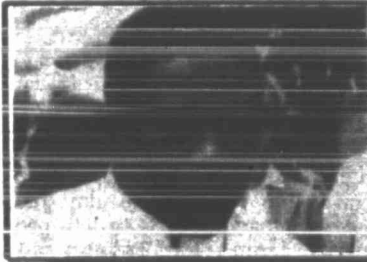




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How's that?

RSVP

Q. When was the Retired Senior Volunteer Program launched nationally?

A. The program began in 1971, according to literature distributed by Joy Decker of the local branch of RSVP.

Calendar

NAACP

TODAY

• The NAACP will meet at 7 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce conference room.

• The Howard County Youth Horseman Club will meet at 7 p.m. in the club arena on Garden City Highway. Anyone interested is invited to the inv. club arena on Garden City Highway. Anyone interested is invited.

TUESDAY

• The Southwest Permian Basin chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America will meet at 7 p.m. in the Veterans Administration Medical Center Room 219.

• The Coahoma Band Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the band hall.

WEDNESDAY

• The Kentwood Older Adult Center's annual chili supper will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Chili, beans, pie and drinks will be served for \$3.

Tops on TV

Gun control

A lawyer crusades for legislation enabling everyone to carry guns in "The Right of the People" at 8 p.m. on channel 2. Part two of "Fatal Vision" will air at 8 p.m. on channel 13.

Outside

Warm

Look for temperatures in the mid 60s this afternoon with southwesterly winds, 5 to 15 miles per hour. Tonight, lows should drop to near 30 degrees. Winds will be southwesterly, 5 to 15 miles per hour. Tomorrow the forecast is calling for highs near 70 degrees. Winds will be southerly, 10 to 20 miles per hour.



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U.S. warships escort vessels



FUJAIRA, United Arab Emirates (AP) — An American cargo ship that was intercepted and searched by the Iranian navy in international waters arrived in this port today, and U.S. warships were reported to be escorting other American vessels in nearby shipping lanes.

The U.S. ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, George Quincey Lumsden, visited the 39,000-ton President Taylor after it entered port and listened to a report on the incident by the ship's

captain, Robert Reimann.

Malcolm Stafford, general manager of Fujaira National Shipping Co., agents of the President Taylor, said, "Everybody (aboard) is safe, everything is fine."

The vessel with its 43-man crew was scheduled to leave Tuesday for India, he said.

A maritime shipping agent who spoke on condition he not be identified said, "Units of the U.S. Navy have been physically shadowing American merchant ships in and

near gulf sea lanes, protecting them against the eventuality of being harassed by the Iranians."

The shipping agent contended the Iranians were "merely flexing their muscle, apparently to demonstrate solidarity with Libya."

The Reagan administration accuses Libya of supporting the terrorist group that is believed to be responsible for attacks at the Rome and Vienna airports Dec. 27 in which 19 people died. Last week, President Reagan announced an

end to all economic activity between the United States and Libya, and ordered Americans living in the North African country to leave.

No arms were found aboard the ship, which is owned by American President Lines, Ltd., of Oakland, Calif.

"Seven armed Iranian soldiers and officers boarded the ship and opened three boxes of cargo," one Arab diplomat told The Associated Press. "What we know is that the boxes contain cotton. The Presi-

SHIP page 2-A

Initial drawings of courthouse annex approved

By SCOTT FITZGERALD
Staff Writer

Preliminary drawings for remodeling the county courthouse annex at the northeast corner of West Fourth and Main streets were unanimously approved by Howard County Commissioners today.

Architects John Gary and Lonnie Gary, a father-son partnership with offices in Big Spring and Lubbock, prepared the drawings for the work on the building which housed Woolworth's department store before the store closed in 1983.

Commissioner G.L. Brown was absent during the presentation and

did not participate in the voting.

"I think the building is an attractive and reasonable facility," Lonnie Gary told commissioners. He said existing surveys that he and his father studied showed the building "is quite sound."

According to the drawings that commissioners studied, the tax assessor and collectors office and the tax appraisal offices would be located on each side of the building's main entrance from Main Street. The adult probation and juvenile probation offices would be housed in the rear.

Lonnie Gary told commissioners

COUNTY page 2-A

Sales tax revenue shows slight dip

Retail sales, as reflected by state sales tax collections, are down slightly for Big Spring, although current figures do not include the Christmas season.

The city's latest rebate check is \$77,810, down 2.3 percent from last January's check of \$79,646.

The dip in city sales tax revenue contrasts the trend statewide. Reported revenue of \$53.2 million throughout Texas is up 3 percent over last year at this time, according to the state comptroller.

The January rebate represents the city's 1 percent share of the sales tax collected on most non-food items. The payment reflects sales made in November and

reported to the state by Dec. 20.

Figures for other area cities showed an increase in rebates over the same period last year:

• Coahoma's rebate check leaped 87 percent over last January's check from \$751 to \$1,406.

• Colorado City saw an 11 percent increase in sales tax revenue over last January. The city collected \$15,853.29 compared to 14,250.78 last year.

• Sales tax money collected by Stanton rose 27 percent from \$1,984 in January of 1985 to \$2,520 collected this year.

• Figures for Loraine and Fortsan are not yet available.



Associated Press photo

Rare sight

Two young men stand arm in arm giving the black power salute at a Johannesburg, South Africa, rock concert Saturday. A concert is one of few occasions where people can socialize across the color line.

Instructor helps elderly cope with driving



Associated Press photo

Dentist and former defensive driving instructor John Goeringer gives the thumbs-up sign from his sports car. Dr. Goeringer, who is involved with the Alive 55 driving program in San Antonio, knows the rules of the road.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Quick — name the age group that has the most car accidents per miles driven.

If you guessed teen-agers, you're wrong. While it's true that teens have more accidents per mile per person, older drivers have more accidents per mile driven.

"That means we don't have to go nearly as far to get into trouble as a youngster," Henry Swift said.

Swift wants to reduce the accidents and help older drivers adjust to changes that make it more difficult for them to drive. A volunteer certified driving instructor for the American Association of Retired Persons, Swift teaches an AARP-sponsored eight hour, two-day course called "Alive 55." The course costs \$7 and is open to all people 50 years and older.

Swift, 64, and his wife, Lucy, have been teaching the "Alive 55" driving courses four years.

"The No. 1 problem of our age group is not yielding the right of

way," Swift told a recent class.

That is not because older people are bad drivers, he quickly pointed out. Most older drivers are wiser and have better judgment than their younger counterparts on the road. But the over 50 driver often has problems beyond his control.

"We lose our confidence, and our eyes are not as keen. Concentration dwindles, and our reflexes slow down," said student Donald N. Mathers.

The emphasis of the course is on safety, not legalities, Swift said. Most older people know the rules. They need help coping with physical changes caused by aging. And because so many older people are dependent on cars for working, shopping or socializing, Swift gave tips on eating right and exercising so drivers could stay healthy and independent.

Swift teaches his students first to recognize physical changes such as loss of vision, hearing and reaction time. The next step is to compensate. Medical conditions such as

glaucoma and cataracts can cause driving problems as well. The ability to focus and perceive depth declines with age; Swift told his students to have periodic vision tests of their eyes and eyeglasses. He also offered tips to compensate for problems caused by aging. For example, Swift told his students to sweep their eyes continually to the left and right while driving to compensate for loss of peripheral vision.

"I try to teach my students to be on the lookout for things that cause accidents. And most of those things are physical changes. I try to teach them to be perceptive drivers instead of just 'seeing' drivers," he said.

But other influences — such as prescription drugs — affect the older driver as well. Sedatives for anxiety and analgesics for arthritis can cause drowsiness. Stimulants taken for fatigue and depression can cause overexcitability and a false sense of alertness.

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Nation

By Associated Press

Search is on for MIAs

WASHINGTON — Following new allegations that Americans still are being held captive in Vietnam, four lawmakers were departing today on a nine-day fact-finding mission to confront a "very callous" Vietnamese government about the fate of missing U.S. servicemen.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, heads the delegation to Hanoi, which includes Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz.; Rep. Michael Bilirakis, R-Fla.; and Rep. Bob McEwen, R-Ohio.

Syrian boycott denied

WASHINGTON — The United States has "no plan or thought" to impose sanctions against Syria, despite intelligence reports that the terrorists who attacked the Rome and Vienna airports last month were trained in the Syrian-controlled Bekka Valley in Lebanon and traveled through Damascus on the way to the airport assaults, Secretary of State George P. Shultz said.

Astronauts star-gazing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Columbia's astronauts, with the best seats ever for watching Halley's comet, unlimbered telescopes and cameras today to better view the chunk of ice and space debris and to search for luminous clouds of ultraviolet radiation among the stars.

Words fly at PEN meet

NEW YORK — Secretary of State George Shultz defended the Reagan administration, Norman Mailer defended Shultz, and members of an international group of authors attacked all three as the 48th International PEN Congress opened amid controversy.

"It is our responsibility to protect everybody's right to free speech, no matter how much we disagree with their political stance," Mailer told a crowd that twice interrupted Shultz's speech Sunday at the New York Public Library.

Workers were targets

ARLINGTON — A clerk wounded in the siege of a 7-Eleven store where one of his co-workers was shot to death says the gunman repeatedly said he would kill both employees because they were friends of his estranged wife.

"He wanted to kill (his wife's) friends to make her suffer," Craig Talley, 25, said Sunday from his hospital bed at Arlington Memorial Hospital, where he is recovering from at least three gunshot wounds.



U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Chester Crocker, strolls through the rutted streets of Duderuz, a black township east of Johannesburg, Sunday with Anglican Bishop Simeon Nkoane.

Renewed efforts

U.S. aide meets leaders in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The State Department's top expert on Africa met with officials of the white-led government today, apparently to guide South Africa toward compromise on its racial policies and control of neighboring Southwest Africa.

After a morning meeting with President P.W. Botha at his Cape Town office, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Chester Crocker met with Foreign Minister R.F. Botha, officials said.

Crocker flew to Cape Town from Johannesburg late Sunday night after beginning a three-day visit marred by the brutal slaying by a gang of blacks of a community leader due to escort him on a tour of black townships near Johannesburg.

Ampie Mayisa, 58, was chased from his home late Saturday in Leandra township 74 miles east of Johannesburg and hacked to death by a gang, his son Joshua Mayisa said Sunday.

The slaying of Mayisa, considered a supporter of the United Democratic Front anti-apartheid group, did not appear connected to Crocker's visit. But it underlined growing violence between rival black groups, which

has erupted along with 16 months of anti-apartheid violence in which an estimated 1,000 people have died.

Under apartheid, the system of enforced racial segregation, about 5 million whites rule over 24 million voteless blacks.

Crocker went ahead with the tour of Duderuz, KwaThema, and Kallahong townships — a rare move for the U.S. official, who usually restricts his South African visits to meetings with government officials or private sessions with black leaders.

He has made no substantive statement since arriving from Marxist Angola, the base for guerrillas fighting to end South African control of South-West Africa.

His visit, however, also is widely regarded as a bid to break the logjam on South-West African independence, which both the Reagan administration and South Africa have linked to the withdrawal of about 20,000 Cuban troops based in Marxist Angola.

South-West Africa is ruled by South Africa in defiance of the United Nations, which ended South Africa's mandate over the mineral-rich territory in 1966.

World

By Associated Press

Alert against terrorism

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Authorities hurriedly approached the U.S. Embassy and sent more police to patrol near other possible American targets of Palestinian terrorists thought to be preparing a strike against Americans, Israelis, or Jews.

But officials who spoke Sunday on condition they not be identified said it would be virtually impossible to guard all the potential targets.

Jihad letter warns U.S.

CAIRO, Egypt — A letter received today by a Western news agency and signed "Islamic Jihad," the name of a shadowy terrorist organization, threatened to strike "the most vulnerable points of American imperialism."

There was no way to determine whether the undated letter posted in a plain white envelope in Egypt and written in English was sent by the Islamic Jihad group blamed for anti-U.S. bombings, kidnappings and other terrorist acts in Lebanon and Kuwait.

Guards reach Honduras

CAMP BIG BEAR, Honduras — The first of 5,000 U.S. National Guardsmen, most of them combat engineers and heavy equipment operators, have arrived for four months of military maneuvers and construction work aimed at stabilizing a main U.S. ally in Central America.

A U.S. military officer told reporters that they will work on development projects aimed at countering the leftist Sandinista government of neighboring Nicaragua, and that if they fail, "we're going to have to send our kids down here with guns."

Peres wins approval

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Shimon Peres announced early Monday that he had won approval during a stormy 12-hour meeting of senior Cabinet members to submit a border dispute with Egypt to international arbitration.

Peres had threatened to resign, bringing down the politically divided government, unless the 10-member inner Cabinet agreed to arbitration to settle ownership of Taba, a strip of sand on the Red Sea.

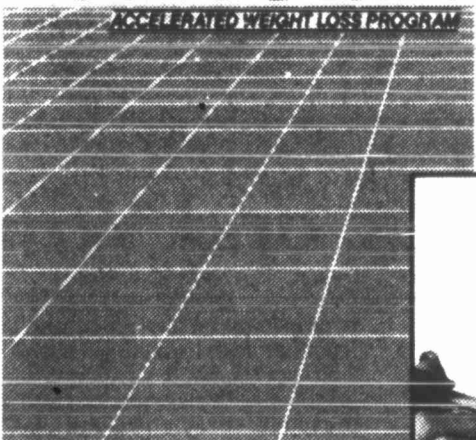
Bolivian siege ends

LA PAZ, Bolivia — The five-day siege of 245 narcotics police by farmers irate over government efforts to cut coca leaf production has virtually ended, according to a U.S. official.

Less than 100 farmers and drug traffickers still manned roadblocks leading to a camp of the U.S.-trained and financed "Leopards" anti-drug police, Edgar Merwin, a U.S. military adviser to the force, said Sunday.

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Steve Chapman

Break some eggs in budget-cutting

Two issues, cutting the budget and reforming the tax code, are likely to dominate Washington's domestic policy agenda in 1986. They concern the most fundamental questions in politics: what the government should do and how to pay for it. On these fronts, 1985 proved inconclusive, while offering some hope that this year will bring about real change.

On the spending side, there was the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law, which may force Congress and the President to halt the uncontrolled expansion of the federal government. On the tax side, there was the House tax reform bill, a flawed but valuable document that the Senate has the chance to improve. Unfortunately, both tasks require some political nerve. Neither, so far, has inspired much.

The obstacles to even modest reductions in federal responsibilities are illustrated by the fate of an internal proposal by the Office of Management and Budget to close down the Federal Housing Administration. The idea was leaked to the *New York Times* and revealed in a story on Saturday, Dec. 13. By the following Friday, the *Times* was pronouncing it dead.

What blocked this exceedingly modest retreat from the welfare state? The industries affected, especially real estate and construction firms, raised unholy hell, and the administration promptly buckled. "Realtors control one of the biggest PACs in the country," one administration official explained lamely.

Maybe so. But if Ronald Reagan, who lobbied hard for Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, isn't willing to brave the perils of killing an agency as minor as the FHA, how on earth does he expect to win congressional approval of the far more ambitious and painful decisions required in later years? In its first year, the law requires only small cuts in the deficit, demanding only minimal courage. At the White House, even minimal courage is too much to ask.

Though the original FHA proposal would have only a tiny effect on the deficit, in other ways it epitomizes the sort of program that ought to be killed. It channels its

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cigarette case into the police department.

It really made me happy to know that at the turn of a new year there are still honest people in the world.

ALICE L. SAYERS
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Mailbag

Honest citizen draws praise

To the editor:
I would like to thank the person or persons who turned my

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WORLD TERRORISM WILL COME TO A HEAD...



Jack Anderson

Iran trains for terrorism

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — Iran is training terrorists to hijack airliners and kidnap hostages, with special vengeance toward Americans. This underground warfare, directed by the Iranian foreign ministry, has accounted for the deaths of at least 262 Americans since 1983.

Encouraged by the absence of an effective U.S. response, the Iranians not only remain unrepentant but have made Americans their principal targets.

U.S. intelligence has pinpointed two hijacker-training centers in Iran: one near Mehrabad airport outside Tehran, the other near the holy city of Qom. We've seen secret satellite photos, which clearly show commercial airliners parked at the training camps; they are used by the recruits as "hands-on" instruction material in the methods of hijacking modern airliners.

The training camps include familiarization with the instruments, fuel consumption and other features of Boeing 727s and 747s, as well as Airbus 300s. Some of the planes are on loan from Mehrabad airport during "down time" between international flights.

Part of the training is in the psychology of hijacking and hostage treatment. The Iranian instructors teach a cynical mix of techniques that alternate between brutality to Americans (to instill fear in the captive passengers) and occasional small kindnesses (to prevent any desperate resistance by the hostages).

The CIA has no clear idea how many potential hijackers are currently taking the deadly training, but a Saudi Arabian intelligence report, which the CIA believes to be credible, estimates that 55 student terrorists studied hijacking in Iran in late 1984 alone. They included Iranians, Iraqis, Tunisians, Moroccans and Egyptians — and at least one Saudi. The report identified the chief instructor as a Palestinian guerrilla who had participated personally in airliner hijackings.

At present, there are about half a dozen other terrorist training camps located in Iran. Several are reserved for foreigners recruited by the Ayatollah Khomeini's agents from among Moslem students and workers throughout the Middle East, Asia, Western Europe and even the United States.

Students at the camps get three months' indoctrination in Moslem fundamentalist ideology as well

as in the nuts and bolts of terrorist operations, including construction and placement of sophisticated demolition devices.

The CIA has also received detailed reports of an estimated 30 groups of women terrorists taking similar training at segregated camps in Tehran, Qom, Isfahan and Behechteh. One alumna reportedly refused to her fellow terrorists: "Our Imam Khomeini has authorized us to participate in the holy war against the atheist enemies of the Islamic Republic. We are the kamikazes of Islam. We will each die after killing a hundred enemies — where in the world is not important."

The terrorists trained in Iran's "boot camps" share one trait: devotion to Khomeini, whose scowling image glares at Iranians from every wall poster and television set. The old ayatollah routinely refers to the United States as "the Great Satan," and inspires his fellow fanatics with this weird call to arms: "All Moslems must rise up and conquer their fear of death so that they can conquer the whole world!"

A CASTRO CANCER: The Immigration and Naturalization Service is still smarting from the 1980 "invasion" of Cuban refugees, when Fidel Castro emptied his jails to let supposed anti-communists flee Cuba. Nearly one-half of the agency's detention funds are still being spent on Cuban refugees deemed "undesirable." Internal memos reveal that the expenditures on the Cubans have left little money for other cases.

MINI-EDITORIAL: While the federal deficits continue to pile up, threatening the economy and forcing cuts in many needed programs, it's often overlooked that the government is owed more than \$20 billion in overdue debts. Most of the deadbeats are those who have defaulted on student loans, and the Justice Department is belatedly going after more than 700,000 of those who are far behind in their repayments. One suggestion that strikes us as futile and unfair is that schools whose graduates show high default rates be given less money for future student loans. Why should the sins of the alumni be visited on the next generation?

Jack Anderson's investigative report from Washington is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.

Jim Davis

A difference of black and white

By JIM DAVIS

AUSTIN — It's too bad that Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards isn't named Edwin Black, for then we could say the governors of that state and Texas are as different as Black and White.

That would make a bad pun but a good comparison of Edwards and Gov. Mark White.

The two showed their different styles last week at separate news conferences.

White held up a photograph of a missing 11-year-old Temple girl and promoted a new missing-persons hotline.

Edwards called in the reporters and TV cameras to propose filling the state's coffers with income from casino gambling and a lottery.

"I'm not advocating gambling," Edwards said. "I'm advocating the business of gambling."

He said making New Orleans America's third casino gambling center — behind Nevada and Atlantic City — could create 100,000 new jobs and \$350 million in new state revenue. A state lottery could bring in another \$250 million, he said.

Edwards' proposal would be a radical one for any governor, but it's especially weird considering he was on trial only a few weeks ago on federal racketeering charges. Prosecutors presented evidence that Edwards lost \$2 million at four Nevada casinos over three years, but he claimed his losses totaled "only" \$10,000 to \$50,000 a year.

The trial ended in a hung jury, and there are some doubts that Edwards will be retried. But

he could be, and you would think he would lay low for a while. But that's not Edwards' style.

White, on the other hand, is a Southern Baptist type who would rather wrestle giant armadillos than be caught putting a quarter in a slot machine. He's even careful not to get caught with a glass in his hand if there's a camera at a social event.

He's so squeaky clean that I doubt if anyone has ever asked him if he would favor casino gambling for a Texas city, such as Galveston. That would be like asking President Reagan if he wanted to invite Col. Moammar Khadafy for tea.

White criticized lotteries when legislation to allow one in Texas was introduced in the 1985 legislative session. He focused on the charge that a lottery tends to hurt those who can least afford the loss.

But he seemed to leave a crack in the door on the question of whether he would veto lottery legislation if it ever passed and the state desperately needed the money. He seemed more open to accepting pari-mutuel betting on horse races if tight anti-crime controls were written into the legislation.

Louisiana already has horse-race gambling, of course. That business, because of related crime and corruption problems, is hardly a model for other states, but it does bring in badly needed revenue.

Both Texas and Louisiana are suffering money problems as falling oil prices have cut their energy tax revenues. Texas avoided a major tax increase last year only by greatly

Around The Rim Radio ignores rock 'n' rollers

By TIM APPEL

The forgotten generation. Actually they are the babies of the baby-boom era, an identity that is not even their own.

Their needs are often ignored, while the much-publicized generations before them are treated as kings.

Though not the last nail in the coffin for these downcast individuals, the lid was certainly slammed shut by the abandonment of KIOF (KUFO or whatever) from their Top 40 format to what is known as "adult contemporary."

So in the local area, out of five stations, we have a wide variety to choose from: "adult" music or country-western.

People either love or hate country-western music. And for the junior high or high school student that who to cruise the strip, western is not usually the music to blare out the windows of that '82 Trans-Am.

Adult contemporary is fine to listen to while having your teeth drilled out at the dentist office or while travelling between the 5th and 27th floors in an elevator. When it's early in the morning, and the body is attempting to blast out of sleep mode, songs sung by Air Supply just do not cut the mustard.

One must realize that the radio market is very limited in the Crossroads Country, and each owner is trying to make the most he can from that market. And the demands in the West Texas market right now are for the adult contemporary and the western sounds.

But what many of us could really use is a medium for such formats as soul and funk, rock and roll, jazz, public radio, the list is endless. The radio station owner that can manage to fit in an alternative format for today's generation during their peak time schedule (10 p.m. to midnight) will receive laud and praise from many a teen out there. But as for now, my choice for music is heard during warm-ups before Howard College basketball games.

Someday, the forgotten generation will be of age and in power. We will then see where their allegiance lies when all of the other radio stations switch their format to suit them.

Opinions expressed in this column are those of the staff writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper's management.

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Address letters "To the editor," Big Spring Herald, Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79720. Please write your name and address on the letter.

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Dear Abby

Words stop unhappiness

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from the 30-year-old married woman who hated to go home for the holidays because her family kept repeating the stories about how fat, dumb and miserable she was as a child. (They all laughed and made a joke of it.)

I, too, was a fat (200 pounds), sullen, unhappy and unpopular teen-ager, but I grew older and wiser. I trimmed down and became a very successful professional woman. After 10 years in Overeaters Anonymous, I realized that my family could have mixed feelings of pride and jealousy about my adult accomplishments. Some people act more out of habit than malice. I broke my family of their habit of making my miserable past the focal point for family entertainment, or a topic of disclosure to strangers in my presence, with 12 simple words: "There is no need to discuss that now; let's change the subject."

I repeated them in the car, in the shower, to my husband and the mirror until it became automatic. Then every time they started in on my past, I repeated it. No explanations; repetition only. When

family members became defensive or denied any intent to hurt me, I said, "That's OK. There is no need to discuss that now. Let's change the subject."

Once, out of pride, I'm sure, my mother started to tell an acquaintance what a fat, rebellious teenager I had been. I broke into her conversation with the magic words. Mother later said she was upset that I had publicly admonished her. I simply repeated the phrase.

I'm now 34, and my family seldom mentions my childhood. If they do, I remind them with: "There is no need to discuss that now; let's change the subject."

Abby if you think my letter will help someone whose family insists on dredging up painful garbage from the past, feel free to use this, but not my name. Sign me...

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DEAR MOVING: Thank you for a moving letter.

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Lisa Hecker honored with shower following wedding

Mrs. Michael Hecker, formerly Lisa Mason, was honored with a miscellaneous shower on Jan. 7 at the fellowship hall of the First Church of God.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Walter Beauchamp, Deanna Carlile, Mrs. Jimmy Lee, Mrs. Delmer Loy, Keri Myrick and Mrs. Darrell Reagan.

The hostesses presented Hecker

with a blender.

Guests included the bride's mother, Mrs. Paul Lindell, her grandmother, Mrs. C.D. Phillips, the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Robert Hecker, and his sister, Michele Darden.

The couple married Dec. 6 at the First Church of God with the Rev. Delmer Loy, pastor, officiating.

American Gold Star Mothers thanked for joining festival

The chapter of American Gold Star Mothers met Thursday in the home of Mrs. T.D. Peacock. Members were read a note of appreciation from the Heritage Museum trustees for participating in the First Annual Heritage Museum Christmas Tree festival.

Elida Hernandez, chapter history book chairman, presented the 1985 history book to Peacock, the chapter president.

Mrs. Buck Turner reported on

chapter volunteer services at the Veterans Administration Medical Center during December. Canteen books were presented to all patients on the third floor at Christmas and refreshments were served to all patients Dec. 17. She was assisted by Peacock, Mrs. A.W. Moody and Mrs. Truett Thomas.

The Feb. 13 meeting will be in the home of Turner, 1310 Runnels St.

Study Club agrees to join March of Dimes annual walk

The 1941 Study Club voted to help with the March of Dimes Mothers' Walk in January during a recent meeting in the home of Sue Tindol.

The president, Jeannie Darden, presided. Virginia Allen lead the club collect.

Mrs. Lou Clawson gave a book

review on Erma Bombeck's, "If Life is a Bowl of Cherries, What am I doing in the Pits?"

Hostess was Marsha Hudson.

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Dr. Donohue

Controlling pemphigus

Dear Dr. Donohue: I have pemphigus vulgaris and cannot find much written on it. Could you please help and explain a little for me? I am taking steroid drugs and am somewhat in control. Are there any other drugs used? I am a 50-year-old woman. — K.B.A.

I can't shed a great deal of light on this subject, for it is really a baffling disease about which we know little. Blisters (bullae) form on the skin and mucous membranes, those of the mouth, for example, or of the genital tract.

I don't have to tell you about the unpleasant aspects of this illness. These blisters are quite fragile and break, leaving the skin and membranes raw and denuded. Before adequate drug therapy became available, the patient very often found himself in deep nutritional trouble because of the inability to take food.

Pemphigus usually comes on in the 40s or 50s, and at one time it was almost always fatal. Of the four variations of pemphigus, yours (vulgaris) is the most common. The word, pemphigus, incidentally, comes from the Greek, pemphix (blisters), and vulgaris, from the Latin for "common."

We're not sure, but it might well be one of those illnesses where the body's immune system decides to attack its own tissue selectively, as though it were alien. In fact, sometimes drugs that alter the immune system are tried with pemphigus. Other than that, steroids remain the accepted therapy to control it. I'm glad to hear that is helping you.

Dear Dr. Donohue: After going to three different doctors, I was told I had polyneuropathy. What is

that ailment? Is it curable? Is there any medication for relief? The thumb and first two fingers on both right and left hands are numb and if I put pressure on them they will pain and tingle. — H.O.E.

Polyneuropathy looks and sounds like it should be an illness, but it isn't. It's a description of what's wrong — damage to many nerves. The illness is what's causing the damage, and that's the first order of business, to find out what that is.

Here are a few possibilities: diabetes, certain vitamin deficiencies, thyroid disorders, alcohol and other toxins. Just a brief look at the literature provides an impressive list of other choices, 16 at least. And perhaps heading the list is that catch-all diagnosis, "cause unknown."

When a cause can be found, treatment to extirpate it ends the neuropathy. If you have not gone beyond the simple polyneuropathy diagnosis, it is time to begin looking at the possibilities I mentioned, and the others I haven't.

If a search for cause is fruitless, then you have to turn to the best ways to relieve the pain. Let me mention just one simple one, because it is worth trying if other therapies have failed. It is use of transcutaneous neural stimulation. That involves a little battery-powered box with wire extensions applied to the painful area for delivery of an electric current. This often causes a numbing sensation.

I am planning to discuss polyneuropathy in greater depth in some future article. I realize that here I have not done justice to this vast topic.

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Pats, Bears waltz into Super Bowl

New England does number on Miami

MIAMI (AP) — So much for talk about how improbable it would be for a team to win three straight playoff games on the road to the Super Bowl.

The New England Patriots have beaten those odds and it's of little consequence to them if few people believed they could. Mission Impossible became Mission Accomplished on Sunday.

Playing near flawless football for the third consecutive week, the Patriots defeated the Miami Dolphins 31-14 to win the AFC championship and a berth opposite the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl on Jan. 26 in New Orleans.

"We have some magic," Patriots offensive tackle Brian Holloway said. "It's going to be a great game against the Bears. A great game between two great, physical football teams."

The Patriots beat Miami with an awesome rushing attack that exploited Miami's defense for 255 yards as well as ball-hawking special teams and defensive units that forced six turnovers.

In their first full season under Coach Raymond Berry, the Patriots are the first team to win three straight post-season games on the road and the third wild-card team to wind up in the Super Bowl.

Victories over the New York Jets and Los Angeles Raiders the previous two weeks were sweet, but Sunday's was positively delicious.

The Patriots halted an 18-game losing streak in the Orange Bowl and denied Miami a third trip to the Super Bowl in four years.

Miami, which saw an eight-game winning streak snapped, is now 5-1 in AFC championship games. The Pats have won 12 of 14 and have shaken an image of being a talented team that can't win the "big one."

The Patriots converted four Miami fumbles into 24 points and also intercepted two Dan Marino passes to give New England 16 takeaways in its three playoff vic-



Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino heads back to the bench after giving up an interception in the second half of Sunday's AFC Championship game. Patriots Don Blackmon (55) and Lester Williams celebrate.

tories, compared to five giveaways.

"It just makes sense mathematically that if you have a large number of takeaways it's going to make it easier for you to win," said Berry, whose team had scored three touchdowns off fumbled kickoffs returns in its previous four games.

"I'd like to think that the hard-hitting of our defense and our special teams was a factor," Berry added. "But we were also fortunate

to be in the right place to take advantage on those plays."

New England's rookie defensive linemen Garin Veris and Lester Williams recovered fumbles to set up 10 first-half points that helped New England to a 17-7 halftime advantage.

Miami slipped into deep trouble when Lorenzo Hampton fumbled returning the second-half kickoff and New England's Greg Hawthorne recovered at the Dolphins' 25.

Six plays later, Patriots quarterback Tony Eason threw his third touchdown pass of the game to make it 24-7.

Marino overcame an 18-point deficit in Miami's 24-21 playoff victory over Cleveland last week but Dan Marino was unable to save the Dolphins Sunday.

The third-year quarterback tossed a 10-yard scoring pass to Tony Nathan 32 seconds into the fourth quarter, after a Patriot fumble, to trim the Pats' lead to 24-14.

Bears steamroll Rams for 24-0 NFC victory

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Bears are a team with a purpose. And quarterback Jim McMahon, their defiant field general, is the man to fulfill it despite his sometimes crazy antics.

McMahon, running for one touchdown and passing for another, directed the Bears to a 24-0 victory over the Los Angeles Rams Sunday for the National Conference championship and a berth in the Super Bowl.

The game was supposed to be a battle between super running backs Walter Payton of Chicago and Eric Dickerson of Los Angeles. It never materialized. Payton rushed 18 times for 32 yards. Dickerson, who set a playoff record of 248 yards rushing against Dallas last week, carried 17 times for 46 yards.

McMahon took charge from the outset.

He turned what was to have been a pass play into a 16-yard touchdown run "when I saw the alley open." In the third quarter he junked the draw play called by Coach Mike Ditka and hit Willie Gault with a 22-yard touchdown pass.

"I do it often," McMahon said of the audible. "Mike? He congratulated me for making a good call."

"McMahon made the plays happen," Ditka said. "I can't say enough about him. Guts. He's got guts. He ran the show. I don't know how he could play much better."

Ditka added that the Bears had a mission following their 23-0 loss in the NFC championship to San Francisco last season.

"It started in San Francisco

and it won't be completed until we win in New Orleans," Ditka said.

Although he was sacked three times, McMahon completed 16 of 25 passes for 164 yards with no interceptions.

Dieter Brock of Los Angeles completed 10 of 31 passes for 66 yards and had one pass intercepted.

"I wouldn't want to be in Dieter's shoes," McMahon said. "It's tough to throw in that wind when the other guys have their hands in your face."

Brock also was sacked three times and constantly was harassed by the Bear pass rush. The Bear defense allowed the Rams a net total of 130 yards in recording an unprecedented second straight playoff shutout.

The seriousness and importance of the game didn't detract from McMahon's penchant for being somewhat different.

After dashing 16 yards for a touchdown on the Bears first drive, the irrepressible McMahon took off his helmet and displayed a sweatband scrawled with the name of "Rozelle." That was for Pete Rozelle, commissioner of the National Football League.

"Last week it cost me five grand," said McMahon, who drew a fine from the league office for wearing a sweatband with the Adidas brand name on it. "I decided to give Pete a little publicity so he wouldn't fine me."

Maybe McMahon didn't get back into the good graces of Rozelle but he and the vicious Bear defense won the claim of all concerned.

West-Texans head All-State teams

By The Associated Press

West Texas football made its presence known as State champion Houston Yates placed two players and runnerup Odessa Permian three on the Class 5A all-state high school football team announced Sunday by the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Meanwhile, on the Class 4A all-state team, state champion Sweetwater and second-place Tomball placed two players each on the squad. However, both were upstaged by Denison, which had 6-0, 185-pound runningback Aaron Jackson, 6-5, 280-pound offensive lineman Phillip Pryor, and defensive linemen Elmar Perry (6-1, 325) and Arthur Taylor (6-3, 225) on the first team.

The all-state teams for Texas' other high school classes are to be announced later.

Yates, which routed Permian in the 5A title match to win its first state championship, is represented by 6-2, 190-pound quarterback Charles Price and 6-3, 220-pound linebacker Melvin Foster.

Permian's 5-11, 160-pound wide receiver Greg Anderson also was named to the first-team offense, while 5-10, 160-pound defensive end Jerry LeClair and 6-0, 170-pound defensive back Robert Williams

made the first-team defense.

Lufkin's Matt McCall, a 6-7, 280-pound junior offensive tackle, was the only non-senior among the 25 players who won first team recognition.

In the 5A all-state backfield with Price are runningbacks Steven Lee of El Paso Austin, Jerry Arceneaux of San Antonio Holmes, and Reggie Santee of Cypress-Fairbanks.

Layne Talbot, 5-11, 175, of Beaumont West Brook is the kicker and Alex Waits, 6-3, 210, of Plano East the punter on the 5A team. In 4A, David Browndyke, 6-2, 190, of Dallas Hillcrest is the placekicker and Sean Wilson, 6-0, 195, of Huntsville the punter.

The 4A backfield is anchored by quarterback Lance Pavlas and runningback Bubba Greely, both of Tomball. They are joined by Jackson and Bay City's Horace Robinson.

Sweetwater is represented on the 4A all-state team by Warren Creed, a 6-1, 210-pound offensive lineman, and Mike Welch, a 6-2, 185-pound defensive back.

Denison, the 1984 state champion, had the state's longest winning streak until Jackson was sidelined by injury and could play only three plays in his team's quarterfinals loss to Austin Westlake.

Jackson steal spotlight in Japan Bowl

YKOHAMA, Japan (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson came out of the 11th Japan Bowl with two more highlights added to a long list, a rushing record and the game's MVP award in the East all-star's 31-14 victory over the West.

The Auburn running back, also center fielder for Auburn's baseball team, said after the game that he wouldn't decide until the summer which of the two sports he would choose for a professional career.

Two teams of college all-star players, accompanied by bands and cheerleaders from the universities of Illinois and Washington, entertained 30,000 spectators, most of them Japanese.

Jackson opened the score in the first quarter on a 69-yard pass play from Illinois' Jack Trudeau. Chris White of Illinois added a 20-yard field goal for the East at the start of the second quarter to boost score to 10-0.

Jackson, asked to name the day's best play, said, "the last touchdown run," his 57-yard sprint to goal in the fourth quarter. "Everyone was in place and the fullback came out and threw a nice block."

That run, and a one-yard scoring plunge in the third quarter after the West had closed the gap to 10-7, were part of Jackson's 171 rushing yards in 18 attempts — more than twice the previous Japan Bowl record of 85 yards.

Jackson was named the game's most valuable player and also received the Joe Roth memorial award, named after a California linebacker who died

of cancer soon after the 1977 Japan Bowl.

Lineman Mike Hammerstein of Michigan, whose pressure on the quarterback kept the West from gaining much ground, was named the game's outstanding defensive player.

"There were too many sacks for us ... The East was rushing hard and rushing well," West Coach Fred Akers of Texas said at a post-game interview.

Notre Dame's Allen Pinkett ran 76 yards in 13 carries for the East. As a team, the East moved the ball 258 yards on the ground, compared to 55 yards for the West.

The West scored for the first time in the third quarter with a seven-yard touchdown pass by All-American Chuck Long of Iowa to classmate and teammate Bill Hoppel.

After Jackson's second score, California's Dwight Garner ran a 70-yard kickoff return for the West. A pass interference moved the West to the 2 and two plays later Tom Rathman of Nebraska dove for a touchdown to cut the East lead to 17-14.

The East took control again quickly, as Illinois' David Williams caught a 58-yard TD and Jackson's final touchdown run came early in the fourth.

The victory was the third for the East since the Japan Bowl began in 1976. The game is one of two U.S. College games played in Japan, where football is not widely known. The other, the Mirage Bowl, is a regular NCAA season game.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Benefits in making your goals work depend largely upon how well you apply the extra energy that is released today, even though there may be some upsets that concern you.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get busy at personal activities of a secret nature and handle them wisely, so forget whatever else you have in mind.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Business partners can aid you in gaining personal aims if you ask for assistance tactfully.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) If you are enthused about the work at hand, you gain fine benefits and added respect from higher-ups.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Planning amusements for later in the week with old and new friends is wise in the morning.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You have a good opportunity to plan practical matters for your kin and get good results. The evening can be very happy at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Contact outside associates and plan important new deals with them and avoid a family fight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) If you put more energy into the work you are doing, you can gain greater benefits from it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You can easily gain your aspirations if you go after them in a positive and conscientious manner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The planets are favorable mostly to others today, so don't try to put your ideas across as yet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A good day to handle correspondence and seek information you need, but avoid money involvements.

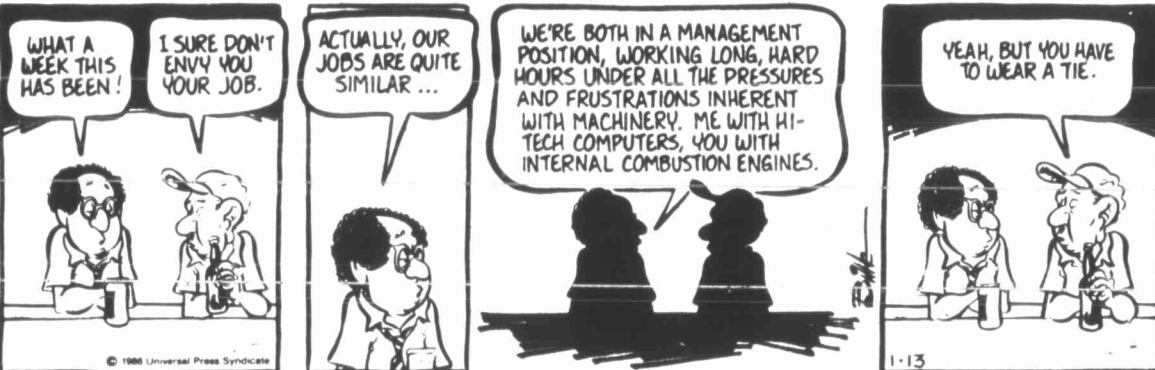
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PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be with a long-time friend who can help you to get into channels that are more lucrative. Enjoy the social in the evening.

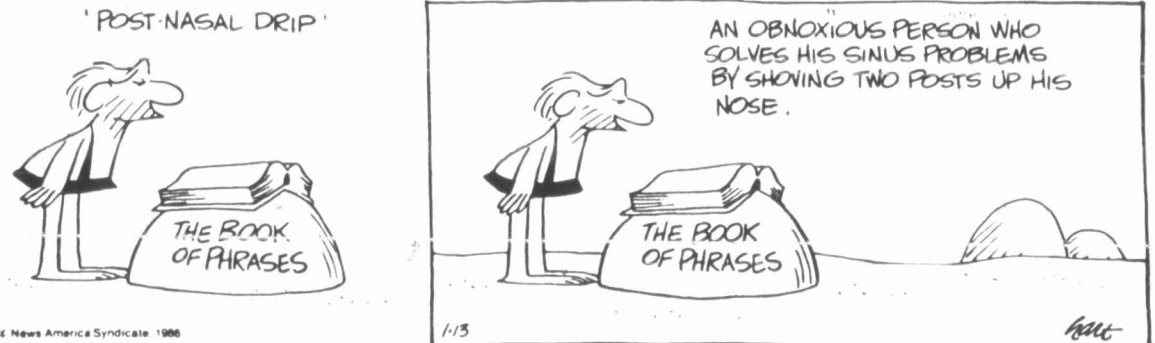
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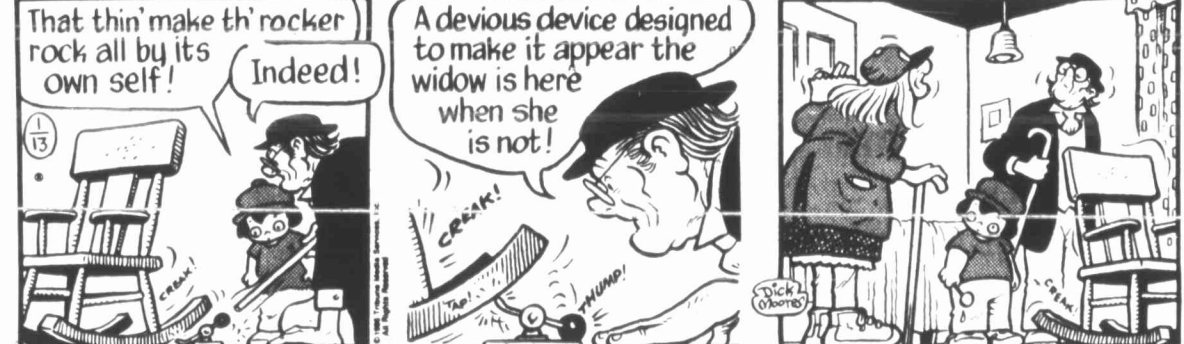
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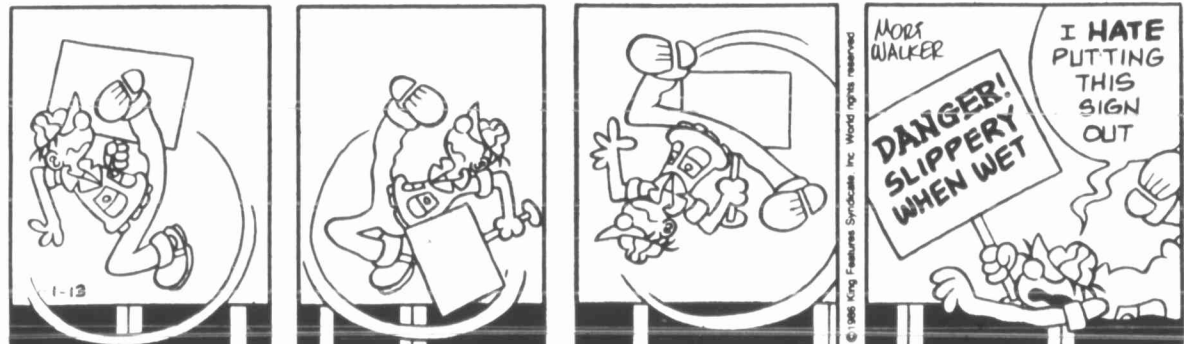
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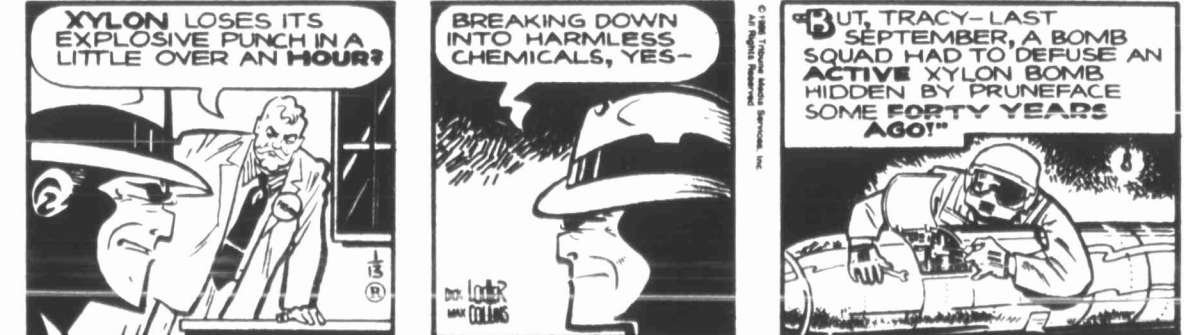
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