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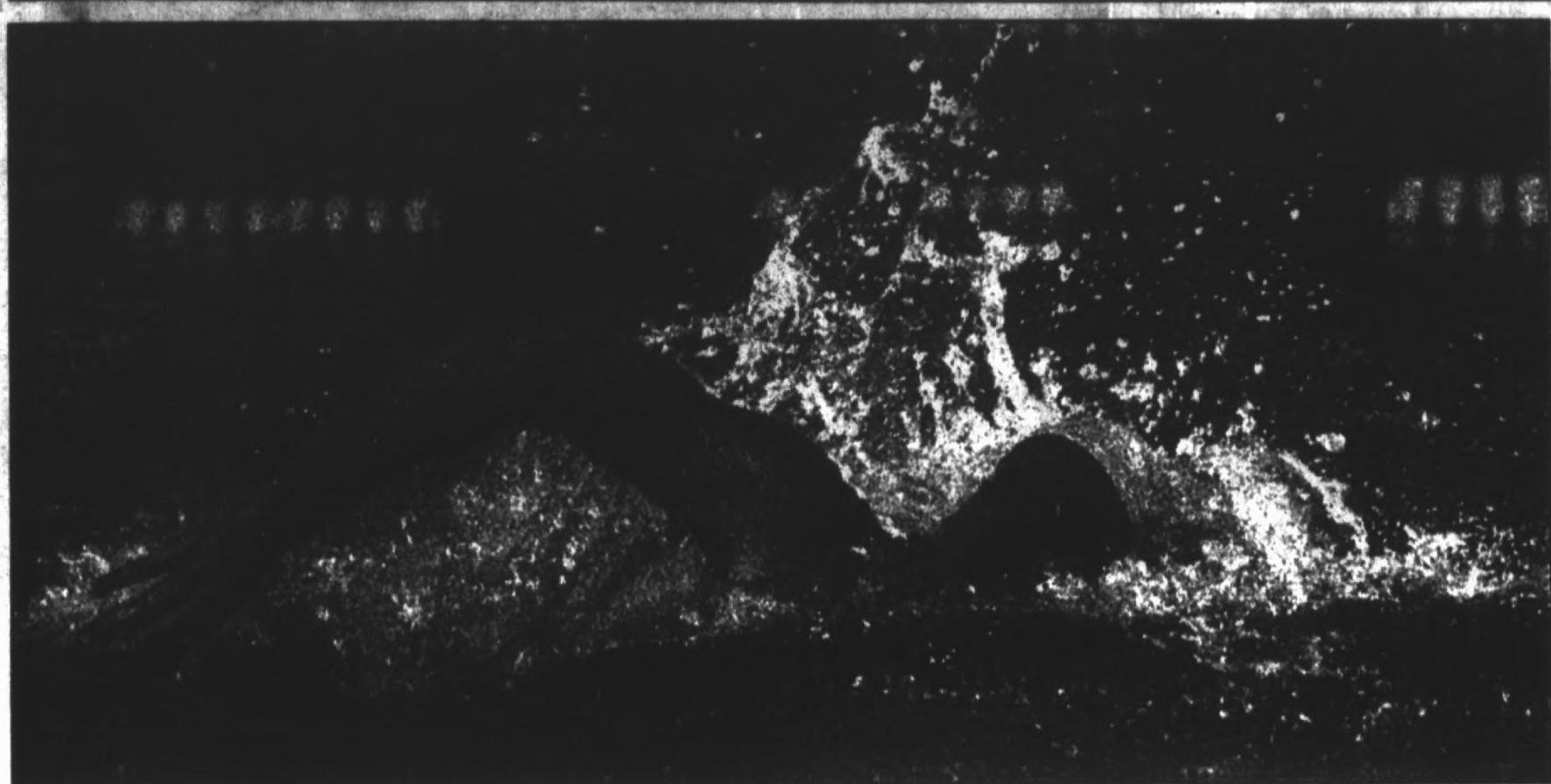
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Congress passes on giving up own pay



Olympic hopeful works out in Hereford

Josh Davis, a member of the U.S. national swimming team, took advantage of the Hereford Aquatic Center for a workout Thursday evening. Davis and wife Shantel Cornelius Davis live in Austin, but they were in Hereford this week visiting

her parents, Darlene and Donnie, for the Holidays. Josh Davis recorded the world's best time of 1995 in the 200-meter freestyle. He will try out for the U.S. Olympic Team in March, going for a chance to swim in the 1996 Olympics, to be held in Atlanta.

Human error seen as major factor in crash that claimed lives of 160

By CHRIS TORCHIA
Associated Press Writer

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - Flight data suggest that human error was a major factor in the crash of an American Airlines jet that killed 160 people on a Colombian mountainside.

The data from the plane's "black box" recorders, released Thursday, give no indication that the crew members went through a routine checklist as they began their descent toward the Cali airport on Dec. 20.

In addition, Colombian television reported Thursday night that the pilot passed the town of Tuluá - which has a radar beacon - without realizing it, then tried to correct his route by bearing to the left for about 90 seconds.

When he realized his error, he turned back to the right, said the reports, which cited unidentified aviation authorities.

Suddenly, alarms blared in the cockpit to warn that the plane was too close to the forested mountain, shrouded by night. It was too late.

The pilots pulled the Boeing 757's nose upward and increased engine power, but they apparently never deactivated the speed brakes, which were set for landing, hampering the plane's ability to gain altitude. The "black box" recording ended just nine seconds after the alarms went off.

The plane crashed into the mountain 40 miles from Cali, scattering bits of metal and torn flesh across the lush forest. It was 13 miles off course.

Only four people and a dog survived.

Colombian authorities said the data released Thursday show no

evidence of terrorism or mechanical failure. American Airlines, which said it was "disappointed by the information," acknowledged the information suggested human error played a role.

"We've always taken great pride in the vigor of our training and the excellence of our flight disciplines, and we are saddened that human error on the part of our people may have contributed to the accident," the statement said.

"The accident reminds us that aviation, while not inherently dangerous, is terribly unforgiving of any inattention to detail."

The report by Colombian authorities says that before the plane began its descent, the crew members' minds may have been elsewhere.

An extensive discussion on subjects not relevant to the flight is held before the descent," the report said. "The subject of the discussion refers to the schedules of the flight attendants."

The transcript of the discussion among crew members in the cockpit during the flight's final seconds was not released. Colombian authorities did not say why.

The findings could strengthen the claims of victims' families who plan to sue American Airlines.

"If you hit a known mountain, that is pretty severe negligence," said Aaron Podhurst, a Miami lawyer representing some of the relatives. Podhurst said in a telephone interview from Miami that he plans to file lawsuits in federal court there next week.

Alejandro Vargas, head of the consumer rights group Association

of Air Passengers of Colombia, estimated that American Airlines could end up paying about \$750,000 to the families of each victim for emotional distress, in addition to damages based on the income of each victim.

In Washington, the Federal Aviation Administration, together with the Allied Pilots Association, said it will review American Airlines' operating procedures and training programs to see what changes can be made to "build an even greater margin of safety into the system."

The FAA is assisting the Colombian government's investigation into the crash.

In Miami, hundreds of people gathered at St. Mary's Cathedral Thursday to mourn three members of a prominent political family who

perished in the crash.

Maurice Ferre, one-time mayor of Miami and a current county commissioner, lost his 33-year-old son, Francisco, his 32-year-old daughter-in-law, Mariana, and 3-month-old grandson, Felipe.

Across the United States and in Colombia, lawyers jostled to handle claims against American Airlines by families who lost loved ones. Many U.S. lawyers headed to Colombia to offer their services to victims' relatives.

"You'll have thousands of lawyers who will just roam the area down there," said Paul Finizio, a lawyer based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., whose office has handled lawsuits in other Colombian air accidents.

One of his partners became one of them Thursday, heading to Colombia.

Seepage reported in area around Pantex

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Toxic seepage from the Pantex Weapons Plant near Amarillo has contaminated a bordering wheat farm and the groundwater below it, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

Pollution levels of substances found in water near the plant were 10 times higher than safe drinking standards, state and federal officials confirmed.

At another farm located upstream from the nuclear weapons production facility, officials discovered traces of chemical explosives in a deep domestic well that's connected to the massive Ogallala Aquifer.

However, officials said that five tests since have uncovered no pollutants.

The pollution is the first report of contamination beyond the weapons plant's borders since it began as a World War II bomb factory. The 16,000-acre complex evolved into a site where nuclear weapons were assembled. Now, they're dismantled.

Efforts under way to clean up the water will be successful, Pantex officials said. But a longtime local farmer isn't so sure.

"It's coming my way and they are acknowledging it's getting deeper," said Lee Cockrell, 62, whose family has tilled soil east of the plant site since the 1890s. "If you was looking out the window of your house and two blocks down there was contaminated water coming, wouldn't you be concerned? It's getting close."

The materials involved are non-nuclear. They are Royal Demolition Explosives, or RDX, and High Melting Explosives, a more potent compound known as HMX.

RDX is a possible carcinogen used as a rat poison. It can damage the central nervous system and has caused cancer in laboratory animals, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Both substances are present on Cockrell's farm, said the Energy Department, which operates Pantex.

Engineers will stop the seepage by drawing the contaminated water from the ground, filtering it with charcoal and releasing it into a shallow lake adjacent to the plant.

"When the water comes out the other end, it is better than drinking water quality," Pantex spokesman Tom Walton said.

Pantex made the EPA's Superfund list in 1994 as a facility that warrants a clean-up because of toxic contamination.

A well near the Cockrell farm on Pantex property shows much higher contamination levels.

The contamination's roots were during the 1940s when water carrying the toxic material became sludge, which was stored in a dry lake bed. It's that sludge that has seeped onto nearby land.

"When this problem was created we were trying to whip the Germans and the Japanese," Cockrell said. "I guess they were just cutting corners any way they could. There wasn't any DOE or EPA."

House members keep checks while workers start getting partial pay

By LARRY MARGASAK

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - House Republicans have offered an abundance of proposals in their drive for a balanced budget agreement, but giving up their paychecks apparently isn't one of them.

While the partial government closure will leave some 760,000 federal workers with pruned paychecks starting today, House GOP leaders repeatedly have rebuffed attempts to halve congressional pay during a shutdown.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, the third-ranking House Republican, offered these reasons for the opposition in a recent CNN appearance: Balancing the budget "has nothing to do with our pay"; Democrats were "demagoguing" the issue by trying to change the subject from a balanced budget; and, as a member of Congress, he was a "constitutional officer," not a federal employee.

Rank and file House lawmakers - Republican and Democrat alike - are paid \$133,600; Speaker Newt Gingrich gets \$171,500; Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, gets \$148,400, as does Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

While some federal employees make more than \$100,000 a year, the norm is the same as "most working Americans, the majority of whom live paycheck to paycheck," said John Koskinen, deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala recently wrote to her employees that furloughed workers may apply for unemployment, but would have to give back all benefits if they are paid

later. "You may wish to contact your creditors ... to apprise them of the current situation," she said.

Three times, the Senate unanimously approved language that would decree - during a full or partial shutdown - that no paychecks go out to the 435 House members, the 100 senators or the president.

Five times, Rep. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said he tried to get the House to consider the proposal and was rebuffed by Republicans - especially in the leadership-controlled Rules Committee.

"I think the Republican leadership is very two-faced," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., the chief Senate sponsor of the legislation. "They want federal employees and contractors (serving the government) to sacrifice themselves on the alter of their balanced budget plan, but are not willing to sacrifice themselves on that alter."

"It's cowardice on their part for them to put the paychecks of a lot of innocent people on the line and refuse to put their own paychecks on the line," Durbin said.

In addition to Durbin's rejection in the Rules Committee - the gatekeeper that decides which bills and amendments get to the floor - the Boxer proposal was cut by a House-Senate conference from legislation to abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission.

When DeLay, of Texas, was asked on CNN's "Talk Back Live" on Dec. 19 whether he would support congressional pay cuts during a shutdown, he told the audience participation show: "No, I would not. I am not a federal employee. I am a constitutional officer. My job is in the Constitution of the United States."

DPS predicts as many as 40 will die over weekend

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Department of Public Safety predicted as many as 40 people could die in Texas traffic accidents over the long New Year's weekend.

The reporting period is 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Monday, New Year's Day. Last year, 33 lives were lost in Texas traffic accidents over New Year's weekend.

The Christmas weekend traffic death toll increased by one

Wednesday, to 20, DPS spokeswoman Sherri Dethridge Green.

Natalie Parker, 7, of Garland, died Wednesday from injuries suffered in a Christmas Day accident, said Ms. Dethridge Green.

DPS had estimated as many as 35 people might die in Texas traffic accidents over the 78-hour reporting period last weekend.

One year ago, 32 people lost their lives in Texas traffic accidents over the Christmas holiday.

CSF ends season with donations of \$18,435

The Christmas Stocking Fund, a charity to help the less fortunate of the community during the Christmas holidays, ended another successful campaign this week.

Contributions to the fund totalled \$18,435, enabling the anonymous CSF committee to assist many families and individuals during the Christmas season.

Assistance was provided in the form of food baskets, as well as vouchers for clothing and help in paying utility and medical bills.

A spokesman for CSF said the committee had sufficient funds to assist all of the most needy cases reported to the group this year.

The committee, which is represented by a broad cross-section of volunteers, screens all applications. Naturally, not all requests are honored.

The cash donation total of \$18,435 was just a few dollars more than last year's sum of \$18,414. The record was reached in 1993 when a total of \$21,457 was recorded.

The final contributions this year:

Balance forward:	\$18,360.00
Anonymous	25.00
Richard, Brenda, Keith,	
Kari & Blaire Barrett	50.00
M/M Wilber Gibson	100.00
Total 12-28-95:	\$18,435.00



Coming in Sunday's Brand

From January through December, 1995 has provided quite a bit of excitement around Hereford and Deaf Smith County.

Starting with the swearing in of new officials through the end of the Christmas Stocking Fund, the year was chock full of activity.

There were court cases, governmental actions, conventions, awards, honors, contests, crimes and much, much more as residents moved from month to month and from season to season.

On Sunday, The Hereford Brand will summarize 1995 in its annual month-by-month year in review.

Top newsmakers, interesting events - even the year's top sport stories will be included as we count down toward 1996 and another year in Hereford and Deaf Smith County.

Official trips still on in spite of shutdown

By KEVIN GALVIN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a seasonal rite, many lawmakers are planning official trips abroad during Congress' winter recess, undaunted by the federal budget impasse that has furloughed a quarter-million government workers.

Lawmakers' trips during congressional breaks long have been questioned by critics who charge they sometimes are more vacations than fact-finding missions.

But this year's trips may be more problematic than most: U.S. Embassy staffers, whom the traveling lawmakers count on to handle accommodations and arrange meetings with local officials, are furloughed or working without pay.

Not that they're complaining, exactly. After all, they are diplomats.

"Because we also are preparing for Cabinet officials and the vice president, we are considerably challenged by the opportunities of giving service to so many important Americans who find Israel a significant stop on their itineraries,"

a U.S. Embassy official said in Tel Aviv, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The embassy in Israel was expecting about a dozen lawmakers to pass through the country in January. Many were traveling with their spouses and put in special requests to visit historic sites.

The official said staffing cuts weren't a problem. "Most of the embassy officers are only affected in the furlough insofar as that we are not getting paid," he said.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., left Thursday for Egypt. As chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee his itinerary and meeting schedule are classified. But Charles Robbins, a spokesman for the senator, confirmed that Specter was traveling with his wife.

A U.S. Embassy official who spoke from Cairo on condition of anonymity said Specter and lawmakers accompanying him planned to visit Aswan on the banks of the Nile. Specter also inquired about squash courts and a bilingual volunteer to entertain the lawmakers' spouses, the

official said.

"It's important business. I can't say more than that," said Robbins, who added that Specter would pay all his wife's expenses.

Robbins pointed to a September trip Specter took to India and Pakistan to discuss nuclear issues with national leaders as evidence of the importance of the senator's missions abroad.

Although many of the embassy and 75 percent of the U.S. AID staff in Cairo has been furloughed, at least five other lawmakers are counting on embassy support when they visit, according to an embassy official.

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., arrived with wife and kids in tow on Dec. 23 for a private trip, but he met with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. A security official had to return from furlough to work with Gregg, the embassy official said.

Others expected in Egypt in January included Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., and Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., though her spokesman said he didn't think she'd go if the shutdown wasn't over.

Sen. William Roth, R-Del., chairman of the Finance Committee, was expected in Thailand, where he was invited to participate in a meeting of lawmakers from countries on the Pacific to promote free trade.

But Roth spokeswoman Verna Hensley said if the budget impasse persisted into January, plans could change. "If something has not been worked out, then it's highly unlikely that he's going to go," she said.

In the Ivory Coast, a U.S. Embassy spokesman in Abidjan said a congressional delegation had been expected, but it was unclear whether it would arrive due to the shutdown.

Air Force Maj. Robin Chandler said from the Pentagon that a flight left Thursday for Africa with an unspecified number of lawmakers aboard. No further details were immediately available.

In Rome, the embassy's science officer was prepared to return from furlough on Jan. 8 to attend to Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. Tod Schultz, Sensenbrenner's chief of staff, said the visit was "all related to his duties as chairman of the space subcommittee."

The men were angry at the IRS,



Rain delay

Hereford residents awoke Friday to gray skies and light rain that dampened streets and yards and turned dirt to icy cold mud. Here, new playground equipment being installed at the Aquatic Center Park on East 15th Street stands incomplete, work stalled by the moisture. Workers were expected to return later in the day and complete their task of building the playground, which is located just west of the aquatic center/YMCA parking lot.

Reno IRS bomb made from same material as one in OKC

By TOM GARDNER

Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. (AP) - A bomb that two disgruntled taxpayers are accused of planting outside an IRS building was made from the same fertilizer and fuel mixture used in the Oklahoma City bombing, investigators said.

Joseph Martin Bailie and Ellis Edward Hurst were charged Thursday with planting the powerful bomb, which fizzled last week outside the Reno offices of the Internal Revenue Service. The building was empty at the time.

The men were angry at the IRS,

which had been taking part of Bailie's paycheck, presumably for an unpaid tax bill, according to the complaint filed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Investigators have found no links between the men and earlier bombings in Nevada, where anti-government sentiment has been simmering, or other parts of the country.

The bomb, contained in a 30-gallon plastic drum wired to a dolly, was packed with 100 pounds of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, the complaint said. The Oklahoma City bomb, which weighed 4,800 pounds and was made from the same materials, killed 169 people in April.

Bailie, 40, and Hurst, 52, could each face up to 50 years in prison if convicted of attempted destruction of a government building and use of a destructive device. They were ordered held without bail.

Bailie enlisted Hurst to help him with the plan and borrowed Hurst's pickup to transport the bomb, authorities said.

Hurst was first questioned four days after the bomb was found and denied any involvement. He was taken into custody late Wednesday after admitting his role and identifying Bailie. Both men were arrested in the Gardnerville area where they live, 50 miles south of Reno.

"Hurst related both he and Bailie had had difficulties with the Internal

Revenue Service in the past," the complaint said.

Authorities declined to provide specifics of the men's problems with the IRS, why the agency had attached Bailie's wages or what led investigators to Hurst. Authorities also would not comment on who built the bomb.

Hurst had worked for a trash company at a dump near Gardnerville for 15 years until the dump closed a year ago, a former employee said. Additional details about Bailie were not immediately available.

The bomb was found Dec. 18 in a parking lot by an IRS employee arriving for work about 7:15 a.m. About 60 government workers were evacuated from the building.

The complaint, however, said the men had tried to detonate the bomb the previous day, a Sunday, about 5:30 p.m. when the building was empty. If the bomb had gone off, it still would have seriously damaged the building and cars, and could have killed anyone nearby, agents said.

A safety fuse to the bomb had been lit and detonated a blasting cap, but the main charge did not ignite, Richard Stoltz, a special agent with the ATF, said in the complaint.

"Bailie took the device, wheeled it over and placed it behind an IRS vehicle," Stoltz wrote.

Obituaries

HENRY G. GEORGE JR.

Dec. 26, 1995

Henry G. George Jr., 67, brother of Gene George of Hereford, died Tuesday at Sierra Vista Hospital in Truth or Consequences, N.M.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church of Magdalena with Rev. Mark W. Rasnake and Rev. John C. Snyder Jr. officiating. Burial was in the Magdalena Cemetery under direction of the French Mortuary of Torc, Inc.

Mr. George was born in Flomot on March 26, 1928. He was a longtime resident of Magdalena and Socorro County and was a rancher.

Survivors include his wife Lora of the home; two sons, Steven George of Magdalena, N.M. and Henry G. George III of Truth or Consequences; two daughters, Kathy Fisher and Cynthia Jeffers, both of Santa Fe, N.M.; two brothers, Jim George of Los Lunas, N.M. and Gene George of Hereford; a sister, Louise McCune of Amarillo and nine grandchildren.

Police, Emergency Reports

Emergency services reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Friday contained the following information.

HEREFORD POLICE

Theft of beer was reported in the 700 block of South Main, where charges were filed against a 21-year-old male.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 100 block of East Gracey, where several tools, window screens and ladders were taken.

Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 800 block of East First, where a mobile phone was taken.

Theft of a money order was reported in the 200 block of Main.

A dog bite was reported in the 400 block of Avenue E.

A prowler was reported in the 400

block of Paloma Lane.

A report was filed in the 300 block of Avenue H in reference to driving while license suspended.

A civil matter was reported in the 600 block of Avenue K.

Officers issued 19 citations.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

A 19-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation (unauthorized use of a motor vehicle).

A 24-year-old male was arrested on traffic warrants from Swisher County.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No calls.

EMS

Ambulances ran on two transfers to Amarillo, three medical calls and one trauma run.

Texas Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - Guillermo Ramirez of Aleo bought his children's best Christmas present the day after Christmas in the form of a winning instant lottery ticket.

Ramirez, who said he buys one or two instant tickets a week, claimed the 13th "Weekly Grand" prize Thursday. He will receive \$1,000 a week for the next 20 years.

Lottery officials said two tickets with similar payouts remain unclaimed.

"I still have time to buy some

more tickets, but this time it won't be with my money," Ramirez said.

Ramirez said he will save most of the prize money for his three children's education and will use some of it to pay bills.

Ramirez bought his ticket in Weatherford.

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

4-3-5 (four, three, five)

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Hereford woman writes to express gratitude for kindness by stranger

DEAR ANN LANDERS: You have printed several letters from readers who wanted to express gratitude for a kindness done years ago that was never acknowledged. Here's mine. It is 25 years overdue.

In October of 1970, I took a train from Belen, N.M., to Los Angeles, a 900-mile trip with a connection in Barstow, Calif. I was a college student with 17 cents in my pocket. I hadn't eaten a decent meal in several days and was so tired my eyes would barely stay open.

The train's conductor, an African American, started a conversation. This was the era of Civil Rights, Kent State and the Vietnam War. He was highly intelligent and well-informed. When it began to get dark, he stopped by to remind me that the dining car was closing "in case you want to eat." I said I wasn't hungry, which was not true.

A half hour later, he came by and insisted that I accept two large pieces of chicken from his own lunch bag. It was the most delicious meal I'd ever had. After that feast, I dozed off. Thank heavens he woke me up in time to get off and catch the train at Barstow. If he hadn't awakened me, I never would have made it.

That man's generosity made me aware of what an act of kindness from a total stranger can do for a person. I want to say, "Thank you." — Still Grateful in Diamond Bar, Calif.

DEAR DIAMOND BAR: The best way to show appreciation for an act of kindness is to pass it on. Keep reading for more.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: The letters in your column about acts of kindness to strangers have inspired me to write and share my experience.

While I was on vacation with my parents in New Mexico, my father developed a serious heart problem. He had to be rushed to a hospital in the nearest city, which was Albuquerque. My mother and I were terrified. To add to our problems, we had no place to stay since all the hotels were booked for the State Fair.

When Dad asked Mom where we were staying, she didn't want to upset him, so she said, "We haven't settled on a place, but don't worry, we'll find something soon."

The wife of the patient in the next bed overheard her. She invited Mom to come out in the hall and said, "I know what the hotel situation is like in this town. You and your daughter can stay in our spare bedroom as long as you like — no charge."

We were overwhelmed by her generosity and accepted the invitation at once. There is no way we can repay that dear woman for her extraordinary kindness. She will always be in our prayers. — Nancy in Hereford, Texas

DEAR NANCY: Beautiful. I hope she sees your letter and recognizes herself. If I hear from her, I'll let you know.

His will was strong. But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong.

"A Collection of My Favorite Gems of the Day" is the perfect little gift for that special someone who is impossible to buy for. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Collection, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

Jacket to be raffled

Betty Taylor, member of Hereford Pilot Club, shows off the back design on a handmade denim and jersey jacket that is being raffled by the Pilot Club. Tickets are \$1 and are available from any Pilot Club member. The drawing will be held during the "42" Game Night on Jan. 18. Sharon Caro made the jacket.

Post-holiday safety

(NAPS)—With the holiday season behind us, it's time to take down seasonal decorations and put them away for another year.

But, the National Electrical Safety Foundation (NESF), in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), warns that before you unplug those holiday light cords with a careless yank and stuff them back into the box, or place those animated reindeer back into storage, remember the safety precautions you take now, can prevent hazards from occurring next year, and all year 'round.

In addition, chances are that some of those holiday gifts you and your family received are electrical toys or appliances. The NESF reports that approximately 200 electrocutions are associated with consumer products each year. Another 800 people die in residential electrical fires, according to the CPSC. The NESF stresses the importance of safety precautions around the home all year long, to prevent these statistics from increasing.

Following is a checklist of post-holiday precautions to take for a safer new year:

- When using electrical toys or appliances for the first time, carefully read and follow all instructions in the manufacturer's use and care booklet. Make sure electrical toys and appliances have been tested and certified by an independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL).

- Use the gripping area provided on the plugs to unplug electric decorations. Don't pull plugs from electrical outlets by the cord. Yanking or tugging on the cord can damage the cord's wire and insulation and could lead to an electric shock or fire.

- When putting away electrical light strings, take time to inspect for flaws. Check each light set for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or

bare wires and loose connections.

- Replace worn or broken light sets. Do not place a faulty set of lights back into the storage box for next year's use. Buying new lights that bear the certification mark of an independent testing laboratory is an investment well worth the price.

- Store electrical decorations away from children and pets to ensure that cords are not disturbed.

- Never store electrical decorations near water or in a place where they could possibly be immersed in water. This could cause electric shock upon reuse.

- Separate outdoor decorations from indoor decorations, and label them accordingly. Using indoor decorations outdoors can be hazardous because they may not be sufficiently weather resistant.

- Throw away gift wrapping immediately. Don't burn them in the fireplace, as these materials could easily ignite and cause a flash fire.

- Never burn evergreens, including wreaths, in the fireplace. The flames can flare out of control and send sparks flying about the room. Include these materials in recycling programs, if no program is available, discard these materials with household trash.

- When discarding evergreen trees for the season, keep an eye out for sources of heat (fireplaces, radiators, and space heaters). Dry evergreens can easily ignite and burn out of control.

- If you don't own a fire extinguisher or smoke detector, or if you didn't receive either of these items as a gift this holiday, consider taking advantage of post-holiday sales and equipping your home with up-to-date, certified smoke detectors and an ABC-type fire extinguisher. Don't forget to install, test and maintain these devices in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 32 years old and in good health. In fact, I just had a complete physical. I also had my thyroid checked. Nothing wrong. Why then is my hair thinning? My doctor didn't know. She told me to see a dermatologist. Isn't thyroid trouble the No. 1 problem with hair so thin? I can't grow it past my shoulders. My friend had thyroid problems, and her doctor gave her a radiation pill. — Mrs. K.J.K.

ANSWER: An overactive or underactive thyroid gland can affect hair. But in truth only a few hairless patients can trace the loss to that gland. Your thyroid checked out OK, so you should look elsewhere for the cause.

Your friend had an overactive thyroid gland. It was producing too much of its hormone. The radioactive medicine helped curb gland overproduction. You can't use the medicine she used. You don't have her problem.

In fact, there are simpler answers to why your hair is thin or why you cannot grow it as long as you'd like.

Male-pattern balding is programmed by genes, and it happens to women as well as men. Crash diets, some medicines, high fevers and emotional stress can lie in the background. But by and large, heredity is the most common factor.

A dermatologist would be able to tell you if your hair is following a hereditary pattern.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Would you please explain exactly what fibromyalgia is, its cause, disability? I just got a letter from my rheumatologist, whom I haven't seen for some time, saying he is starting exercise classes. Thanks. — Mrs. S.S.

ANSWER: Fibromyalgia is pain deep within muscles, especially muscles of the neck, shoulders and hips. Fatigue becomes a major symptom and contributor by virtue of the

fact that the patient cannot get night of refreshing sleep.

If you want to look on the good side of the ledger, fibromyalgia does not cripple you or make you an invalid. Also, today we can call on anti-depressant drugs to restore normal

sleep cycles.

Your rheumatologist is suggesting a good way to deal with fibromyalgia. Exercise can go a long way toward quieting the aches and pains.

We don't know the cause of fibromyalgia.

For more information, see my fibromyalgia report. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 43, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose \$3 and a self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) No. 10 envelope.

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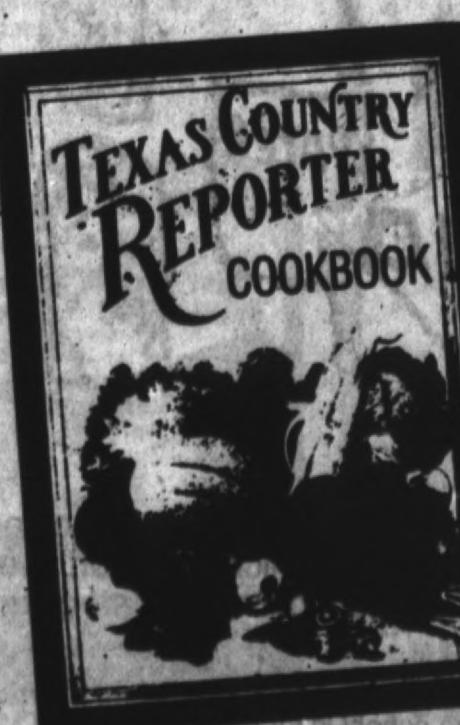
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Church News

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COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

401 Country Club Drive

Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.

The winter schedule of services is followed.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday night prayer service begins at 6 p.m.

Ladies ministry is the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m.

A nursery is available.

Pastor Wiggins said, "If you are needing a place to worship, come be with us. We are here for those who are hurting."

Our 24 hour information and prayer line is 364-5390.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH

Pastor Don Cherry and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services at the church located on S. Main St.

We have dismissed Sunday school for the time being and changed our Sunday morning worship service time to 10:30. The Sunday evening service will remain the same (6 p.m.) as will the Wednesday night service at 7.

For additional information, call 364-5874.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

400 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Sugardale Mall

Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus

Christ with us in the spirit of love. Come and experience the goodness of God and his power.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday services are at 7 p.m.

If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"To Join the Eagles" will be the title of Dr. Ed Williamson's sermon at the Sunday morning service. The scripture will be taken from Acts 9:36-43. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "The First Noel/Pachelbel's Canon".

Dr. Williamson and the congregation of FUMC invite you to attend Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45.

FUMC Youth are sponsoring a watchnight party in Fellowship Hall at 8:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Everyone is invited to attend.

At 11:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve, a church-wide Watchnight Service will be held in the sanctuary.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Making a change in one's life can most naturally occur at the beginning of a new year. Pastor Gaston and the congregation of the First Assembly of God Church wish to invite you to be with us for Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and for Sunday morning worship at 10:45.

A special New Year's Eve Watchnight Service will be held from 10 p.m. until 12 midnight. Come join us in praying in the new year! Following the New Year's Eve service, the men of the church will cook breakfast for the ladies and take care of the cleanup.

On Tuesday at 10 a.m., our ladies invite you to join them for Bible study and lunch in the fellowship hall. On Tuesday night your children are invited to attend the Royal Rangers and Missionettes (boys and girls scouting programs) at 7.

On Wednesday join us for our simultaneous midweek Bible study and Youth services, both at 7 p.m. Ray Sanders is the pastor and Ronny Sanders is the song leader.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dennis Duggan and the church congregation would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and worship with them Sunday morning.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

The Wednesday schedule includes children's church, youth groups, and prayer time, all beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Pastor Ed Warren and the church congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.

For additional information, call 364-3487.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to attend all of the church services. Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Wednesday service is held at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 357-2535.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

We at Westway Baptist Church welcome one and all to join our services.

We are a country church that still believes in and preaches God's Holy Word.

Come grow with us!

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship begins at 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Craft Class 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Ray Sanders is the pastor and Ronny Sanders is the song leader.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The San Jose prayer group will host a New Year's Eve pot luck dinner on Dec. 31 in the Community Center beginning at 10 p.m.

The group invites anyone interested to attend and bring in the new year with prayer.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

The Fellowship of Believers invites you to attend services this Sunday.

The Bible study class begins at 9:30 a.m. and is being led by Guy Greenfield. Doug Manning will be the speaker at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Classes for children are at 9:30 a.m.

and are available through elementary ages. Nursery facilities are available during the worship service.

If you need transportation to the church services, please call 364-0359.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. Taylor and congregation would like to wish you a Happy New Year. We welcome you to join us at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday to share in praise and worship and the word of God. Pastor Ted's sermon will be "But Even If He Does Not" taken from Dan. 3:7-18.

There will be no Sunday School this Sunday. We will resume on Jan. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

There will be no Children's Church this Sunday and no Wednesday night Kid Venture. We will resume on Jan. 10.

Susie Merrick's Bible Study Class will resume on Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

There will be no day care Jan. 3 or 5.

We will resume on Jan. 10.

On New Year's Eve our service will begin at 6 p.m. followed at 7 p.m. by games and leftover goodies for an evening of fun. A nursery will be provided.

The deposit for the upcoming Teen Ski Trip is due Jan. 2.

Don't miss our Missions Revival with Harman Schmelzenbach, Jan. 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 7 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Make plans now to attend every service.

We are forming a Men's Weekly group open to all men. The first meeting will be Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. in room 200 upstairs at NCA. We encourage you to come.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weigh Down (third session) begins Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Antonian Room. Call Karla Vasek at 364-6254 for information.

In lieu of an Advent Brunch the Wednesday study group will have an Epiphany Prayer-Brunch at 10 a.m. on Jan. 10 in the Antonian Room. Bring a food to share and a friend to share, too.

CYO Liturgy will be celebrated on Jan. 7 at 11 a.m. Bring a change of clothes and stay afterwards for pizza and the undecorating of the church.

If you still have not claimed your parish pictorial directory, it awaits you in the church office.

Saint Nick pictures with the children at the parish holiday dinner are displayed on the bulletin board, bell tower entrance. Come by and pick yours up.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

All are welcome to finish the old and start the new year by joining in worship with us. Our Sunday morning service starts at 10:30. The Rev. J. Jeremy M. Grant will speak on "Keeping Christmas" using Isaiah 63:7-9 and Matthew 2:13-23 as his texts. The message will emphasize the heart of our day-in, day-out faith. Our worship is enhanced by one of the most beautiful pipe organs in the area played by a talented organist.

Sunday Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. We have classes for all ages and a well-staffed nursery. Classes let out in time for fellowship with light refreshments in the fellowship hall prior to worship.

The newly elected elders will be ordained and installed Jan. 7 during the morning worship service.

Our Monday night prayer meetings will commence again on Jan. 8 at 5:30 p.m.

January's Session meeting is on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church will host Kenneth Wyatt, western artist and inspirational speaker, on Jan. 18 after a chili dinner for donations for the youth group. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and Mr. Wyatt will speak at 7 p.m.

Youth - watch your mailboxes for an update on activities.

Little Blessings Day Care will provide care services on Tuesday as well as Monday, but Saturday

services will no longer be available. All children are welcome to come by for one or both days at reasonable rates with special incentives.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Johnny Griffith extends a warm welcome to you and your family to join us at Avenue. There is a new face and a new spirit at Avenue and the only thing missing is YOU.

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11. Wednesday prayer service is at 6:30 p.m. We invite you to come to any and all of these services.

There will be no "Experiencing God" or evening service this Sunday. The church office will be closed New Year's Day.

The Youth group will leave Tuesday for Presidio where they will conduct a Bible school in LaPloma, just across the border. They will return Friday. If you have a youth that would like to participate, please contact the church office at 364-1564.

Sunday School teachers meeting will be Jan. 7 at 9 a.m. We will also partake of the Lord's Supper on Jan. 7 during morning worship. We invite you to come and take part.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Grace upon Grace" is the title of the sermon by The Very Rev. Charles A. Wilson on The First Sunday after Christmas. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and there is a coffee hour after the service.

There is no Christian Education on Dec. 31. Christian Education for all ages resumes at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 7. The Adult Class will continue a four part series, "Before Death Happens." The topic for Part 3 on Jan. 7 will be "Making Practical Choices."

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. with the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands with Holy Unction, and Holy Communion. The proper collect, psalm and readings will be for the Feast of the Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message. In case of emergency, or to make appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 363-1734.

"Building Sparkler Dreams"

Help Northwest Elementary students recycle and be a part of building a playground fit for any little King or Queen.

Northwest Elementary students have embarked on a recycling program to raise funds for an expansive playground system for student and community use.



If you are interested in helping with this ambitious project, you are asked to clean and deliver the following articles to Northwest Elementary at 400 Moreman Street: aluminum cans, steel food cans and all kinds of paper.

Collection bins have been located in the front foyer of the school for steel and aluminum, and a green dumpster located outside of the school is for paper products.

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Sports

Herd gets by Tulia, PD, makes final in Canyon

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

The Hereford boys' basketball team advanced to the finals of the Canyon Rotary Classic tournament with two wins Thursday.

Hereford routed Tulia 69-54 in the early game, then got by Palo Duro in the semifinals, 57-55. Hereford's Brian Torres hit two free throws with nine seconds left to provide the winning margin.

Hereford (10-7) will play Clarendon for the tournament championship at 7:30 tonight at Canyon High School. Clarendon defeated Canyon 47-46 in the other semifinal.

The PD game featured several lead changes. Herd coach Randy Dean said. Hereford led 15-11 after one quarter, trailed 28-27 at halftime then led again after three quarters 40-39.

"We had to scratch and battle the whole game," Dean said. "We were able to stay in the game all the way through, and we made big plays down the stretch."

"The difference was they made some mistakes at the end of the game, and we made some plays at the end of the game," Dean said.

Hereford trailed by seven points with about two minutes left, Dean said, but Cory Schumacher and Ronald Torres both knocked home three-pointers to pull the Herd within one point.

Brian Torres actually hit four free throws in the final minute, including the winners with nine seconds left.

Hereford took control of the Tulia game in the first half, taking a 20-14 lead after one quarter and

42-26 at halftime.

"We played a real complete game in the first half," Dean said. "Offensively and defensively, we did the things we wanted to do. We got solid contributions from everyone on the team. All 10 of the players scored in the first half."

Both games featured a little revenge: Hereford lost to PD in the first game of the season and lost to Tulia in the third game.

HERD SCORING

vs. Tulia: Brian Torres, 15; Todd Dudley, 12; Cory Schumacher, 10; Isaac Walker, 6; Johnathan Keenan, 5; Ronald Torres, 5; Nicholas Tarr, 5; Bryant McNutt, 5; Michael High, 4; C.J. Kubecak, 2.

vs. Palo Duro: Walker, 14; B. Torres, 13; R. Torres, 11; High, 9; Keenan, 5; Schumacher, 5.

The Hereford girls whipped Petersburg, 68-50, in the first round of the Littlefield tournament Thursday.

Hereford took control early and led 39-17 at halftime.

Misti Davis led the team with 16 points and Julie Rampey and Heather Hodges each added 13. Others who scored were: Mindi Davis, 8; Britney Binder, 6; Tarabeth Holmes, 5; Crystal Mercer, 5; Julie Cole, 2; and Catie Bezen, 1.

The Hereford junior varsity - the only JV team in the varsity tournament - lost to Tulia, 52-45. Christina Kuper led Hereford with 11 points, Sarah Ramey added 10 and Briar Baker scored eight.

Brown chose UT for the challenge

By MARY FOSTER
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - James Brown didn't dream of Longhorns and Aggies when he was in high school in Texas.

But when he was the top-ranked high school quarterback in the state, in the days when he broke every quarterback passing and rushing record at West Brook High in Beaumont, completing 65 percent of his touchdowns for 3,737 yards and 35 touchdowns, he was thinking about college.

He was thinking Syracuse, Tennessee, Oklahoma. He was not thinking of Texas.

"It wasn't even on my list," Brown said.

So how did he end up as the Southwest Conference Player of the Year with a 13-1-1 record as a starter at Texas?

"I think once everybody started telling me a black quarterback would never play at Texas, I got interested," Brown said. "I don't like being told I can't do something."

And he was told. The black community in Beaumont warned him that Texas was a graveyard for black quarterbacks.

One thing Brown has never lacked is confidence. One thing he appreciates is a challenge.

"I wanted a school where I could get a good education," Brown said. "And I wanted a team where I could play, where I'd get a lot of television exposure, and where I'd get to play in big bowl games."

Brown said he has had no problem with fans since his arrival at Texas.

"It really hasn't been an issue since I've been playing. Everybody loves a winner," he said.

Brown isn't the first black Texas quarterback. Donnie Little was an occasional starter on some of the

run-oriented teams of the early 1980s. Donavan Forbes was a backup in the early 90s.

Little was a boyhood idol of Andre Ware, who desperately wanted to play quarterback for the Longhorns. Texas coaches recruited him solely at defensive back, however, and Ware accepted a scholarship from Houston.

As a UH quarterback, Ware won the Heisman Trophy in 1989.

As Brown prepares for the Sugar Bowl, he's not worried about his place on the No. 9 Longhorns. He's worried about ankle and shoulder injuries suffered during the regular season that are still hampering him.

Brown admits he's not completely well, but he expects to start against No. 13 Virginia Tech.

"I'm much better," Brown said. "I'll be fine in the game once I loosen up."

He will face a Virginia Tech defense that finished the season ranked first nationally against the run, allowing 77 yards a game, fifth in scoring defense with 14 points a game, and 10th in total defense. Tech's defense also averaged four quarterback sacks a game this season.

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Cavaliers crush Knicks with Ewing injured

By The Associated Press

When Patrick Ewing went down, so did the New York Knicks.

"New York is Patrick Ewing, no matter how you look at it," Cleveland center Michael Cage said. "Offensively, defensively, he is the best man on the court. When they lost him, they lost a lot."

The Knicks lost Ewing early in the opening quarter when the 7-footer came down on Cage's foot and sprained his right ankle. X-rays proved negative, and Ewing traveled with the team to Landover, Md., for tonight's game against the Washington Bullets.

"There was all this stuff in the news all week about somebody going to be the man," New York forward Charles Oakley said. "Patrick is our leader, he is an All-Star. He is the main focus."

Without Ewing, the Knicks scored a season-low 76 points, losing to the Cleveland Cavaliers 86-76.

"I just remember back to the last time we played these guys and Patrick tore us apart in the fourth quarter," Cavs coach Mike Fratello said. "We had some great performances tonight, but the game changed completely after he left."

In other NBA games Thursday,

San Antonio downed the Los Angeles Lakers 107-99, Utah routed Minnesota 99-83, Houston crushed New Jersey 97-82, Dallas edged Vancouver 103-101 in double overtime, Detroit stopped Toronto 113-91 and Indiana defeated Miami 91-77.

Bobby Phills scored eight of his 28 points in the fourth quarter after the Knicks cut the lead to four with an 11-0 run, and Terrell Brandon had 21 points to lead Cleveland. Reserve Hubert Davis scored 20 points - 17 coming in the second half - and Oakley had 14 points and 16 rebounds for the Knicks.

"It's pretty obvious we need his

scoring," Knicks coach Don Nelson said of Ewing. "Nobody's ever said that we didn't need his scoring. That's very important to our team, and the way everything blends together here."

Mavericks 103, Grizzlies 101, 2OT

An off-balance 12-foot bank shot by Tony Dumas at the buzzer of the second overtime boosted Dallas over visiting Vancouver and gave Mavericks coach Dick Motta his 900th career victory.

Motta joins Lenny Wilkens (981) and Red Auerbach (938) as the only coaches in NBA history with 900 or

more victories.

Jim Jackson led the Mavericks with 22 points, and Jason Kidd added 21. Three of Dallas' eight wins this season have been over expansion Vancouver.

Bryant Reeves and Greg Anthony scored 18 points each for the Grizzlies, who lost their fourth straight.

Rockets 97, Nets 82

In Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon overcame a sluggish start for his 12th career triple-double, and the Rockets hit 13 3-pointers in beating New Jersey.

Olajuwon finished with 22 points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists. His 11-point burst in the third quarter helped Houston take control of the game.

Armon Gilliam led the Nets with 22 points, while Kenny Anderson scored 21. Mario Elie added 20 points for the Rockets, and Robert Horry had 14, including four 3-pointers in the first half.

Jazz 99, Timberwolves 83

Karl Malone had 21 points and 11 rebounds and Antoine Carr and Jeff Hornacek each scored 14 points as Utah held visiting Minnesota to its lowest point total of the season.

It was the Timberwolves' seventh loss in their last eight games.

No. 10 Iowa 100, Colorado 85

Russ Millard scored 28 points and five other Hawkeyes scored in double figures.

No. 11 North Carolina 66, N.C.-Asheville 49

The Tar Heels made a rare trip to the western part of the state and sputtered to victory. Jeff McInnis scored 13 points and Danta Calabria sparked an 18-5 run in the second half.

Southern California 75, No. 18 Missouri 64

Brandon Martin scored 13 points and Stais Bosman added 12 in the first half as the Trojans took the lead from the outset and continued to build on it. Missouri was 0-for-13 on 3-pointers.

No. 3 Memphis 68, Temple 58

Memphis (8-0) ended Temple's string of victories over top-ranked teams. Over the last 15 days, the Owls (3-5) defeated Villanova, which was No. 2 at the time, and last week's No. 1 team, Kansas.

Mingo Johnson had 19 points and six assists for the Tigers.

"We started out playing their game and taking quick shots," Memphis coach Larry Finch said. "But in the second half, we were more aggressive and played our kind of basketball."

No. 6 Georgetown 88, Duquesne 86

At Lakeland, Fla., Boubacar Aw scored on a rebound with 30 seconds remaining. After Aw's basket following a miss by Jerry Nichols, the Dukes had a final chance to tie, but Mike James missed a 15-footer.

No. 8 Villanova 91, Hofstra 57

A 3-point barrage carried Villanova to its lopsided victory. Eric Eberz, Kerry Kittles, Alvin Williams, Howard Brown, then Kittles again connected on consecutive shots from beyond the arc to turn the Wildcats' nine-point deficit into a 26-22 lead.

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Tyron Garris had 28 points and Jason Wright 22 to rally New Orleans to a 92-75 victory against Virginia Commonwealth to win the UNO Christmas Classic.

Kimani Jones-Young scored 21 points to lead Texas-El Paso past Eastern Michigan 80-73 in the finals of the Sierra Medical Center Sun Classic.

Kwame Evans scored 22 points and Shawnta Rogers added all of his 18 points in the second half as George Washington defeated Idaho 84-83 in double overtime for the championship of the Sacramento Holiday Classic.

winning streak.

Elden Campbell scored 25 points for the Lakers, who were outrebounded for the 14th time in 15 games. The loss was only their third in 14 home games this season.

San Antonio beat the Lakers for the fourth straight time and ninth time in 10 attempts, before the Lakers' first home sellout of the season, 17,505. Pistons 113, Raptors 91

Allan Houston scored 28 of his 29 points in the second half and Grant Hill added his third triple-double of the season - 17 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists - in Detroit's victory over visiting Toronto.

The expansion Raptors only trailed 43-35 at the half, but Houston and Thorpe teamed to score 26 of Detroit's 40 third-period points, the most allowed in one period in Toronto's short history.

Otis Thorpe added 23 points for the Pistons, while Damon Stoudamire had a career-high 27 for Toronto.

Pacers 91, Heat 77

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Spurs 107, Lakers 99

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Bob Murray

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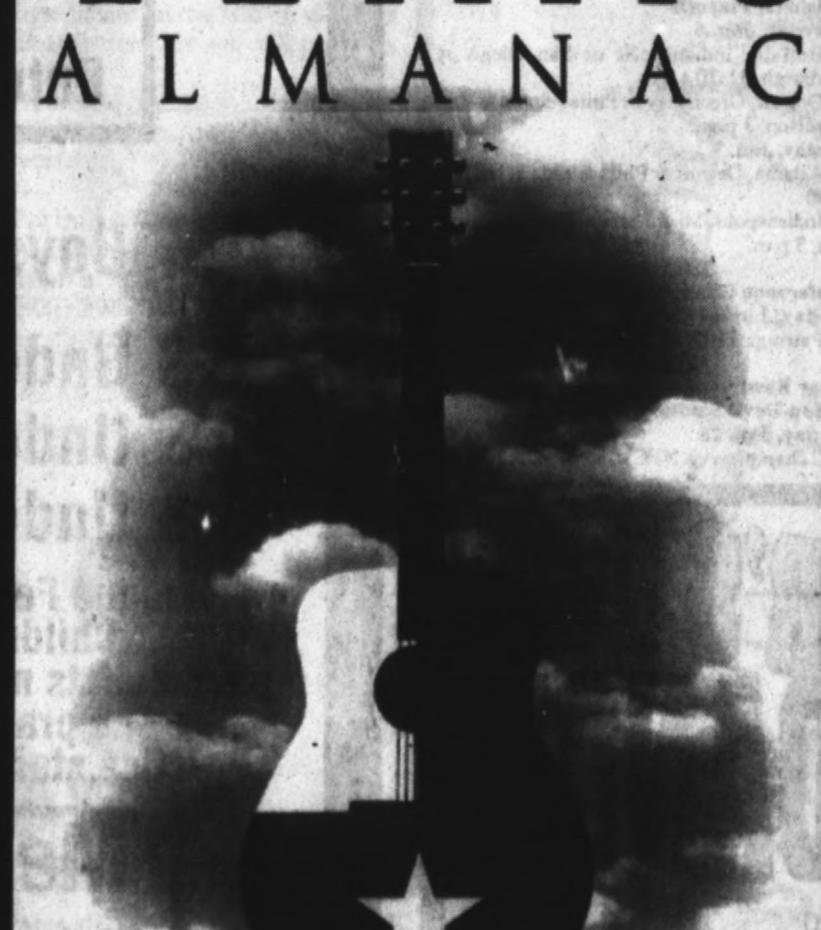
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The year is not ending very well for Michigan's sport teams. On Thursday, the Wolverines were double losers. Hours after the football team lost to Texas A&M in the Alamo Bowl, the 19th-ranked basketball squad fell at UNLV 66-64. Jermaine Smith had a career-high 24 points, and UNLV held Michigan without a basket for more than eight minutes of the second half. The win was the first in six games for the slumping Runnin' Rebels (2-5), while Michigan lost for the first time in eight games.

"We had worked too hard for something good not to happen," first-year UNLV coach Bill Bayno said. "I told them not to worry about the free throws. All I wanted them to do was to scrap and play hard."

Tech women upset Stanford

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Michigan Atkins scored 25 points and No. 15 Texas Tech made four points in the last minute Thursday night to upset No. 4 Stanford 71-65.

Tech (8-2) was leading 67-65 with 25 seconds to go when Atkins hit a bucket just as the shot clock expired. Alicia Thompson scored again for the Lady Raiders 12 seconds later.

Stanford (6-2), trailing most of the game, pulled into a 58-58 tie on a layup by Jami Wideman with 5:20 to go. But Stanford could not score in the final 1:19.

Vanessa Nygaard led the Cardinal with 23 points, including a game-high five 3-pointers. Kate Starbird, who had been averaging 18.6 points per game, scored just nine for Stanford.

Red Raiders edge La Salle

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - Koy Smith scored 14 of his 23 points in the second half to help Texas Tech to a 62-58 comeback win over La Salle Thursday night in the consolation game of the Sierra Medical Center Sun Classic.

Texas Tech (8-1) used a 13-run late rally to beat La Salle (2-8) halftime lead. Smith hit two of his four 3-pointers on the night during the run.

The comeback ruined a strong effort from La Salle's Romaine Haywood, who scored 13 of his 19 points in the first half to put La Salle out to the 32-23 halftime lead.

Three of Haywood's first-half baskets were 3-pointers as La Salle

St. Joseph's nips Horned Frogs

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Mark Bass tallied 19 points and hit a 3-point basket with 3.9 seconds to play in the second overtime Thursday to give St. Joseph's a 93-92 victory over Texas Christian in the Seton Hall Meadowlands Tournament.

Bass' basket capped a furious late rally that saw the Hawks (4-1) fight back from a six-point deficit with 36 seconds remaining.

St. Joseph's will face Seton Hall, a 93-80 winner over New Hampshire in the first game Thursday, in Friday night's championship. The Horned Frogs (6-5) will face the

Nebraska aims for consecutive national titles

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - Three straight national title games, a 24-game winning streak and a 35-1 record.

Nebraska's impressive numbers add up to one of the greatest three-year runs in college football history.

If the top-ranked Huskers beat No. 2 Florida in Tuesday night's Fiesta Bowl, they will become the first school to win consecutive national championships since Alabama in 1978-79 and the first to do it with perfect records since Oklahoma in 1955-56.

They'll also be the first major school to win 36 games over a three-year span.

"Sure, it is in the back of our minds that we have the chance to go

down in the books as one of the greatest teams ever," All-America center Aaron Graham said. "Right now, we're just focused on the game.

But it's one of those things that maybe we can look back on in a couple of months or a couple of years."

Florida is trying to win its first national title and become only the fifth champion to finish with a 13-0 record.

"This is the big one," said safety Teake Brown, a redshirt freshman. "This might be the last chance any of us get to play for the national championship."

While playing for a national title is a new experience for the Gators,

it's old hat for many Huskers, who played for the championship the last two years in the Orange Bowl.

Two years ago, No. 2 Nebraska lost to No. 1 Florida State 18-16. Last year, the No. 1 Huskers beat No. 3 Miami 24-17 to win their first championship since capturing back-to-back titles in 1970-71 under Bob Devaney.

After playing in four straight Orange Bowls against teams from the state of Florida, Nebraska coach Tom Osborne is glad to play this year's game at a neutral site in the Arizona desert, where the low humidity is a lot more comfortable than the tropical heat in Miami.

"We've played down in Florida an awful lot of times ... so this is a

breath of fresh air - literally," Osborne said.

But experience, not weather, could be the crucial factor against Florida. "Until you play in a national championship game, you can't prepare for a national championship game," Graham said.

"We needed a trial run in the 1993 season (before winning it in 1994). If you've been through it before, you've seen what the media attention is like, the hype and just the experience of playing one game for the whole ball of wax. It's something you can't prepare for until it happens."

Brown, who will be playing in his first bowl game, disagreed. "History doesn't matter," he said.

"It might be an advantage from their point of view, but the game will still be decided on the field."

Although Florida has never played for a national title, the Gators have won three straight Southeastern Conference championships and four in the last five years.

"Our players have been pretty good about preparing and getting ready for a big ballgame," coach Steve Spurrier said. "We approach it similarly to the SEC championship game, maybe a little bit more seriously. When you have a chance to finish No. 1, it's a vast difference from third or sixth or seventh."

Brown knows the difference. He flirted with a national title several times before finally winning one last

year. Now he's on the verge of joining legendary coaches like Bud Wilkinson and Bear Bryant in the repeat champion club.

"I don't really think much about repeating," Osborne said. "As far as our players are concerned, it would mean more to them 10 years from now. They don't think much about history, they don't think much about when was the last team to repeat. When you're 18, 19, 20 years old, what you ate for lunch is more important to you than what happened a year ago or two years ago."

"A game can only get so big. I don't think our people are going to make this thing any more than what it is. It's a football game. It's a very important game, but we can only do so much to prepare."

History favors Washington in Sun Bowl

By EDUARDO MONTES

Associated Press Writer
EL PASO, Texas (AP) - History makes a strong case for favoring Washington over Iowa in the Sun Bowl.

The Huskies (7-3-1) hold a 3-2 series advantage over the Hawkeyes (7-4), including two sound defeats of Iowa in the postseason. Washington beat Iowa in the 1982 and 1991 Rose Bowls by a combined margin of 74-34.

But Huskies coach Jim Lambright isn't buying into any of that.

"Iowa's a better team than when we played them last," he said.

In return, Iowa coach Hayden Fry said odds-makers who installed Pac-10 co-champion Washington as a five-point favorite were being kind to the Hawkeyes.

"They should be in the Rose Bowl

as true champions," he said of the Huskies.

Any argument over which coach made the truer assessment was to be decided today.

A key to the game was expected to be how well the Iowa offense matched up against Washington's slippery defense, which is allowing an average of 147 yards rushing and 235 yards passing.

Fry said the real problem is keeping up with the different looks the Huskies give a quarterback.

"It's a very, very difficult preparation for our offense," he said.

However, to hear Lambright tell it, Iowa's offense - which averages 191 yards rushing and 225 yards passing - made sure his job wasn't easy either.

"We love to play teams where we can zero in (on one aspect). We can't

do that here," Lambright said.

The Iowa offense vs. the Washington defense debate became a particular focus when Lambright announced that two of his stars, All-America free safety Lawyer Milloy and defensive tackle David Richie, would sit out because of injuries.

The loss of Milloy, the team's leading tackler, and Richie, a key component of the Huskies' run defense, led Lambright to facetiously suggest that Fry should pound the ball up the middle since there would be a tunnel there.

Fry wasn't biting.

"It doesn't change anything for us," he said. "They're going to have excellent people to take their place. We won't change anything."

The Hawkeyes are led by quarterback Matt Sherman, who

completed 159 passes this season for 2,411 yards and 14 touchdowns, with 14 interceptions.

Sedrick Shaw led the Iowa ground game with 1,342 yards and 14 touchdowns on 295 attempts.

The Huskies will counter offensively with Damon Huard, the most prolific quarterback in Washington history, who has 5,692 yards and 34 touchdowns - one shy of the Huskies' record - in his three-year career.

Huard attributes part of his success to the other half of the offense, a strong ground game that relieves pressure from pass rushes.

Rashaan Sheehee handled the bulk of Washington's running duties this year, piling up 957 yards and 15 carries.

He will be spelled by Leon Neal, who was sidelined for six games by a broken toe, but nevertheless managed 539 yards and three touchdowns on 100 carries.

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Texas celebrates 150th anniversary of statehood

DALLAS (AP) - It's time to light the 150 candles on the state of Texas' birthday cake.

Texans on Friday marked the 150th anniversary of Texas joining the Union.

After 9-1/2 years as a republic, Texas was annexed by the United States and became the 28th state on Dec. 29, 1845.

It's a lower-keyed affair than in 1986, when Texas marked the 150th anniversary of its gaining independence from Mexico and creating a republic. That year, there was a yearlong celebration culminating with parades, bands, parades and various other spectacles.

For most of this year, there have

been small dedications and an exhibit near the Capitol noting that this year marks the sesquicentennial, or 150th anniversary, of statehood.

171 scholarships being awarded to students participating in the sesquicentennial essay contest.

Jan. 20 - Birthday celebration for former President Anson Jones in Anson, Texas.

Feb. 19 - Celebration in Austin re-enacting the lowering of the Republic of Texas flag and raising the 28-star U.S. flag by then-President Anson Jones.

April 13 - 100th anniversary of the Texas State Railroad and 150th sesquicentennial celebration in Rusk and Palestine.

Saturday - Formal sesquicentennial celebration at the Texas Capitol grounds.

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Year of Rat may hold hope for Japanese stock traders

By SETH SUTEL

Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) - This was a sickly year for Japanese stocks. So investors - some seriously, some tongue-in-cheek - are pinning their hopes for recovery on a lowly rodent.

In the 12-year Chinese zodiac popular in much of Asia, 1996 is the Year of the Rat, associated with vitality and prosperity.

And in Japanese tradition, the rat, or "nezumi," is a sign of wealth, the messenger of a god of fortune. New Year's cards for the coming year feature rats with bags of gold and silver.

Few market players put real stock in such superstitions, but today, the final trading day of 1995, most said they'd take their luck wherever they could find it in the coming year.

"We've got big hopes for the Year of the Rat," said Yamaichi Securities trader Tomoatsu Yamamoto. Rats are

prolific breeders, he noted with a chuckle, so maybe that's a portent of market gains.

Such optimism was in short supply in 1995. Japan's economic growth was sluggish, and stock prices were accordingly anemic. The benchmark Nikkei Stock Average ended the year at 19,868.15 points - a gain of only 145.09 points, or 0.74 percent, for the year.

Then again, 1995 wasn't too auspicious in zodiac terms: It was the Year of the Boar, associated with a mixture of hard-charging aggressiveness and a certain amount of stupidity.

Even so, not everyone's a believer in rodent-powered stock surges to come.

"Just because it happens to be the Year of the Rat, it doesn't mean we're thanking our lucky stars," said David Jensen, stock analyst at Schroder Investment Management.

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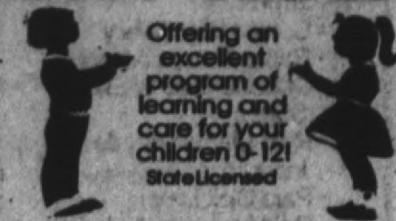
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1995: It was a year of scoundrels and of saints

Noted personalities seen during the year were often viewed in differing lights

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From O.J. Simpson to Timothy McVeigh, Yitzhak Rabin to Colin Powell, 1995 yielded a bountiful crop of villains and heroes.

Too bad we couldn't always agree which ones were which.

The saints and scoundrels who populated some of the year's top stories reflected a world at odds with itself. Simpson's murder trial laid bare a racial divide we like to pretend doesn't exist. The Oklahoma City bombing enlivened angry extremists who saw big government as the real villain. Israeli leader Rabin, having survived decades of war with Israel's neighbors, was slain by a fellow Jew.

Thank goodness not all the headlines were so complicated.

Consider Air Force pilot Scott O'Grady, an old-fashioned hero who might just as well have stepped out of one of those faded photos we dusted off for 50-year remembrances of World War II.

Shot down in June over the deadly woods of Bosnia, O'Grady survived for six days on rawwater, bugs and faith in God until Marines came to his rescue. It was a tale of courage anyone could understand, one of the few things we did understand about war-splittered Bosnia.

Back home, we celebrated other straightforward heroes.

On a ballfield in Baltimore, Orioles shortstop Cal Ripken showed us the virtue of dependability, playing his 2,131st consecutive game to surpass Lou Gehrig as baseball's most durable player. Balloonist Steve Fossett proved adventure is not dead, making the first solo crossing of the Pacific. Astronaut Norman Thagard took the space program to new lengths, if not heights, setting a U.S. endurance record with 115 days in orbit.

We had our undiluted villains, too. Susan Smith, the South Carolina

mother who strapped her young sons into her car and rolled it into a lake, was sentenced to life in prison. She got off easy. One poll showed 63 percent of Americans thought she should have been executed.

The Unabomber added blackmail to his deadly resume, getting his anti-technology manifesto published in The Washington Post by promising to forgo more violence if it was. He's still out there, unknown, unpredictable.

Colin Ferguson, the gunman who killed six people and wounded 19 others on the Long Island Railroad, got life behind bars, but only after he'd turned the courtroom into a circus, acting as his own attorney and haranguing victims during cross-examination.

Speaking of courtroom circuses, the O.J. Simpson murder trial was a daily banquet of heroes and villains, though which title each character deserved was as debatable as the verdict itself.

Judge Lance Ito: Was he a model of jurisprudence for keeping the trial of the century from disintegrating under the excesses of grandstanding attorneys, or a weak-kneed flop for letting things drag on?

Juror: Angels for treading through nine months of trial? Or fools who rushed to judgment after deliberating less than four hours?

Mark Fuhrman: The cool, competent detective we saw in the trial's early days? Or the lying racist portrayed at the end?

Finally, Orenthal James himself: Was he the ultimate villain, manipulating the legal process with his celebrity and wealth to walk away from charges he slashed ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman? Or was he a victim, too - and ultimately a hero for beating a system stacked against the black man?

Forget bloody gloves and the barking Akita. How we viewed O.J.'s

acquittal had more to do with our skin color. Blacks cheered. Whites jeered. A CBS News poll after the verdict found that 78 percent of blacks, but only 17 percent of whites, thought Simpson probably was innocent.

"We appear to have the evidence viewed through two different prisms. A black prism, if you will, and a white prism, and we came to very divergent opinions," said Bill Hodgman, part of the prosecution team.

The same prisms diverged on Louis Farrakhan - a holy man, a champion of the dispossessed, leader of a million-man statement of solidarity? Or an untrustworthy bigot?

Few Americans disputed Timothy McVeigh's standing as pariah of the year. The crowd booted and shouted "Baby killer!" as he was led from jail after the April 19 bombing that killed 168 men, women and children in Oklahoma City.

"He wouldn't get a fair trial here," Oklahoma City resident Cindy Skinner said tearfully at the time. "I don't know where he would."

That chapter must wait for 1996, when McVeigh and alleged accomplice Terry Nichols face trial.

In the meantime, the bombing opened doors for an angry fringe of militia groups, tax protesters and self-proclaimed "patriots" who shared McVeigh's hatred for the federal government.

Such malcontents have been around for decades, scarcely able to find an audience for their mutterings about unarmed helicopters and U.N. conspiracies to invade America.

After the bombing, they were daily fixtures in the news, unperturbed that the coverage was uniformly negative. The day after CBS News aired a piece slamming militias, one militia group received 400 calls for information.

All the attention fed an anti-federal mood already in the air. Through summer and fall, Republican-led congressional hearings revisited FBI sieges at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

This time, the government was on trial.

"The American people have the right to expect better," one former FBI official said of federal agents' bloody 1993 standoff with David Koresh and his followers in Waco.

Ruby Ridge's Randy Weaver, once portrayed as a white separatist who trafficked in illegal weapons, got a new image as a martyr who lost his wife and son to trigger-happy FBI agents. He also got a \$3.1 million settlement from the government.

America was not the only country to lose its way between dissent and disaster.

In Japan, members of a religious cult admitted to unleashing a poison gas on the Tokyo subway, killing 12 and sickening 5,500.

Israel mourned the loss of Yitzhak Rabin: prime minister, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and cunning soldier who turned his genius to peacemaking in recent years.

Rabin, 73, was a hero to the 100,000 who gathered for a Nov. 4 peace rally in Kings Of Israel Square. But to Yigal Amir, a religious ultra-nationalist, Rabin had betrayed Israel by working toward peace with the Palestinians.

At the rally, Rabin joined happily in a song of peace. Minutes later, as he walked toward his car, he was shot three times by Amir.

"The world has lost one of its greatest men," President Bill Clinton said. "Because words cannot express my true feelings, let me just say shalom, haver - goodbye, friend."

We said goodbye to other stars among us. Mickey Mantle left the ballpark, dead of cancer at 63. Jerry Garcia ended his long, strange trip at 53, signaling tie-dyed Grateful Dead fans that the '60s finally were over. We barely knew Selena, the rising Tejano music star shot dead at 23 by the president of her fan club.

We said hello, again, to Monica Seles, who returned to pro tennis two years after being stabbed by a crazed fan. The Beatles were back. And

Michael Jordan ended his fling with baseball, rejoining the Chicago Bulls to soar the lower atmosphere between floorboards and hoop.

The newly Republican Congress rode into 1995 on a white steed, trumpeting its Contract With America. Some of us looked for heroes there, thinking this time politics would be different.

It wasn't much. By November, when stalled budget talks shut down federal offices, polls suggested most Americans thought Congress was actually making President Clinton look good - a feat he had seldom managed himself.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich lost his shine, sinking in the polls as he whined about getting a bad seat on Air Force One.

A sexual harassment scandal forced Oregon Sen. Bob Packwood to resign, putting his seat up for grabs. Illinois Rep. Mel Reynolds went to prison for having sex with an underage campaign worker and obstructing justice. The husband of Rep. Enid Waldholtz went on the lam, leaving the Utah Republican with a 10-week-old baby and an office full of federal investigators asking about her campaign finances.

It was a year in which even politicians found politics tiresome. Twelve U.S. senators - eight Democrats and four Republicans - announced they would retire next

year, the greatest turnover since 1896.

"We live in a time when, on a basic level, politics is broken," said exiting Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J.

We kept on hoping for heroes. How else to explain the Powell phenomenon?

As a pack of Republican presidential hopefuls started circling each other, we paid little heed, crowding instead into bookstores for an autographed copy of "My American Journey," by retired Gen. Colin Powell.

To many, he seemed a voice of moderation in a polarized nation, a natural leader with a Democrat's compassion and a Republican's sense of justice, a black man who had succeeded in a white man's world.

The possibility that such a heroic figure might run for president was tantalizing. Yet ultimately Powell disappointed, saying he had no heart for the "test of fire" that is presidential politics.

Had he been reading Emerson? "Every hero becomes a bore at last," the poet wrote, and in 1995, that went for villains, too. We valued our saints and sinners for our own moral instruction but never for too long, hungrily chewing through one to the next.

We know there will be more. We'll create them if we must. And perhaps in 1996, we'll be able to tell them apart.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Sultry Sophia Loren was right at home playing for laughs in "Grumpier Old Men."

"I've played many dramatic characters," the actress tells McCall's in next month's edition. "But I like to laugh and make people laugh."

Loren, 61, plays a restaurateur who sets up shop in a small Midwestern town. Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon get miffed because her establishment will replace two of their favorite hang-outs.

While she isn't known for humorous roles, Loren insists: "I never chose roles that were sexy just for the sake of being sexy. I chose roles that were warm, vulnerable and fragile."

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