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THURSDAY

Gorbachev tries to keep Lithuania in Soviet fold

By ANN IMSE
Associated Press Writer

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev came to this Baltic capital today and told people clamoring for independence that pitting the central government against their own could lead to tragedy.

Gorbachev, at times adopting a pleading tone, promised that the people of Lithuania will have a say in the republic's future.

The comments were aimed at cooling pro-independence passions as Gorbachev embarked on a crucial mission to persuade Lithuanian Communists to reverse a decision to split from the federal Communist Party.

"We have been tied together for these 50 years, whether we like it or not," Gorbachev said, walking through a crowd of several hundred after laying a wreath at a monument

to Lenin in downtown Vilnius. "And all the more so, we have not lived in a federation. We have lived in a unitary state with its own realities."

One person called out to Gorbachev: "People must decide their own fate!"

"Nothing will be decided without you," Gorbachev responded as he slowly made his way back to his limousine. "We will decide everything together."

But he added: "Remember, if someone succeeds in pitting us against each other in a clash, there will be a tragedy. We should not allow this."

Josef Stalin absorbed Lithuania along with the two other Baltic states, Latvia and Estonia, in 1940 under a secret agreement with Nazi Germany, and many Lithuanians want their independence back.

As never before in his nearly five years in power, Gorbachev put



(AP Laserphoto)

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, right, has animated conversation with residents in Vilnius, Lithuania, Thursday as he begins his trip to slow the nation's drive for independence from the Soviet Union.

his personal prestige on the line in coming to Lithuania, exposing himself to a population that openly disagrees with him and is not likely to be moved by his appeals.

But if Gorbachev fails to bring the Lithuanians back to the fold, Communist Parties in the 14 other republics could feel encouraged to break with Moscow.

The Soviet leader told the crowd that the rights of all minorities in the Soviet Union — whether they be Lithuanians or small non-Lithuanian ethnic groups in the republic — must be respected, or it could endanger the unity of the country's more than 100 ethnic groups.

"If even the slightest suppression occurs, or misunderstanding, somewhere in Estonia or Moldavia, it spills over into the rest of the country," he said.

Several thousand people gathered around the square as Gorbachev placed the wreath, and sev-

eral hundred of them broke through police cordons to surround Gorbachev afterward.

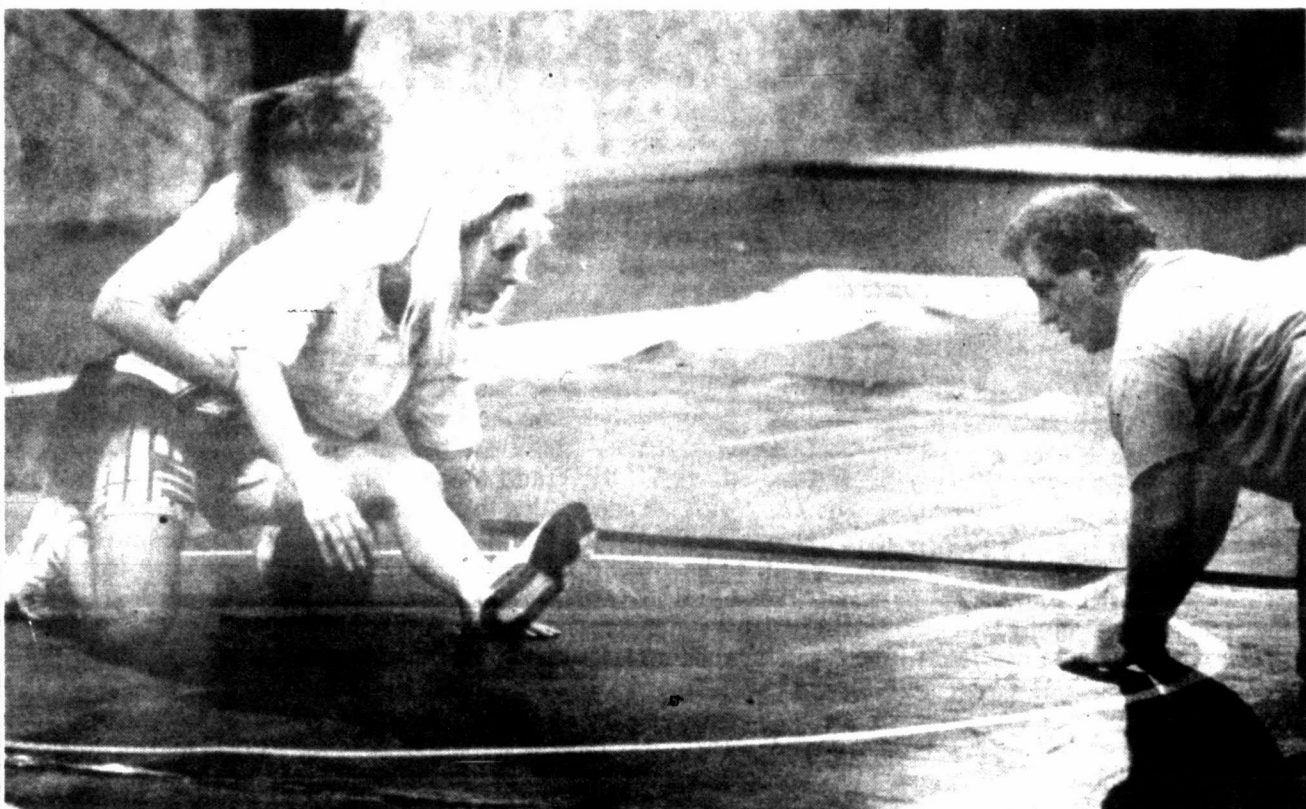
The crowd was calm and curious. Gorbachev, who has bitterly criticized the Lithuanian Communist Party decision to split, was straightforward and friendly.

The people who gathered apparently were passers-by attracted by the heavy security around the Lenin memorial. It was not announced in advance that Gorbachev would visit the memorial.

The Sajudis political movement that is pressing for independence planned a formal rally later, and organizers said they hoped a half-million or more Lithuania residents would show up to prove to Gorbachev they cannot be dissuaded.

Vytautas Landsbergis, head of Sajudis, said Wednesday he had called on everyone in the republic of 3.7 million people to fill the streets of Vilnius.

Just for fun



(Staff photo by Sonny Bohanan)

April Thompson attempts to escape the grasp of Billie Weatherly (left) during a practice wrestling session Wednesday at the Pampa High School athletic building. Les Weatherly (right), president of the Pampa Roadrunners Wrestling Club, gives the women a few pointers in preparation for Saturday's wrestling exhibition at McNeely Fieldhouse. Thompson, a PHS cheerleader, and Billie Weatherly, wife of Les, have volunteered to participate in one of 15 matches set up as a fund raiser for the Pampa wrestling team Saturday at 7 p.m. A bout between PHS athletic director Dennis "Cav Man" Cavalier and high school principal "Dangerous Dan" Coward will headline the card. The public is invited to attend, and admission will be charged at the door. See related story, Page 9.

Memorial service held for cult victims

By KRISTI UMBREIT
Associated Press Writer

KIRTLAND, Ohio (AP) — Neighbors and strangers jammed a memorial service for a family of five who authorities say were shot and buried under a barn by a religious cult, possibly as a sacrifice.

As about 250 people filled the small brick church Wednesday night to pay respects to the Avery family, authorities in Southern California said they arrested the last two members of the cult, ending a nationwide manhunt for 13 people accused in the slayings.

Law officers stopped a pickup truck about 60 miles northeast of San Diego and arrested Daniel David Kraft and Kathryn Johnson, said agent James Stathos of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in California.

In Kirtland, five pink candles burned at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

for 49-year-old Dennis Avery; his wife, Cheryl, 42; and their three daughters: Trina, 15; Rebecca, 13; and Karen, 7.

Four ministers of different denominations addressed the mourners.

"The tragedy that has (hit) us has caused our ordered world to collapse for the time being, and we will never be the same again," said the Rev. Bruce Morrison, a United Church of Christ pastor.

Authorities say the Averys moved to Kirtland from Missouri at the urging of a former lay minister of the Reorganized Church, Jeffrey Lundgren, and later joined his cult when he broke from the church.

The Averys were killed apparently in an April 18 ritual sacrifice designed to "cleanse" the cult and allow it to relocate, authorities said.

The Rev. Dale Luffman, president of the northeast Ohio chapter of the Reorganized Church, has said the slayings may have been prompted by disputes over money or sex,

or in an effort to keep the Averys from leaving the cult.

Until April, Lundgren rented the 15-acre farm where the bodies were found and where some of his followers had lived. Investigators said it appears the Averys, who lived nearby and were not as fervent as his other followers, were shot before the cult headed to West Virginia and eventually to a farm near Holden, Mo.

The bodies were unearthed last week after police got an anonymous tip.

Officials in Lake County are seeking the extradition of Lundgren, his wife and son, and 10 others from California. Lundgren and the others have refused to waive the proceeding, which could take 90 days, officials said.

The two arrested Wednesday, Kraft, 25, of Nauvoo, Ill., and Johnson, 36, of Holden, Mo., had eluded authorities since the arrests of Lundgren, 39; his wife, Alice, 38; and son, Damon, 19, at a motel Sunday in National City near San Diego.

Jury finds police officer guilty of driving while intoxicated

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Pampa Police Officer Danny C. Lance, charged with driving while intoxicated following a May accident, was found guilty of that offense Wednesday by a Gray County jury. The three-man, three-woman jury deliberated 1 hour and 20 minutes.

County Judge Carl Kennedy sentenced Lance to 30 days in the county jail, suspended during two years of probation. He was also fined \$300. Lance's attorney said the verdict will "probably" be appealed.

Lance submitted his resignation to the city before 8 a.m. today, effective immediately, and it was accepted, said City Manager Glen Hackler.

"As far as the city is concerned, that effectively resolves his employment with the city," Hackler said today.

Following the May 18 accident, during which Lance's pickup crashed into a light pole at Gray and East Francis streets, Lance was suspended with pay. He was brought back to work in August to work in dispatch and records and was on light duty status until Wednesday, Hackler said.

Lance, 31, was hired as a police officer by Pampa Police Department in January of 1981 and had worked for the city eight years, covering two different employment periods.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Lynn Holland Jr. testified he investigated the accident. He said when he arrived at the scene, Lance was already in the ambulance receiving treatment. At the hospital, he described Lance as being "combative and disoriented."

"I proceeded into the room and got down in his face and smelled an alcohol odor coming from his breath," Holland testified.

Holland said Lance never consented to the drawing of the blood for a blood-alcohol test. He also said he did not place Lance under arrest because there was no probable cause at the time.

Testimony by friends of Lance during the one-day trial showed he had been at a small party shortly before the accident in May. The

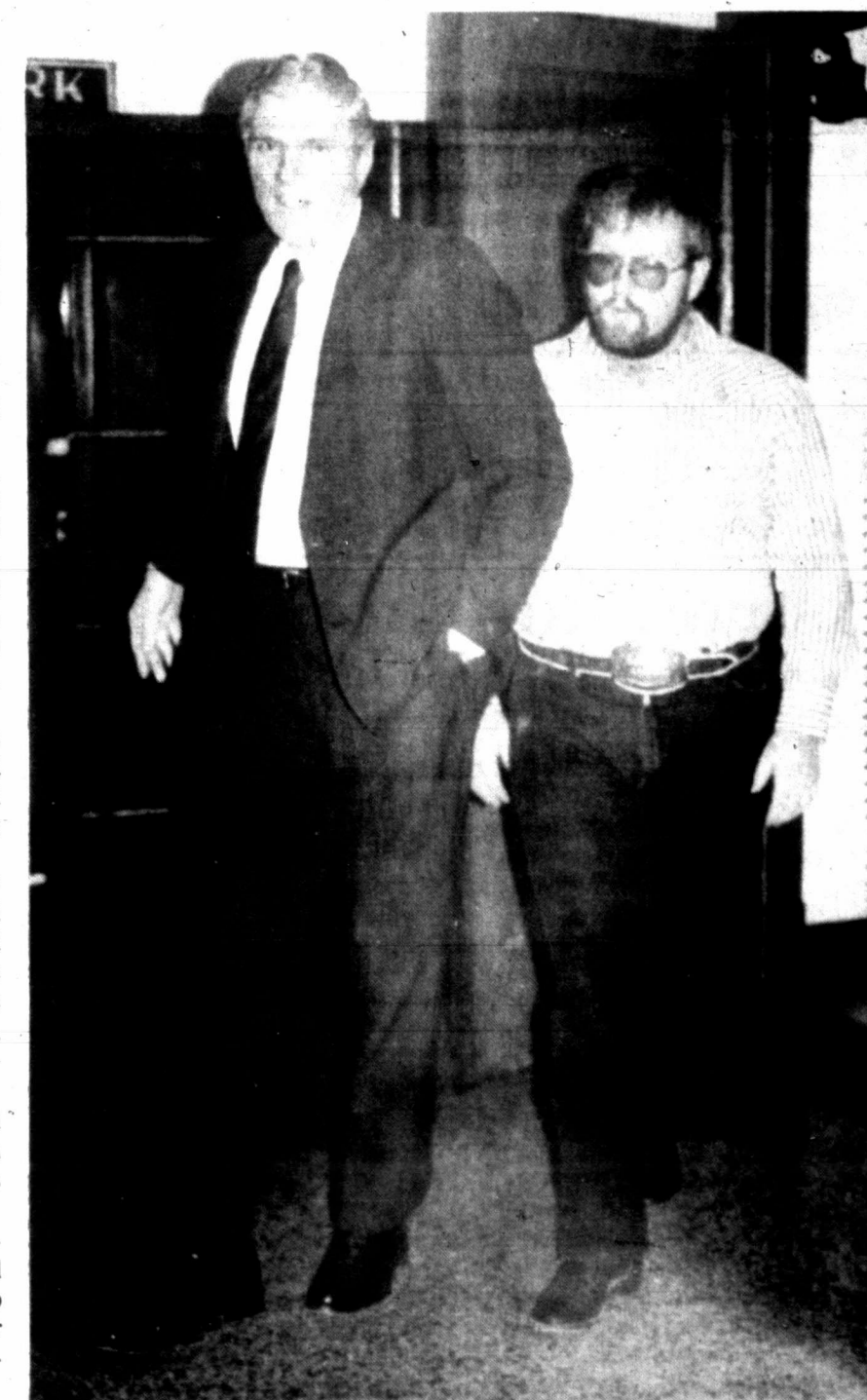
friends testified each one of them had offered to give Lance a ride home because they felt he had consumed too much alcohol, but Lance refused, according to testimony.

James M. Thomas, a chemist with the Texas Department of Public Safety Laboratory in Lubbock, testified that a chemical analysis of Lance's blood showed an alcohol content of 0.15 grams per 100

milliliters. It is against the law in the state of Texas to operate a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol content of 0.10 percent or more.

Thomas said it was his opinion that at the 0.15 blood-alcohol level, "Any individual would be impaired to the extent they'd be considered under the influence of an alcoholic

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(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Danny Lance, right, is led into court after a recess by attorney David Holt.

Crime Watch supporter helped stop string of killings, authorities say

From Staff and Wire Reports

CANADIAN — Authorities believe an alert member of a neighborhood Crime Watch committee prevented a string of four killings in two states from growing longer.

Summoned by a woman who spotted a pickup driving slowly Tuesday morning, Hemphill County Sheriff Billy Bowen stopped a truck and arrested the two men and one woman inside after he saw handguns on the floorboard.

The suspects were charged Wednesday with four murders in two states, police said.

As the trio circled the neighborhood in Canadian about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, "they were looking for victim No. 5," said a deputy who would not identify himself but said he was speaking on Bowen's behalf.

Bowen told reporters he believed the trio was going to shoot him, based on their comments, but changed their minds at the last moment.

"The kid (Lawrence Lingle Brittain, 17, of Kansas City, Mo.) got scared and threw his gun on the floorboard."

The truck was reported stolen Monday from an

elderly Oklahoma couple who were found shot to death in their rural Noble County home, police said. The three are suspected in the killings of two Missouri men earlier Monday, police said.

The suspects were identified as Robert Wesley Knighton, 48; Brittain, 17; and Ruth Renee Williams, 21; all from Kansas City, Hemphill County assistant district attorney John Mann said.

Knighton faces charges in Henry County, Mo., on two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of armed criminal action, said Thomas VanZandt of the Missouri Rural Crime Squad. Ms. Williams and Brittain were charged in Henry County with two counts of second-degree murder, VanZandt said.

Oklahoma authorities charged Brittain and Knighton with two counts each of first-degree murder, according to District Attorney Joe Wideman in Noble County, Okla. Ms. Williams has not been charged, but is being held as a material witness to a homicide.

"We have brought the lady back because we are still looking at her in connection with the homicide," Wideman said.

Missouri authorities agreed to allow Oklahoma to

prosecute the suspects first, Bowen said.

The northern Oklahoma couple, Richard and Virginia Denney, were found shot to death when police visited their home to ask them about the stolen 1975 Chevrolet pickup the three suspects were found riding in Canadian, police said. They had been shot at close range, said Joe Wideman, district attorney for Noble and Kay counties. Money had been taken from the couple, who were in their 60s.

"It was very cold-blooded," Wideman said.

Bowen said Knighton expressed no remorse for the murders.

"He got out of prison in August for doing just this kind of thing and got out of the halfway house in November and now this," Bowen said.

Detectives in Missouri said they believe the trio started a slaying spree with the killings of two Montrose, Mo., men in their house 21 miles south of Clinton, Mo.

The bodies of Frankie T. Merrifield, 59, and his 40-year-old son, Roy E. Donahue, were found about 2 p.m. Monday by Merrifield's daughter, VanZandt said.

Money and two handguns are believed to have been

stolen from the two men, VanZandt said, adding that the .38- and .22-caliber handguns confiscated from the suspects apparently were the ones taken in the Missouri robbery-killings.

A utility vehicle stolen in Kansas City, Mo., was found near a highway about a mile from the Denney home, Wideman said.

The three met in a halfway house in western Missouri, Bowen said. Knighton was on parole for a kidnapping, Ms. Williams was on parole on drug charges and Brittain was on probation for car theft, he said.

Brittain knew Merrifield and Donahue, and the trio visited them Saturday, Bowen said.

He added that Brittain and Ms. Williams had already been returned to Oklahoma and that Knighton waived extradition Wednesday night and will be returned later this week.

"He's been institutionalized in Missouri for a long time for just this kind of thing and he wanted to go back there because he knew their system," Bowen said. "When he learned that Missouri was letting Oklahoma try them first, he figured he was going to end up there anyway so there was no point in fighting it."

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No services for tomorrow were reported to *The Pampa News* by press time today.

Obituaries

GLADYS ELIZABETH MILLER

McLEAN — Gladys Elizabeth Miller, 80, died Wednesday in McLean Care Center. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Wilson, pastor, and the Rev. Jeff Messer, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home.

Mrs. Miller was born Jan. 7, 1910 in Whitewright in Carson County. She moved to McLean in 1915 from Whitewright. She married Charnall Wesley Miller in Wheeler on Feb. 1, 1936; he preceded her in death in December 1943. She was a retired telephone operator. She was an agent for Greyhound bus line and owned a drug store. She was a member of First Baptist Church and Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include one daughter, Molly McDowell of McLean; two sons, Pat Miller of Miami, Fla., and Worth "Pete" Miller of Amarillo; one brother, John Clifton Wilkerson of Amarillo; and five grandchildren.

DR. RALPH PAYNE

AMARILLO — Dr. Ralph Payne, 78, died Tuesday. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Schooler-Gordon Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jeffery D. Yergler, associate minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Walter Clyde, theologian in residence at First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Entombment will be at Llano Cemetery.

Dr. Payne was born in Little Rock, Ark. He was an Amarillo resident for 45 years. He was a physician and surgeon. His first wife, Pauline Elizabeth Wilson Payne, died in 1967.

Survivors include his wife, Edith; a daughter, Margaret Payne of Berkeley, Calif.; a son, Ralph B. Payne Jr. of Albuquerque, N.M.; a grandson, Eric Ralph Payne of Albuquerque, N.M.; and a niece.

JOY E. CRAIG

AMARILLO — Joy E. Craig, 60, the sister of three Shamrock women, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Richerson Funeral Home of Shamrock.

Miss Craig had lived in Amarillo for 20 years, moving from Shamrock. She was born in Mobeetie. She was a member of South Lawn Baptist Church. She was employed by Saving and Stop.

Survivors include three sisters, Opal Burrell, Bessie Campbell and Lois Neal, all of Shamrock; two brothers, Jessie Craig of Old Town, Fla., and Jack Craig of El Camp; and several nieces and nephews.

Minor accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10

12:50 p.m. — A 1989 Honda driven by Stephanie Wilson, Rt. 1 Box 1A, collided with a 1983 Isuzu driven by Clorinda Hawley, White Deer, in the 300 block of West Foster. Wilson was cited for passing on the right unsafely.

Fires

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

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10

4:32 p.m. — False alarm was reported at Coronado Hospital. Three units and six firefighters responded.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL

Admissions

Rex Brown, Pampa

Pauline Burks, Pampa

Lois Combs, Borger

Thomas Nickols, Pampa

Steve Wade Morris, Vernon

Cody Wood, Pampa

Dismissals

Gladys Anglin, Groom

Durant Brock, Pampa

Mary Burdette, Pampa

Melton Burns, Pampa

Nora Gabriel, Pampa

Rebecca Hall, Lefors

Lillian Hawkins, Pampa

Otis Holland, Hedley

Linda Lamar, Pampa

Robert Murray, Pampa

Roberto Rivero, Borger

Jeanette Stringer, Fritch

Thelma Hoover (extended care), Pampa

Willa McDaniels (extended care), Pampa

Leo Samuels (extended care), Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Admissions

Freda Smith, Shamrock

Dismissals

Rachel Stacy, Shamrock

Marlene Gamble, Reydton, Okla.

Stocks

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

Wheat.....3.67

Milo.....3.40

Corn.....4.10

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

Ky. Cent. Life.....15 7/8

Serfco.....6 1/8

Occidental.....29 3/8

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

Magellan.....59.60

Puritan.....13.58

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

Amoco.....52 1/4

Arco.....109

Cabot.....35 3/8

Chevron.....66 5/8

Enron.....56 7/8

Halliburton.....41 5/8

Ingersoll Rand.....51 1/2

KNE.....23 7/8

Kerr-McGee.....48 3/8

Mapco.....38 7/8

Maxx.....10 1/2

Mesa Ltd.....7 7/8

Mobil.....59 1/2

New Atmos.....18 3/8

Penney's.....73 3/4

Phillips.....24 1/4

SLB.....47 7/8

SFS.....29 7/8

Tenneco.....61 1/4

Texasco.....57

New York Gold.....413.25

Silver.....5.29

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10

W.L. Fain, 1821 Hamilton, reported a theft at the residence.

Les Mize, 1169 Huff Rd., reported theft from a motor vehicle at the residence.

Police reported disorderly conduct in the 100 block of Randy Matson Avenue. (See story, Page 2)

Randall County Sheriff's Office issued a "wanted by outside agency" report.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 10

Bryan Keith Fisher, 17, Rt. 1 Box 145A, was arrested in the 100 block of Randy Matson Avenue on charges of disorderly conduct, no proof of liability insurance, no front license plate, blocking traffic and four passengers in the front seat. (See story, Page 2)

Calendar of events

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

The Red Cross office sponsors a free blood pressure check every Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 108 N. Russell, downtown Pampa.

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Officer

beverage."

Defense Attorney David Holt strongly objected to the introduction of the blood-alcohol content evidence into the trial, saying the blood was illegally obtained from Lance while he was being treated at the hospital.

"It was illegally obtained. There was no consent to the taking of blood. He was not under arrest. There was no probable cause and it was an impermissible intrusion and search."

County Attorney Bob McPherson, however, said the blood was not improperly obtained. "Under the Implied Consent Law in the state of Texas, if he was not under arrest, it is permissible."

Judge Kennedy overruled Holt's objection. He also denied pre-trial motions by Holt to suppress the results of the blood-alcohol tests and a motion to suppress the information charging Lance with driving while intoxicated.

During jury selection, Holt said, "I'd like to have someone (on the jury) who's ridden around in a pickup truck with a beer can between his legs. Mr. McPherson wants someone who's strongly opposed to drinking and driving and drinking at all."

McPherson, however, said during jury selection that his only interest was a "fair and impartial jury."

During testimony, it was established Lance attended a party at the former home of Dale Rich, a paramedic who now resides and works in Borger, at 509 N. Frost. The accident occurred about two blocks from the residence.

Rich said the gathering at his home was a small celebration for a friend who had graduated from paramedic school.

Asked about Lance's mental status at the time he was leaving the party, Rich said, "As a friend, I felt he'd had too much to drink and didn't need to be driving."

However, Rich said that the

more he persisted in trying to get Lance to accept a ride home, the more Lance became "somewhat agitated." Rich said Lance was the last one to leave his residence and he saw the vehicle pull away, but could not verify that Lance was driving.

"Everyone had left prior to him leaving," Rich said.

Shortly after Lance left, Rich said, he heard about the accident on his police scanner. He estimated the time to be around 2 a.m.

Mia Hunter, who said she was an employee at Coronado Hospital and Rural/Metro-AMT, testified she had been at Rich's residence the night of the accident and had seen Lance consume alcohol.

"Shortly before he left, I was there. All of us that were there had offered to drive him home. We didn't feel he should be driving since he had been drinking," Hunter said.

Gary James, a paramedic with Rural/Metro-AMT, testified he was on-duty at the time of the accident and helped remove Lance from the pickup. He said he smelled alcohol "on the person," but not necessarily coming from Lance.

Pampa Police Officer Donnie Brown, who was the first law enforcement officer at the accident scene in May, said he found Lance in the floorboard of the pickup with his head mashed into the dash and his feet toward the driver's side. However, he said he could not remove Lance from the vehicle and waited until the paramedics and Pampa Fire Department arrived to remove him with the "Jaws of Life."

"There was a strong odor of alcohol inside the vehicle, that was all I observed," Brown testified.

Pampa Police Officer Audie Munoz testified he was at the accident scene and also noticed an odor of alcohol in the vehicle.

McPherson, in closing arguments, said, "This has not been an easy case from many respects. Every witness called upon as a state's witness has for the last few years — and may still be, and I hope they still are — friends of the defen-

dant's."

The county attorney said he felt it had clearly been established through testimony that Lance was under the influence of alcohol and drove the vehicle on a public street in Pampa.

"I clearly request that you, in your deliberations, reach a verdict of guilty," McPherson said.

However, Holt, in closing arguments, said it was not clear that Lance was driving the pickup and it was quite possible another person was the driver and left the scene.

"None of the officers ever saw Danny Lance drive this vehicle that morning. He was in the floorboard. That doesn't make him the driver. Any person who was driving could have stepped out and walked off," Holt said.

Following Holt's statements, McPherson said to the jury, "Where is this phantom (driver)?"

Jury Foreman Don L. Carter said following the trial that when the jury first retired for deliberations, the vote was split 3-3. However, he said they took each part of the jury charge individually and came to a unanimous decision.

"It was a very hard decision to reach," Carter said. "We just took it individually. 'Was he intoxicated?' We all agreed, 'Yes.'"

Carter said the jury members also agreed the incident occurred on a public street. The final question, "Was Lance driving?", was the hardest to answer, the jury foreman said.

"Yes, beyond a reasonable doubt, he was driving," Carter said.

Lance was still employed with Rural/Metro-AMT on a part-time basis as of press time today. Lon Robertson, manager of the ambulance service, said this morning that Lance has not had any driving duties. He said he would be reviewing Lance's status with the ambulance service today.

"I can tell you he has been employed by us in a non-driving capacity, but it's not our policy to discuss anything else," Robertson said.

Bush's son questioned in S&L investigation

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal thrift investigators have questioned Neil Bush, son of President George Bush, and two of his fellow directors at the failed Silverado Banking, Savings and Loan Association in Denver, according to published reports.

In a copyright story published Thursday, *The Houston Post* reported the Office of Thrift Supervision enforcement director met with Neil Bush for four hours Monday before the OTS banned Bush's associates from involvement in any federally insured financial institution.

"All I can tell you is that (Neil Bush) was here, as have been other people that were with Silverado," said Bill Fulwider, a spokesman for OTS. "There is an ongoing investigation. I can't discuss it. I can't talk specifics."

No lawsuit has been filed against Bush nor any of the former officers and directors of Silverado.

Bush was a director of Silverado from 1985 to August 1988. He stepped down from its board one week after his father won the Republican nomination

for president and six weeks before Silverado, with assets of \$2.3 billion, posted a \$198 million loss.

Silverado failed in December 1988 at a cost of more than \$1 billion to federal insurers.

Silverado Savings and some of its insiders have business ties to a number of other failed and troubled thrifts in California and Texas, *The Post* reported.

Sources told *The Post* Bush met with Rosemary Stewart, the OTS enforcement director. Ms. Stewart signed prohibition orders against Richard K. Vandapool, former board vice chairman and chief operating officer of Silverado, and Robert M. Lewis, former board vice chairman and chief financial officer of Silverado.

Vandapool and Lewis agreed to the prohibition orders without admitting any wrongdoing.

An OTS press release stated that "federal examiners had expressed grave concerns over the soundness of Silverado's management in the months before its closing."

City briefs

SECOND TIME Around, everything in store 20% off. We buy appliances, furniture, evaporative coolers. Now taking Visa/Mastercard. 409 W. Brown, 665-5139. Adv.

LAS PAMPAS After Inventory Sale. Ladies apparel up to 70% off. Christmas items on sale. 1/2 price gift table. 110 N. Cuyler, 665-5033. Adv.

AEROBIC CLASSES. Texas Physical Rehabilitation. Call 669-0218 or 669-1242 Monday-Friday for more information. Adv.

BROWN SHOE Fit has regrouped and repriced ladies clearance shoes. Adv.

SPRAY YOUR yard now for control of crabgrass and weeds. Eugene Taylor Spraying Service, 669-9992. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH. We have regrouped and added to 1/2 price rack. Sweaters now 1/2 price. Jewelry 1/2 price. We appreciate your business. Adv.

PEGGY BAKER now with Travel Express, 665-0093. Adv.

HAIRSTYLIST: PART time or full time rates. Perfect Changes, Pampa Mall, 665-4343. Adv.

JUST ARRIVED New shipment of Spring Flowers. Rolanda's Pampa Mall. Adv.

ROLANDA'S SALE. 20% to 50% off select silk flower bouquets and more. Rolanda's Pampa Mall. Adv.

RED TAG Sale. at Barry's Audio and Video. All stereo and video equipment on sale. Open 4-7. Pampa Mall. Adv.

EMT COURSE, Miami, Tx., enroll January 16, 7 p.m. back of Sheriff's office, Miami. Course begins January 30th 6 p.m. \$74. Adv.

BEGINNERS SQUARE Dance lessons, Calico Capers, Saturday, January 13, 7 p.m. 324 Naida. First 2 lessons free! Adv.

XI BETA Chi winner of gas raffle held on November 15th was Jimmy Victor employed by Curtis Oil Field Service. Adv.

GARAGE SALE. Nortkiae stoneware and crystal. Oneida silverplate flatware. Service for 8. Miscellaneous and clothing. 1221 Williston. Thursday-Saturday. 1-6 p.m. Adv.

Astronauts mop up leaking water

By HOWARD BENEDICT
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Columbia's astronauts mopped up water from a leaky dehumidifier today as they closed in on the floating science laboratory they plan to pluck from space on Friday with the shuttle's robot arm.

Commander Dan Brandenstein and pilot Jim Wetherbee executed two engine-firing maneuvers today, putting Columbia on a near-collision course with the satellite they have been chasing since they were launched Tuesday onto a path 1,725 miles behind their quarry.

Once the astronauts move in on the 11-ton target, they will fly in formation 35 feet away while mission specialist Bonnie Dunbar reaches out with Columbia's 50-foot mechanical arm to snare the 30-foot satellite, which is as large as a small school bus.

If all goes well, she will make the catch at 9:48 a.m. Friday.

The shuttle this morning was reported to be within 300 miles of the satellite, known as the Long Duration Exposure Facility.

Brandenstein and mission special-

ist David Low interrupted their flight plans for more than two hours today to cope with the leak of about two gallons of water, shown on television as a slow bubbling of water beads.

They shut off the faulty dehumidifier, shifted to a backup, and then went to work on the water with towels and a hand-held vacuum. Loose water, which forms beads and globules in weightlessness, can interfere with electronics.

Looking at all the equipment that had to be moved to get at the water, Brandenstein remarked, "It's kind of a mess right now. I'll get the plumber of the year award, but not the housekeeper of the year award."

Scientists are eager to examine the satellite to learn how various systems and materials withstood the long stay in orbit, information that will help in designing the space station and other space vehicles.

Atmospheric drag has been pulling the satellite closer to Earth. If Columbia does not retrieve it, trackers estimate the satellite will burn up in a plunge into Earth's atmosphere about March 9, its experiments lost forever.

The shuttle, which is in a slightly lower orbit, takes less time to circle the globe and was catching up with the satellite at a rate today of about 38 miles for each 91-minute orbit of the Earth.

Controllers, meanwhile, reported the \$85 million Navy communications satellite launched by the astronauts Wednesday was functioning well. An onboard motor late Wednesday boosted it on another leg toward its permanent working outpost 22,300 miles above the Pacific Ocean.

As the gap between the shuttle and the wayward laboratory closed, hunter and hunted were traveling nearly 200 miles high at more than 17,400 mph.

"We're glad you're doing so well; the whole world's impressed," Mission Control told the astronauts as it awakened them today with its version of "Banana Boat Song."

The control center version substituted the name of astronaut Low for the words "Day-O," and it included such phrases as, "Come all you astronauts sleeping in the cabin, daylight comes and its time to get up."

Police arrest non-student at high school

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Police arrested a 17-year-old non-student in front of Pampa High School Wednesday during the noon hour on charges of carrying four students in the front seat of a vehicle, blocking traffic and acting in an abusive manner.

Bryan Keith Fisher, Rt. 1 Box 145A, was charged with disorderly conduct, no front plate on vehicle, blocking traffic and having four passengers in front seat.

Deputy Chief Ken Hall said school officials have asked for police assistance in keeping non-students away from the campus because of problems they have caused. Those difficulties have included fights, drug sales and other illegal behavior, according to Pampa News records.

Hall said police became aware of a problem when they observed a 1976 Chevrolet El Camino blocking traffic as the car's driver and other students visited in

the middle of the roadway.

When police pursued the vehicle, it drove away and did not stop until officers used sirens and flashing lights, officials said. Hall declined to say that the driver of the vehicle ran from police, however.

Hall noted that in the process of officers citing the driver, he became abusive, yelling profanities and other improper language. That conduct, the deputy chief said, is what led to the arrest.

School officials and police again confirmed they are working together in an attempt to keep the high school campus an area that is safe, as well as free from non-students loitering on the campus.

"At various times we watch for fights or kids hanging around the parking lots," Hall said. "Often times residents in that area will complain about the traffic. We do have problems when people who aren't students or faculty hang out at the high school, and the administration would prefer we watch out for those things."

Fisher remained in city jail through press time today.

Mattox: State cannot obey court order on judicial elections

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The state cannot obey a federal court order requiring special, nonpartisan elections of 115 district judges in nine urban counties, Attorney General Jim Mattox said in seeking to block the decision.

The motion to stay the Jan. 2 order was filed Wednesday with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans after federal Judge Lucius Bunton failed to modify his ruling as requested by Mattox.

"One thing is very clear: What Judge Bunton has ordered us to do, we're not capable of doing under state law," said Mattox. "He dropped a nonpartisan election into a partisan election code."

The federal judge's order did not specify who pays for the elections, supervises them, prints ballots or certifies results, Mattox said.

Bunton ordered that the judges be chosen by districts within the nine counties in a May 5 nonpartisan election. Mattox had asked the judge to allow the judges instead to run in the March 13 party primaries and Nov. 6 general election.

The motion for a stay could be withdrawn by the attorney general's office if Bunton revises his order before the federal appeals court rules, Mattox said. Bunton was expected to rule on Mattox's request Thursday, a source in Bunton's office in Midland said Wednesday.

Mattox said he sought the stay Wednesday afternoon because state election law requires Democratic and Republican party chairmen to send a list of candidates for the primary ballots to the secretary of state on Friday.

"We did not believe that we could wait any longer," Mattox said. State officials don't have the power to waive the Friday deadline, he said, although the judge could change it.

Bunton ruled in November that the at-large system of electing judges in Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, Travis, Ector, Jefferson, Lubbock and Midland counties illegally dilutes the voting strength of blacks and Hispanics.

The lawsuit challenging the system was filed in 1988 by the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Mattox, a Democrat running for governor, has been urged to appeal Bunton's ruling by some Republicans, including Gov. Bill Clements, Secretary of State George Bayoud and some judges in Houston.

Clements and a spokesman for Bayoud said they were pleased by the attorney general's Wednesday action.

"It's about time! Today's action by the attorney general in appealing and seeking a stay is long overdue — yet it falls far short of the kind of vigorous action this case requires," Clements said in a statement.

Mark Toohy, an aide to Bayoud, said Mattox has "wasted valuable time in seeking a stay. We're

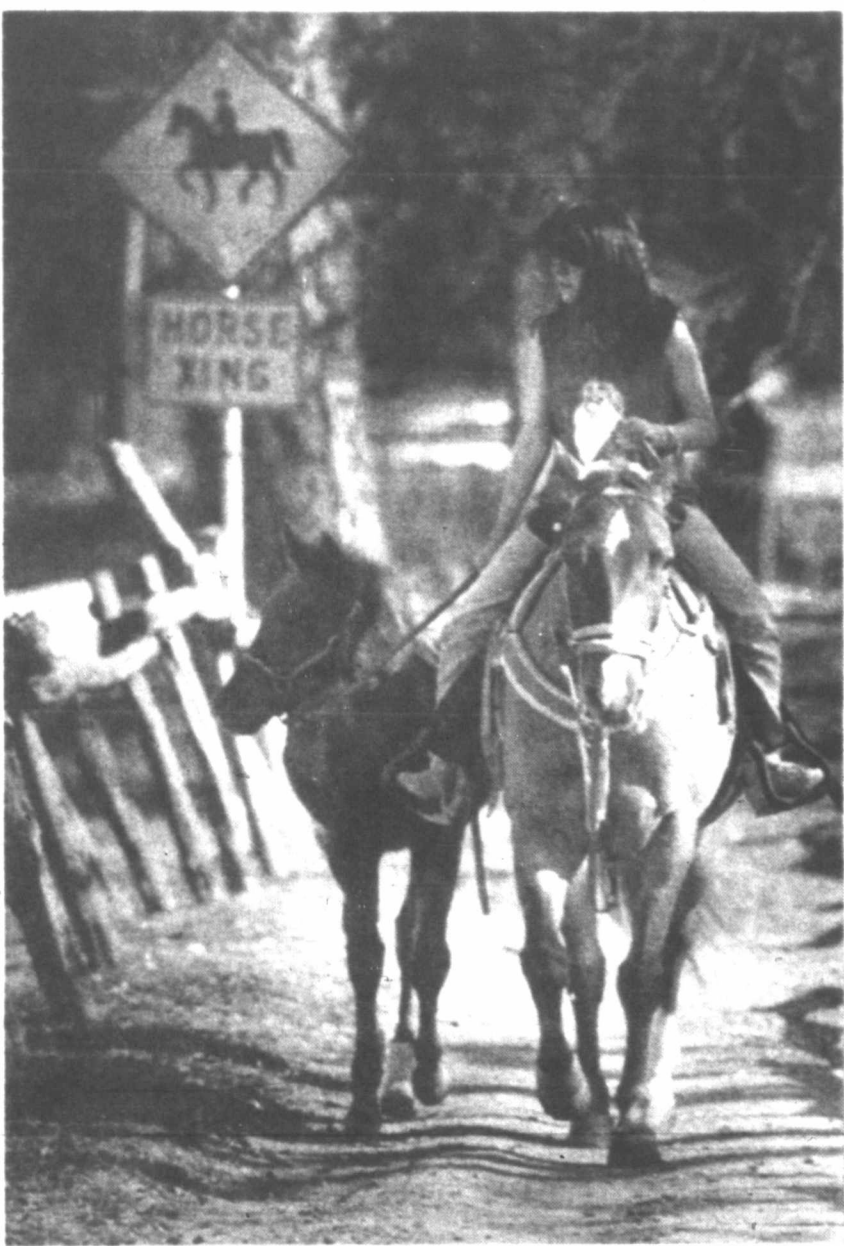
extremely pleased that he's finally decided to follow the lead of Secretary Bayoud in doing the right thing."

John Hill, former Texas Supreme Court chief justice, is working without charge to appeal on Bayoud's behalf. Mattox has argued Hill cannot do so because the attorney general is supposed to be the state's sole legal representative.

In his Jan. 2 ruling, Bunton said the interim judicial elections in the nine counties should be based on existing political subdivisions. Those are state House districts in Bexar, Dallas, Harris and Tarrant counties; justice of the peace precincts in Travis County; and county commissioner precincts in Ector, Jefferson, Lubbock and Midland counties.

Bunton suggested in November that Clements add judicial selection to a special session that began that month on workers' compensation. Clements did not, but he has included the issue in a special session to begin Feb. 27.

Warm weather workout



(AP Laserphoto)

Kristi Davis takes her 8-month-old colt, Degan, out for a walk on the riding trails of Brackenridge Park in San Antonio Wednesday afternoon to get him used to city noises. Davis is riding one of the park's horses, Rusty.

Unemployment tops 50 percent in some areas hit hard by freeze

By JOEL WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

RIO GRANDE CITY (AP) — Unemployment has topped 50 percent in some areas of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, where a rare hard freeze that last month caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage to agriculture moved President Bush to declare a disaster area.

As many as 20,000 agriculture workers have lost jobs since the freeze wiped out an estimated 70 percent of the citrus and 80 percent of the winter vegetable crops in the state's four southernmost counties.

Bush declared the Valley a disaster area Tuesday night, a week after Gov. Bill Clements made the request, estimating \$385 million in agricultural losses.

"Undoubtedly, it's been devastating," said Javier "Jake" Margo, Starr County's coordinator of federal and state programs in Rio Grande City, the unincorporated county seat. "This area is very dependent on agriculture. That is the industry in this area."

Unemployment already was the state's highest at more than 35 percent before the Arctic blast just before Christmas dropped temperatures into the 20s and upper teens. When the freeze wiped out another 3,000 to 5,000 jobs, unemployment in Starr County rose to more than 50 percent, Margo and officials with the Texas Employment Commission estimated.

The county of 40,000 inhabitants had a labor force of 16,623 in November, the latest month for which figures were available Wednesday. An estimated 8,000 to 10,000 of the labor force are now believed to be without work.

Thousands more lost jobs in neighboring Hidalgo County, as well as Willacy and Cameron counties, according to the TEC. Estimates of the total number of Valley residents losing work to the freeze range from 15,000 to 20,000, officials said.

Unemployment in Cameron, Willacy and Hidalgo counties ranged from 12.3 percent to 18.5 percent before the freeze added thousands more to the jobless ranks.

Margo said he expects the unemployment rate in Starr County to reach 55 percent or more when the "negative domino effect" hits retailers and other businesses where the unemployed farm laborers no

longer have money to spend.

Hidalgo County has opened several emergency soup kitchens to feed hungry farm workers' families.

The disaster declaration releases \$23 million in emergency unemployment compensation funds, said Larry Neal, a spokesman for U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

It also triggers low-interest loans to producers from the Farmers Home Administration, and to small businesses and agricultural cooperatives from the Small Business Administration, Neal said.

Lines are so long at Texas Employment Commission offices in the Valley that unemployed farm workers have started camping out in order to be served within a day. Hundreds more are told to return the next day.

The TEC has brought in between 70 and 80 additional people to process unemployment claims in the Valley, said Eloy Gonzalez, the TEC's regional unemployment supervisor.

Gonzalez said those left jobless by the freeze will be eligible for \$36 to \$217 per week in unemployment payments.

Sylvia Ramirez, the TEC's assistant regional director, said the agency will open eight additional emergency sites to process disaster unemployment assistance claims. Two will be in Starr County, while the other six are located in Hidalgo County, including the Texas National Guard armories in Weslaco and Mission.

Arturo Torres was one of the fortunate farm workers still employed Wednesday, but he said the cabbage field he was harvesting just east of Rio Grande City could be his last job for a while.

"I will have to look somewhere else, but there isn't much work left," Torres said, while harvesting freeze-stunted cabbage with four other workers.

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Mexican officials protest portrayals in 'Drug Wars'

By RICHARD HERZFELDER
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The portrayal of Mexican law enforcement in the NBC miniseries *Drug Wars* was unfair and statements following the broadcast that drug corruption is entrenched in Mexico are inaccurate, the government says.

"President Carlos Salinas de Gortari considers the fight against drugs a national priority," Mexico's Foreign Ministry said in a statement Wednesday.

The television miniseries, a dramatization of the 1985 slaying in Mexico of U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique Camarena, was broadcast Sunday through Tuesday nights.

Lloyd Siegel, executive producer for special broadcasts at NBC News, said the Mexican Embassy in Washington had declined to have a representative interviewed for one of the 15-minute news segments that followed the program each night.

Nonetheless, Siegel said, Mexico's efforts to combat drug trafficking,

especially in the last year, were praised in other interviews and the network's reporting was accurate.

Gustavo Gonzalez, legal adviser to the Mexican Embassy, said Mexican officials declined to be interviewed partly because they were apprehensive that any statements they made could be used by attorneys representing the men charged with Camarena's murder.

The Camarena case caused a major increase in tensions between the United States and Mexico because of accusations that Mexican law enforcement officials were in league with the killers, helped cover up the crime and permitted suspects to escape.

The Salinas administration, which took office on Dec. 1, 1988, has tried to reduce tensions by making a strong effort to fight drug trafficking and focusing the U.S.-Mexico relationship on economic matters.

President Bush and other U.S. officials have praised the approach.

The Foreign Ministry noted that Camarena's killers were sentenced to long prison terms last month in

Guadalajara, where Camarena was the local DEA agent.

The mastermind, Rafael Caro Quintero, was given a 40-year sentence for the killing and a 34-year sentence for other drug-related crimes. There is no parole in Mexico for drug-related crimes.

"The government of Mexico has reiterated its conviction that narcotics trafficking is an international crime that must be fought on a multilateral level," said the Foreign Ministry.

Underscoring the point, the attorney general's office announced Wednesday that 13 men had been arrested for attempting to smuggle 1,650 pounds of cocaine to Houston. The men were presented to the press with the seized cocaine, two AR-15 and two AK-47 assault rifles.

The attorney general's office said the group had planned to fly the cocaine into the United States from a clandestine airstrip in northern Mexico. Caro Quintero pioneered the Colombia-Mexico-U.S. smuggling route, known as "the trampoline."

Advocate says charge against woman in child's death is tragic

AUSTIN (AP) — An advocate for victims of family violence says the charge against a woman who said she cowered in fear and did nothing while her newlywed husband beat her two-year-old son to death is a tragic and complicated situation.

Robbie Kae Zuliani, 23, surrendered to police Wednesday after being charged with injury to a child. The charge accuses the woman of failing to attempt to intervene when her husband beat her son to death.

Gerald Christopher Zuliani, also 23, was charged with injury to a child after Christopher Wohlens, his stepson, died in an Austin hospital Jan. 2.

If convicted, the Zulianis would each face a sentence up to life in

prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The charge against Mrs. Zuliani triggered an angry protest Wednesday night at the Travis County Courthouse.

Nine men and women marched with signs reading: "Arrest Criminals, Not Battered Women" and "Stop Blaming the Victim."

Diana Campbell, program coordinator for the Washington, D.C.-based National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, said the case will be monitored across the nation.

"It's going to set some kind of standard, I think, for other states," said Ms. Campbell.

Ironically, the child had been abused last summer by his mother's live-in boyfriend, who forced Christopher to sit in scalding water.

Wayne Michael Hoffman, 21, forced Christopher to sit in 120-degree water, police said. Hoffman was convicted of injury to a child and sentenced to 10 years in prison on Dec. 4.

Police said that not only did Mrs. Zuliani not attempt to intervene when her husband began beating the child, she aided him in attempting to explain the incident to police.

"And after she was aware that the child had suffered serious injury, she got together with her husband and they made up a story to tell the authorities in an effort to avoid detection of the fact that the child had been physically abused," according to an affidavit attached to the arrest warrant.

The woman had a legal responsi-

bility to take care of the child and failed to do so, said Sgt. Hector Polanco of the Austin Police Department.

Mrs. Zuliani told the *Austin American-Statesman* last week that she did not stop the attack because her newlywed husband had assaulted her when she tried to stop earlier attacks on the child. She said she feared her husband would assault her or her 4-year-old daughter.

The Zulianis were married on Dec. 10.

Twelve days later, Christopher was hospitalized and a physician found that the child had been abused, but a Department of Human Services caseworker allowed him to be returned to his mother and stepfather.


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Opinion

China still fears voices of freedom

What country will next throw off socialism? The main prospect may be China. It was China's Tiananmen Square rallies that began 1989's stampede to freedom. The communist regime of Deng Xiaoping crushed that revolt, slaughtering thousands of people. But the spirit of freedom thrives underground.

And Chinese dissidents now see from Romania that a revolt against socialism can still succeed even when thousands have been murdered by the government. Romanians could have bowed before the atrocities of Nicolae Ceausescu, the late dictator, who, in recent weeks, may have murdered up to 60,000 people. But the people fought on, eventually winning the army to its side. The army then spearheaded the resistance against attacks by government apparatchiks and the Securitate, the secret police.

The same nearly happened in China, according to an unpublished speech given early in December by Yang Baibing, chief political commissar of the people's Liberation Army and the younger brother of President Yang Shangkun. According to the Hong Kong newspaper *South China Morning Post*, Yang said more than 100 officers and 1,400 soldiers "shed their weapons and ran away" rather than massacre people.

One of those defying orders was Xu Quinxian, head of the 38th army, which is based in Beijing. Because of this, the Tiananmen Square protests burgeoned and troops from other regions had to be summoned. The regime fears that, next time, even more officers and soldiers may side with the people and topple it.

Premier Li Peng ordered paramilitary police in Beijing to be alert.

"All of the armed police," he said, "must struggle resolutely against enemies who dare to sabotage the socialist system and socialist motherland." He specifically thanked the paramilitary police for suppressing last June's "counter-revolutionary" movement. Said Li: "All the armed police should not relax their vigilance in the slightest."

The Chinese Communist Party has also promulgated a document explaining the "correct" reason for the freedom movement sweeping across Eastern Europe. It blames Soviet Chairman Mikhail Gorbachev for "the subversion of socialism." One mid-level Chinese official told Reuters: "It is obvious the leaders are extremely worried about what has happened in Eastern Europe and especially in Romania."

American journalists say that news of the Romanian revolution flew swiftly across Beijing and other Chinese cities. Voice of America broadcasts, though partly jammed, still managed to get through. And the dissident underground apparently has its own sources of information.

Dissidents put up a poster in Beijing University, center of the freedom movement. The poster was quickly torn down by the regime, but showed a picture of Ceausescu with the caption, "lost dog." It said the "lost dog" would soon join four other dogs: Deng, Li, President Yang and Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin. Now, the Communists have lifted the martial order placed on Beijing — except for Tiananmen Square. They still fear the students gathering in that square raising their thousands of voices for freedom and democracy.

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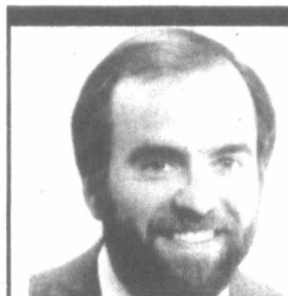
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The cacophonous modern age



Stephen Chapman

There are a lot of strong candidates for the distinction of being the worst feature of modern life: nuclear weapons, terrorism, AIDS, secular humanism, big government, television talk shows, New Coke, Sylvester Stallone. But it would be hard to find one that affects so many people so much as the proliferation of noise.

Today, wherever people are found, there is perpetual noise. In cities, it comes from radios, sirens, auto alarms, bullhorns, snowblowers, jet airliners, subway trains and, most of all, car traffic. Even in the country, the internal combustion engine in all its adaptations — trucks, tractors, lawn mowers, dirt bikes — spews out a continuing stream of auditory pollution.

Mayor Edward Koch of New York has struck a small blow for improvement by establishing "radio-free" zones in some city beaches and parks, where the playing of radios without earphones is banned. But most sources of noise can't be stemmed so simply. To remove just the most obnoxious sounds from the environment of New York City, or any other city, would require razing the whole place and dynamiting the roads — would require, in short, repudiating the 20th Century.

The cacophony inevitably coarsens public intercourse. Like any other kind of pollution, noise provides its benefits to the perpetrator — he gets to hear his favorite music at full blast, or spare himself the expense of a new muffler — while imposing unwanted and largely unavoidable harm on innocent bystanders.

As our pollution laws recognize, the only way to discourage it is to put the cost back on the source.

Controlling air emissions is simple compared with the job of forcing people to behave with consideration for those around them. Lacking recourse, the innocent are encouraged to strike back by emulating the guilty. If you don't want to listen to someone else's music played full blast, you can drown it out with your own.

Being considerate gets you nothing but pride in your uncommon decency: Virtue is its own reward. For most people, that isn't enough. They will restrain themselves if others do, but if no one else is acting selflessly, why should they? Like other types of rudeness, noise feeds on itself. It spreads through retaliation.

Nor is unwanted noise the only problem. We have grown so accustomed to the constant din that we are uncomfortable in rare moments of quiet:

radios, TVs and stereos have to be turned on to drown it out. Noise has become a sort of drug, a perpetual stimulus to stave off contemplation or introspection.

It has also become a perverse defense against other noise. How many people strolling down the street wearing headphones do so only to shut out the clamor around them? It is as though the only antidote to breathing air polluted by a factory's smoke were to breathe air you have polluted for yourself.

Past generations have had more than their share of war, famine and pestilence, but at least they had the refuge of silence. The worst and loudest noises are products of technology.

Consider the sounds that surrounded medieval Europeans, as recounted by J.H. Huizinga in his book, *The Waning of the Middle Ages*: "One sound rose ceaselessly above the noises of busy life and lifted all things unto a sphere of order and serenity: the sound of bells. The bells were in daily life like good spirits, which by their familiar voices, now called upon the citizens to mourn and now to rejoice, now warned them of danger, now exhorted them to piety ... However continuous the ringing of the bells, people would seem not to have become blunted to the effect of their sound."

We have vanquished most of the routine horrors of the medieval world. But anyone comparing the two ages just by listening would have to conclude that we have not advanced.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 1990. There are 354 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Jan. 11, 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, California, that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

On this date:

In 1757, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, was born in the West Indies.

In 1805, the Michigan Territory was created.

In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union.

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.



It's gone with the arctic wind

Wait a minute! If I had wanted to continue to live like Nanook of the North, I'd never packed my sled and moved back South from Chicago 12 years ago.

I spent three winters in Gulag Chicago. One year, Lake Michigan froze solid. Another year, it snowed in May.

Third year, the heat went off and my apartment froze. My entire apartment. My clothes froze. My furniture froze. I froze.

I had to move downstairs with my landlord. His heat went off, too, but he had a wood-burning stove. We huddled around the stove for a week.

Finally, he said, "This is ridiculous. I'm moving to Orlando."

"You're right," I said. "I'm moving back to Atlanta."

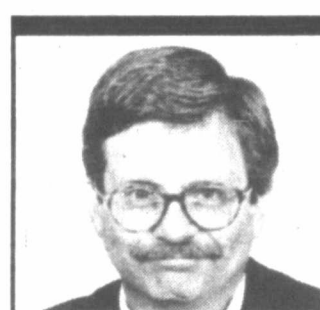
So I did. Back to the sunny South. One of the best parts about getting out of Chicago was I knew I would never have to wear a pair of galoshes again.

You have to wear galoshes over your regular shoes, during Chicago winters. If you don't, your shoes will fill up with snow and your toes will freeze and fall off.

Just fall right off. Imagine life without toes. There would be precious little left to wiggle.

The problem with galoshes is they look dumb. Seriously dumb.

The only Southerners who wear galoshes are nerds whose mothers came from up North somewhere.



Lewis Grizzard

These mothers, who name their children "Manny" and "Vito" and "Melvin," say things like, "Melvin, don't forget to wear you galoshes," when their children leave for school.

It doesn't matter if the sun is shining and it's 70 degrees outside, a mother of a nerd from up North will insist he wear his galoshes, and the other students will throw rocks at him and hoot him off the playground.

Another great part about moving back South is although we do have a winter it doesn't last nearly as long and isn't nearly as severe as ones in Chicago.

I've played tennis out of doors while wearing shorts on Christmas Day in Atlanta.

Atlanta usually has an ice storm or two in January, but by the middle of February you often can go outside and catch a few rays.

But what's with this year? I looked in the paper the other day and it was just as cold in Atlanta as it

was in Chicago. That just isn't right.

I also noticed it was snowing in Florida. That just isn't right, either. It's not supposed to snow in Florida. Isn't that in the Bible someplace?

I don't know what meteorological aberration has caused the South to have to suffer through these Chicago-like temperatures lately, but I would just as soon stop.

For one thing, I'm missing my annual gloating period. During winter, I look at a color weather map in the newspaper. I notice it's white in Chicago, which means your toes could fall off if you don't wear galoshes.

Then, I notice the South is a pleasant warm orange. I still have friends in Chicago. I call them and gloat.

"So," I usually begin, "got enough whale blubber in to last the winter?"

That, or, "Getting out of the igloo much?" I usually close by saying "Hey, it's been real, but I'm late for my neighbor's pool party."

But how can I gloat this year when I think I saw a penguin waddling down my street the other day?

Not only am I missing my gloating period, but I'm also afraid if it doesn't warm up soon, I may have to search through the bowels of my closet to see if I still have my galoshes, a fate worse than death.

I honestly never thought I'd have to wear a pair of galoshes again. But I also never thought the normally mild early winter of the South would be gone with the arctic wind.

Communism's proper fate is bloody

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

It is, in a way, singularly appropriate that the end of communism in Eastern Europe should come in Romania, amid civil war and savage slaughter, rather than in the more peaceful forms it has taken elsewhere.

Nor is it mere coincidence. The communist regimes in the other five East European nations — Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria — all depended for their survival on the presence or close proximity of Soviet armed forces.

Once Mikhail Gorbachev made it plain that the Soviet Union was too busy grappling with its own doom to save its satellites from theirs, the handwriting was on the wall. The communist rulers of these countries moved swiftly to save their necks whatever the cost, from building coalitions to changing the party's name or even surrendering power altogether.

But Nicolae Ceausescu's very independence of the Soviet Union rendered him vulnerable, because it

was he and the Stalinist police apparatus he created, rather than Soviet tanks, that sustained his regime. When his turn came, there was no one and nothing to repudiate except (impossibly) himself.

Communism was one of two political systems (the other was democratic socialism) based on the analysis of history set forth by Karl Marx. Rejecting religion or any other significant influence, Marx saw history purely as a struggle between economic classes, in which the inevitable victory and dictatorship of the "proletariat" would usher in a utopian "classless society" and end forever the exploitation of man by man.

It remained, however, for Lenin, coming along half a century after the "Communist Manifesto," to devise the political system and techniques that have characterized communism ever since. Lenin saw the Communist Party as the leading force in the state and insisted on the ruthless extinction of any alternative political theory, let alone any alternative political leadership. As improved on by Stalin,

Marxism-Leninism has been the form taken by communism wherever it has achieved power around the world. Its first principle is the destruction of all opposition.

Communism, therefore, is not merely an alternative theory of capital formation, to be abandoned when it proves unsuccessful. It can be jettisoned in nations like most of the countries of Eastern Europe, where the outside force that imposed it weakened at last. But where the force is indigenous — as in Romania, and (be it added) in the Soviet Union and Red China — it will take bloodshed aplenty to end it.

What has happened in the 72 years since the Russian Revolution and the founding of the world's first communist state is that Marxist theory has proved woefully inadequate to provide decently, in economic terms, for the masses under its control. This has been as true wherever democratic socialism has been tried, as in the Soviet Union itself; but the parties of democratic socialism can be, and largely have been, repudiated at the

polls, whereas autonomous Leninist societies such as the Soviet Union, Red China and Romania are at last beginning to disintegrate.

In a few years, all that will be left of Marxism will be a fading band of elderly professors in U.S. institutions of higher education, who proudly called themselves "Marxists" when the term still had some scare value and implied a scientific disapproval of this country, but who are now trying to pass themselves off as "deconstructionists" or something else not yet totally exploded.

Communism professed to be a strictly scientific discipline. No wonder it is collapsing now, just as it becomes clear how far it is out of sync with ordinary everyday reality, let alone science.

But its special distinction was always its taste for brute force: the Lubyanka, Tiananmen Square, Ceausescu's Securitate. And that is why its proper fate — so splendidly on display in Romania — is an ignominious and bloody death.

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Soldiers march across Tiananmen Square Thursday, the first day after martial law was lifted in Beijing.

Authorities grant unlimited access to Tiananmen Square

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Communist authorities today gave people unlimited access to Tiananmen Square for the first time since they crushed the pro-democracy movement, but hundreds of soldiers marched through it in a show of force.

The familiar appearance of troops on the huge plaza, which student-led protesters virtually took over last spring, reminded Beijing residents of the lethal force authorities used to clear it in June.

Although the government lifted martial law on the city Wednesday, a spokesman said today there will be a "small increase" in troops stationed in the capital and its suburbs.

Yuan Mu told a news conference the troops were needed "to safeguard public security and peaceful work of the people."

He did not say how many troops were involved. An estimated 150,000 moved into the city last summer.

More than seven months of martial law in the city ended at midnight Wednesday. In announcing the change, Premier Li Peng said the decision to order troops to smash the pro-democracy movement had been "timely, necessary and correct."

The lifting of martial law was welcomed in the United States, Britain, Japan and other Western nations that have said normal ties cannot be restored until Beijing

eases what the countries consider repressive policies.

However, the end of martial law will have little effect on life in the city. Police replaced military guards on Beijing streets in October and anti-demonstration laws remain in effect. Students also remain under heavy surveillance.

Chinese citizens had not had free access to Tiananmen Square since June 3-4, when soldiers killed hundreds of civilians on their way to clearing the 100-acre plaza of pro-democracy protesters.

The square was closed after the massacre and gradually reopened; until today, soldiers and police had screened all visitors and the square was closed at night.

Shortly before noon, up to 1,000 troops camped in the history museum on the east side of the square marched across the plaza, chanting and singing military songs. They disappeared into a walled compound on the other side of the Great Hall of the People west of Tiananmen.

"It's good that things are back to normal," said a woman from Inner Mongolia, touring the square with her child.

But one middle-aged man from Nanjing said, "We don't have happy feelings" about the lifting of martial law.

He said people now cannot speak out. "We have to keep things in our hearts."

Authorities quiet on rape in governor's mansion

By JOE KAFKA
Associated Press Writer

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The brief item in the Nov. 30 city police log read: "Forcible rape on weapon Governor's mansion. Four boys at mansion raped her."

Six weeks later, what happened at the home of Gov. George Mickelson remains a mystery, but the investigation has become a major topic of discussion throughout this sparsely populated farm state.

Police and court officials, citing a state law that keeps names and charges against juveniles secret, have refused to discuss their investigation into the alleged drinking party among a small group of teen-agers at the mansion on the night of Nov. 28.

Mickelson has limited his comment to saying the probe is a private matter.

The special prosecutor in the case says delinquency petitions have been filed against three juveniles, but he won't say who they are or what laws they allegedly violated.

An 18-year-old, David Ebach, has been charged as an adult with underage drinking but has yet to appear for a hearing. Ebach, starting quarterback on Pierre's high school football

team, is a friend of the governor's 17-year-old son, David.

Despite the secrecy, rumors and hints about the investigation dominate conversation in the capital city of 12,000 people and across the state of 700,000. Many Pierre residents know who was at the mansion.

A source close to the investigation said a small group of high school students, including the young Mickelson, were drinking at the mansion while the governor was in Washington, D.C., attending a U.S. Department of Agriculture conference, and his wife, Linda, was in Texas on vacation.

David Mickelson is the only other permanent resident of the gray, two-story house across a pond from the Capitol.

A school official has confirmed that the alleged rape victim is a high school student in Fort Pierre, a small town across the Missouri River.

Mickelson, a Republican, has refused to disclose his son's whereabouts on the night of the reported rape or to discuss David's possible involvement.

On Dec. 13, two days after the first news report about the allegation, Mickelson and his wife issued a brief statement:

"Our family is going through one of the most agonizing times we have ever experienced. We have always held closely to the principle that it is not how you fall that counts the most, but how you get up and carry on."

The story has been on front pages across the state ever since, but what details have emerged are sketchy.

A hearing for the juveniles will begin Jan. 22 with arguments on a defense motion to keep the proceedings secret. Several news organizations oppose the motion.

Republican politicians have understandably refrained from speaking about the case, but minority Democrats also have been restrained.

The issue won't alter work in the legislative session that began this week, said Senate Minority Leader Roger McKellips. He said of the governor, "I respect the way he's handled it."

The county prosecutor and local judges bowed out of the case, which was turned over to Special Prosecutor Craig Kennedy, a Democrat from a county 220 miles away.

Mickelson, who took office in 1987 and is expected to run for re-election this year, is a lawyer and former speaker of the state House whose father George T. Mickelson, served as governor from 1946-1950.

126 counties dropped from homeless aid program

By JEFF BARKER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 100 counties in 30 states are being dropped from a \$124.9 million homeless aid program created by Congress even as advocacy groups charge there is a continuing increase in the number of Americans without adequate shelter.

"You don't suddenly become a non-needy area," said Rep. Paul Kanjorski, D-Pa. "There ought to be a way to come down slowly."

The National Alliance To End Homelessness, a private research and assistance group, estimates as many as 2 million people are homeless for at least a portion of the year, and the number seems to be growing.

"To learn at this time, just as winter weather is beginning to grip our area, that we will not have the resources to meet the needs presented to us by these very vulnerable individuals and families is disappointing, to say the least," Theresa Zogby, supervisor of Catholic Social Services of Hazleton, Pa., said in a letter last month to Kanjorski.

Congress didn't cut funds from the program for the current year, but

the 126 counties lost their eligibility when they fell below the 1990 criteria for local poverty, unemployment or the size of the overall labor force.

Federal officials have described the homeless aid program as "a model of public-private cooperation."

Wiley B. Cooper, program staff director, said an unusually high number of counties received aid in 1989.

"Last year, we did have a jump-up because of the some of the mid-America and oil-belt problems," Cooper said in a recent interview, adding that some of those problems have stabilized.

Among the areas dropped were Tulsa County, Okla., which received \$368,000 last year from the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board program, and Luzerne County, Pa., which received \$230,000.

Cooper said the real problems were the difficulty in measuring homelessness and a shortage of money.

"It's tough when you get money one year and not the next, and we understand that," he said.

This year, 882 counties automatically qualified for aid compared with 980 in 1989, said program aide Sharon Bailey. While dropping 126

counties, the government added 28 that had not qualified in 1989, she said.

Cooper said in an interview that the program was designed "to supplement and extend" efforts on behalf of the homeless, and the government cannot guarantee funding to individual counties beyond one year.

Luzerne County qualified for nothing in 1990, based on what Kanjorski considers a "quirk" in the formula. Unemployment and poverty rates are used as criteria because homelessness and hunger are difficult to quantify.

Despite a poverty rate above the 11 percent in the guidelines, Luzerne was declared ineligible because Wilkes-Barre's labor force did not exceed 25,000.

The labor force rule was never published in the regulations, although Cooper confirmed it is a criteria. He said the rule would be reversed if the national board determines at its Jan. 19 meeting that it is unfairly preventing needy counties from obtaining funding.

Ohio had the most dropped counties with 15. There were 13 in Illinois, 11 in Texas and nine in North Carolina.

Tulsa in Oklahoma was the

biggest county on the drop list.

"While on the face of it, this (denial) would seem to be a positive reflection of an improving local economy. Nothing could be further from the truth," the Tulsa Area United Way said in a Nov. 30 letter to program administrators.

The Tulsa area has struggled with new oil-company layoffs, said Jim Cieslar of the United Way.

The food and shelter program is governed by a national board composed of representatives of the United Way of America, Catholic Charities USA, the American Red Cross and other charitable organizations. Branches of those same groups distribute the money locally.

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Domenici: Economic changes in Mexico deserve attention

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Economic changes in Mexico deserve as much or more attention from the United States than those occurring in Europe, a U.S. senator said Wednesday.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., met with U.S. and Mexico experts at a field hearing of the Senate Budget Committee to discuss changes in the Mexican economy and opportunities those changes create for New Mexico.

"When we are talking about an economic activity at the border, we are not talking about something that

moves in one direction, we are talking about the fruits of development that move in both directions," Domenici said.

John Sweeney, financial attache to the U.S. embassy in Mexico, said Mexico has made great strides economically under the leadership of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Sweeney said Mexico's rate of inflation dropped from 159.2 percent in 1987, to 51.7 in 1988, and to 19.7 percent in 1989. He said the number of companies controlled by the government dipped from more than 1,100 to about 400 during the same time period.

"I believe the country really is poised to take off ... the president is

aware he can't let go of the controls yet," Sweeney said. "He has a group of young, U.S.-educated people in the ministry. I believe they are on the right track and the economy will see some important changes in the next few years."

The hearing was divided into three discussions — the macroeconomics of Mexico, the international agricultural trade between the two countries and the movement of products across the border.

"With all the attention being focused on the economies in Europe, my guess is if we have a friend in the south that truly wants to make its country modern, I tend to think we ought to focus our atten-

tion on it," Domenici said.

Some of the opportunities that New Mexico and the United States can take advantage of include the maquiladora industry and the opening of new ports of entry, specifically one under consideration for Santa Teresa, N.M.

Billy Mitchell, vice president for marketing of Grupo Bernudez in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, said the maquiladora industry in Ciudad Juarez has gone from 11 plants and 200 workers in 1969 to more than 300 plants with 135,000 workers currently.

The maquiladoras are foreign-owned manufacturing plants along the border in Mexico that use Mexi-

can labor. Many of the plants are U.S.-owned.

"The maquila industry is proof that the U.S. and Mexico can successfully work to the benefit of its citizens," Mitchell said.

He called for a commission to resolve problems such as education and housing that he said could stagnate the industry.

Maria Telles-McGeagh, director of the Joint Border Research Insti-

tute at New Mexico State University, said the increased traffic being generated by the maquiladora industry warrants the need for another port of entry.

"New Mexico must be sought and allowed to respond to that demand," she said.

But although New Mexicans want a port of entry at Santa Teresa, it is not necessarily something Mexico desires, she said.

Texas getting big boost in funds for drug war projects

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas is getting a big boost in federal funds for its assault on drug smuggling along remote border land favored by clandestine methamphetamine labs.

The National Governors' Association said Texas would receive nearly \$123 million from the federal government this year for anti-drug programs involving law enforcement, education and treatment — up from last year's receipts of \$68 million.

In addition, Texas National Guard would receive nearly \$11 million — more than any other state — for its drug smuggling surveillance and reconnaissance activities, the NGA said.

"The increase in federal funding is not only appreciated but necessary to stem the increased flood in illegal narcotics in Texas. The state of Texas is used increasingly as a premier smuggling and entry point into the United States," Rider Scott, general counsel to Gov. Bill Clements, said.

Scott pointed to recent seizures of 20 tons of cocaine in Los Angeles and nine tons in the Rio Grande Valley, which authorities believe came

through Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, across the border from El Paso.

Scott said the drug-threat in Texas is fourfold: smuggling is increasing across the border; the state ranks second in seizures of methamphetamine labs after California; it is a major transshipment and staging point for illegal drugs; and drug users are found in its urban centers.

"Texas has the largest land border with Mexico, almost 1,300 miles, 800 miles of unprotected shoreline, and vast rural areas for air drops — so, due to the unique geography of the state and successful federal (anti-drug) initiatives in the Caribbean Basin, Texas is now the point of entry for a majority of foreign narcotics shipments," Scott said.

He said funding levels for law enforcement have fluctuated widely over the last three years, making a sustained anti-drug effort difficult.

"Funding at the new level for the state of Texas is necessary to begin a serious program by the state and local law enforcement entities," Scott said. "Even as important as the funding is the federal commitment to the national drug control strategy announced by President Bush."

Texas ranks ninth in the percentage growth of federal funds for the three anti-drug programs,

NGA said, and third in total spending behind California and New York, with \$228 million and \$156 million respectively. A total of \$2.2 billion is being appropriated to all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. territories.

The governors' association said this year's appropriations level represents the biggest increase in the three programs ever in a non-election year.

The Federal Funds Information for States, a joint service of the NGA and the National Conference of State Legislatures, said large urban states would receive proportionately larger increases than small and rural states, and that Eastern states would receive larger increases than most Western states: California and Texas, however, are exceptions.

Vic Miller, a senior fellow for intergovernmental finance at FFIS, said most federal grant-in-aid funds for combatting alcohol and drug abuse flow to state governments.

"The state's primary mission is to create and coordinate a statewide strategy," Miller said. "Thus, while some of these funds support state programs, most are passed through to assist local service providers: cities and towns, area-wide consortiums, hospitals and other health-care providers, and local school districts."

Texas women saw combat in Panama battles

FORT HOOD (AP) — During heavy fighting in Panama, women from this Army post's police detachment served alongside their male counterparts before the surrender of Gen. Manuel Noriega earlier this month.

Department of Defense policy excludes females from serving in combat units. Nevertheless, 12 Fort Hood military policewomen bolstered the force that included 112 men, Army officials said.

"They knew what they had to do and they went out and did it," Capt. Steven Rathbun, commander of the 401st Military Police Company, told the *Temple Daily Telegram*.

"They went out just like everybody else and they were at the same places as the males. ... They all did a super job," Rathbun said.

Two women who said they were involved in heavy fighting believe "certain women" manage combat situations well.

"A lot of women can handle combat," said Spec. Pamela Hengst, 21, who joined the military two years ago.

Also witnessing combat firsthand was Cpl. Tamara Elam, 23. A driver for her female platoon leader, she said she was only a few feet from Pfc. Scott Lee Roth when he was cut down in enemy cross fire on Dec. 20.

The only Fort Hood soldier killed in Panama was Roth, 19.

"It just depends on the person — anybody can freak out and anybody can handle it," said Ms. Elam of Olton, Texas. "It just depends on your make."

In the fighting's first day, her unit was responsible for securing major intersections and setting up roadblocks along the main attack route. But the Fort Hood soldiers met heavy resistance and repeatedly came under fire in the first three days of fighting.

"It was scary," said Ms. Hengst, a native of Salisbury Mills, N.Y. "You weren't sure what was going to happen."

During the barrages, she and Elam said they returned fire. During one mission, Hengst said she carried the M60 machine gun, capable of firing several hundred rounds a minute.

The weapon is one of the heaviest individual weapons in the Army's arsenal and considered the most important in the unit because of its capability to provide great suppressive fire.

"Rounds were dropping all around us the first three days," said Staff Sgt. Gregory Borders, Hengst's squad leader. "That first night, everybody returned fire. We were receiving a lot of rounds from a lot of different directions."

Elam said putting women in combat situations is "not socially" acceptable to a lot of people. But Hengst said she believes her male comrades are confident of women's combat performance.

"They most definitely have a different attitude, now," she said.

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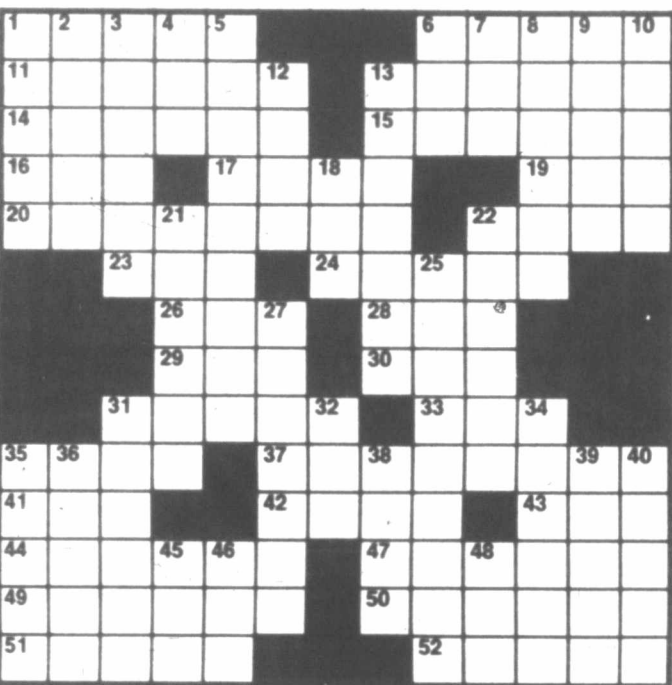
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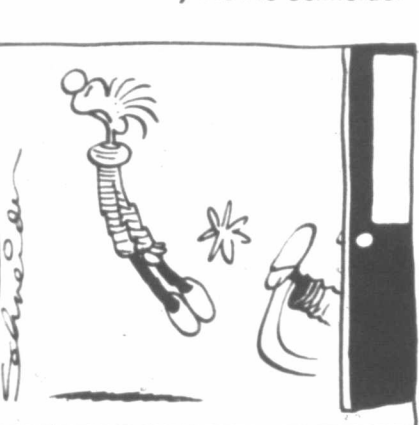
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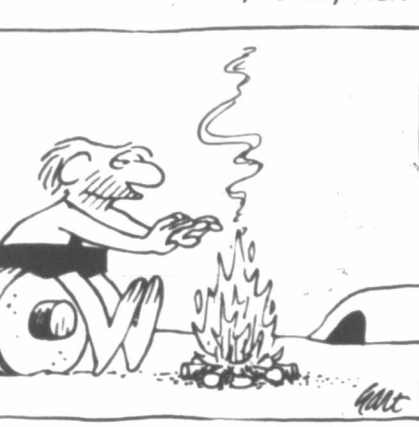
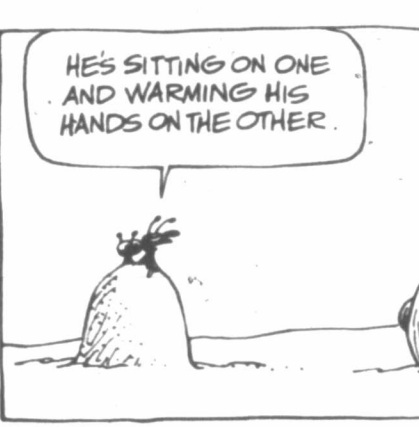
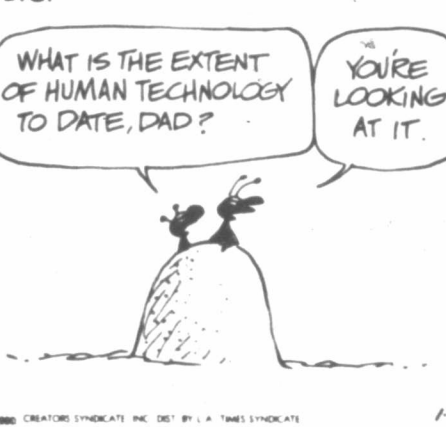
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Some changes could be taking place today in a matter of importance to you. Even though you won't initiate them, don't look upon them as something negative. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll get along well with associates today, provided something of value does not become an issue. If it does, your self-interests may start surging against your innate generosity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's probable that you will achieve the objectives you establish for yourself today, but you might not do so in a gracious manner. Weigh your gains against the problems they create.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Helpers won't perform well today if you keep peering over their shoulders. Assign the jobs and then display faith in the persons you've chosen to do them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If there is a matter of personal benefit you want to conclude today, don't let associates set your time table for you. Take the initiative and do what needs doing on your own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others will have more respect for you today if you admit to your mistakes and take measures to correct them instead of looking for a scapegoat on whom to hang the blame.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Avoid inclinations today to think only of yourself to the detriment of others. Such base motives might profit you for the moment, but what about tomorrow?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Bold measures may be required today in order to advance a venture in which you are presently involved. Once you make a determination, proceed assertively and don't look back.

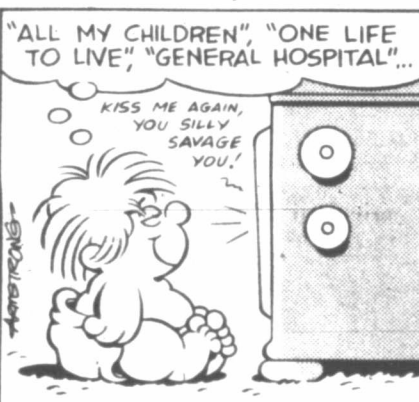
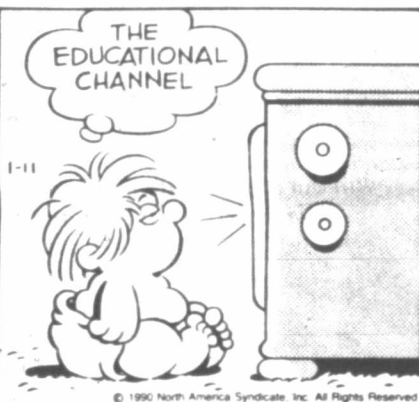
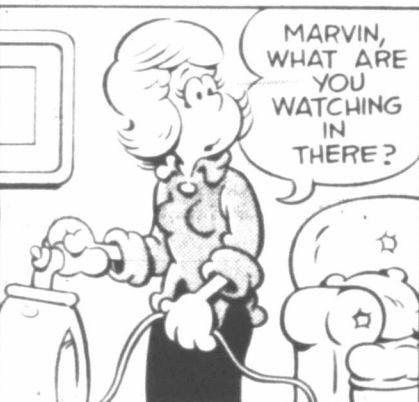
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't hold back today in a situation where a friend is in need of your support. If you really believe in him/her and truly want to help, get your foot off the breaks and go all the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let your emotions cloud your judgment today in a matter that is meaningful to you materially. You can achieve your objectives if you are logical and realistic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Usually you are a rather optimistic person, but today you could place more emphasis on the negative aspects of a problem than its probable solutions. Get back in character.

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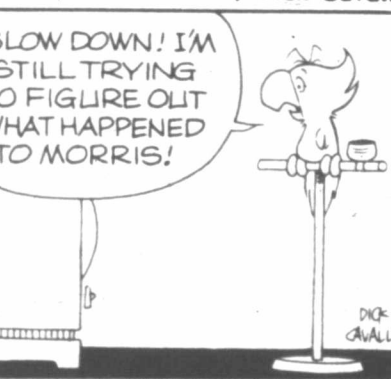
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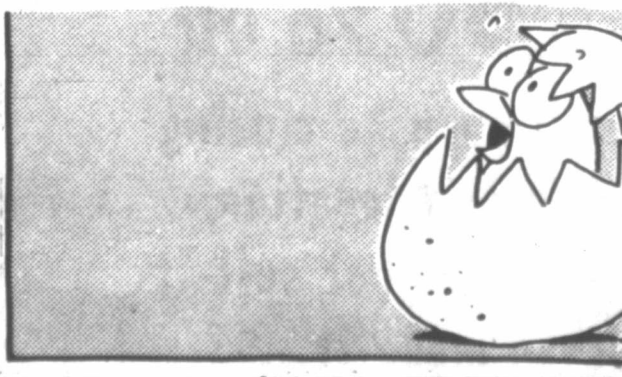


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Sports

Pardee reunites Gamblers' staff

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The USFL Houston Gamblers once battled the NFL Houston Oilers for fan support, and now it appears some former Gamblers coaches will join Jack Pardee with the Oilers.

Pardee, former head coach of the Gamblers, became head coach of the Oilers on Tuesday.

Three of his longtime assistants — defensive coordinator Jim Eddy, offensive line coach Bob Young and defensive backs coach Pat Thomas — are expected to follow Pardee to the Oilers. All three coaches held the same positions with the defunct Gamblers.

Ray Alborn, former Rice and Lamar coach, was a defensive line coach with the Gamblers, and he also is under consideration.

Alborn lost his job when Lamar dropped football last month.

Detroit Lions quarterbacks coach June Jones, who held the same position with the Oilers two seasons, also was a member of Pardee's Gamblers staff.

Jones is in town this week and hopes to receive permission to interview as offensive coordinator.

While Pardee assembles his staff, the positive reaction to his signed five-year contract already was being felt — at the ticket office and among the players.

The Oilers suddenly became more marketable with Pardee as coach.

"I certainly have nothing against Jerry Glanville and I wish him the best, but with the polarization of the fans over the past week, I'd be losing my credibility if I didn't say it

would have been a tough sell," said Mike McClure, executive vice president of administration.

Glanville led the Oilers to three consecutive playoff appearances but the Oilers collapsed over their last three games this season.

"It would have been a difficult situation," McClure said. "A lot of people had already told us they weren't renewing their season tickets."

The Oilers sold 40,000 season tickets for the 1989 season after the AstroDome seating capacity increased to 59,433 for football.

McClure was with the Oilers during the Bum Phillips era from 1979 through 1981 when the Oilers sold more than 44,000 season tickets.

"That was before the expansion, and that was just about the most we could sell," McClure said. "I'd say we could now sell up to 50,000."

Oiler players reacted positively to the selection of Pardee, who has pro head coaching experience with the Chicago Bears, Washington Redskins and USFL Houston Gamblers.

"He seems very confident in his abilities and he's a good leader, that's something we needed," center Jay Pennington said.

Linebacker Johnny Meads lauded Pardee's selection.

"With all the credentials he has, everyone knows he's a good coach," Meads said. "What we need to do is get over the hump and win a division title."

Pardee resigned as the University of Houston coach after rebuilding the program over a 3-year period.

John Jenkins, Pardee's offensive coordinator at Houston, was named



Oilers' owner Bud Adams (left) and new head coach Jack Pardee (right) are all smiles Tuesday night.

head coach shortly after Pardee's announcement with the Oilers.

Oiler assistants under Glanville remained in limbo pending Pardee's decision.

"I don't have a job," said quarterbacks coach Kevin Gilbride, who has been with the team only one year. "I've certainly enjoyed my tenure here. I've enjoyed my associ-

ation with Warren Moon and Cody Carlson. I thought we had a very productive year offensively."

Offensive line coach Kim Helton said he hoped to remain with the Oilers.

"I'd like to stay on the staff because I think we're a good football team, and this is where I want to live," Helton said.

Harvesters host Lobos in key district matchup

By SONNY BOHANAN
Sports Editor

Although it took them awhile to get around to it, the coaches of District 1-4A's top two basketball teams finally admitted that Friday's matchup is a key game for both squads.

Their hesitancy is understandable in light of the brutal district schedule that is spread out before each and every 1-4A team. And when you're sitting in the hot seat, as Pampa and Levelland are, every game is a key game.

Nonetheless, they don't get much more key than Friday's contest, at least at this stage of the season. With six games gone in the league schedule — and 10 more yet to be played — the Harvesters are holding tight to the league lead with a perfect 6-0 record.

Levelland is but a game behind at 5-1, its lone setback a loss at the hands of Lubbock Estacado on the first night of district play. The Lobos have since won five straight league games.

Everything points to a showdown with Pampa.

Right?

"I don't really consider Friday night a showdown," said Levelland coach Dan Harris. "It's just one of the 16 games we play, and afterward, we've still got nine more to go."

So the game's not important?

"It's an important game, but they're all important," Harris said. "I'd like to be in about the same position when Pampa comes down here at the end of the season. Then it will be a showdown."

Pampa coach Robert Hale echoed those sentiments, stressing that with nine teams in the loop, one game will not make or break a team.

"Levelland definitely is a big game," Hale said, "but Dumas was a big game, and next Tuesday (at Borger) will be a big game. Consistency is the key to being successful in this district. I don't think you can win our league with a hot streak."

"We started district play way back in December, and we've still got 10 games to go."

Nonetheless, when Pampa and Levelland square off Friday at 8 p.m. in McNeely Fieldhouse, it will be a battle for the No. 1 spot in the

district, and there are plenty of other teams that will be interested in the outcome.

If Pampa wins, the Harvesters take a two-game lead. A Levelland victory would knot the two teams at 6-1.

"This is a key game," Hale conceded. "If you're going to win the league, there's three teams you've got to contend with — Levelland, Pampa and Borger. That doesn't mean any of those three will necessarily win it. I'm talking about year in and year out. Those are three pretty dominant programs, and they'll almost always affect the outcome."

In the modern-day world of basketball, Pampa and Levelland have been getting the job done with relatively small squads. Both teams have players that stand 6-3, but the average height dips sharply from there.

For the Harvesters, 6-3 senior Mark Wood leads the team in scoring with an average of 16.8 points per game. Next is sophomore Jeff Young with 11.5 and senior Ryan Teague with 10.2. Young has pulled down the most rebounds, averaging 6.9 boards per game.

The Lobos boast 6-0 senior wing Darren Waters, who has contributed 17 ppg. From there, the scoring is fairly evenly spread between 5-9 post Orlando Coursey, 6-0 senior wing Craig Schonstedt and 5-9 point-guard Anthony Dawn.

"Basically, we're just a bunch of average-sized guys that work hard," said Harris, whose Lobos enter the game with a 12-9 overall record, second only to Pampa (16-4) in District 1-4A. "We try to get five guys out on the floor and we emphasize playing together. We try to move the ball around and get it to the open man."

For Pampa, Friday is a chance to extend its winning streak to seven straight district games. And after that, who knows?

"We're excited right now," said Hale, whose Harvesters were voted the No. 6 Class 4A team in the state by the Associated Press on Tuesday. "We don't feel like we've played our better games yet. We think they're still to come. We're beginning to get a little momentum, and it's always important to build momentum."

Pampa wrestlers pulling for first victory of season

Fundraiser exhibition scheduled for Saturday night at McNeely

Pampa's fledgling wrestling program appears primed to take flight for the first time this season when the Harvesters host Palo Duro in a dual meet tonight at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa defeated the Dons in last weekend's Southwest Wrestling Classic in Liberal, Kan., a tournament that encompassed teams from Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

The Harvesters finished 13th among a field of 15 teams, defeating both Palo Duro and Dodge City, Kan.

Pampa assistant coach Steve Kuhn was confident the Harvesters could finish ahead of P.D. again tonight.

"I think we'll get our first victory of the season," he said.

There were plenty of others that agreed.

"We're thinking we might have a chance to win our first match," said PHS athletic director Dennis Cavalier. "We finished ahead of P.D. at Liberal and we only lost to them by one point the first time."

The first meeting between the two teams, which came on Dec. 4, was Pampa's lone brush with victory this season. Each team got six individual victories apiece in that meet, but Palo Duro got one pin more than Pampa to come out on top, 34-33.

"(Palo Duro coach) Steve Nelson has lost a lot of kids," said Les Weatherly, president of the Pampa Roadrunners Wrestling Club. "At least we won't be behind right from the start from not having all the weight classes filled."

The Harvesters enter tonight's contest with an 0-7 record. The matches are scheduled to begin at approximately 7 p.m. in McNeely Fieldhouse.

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Wrestling fans can get another dose of their favorite sport on Saturday night when local Pampa citizens put their bodies to the test in a wrestling exhibition at McNeely Fieldhouse.

The exhibition is a fundraiser for the high school wrestling program, which is in its first year as a varsity sport. Approximately 15 matches are scheduled, featuring both women and men.

The headliner of the evening pits PHS athletic director Dennis "Cav Man" Cavalier against high school

principal "Dangerous Dan" Coward. Other highlights of the evening include a bout between coach "Mad Max" Plunk and his colleague "Marvelous Mike" Redwine, and a Battle of the Media featuring KGRO disc jockey Steve Clark versus *Pampa News* sports editor Sonny Bohanan.

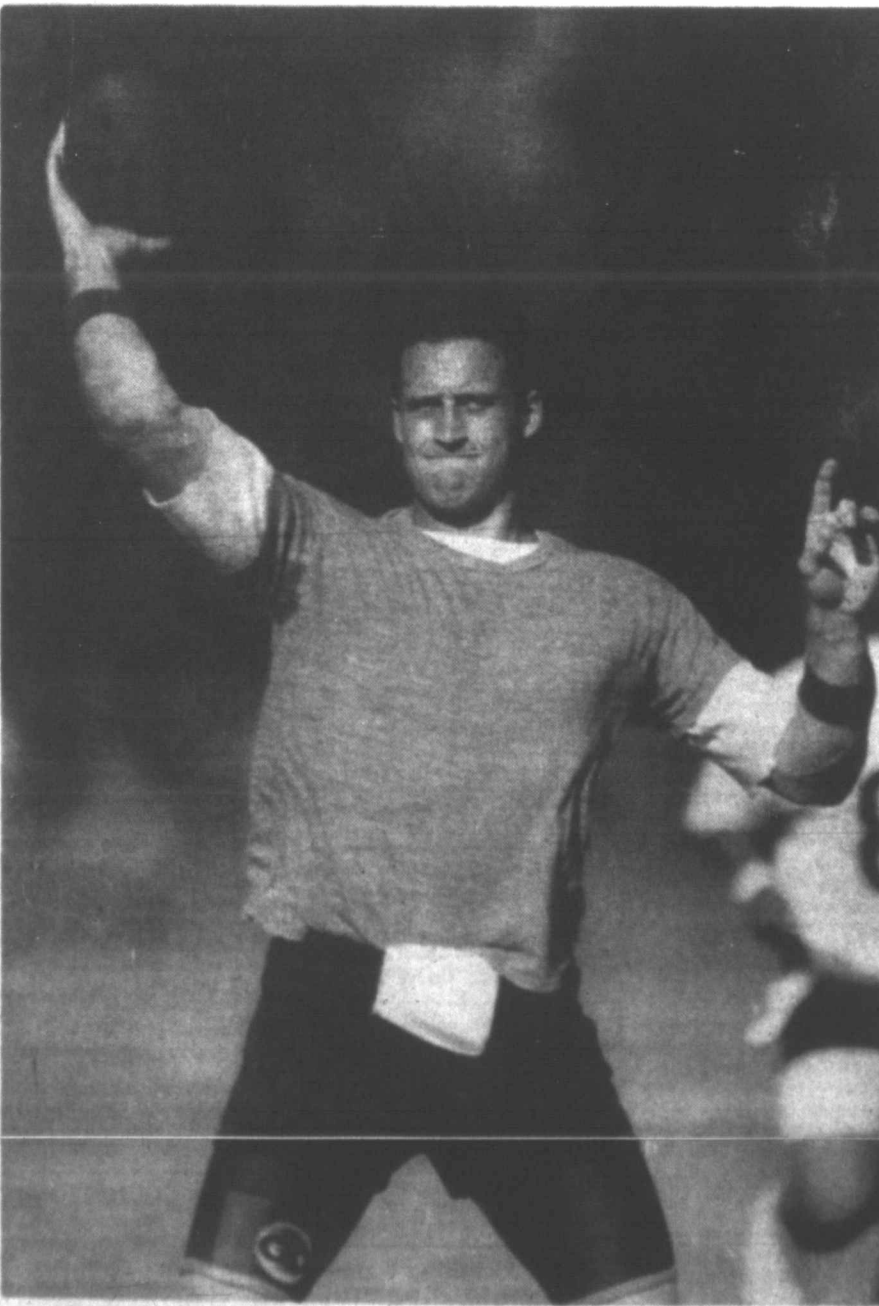
In addition, six bouts featuring women wrestlers are on the card.

The men will wrestle three one-minute periods, while the women will compete for three periods of 45 seconds each.

Admission of \$2 for adults and \$1 for students will be charged at the door. All proceeds will go to the PHS wrestling team.

The match between Cavalier and Coward will kick off the matches at 7 p.m.

Rams-49ers game promises to be different



Rams' QB Jim Everett gets in a few practice throws Wednesday at L.A.'s practice facility in Anaheim.

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — There's a simple way to look at the two games behind San Francisco 49ers and Los Angeles Rams played this season.

The wrong team won each time.

"Throw them out," San Francisco quarterback Joe Montana said. "We won one we shouldn't have won, they won one they shouldn't have won."

Whatever, the games sure were different, as different as 13-12 and 30-27 can be. And it's likely to be just as different when the Rams and 49ers meet Sunday for the NFC championship.

The game the Rams shouldn't have won was played Oct. 1 at Candlestick Park, where for some reason Los Angeles has had more success than at home. The Rams have won six of the last 10 against the 49ers at San Francisco but have lost eight of nine at Anaheim.

The October game was dominated by the 49ers, who had 367 yards but couldn't cross the goal line. Mike Cofer's four field goals were their only points.

Holding a 12-10 lead, the 49ers were at the Los Angeles 15-yard line with 2:59 left when Tom Rathman fumbled. It was the only fumble of the season by Rathman, who carried 79 times and caught 60 passes, and only the second in a career in which he has handled the ball 421 times.

Kevin Greene recovered and Rams quarterback Jim Everett completed five straight passes to set up Mike Lansford's 26-yard field goal that gave the Rams a 13-12 victory. It also was the Rams' fourth

consecutive victory and put them a game ahead of the 49ers in the NFC West.

But a four-game losing streak at midseason left the Rams two games behind San Francisco when the teams met at Anaheim Stadium on Dec. 11. The Rams were 9-4, the Niners 11-2 and needing only a victory to clinch the division title and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

The Rams took a 17-0 first-quarter lead that was cut to 17-10 by halftime, largely on the strength of a short pass from Montana that John Taylor turned into a 92-yard touchdown.

Everett, who spent most of the night picking on Darryl Pollard, San Francisco's left cornerback, hit Buford McGee with a 13-yard touchdown pass and Lansford added a 22-yard field goal to make it 27-10 1:27 into the fourth period.

Montana drove the 49ers 66 yards in six plays to cut it to 27-17, but the Rams came right back, driving to the San Francisco 4. The Rams seemed set to go in for the clinching score when a bungled snap between Everett and center Doug Smith produced a fumble that Matt Millen recovered at the 5.

"I'd never done that before," Everett said. The ball caught on a piece of loose turf and Smith was unable to get it into the quarterback's hands.

Montana found Taylor five yards downfield and Taylor took off on a 95-yard touchdown play. It was the first time in NFL history a team had two 90-yard touchdown plays from scrimmage in one game and contributed mightily to Montana's career-high of 458 passing yards.

HARVESTER BASKETBALL STATISTICS												
Scoring					Three-Point Goals							
Player	Games	Pts.	Ave.	Player	Games	Made	Att.	%	Player	Games	Made	
M. Wood	20	336	16.8	J. Young	20	1	1	100	J. Young	20	1	
J. Young	20	229	11.5	J. Williams	15	5	12	42	J. Williams	15	5	
R. Teague	20	203	10.2	C. Wilbon	19	12	34	35	C. Wilbon	19	12	
D. Johnson	20	144	7.2	M. Wood	20	30	87	34	M. Wood	20	30	
C. Wilbon	19	122	6.4	D. Johnson	20	20	59	34	D. Johnson	20	20	
C. Landers	20	124	6.2	R. Teague	20	10	41	24	R. Teague	20	10	
J. Williams	15	74	4.9	D. Trejo	20	0	1	0	D. Trejo	20	0	
R. Nichols	20	89	4.5	R. Nichols	20	0	2	0	R. Nichols	20	0	
D. Trejo	20	54	2.7	C. Landers	20	0	3	0	C. Landers	20	0	
Q. Williams	17	30	1.8	Q. Williams	17	0	4	0	Q. Williams	17	0	
Totals	20	1,412	70.6	Totals	20	78	239	33	Totals	20	78	
Free Throws					Rebounds							
Player	Games	Made	Att.	%	Player	Off.	Def.	Tot.	Ave.	Player	Games	Made
D. Johnson	20	33	38	87	J. Young	61	77	138	6.9	J. Young	20	61
M. Wood	20	63	80	79	R. Nichols	32	46	78	3.9	R. Nichols	20	32
J. Williams	15	22	32	69	D. Johnson	10	67	77	3.9	D. Johnson	20	10
J. Young	20	48	72	67	M. Wood	26	50	76	3.8	M. Wood	20	26
C. Landers	20	30	45	67	C. Wilbon	27	38	65	3.4	C. Wilbon	19	27
R. Nichols	20	33	50	66	J. Williams	24	26	50	3.3	J. Williams	15	24
C. Wilbon	19	32	49	65	Q. Williams	15	32	47	2.8	Q. Williams	17	15
R. Teague	20	43	70	61	C. Landers	19	33	52	2.6	C. Landers	20	19
D. Trejo	20	18	35	51	R. Teague	26	22	48	2.4	R. Teague	20	26
Q. Williams	17	6	12	50	D. Trejo	17	30	47	2.0	D. Trejo	20	17
Totals	20	331	475	70	Totals	245	399	644	32.2	Totals	20	245
Field Goals					Etcetera							
Player	Games	Made	Att.	%	Player	Asst./Ave.	Stl./TO Ratio	Player	Games	Made	Att.	
C. Landers	20	47	92	51	R. Teague	24/1.2	-17/-9	R. Teague	20	47	92	
J. Young	20	89	179	50	D. Johnson	24/1.2	-5/-3	D. Johnson	20	89	179	
M. Wood	20	89	182	49	J. Williams	13/9	+15/+1.0	J. Williams	15	89	182	
Q. Williams	17	12	26	46	M. Wood	13/7	+24/+1.2	M. Wood	20	12	26	
R. Teague	20	65	146	45	C. Wilbon	13/7	-2/-1	C. Wilbon	19	65	146	
D. Johnson	20	24	54	44	Q. Williams	12/7	+3/+2	Q. Williams	17	24	54	
C. Wilbon	19	27	64	42	R. Nichols	11/6	-18/-9	R. Nichols	20	27	64	
D. Trejo	20	18	46	39	J. Young	11/6	-6/-3	J. Young	20	18	46	
R. Nichols	20	28	81	35	C. Landers	11/6	-11/-6	C. Landers	20	28	81	
J. Williams	15	20	62	32	D. Trejo	2/1	-4/-2	D. Trejo	20	20	62	
Totals	20	418	947	44	Totals	125/6.3	-23/-1.15	Totals	20	418	947	
Opponent Rebounds: 572				Opponent Shot %: 39%				Opponent Points: 1,146				

Broncos, Browns holding on to Super Bowl dreams

By BARRY WILNER
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — By hanging in, the Denver Broncos and Cleveland Browns are hanging on to Super Bowl dreams.

Neither the Broncos nor Browns looked like champions last weekend in their respective NFL playoff games. But each came through like a champion and advanced to a meeting for the AFC championship for the third time in four years.

"It's a big lift when you don't play your best and still win," Denver quarterback John Elway said. "We weren't as sharp as we could be, as sharp as we should be. But we made the plays you need to win."

The Broncos made them during a comeback for a 24-23 victory over

Pittsburgh, which dominated much of the game.

"It showed our younger guys who haven't been in the playoffs before what can happen if you just hang in there and persevere," Broncos coach Dan Reeves said. "We have a lot of players without that playoff experience and we weren't really very sharp. But we knew how to get it done."

So did the Browns, who outscored Buffalo 34-30. It wasn't pretty — the Browns needed a drop in the end zone by the Bills' Ronnie Harmon in the dying seconds to preserve the victory — but it got Cleveland within a game of its first Super Bowl.

Going through such a tight
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NCAA moves toward reform

By SCOTT MCCARTNEY
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — There weren't any revolutionary steps taken during the NCAA's annual convention. College athletic leaders say the moves that were made will prove to be evolutionary.

The organization concluded a rocky four-day session on Wednesday, having taken the first small steps in what school presidents promise will be a march to reform designed to shrink big-time college sports and give athletes more time for the library.

On Wednesday, delegates voted overwhelmingly in favor of harsher penalties for drug use, especially steroids, and year-round testing plan for athletes.

The convention also approved reducing the basketball season by three games to 25, making public each school's graduation rate for athletes, granting scholarships to incoming athletes for summer school, and relaxing Proposition 42 to allow athletes who don't meet all the incoming academic requirements to earn regular scholarships based on need.

Other changes were thought to be more for show than substance, such as cutting five days off the 20-day spring football practice season.

"It's purely symbolic. It's not going to save money, or help academics, or anything," Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said.

Small steps, however symbolic, were OK with NCAA executive director Dick Schultz.

Schultz said he knew of no other convention in which so much had been done for student-athletes, and the NCAA Presidents Commission now has momentum to work toward more meaningful reform.

"There is now within the membership a very strong and urgent feeling that we need some reform, that we need some change," Schultz said. "This was a good first step. What happened obviously provides momentum for reform."

But few of the reforms approved here appeared to be chiseled in concrete, particularly the plan to eliminate three basketball games beginning in 1992-93.

Athletic directors stung by the prospective loss of revenue from three basketball games — said to be up to \$1.5 million a year at some schools — say they'll try for a compromise to restore some games before the 25-game limit goes into effect.

"It wouldn't be the end of the world if we got a lot of other reform and the number was 27. The number is arbitrary," Big 10 commissioner Jim Delany said.

The year-round drug-testing program will begin by checking three dozen football players at every Division I school for steroids and masking agents. The change is an admission, delegates said, that colleges don't have drug use in check.

"The punishment must be more persuasive than it has been," Pittsburgh athletic director Ed Bozick said. "This indicates we are no different than society, (only) a reflection of society's problems."

Schultz told the 1,900 delegates that the tougher anti-drug program was needed because "we are only catching the dumb ones."

Under the new drug penalties, first-time offenders could lose an entire year's eligibility. Those who test positive a second time for "street drugs" will lose another year of eligibility, but athletes caught using steroids twice will be banned for life.

Schultz said the NCAA expects court challenges to its program, but also expects to prevail.

The emphasis is on steroids, he said, because most of the positive tests the NCAA has seen have been for performance-enhancing drugs.

Presently, the NCAA tests only during championship events and at bowl games.

Scoreboard

Schedules

Area Schedules

Today
Wrestling
Palo Duro at Pampa, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 12

Basketball
Leland at Pampa
Girls 6:30 p.m., Boys 8 p.m.
Kelton at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Quannah at Canadian, 6:30 p.m.
Alamo Catholic at Groom, 6:30 p.m.
Allison at Briscoe, 6:30 p.m.
McLean at Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Wheeler at Mobette, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13

Swimming
Pampa at Altus, 11 a.m.
Wrestling
Exhibition at McNeely Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

Basketball
Pampa at Borger
Girls 6:30 p.m., Boys 8 p.m.
Kelton at Allison, 6:30 p.m.
Canadian at Memphis, 6:30 p.m.
Amarillo Christian at Groom, 6:30 p.m.
White Deer at Gruver, 6:30 p.m.
Mobette at Briscoe, 6:30 p.m.
Wheeler at Briscoe, 6:30 p.m.
McLean at Samnorwood, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Wrestling
Pampa at Amarillo High, 6:30 p.m.

Football

NFL Playoff Glance

By The Associated Press
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Wild Card

Sunday, Dec. 31

NFC
Los Angeles Rams 21, Philadelphia 7
AFC
Pittsburgh 26, Houston 23, OT

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 6

AFC
Cleveland 34, Buffalo 30

NFC
San Francisco 41, Minnesota 13

Sunday, Jan. 7

NFC
L.A. Rams 19, New York Giants 13, OT

AFC
Denver 24, Pittsburgh 23

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 14

Cleveland at Denver, 12:30 p.m.

L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

Super Bowl XXIV

Sunday, Jan. 28
At New Orleans
4 p.m.

Basketball

Optimist Scores

BOYS			
Kniks 41, Mavericks 24			
Kniks 20, Mavericks 16			
Sonics 26, Spurs 21			
Sonics 26, Spurs 24			
Suns 45, Bulls 25			
Bulls 18, Suns 84			
Heat 34, Nuggets 22			
Sixers 51, Mavericks 10			
Mavericks 10, Sixers 82			
Celtics 17, Sonics 14			
Sonics 24, Celtics 2			
Kniks 41, Spurs 27			
Kniks 25, Spurs 17			

GIRLS

Mustangs 42, Owls 4			
Mustangs 8, Owls 0			
Cougars 16, Bears 4			
Cougars 14, Bears 3			
Cougars 29, Owls 6			
Cougars 10, Owls 2			
Red Raiders 29, Bears 17			

High School Scores

(From Tuesday)

BOYS

Briscoe 21, 33 51 64
Kelton 4 14 19 36
Leading scorers: B — Ben Meadows 19,
Dallas Fillingim 15; K — Gene Kirkland 16,
Randy Singleton 6. Records: Briscoe 1-0 district,
16-3; Kelton 0-1 district, 5-13.

Allison 18 36 56 65
Mobette 4 12 26 46
Leading scorers: A — S. Dwyer 17, B. Hall
17; M — Destry James 26, Jackie May 8, Kelly
Quarles 8. Records: Allison 1-0 district, 12-4;
Mobette 0-1 district, 1-16.

Kelton 14 31 51 66
Briscoe 2 13 19 27
Leading scorers: K — Rosie Taylor 23,
Susie Davidson 16; B — Mandy Ferguson 17,
Tonya Blackburn 4. Records: Kelton 1-0 district,
7-11; B — 0-1 district, 1-15.

Allison 20 30 54 73
Mobette 12 8 12 17
Leading scorers: A — K. Hall 26, D. Dukes
15; M — Mary Swigart 9, Dana Brittenham 4.
Records: Allison 1-0 district, 9-6; Mobette 0-1
district, 1-16.

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College Scores

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EAST

Bucknell 100, Colgate 94
Delaware 61, Michigan 39
Rider 79, Hofstra 77
Syracuse 81, St. John's 72
Vermont 77, Maine 74

SOUTH

Auburn 93, Mississippi 71
Augusta 82, Radford 79
Coastal Carolina 94, Liberty 85
Coppin St. 75, N. Carolina A&T 71
George Mason 94, N.C. Wesleyan 79
Georgia Southern 72, Lamar 64
James Madison 87, William & Mary 65
Kansas 100, Miami, Fla. 73
Kentucky 89, Florida 81
Maryland 98, North Carolina 88
Md.-E. Shore 83, Fla. International 82, OT
Morehead St. 91, E. Kentucky 58
N. Carolina St. 95, Boston U. 70
Richmond 61, American U. 59
Vanderbilt 86, Mississippi 79
Wake Forest 73, E. Tennessee St. 69

MIDWEST

Akron 68, Wis.-Green Bay 52
Ball St. 85, E. Michigan 67
Cent. Michigan 92, W. Michigan 82
Cleveland St. 83, Youngstown St. 67
E. Illinois 104, NE Illinois 94
Miami, Ohio 96, Bowling Green 76
Missouri 106, Southern U. 87
Mo.-Kansas City 77, Texas-Pan American

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N. Iowa 63, N. Illinois 62
Toledo 86, Ohio U. 66
W. Illinois 82, Ill.-Chicago 71
Wright St. 95, Chicago St. 72

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 99, Baylor 84
Houston 83, Iowa St. 82
Oklahoma St. 73, New Orleans 61
Rice 74, Texas Tech 71
Southern Meth. 67, Texas A&M 54
Texas 83, Texas Christian 80

NBA Standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	23	10	.697	—
Boston	20	13	.606	3
Philadelphia	18	15	.545	5
Washington	13	20	.394	10
New Jersey	10	23	.303	13
Miami	7	28	.200	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	23	12	.657	—
Chicago	21	12	.636	—
Indiana	20	14	.588	2 1/2
Milwaukee	19	14	.576	3
Atlanta	18	14	.563	3 1/2
Cleveland	13	18	.419	8
Orlando	10	24	.294	12 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	22	8	.733	—
Utah	22	11	.667	1 1/2
Denver	20	14	.588	4
Dallas	17	16	.515	6 1/2
Houston	15	18	.455	8 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	24	8	.750	—
Portland	23	10	.697	1 1/2
Phoenix	15	14	.517	7 1/2
Seattle	15	16	.484	8 1/2
Golden State	15	17	.469	9
L.A. Clippers	18	22	.450	10 1/2
Sacramento	8	23	.258	15 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Boston 104, Detroit 97
Philadelphia 113, New York 111
Los Angeles Clippers 115, Atlanta 109
Milwaukee 116, Cleveland 100
Indiana 120, Chicago 113
Utah 130, Denver 99
Los Angeles Lakers 121, Orlando 106
Golden State 123, Dallas 119

Today's Games

Charlotte at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL Standings

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WALLES CONFERENCE
Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	21	19	4	46	174	168
Philadelphia	18	19	6	42	157	144
Washington	19	21	3	41	178	188
NY Islanders	18	21	4	40	148	159
Hartford	18	22	4	40	146	157
NY Rangers	16	21	8	40	142	153

Adams Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	25	15	3	53	156	129
Buffalo	23	14	6	52	147	134
Montreal	22	18	5	49	145	132
Hartford	20	20	3	43	145	149
Quebec	8	28	6	22	131	195

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

West Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	24	15	4	52	173	156
Toronto	22	22	1	45	195	202
St. Louis	19	18	6	44	152	144
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Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Traded Larry Sheets, designated hitter, to the Detroit Tigers for Mike Brumley, infielder-outfielder. Signed Tim Lincecum, third baseman, to a one-year contract.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with Rafael Santana, shortstop, on a one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Signed Nick Capra, outfielder, to a contract with Oklahoma City of the American Association and invited him to spring training as a non-roster player.

National League
HOUSTON ASTROS—Signed Steve Lombardozzi, infielder, to a one-year contract.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Named Rafael Landestoy defensive instructor; Jay Ward minor league hitting instructor; and Dave Nelson minor league defensive instructor.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with Barry Lyons, catcher, on a one-year contract.

Cold shooting dooms TCU's bid to upset Texas

By The Associated Press

The Texas Christian Horned Frogs missed an opportunity to upset the Texas Longhorns because they missed too many free throws in the closing minutes and couldn't hit a single three-point basket.

TCU coach Moe Iba had a simple explanation for Wednesday night's 83-80 loss.

"Texas hits 3-point shots, while we made inside shots," Iba said. "The kids gave a great effort. We made a few mistakes, but that's to be expected."

In other Southwest Conference games, Arkansas whipped Baylor, 99-84, Southern Methodist upset Texas A&M, 67-54, and Rice edged Texas Tech, 74-71. In a non-conference game, Houston edged Iowa State, 83-82.

Lance Blanks scored 31 points, including 25 in the first half, to lead the Longhorns to the victory over TCU.

The Horned Frogs, led by Reggie Smith's 19 points, missed seven of 10 free throws in the final seven minutes and missed three three-point attempts in the final 16 seconds.

Texas coach Tom Penders had high praise for Blanks' offensive output.

"Lance played great," Penders said. "He only took one bad shot all night."

Todd Day and Ron Huery each scored 19 points to lead Arkansas to a 99-84 victory over Baylor.

"It was a sloppy, laid-back game," said Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson. "We didn't play very well. Our players have been reading the newspapers about how well we have been pressing. We got greedy with our press and never got any rhythm. But, I'd

rather play that and win, than play well and lose."

Kelvin Chalmers had 18 points to lead Baylor scoring.

Vernon Perdue had 14 points and John Colborne added 12 to lead Southern Methodist to a 67-54 victory over Texas A&M.

It was the first SWC victory over the season for the Mustangs.

Tony Milton led the Aggies with 20 points despite playing on a tender ankle. David Harris added 13 points.

Ray Little hit two straight 3-pointers with 4:03 to play that pulled the Aggies to within 55-49, but SMU guard Rod Hampton answered with six straight points. The Aggies never got closer than 11 points in the last two minutes.

"I feel very bad," A&M coach Shelby Metcalf said. "I take this loss personally. It killed our momentum. We shot ourselves in the foot tonight."

The Aggies hit only 35 percent of their shots.

"We played hard and we played smart," SMU coach John Shumate said. "We have to operate on all five cylinders in order to win, and we did that tonight. You can't be one-dimensional in college basketball. We got a lot of help tonight from everyone."

Brent Scott scored the go ahead basket with 45 seconds remaining

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Democracy high in Latin America, but U.S. receiving less support

By GEORGE GEDDA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democracy in Latin America is at an all-time high with strong encouragement coming from the United States, but American officials acknowledge that only rarely has there been less support in the hemisphere for U.S. policies on key issues.

The United States has been in the minority in the last three weeks on two votes by the Organization of American States criticizing the U.S. invasion in Panama.

U.S. officials are worried the drug summit President Bush is expected to attend next month in Colombia may be overshadowed by complaints about the more assertive American stance recently.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler conceded that leaks about a proposed U.S. anti-drug interdiction effort off the Colombian coast have complicated the hope of enlisting Colombia's cooperation in the initiative.

Word of the proposed effort, coming days after the U.S. invasion of Panama, has touched off rumors around the hemisphere that the United States may try to blockade Colombia or perhaps even invade as an encore to the Panama intervention.

U.S. officials scoff at such suggestions.

An OAS resolution two days after the Panama invasion expressed regret over the action. Monday night, the United States again was in the minority as the OAS voted to criticize as a violation of international law the Dec. 29 incursion by U.S. troops into the Panama City residence of the Nicaraguan ambassador.

An AP analysis

The administration complained that in view of the U.S. admission that a mistake had been made, the OAS meeting served no purpose other than anti-U.S. propaganda.

Curiously, the rallying of hemispheric opinion

against the United States is occurring as the ranks of countries adhering to democratic principles has never been greater.

In the U.S. view, dictatorial rule in Panama ended with the installation of President Guillermo Endara an hour before the U.S. invasion began. Endara was widely seen as the winner of the May 7 election, which Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega annulled rather than surrender power.

Six days before the invasion, Chile laid the groundwork for a formal end to 16 years of military rule with the election of a civilian president who will take office in March.

That leaves only Cuba and Haiti without multiparty systems, among hemispheric countries, although officials acknowledge that in some nations the democratic process is not fully developed.

U.S. officials, insisting on anonymity, are worried the drug summit scheduled for Feb. 15 in Cartagena, Colombia, may get bogged down by Latin complaints over U.S. policies.

Peru was angered earlier this week by the deployment of U.S. troops around its embassy in Panama City as part of a search for Noriega loyalists. In addition to the U.S. and Peru, the scheduled summit participants include Colombia and Bolivia.

The most immediate source of concern for the administration is Colombia, where nationalistic sentiments are raising doubts about the ability of the United States to win that country's cooperation in an anti-drug crackdown.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney is expected to make final proposals to Bush on use of a U.S. aircraft carrier group off the Colombian coast to monitor drug trafficking operations.

As evidence of Colombian reluctance to cooperate, Colombian officials reportedly refused to meet with a U.S. team last week to discuss the issue.

Asked whether the furor in Colombia has left the administration embarrassed, Tutwiler said:

"We're not embarrassed, but it certainly has complicated the consultation process."

Religious leaders upset at 'heathen' Christmas memo

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A pre-Christmas memorandum urging principals to keep holiday celebrations "as heathen as possible" is drawing fire from religious leaders here.

The chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi, Deacon Roy Grassedonio, took the Corpus Christi Independent School District to task over the directive at the district's first board meeting of the year earlier this week.

Sent to all school principals, the Dec. 11 memorandum contained instruction from Ed Flores, special assistant to the superintendent, regarding Christmas musical programs.

"In light of the recent challenges from interested parties in the community regarding Bible classes," read the memo, "legal staff strongly

recommends the deletion of sectarian music from Christmas programs such as 'Away in a Manger,' 'Silent Night,' etc. Their best advice is to keep the music as 'heathen' as possible by using selections such as 'Jingle Bells,' 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,' 'Feliz Navidad,' etc."

Using religious symbols of Christmas is important so children will understand why the day is a holiday, said Grassedonio, representing Bishop Rene Gracida.

"To impute some other reason for the granting of that holiday would be a distortion of history," Grassedonio said.

But school district Superintendent Charles Benson promised that the next Christmas memo would make clear certain points that he

said caused confusion among parents and citizens.

"We didn't emphasize enough in the memorandum that we wanted to ensure there was a balance," Benson told the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*. "And I think it was a poor choice of words when we used the word 'heathen.' We should have said 'secular.'"

A lawsuit against the Corpus Christi and Flour Bluff school districts charges that their Bible study courses violate the constitutional principal of separation of church and state.

J.W. Gary, CCISD attorney, said his main concern was that the district not aggravate a lawsuit filed against the district early in December.

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