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Steen freed; hopes grow for Anderson's release

By ED BLANCHE
Associated Press Writer

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — American Alann Steen, smiling and weeping for joy, was freed by Shiite Muslim extremists today after five years of captivity in Lebanon and said: "It's great to be out."

The 52-year-old teacher was the second hostage released in two days, and his freedom augurs a speedy resolution to the hostage drama. There was growing speculation that the last American captive, journalist Terry Anderson, will soon walk free.

Asked about Anderson, Steen said one of his captors told him the chief Middle East correspondent of The Associated Press would be out "in about a week." Separate Lebanese groups kidnapped Anderson and Steen.

Other sources indicated today that Anderson could possibly be freed as early as Wednesday.

Steen, a native of Boston, looked thin and pale at a brief news conference at the Syrian Foreign Ministry. He wept as he was turned over to U.S. Ambassador Christopher Ross.

"I don't think I can find the words right now to express how I feel, except that it's wonderful," Steen said, his voice choking with emotion and his hands shaking.

"Five years is no fun."

Steen said he exercised for two hours every day while in captivity but had had lots of colds. His face and neck bore scars, which he kept scratching, and he said he caused them himself when he was first allowed to shave by his captors three years ago.

Asked if he had a message for his wife, Steen said: "I love her, I miss her." The couple was married just six months before the Beirut University College journalism teacher was kidnapped.

Virginia Steen later spoke to her husband by telephone from her home in Clark Lake, Mich. "It was incredible to finally hear his voice and to think this is really, finally over," she said. "He sounds great. His sense of humor's still there."

Marlin Fitzwater, spokesman for President Bush, said the United States welcomed Steen's release. He added, "The task is not completed, however. We remember Terry Anderson and the other hostages. Once again, we call for their immediate and unconditional release, for a full accounting of those who have died in captivity, and for a return of their remains."

The pro-Iranian organization of Islamic Jihad for Liberation of Palestine said Steen, who was kidnapped Jan. 24, 1987, was freed in



Former American hostage Alann Steen, right, smiles as he is led away today from the Syrian Foreign Ministry in Damascus by U.S. Ambassador Christopher Ross.

Beirut under a U.N.-brokered agreement. Syrian army officers drove Steen across the rain-swept border to Damascus, traditional first stop for freed hostages.

The U.S. Embassy said Steen left Syria at 5:20 p.m. — only about seven hours after his release in Beirut — on a U.S. military jet bound for Germany, where American hostages are examined by doctors and debriefed by intelligence officials.

Steen is the eighth Western hostage freed since August, when the United Nations began intensive negotiations to arrange a swap of Western hostages for about 300 Arab prisoners held by Israel and its proxy militia in Lebanon. Israel seeks an accounting of four missing servicemen in Lebanon.

Iran, long the chief backer of Lebanese kidnappers, and Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, now are

both striving to free Western hostages.

Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani is seeking to end Iran's isolation and shed its image as an outlaw state that supports terrorism. The Syrians, once the vanguard of Arab radicalism and a longtime Soviet ally, are realigning with the West after the collapse of communism.

American Joseph Cicippio and Steen were freed after Washington paid Iran \$278 million for weaponry impounded during the 1979-80 Tehran hostage crisis.

The weapons and other Iranian assets worth billions of dollars were frozen by the United States in 1979. Tehran has in the past linked hostage releases to the return of those assets.

On Sunday, Israel released 25 Arab prisoners, bringing to 91 the total number set free since August and giving new impetus to hostage releases.

The Beirut office of Iran's official news agency said today that Anderson, 44, who was kidnapped in March 1985 and is the longest-held U.S. hostage, could be freed by week's end. He is held by an Iranian-allied Shiite group, Islamic Jihad.

Uri Lubrani, Israel's chief hostage negotiator, was quoted as saying progress was being made on accounting for the missing servicemen. But he also told British Broad-

casting Corp. no more Lebanese detainees would be released "unless there is a move with our boys."

Cicippio was freed Monday and flown to Germany. A U.S. physician said Cicippio was knocked unconscious when he was abducted in 1986, suffered frostbite in captivity that year and in 1990, but is generally healthy.

Besides Anderson, two Germans, Thomas Kempfner and Heinrich Striebig, are still held. An Italian is missing, but reports say he is dead.

The Germans were captured by Shiite militants seeking the release of Mohammed and Abbas Hamadi, brothers imprisoned in Germany on terrorism convictions.

The *Tehran Times* reported today that an American would be freed shortly, followed by the German hostages and then by the last American. The report was written before Steen's release.

Iran's ambassador to Germany, Hossein Mousavian, today confirmed that Iran and Germany have been in contact with the Hamadi family in Lebanon regarding the German hostages.

Mousavian told Deutschlandfunk radio there are no clear signs the Germans will be released soon, but noted U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's efforts "give reason for optimism."

Commissioners to continue review of medical insurance and phone bids

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners Court recessed about 6 p.m. Monday after a daylong meeting and set 10 a.m. Thursday as the time and day to reconvene.

The Commissioners Court will consider two bids submitted for group medical insurance on Thursday and bids for telephone service for the new jail and sheriff's office under construction.

The group is also scheduled to set an election date for voters in the McLean and Alarred independent school districts to consider a consolidation question. The next uniform election day is Jan. 18.

Regarding group medical insurance, the Commissioners Court received bids from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the county's current insurance provider, and from MDPPhysicians Insurance Co. of Amarillo.

Mike Woolley, an agent with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, said the company's bid was an 18 percent increase over current rates, saying he was not pleased with the bid, but in light of existing claims and incurred claims it was the best that the company could provide.

The county currently pays for the employees' insurance at a rate of \$183.27 a month per employee. Under the same \$300 deductible, that rate would increase to \$216.81 a month per employee. Likewise, prices for employee dependents show increases under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield bid. Employees are responsible for paying for dependent insurance, if they choose to have the coverage.

Gray County Commissioners Court on Monday reversed a Nov. 15 bid decision for a standby generator for the new county jail.

The Commissioners Court on Nov. 15 had accepted a \$15,713 bid by West Texas Equipment Co., rather than the low bid of \$14,599 by Waukesha-Pearce. The Commissioners Court agreed that the Waukesha-Pearce bid had met all the bid specifications, but opted at that time to go with West Texas Equipment Co., which had a representative at the meeting who guaranteed a faster delivery time.

Delivery time was not specified in the bids. The *Pampa News* reported about the action, which could be construed as violating the state bidding requirements, and the newspaper contacted Waukesha-Pearce for comment. At that time, a Waukesha-Pearce representative said his company could get the generator to Gray County quicker, had the county only asked the company.

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Blue Cross/Blue Shield also increased the rate by 18 percent in July. He said that for the 12-month period ending in July \$317,000 in claims had been paid to Gray County employees and family, Woolley said.

Hugh Hagen with MDPPhysicians Insurance Co. said the insurance company is owned by Amarillo physicians who want to see the cost of medical claims contained.

Under that bid, employees could go to any Pampa physician or any network physician in Amarillo and have 90 percent of the costs paid by the insurance after the deductible. If a person chose to go outside the network, claims would be paid at a 70 percent rate, he said.

MDPhysicians bid \$189.90 per employee per month with a \$250 deductible. Cost for an employee's child to be added would be \$98.74; an employee/spouse or employee/family would be \$293.12 extra.

Rates for an employee's child on the insurance under Blue Cross's bid with a \$300 deductible are \$194.93 extra; employee/spouse would be \$310.02 extra; and employee/family coverage would be \$327.10 a month extra.

The commissioners asked both companies to provide them rates using a \$500 and \$1,000 deductible. That information is scheduled to be presented at the Thursday meeting.

County Judge Carl Kennedy also said he would like the list of physicians in the network to be passed around to county employees to see if their physician is on that list.

The Blue Cross bid provides a prescription card, but the MDPPhysicians bid does not, although the pre-

scriptions go toward the deductible.

"Our desire is to take physicians and market them to employers to contain costs," Hagen said of MDPPhysicians.

In other business Monday, the Commissioners Court:

- heard five presentations on telephone bids for the new county jail and sheriff's office and reviewed four other bids submitted.

- tabled action on supporting the expansion of the Rufe Jordan prison unit. The item is scheduled to be on the Dec. 16 agenda.

- approved the payment of \$137,660.94 in salaries and bills.

- approved transfers.
- awarded a low bid of \$21,661 to PIA Inc. for general liability insurance.

- awarded the only bid of \$6,617.10 from Duncan Insurance for public officials and employees liability insurance.
- awarded the only bid of \$1,700 to Duncan Insurance for airport insurance.

- awarded a low bid of an estimated \$21,517 to PIA Inc. for automobile accident and liability insurance.

- awarded a low bid of \$2,960 to PIA Inc. for heavy equipment insurance.

- accepted the appointment and approved the bond of newly-appointed District Clerk Yvonne Moler (see related photos, Page 3).

- accepted Lot 15 at Perry Lefors Field.

- approved various bank accounts for the district clerk.

- took no action following a 15-minute executive session to discuss a "pending lawsuit."

County reverses bid action on generator

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Monday that he was contacted with in a couple of days of the court's original action by Waukesha-Pearce representatives and told the company could get the generator faster if they were awarded the bid.

The county judge said he verbally told the company representatives to go ahead and he called West Texas Equipment Co. to explain that their bid was not going to be accepted, in lieu of the low bidder.

"West Texas Equipment Co. was very understanding and said they'd cancel their order," Kennedy said.

The Texas Local Government Code section 262.027 gives counties the right to accept the "lowest and best bid." However, it also clarifies in section C that, "A contract may not be awarded to a bidder who is not the lowest dollar bidder meeting specifications unless, before the award, each lower bidder is given notice of the proposed award and is given an opportunity to appear before the commissioners court and present evidence concerning the lower bidder's responsibility."

Kennedy said the standby generator is expected to be delivered this

week at the jail site, across from the Gray County Courthouse. "This is much faster than we would have expected," he said.

The action by the Commissioners Court on Monday was to officially reverse the bid accepted during the Nov. 15 meeting and to award the bid to Waukesha-Pearce.



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Pampa Police Department Detective Donny Brown examines some of the evidence recovered Monday from an Oct. 28 residential burglary.

Suspect arrested in burglary, cow butchering

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa police, with the help of Kelly Rushing of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, solved a Oct. 28 house burglary in Pampa and the illegal shooting and butchering of a cow in Roberts County.

Det. Donny Brown said an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers led to police securing a search warrant for 2314 Mary Ellen.

"We executed the search warrant about 1 p.m. (Monday)," Brown said. "We found appliances, hand tools, guns and other things from a house burglary at 530 S. Reid that occurred around Oct. 28."

Brown said that search led to police going to 315 S. Ballard.

"We got a consent to search the premises and recovered the remainder of the property from that burglary," Brown said.

Arrested in connection with the case was 17-year-old Theodore Edward Whitley, who listed his address as 315 S. Ballard.

He remained in city jail through press time today. A warrant has been issued for a second teenager over 16 in connection with the burglary, Brown said, noting the other person is currently in an Amarillo hospital.

Brown also said a juvenile was detained in connection with the case and that information on the youth's involvement is being turned over to Ed Barker, Gray County juvenile probation officer.

During investigations of the burglary, Brown said Rushing assisted and that the two departments were able to tie those involved in the burglary with the illegal killing of a cow in Roberts County.

Authorities said the three involved are alleging the cow was shot accidentally while they were deer hunting in Roberts County, but that they then decided to have it butchered for meat.

Filing date opens for county, state candidates

Candidates for county and statewide offices in the 1992 elections can begin filing for the offices today.

The filing will be open for a one-month period, concluding on Jan. 2, said Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter.

In Gray County, the sheriff's office has already attracted a lot of interest. Other offices in Gray

County that will be on the primary and general election ballots are district clerk (unexpired term), district attorney, tax assessor-collector, county attorney, county commissioners in Precincts 1 and 3, and all constables.

Statewide, all state representatives and senators offices will be up for election in 1992 as well as the 15 members of the State Board of

Education, Court of Appeals positions and various other judges.

The nation will also elect a president in 1992.

To file for a place on the respective primary ballots, candidates should contact their county party chairman to file for offices in which their jurisdiction is a single county. Those who are seeking office for a position that includes more than one county should file with the state party chairman.

In Gray County, Susan Tripplehorn is the Republican Party chairman and can be reached at 665-8525. John Warner is the Democratic Party chairman in Gray County and can be reached at his office, 309 W. Foster, or by calling 669-3397.

To file for office, residents need to fill out a form showing their name, address and how they want their name to appear on the ballot.

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This special
"do-it-yourself"
holiday
comic will
get you in
the spirit!



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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

MOSER, John William Jr. — 2 p.m., graveside, Fairview Cemetery.

Obituaries

REBECCA MARIE BROWN

HUGHES SPRINGS — Rebecca Marie Brown, 4, died of leukemia on Monday, Dec. 2, 1991 at Driscoll Childrens Hospital in Corpus Christi. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Harris Chapel Cemetery with the Rev. Randy Thomas officiating. Arrangements are by Reeder-Davis Funeral Home Inc. of Hughes Springs.

A memorial service is set for 6 p.m. today in Corpus Christi.

Rebecca was born July 7, 1987, in Mount Pleasant. She was a former Pampa resident.

Survivors include her parents, Kristi and Stanley Gray of Corpus Christi; maternal grandparents, Diane Chase of Corpus Christi and Dale and Judy Brown of Hughes Springs; paternal grandmother, Winona Gray of Lone Star; great-grandmothers, Louise Brown and Susie Chase, both of Pampa; one uncle, Kevin Brown of Hughes Springs; three aunts, Pam Vanwinkle of Corpus Christi, Renee Brown and Roxanna Flores, both of Hughes Springs; and six cousins.

Calendar of events

LAS PAMPAS CHAPTER OF DAR

Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in the home of Mrs. Mary Jones, 1716 Chestnut. The program will be an update on the national society.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at 422 W. Florida. Public invited.

Clarification

In the Monday Daily Record, the newspaper reported that David Shook, 18, a passenger in a vehicle accident on Saturday had been treated and released at Coronado Hospital.

Shook was released from the hospital, but was then transported by AMT Paramedic Service to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He was listed in satisfactory condition today, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Accidents

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

MONDAY, Dec. 2

1:20 p.m. — A 1990 GMC driven by William Greene, Rt. 1 Box 62, collided with a 1990 Ford driven by Nancy Everson, 1116 S. Sumner, in the 100 block of East Foster. Greene was cited for backing when unsafe.

DPS-Accidents

FRIDAY, Nov. 29

2:30 a.m. — A 1991 Mercury, driven by Isaac Martinez, 17, 112 W. Browning, lost control on a county dirt road in Roberts County, 2.9 miles east of Texas 70 and 6.4 miles north of Pampa, and overturned. According to the DPS report, Martinez lost control of the vehicle "due to being intoxicated and driving too fast." He went into a roadside skid traveling eastbound, went through a culvert and overturned one time. The driver and a passenger, Rick Villareal, 23, Pampa, were found wandering seven hours later by workers at the Rufe Jordan prison unit east of Pampa. Citations were issued. Martinez and Villareal were transported by AMT Paramedic Service to Coronado Hospital and were treated and released, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

MONDAY, Dec. 2

11:05 a.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to 328 Miami on a controlled burn.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions

Mitzie Blalock, Pampa

Robert Grider, Pampa

Velmer Hefner, Borger

Alex Holt, Pampa

Wesley McCracken, Pampa

Dean Monday, Pampa

Annie Voss, Miami

Dismissals

Megan David, Pampa

Cecil Dawes, Pampa

Roy Duncan, Pampa

Alma Epperson, Pampa

Joe Farrar, Pampa

Herman Glover, Pampa

Howard Lee Smith, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

Elvira Wright, Shamrock

George Warren, Wheeler

Virginia Polk, Shamrock

Lorrene Bailey, McLean

Jenny Montgomery, Shamrock

Cecil Dawes, Pampa

Nina Canafax, Shamrock

F.Q. Scott, Shamrock

Elvira Wright, Shamrock

Police report

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

MONDAY, Dec. 2

Police reported domestic violence in the 1900 block of North Christy. (See related story)

Salvador Rodriguez, 828 E. Denver, reported a burglary at the residence.

Leo's Smith, 533 S. Ballard, reported a burglary at the residence.

Aaron Chavez, 1801 Garland, reported criminal mischief at 1233 N. Hobart.

Pearly Wise, 1105 Huff Rd., reported an assault at 2225 N. Hobart.

City of Pampa Water Dept. reported a theft at Tyng and Barnes.

Frank's Foods, 300 E. Brown, reported a forgery at the business.

Kim Glover, 329 Canadian, reported found property at the residence.

TUESDAY, Dec. 3

W.P. Whitsett, 1120 Sierra, reported criminal trespassing at the residence.

Arrests

MONDAY, Dec. 2

Theodore Edward Whitley, 17, 315 Ballard, was arrested at the police department on a warrant for burglary. (See related story)

TUESDAY, Dec. 3

Michael Dean Heiskell, 40, 1928 N. Christy, was arrested at the residence on a charge of domestic violence.

Mary Louise Nunley, 41, 129 S. Sumner, was arrested at 1120 Sierra on a charge of criminal trespassing.

GRAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 27

Belinda Masters, Route 1, Wheeler, reported vandalism to a vehicle.

SATURDAY, Nov. 30

A 1974 GMC pickup, stolen on Nov. 26 from Amarillo was recovered on Interstate 40 near Groom.

Arrests

MONDAY, Dec. 2

David L. Roe, 34, Route 7, Kemp, was arrested on two traffic warrants.

John Henry Martin, 59, Spearman, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Stocks

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

Wheat.....3.22
Milo.....4.04
Corn.....4.37

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

Ky. Cent. Life.....7 3/8 dn 1/8
Serco.....2 5/8 dn 1/16
Occidental.....19 3/8 dn 1/8

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

Magellan.....66.86
Puritan.....13.60

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

Amoco.....46 7/8 dn 1/4
Arco.....105 1/4 up 1/4
Cabot.....29 NC
Cabot O&G.....12 3/4 dn 1/8

Chevron.....67 5/8 dn 1/4
Coca-Cola.....72 1/8 up 1/4
Enron.....72 3/4 dn 1/4
Halliburton.....30 3/8 up 1/8
Ingenoll Rand.....43 7/8 dn 3/8
KNE.....27 3/8 up 1/4
Kerr-McGee.....38 1/2 dn 1/8
Lamar.....26 1/8 dn 1/4
Mapco.....61 3/8 up 1/8
Matco.....7 5/8 dn 1/8
McDonald's.....33 7/8 dn 3/8
Mesa Ltd.....1 5/8 dn 1/8
Mobil.....65 1/8 dn 1/4
New Atmos.....21 1/8 dn 1/8
Parker & Penley.....12 3/4 NC
Penny's.....52 7/8 up 7/8
Phillips.....22 7/8 dn 3/8
SLB.....63 3/8 dn 7/8
SPS.....32 5/8 up 1/4
Tenneco.....338 dn 1/4
Tessco.....59 3/8 dn 1/4
Wal-Mart.....49 1/2 dn 1/4
West Texas Gold.....363.25
Silver.....4.02
West Texas Crude.....21.08

How to make a Merry Christmas By Lane and Miller



Man pleads guilty to robbery at Wal-Mart

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

A 30-year-old Pampa man waived indictment Monday, pleaded guilty to a Nov. 20 robbery, at the Wal-Mart store in Pampa and was sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary.

Kevin Wayne Young, 118 W. Albert, made the guilty plea before 31st District Judge Kent Sims. The 10-year sentence was under a plea bargain arrangement with the state, which Sims accepted.

Also considered in the punishment phase and then dismissed was a felony theft indictment returned against Young last month.

District Attorney Harold Comer said Young was apprehended outside the Wal-Mart store after concealing stereo equipment under his coat.

"A struggle ensued and the employee was slightly injured," Comer said.

The district attorney said that under state law, if a person in the act of escaping or committing a theft injures a person, he can be charged with robbery.

The theft indictment returned last month against Young alleged he had been convicted on four previous occasions of petty theft. The indictment charged him with stealing cigarettes from a Harvey Mart on Oct. 10 in Pampa.

In other court action Monday, two people were continued on probation, but given extra conditions to follow.

Timothy Tyler Titsworth, 19, 523 S. Ballard, was ordered to attend the Court Residential Treatment Center in McLennan County

at Waco and his probation was extended. He was originally sentenced to five years probation on an Oct. 10, 1990, conviction of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The state alleged he had violated his probation by committing subsequent offenses.

Scott Allen Frith, 27, 625 Wynne, was ordered to attend the Court Residential Treatment Center in Terry County at Brownfield, had his probation extended and will be placed on intensive supervised probation after he is released from the center.

Frith was convicted on July 9, 1988, of a forgery and given 10 years probation. He was convicted Sept. 6, 1988, of burglary of a building and given eight years probation. The state filed motions to revoke his probations after Frith committed subsequent offenses.

Israel holds back from latest Mideast peace talks session

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arab delegations began arriving today for Middle East peace talks and immediately challenged Israel to show up for an opening round of talks scheduled to begin Wednesday morning.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III, seeking to ease the confrontation with Israel over its attendance at the conference, today instructed U.S. officials to push for a U.N. vote this month rescinding a resolution that equates Zionism with racism.

Baker asked the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Thomas Pickering, to seek a vote before the U.N. General Assembly adjourns at the end of the month, according to officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Palestinians and Jordanians arrived in Washington overnight, and the Syrian and Lebanese delegations were arriving late this afternoon. Chances that substantive talks would open Wednesday morning appeared increasingly dim.

State Department and Lebanese embassy sources said the peace negotiations are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday. But Israeli sources said the Cabinet's decision to wait until next Monday to negotiate would be carried out.

"We shall wait for them. We are serious about making peace," said Hidar Abdelshafi, leader of the Palestinian portion of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation that flew into nearby Dulles International Airport shortly before dawn.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE Co. 1064 N. Hobart, 665-4410. Adv.

GWEN'S OPEN HOUSE, Tuesday 4-8 p.m. Drawing to be held for a G. Armani figurine to be given away. 711 Hazel. Adv.

LEASE PURCHASE nice 3 bedroom, Travis school. 665-6887. Adv.

OPEN HOUSE to celebrate our 1st Anniversary. Happy Times Day care (formerly Kid's Korner), invites you to drop in and visit our center! December 2-6th, 1404 N. Banks, 665-8922. Adv.

THE GIFT BOX: Stocking Stuffers with a Christian message. Puzzles, pencils, erasers, activity books and lots more. Adv.

PUMP JACK Liquor 2401 1/2 Alcock (rear of Derrick Club) Everclear Purple Passion 2 liter 6% \$5.25. Ancient Age Gin pints 80 proof \$3.25, liters 80 proof \$6.75. Miller 16 oz. cans \$2.95, 6 pack \$5.50, 12 pack \$10.75 case. Adv.

MATHIS CARPET & Upholstering Cleaning, 25% discount thru December 12, 1991. Dry foam extraction, 2 1/2 hour time drying. The most effective way to get carpet really clean. 665-4531. Adv.

DRS. SIMMONS & Simmons are Medicaid providers of eyecare and glasses. Call 665-0771. Adv.

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WOMEN'S WEIGHT Lifting, 912 W. Kentucky. Starting Tuesday, December 3, \$20 per month. Tuesday and Thursday 5-6 p.m. Call 669-0218 for more information. Adv.

ANN WADE has moved to Mane Attraction (inside Body Works). For appointment call 669-0527. Adv.

MOOSE LODGE Dance, Saturday Night 8:00-? December 7, Pearl Harbor Day. Adv.

DAILY SPECIALS 30% Off different racks. Open til 7 p.m. The Clothes Line. Adv.

TICKET DISMISSAL, Insurance Discount, 669-3871. Bowman Defensive Driving, (USA). Adv.

ADDITIONAL HAT Sale: Black hats \$69.95, gray hats \$79.95. All Resistol hats 20% off. Adv.

McLean, Alanreed to consider school consolidation again

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

McLean and Alanreed independent school district residents formally filed petitions Monday with Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy asking that an election be called to consider the consolidation of the two school districts.

Voters in McLean, Alanreed and Lefors considered the consolidation of the three districts on Nov. 5 during the general election with voters in McLean voting for the consolidation and voters in Alanreed and Lefors voting against the consolidation. The measure failed because it had to pass in each of the three districts to become effective.

Kennedy said that the consolidation election date for McLean and Alanreed will be set on Thursday by the Gray County Commissioners Court during a special meeting. He said the next uniform election day is Jan. 18.

The petitions, which were turned over to the county clerk's office, ask that an election be called to consider the question of whether the two school districts should consolidate into the "McLean-Alanreed Consolidated Independent School District."

McLean ISD resident James Hefley Jr. presented the petition on behalf of McLean ISD voters and Alanreed ISD resident James Shaw presented the petition on behalf of Alanreed ISD voters.

Police evacuate neighboring houses after man barricades self in home

Police were forced to evacuate homes in the 1900 block of North Christy Monday night when a domestic violence situation evolved into a man barricading himself in his home with a gun.

Lt. Steve Chance said, "At 9:21 p.m. the police department responded to a reported fight in progress. When officers arrived, a male subject was reported to be barricaded inside the residence with a weapon."

After two hours of negotiating with 40-year-old Michael Dean Heiskell of 1928 N. Christy, police

coaxed him out of the house and arrested him on a charge of domestic violence, police records show.

Chance credited patrol officers, along with officials from the Department of Public Safety and Gray County Sheriff's Department, with helping to diffuse the situation.

No shots were fired during the encounter, police noted.

Police Chief Jim Laramore said evacuation of neighboring houses was done as a precautionary measure to insure the safety of those in the area.

Luby's officials plan Killeen cafeteria fate

KILLEEN (AP) — Officials of Luby's Cafeteria plan to announce what they will do about the cafeteria here that was the scene of the nation's worst mass killing.

Officials of the cafeteria chain announced plans to hold a news conference today at the TU Electric office in Killeen.

George Hennard, 35, of Killeen, drove his pickup truck through a front window of the cafeteria on Oct. 16. He began a shooting rampage that lasted about 15 minutes before he took his own life with a single bullet to the head only minutes after police arrived and began shooting at him.

Crime Stoppers 669-2222

Clinics swamped by flu victims as outbreak spreads

By The Associated Press

People suffering from flu-like symptoms have swamped some clinics and hospital emergency rooms at Dallas while a health official in San Antonio has warned that an influenza outbreak is "right around the corner" in that Texas city.

Barry Pound, spokesman for Methodist Medical Center in Dallas, said Monday, the number of patients treated at the hospital's emergency room increased from 175 to 190 per day during the last two weeks.

"We set another record over the weekend," Pound told *The Dallas Morning News*.

Most were treated for flu symptoms and released, he said.

Spokeswoman Michele Myers said Parkland Memorial Hospital saw an increase in the number of flu patients during the Thanksgiving holidays. She did not have exact numbers, but said, "Our staff reports that we are receiving more and more people who do have the symptoms."

The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District is so low on vaccine it only can give flu shots to the elderly and chronically ill.

District epidemiologist Hector Gonzalez told the *San Antonio Light* Monday that five more flu cases were confirmed Monday, bringing to eight the number of cases reported in the city since October.

At this time last year, four cases had been confirmed, he said.

"A flu outbreak is around the corner, it could be here in two or three weeks," Gonzalez warned. "The flu season is upon us, but the limited amounts (of vaccine) we have left are still probably enough to get us by."

Gonzalez said the health department's policy of offering the vaccine to "anyone who came in" was scrapped when it became apparent flu vaccine supplies were running short and no more was on the way.

Reserves of the vaccine held by the military and the city's participation in a national project to provide flu shots to Medicare recipients means San Antonio should not need more flu vaccine, Gonzalez said.

Dr. Charles Haley, chief epidemiologist for the Dallas County Health Department, said that people who have not gotten flu shots probably should wait until next season because the period in which flu shots are effective has passed.

"The important thing is if somebody has not gotten immunized by now, it won't help very much," he said. "Whether there is a supply of the vaccine now is irrelevant. It takes two weeks to build up immunity, and the epidemic started three weeks ago."

DPS issues monthly report on accidents

Capt. Rusty Davis, district supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprised of 31 counties, said, "For the month of October, our troopers investigated three fatal accidents, 113 personal injury accidents and 159 property damage accidents. There were three persons killed and 166 persons injured in these accidents."

Sgt. James Powell of Pampa stated, "In Gray County, our troopers investigated no fatal accidents, 13 personal injury accidents and 17 property damage accidents in the month of October. No person was killed and 16 persons were injured in these accidents."

District clerk swearing-in



(Staff photos by Beth Miller)



223rd and 31st District Clerk Yvonne Moler, in photograph at left, takes the oath of office from 223rd District Judge Lee Waters during a ceremony Monday as 223rd District Court Bailiff R.C. Parker is shown taking pictures in background. Moler was appointed to succeed former District Clerk Vickie Walls, who resigned effective Dec. 1. In bottom photograph, deputy district clerks Gina Coleman, left, and Sue Reddell take the oath of office from 31st District Court Judge Kent Sims. The swearing-in ceremony was saddened by the death during the week-end of deputy district clerk Maxine Jeffers, who had worked at the clerk's office for eight years.

Hutchison: State should cut back more before raising taxes

LUBBOCK (AP) — State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison said the state and local governments should "tighten their belts even more" rather than turn to tax increases for relief from the recession.

"I don't think it's smart to raise taxes on the businesses and consumers of this state in tough economic times," Hutchison told members of Texas Farm Bureau convention Monday. "We must hold firm by making cuts in government spending and let lower interest rates encourage growth."

Hutchison said Texas must

ignore other states that are increasing taxes to pay for bulging budget deficits.

"I am watching California that just passed \$7 billion of new taxes in July and is still looking at another \$3 billion deficit," Hutchison said.

"I am looking at Connecticut which has just called another special session to repeal the state income tax that they just passed. I see a lot of chaos around the country," Gov. Ann Richards has said

repeatedly that she does not support a state income tax.

Legislators this year passed a more than \$60 billion budget and made cuts in state government to help cover what had been projected as a \$4 billion deficit.

Lawmakers won't formulate a new state budget until January 1993.

Hutchison stressed that new jobs and not new programs for the jobless are the answer to economic recovery.

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Federal panel rejects plan for redistricting

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas House of Representatives redistricting plan that was modified to address concerns it discriminates against Hispanics has failed to win the approval of a federal judicial panel.

The three-judge panel Monday declined to rule on a request by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales to allow the plan to be used for next year's elections.

The judges did however reject Morales' request to delay candidate filing for the March primary, which was scheduled to open today and continue through Jan. 2.

Morales sought the ruling because the Justice Department has not approved the revised redistricting map, which is the subject of lawsuits in state and federal court.

The state Senate, congressional and State Board of Education redistricting plans — which did receive Justice Department approval — also are being challenged by Texas Republicans and minorities.

State officials met into the night Monday to decide whether to allow filing to proceed under the state House map used for elections in the last decade, said Gray McBride, a spokesman for Morales.

"Right now, the governor's office is reviewing what options remain for the state and what steps need to be taken to try to ensure that we can still have primary elections on schedule," said Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for Gov. Ann Richards.

Morales had sought a delay of the filing dates pending Justice Department action on the amended House plan approved last week by the House Redistricting Committee. The department is scheduled to rule

on the plan by Dec. 13.

An earlier House plan, approved by the entire Legislature, was rejected last month when the Justice Department ruled it discriminated against Hispanics.

McBride said the Washington judges pointed out Monday that the modified House plan may be vulnerable to lawsuits since it was not approved by the entire Legislature.

"The court noted that there is some question as to whether or not that is a plan that has the full backing of state law," he said.

McBride said the ruling may make the need for a special legislative session "even more necessary." Morales last month called for a special session to resolve the issue, but Richards decided against it.

The Texas Republican Party has filed suit in federal court in Austin to block the state House plan, which is also being opposed in state district court in Edinburg by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

McBride said the state can let the Austin court decide the issue, allow the Edinburg judge to rule on the plan or call a special session. Morales favors a special session, he said.

The lawsuit in Austin is scheduled to be heard starting Dec. 10.

"This is a long, tedious, expensive legal process," said Fred Meyer, chairman of the Texas GOP.

"We've been involved with state courts in Texas, federal courts in Texas, the Texas Supreme Court, the Department of Justice and the Washington, D.C. court," he said. "Until everybody has had their say, including probably the Supreme Court of the United States, we really are not going to know what's going to happen."

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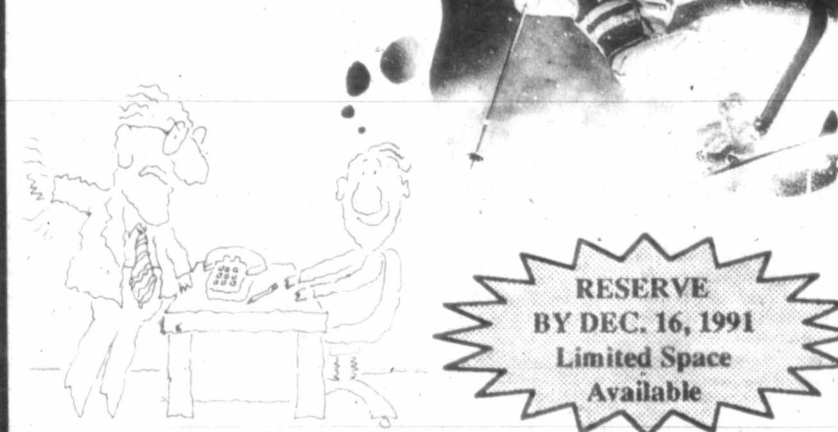
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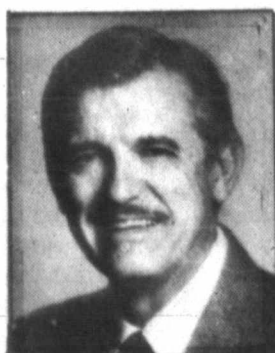
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Opinion

Bush's policies hurting Croatia

The failure of President Bush's status-quo foreign policy is shown in bloody relief in Croatia. Innocent people in the ancient city of Dubrovnik are being bombarded so that they accept the rule of the neo-Stalinist dictatorship in Belgrade.

All this might have been averted had Bush recognized Croatia when it declared its independence in June, thereby signalling Belgrade that the civilized world would find violence unacceptable. Instead, Bush's secretary of state, James Baker, urged the Croats to remain part of a Yugoslavia that was already falling apart. Baker has done solid work sorting out the various ethnic and territorial problems in the Middle East. Why can't he recognize that the same approach should be taken with Yugoslavia?

Part of the problem could be distorted perception. Bush and Baker have as a principal adviser on the country one under-secretary of the state, Lawrence Eagleburger. He was ambassador to Yugoslavia from 1977 to 1981, but during the mid-1980s he was an official of Yugo America Inc., which imports the Yugo car from the communist Yugoslav government's factory, Zavodi Crvena Zastava (Red Flag Works; "Red" as in communist).

Columnist Jack Anderson has reported that Eagleburger also "became a director of the New York branch of a bank owned by the Yugoslavian government." Interestingly, neither the biography of Eagleburger provided by the U.S. State Department, nor the entry he submitted to *Who's Who in America*, lists his business dealings with the Yugoslav communist regime.

In June this year, just before Croatia declared its independence, Eagleburger said of the impending action, "Certainly is a threat to the stability and well-being of the peoples of Yugoslavia." Precisely the opposite happened. It is the forced "union" of Yugoslavia, still endorsed by official U.S. policy and enforced by the Yugoslav military, that has been the real "threat" to the well-being of people, causing hundreds of deaths in the civil war.

This past month the European Community imposed trade sanctions on Yugoslavia; Bush then did the same. The United States would be mistaken to intervene militarily, but there is more Bush could do. First, he should recognize Croatia, Slovenia and other sections seeking independence. Then he should assign Eagleburger to other concerns; not that this implies impropriety on Eagleburger's part, but that it is entirely proper that questions of his judgment should be removed from the possibility of coloring U.S. policy toward the Balkans.

Bush should sell arms to the Croatian freedom fighters. Likewise, he should give the European Community the green light to take military action, if necessary, against the Yugoslav military. Not much need be done to have great effect. French or Italian fighter planes easily could ground the Yugoslav air force, giving Croatian freedom fighters a reprieve from air attacks.

Taking advantage of ethnic rivalries between Serbs and Croats, communism hangs on by a string in the Balkans. Bush should do his part to cut the string.

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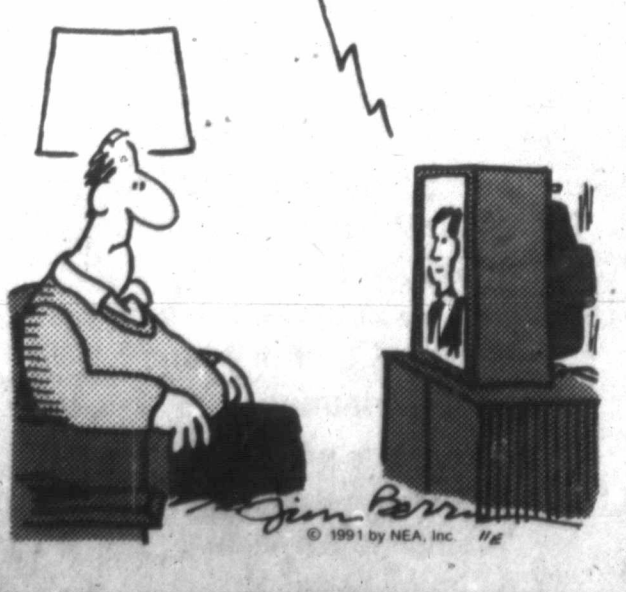
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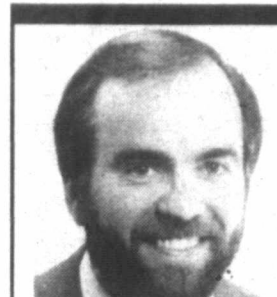
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False perceptions on economy



Stephen Chapman

In December 1982, the nation, battered by the worst slump in half a century, was still being pummeled by bad economic news. Despite earlier hopes of a recovery, the government said the recession that began in the summer of 1981 was still going on. Unemployment, already high, was climbing; corporate earnings, already low, were not. There was serious talk of a slide into worldwide depression that might not end until 1985.

We know now the gloom was unwarranted. Months later, Americans learned that the recession had actually ended in November. There was no worldwide depression on the horizon. In fact, the future that looked so foreboding turned out to hold a robust economic expansion that was already under way and would produce eight years of rising prosperity.

The experience is worth keeping in mind when you hear current reports about the dire state of the economy. The fact that we feel like the recession is still going on doesn't mean it is.

"How Can We Pull Out of the Recession?" asks a headline in the *Washington Post's* national weekly edition. Anyone reading the accompanying stories might be surprised to learn that we're already pulling out: Economists think the economy stopped contracting in April or May and has been growing slowly since. The Commerce Department says it expanded at a 2.4 percent annual rate between June and October, which is not what the economy does during a recession.

The operative assumption among the news media is that as long as there is any bad news, there is no good news. In the early stages of any recovery, there is always plenty of bad news. The economy doesn't turn around overnight, and all sectors don't recover at the same rate.

Unemployment in particular can be deceptive. The theory heard lately is that the economy won't improve until consumers regain confidence, and that consumers won't regain confidence until unemployment drops. Since unemployment won't drop until the economy improves, this logic implies that once a recession starts it can never end.

Luckily, that's not how things work. Unemployment normally stays up or even rises until a recovery is well under way, and the fact that it hasn't declined this time only means that the recovery has not been terribly strong, not that it hasn't happened. In any case, the current unemployment rate of 6.8 percent is nearly 4 points below the 1982 level. The recovery may be a bit weak, but then so was the recession.

If there are bleak signs, there are also reassuring ones, which get less attention. Short- and long-term interest rates are at levels a lot of people never expected to see again; mortgages can be had at 8 percent or so. Inflation is low and falling. The stock market is close to record highs, suggesting plenty of optimism among investors. Consumer confidence, which declined in October, is still well above where it was in 1982.

Some of the reasons for the sluggish recovery are beyond our control. Exports have been down because many of the countries that buy our products are suffering their own recessions, which is not something the U.S. government can do much about. Gearing down from a war is historically hard on the economy, and we've had to gear down from one this year. The sustained success against inflation has deflated a lot of real estate values, and since homes are the biggest asset for most people, it's deflated a lot of spirits too.

Other drags on growth are easier to address. Economist Robert Genetski estimates that this year the economy has been saddled with at least \$85 billion in new taxes and regulatory costs, which is not the way to foster growth. Federal spending now absorbs 25 percent of the nation's income, the highest ever. If more federal spending were the answer, as some liberals suggest, there wouldn't be a question.

In fact, it's hard to think of anything President Bush or Congress has done in the last two years that would provide a real spur to work and investment, which are essential to raising living standards. Our leaders have been more intent on redistributing wealth than on creating it, with the result that not enough is being created. A tax cut to boost consumer spending does nothing to address that fundamental problem.

It would be better for our lawmakers to pay less attention to the economy's immediate condition, which they can't affect very much, and more to its long-term health, which they can. A ship's captain who tries to dodge every storm won't succeed, but he will waste a lot of time and fuel going in wrong directions.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 1991. There are 28 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 3, 1967, a team of surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, headed by Dr. Christiaan Barnard, performed the first human heart transplant on Louis Washkansky, who lived 18 days with his new heart.

On this date:

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state of the union.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States.

In 1833, Oberlin College in Ohio — the first truly coeducational school of higher learning in the United States — opened its doors.

In 1894, author Robert Louis Stevenson died in Samoa.

In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play *A Streetcar Named Desire*, starring Jessica Tandy as Blanche DuBois and Marlon Brando as Stanley Kowalski, opened on Broadway.



Post Season Stress Disorder

The Braves' regular season is over. So are the National League playoffs against Pittsburgh, the thrilling World Series against Minnesota.

It is time to go on to other things. Auburn University's football program is being scandalized by a former player who has tapes of conversations that indicate he received money from coaches and supporters.

Will Mario Cuomo run for president? Why is Jerry Brown running?

The talks in Madrid. The second fall of Jimmy Swaggart. Ted Kennedy admits his life's a mess. Has anybody asked Anita Hill out since her testimony?

So given all that, why am I still nervous? Why do I feel there suddenly is a huge void in my life? Why am I still searching through the sports section every morning looking for box scores?

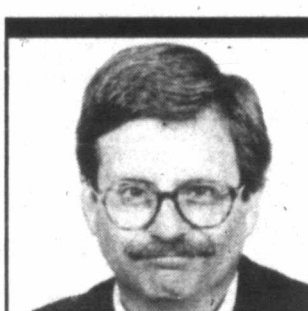
I went to see my psychic, the noted Dr. Elvin Twitch. I told him of my problems, and he immediately gave me the ink blot test.

"What does this remind you of?" asked Dr. Twitch, holding up an ink blot.

"Lonnie Smith of the Braves stuck in cement at second base," I answered.

"Very interesting," said Dr. Twitch.

"What do you see in this?"



Lewis Grizzard

"Kirby Puckett hitting Chralie Leibrandt over the head with the pitching rubber," I answered.

"Let's try one more," said the doctor. "What do you see here?"

"A 7-year-old girl singing the national anthem to the tune of 'Georgy Girl.'"

"My diagnosis is very simple," said Dr. Twitch.

"You are suffering from withdrawal pains from being hooked on the Braves from April to Halloween."

"It is Post Season Stress Disorder. Your mind and body are still craving more baseball. Do you awaken in the night screaming, 'Six-fifty for a beer and bag of peanuts?'"

"That," I answered, "and I also have nightmares about losing World Series tickets I paid \$500 each for."

"Do you hear any voices?"

"Yes, I do."

"And what do these voices say to you?"

"The bases are loaded and Sid Bream's about to come to bat."

"Have you experienced visions?" Dr. Twitch went on.

"Terry Pendleton came to me in a vision."

"And what did he say?"

"He said, 'You know, I'll never have another season like I did in '91.'"

"And what did you say to him?"

"I was rendered speechless. Then, as I was about to do the chop, Tonto appeared in the vision and held both my arms. He was with a masked man who looked a lot like Otis Nixon."

"It's a classic case," said Dr. Twitch. "And you're not the first one I've seen. I had a man in here last week who was afraid if he took off his headress he'd turn into a resin bag."

"Is there any cure?" I asked.

"There are no drugs available," the doctor answered. "But hypnosis might work. I can put you in a trance and then suggest to your subconscious that it's only four months until spring training and the Braves may have signed Bobby Bonilla to a free agent contract by then."

"I'm willing to try anything," I said.

"Fine," said Dr. Twitch. "Now, just relax and let your eyes follow my tomahawk as I wave it back and forward, back and forward..."

Keeping up with changing seasons

By SARAH OVERSTREET

"And yes, folks, once again in the center ring, balanced high atop the frozen petunia bed on the Ladder of Death, it's the Magnificent Sarah! Watch as she balances the ice-covered aluminum storm window stuck to her one hand, while clinging to life itself with the other!"

I was going to be ready for this winter, truly. I know I never have put the storm windows up before the first ice storm, but this year I planned ahead: Last June I circled a date on the September page of my calendar and wrote in "put up storm windows." It is not my fault that record warm weather continued here until late October — 75 degrees, I swear it! — forcing me to keep the storm windows off the screens or risk suffocation of myself and my small dog. It wouldn't be a pretty sight for officers to find if I didn't show up for work for three days and police were called to investigate.

It was not me who ordered the temperature to drop 50 degrees on a Monday while I was at work and unable to quickly execute the necessary window dressing.

At least I was in good company. I talked to all sorts of folks who were perched on ladders, saying incantations over sparkless pilot lights, prying apart frozen sticks of wood to get it inside to burn, dashing to the auto-parts store to buy anti-freeze and bottles of Heet.

I don't know what their excuses are but here's mine: I got a late start on getting ready for winter because I got a late start on getting ready for summer because I had gotten a late start on getting ready for the previous winter because I ... you get the picture.

The best I can recollect, it started back in 1970 when I moved out of my parents' house and had my own house and didn't put the storm windows on until the snow actually started coming inside the house. Once you get a couple

months behind in season-changing, it affects the whole year's schedule, and before you can catch up, another season sneaks up on you.

This year I didn't get the storm windows off, or the window fans out of storage or the air-conditioner put into the window until the end of June, because I'd been too busy getting the soil ready for my flower beds and planting grass seed.

In the early spring when I was supposed to be doing that, I was still hauling fire wood from the woods behind my house, because in the fall when I was supposed to be hauling and stacking the wood I was still out cutting it, because in the summer when I was supposed to be doing that I was taking off the storm windows ...

I suppose a good planner and organizer would have this whole season thing whipped by now. However, I do wonder why all the folks I know who are able to program an entire corporation's computers, put out

award-winning investigative reports on deadline, and successfully meet court dates and litigate messy lawsuits cannot get a simple set of storm windows up before they see the sky above them splitting ice.

I believe it is a commentary on the overcomplication of our homes and implements, rather than an underabundance of brain matter and planning talent. If homes were designed as they should be — I advocate all stainless-steel homes decorated with down pillows to sit and sleep on, with self-storing storm windows, for example — we wouldn't have these problems.

Just throw the pillows out in the yard, stuff the rest of your belongings in the closets, then clean the whole house with a high-pressure car-wash hose. With the time we'd save on house cleaning and storm-window changing, there's nothing we wouldn't have time for, and no season would catch us unprepared.

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Lifestyles



Panhandle Bird Watch

by Jan Elston

Osprey may turn to food other than fish on arid plains

A few weeks ago I wrote an article about an Osprey, or Fish Hawk. In every book I read while researching the article, the writer reported that the diet of the Osprey consists solely of fish taken alive. Several days after that article appeared in the newspaper, we went to Borger with a friend who is also a bird-watcher.

She suddenly said, "What is that I'm seeing?" We stopped the car, got out binoculars, and saw the strangest sight. On the ground were four large birds - two Ospreys watching a third Osprey as it neared a Red-tailed Hawk. The posture of the Red-tail was most unusual. It had its head and neck bowed down so low that its head was barely visible; its tail was fanned out into a bright rufous fan; and its dark wings were spread out wide, partially encircling something bloody, which appeared to be the body of a rabbit! The Osprey had gotten quite close to the Red-tail, but the Red-tail wasn't about to relinquish its prize, so the Osprey finally withdrew, walking slowly over toward the other two, who stayed well back all the time. Eventually all three Ospreys flew over to a power pole some distance to our right. The Red-tail straightened up, but kept his talons around the carcass it had obviously captured. Later it flew to a pole which was more in front of us carrying the bloody body up onto the crossbar of a power pole, where it then proceeded to eat it.

What is your "best bet" about what was happening? Our assumption is that the Red-tail had caught a rabbit, but may have been struggling to kill it, when the Ospreys saw that and decided they wanted the rabbit. Maybe they thought that because there were three of them, the Red-tail would be so intimidated that he would abandon his catch which they

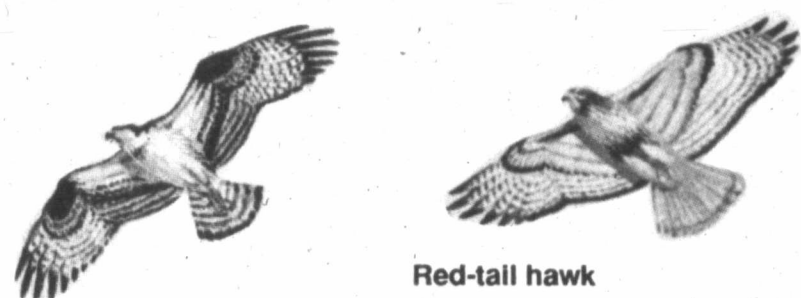
would claim for their supper.

We wondered if perhaps the Ospreys had been flying for sometime across the arid plains, where this year there are even fewer ponds of standing water than there are most years because of the lack of rainfall this summer and fall. Even though their diet may normally consist entirely of fish which may be abundant in most of their range, their hunger might have been acute enough to give them the courage to challenge the Red-tail for the rodent he captured.

Note: On another trip to Borger, since the day we saw those four birds, we were trying to pinpoint the location where we had seen that unusual standoff. It was in the area where Pronghorn Antelope are occasionally seen, north of Highway 152, just east of the Hutchinson County line. There is a flat cleared area, where there is a rather small Prairie Dog town, and that was where we saw the four birds, so the carcass the Red-tail was guarding could have been that of a Prairie Dog, rather than a rabbit. Perhaps some of you readers have seen Ospreys eating something other than fish?

1991 Hummingbird Survey information: Although several people told me they saw one or more Hummingbirds this fall, just a few people sent in their data to me. The most interesting thing about the information received was the diversity in the locations of the sightings. Hummers were reported in the Lefors area; in all parts of Pampa; and twenty miles south of Pampa.

They were seen at feeders and at flowers, primarily Honeysuckle and Cannas. Some were there just briefly; others stayed for a week or longer. The time of day varied, with most of them being seen early in the morning or late in the evening. Both



Osprey

times we saw Hummers was after lunch, about 1:30 to 2 p.m. The first day they were reported was Aug. 3, the last day they were seen was Oct. 6. Lefors still seems to have the most Hummingbirds; and since the birds have been seen there for most of the summer in other years, that probably indicates that they may nest in the Lefors area. I hope someone finds nesting Hummers in this area.

There may possibly have been few Hummers in the Panhandle this summer, but it is still exciting to see even one. With more people planting flowers which will attract the

Red-tail hawk

tiny birds, the numbers may increase. Maybe we can have a second Hummingbird Survey next year to compare the data received. Thanks to all of you who sent in your information.

If you are trying to think of a Christmas gift for a birdwatcher, *Window on the Prairie* is a beautiful book with drawings of some of the birds and animals native to the Texas Panhandle. Carolyn Stallwitz, who is an outstanding wildlife artist, has done the illustration and the text is written by Georgia Tyler.

Another beautifully written book is *A Family of Eagles* by Dan True.

Supper is on the house

From 3-2-1 CONTACT Magazine

Who says there's no such thing as a free lunch? According to some scientists, every meal the Orasema wasp eats is definitely on the house.

The wasp feasts on fire ant larvae inside ant colonies, but that doesn't mean it's a welcome guest. To be able to hang around the colonies and eat the ants, the wasp has to be in "ant disguise."

That's because fire ants use their sense of smell to identify intruders. Since every ant in a colony smells the same, anything that doesn't smell "right" is attacked and

killed. So the wasp must somehow smell just like the ants in that colony.

How does this happen? Adult wasps lay their eggs on plant leaves. When the wormlike wasp larvae hatch, they hitch a ride on fire ants searching for food. The larvae are so tiny that the ants don't realize they've brought back uninvited diners to the nest.

"By the time they are big enough for the ants to see, the wasps already have the nest odor," says Donald Jouvenaz, a bug expert. "And that's when the feast begins."

Magic Johnson sets standard for national response to AIDS



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR READERS: Since the day Magic Johnson stepped to the microphone and calmly announced that he tested positive for the AIDS virus, we have been hearing a great deal about AIDS. It is no longer "a gay disease," and as Johnson said, "If it could happen to me — it can happen to anybody."

Please read what Anna Quindlen, the brilliant New York Times columnist, had to say about the subject:

"In the 10 years since five gay men with pneumonia became a million people who are HIV-positive, this illness has brought out the worst in America."

"Last year we witnessed the canonization of one AIDS patient, a 23-year-old woman named Kimberly Bergalis, who says she 'didn't do anything wrong.' She is a lovely white woman with no sexual history who contracted AIDS from her dentist. She is what some people like to call 'an innocent victim.'"

"With that single adjective we condemn those who get AIDS from sex and those who get it from dirty needles as guilty, and ultimately unworthy of our help and sympathy. We imply that gay men get what they deserve, and people who shoot up may as well be dead. It's a little like being sympathetic to the health-conscious jogger who dies of a heart attack during a stint on the Stairmaster, but telling the widow of the couch potato, 'Well, if he hadn't eaten all those hot dogs, this wouldn't have happened.'"

"How are all those parents who

denigrate 'queers' and 'junkies' going to explain what happened to Magic Johnson? How are all those pious people who like to talk about 'innocent victims' going to deal with the lovable basketball star, the all-time sports hero, who stressed safe sex when he told the world he was HIV-positive? Will this finally make them say to their kids, 'It could happen to you,' and make them stop relying solely on chastity and start dealing with reality?"

"Magic Johnson, with that engaging personality, that athletic legerdemain, that grin — this is what AIDS looks like. Why can't we learn to deal with our national tragedy with as much dignity and determination as this good man brings to his personal one?"

WORTH CLIPPING (from Forbes magazine): "How do you know when you're old? When you double your current age and realize you're not going to live that long."

Michael L. Leyden II

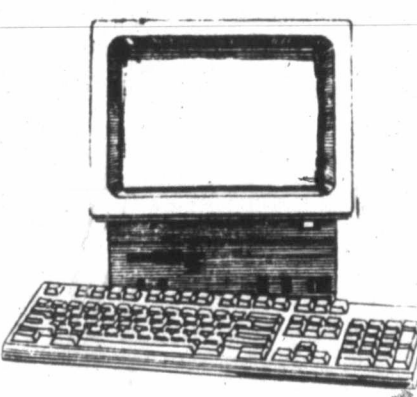
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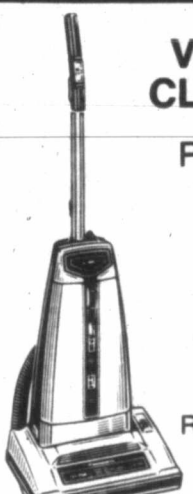
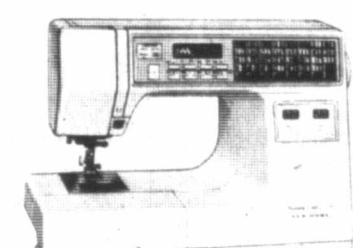
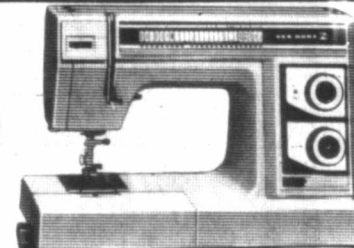
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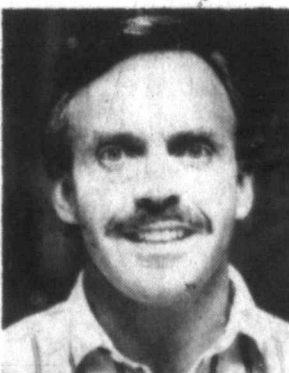
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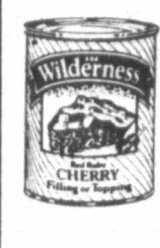
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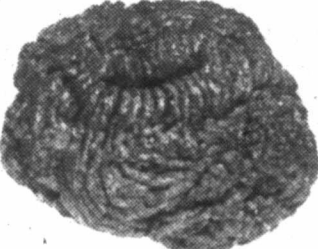
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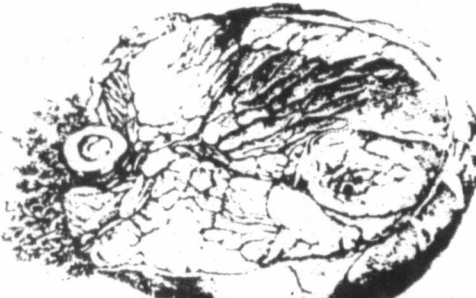
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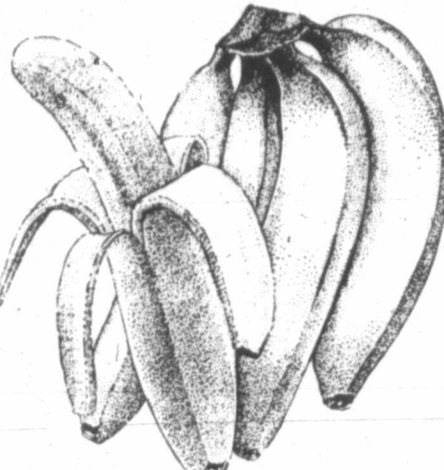
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Sports

Kemp, Joyner lift Eagles past Oilers

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Jim McMahon's tendinitis-wracked right elbow gave Jeff Kemp a shot in the arm in the Astrodome.

And Philadelphia's Seth Joyner-led defense did its part too.

Kemp, claimed off waivers Oct. 16, came off the bench in the third quarter to throw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Keith Jackson and direct a 10-minute drive that lifted Philadelphia to a 13-6 victory over Houston Monday night.

"You are constantly preparing for the next opportunity," Kemp said. "My career has been so slow in developing and it's been so bizarre. I've had a lot of opportunities and I just tried to stay prepared, to be ready for the next chance."

The Eagles defense, ranked No. 1 in the NFL, brutalized Houston's offense.

Ernest Givins left the game with a broken nose and Drew Hill suffered a concussion.

The Oilers, averaging 392.9 yards per game before Monday night, wrestled only 247 from the Eagles defense that grabbed five fumbles from the Oilers and finally emerged from a 3-0 halftime deficit in the third quarter.

"We felt they would complete balls and when they did complete them we wanted to hit them hard and make them pay," Philadelphia coach Rich Kotite said. "We played hard NFL football tonight."

The Eagles (8-5) kept alive their hopes of gaining the playoffs and the Oilers (9-4) missed a chance for the second week in a row to clinch their first ever AFC Central Division title.

Houston took a 3-0 on the final play of the first half on a 42-yard field goal by Al Del Greco.

Roger Ruzek's 23-yard field goal with 7:47 gone in the third quarter tied the game and with 6:18 to go, Kemp threw a 21-yard pass to Jackson at the goal line and the Eagle tight end rolled into the end zone with

safety Bo Orlando hanging onto his waist.

"It was a choice, either short to Byars or a long pass to me," Jackson said. "I went a little deeper than normal. He had to stay in and take a shot but he delivered the ball."

While Kemp filled in for McMahon, Joyner was leading the league's No. 1 ranked defense in terrorizing the Oilers offense. Joyner recovered two fumbles, forced two more, defended two passes and had two sacks for 17 yards in losses.

And before the game, he was throwing up because of a flu bug.

"I just thank God for helping me get through the game," Joyner said. "There were times when I didn't feel like I could make it, but I knew I had to keep going. We just had a game plan that allowed me to make some plays."

Moon, who threw five interceptions in last week's 26-14 loss to Pittsburgh, had trouble in getting the snap from center Bruce Matthews. Moon had two of the Oilers' five fumbles.

"It was a combination of things," Moon said. "Bruce was trying to really get out of there quickly and help out. He was short snapping a little and I was pulling out to pass. I just had to stay in there longer."

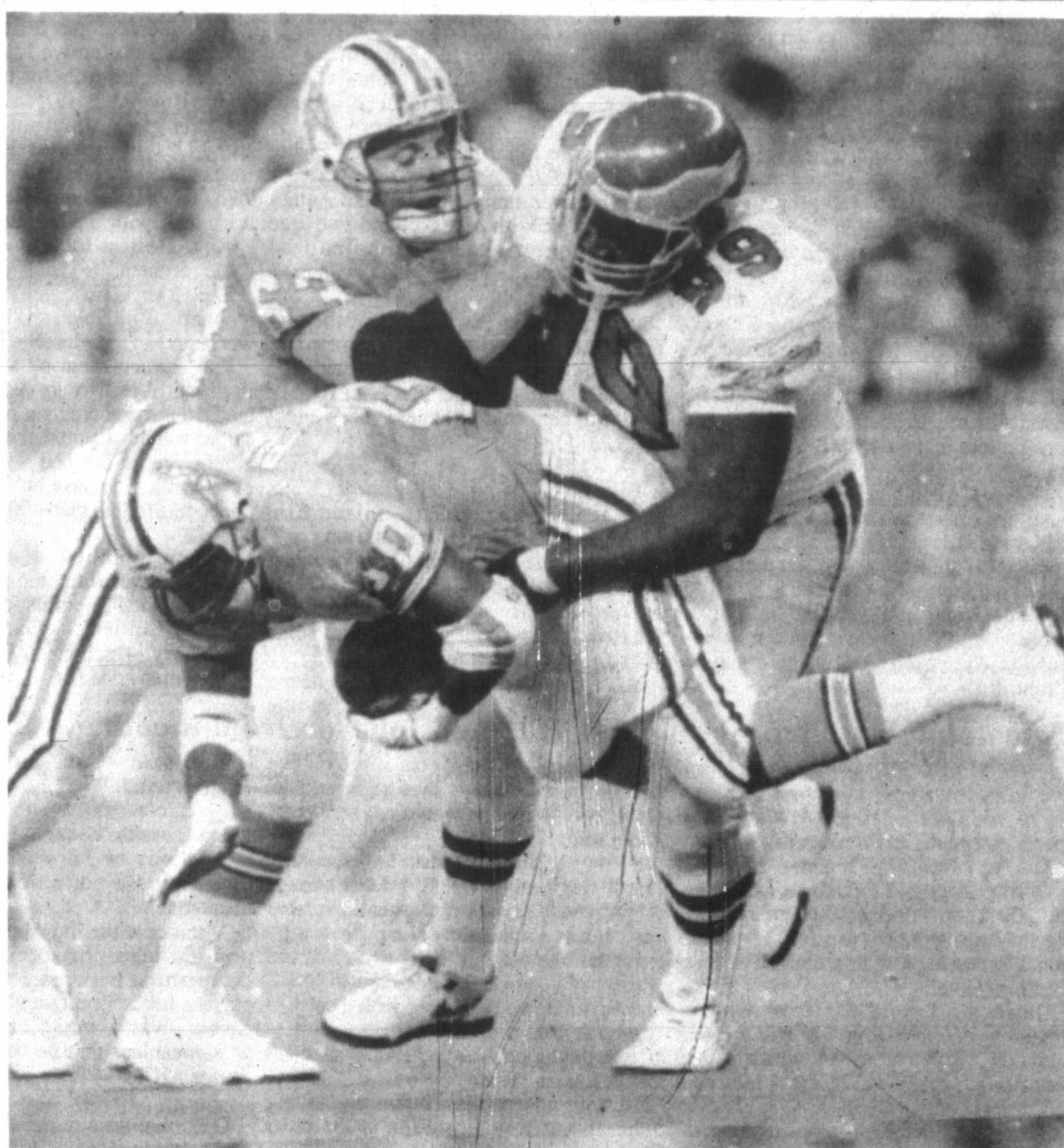
Moon completed 24 of 46 passes for 262 yards and was pressured throughout the game by the Eagle defense.

"They did a great job, no question," Moon said. "They put a lot of pressure on me and forced me to do things too fast. They punished our little guys. They are everything they're written up to be."

The Oilers, battling for a division title and home field positioning for the playoffs, failed for the second straight week to clinch the title.

"I guess you could say we haven't played as well as we did the first eight or nine weeks," Moon said. "We have to find that same enthusiasm and that same feeling."

"I think there's been a little lull in our team. We just relaxed a little and everybody else is playing harder."



(AP Laserphoto)

Oilers' running back Allen Pinkett (20) is dropped for a one-yard loss by Eagles' defender Jerome Brown. Oilers' guard Mike Munchak (63) is at left.

Harvester rally slated for Thursday at Pampa Mall

A pep rally for the Pampa Harvesters football team is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in front of the old K-Mart building at the Pampa Mall.

Pampa meets Sweetwater in the Class 4A playoffs, starting at 8 p.m. Saturday in Texas Tech's Jones Stadium in Lubbock.

The Harvesters have an 11-2 record and can tie the school's all-time record number of wins in a season with a win over Sweetwater. The 1930 PHS team won 12 games. The 1991 Harvesters, coached by Dennis Cavalieri, have won three playoff games, most ever by a Pampa High team.

Sweetwater comes into the contest with an 11-1 record.

A Class 5A Division II playoff game between Midland Lee and Odessa Permian kicks off at 2 p.m. Saturday in Jones Stadium.

Tickets for the Pampa-Sweetwater Class 4A playoff tilt go on sale today at the Pampa High School Athletic Department. Pre-game tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for

students. All tickets at the gate will be \$6.

Here are this week's pairings for the Texas high school football 4A and 5A playoffs:

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San Angelo (10-2-1) vs. Killeen (10-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo.
Stafford Dulles (12-0) vs. Converse Judson (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Austin.

CLASS 5A (Division II) QUARTERFINALS
Midland Lee (12-1) vs. Odessa Permian (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock.
Waco (12-0-1) vs. Dallas Carter (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.
Aldine (10-1-1) vs. Sugar Land Willowridge (11-1-1), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome, Houston.
SA Marshall (11-2) vs. SA Madison (10-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio.

CLASS 4A QUARTERFINALS
Pampa (11-2) vs. Sweetwater (11-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Jones Stadium, Lubbock.
Washburne (11-1) vs. Carthage (13-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium.
AAM Consolidated (10-2) vs. Chapel Hill (10-1-2), 3 p.m. Saturday, SFA Stadium, Nacogdoches.
Austin Westlake (12-0-1) vs. Calallen (12-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Javelina Stadium, Kingsville.

McWilliams steps down as Longhorns' head coach

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas football coach David McWilliams, whose Longhorns plunged from Southwest Conference champions to also-rans in a single year, stepped down Monday.

McWilliams, who posted a 31-26 record during five seasons at Texas, was reassigned for the remainder of his contract as an associate athletic director.

"It's been fun," McWilliams told a news conference called only days after his team finished 5-6 and one season after being named SWC coach of the year.

"This certainly has been a tough decision," he said. McWilliams said he might want to coach again — but not immediately.

Some players said they were surprised by McWilliams' decision.

James Patton, a senior defensive tackle, said, "We thought maybe some assistants would be fired."

Patton said McWilliams took the blame for many things that weren't his fault. "Injuries had a lot to do with this season, but Coach McWilliams would never mention that because that's the kind of per-



David McWilliams

son he is. He meant so much to me and the university."

Willie Mack Garza, junior cornerback, said the team's downfall wasn't McWilliams' fault. "He prepared us for every game since I've been here. For something like this to happen hurts me."

Dodds said an advisory committee will help find a successor, but that the final decision on who would be the next coach would be his.

"I've got a list right now that probably includes 15 people. I can cut that to four or five, but to say I have someone in mind, the answer is no," Dodds said. He said the university wants a coach to make the Longhorns a national contender.

"We're going to look at everybody out there, and we're going to try to find the best football coach we can that fits this program," he said.

McWilliams read a brief statement and declined to answer questions.

Dodds said McWilliams will remain as an associate athletic director through the end of his contract in August 1996.

Cunningham was out of town Monday, but issued a written statement, saying he was pleased McWilliams will remain at the university, and praising him for his contributions.

UT offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee said McWilliams told his

assistants of his decision shortly before making it public.

During a meeting with the coaches, Amedee said, "David walked in, said he had asked to be reassigned, then shook hands with everyone on the staff. He said 'I'm sorry it didn't work out as I had hoped.' It all took about 10 minutes. He never did exactly say why. All the assistants are history."

One source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that McWilliams, 49, was unhappy with criticism of him and his coaches for this year's failures after last year's championship season.

"Remember David said when he took the job that if he decided he wasn't helping the university he would be the first to say so, that he would never have to be told he wasn't doing the job," the source said.

Dodds said he and McWilliams talked about the football program on Friday and Sunday. "There was no ultimatum and there were no specific demands," he said.

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Volleyball

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Second Team
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Honorable Mention
Elizabeth Hale, Briscoe, senior; Carron Lavery, Briscoe, freshman; Alta Joslyn, Lefors, sophomore; Misty Riley, McLean, senior; Holly Hefley, McLean, junior; Misty Lewis, Keltton, junior; Keji Crockett, Keltton, freshman.

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Cleveland 6 7 0 .462 262 247

Pittsburgh 5 8 0 .385 252 293

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LA Raiders 9 4 0 .692 250 213

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Detroit 16, Chicago 6

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Sunday's Games

Cleveland 31, Indianapolis 0

Atlanta 35, Green Bay 31

Buffalo 24, New York Jets 13

Miami 33, Tampa Bay 14

Kansas City 19, Seattle 6

Denver 20, New England 3

San Francisco 38, New Orleans 24

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Monday's Game

Philadelphia 13, Houston 6

Sunday, Dec. 8

Denver at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.

Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.

New Orleans at Dallas, 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at New York Giants, 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Houston, 1 p.m.

San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.

Buffalo at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.

New York Jets at Detroit, 4 p.m.

San Francisco at Seattle, 4 p.m.

Washington at Phoenix, 4 p.m.

Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 9

Cincinnati at Miami, 9 p.m.

Basketball

NBA standings

By The Associated Press

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Boston 10 6 .625 1/2

Miami 8 7 .533 2

Philadelphia 7 9 .438 3 1/2

Orlando 6 8 .429 3 1/2

Washington 6 10 .375 4 1/2

New Jersey 3 12 .200 7

Central Division

Chicago 13 2 .867 —

Cleveland 9 5 .643 3 1/2

Atlanta 8 6 .500 5 1/2

Detroit 8 9 .471 6

Milwaukee 7 9 .438 6 1/2

Indiana 6 11 .353 8

Charlotte 4 14 .222 10 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W L Pct. GB

San Antonio 10 3 .769 —

Houston

9 5 .643 1 1/2

Utah 9 7 .563 2 1/2

Dallas 7 8 .467 4

Denver 7 8 .467 4

Minnesota 3 10 .231 7

Pacific Division

LA Lakers 11 4 .733 —

Golden State 9 5 .643 1 1/2

Portland 10 6 .625 1 1/2

Seattle 8 7 .533 3

Phoenix 8 9 .471 4

LA Clippers 7 10 .412 5

Sacramento 5 11 .313 6 1/2

Saturday's Games

New York 103, Detroit 96

LA Lakers 93, Philadelphia 91

Orlando 105, Miami 99

Atlanta 129, Boston 102

Dallas 79, Minnesota 78

San Antonio 119, Seattle 101

Milwaukee 137, Indiana 119

Denver 107, New Jersey 97

Phoenix 134, Utah 125, OT

LA Clippers 130, Charlotte 112

Chicago 118, Sacramento 102

Sunday's Games

Detroit 94, Houston 87

Portland 91, Washington 87

Monday's Game

New York 99, Charlotte 97

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Portland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Indiana at Detroit, 8 p.m.

Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

LA Lakers at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Washington at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Utah at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

San Antonio at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Miami at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Portland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

LA Lakers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.

Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Washington at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

San Antonio at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Transactions

Ewing erupts on offense to lead Knicks' win

By PAUL NOWELL
Associated Press Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Maybe it's just coincidence that Patrick Ewing erupted on offense just as the New York Knicks' defense was getting stung.

As the NBA's top defensive club was holding the struggling Charlotte Hornets to 20 fourth-quarter points, Ewing scored 13 of his 23 points to lead the Knicks to a 99-97 victory Monday night.

Ewing's heroics — with a big assist from the Knicks' bench — helped New York erase a Charlotte lead that reached 17 points in the third quarter.

"He's the type of guy who can take over a game," New York guard Gerald Wilkins said when asked to assess Ewing's performance.

The win was the sixth straight for New York. For the Hornets, it was their fifth straight loss in the only NBA game played Monday.

"We were coming in having to catch a team desperate for a win," said New York coach Pat Riley. "It's a credit to the guys coming off the bench. We were down 17 but kept digging."

While Ewing provided the bulk of the scoring, it was the New York subs who put the Knicks in position to catch the Hornets.

With his team down late in the third quarter, Riley inserted a lineup that included Brian Quinnett, Kennard Winchester, Greg Anthony and Anthony Mason. Before they sat down, the subs had cut the Hornets lead to 77-71.

"The bench got us to a point where we could win," said Riley. "That's what being a team is. That made it a great win."

When the fourth quarter began, Ewing went to work.

He hit three straight baskets and Anthony followed with a basket and two free throws to give New York its first lead since early in the game, 81-80, with 8:48 left to play.

"We kept him (Ewing) out of the picture until the last quarter," a dejected Charlotte coach Allan Bristow said. "If we could have done our part at the end of the third, he would have never been a factor."

Ewing was battered all game by Hornets centers Kenny Gattison and Eric Leckner, and forward Larry Johnson.

"I was able to absorb a lot of contact throughout the game," Ewing said. "I was still able to make some shots in the fourth quarter. The problem was that I let some of the contact bother me early."

After the Hornets fought back to take a

95-91 lead on a 15-foot jumper by Gattison with 2:05 remaining, Ewing turned his offense up another notch. He scored three straight baskets again to give the Knicks a 97-95 lead in the final minute.

After Hornets guard Kendall Gill was called for an offensive foul, Anthony and Wilkins each hit one of two free throws for the Knicks.

"This game should not have gotten away," said Hornets guard Muggsy Bogues, who finished with 10 assists. "You can't let a team like the Knicks get back in it with a star player like Patrick Ewing. He just took over and won the game for them."

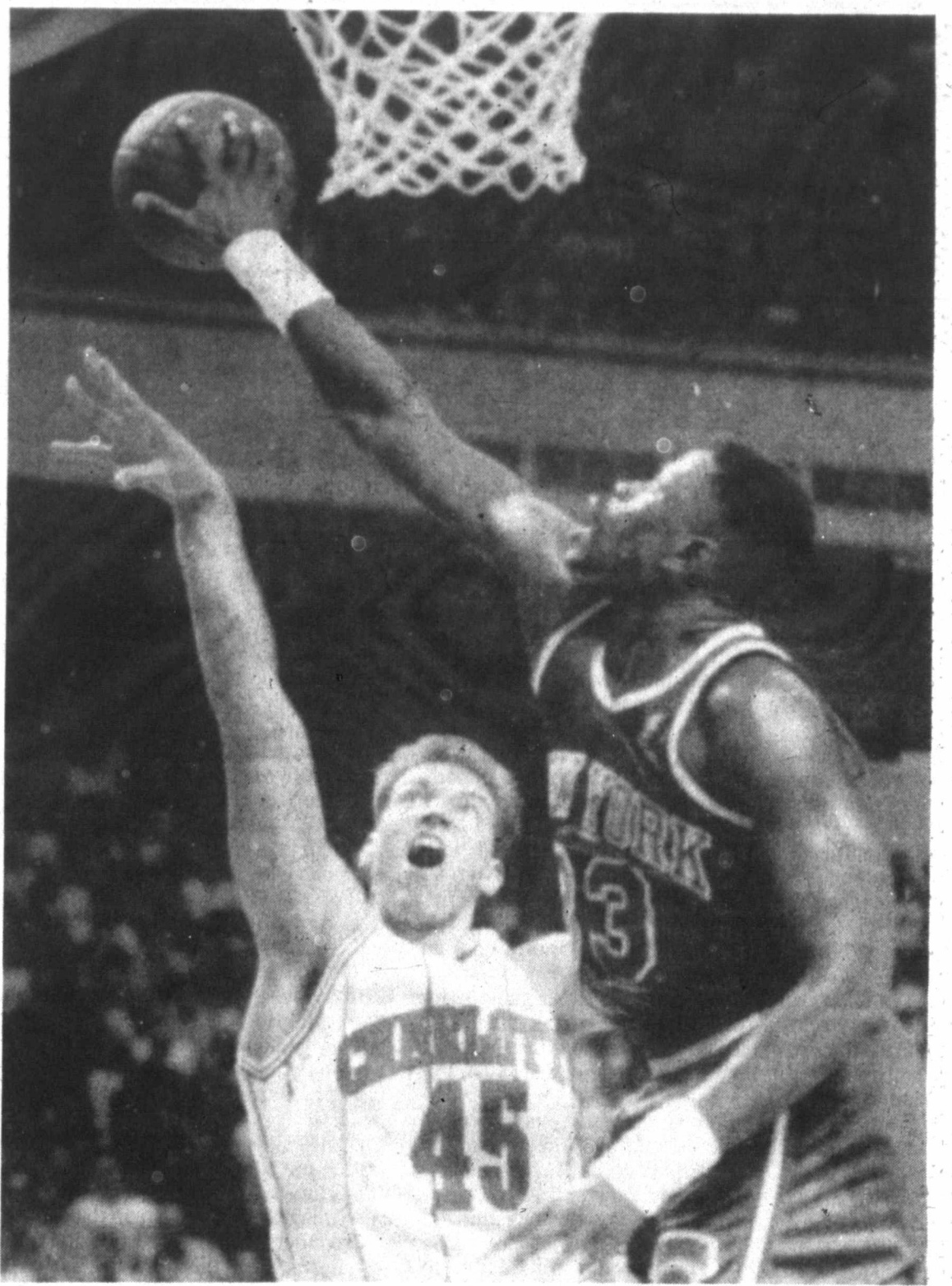
The Hornets, who got 20 points and 15 rebounds from Johnson, fell to 4-14, the worst start in their history.

The Hornets went on a 14-4 tear early in the third quarter to take their 17-point lead. Johnson scored six points during the surge, with his layup making it 70-55.

John Starks finished with 18 points for the Knicks, who have held their last seven opponents to less than 100 points.

Mason grabbed a career-best 15 rebounds to go with nine points and Mark Jackson added 15 points for New York.

Three Hornets — Gattison, Gill and Dell Curry — scored 17 points and John Newman added 16.



Hornets' center Eric Leckner (45) has his shot rejected by the Knicks' Patrick Ewing (33) in NBA action Monday night.

Scheduling conflict, not illness, will keep Johnson from meeting, official says

NEW YORK (AP) — Magic Johnson will not attend a news conference Wednesday to announce a pay-for-view television special to benefit AIDS research.

The New York Post reported today that several sources said the retired Los Angeles Lakers star "does not feel up to" making the cross-country trip for the promotional appearance with Donald Trump at the Plaza Hotel.

However, Howard Klein, senior vice president of marketing for Trump's Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, N.J., which will be the setting for the Feb. 28 show, blamed a scheduling conflict.

"There was definitely a positive indication of participation at some point," Klein said. "It was not set in stone, but it had been discussed in a very positive way."

"We set up the press conference on two assumptions, one — that he would be there; two — that he would not be there," Klein said.

"How the thing got spun out of control that it was health related, I don't know," Klein said. "It was not a health-related case. It was a scheduling thing."

He said he did not know what Johnson was scheduled to do Wednesday.

"Anytime you're dealing with a celebrity who is front-page news, there's going to be scheduling difficulties," Klein said. "It was still up in the air."

He said alternatives, including having Johnson appear via satellite at the news conference, were looked at but could not be worked out.

Earlier, a spokeswoman at Taj Mahal

casino said, "We can't comment on Magic's health."

"I don't really know the state of Magic's health," Sharon Pearce said.

"He may be busy with treatment or something. But you have to ask his people about that."

A source at the Taj Mahal said the pay-per-view television special, a one-on-one competition between retired basketball players Julius Erving and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, was planned before Johnson's announcement that he had the virus that causes AIDS.

Once that announcement was made, the casino began planning to find some way to turn the event into an AIDS benefit, the source said.

Steelers' Noll faces most disappointing season

By ALAN ROBINSON
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A four-time Super Bowl winner but a coach with a losing record since 1979, Chuck Noll says it's "not a big deal" and he wouldn't protest if Pittsburgh Steelers president Dan Rooney asks him to step down.

The Steelers (5-8) must win their final three games to avoid their fourth losing season in the last seven years. They have three games remaining in what Noll said is the most disappointing of his 23 seasons.

Noll hasn't decided if he will ask Rooney to bring him back in 1992.

"It's something we'll talk about after all of this is over," Noll said, referring to his annual postseason meeting with Rooney.

Asked if he is under the impression he would be allowed to decide when he leaves, Noll said Monday, "I think so ... (but) if they want me to move aside, it's never been a big deal one way or another. I've never had a problem with that."

The Steelers are 93-94 since their last Super Bowl in 1979 and 50-60 since they reached the American Con-

ference title game in 1984. They made the playoffs in 1989 and were in line to win the AFC Central Division title last year, but were eliminated from the playoffs with a 34-14 loss at Houston.

That season-ending loss was a tipoff of what 1991 would bring. The Steelers have won just five of their last 14 games and have beaten only one team with a winning record.

The Steelers have had three losing seasons since 1985, including a 5-11 record in 1988, but Noll said none was as disappointing as this one.

"I had really high aspirations for this team," he said. "I thought we'd get done what we have to get done, we'd put aside problems and get it done."

Noll, who nearly quit after a Rooney-ordered revamping of his coaching staff in 1988, wouldn't shift the blame to offensive coordinator Joe Walton's inconsistent offense or a defense that has slipped badly since leading the NFL last season.

"When you've lost as many games as we've lost, the blame comes right here on me," Noll said at his weekly news conference. "I'm the only one who has to answer for it."

Noll, who is 207-155-1 overall, has insisted the Steelers have the talent to be competitive, even be a championship-caliber team. Instead, they have been outscored nearly 2-to-1 in the first half and have beaten only one team that has more than four victories.

Four of their five wins were over Indianapolis (1-12), Cincinnati (2-11), San Diego (3-10) and New England (4-9).

"The inconsistency has been the biggest thing. Sometimes we're very good and sometimes we're very bad," Noll said. "We have more depth than in years past, we have some people who have potential. The problem we've had with them is that potential doesn't pay; doing it is what pays."

Noll said the Steelers need consistency more than an overhaul.

"Any time you have the record we have, everybody starts think of starting all over," Noll said. "But the difference between winning and losing in the NFL is not a great deal. It's doing the little things, maintaining that consistency, getting your own job done that pushes you over the top, and the little things

are what's killing us."

"Look at the Giants. They definitely didn't look like defending Super Bowl champions" in Sunday's 27-24 loss to Cincinnati, he said. "You get a few people hurt and it's a different game."

Meanwhile, Noll hinted that Neil O'Donnell will likely remain the quarterback despite his 2-5 record as a starter. The Steelers play Sunday at Houston, then finish with home games against Cincinnati and Cleveland.

"What you dislike doing is going back and forth. We stayed with Bobby until he was hurt and couldn't go. We've wanted to stay with Neil and build some consistency and continuity between the receivers and the quarterback," Noll said.

"When you change quarterbacks, it's bigger than you realize, bigger than I thought. Quarterback is much different than any other position."

Noll also said the Steelers won't start looking at next season just because they're out of playoff contention.

"We play them one at a time, whether we're going to the Super Bowl or the Toilet Bowl," he said. "Winning is the habit you want to build."

49ers' coach likes both Steves

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert feels strongly both ways. Either Steve is fine with him.

"We've won with both Steves," Seifert said Monday at his weekly news conference. "Right now, if something happens to Steve Bono, Steve (Young) will be the second quarterback going into the game."

Seifert made his announcement before the question of whether Bono or Young will start for the 49ers on Sunday against the Seattle Seahawks took on a life of its own.

Bono is riding a three-game winning streak while the other Steve is still slowed by a bum knee, so the announcement is not that surprising as San Francisco suddenly finds postseason play no longer out of the question.

"We've had to overcome a lot of adversity — having two quarterbacks get hurt, not having Ronnie (Lott) and Roger (Craig)," said 49ers tackle Steve Wallace. "We've had so many changes, I guess you'd say we're late starters."

"We're finally getting it together. So how can we not think about the playoffs?"

By defeating the New Orleans Saints 38-24 on Sunday, the 49ers moved right into the wild-card picture. They are above .500 for the first time this season at 7-6, within two games of the division-leading Saints, who have lost three in a row. The 49ers also trail the Falcons, who are at 8-5, by one game.

Young is closer to being ready to play, but now that the 49ers have revived their status as a playoff contender by winning three games in a row with Bono in a starting role, the urgency of Young's return has diminished.

"(Young would start) when he is capable of doing what he did when he was a starter," said Seifert, who has indicated that starters usually regain their spot when healthy. "If an injury hinders that ..."

Paris not bitter about being waived by Colts

By STEVE HERMAN
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — What hurts Bubba Paris the most is being seen as the fall guy for the Indianapolis Colts' humiliating loss to Cleveland.

Signed as a free agent in August and expected to give stability to a shaky and injury-depleted offensive line, Paris never developed the way the Colts had hoped.

On Sunday, he was called for several drive-killing penalties and was repeatedly burned by Cleveland's pass rush in a 31-0 loss to the Browns.

On Monday, he was waived. "Yesterday was a game unlike any I've ever had in my career," the 10-year veteran said after being told of his release. "I'm not ashamed of that game. I just can't believe so many things went against me."

"Something else that's never happened was to have people perceive what you do as being so bad they boo you," said Paris, who played 97 games with the San Francisco 49ers before being waived there on Aug. 20.

Against Cleveland, he was called for three penalties, and three of the six sacks and sev-

eral other pressures of quarterback Jeff George came from his side of the line.

"I looked at how the fans reacted and what was written, and I had a feeling this would happen," Paris said. "The negative focus outweighed what actually happened on the field. But I'm mentally, physically and financially prepared to leave football."

He said he had previously considered retiring at the end of this season but would probably play if another team claims him off waivers.

"I would hate to go out of football with people perceiving I had a bad game. I would be proud to show any other team the game film," he said.

Coach Rick Venturi said the move was not made solely on Paris' performance Sunday, but he would not talk about Paris' stay with the Colts since his acquisition as a free agent on Aug. 26.

"That's a moot point now," said Venturi, who noted the move had been considered for some time.

"We just want to go in a little different direction," Venturi said. "Believe me, the loss was not one guy's loss. We just need a little different look up front."

The 6-foot-6, 315-pound Paris started eight of 13 games for the Colts. He likely will be replaced as starter at left tackle by Brian Blados, acquired off waivers from Cincinnati in October.

Paris said he was not bitter about the move.

"As I reflect on my career, it's been 10 years, shy three games. I can only be thankful God has allowed me the opportunity to play. My stay in Indianapolis has been unique. I've never been in a situation with this kind of (lack of) success on the field. It's an organization that is struggling, but there's a nucleus of players and coaches that eventually will make this organization successful."

The loss to Cleveland dropped the Colts to 1-12, the worst record in the NFL. Indianapolis plays at New England (4-9) on Sunday.

"It's tough," Venturi said of preparing for the final three games, which are meaningless except for position in next spring's college draft. "But, as I talked to them today, the bottom line is you've got to regroup and get ready to play. It's a matter of will; it's a matter of leaving on a positive note."

Hurricanes' Erickson favors extra game to settle national title dispute

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Miami coach Dennis Erickson likes the current bowl system just fine. But he'd be willing to play an extra game to prevent a repeat of last season, when Georgia Tech and Colorado split the title.

"I'm saying if there's a situation where you have two teams like that, it would be a good thing," Erickson said Monday. "I would be against more than one extra game."

The potential is there for another controversy this season.

Erickson's top-ranked Hurricanes and No. 2 Washington both finished the season undefeated and were separated by a slim 14 points in the final Associated Press poll of the regular season.

"I'm not in favor of a playoff," Erickson said prior to speaking to the Montgomery Quarterback Club. "I really like the bowls. The tradition of the bowls is what college football is all about."

While he's against a full-fledged playoff, Erickson said it might be feasible to settle any disputes over the national title with a championship game between the 1-2 teams after the bowls are over.

"I wouldn't mind playing one more game in a year like

this, or like last year between Georgia Tech and Colorado," he said.

Colorado was named No. 1 in the AP poll of writers and broadcasters, while Georgia Tech was selected No. 1 in the UPI coaches' poll.

Of course, any playoff is just a fantasy at this point. Miami (11-0) plays No. 11 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl the night of Jan. 1. Earlier in the day, Washington will take on fourth-ranked Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

Although Miami has lost ground in the poll to Washington the past two weeks, Erickson said he would expect his team to win another national title if it defeats Nebraska.

"The way things are set up, the way the polls are now, we should be No. 1 regardless of who wins the other games," Erickson said, although he admits that Miami's bad boy reputation — a reputation he has worked to erase this season — could cost some votes.

"We got only one taunting penalty all year. We're doing things the right way now," he said. "But I think there are people out there who don't like Miami because of what's happened over the years. I think that hurts us (in the polls), but

there's nothing I can do about that."

Erickson is happy to be playing at home on New Year's Day, but he wonders what would have happened if the bowls had waited a few weeks longer to make their matches. Perhaps it could be No. 1 Miami vs. No. 3 Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

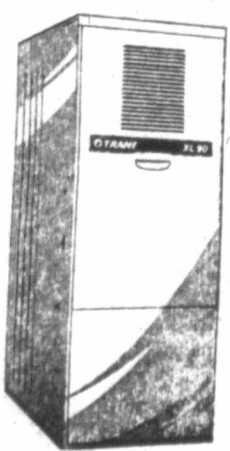
"I would love to see that match," Erickson said. "If we had gotten the opportunity to go to the Sugar Bowl, we might be playing Florida this year. But the Sugar Bowl opted for Notre Dame."

Erickson also finds it ironic that Florida would relish the opportunity to knock the Hurricanes off the top this season when it was the Gators who canceled the regular-season series four years ago.

"I would love to play them every year if we could," said Erickson, who has a 32-3 record and one national title already in his three seasons at Miami. "I think that's needed in our state. We have three programs that are awful good. It would probably be tougher to win the state championship than the national title."

No. 5 Florida State (10-2) suffered its only losses this season to Florida and Miami.

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Troops seize Togo prime minister; some deaths reported

LOME, Togo (AP) — Troops who want Gen. Gnassingbe Eyadema restored to power attacked the civilian government's headquarters early today and seized Prime Minister Joseph Koffigoh, the military announced.

A source in the prime minister's office, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said some people were killed in the assault on the oceanside palace.

Rebel soldiers attempted a coup last week, but backed down after it appeared French troops would intervene in the West African nation. There was no immediate indication of French plans to enter Togo today.

Eyadema, stripped of most powers in August after a 24-year rule, issued a statement condemning the attack and appealing for the rebels to "lay down their arms." He urged "dialogue and consultation" to end the crisis.

Togo national radio, controlled by the military, said the troops decided to seize the prime minister because "sentimentalism has lasted too long."

It said he was "safe in the hands of the Togolese armed forces." It gave no details on the assault.

Rebels fired machine guns and rockets during the 15-minute assault, the British

Broadcasting Corp. reported. "They have entered with tanks, there are some deaths, help us," shouted someone who spoke on the telephone from within Koffigoh's palace, Agence France-Presse reported.

It said a column of black smoke was seen rising from the palace.

The rebels are angered by the fledgling civilian government's banning last week of Eyadema's party, the Togolese People's Assembly. The action led to two days of clashes between civilians and troops.

A military communique said the troops demand the reformist High Council of the Republic be dis-

solved and that Eyadema appoint a new prime minister.

It also said the international airport has been closed and all borders to the small nation will be sealed "until further notice."

Phone lines to the former French colony of 3.4 million people were cut, as they were last week during the previous coup attempt, which left at least 23 civilians dead.

After widespread strikes and unrest in August, Eyadema was stripped of all but ceremonial powers by a national conference seeking to end his dictatorship and install multiparty democracy. The conference named Koffigoh as

prime minister in a transitional government.

Today's attack was launched about 6:25 a.m., about two hours after troops were seen reinforcing their position around the prime minister's palace, AFP reported. The troops, 70 percent of whom come from Eyadema's Kabyle tribe, had staged four aborted coups before moving on the palace today.

Last week, France and the United States condemned the attempted coup and France sent 300 paratroopers and marines to neighboring Benin.

Koffigoh had asked the French to intervene under a mutual defense

treaty, as Paris had done in 1986 to save Eyadema's government from rebels invading from Ghana. France said the troops would intervene to protect the 3,500 French citizens in Togo.

Eyadema has ruled Togo since 1967, when he overthrew the civilian government. Koffigoh supporters say Western nations' support for democracy on the continent is being tested by the effort to restore Eyadema's power.

In the past two years, 21 African governments have been forced by unrest, civil wars and Western aid cutoffs to agree at least in principle to permit multiparty democracy.

Kevin Maxwell resigns as chairman of father's business

By COTTEN TIMBERLAKE
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Kevin Maxwell resigned today as chairman of the debt-burdened Maxwell Communication Corp. and his brother, Ian, quit its Board of Directors.

Kevin Maxwell said his decision is a result of "increasing conflicts of interest" in debt talks between the Maxwell family and commercial bank creditors. He was replaced by Peter Laister, the company's former deputy chairman. Ian Maxwell will remain as chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers PLC.

The brothers want the board to make the best decisions for Maxwell Communication and for

its shareholders without feeling pressure from the Maxwell family's private interests. For example, the board would have to decide whether to pay shareholders a dividend at a time when the family would benefit from such a move and be better able to repay its debts.

Share prices for the two companies have fallen since the Nov. 5 death of media mogul Robert Maxwell, 68. His body was found off the Canary Islands, where he had been cruising on his yacht. A preliminary autopsy said he died of natural causes, perhaps a heart attack.

Kevin Maxwell's announcement came after a meeting with the 30 commercial banks that are the

main creditors of the private Maxwell concerns, which include New York's Daily News and the European, an English-language weekly.

Last week, bankers arranged to freeze debt payments until Dec. 20. Kevin Maxwell said that a review of the debt obligations will be made Friday.

Analysts estimate the Maxwell family's private debt at between \$1.32 billion and \$1.5 billion, much of it backed by shares in the Maxwells' two publicly traded companies.

Maxwell Communication Corp. owns the publishers Macmillan Inc., Collier encyclopedias and Official Airline Guides. Mirror Group Newspapers includes

Maxwell's flagship Daily Mirror, which has the second-largest circulation in Britain.

The London Stock Exchange on Monday suspended trading in both companies for a second time since Robert Maxwell's death. Share dealers speculated the brothers encountered further financial problems with the bankers.

The Financial Times reported today that auditors had been called in to check the pension funds of the Maxwell companies.

"Any inquiries into the company's affairs will be impeded in any way by the obvious loyalty I feel to my late father," said Kevin Maxwell. "And for this reason, I am resigning for the board while these inquiries are conducted."



(AP Laserphoto)

Ian, left, and Kevin Maxwell, right, sons of the late publisher Robert Maxwell, arrive at the Chartered Insurance Institute in London today to meet bankers and discuss the family's future.

Judge considered psychiatric exam for Manuel Noriega, transcripts say

MIAMI (AP) — The judge at Manuel Noriega's trial considered ordering a psychiatric exam for former cocaine boss Carlos Lehder after listening to his extraordinary — and sometimes bizarre — claims.

It was unclear from transcripts released Monday of the closing hearings whether the examination was ever carried out. The hearings were last month.

During five days of prosecution testimony last month, Lehder made broad accusations tying officials around the Americas to drugs. Among them: Noriega, U.S. diplomats, the Contras, and leaders of Cuba, Nicaragua, Colombia and the Bahamas.

In portions of a prison interview the judge barred from the jury, Lehder also claimed that in 1983, then-Vice President George Bush's press secretary sent him a letter about Bush wanting to write a book about Lehder.

The U.S. attorney's office did not immediately return calls on Monday night.

In testimony on Monday, meanwhile, prosecution witnesses testified Noriega protected a cocaine-laden yacht on a voyage to trade arms for drugs.

The yacht was intercepted in Colombia in 1986 with about 700 pounds of cocaine aboard. Prosecutors say the yacht had left Panama for Colombia with a load of M-16 rifles, and the drugs were put later aboard at an island offshore.

Amet Paredes, a son of the man Noriega maneuvered out of power in 1983, said he heard Noriega on a speaker phone during the planning of the trip.

The prosecution said the former Panamanian dictator was to receive a cut of the profits in return for protecting the voyage.

Noriega could get up to 140 years in prison on charges he took payoffs to protect the drug trade.

During last month's hearings, U.S. District Judge William Hoever expressed concern after listening to Lehder and reading his prison interviews, which were presented by Noriega's defense to challenge Lehder's credibility.

"I also may, at some point, order this gentleman examined before we get into this sort of thing," the judge told the attorneys. He added, however, that he felt the witness was "far from demented" and called him quite alert.

American soldier convicted of spying for Jordanian intelligence

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP) — An American soldier who admitted to providing a Jordanian intelligence agent with information on the Desert Storm buildup has been sentenced to 34 years in prison, the U.S. Army says.

Army headquarters in Heidelberg said Monday that Spc. Albert T. Sombolay, who was paid "about \$1,300 for his activities," also admitted getting in touch with Iraqi officials.

Sombolay pleaded guilty to charges of espionage and contacting the enemy.

He was arrested on March 29 and sentenced in July but information

about the case was delayed so investigators could continue the probe, the Army said in a statement. It provided no other details.

"During an investigation prior to his arrest, Sombolay had told an undercover agent he had initiated contact with the Jordanian and Iraqi embassies in Belgium and Germany in December 1990," the American military said. He had been serving

with an artillery unit of the 8th Infantry Division, which has its headquarters in the central German city of Bad Kreuznach.

At the time Sombolay was said to have made the contacts, the United States and its allies were building up troop strength in Saudi Arabia before launching Desert Storm, the offensive to drive Iraq out of Kuwait.

The statement continued: "He subsequently admitted to providing Desert Shield-Desert Storm deployment information, identification documents and samples of U.S. Army chemical protection equipment to a foreign intelligence officer from Jordan."

Sombolay also offered to photograph his unit's activities in Saudi Arabia, according to the statement.

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