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Super Bowl frenzy hits city

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Cowboys fan and Pampa resident Retha Jordan knows exactly how to kick off the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Jordan is planning to take peanut clusters to a Super Bowl party in town on Sunday, she said.

Within her annual Super Bowl party social circle, Jordan explained, it's traditional for each guest to bring a potluck dish, and "this year I'm going to take dessert."

Nor is Jordan the only culinary quarterback in her household. Her husband, Ray, has a tradition of making pickled eggs for television football game parties attended by the Pampa couple. But for this year's Super Bowl game against the Buffalo Bills, according to his wife, Ray Jordan doesn't expect to be in the kitchen — except, a listener surmises, to sample her cooking.

"We usually eat at halftime during the Super Bowl game," Retha Jordan said of the parties with their friends. Eating at halftime is a winning strategy with Super Bowls, she explained, because "everybody has a chance to get up and move around" in selecting from the potluck dinner items. Furthermore, she said, eating during halftime allows the party participants to watch the game without any distractions.

The Jordans, it seems, are pros at following the Dallas Cowboys from the sidelines. The couple has been attending Dallas Cowboys football games since 1970 — including one season in the late 1970s when the Jordans attended all of the Dallas home games, she said. Attending the Cowboys games ranks along with going to basketball games — primarily those of the Pampa High School teams — and Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ as the top three shared activities of the couple, she said.

During the most recent Christmas holiday season, the Jordans hosted a Dallas Cowboys football game "open house" at their home that drew about 35 guests — the largest Dallas Cowboys game party ever hosted by the couple, she said.

As for the Super Bowl party the Jordans plan to attend on Sunday, a social event to be hosted by Donna and Dean Burger of Pampa, Retha Jordan said she understands that potato chips, dips, beans, and barbecue will be offered — presum-



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

A Gray County tyke, decked out in Dallas Cowboys attire, prepares for the Super Bowl surrounded by Cowboy memorabilia.

ably for the sake of a gustatory touchdown, or at the least, a gustatory field goal that clears the tongue with ease.

But downing food with gusto, to be sure, is not the only action expected at the Super Bowl party on Sunday. "I love to see Emmitt Smith run with the football," Mrs. Jordan noted. "He is able to weave in and out."

Another Smith admirer, Pampa resident Miles Cook, sounded a bit like a football coach as he commented on the Cowboys running back, who is the leading rusher in the National Football League. "I think that if Emmitt Smith has a good day, we will win," Cook predicted, adding that he expects the final score to be Cowboys 34, Bills 27.

Jimmy Wilkerson, president of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, was somewhat more cautious in his prediction. "If the Bills play as hard as they did the second half when they played Houston, Dallas will really have their hands full," he said. "But I still think they can handle it." Wilkerson said he expects a Super Bowl victory for Dallas of 35 to 31, "or something like that."

Wilkerson is one of the more visible Cowboys rooters in town this week, donning a sweatshirt with a Cowboys and Super Bowl insignia on it as well as a cap with a "Dallas Cowboys, Super Bowl 27" message on it.

Regardless of which team wins, however, Wilkerson plans to reap a personal victory by attending a super, Super Bowl party expected to attract about 30 guests — a Superlative Bowl party, it would seem. Though he declined to say exactly where the Pampa-area party will be held, Wilkerson confided that the foods being offered will include such exotic items as pheasant and quail. The party is scheduled to begin an hour before the game, he said.

Asked if there is any risk of becoming too bloated with food to enjoy the Super Bowl on television, Wilkerson replied with an emphatic "no, no, no. It'll be a more active crowd than that. There'll be pre-game activities and ongoing activities during the game." He declined to elaborate, aside from saying that those activities would burn calories.

The party Wilkerson plans to

attend will not be of the stag variety, he noted. "It's coed all the way," he said. "Hell, who wants to go to a damn stag party?"

Not everyone in Pampa plans to party on Sunday, however.

Dennis Cavalier, athletic director and head football coach at Pampa High School, said he plans to watch the game from his home amid the sobriety of his own household. Though the Dallas fan said he will watch the game primarily for the fun of it, Cavalier noted that he expects to videotape the Super Bowl and present it later as a teaching tool for the Harvester football team.

"We certainly study the Cowboys a lot and offensively are trying to emulate them," Cavalier said, noting that both the Harvester and the Cowboys offenses employ a multiple-I formation.

Not everyone in town watching the Super Bowl will be admirers of the Cowboys, however. Pampa resident Gary Harper, 36, said a friend of his, James Monroe of Pampa, is betting him \$40 that the Bills will win.

"He's just a Dallas hater," Harper said. "He'd bet on anybody but Dallas."

Braun to face murder charge in Oklahoma

A staff and wire report

SANTA FE, N.M. — State District Judge Bruce Kaufman has ordered a convicted murderer accused in a 1989 multi-state killing spree extradited to Oklahoma to face a murder charge.

Gregg Francis Braun is wanted in Oklahoma in connection with a July 21, 1989, robbery at an Ardmore flower shop in which three people were shot in the head and one, Gwen Miller, died. He could face the death penalty in Oklahoma.

Braun also is accused of killing Pampa, Texas, photo processing store owner P.E. "Pete" Spurrier on July 20, 1989.

A Gray County, Texas, grand jury in October indicted Braun for the 1989 killing of Spurrier, charging him with capital murder.

In October, Gray County District Attorney John Mann, said, "There have been a whole lot of legal maneuvers attempted on his (Braun's) part involving all of the jurisdictions."

"As far as this office is concerned, it's another case that's being prosecuted on its own merits without any special treatment because the family of Mr. Spurrier and the people of this county have the right to have the case presented."

Braun pleaded innocent but mentally ill in September 1991 to killing Springer, N.M., store clerk Geraldine Valdez on July 23, 1989. He is serving a life sentence in New Mexico.

He also pleaded guilty to killing two convenience store clerks, Mary Rains and Barbara Kochendorfer in Garden City, Kan., on July 19, 1989. He was sentenced to two life sentences in Kansas in May 1992.

Under an extradition agreement, Braun would not have to be returned to New Mexico to finish his sentence if he receives a death sentence in Oklahoma.

The state public defender's office had opposed the extradition on the grounds Braun should be returned to New Mexico before Oklahoma could impose a death penalty if he is found guilty there.

Senate OKs school plan

AUSTIN (AP) — A "Robin Hood" school funding proposal awaits House action after winning Senate approval, with several leaders warning that action is needed to keep schools open this summer.

"We've all got to wake up that we're on the verge of the public schools closing ... We've taken the first step to keep them open," Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said after Thursday's Senate vote.

He said a proposed constitutional amendment must be approved by lawmakers no later than Feb. 20 in order for voters to consider it on a statewide ballot May 1.

The Texas Supreme Court has set a June 1 deadline for lawmakers to come up with a constitutional plan to equalize funding among property-rich and poor school districts. If they don't, a judge has said he will halt state funding for public schools.

"We have an obligation — an obligation even if it's political suicide — to keep the schools open," said Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, Senate Education Committee chairman.

Ratliff's proposed constitutional amendment would legalize the current funding system, which has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

The plan redistributes local tax money within single or multi-county education districts, or CEDs. Schools are funded mainly by state aid and local taxes.

The measure was approved 27-4 and now goes to the House, where it faces an uncertain future.

The measure could pass, or be changed and end up in a House-Senate conference committee. It also could die in the House, where Republicans previously blocked a similar school funding amendment.

Two-thirds support of the Legislature is required to put a proposed amendment on a state ballot for voter approval, and Republicans number 58 in the 150-member House. Rep. Tom Craddock of Midland, head of the GOP House caucus, has said the group doesn't support Ratliff's plan.

Ratliff, who wore a red tie with a yellow school bus on it Thursday, said he was open to "a lot of negotiation" on the issue.

Voting against the plan were Sens. John Leedom, R-Dallas; Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville; Florence Shapiro, R-Plano; and Bill Sims, D-San Antonio.

"County education districts and state court mandates are not the solution to public school finance. In short, the voters must first get the courts out of our classrooms," Ms. Nelson said.

She said she plans to propose constitutional amendments that would prevent state courts from ordering school closure and give lawmaker sole authority to determine the definition of school finance equity.

Supporting the proposal was Sen. Greg Luna, D-San Antonio. His senatorial district includes the Edgewood Independent School District, which has led poor school districts' court fight for funding.

Nurses' wages competitive at hospital

By JOHN McMILLAN
Staff Writer

Wages for the nursing staff at Coronado Hospital in Pampa are about average when compared with the wages paid to the nursing staffs of Amarillo hospitals, a Coronado spokesman said this week.

Compensation for registered nurses at Coronado Hospital in Pampa ranges from \$12.50 an hour for those with no professional experience to \$17.50 an hour for experienced registered nurses, said Bob Jones, the chief nursing officer at Coronado Hospital since March 1991.

The starting wages for RNs paid by Coronado Hospital appear to be above average compared with Amarillo hospitals, while the top wages paid to experienced RNs at Coronado appear to be below average compared with Amarillo hospitals, said Harvey Hudspeth, vice president for human resources at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Northwest Texas Hospital's wage scale ranges from \$11.91 an hour for registered nurses with no professional experience to \$19.26 an hour for experienced RNs, Hudspeth said.

Effective April 1992, Coronado Hospital increased the wages for the



Barnes Jones

nursing staff by an average of 8.2 percent, Jones said. The total annual increase in compensation approved last year for the Coronado nursing staff was approximately \$430,000, he said.

Jones also noted that the Chicago-based Joint Commission on Accrediting Hospital Organizations found in the spring of 1992 that the hospital in Pampa had an adequate staff size. The Joint Commission found no major deficiencies at the hospital, Jones said.

There are 147 employees on the nursing staff of Coronado Hospital in Pampa, of whom about 120 are full-time, Jones said. Of the 147 employees on the nursing staff, 59 are registered nurses and 35 are licensed vocational nurses, he said. About 85 of the 94 nurses at the hospital are

full-time employees, Jones noted.

Coronado Hospital increased the size of its nursing staff during 1992 by eight or nine full-time employees, Jones said.

Asked about staff morale at Coronado Hospital, the hospital official noted that an independently-administered survey of the nursing staff conducted last spring showed a high level of satisfaction with working conditions at the hospital. Last year's wage increase to the nursing staff contributed to the staff morale being high, Jones said.

The survey of nursing staff was part of an overall survey of all employees at the hospital.

"The morale is typical of many of the hospitals in Texas," Jones said, noting that morale on the nursing staff improves when the hospital is busy and declines when business is down and concerns develop about the prospect of staff layoffs. The most recent staff layoffs at the hospital occurred during the 1980s, Jones said.

The nursing staff's response to the survey did express a desire for improvements to the training program for new nursing staff employees at Coronado Hospital and for improved communications among staff at the hospital, Jones noted.

Jones noted that he has responded to the survey results by inviting the nursing staff to develop a better training program for new nursing staff employees and by establishing a "Nursing Notes" newsletter that is distributed throughout the hospital.

The training period for new nursing staff employees at Coronado Hospital currently lasts from a few weeks for experienced personnel to six months for new employees without any previous job experience, Jones said.

HealthTrust Inc., based in Nashville, Tenn., has owned Coronado Hospital in Pampa for the last

five years, said Terry Barnes, director of marketing and public relations for the hospital.

Coronado in Pampa is the only hospital in the Panhandle owned by HealthTrust Inc., and was one of 13 hospitals in Texas owned by the corporation as of June 1992, Barnes said. There are 250 to 275 employees at Coronado Hospital, he said.

Purrrrrr-ty cat



(Staff photo by Angela Leggett)

Sandy Burns of the Pampa Animal Shelter holds a domestic short hair cat. Animals at the shelter are available for adoption from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to noon and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

NICHOLS, Beulah — 10:30 a.m., graveside, Memory Gardens Cemetery.
SMITH, LaVetta — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, White Deer.

Obituaries

OLLIE MAE NICHOLS
Ollie Mae Nichols, 95, died Thursday, Jan. 28, 1993. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whalley Funeral Directors.
Mrs. Nichols was born Nov. 21, 1897, in Indian Territory, Okla. She moved to Amarillo in 1984 from Pampa, where she had resided since 1952. She married George B. Nichols on Sept. 10, 1917, in Sayre, Okla. He died in 1978. She was a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.
Survivors include four daughters, Dorothy Brown of Pampa, Lola Allen of Greeley, Colo., Bonnie Keller of Tacoma, Wash., and Pauline Hinkle of Liberal, Kan.; three sons, Jack Nichols of Tucson, Ariz., Perry Nichols of Fort Worth and Wayne Nichols of Amarillo; 19 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
Pampa Bridge Club meets at 2 p.m. Sunday in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Verdalee Cooper at 669-2813.

THREE PLACE
Three Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS MOBILE MEALS
The Southside Senior Citizens mobile meals menu for Saturday is chopped beef, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls and cake.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
The Pampa High School Band Boosters spaghetti supper is set for 5-8 p.m. tonight in the PHS cafeteria. Tickets are available at the door or from band members.

VFW AND AUXILIARY
The VFW and Auxiliary plan a covered dish dinner for 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Post Home.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Jan. 28
Alco, 1207 N. Hobart, reported a theft under \$20.
Jouita Rios, 909 Murphy, reported criminal mischief to a 1992 Pontiac at 800 Denver.

TODAY, Jan. 29
Ted Whitley, 801 Murphy, reported criminal mischief.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported no accidents in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
Roy B. Barclay, Perryton; Linda "Jan" Blevins, Wheeler; Patricia A. Cabrales, Pampa; Carlyn Ann Dyer, Pampa; Halee Danielle Green, Wheeler; Lola Kay Hughes, Pampa; Clifton T. Rasco, Pampa; Charla Denise Shults, Pampa; Eugene Williams, Pampa; Nancy Adeline Cain (extended care), Pampa; Rufus Levi McCathern (extended care), Pampa.
Dismissals
Dorothy Inez Gattis, Pampa; James Earl Hoskins, Pampa; Lillie Mae Lawley, Pampa; Gwynn Ruth McIntire and baby boy, Borger; Juanita Jean Prater, Briscoe; Roy Don Stephens, Pampa.
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admission
Tess Breeding (observation), Shamrock.
Dismissals
Lee Ann Macina, Shamrock; Lula Hall, Shamrock.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat	3.27	
Milo	3.37	
Com.	4.04	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Ky. Cent. Life	7 1/2	up 1/8
Serco	4 1/8	NC
Occidental	18 5/8	up 1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	64.77	
Paritan	15.12	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	52 7/8	dn 3/4
Arco	115 7/8	dn 2
Cabot	40 1/2	dn 1 3/8
Cabot O&G	17	up 1/4
Chevron	72 3/8	dn 1/8
Coca Cola	41 3/4	up 1
Enron	48	NC
Halliburton	30	up 3/8
HealthTrust Inc.	18 1/2	dn 1/4
Ingersoll Rand	34 1/8	up 1/8
KNE	31	up 1/8
Kerr McGee	45	dn 1/8
Limited	27 5/8	dn 1/8
Mapco	51 1/8	up 1/8
Maxus	7	up 1/4
McDonald's	49	up 1/4
Mobil	63	dn 1/2
New Atmos.	23	NC
Parker & Parsley	15 7/8	up 1/8
Penney's	71 7/8	dn 3/4
Phillips	26 5/8	up 1/8
SLB	58 3/8	up 1/4
SIS	31 3/4	up 1/4
Tenneco	40 1/4	NC
Texaco	60 1/2	dn 1/4
Wal-Mart	64 3/4	NC
New York Gold	331.20	
Silver	3.67	
West Texas Crude	20.45	

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Jan. 28
Jerry Daniels, 1105 W. Willis, reported a theft.
Gray County Sheriff's Office reported an agency assist — drug dog search.

Arrest
THURSDAY, Jan. 28
Lewis L. Billingsley, 59, McLean, was arrested on a charge of terroristic threat and released on bond.

Arrest-DPS
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27
Jimmy Wayne McCann, 37, White Deer, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Correction

In a Thursday accident story in *The Pampa News*, it should have been reported that a Pampa Police Department accident report states that Darrel Eugene Adkins, 41, 1818 Chestnut, failed to yield the right of way at the open intersection of North Chestnut and East 22nd. The newspaper incorrectly reported that another vehicle failed to yield right of way in the Wednesday accident. The newspaper regrets any inconvenience the error may have caused.

Thanks a bunch



From left, Marian Stroup of the Pampa Fine Arts Association gives a check for \$1,000 to Pampa Parks Director Reed Kirkpatrick as Sandy Crosswhite and Berinda Turcotte of the association look on. The donation toward the city's park system comes from the profits of the 1992 Chautauqua Festival that the arts association sponsors. The 12th annual Chautauqua Festival, expected to draw several thousand visitors, will be held on Labor Day in Central Park. Turcotte is chairman of the festival, which features arts and crafts.

Jones serves as interim Baker principal

Bill Jones is serving as interim principal at Baker Elementary until a permanent replacement for him is appointed, Dawson Orr, superintendent of Pampa schools, said Friday.
Jones, 59, had served 16 years as principal at Austin Elementary School before retiring last July.
"We are very fortunate to have someone of Bill's caliber to help the Baker faculty at this time," Orr said.
Jones, who began his duties on Monday, said Friday that "I'm enjoying it. I have really missed the association with the kids and the teachers since my retirement, and that's the thing that I missed the most."

Orr made the temporary appointment of Jones and said he plans to inform the board of the appointment at the February board meeting.
John Welborn resigned this month as principal of Baker Elementary School after 13 years as head of that school.
Orr noted that the school district expects to continue receiving appli-

cations for the Baker position for a few more weeks. A five-member committee, composed of four Baker teachers and committee chairman Orr, will review applications, conduct interviews, and make a recommendation to the PISD board of trustees, he said.
Jane Steele, assistant superintendent for instruction at Pampa Independent School District, served earlier this month as a part-time interim replacement for Welborn.

Catty query: Is Socks lacking social graces?

WASHINGTON (AP) — No fur is flying, but it seems first feline Socks has yet to acknowledge a helping paw and a tuna treat from a Capitol cat.
Khyber, one of two cats in residence at Texas Congressman Charlie Wilson's office, sent the Clinton family pet a paw-printed note after the November election offering

"in-depth briefings or just a casual whisker-to-whisker chat over a bowl of tuna supreme."
Despite the purring tone, nary a word has been heard from Little Rock, Ark., where Socks is staying until the Clintons are settled in at the White House.
"Socks hasn't responded yet," Wilson informed reporters called to

his office Wednesday to discuss some non-cat matters.
But Khyber, who styles himself "Special Feline Delegate of the 2nd Congressional District," isn't ready to brand Socks' behavior catty.
"Khyber's relaxed about it. He knows that Socks has had a lot to do this last month and had a lot of social obligations," Wilson said.

City briefs

WATER WELL Service, Doug Kennedy, 665-4088. Adv.
BRICK REPAIR, Harley Knutson, 665-4237. Adv.
TAX SERVICE, Glenda Brownlee, 1433 Dwight, 665-0310, 274-2142. Adv.
GANEL OVERHEAD Door specializing in residential doors and operators. All kinds of operators and remote controls available. 665-0042. Adv.
TAX SERVICE, Ruby Pruet, 2301 Christine. 665-2636, 665-0654. Adv.
SUPERBOWL PARTY, January 31, 1993. Free Food-All Draw Beer \$3 pitcher, \$1 mug. Derrick Club, 2401 Alcock. Adv.
EASY'S POP and Cheese Shop your Superbowl Party headquarters. 6 pack Coke and 7-up \$1.89, 12 inch Cheese tray serves 12-15 people \$11.95. Adv.

TAX SERVICE, Billie Moore, 669-7643. Adv.
50% OFF Winter Merchandise. The Clothes Line, 109 N. Cuyler. Adv.
IMAGES HUGE selection of 1/2 price Fall and Winter merchandise. All scarves, \$10. Downtown, 669-1091. Adv.
TAX SERVICE Mary J. Mynear, 669-9910. 1040A \$25, 1049EZ \$15. Electronic filing. Adv.
ENROLL FOR Quilt Classes at Sands Fabrics now. There's still time to save 25% to 75% during our Pre-Inventory Sale. Adv.
TOPSY TAIL Hairstyling tool, as advertised on TV is available at Abby's Beauty Salon and Beauty Supply, 201 N. Cuyler. Adv.
FOR SALE: By Owner 2 homes, 2124 Chestnut, 527 Red Deer. 665-6719. Adv.

COWBOYS AND Emmitt Smith pennants and collector cards. Major League Sports 321 N. Ballard. Adv.
14 KARAT Diamond Heart Ring, 14 karat Diamond Cluster Dinner Ring. 669-1768. Adv.
MIRACLES, HEALINGS, signs and wonders follow Jim Maloney's Ministry. Brother Maloney will be at Faith Christian Center, 118 N. Cuyler this weekend. Adv.
JOANN'S CREATIONS: All Fall Wreaths 1/2 price. 1200 Mary Ellen, 669-2157. Adv.
WHEN YOUR Pampa News carrier collects, does the carrier have his/her cards and hole punch? If not, don't pay. Thanks, Circulation Department.
WINTER CLEARANCE: All Concrete bird baths and fountains 1/2 price. Watson's Feed and Garden, 665-4189. Adv.

U.S. Justice Department suspends drug forfeiture payments to Nueces County

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Drug forfeiture payments to Nueces County have been suspended until an investigation into allegations concerning possible misuse of the funds is completed, a Justice Department official says.
An investigation has been launched into possible misuse of the funds by former Nueces County Sheriff James T. Hickey.
William Snider, head of the Drug Enforcement Agency's legal branch for forfeitures, said Thursday the cases has also been turned over to the Justice Department's Office of Inspector General for a possible federal investigation.
District Attorney Carlos Valdez is investigating the use of the funds by Hickey for a personal salary increase of \$48,000 and an advance payment of \$108,000 to his legal

counsel.
Hickey has said that he did nothing wrong in making the payments and that the salary compensation was fair.
Snider said the agency has notified the U.S. Marshals Service to suspend any forfeiture payments to Nueces County.
"The paying office, which is the U.S. Marshals Service, I understand has been instructed to suspend payments until the matter is resolved," said Snider.
The funds, he said, will be withheld "until the whole thing is straightened out."
Sheriff J.P. Luby said the suspension of payments is unfair and insulting.
Bill Dempsey, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshal's Service, told the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* he will not be able to verify the total

amount of drug forfeiture payments that might be held up until next week.
Richard J. Hankinson, inspector-general at the Justice Department, said, "We are conducting a preliminary inquiry to determine exactly what the facts are and to determine whether we will conduct a full-scale investigation."
"This is fundamentally a local problem," Snider said. "And if it can be resolved and handled at the local level, that's going to be fine with us."
Luby, unaware of the suspension decision until learning about it from newspaper, said that the suspension could jeopardize the work of its narcotics department and that he planned to ask the Justice Department to reconsider its decision.

Garth Brooks wows crowd at surprise show

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — Country music superstar Garth Brooks has friends in out-of-the-way places, too.
Brooks shocked a nightclub audience in this military town Wednesday night when he and his band staged a surprise performance under the name "Yukon Jack."
"He wanted to get in touch with the people," said Scottie Buchanan, operations manager at the Clovis City Limits. "He came in with his whole family — his wife, his baby, his mother and father who were celebrating their 35th anniversary."
Word of Brooks' show traveled fast in this eastern New Mexico town of 34,000, home of Cannon Air Force Base. The 200-member nightclub audience swelled to nearly 900 within an hour after the singer took the stage.
"When he hit the stage everybody was in shock," said Steve Richie, general manager of KSEL, a radio station in nearby Portales that broadcast the 90-

minute performance live. "The whole club just came to a screeching halt."
Buchanan said the surprise performance was arranged by Brooks' booking agent, a longtime friend of the owner of Clovis City Limits.
Joan Cook, a receptionist in the singer's manager's office in Nashville, Tenn., said Thursday that Brooks' show in Clovis was "something he just went ahead and did himself."
"He's been wanting to play a small club for that experience," she said. "I just know it was something he had wanted to do for some time."
Brooks wrapped up his performance around 11:30 p.m. and then signed autographs until about 2 a.m., Buchanan said.
Brooks is scheduled to sing the national anthem in Pasadena, Calif., at Super Bowl Sunday and has sold out Friday night concerts in Los Angeles.
"Yukon Jack" was advertised as an up-and-coming contemporary band on the verge of signing with

a major record company. But Richie said he knew something was up before Brooks took the stage.
"I noticed \$25,000 mixer boards and big speakers and said, 'Something's wrong here,'" Richie said. "This thing is too big for a small group." The sound people told me there were going to be producers from RCA and MCA and asked if they could go on the air."
At 9:30 p.m., about a half hour before Brooks appeared, a roadie and a sound man went on air pretending to be band members, asking radio listeners to "come on out," Richie said.
Then Brooks ran on stage and the audience went nuts. Richie said he got on his cellular phone, held it up to the speakers, went live on the air and said, "Garth Brooks is down here. I'm about 50 feet from him."
The place filled up — at \$3 a pop.
"It was so packed," Richie said. "People were coming in from all over."

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
Tonight, partly cloudy and cold, the low around 20, southerly winds 5-10 mph, and southwesterly winds 5-10 mph. Partly cloudy and warmer on Saturday, with the low around 45 and southwesterly winds 5-10 mph. Thursday's high was 58 degrees; the overnight low was 22 degrees.
REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas — Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy and cold. Lows in the teens. Saturday, partly cloudy and warmer. Highs in the 40s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 20. Extended forecast: Sunday through Tuesday, partly cloudy Sunday. Cloudy Monday and Tuesday with a chance of rain or rain mixed with snow. Lows near 20 to the mid-20s. Highs in the 40s. South Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a low in the lower 20s. Saturday, mostly cloudy and warmer. Highs in the 40s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Extended forecast: Sunday through Tuesday, partly cloudy Sunday. Cloudy Monday and Tuesday with a chance of rain, possibly mixed with freezing rain or snow. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s. Permian Basin: Tonight, cloudy with lows in the 20s. Saturday, mostly cloudy and warmer. Highs in the 40s. Sat-

urday night, mostly cloudy. Lows around 30. Extended forecast: Sunday through Tuesday, cloudy each day with slight chance of rain. Lows around 30. Highs from the mid-40s to the lower 50s.
South Texas — Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas: Tonight, cloudy and cold with a slight chance of light rain. Low in the 30s to near 40. Saturday, mostly cloudy and cold. High in the 40s to near 50. Extended forecast: Sunday, cloudy and cold with a chance of rain. Low in the 30s. High in the 40s to near 50. Monday and Tuesday, continued cloudy and cool with rain likely. Low in the 40s. High in the 50s. Texas Coastal Bend: Tonight, cloudy and cold with a chance of rain. Low in the 40s. Saturday, cloudy and cold. High in the 50s. Extended forecast: Sunday, cloudy and cold with a chance of rain. Low in the 40s. Saturday, cloudy and cold with a chance of rain. Low in the 40s. High in the 50s. Texas Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers. Turning windy and colder. Low in the 40s. Saturday, cloudy, windy and cold with a slight chance of light rain. High in the 50s. Extended forecast: Sunday, cloudy and cold with a chance of rain. Low in the 40s. High in the

50s. Monday and Tuesday, continued cloudy and cool with rain likely. Low in the 40s inland, 50s coast. High in the 60s.
North Texas — Tonight, a chance of sleet or snow northwest half, rain southeast. Cold with lows in the mid-20s northwest to the mid-30s southeast. Saturday, partly to mostly cloudy and cold. Highs in the low to mid-40s. Saturday night, partly cloudy and cold. Lows in the mid-20s to lower 30s. Extended forecast: Sunday, increasing cloudiness and warmer. Highs in the 50s. Monday and Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Highs in the 50s.
BORDER STATES
Oklahoma — Tonight, fair and cold. Lows in teens north to lower 20s south. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs upper 30s north to lower 40s south.
New Mexico — Tonight, cloudy and cold east. Mostly cloudy and cooler west. A chance of snow mainly mountains and northwest. Lows zero to 20 mountains and north with 20s elsewhere. Saturday and Sunday night, mostly cloudy. A chance of snow mainly mountains and west. Warmer northeast Saturday. Highs Saturday mainly 30s mountains and northwest with 40s lower elevations east and south. Lows Saturday night zero to 25 mountains and north with 20s to lower 30s elsewhere.

On patrol



Los Angeles Unified School District Police officer Hector Longoria patrols the area Thursday outside Belmont High School. Longoria is an example of current security measures being taken in the school district. Many are calling for higher security in the wake of the killing of a student on Jan. 21 when another student accidentally fired a .357 magnum handgun brought to school apparently for protection.

Trail-tired students return from covered wagon trip

By JOE BIGHAM
Associated Press Writer

MADERA, Calif. (AP) — A dozen sixth-graders who bounced along bumpy roads in covered wagons for two months on a Gold Rush miner's trail explored history — and gained a deeper appreciation for the conveniences of modern life.

"We learned how hard it used to be when they didn't have much water or bathrooms or cars," said 11-year-old Natalie Rodriguez.

The youngsters were the latest of almost a decade of Monroe Elementary School sixth-graders who, by earning high grades, won the chance to relive history with teacher Bill Coate.

In the past, larger groups took on research projects that sent them digging through old papers and records to learn the past without the filter of history books. This is the first group, however, that has followed in the very footsteps of a pioneer.

"We had no idea that we would change as we have," the grizzled Coate said after the wagons returned

Thursday. "We went thinking we knew something about pioneers. We found we knew nothing about pioneer life."

The 11- and 12-year-olds started their trek Jan. 5 at Nogales, Mexico, 900 miles southeast of this central California city. They traveled across Arizona, then up California in two mule-drawn wagons. They switched to motor vehicles when it was unsafe to ride the wagons.

The travelers followed as closely as possible a route William P. Huff recounted in a diary during his 1849-50 trip to gold fields in Mariposa.

Huff's great-great-grandson, David Ewing Stewart, was wagon captain for the modern-day trip. Stewart, a real Texas cowpoke, brought along his own wranglers to handle the mules.

"They were the toughest bunch of little kids," Stewart told families and other students who greeted the group Thursday with signs proclaiming, "Welcome Home Pioneers."

Natalie's father, Salcedo

Rodriguez, greeted his daughter by asking, "How's my cowgirl?"

Her mother, Marlene, said it was a rare chance "to relive history like that. I told her it was something she can pass on when she's older."

The students, who had to write in their journals every day, learned for real how much tougher life was for California's pioneers.

One boy came down with chicken pox, and a few smashed fingers feeding the animals or doing other chores, said their nurse, Carmen Saucedo.

Several pupils said they wanted to take a bath, then visit a fast-food restaurant after eating campfire cooking for most of a month.

Among those watching the celebration were fourth-graders at Monroe Elementary who helped make the wagons. They hope to keep their grades high enough to be picked for Coate's history project when they're in the sixth grade.

"I want to learn about diaries and things in the old days, 1846 and things like that," said 10-year-old Jessica Garcia.

Clinton decision on military gay ban anticipated today

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said today he was "quite close" to lifting the military's ban on homosexuals and the White House said it did not expect to challenge a judge's ruling that found the ban unconstitutional.

Clinton said he was studying whether to change any of the details of the plan he was finalizing, based on the ruling.

"This court decision may change that and we're looking at it and I'll probably have something to say on it later today," Clinton said this morning after meeting Thursday night with Senate leaders to strike a compromise.

White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said she did not expect the Justice Department to appeal Thursday night's federal court ruling in Los Angeles declaring unconstitutional the 50-year-old ban on homosexuals in the armed services.

The ruling gave the president powerful leverage to use in overcoming congressional and military opposition to his vow to lift the ban.

Senate Democratic leaders met Thursday night at the White House with Clinton — and were meeting in the Oval Office when the court ruling was announced. The leaders reported progress toward a compromise, although administration officials said a few loose ends remained to be worked out.

The federal court ruling clearly bolstered Clinton's position.

"The court opinion in California does have some impact. I don't expect the Justice Department to appeal it," Myers said today.

Clinton said he was "quite close" to a plan that would do "what I think ought to be done without anybody agreeing to change their position now, giving them a chance to look into what the practical problems are."

"We're waiting for an analysis of the court decision now on how it affects what we would have to do anyway," he added.

Clinton comments, made during

an Oval Office photo session with Arkansas teen-agers, came a day after U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter Jr. ruled in Los Angeles that it was unconstitutional to prohibit gays and lesbians from the military because of sexual orientation.

Hatter said the ban violated the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection to all citizens.

The judge's decision only applies in his court's California jurisdiction, but it could give Clinton considerable political ammunition as he tries to defuse intense congressional and military opposition to his plan.

Myers said Clinton had "only a broad-strokes" familiarity with the court ruling, which involved Keith Meinhold, a Navy sonar operator who was discharged after he announced on a TV program he was homosexual.

"He hasn't had a chance to review it," she said.

Former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, who opposes lifting the ban, suggested today the court's ruling could be overturned on appeal.

"I assume it's subject to review and appeal," Cheney said on "CBS This Morning." "There have been a number of decisions handed down by the courts over the years. Nearly all of them have supported the department's authority to make this decision. But of course this new decision will complicate it."

Clinton learned of the court ruling during an Oval Office session with Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, and Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, in search of way to avoid a congressional backlash to his decision.

Mitchell and Nunn brought Clinton a proposed compromise, but left after nearly two hours without reporting full agreement.

The congressional proposal closely tracks Clinton's stated plan for a six-month interim period during which the Pentagon would stop recruiters from asking about sexual preference and impose a partial moratorium on ousting homosexuals already in uniform.

However, in a nod to the Pentagon

— and to Nunn — the proposed compromise also would allow a commander to temporarily transfer a homosexual.

It was not clear how much of the compromise language Clinton was willing to accept.

Nunn, who has been an influential opponent of Clinton's plan, would only say "some progress" had been achieved at the White House session.

"We made good progress," Mitchell told reporters. But he said still expected an intense floor fight in Congress over the president's action.

Myers said Nunn had "serious concerns about this and we're working to address those concerns." She said the meeting broke up with both Clinton and Nunn agreeing to review proposed final language. They were to talk again today.

Myers said remaining differences deal with the proposed six-month period between when the lifting of the ban is announced and when it formally takes effect.

Republicans have threatened to submit legislation to block Clinton's move unless he promises to back off on a decision for six months.

According to White House expectations, Defense Secretary Les Aspin would draft an executive order for Clinton to sign formally lifting the ban after six months. Details would be worked out by then on how the military should put the new policy into effect.

Under Clinton's interim order, cases based on sexual conduct — such as sodomy — would proceed because they involve violations of the military code of justice.

Even as White House officials asserted they were near a resolution, new obstacles appeared, including legal questions on whether homosexuals booted out of the military in the past might be entitled to back pay.

Another problem, according to a congressional official speaking on condition of anonymity, is how to deal with acknowledged homosexuals if the ban is overturned in six months.

Census Bureau: Skilled blue-collar workers continue to lose ground

By TIM BOVEE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's force of skilled white-collar workers overtook the ranks of skilled blue-collar workers in the 1980s for the first time.

There were 36.6 million executives, professionals and technicians in 1990, the Census Bureau said Thursday. That was one worker in three, compared with one in four 10 years earlier.

There were 27.8 million skilled workers making or transporting goods — one worker in five, compared with one in four a decade earlier.

Other sorts of jobs showed little change during the decade. One worker in eight held a service job, such as cooks, police officers, maids, barbers and nannies. That was about the same as 10 years earlier.

Farmers and farm workers accounted for less than 3 percent of the work force, also barely changed during the decade.

One worker in 25 held a job requiring little education or training, such as construction laborer, stock handler or garbage collector. In 1980, one in 20 held those jobs.

Economists say the effects of the recession that began in mid-1990 may have slowed the growth in white-collar jobs since then.

The recession placed large numbers of workers at risk of losing their jobs or having their pay cut without the protection of a union contract, said Malcolm Cohen, director of the Institute for Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Michigan.

Since the last recession struck, "people who have never been laid off before are experiencing layoffs for the first time," Cohen said.

As a result, organized labor sees an opportunity to add to its membership, as the growing number of white-collar workers, battered by hard times, turn to unions to protect their jobs.

"I don't think it is going to be something that happens overnight, but over a period of years I think we're going to see more and more of this," said Markley Roberts, an AFL-CIO economist.

"One result of the layoffs of the middle managers and upper-income executives and professionals is that these people are learning that the business bottom line often ranks

higher with the company than loyalty over a long period of time," Roberts said.

The 1990 Census also found these changes from a decade earlier:

—Women in precision production, craft and repair work, up 20 percent.

—Women executives, administrators and managers, up 95 percent.

—Size of the work force, 124 million, up 18 percent.

—Size of the population, 248 million, up 10 percent.

—Whites in the work force: up 12 percent; blacks, up 23 percent; Hispanics, up 67 percent; Asians and Pacific Islanders, up 106 percent; American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts, up 45 percent.

U.S. has mild flu season

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — It's been a mild flu season so far, but don't put your tissues away just yet. And don't expect next year to be as easy.

"Flu runs in cycles," Dr. Larry Schonberger of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday. "Next year will probably be worse."

People in 29 states have reported suffering the sneezing, coughing and aching of the flu this season. Widespread outbreaks have struck New Mexico, New York and Washington.

Last winter, the United States experienced a flu epidemic that started in October 1991, two months early. Most patients were hit by Type A, the worst strain.

This year the flu season didn't begin until December, and most cases are Type B flu, the mildest strain. Still, Type B tends to stick around, sometimes into March, when flu season normally is considered over.

"It's too early to tell yet whether this thing is going to peter out or build up," Schonberger said. "Type B flu tends to build up in the nation much more gradually than Type A, which can hit us over the head with a big bang."

Washington state had the season's first outbreak in a nursing home, where 19 of the 97 residents caught flu or flu-like illnesses. Two residents, already in poor health, died.

Flu generally kills about 10,000 Americans each year, most from Type A. With Type B predominant

this year, flu deaths have remained well below the rate expected so far, Schonberger said, though no figures were available.

The CDC doesn't expect serious problems this season, Schonberger said. But doctors are already worried about next year's expected harsh season, because people tend to avoid getting vaccinated after a mild year.

Already, the CDC and Food and Drug Administration are deciding how to brew up next year's vaccine. Whichever strain starts to gain in strength in the last weeks of flu season is generally the strain that will dominate the following year.

The CDC expects one of the Type A strains, either the particularly bad Beijing flu or the somewhat milder Texas flu, to dominate next year.

Woman chooses sterilization to avoid prison

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP) — A woman who molested her sons opted for sterilization to avoid prison, prompting criticism of the judge who gave her the choice.

"The problem is not having more kids ... it is protecting the kids she has," said state Rep. Lois DeBerry of Memphis, an advocate for women's issues.

The 26-year-old woman and her 33-year-old husband were convicted of molesting her two boys.

They weren't identified to protect the children's identity.

Each was sentenced to 10 years in prison on Jan. 15, but Criminal Court Judge Lynn Brown said he would put them on probation if the woman consented to have her tubes tied. Her husband need not be sterilized.

"It's abundantly clear to me that if she has any more children, it is very likely that they would be victimized," Brown said. "I think if she gets her tubes tied it may prevent additional tragedy."

A spokeswoman for the National Organization for Women called the sentence "gross sexual discrimination."

"Court-ordered sterilization is unacceptable," said Hedy Weinberg, executive director of the American

Civil Liberties Union in Tennessee. "Sterilization goes far beyond what is called for by the judge."

Neither the husband nor the wife would comment.

The woman's attorney, public defender Jeff Kelly, was reluctant to discuss the case, but said he "had some reservations about this whole thing."

The woman's probation officer, Angela Gouge, said that as far as she knows, the woman is not having second thoughts about being sterilized.

"She hasn't said anything about that to me," Gouge said.

The state Department of Human Services is seeking permanent custody of the couple's five children, according to court documents.

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Texas Editorials

The Galveston Daily News on courthouse security:

A shooting inside a Dallas courthouse ... could be explained away as an isolated incident — if it weren't for the July 1 shooting in a Fort Worth courthouse. Or the July 20 shooting outside a Beaumont courthouse. ...

(A)s State Bar President Harriet Miers pointed out following the latest tragedy, family law is the area where violence is most likely to erupt. The high level of emotion found in family law disputes just isn't found in other areas of the law. ...

(T)he continuing violence is making it obvious that some level of Texas government should take steps to fund security. People who turn to the courthouse to resolve disputes should not fear for their lives. Neither should the people who work there.

Port Arthur News on recycling fee:

State Sen. Carl Parker and Texas Land commissioner Garry Mauro are "recycling" a proposal for the Legislature to approve container fees of up to one cent per item, although both expect the same opposition that has killed this plan in the past. The beverage industry in particular opposes such proposals, which it feels drives up costs unnecessarily. ...

There are various ways to promote recycling and reduce use of landfills, but the Legislature should take a closer look at Parker's bill.

Other states such as Iowa, Massachusetts, Maine, New York and Oregon have deposit fees of 5 cents per aluminum can, for example. (Michigan's fee is 10 cents per can.) These laws have done a lot to cut down roadside litter and use of landfills while simultaneously boosting recycling.

Everybody agrees that recycling is an all-around benefit to society — and that it needs to be done more and on a larger scale. When consumers have an economic incentive to recycle, they will, and this type of bill provides that incentive.

The (Harlingen) Valley Morning Star on Zoe Baird:

When the news first hit that Attorney General-designate Zoe Baird had hired two illegal immigrants, the prevailing view inside the Washington Beltway seemed to be that her transgression certainly should not disqualify her.

Then, the public spoke. An avalanche of calls poured in to senators' offices. They were overwhelmingly against Baird's nomination. ...

At first, most senators supported Baird. But by Thursday they could no longer resist the will of their constituents. Baird's support, so strong at the beginning of the week, quickly gave way. ... She withdrew.

To ordinary Americans, if not to the Washington establishment, this was a fairness issue. The prospect of a double standard for the nation's top law enforcement officer enraged many. The result was a dynamic display of people power, and Baird's nomination was history.

President Clinton stressed the fairness issue during his campaign. The public held him to that promise when it came to Zoe Baird.

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Zoe Down

So Zoe-bird has gone down. The forces pushing her around were various. She had working for her sex: Some of the Senate Judiciary Committee members were scared to death of any re-enactment of the Anita Hill hearings, which were the battle cry of many feminists during the last campaign, she had working for her the patronage of the new president, who designations for high office are not lightly received.

Jimmy Carter, freshly installed, tried to get Theodore Sorensen in as head of the CIA, and finally gave up, as congressional sentiment consolidated around the point of his temperamental unsuitability for that office. John Tower's sponsor, George Bush, would not give up on Tower, and lost, an especially bitter blow given that only two years earlier Tower had sat in the very body of the institution that refused now to endorse him for secretary of defense.

Zoe Baird had working against her that she admittedly broke the law, and that the excuses she gave for doing so are not very convincing, neither to the professional nor to the non-professional community.

Clinton does not relish losing his very first legislative battle. Baird's primary legal excuse was that she was counseled by a lawyer that if she sponsored her baby sitter and the baby sitter's husband, that sponsorship immunized her as the employer of an illegal alien pending the arrival of the green card, legalizing the Peruvians' presence in the United States.

This excuse did not strike a chord of sympathy, inasmuch as common sense informs us that if it



William F. Buckley Jr.

were that easy, there would be no problem in anybody's hiring an illegal alien: Simply act as a sponsor and wait, years if necessary.

But some thought should be given to the built-in paradoxes of the situation. There are somewhere between 8 million and 11 million illegal aliens in the United States. It is obvious to anyone whose brain isn't dead that these men and women are working. In fact, the Supreme Court has even ruled that communities that provide education must provide it not only for citizens, but also for aliens, legal or illegal. So that to the extent one is pressing a moral point — that the future attorney general ought not to have broken a law — one asks, really, whether that law has been reduced to a mere formalism.

A restaurant owner in New York City not long ago told a client that if the Immigration and Naturalization Service were to yank away every illegal worker in the city's restaurants, the entire restaurant industry would close down. The reason for this is that, we are not dealing in Depression times, when people who could find work did so in preference to starving. There are 11 percent unemployed

in New York City, and this body of workers are unwilling to wash dishes in New York or to act as live-in baby sitters or house servants. They prefer public welfare.

The *Washington Post* a couple of years ago ran a feature on young unemployed males in the city aged 18 to 22. They would be hired by gasoline stations to man the pumps and wash the cars and, after a week or 10 days, they would not show up for work. Such work bored them.

Illegals show up with a different attitude toward work. They do not have available to them the welfare alternative. That is why while the national rate of unemployed is 7 percent, among illegals, it is probably nearer zero percent.

On the point that an attorney general should never break the law, one wonders whether between 1919 and 1933, A. Mitchell Palmer, Harry M. Caugherty, Harlan F. Stone, John G. Sargent and William D. Mitchell ever had an alcoholic drink. They served as attorneys general of the United States at a time when the consumption of liquor was illegal. But the attitude toward drinking was that if you could get away with it, which wasn't hard, it was OK to have a snort every now and then.

Were the standard meted out to Baird unique? One might put it to Congress: How many of you have illegal help in your own households? Probably as many as praise the public schools, while sending their children to private schools.

Zoe Baird would have had an easier time of it if in private life she had served not a large insurance company, but a consumer-rights group. This may prove to have been her final vulnerability.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 1993. There are 336 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 29, 1820, Britain's King George III died insane at Windsor Castle, ending a reign that had seen both the American and French revolutions.

On this date:
In 1843, 150 years ago, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.

In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was published under a pseudonym in the *New York Evening Mirror*.

In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1900, the American League, consisting of eight baseball teams, was organized in Philadelphia.

In 1936, the first members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1939, Irish poet-dramatist William Butler Yeats died in Menton, France.



New York after dark

The "good old days" were not really.

If there were fewer careening taxicabs in the narrow canyons of New York City in the days of graceful horse-drawn carriages ... there also was ankle-deep dung and flies and fleas and disease.

Nonetheless the horse-drawn carriage to this day makes Central Park seem less dangerous, more inviting.

But then one day a young woman named Peggy Parker, after seeing four horses collapse and die on city streets, decided to follow other carriage horses "home."

She was not supposed to.

Nonetheless she went to one of the six stables where carriage horses spend the night. She was not welcomed but was not detained. Up a steep ramp on the second floor 20 horses were confined in narrow stalls. No ventilation. No bedding. Urine pooled around mounds of manure. The stalls had no water, no salt blocks. The heat and the stench were overwhelming.

An all-black horse with a large bump on her forehead was "a night horse," allowed on the street only after dark when it was not readily apparent that she was unsightly and unfit.

She'd been driven all night on asphalt with no



Paul Harvey

water. She had come in bleeding from the nose and mouth. She was dying.

Peggy Parker, aghast, sought out the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and demanded to know why there isn't a law against such cruelty.

There is a law, she was told, but there are not agents to enforce it. City agencies basically ignore the situation.

Out of that experience this one compassionate woman created The Carriage Horse Action Committee.

Her coalition of volunteers has since mobilized support for a law (Local Law 89) that bars car-

riages from high-traffic areas, limits working hours for carriage horses, sets temperature limits and requires driver training.

Her committee has established an adoption program for old, sick or otherwise unsuitable carriage horses.

The organization continues to seek the upgrading of stables and horse cars.

Many of the new generation of carriage drivers — immigrants from Turkey, Mexico and Brazil — are inexperienced with American standards for what constitutes abuse and, when issued a summons for cruelty, can rarely be located and, thus, go unpunished.

New York City newspapers could assign photographers to document continuing cruelty. But none has.

I hope they will not ignore this. At the Sherry Netherland Hotel, on Wednesday, co-nered celebrities and local lawmakers converged, and businesses and industries were represented, all of them friends of the carriage horse.

The Carriage Horse Protection Act is due to expire in November of this year, and it will require a concerted effort to renew it or, preferably, replace it with a better one.

Those unbalanced books

WASHINGTON — For all that's new in the remodeled government, the debate about taxes and deficits is starting to sound like the same old story — the one ending in failure when it is time to start balancing the books.

President Clinton is trying to write a plan with a different plot and outcome, to be presented in his debut State of the Union address on Feb. 17.

With the Democrats in full control, this is supposed to be the season to break the gridlock in favor of bipartisan action on urgent problems that span political parties and philosophies.

But some political instincts run even deeper. Congress is divided not only by political party, but by state and region, with interests and needs that often compete. Neglect them, and there can be punishment waiting in the next election.

So there was an instant reaction when the administration floated the idea of an energy consumption tax as part of Clinton's package to deal with the deficit. The regional arguments echoed those of the past, as did conservative complaints — led by, but not limited to, Republicans — that the new government should cut spending before looking at tax increases.

It was triggered Sunday when Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that there would be a consumption tax in the new economic game plan, and that a broad energy tax is among the options Clinton is considering.

That wasn't the first signal of a proposal along those lines. Clinton had said after his Little Rock

Walter Mears AP Special Correspondent

economic conference that he'd heard good arguments for an increase in the federal gasoline tax.

Deficit projections are up. Forecasts for the current budget year range from \$310 billion to \$327 billion, a record high either way, and that does not include the budget impact of a \$15 billion-to-\$25 billion economic stimulus plan that will be part of the package.

So Clinton already has backed away from an early campaign pledge to cut taxes on the middle class. While that is politically manageable, reversing it all the way to an increase in middle-class income taxes is not.

Clinton said he wanted to raise rates at the top and ease them in the middle for the sake of tax fairness. But he has to find more money for deficit control.

A broad energy tax could be a way out, and probably would be coupled with proposals to ease the impact on lower- and middle-income wage earners. A 5 percent tax on the use of all forms of energy would raise \$18 billion a year, by Congressional Budget Office estimates. Each penny increase in the federal gasoline tax, now 14.1 cents a gallon, would raise \$1 billion a year.

Both have been proposed repeatedly over the past

20 years, for the money and also as energy conservation measures. Each time, they collided with the kind of arguments, and rivalries, that are echoing now.

In the wide-open West, where driving distances are greater and travel alternatives fewer, a gas tax hits harder than in cities and suburbs. In the Northeast and Midwest, oil fees hike the cost of heating homes and businesses.

The oil industry says an energy tax would dampen the shaky economic recovery, exporters say it would make U.S. goods less competitive abroad, airlines warn of another drag on an already troubled industry.

Even supporters of a broader tax on consumption as an alternative, and eventual replacement for the income tax, don't like the idea of starting with an energy tax.

"Once you start singling out a sector, then you have all kinds of political problems relating to fairness," said Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo. "And with energy taxes in particular, you also have all kinds of regional problems setting in ..."

Then there's the standard argument against more taxes, period. Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., typified that one in the House, saying it hadn't taken the Democratic administration a week to abandon the middle-class tax cut and suggest "a tax increase for everyone," including the poor and the middle class.

Those are among the warmup exercises; the program won't be ready for three weeks yet.

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Gay soldier tells of 15 years in Army

By DAVID FOSTER
Associated Press Writer

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — For 15 years, Perry Watkins was a soldier who was not supposed to exist: an openly gay man in an Army that banned homosexuals.

Now, as the nation's military and political leaders agonize over lifting that 50-year-old ban, Watkins sees no reason for all the fuss.

"I know it can work," he said. "I lived through what happens when this policy is removed. I had 15 years of exemplary service, and the Army did not crumble."

Watkins, drafted in 1968, spent the first days of his Army career trying to get kicked out because he is gay, then spent his last days trying to stay in.

For most of that time, he was a clerk and later a personnel records supervisor. He did not serve in Vietnam but saw border skirmishes in Korea.

Discharged in 1984 because of his homosexuality, Watkins began seven years of court battles that reached the U.S. Supreme Court. He was reinstated in 1991, immediately retiring with a promotion to sergeant first class, full pension and back pay of \$135,000.

His experience offers a look at what can happen when homosexuals and heterosexuals are thrown together in the military.

"Most people would go, 'Oh, you're gay,' and be uncomfortable for a few days, then it was business as usual," Watkins said.

Not that it was easy for Watkins, or the Army, while he was a soldier.

Watkins was never shy about his sexual orientation. Indeed, he was a homophobe's nightmare — an unashamed, out-of-the-closet, sexually active gay man who enjoyed dressing as a drag queen named Simone.

Drafted at 18, Watkins went to his pre-induction physical and was handed a form asking if he suffered from maladies such as hay fever, bed-wetting — and homosexual tendencies. Watkins checked "yes" on the last item.

It didn't seem to matter; those were the days when the military was desperate for soldiers to send to Vietnam.

An Army psychiatrist asked Watkins a few questions about his sex life, then wrote on his form: "Qualified for induction."

During his first six months, Watkins asked three times for a discharge on the basis that his homosexuality violated Army policy. His third request came at Fort Belvoir, Va., after five men dragged him out of his bunk one night and attacked him.

Each time, officials cited the psychiatrist's report. After nine months, Watkins was still in the Army.

"I decided I was going to find a way to protect myself, because the system wasn't going to," he said.

As soon as he arrived in a new unit, he would tell his commanding officer that he was gay. Inevitably, the officer did not like it and would check with superiors to see if Watkins could be discharged. Inevitably, the officer was told to deal with it.

While there were no more violent attacks, other harassment continued: yells of "faggot," or soldiers who wouldn't speak to him.

But he also found allies, including the commanding officer who discovered Watkins was a female impersonator and had him



(AP Photo)

Perry Watkins, a homosexual who served as a soldier for 15 years, before being discharged in 1984, is shown Thursday in his Tacoma, Wash., home.

perform for the troops. "Simone" was a hit, and Watkins later performed in drag at bases in Germany, Korea and stateside.

Watkins said acceptance came as people got to know him as a person, not a stereotype. "A lot of the opposition is fear, and a lot of that disappears the minute the mystique of someone being gay is removed," he said.

The military's ban on homosexuals reinforces that fear, Watkins said.

Critics of President Clinton's plan to lift the ban say morale would suffer and heterosexual soldiers would feel uncomfortable and threatened in the close quarters of barracks life. Some worry

that the sight of naked men in the shower could arouse gay soldiers.

But Watkins said he's been showering with other men since childhood trips to the public swimming pool.

"We're not predators who go out and attack people," he said. He added, "Many heterosexual men may be attracted to women they work with, but they can't always have sex with them."

During his career, Watkins found support in unlikely places, such as the officer who initiated a discharge proceeding in 1975. The officer, supposedly testifying for the government, became Watkins' biggest defender.

"In my opinion Spc. 5 Watkins

is the best clerk I have known," Capt. Albert J. Bast said, according to Army records. "Watkins does a fantastic job — excellent."

The board ruled unanimously not to discharge Watkins. But in 1979, his security clearance was revoked because of his homosexuality, just two years after it had been granted by officials who knew he was gay.

Watkins challenged the revocation, and in 1981, after the American Civil Liberties Union took his case, the Army tried to discharge him. Watkins remained in the service until 1984, when he was kicked out after an unfavorable appeals court ruling.

The legal battles continued while Watkins worked in Seattle as a civilian, and in 1989, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Watkins reinstated.

The court avoided the question of homosexuals' constitutional rights, saying only that the Army could not discharge Watkins because it had re-enlisted him while knowing he was gay. The Army appealed, but lost when the U.S. Supreme Court let the ruling stand in 1990.

Retirement has not quieted Watkins, now 44. He lives in Tacoma, sharing a house with three cats when he's not traveling the country to speak to gay organizations.

Prominently hung on the living room wall, amid awards from gay-rights groups, is Watkins' certificate of retirement from the Army. While nobody ever accused him of being a typical soldier, he shares a veteran's pride for duty served.

"If there had been a problem, there would have been so many complaints that they'd have had to get rid of me," Watkins said. "Instead, my record shows I was an exemplary soldier."

But that, he added somewhat bitterly, is not always all that matters.

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Federal judge rules military can't bar gays from service

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge struck down the military's ban on homosexuals, and the man who challenged the prohibition said today he wants to go back to being a petty officer, not "the gay sailor."

Ruling in favor of 30-year-old Keith Meinhold, U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter Jr. declared Thursday that the policy violates the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection.

The ruling appeared to strengthen President Clinton's hand as he tried to quell a revolt on Capitol Hill against his bid to lift the ban himself.

Meinhold is a 12-year Navy veteran who was discharged after announcing on national television that he is gay.

"I would like to go back to being just a naval petty officer doing my job, get people to know me as Petty Officer Keith Meinhold and not the gay sailor," he said today on ABC's "Good Morning America." He wanted to "go back to working on being the best submarine hunter in the Navy."

"To discriminate against somebody and actually do something to them just because of who they are is certainly not the American way," he said.

When he heard the ruling, "I think I jumped high enough that my head hurts because I hit the ceiling," Meinhold said.

The ruling came as the president maneuvered to counter bitter opposition in Congress and at the Pentagon to his pledge to lift the 50-year-old ban by executive order.

White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said Clinton had "only a broad strokes" understanding of the ruling and hadn't had a chance to review it.

Hatter's ruling applies to all branches of the military, but only in the portions of California within his court's jurisdiction. But politically, it could bolster efforts by those seeking to end the ban nationwide.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin recently warned military leaders they should seek a compromise with Clinton because "sooner or later, the courts are going to come at you on this issue."

"There's no question — especially in light of this court decision — that this policy is going to go," Meinhold said.

The Pentagon has argued that allowing acknowledged homosexuals would undermine discipline and morale. But Hatter, an appointee of President Carter, said the Pentagon's reasons "are based on cultural myths and false stereotypes."

"These justifications are baseless and very similar to the reasons offered to keep the military racially segregated in the 1940s," the judge said.

Civil rights activists hailed the decision.

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Religion

Chaplains joined in faith, sacrifice on sinking troop ship

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

The night was frigid. The U.S. transport ship Dorchester, carrying 902 troops, had slowed to half speed because of ice floes. At 1 a.m., a torpedo struck and exploded midship. The ship started down rapidly.

Then, in the panic on the deck of that doomed World War II vessel 50 years ago, came an episode that implanted the ideal of interfaith bonds in American memory.

Four Army chaplains — two Protestants, a Jew and a Roman Catholic — after working to distribute life jackets, calm the frightened men and direct them to lifeboats and rafts, gave their own life belts to men without them.

Survivors related that as the ship went under on Feb. 3, 1943, the four chaplains clung together on the slanting deck, their arms linked, their heads bowed in prayer.

"It's a living parable that has affected the lives of many Christians and Jews ever since," said the Rev. David Poling of Albuquerque, N.M., a cousin of one of the four chaplains.

"Ministers of different backgrounds, drawn together in crisis, gave up their lives for others in love of God. A threatening, challenging moment brought out the essence of their relationship — that they were brothers."

That tie was little recognized in the early 1940s and before, a time of denominational aloofness, backbiting and prejudice, prior to the rise of ecumenical organizations and interfaith work.

"It was the sort of thing you didn't see back then, but which we now see all over

the country," said Fred K. Honigman, interim executive director of The Chapel of the Four Chaplains at Valley Forge, Pa.

He said the event got wide public attention, spreading a spark that had implications for the whole ecumenical movement. It has broadened understanding and produced working links among most Christian denominations and Judaism.

On the 50th anniversary, commemorative events were being held this week and next in scores of communities across the country by churches and veterans' organizations.

Several ecumenical services and processions were scheduled this Sunday and next week in Philadelphia.

Dedication services also were held on a 4.5-acre plot in Valley Forge for building of a new Chapel of the Four Chaplains designed to suggest the shape of the Dorchester. A \$2 million-fund drive is under way for the project.

Last Monday, ceremonies were held at the U.S. Naval Station on Staten Island, N.Y., and a plaque commemorating the heroism of the four chaplains was dedicated at Pier 1 from which the Dorchester departed on Jan. 22, 1943.

After taking on more troops in Boston, the ship joined a convoy in the Atlantic, but broke off alone to head for Greenland. German submarines at the time were sinking about 100 Allied ships per month.

"Torpedo Junction," those Atlantic waters were then called.

The four chaplains on the Dorchester, working to allay anxieties of the young servicemen, were: Lt. Alexander D. Goode,

31, a Brooklyn-born Jewish rabbi; Lt. Clarke V. Poling, 32, a Dutch Reformed minister from New York; Lt. John P. Washington, 34, a Roman Catholic priest from Kearny, N.J., and Lt. George L. Fox, 42, a Methodist, of Altoona, Pa.

"They were all very sociable guys, who seemed to have initiated interfaith activities even before the war," said Clarke Poling's cousin, David Poling, a Presbyterian pastor who has collected material on the four and the Dorchester episode.

"They had hit it off well at chaplains' school. Sharing their faiths was not just a first-time deal for them. They were really very close. They had prayed together a number of times before that final crisis," David Poling said.

The Poling family has been prominent in Protestant affairs, particularly Clarke's father, the late Rev. Daniel Poling, who was influential in launching commemorations of the four chaplains by President Truman in 1951.

Daniel Poling was longtime editor of The Christian Herald and pastor of New York's Marble Collegiate Church, preceding the Rev. Norman Vincent Peale. His son, Clarke, had lived with cousin David's family in New Jersey while going to Rutgers University.

The Dorchester went under 20 minutes after she was hit. Only 230 of the 902 aboard survived to tell of the desperation of those last minutes and sacrifice of the four chaplains.

David Poling said, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."



(AP Photo) This portrait of the four chaplains of the U.S. transport ship Dorchester was painted by Dudley Sumner in 1946. It hangs in The Chapel of the Four Chaplains at Valley Forge, Pa. Pictured from left are Lt. A.D. Goode, Lt. G.L. Fox, Lt. C.V. Poling and Lt. J.P. Washington. The four died when they gave up their life belts to others when the ship sank Feb. 3, 1943.

First ordained woman says churches have responsibility

By TOWN & COUNTRY
For AP Special Features

The Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, the first ordained woman to be named general secretary of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States, believes Americans are seeking soul food — literally.

Campbell, 60, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, is a grandmother of five who, Kenneth A. Briggs wrote in the current issue of *Town & Country*, has held both volunteer and staff positions in a number of community-oriented groups, including Headstart. She was ordained by the American Baptist Churches in the United States in 1980 and has served as director of the council's local and regional ecumenism and as executive director of the U.S. Office of the World Council of Churches.

The American Council, long known for its advocacy of human rights and social justice, comprises 32 member denominations representing 45 million people, including the Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches; six African-American churches, the "peace churches" — the Brethren and two branches of the Quakers — and nine U.S. Orthodox churches.

"We live in a country," she said in answer to a question about spiritual hunger, "in which not only poor people but upper- and middle-class people have family members who have varying forms of addiction. Addiction is a sign of spiritual bankruptcy. That's not all it is, but it's a searching for something to feed the soul. And I think the churches need very much to address that problem."

She believes churches have social responsibili-

ties, too, saying: "If you look for references to family in the Scriptures, you find almost none. If you look for references concerning the poor, you'll find hundreds. The task of a minister is to help show people what the gospel calls them to do."

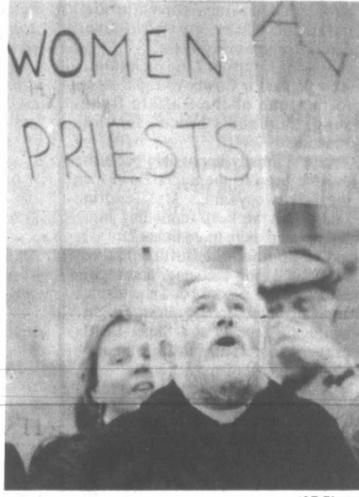
At the same time, she said, even people who are working hard to help the poor are beginning to say, "We give shelter to homeless people, why are the same number of people still on the streets? We feed people, but we're not even beginning to touch the problem. It's got to be addressed at the government level."

Asked about the sentiment for a return to prayer in the schools, she said:

"A kind of Christian chauvinism is going on here because most proponents of prayer in the school are Christians. And it is very hard to talk with them about how Jewish children, say, might feel if, in fact, day after day, they had to sit through Christian prayers. There's no question it makes them feel 'other,' outside the norm. Not only is that unhealthy for children, but we need to help people understand that therein are the roots of intolerance."

Campbell said the council has tried to create opportunities for dialogue about such issues as abortion, where member churches range from support of free choice to adamant opposition. On homosexuality, she said AIDS has made Americans realize that almost every family knows someone or has a member who is homosexual.

"All issues of sexuality are explosive for us for a whole variety of reasons," she said. "But on the issue of homosexuality, I sense a growing agreement, despite obvious examples to the



(AP Photo) An unidentified priest sings religious hymns while demonstrating in favor of admittance of women to the all-male priesthood outside Church House in London in November.

contrary, that homosexuals have civil rights."

Campbell said that the ordaining of women has begun an examination about the nature of ordained ministry, adding:

"Before there were women pastors, there wasn't much discussion of shared pastorates of co-pastors or, certainly, married couples sharing pastoral responsibility."

Religions join together on social welfare reform

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Organizations representing the nation's main religions — Protestant, Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Jewish — are combining their moral authority to help reform U.S. social welfare policies.

It's described as the first time such a wide spectrum of American religious agencies have jointly tackled such a broad concern.

"In the past we have cooperated on issues of general concern, but this project is more comprehensive," said the Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, which is participating.

Council members include most major Protestant and Orthodox denominations. Also taking part are the Synagogue Council of America, embracing the three main branches of Judaism, and the U.S. Catholic Conference, the joint public policy arm of U.S. Roman Catholicism.

Altogether, they represent religious bodies totalling more than 100 million members.

The interfaith effort called "The Common Ground for the Common Good" is based on the conviction that these historic faiths share common principles that support aiding the needy.

Under the plan, participants will pool their influence to get the newly recommended methods implemented.

Msgr. Robert N. Lynch, general secretary of the Catholic conference based in Washington, said the religious groups will need to mount an "enduring campaign" to "advocate actively for the new social welfare policies."

The first job is to shape the

framework of a reformed system. The Ford Foundation has provided a grant of \$152,000 to finance the early phases.

A joint team has been set up by the religious groups to develop a common policy statement and strategies, with an Interfaith Summit on Social Welfare planned in Washington early next year.

Rabbi Henry D. Michelman, executive vice president of the Synagogue Council of America, said that once the common policy statement is ready, special meetings of religious leaders are to be held to discuss it.

"We expect these meetings to lead to comprehensive advocacy for the reform of social welfare policies," he said.

Michael Lipsky, Ford Foundation program officer for public policy, expressed hope the religious efforts will "provide the basis for a new consensus on the need to support effective social policies for all."

While the need for welfare reform has been widely recognized in recent years, inclusive steps have been lacking, and although various means for it have been advocated, little progress has been made.

Three years ago, a report by the Ford Foundation stressed the need for a comprehensive approach to social welfare reform.

Ms. Campbell said urban upheavals this year in Los Angeles and elsewhere have given the development of new social welfare policy "a new popular urgency that must not end with the rhetoric of an election year."

Lynch called the project "an exciting new interreligious effort on behalf of the poor, the marginalized and those who have fallen through the alleged social safety net."

Fish to be served with trimmings

The St. Mark Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, 406 Elm St., will sponsor a fried fish dinner with all of the trimmings at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Those who participate can eat at the church, have the fish delivered or get it to go. Donations will be accepted. For deliveries, call 669-6743.

Group to sing on fifth Sunday

Sunday is the fifth Sunday of January and Priest Park Church of God plans to having an afternoon of singing and fellowship on the extra Sunday of the month.

The activity is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. The church is located on the corner of Sumner and Gwendolen streets.

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Faith Christian Center set to host evangelist Jim Maloney of Dallas

Faith Christian Center is hosting evangelist Jim Maloney from Dallas at 7 p.m. today and Saturday and at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Maloney has been in the full-time traveling ministry for nearly 20 years. He has traveled overseas teaching in pastor's conferences and holding crusades.

"The very distinctive element

of his ministry is that without exception, there are reports of miracles and healings that take place," said Pastor Ed Barker.

He said that in the two previous times Maloney has spoken at Faith Christian Center the results have been tremendous and long lasting.

"This weekend promises to be a powerful experience with

the Holy Spirit," Barker said.

"The congregation extends an invitation to anyone who has physical mental or spiritual needs to come and let us pray that God will set you free, Barker said.

Nursery services will be provided for children under the age of four.

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(AP Photo)

Buffalo Mayor Byron Ryder poses Thursday by a highway sign 15-miles south of Buffalo, Texas.

Residents not Buffaloeed by Super Bowl madness

By MIKE DRAGO
Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO (AP) — George Chaika is the only Bills fan in Buffalo.

That's Buffalo, Texas, by the way, and on Super Bowl weekend you can address your letters to Blue Star, Texas.

This tiny town tucked in the woods of southeast Texas halfway between Dallas and Houston has vacated the enemy monicker to join the Dallas Cowboys' push for a world championship.

Although the official name change wasn't until Friday, the transformation was well under way by mid-week, with blue stars covering "Buffalo" in most shop windows and residents everywhere talking about the Cowboys.

"We're giving up our name," said 49-year-old Estaline Bounds, who runs a beauty salon across the street from City Hall. "The Cowboys better win for us."

The name change was the brainchild of Mayor Byron Ryder, who got the idea after a reporter suggested doing something to celebrate Dallas' Super Bowl berth.

"In a couple of hours she called us back and we already had had the thought," Ryder said. "We're going to change our name. Everywhere there's a Buffalo sign we're going to make a star and cover it up. That's where name Blue Star, Texas, came from."

Residents immediately went to work painting 100 plywood stars Dallas blue. They also constructed an 8-foot sign that's planted at the town's largest intersection, a flashing yellow light where State Highway 75 crosses route 164.

Ryder then got permission from the state highway department to cover exit signs leading to Buffalo, and the Postal Service agreed to accept letters addressed to Blue Star.

The mayor has since been featured on radio and television shows nationwide. He even traded barbs with Buffalo, N.Y., Mayor Jim Griffin, who offered to bet two orders of Buffalo Wings against two Texas steaks.

Griffin didn't, however, offer any of the 14 Super Bowl tickets his office has. This is war, after all.

"He asked me if I had tickets and I told him that, at this point, I do not," Ryder said, laughing. "I thought, 'Wow, he's going to ask me to go. He never did. He may call me back.'"

About the only one in town who hasn't caught Cowboys fever is Chaika, a 44-year-old Niagara Falls, N.Y., native who coaches the boys' basketball team at Buffalo High School.

The lifelong Bills fan said his life will get easier — even his wife is a Dallas fan — on Monday.

"The Bills are going to do their work on Sunday and my job will be

easy on Monday," Chaika said. "We'll start selling Buffalo Bills paraphernalia here in town and get the name changed around so we're not named after a bus company or an ointment or a beer company."

"The Bills are going to liberate this place. We're going to start getting chicken wings served in the cafeteria. We're going to have chicken wings everywhere."

School librarian Janice Teddlie, who penned a Cowboys fight song to the tune of the Buffalo fight song, said she's braced for the boasting.

"He's already impossible because they've been to the Super Bowl for the last two years," Ms. Teddlie said. "But we keep reminding him we've been there more times."

The 56-year-old Buffalo native said she'll sing the song, accompanied by high school band members, at a Cowboys pep rally Friday night and again Sunday at a Super Bowl party Ryder is organizing at the town's civic center.

And Randy Shelton, a livestock equipment merchant who moonlights as Buffalo's unofficial poet laureate, will read his fifth work, a 16-line poem titled "Blue Star."

Shelton, like most residents in Buffalo, predicts the Cowboys will win, but by a slim margin. Ryder, however, cites a highway sign 14 miles south of Buffalo for his prediction.

It reads: Dallas 120, Buffalo 14.

UT astronomers study Hubble observations

By DICK STANLEY
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN (AP) — Scientists haven't confirmed their old suspicion that the universe teems with life, but Texas astronomers are hot on the trail of a preliminary answer.

Six months after they began using the Hubble Space Telescope to observe Proxima Centauri — at 4.3 light-years away, the closest star to our sun — University of Texas astronomers William Jeffreys and George Benedict expect to know by May if the star has planets.

"We now know there are no planets orbiting Proxima that are more than three times the mass of Jupiter," said Benedict. "There could be planets less massive than that."

The only apparent planets discovered so far are two unconfirmed ones orbiting a pulsar — the dead aftermath of a star's supernova explosion — thousands of light years away in the constellation Virgo.

In his office on the Austin campus, meanwhile, Benedict continues the hunt on two computer screens. He is analyzing mathematical data gathered in 10-minute observations of Proxima Centauri every 10 days and relayed from Hubble's mission control in Maryland.

He's looking for wobbles in the star that indicate the presence of one or more companion planets. He and Jeffreys hope to discover a Jupiter-like planet made almost entirely of gas.

They don't expect to find a metal-and-rock planet like Earth. In any case, he said, Proxima probably is too dim to support life.

"To have liquid water, a planet would have to be very close to Proxima," Benedict said. "But, once every 24 hours, an explosion on it equivalent to many hydrogen bombs sends a storm of nasty particles in all directions. I doubt Earth's magnetic field could protect us if we were that close."

Alpha Centauri — at 4.4 light-

years away, the second-closest star — is believed to be more like our sun. Jeffreys and Benedict had planned to study it until the Hubble telescope's optics proved flawed shortly after launch in 1990.

Planned repairs of Hubble's flaws will improve the search for planets, said Robert O'Dell, a Rice University astrophysicist, who was one of Hubble's principal designers.

But Benedict said the repairs won't be sufficient to allow studies of Alpha Centauri.

"We'll just have to wait a while longer for that," he said.

Finding planets is only the first step to confirming that extraterrestrial life exists. But it would confirm current theories of planet formation.

"Our theory seems to indicate," Benedict said, "that planets are a natural byproduct of the formation

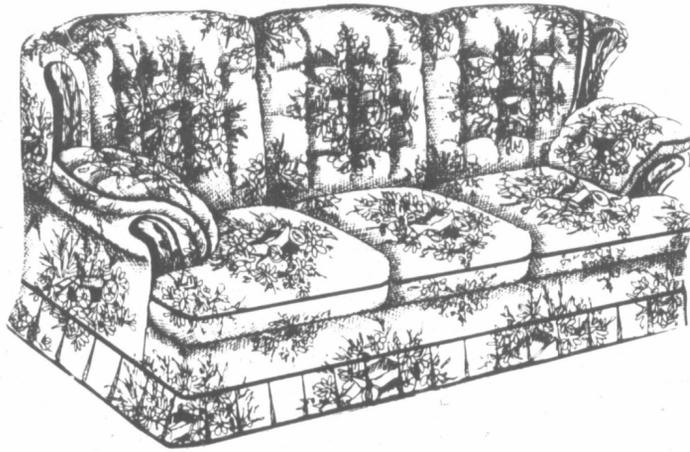
of a star. If we find one around Proxima, we can figure something is around Alpha. If you study the physics of making stars and planets, either we've got it all wrong or it should be easy."

As for life elsewhere, there remain only tantalizing hints. Last fall, for instance, UT astronomer Laurence Trafton and several British colleagues announced their discovery of an ion, known as H3+, in the atmosphere of Uranus.

The ion, previously detected in the atmosphere of Jupiter, is believed to be a building block of the complex molecules required for life.

"Where scientists get puzzled," Benedict said, "is, if life is abundant in the universe, where ... are they? We have not acquired one shred of evidence. Until then we have to remain skeptical."

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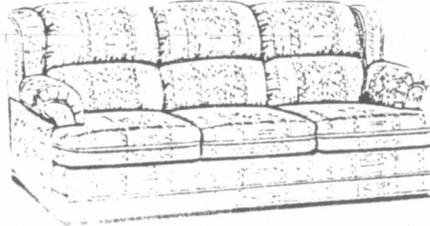
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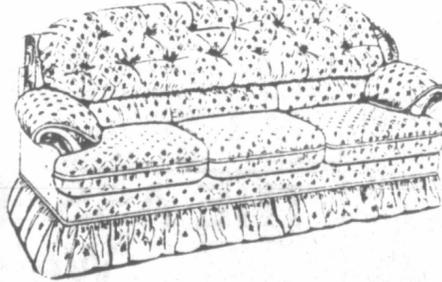
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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

R.S.V.P. is Greek to guests who ignore what it means

DEAR ABBY: Our granddaughter, "Claudia," invited eight guests to her ninth birthday party. She and her mom sent homemade invitations and planned the refreshments and a trip to a children's museum. Only one child showed up, Claudia's best friend, "Doty." The others were apparently busy with other activities. We really don't know because no one acknowledged the R.S.V.P.

Of course, Claudia was disappointed, but she and Doty had a wonderful time — just the two of them. Now I am wondering if seven out of eight children are being brought up by parents who are so caught up in themselves that they can't spare a minute to acknowledge an invitation for their children. A phone call or a note from the mother saying her child was unable to attend would have saved a lot of hurt feelings and disappointment.

If you put this in your column, it might save other moms and children from the disappointment we had.

SYMPATHETIC GRANDMOTHER

DEAR GRANDMOTHER: It is not enough to send an invitation requesting a response (R.S.V.P.). Several days before the birthday, one should contact those who have not responded and ask if the guest is planning to attend or not.

You would be amazed at the number of people who do not respond to an R.S.V.P. because they think it means, "Let us know if you cannot attend." Others think R.S.V.P. means, "Let us know if you plan to attend." A response is required either way!

DEAR ABBY: I had silicone breast implants in May of 1990. I

have read quite a bit regarding this subject, and the problems that may occur. One question I would like answered is: Can I get pregnant while I have these implants?

I have a 4-year-old daughter and I am now considering another child, but only if there is no risk to the child and myself. The question was never really addressed when I met with the plastic surgeon.

There is a lot of discussion about the health of women who have implants. Right now, I am not having any health problems, but I am concerned about the future. How should I go about researching this matter, and whom should I consult? Thank you so much for your response.

ANDREA M.

DEAR ANDREA: It is safe to get pregnant with silicone implants. However, because of possible gel bleed, you should not breast-feed the baby. The silicone could leak into the milk and be ingested by the child. For further information, contact the doctor who gave you the implants, and/or La Leche League International, P.O. Box 1209, Franklin Park, Ill. 60131-8205. Enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

DEAR READERS: Your chuckle for today ... On Wall Street, a girl named Irene

Made an offering somewhat obscene:

She stripped herself bare
And offered a share
To Merrill Lynch, Pierce,
Fenner and Beane.

(P.S. A fine limerick was ruined when they changed the name of the company to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith.)

'School Days; School Days' exhibit opens at museum

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum announces the opening of a new photographic exhibit entitled "School Days, School Days." It will remain on display until Dec. 15. The exhibit is located in the Alexander Gallery on the first floor of the Main Museum Building, between Pioneer Town and Hall of Petroleum.

Featured will be the earliest available images of Texas Panhandle schoolhouses, their pupils and teachers, in addition to contemporary scenes of the towns in which the schools were located. Over twenty Panhandle communities will be represented.

The photographs were selected from the photographic archives of the museum and, cooperatively, from the archives of other Panhandle museums, such as those in Swisher, Moore, and Carson Counties. Assisting the Museum's research center staff in the creation of the exhibit were volunteers, Scott Burgan, who reproduced the photographs for display, and Paul Camfield, who has provided neces-

sary research and exhibit assistance.

The architecture of the school houses runs the gamut from the very crude dugout of the Happy Jack School to the adobe structure at Old Tascosa to the one- and two-story brick buildings constructed after the turn of the century as populations grew and communities prospered. The schoolhouse represented a source of pride in a community, was rivaled in size only by a county courthouse, and was frequently used as a community center, a focal point for the variety of public meetings.

This exhibit is dedicated in tribute to the past and present classroom teachers of the Texas Panhandle, who, for more than a century, have devoted their lives to the education of their children.

In honor of their dedication, the Museum will host a reception for all area educators, and retired classroom teachers 4-6 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Alexander Gallery. All teachers and retired teachers are invited to attend.

Newsmakers

Named to the fall semester Distinguished Students List at Texas A&M University was Mary Jefferson Farrington, Pampa.

Named to the Dean's Honor Roll were Robert Keith Barr, Jolee McKenna Burger and Bryan M. Ellis and Robert Lawrence Neslage Jr.

Jeff Porterfield leaves Jan. 31 for U.S. Marine basic training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He is a 1991 graduate of Pampa High School and the son of Joyce and David Porterfield, Pampa.

Monte L. Dalton graduated Dec. 18 from West Texas State University with a degree in business administration. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Dalton.



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U.S. Marines no longer guard Philippine forests

By DONALD SMITH
National Geographic

One of the last large rain forests in the Philippines is in danger of destruction after the pullout of its U.S. Marine guardians.

Much of the 7,100-island nation has already been denuded by illegal logging, driving the Philippines to the brink of what one authority calls "full-scale biodiversity collapse."

A rare virgin forest of valuable mahogany and teak trees now flourishes on what was the U.S. naval base at Subic Bay on the island of Luzon. After 45 years, American forces left last November. Without the protection of Marines, much of the 20,500 acres of timber could be cut down by poachers, American and Philippine environmentalists fear.

"At this point we're all keeping our fingers crossed," says Bruce Eilerts, a Navy wildlife biologist stationed in Hawaii, whose office oversees natural resources management for all naval bases in the Pacific. "If they start cutting it down, the ecosystem would collapse. It would take hundreds of years for the forest to regenerate to the state it's in now."

Home to monkeys, deer, snakes, bats and many species of birds, the forest contains some of the most expensive hardwoods found in the Philippines, including mahogany and teak. It is also a vital watershed, preventing erosion and providing drinking water for the area.

The story of the Subic Bay forest and its American protectors is the bright side of a darker tale of environmental damage left by U.S. forces as they withdraw or cut back operations in the post-Cold War era.

More than 492 bases, mostly in Europe, are being reduced or abandoned as the military budget shrinks. Enforcement of Pentagon policy requiring implementation of U.S. or host-country environmental laws — whichever are stricter — has been spotty. In many areas, that has led to contamination of soil, ground water, streams and harbors.

A recent Army report estimated a cost of nearly \$200 million to clean up 309 confirmed and suspected pollution sites in Germany alone, where degradation of drinking water is a sensitive issue. Three underground toxic chemical plumes from an American installation in the Mannheim area are threatening an aquifer that furnishes drinking water for some 350,000 people.

But the story of the Subic Bay forest is different.

The last of 12,000 Americans left Subic Bay Nov. 24, after a 45-year occupation under successive agree-



(Photo by Merlin D. Tuttle)

The short-nosed fruit bat is one of the many animal and plant species that would be doomed by illegal logging and hunting in the rain forest on the former U.S. naval base at Subic Bay on Luzon Island in the Philippines.

ments between the American and Philippine governments. The Philippine Senate in 1991 rejected a renewal of the lease, precipitating the largest withdrawal in naval history.

Before the pullout, the Navy ran a strict management program at the forest, including regular Marine foot patrols to ferret out hunters and timber poachers. Offenders were turned over to Philippine authorities for prosecution.

"Some of these old military bases have been better preserved than national parks in our own country, because they've been so strictly controlled," says mammalogist Merlin Tuttle. "I can assure you that many of these animals in the Subic Bay forest very likely will be killed and eaten if they suddenly become vulnerable to the outside."

Tuttle, founder of the nonprofit

Bat Conservation International in Austin, Texas, says that several species of flying foxes have been driven to extinction by overhunting in unprotected areas of Pacific islands.

"Sites like Subic Bay have been the last refuges for some of these bats," Tuttle tells National Geographic.

Continued preservation of the forest was discussed by U.S. and Philippine officials during planning for the withdrawal.

"It was one of the issues that came up: What's going to happen to that jungle, now that we're out of there?" says Lt. Ken Ross, a U.S. Pacific Fleet spokesman. "Our concern was that we turn everything over, including the forest, in the best condition possible. Now it's in the hands of the Philippine government."

Government officials have pledged to save the forest.

"What we want to be able to do is replicate or at least approximate fully what the Americans have done," Fulgencio Factoran, environment and natural resources secretary, said during the withdrawal talks. "This is one reason why our proud people will exert more effort to show everyone it doesn't take Americans to protect their own forests."

But many Philippine and U.S. conservationists are skeptical that the government will take the needed measures. Although logging in virgin forests is illegal, the government has a poor record of providing resources for enforcement — partly, say environmentalists, because powerful political and military figures profit from the timber.

Factoran and natural resources administrator Herman Laurei have expressed dismay at the annual budget the government approved for forest protection in the province that includes Subic Bay: the equivalent of \$1,740. Laurei complained that "it's almost a joke to expect serious results."

Philippine officials estimate that their tropical rain forests are being cut down at a rate of 445,000 acres a year, about three times the worldwide rate.

Widespread poverty and a rapidly expanding population are blamed for the constant pressure to clear land. Timber produces quick profits, as well as firewood for scavengers.

"That nation is one of the most nearly deforested tropical countries in the world," says Edward O. Wilson, Harvard's Pulitzer Prize-winning authority on biodiversity. "Forest reserves there are few and far between, and are of extraordinary value to future generations in the Philippines as well as in the rest of the world."

In his 1992 book, "The Diversity of Life," Wilson warns that the Philippines are "at the edge of a full-scale biodiversity collapse. At best the ultimate losses will be heavy."

Philippine officials estimate that at least 7,000 acres of forest in Bataan National Park, just outside the naval base, already have been destroyed by uncontrolled logging and a forest fire caused by farmers.

The lush green tree line of the Subic Bay forest now ends abruptly at the perimeter of the former base, giving way to brown dirt and denuded hills.

Without adequate protection, many wonder how long the green will last.

Hangin' ten is possible even for astronauts

By 3-2-1 CONTACT Magazine
For AP Special Features

Look Ma, no hands! Thanks to special sneakers, this astronaut can hang 10.

The European Space Agency in the Netherlands has come up with the new shoes for astronauts to use in orbit.

They look like ordinary sneakers. The difference is they have small

suctions cups on the bottom of each shoe. The suction cups on the bottom of each shoe. The suction cups grip floor, walls and ceiling. That way, astronauts can walk around in a weightless shuttle.

To get around until now, U.S. astronauts have had to stick their feet into loops placed throughout the shuttle. So just think what a new pair of sneakers could do for the human race in space!

What has a face like a koala, fur like a zebra and is small enough to fit in a coat pocket? The answer: Maues marmoset (mah-WAYS MAR-mah-SET).

Sounds like monkey business? Well, it is! A marmoset is a monkey. And scientists recently found a new type of marmoset near the Maues River in the Amazon rain forest. It's the third

new monkey discovered in Brazil since 1990.

So far, scientists don't know much about the pocket-size monkey. But one thing they do know is lots of undiscovered plants and animals exist. (Of the millions of possible species, only 1.4 million are known.)

So who knows? There could be many more monkeys out there monkeying around.

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27 Buccaneer
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33 Ma's partner

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

I may not know much about sports, but I always win my bets.

Do you have a system to pick winners?

No, I have a system to pick losers.

..Huh?

I only bet against my big brother.

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

OOO, YOU'VE GOT THE CUTEST LITTLE BEHIND.

SHRIEK!!

NO, NO, NO! IT'S BIG AND GROSS AND FAT AND UGLY!

GEEZ, MY MISTAKE.

EEK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

THINGS SEEM KIND OF DULL LATELY, DON'T THEY?

I KNOW...

YOU JUST HAVE TO MAKE IT TO VALENTINE'S DAY...

THEN WE'VE GOT EASTER, MOTHER'S DAY AND JULY FOURTH COMING UP

I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN MAKE IT

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

THE PREHISTORIC PESSIMISTIC SOCIETY

LOVEY MEETING

I LIKED IT TOO.

OH MY GOSH...

WE'RE TOTALLY SURROUNDED.

BEWARE OF INVISIBLE MEN

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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Look out for your own interests today, but do not try to feather your nest at someone else's expense. If you are too self-serving, your actions will prove to be self-defeating. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It could be very difficult for you to own up to your mistakes today. Responding in a hostile, defensive manner won't alter the facts if you are wrong.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your extravagant inclinations could be rather strong today. If you yield to them, there is a possibility that you will waste your resources on several things you shouldn't.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It may be necessary for you to make some accommodations today, particularly in your involvements with people whose interests are not akin to yours. Adjustments might be difficult.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try not to view the outcome of events negatively today, because if you do, you are likely to operate in a manner that could fulfill your prophecies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Self-deception could be your Achilles' heel today. Evaluate situations carefully and don't kid yourself about working from strength if you're not.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you and your mate have a disagreement about an important issue today, don't air your differences in public. Others will be uncomfortable and it will make both of you look bad.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Subtle tendencies today to mentally magnify your problems and responsibilities. Use your imagination constructively, not destructively.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be discriminating today regarding your counterpart in joint ventures, both social and businesswise. Your selective processes might not be up to par.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you are a well-organized individual. Today, however, you might do things in a haphazard manner and what you hope to complete might never get finished.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Treat co-workers with consideration today. Kind words and gentle directives will spawn compliance, while harsh comments will incur wrath.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This might not be one of your better days for managing your resources or other people's money. Don't put yourself in a position where you feel compelled to take financial risks that you shouldn't.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL

JERK!

SPROING!

OKAY...WHO'S THE WISE GUY WHO BOUGHT THE BUNGEE TOILET PAPER?!

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

BANG

"Why can't he scratch to come in like other dogs!"

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

DARN! I'VE GOT PEOPLE HAIR ALL OVER ME!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

YES, THIS IS ROBERTSON! OH, REALLY? Y'DONT SAY! WELL, KEEP ME INFORMED... AND THANKS FOR CALLING!

I HAVE A SUSPICION YOU TWO HAVE HAD A VERY BUSY MORNING!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

ALEX MERGLE THREW A PIECE OF CHALK AT ME THIS MORNING...

RIGHT WHILE I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A BIG YAWN.

IT SURE RUINED MY APPETITE FOR LUNCH.

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

"OK, I get it! I'm on 'Candid Camera,' right?!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"Wake up, Jeffy! We're on a TROLL road!"

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? DON'T WEAR YOUR BOOTS THROUGH THE HOUSE!

CONSIDERING WHERE MY SHOES HAVE BEEN, I THOUGHT SHED BE HAPPY.

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

I AM NOT GETTING SENILE, GLADYS!

HAVE YOU SEEN MY GLASSES?

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

THIS IS THE CHURCH CARETAKER..... HE MINDS MY KEYS AND PEWS.

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

LEND ME A PENCIL, WILL YOU, MARCIE?

I DON'T HAVE A PENCIL, MA'AM... I LENT IT TO THE KID IN FRONT OF ME...

I'M NOT THE "KID" IN FRONT OF YOU!

LEND ME A COMB, WILL YOU, MARCIE?

DROP DEAD, SIR!

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

MY LIFE STINKS

YOUR LIFE ISN'T SO HOT EITHER

BETTER THAN YOURS!

Sports

Brown plays waiting game

By HAL BOCK
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's not that Larry Brown is invisible, it's just that people tend to ignore him.

Here is Brown, starting at cornerback for Dallas in Sunday's Super Bowl, sitting alone in a corner, waiting for somebody, anybody to interview him.

There are microphones and pads running all over the room, in hot pursuit of Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Jimmy Johnson, everybody it seems, except Larry Brown.

That's how it is when you're a 12th-round draft pick.

"You sit and you wait," he said. "They keep going through other names and you just keep waiting."

That was the way it was at the NFL draft two years ago. Brown was MVP at the Blue-Gray All-Star Game following his senior season at TCU when he recorded 75 tackles and 10 passes defended. Playing in Fort Worth, just down the turnpike from Dallas, he figured somebody at Cowboy Central might have noticed.

For 11 draft rounds, nobody did.

The Cowboys were enjoying a banner draft. Starting with Russell Maryland, the No. 1 choice, and fellow first-rounder Alvin Harper, they picked 10 players who would make the active roster. By the time they got to the 12th round, the braintrust was exhausted.

Who to take with the last pick? This is a team that once drafted Carl Lewis, believing that if nothing else, the Olympic sprinter must have some speed. No. 12 figured to be a throwaway anyway.

Finally, coach Jimmy Johnson solved the dilemma. Scanning the Cowboys' draft list, he found no defensive picks. The word went out. Pick a DB.

With the 320th choice of the draft, Brown became a Cowboy, picked after 56 other defensive backs.

He knew going into the draft that 12th-rounders are cannon fodder, practice bodies waiting to be cut.

"A 12th-round pick has got to play better than a first-rounder," Brown said. "You've got to make the plays. The draft doesn't always reflect talent. I knew I could play."

Brown zeroed in on Harper and beat the receiver continually in practice, eventually turning the heads of the coaches.

"I knew if they didn't keep me, someone would pick me up," Brown said. "I was making plays, getting better every day and that's the thing they liked. But I really didn't understand who they would cut because everybody was so good. I felt they were likely to cut the guy they picked last."

On the final cut day, Brown showed up at camp scared about what might happen. "I asked James Washington, 'Did I make it?'"

Washington said, "Did they say anything to you?"

"Nope," Brown said. Washington grinned. "I guess you made it then."

By the fourth game, Brown was a starter and he has been ever since.

"I started before both No. 1 picks did," he said.

He had 68 tackles and two interceptions as a rookie, 61 tackles and one interception this year.

He thinks teams avoid his side because they respect him.

"I want them to throw my way and let me make some plays," he said.

Pampa Middle School eagers defeat Hereford, Borger

Pampa Middle School Basketball Results:
Borger tournament
7th grade Red 17, Hereford 13 (Lynn Brown 7; Seth Stribling 6)
Record: 6-3
7th grade Blue 34, Borger 23 (Matt Evans 15; Bryan Waldrip 6)
Record: 9-1

The seventh grade teams will play each other in the tournament semifinals at Pampa Middle School, Saturday at 10 a.m. The winner will return to Borger for the finals.



Dwight Nickelberry (5) poured in 34 points in Pampa's 73-62 District 1-4A win over Randall Tuesday night. Both Pampa boys and girls teams host Borger tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse. (Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

Borger coach worried about Pampa's quickness

Lady Harvesters seek revenge after earlier setback

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Writer

At the halfway point of the District 1-4A basketball season, traditional rivals Pampa and Borger are set to meet at 7:30 p.m. tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Harvesters, 17-5 overall, have just five regular-season games remaining after tonight. Two of those games (Feb. 5, Caprock and Feb. 12, Randall) are on the homecourt.

Pampa closes the regular season Feb. 16 at Borger.

Dwight Nickelberry continues to lead the Harvesters in scoring, averaging 21.7 points in district. Also averaging in double figures for the Harvesters are Lamont Nickelberry (15.2) and Seivern Wallace (12.5).

Borger at 15-8 has already improved over a 13-17 record of a year ago, but coach Gregg Moreland is concerned about

his team being able to keep up with Pampa's lightning-quick offense.

"We're going to have to play the best defense we've played this season and we're going to have to block out on the boards. Pampa is very, very quick and they're very well-coached. We also have to shoot the ball very well. That's important to us," Moreland said.

Borger rolled to a 62-26 win over Dumas on Tuesday night to even its district record at 2-2.

Ali Fe Gillum (6-3 senior) leads the team in scoring at 19 points a game. Ryan McNellis (6-1 senior) and Steve Elliott (6-0 senior) are key players for the Bulldogs.

"Pampa has some of the strongest players in district. It's going to be an all-out war," Moreland said about the Pampa-Borger clash.

Pampa has won three of four

district outings and trails first-place Caprock (4-0) in the standings.

"One of the key things about this game is that it's one of those traditional games, whether it has implications toward the district championship or not. It's one of the great rivalries in Texas sports and it's something that people can come out and enjoy," said PHS head coach Robert Hale. "In my six seasons here it's always been a great rivalry to be a part of."

In the girls' clash, which tips off at 6 p.m., the Pampa Lady Harvesters will try and avenge a 24-point loss to Borger three weeks ago.

"We failed to show up that first time. They came out extremely hot and we were lackadaisical. I feel like we're capable of playing with Borger. We're going to go with a man-to-man matchup and just get after them," said Lady

Harvesters' coach Albert Nichols. Pampa has a 3-3 record in the district standings and is 9-11 overall. Borger is 4-2 in district and 15-10 for the season.

Pampa's scoring is led by 5-9 senior center Alana Ryan, who is averaging 19 points a game in district. Kasey Bowers (5-7 senior) follows at 10.8 points a game.

Borger gets much of its point production from guard Robyn Smith and inside player Marva Brown.

"Smith is a real quick player. We're going to have to keep her from penetrating and getting open for the shot," Nichols said. "Brown is a strong, stout girl, much like Alana. She's a lefty and we're going to try and take that left hand away from her."

Smith had 28 points and Brown 15 in Borger's 60-57 win over Dumas Tuesday night.

PHS wrestlers preparing for regional tournament

The PHS wrestling team is nursing several injuries in preparing for the regional tournament Saturday at Palo Duro fieldhouse in Amarillo.

"Our trainer is really earning his money this week," said Pampa head coach Steve Kuhn. "We've got quite a few with bruises and nicks."

One of the injured, Chris Fox, reached the 180-pound finals of the district tournament last weekend, but had to forfeit the match due to a sore shoulder.

"Chris wrestled a good tournament, but we decided to save his shoulder and try and get it healed for regionals," Kuhn said. "Chad

Chairez did another good job for us. He had a tough match in the finals and won it in overtime."

Chairez, the defending state champion, won over Elias Gutierrez of Boys Ranch, 2-0, in overtime of the 130-pound finals.

Corey Alfonsi placed third in the 125-pound division, defeating Kevin McKnight of Boys Ranch, 12-3.

Tadd Alfonsi (189) and David Borshien (145) were fourth in their respective divisions.

Tadd Alfonsi, Borshien and heavyweight Chris Whitney are also among the ailing.

The district meet was held at the

Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo.

The top two in each weight division at the regional meet advance to the state tournament.

"All this week I've been stressing the fact that this is it. This is the last chance to make it to the state tournament," Kuhn said. "We've also been stressing the fundamentals this week. In wrestling, one mistake is all it takes to get beat. We're working on catching the opponent's mistakes and taking advantage of it."

Nine teams are entered in the regional tournament, which gets under way at 9 a.m.



Chad Chairez

Courier close to perfect in return to Australian Open finals

By STEVE WILSTEIN
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Playing in that sweet spot in time, Australian Open defending champion Jim Courier racked up another nearly perfect victory Friday to return to the final once more against Stefan Edberg.

The No. 1-ranked Courier's cool demeanor and sizzling serves carried him past hot-tempered Michael Stich, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4, 6-2 as the German let line calls and errors rattle him.

No. 2 Edberg, still wearing a back support but showing little sign of strain from his injury last week, beat No. 3 Pete Sampras 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) and for the second time denied the American the chance to vault to No. 1.

Courier, 18-0 in sets so far this tournament and a four-set victor over Edberg in last year's final, incredibly made only 10 unforced errors against the 1991 Wimbledon champion Stich. That was just three more than in Courier's most flawless match

ever in the previous round against No. 7 Petr Korda.

Brad Stine, Courier's coach, watched it all with pleasure.

"There's been a big evolution in his game over the last two years," Stine said. "Most guys would have called Jim Courier a grinder, a baseline basher two years ago. Now we can say he's an attacking groundstroker, and that's a big difference. Before he needed a road map when he got inside the service line. Now he's much happier up there. Now he knows when to attack and where to hit his approach shots."

Courier quipped that he played better than in the semis last year, when he got a walkover to the final as Richard Krajicek withdrew because of an injury.

Courier's victory, combined with Sampras' loss, assured that he will keep his top ranking. Sampras had a chance to become No. 1 by beating Edberg and then Courier. Edberg, playing for his third Australian title, also stopped Sampras from reaching the top when he beat him in the U.S. Open final in four sets.

Win or lose against Edberg, Courier will remain No. 1.

"I'm happy with the way I'm playing," Courier said. "I don't care what I'm ranked."

Courier yielded only five points on serve in the second set as he consistently pounded the ball in the 110-115 mph range on first serves, yet the set turned more on Stich's petulance and loss of concentration on one point in the ninth game.

After Courier held at love to tie the set 4-4, Stich opened with a double-fault, one of nine he had in the match. Courier then drilled Stich's next serve back past him for a winner, but Stich furiously complained to the umpire that the serve ticked the net and should have been called a let. It was a curious argument, Stich claiming his own serve wasn't good, and it bothered him the rest of the game.

At deuce, Stich double-faulted again, then bounced his racket angrily on the court. Courier broke Stich on the next point with a forehand crosscourt pass, and Stich immediately turned to scream at the woman who was the

net cord judge. To which she responded by going over to the umpire to complain about Stich's abusive language. Stich was fined \$2,000 earlier in the tournament for verbally abusing a 16-year-old lineswoman, to whom he later sent a note of apology.

"It just took a little bit off of my concentration," Stich said of the non-call. "He hesitated and I hesitated. We didn't want to play but she didn't call it. It was my problem. I shouldn't have let it bother me."

From that moment on, Stich was never a threat. Courier closed out the set at 40-15 when Stich made his fourth error of the game.

"You don't really know what Michael's going to do," Courier said of that outburst. "Michael can do that and come back and hit four winners or four losers. I managed to get a break. That helped me steamroll to another break. That was very big for me."

Courier won nine of the last 11 games, punishing him with groundstrokes and approaches, keeping him back on his heels on

Cougars stumble

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston coach Pat Foster couldn't point to one factor that cost the Cougars their first national ranking since the Phi Slama Jama glory days of 1984.

"It was like a plane crash," coach Pat Foster said. "Ten things have to go wrong before the tragedy occurs and that's what happened to us. We just had a number of things that all came together in one game."

One day after receiving a No. 25 ranking in The Associated Press poll, the Cougars took their new status to Lubbock and were upset 78-74 by Texas Tech, likely costing them their spot in the poll.

Tech snapped a four-game losing streak and ended Houston's six-game winning streak, adding more pressure to the Cougars' game Saturday against SMU.

"SMU's looking real strong," Foster said. "They've got the worst of their road games out of the way."

Against Tech, Foster was impressed by Lance Hughes, who scored 27 points, including a 3-pointer from near midcourt as the half ended.

"When he made that shot, bells went off in everybody's head," Foster said. "We were stumbling around all night waiting to get beat and they played like it was the national finals."

Houston hadn't been in the national rankings since the end of the 1983-84 season when it lost to Georgetown in the championship finals.

No SWC team had been in the Top 25 since Texas and Arkansas at the end of the 1990-91 season.

"It was disappointing because we worked so hard for it," Foster said. "But we were set up for it. They had lost four and we had won six. All those factors contributed."

"If you step out there enough times, you're going to lose some like that."

Bush attends Rockets' game

HOUSTON (AP) — Former President George Bush was among the sellout crowd to watch the Houston Rockets play the Chicago Bulls and star Michael Jordan.

The Rockets beat the Bulls 94-83 Thursday night. It was Houston's first sellout of the season, with 16,611 spectators.

Jordan, making his only stop with the Bulls in Houston this season, drew the early attention from autograph seekers and photography buffs as the Bulls took pregame warmups.

But the crowd quickly shifted to the opposite end of the Summit as Bush made his way to his seat, smiling, shaking hands and signing autographs.

Jordan led the Bulls with 26 points.

Stich thought the match got away from him earlier when Courier raced to a 5-0 lead in the first-set tiebreaker, aided by two mini-breaks on crosscourt passes. One of those, on a perfect return, landed on the line, and Courier went on to win 7-4 on a Stich volley into the net.

"He had a good breaker," Stich said. "He had a couple of lucky shots on his return. I think the first set was the key set of the match. He likes to be in front mentally. He's very tough and very consistent. Once he's ahead, you know you have to play one class better to get ahead or even. I had my chances. Mentally, I wasn't good enough on the day today."

In the women's semis played Thursday, Monica Seles resumed her course, beating out winners side to side, steady as a metronome and just as exciting, in a 6-1, 6-2 defeat of Gabriela Sabatini. Steffi Graf progressed with similar ease, beating Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 7-5, 6-4.

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SUPER BOWL XXVII

DALLAS COWBOYS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE						
WR	—80	Alvin Harper	83	Kelvin Martin	82	Jimmy Smith
LT	—71	Mark Tuinei	76	Alan Veingrad	66	Kevin Grogan
LG	—61	Nate Newton	66	Kevin Gogan		
C	—53	Mark Stepnoski	68	Frank Cornish	70	Dale Hellestrae
RG	—63	John Gesek	66	Kevin Gogan		
RT	—79	Erik Williams	76	Alan Veingrad	66	Kevin Gogan
TE	—84	Jay Novacek	87	Alfredo Roberts		
WR	—88	Michael Irvin	83	Kelvin Martin	82	Jimmy Smith
QB	—8	Troy Aikman	7	Steve Beuerlein		
RB	—48	Daryl Johnston	34	Tommie Agee		
RB	—22	Ermitt Smith	27	Curvin Richards	48	Daryl Johnston
DEFENSE						
LE	—92	Tony Tolbert	77	Jim Jeffcoat	97	Jimmie Jones
LT	—75	Tony Casillas	97	Jimmie Jones	95	Chad Hennings
RT	—67	Russell Maryland	78	Leon Lett	97	Jimmie Jones
RE	—94	Charles Haley	77	Jim Jeffcoat	78	Leon Lett
LLB	—57	Vinson Smith	98	Godfrey Myles	52	Mickey Pruitt
MLB	—55	Robert Jones	51	Ken Norton	57	Vinson Smith
RLB	—51	Ken Norton	58	Dixon Edwards		
LCB	—26	Kevin Smith	30	Issiac Holt	47	Clayton Holmes
RCB	—24	Larry Brown	26	Kevin Smith	47	Clayton Holmes
SS	—31	Thomas Everett	29	Kenneth Gant	28	Darren Woodson
FS	—37	James Washington	20	Ray Horton	23	Robert Williams
SPECIAL TEAMS						
P	—4	Mike Saxon	7	Steve Beuerlein	2	Lin Elliot
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H	—7	Steve Beuerlein	84	Jay Novacek	4	Mike Saxon
KR	—83	Kelvin Martin	29	Kenneth Gant	47	Clayton Holmes
PR	—83	Kelvin Martin	26	Kevin Smith	20	Ray Horton
PC	—70	Dale Hellestrae	68	Frank Cornish		
KC	—70	Dale Hellestrae	68	Frank Cornish		



Cowboys' wide receiver Michael Irvin grabs a pass during a team practice Thursday in Los Angeles. (AP Photo)

Cowboys' receivers can devastate defenses

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One is brash. The other is bashful. Together the Dallas Cowboys wide receivers can devastate a defense in the blink of an eye.

Michael Irvin is the Miami mouth and Alvin Harper is laid-back Tennessee. Both are over 6-foot and make inviting targets for Troy Aikman.

Irvin is the spectacular veteran go-to guy, the one who draws the double teams.

Harper, still finding his way in his second year, hankers for more action. He got it in the Philadelphia and San Francisco playoff games, making the key catches to get the Dallas Cowboys into the Super Bowl.

"Michael loves the spotlight," Harper said. "You know those Miami guys. I'm just low-key Tennessee. I'm not a camera guy."

Irvin likes to wear flashy jewelry and make flashy plays.

"See this championship ring," Irvin said. "I had to replace phony diamonds with real diamonds. The coaches at Miami got the ones with the real diamonds in it."

Irvin paused a moment and then said: "This ring will be replaced by another one on Sunday."

Irvin stopped short of predicting victory.

"We could do that at Miami because we had so much speed we knew we were going to win," Irvin said. "You can't do that in the NFL. This will be a last minute game."

Harper, who was a high-jump champion for the Volunteers and is death on short defensive backs, caught a 71-yard pass against the 49ers to seal the Cowboys' 30-20 NFC championship victory.

A week earlier, he caught a 41-yard pass in a tight game that triggered a 34-10 rout of the Eagles.

"Most teams double Michael so that leaves me with single coverage," Harper said. "It has taken me some time to get into the flow of the NFL game."

"In college I could beat a defensive back by six yards because I was faster. In the NFL the defensive backs are just as fast. Sometimes you are beating a guy by six inches instead of six yards."

Irvin and Harper are the mainstays of the Cowboys receiver corps although tight end Jay Novacek, fullback Daryl Johnston and running back Emmitt Smith find favor with Aikman.

Then there is the third-down clutch receiver, Kelvin Martin.

"I've seen Irvin and Harper make great catches and they have Martin, who is a quick guy and hard to bump around," Bills safety Mark Kelso said. "They all have a lot of catches and good hands."

Cornerback Nate Odomes said Irvin and Harper make defensive backs get physical.

"Both are great physical receivers and you have to be ready to play physically against them," Odomes said. "Martin is a big third-down threat. You really have to watch him when he comes into the game."

Odomes plays right cornerback and James Williams is at left cornerback.

At 5-10, they are four inches shorter than Irvin and five inches shorter than Harper.

Martin takes pride in being the Cowboys "third down" clutch receiver.

"I like being the pressure guy," he said. "Third down is the biggest down in football."

Receivers coach Marv Hubbard praised Martin "as the best route runner we have. I wouldn't trade K-Mart for anybody. He's a coach on the field."

Hubbard said Harper became a better receiver this year because he started imitating Irvin's work habits.

"Nobody works harder than Michael," Hubbard said. "He's a

great motivator and I think he has motivated Harper."

Playoff glance

First Round
Saturday, Jan. 2
Washington 24, Minnesota 7
San Diego 17, Kansas City 0
Sunday, Jan. 3
Buffalo 41, Houston 38, OT
Philadelphia 36, New Orleans 20

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 9
Buffalo 24, Pittsburgh 3
San Francisco 20, Washington 13
Sunday, Jan. 10
Dallas 34, Philadelphia 10
Miami 31, San Diego 0

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 17
Buffalo 29, Miami 10
Dallas 30, San Francisco 20

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 31
At Pasadena, Calif.
Buffalo vs. Dallas, 6:18 p.m.

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 7
At Honolulu

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RT	—75	Howard Ballard	74	Glenn Parker		
TE	—84	Keith McKeller	88	Pete Metzelaars	86	Rob Awalt
WR	—83	Andre Reed	85	Al Edwards	89	Steve Tasker
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RE	—78	Bruce Smith	94	Mark Pike		
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LILB	—58	Shane Conlan	52	Richard Harvey		
RILB	—54	Carlton Bailey	55	Mark Maddox		
ROLB	—56	Darryl Talley	95	Keith Goganious		
LCB	—47	Kirby Jackson	29	James Williams		
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FS	—38	Mark Kelso	24	Kurt Schultz		
SPECIAL TEAMS						
P	—9	Chris Mohr	9	Chris Mohr	7	Gale Gilbert
K	—2	Steve Christie				
KO	—2	Steve Christie				
H	—14	Frank Reich				
PR	—27	Clifford Hicks	85	Al Edwards		
KR	—23	Kenneth Davis	85	Al Edwards		
PC	—63	Adam Lingner	90	Phil Hansen	67	Kent Hull
KC	—63	Adam Lingner	90	Phil Hansen	67	Kent Hull

Surging Spurs playing like champions

By JIM COUR
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs were no better than mediocre under Jerry Tarkanian. But with John Lucas at the helm the team is suddenly playing like an NBA championship contender.

The club that got off to a disappointing 9-11 start, a start that cost Tarkanian his job, is suddenly the hottest item in the league.

And David Robinson, San Antonio's 7-foot-1 center, may be the most enthusiastic of all the Spurs.

"We survived without me scoring a lot," Robinson said. "That shows we're getting more balanced."

On Wednesday night, Lucas' Spurs handed the Seattle SuperSonics their first defeat in the Seattle Coliseum this season. San Antonio passed what was projected to be a major test by a score of 119-99.

While Robinson was held to 17 points on 5 of 18 shooting, J.R. Reid came off the bench to score 24 points and Dale Ellis added 22 points.

Reid came to the Spurs from Charlotte in a December trade and Ellis from Milwaukee in a July deal. Under Lucas, both Reid and Ellis could become key role players.

"J.R.'s getting better and better," Lucas said. "He had a great game against Seattle."

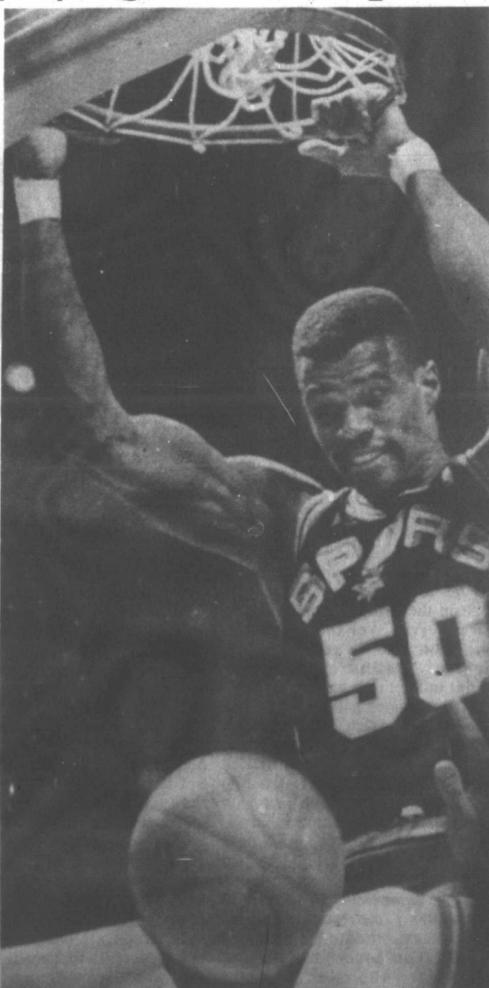
Robinson took away the Sonics' inside game with seven blocked shots and pulled down 15 rebounds.

"David had a rough first half offensively (1-for-9 from the field and six points) but he had a great game," Lucas said.

The Spurs improved their franchise-best winning streak to 10 games and now are 15-2 under Lucas.

The enthusiastic, upbeat Lucas has installed a winning attitude to a Spurs team that didn't believe in itself before he took over on Dec. 18.

They easily beat a Seattle team that has been one of the league's best. The Sonics lost for just the second time in 20 home games this season and for the first time in 16 Seattle Coliseum games.



Spurs are winning without David Robinson carrying the scoring load. (AP Photo)

Off-the-wall bets spice the action

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Writer

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys aren't the only favorite in Sunday's Super Bowl.

Bettors at this city's legal sports books will find heads a slight favorite over tails in the opening pre-game coin flip.

"Everybody's betting heads for some reason," said oddsmaker Lenny Del Genio, who has put up odds on everything from the coin flip to how many field goals will be kicked in the game.

Like Emmitt Smith's chances of being the first one to score in Sunday's Super Bowl? He's a 2-1 favorite to do just that. Think the Buffalo Bills will be shut out? You can get \$20 for every dollar bet if that should happen.

The betting opportunities are part of the so-called proposition bets offered at most Las Vegas sports books for gamblers wanting to have a little fun with the Super Bowl.

"While all books offer the standard bets on either the Cowboys or Bills, many also feature a variety of off-the-wall betting propositions to spice up the action."

At Bally's Las Vegas hotel-casino, bettors can bet \$15 to win \$10

that the Cowboys will have the shortest touchdown scoring play of the game. The same wager on the Bills will win a better \$12 for every \$10 bet.

Bettors can wager on anything from the coin flip to the total score of the fourth quarter and most anything in between.

"We put up propositions on everything in the world," said Del Genio, the sports book manager at Bally's. "We'll even let someone pick their own point spread, though they'll have to take reduced odds for the adjustment."

While Smith is a 2-1 favorite to score the first touchdown, the Bills' Jim Kelly is a 25-1 longshot to be the first one across the goal line.

Various players on the two teams are somewhere in between those odds.

Bettors can also wager on whether the first score will be a touchdown, field goal or safety. A bettor can win \$30 for every \$1 bet if the first score turns out to be a safety.

Proposition bets, though, take a back seat to straight team bets, which have so far drawn \$200,000 bets at a few local sports books and \$100,000 bets at many others.

Almost all of the early money has been on the Bills, forcing an adjustment of the 7-point line by

most books, who now make Dallas a 6 1/2-point favorite.

"This money is a little surprising because it's mostly on the Bills," said Fred White, sports book manager for the 37-book Leroy's chain. "I don't know what people are thinking, maybe that the third time will be the charm for the Bills."

White said he resisted lowering his line until taking about five times the normal amount of money he would want on one side.

"It's not just the big players. Every \$100 bet for the last two days was for the Bills," he said. "Of course, I like the Bills myself. They're playing pretty good, I think they have a shot."

Most oddsmakers said they expected some Dallas money to start coming in Friday afternoon, when bettors begin lining up for the final 48 hours of betting frenzy that is expected to boost this year's legal Super Bowl betting over last year's \$50.3 million record wagering.

"Dallas is always a good betting team, so we'll see plenty of action," said Jimmy Vaccaro, book manager at the Mirage hotel-casino. "Most of the money is bet in the 12 hours before game time, but I think we'll have another record."

Pigskin Superbowl Predictions

GAME	BRZYS	STRATE	MILLER	FROMM
Dallas vs. Buffalo	DALLAS	DALLAS	DALLAS	BUFFALO
LAST WEEK	1-1 .500	2-0 1.000	1-1 .500	1-1 .500
NFL PLAYOFF RECORD	4-6 .400	5-5 .500	3-7 .300	4-6 .400
SEASON RECORD	154-68 .694	144-78 .649	137-85 .617	134-88 .604

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(AP Photo) Serb women cry over a relative's grave in the Yugoslav town of Bajina Basta, Thursday.

Explosives weaken dam; collapse feared imminent

By HRVOJE KNEZ
Associated Press Writer

PERUCA DAM, Croatia (AP) — Water spouted from the base of a huge and strategic hydroelectric dam today after Serb forces fleeing a Croatian onslaught blasted three craters in the structure.

Croatian authorities were preparing to evacuate as many as 20,000 people who live downriver from the earthen dam, which is a crucial source of electricity for the Dalmatian coastal region.

The Croatian presidency appealed for calm. It said experts at the site believed there was a "realistic danger" that the dam could cave in, but did not talk of imminent collapse.

Serb fighters had laced the dam with as many as 10,000 mines after capturing it in the 1991 civil war, which ended a year ago with a U.N.-brokered cease-fire.

U.N. peacekeepers had taken control of the dam in September, but they did not defuse all of the mines. The troops now have been driven from the area by the fighting.

The Croatian government launched an offensive last week to retake the one-third of Croatian territory still in Serb hands.

The resumption of fighting has prompted U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to consider withdrawing all peacekeepers from Croatia. That could cause the war to spread throughout the Balkans.

The British Broadcasting Corp. today quoted Croatian authorities as saying that retreating Serbs had set off explosives at each end and the base of the 190-foot-tall, 550-foot-long dam.

Two craters apparently left by retreating Serbs yawned in the asphalt road running atop the dam, which crosses the Cetina river north of the Adriatic port of Split.

A third crater appeared in the 66-foot-thick structure, but there was no water leaking there. Instead, water spouted as if from a natural spring from the dam's base.

Who will replace David Letterman

NEW YORK (AP) — Everybody's mentioning Dana Carvey as a replacement for David Letterman at NBC, but Letterman is talking up Dennis Miller.

"I started watching 'The Dennis Miller Show' before it was canceled, and I thought, if you're looking for a guy to do a talk show at 12:30, Dennis would be a pretty good choice," he said in the Feb. 18 issue of Rolling Stone.

NBC has said that "Saturday Night Live" comic Carvey might take the late-night slot when Letterman jumps to CBS this summer.

In the interview, Letterman also discussed his encounters with Margaret Ray, the woman who keeps breaking into his Connecticut home.

"She was on the property and wanted a glass of water ... so I went inside and called the police," he recalled. But the talk-show host had a sudden change of heart and decided to give the woman a head start on the police.

"I went back out and said, 'Margaret, I've phoned the police. You better get out of here.' And she — not WENT nuts, she IS nuts — she started shrieking, and then took off and the police picked her up," Letterman said.

Croatian soldiers were not on the dam today but were stationed in the surrounding area.

Many villages immediately downstream already have been deserted. The nearest town, nine miles downstream, is Sinj, with a population of 60,000.

Earlier, 80 Kenyan peacekeeping troops fled the area. They were part of a U.N. contingent of 16,000 that is trying to contain the ethnic and political animosity, as they did in the six-month war that killed about 10,000 people.

As the situation in Croatia deteriorated, fighting also raged in Bosnia-Herzegovina — like Croatia a former Yugoslav republic. Peace talks in Geneva on Bosnia's future remain paralyzed.

Meanwhile, an eight-ship French naval task force steamed toward the Adriatic on a "mission of protection."

Ten French peacekeepers in the U.N. force who were trapped in Serb-Croat crossfire were evacuated to safety by a U.N. convoy Thursday, but France still has 2,500 peacekeepers in Croatia, the most of any country. It did not mention evacuating them.

In addition to the 10 French peacekeepers who were flown to safety Thursday, Serbs freed 11 U.N. policemen from eight nations who they'd been holding in a hotel in Benkovac for "security reasons," U.N. spokeswoman Shannon Boyd said in Zagreb. Another 10 police in the hotel were to be released today, she said.

The reasons behind the timing of the Croatian offensive, which began in U.N.-patrolled areas, remain unclear. But Croatian President Franjo Tudjman is under domestic pressure to win back lost territory, and his party faces parliamentary elections Feb. 7.

The U.N. Security Council has threatened sanctions unless the Croats withdraw to their old positions. But Tudjman has refused to order a pullback unless Serb militias in the region are disarmed.

There was no sign Thursday that either side would compromise.

The surge in fighting threatens to make a shambles of peace talks on Bosnia, taking place in Geneva under U.N. and European Community auspices. Conference spokesman Fred Eckhard said Thursday there had been no progress because of the latest clashes.

The leader of Bosnia's rebel Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, said in Geneva that he would approve a peace deal for Bosnia on Saturday "with some very small changes." But a Bosnian government official and conference sources dismissed talk of a breakthrough.

The talks, scheduled to resume Saturday, are expected to focus on the entire peace package, including a controversial plan to break the nation into 10 autonomous provinces.

The multitude of clashes and the prospect of a U.N. pullout could unleash much more fighting across the Balkans, possibly drawing in neighboring Albania and Macedonia and spreading to Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey.

In neighboring Bosnia, meanwhile, the Belgrade-based Tanjug news agency reported Muslim-led government forces renewed artillery and infantry attacks on several Serb-held districts along the Drina river border with Yugoslavia.

Bosnian Croats reported a Muslim tank attack on the central Bosnian town of Busovaca, 25 miles northwest of Sarajevo, despite a cease-fire order issued a day earlier by the two sides' leaders.

In a separate development, a Yugoslav flotilla carrying 12,000 tons of fuel reached Serbia Thursday along the Danube River despite orders to stop, officials said.

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