EniChem Elastomers America subsidiary, will make synthetic rubber products, latex products and chemicals used in homes and automobiles. The plant is expected to employ about 100 people, experts say.

ENI spokeswoman Tess Serantini declined to discuss details of the Texas plant. The decision to build in Texas is a major departure for ENI, which previously had resisted any move to locate its chemical plants outside of Europe, analysts say.

The holding company is owned by the Italian government and is responsible for all of Italy's energy needs, from oil and natural gas to petrochemicals.

Richardson convenes education meeting
AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards will convene a Texas School Assembly on Saturday. It was earlier announced that the conference of educators, parents and students would be Feb. 9. But the governor's office said Monday its original announcement for the date of the conference was incorrect.

The assembly, to be held at the University of Texas campus, was touted by Richards during her campaign when she pledged to make public school funding more equitable.

In 1989, the Texas Supreme Court declared the school finance system unconstitutional because of disparities in funding between property-poor school districts and wealthy districts.

After four special legislative sessions last year, lawmakers passed a school funding bill that a state district judge has since ruled unconstitutional.

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# Nation

## Video court saves time and space

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Officially, it's known as the Central Courts Video Program. But around the Municipal Court, they call it MTV, Marshal's Television, an effort to save time and space for the overcrowded judicial system.

Defendants normally ride the bus from jail to the courthouse for arraignment. Now, they can be arraigned in a soundproof booth at the jail via a video broadcast to the courtroom. The judge, prosecutor, court reporter and public can see and hear the arraignment on TV sets.

A public defender or private lawyer stands beside the defendant in the six-by-seven foot booth that's equipped with lights,

microphone and a TV monitor so they can see and hear the judge. Should attorney and client wish to confer privately, they push a button to cut sound transmission.

"Video is the future of what we do," said Richard Johnson, chief of the court's civil division. "I think everybody recognizes that technology is needed and that it will be more efficient. It's just a matter of implementing change in a system that's very rigid."

As many as 250 defendants in felony drug cases have been arraigned on camera since the program began Jan. 7. It soon will expand to let police officers present criminal cases to prosecutors via video teleconference.

## Lawyer vanishes with \$25 million

NEW YORK (AP) — An attorney fled to Africa with up to \$25 million of his clients' money, possibly the largest theft by a lawyer in this country, and left behind his wife and 11 children, a published report today said.

Steven J. Romer, 55, of Manhattan, allegedly stole the money from 40 clients and fled to Sierra Leone in West Africa. *The New York Times* reported. The *New York Law Journal* had previously reported the story.

Romer last was seen Dec. 31, said Robert Morgenthau, the Manhattan District Attorney.

Earlier this month, Romer sent a letter postmarked in Los Angeles to various clients in

which he said he had given the money to "feed some hungry and poverty-stricken people."

"Your money is no longer available, I am sorry to say," he wrote.

He also said in the letter that he had a brain tumor, had at most two months to live and warned the clients that if they reported his disappearance, they would jeopardize his family's ability to collect on his \$23 million life insurance policy, the *Times* said.

"His family is completely bereft, as am I," said David Halperin, a personal friend whom Romer named executor of his estate shortly before his disappearance.

## King holiday marked by rallies

ATLANTA (AP) — Too many black Americans have been sent to war in the Mideast and too few have jobs back home, followers of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. said on the federal holiday marking his birth.

Calls for peace in the Persian Gulf and racial justice at home were heard throughout the country on the holiday Monday.

In Arizona, one of three states that has not made King's birthday a paid state holiday, about 20,000 people marched four miles and rallied in front of the state Capitol in Phoenix.

Elsewhere, about 5,000 people attended a rally Monday night in Detroit's Cobo Center.



ARIZONANS MARCH



RIGA, Latvia — Citizens of Riga examine a car burned by Soviet Interior Ministry Black Beret troops, Monday. Black Beret troops stormed the Latvian Interior Ministry in Riga, Sunday, causing several deaths.

## Gorbachev meeting with Latvian president

RIGA, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met today with the leader of Latvia a day after the republic's secessionist lawmakers voted to form a volunteer militia in defiance of Moscow.

Few details were immediately available on the 2½-hour talks in Moscow, but a Latvian spokeswoman, Lolita Nikitorova, said the possibility of presidential rule was not discussed.

Soviet parliamentarian Anatoly Denisov said Monday that Gorbachev might personally take control of the Baltic republic after his talks with Latvian President Anatolijs Gorbunovs.

The exact ramifications of presidential rule were not immediately clear, but it could give Gorbachev the authority to disband the republic's parliament and scrap Latvian laws he considers in violation of the Soviet constitution.

The Latvia Parliament voted Monday to form the defense force and fortify public buildings to protect against possible attack by Soviet forces. The move was in direct opposition to an order by the Soviet prosecutor's office for republican governments to disband "illegal armed units."

The prosecutor's office also instructed the republics to suspend all legislation that contradicts the Soviet constitution.

French and German foreign ministers in Paris today agreed to approach Soviet authorities about the use of Kremlin troops in the Baltic republics. French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas reiterated France's "firm condemnation" of the use of force in the republics.

In Luxembourg, representatives of the 12-nation European Community were meeting today to consider canceling a \$500 million technical aid package promised to the Soviet Union last month.

To punish the Soviets for repression in the Baltics, the EC already has postponed talks to establish closer ties with the Soviet Union.

Late Sunday, so-called "black beret" commandos of the Soviet Interior Ministry staged a pre-dawn assault on police headquarters, killing five people and wounding 10.

Lithuanian president Vytautas Landsbergis told his republic's parliament that the Baltic republics must be prepared to come to each others' aid.

Pro-Soviet factions in Latvia and Lithuania have been pressing for a Soviet takeover.

# World

## Dutch may abolish military draft

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The Dutch have had military conscription since Napoleon incorporated Holland into his empire, but many feel it should expire along with the Cold War.

A recent commentary in the leftist national daily *Trouw* said "Fear of spreading communism is no longer around to motivate the soldiers" and described the draft as "nothing less than forced labor."

The Dutch military is known for relaxed discipline. Soldiers even have a union, which wants the draft to continue.

Union negotiators have gained a 38-hour peacetime work week

for their members and the rights to wear long hair and not salute superiors. Soldiers are entitled to overtime pay and most can go home after working hours.

Of approximately 120,000 men who are eligible for conscription each year upon reaching age 18, the armed forces need only about 45,000 to keep their strength at the customary 130,000.

Deferments are available for students, and conscientious objectors can do alternative civilian service.

Draftees generally serve in the army. The smaller navy and air force are able to fill most of their needs with volunteers.

## Pullouts increase famine threat

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Across Khartoum, Western embassies and offices of relief and aid agencies are vacant or nearly so. They've been evacuated in fear of terrorist reprisals for the West's role in the Persian Gulf war.

The pullout is horrendous news for millions of Sudanese facing famine in coming months. Relief efforts are pitifully inadequate now, and the lack of agencies can only slow them further.

Scores of U.S., British and other diplomats and relief workers were evacuated to Nairobi in neighboring Kenya. Most who remain have emerged

cy departure plans. A measure of the volatility of the country they left occurred Saturday. Hundreds of thousands of Sudanese, the largest crowd in recent memory, mounted a raucous demonstration against the United States and Egypt.

Sudan's military strongman, Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan el-Bashir, has been supportive of Saddam Hussein in the Iraqi president's refusal to yield to a 28-nation U.S.-led force trying to drive him from occupied Kuwait.

The demonstration has been one of only a few anti-American or anti-Western incidents.

## Militia will fight before disarming



COLLECTING WEAPONS

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — Croatia's non-Communist president vowed to fight federal army troops if they try to enforce a decree that ordered the local militia to disarm by midnight Monday.

Both Croatia and Slovenia, which have right-of-center governments seeking more freedom from central authorities, have put local security forces on alert to counter a feared army crackdown. Federal authorities have said they will enforce the order to disarm.

The new statement by Croatian president Franjo Tudjman marked the first time he has openly acknowledged that the vaguely worded order by federal authorities applies to the republic's security force.



Associated Press photo

## Where's the cast?

WASHINGTON — First Lady Barbara Bush alights from a helicopter after arriving at the White House with the president from Camp David, Md., Monday. Mrs. Bush shows no ill effects from the broken leg she suffered recently in a sledding accident at Camp David.

## Officials will set date and rate for postal hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Postal Service officials are deciding when you'll pay more for your mail — probably 29 cents and perhaps as early as the first week in February.

The independent Postal Rate Commission three weeks ago recommended raising the current 25-cent rate by 4 cents. The postal governing board has overturned the commission's recommendations only once and was expected to vote today to implement a 29-cent stamp effective in early February.

The Postal Service originally wanted to charge 30 cents as the basic first-class rate. But cuts in staffing and improved productivity lopped more than \$700 million from the agency's deficit, permitting the rate commission to shave a penny off the new rate.

The first-class charge is just the most visible part of a complex array of postal rates recommended in a 437-page opinion from the rate commission, which also covers charges for mailing parcels, books, magazines and advertising mail.

The commission estimated that the new rates would increase postal revenue by \$6.2 billion, enabling the agency to break even, as required by law. The Postal Service no longer receives a taxpayer subsidy.

Some questions remain as to finances, however, with the Postal Service in binding arbitration over labor contracts with its largest

unions. While it cut the proposed first-class rate, the recommendation from the rate commission included higher charges for third-class advertising mail than had been requested by the Postal Service.

Those rates are complex, varying widely by amount of pre-sorting done, type of material mailed and combining charges both for number of pieces and total weight of the mail. Overall, the third-class rates would rise 25 percent under the proposal, rather than the 17 percent hike urged by postal officials a year ago.

The rate commission also proposed slightly higher rates for priority mail and Express Mail than the Postal Service had sought, while slightly reducing the proposed increases for first class, post cards, second class (printed material) and parcel post.

That pleased Jerry W. Friedheim, president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, who said he was "encouraged that the recommended advantage granted to large direct mailers — who compete for advertising with newspapers and others — has been narrowed by the commission."

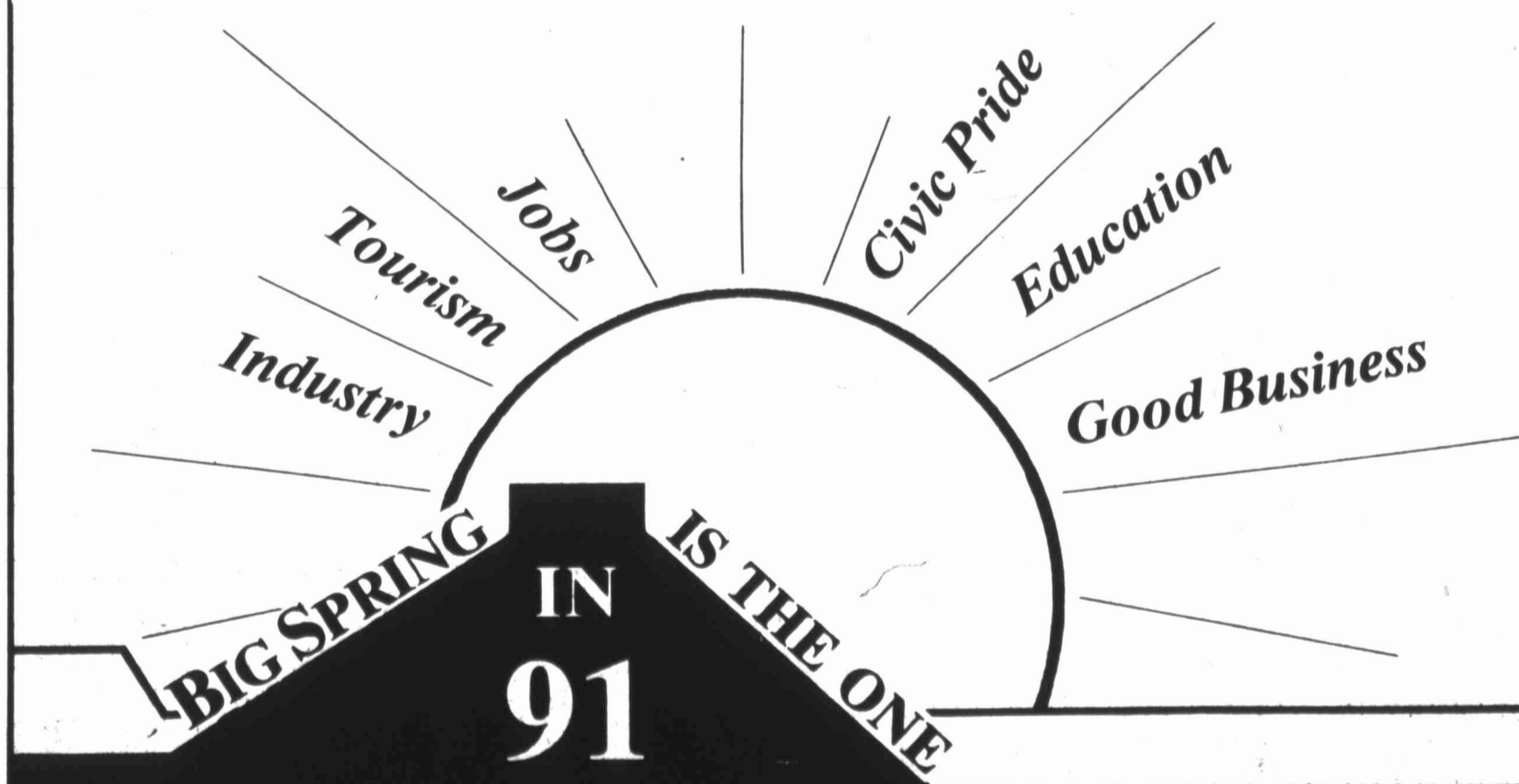
The U. S. Chamber of Commerce was critical of the rate hikes in general, pointing out that higher rates for businesses are passed on to consumers.

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# Opinion

## Herald opinion

### Rate rewards inefficiency

The U.S. Postal Rate Commission seems to think it has struck a blow for the American consumer. It has rejected a proposed 5-cent increase for first-class postage in favor of a 4-cent increase.

Meanwhile, however, rates under the commission's plan will increase by as much as 25 percent next month for certain types of postage. In addition to the 16 percent increase for first-class mail, express and priority mail will increase by 15 and 19 percent, respectively. Second-class items such as newspapers and magazines will increase by a whopping 22 percent. Third-class or bulk mail will increase by 25 percent.

These higher rates are expected to yield an additional \$6.2 billion a year for the U.S. Postal Service, giving the quasi-public monopoly a total budget of \$48 billion in fiscal 1992. Yet, for this generous 13 percent overall boost in revenues, American businesses and consumers cannot expect to see any improvement in service.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader put it succinctly — and accurately — when he charged recently that the Postal Service is "riddled with mismanagement, waste, poor service, poor customer relations, and does not deserve an increase."

More important, the rate increase that is about to take effect provides no incentive for the postal service to become more productive and cost efficient. In fact, it does just the opposite.

The Postal Service needs to overhaul its wasteful operations before it receives any sizable rate increase. As it is, the agency's cost structure is way out of line. Of its \$39 billion annual operating budget, 83 percent is consumed by labor costs. By comparison, Federal Express and the United Parcel Service, the Postal Service's biggest competitors in express and priority mail, spend less than 40 percent of their budgets on labor.

To its credit, the Postal Service has taken significant steps to automate its operations and thereby hold down costs and deliver the mail more efficiently. It has earmarked \$5 billion for high-tech equipment that will sort mail through a nine-digit bar code similar to that used in grocery stores. Yet, even factoring in inflation, postal costs are rising rather than declining, despite the automation program.

The Postal Rate Commission has done American businesses and consumers a bad turn. By permitting the Postal Service to raise its prices by as much as five times the rate of inflation, it has ensured that the agency will continue to conduct business as usual.

### Suffering from near-terminal cabin fever

By EUNICE CHOATE  
For the Herald

The estrogen I've been taking for the past two years may have something to do with it, but there are days when I want to prance sideways and whiny.

December 21, 1990, was one of them. The coffee in the pot was fresh, the Christmas lights were on, and we had the first snow of winter.

I opened the door and yelled, "Life Is Good!", to the cats on the porch.

They said, "Meow, pfsst," and ran to the barn.

In 1976, when we lived in Peru, Indiana, the first snow that winter turned into the worst blizzard to come along in twenty-five years. The wind blew fifty miles an hour, thirteen inches of snow fell, and two of my son Mark's friends were stranded at our house for three days.

We were snowbound.

The boys, Scott and Danny, were Indiana corn-fed teenagers. One was huge and the other was great big.

We played spades, slept all over the house, and ate everything in sight. By the end of the second day, when a neighbor rode by on his horse (on his way to the nearby town of Wabash to bring emergency supplies), I had become so addled that all I could think to ask him to bring

#### My word



was butter.

We don't even buy butter. I use margarine. I recovered enough to scream, "Toilet paper!" as he rode out of sight.

By the third day we had stopped combing our hair, started eating out of the skillet, and the house smelled like socks. We were desperate.

Scott decided to walk through a field to meet his daddy, who was going to come as far as he could on a tractor. We urged him on.

Somebody on a snowmobile rescued Danny a few hours later.

The snowplows came through the next day and opened up the Frances Slocum Trail. That was the road we lived on. We were free!

A long time later, when I was able to see the humor in it, I wrote this down to remember it by.

Our eyes were slits, Our tongues were quick, And sharp as any cleaver, The winter that we all took sick.

Come down with Cabin Fever.

### Gorbachev's image is threatened

#### World report

By BRYAN BRUMLEY  
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Bloody Soviet troop assaults in the Baltic republics of Lithuania and Latvia have not succeeded in toppling those separatist governments, but have deepened the rift in the nation's politics and threaten to shatter Mikhail S. Gorbachev's image as a reformer.

The attacks, which by dawn yesterday had claimed 20 lives, came as world attention was distracted by war in the Persian Gulf. Western governments condemned the hardline tactics, and the White House warned Gorbachev it might postpone the U.S.-Soviet summit scheduled in Moscow on Feb. 11-13.

The bloodshed has shocked and rallied Soviet reformers. Pro-independence forces have barricaded streets in Lithuania and Latvia, and in Moscow as many as 300,000 reformers demonstrated Sunday, demanding that Gorbachev resign or curb the attacks.

The assaults appear to mark a sharp escalation by Gorbachev to stop the Baltic independence movements. Declarations of independence by the three Baltic republics last spring began an avalanche that by New Year's left all 15 Soviet republics in some state of autonomy from Kremlin control.

Gorbachev has not publicly declared that he has crossed the threshold from reform to reaction. He denied any advance knowledge of the bloodiest assault, in Lithuania eight days ago, but said it was justified.

It remained unclear whether he was personally responsible or was powerless to prevent the bloodletting, in effect a kind of Kremlin hostage to hardliners in the Communist Party, the Armed Forces, the KGB and Interior Ministry. Oleg Bogomolov, a prominent economist, told the huge Moscow

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



rally Sunday that "whether he knew or not, he justified this cruel violation of the constitution."

"The danger of dictatorship has become a reality," Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin warned in a message to the demonstration.

The hardliners, for their part, followed a scenario that Baltic peoples watched before, as the Red Army forcibly annexed their nations at the close of World War II.

The pattern became familiar to the world with the Soviet occupation of Eastern Europe in the 1940's, the invasions of Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968, and the declaration of martial law in Poland in 1981.

National Salvation Committees have issued statements in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia

over the past 10 days, calling for nullification of independence declarations passed by the democratically elected Baltic parliaments last year.

The committees also are demanding dissolution of the Baltic parliaments and governments and want Gorbachev to impose direct Kremlin rule.

In Lithuania, the secret committee leadership condemned what it called "anti-Soviet" and "anti-constitutional" propaganda on Lithuanian television and radio.

The Soviet military responded with a tank assault against the broadcast tower in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, killing 14, wounding more than 200, and leaving the main television and radio facilities in the hands of the cen-

tral Soviet government.

The separatist government of Lithuania, however, continued broadcasting from the city of Kaunas.

In neighboring Latvia, "black beret" commandos staged a series of shooting raids that killed a government driver on Wednesday and culminated in a ferocious assault Sunday night against the headquarters of police loyal to the separatist government. Five people, including two Latvian policemen, died. Latvia's government ordered its police to defend other buildings.

The battle lines were drawn for civil conflict between the Communist establishment and the reformers that Gorbachev encouraged during his first five years in power.

### Retirees look for someone to come play

More and more of my friends are retiring. I know this because more of them are phoning to ask me to come out and play with them.

The calls are beginning to take on a pattern. Deegan telephoned the other morning. "Just checking in, buddy," he said. "How's the old putter?"

"Are you calling about the time I phoned your office 18 months ago about the lunch you canceled in February?"

Deegan replied, "Listen, I was running the largest company in New England and I couldn't return everybody's phone calls. As a matter of fact, the few times I told my secretary to get you, you weren't there."

"Apparently now that you're retired you're not only returning calls but telephoning people from your car."

"You got it. How about coming out and playing a little golf today?"

"You never wanted to play golf with me when you were with Titanic Siding."

"I did, but I only played with people who were important to the business. You know how it is when

Art Buchwald



you're trying to push up the bottom line."

"Deegan, I can't play golf because I have a job, and they expect me to stick around the office so that the guys on the seventh floor think that I'm pulling my oar. Maybe when I retire I'll play 18 holes with you."

"Forget the golf. You wouldn't want to drive down to Florida with me for a couple of weeks, would you?"

"I'm not allowed to. I've still got the reports to finish."

Deegan got huffy. "I called you as a friend and offered you a few hours of relaxation, and you accuse me of interfering with your productivity. We retired people are under no obligation to call our working friends. We have enough others like ourselves to mingle with. If you don't want to see the movie 'Godfather Part III,' just say so."

"Why don't you go with your wife?"

"She saw it with me yesterday."

"It's good of you to call, Deegan, and I'm glad that you're doing so well in retirement."

"I love it. There is nothing like waking up and knowing that you have nothing to do all day long. I'll make you a deal. If you go to the shopping mall with me, I'll let you look at my Medicare knee X-rays."

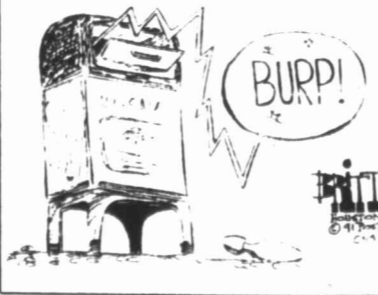
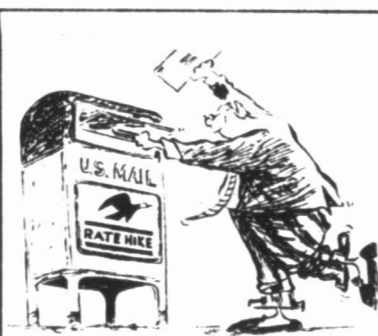
"Deegan, you can't mix retirees with working people. You're different from us because you have more time on your hands than you know what to do with, and you can't understand why others won't come out and play shuffleboard with you."

Deegan said, "If you feel that way, then don't call me any more."

"You never answered my calls in the past — why should I expect you to answer them now?"

"Because these days I have time to talk to you, which is the best time of all when you have nothing to do."

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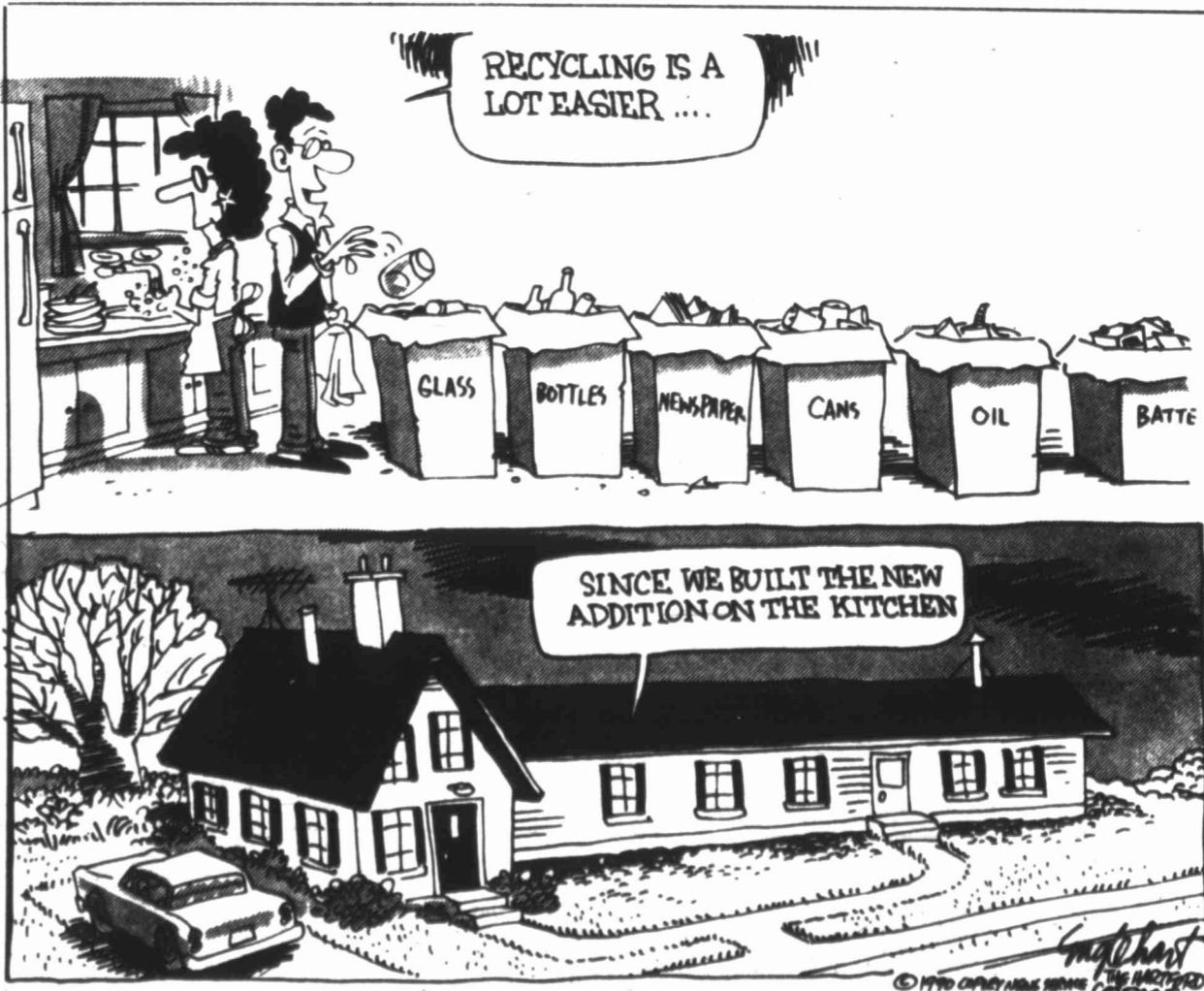


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# Patriot makers boast of missile that was nearly canceled

BOSTON (AP) — From Florida to Texas, defense workers are cheering the Patriot missile — a weapon once nearly canceled and untested in battle until it proved itself with pinpoint accuracy at supersonic speeds in the Persian Gulf.

The Patriot simply appears to do what it was designed to do. And that is no small achievement for an industry that has taken its lumps over large expenditures and doubts about such items as the B-1 bomber, the Apache helicopter, the Sgt. York air defense gun and the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

The first Patriot fired in combat knocked an Iraqi Scud missile out of the air as it headed for Dhahran in Saudi Arabia last week. On Sunday and early Monday, Patriot missiles knocked out nine more Iraqi Scuds fired into Saudi Arabia.

All troops that use the Patriot missile are trained at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas.

"There is a lot of pride in the plant here," said Doug McCurrach, a spokesman for Martin Marietta Corp.'s facility in Orlando, Fla., which assembles the missiles.

"I'm excited about the success so far and feel it's going to continue because of the workmanship and quality we've put into the warhead section," said Herb Fouch, missile mechanic in Martin Marietta's warhead section.

Similar sentiments were heard in various places that had a hand in the missile's development — from Raytheon Co., its parent company in Massachusetts, to research and development sites in New Jersey, Florida, Texas and New Mexico.

The early track record of the

Patriot has also given rise to cautious approval by more impartial defense experts.

Kevin Page, of the non-profit watchdog group Project on Government Procurement, said there is reason to cheer but that with such a complex system, "to break out the champagne is really premature."

Lior Bregman, an analyst with Oppenheimer & Co. in New York, said the success of high technology weapons such as the Patriot will certainly boost the defense industry in the short term and may bring even longer term public and private backing for development.

"They've proved pretty good, but I don't think it's a 100 percent system," said Rupert Pengeley, editor of *International Defense Review*, part of the authoritative London-based Janes Group of publications on the defense industry.

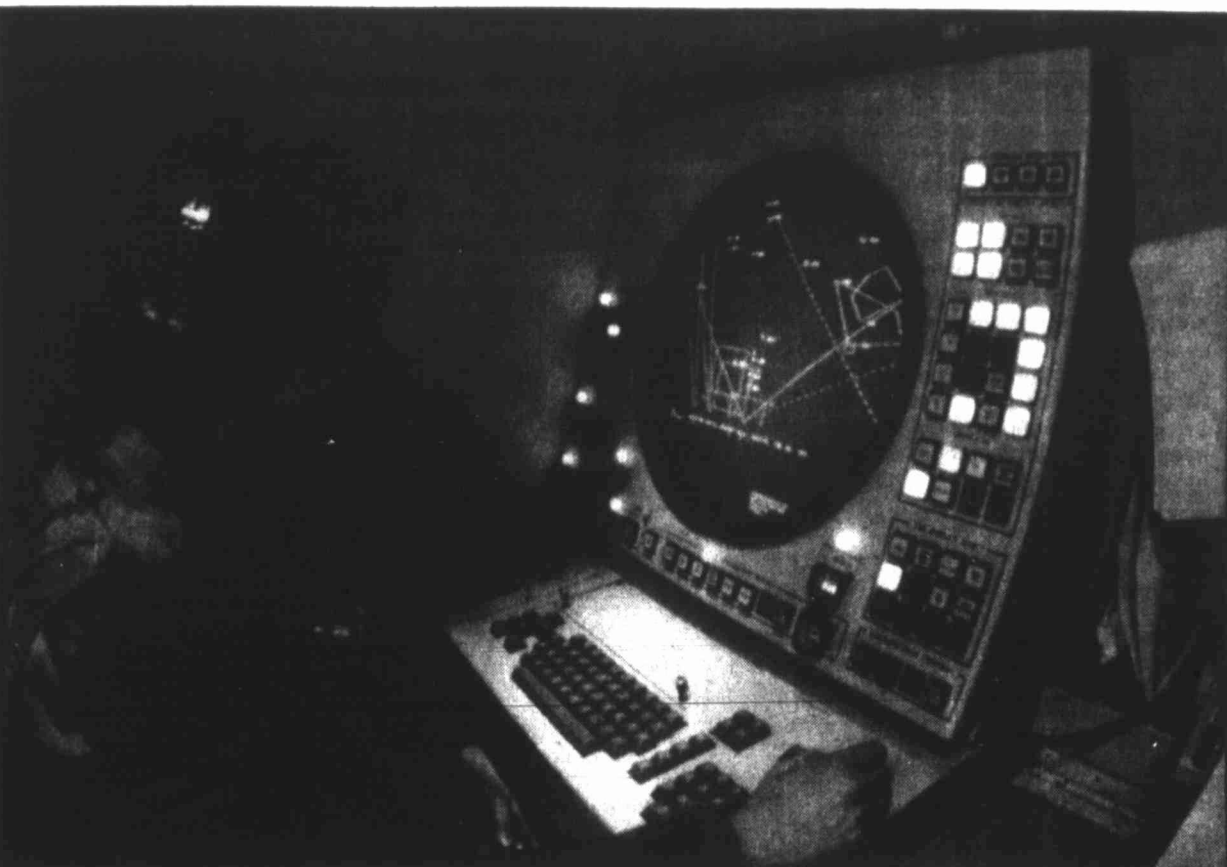
But compared with Soviet anti-aircraft missiles that were 3 percent effective in the 1973 Arab-Israeli Yom Kippur War, "they are a great improvement," he said.

Patriot batteries were rushed to Israel last week after two volleys of Scuds were fired into that country. The shipment is believed to have helped persuade Israel to remain on the sidelines of the conflict for now.

The missiles, which cost about \$500,000 each, carry high-explosive fragmentation warheads designed to knock down attacking aircraft and rockets. The 18-foot-tall, 16-inch-diameter missiles, which fly at slightly over 2,900 mph, have a range of just 37 to 50 miles.

The missiles are used in conjunction with radar equipment on the ground, which essentially asks incoming targets whether they are friend or foe.

"If it doesn't get the right response, it determines the target is hostile," said Robert Skelly, a Raytheon spokesman. "All this happens within a very few milliseconds



An unidentified controller sits at the tactical display screen of a Patriot missile system engagement control station. The system is currently being used in the Persian Gulf to intercept and destroy incoming Scud missiles.

the 1970s under the leadership of Raytheon, based in the Boston suburb of Lexington. At one point in the middle of the decade, senior defense officials said they were worried the missile system might not work because of its complex technology.

The project was briefly put on hold so the missile could be tested. It passed, and the project continued, said David Harris, spokesman for the Army Missile Command in Huntsville, Ala., which oversees development of the Patriot system.

Production started in 1980, but the missile system continued to encounter technical glitches. "It took some time to get the bugs out, but we did," Harris said.

Then in the mid-1980s, the project changed directions again. By modifying the missile's technology, Raytheon turned Patriot back into an anti-missile system that also had the ability to hit aircraft. During trials at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, the Patriot successfully intercepted 15 out of 15 test missiles, but officials had never seen how the system would hold up in combat until last week.

Among other contributors to the project, the Picatinny Arsenal in New Jersey developed the systems warhead and arming device; Morton-Thiokol Inc. at Huntsville makes the solid fuel motors; Raytheon's Andover plant manufactures the radar guidance system, and Texas Instruments in Dallas makes a computer component that is put into the tail of the missile.

## Lifestyle

### Library reading centers teach students how to read and relax



Kendra Bearden, left photo, is immersed in reading in the reading tub. Megan Streenogost and "Cookie Monster" listen to a story as



Elementary librarian Joan Rock assists at the listening center at the school library.

By KATHRYN HOLLINGSHEAD

Elbow second grader Kendra Bearden lounges in a cushion-filled bathtub. Eyes riveted on her book, she carefully unwraps her chocolate mint and begins to nibble. All this, during library period at Elbow! Elbow librarian Joan Rock explains, "I'd like to encourage the kids to learn to read and relax in the middle of activity; to read for pleasure." Well, she's certainly been successful with Kendra.

The reading tub is one of two centers in Elbow's library. A giant blue "cookie monster" presides over a desk equipped with cassette tape player and headphones, dubbed "the listening center." The reading tub center is just that: an old fashioned claw foot tub filled with pillows, surrounded by a lace curtain for privacy. "This gives the kids an opportunity to be independent readers," said Mrs. Rock.

In a carefully prepared skit, "Mother Earth" invites the children to help her educate "Castaway" Karen, admonishing her, "You're throwing away my valuable resources." "Castaway" Karen presents garbage items one by one from her bag of trash, while "Mother Earth" explains which of her resources were used to make the product and how it can be reused or recycled. "Did you know it takes 17 of my beautiful trees to make one ton of paper?" she asks.

April Ferguson became interested in garbage after attending a seminar at Texas A&M on waste management as a Girl Scout leadership service unit. The seminar featured Dr. Roy Hartman and leading experts from different areas of the state. The seminar had two days of workshops, posing the waste problems and solutions, stressing educating the public as the key to solving Earth's waste problem.

Ferguson returned and implemented an "Earth Matters" focus for the girl scout troop she heads. The troop has visited "The Time Machine" recycling center in Odessa, Big Spring landfill and invited Bebe McCasland to speak to them about conservation.

"I would really like to see the city of Big Spring begin a recycling program," Ferguson admits.

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KATHRYN HOLLINGSHEAD  
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Other communities have begun programs where each family divides their garbage for pick-up." During their recent tour of Big Spring's landfill, a comment was made that greatly upset some of Ferguson's girl scouts. When asked about a recycling program for Big Spring, the girls were told, "We still have about 35 years on our landfill." Mother Earth would sadly shake her head and reply: "You're throwing away our Mother Earth."

**Pee Wee basketball practice underway**

Elbow Pee Wee Basketball began Jan. 19 with team practices. The Elbow PAT Group is sponsoring four boys and four girls teams. Coaching the boy's teams are Wesley Thixton, John Gaston, Sammy Anderson and Barney Hise. Coaching the girls are Don Grewer, Scott Britt, Tena Henkel and Dale Humphreys. Teams will practice for two hours each, with the first games scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 31. Players need to be at the Elbow gym 30 minutes before their game starts.

Parent volunteers are needed to work the concession stand for 30 minute shifts. Please contact Dale Humphreys to schedule your work shift.

**Fifth graders prepare for U.I.L.**

Joey Jackson reports from Mrs. Light's 5th grade class. "We really have been busy. We have been getting ready for the U.I.L. events — Oral Reading, Spelling, Picture Memory, Ready Writing and Music Memory. In enrichment time, the kids are assigned to an event and go to that class every day. We're hoping to be the number one school this year."

## Man who needs a bra wants support from wife

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: When I was a young man in my 20s, I lifted weights and worked out a lot. I was very proud of my physique — especially my well-developed chest. I am now 62, and I'm sorry to say I did not keep up with my exercising, because the muscles in my chest are soft and flabby and I need a brassiere. These breasts are really heavy and they hurt.

My wife said I should go to a doctor and have the d--- things cut off. I went to the doctor, and he said I could have them surgically removed — like a woman having a double mastectomy — but most men with this problem prefer to wear an elastic support bra.

I have been married 41 years. I am not kinky or anything like that, but I do need help. My wife says real men do not wear bras. I really wouldn't mind wearing one, as no one would ever see it except my wife. If she would just shut up, I'd try it. What do you think? — TOP-HEAVY

DEAR TOP-HEAVY: Whether she shuts up or not, do whatever is necessary to relieve yourself of

the discomfort. Ask your doctor to recommend a shop that sells the elastic support garment he describes. And, if that doesn't put an end to your discomfort, consider surgery. Your problem is unusual, but not uncommon.

DEAR ABBY: In your reply to "Slow Eater" in Tucson, you used the word "waitperson." Do you have a dictionary that includes the word waitperson?

If a waitperson in a restaurant is slow to bring the food, are the would-be diners then guest waitpersons? Is a butler a front-door waitperson? If I'm standing in line to get into a theater, does that make me a theater line waitperson?

What is wrong with the long-standing, well-understood, less cumbersome words "waiter" and "waitress"? Must we invent a new language? In some languages, every noun is either male or female gender, so why are we concerned that the few English words that refer to gender might offend someone? Has a diner ever failed to notice the "waitperson's" gender? (Incidentally, why does "waiter" refer only to a male person, while "diner" includes both male and female?) Sign me... WAIT (HATER) PERSON IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR WAIT (HATER) PERSON: I did not invent the word

"waitperson." It appears in my Random House Dictionary of the English Language, 2nd Edition, Unabridged, page 2,137. And I am now a person waiting for your apology.

DEAR ABBY: I am a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Italian American War Veterans in Chicago. I am also a longtime fan of you and your sister. I want you to know that we have used your Thanksgiving prayer all year long to open our luncheons and dinners, and whenever an invocation is appropriate. We find that it follows the dictates of everything we stand for.

We would further like you to know that we have received many compliments on using this thought-provoking, stirring "prayer," and never fail to credit Dear Abby as its author. — NORMA E. BATTISTI, CHICAGO

DEAR MRS. BATTISTI: How kind of you to let me know. Your gracious expression of gratitude made my day.

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**Military**

March 1990.

Roy Gomez, a senior at Big Spring High School, joined the Army during December under the Army's Delayed Entry Program.

The program allowed Gomez to reserve job training now in field artillery but delay his active duty date until after his high school graduation in May.

A 1988 graduate of Snyder High School, he joined the Navy in

Gomez, the son of Ramon and Juana Gomez, 1100 block of Marijo, will leave for eight weeks of basic training and advanced instruction as a fire support specialist at Fort Sill, Okla., next July.

Gomez also qualified for the Army College Fund, which will allow him to accumulate up to \$25,200 for college expenses during his four-year enlistment.

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## Sidelines



### Lendl's racket

MELBOURNE, Australia — Ivan Lendl bends his racket over his knee during his match against Aaron Krickstein on center court at the Australian Open Tennis Championships Monday.

### Howard faces SPC Thursday

Four nationally ranked teams will collide Thursday night when the Howard College Hawks and Lady Hawks travel to Levelland to take on the South Plains Texans and Lady Texans.

The Hawks and Texans will bring undefeated records into the game. Howard, 20-0 overall and 6-0 in conference play, was idle Monday while the Texans downed Odessa, 78-68.

The Lady Hawks, also sporting a 20-0 record, will try to maintain sole possession of first place in the women's race when they take on South Plains in the first game. The Lady Texans, previously undefeated, were upset by Odessa, 81-66, Monday night.

The women's game will start at 6 p.m., while the men will clash at 8. Both games will be played at the Texan Dome on the SPC campus.

MEN'S STANDINGS	
South Plains	7-0
Howard	6-0
Frank Phillips	3-3
Midland	3-3
Odessa	2-3
Western Texas	2-4
NMJC	2-4
NMMI	1-5
Clarendon	1-6

Monday  
South Plains 78, Odessa 68; Frank Phillips 81, Clarendon 71; Midland 120, Western Texas 109; NMJC 105, NMMI 93; Howard idle.

WOMEN'S STANDINGS	
Howard	5-0
Odessa	5-1
South Plains	4-1
NMJC	2-3
Frank Phillips	1-3
Western Texas	0-4
Clarendon	0-5

Monday  
Odessa 81, South Plains 66; Frank Phillips 84, Clarendon 65; Howard, NMJC and Western Texas idle.

### Football banquet set for Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will honor all Big Spring football players during its football banquet, set for 7 p.m. Monday in the high school cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are \$5 per person and can be obtained at the high school office through Friday. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Guest speaker for the event will be Gary Gaines, assistant coach at Texas Tech and former head football coach at Odessa Permian.

Dress will be casual.

### Montana to have surgery

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Joe Montana will undergo surgery on his broken right hand later this week and will not play in the NFL's Pro Bowl game on Feb. 3 in Honolulu, the San Francisco 49ers announced.

The quarterback will have two screws placed in the fifth metacarpal bone, above the little finger, in his passing hand. He was injured in the fourth quarter on the 49ers' 15-13 loss to the New York Giants in the NFC Championship game Sunday.

The 49ers refused to be more specific about the day surgery is planned, and team doctors had no prognosis for how long it will take for the hand to heal.

## Super Bowl to have New York flavor

### Giants seeking respect

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The New York Giants have heard it from the naysayers for the last two months, and it has gotten to the point where they've heard enough.

In fact, they think they've too much, more than any Super Bowl team deserves to hear.

"We've been badmouthed all around the league, by other teams, by the so-called experts on TV and a lot of other people," tackle John Elliott said Monday as the Giants arrived in Tampa to prepare for the Super Bowl against Buffalo.

New York comes into the game off a stunning last-second 15-13 win over the two-time defending champion San Francisco 49ers. Buffalo earned the trip to the NFL title game with a 51-3 romp over the Los Angeles Raiders.

For the most part, the Giants' problems seem to lie in how they win. New York just doesn't win like the high-scoring Bills. They plod along, survive the scares and get the job done, which is indicated by their 15-3 record.

Elliott said the frequent slaps have helped the Giants.

"We've been able to use that to become a closer unit," he said. "It's a closer unit," he said. "It's a closer unit," he said. "It's a closer unit," he said.

GIANTS page 2-B



TAMPA, Fla. — Hillsboro County sheriff's deputies Andy Ross, left, and Jim Pistole walk past the main gate at Tampa Stadium Monday with their bomb dog, Ranger. Security for Sunday's Super Bowl game is expected to be intense because of the threat of terrorist attack.

### Buffalo has just one more river to cross

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — One more river to cross. That's been the rallying cry of the Buffalo Bills all season. On Sunday in the Super Bowl, the final river waits.

The Bills have prided themselves on their ability to focus on the opponent immediately ahead and say that's part of the reason they were able to achieve an AFC-best 13-3 record during the regular season.

"I think that is the thing that we did better this year," strong safety Leonard Smith said. "We didn't overlook anybody until the following week and we stayed with the team that we had to play that week and took it no further than that."

There have been opportunities to look ahead, starting with the regular season opener against the Indianapolis Colts, who were heavy underdogs going against the Bills in Buffalo.

In the second week, the Bills were set to go to Miami against the Dolphins, the team that challenged Buffalo for the AFC East title. Instead of thinking about the big game against the Dolphins, the Bills cruised over the Dolphins, 26-10.

The Bills weren't looking ahead when they played Miami; they just got beat convincingly by a Dolphin team that outplayed them. But Buffalo rebounded emphatically the following week to beat the New York Jets, 30-7.

After dramatic come-from-behind victories against the Denver Broncos and Los Angeles Raiders, the Bills had a stretch of five games against four of the NFL's weakest sisters: the Jets, New England, Cleveland, Phoenix and New England again.

Buffalo didn't allow itself to become disinterested. The Jets nearly upset the Bills, but lost 30-27 on Jim Kelly's touchdown pass to Jamie Mueller with 19 seconds to play. In the other games, the Bills average margin of victory was 26 points.

A 27-24 loss in Houston the following week was in part a result of the defensive coaches changing schemes that had been successful all season because they feared the Oilers' run-and-shoot offense.

The Bills rebounded with a victory over the Eagles, then dismantled the Colts, despite the fact that a much-anticipated game against the New York Giants — their Super Bowl opponent — was set for the following week.

Some speculated the Bills might not be too interested in beating the Giants considering they had a return engagement the following week with the Dolphins in a game that would decide the divisional champion. Bills page 2-B

## Buckeyes hold off Indiana

### College roundup

(AP) Ohio State's fast start was too much for Indiana's frantic finish.

The fourth-ranked Buckeyes won the showdown for the Big Ten lead Monday night by completely dominating the first half, then hanging on for a 93-85 victory over third-ranked Indiana.

"I really thought the first half was the key to our winning the game. We really got off to a great start and got the tempo in our favor," Ohio coach Randy Ayers said after his team improved to 16-0, 6-0 in the Big Ten.

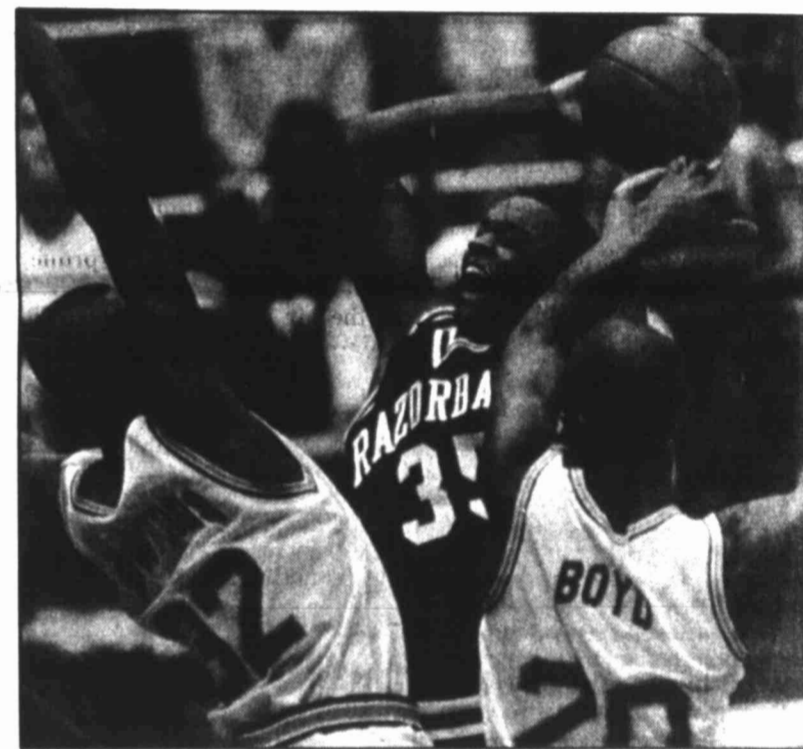
Jamaal Brown, not known as a long-distance shooter, hit three 3-pointers in the first half and added the last five of his career-high 29 points in the final 1:35 for Ohio State.

"I thought Jamaal Brown played well on both ends of the court. He really shot the ball from three tonight," Ayers said. "It wasn't something we went into the game thinking about, but Jamaal took what they gave him and did a great job for us."

It was only the second win in 19 visits to Assembly Hall for the Buckeyes, and Indiana coach Bob Knight agreed that Ohio State's flawless first half left his team with too big a deficit to overcome.

"We had such a difficult time digging ourselves out of a hole that we got ourselves into in the first half," said Knight, whose team made it close in the second half even though the Buckeyes shot 70 percent (14-of-20) from the field.

"In the first half, Ohio State played about as well as anybody's played us in the last couple of years. They presented us with



TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State's Douglas Edwards (32) and Aubry Boyd (20) put a defensive squeeze on Arkansas' Isaiah Morris as he attempts a shot during action Monday night. Arkansas won, 109-92.

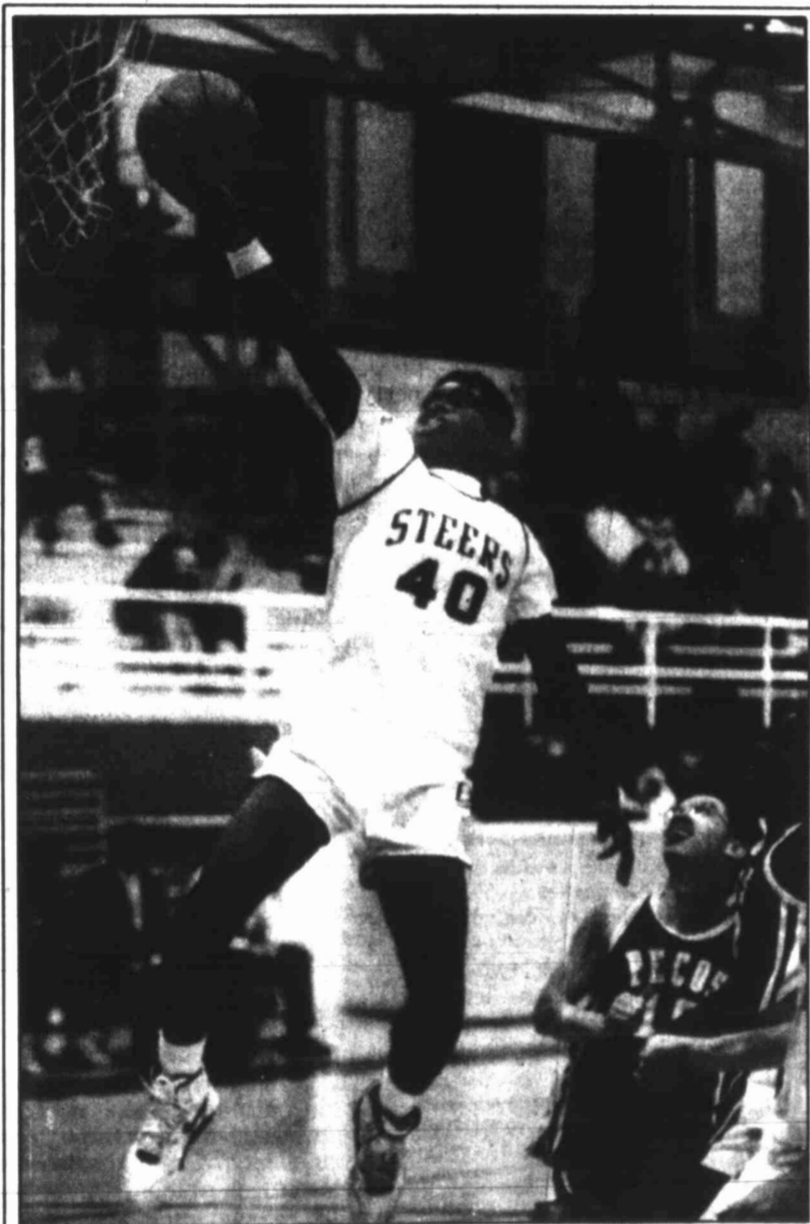
enough problems and we compounded those with a lack of patience," Knight said. "Ohio State has two things that any good team needs. They're athletic and tough-minded."

In other top-25 games on Monday night, it was No. 1 UNLV 88, California 71; No. 2 Arkansas 109, Florida St. 92; No. 6 Syracuse 58, No. 21 Georgetown 56; Tennessee-Chattanooga 76, No. 12 East Tennessee State 74; No. 15 Southern Mississippi 88, Texas-Pan American 72; No. 18 Virginia 71, Davidson 47; and No. 23 New Mex-

ico State 77, UC Irvine 60. Ohio State led 48-29 at halftime and extended its lead to 54-32 early in the second half before Indiana began its rally behind Calbert Cheaney, who scored 22 of his 28 points in the final 20 minutes.

The Hoosiers twice got within three points before Brown made a three-point play and added two free throws to put the game away. "We knew a run was going to come, but we had enough composure to get the job done down the stretch. You see a team that is

COLLEGE page 2-B



### Steers face Panthers

Big Spring High School forward Rod White (40) goes up for two points in a recent game against Pecos. The Steers, 3-2 in district play, will face the Fort Stockton Panthers at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Steer Gym. The Lady Steers will be in Fort Stockton tonight.



### Crossed paths

WINNIPEG — Winnipeg defenseman Fredrik O'usson and Minnesota's Neal Broten, foreground, battle for possession of the puck Monday night. Winnipeg won the game, 2-0.

## Dumars, Detroit keeps Celts winless at Palace

(AP) The Boston Celtics have won in Gardens, Arenas, Stadiums and Forums, but they still don't know how to play The Palace.

With Vinnie Johnson and Joe Dumars picking up the slack for injured Isiah Thomas, the Pistons kept the Celtics winless in seven trips to The Palace by beating Boston 101-90 Monday night.

It was a battle between two battered teams. Boston was without Larry Bird for the seventh straight game and also played without center Robert Parish. Detroit was without Thomas; Dumars had 26 points despite playing with a badly sprained big toe, and Dennis Rodman, Mark Aguirre and Johnson were aching after the first of a home-and-home series with Boston.

"Sometimes when things happen, you have to play harder," said Johnson, who had 18 points. "That's what we did tonight. Isiah's our captain. It's an adjustment to play without him. He brings the ball up the court for us.

### NBA roundup

They knew that. That's why they were trying to trap us out there." In other NBA action, it was the Los Angeles Lakers 110, Indiana 104; Chicago 117, Miami 106; Sacramento 95, Houston 91; New York 117, Philadelphia 116 in overtime; Washington 121, Orlando 119; and Denver 115, Minnesota 110.

As usual, the Pistons did it with defense. They allow a league-low 95.8 points per game and are 24-3 when holding opponents to less than 100 points.

"If we're going to stay in games or win games, we're going to have to get some easy baskets," Boston coach Chris Ford said. Kevin McHale led the Celtics with 24 points, but had just six in the second half. Brian Shaw and Joe Kleme, Parish's replacement, each had 18 for Boston.

The Pistons visit Boston Garden. NBA page 2-B

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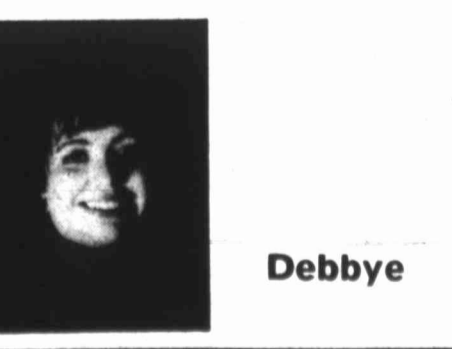
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# Names in the news

## Actor attempts suicide

**WESTLAKE VILLAGE, Calif.** (AP) — Actor Robert Young, TV's ideal 1950s dad in "Father Knows Best," tried to kill himself and enlist his wife in a suicide pact, authorities said.

Officials disclosed during the weekend that Young, 83, entered a hospital for a 24-hour psychiatric observation after a dead battery prevented him from funneling carbon monoxide fumes into his car on Jan. 12.

A tow truck driver alerted authorities.

Mr. Young admitted he called the tow truck and admitted that he

had attempted to end his life," Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. Bob Barrier said.

Young's wife, Elizabeth, 81, told deputies the incident occurred after the couple had been drinking, Barrier said.

Three attempts to contact Young at home Sunday were met with a busy signal. No one answered the telephone at Young's office. The psychiatric hospital would neither confirm nor deny Young was a patient there.

## Guttenberg in parade

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Actor Steve Guttenberg will carry on the

tradition of celebrity kings that reign over Bacchus, one of the most popular parades during Mardi Gras.

Guttenberg, who starred in "Three Men and a Cradle," "Police Academy," and "Cocoon," will ride on the tale of an animated whale as Bacchus, the god of wine.

The 85-foot float called "Baccha-Whopps" is a new addition to the Feb. 10 parade, Bacchus captain Owen Brennan said.

The tradition of celebrity kings began in 1969 with actor Danny Kaye, and has included Bob Hope, Jackie Gleason, Charlton Heston, Kirk Douglas, Billy Crystal and 1990's king, Dennis Quaid.

# Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:** Real estate transactions are favored now. Your practical nature will be tested by a surprising professional relationship. A class reunion could lead to a romance. Although a move to another state will end a longtime relationship, it will be the beginning of wonderful new alliances. Loans and an inheritance are featured next October.

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** actors Randolph Scott and Richard Dean Anderson, actress Chita Rivera, Princess Caroline of Monaco.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Innovative ideas lead you in a new direction. Keep your loved ones informed. A sudden change in your finances relieves tension. You find imaginative solutions to pesky problems.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Heed that strong inner voice. Mixed emotions regarding a new romantic

partner are a good reason to say "no." Someone has a change of mind. Accept a spur-of-the-moment invitation.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You team with ideas on improving an employment or domestic situation. Put your plans into action and you will be a shining star. A romance has the sparkle you like. Dress to impress.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your powers of persuasion are impressive. Others applaud your forceful statements. Good will flourish. An attractive member of the opposite sex shows interest in you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You find that you are getting more out of life than in the recent past. Sign contracts. A pet project receives the green light. A diet-exercise program helps you look and feel better.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Do a favor for someone who has helped you in the past. Family members will be sensitive to your special needs. A romantic attraction is very strong. You give serious thought to marriage.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Imagination and invention flourish when you speak your mind. Your coworkers become much more cooperative. A letter or phone call will

bring good news. Be open to fresh discoveries.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Your receptivity to innovative ideas opens the door of opportunity. Root your plans in reality. Attend seminars. Old friends and newcomers make your evening upbeat and informative.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** A letter or trip could lead to a phenomenal event today. A romantic fantasy may be realized. Resolve a difficult situation by taking direct action. A new relationship heats up.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Spend your time and money on sharpening your skills. You will make rapid progress once you stop scattering your forces. Romance looks wonderful. Take mate into your confidence.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Making a difficult decision will bring financial benefits. Put all of your energy into new projects. Sharing the credit helps you gain widespread support.

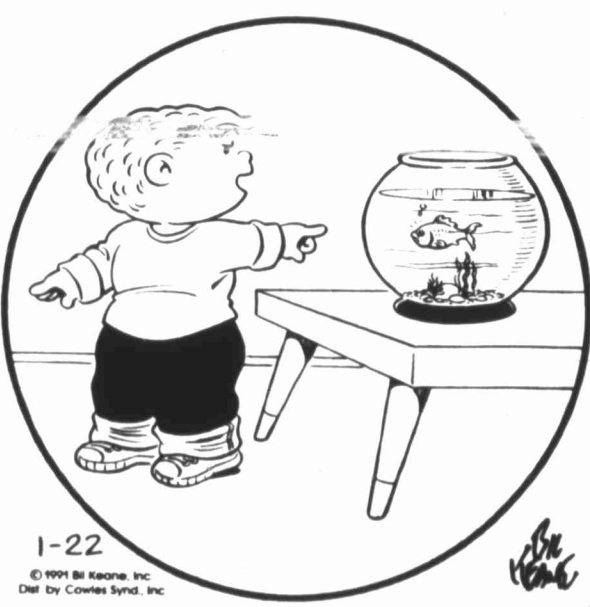
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your intuition is right on target. Do not commit yourself to a project until you know how much it is going to cost you. Bonuses or perks may be less than expected.

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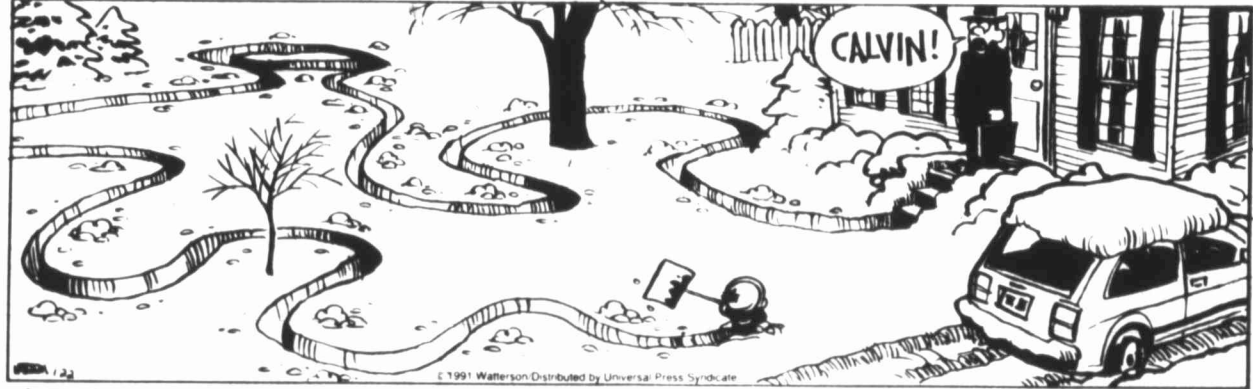
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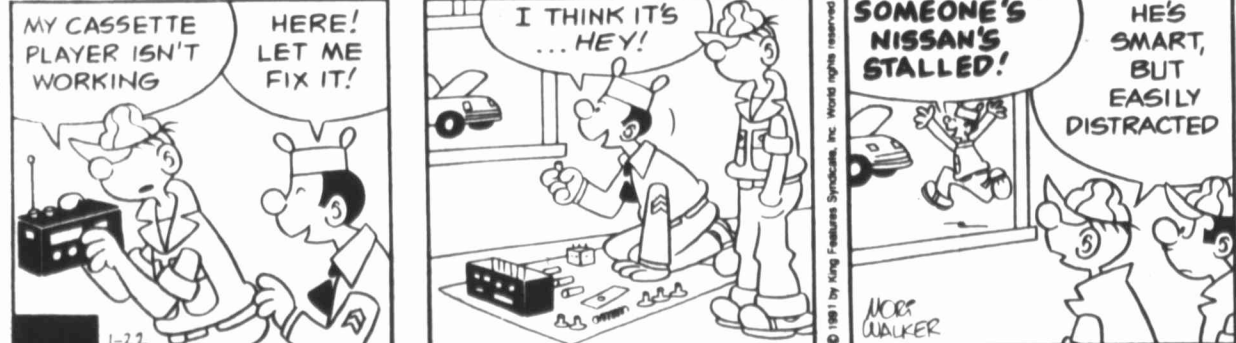
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## Iraq torches Kuwaiti oil facilities

**DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP)** — The forces of Saddam Hussein, igniting the Middle East's lifeblood, blew up a Kuwaiti oil facility, the U.S. military said today. Oil industry sources said two major Kuwaiti storage tanks also were ablaze.

In Iraq, two more men identified as captive American airmen were displayed on television.

The million-dollar U.S. Patriot missile, meanwhile, flashed into action, blasting two Iraqi Scuds out of Saudi skies before dawn today. The attacks were the latest in a series of fruitless Iraqi barrages with Scud-type missiles.

U.S. warplanes roared off runways again this morning at a foggy air base in eastern Saudi Arabia, continuing their nonstop bombing campaign against Iraq. And the air force of Qatar, Saudi Arabia's oil-rich neighbor, joined the fray for the first time.

The Baghdad government, in a military communique carried by Iran's Islamic Republic News



**ABOARD THE USS SARATOGA** — An F-18 Hornet is launched from the deck of the aircraft carrier as crew members look on. Planes from the

Agency, claimed today residential areas in Baghdad and other cities had been hit by more than 20 allied air raids overnight. Baghdad radio also assailed what it called the

allied "crime of aggression" against sacred Muslim shrines. Word that Kuwaiti oil facilities were ablaze was an ominous development. In September, six

weeks after it seized Kuwait, Iraq had threatened to turn the region's oil fields into an inferno if it was challenged.

Air Force 1st Lt. Casey Mahon, a

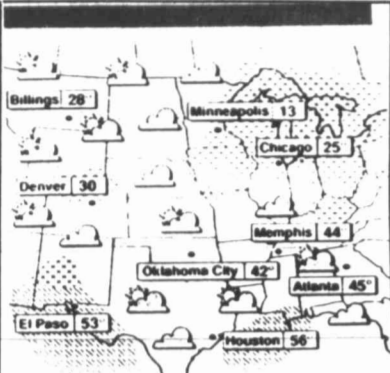
spokesman for the U.S. military command in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, said aerial photography showed oil wells and storage tanks had been blown up at the al-Wafra facility in southern Kuwait, just across the Saudi border.

"We do have evidence that Iraq is damaging or destroying some of these facilities," he said.

Oil industry executives in touch with their Kuwaiti counterparts said oil storage tanks were on fire today at a pair of major facilities, Shuaiba and Mina Abdullah, next to each other about 60 miles north of the border. The executives in Bahrain, speaking on condition of anonymity, speculated that the destruction could be a part of Iraq's preparations for an expected allied ground attack.

The official Iranian news agency, meanwhile, reported today that allied warplanes staged heavy air attacks Monday night and early today on the strategic Iraqi city of Basra, site of Iraq's military head-

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### Weather

Mostly cloudy Wednesday. Low tonight in the upper 20s; high tomorrow in the 40s.

Monday's high temperature	33
Monday's low temperature	25
Average high	54
Average low	26
Record high	83 in 1974
Record low	02 in 1918
Rainfall Monday	0.12
Month to date	1.61
Normal for Month	0.49
Year to date	01.61
Normal for year	00.42

### Free eye exam program available

The Martin County Senior Citizens Center has received information regarding free eye examinations for people of all ages who are working but have no health insurance, according to Sally Carroll, director of MSCCC.

People with low income and without insurance, who haven't had their eyes checked in more than one year, are eligible for the Vision U.S.A. program. Anyone in this situation and either working or living in a household where someone is working should call 1-800-766-4466 in January.

Anyone interested should call the toll free number during the month of January to receive this service. For additional contact Sally Carroll at 756-2791.

### Late registration extended one day

ODESSA — Late registration for the spring semester at Odessa College has been extended one day and will now run through Jan. 23.

Students may register on the second floor of the Student Union Building, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and from 5-7 p.m. Registration on Friday will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Students who register late are charged an additional fee of \$5.

For more information on registration at Odessa College, call 335-6404 or 335-6433.

### Energy assistance program available

AUSTIN — Some low-income Texans may be eligible for help in paying heating bills this winter through the Home Energy Assistance Program, according to Texas Department of Human Services Commissioner Ron Lindsey.

Lindsey said the one-time payment is available to many low-income households. Applications for energy assistance were mailed to households that received food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or Supplemental Security Income in December. Other low-income individuals may request an application by calling the toll-free number 1-800-252-8060 during the enrollment period of Jan. 28 through Feb. 28.

Eligibility is limited by gross income and resources. Aid is available for a one-person household having less than \$628.49 gross income per month. The gross income limits are \$842.49 for households of two persons, \$1,056.49 for three, \$1,270.49 for four, \$1,484.49 for five, and \$1,698.49 for six.

Households are eligible if the cost for heating is included in the rent payment or if the household pays a portion of its home energy costs.

## Cook-off to aid convent

HERALD STAFF REPORT

This Saturday will mark the second annual Great Texas Soup Cook-off at the Martin County Community Center from 5-7 p.m. This year's event will be a fundraiser for the preservation of the historic 19th Century convent building.

Cook-off deadline is Jan. 22. Late entries are allowed, but the recipe cannot be included in the Cook-off cookbook.

For \$3 per person, ticket buyers are entitled to become a "judge" and receive a tasting pass. Each ticket allows the holder to three votes; additional voting privileges may be purchased at \$1 each.

Last year Dr. Tom Miller, Stanton physician, entered "Just What The Doctor Ordered" soup and this year the doctor's staff selected the soup to be, "Janie's 15-Bean-and-a-Beer Soup." Last year's winner was the First United Methodist Church with



The old monastery in Stanton is in the process of being restored. Funds from the soup cook-off Saturday will go to help the project. The

building's design is thought to be the only one in Texas.

their winning entry called "Sorehead Soup."

The ingredients were named after Stanton's own townfolk, such as Sheriff Dan "Chopped Celery" Saunders, businessman Paige "Pepper" Eiland, and others.

The first annual cook-off provided about 200 people the privilege of tasting 23 pots of

soups.

The MC Convent Foundation is moving forward with serious efforts in renovating one of Stanton's oldest landmarks—the 19th Century monastery that later became a convent and expanded into Our Lady of Mercy Academy. The abandoned convent was built in 1882 as a monastery for a group of

German-Catholic Carmelite monks, who moved into the area from Kansas.

The Order of the Sisters of Mercy operated a Catholic school and convent at the site since 1894 and bought the monastery structure from the Carmelite monks in 1897, according to historical records.

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## Gorbachev meets with the leaders of Latvia

RIGA, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev met today with the leader of Latvia a day after the republic's secessionist lawmakers voted to form a volunteer militia in defiance of Moscow.

Meanwhile, the European Parliament today suspended a \$1 billion Soviet aid plan in reaction to the use of Kremlin troops to suppress independence movements in Latvia and Lithuania.

The Parliament will reconsider the aid in late February but "the repression in the Baltics has made impossible an immediate decision," its budget committee chairman, Alain Lamassoure of France, said in Strasbourg, France.

The EC already has postponed talks to establish closer ties with the Soviet Union after the crackdown began last week in Lithuania.

French and German foreign ministers in Paris today agreed to approach Soviet authorities about the use of government troops in the Baltics.

Few details were available on the 2½-hour talk in Moscow between Gorbachev and Latvian President Anatolijs Gorbunovs, but a Latvian spokeswoman, Lolita Nikitorova, said the possibility of presidential rule was not discussed.

The official news agency Tass reported that, "The Soviet president said he was ready to help improve the situation and work for civil peace and accord in Latvia and other Baltic republics." Tass said Gorbachev, Gorbunovs and Latvian Communist Party

chief Alfred Rubiks "noted the need to take emergency measures to alleviate the conflict and search for political ways to strengthen law and order and normalize the situation."

Soviet parliamentarian Anatoly Denisov said Monday that Gorbachev might personally take control of the Baltic republic after talking with Gorbunovs.

The exact ramifications of presidential rule were not clear, but it could give Gorbachev the authority to disband the republic's parliament and scrap Latvian laws he considers in violation of the Soviet constitution.

The Latvia Parliament voted Monday to form the defense force and fortify public buildings to protect against possible attack by Soviet forces. The move was in direct opposition to an order by the Soviet prosecutor's office for republican governments to disband "illegal armed units."

The prosecutor's office also instructed the republics to suspend all legislation that contradicts the Soviet constitution.

Late Sunday, so-called "black beret" commandos of the Soviet Interior Ministry staged a pre-dawn assault on police headquarters, killing five people and wounding 10. The commandos also are blamed for the shooting death last week of the Latvian transport minister's chauffeur.

Lithuanian president Vytautas Landsbergis told his republic's parliament that the Baltic republics must be prepared to come to each others' aid.

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## Activists support mandatory labeling

WASHINGTON (AP) — A move by the Agriculture Department to develop mandatory nutrition labeling for red meat and poultry products should be backed up by legislation, a consumer activist says.

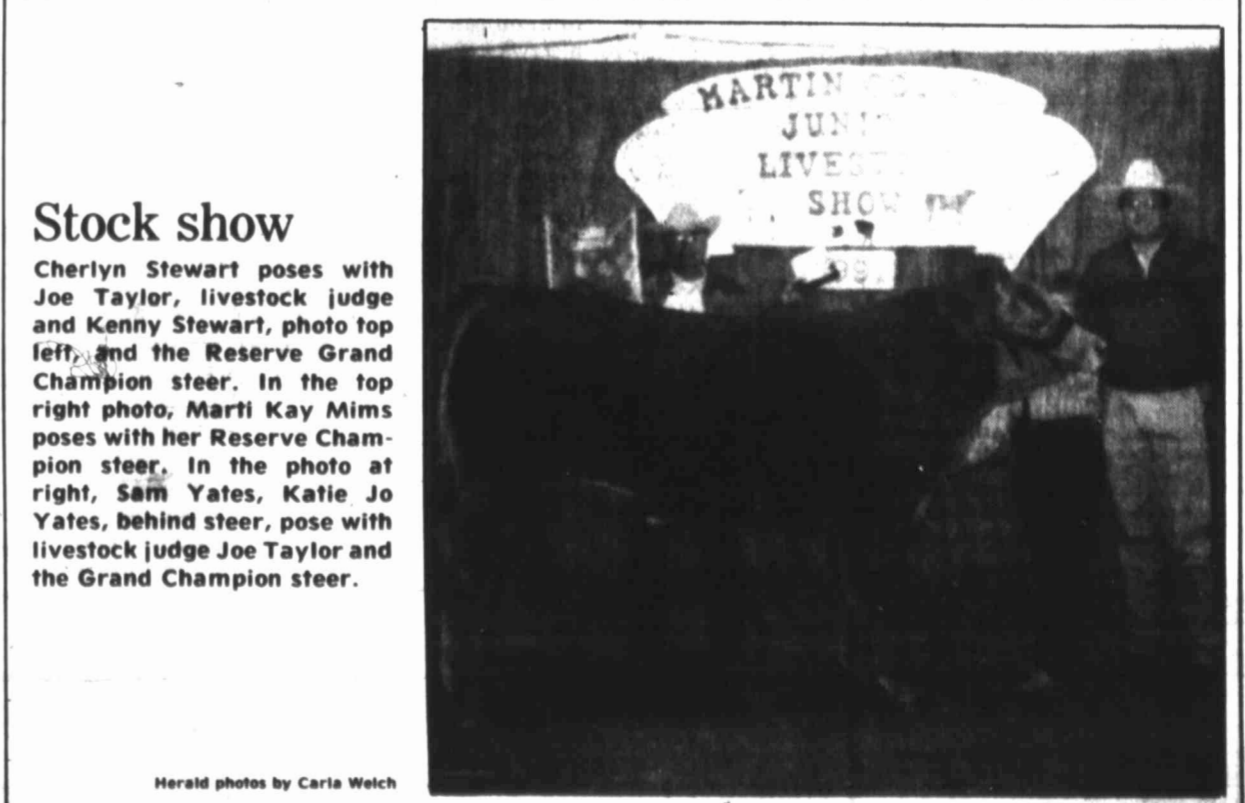
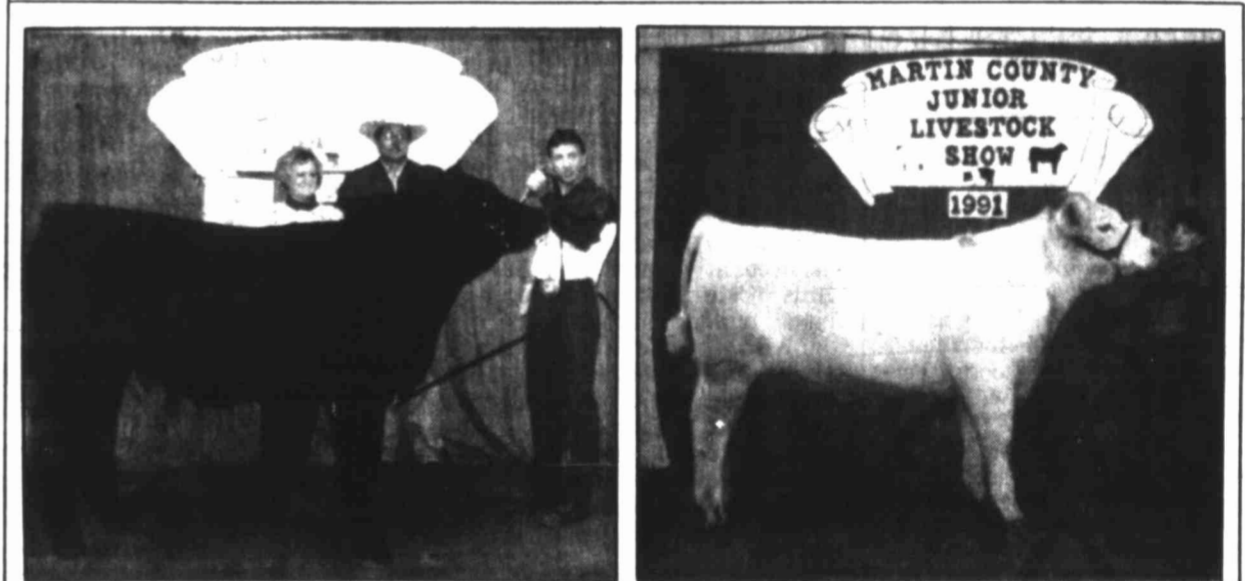
Bruce Silverglade of the Center for Science in the Public Interest said the USDA decision to move ahead represents "another important milestone" in the development of information for consumers.

However, Silverglade said Monday in a telephone interview that the private, Washington-based center would ask Congress to back up the department's plan with specific legislation.

The Food and Drug Administration "is about a year ahead" of USDA in nutrition labeling, he said. Meat and poultry are overseen by USDA, while the FDA regulates other food products.

Congress last year passed the Nutrition Labeling and Education

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### Stock show

Cherlyn Stewart poses with Joe Taylor, livestock judge and Kenny Stewart, photo top left, and the Reserve Grand Champion steer. In the top right photo, Marti Kay Mims poses with her Reserve Champion steer. In the photo at right, Sam Yates, Katie Jo Yates, behind steer, pose with livestock judge Joe Taylor and the Grand Champion steer.

Herald photos by Carla Welch

