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Damage control being assessed in FBI spy case

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Aided by a cooperating former Russian official, the FBI is assessing the damage now that one of its own veteran agents has become the third U.S. official charged in less than three years with selling secrets to the Russians.

Earl E. Pitts, 43, an FBI supervisor and former counterintelligence officer, was charged Wednesday with selling secrets to the Soviet Union and Russia during 1987-1992 for more than \$224,000. He could face life in prison.

Pitts' arrest followed a 16-month undercover investigation triggered by a former Russian official at the United Nations who joined FBI agents in posing as phony Russian spies trying to get Pitts to do more spying.

The undercover probe, which cost more than \$1 million, hit a serious, temporary snag on its third day - unwittingly caused by the honesty and patriotism of Pitts' wife, Mary, who turned in her own husband.

Now "we are conducting ... a damage assessment," FBI Director Louis Freeh told a news conference.

But so far, Freeh added, "I certainly would not compare him with Aldrich Ames in any degree."

In 1994, Ames, a CIA officer, pleaded guilty to spying that has been blamed for the deaths of 10 Western agents. He was paid more than \$2.7 million by Moscow.

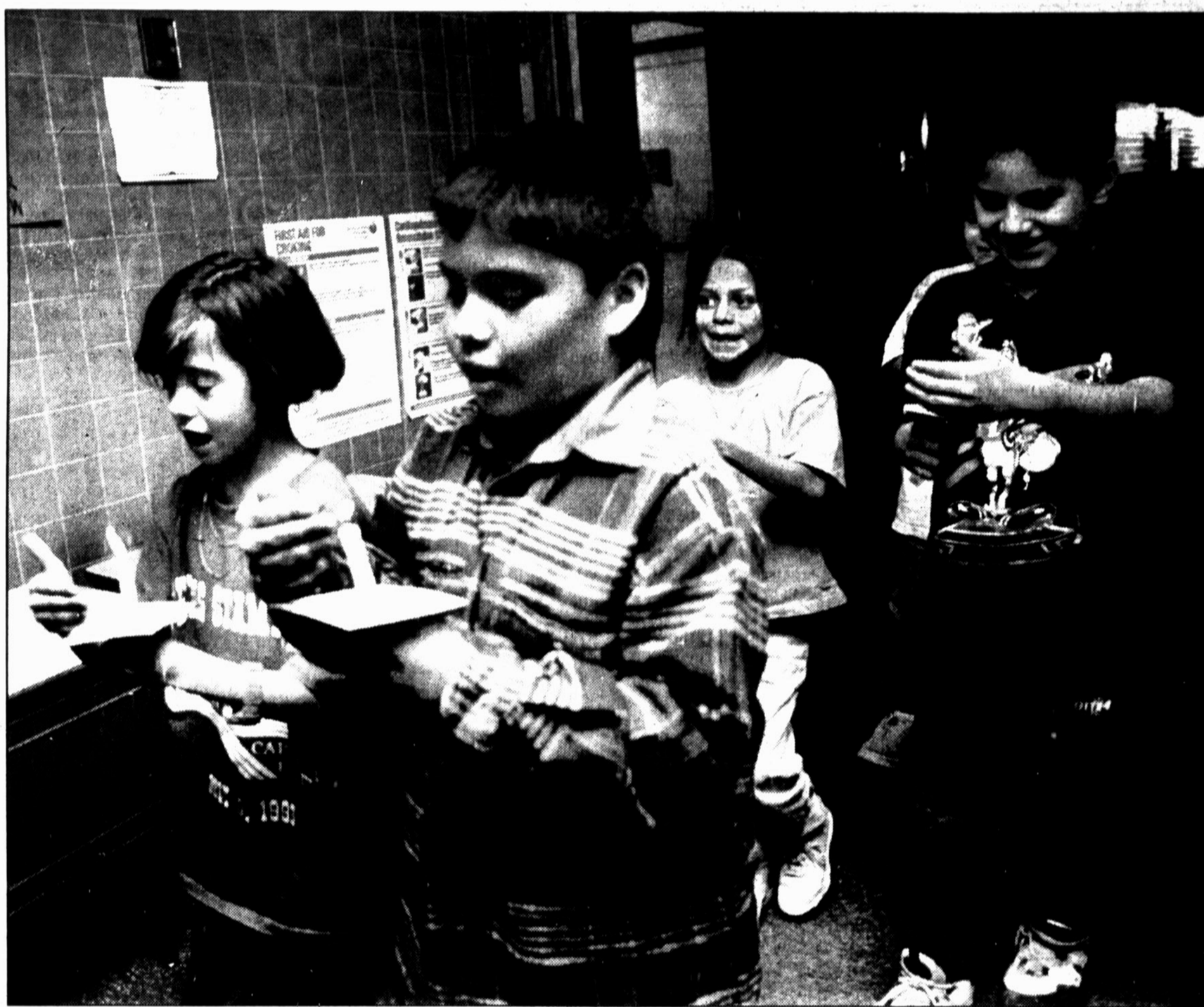
No deaths are blamed on Pitts - only the compromise of data about FBI counterspy efforts against Moscow.

Nor are any deaths blamed on former CIA station chief Harold Nicholson, who pleaded innocent last month to selling the identities of new CIA agents since 1994. The Russians allegedly paid Nicholson more than \$180,000.

At a court hearing Wednesday in Alexandria, Va., Pitts was charged with attempted espionage and conspiracy to commit espionage. He also was charged with a lesser espionage count and with conveying government property, each of which carries a maximum 10-year penalty. A bail hearing was set for Friday.

These recent cases have prompted Freeh to observe that the demise of

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School third-graders portray travelers, who along with Mary and Joseph, are seeking an inn. See related photo and story, Page 3.

Stocking fund Holiday food box is welcome in homes

In a land of plenty such as our own, it is hard to imagine that there would be people who would not have enough to eat -- or who would be hard-pressed to put enough basic food items on the table.

At the Yule season, we look forward to putting a special meal on the table for our families -- and those in need are no exception. Hereford's holiday charity Christmas Stocking Fund works to make a few special touches at mealtime, and numerous solid basic food items, available to 45 needy families each year.

CSF selects 45 needy applicants to receive the food boxes it prepares each holiday season. In addition, the holiday charity coordinates its food assistance with local civic groups, churches and individuals also working to provide help with food gifts.

A food box from CSF includes a holiday turkey, canned goods, nutritious pasta items and numerous CSF, is provided to applicants only after a thorough screening by members of the anonymous committee who administer the charity.

You can help provide this sort of help from CSF this holiday season through your generous donation. Contributions to CSF may be left at the offices of The Hereford Brand, or mailed to CSF in care of The Brand

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Las Posadas

The Mexican-American tradition of Las Posadas is a ritualized drama celebrated over nine evenings. This year, the celebration will be observed the tradition Dec. 16-Jan. 6. Northwest Primary

Lottery director urged to talk in probe Commission chairwoman says Linares free to 'say anything'

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers says the agency's executive director is free to say anything about ongoing controversies surrounding the lottery.

Ms. Miers says she hopes Nora Linares uses that freedom as the Texas Lottery Commission grills its executive director, agency staff and officials from GTECH Holding Corp., the agency's primary contractor, at a public meeting today.

Numerous questions have come up in recent weeks, including:

- The relationship between Ms. Linares and GTECH.
- The whereabouts and conditions of numerous security investigation files.
- The relationship between GTECH and a Texas racetrack.
- How Ms. Linares' friend Mike Moeller, now a federal prison inmate on unrelated matters, got a \$30,000

job with GTECH shortly after the company was hired to run the lottery.

What Moeller did for GTECH during the five months he worked for the company in 1992 and 1993.

Ms. Linares on Wednesday filed a lawsuit against the three-member commission. She claims the panel has barred her from speaking publicly about the controversies.

"There has never been a gag order," Ms. Miers replied. "Ms. Linares is free to say anything Ms. Linares chooses to say. We can't speak for her."

Ms. Linares' attorneys said her lawsuit was forced because she has not been allowed to answer questions or carry out some of her duties, including working to resolve the various questions.

The lawsuit, filed in state district court in Travis County, seeks a court ruling against the alleged gag order and an order barring the commission-

ers from interfering with Ms. Linares' day-to-day work.

"Ms. Linares, by filing this lawsuit, is saying to the press, the public and the commission that she is ready to (be questioned) under oath on any and all aspects on what has gone on," said attorney Buck Wood.

"There is not one shred of evidence out there that can be proved that Nora Linares has done anything improper, that she has done anything illegal, violated any commission rules or has in any way violated the ethics law."

As executive director, Ms. Linares reports to the commission and is in charge of daily operations. She is an at-will employee, meaning she could be more easily fired than rank-and-file government workers.

Wood said even if the commission allowed Ms. Linares to speak freely, her lawsuit would continue. He said Ms. Miers, in her public statements, has implied that Ms. Linares has done wrong.

He suggested politics could be a part of the controversies. Ms. Linares is a Democrat. Ms. Miers is a Republican appointed by Gov. George W. Bush.

Wood acknowledged Ms. Linares could be legally fired without cause,

but said the commission could be accused of playing politics if that happened.

On the other issues:

- Ms. Miers earlier this week said up to 182 security files were missing from the agency. Lottery spokesman Steve Levine later said 102 of the files aren't missing and the others should have been described as incomplete.

Ms. Miers called that explanation unacceptable.

"My belief is that the people of Texas deserve better than a response of that nature," she said. "Either the files exist or they don't exist. Just tell us which is true."

- One of the allegedly missing files involves lottery scratch-off tickets unaccounted for after lottery promotions at Retama Park, near San Antonio.

Officials at the race track say GTECH has no interest in the track or the racing. But GTECH and the Texas Racing Commission say the company hold 7.7 percent interest in the company that holds the racing license for the track.

Retama Park is the only racetrack where the lottery has held promotions.

42 Roby Lotto winners show up in Austin; No. 43 had valid reason to stay at home

By LAURA A. STROMBERG
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - While his 42 friends and relatives claimed their share of \$46.7 million Texas Lotto jackpot Wednesday, Jeremy Terry sat in a hospital delivery room, waiting for his first child to be born.

Terry belongs to the "Roby 43," a group of 43 people mostly from the tiny West Texas town of Roby who converged upon Austin to claim the year's largest Lotto jackpot of \$46.7 million.

Terry, a bank officer, was the only member of the group who didn't make it to the ceremony. But he didn't mind. He was too busy worrying about his wife's labor pains and when his child - a boy, they were told - would be born.

"I'm not really nervous," he said from a delivery room at Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater, near Roby. "Just worried. You can wrap it up into

that one word - labor."

Terry said he and his wife Shannon, both 23, will use their share of the money to pay off college loans. Each winner will get about \$39,000 a year after taxes this year and in each of the next 19 years.

Like the rest of the winners, the couple is going to keep doing what they've been doing.

"The biggest change is that she'll be able to stay with the baby," he said of his wife. "She has a teaching certificate and she was going to start teaching, but now she doesn't have to."

Peggy Dickson, a bookkeeper at a cotton gin in Roby, said she decided to ask friends and co-workers to pitch in \$10 each to create a lottery pool in anticipation of the state's second-largest jackpot.

On her way to a dental appointment in nearby Sweetwater, Mrs. Dickson stopped at the Longhorn Liquor store to buy 410 tickets.

Jim Carson, owner of the store, tossed in \$10 of his own and threw in an extra 20 tickets for good luck.

When Carson got a call from Mrs. Dickson's son the night before Thanksgiving Day saying they'd won the lottery, he figured "it was a crying wolf thing." But when he tried to call her at home and got a busy signal all night, he knew something had happened.

The Roby 43 waited to claim their ticket, which was drawn Nov. 27, because they were setting up a trust and getting other legal affairs in order. Carson, who will earn an extra \$467,000 as the ticket's vendor, offered to pay all related legal fees.

"The best thing was being able to call everyone and hear their reactions and see their faces Friday morning when I walked into the gin," said Mrs. Dickson, 48.

The farming community of Roby, about 180 miles west of Dallas, has been hit hard in recent

years by dry summers and wet autumns.

"I think it is going to help the economy there," Mrs. Dickson said of the group's winning. "It's going to help the farmers. I think there will be a little more security for everybody."

Many of the 600 residents, who rely on cotton farming for a living, were on the verge of giving up on farming.

Now, 7 percent of the townspeople are millionaires.

Though the next 19 annual payments won't transform the town with mansions and Mercedes Benzes, it's enough for the lucky winners to pay off debts, buy a new car or two, remodel their homes and maybe take a trip.

"We'd like to go to Las Vegas," said Teresa Terry, who had 13 relatives in the pool. She and her husband Steve also plan to buy a new Dodge Intrepid and pay off their eldest daughter's college loans.

Sales tax payments rise over year's time

Sales tax payments in December to the City of Hereford and Deaf Smith County rose significantly over the same reporting period last year.

In a report from State Comptroller John Sharp, the city's 1.5-cent sales tax is pegged at \$79,949, an increase of 17.57 percent over the same period in 1995.

And, the half-cent sales tax levied by Deaf Smith County increased 19.77 percent, from \$24,396 last year to \$29,219 this year.

Payments to the city so far this year are 5.08 percent higher than a year ago. Taxes collected amount to \$975,647 this year, compared with \$928,397 in 1995. The city levy is 1.5 cents with a half-cent earmarked for economic development. The remaining one cent goes to the city's general fund.

Deaf Smith County's year-to-date

total is slightly lower than 1995. So far this year, the county has received \$344,066. The tax levy added \$349,489 to this time in 1995.

Reports of payments to cities and counties nearby include (1996 total listed first):

- Dimmit/Castro County: city, \$26,963; \$14,840; year, \$281,989; \$271,344; county, \$12,688, \$6,212; year, \$122,780, \$116,498.
- Tulia/Swisher County: city, \$22,277, \$15,689; year, \$244,828, \$239,475; county, \$7,294, \$6,124; year, \$93,733, \$94,050.
- Friona (No Farmer County tax): \$17,311, \$13,061; year, \$224,026, \$132,867.
- Vega/Oldham County: city, \$2,079, \$2,339; year, \$33,566, \$34,107; county, \$2,378, \$908; year, \$24,857, \$908.

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Local Roundup

Chilly!!

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 23 degrees on Wednesday and a low temperature of 3 degrees Thursday morning, according to KPAN Radio. Thursday night will be mostly clear and cold with a low in the teens. The forecast for Friday calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the mid 40s.

News Digest

NEW YORK (AP) - The trade pact with Mexico and Canada has not stolen many jobs from Americans, but it hasn't created too many new ones either, according to a report released today.

AUSTIN (AP) - It likely was a routine draining and cleaning of Barton Springs Pool that led to the deaths earlier this month of 12 salamanders, city officials say.

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) - Don't tell this retired Yukon Territory miner about bone-chilling cold. Canadian John Hull has endured 70-below winter days when every inch of skin had to be covered for frostbite.

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) - A preliminary review of 664 trauma care patients reveals only one case of treatment without patient consent at the University of Texas Medical Branch, the teaching hospital's chief of staff says.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) - For almost nine years, Susie Mowbray worked from inside a women's prison to prove she was wrongly convicted of killing her husband.

AUSTIN (AP) - Convicted of sexually assaulting his 10-year-old stepson more than a dozen years ago, Joe Rene Elizondo spent 11 years in prison.

AUSTIN (AP) - A death row inmate's appeal that stalled Texas executions has been denied by the state Court of Criminal Appeals, clearing the way for more condemned killers to be scheduled for lethal injection.

LIMA, Peru (AP) - A dozen ambassadors and hundreds of other VIPs were calm and seemed healthy during their second night in captivity, despite rebel threats to begin executing them, a doctor said today.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Beginning early next year, most TV shows - from "The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" to "Oprah Winfrey" - for the first time will carry on-screen tags rating them for sexual and violent content.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - In a ruling that chips away at Cold War restrictions on the export of encryption technologies, a judge said the State Department can't bar a mathematician from posting his programs on the Internet.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Aided by a cooperating former Russian official, the FBI is assessing the damage now that one of its own veteran agents has become the third U.S. official charged in less than three years with selling secrets to the Russians.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) - Less than a month after Nicholas "Little Nick" Corozzo was said to have emerged as boss of the Gambino crime family, federal agents spoiled his day in the sun.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Thursday:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 40-year-old male arrested for public intoxication.
- 36-year-old male arrested for criminal trespassing.
- Vandalism reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- Burglary of a building reported in 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- Burglary of car reported in 500 block of Avenue H.
- Assault reported at Hereford High School.
- Criminal trespassing warnings issued to two former employees of a

business in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- One traffic citation issued.
- Dispatched to Dairy Queen in reference to vehicle on fire.
- Dispatched to 300 block of Blevins in reference to dumpster fire.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- 36-year-old male arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- 29-year-old male arrested for violation of probation.
- 18-year-old male arrested for violation of probation.
- Public intoxication reported.
- DPS**
- 19-year-old female arrested for theft by check.

Record cold goes south

By The Associated Press
Record-breaking cold spread across much of south and west Texas early today as the state remained under the influence of a strong blast of Arctic air.

Records for Dec. 19 were broken from Houston to El Paso. Some South Texas points saw their coldest weather for the date in more than 70 years, and El Paso's 11 was the coldest since 1909, when it was 13. San Antonio's overnight low was 12, well below the daily record of 20, set in 1981.

The mercury dipped to 29 degrees at Brownsville on the southern tip of the state, breaking the old record for Dec. 19 of 31, set in 1924. It was the coldest morning in Brownsville since Dec. 23, 1990, when it also was 29. Several other cities also broke records set in 1924: Victoria, 20, breaking the record of 23; Corpus Christi, 21, breaking 26; College Station, 17, breaking 18. San Angelo tied its record of 11 dating to that same year.

Other record cold was reported at

Houston Intercontinental Airport, 22, breaking the record of 25 set in 1975; at Del Rio, 24, breaking the reading of 23 in 1983; at Midland, 10, breaking 15, also from 1983.

The coldest spots in the state during the pre-dawn hours were at Dalhart where the mercury slid to 2 below zero and Amarillo where it was zero. It was 16 at Wichita Falls and Abilene. It was 18 at Dallas.

Some relief from the record-breaking cold will begin on Friday with even warmer temperatures expected on Saturday, the first day of winter.

It will be clear to partly cloudy in West Texas through Friday. North Texas will have clear skies tonight and sunny on Friday.

Some clouds will keep temperatures from falling even lower in South Texas by dawn on Friday. The warming trend will begin there on Friday.

Lows tonight will be in the teens in the Panhandle and the 20s and 30s elsewhere across West Texas, the teens and 20s in North Texas.

Obituaries

CLAUDIA M. CURTIS Dec. 16, 1996

Claudia M. Curtis, 77, of Amarillo, a Hereford native, died Monday. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Llano Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Richardson of Palisades Fellowship Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are by Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Fifth Avenue and Pierce Street. Mrs. Curtis was born in Hereford. She attended schools in Amarillo. She worked as a manager in many motels and restaurants in New Mexico,

Georgia and North Carolina, retiring in 1986. She had lived in Gastonia, N.C. before moving back to Amarillo in 1995. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Earl; a daughter, Darla Driggers of Orlando, Fla.; a son, Bill Curtis of Abilene; two sisters, Dewrene Lawson of Houston and Christine Godwin of Sun City, Calif.; a brother, Chester Kearns of Amarillo; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Crown of Texas Hospice.

U.S. trade deficit narrows in October

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. trade deficit narrowed dramatically in October, falling to \$7.99 billion, the smallest in seven months. American exports hit an all-time high, boosted by a big rise in sales of commercial jetliners.

The Commerce Department reported today that the monthly deficit declined by 30.2 percent from a September imbalance of \$11.44 billion, which had been the second worst showing on record.

U.S. exports rose by 4.2 percent to a record \$71.74 billion while imports edged down a slight 0.7 percent to \$79.72 billion.

While overall imports were down, the deficit with Japan surged by 30.9 percent to \$4.96 billion. It was the worst showing in 14 months, due to a big rise in imports of autos and auto parts from Japan.

The U.S. deficit with China widened for a seventh consecutive month, climbing 3.5 percent to \$4.9 billion. Imports from China, where America gets a large portion of its toys and shoes, hit a record.

So far this year, America's trade deficit is running at an annual rate of \$113.4 billion, 7.9 percent above the 1995 deficit of \$105.1 billion.

While the Clinton administration insists that good export gains show the United States is regaining its global competitiveness, many private

analysts are concerned that a rise in the value of the dollar and lingering weakness overseas will translate into bigger deficits in the future.

Much of the deficit this year has been from a surge in America's foreign oil bill, reflecting rising prices.

The Labor Department said today that new claims for unemployment benefits rose by 1,000 last week to 351,000.

For October, oil imports rose 5.1

percent to \$6.27 billion, the highest level since November 1990 during the Persian Gulf crisis. The average price per barrel of crude oil climbed to \$21.38, the highest level since January 1991.

So far this year, America's non-oil deficit is 20.1 percent lower than a year ago, but America's oil bill is 2.4 percent higher.

Shipments of commercial airliners more than doubled in October, rising to \$1.75 billion. The increase of \$990

million represented almost half the total gain in exports for the month.

Exports of telecommunications equipment and computer chips also showed big gains during the month.

In addition to the big rise in oil shipments, telecommunications equipment and heavy machine tools also showed gains. Imports of computer chips and civilian aircraft declined.

The overall deficit of \$7.99 billion was the smallest monthly imbalance since a \$7.87 billion deficit in March.

Dusty Clark wins geography bee

Dusty Clark, a seventh-grader at Hereford Junior High School won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship.

Carolyn Waters is the Geography Bee sponsor at HJH.

The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round of the ninth annual National Geography Bee.

The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Centers, which provide supplemental education services to students at all skill levels.

The school winners, including Clark, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee April 4.

The National Geographic Society

will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee championship May 27-28.

The first place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship. Alex Trebek, host of "Jeopardy," will moderate the event.



Geography Bee winners

Several Hereford Junior High students participated in the Geography Bee recently. Seventh-grader Dusty Clark won the school-level Bee. He will now take a written test, where the top scorers will be eligible for the state Bee in April. Pictured, from left, are Michelle Bernhardt, second place; Kody Lewis, coach; Aaron Brock, third place; and Clark.

FBI

the Soviet Union in 1991 has not produced any decrease in Russian spying here.

In Moscow, Vyacheslav Trubnikov, director of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service, did not comment directly on Pitts' arrest.

"The majority of such stories about Russian foreign intelligence activities are dictated by certain political goals, not directly related to the intelligence itself," he told the ITAR-Tass news agency. "No state ... can exist without intelligence. We must not make a drama out of this."

Reports from defectors and the failure of some counterintelligence operations in New York had led the FBI to suspect as early as the spring

of 1993 that it might be harboring a Russian spy, Freeh said.

A list of those who knew about the failed operations was compiled; the list included Pitts, who hunted and recruited Russian spies in New York during 1987-89.

Freeh said attention turned to Pitts specifically in the mid-1990s when a separate FBI operation recruited a Russian official at the United Nations. He identified Pitts as the FBI agent who wrote him a letter in 1987 offering to spy for Moscow.

Now a permanent resident alien in this country, the cooperating Russian was mistakenly thought by the FBI in the 1980s to be a KGB agent.

With this informant's help, the FBI

linked visits by Pitts, allegedly to meet Moscow agent Aleksandr Karpov, to \$124,000 in deposits it said could not be explained by Pitts' income during 1987-1992. Pitts later told the FBI agents posing as Russians that he also had a "reserve" account in Russia containing more than \$100,000, an FBI affidavit said.

The FBI said Pitts had become a dormant spy in 1992 after moving to less sensitive jobs, so it began a "false flag" operation to get Pitts to incriminate himself.

To begin the operation, the cooperating Russian visited Pitts at his Virginia home Aug. 26, 1995, purportedly to get him to resume spying for Moscow.



Students of the six weeks

Two Shirley Intermediate School students were honored by the Hereford Lions Club at students of the six weeks. Pictured, from left, are Dawn Auckerman, sixth-grader; Vickie Barnes, fifth-grade teacher; Fausto Mendoza, fifth-grader; Boss Lion L.J. Clark, principal; and David Fanning,

TEXAS LOTTERY

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 7-26-28-41-44-49

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$8 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

9-5-5 (nine, five, five)

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Lifestyles

Mexican tradition is celebrated in observance of Christmas

Las Posadas, a Mexican tradition that has been in existence for many years is now being celebrated in some parts of the United States by Hispanic Americans and other Latino cultures. In Hereford the tradition is observed annually by San Jose Catholic Church.

According to Jesse Guerrero, deacon at San Jose Church, the traditional Mexican celebration of Las Posadas begins on Dec. 16 and should end on Jan. 6 with the feast of the visitation of the Three Kings.

The Mexican-American tradition of Las Posadas in this part of the United States is a ritual dramatized over nine evenings from Dec. 16 to 24.

Members of the church portray the travelers Mary and Joseph who, with fellow pilgrims, appear at neighborhood homes seeking lodging, just as

Mary and Joseph did in Bethlehem.

A "sung dialogue" transpires in the night between those inside the home and the pilgrims. Finally, Mary and Joseph and the peregrinos (pilgrims) are invited in and given posada (lodging), amidst a spirit of warm hospitality and joyful visitation.

"In Old Mexico the peregrino journeys are sometimes more than a mile long and the pilgrims who follow with lighted candles may number in the hundreds," said Guerrero.

After the dialogue is sung and the travelers are welcomed into the home, a celebration follows with a pinata for the children and coffee, chocolate and pan dulce (sweet bread) for the adults.

The last day of the posada is the main celebration. Tamales and other hot foods are served, including atole

(hot cereal). One of the atoles is made of tejas (sunflower seed) and is very delicious, according to the Guerrero.

The celebration of Las Posadas by San Jose began Monday. The travelers have stopped at the homes of Inez Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Efrain Garcia and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Scott.

The journey will continue at 7 p.m. nightly through Christmas Eve using the following schedule: Thursday-Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dominguez, Coronado Acres; Friday-Mr. and Mrs. Arturo Gonzales, 117 Avenue F; Saturday-Mr. and Mrs. Raul Guerrero, 325 Avenue B; Sunday-Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ornelas, 123 Avenue B; and Monday-Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Barrera, 200 Lake.

The final night, Christmas Eve, the travelers will arrive at San Jose Catholic Church at 7 p.m. for the main celebration.



Christmas celebration

Las Posadas, a Mexican tradition, is celebrated in Hereford each year. The tradition is a ritualized drama which last nine days. Here, North West Primary School third-graders portray travelers who are seeking lodging.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Although your column lampooning Christmas newsletters was a classic, we have written a newsletter every year to keep family and friends abreast of our activities, and we intend to keep on doing it. We have made copies of all the newsletters we've kept since 1966 and have put them in a binder for each of our three daughters this Christmas as a family history of the wonderful times we have enjoyed. -- Helen and Ed in Tulsa

Dear Helen and Ed: I'm sure close family members would love to see that binder. As for the rest of us, however, we'll take a pass. By popular request, I am re-running the original "classic." I hope you enjoy it.

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell me why normally intelligent people seem to take leave of their senses at Christmas. I refer to those individuals who compose interminable chronicles of the year's activities, have them mimeographed and proceed to send the drivel to everyone whose last name they can spell. Isn't this the height of arrogance? What makes these people think anyone is interested in wading through all that stuff?

For several years, we have been receiving family newsletters, and I've had it up to here. What really galls me is the way everyone tries to paint such a glowing picture of affluence and success. I'm going to lift a few

sentences from each of the ones I've received so far to illustrate the point:

"Dear Friends: What a wonderful year we've had! Jim was named vice president of the bank, so we celebrated by buying a Mercedes and taking a trip to the Orient. In addition to his Boy Scout work, Jim served as chairman of the United Fund drive. He remains on the hospital board and is president of Kiwanis. His first love, however, is still conservation, and he continues to work hard as chairman of the Committee to Fight Dutch Elm Disease.

"After completing my term as Junior League president, I swore I would take life easy, but it seems I am more involved than ever. I accepted the vice presidency of the garden club and am still active in the D.A.R. Our church organist became ill, and they asked me to substitute, so I accepted. I still managed to squeeze in a course on flower arranging that was offered by a Japanese exchange student.

"Jim Jr. won his letters in football and basketball. He is on the all-star debate team and placed third in the national oratory contest. He has already been accepted by Harvard. Debbie was elected president of her class. She is almost as tall as her mother! Our wee Betsy is quite a little horsewoman -- won a blue ribbon in the show at Grosse Pointe." And so it goes -- until you could upchuck.

Next year, Ann, I'm going to send

a newsletter to all the people who have been sending ME newsletters. It will read something like this, and I hope they get the hint:

"Dear Friends: We had a perfectly rotten year. Hal was passed over for promotion again, so he got mad and quit. He hasn't lined up a new job yet, but he is listed with two agencies and looks in the papers every day.

"Hal Jr. was defeated for homeroom monitor. He flunked French and will have to go to summer school. Billy has not had a haircut since August and had to hock his guitar to pay for repairing his Honda, which he wrecked. My mother-in-law's annual two-week visit in May turned into two months, and my migraines got so bad I had to go back into therapy.

"As I write this, the whole family is down with the flu, and I don't feel so good myself. We hope next year is better. It couldn't be worse. Love to all. -- Mary"

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Woman uses vines, natural materials to build custom Christmas wreaths

By DAVID MONEY
The Victoria Advocate
VICTORIA, Texas - When Carol McCracken wants to create a work of art like one of her no-two-are-alike Christmas wreaths, she just might first take a walk out in the woods or rummage through a bag of "things" a couple of her clients left for her.

She did that just a few weeks ago. "A couple of my clients brought the javelina skull. They gave it to me and said, 'You know us. Think of something.'"

She did. She split the skull into two parts. With one part of the skull, a wasp nest, sugar bush pine cones, a little tree fungus, some feathers and burlap she fashioned a decorative wreath. "How many wreaths have you seen with a skull on them?"

McCracken owns Expressions Floral and Gifts, and around this time of the year she turns her art to things Christmas.

And her wreaths are personalized to fit the client. But forget the hollies and evergreen greenery. McCracken takes a less traditional route to build and decorate her wreaths.

"I have customers who own property in the country and I'll just go out there and gather." She finds twigs, vines, rushes, tree fungus, "most anything."

"Wasps nests are wonderful. I have this farmer out in Moulton who gathers all these huge wasp nests. I

have never seen any as big as the ones he brings in.

"I love taking things really earthy like fungus and wasp nests and blending them in with something fine like a gold mesh ribbon."

When McCracken starts making a wreath she has one thing in mind - her client's style. And while she doesn't know what it going to look like, she'll know when she's finished.

She tosses out the traditional wire-laced cedar that generally shapes the wreath and builds her creations with jasmine vine or some other solid vine.

But not grapevines. Never. "I don't use grapevine. They deteriorate. A grapevine is hollow, not solid, and little nasties get in there."

As she's constructing the wreath she thinks of things the person likes and tries to match unusual things together. Like blending barbed wire with gold-sprayed Johnson grass or air-dried, glazed pomegranates and cat-o'-nine-tails.

Once she has sprayed and weaved, and mix and matched, she studies the piece.

"I can step back and look at it. That's when the education kicks in. It is when the harmony, how the textures blend together. I understand what can be used together and when enough is enough."

She also checks for balance and

ultimately decides the wreath is finished.

McCracken got into the floral world as a child, and it was something foreign to her.

"My mother was a florist in Hallettsville. I had to do it. I hated it."

She escaped to college in Huntsville. She didn't pursue art or decorating at Sam Houston State University - she studied to be a teacher.

And she was a teacher for awhile. It was a career not meant for her, she said, though "I have the utmost respect for teachers."

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Dec. 16:
Admissions: Nelson Patterson, Annis Corbett.
Discharges: None.

Report on Dec. 19:
Admissions: Frank Galvan, Angel Valle.
Discharges: Lavon Leon.

Community Church Youth Group is having a...

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Saturday, December 21
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We will have a variety of pies, Christmas cookies and candy, cakes, homemade breads, etc.

La Plata has Christmas meeting

La Plata Study Club met in the home of Avis White for its Christmas meeting with Dorothy Mercer as co-hostess.

In a room filled with Christmas decorations, Audine Dettman presented a Christmas story. In keeping with the club's theme of the year she related the various important events that occurred in December. Members also took a Christmas music quiz.

Yvonne Simpson led the Club Collect.

Gifts were exchanged and recipes were collected for the recipe book.

The hostesses served refreshments

WTAMU students are in Who's Who

The 1996 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" will include the names of four Hereford residents who are students at West Texas A&M University.

They are Judy Aycock, a senior agronomy major; Clara Jackson, a junior reading major; Alexia Scumbato, a junior management major; and Benjamin Weatherly, a senior animal science major.

Nominees were required to be full-time students with at least 60 hours of college credit and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

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Sports

Herd to host Borger teams

Hereford will host Borger Friday for a District I-4A varsity basketball doubleheader in Whiteface Gym.

The Herd boys team will be looking for its first district win after dropping a one-point decision to Caprock Monday. The boys are 0-1 in district and 4-9 overall.

Borger lost its district opener 66-53 to Pampa Tuesday. Borger's record is 0-1 in district and 6-6 overall.

The doubleheader starts with the girls' game at 6 p.m. and the boys follow at around 7:30. Three other games are planned: sophomore boys at 4:30, junior varsity boys at 6 in the juniorhigh gym and JV girls at 7:30.

After losing their district opener to top-ranked Canyon, the Hereford varsity girls have won two straight to improve to 2-1 and 9-5. Borger lost to Pampa, 44-39, Tuesday and fell to 1-1 and 5-12.



Hereford wrestlers

The Hereford Wrestling Club will host a tournament Saturday at Hereford Junior High. The tournament starts at 9 a.m., and admission is free. Members of the club are: (front row, left to right) Eric Roddy, Misty Villegas, James Williams, Aaron Lovett, Randall Burrows, Brandon Duryea, Vincent Burrows, (standing) coach Rip Evers, K.P. Ryan, Javier Alonzo, Ernest Martinez, Kris Hammarbeck, Jose Lira and assistant coach Kris Cathey.

Wrestling meet planned here

The Hereford Wrestling Club will host a wrestling tournament Saturday at Hereford Junior High.

The tournament will be a qualifier for state for rookie wrestlers, plus it will have open divisions.

Rip Evers, coach of the Hereford club, expects wrestlers from Grand Prairie, Wichita Falls, Amarillo, Dumas, Borger, Randall, Gruver and possibly Albuquerque, N.M.

There is no admission charge for the tournament, which starts at 9 a.m. and will go into the early evening. There will be a concession stand.

Even Cowboys will miss RFK

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) - There are some Dallas Cowboys players who actually will miss RFK Stadium.

The Cowboys play the Washington Redskins on Sunday in the final game at RFK. And Bill Bates, a 14-year veteran, will miss the grass field, the atmosphere and, yes, even the bellicose fans.

"It's my favorite stadium in the NFL," he said. "I played in my very first NFL game there on Monday night football. We won 31-30 and I'll never forget it."

Bates won't get to play Sunday because of a groin injury.

"I think of old-time football when I think of RFK," he said. "The stands are packed. There's a lot of enthusiasm. People are almost on top of you."

He said there is no place he would rather win because "the fans hate us so. It's a tough place to play but there's no greater satisfaction than shutting the fans up. They'll cuss you. They'll do anything."

Even Bates' wife, Denise, got a taste of how tough RFK fans can be. She made the mistake of wearing a Cowboys jacket in the stands.

"When she got home there were a lot of cigarette burns in the back of her jacket where the fans put their butts out," Bates said. "Now, that's good old-fashioned hate."

High School Title Games

By The Associated Press
Texas High School Championships
CLASS 5A
Division II

Abilene Cooper (12-3) vs. Austin Westlake, (15-0), noon, Saturday, Texas Stadium

CLASS 4A
Division II

Denison (14-1) vs. La Marque (13-2), 4 p.m., Saturday, Texas Stadium

CLASS 3A
Tatum (11-4) vs. Sealy (14-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, Astrodome

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Murray bolts Orioles for Anaheim Angels

NEW YORK (AP) - Following his second stay in Baltimore, Eddie Murray decided to give Southern California another chance.

Murray signed with the Anaheim Angels on Wednesday. Greg Swindell signed with the Minnesota Twins, Mark Lemke decided to stay with the Atlanta Braves and Charlie Hayes got a contract extension from the New York Yankees.

Murray, who hit his 500th career homer last Sept. 6 after returning to Baltimore, agreed to a \$750,000, one-year contract that gives him the chance to earn an additional \$750,000 in performance bonuses.

The 40-year-old first baseman and designated hitter batted .260 with 22 homers and 79 RBIs. The Angels plan to use him mostly at DH, but say he'll see some time in the field.

"I would like to think I'm still capable of playing over there," Murray said. "I'm not sure about some of the quickness, but balls I get to, I'll come up with."

Murray, a native of Los Angeles, played for the Dodgers from 1989-91.

"He helps us not only on the field but in the clubhouse also," Angels general manager Bill Bavasi said. "We feel he can have a real good effect on some of our younger players. We think he still has good

ability, looking at his numbers from last year. He's a switch-hitter, he can play a position."

Swindell, an AL all-star in 1989, signed with the Twins following four mediocre seasons with Houston and Cleveland. He went 30-31 with a 4.32 ERA in 88 games after signing with the Astros in December 1992, then was released by Houston on June 3. He then went 1-1 with a 6.59 ERA in 13 games with Cleveland.

Under the deal agreed to Wednesday, Swindell would get a \$500,000, one-year contract if he's added to the Twins' major-league roster, and the chance to make an additional \$500,000 in performance bonuses.

Lemke, 31, became a free agent following the season, was offered arbitration by the Braves just before the midnight deadline on Dec. 7 and accepted the offer Wednesday. He started 132 games at second base last season and hit .255 with five homers and 37 RBIs. He made \$1.5 million.

Cleveland picked up a free agent outfielder to help replace Albert Belle, agreeing to a one-year contract with Chad Curtis for a guaranteed \$850,000. He played 104 games for the Detroit Tigers and Los Angeles Dodgers last season, hitting a combined .252 with 18 stolen bases.

Rangers re-sign Newson

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Outfielder Warren Newson re-signed with the Texas Rangers on Wednesday for \$350,000, a raise of \$100,000 from last season.

Newson, 32, hit .255 in 1996 and set career highs for games (91), at-bats (235), runs (34), hits (60),

doubles (14), homers (10) and RBIs (31).

He hit two homers in going 4-for-5 against Boston on June 15 and he homered in consecutive games, July 6-7 against Seattle.

He was 0-for-1 with a walk in the playoffs against the New York Yankees.

Astros make play for Gonzales

HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Astros have offered free-agent outfielder Luis Gonzales \$1 million to play next season for the team that traded him two years ago, television station KRIV reported Wednesday.

The station cited sources it did not identify as saying Gonzales had been offered the one-year deal. Neither Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker nor Gonzales would comment on the report.

Gonzales played for the Astros six years until he and catcher Scott Servais were traded to the Chicago Cubs in June 1995 for catcher Rick Wilkins.

Gonzales hit .271 with 30 doubles for the Cubs last season. He also tied a career high with 15 home runs and drove in a career-high 79 runs.

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No. 6 Tennessee women end Tech's home winning streak

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - After losing two straight at home for the first time in 10 years, Tennessee got back on track with a huge road win.

Abby Conklin scored 26 points, including six 3-pointers, and No. 6 Tennessee snapped No. 11 Texas Tech's 33-game home winning streak with a 79-71 victory.

The Lady Vols (8-3) made 11 of 26 shots from 3-point range.

"It was a big win for our team, done in Tennessee fashion," coach Pat Summitt said. "We played defense and shared the load on the offensive end."

The Lady Raiders (5-2) lost in front of a sellout crowd of 8,174.

"Sometimes the home court can work to your disadvantage," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "We were more nervous than the opponents in front of tonight's home crowd."

Five straight Tech turnovers helped Tennessee score the last 10 points of the first half and take a 36-27 halftime lead it never relinquished.

Tennessee kept a double-digit cushion for most of the second half,

(See LADY RAIDERS, Page 5)

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Aloha	California vs. Navy	California	Navy	Navy	Navy
Liberty	Houston vs. Syracuse	Syracuse	Houston	Syracuse	Syracuse
Carquest	Miami vs. Virginia	Miami	Miami	Virginia	Miami
Copper	Utah vs. Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Utah	Utah	Wisconsin
Peach	Clemson vs. LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
Alamo	Texas Tech vs. Iowa	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech
Holiday	Washington vs. Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado
Heritage	Howard vs. Southern U.	Southern	Southern	Howard	Southern
Sun	Stanford vs. Michigan St.	Michigan St.	Michigan St.	Stanford	Michigan St.
Independence	Auburn vs. Army	Auburn	Auburn	Army	Auburn
Orange	Nebraska vs. Va. Tech	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Outback	Alabama vs. Michigan	Alabama	Alabama	Michigan	Michigan
Gator	N. Carolina vs. W. Virginia	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina
Cotton	BYU vs. Kansas State	K-State	BYU	BYU	K-State
Citrus	Nywestern vs. Tennessee	Tennessee	Northwestern	Tennessee	Tennessee
Rose	Arizona St. vs. Ohio St.	OSU	OSU	ASU	OSU
Fiesta	Penn State vs. Texas	Penn State	Penn State	Texas	Texas
Sugar	Florida State vs. Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida State	Florida State

Lakers bounce back

LA follows loss with win over Bucks

By **CHRIS SHERIDAN**
AP Basketball Writer
 NBA players often grumble about playing games on consecutive nights. Sometimes, though, it's the perfect antidote to a particularly humbling loss.

Such was the case for the Los Angeles Lakers and Golden State Warriors on Wednesday night. The Lakers, coming off a devastating fourth-quarter collapse against the Chicago Bulls, righted themselves behind a 41-point outburst by Shaquille O'Neal in a 111-105 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks. And the Warriors, who lost by 40 points on Tuesday against Seattle, bounced back with a 27-point victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves, 123-96.

North Carolina slips by LSU

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) - Antawn Jamison's tireless rebounding has become contagious for No. 12 North Carolina.

Jamison had 26 points and 15 rebounds to rescue the cold-shooting Tar Heels on Wednesday night. North Carolina shot only 37 percent from the field and missed 15 of 163-point attempts in a 67-48 victory over LSU, but the Tar Heels outrebounded the Tigers 55-28.

"At first, it was just me. I guess everybody started getting jealous," the 6-foot-9 Jamison said of North Carolina's board work, which tops the nation at 50 rebounds per game. "I think we have one of the tallest and strongest front lines in the nation, and if we really capitalize on that and start hitting our break, we are going to be tough."

In other Top 25 games, No. 14 Texas beat Oregon State 86-83, No. 20 Alabama defeated North Texas 72-55, and No. 22 Stanford routed Alaska-Anchorage 105-70.

No. 14 Texas 86, Oregon St. 83. At Corvallis, Reggie Freeman scored 28 points and Texas held off a late rally by Oregon State.

The Longhorns (6-1), who led by as many as 15 points in the second half, didn't wrap up the win until Oregon State's Corey Benjamin missed a 3-pointer with four seconds left.

Oregon State (3-3), which got 28 points from freshman guard Carson Cunningham, made only 31 of 55 free throws, including 10 of 26 in the first half.

Freshman Ron Grady scored 15 points for Oregon State before fouling out.

Cleveland defeated New Jersey 99-81 and Denver downed Sacramento 95-79.

The Lakers had to take the court less than 24 hours after they blew an 18-point fourth-quarter lead in a 129-123 overtime loss to Chicago.

They pulled away with a 6-0 run after Milwaukee tied the game 98-98 with 3:10 left.

"It was a big game in that it was such a mental test as well as a physical one after the overtime game

last night," Lakers coach Del Harris said. "I must admit after last night's game you always think what could happen. We could have gone in the tank."

O'Neal, who was not double-teamed much of the game, made 15 of 25 shots and was 11-of-16 from the free-throw line.

Bucks center Andrew Lang fouled out in 19 scoreless minutes, and reserve Joe Wolf had five fouls in six minutes trying to defend O'Neal.

College Bowl Schedule LADY RAIDERS

By The Associated Press
Thursday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
 at Las Vegas
 Nevada (8-3) vs. Ball State (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
 at Montgomery, Ala.
 Blue vs. Gray, Noon (ABC)

Aloha Bowl
 at Honolulu
 California (6-5) vs. Navy (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
 at Memphis, Tenn.
 Houston (7-4) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Carquest Bowl
 at Miami
 Miami (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)

Copper Bowl
 at Tucson, Ariz.
 Utah (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 28
Peach Bowl
 at Atlanta
 Clemson (7-4) vs. LSU (9-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
 at San Antonio
 Iowa (8-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
 at San Diego
 Washington (9-2) vs. Colorado (9-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Heritage Bowl
 at Atlanta
 Howard (9-2) vs. Southern U. (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
 at El Paso, Texas
 Stanford (6-5) vs. Michigan State (6-5), noon (CBS)

Independence Bowl
 at Shreveport, La.
 Auburn (7-4) vs. Army (10-1), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Orange Bowl
 at Miami
 Nebraska (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (10-1), 6 p.m. (CBS)

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
 at Tampa, Fla.
 Alabama (9-3) vs. Michigan (8-3), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
 at Jacksonville, Fla.
 North Carolina (9-2) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

Cotton Bowl
 at Dallas
 Brigham Young (13-1) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (CBS)

Citrus Bowl
 at Orlando, Fla.
 Northwestern (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), noon (ABC)

Rose Bowl
 at Pasadena, Calif.
 Arizona State (11-0) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl
 at Tempe, Ariz.
 Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 7 p.m. (CBS)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
 at New Orleans
 Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 11
East-West Shrine Classic
 at Stanford, Calif.
 West vs. East, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 18
Senior Bowl
 at Mobile, Ala.
 North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 19
Hula Bowl
 at Honolulu
 East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

largely thanks to Conklin's marksmanship. During one stretch early in the period, she scored 13 of the Lady Vols' 15 points, including 11 straight. Chamique Holdscrow scored 19 points for the Lady Vols.

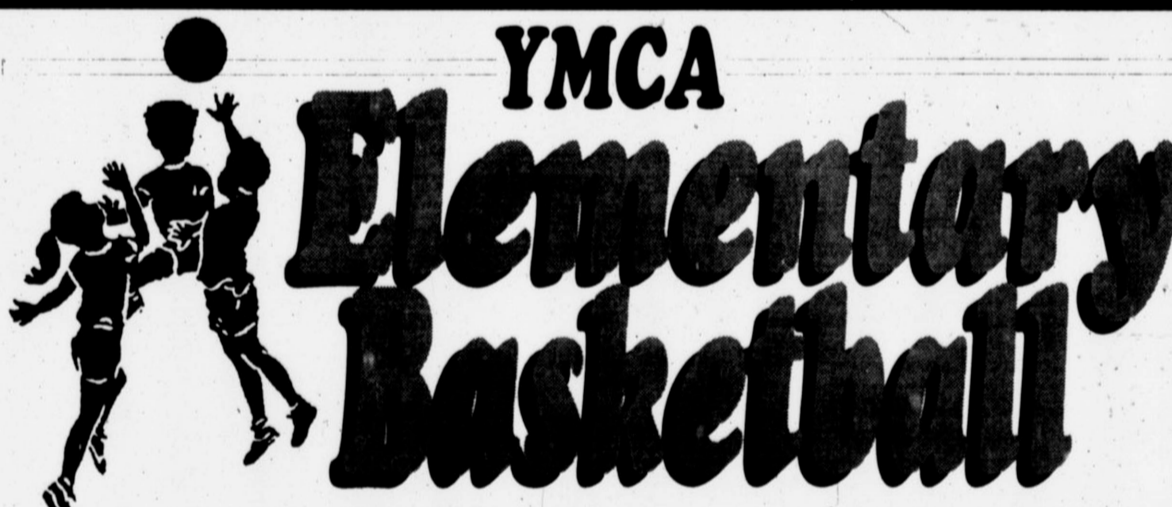
Melinda Schmucker led Tech with 17 points, and Julie Lake had 15. Crystal Boles blocked nine shots for Tech.

Schmucker, a freshman point guard, said she was very nervous before the game.

"But I settled down after it started," said Schmucker, who had six of Tech's 13 assists.

After Tennessee's first visit to Lubbock, Summitt said playing at Municipal Coliseum was at least as tough as playing in Austin, where the No. 13 Lady Longhorns await Saturday.

"Tonight, this team showed it can handle adversity and a demanding schedule," said Summitt, whose Lady Vols beat Tech 81-44 at home last year.



The YMCA Basketball League is designed for elementary boys and girls ages 13 and under. All girls and boys are eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Teams are coached by adult volunteers. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The league specializes in wholesome competition while teaching the fundamentals of team play and good sportsmanship. Every girl and boy plays in every game.

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By KAROL STONGER
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - Beauty is only skin deep, it is said. And what's said of the soul seems to apply to the handbag, as well. For no matter whether it is Prada or Chanel; Nine West or Le Sac, it's what's inside that counts.

Ask them what's most important, and women will most likely say it's their wallet.

"Because you don't go anywhere in New York without money," Shari James, vice president for product development at Baccarat Inc., said.

Perhaps that's why so many wallets are received as gifts during the holidays. But the perfect wallet is a very personal choice because there are so many sizes, styles and functions. Not to mention color, fabrication and loyalty to a label.

So, go creative and find a gift to help her organize her handbag or to make her feel special every time she reaches into it.

Karen Sheer, a marketing consultant in New York, initially said her wallet was most important to her. Then she had second thoughts. "I think my glasses are," she finally said.

Consider, then an eyewear case with a little more class - and color - than the optician's standard issue. Private Eyes makes a hard case in shiny orange faux leather, about \$18 at Lord & Taylor.

Sheer's colleague, Pat Pons, initially said her bank card and credit cards were No. 1 in her purse.

"No, my apartment keys are," she amended. "I can solve most any other problem if I have my keys."

Some women like key rings, others prefer caddies. The key ring can be a no-brainer like the one from the car

dealer. But it's better if it is a memento of an event or a trip. Or it can combine service and cachet such as Tiffany & Co.'s sterling silver valet key ring. It's \$95 and separates into two parts so the parking attendant doesn't end up with your house keys, too.

Key caddies come in a variety of leathers - to match a wallet and other small leather goods or to stand alone. Particularly appealing now into spring are pastels in faux reptile. But if she's the conservative type, make it a coin purse with key ring in more traditional colors. The keys can be tucked inside, along with parking meter feed and driver's license. In luggage tan, it's \$44 from Coach. In black or red, it's \$125 from Louis Vuitton.

Mesh bags can tidy up the mess created by cosmetics that wind up at the bottom of most handbags. Mesh is lightweight, it's easy to see what's inside and it doesn't have to be expensive.

Cosmetics Plus, with 17 stores in New York City and others ready to open in Worcester, Mass., and Beverly Hills, Calif., has colorful little zipper bags called Stuff, \$5 each in fuschia, blue, lime, orange and lemon. Larger bags in black mesh, ideal for makeup and a brush or comb, start at about \$7.

The retailer also has lipstick-size atomizers for her to fill with a favorite fragrance. A black Chanel wannabe is \$7. Compare that with Chanel's Coco to go, a quarter-ounce spray perfume, \$85, or a compact of solid perfume from Estee Lauder. Her fragrance, Beautiful, for example, is \$60 packaged in an itty bitty pink pig.

Personal organizers abound, but none has the prestige of Filofax, about \$135 and up in all of the

dignified tones as well as brights. Bloomingdale's has them in pastel leathers.

As for a status pen, it's a great idea. But it is better to enjoy it in the confines of home or office than to risk losing it in the course of a dash-about day.

If she must smoke, Cartier has a collection of tony cigarette lighters, some with the trademark rolling rings motif. A Panther mini lighter in black lacquer is \$720.

Other notions that could make her happy might include a mirror, nail clippers, pocket knife and pill box. All can be picked up for a song at discount drug stores, that's true. But gifts are supposed to be an extravagance she wouldn't lavish on herself. So from Victorinox comes a miniature Swiss Army knife, \$100 in sterling silver to engrave or not. It has a small blade, nail file with screwdriver tip, and scissors.

But Kate Spade, the hot young handbag designer, likes her hot pink Swiss Army knife.

"It comes in handy for picking locks or filing nails," she says.

The knife, \$22, is available in the traditional red as well as such colors of the moment as electric orange, retro green and purple plum. It is equipped with a small blade, scissors, nail file/screwdriver, tweezers and ballpoint pen.

A pill box doesn't have to be a tiny jeweled egg from Judith Leiber, about \$300, but it shouldn't be the plastic vial from the pharmacy, either.

The editor in chief of Accessories magazine, a trade publication, says her pill box, sterling and enamel from Tiffany & Co., is the most important thing in her handbag.

"It has all of my Excedrin in it," the editor, Susan Sommers, says. "I couldn't live without it."

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Do you have any information on Berger's disease? Our son was diagnosed with it. The doctor could not tell us if this condition is inherited. Is it a lifelong condition? — B.L.

ANSWER: Berger's disease has a more-obscure but more-revealing name — IgA nephropathy. That provides a clue to what's going on and where — in the kidneys.

IgA is a certain kind of antibody, immunoglobulin A. In IgA nephropathy, the antibodies stick to the kidneys' blood-filtering mechanism, interfering with its function.

That's why a blood-tinged urine can offer the first hint of something amiss. However, even a crystal-clear urine sample can disclose microscopic evidence of blood cells.

Symptoms of Berger's disease include other signs of kidney failure, although it might be a long time before kidney decline actually occurs. On the other hand, some patients show deterioration early on.

We have no universally accepted treatment for the disorder, although cortisone has been used to preserve kidney function. Periodic monitoring of the kidneys is always done, and often that is the extent of attention.

Berger's disease is not inherited. Its cause is not clear.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Are kyphosis and scoliosis congenital? Are they diseases? Please explain idiopathic kyphosis. — N.H.

ANSWER: Kyphosis and scoliosis are back anomalies.

Kyphosis is an outward projection of the upper backbones, producing a hump. It can result from an upper-back injury, or it can arise from tumors or certain infections. "Idiopathic" means no cause is found.

Scoliosis is probably more familiar to readers. It's a lateral bend of the normally straight spine, giving it an

S shape. The degree of the S disfigurement determines its seriousness.

The same list of suspect causes of kyphosis heads the scoliosis list. In fact, kyphosis and scoliosis can coexist.

Treatment generally depends on age and degree of deformity. In severe cases, where the spine is compressing internal organs such as the lungs or heart, surgical repair becomes an option.

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'Night Before Christmas' focus of jolly holiday exhibit in Fort Worth

By JEFF GUINN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
FORT WORTH, Texas - On Christmas Eve in 1822, a New York historian named Clement Moore read his family a poem he'd written in honor of the holiday.

Soon, that poem was universally known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas," helping establish good ol' St. Nick as permanent American lore.

In the early 1970s, Carol Ann Gemignani and her daughter Susan began collecting various editions of Moore's masterpiece. Thanks to Susan Gemignani, a Fort Worth public library staff member, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" arrives in Fort Worth this year. The 541-item Gemignani collection will be on display at Thistle Hill in Fort Worth through Sunday, Dec. 22.

"My mother and I were going to flea markets in Indiana, where we lived then, buying rare children's books and then selling them through the mail," Ms. Gemignani recalls, "Christmas was special to me and to her - she started keeping editions of

"Twas the Night Before Christmas" and when she died in 1984 I inherited the collection, which had approximately 300 books."

Ms. Gemignani and her collection moved to Fort Worth two years ago; when Thistle Hill executive director Deborah Phelan and curator Ruth Karback met Ms. Gemignani and heard about the books, they immediately planned a Christmas showcase for them at the famed cattle baron's mansion on Pennsylvania Avenue.

"As you can see," Ms. Phelan says, "Susan's collection is anything but dull shelves of old books."

Thistle Hill decorators have chosen to display the books and other "Twas the Night"-related items by decade, with the earliest volume dating back to 1883. Both covers and inside illustrations face out of the glass-enclosed cabinets.

Moore's poem appears in several languages and, to Ms. Karback, it's fascinating to see Santa's appearance make the gradual transition from portly elf to the bulky, full-sized figure beloved today.

Ms. Gemignani, who continues to hunt for Moore editions to add to her collection, admits she has a few special favorites.

"There's one illustrated by W.W. Denslow, who was the original illustrator for 'The Wizard of Oz,'" Ms. Gemignani says. "You can see that in Santa's pack of toys, Denslow put in a Tin Man doll. That edition came out in 1902. There's also one from 1912 illustrated by Jessie Wilcox Smith. I'd looked for it forever and then just found it at an antique show in Indianapolis. I thought, 'Oh, God, and grabbed it.'"

Ms. Gemignani is reluctant to tell specific prices she has paid for the rarest Moore editions, but several book dealers said the Denslow book alone could fetch several hundred dollars.

"But the Smith book was only \$40," Ms. Gemignani said with a laugh. "I almost said to them, 'Do you know what you've got here?'"

Ms. Gemignani doesn't foresee a time when she'll stop hunting down Moore editions.

"You always hear about new ones, and then there are new things that are done with the book," she says. "Like in the '70s, when the first editions were printed in Braille."

Hours of the Gemignani exhibit are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The exhibit is closed on Saturdays. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and children ages 7-12.

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By LYNN ELBER
AP Entertainment Writer
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "The English Patient" collected a leading seven nominations today for Golden Globe Awards, regarded as a precursor to Oscar contenders.

Three other films collected five nominations apiece: "The People vs. Larry Flynt," "Shine" and "Evita."

Among the acting nominees were singer Courtney Love, Madonna and Barbra Streisand, as well as Mel Gibson, Tom Cruise, Eddie Murphy and Antonio Banderas.

The predawn announcement at a Beverly Hilton Hotel was designed to accommodate East Coast-based morning shows.

NBC-TV will broadcast the awards show on Jan. 19.

Dramatic picture nominees were "Breaking the Waves," "The English Patient," "The People vs. Larry Flynt," "Secrets & Lies" and "Shine."

Nominated for best musical or comedy motion picture were "The Birdcage," "Everyone Says I Love You," "Evita," "Fargo" and "Jerry Maguire."

An honorary award will be given to Dustin Hoffman.

There are about 90 members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. Unlike the Academy Awards, the Golden Globes, now in their 54th year, divide films into categories of drama and musical or comedy. The group also gives out TV awards.

The Golden Globes are less prestigious than the Oscars, but they can influence Academy Award voting. Nominees for the Oscars are to be announced Feb. 11. Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences members have already been mailed nomination ballots.

Dramatic actress nominees were Brenda Blethyn for "Secrets & Lies," Ms. Love for "The People vs. Larry Flynt," Meryl Streep for "Marvin's Room," Kristin Scott Thomas for "The English Patient" and Emily Watson for "Breaking the Waves."

Actors in that category were Ralph

Fiennes for "The English Patient," Gibson for "Ransom," Woody Harrelson for "The People vs. Larry Flynt," Liam Neeson for "Michael Collins" and Geoffrey Rush for "Shine."

Actresses receiving bids for their leading roles in a musical or comedy were Glenn Close for "101 Dalmatians," Madonna for "Evita," Frances McDormand for "Fargo," Debbie Reynolds for "Mother" and Ms. Streisand for "The Mirror Has Two Faces."

Actors in the musical or comedy film category were Banderas for "Evita," Kevin Costner for "Tin Cup," Cruise for "Jerry Maguire," Nathan Lane for "The Birdcage" and Murphy for "The Nutty Professor."

Nominees for movie supporting actresses were Joan Allen for "The Crucible," Lauren Bacall for "The Mirror Has Two Faces," Juliette Binoche for "The English Patient," Barbara Hershey for "The Portrait of

a Lady," Marianne Jean-Baptiste for "Secrets & Lies" and Marion Ross for "The Evening Star."

Actors nominated for film supporting roles were Cuba Gooding Jr. for "Jerry Maguire," Samuel L. Jackson for "A Time to Kill," Edward Norton for "Primal Fear," Paul Scofield for "The Crucible" and James Woods for "Ghosts of Mississippi."

The supporting acting nominations include both dramatic and musical or comedy categories.

Film directing nominees were Joel Coen for "Fargo," Milos Forman for "The People vs. Larry Flynt," Scott Hicks for "Shine," Anthony Minghella for "The English Patient" and Alan Parker for "Evita."

Foreign language film nominations went to "The Eighth Day" ("Le Huitieme Jour"), Belgium; "Kolya," Czech Republic; "Luna E L'altra," Italy; "Prisoner of the Mountains," Russia; and "Ridicule," France.

The Golden Globes saw a rival enter the picture this year. A former president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association founded a new group, the International Press Academy, which issued its nominations on Monday.

The new group will present its Golden Satellite Awards Jan. 15, four days before the Golden Globes ceremony.

Golden Globe nominations in television categories were also announced today, with cable's Home Box Office receiving a leading 18 bids, followed by NBC with 17.

TV drama series nominees were "Chicago Hope," "ER," "NYPD Blue," "Party of Five" and "The X-Files."

In the musical or comedy category were "3rd Rock From the Sun," "Frasier," "Friends," "The Larry Sanders Show," "Mad About You" and "Seinfeld."

This Week in Entertainment

Entertainment highlights during the week of Dec. 22-28:

50 years ago: The movie "Humoresque" premiered at the Hollywood Theater in New York, starring Joan Crawford and John Garfield. Garfield as a boy was played by a young Robert Blake, who had appeared in "Our Gang" comedies and went on to play in TV's "Baretta."

45 years ago: Gian Carlo Menotti's "Amahl and the Night Visitors," the first opera written specifically for television, was first broadcast by NBC-TV.

40 years ago: Alfred Hitchcock's "The Wrong Man," starring Henry Fonda, premiered at the Paramount in New York.

And the state of California granted landmark status to the barn used by Cecil B. DeMille in making "The Squaw Man." This was the first time a film-related landmark had been so designated.

30 years ago: A landmark movie deal for television materialized when ABC secured TV broadcast rights to "The Man with the Golden Arm" by promising to show it uncut, and giving producer Otto Preminger the right to choose where the film would be interrupted for commercials.

10 years ago: The last episode of "Search for Tomorrow" aired the day after Christmas. The show made its debut Sept. 3, 1951, making it the longest-running daytime drama in television. "Search for Tomorrow" was a top-rated soap opera for its first 25 years on CBS. But its ratings eventually declined, and CBS canceled it in 1982. NBC picked it

up, but the ratings continued to sink.

Five years ago: "Prince of Tides" opened, with Barbra Streisand as both director and leading lady, and Nick Nolte as co-star. Also opening: "Fried Green Tomatoes," starring Kathy Bates and Jessica Tandy.

One year ago: Bruce Springsteen announced plans to resume his first solo acoustic tour with January dates in Canada and the United States before a two-month swing through Europe. The rocker said he would again play small theaters by himself, as he did in the December shows that followed the release of his new album, "The Ghost of Tom Joad."

Spoken 10 years ago: "I was a little nervous about going into 'Star Trek.' I was pretty serious about the work I was doing, trying to maintain a dignified career. To put on pointed ears was a pretty dangerous thing to do." — Leonard Nimoy, "Star Trek's" Mr. Spock.

Spoken five years ago: "There would be differences, and whenever we had one of those differences or an argument, Barbra usually won." — "Prince of Tides" author Pat Conroy, whose script for the film was rewritten by several people, including director and leading lady Barbra Streisand.


Spoken one year ago: "If one more person gives me a box of chocolates, I'm going to choke." — Tom Hanks, sick and tired of getting lumped with Gump, the character he played in the popular movie, "Forrest Gump."

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Aircraft industry involved in transformation of society

By JOHN CUNNIFF
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NEW YORK (AP) - It was 96 years ago this week that Wilbur and Orville Wright lifted their fragile aircraft near Kitty Hawk, N.C., and flew it 852 feet in 59 seconds.
Aircraft today can fly anywhere faster than the speed of sound - more than 1,000 feet per second - and carry not one or two people astraddle the struts, but hundreds of passengers in cushioned luxury.

The industry can produce craft able to reach Mars and beyond at speeds that defy the comprehension of most mortals, and almost inevitably it will carry paying

passengers into space.
The dimensions of such changes are almost matched by those that have transformed society, business and economics. The aircraft industry has been at the forefront or center or somehow involved in many of them.
Boeing Co.'s planned \$13.3 billion takeover of McDonnell Douglas Corp. offers an example of one, our changing attitudes toward antitrust. Boeing, some might recall, was broken up in 1934 to satisfy those concerns.

Boeing first offered shares to the public in 1928, when it established United Aircraft and Transport Corp. as its parent. Six years later it was split into Boeing Airplane Co., United

Air Lines, and United Aircraft Corp. A wise move, says hindsight, because all three companies thereafter grew into huge, highly competitive companies in their own right, with United Aircraft Corp. becoming today's United Technologies.

How antitrust attitudes have changed! The Boeing-McDonnell merger is now praised on Wall Street as likely to produce cost-cutting effectiveness, although it leaves only Boeing and Lockheed Martin to make military aircraft.

Even so, defense officials have indicated they do not oppose the merger. Stating that consolidation was inevitable, a Pentagon spokesman said that "if it's going to lead to

savings for the taxpayers, we support it."

A mutual dependency has long existed between government and aircraft makers, beginning in the early days when the industry needed mail contracts to survive, and in wartime, when military needed a strong industry.

During the cold war, the government-industry team competed with the Soviet Union in developing space vehicles, and the joint effort enabled the United States to overcome the shock of Yuri Gagarin's first-ever orbital flight.

Without a strong private-sector industry turning out hardware, the Cold War might have been a longer

contest. But, as the U.S. space effort caught and surpassed the Russians the two countries developed joint projects.

Cost was a factor. While the aircraft industry might have emerged from bicycle shops and spare parts, modern aircraft are so costly that companies must be huge. One lost contract can threaten thousands of jobs.

This very thing happened to McDonnell Douglas a month ago, when Boeing and Lockheed Martin were selected as finalists in the Pentagon's \$100 billion Joint Strike Fighter program. McDonnell Douglas had been the front-runner.

A few days later, Americans Airlines ordered \$6.6 billion of Boeing planes and designated the company as its sole future supplier. The decision hurt not only McDonnell Douglas, but the European consortium of Airbus Industrie.

It is conceivable that Airbus now might seek U.S. Justice Department action against the merger, claiming an unfair restraint of trade. But relatively recent economic developments can overwhelm antitrust

considerations.
Chief of these is the global economy, which commercial aircraft have helped create. Electronics and swift transportation mean greater intercommunication and trade among nations and continents.

Bigness, it is now argued, is necessary to compete internationally. Bigness, as in General Motors, for example, or more pertinent, as in Boeing, which does more than any other one company to redress America's distressing trade imbalance. It is the nation's biggest exporter.

There may, therefore, be a tendency to accept bigness today than was the case in the 1930s, when it was seen as a menace to free trade. Internationally, bigness is now thought to be competitively necessary.

All nations understand this, including the German, French, British and Spanish companies that make up the Airbus consortium, and which joined forces because individually they could not compete in a global economy.

In less than a century the aircraft industry has changed in ways its founders could hardly have imagined. So has the world.

Simpson photo could be fake, expert says

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Taking aim at the most incriminating new evidence against O.J. Simpson, a photo expert testified that a picture of Simpson wearing a type of shoes linked to the killings is probably a sophisticated fake.

In a bid to convince jurors that seeing is not believing, the defense called Robert Groden, a Dallas photo technician who analyzed the picture of Simpson striding across a football field wearing Bruno Magli shoes.

"My conclusion is there is a high likelihood of forgery," Groden said Wednesday.

Jurors appeared riveted as he showed how one frame of film was longer than all the others on the roll and how he detected signs of retouching. He said alignment and color balance problems also pointed to fraud.

In addition, other photos taken that day showed it had rained during the football game. Groden noted that the photo of Simpson showed dry shoes.

One juror stood up to get a better view of the photo projected on a large courtroom TV screen. Panelists also handed around a print, holding it up to the light to see details.

Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki sent panelists home for a one-day break with a stern warning not to try photographic experiments on their own.

"The kind of testimony we received today sometimes lends itself to curiosity," the judge said. "Do not conduct your own research. Don't go comparing photos."

Court recessed before Groden could be cross-examined, but plaintiffs suggested they will not hold back in attacking his credibility.

The photo surfaced six months after Simpson was acquitted and long after prosecutors claimed that whoever killed Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman on June 12, 1994, left Bruno Magli shoe prints in blood on a walkway by the

body.
From the minute the photo was published, Simpson called it a fake and denied he ever owned a pair of the Italian shoes.

The 1993 picture, taken by free-lance photographer Harry Scull, shows Simpson walking across the field while working as a commentator at a Buffalo Bills football game.

Scull sold the photo to the National Enquirer tabloid, which published it April 23.

The plaintiffs quickly made it the centerpiece of their case, trying to put Simpson's feet in the bloody footprints just as prosecutors in Simpson's criminal case tried ineffectively to put his hands in a pair of bloody gloves.

Groden, who has spent years analyzing photos of the John F. Kennedy assassination and wrote a book on the subject, said he has worked as a photo technician manipulating images in movies and still pictures to produce special effects.

He said he flew to Buffalo, N.Y., at the request of the defense and looked at Scull's negatives.

"I viewed what was purported to be cut negatives of three separate rolls of film and contact sheets," he said.

"This is one of the most curious things I found," Groden said, pointing to the negative size compared with others on the roll of pictures. "Frame 1 is longer. ... It's very slight but it's there."

Groden also said the single shot of Simpson is in the most obvious place for a forgery - the No. 1 spot on a long roll of film where it is not bordered by two other photos.

"The easiest way to deal with a fake photograph is to make it the first or last picture on a roll," he said.

The witness gave jurors a quick course in how photographs can be digitally altered, how fakes can be detected through color distortion, grain differences in film, size of negatives and measuring lines along the edges of a frame.

Kennedy sister drew government concern

BOSTON (AP) - Ambassador to Ireland Jean Kennedy Smith spent more than \$100,000 in public funds, sometimes to the consternation of State Department officials, redecorating the embassy residence, according to a published report.

The Boston Herald said today the money was spent from mid-1993 to October 1995 for redecoration and upkeep of the ambassador's 68-acre complex in Dublin.

The newspaper said it obtained memos and e-mail messages about the spending, including some showing the State Department refused to pay for certain redecoration plans and suggested Smith pay for them herself.

"These notes are meant to be a

heads up in case Amb. instructs the decorator to proceed. If so it's another unauthorized commitment if Amb. is expecting (U.S. government) to pay," Kitty Ryan, then general services officer at the embassy, said in a Sept. 7, 1995 e-mail message.

The Herald does not say to whom the memo was sent.

Lawrence E. Butler, deputy chief of the mission in Dublin, said all official expenses at the residence have been authorized and funded by the State Department.

"I see nothing out of the ordinary," he told the Herald.

Ambassador Smith, the sister of U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., was appointed ambassador to Ireland by Clinton in March 1993.

Clinton selects Federal Reserve board member

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Trying to wrap up work on his domestic policy team, President Clinton has selected Federal Reserve board member Janet Yellen as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, The Associated Press has learned.

Yellen, a former economics professor at the University of California at Berkeley, will head a three-member panel that advises Clinton on economic issues. She will replace Joseph Stiglitz, who is leaving to become chief economist at the World Bank.

Two administration officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Yellen was offered the job and accepted. The president planned to announce Yellen's appointment Friday, when he hopes to fill out his Cabinet by nominating new secretaries for the departments of transportation, labor, energy and housing.

On the Cabinet:
-Rodney Slater, an Arkansan with lengthy experience on highway issues, is almost certainly Clinton's choice to replace Transportation Secretary Federico Pena, barring a last-minute hitch. Slater had not been offered the job, but was at the White House today to complete work on his final background check, aides said.

Clinton was expected to ask Slater later today to take the job, several aides said.

-Federal Energy Regulatory Commission member Elizabeth Moler emerged as the front-runner today to replace Hazel O'Leary as energy secretary, aides said. Chang-Lin Tien, chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley, is still in the running, but questions were raised about whether he is experienced enough.

-Andrew Cuomo, an assistant secretary at HUD and son of former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, was the front-runner to replace Housing

Secretary Henry Cisneros, but he was not the only candidate.

-Labor was still a tossup. White House aide Alexis Herman and Rep. Esteban Torres, D-Calif., were vying to replace Labor Secretary Robert Reich. Former Missouri Rep. Alan Wheat is mentioned for both the housing and labor positions.

Clinton was meeting throughout the day with chief of staff Leon Panetta, incoming chief of staff Erskine Bowles and Vice President Al Gore to nail down his decisions in time for a Friday announcement.

The president told reporters he wouldn't set a deadline. "I want to do it as quickly as I can, but I don't want to tie my hands," he said.

Yellen, 50, was named to the Federal Reserve Board in 1994, becoming Clinton's second appointee to the powerful central bank policy panel.

Yellen, who has taught at Harvard and the London School of Economics and Political Science, has broad interests ranging from the behavior of youth gangs to the dynamics of labor markets. She once described herself to reporters as a "non-ideological pragmatist."

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., she is married to George Akerlot and has one child. She graduated from Brown University in economics and earned a doctorate in economics from Yale University.

News of Yellen's new role broke a day after Clinton fashioned a new team of senior advisers at the White House.

Bowles is replacing the current deputy chiefs of staff - Harold Ickes and Evelyn Lieberman - with veteran political troubleshooter John Podesta and Treasury official Sylvia Mathews, 31.

Bowles, an investment banker from North Carolina, made a total of seven appointments. Their average age is barely 40 and they reflect the politically moderate Bowles.

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