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Deadlock on U.S.-Iraqi talks date reported broken

By PETER JAMES SPIELMANN
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Just three weeks before the U.N. deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait or face possible attack, an Israeli newspaper said today that Washington and Baghdad had set a date for talks. The State Department denied the report.

The independent daily *Maariv*, quoting Israeli diplomats in contact with American officials, said Secretary of State James A. Baker III will likely meet with Saddam Hussein in Baghdad on Jan. 9.

But in a speech to Jordanian politicians visiting Baghdad Tuesday, Saddam didn't appear willing to negotiate his position, saying he wouldn't leave Kuwait until the "liberation of Palestine." The United States has refused any linkage between Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait and the Palestinian question.

Also today, in the Arabian Sea helicopter-borne U.S., British and Australian Marines fired warning shots and then seized an Iraqi vessel loaded with sugar

and bound for the Iraqi port of Basra, military spokesmen said.

Naval units of the multinational force arrayed against Iraq in the region are enforcing a U.N.-ordered trade embargo aimed at pressuring Saddam into relinquishing Kuwait.

The Israeli newspaper said senior officials in Washington told Israeli representatives that Baker would visit Baghdad on Jan. 9, despite proximity to the United Nations Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait.

The newspaper said the date for talks aimed at resolving the gulf crisis was apparently set amid secret negotiations between the United States and Iraq.

A State Department spokeswoman, however, today denied any date had been set, and an Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said he had no information on such an agreement.

"Our embassy in Baghdad is in almost daily contact with the Iraqi Foreign Ministry. There has been no Iraqi movement on the question of dates," said Sondra McCarty, the State Department spokeswoman in Washington.

Saddam has previously offered to receive Baker in Baghdad on Jan. 12, but the White House has rejected that date as being too late. It has said any date after Jan. 3 would not give Iraq time to withdraw by the U.N. deadline.

Earlier this week, however, it was learned that Iraq had recalled its ambassadors from Western Europe, the United States and other nations. There was speculation that Iraq was planning a new diplomatic initiative.

Diplomats in the region say Saddam might be willing to make concessions if he can secure linkage between resolution of the Persian Gulf crisis and efforts toward establishing Palestinian self-rule in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The United States has rejected linking an Iraqi pull-out from Kuwait to the Palestinian issue.

But *Maariv* said a Jan. 9 Baker-Saddam meeting could be linked to plans by Assistant Secretary of State Dennis Ross to visit Israel on Jan. 7 to discuss new Middle East peace proposals.

The State Department appears to be putting together a proposal for opening peace talks between Israel and Arab countries in tandem with holding municipal elections in the occupied territories, the paper said.

Maariv also reported "military movement" along Israel's border with Jordan, and Israel's chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron, said Iraq might try to use Jordan as a springboard for action against Israel.

An Israeli army spokesman declined comment on the reported military moves. Iraq has lately escalated threats to attack Israel, saying missiles would be fired at the Jewish state if war breaks out in the gulf.

In his speech on Tuesday, Saddam reiterated his claim that Kuwait is a part of Iraq that was unjustly removed from Baghdad's rule by British colonial rulers.

Saddam challenged the United States, Britain, and other Western powers massing in the Persian Gulf to put the question of Kuwait's future to an Arab referendum.

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Pampa woman charged with stabbing death

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa's Christmas calm was shattered Tuesday when an apparent domestic dispute ended in death for 42-year-old Billy Gene Ellis of 1029 Varnon Drive.

Ellis' live-in girlfriend, Toni Marie Brown, 35, was arrested at the residence and charged with aggravated assault.

That charge was changed to murder by Justice of the Peace Bob Muns at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday after Ellis was pronounced dead at Coronado Hospital.

Officials said Sgt. Jess Wallace was first called to the residence at 6:31 p.m. to investigate a reported stabbing.

When he arrived, he reportedly found Ellis lying on the ground on the north side of the home with a stab wound to the back of his neck.

Police said the wound was made with a kitchen knife.

Det. Donny Brown, no relation to Ms. Brown, said Ellis was found near his vehicle.

Lt. Roy Denman said that Ellis was apparently stabbed inside the house and staggered outside before collapsing.

Ellis was pronounced dead by Judge Muns at Coronado Hospital, where he had been transported by paramedics from the Pampa Fire Department.

Muns ordered an autopsy be performed by Dr. Ralph Erdmann of Amarillo.

A police incident report said Ellis was originally discovered outside the residence on Varnon Street by Neal Estes Henin, 2523 Aspen.

Denman said Henin is the owner of the residence, a rent house, where the stabbing reportedly occurred.

Ms. Brown remained in city jail through press time today in lieu of \$20,000 bond.

Det. Brown stated that the case is still under investigation by the Criminal Investigation Division of the police department.

Funeral arrangements for Ellis were unavailable through press time today.

Gorbachev nominates new vice president

MOSCOW (AP) — The Congress of People's Deputies approved Mikhail S. Gorbachev's sweeping reorganization plan today, giving him wide powers to exercise direct control over the 15 republics and the national economy. (See related story, Page 6.)

Also today, Gorbachev nominated Gennady I. Yanaev, a 57-year-old lawmaker and historian, to take the new job of vice president in a reorganized government.

It was a surprise choice. Most speculation about contenders for the vice president's post had centered on prominent officials who have worked closely with Gorbachev.

Gorbachev had said last week he wanted Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze for the job. Shevardnadze, who resigned last week, said he would not take the vice presidency.

The Congress already had approved creation of the vice presidency. His nomination still must be approved by the parliament.

Yanaev took the floor after his nomination and told deputies that he supported Gorbachev's reform program and would work to help stabilize the economy.

Maintaining order



A Soviet Militia policeman checks special coupons to get into a shop to buy New Year presents in Moscow today. The militia police are outside every store in Moscow to maintain order in the lines and to check that the people in the lines have the right to enter the stores.

After record cold, new arctic front heading toward the West

By The Associated Press

A relentless cold wave that killed crops — and people — as it plunged temperatures to record lows all over the country eased in the West somewhat today, but the relief isn't likely to last.

Another Arctic front is on the way. A week of bone-numbing temperatures, often accompanied by hail, sleet, snow or freezing rain, led up to the coldest Christmas on record for more than 125 U.S. cities on Tuesday, including San Francisco; Albuquerque, N.M.; Boise, Idaho; Eugene, Ore.; and Winslow, Ariz.

Yellowstone, Mont., was the nation's coldest spot at 30 below.

Temperatures fell to subfreezing levels all over the Lower 48 states and Alaska, including parts of Southern California and Florida. Snow blanketed most of the Pacific Northwest, Rocky mountains, the Great Plains and the Appalachians.

A mass of warm air snapped the bitter cold in some areas of the Southwest today, but forecasters said not to get used to it.

"We're starting to see temperatures moderate a little bit," said Ross Dickman, a National Weather Service meteorologist in California. "But there's also the possibility, with the new frontal system moving in, by the end of the weekend we could be back in below-freezing temperatures."

Outside the Southwest, miserable conditions prevailed another day.

A freezing rain advisory was in effect for the mountain passes of Washington state today; more sub-zero temperatures were forecast for Idaho, Montana and parts of Nevada; freeze warnings remained in effect for parts of Arizona; warnings of heavy snow were issued for Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania and gale warnings were in effect across most of the Great Lakes.

In Arkansas, forecasters feared warm air catching up with stalled cold air might blend to bring freezing rain.

The cold left many highways as

slick as glass, stranding countless holiday travelers nationwide.

"The entire core area is just like a skating rink," state police Sgt. Aaron Olson said of the highways in Portland, Ore.

There have been more than 80 weather-related deaths, including three Texas boys who plunged through the ice of frozen lakes and ponds on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

In Texas and Arizona, citrus growers say their crops dodged the cold-weather bullet so far, but heavy navel orange losses were reported in California, where flowers for next

week's Rose Parade floats also withered.

In central California's Tulare County, where most of the state's navel orange crop is grown, Agricultural Commissioner Lenord Craft estimated a \$200 million loss to this year's harvest.

Thousands of people in Northern California's San Lorenzo Valley area were without water service when many pipes froze and burst. Others in the drought-stricken area had to run their water constantly to keep the pipes from freezing.

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Oranges are surrounded by icicles at a commercial orange grove in Woodcrest, Calif.

Deputy Wayne Carter resigns to take 31st District bailiff job

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Chief Deputy Sheriff Wayne Carter will bring in the New Year with a new job.

Carter, 38, turned in his resignation with the Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, said Sheriff Jim Free.

M. Kent Sims, who will be sworn in next Tuesday as 31st District judge, said today he hired Carter to be his court bailiff for the five-county area making up the 31st District Court.

Carter is on vacation until Jan. 2, when he will start in his capacity as the new 31st District Court bailiff. The position will be a traveling position in the five-county district, going where court is being held. The five counties are Gray, Roberts, Wheeler, Hemphill and Lipscomb.

"I just felt he was very well-qualified," Sims said of his hiring Carter. "I liked his personality."

Sims said he had a number of well-qualified candidates, but chose Carter for his law enforcement experience and his ability to communicate well with the public.

"I can work with him. I think a bailiff needs to be someone very forceful, but also very public oriented," Sims said. "He's going to have a lot more to do than just protect the court and witnesses and secure the grand jury, in my plan of things."

Carter, who resides in McLean with his two children, Kristina, 12, and Charlie, 9, said he looks forward to the career move.

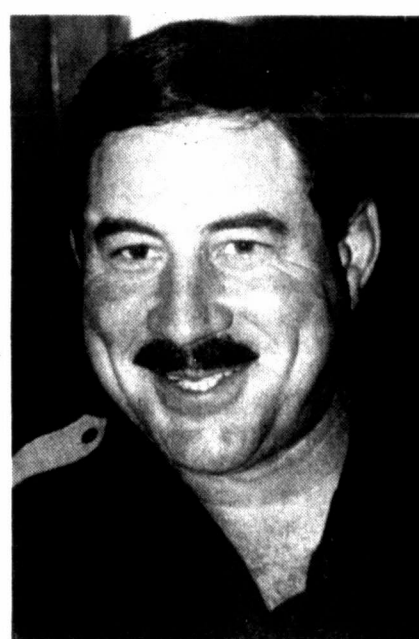
He said the court bailiff job was especially attractive due to the no weekends and no night work.

Carter was hired by Sims on Friday and turned in his resignation to the sheriff on Saturday morning.

"The main reason (to accept the job) was to have more time with my family," Carter said today.

"I really think it's going to be interesting work. I don't want it to be boring," he said. "This is going to keep me in the circles I want, and the people I want to be associated with. I think it is a good career move for me."

Carter will retain his commission as a peace officer through the



Wayne Carter

Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Free said today he would miss Carter, who has served as chief deputy since July 16. "I hate to lose him. He's been good to me and was a good deputy. It will be tough to replace him. He'll do a good job wherever he goes and I wish him the best of luck."

Free said he expects to name a replacement for Carter sometime after the first of the year.

In his resignation letter, Carter wrote that the decision to leave the sheriff's office was difficult and that he has enjoyed working with the sheriff and all of the deputies in the county.

Carter began his work with the sheriff's office as a deputy on Jan. 1, 1986. He had served as the deputy for the McLean area from that time until being named chief deputy in mid-July.

Prior to becoming a deputy, Carter was a rancher. He graduated from Clarendon High School and attended Clarendon College. He has made McLean his home for about 12 years.

His salary will remain basically the same. He currently makes a base salary of \$2,008.40 a month. The court bailiff's salary will be based on the salaries that a deputy draws in the five-county district. Each county will pay 20 percent of the salary they would pay a deputy.

Boy recovering after being struck by waiting church bus

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

A seven-year-old child escaped serious injury Sunday morning as he crossed the street from a waiting church bus and was hit by a passing motorist.

Dennis Milton Green Jr. of 2312 Cherokee was treated and released from Coronado Hospital Sunday morning after he was struck by the pickup, driven by George Ingram of 2313 Evergreen, in the 1900 block of Evergreen.

Police said Ingram was traveling at a very slow rate of speed and swerved to miss the child, but that the vehicle slid on icy pavement.

Jerry Arrington, minister of education at First Baptist Church, which operated the bus, said the youngster had exited the vehicle to ring the doorbell of a friend and tell them the church bus had arrived.

"The crossing lights on the bus

were going, but apparently the vehicle didn't stop," Arrington said.

Green's foster father, J.P. Wright, said the child received two deep bruises and lost two baby teeth but is otherwise fine.

"He was real lucky," Wright said. "It didn't hurt him bad at all."

Wright said a woman who witnessed the accident called him and he went to the house where Green had been taken to await an ambulance.

The child was transported by Rural/Metro-American Medical Transport Paramedic Service ambulance to Coronado Hospital, where he was treated and released.

Arrington said he hopes this incident encourages motorists to be careful around church buses.

"We were very fortunate this wasn't more serious," the minister noted.

No citations were issued in the incident.

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Services tomorrow

BURRELL, O. Dorene — 10 a.m., First Christian Church.
HUNTER, Roy — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.
HOLLEY, Osha Lee — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.

Obituaries

ETHEL I. MILLER

LIVINGSTON — Ethel I. Miller, 86, died Monday, Dec. 24, 1990. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock with the Rev. James Conner, a Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are by Richerson Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Miller was born in Webb City, Ark. She lived in Twitty for about 40 years before moving to Livingston. She was a Baptist. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles A. Miller.
 Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Seymour of Texas City; a son, Avery P. Miller of Santa Fe, Texas; a sister, Carrie McElroy of Van Buren, Ark.; a brother, Lester Price of Sudan; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

DAVID C. 'HAM' HAMILTON

WHEELER — David C. "Ham" Hamilton, 81, of Wheeler, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 1990. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today in Wheeler Cemetery with Elder Jack Hays officiating. Arrangements are by Richerson Funeral Home.
 Mr. Hamilton was born in Blankentire, Scotland. He came to the United States as a child and lived in Oklahoma. He spent 28 years in the U.S. Air Force and 13 years in the civil service. He married Willie Mae Warren on Jan. 24, 1938, at Wichita Falls. He moved to Wheeler from California upon his retirement in 1977. He was a member of the Lawton Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Mae, of the home; one son, David Hamilton of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; one sister, Dorothy Lawton of Broken Arrow, Okla.; two brothers, Murry Hamilton of Melbourne, Fla., and Jimmy Hamilton of Midland; five nieces and a number of nephews.

OSHA LEE HOLLEY

Osha Lee Holley, 82, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1990. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Paducah under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Holley was born Nov. 3, 1908, in Sayre, Okla. She married Elmer C. Holley on Nov. 23, 1949; he preceded her in death in Dec. 25, 1985. She was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Charles (Dum) Wilkerson of Goldsboro, N.C.; five grandchildren, Butch Wilkerson of Tyler; Buddy Wilkerson of Middletown, Conn.; Berry Smith of Abilene, Kathy Brown of Atoka and B.J. Smith of San Angelo; and one niece.

O. DORLENE BURRELL

O. Dorene Burrell, 51, died Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1990. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at First Christian Church with Dr. John T. Tate, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Burrell was born May 5, 1939, in Ark City, Kan. She was reared in Pampa and graduated from Pampa High School. She married Ken Burrell on Nov. 23, 1958, at Kingsmill; he preceded her in death in 1977. She was also preceded in death by a son, Jody, in 1975. She was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Jacquelyn Brack of Great Bend, Kan., and Julia Schafer of Canadian; one brother, Phillip Hutchison of Pampa; three grandchildren and three nephews.

ROY HUNTER

Roy Hunter, 86, of Norman, Okla., and formerly of Pampa, died Monday, Dec. 24, 1990, in Norman, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Earl Maddux, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Hunter was born on June 23, 1904, in Hollis, Okla. He moved to Norman, Okla., in September 1989 from Pampa. He was a member of IOOF and Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons, Roy Hunter of Dallas; Bob Hunter of Norman, Okla.; Carl E. Hunter of Covina, Calif., and Kenneth Fugate of Dallas; three daughters, Jane Morris of Pampa, Shirley Dyson of Mobeetie and Sue Rock of Amarillo; two sisters, Iona Goshing of Arapaho, Okla., and Edna Davis of Hollis, Okla.; one brother, Jack Hunter of Clinton, Okla.; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Dec. 25

12:32 p.m. — False alarm was reported at 1720 Russell. Three firefighters and five units responded.
 6:33 p.m. — Medical assist was requested at 2119 Christine. One unit and two firefighters responded.
 6:34 p.m. — Medical assist was requested at 1029 Varnon Dr.. One unit and two firefighters responded.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....911
 Emergas.....665-5777
 Fire.....911
 Police (emergency).....911
 Police (non-emergency).....665-8481

Three youths drown in frozen lake, pond during holiday

CISCO (AP) — Two teenagers drowned over the Christmas holiday in this Central Texas town while playing near Lake Cisco that was partially frozen, authorities said.

In another ice-related death, one boy died and two others were injured after they fell into a partially frozen stock pond in Argyle, about 20 miles north of Fort Worth.

Joey Hockett and Jackie Carl Hendricks, both 15 and of Cisco, were playing near Lake Cisco when the lake gave way, officials said.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
 Admissions
 Frances Austin, Pampa
 Frank Cook, Pampa
 Esther Ann Culbertson, Pampa
 Jessie L. Elliott, Skellytown
 Thadys R. Hedger, Pampa
 Calinda Riley and baby boy, Pampa
 Alice Dalrymple (extended care), Lefors
 Wallace T. Harrell (extended care), Pampa
 Cecil Taylor, Pampa
 Nova M. Tiller, Skellytown
Birth
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Riley of Pampa, a baby boy.
Dismissals
 Orion Weldon Carter, Pampa
 Alice Dalrymple (extended care), Lefors
 Tabatha D. Dennis and baby boy, Miami
 Patsy R. Hankins, Pampa
 Wallace T. Harrell (extended care), Borger
 June Lowrance, White Deer
 Imogene Melton, Pampa
 Calinda Riley and baby boy, Pampa
 Raquel Rodriguez and baby girl, Borger
 Erma L. Boyd (extended care), Pampa
 Cora Castleberry, Pampa
Clarendon
 Clara Narron, Pampa
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
 Admissions
 Sue Branum, Wellington
 Patsy Tallant, Shamrock
 J.P. Timmons, Shamrock
 Rhonda Coleman, Shamrock
 Betty Rives (observation), Wheeler
 Mildred Davidson, Shamrock
 Opal Reid, Shamrock
 Addie Hilburn, Shamrock
 Lenora Lang, Shamrock
 Jesse Forgay, Shamrock
 Hubert Lawrence, Shamrock
Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Branum of Wellington, a baby girl.
 To Rhonda Coleman of Shamrock, a baby girl.
Dismissals
 Maxine Suarez, Shamrock
 Nina Swink, Shamrock
 Sue Branum and baby girl, Wellington
 Betty Rives (observation), Wheeler
 Jesse Forgay, Shamrock
 Rhonda Coleman and baby girl, Shamrock
 J.P. Timmons, Shamrock.

Stocks
 The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.
 Wheat.....2.36
 Milo.....3.64
 Corn.....3.95
 The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:
 Ky. Cent. Life.....7 1/2 up 1/8
 Serfco.....4 1/4 NC
 Occidental.....19 1/2 dn 1/8
 The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:
 Magellan.....53.60
 Putnam.....12.03
 The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.
 Amoco.....52 up 1/4
 Arco.....123 3/4 up 1 1/4
 Cabot.....28 1/4 dn 1/8
 Cabot O&G.....15 7/8 NC
 Chevron.....71 3/8 up 1/8
 Coca-Cola.....47 5/8 up 1/4
 Enron.....55 3/8 NC
 Halliburton.....44 1/8 up 1/8
 Ingersoll Rand.....36 7/8 NC
 KNE.....23 1/4 NC
 Kerr McGee.....44 1/2 up 1/8
 Limited.....17 7/8 up 1/8
 Mapco.....42 3/8 NC
 Maxus.....8 1/2 NC
 McDonald's.....28 5/8 up 1/4
 Mesa Ltd.....2 1/2 dn 1/4
 Mobil.....57 7/8 up 3/4
 New Atmos.....16 3/8 NC
 Pennco.....43 1/4 dn 1/8
 Phillips.....26 1/4 NC
 SIB.....55 1/4 dn 1/8
 SPS.....28 3/4 NC
 Tennessee.....48 1/8 dn 1/8
 Texaco.....59 up 1/4
 Wal-Mart.....31 1/8 dn 3/8
 New York Gold.....383.70
 Silver.....4.06
 West Texas Crude.....27.70

Stocks

Police report
 The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
MONDAY, Dec. 24
 Margaret Mason, 800 N. Gray, reported a forgery at the residence.
 Parker Boats, 301 S. Cuyler, reported criminal mischief at the business.
 Pampa Concrete, 220 W. Tyng, reported criminal mischief at the business.
 Brandi Handley, 1005 Kiowa, reported criminal mischief at the residence.
 Jerry Lynn Hood, 2213 Evergreen, reported criminal mischief at the residence.
 William Landers, 1053 Neel Rd., reported an assault in the 700 block of South Gray.
TUESDAY, Dec. 25
 Police reported domestic violence in the 1800 block of Beech and the 1300 block of Christine.
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26
 Downtown Merchants Association reported a theft at Cuyler and Foster.
Arrests
MONDAY, Dec. 24
 Juan Galaviz Rodriguez, 22, 504 Starkweather, was arrested at 15 E. Atchison on three warrants.
TUESDAY, Dec. 25
 Timothy Terrill Lofton 19, 533 N. Zimmers, was arrested in the 1300 block of North Zimmers on a warrant.
 Wayne Allen Strawn, 28, 1801 Beech, was arrested in the 1700 block of North Duncan on a charge of public intoxication. He was released on bond.
 Toni Marie Brown, 35, 1029 Varnon Dr., was arrested at the residence on a charge of aggravated assault, which was later changed to a murder charge.
 James Jeffrey Huddleston, 18, 702 N. Frost, was arrested at Montague and Naida on a warrant for theft.
DPS - Arrest
TUESDAY, Dec. 25
 George Arthur Brown, 63, 1804 Hamilton, was arrested on FM 282, near Texas Hwy. 152, and charged with driving while intoxicated (first offense) and no proof of liability insurance.

Police report

Calendar of events
PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
 Pampa Bridge Club meets on Thursday at 10 a.m. in Room 11 at Clarendon College, Pampa Center. To arrange for a partner, call Marguerite Ward at 669-7543.

Talks

"Why do they not hold a referendum to see the inclination of the majority of the Arab people," Saddam asked.

He denounced "the United States and its allies on the international level; that is, all elements of evil, hatred, and deviation, as well as its agents in the Arab homeland."

That was evidently a reference to Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Morocco and other Arab nations in the 26-nation, U.S.-dominated multinational force of 400,000 troops that has massed in the region to challenge Iraq.

The U.N. Security Council has given Baghdad until Jan. 15 to unconditionally pull out of Kuwait,

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which it conquered on Aug. 2, and restore the government of the emir of Kuwait.

After Jan. 15, the Security Council said, the multinational force may use military force to liberate the emirate.

The Saudi-based Arab News newspaper has been running a "K-Day" countdown showing the number of days Iraq has until the deadline — now down to 21.

The paper wrote in its Tuesday edition:

"Twas the night before 'K-Day' and all through Kuwait, no Iraqi was leaving; they had sealed their fate."

But U.S. forces may not be ready on K-Day.

President Bush was told by his defense secretary on Monday of a widespread consensus among U.S.

commanders that their units in the Persian Gulf will not be ready for war with Iraq until February, the New York Times reported Tuesday.

Lt. Gen. Calvin Waller, deputy U.S. commander in Saudi Arabia, made a similar assessment last week during Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's visit to the region to assess preparation.

The 300,000 U.S. troops sent to Saudi Arabia under Operation Desert Shield marked Christmas — Day 140 of the deployment — with a bittersweet mix of holiday cheer and homesickness.

Santa made several appearances. He reached the 1,000-bed hospital ship Mercy after the AWACs surveillance planes spotted a low-flying object and reported that it was "a sleigh, pulled by deer and driven by an old man."

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Cold

"After all of our conservation because of the drought, it breaks your heart to see it pouring out of the pipes," said local resident Carol Rice.

The cold wave crept toward the Lone Star State today, a day after Texans got a brief reprieve from a bitter cold snap that delayed holiday travelers and dampened festivities.

Forecasters said the cold wave from the north would move into the southern portions of North Texas by tonight. The front eventually was expected to become stationary in South Texas, causing overcast skies

through Thursday, the National Weather Service said.

Though the air mass would not be bitterly cold, a mixture of sleet, snow and light freezing rain was possible in North Texas through Thursday, the weather service said.

Six of the 28 holiday traffic fatalities counted by the Department of Public Safety were blamed on the slippery roads.

Another seven ice-related traffic deaths occurred before the holiday counting period began at 6 p.m. Saturday, said DPS spokesman David Wells.

DPS predicted 33 people would die on Texas roadways during the period running through midnight

Christmas. Twenty-eight perished in the same period last year.

In other deaths attributed to the cold snap, two Wichita Falls men were found asphyxiated Saturday at a machine shop after an industrial propane furnace apparently consumed all available oxygen while the men slept.

In Childress, an 80-year-old woman found Saturday had apparently frozen to death in her yard. Temperatures were near zero at the time, with a wind chill index of minus 30 degrees.

Citrus growers in South Texas said the bitter cold apparently spared them the damage of last Christmas' hard freeze.

Shoppers buying big-ticket items to avoid new luxury taxes

DALLAS (AP) — Christmas has passed, but for upper-crust shoppers trying to avoid hefty federal luxury taxes, the shopping spree has just begun.

The well-heeled are rushing to buy cars, jewelry, boats and other top-of-the-line goods at a time when an impending recession is forcing many Americans to curtail their purchases. Federal luxury taxes go into effect Jan. 1.

Retailers, who for the most part have experienced a lackluster holiday season, are enjoying the upsurge in business.

"The response has been tremendous," said Bill Noble, owner of William Noble Rare Jewels in the tony Highland Park Village. "There is definitely an increase (in sales)."

Noble said sales are double what they were this time last year — and "last year was a record."

Many customers have purchased several gifts to put away for future occasions, Noble said.

"Even in recessionary times, some businesses are countercyclical," he said.

The swelling business is, for the most part, courtesy of a luxury tax

in the budget package Congress and President Bush enacted in the fall.

Beginning Jan. 1, it slaps a 10 percent tax on the amount paid above \$30,000 for cars, \$100,000 for private boats, \$250,000 for private planes, and \$10,000 for jewelry and furs. The government expects to reap \$1.5 billion from the levy over the next five years.

Sales managers at Neiman Marcus' 24 upscale department stores are reporting increased purchases of expensive furs and jewelry, said Neiman Marcus spokeswoman Pat Zajac.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Dec. 22

5:20 p.m. — A 1989 Chevrolet driven by James Osborne, 2555 Beech, hit a fire hydrant in the 600 block of West Randy Matson Avenue. No citations were issued.

Unknown time — An unknown vehicle hit a stop sign and steel pole in the 400 block of South Tignor. Citations are pending.

SUNDAY, Dec. 23

Unknown time — An unknown vehicle hit a city trash dumpster at 522 N. Russell. Citations are pending.

8:20 p.m. — A 1989 Honda driven by Juliana Crockett of McLean collided with a legally parked 1969 Ford owned by Don Tidwell, 319 N. Warren, at 1233 N. Hobart. Crockett was cited for failure to control speed and failure to leave information at the scene of an accident.

9:30 a.m. — A 1988 GMC driven by George Ingram, 2313 Evergreen, hit a pedestrian, 7-year-old Dennis Milton Green of 2312 Cherokee, in front of 1945 Evergreen as the child crossed the street to a church bus. Green was transported to Coronado Hospital by Rural/Metro-AMT ambulance for non-incapacitating injuries.

11:50 p.m. — A 1987 Ford driven by Dolores Arreola, 720 N. Christy, hit a telephone pole in the 300 block of North Christy. No citations were issued.

MONDAY, Dec. 24

Unknown time — An unknown vehicle hit a mail box at 434 N. Hill. Citations are pending.

DPS - Accident

SATURDAY, Dec. 22

4 p.m. — A 1986 Ford, driven by Joyce Bradstreet Garrison, 61, Borger, collided with a 1987 Cadillac, driven by Ruth Cline Barber, 47, Carrollton, on Texas 152 near FM 282. Citations were issued. No injuries were reported.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 15 degrees and southeasterly winds 5-15 mph, becoming southwesterly by morning. Thursday, partly cloudy with a high near 40 degrees and southwesterly winds 10-20 mph and gusty. Tuesday's high was 30; the overnight low was 16.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Chance of rain tonight and Thursday in the Concho Valley. A little warmer all sections Thursday except Concho Valley. Highs today around 30 Panhandle to near 50 far west and upper 50s along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande. Lows tonight mid teens Panhandle to low 30s Concho Valley and mid 30s Big Bend valleys. Highs Thursday near 40 Panhandle to mid 50s far west and near 60 along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande.

North Texas — Rain becoming more widespread over the region tonight and Thursday with a chance of freezing rain in the northwest portions late tonight and early Thursday. Lows tonight in upper 20s west to low 40s east. Highs Thursday in low 40s to low 50s.

South Texas — Scattered light rain or drizzle most sections. Scattered showers mainly east on

Thursday. Lows tonight mid 40s Hill Country to low 60s lower coast. Highs Thursday near 60 north to mid 70s south.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Friday through Sunday

West Texas — Fair through Saturday, turning colder with a chance of snow in the Panhandle Sunday. Panhandle: Highs through Saturday in upper 40s to low 50s dropping into the 20s Sunday. Lows in low to mid 20s, mid teens Sunday. South Plains: Fair, turning colder with freezing drizzle Sunday. Highs in low to mid 50s through Saturday to near 30 Sunday. Lows mid to upper 20s, to near 20 Sunday. Permian Basin, Concho-Pecos Valleys: Increasing cloudiness with a chance of rain Sunday. Highs mid to upper 50s through Saturday. Mid to upper 40s Sunday. Lows in the 30s. Far West: Possible rain Sunday, fair otherwise. Highs low to mid 50s through Saturday, mid 40s Sunday. Lows upper 20s to low 30s. Big Bend: Fair. Mountains, highs in the 50s with lows in the 20s. Lower elevations, highs in the 60s with lows in the 30s.

North Texas — Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain through Saturday. Much colder late Saturday with possible freezing rain. Sleet or snow expected Sunday. Lows in the 30s Friday, the 40s Saturday and the 20s Sunday for the west, the 30s elsewhere. Highs in the 50s

through Saturday and 30s in the west Sunday, the 40s elsewhere.

South Texas — Cloudy with a chance of rain. Hill Country and South Central: Highs near 60 Friday, the 70s by Sunday. Lows in the 40s through Saturday, the 50s on Sunday. Coastal Bend: Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 50s through Saturday, the 60s on Sunday. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 50s Friday, the 60s Saturday and Sunday. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: Highs in the 50s Friday, the 70s by Sunday. Lows in the 40s through Saturday, the 60s on Sunday.

BORDER STATES
 New Mexico — Lows tonight zero to 15 below northern mountains and northwest, 20s southeast plains, with single digits and teens elsewhere. Highs 20 to 35 northern mountains and northwest, 40s and low 50s southern third, with 30s and 40s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Chance of light rain or freezing rain tonight in the southeast and a slight chance of freezing rain or light snow southwest, central and northeast. Decreasing cloudiness and not so cold northwest. Lows tonight from near 10 in the Panhandle to mid 20s extreme southeast. Lows tonight from around 10 in the Panhandle to low 30s extreme southeast. Highs Thursday low 30s east to about 40 in the west.

Tower seeks to settle score for nomination defeat in new book

By DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Tower believes his former Senate colleagues did him wrong when they rejected his nomination as defense secretary. Now, he's settling the score.

Sen. J. James Exon, D-Neb., is a "genuine boozier," Tower writes in a new book. Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is the "Senate bully ... a study in arrogance and pomposity." Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., "has a tendency to resort to flatulent indignation."

Tower, a four-term Texas senator and former Republican chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, suffered an ignominious defeat in March 1989 when the Senate turned thumbs down on his nomination.

In the book, Tower denies allegations aired before the Senate that he was an excessive drinker, a womanizer, who held close ties to defense contractors.

The book, titled *Consequences: A Personal and Political Memoir*, is to be published by Little, Brown and Co. in February. It is Tower's first exten-

sive response.

He says Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee who led the fight against the nomination, was motivated by presidential ambitions.

"If Nunn had suspected that he would end up looking like an unscrupulous mudslinger who would stop at nothing to achieve his objectives, perhaps he would have satisfied himself with making a few critical comments expressing whatever reservations he may have felt, even to the point of indicating that I was on probation, and then voting to approve the nomination," Tower writes.

"But Sam Nunn was blinded by his own ambition," Nunn's press secretary, Scott Williams, said the senator would have no comment on the book. Calls to other lawmakers also drew no responses.

Tower says Nunn was upset from the beginning about his nomination by Bush.

He believes that Nunn, who played a major role in advising Michael Dukakis on defense issues during the 1988 presidential campaign, was upset by Tower's attacks on Dukakis' policies. Tower cam-

paign for Bush.

In addition, Tower had advised former President Reagan to veto the 1989 defense authorization bill, legislation that Nunn helped work out. Tower suggests Nunn still was smarting from Reagan's decision.

"I did not regard Nunn as an obstacle. And that was a fatal misreading of the situation," Tower writes in hindsight. "What lay before me, however, was not confirmation as secretary of defense, but a political killing field prepared by the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee."

The attacks on Nunn are not limited to the confirmation process.

"Unlike Sam Nunn, who has a reputation for being distant and disdainful toward his staff, I treated my aides with friendship and respect," Tower wrote. "In return, I got tremendous loyalty and extended effort."

Tower criticizes the ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee, Sen. John Warner of Virginia, for failing to lead the fight for the president's nominee.

"To keep on good terms with Sam Nunn, he ceded the rights of the Republican minority to object to a

course of action that was inimical to its best interests," Tower wrote.

Warner, who spoke on the Senate floor on Tower's behalf during the confirmation fight, was the lone senator to respond to the book.

"You've got to know John Tower as we do. It's his Texas style," Warner said.

Tower's attacks on Exon as a heavy drinker are not new. During Exon's re-election fight against Republican Hal Daub in November, Tower campaigned for the GOP candidate and made the same accusations. Exon denied the charges.

Tower does not limit his criticisms to the Senate. The former senator believes that White House Counsel C. Boyden Gray's inexperience in handling the nomination contributed in some ways to its demise.

In the end, Tower writes that he didn't resent his rejection as much as he was upset with the way it was done.

"What was happening to me could have happened in an evil, Kafkaesque society," Tower writes. "It couldn't happen in the United States. It couldn't happen in the U.S. Senate."

Union officials deny American charges that pilots are staging a sickout strike

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines and its pilots' union have added a new dispute to stalled contract negotiations.

The union denies airline management charges that pilots are staging a sickout in order to slow operations.

American management and the Allied Pilots Association have been negotiating a revised contract for 14 months, but have made little headway. The pilots want to abolish the company's two-tier wage scale system that pays newly hired pilots at a lower scale than existing crew members.

A record increase in the number of pilots calling in sick, coupled with bad weather, the holiday traffic crush and the airline's loss of 230 pilots to Operation Desert Shield led to an unusually high number of flight cancellations over the weekend, said American spokesman Marty Heires.

The airline on Sunday was forced to cancel about 9 percent of the flights out of its hub at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport as 37 arriving and 37 departing flights were scratched.

Almost 70 percent more pilots than normal called in sick over the weekend, airline officials said.

"It's all an attempt to compel the company to agree to terms that the pilots would like us to on the contract," said Robert W. Baker, executive vice president for operations at

the Fort Worth-based American.

Baker told *The Dallas Morning News* that 529 of American's 9,000 pilots were on sick leave Monday and about 500 called in sick over the weekend.

The typical pilot absentee rate is 250 during normal periods and 300 during Christmas holidays, Heires said.

"We have to assume there's some union activity here," Heires said. "Now, I don't know whether this was an organized effort or whether some pilots are taking it upon themselves to do this."

Union officials have been urging pilots not to report for duty if they are sick, but they said pilots have not made a concerted effort to raise the absentee rate.

"I know there's nothing going on in terms of any grassroots operation or any other type of operation to call in sick or not being available," said APA executive director Scott Peterson.

Baker said flight attendants are not showing increased absenteeism, an indication that illness is not the true cause of high levels of pilot sick leave. He said the company has clear evidence of pilot slowdown tactics, including increased write-ups of mechanical problems on airplanes and slow taxiing between runways and terminals.

Both management and labor traded contract proposals in the past month but remain far apart. Negotia-

tions resume Jan. 7 in Washington, D.C., under the auspices of the National Mediation Board.

Under the Railway Labor Act, the existing contract will remain in force until a federal mediator declares an impasse. After a 30-day cooling off period, the carrier may impose new conditions of employment on the pilots and the union can strike.

Employee sickouts are illegal under the Railway Labor Act.

For several months, the union has been urging its members not to push themselves into going to work if they are ill and not to answer their phones if they don't want to work on their days off. The union says that does not amount to a sickout.

"Although the company may be disappointed in that, there's nothing illegal about it," said APA spokesman Tom Hunt.

Pilots accepted the two-tier scale system in 1983, when the company was struggling financially. APA members contend that American, as the largest airline in the Western world and one of the most profitable, can now afford to pay its pilots the most of any U.S. airline.

In addition, the pilots are also fighting the company's insistence that they shoulder a greater share of their health care insurance costs.

The company contends the APA's contract demands will force it to scale back its five-year, \$20.9 billion expansion plan.

Eccentric leaves fortune to friends, hospitals

ARLINGTON (AP) — A woman who allowed her goats and other animals to run through her dilapidated house as a ruse to would-be thieves started a legal battle when she excluded her family from her inheritance.

This month, Probate Judge Robert Burnett ruled valid a will left almost four years ago by Frances Corinne Holiman, dubbed the Goat Lady by kids because of her roaming animals.

Ms. Holiman left her fortune to two friends, a mail carrier and two hospitals, and expressly excluded her family from the inheritance after she fell on her porch and died from natural causes almost four years ago.

The 80-year-old woman's actions sparked a fight by her family for her estate that includes 50 acres of prime real estate near the proposed Highway 360 extension in Arlington, a Dallas suburb.

Relatives were outraged at the exclusion Ms. Holiman said was "due to dealings I have had in the past several years." The family disputes the authenticity of Ms. Holiman's signature on the document that wasn't notarized, and said they will appeal Burnett's ruling.

"We were not disowned and this

is not over," said her sister, Nell Holiman Haynes, from her home in Wisconsin. "We were in contact with her over the years and the land should stay in the family."

The two witnesses who signed the will have not been found, prompting Ms. Holiman's family to claim the witnesses don't exist. But Burnett ruled that there is no evidence disproving the existence of the witnesses, James and Karen Harrison.

The heirs named in the will, which was found three days after Ms. Holiman's death, are: Lavena Walter, Ms. Holiman's former mail carrier; Ms. Holiman's friends, Oleta Perry and Joe Warren; and Cook-Fort Worth Children's Medical Center and Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas.

Ms. Walter was named executor of the will and received \$10,000 in cash.

Warren, 74, on Monday told the *Dallas Times Herald* that he took care of Ms. Holiman's animals for

about 30 years and performed odd jobs around her house.

"I fed the animals, doctored the cows and just took care of things," said Warren, who lives about three miles west of the estate. "I fixed her fences and nailed up her windows and never charged her a dime. She was a friend who never bothered anyone."

Ms. Holiman bequeathed Warren "all livestock I possess, including chickens, kittens and dogs."

She left the 50 acres of farmland along Mansfield Webb Road in the proposed highway extension (valued at \$650,000) to Perry and the hospitals.

Arlington attorney Roger Hurlbut, who represents Perry in the estate dispute, said several people he interviewed felt Ms. Holiman was estranged from her family.

"She was never married and several people said her relatives didn't pay attention to her," said Hurlbut. "She did have many friends who would take her to the doctor and bring her food and prescriptions."



(AP Laserphoto)

New York City Mayor David Dinkins, wearing a tall white hat, helps service dinner to nearly 1,500 homeless people at the Sheraton Centre Hotel & Towers' ninth annual Christmas Day Dinner in New York on Tuesday.

Christmas cheer, charity shine through in uneasy times of war, recession fears

By The Associated Press

Thousands of the poor, sick, homeless and hungry were showered with gifts, food and shelter — at least for one day — as millions of Americans put aside worries of war and recession to enjoy a Christmas Day of peace and giving.

Volunteers across the nation served up holiday dinners, sang gospel songs and even tested the blood pressure of the downtrodden, while families of servicemen in the Persian Gulf prayed for their loved ones' safe return.

"Most people at this time of year are selfish in one way or another," said Iqbal Emamudeen, one of about 135 volunteers who handed out turkey dinners to the hungry in Newark, N.J.

"You have to liberate yourself spiritually, emotionally and mentally," Emamudeen said. "I cannot change the world, but I know for a fact that I can make a difference."

In New York City, Mayor David Dinkins was among those serving dinners to the homeless, while the Citymeals on Wheels program brought food to some 6,000 elderly people too frail to go out.

Boston officials opened City

Hall to the elderly, newly arrived immigrants and others who might otherwise spend Christmas alone.

"This really means a lot for our first Christmas in America," Phuong Ngo, a recent immigrant from Vietnam, said as he sat down for a turkey dinner.

In Atlanta, 5,000 volunteers dished out 47,000 dinners to the hungry and homeless at the Georgia World Congress Center. Volunteers also provided free haircuts and blood pressure tests as gospel singers performed.

"There's no program in this city that brings us together as a family — black, white, rich, poor — in this city than this dinner," said veteran civil rights activist Hosea Williams who has organized the event for 20 years.

San Francisco's Glide Memorial Church handed out about 6,000 turkey dinners to the homeless, while 50 miles south in Los Gatos, 17 families of soldiers prayed for their loved ones' safe return.

In New York City, Cardinal John O'Connor prayed for peace, and in Washington, D.C., political activist Dick Gregory demonstrated in front of the White House for a peaceful resolution to the Persian Gulf crisis.

Soul singer James Brown, serv-

ing a six-year prison term for assault, used part of his 72-hour Christmas furlough to perform for 4,000 soldiers at Fort Jackson, S.C. The soldiers' holiday leave was canceled because of the Persian Gulf crisis.

But Tuesday was also a day for old-fashioned fun as millions tried out new toys left under the Christmas tree, partied or took part in their own special holiday traditions.

In Lincoln, Neb., Barb Klimet's two children got up early to see which of the family's 12 Christmas trees Santa left the presents under.

"Christmas is always a neat time," Klimet said. "The lights were always a fantasy for me. This thing has just kind of mushroomed for us."

The lights were also bright at the casinos in Atlantic City, N.J., where hordes of gamblers were hoping for a holiday visit from lady luck. They appeared to be boosting the fortunes of embattled entrepreneur Donald Trump, who operates three casinos there.

"I'm sort of amazed we're as busy as we are," said Ed Tracy, president and chief executive for Trump's Atlantic City operations. "Maybe people are celebrating that we're not at war."

Study: Teen suicide prevention programs not effective

By COLLEEN DISKIN
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — School suicide-prevention programs for teenagers can do some youngsters more harm than good, researchers said today.

Columbia University researchers said they found little evidence that such programs reduced suicides or suicide attempts, according to a study in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

"There was some evidence of unwanted effects" on teenagers who have attempted suicide, researchers from Columbia's medical school.

Discussing the topic openly often stirred up suicidal feelings, subjects of the study said. Of those who had tried to kill themselves before taking part in school counseling, 26.7 percent thought the programs increase the chances that youths will attempt suicide.

"Attempts exposed to programs were significantly less likely to recommend that the programs be presented to other students and significantly more likely to indicate that talking about suicide makes some kids more likely to try to kill themselves," the study said.

"There is a clear need to evaluate such programs to determine their efficacy and safety."

The team, headed by David Shaffer, director of the division of child and adolescent psychiatry at the medical school, studied the

impact of prevention programs on the attitudes of students in the ninth and 10th grades who said they had tried to commit suicide.

The researchers found that those teenagers continued to believe suicide was a possible solution to their problems and that they would be less likely to seek help or discuss their feeling with peers who haven't tried to kill themselves.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death among people 15 to 24 years old.

A psychiatrist not connected with the study said he was not surprised by the results.

"You can't just get kids not to commit suicide by just educating them about the problem and telling them where to get help," said Dr. Jan Fawcett, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago and an authority on suicides.

"It's not an intellectual exercise. There's more to it than that."

The study evaluated the impact of school-based suicide prevention programs on 973 teenagers, 63 of whom said they had tried to kill themselves.

The students were divided into two groups, with 524 participating in prevention programs, including 35 suicide attempters. The 449 others — 28 of whom had tried to take their lives — did not participate in the programs, which were conducted by specially trained teachers.

The warning signs of young peo-

ple at risk were described in the programs, some of which lasted as long as three hours. The programs were intended to raise awareness of teenage suicides and recommended counseling among participants, who were surveyed about their attitudes before and after the programs.

Researchers also concluded that the attitudes of suicide attempters who did not participate in the programs were not significantly more negative than those who did.

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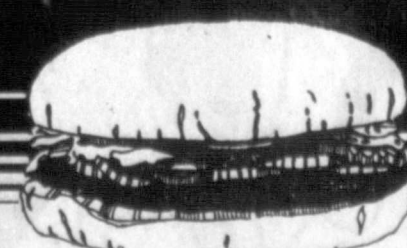
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Opinion

A plan to recharge the falling economy

The U.S. economy continues to ratchet downward. The Labor Department announced recently that unemployment rose from 5.7 percent in October to 5.9 percent in November. About 267,000 jobs were lost.

A principal reason for the rise in unemployment, as for much recent bad economic news, was President Bush's June abandonment of his "no new taxes" pledge. Since June, U.S. employment has risen from 5.2 percent to 5.9 percent, a loss of 900,000 jobs.

We are now suffering a job loss of about 2 million a year — a mirror image of the 2 million jobs a year created in the years following the 1981 Reagan tax cuts. Most economists think unemployment will rise to 7 or 8 percent before the Bush recession bottoms out.

When will our politicians ever learn that tax hikes and regulation increases cause recessions — and tax cuts and deregulation bring prosperity?

Unfortunately, we could get yet more regulation in the worst area possible, international trade. Even as the latest bad news on jobs was being reported, in Brussels talks collapsed among the 107 nations of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The Europeans stubbornly refused to lower their immense \$30 billion yearly food subsidies, which also cost European consumers \$40 to \$50 billion a year and retard the growth of agriculture in many Third World nations.

The GATT collapse probably means that bilateral and regional agreements will spread. But such agreements mean trade barriers against those nations or regions not included. The prosperity the world has enjoyed since World War II has depended on low tariffs throughout most of the world, not on bilateral agreements. What is next? A full-scale trade war is unlikely. But we may end up with a slow strangulation of world trade.

There is a way out. President Bush should provide the same world leadership he has shown in the Persian Gulf crisis, but this time coordinate it with his domestic policy.

• First, he should intensify trade discussions with other nations and try to resuscitate GATT.

• Second, eliminate all U.S. trade barriers. To fight other countries' trade war barriers you must, paradoxically, eliminate your own first; it streamlines your economy, allowing you to leap over other nations' trade hurdles.

• Third, enact a sheaf of tax cuts for the American people, giving them more money to spend for themselves and thus spurring our general business climate.

That is a three-punch plan to give the recession a quick KO.

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Talking some about FEAR

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The key word is "enraged." It figures in a bitter acronym for our times: Families Enraged About Rape. Stick with me for a moment to talk about FEAR.

The immediate story has to do with Lauren Cox. She was gang-raped four years ago. The larger story has to do with her courageous effort to do something about it — to fight back against this worst of all violent crimes.

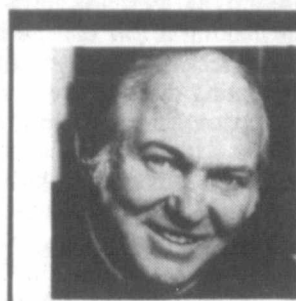
Her name is Lauren, but she could respond as the lunatic responded to Christ: "My name is Legion, for we are many." She is a member of a growing sisterhood. Last year the FBI reported 94,500 rapes. By the bureau's time clock, this is one rape every six minutes.

It generally is assumed that only half of these crimes are reported. Put the true figure at close to 200,000 women whose bodies have been raped by the men who attacked them. In 1990 the number will be higher.

I define rape as the worst of all crimes. Murders are different: They have a certain finality. When it is over, it is over. Victims of rape survive, but they die inside, tormented by recurring memories of the attack, awakening from nightmares in which the rapist returns.

Lauren Cox was only 15, a slender girl, brown eyes, not much over 5 feet tall. On the evening of Jan. 31, 1987, she and her boyfriend, a fellow student at Cardinal Newman High School, had planned to go to a movie. When it appeared they would miss the first 15 minutes, they decided instead to walk along the beach at Singer Island. They were only a few yards away from a popular restaurant and other beach concessions when the attack came.

There were three of them, husky teenagers, out



James J. Kilpatrick

for a wilding experience. They tackled Lauren's friend and pressed his face into the sand. Two of them stripped off her clothes. One after another they raped her. Then they stole money and jewelry. Before they ran off down the beach, they argued about who would get the boy's Reebok shoes.

Lauren reported the crime at once. She was more fortunate than many victims of rape: Here the police were compassionate and helpful. "They could not have been more supportive."

Like other victims of rape, Lauren desperately needed support. She fell into a deep depression, but she rallied at last in anger — anger at her attackers, anger at a system that seems to care more for their rights than for hers.

Police arrested the three teenagers. The first to go to trial was Hasan Jones, 18, who pleaded guilty when he was confronted with a genetic test of semen found on Lauren's sweatshirt. The court sentenced Jones to 30 years in prison.

Then came the jury trial of Rodney Walker, 16. He too was found guilty and sentenced to 30 years. The third defendant, Rufus Mitchell, 17, also went to jury trial. The verdict was guilty of sexual battery, the sentence 22 years.

But the law works in curious ways. Walker's

trial was made more difficult for the prosecution because police blundered in reading the defendant his Miranda warnings. The form used by a detective had a misprint. The trial judge found the words clear but contradictory. A taped statement could not be used at trial.

Worse complications were to come. On June 15, 1989, the Florida Supreme Court decided an unrelated case involving one Leonard Spencer, who had been convicted of first-degree murder in Palm Beach County.

A Florida law authorizes special jury districts in large counties. The crime had been committed in the western Belle Glade district, which is 52 percent black, but Spencer had been tried by a jury from the eastern district of the county, only 6 percent black. This was held to violate the defendant's right to trial by a jury from "the district wherein the crime shall have been committed." Under this precedent, the convictions of Walker and Mitchell were nullified.

Walker was retried. This time a jury acquitted him. Mitchell is scheduled for a new trial in January. If the trial proceeds, Lauren will testify for the fifth time. Her long ordeal continues, but she has never wavered.

She and her mother, Michelle Meadows, with other local victims of rape, have formed a non-profit corporation, Families Enraged About Rape. They see it as a model support group for communities everywhere. On the request of a victim, they hope to provide intimate, hands-on help. FEAR will lobby for unrelenting prosecutions and for tougher laws, such as a mandatory test of defendants for AIDS.

A part of every victim may have died, but Lauren and her sisters mean to keep their rage alive.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 1990. There are five days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 26, 1776, the Battle of Trenton was fought during the Revolutionary War. Gen. George Washington's troops captured 1,000 Hessian soldiers in a major defeat for the British.

On this date:

In 1799, the late George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

In 1865, James H. Nason of Franklin, Mass., received a patent for a coffee percolator.

In 1893, the future leader of China, Mao Tse-tung, was born in Hunan province.

In 1917, during World War I, the U.S. government took over operation of the nation's railroads.

In 1941, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress, warning that the Axis would "stop at nothing."



Men in women's locker room

Women in traditional men's job still struggle uphill.

In the news-gathering business a woman has to be twice as capable as a man and she'll still receive only two-thirds the pay.

Women sportswriters encounter added problems, recently brought into sharp focus by the locker room controversy.

A 1978 federal court ruling specifies that women reporters have as much "right of access" as do men reporters.

And since sports fans are interested in the remarks and attitude of athletes after the game, the "access" has come to include the athletes' locker rooms.

The reporter who won that landmark court case 12 years ago, Melissa Ludtke of *Sports Illustrated*, now admits that changing the rules did not change attitudes.

More recently, *Boston Herald* reporter Lisa Olson entered the locker room of the New England Patriots and there, she says, was subjected to lewd remarks, harassment, indignities.

Most recently, *USA Today* reporter Denise Tom



Paul Harvey

was barred from the Cincinnati Bengals' locker room by coach Sam Wyche.

He later apologized and was fined an unprecedented \$30,000.

"Equal access," he was told, since 1985, has been official National Football League policy.

The organization Women in Sports Media firmly supports the idea of allowing women reporters in men's locker rooms.

This brings us to a logical question — and you can be certain it will be tested any day now: What about men reporters in women's locker rooms? The "equal access" law can be interpreted to work both

ways. With the increasing proliferation of female tennis stars and all-girl basketball teams, some guy, if only to focus attention on himself, is going to intrude on the undressed ladies.

Wouldn't it seem that for any athlete, male or female, bushed and bruised, to emerge from the shower to find a camera and/or a microphone in his or her face intrudes on his or her rights?

In years past I have been invited to judge the Miss America Beauty Pageant. I never accepted, nor would I.

But, if I were assigned to judge the pageant, it would never occur to me to demand access to the contestant's dressing rooms.

Would it not make sense to back off from this male-female challenge, which intrudes on the rights of both, and designate a media room — outside the locker room — at each sport arena?

Then and there, after showering and dressing, athletes, male and female, might meet with the media for interviews.

As Melissa Ludtke says, "There has to be a sensible way to make this work for everybody without humiliating anybody."

Democrats will pay for 'quota' bill

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Congressional Democrats have painted themselves into a corner so tight that it may wind up costing them the 1992 presidential election.

The trouble began, as so many troubles do, with Sen. Ted Kennedy, who introduced in the last Congress what it pleased him to call "the Civil Rights bill." (After all, who could possibly be against a Civil Rights bill?)

Several recent decisions of the Supreme Court have held that a plaintiff who alleges racial discrimination by an employer has the burden of proving it. The controversial provision of the Kennedy bill would in effect reverse these rulings, putting the burden on the employer to prove that he had not discriminated.

President Bush objected to the bill as drafted, pointing out that under it the only sure way an employer could prove he hadn't discriminated would be by adhering to racial hiring quotas — something Mr. Bush and a great many other people oppose.

Sen. Kennedy blandly denied that his bill would in effect mandate quotas, and even added some language to the text denying gratuitously that it had any such purpose. But he refused to modify the provision shifting the burden of proof. Mr. Bush thereupon vetoed the bill, and his veto was sustained in both houses.

The Democrats have vowed to reintroduce the bill in the next Congress and fight for it to the bitter end. But they are beginning to sense uneasily that they are holding the short end of the this particular stick, and that the issue, if dragged into the 1992 presidential campaign, may do them deadly damage. (They are already convinced that it was responsible for the defeat last month of their liberal black candidate, Harvey Gantt, by Sen. Jesse Helms.)

Thus far, however, the congressional Democrats and their liberal allies in the media have remained on their collision course with disaster in this regard.

Democratic spokesmen are quoted

by the media as rejecting "angrily" or "furiously" the contention that Kennedy's measure is a quota bill — which merely means that they are petrified by the charge. They have lashed out at the bill's Republican critics, charging them with "racism" — probably the ugliest accusation currently available in the lexicon of American politics.

But the Republicans have kept their cool, as they ought to. In the words of House Republican whip Newt Gingrich, "People who want some kind of quota or set-aside based on your racial background should be forced to debate in public their vision of America."

The truth is that the Democrats, in their tireless pursuit of black voters, have gotten in the bad habit of disregarding the legitimate interests of white Americans. Their only hope now is to prevent anybody from raising the point by denouncing everyone who does so as "racist."

But even this malignant tactic has its limitations. Most Americans, after

all, are white, and their resistance to reverse discrimination in hiring (which is what quotas amount to) is likely to rise if that recession the Democrats have been praying for actually arrives and the unemployment statistics begin to climb.

It is hard to see what political benefit the Democrats can hope to squeeze out of this issue. Their share of the black vote in recent presidential elections has hovered around 90 percent, while it has been over a quarter of a century since a majority of white voters voted Democratic.

The party, or at least its congressional leadership as typified by Ted Kennedy, appears to be in the grip of a compulsion to perpetuate that state of affairs.

The Republicans, for their part, simply cannot afford to let legitimate white concerns become the exclusive province of such genuine racists as David Duke. They should take a firm stand against quotas, and let the Democrats sweat.

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Drizzle, army deployment mark Christmas Eve in Bethlehem

By GWEN ACKERMAN
Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — An unusually sparse crowd of worshippers celebrated Christmas Eve at the site of Jesus' birth under the watchful eye of Israeli soldiers.

A choir from Jerusalem sang holiday carols in Manger Square under a light drizzle. The festivities were subdued because of fears of violence raised by the 3-year-old Palestinian uprising and the Persian Gulf crisis.

German tourist Gabriele Beitz, who came with her husband and 11-year-old daughter, said the atmosphere in Bethlehem was "very, very fearful."

"We are very depressed about the place and about the whole political situation here," she said. "For us, Christmas is an event of peace, and here you cannot feel peace."

Bethlehem's Palestinian town officials canceled Christmas celebrations in solidarity with the uprising against Israeli occupation.

The town boasted few decorations. Stores and restaurants were closed by a strike called by upris-

ing leaders.

The Roman Catholic patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabah, led a traditional procession to Bethlehem before leading prayers at midnight Mass in neighboring St. Catherine's Church.

The Mass opened a holiday season in the Holy Land featuring three celebrations of Jesus' birth. The others are the Greek Orthodox Christmas on Jan. 7 and the Armenian Orthodox celebration Jan. 19.

Hundreds of soldiers and police guarded Bethlehem as white-robed priests led Sabah, the first Palestinian to head the Roman Catholic Church in the Holy Land, into the Church of the Nativity, built over a grotto where tradition says Jesus was born.

Sabah, wearing purple robes, was greeted in Manger Square by the Israeli military governor of Bethlehem, Dudu Mufaz. The tradition dates to the 19th century, when Ottoman Turks ruled Palestine.

This year only one foreign choir performed in Manger Square on Christmas Eve, that of the First United Methodist Church of Oklahoma City.

Nick Harris, senior pastor of the



(AP Laserphoto)

Pilgrims line up for Midnight Mass in front of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.

church, said not all the group came on the trip because of menacing news from the Middle East.

Because of the gulf crisis and the uprising, only a few dozen tourists wandered through Manger Square during the day, though the crowd

swelled to several hundred after nightfall.

In past years the square swarmed with people and was awash in colorful lights. On Monday most of the color was in the red, purple and green berets of the Israeli security

forces standing guard around the square.

Mayor Elias Freij, a Palestinian, blamed the lack of tourists on a U.S. State Department advisory warning Americans not to travel to the Mideast or go to the occupied territories.

Security was especially heavy because of a wave of Arab attacks on Israelis after the Oct. 8 Temple Mount riot in which Israeli police killed 17 Palestinians.

Curfews kept 15,000 Arabs inside their homes in three nearby refugee camps.

In the nearby Hebron district, soldiers fired on two Arab suspects who resisted detention, killing one and wounding another, an army spokesman said.

The slain man, not identified, was suspected of killing an Arab woman and shooting at Israeli soldiers, the spokesman said. The national Iltim news agency said both men carried knives.

The death raised to 779 the number of Arabs killed by Israelis in the 3-year-old uprising. An additional 323 were slain by fellow Arabs, most as alleged collaborators with Israel, and 57 Israelis also have died.



Nancy Cruzan

Nancy Cruzan dies today, 12 days after feeding is stopped

By JERRY NACHTIGAL
Associated Press Writer

MOUNT VERNON, Mo. (AP) — Nancy Cruzan, an auto crash victim who lay severely brain-damaged for years while a landmark right-to-die battle was waged around her, died today, 12 days after her feeding tube was removed.

Ms. Cruzan, 33, died at the Missouri Rehabilitation Center at about 3 a.m., said hospital spokeswoman Barbara Shoun.

The tube that had sustained Ms. Cruzan for eight years in what doctors described as an irreversible vegetative state had been removed at her parents' request after a three-year legal battle that produced the U.S. Supreme Court's first right-to-die ruling.

Ms. Cruzan's condition had deteriorated rapidly on Tuesday, Miss Shoun said.

"Her parents and I believe some other relatives were with her when she died. Except for a very short time when they would go home to pick up something, (her parents) have been with her the whole time," the spokeswoman said.

In its 5-4 decision in June, the Supreme Court blocked Joe and Joyce Cruzan from withholding food and water from their daughter in the absence of "clear and convincing" evidence she would have wanted to die.

After former co-workers of Ms. Cruzan testified they recalled her saying she would never want to live "like a vegetable," a state judge ruled such evidence existed, and he gave permission Dec. 14 to remove the tube.

Doctors had said the death would be painless.

Anti-euthanasia activists went to court seven times to try to force the state to resume feeding Ms. Cruzan but were turned back each time for lack of legal standing.

Nineteen demonstrators were arrested Dec. 18 when they stormed the hospital in an attempt to reattach the feeding tube, which had been implanted in the woman's stomach.

About a dozen demonstrators sang carols and prayed outside on Christmas as police watched. "If you're out to save someone's life you just go do it, whether it's in the middle of dinner or at Christmas," said Rob Rousseau of Portland, Ore.

Ms. Cruzan, who once cared for severely handicapped children at a center in Joplin, was driving home from her job at a Carhage cheese plant on Jan. 11, 1983, when her automobile ran off the road and overturned.

She was found face down in a ditch. Paramedics restarted her heart, but she had stopped breathing for about 15 minutes and suffered severe brain damage. She was given a feeding tube but wasn't put on a life-support system such as a ventilator.

Ms. Cruzan lingered in a persistent vegetative state — her body rigid, her feet and hands constricted and bent, her fingernails sometimes digging into her wrists. Her eyes opened and moved erratically at times, but doctors said she was as unconscious as someone in a coma and had no prospects for recovery.

She suffered from seizures, vomiting, bleeding gums and diarrhea. Her care at the state-run hospital cost Missouri taxpayers \$112,000 a year.

In 1987 her parents went to court to have the tube disconnected and afford their daughter what they said would be a merciful and dignified death in accordance with her wishes. They argued there is a common-law right to be free from unwanted medical treatment, and also cited the constitutional right to privacy.

Bob Hope's tour kept quiet to avoid propaganda blast

By EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press Writer

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — The Pentagon has banned the news media from covering the Bob Hope tour and toned down the show to avoid offending the Saudis and prevent the Iraqis from using the visit as propaganda fodder.

Hope was to take his show to the Marines in the northern Saudi desert today, wrapping up a three-day tour.

The 87-year-old comedian, whose tours for U.S. forces over the past 50 years have included such sirens as Joey Heatherton and Brooke Shields, lamented on Tuesday that he had to leave behind Marie Osmond and the Pointer Sisters.

The Saudis prohibit female performers.

Hope joked about having to do an all-male show, with only his wife, Dolores, to sing "White Christmas" as a finale.

The comedian also told a news conference Tuesday that he eliminated "a lot of jokes" so as not to offend the rulers of this Moslem desert kingdom.

"I know exactly what they're doing. The king's running the place. They have their religion and their beliefs and you have to kind of abide by it," he said. "What bothers me is they don't want any entertainment and they still invited me."

Hope is not the first entertainer

to be restricted during Operation Desert Shield. Comedian Steve Martin's visit in October was kept low-key and Ms. Shields reportedly was asked not to come.

The U.S. Central Command said in a statement Tuesday that it restricted coverage of Hope's three-day tour for security reasons and because media coverage "however well-intentioned, has a very great likelihood of being exploited by the Iraqis for propaganda purposes."

The U.S. military has been at pains not to offend sensibilities in this Moslem kingdom — where all other religions are banned.

Hope said he made seven stops on Christmas Eve, including a show for 7,000 troops in Riyadh, the Saudi capital.

Among those in the audience at the Riyadh show were Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, and his deputy, Lt. Gen. Calvin Waller.

Waller made headlines last week when he said U.S. combat units won't be ready for war with Iraq by the U.N.-imposed Jan. 15 deadline for Iraqi troops to pull out of Kuwait or face possible attack.

Hope said he got "a lot of laughs" when he told the troops that President Bush called Waller and said: "From now on, you'll be known by your first name" — an allusion to Saddam Hussein, who is also commonly known by his first name.

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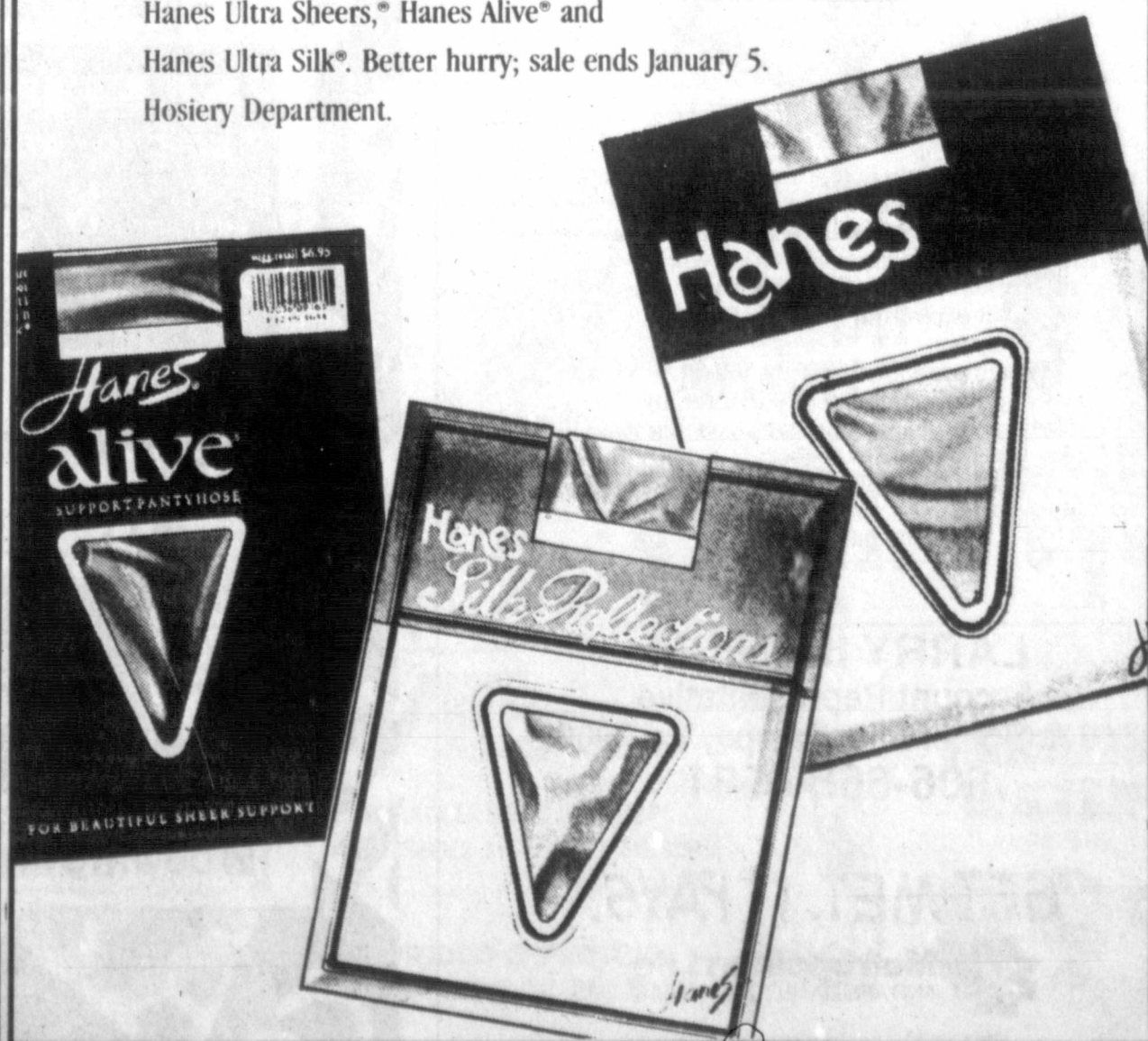
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Army leaders seize power in Suriname, promise elections in 100 days

PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP) — The army leaders who seized power over Christmas are promising elections in 100 days, but many Surinamese believe longtime military chief Lt. Col. Desi Bouterse is back in the saddle to stay.

In a radio address Tuesday, acting army chief Cmdr. Ivan Graanoogst said the army would set up an interim government that would administer the elections in this Georgia-sized nation on South America's northeastern coast.

"The army is not bent on having and keeping power," said Graanoogst, who heads the military police and has been No. 2 in the military chain of command.

The United States condemned the apparently bloodless Christmas Eve coup in this former Dutch colony that toppled a nearly 3-year-old elected government.

The coup's mastermind was thought to be Bouterse, who had resigned just hours before President Ramsewak Shankar was toppled. Bouterse and Shankar had

been engaged in a long and bitter dispute.

Bouterse ruled this nation of 400,000 people for eight years after seizing power in a 1980 coup and has wielded considerable power behind the scenes since Shankar's coalition government was elected by a landslide in November 1987.

It was not immediately clear how the coup might affect an insurgency that had crippled the mining of bauxite — a major export used in producing aluminum. A peace agreement between guerrillas and the ousted government was opposed by the army.

The country returned quickly to normal following the Monday night coup. By Tuesday, churches were packed for Christmas services, and there was no sign of an unusual military presence in Paramaribo, the capital.

In his broadcast, Graanoogst said the international airport would stay open and there would be no curfew because "there is no danger whatsoever."

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman

Sondra McCarty called for the restoration of the civilian government.

"We condemn this violation of constitutional order in Suriname," she said. "We call on the Surinamese military to restore power immediately to the democratically elected authorities of that country."

The Dutch Foreign Ministry said it "sharply condemns the undemocratic seizure of power by the Surinamese Army."

The military notified the government that it was taking control while Shankar and his Cabinet were meeting late Monday night in an emergency session at the presidential palace, according to a government official.

The official said the president and the other officials decided to go home and offer no resistance, thereby avoiding bloodshed.

Not a single shot was fired, said the official, who spoke on condition he would not be identified.

Reached by telephone Tuesday at his home, Shankar

said he and his ministers were not under house arrest and had complete freedom of movement.

"I'm free to go wherever I want to," he said.

Relations between the government and Bouterse have been strained ever since Shankar began serving a five-year term on Jan. 25, 1988, with Bouterse wielding considerable power by virtue of his control of the military.

In Amsterdam, Netherlands, a former high-ranking Surinamese official who spoke with Bouterse after Monday's coup said the military had acted after the government reneged on a pledge to step down.

The official, Andre J. Haakmat, was minister of justice and minister of the army from 1980-82 by went into exile after a dispute with Bouterse.

Earlier Monday night, a reporter for the Surinamese newspaper *De Ware Tyd* told The Associated Press bureau in San Juan, Puerto Rico that the military had overthrown the government.

Soviet prime minister suffers a heart attack

By ALAN COOPERMAN
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — As the Congress of People's Deputies convened today for further action on widening his powers, Mikhail S. Gorbachev announced that his prime minister had suffered a heart attack and was in the hospital resting.

He said that Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, a close friend, suffered the attack on Tuesday and that his condition was no longer life-threatening.

Congress, the country's highest legislative body, had voted on Tuesday to eliminate the Council of Ministers that Ryzhkov heads and create a new Cabinet under Gorbachev's direct control.

The president was visibly saddened and spoke slowly and softly as he made the announcement.

"We wish him a return to health. We're very sorry," he said.

Gorbachev has not indicated whether Ryzhkov, 61, would hold any post in the new Cabinet.

Ryzhkov has been a stalwart opponent of a quick transition to a market-driven economy.

Radical reformers have been agitating for his ouster for months, but Gorbachev has so far stuck by the man who became prime minister four months after his May 1985 rise to power.

On Tuesday, lawmakers granted Gorbachev sweeping powers to restore order in a country threatened with political and economic collapse.

They also strengthened a council that Gorbachev says will give the 15 Soviet republics a greater say in running the country. All have declared some degree of independence and are trying to wrest economic control from the central government.

The changes will go into effect

only after a final vote expected today or Thursday.

The 2,250-member Congress of People's Deputies had first to consider several other proposed amendments on the restructuring of government, including one that would create a national Security Council led by the president.

The Congress, a quasi-democratic body whose members were chosen in 1988 and have largely supported Gorbachev, is due to finish its work by Friday.

Approval of the measures Tuesday was a clear victory for Gorbachev and for hard-liners who have urged emergency rule in secessionist republics.

It comes despite Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze's warning when he announced his resignation last week that the country is heading toward dictatorship.

The Congress voted overwhelmingly to eliminate Gorbachev's moribund Presidential Council, create a powerful new vice presidency subordinate to Gorbachev and form the new Cabinet.

It strengthened Gorbachev's existing Federation Council, the centerpiece of his reorganization plan, but modified his vision of it as a small governing body, creating doubt about its effectiveness.

The Federation Council would include high-level officials from the 15 republics and about 20 autonomous republics, plus special representatives from smaller regions, officials said.

The council is intended to give republics a greater voice in national government and help the Kremlin deal with the nation's more than 100 ethnic groups.

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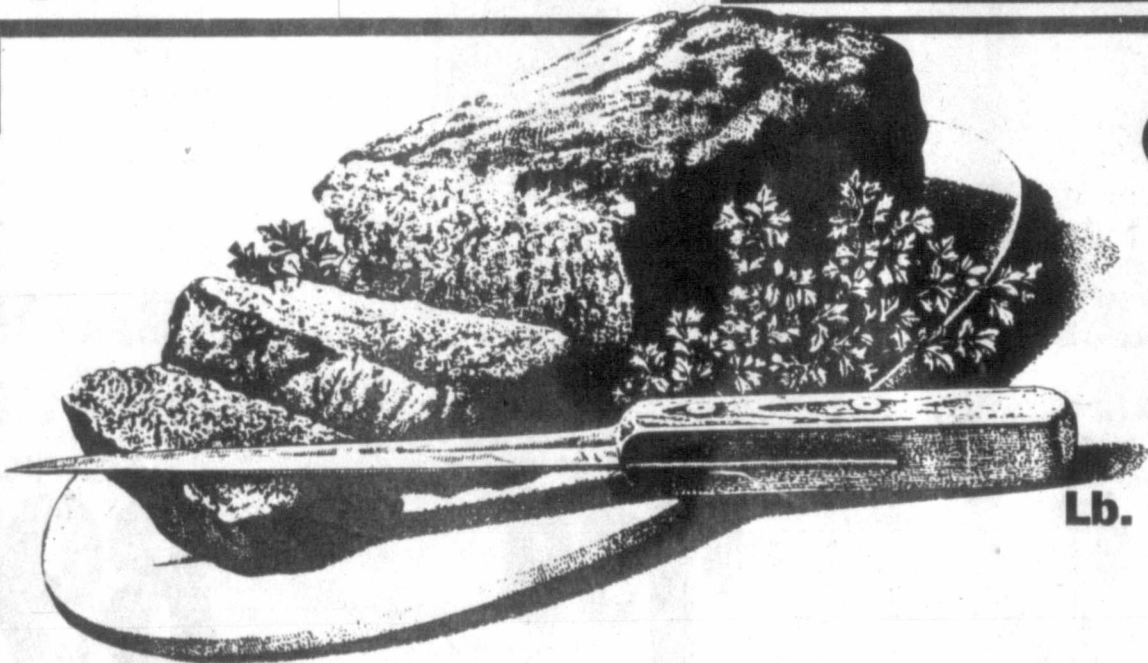
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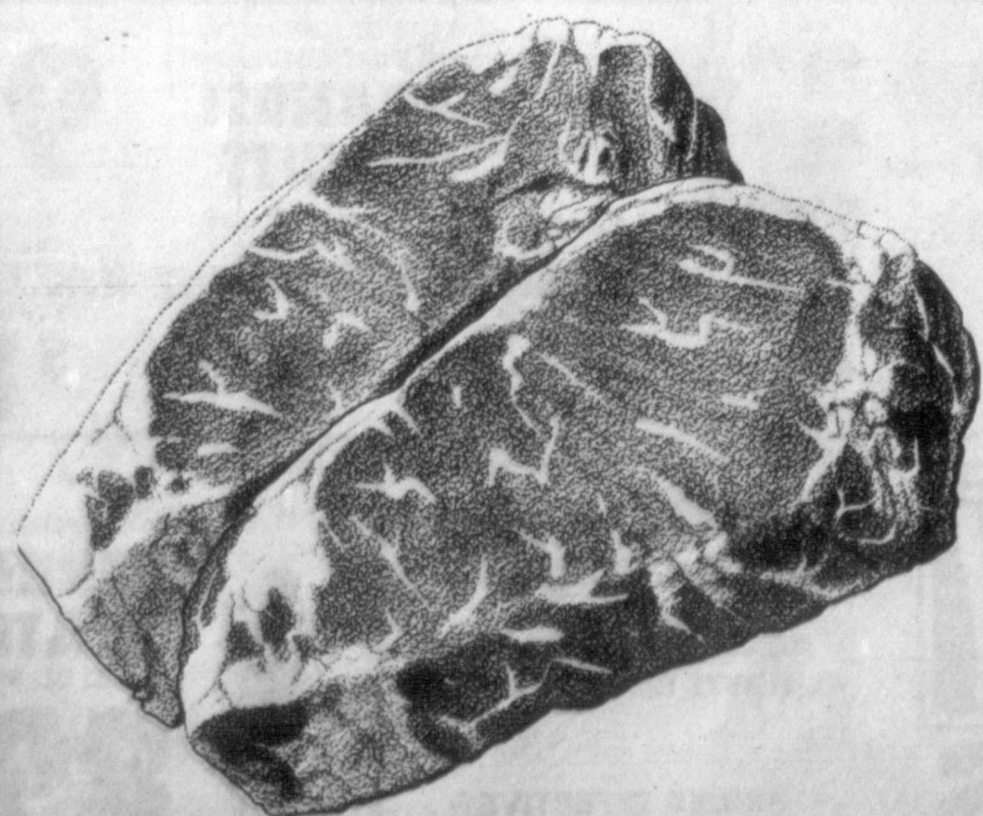
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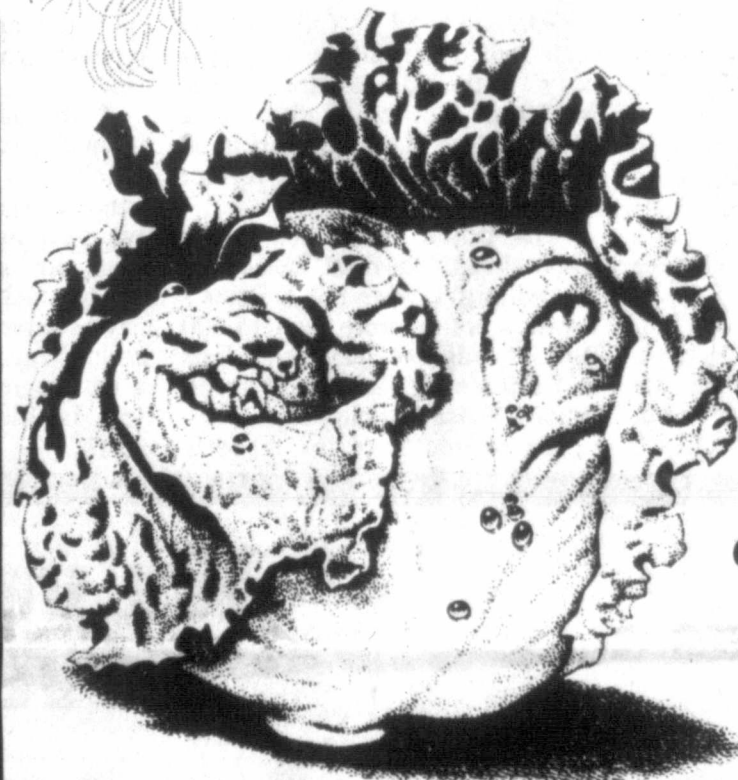
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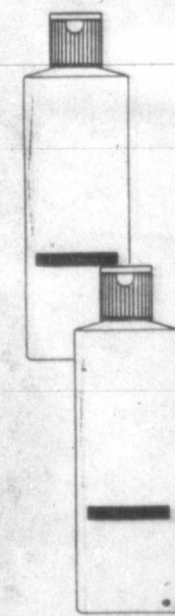
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Letters to Santa

Editor's Note: Before leaving on his rounds Monday night, Santa Claus dropped off these letters he had received.

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Danasty Haynes

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll, a stroller, some earrings and a doctor bag. I have been very good.
Love,
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Dear Santa

I want some gentle bubble spray, baby diapers and food, barbie case, games, fashion plates, hoding cartem. I have been good this year.
Love, Haley Bowen

Oops! Museum puts on show of famed illustrator's flops

By MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — He's famous for his homespun eloquence and the puckish charm of his portraits of young Americans making their way in the 20th century. But even Norman Rockwell occasionally goofed.

From an unflattering portrait of a cow's posterior to a baseball study with the umpire looking the wrong way, works that Rockwell banished to a drawer are getting a second look in a new exhibit at the Norman Rockwell Museum.

It's called "Flops!"
"It was sort of as a joke the idea started," said curator Maureen Hart Hennessey.

But after it began to take shape, organizers realized the exhibit, which takes its title from a chapter in Rockwell's autobiography, showed a new side of the illustrator and shook up the museum's routine.

"I think sometimes there's a tendency to think that we're some kind of shrine to Rockwell and that's not true," she said.

But some of the pictures hanging in a room of the little white house that houses the museum hardly seem to merit Rockwell's scorn.

"We're not saying that these things are flops," Hennessey said. Guides occasionally ask visitors if they agree with Rockwell's assessment of his work. "It's raised a lot

of good questions for us."

One piece dominates the room: a large panoramic mural of the Soviet, British and U.S. ambassadors sitting at a session of the U.N. Security Council. Behind them crowd about 70 figures, representing everyone from a typical U.S. family to starving children of the world.

In his autobiography, *My Adventures as an Illustrator*, Rockwell tells of his travails with the work. He said he could not persuade U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge to smile and couldn't stop Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky from beaming.

But eventually, wrote Rockwell, the work seemed "empty and pretentious."

Out of a seven-decade career that produced more than 3,000 works, Rockwell spent the last 25 years of his life in Stockbridge, immortalizing the town's picturesque New England setting and several of its residents.

The small exhibit of flops opened in November and runs through January 1992.

Perhaps the funniest picture in the room is a calendar illustration called Mrs. O'Leary's Cow. The cow is craning its neck to peer at a lighted lamp within striking distance of her left hind hoof.

"Turned out to be my worst failure," Rockwell observed in his book. "Not that it was a bad painting. But who wants to look at the rear end of a cow for twelve months?"

Christmas sales sluggish despite 11th hour rush

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Christmas shopping season turned out to be a disappointment for many retailers as holiday gift-giving took a back seat this year to consumers' worries about the economy and the Middle East.

"I'm not feeling very happy," Kenneth Macke, chairman of Dayton Hudson Corp., said Monday afternoon in the waning hours of the holiday season.

When all the receipts are tallied, Dayton Hudson's sales will be unchanged to 1 percent higher than the firm's Christmas 1989 results, Macke said.

"It's not going to be anything that's going to excite anybody," he said.

Early estimates from other high-profile retailing companies around the country were similar.

"It has not been a disaster, but it has been a pretty flat season," said Suzanne McMillan, senior vice president for marketing at the upscale Saks Fifth Avenue.

Jane Arend, a spokeswoman for Wal-Mart Stores Inc., said the company was pleased with its results, but the retailer found it hard to draw hesitant consumers into its stores. Ms. Arend said she could not release any sales figures.

The discount retailer has consistently outperformed other storeowners throughout the season.

The first inkling of real trouble among retailers came back in August as sales of clothing, furniture, toys and appliances stalled in

the wake of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Sales for most retailers failed to pick up in September, October and November, normally a time when their business accelerates. After the Christmas season kicked off in late November, sales remained slow although they picked up some steam during the last week.

Sales that are unchanged or up very slightly are considered poor because when the effects of inflation are subtracted, a store's business may be down from year-earlier levels. Consumer prices rose 6.4 percent through the first 11 months of this year, meaning many stores' modest gains were wiped out.

Many retailers increased or moved up price reductions in the last few weeks in an effort to draw more shoppers. But traffic was slow at many stores and malls and those consumers who were shopping were buying selectively.

Nationwide store chains reported their worst results came in the Northeast, where the recession has hit particularly hard. Ms. McMillan said Saks' sales were down in the Northeast, while Texas and Florida stores fared the best.

The economy and the Middle East were not the only problems facing retailers — in many areas, weather extremes also hampered holiday sales.

Younkers Inc., a chain of 34 Midwestern department stores, said its December sales, which rose between 2 percent and 3 percent, would have been higher were it not for heavy snows and frigid temperatures.

Pope hails wealth of the human spirit

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II proclaimed the "good news" of the birth of Christ and the wealth of the human spirit in a Christmas Eve Mass broadcast in 50 countries, including the Soviet Union.

The pope, in golden robes embroidered with black, celebrated the Midnight Mass in St. Peter's Basilica before more than 15,000 Romans, pilgrims, nuns and priests and a television audience in 50 nations, Vatican officials said.

He quoted from the Apostle

Paul, declaring that Christ "has appeared for the salvation of all men."

"This salvation shapes human life in this world, and gives it a form which is divine ... It also gives human existence on Earth its definitive meaning, directing our life to future glory in Jesus Christ."

This message, John Paul said, may be especially needed in today's world. "Amid all the achievements of the progress of material civilization, is this not what they lack most?"

"We did very well considering the weather," said W. Thomas Gould, president of the Des Moines-based chain.

In other parts of the country, including the Northeast, temperatures have been in the 50s and 60s for much of December, dealing a blow to winter clothing sales. Sears, Roebuck and Co., the nation's largest retailer, was among the stores that moved up apparel clearance sales because the merchandise was not moving.

Results at Dayton Hudson, whose stores range from upscale department stores to the Target discount chain, reflected the fact that consumers were "trading down" or buying cheaper gifts.

Target stores fared the best, with sales rising about 2 percent, while sales declined at the firm's Dayton's, Hudson's and Marshall Field's department stores, Macke said.

What shoppers bought also reflected the difficult season. Day-

ton Hudson had more success with Levi's jeans than designer jeans, and sweatshirts and sweatpants were among the most popular items, Macke said.

"It was a very functional Christmas," he said.

Macke also reported a decline in sales of Nintendo video games, which he also called a sign of consumer caution. But dolls and other staple toys sold well.

Saks, which specializes in upscale fashions, had its biggest success with higher-priced merchandise, those aimed at wealthier customers, Ms. McMillan said. But Saks' moderate-priced lines, those more likely to appeal to middle- or upper middle-class shoppers, "just have not sold well," she said.

Macke said the poor Christmas does not bode well for the first half of 1991. "If Santa Claus and Christmas can't bring people into the stores, why are they going to be in in January and February?" he asked.

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Politics, Operation Desert Shield, school finance top year's news in Texas

By ARNIE STAPLETON
Associated Press Writer

Top 10 List

By The Associated Press

The long, loud and looney gubernatorial campaign was voted the state's top story of 1990, a year in which Texans' time-honored trait of endurance was tested again and again.

Democrat Ann Richards overcame a 15-point deficit in the polls six weeks before the election and upset gaffe-prone millionaire Clayton Williams in a contest that set records for spending and mudslinging.

The nasty and expensive campaign was listed on all of the ballots from editors at Texas newspapers and broadcast stations. Two-thirds of those voters put it in first place.

Williams, an oilman and rancher who bragged during the campaign that he wasn't a politician, still isn't.

He let his mouth squander the double-digit lead in the polls, a \$20 million campaign, the influence of President Bush and the support of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm.

Richards, who won celebrity status with a witty keynote speech to the Democratic National Convention in 1988, is the first woman to win a Texas governor's race since Miriam "Ma" Ferguson in 1932. She takes office in January.

The victory for the 57-year-old Richards was a major embarrassment to Bush, who calls Texas home and campaigned with Williams, who spent \$8 million of his own money trying to get elected.

But Texans tolerated more than the excess and filth of the race for governor in 1990.

Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait had a profound impact on the state's economy and its residents.

Texans working in the tiny oil kingdom were taken hostage, and Iraqi president Saddam Hussein ordered many of them held for months at oilfields and munitions plants in Kuwait and Iraq to deter attacks from an outraged world.

Military personnel and reservists from Texas were sent by the thousands to serve in Operation Desert Shield. Their absence back home pains not only their family and friends but the economy of the towns where merchants rely heavily upon them for a living.

The crisis' effect on Texas finished second in the voting, followed by the state's continuing struggles over school finance, the massive Mega Borg oil spill and record flooding along the Trinity River that killed 13.

Texas' lawmakers have struggled through special session after special session trying to find a fair way to

Here is a list of the top 10 Texas stories in 1990, according to a survey of newspapers and broadcast stations across the state. Voting was based on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 scale. First-place votes in parenthesis.

1. Ann Richards defeats Clayton Williams in the dirtiest gubernatorial campaign in memory. (18)

2. Military personnel and reservists from throughout Texas deploy to the Middle East to serve in Operation Desert Shield. (5)

3. The state's continued struggling with school finance. Four special legislative sessions couldn't come up with a solution and courts have kept up the heat to equalize state funding. (1)

4. The Mega Borg oil spill led a series of environmental challenges to the Texas coast.

5. Flooding in the summer followed the Trinity River, inundating businesses and forcing evacuation. (1)

6. Stormie Jones, a celebrity since becoming the first recipient of a heart-liver transplant in 1984, dies in Pittsburgh from heart rejection. (6)

7. Energy industry begins recovery, spurred by technology and world events.

8. Big bankruptcies. Dallas-based Greyhound is hit by a drivers strike, sending the country's only nationwide intercity bus company into bankruptcy court. Southland, owner of the 7-Eleven convenience store chain, seeks Chapter 11 protection to reorganize from debt-fueled expansions of the 1980s. (1)

9. Houston plays host to the world at the Economic Summit of industrial nations. (1)

10. Don Dixon, Ed McBirney and Jarrett Woods, fingered by the government for S&L looting, are indicted. Others, including Woody Lemons, are convicted as the cleanup of the thrift debacle continues. The state's high profile in the disaster makes Texas-bashing a popular Capitol Hill activity.

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The Supreme Court heard arguments and could reach a decision before lawmakers convene in regular session next month.

The Norwegian tanker Mega Borg lost nearly 4 million gallons of oil when an explosion ripped through the vessel June 8 as it was transferring crude to another tanker 57 miles southeast of Galveston in the Gulf of Mexico.

Four men died in the explosion and 37 others were rescued by a nearby vessel. The U.S. Coast Guard estimated that 3.9 million gallons of crude escaped, but most of that burned or evaporated.

The Mega Borg was foremost in a series of challenges to the Texas coast, where more spills occurred than ever before. On July 28, the Greek tanker Shinoussa collided with two barges and spewed 700,000 gallons of oil in the environmentally sensitive Galveston Bay.

In both instances, officials were criticized for delays in cleaning up the oil, and in September oil companies formed the non-profit Marine Spill Response Corp. to help shipping firms clean up oil spills. The team will be based in Galveston and equipment stored in Corpus Christi.

Record rains lashed Texas for a second straight year, and the Trinity River overflowed, inundating homes and businesses. Flooding was blamed for hundreds of millions of dollars in crop and property damage.

Ten thousand people statewide were forced from their homes by the spring storms and flooding, and 54 counties were declared eligible for disaster assistance.

Next on the list was the Nov. 11 death of Stormie Jones, who became the world's first heart-liver transplant recipient on Valentine's Day 1984 at age 6. She received a second liver transplant at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh in February. Last month, Stormie died at 13 of sudden heart rejection.

The world watched Stormie grow from a shy child fascinated by the attention to a young woman who searched for the shadows when the spotlights came on and wanted nothing more than to be a normal teenager.

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more than 3,000 other replacements. Southland Corp., owner of the 7-Eleven convenience store chain, also sought Chapter 11 protection to reorganize from debt-fueled expansions in the 1980s.

On brighter financial notes, the state's energy industry, sparked by new technology such as horizontal drilling and world events, began to rebound, and Houston was host to the world at the Economic Summit of industrial nations, a meeting which itself pumped millions into the city's diversifying economy.

Rounding out the top stories of the year was the indictments of several savings and loan figures, including Don Dixon, Ed McBirney and Jarrett Woods, fingered by the federal government for S&L looting.

The state's high profile in the disaster makes Texas-bashing a popular Capitol Hill activity, threatening the state's standing in several high-dollar projects, chief among them the super collider.

But it was the race for governor that alternately fascinated and infuriated Texans.

"I've always believed in people

politics more than money politics," said Richards after her victory.

She said the vote showed that average Texans didn't want another millionaire as governor. Millionaire incumbent Bill Clements, a Republican, is retiring.

Williams hushed supporters who booed at Richards' name during his concession speech.

In defeat, Williams acknowledged his various verbal gaffes throughout the campaign and the resultant damage.

"The fact that I didn't win is no reflection on the values that we believe in," he said. "Maybe I'm a little too open, maybe straightforward."

Besides setting a spending record, their race also gained national notoriety for mudslinging.

Richards, a recovering alcoholic, found herself dogged by questions about drug use after refusing in the primary to answer "yes" or "no" to a debate question on whether she had ever used illegal drugs.

Williams' problems stemmed from his gaffes. He was sharply criticized after likening bad weather to rape and joking that if it were

inevitable, "just relax and enjoy it."

He also admitted visiting prostitutes as a youth, saying that's how young men got "served."

When told that Richards had said she was catching up, Williams cracked: "I hope she didn't go back to drinking again."

In the campaign's final week, Williams hurt himself twice more. First, he acknowledged during a televised question-and-answer session with reporters that he was familiar with a campaign dealing with the governor's powers of appointments. It was the only referendum on the ballot.

Williams also acknowledged, after refusing Richards' call to release his income tax records as she had, that he did not pay any taxes in 1986 because of the poor economy, an admission Richards and her supporters relished. At rallies on the final weekend of the campaign, Richards' supporters wore buttons reading "I paid my taxes in '86."

During her victory speech, a jubilant Richards held aloft a T-shirt that pictured the Capitol in Austin. It said "A woman's place is in the dome."

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- ☐ The season brings stress instead of bringing joy
- ☐ Using alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, or even food to make you feel better
- ☐ Recurring thoughts of death or suicide; wishing to die
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If you or someone you know, a child, adolescent or adult who is having any of these symptoms, you may be looking at **holiday depression**. Emotional pain and stress experienced during the holidays can be relieved. If you would like to talk to someone or ask some questions, a confidential assessment is available at no charge. Call us. We can help.



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Vegetarian curry with Indian spices

(AP photo)

Exotic spiced vegetables

NEW YORK (AP) — In Indian cookery, individual use of exotic spices varies from cook to cook, and the differences are often subtle and quite personal.

The following recipe for Vegetarian Curry with Indian Spices uses a mixture of spices that are first cooked in a little oil to release and blend their flavors. Fresh or frozen vegetables are then added and coated well with the spices before they are cooked.

For a hearty entree, add chick peas and serve with steamed rice. Top with a dollop of plain yogurt.

VEGETARIAN CURRY WITH INDIAN SPICES

1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon turmeric
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
Pinch ground red pepper
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
12 ounces fresh green beans, trimmed and cut in 1-inch lengths (about 2 1/2 cups)
12 ounces potatoes, peeled and cut in 1-inch cubes (about 2 cups)
1 cup carrot slices, cut 1/4-inch thick
1 cup cauliflowerettes
2 cups water
1 teaspoon salt
One 19-ounce can chick peas, drained and rinsed
In a cup combine coriander, cumin, turmeric, cinnamon, ginger, black pepper and red pepper. In a large skillet heat oil until hot. Add spice mixture; cook until spices are fragrant, about 1 minute.
Add green beans, potatoes, carrots and cauliflowerettes; mix well. Add water and salt. Bring mixture to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 15 minutes. Add chick peas. Simmer, uncovered, over high heat until vegetables are tender and liquid is reduced by half, about 5 minutes. Serve with rice and plain yogurt, if desired. Makes 3 to 6 servings.

Lorenza de'Medici looks for ease and elegance in meals

By JOAN CIRILLO
AP Newsfeatures

NEW YORK (AP) — When it comes to cooking, Lorenza de'Medici says two things are a must: uncomplicated preparation and elegant presentation.

For de'Medici, spending more than 90 minutes in the kitchen to prepare a meal is too much of a fuss. She believes that recipes longer than 20 lines are too complicated.

"To have a very elegant presentation and not to stay too long in the kitchen — that's my idea of cooking," she says.

De'Medici's ideals of simplicity and sophistication could not be better shown than in her newest cookbook, "The Heritage of Italian Cooking" (Random House, \$40).

This is de'Medici's 26th cookbook in the last 35 years. But it is more than a cookbook. It has the look and feel of a coffee-table style artbook, with more than 150 richly-colored reproductions of centuries-old Italian paintings. It reads like an authoritative guide to the history of Italian culture and cooking, with interesting facts and historical tidbits about the country's cuisine.

"The book was structured in a way like an Italian menu," explained de'Medici in a recent interview here. After opening with an introduction about Italian cooking and the use of a menu, the cookbook progresses through the traditional food groups and courses in an Italian meal.

Sections include antipasti; pasta, soups, gnocchi, polenta and rice; eggs, pies, pancakes and molds; fish and shellfish; meat, game, poultry; vegetables and salads; desserts; breads; sauces, pickles and preserves.

Each chapter begins with commentary on the history of the particular course or food, enriched by lavish reproductions of paintings illustrating Italian life and the use of food in the past.

De'Medici, who traces her ancestry back to Lorenzo de'Medici,

searched for the paintings in libraries, museums and special archives, uncovering everything from classic still lifes to the fanciful, including a painting of the masked Pulcinella with his pointed cap and baggy clothes holding a bowl of spaghetti and dribbling a string of pasta into the mouth of a youngster dressed like himself.

"Every single recipe has been photographed so you can see the results," says de'Medici, who compiled the recipes from ancient manuscripts, diaries and menus and early cookbooks. The 15th-century cookbooks were written in Latin, which she had to translate. "Luckily, we had eight years of Latin in our schools," she said.

De'Medici says she wasn't surprised by any of her research, but found it interesting to research how Italian cooking evolved. "All the old recipes called for spices," she said. "Now the spices are substituted by herbs." Nutmeg and pepper are the two spices still in use today, she said.

Commenting on food trends, she notes the current interest in polenta and attempts to cut down on fats by substituting herbs and spices for oil to flavor food. Her book contains several recipes for polenta including a baked polenta with cream and mushrooms, polenta with vegetables and polenta gnocchi with sage and butter sauce. Says de'Medici: "People think you have to stir polenta for hours. You just have to turn it from time to time. Then, you can go and make phone calls and you don't have to worry."

This practical attitude (making phone calls while cooking) typifies de'Medici's outlook in the kitchen, which she imparts in her cookbooks and her cooking classes.

Born and raised in Milan, de'Medici divides her time between the financial capital and her cooking school, "The Villa Table," in her husband's 11th-century Tuscan estate and winery in the Badia a Coltibuono in Chianti near Siena. She usually travels for

Fruit and maple apple makes winter time treat

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens
Magazine Food Editor

The fruit-and-maple aroma of these apples brings my family to the kitchen in a hurry. I prefer Rome Beauty and Granny Smith varieties for baking because they hold their shape. Peeling a strip around the top of each apple helps keep it from splitting during bak-

ing.

MAPLE APPLES

4 medium baking apples
4 tablespoons mixed dried fruit bits or raisins
1-3rd cup maple syrup or maple-flavored syrup

Core apples and peel off a strip around the top of each. Place in an 8-by 8 -by 2-inch baking dish.

Spoon 1 tablespoon dried fruit bits or raisins into center of each apple. Spoon syrup over apples, letting syrup run to bottom of dish. Cover with foil.

Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 40 to 45 minutes or until apples are tender. Cool slightly and serve warm or chill and serve cold. To serve, spoon liquid in dish over apples. Makes 4 servings

MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS:

Prepare apples as directed above, using a microwave-safe dish. Cook, covered with clear plastic wrap, on 100 percent power (high) for 4 to 8 minutes, rearranging and spooning cooking syrup over apples after 3 minutes. Serve as directed above.

Nutrition information per serving: 186 cal., 1 g pro., 49 g carb., 0 g fat, 0 mg chol., 20 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 13 percent vit. C.

HAPPY HOLIDAY to One And All



From All Of Us
At....

The Pampa News

Lifestyles

Henderson participates in conference on libraries

Governor-Elect Ann Richards and Lt. Governor-Elect Bob Bullock will join hundreds of library leaders and concerned citizens Jan. 4-5 in forming state-wide direction for library services during the Texas Conference on Libraries and Information Services (TCLIS) at the Hyatt Regency in Austin. TCLIS is a precursor to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services (WHCLIS) called by President George Bush for July 9-13 in Washington, D.C.



Henderson

Richard's vision of Texas libraries' roles and challenges as she addresses the state conference Jan. 4 under the theme, "Texas Libraries: Building Community Partnerships." Bullock will add his support for TCLIS goals at a media briefing to be announced later.

Opening the conference Jan. 4 are keynote speakers Dr. Henry Cisneros, former San Antonio mayor, and futurist Dr. Richard Van Horn, president of the University of Oklahoma.

Cisneros will define major TCLIS themes in his address, "Today's Library: An Open Book on Literacy, Productivity and Democracy." Van Horn will apply his noted expertise in information systems and management in "Designing a World Library for the 21st Century." Presiding at the conference will be state Senator Kent

Caperton (D-Bryan).

Conference participants include 160 delegates representing all areas of Texas who are library professionals, library supporters, government officials and concerned citizens. Delegates are charged with adopting resolutions and selecting a 32-member Texas delegation to WHCLIS.

The White House Conference, authorized by Congress in Public Law 100-382, will involve participation by approximately 60 states and territories sending more than 900 spokespersons to recommend future public policy on libraries and information services.

TCLIS is a milestone in a democratic process involving grassroots participation by thousands of Texans in 26 preliminary regional caucuses. Conference planning is a project of the Texas State Library (director and librarian William D. Gooch), and is coordinated by the Texas Library Association under executive director Patricia H. Smith.

A 22-member volunteer TCLIS steering committee is headed by co-chairman David M. Henington, Houston Public Library Director, and Thomas McLaren, of McLaren Resources Inc. in Tyler.

Area delegates selected at the Amarillo regional meeting in October include George Huffman, Mary Kay Wells, and Roy McCoy, all of Amarillo; J. Pat Stephens, Canyon; Ng Leng Lee, Dumas; and Betty Henderson, Pampa.

The Texas Conference on Libraries and Information Services is open to observers on a first-come, first-served basis, space permitting. Admission is \$10. For more information, contact TCLIS coordinators Anne and Laura Perkins, (512)454-1830.

Shippers make safe arrival for packages

By CHANGING TIMES
The Kiplinger Magazine

Today is your lucky day. You had the tape recorder running at the exact moment your 1-year-old said her very first word. The word is "milk" and you definitely need to express an audiocassette from your home in Marietta, Ga., to your mother in Marietta, Ohio.

Here's how to do it.

The major overnight letter and parcel shippers in the U.S. are Airborne Express (800-328-4937), DHL Worldwide Express (800-225-5345), Emery Worldwide (800-443-6379), U.S. Postal Service Express Mail (800-333-8777 for pickup), Federal Express (800-238-5355) and United Parcel Service (800-742-5877 for pickup).

Consistent winners for price are UPS and the Postal Service. Changing Times found ways to save even more with UPS by bypassing air delivery completely.

They're cheaper, but can you trust them to get your package there on time? Yes. Shippers don't like to part with on-time delivery statistics, but "all the main players have on-time performance well into the 90s-plus," says Ted Scherck, president of the Colography Group, a Georgia-based research and consulting firm for the transportation industry. "The market is that demanding."

UPS claims a tub-thumping 99.9 percent success rate with its next-day air service. Market leader Fed Ex says it delivers on schedule just under 98 percent of the time. Express Mail's on-time stats are probably the lowest, with only an 80 percent success rate, according to a recent survey by an independent consultant hired by the Postal Service.

When it comes to the contents of your package, each shipper has a different set of barred items, ranging from dry ice (UPS) to cash and cremated remains (Fed Ex) and furs, wine and lottery tickets (DHL). Check with the service first if you are shipping something that's frozen, dangerous, organic or irresistibly stealable. For price, different companies shine at performing different tasks.

Overnight Letter, Door-to-Door:

First place: UPS. Cost is \$11 for 10:30 A.M. next-day delivery. Second place: U.S. Postal Service Express Mail costs \$8.75, plus \$4 for pickup. Maximum weight for an Express Mail letter is eight ounces, compared with UPS's all-you-can-stuff-in-the-envelope policy. Remember to have stamps on hand. Honorable mention: Federal Express. If you can wait until 3 P.M. to have it there, Fed Ex charges just \$11.50 for an eight-ounce letter.

Overnight Letter You Drop Off:

First: UPS; \$8.50 if you drop off your envelope at one of the service's 1,750 facilities or 11,000 collection boxes. Second: Postal Service Express Mail; \$8.75. You have your choice of 40,000 post offices, 25,000 collection boxes — or give it to your mail carrier.

Two-pound Overnight Express Service:

First: Express Mail; \$12, plus a \$4 pickup charge. Second: UPS; \$16. Weekly pickup rates are also available if you need to send out several parcels over a week's time.

Five-pound Overnight Express Service:

First: Express Mail; \$15.25, plus a \$4 pickup charge. Second: UPS; \$19.50.

Early-Bird Delivery:

First: UPS recently joined Federal Express in guaranteeing delivery by 10:30 the next morning in most markets, compared with noon for most competitors. Second: The Postal Service has overnight post-office-to-post-office service with guaranteed 10 A.M. delivery — a fast alternative if you're near a post office.

Second-Day Packages:

First: Express Mail; \$6.40, including pickup, for two pounds and \$10.37 for five pounds. Second: UPS; \$9 for two pounds, \$11 for five pounds. UPS also charges only \$8 for a second-day letter.

Weekends:

First: Express Mail moves every single day, period. Sundays involve special procedures. Second: DHL Worldwide Express; no extra charge for Saturday pickups.

Distant Parts:

First: Express Mail; no extra charge for shipments to Alaska or Hawaii. Second: DHL; ditto.

Super Bargain on the Ground:

UPS Ground Service via rail and truck. Next-day delivery is usually available when you ship a package 400 miles or less. The cost to ship a five-pound package from Chicago to Des Moines is just \$1.90. You have to give one day's notice for pickups, and on-time delivery is not guaranteed.

To the Troops in the Desert: Express Mail Military Service can get your package of goodies to any APO or FPO box in the world at the regular domestic rate. Packages sent to Saudi Arabia take about four days.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Mom seeks best defense against war toys for son

DEAR ABBY: Next month my son will be 6 and I will be giving a birthday party for him. Some of his kindergarten friends will be invited. They are very normal kids, and it is common to see one or two on any given day playing with war toys or wearing camouflage uniforms. My husband and I both feel very strongly that we don't want our children playing with those kinds of toys.

How do I get this across to the kids' moms (or do I say it at all) in the invitations and still not step on any toes? I don't want it to appear that a gift is required to attend the party, as it most certainly is not.

When my daughter turned 6, her kindergarten teacher gave her a toy gun in a pink holster! We were appalled; our daughter was delighted. I ended up taking her to the store for a more acceptable item, thanking the teacher, then getting rid of the gun on the QT as soon as possible.

Is there a tactful way of dealing with this beforehand without causing hurt feelings or an upset 6-year-old? Please answer quickly, because the time for me to be getting the invitations out is drawing near.

C.B. IN SPRINGFIELD, ORE.

DEAR C.B.: It would not be out of line for you to call the mothers of the prospective guests and tell them what you've written me. Let the mothers know that a gift is not mandatory, but if the child brings something, you and your husband are, in principle, opposed to war-related toys.

DEAR ABBY: I chose not to take my husband's surname as my legal

surname when we married; instead I kept my "own" surname. This has caused some distress with both his family and mine. They claim not to know what to call me, or how to address letters to the both of us, or how to introduce us. The explanation I've given them follows (I have not used our real names):

My name is Susan Jones. My husband's name is Frank Hall. Those are our legal names. My title is Mrs. Frank Hall. A letter written to me alone can be addressed to "Susan Jones" or to "Mrs. Frank Hall." A letter written to both my husband and me may be addressed to "Susan Jones and Frank Hall" or to "Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall."

The same logic holds true when introducing us. A person may introduce us as "Frank Hall and his wife, Susan Jones," or "Susan Jones and her husband, Frank Hall," or simply as "Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall."

I really can't see why there has to be so much confusion over what to call me just because I didn't change my name to Susan Hall. After all, I would never have changed my name to "Mrs. Frank Hall"; that is just a title, which I may use regardless of what my legal name is as long as I'm married to Frank Hall. Am I right or wrong?

NAME AND TITLE

DEAR NAME: Right! If it's too complicated for those who claim not to know how to introduce you, simply it by saying, "My name is Susan and I am married to Frank Hall." Period. P.S. All social mail should be addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall; your business mail to Susan Jones.

Roseanne and Oprah help plus size market blossom

NEW YORK (AP) — The plus size fashion market is a big industry that is getting bigger, thanks in part to the likes of Roseanne Barr and Oprah Winfrey.

In the past dozen years, it has grown from \$2 billion to \$10 billion annually, according to the Plus Designer's Council, and 1990 retail sales are expected to increase 25 to 35 percent over last year.

Leaner pork is health-wise

By SUCCESSFUL FARMING
A Meredith Magazine

Thanks to retailers, who are trimming more fat off pork cuts, and hog farmers, who are trimming more fat off live hogs, pork is skinnier than it was in 1981, according to *Successful Farming* magazine. That was the year pork was sampled for fat, calories and cholesterol, and the results released in the USDA's "1983 Handbook 8-10," a standard guide for dietitians.

A 1990 study found that cooked, trimmed pork is 31 percent lower in fat, 17 percent lower in calories and 10 percent lower in cholesterol than comparable values listed in the 1983 Handbook.

These gains are attributed to less internal fat. Retailers are also trimming pork more closely today, leaving just 1/8 inch of fat on pork cuts compared to 1/4 inch in 1981. "We have talked for some time about how we have leaned up our product. This proves it," says Sharon Schwartz, a pork producer from Washington, Kan.

One of the most dramatic finds in the study is that the tenderloin, the leanest cut of pork, now beats chicken in calories and cholesterol. A 3-ounce roasted, boneless, trimmed pork tenderloin has fewer calories (133 to 140) and cholesterol (67 mg to 72 mg) than 3 ounces of skinless, roasted chicken breast.

The study was conducted by the University of Wisconsin, funded by pork producer checkoff dollars, and overseen by the National Live Stock and Meat Board's Pork Industry Group.

Whether the USDA will revise the pork figures in its new "1991 Handbook 8-10" is uncertain, but the hog industry is elated, nonetheless.

"This is a giant step for the pork industry in its quest to become the meat of choice by the year 2,000," says Hilman Schroeder, a pork producer from Sauk City, Wisc., and president of the National Pork Board.

Make your Christmas tree count for the environment

By EARL ARONSON
AP Newsfeature

After the holidays, discarded Christmas trees can be used to help improve the environment, protect sand dunes and provide shelter for birds and animals.

At Ponce Inlet, Fla., a group of self-described "Middle-Aged Surfers" have been dumping discarded trees for five years to protect sand dunes. For the New Year's weekend project, Volusia County residents remove the Christmas ornaments, then stuff the trees into the trunks of their cars and haul them to the beach.

Trees are lined up side by side on top of a 2-foot sand dune, beneath which are Christmas trees dating from 1988.

"What we did last year," said Lloyd Clifton, president of the Surfers, "is strictly maintenance on what we did the previous year."

According to Clifton, sea oats and other beach plants have established themselves over many of the club's older dunes and have done a good job of anchoring them. In some places, the dune line is 40 feet closer to the water than it was before they started, said Vern Palmer, who owns a cottage near the dune. "You can't deny that it's working."

Last year, at least three Texas cities helped residents dispose of trees, which were chipped and used in landscaping projects in parks.

"The project saves a tremendous amount of landfill space," said Michael J. Walterscheidt, a forester with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The project originated in Austin, with San Antonio, Bryan and College Station following.

At Bryan, forester Eric Ploeger

said the 4-H Equestrian Club collected trees and made sure no ornaments were left that might damage shredding equipment. A tree service donated work crews and equipment to shred the trees.

One regular tree occupies the same amount of landfill space that eight shredded trees used for landscaping would occupy, a forester reported.

In San Antonio, about 10,000 trees were collected after Christmas 1989, said Texas forester Mark Peterson, who added: "The response to the project was tremendous and we received many more trees than expected. The project was a family-oriented activity. Kids brought trees in on little red wagons, and some went around neighborhoods and gathered trees to bring in."

Peterson said that San Antonio would expand the number of collection sites to accommodate the expected increase in the number of trees. He reported that civic organizations selling Christmas trees planned to get involved by donating remaining trees and by sponsoring neighborhood pickup crews.

"A primary goal of the San Antonio recycling project was to encourage people to participate in an environment-awareness program," Peterson said.

The shredded trees went to city parks for use in soil-stabilization and as mulch for flower beds.

Bryan and College Station donated oak tree seedlings to those bringing in trees. The seedlings serve as a beautification project for the area.

"We're hoping that this project will catch on nationwide because it would save considerable landfill space as well as giving people a place to dispose of trees," said Walterscheidt.

to our own first lady, Barbara Bush, being a plus size. Every one knows she's a size 14 — and proud of it."

Secretarial signups

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer Phase III of the Secretarial Program beginning Jan. 7. Any new students will need basic typing skills.

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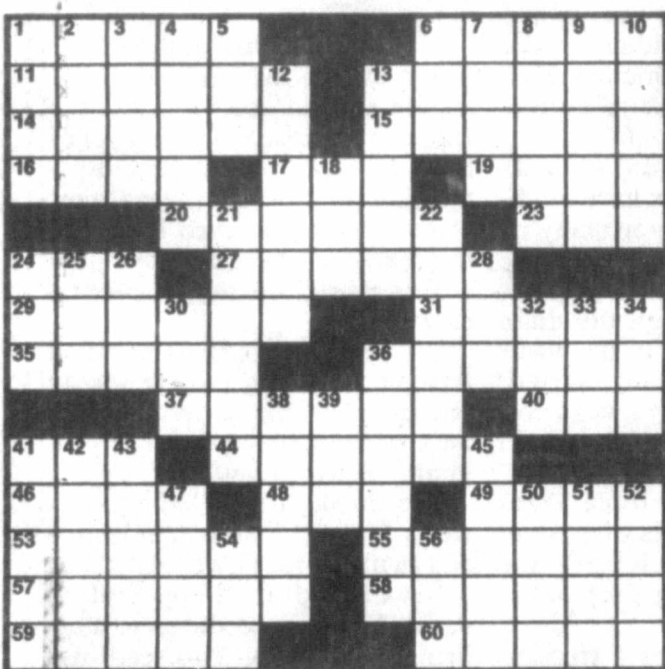
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osni
Big improvements in your social life could be in the offing for you in the year ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your dealings with most people today should be constructive and harmonious. However, you might have to contend with one individual who nobody can please.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) What serves your best interests today might not be equally advantageous to someone with whom you're closely linked. Hard decisions might be required, so brace yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a possibility you might receive good news today from two unrelated sources. Should this occur, it's best not to discuss these matters until they're successfully finalized.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions in general look good for you today, especially matters that reflect upon your material well-being. However, there are also indications you might not capitalize on these possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might be exposed to some important knowledge today that you could later put to valuable use. Be a good student the first time around, because this information may not be repeated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you rely more upon your perceptions and hunches today than you do upon your common sense and logic, you could be doing yourself a disservice. Realistic assessments are imperative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your opinions and views are important today and your friends will be interested in what you have to say. However, this doesn't mean they want you to dominate the conversations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have the ability today to spot opportunities that others may overlook. However, you might use faulty measures that fail to maximize your advantages.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually you're a rather methodical person who does things in proper sequence, but today, in order to get things done in a hurry, you might put the cart before the horse. Slow down.

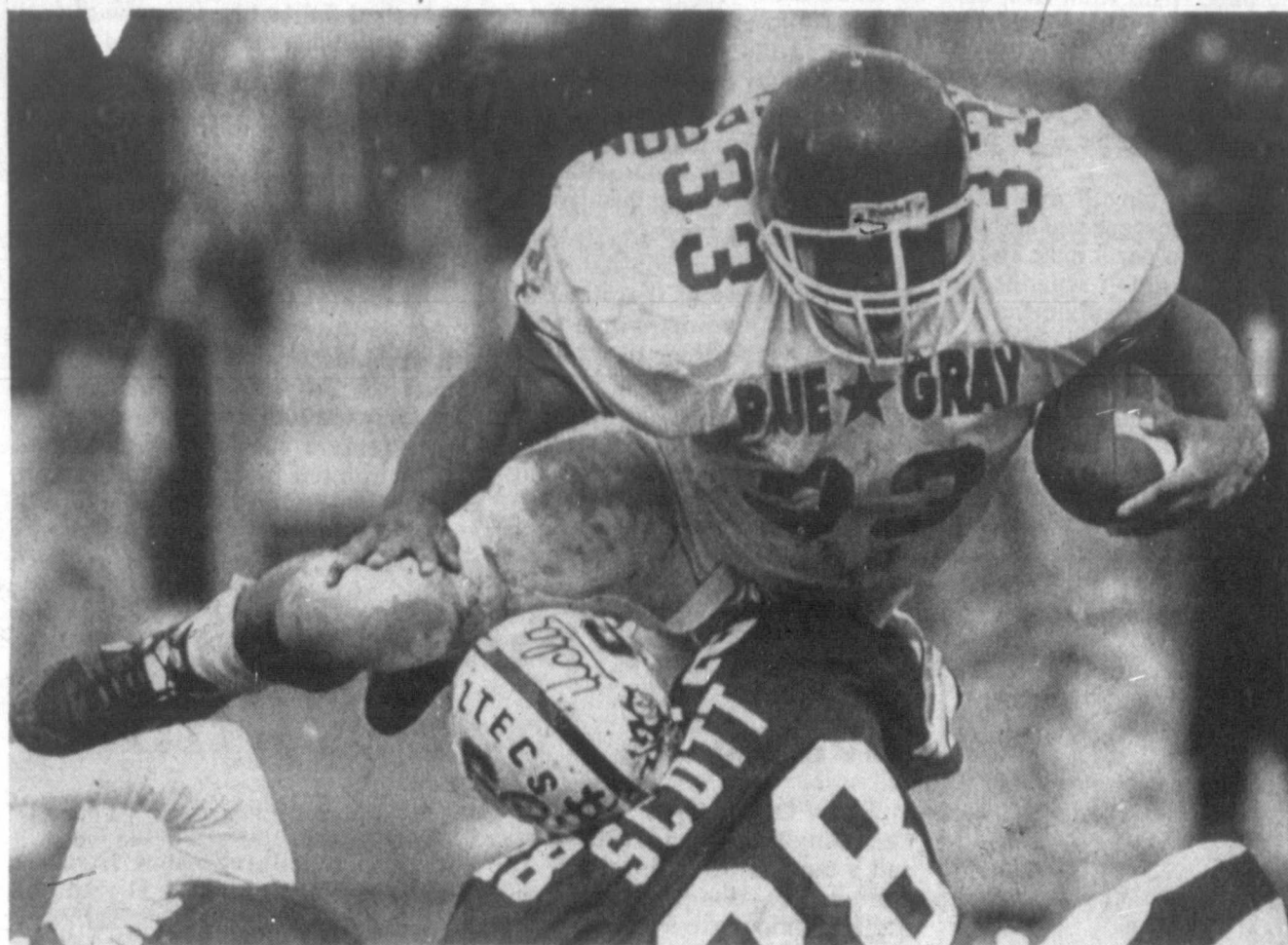
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A business arrangement in which you're presently involved has profitable potential, but there still are important elements that have to be worked out. Be alert for hidden costs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't let your ego get in the way today and cause you to abide by a poor decision you've recently made. Associates will respect you more if you try to rectify bad judgments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be very careful today you do not take full credit for something another played an important role in helping you bring about. If you fail to share, this person won't be around when you need him/her again.

Sports

OU players grab postseason notice in Blue-Gray contest



(AP Laserphoto)

The Gray squad's Chuck Weatherspoon (33) of Houston dives over the Blue squad's Kevin Scott (28) of Stanford in the first half of the Blue-Gray All Star Football Classic. The Blue won 17-14 over the Gray in the Christmas Day bowl game for college seniors.

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Probation prevented Oklahoma from playing in a bowl game, but it didn't keep four Sooners from grabbing some postseason attention.

Scott Evans made a key interception to halt one drive and teammate Frank Blevins stopped another with a goal-line tackle as the Blue team held on for a 17-14 victory Tuesday in the 53rd annual Blue-Gray college all-star game.

Evans, a defensive lineman at Oklahoma, was named the Blue's most valuable player, adding two sacks to his interception.

Blevins, a Sooners linebacker, stopped Houston's Chuck Weatherspoon on fourth-and-goal at the 1 and finished with six tackles, tied for the team lead with yet another Oklahoma player, lineman Tom Backes, who also recovered a fumble. The fourth Oklahoma defensive player, lineman James Goode, chipped in with five tackles.

"We weren't going to a bowl, so we wanted to prove ourselves," Evans said. "We wanted to show people around here that we have some players at Oklahoma. I think we did that."

The final totals for the Oklahoma contingent: 20 tackles, two quarter-

back sacks, an interception and a fumble recovery.

Oklahoma State's Cary Blanchard broke a 14-14 tie midway through the fourth quarter with a 25-yard field goal. But the Gray's downfall was a lack of production deep in Blue territory and a failure to capitalize on six Blue turnovers.

Five times the Gray had a first down inside the Blue 15. Only once did it come away with points.

In the first quarter, the Gray had a first-and-goal at the 7. Three plays gained six yards, and then the 230-pound Weatherspoon was thrown for a 1-yard loss by Blevins on fourth down.

"We guessed that they were going to try to run up the middle," said Blevins, who weighs 225. "It was clogged up and I happened to be there ... I was surprised we stopped him. He's a load."

In the fourth quarter, after rallying from a 14-0 deficit only to fall behind on Blanchard's field goal, the Gray wasted two more chances to win.

On first down from the Blue 11, a screen pass by Scott Zolak of Maryland was intercepted by Evans with 6:25 remaining. Evans saw that the play was intended for Weatherspoon and held back at the line of scrimmage instead of rushing.

"We'd worked on that play all

week," Evans said. "I saw Weatherspoon and I just stopped. (Zolak) tried to throw it over my head, but I was able to jump up and catch it."

The Gray had one final chance after Oklahoma State's Gerald Hudson fumbled at the Blue 48.

Zolak appeared to throw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Phil Logan of Kentucky with less than two minutes remaining. But another receiver, Louisiana Tech's Bobby Slaughter, was called for pass interference. The drive stalled and Georgia's Jon Kasay missed badly on a 40-yard field goal attempt with 1:38 remaining.

Weatherspoon was stopped on another fourth-and-goal at the 1 by North Dakota State's Phil Hansen in the third quarter.

The Blue scored on its first two possessions.

Sheldon Canley of San Jose ran 7 yards for a touchdown, capping a four-play drive that began when Blevins stripped the ball from Zolak at the Gray 36 and Backes recovered at the 36. Northwestern's Bob Christian capped a 76-yard drive with a 15-yard run the next time the Blue had the ball.

Zolak, though, hooked up with Logan for a 39-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter, and then he tied the game himself by diving over from the 1 late in the third period.

Fiesta Bowl organizers plan civil rights halftime program

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Officials hope a halftime tribute to civil rights at the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day will help defuse the backlash against Arizona and bowl officials since the state rejected a Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The state has experienced a strong reaction to the Nov. 6 rejection by voters of a paid state holiday honoring King. The backlash includes the possible removal of the 1993 Super Bowl from Tempe.

So, the Fiesta Bowl has planned the civil rights tribute during the game between Louisville and Alabama.

"We had planned as far back as this spring to do a tribute to the Bill of Rights. Civil rights would have been part of that," bowl spokesman Brent DeRaad said last Friday. "After the King holiday vote, we sat down and discussed it and decided to expand the show and to make a statement to the rest of the country."

More than 800 singers, dancers and musicians will participate in a show Fiesta Bowl organizers describe as "the most ambitious and spirited halftime production in the history" of the game.

"The show is about the coming together of the Bill of Rights," said Karen Churchard, the bowl's associate executive director. "For us it was perfect ... that's what civil rights was all about."

The halftime show — "Celebrate America" — will feature singers B.J. Thomas and Chuck Jackson, both schools' marching bands and a variety of singers and dancers.

It also will include tributes to the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, King, Patrick Henry, Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy.

Last November, Arizona voters defeated two proposals to create a paid King holiday. One, which would have made room for King Day by dropping the state's paid Columbus Day holiday, was defeated 3-1. The other, which would have kept Columbus Day and

added King Day, lost by a margin of about 1 percent.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue announced the day after the election that he would recommend the removal of the 1993 Super Bowl set for Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium in suburban Tempe, the same site as the Fiesta Bowl.

Two teams wooed by the Fiesta Bowl, Virginia and Notre Dame, then both in the running for the national championship, were said to have turned down bids because of the King controversy.

But DeRaad said both passed on the Fiesta Bowl because they got more lucrative offers to play elsewhere.

Virginia will play in the Sugar Bowl, which pays about \$750,000 per team more than the Fiesta Bowl, and Notre Dame accepted a bid to play in the Orange Bowl, which pays about \$1.7 million more. Fiesta Bowl teams get about \$2.5 million each.

DeRaad said Virginia officials "did express some concern" about the King holiday controversy but "both just opted to play in higher-paying bowls."

After Alabama accepted a Fiesta Bowl bid, the school's Faculty Senate passed a resolution urging it to reconsider. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which King founded, also urged the school to change its mind.

But the university refused to go back on its commitment, saying not only had the team voted in favor of acceptance, but that it was part of a Southeastern Conference bowl package.

DeRaad said Fiesta Bowl officials are quite happy with their matchup of 18th-ranked Louisville and No. 25 Alabama.

"The ironic thing is that both Louisville and Alabama are ranked in the AP's top 25," DeRaad said. "Virginia's not ranked. We actually ended up with a more attractive game."

Surgery possible for Cowboy's Aikman

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman probably will go under the knife to repair the shoulder he separated in the Cowboys' loss to Philadelphia.

A final decision is expected to be made later this week.

"We haven't decided yet, but (surgery) is a possibility," Johnson said.

Aikman already is scheduled to have surgery after the season to remove bone chips in his right

elbow. Johnson said the third-degree shoulder separation could be repaired at the same time.

If both operations are performed, Aikman could be throwing again by April, Johnson said.

"Their opinion is to cut on it," Aikman said Monday, adding he would seek a second opinion before consenting to surgery.

Aikman was told after Sunday's 17-3 loss that he would be out for four to six weeks.

San Antonio Spurs announce waivers, activation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs have waived guards Pete Myers and Reggie Williams, while activating forward Sidney Green.

Under NBA rules, all players still on the roster on the 56th day of the season must be paid for the entire season. That day, as agreed upon by the NBA Players Association, is today.

Because it takes 48 hours for players to clear waivers, the Spurs had to act Monday.

The waiving of Williams left the

Spurs with 11 players, one under the NBA maximum. Myers had been with the team less than two weeks.

Green, who has bone spurs and an arthritic condition in his right ankle, is expected to begin play Jan. 2 for the Spurs, who start a five-day road trip at Indiana.

The Spurs host Miami on Wednesday and Sacramento on Friday, but Green will continue to undergo therapy the remainder of the week.

Aggressive defense leads to Bulls win

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — The alibi sounded familiar, even if the guy who got caught using it did not.

"Credit them with good, aggressive defense," Detroit coach Chuck Daly said Tuesday after Michael Jordan, celebrating the birth of his second son, scored 37 points as the Chicago Bulls held off Isaiah Thomas and the slumping Pistons 98-86.

"We just couldn't score in the second half. Thirty-six points just isn't enough to win in this building. They double-teamed Isaiah," he added, "and we didn't adjust."

Substitute the name "Michael" for "Isaiah" in the alibi above and you have, almost word for word, the kind of postgame speeches Chicago coach Phil Jackson, his players and his predecessors have been stuck making for three seasons now.

So how happy were the Bulls to do the whipping instead of getting whipped?

"This is probably the biggest Christmas present I have ever had," the Bulls' Horace Grant said.

Still, it was hardly overstatement when he added a moment later, "It was a big present for the team, also. It helped us out psychologically."

The Christmas Day meeting was the second this season in a white-hot rivalry that has become one of the NBA's most closely watched, if not competitive, over the last three seasons. The Pistons, who reached the NBA finals in the first of those seasons and followed with consecutive championships, beat the Bulls in each of the last two Eastern Conference finals.

They held a 15-3 advantage in regular-season games coming into this year, including five straight and

10 of 11. And on top of that, Detroit ended its worst skid since 1985 by hammering the Bulls 105-84 at home last week in their only previous meeting this season.

"There's no need to point fingers over that one. We flunked the first test," Jordan said. "We studied. This time, we got an 'A.'"

The pushing and shoving evident under both baskets at the start flared briefly near the end. It led to the ejection of Chicago's Horace Grant after a scuffle with Detroit's Joe Dumars with 3:05 remaining and the Bulls ahead 89-79.

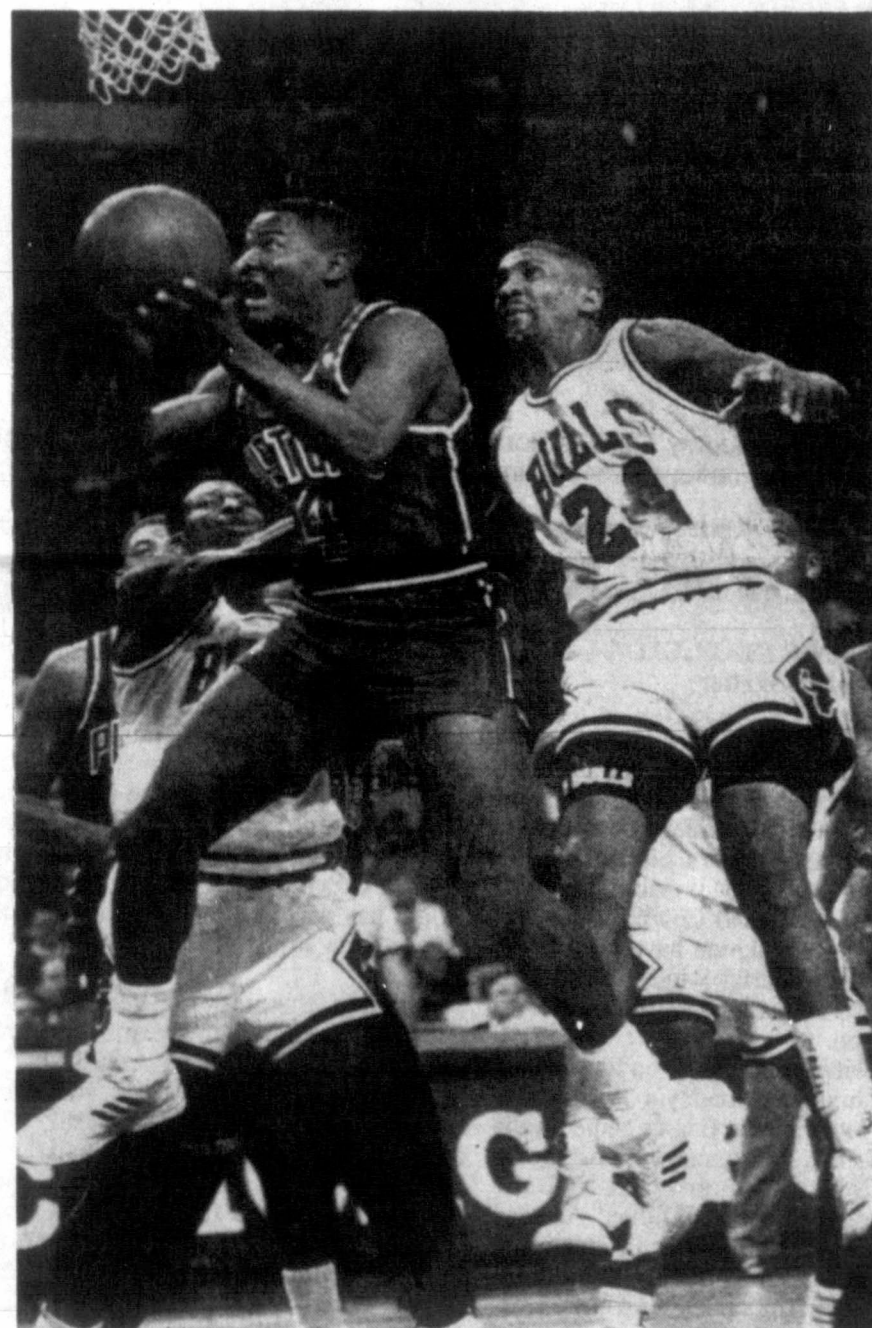
Dumars, who was not ejected, threw an elbow into Grant's stomach as the Bulls' Scottie Pippen was moving the ball upcourt. Grant retaliated by throwing a right hand to the midsection of the retreating Dumars in full view of an official, who quickly stepped between the two.

"I'm sorry for what happened. I had just been caught with a hard screen and I threw an elbow in response," Dumars said. "Horace is a good guy and it was just an unfortunate incident. I apologized to him before he came over and left the court."

The Bulls erased a 50-45 half-time deficit and took the lead for the first time since the opening minutes by scoring 11 straight points after Thomas opened the third period with a 15-foot jumper.

The Bulls stretched the lead to nine points by the end of the third quarter when Jordan made a 3-pointer from the top of the key as the buzzer sounded. The Pistons never got closer than four the rest of the way.

Detroit, losing for the ninth time in 10 road games, was led by Dumars' 24 points. Thomas added 23.



(AP Laserphoto)

Detroit Pistons guard Joe Dumars (4) outmuscles Chicago Bulls Bill Cartwright (24) and Cliff Levingston as he pulls down a first-half rebound in Chicago Tuesday.

Syracuse shuts out Arizona in soggy Aloha Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — The sun arrived late for the Aloha Bowl. In some ways, Arizona never did show up.

On a soggy Christmas Day in Hawaii, Syracuse won 28-0 by shutting down the Wildcats' offense, mounting long drives and taking advantage of defensive lapses.

Marvin Graves passed for two touchdowns and rushed for two more for Syracuse (7-4-2). He was named most valuable player for the Orangemen.

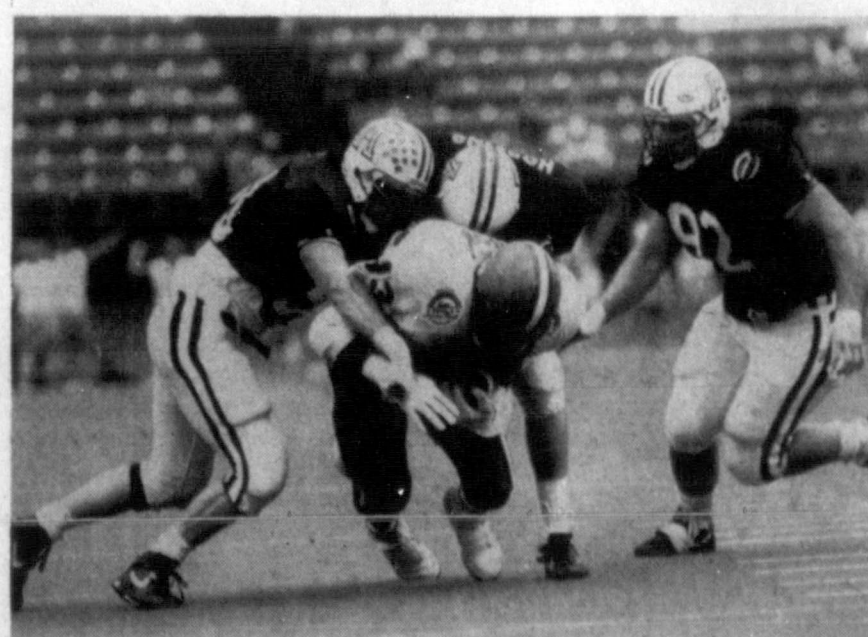
"I can't say enough for the football players because a shutout is a tough thing to get in this day and age of high-powered offenses," Syracuse coach Dick MacPherson said.

And getting a shutout against Arizona has proven especially tough. The Wildcats had scored in 214 consecutive games since a 31-0 loss to Arizona State on Nov. 27, 1971. It was the second-longest scoring streak in the nation behind UCLA's 227 in a row.

Arizona (7-5) didn't move the ball beyond the Syracuse 28-yard line.

"It's not one of the better Christmases I've had," Arizona coach Dick Tomey said. "It was a terrible performance."

Syracuse kept almost constant pressure on Arizona quarterbacks Ronald Veal and George Malaulu, sacking them four times, and the



(AP Laserphoto)

Syracuse's Duane Kinnon (43) is stopped by Arizona's Darren Case (50), Jimmie Hopkins (82) and Rob Waldrop (92) in Tuesday's Aloha Bowl game in Honolulu.

Wildcats were unable to sustain any drives.

"Momentum-wise, they shut the door on us," Tomey said.

Syracuse held Arizona to 226 yards total offense, including just 77 yards passing.

Graves, a redshirt freshman, completed 10 of 19 passes for 145 yards and was intercepted once. He rushed 11 times for 45 yards.

The young quarterback said the

win took some of the sting out of a 33-7 loss to Miami in Syracuse's final regular-season game.

"Coming out of the loss to Miami, I think a lot of us were embarrassed, so we wanted to prove something," Graves said.

He scored on a 5-yard quarterback draw on Syracuse's first possession. In the second quarter, Graves found a wide-open Terry Richardson on a 47-yard touchdown

pass as Syracuse took a 14-0 half-time lead.

Arizona drove into Syracuse territory three times in the third quarter, but came up empty.

Gary Costello faked a 50-yard field goal and punted to the Syracuse 1-yard line.

The Wildcats got the ball back and moved to the Orangemen's 41 before punting. They pushed to the 35-yard line before the third quarter ended, but Kevin Mitchell sacked Malaulu for a loss of eight yards and the Wildcats punted again.

Syracuse put the game out of reach with fourth-quarter touchdown drives of 90 and 49 yards.

Graves capped the first by connecting with Chris Gedney, who bulled into the left side of the end zone to complete a 6-yard touchdown.

Graves ran a quarterback option in from five yards out for Syracuse's final score.

Graves rushed for a touchdown and threw for another in the first half, and Arizona helped by stalling twice on fourth down inside Syracuse territory.

The Orangemen came out strong, moving 66 yards in 13 plays for a 7-0 lead. Running back David Walker converted on fourth-and-inches and Graves found wide receiver Rob Carpenter on third-and-6 to sustain the drive.

Who's No. 1 in Class 5A? It's anybody's guess

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Marshall coach Dennis Parker made a prediction before the season started.

"We took the greatest playoff system in America and turned it into what the NCAA has been trying to get away from," Parker said. "We're going to end up with the sport writers picking the Class 5A state champion."

Parker's prediction became reality Saturday in the Astrodome minutes after his Mavericks defeated Converse Judson 21-19 to capture the Class 5A big school state championship.

Marshall's victory was carefully observed by coach Bill Smith, who a week earlier in the Astrodome led Aldine (15-0) to a 27-10 victory over Arlington Lamar for the Class 5A small school state title.

The state is left with two Class

5A state champions because of the University Interscholastic League's two-tiered playoff system that divides the schools into two playoff brackets based on enrollment.

Now, just as Parker predicted, there is a debate over who is the true Class 5A state champion, and Parker has another prediction: "This is a Marshall dream come true and a UIL nightmare."

Parker, as expected, proclaimed Marshall the true champions.

"Look at the scoreboard, it says Marshall is the Big 5A champion and as far as I'm concerned, they ain't no other champion," Parker said. "The Marshall Mavericks are No. 1."

Aldine, with a 29-2 record over the past two seasons, reached the finals last season before losing to Odessa Permian. The Mustangs led The Associated Press Class 5A rankings from start to finish this season.

Smith, likewise, thinks the Mustangs are the best.

"I don't feel slighted, I feel we're the best team in Texas and we proved it," Smith said. I have no doubt we can play anybody."

Parker's Mavericks remained on the Astrodome floor Saturday after accepting their big school trophy, preserving their moment of glory and to lament the absence of a final playoff.

"I don't like the rule," Marshall quarterback Chad Fox said. "It really doesn't make any difference who we play, we'll play anybody, just bring them on. Football is 11-on-11. I think the rule is unfair to the schools."

Marshall linebacker Tremayne Green thinks the Mavericks, who finished No. 9 in the final AP poll, are the top team.

"We're treating this victory like we're No. 1 because we feel we can beat Aldine," Green said.

The UIL installed a two-tiered playoff system this season in an attempt to ease the enrollment disparity between the 242 schools in the Class 5A division.

With three teams from each district qualifying for the playoffs, the team with the smallest enrollment entered the small school playoffs and the other two teams, regardless of records, played in the big school bracket.

The 96-team playoff may have produced more revenue and allowed more players to participate in the playoffs, but it didn't separate the schools according to enrollment.

"We're the big school champion with an enrollment of 1,900 and Aldine won the small school title with an enrollment of 2,500," Parker said.

Smith and Parker both would like to at least see a final game to determine the champion.

"We need to make corrections,"

Smith said. "They have to have a playoff at the end or something."

The controversial playoff system will be discussed at a meeting Jan. 16-17 in Austin with several proposals on the table.

Among the plans under consideration: dividing 5A into two 121-team divisions with the winner of each bracket playing to one state champion and expanding the 96-team playoff to 124 teams with four teams from each district qualifying.

Aldine was the AP's pre-season No. 1 ranked team and held that position throughout the playoffs. Aldine's first five opponents were unbeaten when they played the Mustangs.

Aldine outscored its 15 opponents by a 41.3-12.8 margin, rolling up 6,145 total yards and holding opponents to 3,173.

Eric Gray completed a double-1,000-yard season at quarterback.

He rushed 1,372 yards and passed for another 1,126. In the title game, Gray gained 236 yards on 23 carries. Derrick Johnson led the rushing attack with 1,617 yards for the season.

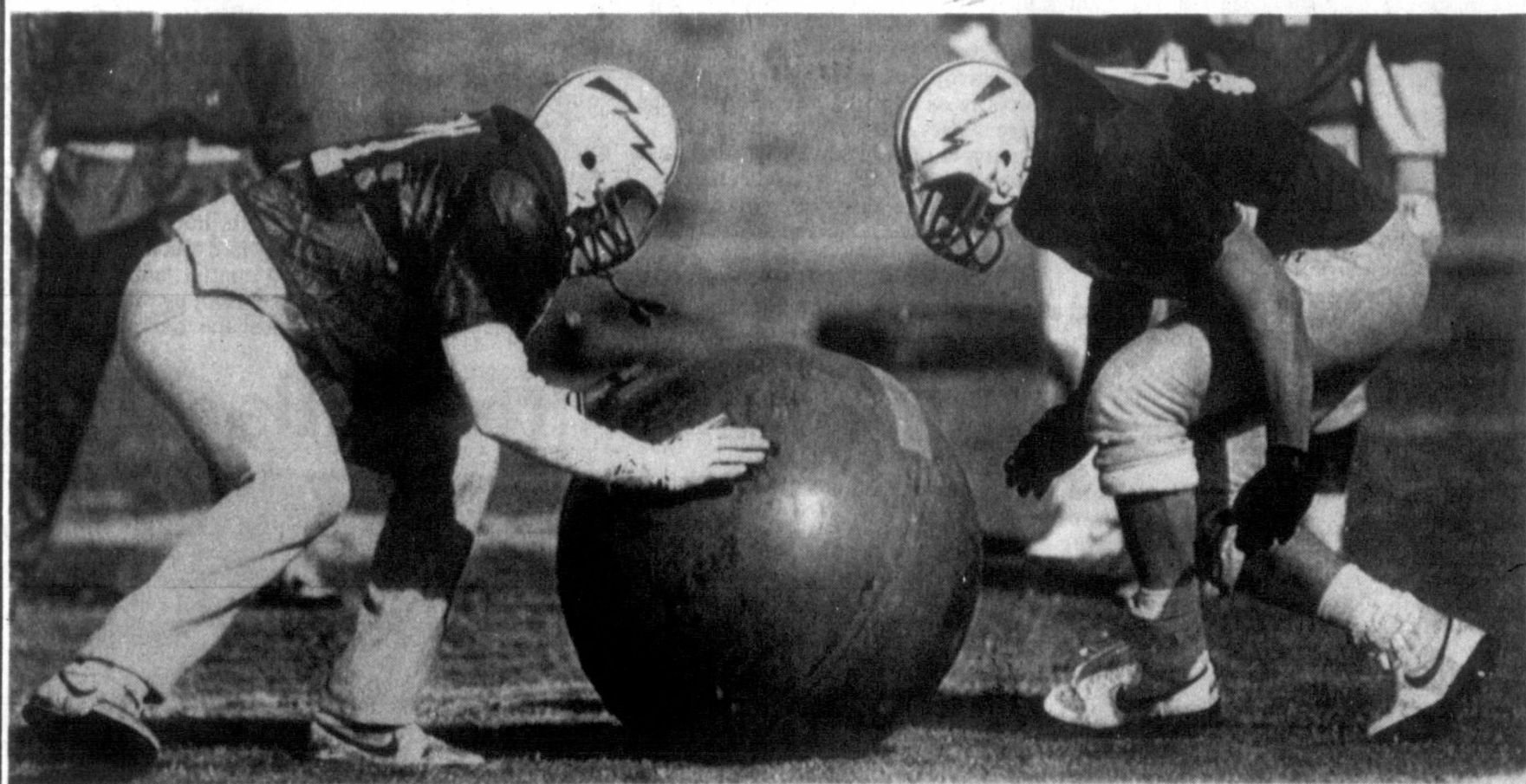
Marshall finished its season with a 14-2 record that included losses to Monroe, La., Neville (21-14) and to Waco (33-7). The Mavericks outscored their 16 foes 29.0-13.2 and compiled 4,816 yards of total offense and allowed 4,034 yards.

D.D. Turner, who gained 1,064 yards in the regular season, fueled Marshall's victory over Converse Judson with 194 rushing yards on 35 carries. A week earlier, he gained 160 yards and scored three touchdowns in a 21-0 semifinals victory over Arlington Houston.

Sophomore quarterback Chad Fox completed three touchdown passes in the championship game.

So who's No. 1? Does anyone have a coin?

Roller ball



Air Force Academy Falcons Rod Stephen (71) and Byron Love (91) push a large ball back and forth as they work on a quickness drill during practice earlier this week in Memphis, Tenn. The Falcons are tuning up for their Thursday night Liberty Bowl contest against Ohio State.

Bartlett Bulldogs gain Class A football title

BEDFORD (AP) — Kevin Cavanaugh passed for 248 yards and a touchdown and ran for two more scores Monday, leading the Bartlett Bulldogs to a 36-28 victory over the Munday Moguls in the Class A state football championship.

Bartlett (15-1) won the state title in its first state finals appearance. Munday, which was ranked atop The Associated Press poll for most of the season, finished the year at 14-1.

Cavanaugh completed nine of 17 passes with one interception. Derek Williams caught six passes for 188 yards and a score for Bartlett.

Perry Collier led the Moguls with eight carries for 163 yards, including and 80-yard touchdown.

Cavanaugh put the Bulldogs ahead for good on a 36-yard touchdown pass to Williams with 7:56 to go in the second quarter after Munday had overcome Bartlett's 16-0 lead with 20 unanswered points.

The Bartlett defense stopped Munday's first drive on three plays, and Claude Mathis blocked the Moguls punt out of the end zone,

giving the Bulldogs a 2-0 lead. Cavanaugh ran for a 3-yard score, with 5:55 remaining in the first quarter, capping a five play, 51-yard drive and giving Bartlett a 9-0 lead.

Mathis' 5-yard touchdown run with 2:49 left in the opening quarter gave Bartlett a 16-0 advantage.

The Moguls responded by scoring on their next three possessions, including Terry Collier's 3-yard run, Perry Collier's 80-yard run on an option pitch and Bobby Dawkins' 35-yard scoring pass to Terry Collier. That gave Munday a 20-16 lead.

Cavanaugh's 36-yard touchdown pass to Williams capped a three play drive that also included a 39-yard pass to Williams.

Jeff Hill's 14-yard run with 3:16 left gave the Bulldogs a 29-20 half-time lead.

The Moguls added a score with 7 seconds remaining in the game on Dawkins' 28-yard touchdown pass to Jay Kingston.

Dawkins completed three of 13 passes for 65 yards with three interceptions.

Injuries knocking out top Dallas sports stars at crucial points in season

By ARNIE STAPLETON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas sports fans this year have learned just how strongly a team's fortunes rise and fall with their premier players.

Texas Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan, Dallas Mavericks forward Roy Tarpley and Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman have been taken out with injuries while playing at a level destined to take their teams to the top.

Aikman's season-ending shoulder injury in Sunday's 17-3 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles came on the heels of a four-game winning streak.

Backup quarterback Babe Laufenberg, who relieved Aikman and went 13-for-36 with four interceptions, is now the Cowboys' hope for their first post-season appearance since 1985.

Laufenberg faces the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday with just three passes in three seasons under his belt before his Philly performance.

His backup at Atlanta, and in the playoffs should they win, will be Cliff Stoudt, a 35-year-old 12th-year pro the Cowboys signed Monday. Stoudt has played little in the NFL since a stint in the USFL in 1984-85.

Aikman, the sixth quarterback injured by the Eagles this year, faces probable surgery in Los Angeles this week. Dr. Frank Jobe will examine Aikman and determine if an operation is necessary to repair torn ligaments in his shoulder and remove bone chips from his right elbow.

Before being knocked out by Eagles defensive end Clyde Sim-

mons, Aikman had led the Cowboys from a 1-15 season a year ago to a 7-7 mark.

"Losing Troy is a big setback for us," Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson said. "But fortunately, it's not career-threatening, and we fully anticipate that Troy will recover quickly and be back to take snaps the first day of spring drills."

"He'll pick up right where he left off, I have no doubt about that."

Aikman's sidelining continues a trend for Dallas sports superstars.

In November, the Mavericks lost forward Roy Tarpley for the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. It was the first of a rash of injuries that already have Mavs fans talking about next year and the crop in the NBA lottery.

The Mavericks were picked as

pre-season favorites to win the Western Conference title after they added All-Star veterans Fat Lever and Rodney McCray to the lineup with a newly-motivated Tarpley.

Lever, the team's lead reserve guard, also required knee surgery and was reactivated Monday. He won't see action until January.

But it was the loss of Tarpley that hurt the Mavericks the most.

In five games, Tarpley averaged 20.4 points and 11 rebounds, even while playing about 20 pounds overweight.

The Mavericks were off to their best start since 1982-83 at 4-1 when it came crashing down in a 111-99 victory over Orlando. Tarpley's right kneecap slipped out of place when he landed after making a shot on a fastbreak.

Arthroscopic surgery revealed a

tear of the anterior cruciate ligament and Tarpley could see playing time in May at the soonest, providing the Mavericks make the playoffs.

"This is just devastating," Dallas coach Richie Adubato said at the time. "I'm shocked. The kind of great basketball he was playing, we were going to go places."

The Mavericks have stumbled to a 9-14 mark.

Even the Rangers had to sweat it out this year when they feared all those fastballs had finally caught up with the 44-year-old Ryan.

A stiff back sent Ryan to the disabled list from May 18-June 5. Even when he returned, he experienced pain with each pitch. He also suffered all season from a tightening hamstring and a strained achilles tendon.

But on June 11, Ryan threw his

record sixth no-hitter, beating the Athletics in Oakland. The next day he learned a stress fracture in his lower back had been causing the discomfort.

And on July 31, he beat the Milwaukee Brewers for his 300th career victory. He finished 13-8, but could have done better. His bullpen lost six leads for him after the All-Star break.

"All in all, I'd have to say this was one of my better years," Ryan said. "The no-hitter, No. 300. But it was also one of the more painful."

"This could have been my best year. But that's the way it is in baseball, in any sport, you risk injury. And when your main guys are hurt, you just hope the rest can pull together and go on without you. All you can do is root them on."

Dallas is getting used to that.

Aggies plan blitz attack against Brigham Young

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Coach R.C. Slocum refused to admit that his Texas A&M Aggies plan an all-out blitz against Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer and the Brigham Young passing attack.

But linebacker William Thomas not only admitted to the blitz plan, he said he's taking it personally.

"I'm No. 11, and I'll be coming from the outside," he said. "I'm the one who is going to be blitzing the whole time."

If there was any doubt the Aggies believe they can outmuscle the Cougars on Saturday in the Holiday Bowl, running back Darren Lewis said, "If we play hard-nosed football against them, everything will take care of itself."

The Aggies practiced Tuesday in College Station before climbing aboard their charter to San Diego. They landed shortly after 7:15 p.m.

Slocum said A&M did not practice during finals, but hit the field the day finals ended.

BYU's charter carried a light load into San Diego from Utah. More than half the team came ahead to visit family and friends, including Detmer.

On the practice field at San Diego State University, a reporter asked Detmer, a native of San Antonio, if he plans to skip his senior year at BYU and become eligible for the NFL draft.

"I'm going back next year for my senior year. Hopefully, I'll have a consistent year and things will work out," he said.

In his profile in the BYU media guide, Detmer lists Texas A&M as



Brigham Young University head football coach LaVell Edwards, right, enjoys a moment with Joe Rothman, left, and Tom Palmag, center, of the Holiday Bowl selection committee after arriving with his team at the US Air hangar Tuesday in San Diego.

one of the recruiting finalists when he was a high school senior in San Antonio.

But the Aggie records show neither a visit to the athlete's home nor a visit by Detmer to College Station.

"In our book, we showed he was always leaning toward BYU," said Texas A&M recruiting coordinator Tim Cassidy.

"We weren't really in a big hunt for a quarterback at the time, and

San Antonio was not a traditionally rich city for talent for us," Cassidy said. "We had signed only one player from San Antonio the year before Detmer was a senior and no one in Detmer's senior season."

In 1986, the Aggies signed Texas 4A quarterback Lance Pavlas, who, like Detmer, is a dropback passer. In 1987, the Aggie quarterback recruit was option man Bucky Richardson from Baton Rouge, La. Richardson

is the Aggies' starting quarterback and Pavlas is backup.

Detmer is the third Heisman Trophy winner to face Texas A&M in a bowl game. The Aggies are 2-0 against the other two.

Texas A&M defeated Auburn in the 1986 Cotton Bowl, 36-16, when the Tigers were led by Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson. The Aggies defeated Notre Dame in the 1988 Cotton Bowl, 35-10.

Sports in brief

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The son of Penn State football coach Joe Paterno was robbed by gun-toting youths who made him lie face down on Fort Lauderdale Beach, said police who caught the five suspects.

"I was terrified, and I'm still terrified," said Shari Critchley, 27, of Harrisburg, Pa.

She and Joseph "Jay" Paterno Jr., 22, were robbed about 2:15 a.m.

Monday while sitting on the beach, police said. One youth pointed a gun — police later found a pellet gun — at Paterno and forced him to down on the sand, police said.

The youths took Paterno's wallet, Critchley's purse and a necklace. A police officer on surveillance against beach crime saw the incident, called for backup, and the youths were stopped after they drove off in a car, police said.

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — James Brown returned to center stage for the first time since he went to prison two years ago, entertaining 4,000 soldiers whose holiday leaves were canceled because of the Persian Gulf crisis.

Trainees in crew cuts jumped to their feet Christmas Day when the soul singer came out singing his standard, "I Got You (I Feel Good)."

Brown sang "God Bless America" to close the show at Fort Jackson, which was his first performance since going to prison.

He was on a 72-hour Christmas furlough until today.

Brown is serving a six-year sentence for aggravated assault, failure to stop for police and weapons violations stemming from a two-state, high-speed chase after which Brown tested positive for PCP use.

In April, after serving 15 months in a prison, Brown entered a work-release program where he counsels youths on drug abuse. He spends his nights at a minimum-security facility and is eligible for parole on March 8.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Francis Ford Coppola says that although "The Godfather, Part III" is barely out, people are already second-guessing him.

"When you work on a film, you work for two years and people say, 'You should have done this, or you should have done that,'" the director said during an interview broadcast Tuesday on "Entertainment Tonight."

"When you cook, it takes 20 minutes and everyone's happy," he said.

The third "Godfather" was released Christmas Day, but critics, producers and others have seen early screenings of the long-awaited film.

Coppola, 51, said that despite success for the first two "Godfather" films, the only movie and sequel to win best-picture Oscars, his recent flops added to his motivation to create a blockbuster closing chapter of the Mafia saga.

"The worst thing for Italian people is to make a bad showing," he said.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — J. Leonard Clark, the last of six brothers who once owned the company that makes Clark bars, laments efforts to sell the brand name and possibly move the candy plant from Pittsburgh.

The for-sale announcement by Leaf Inc., which now owns the candy bar company, made Clark, 79, "sick to my stomach."

"I have a sentimental dedication that the company not go down the drain," said Clark, who lives in Santa Clarita, Calif.

Policeman plays Santa after Grinch steals Christmas

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Police didn't catch the Grinch, so they played Santa instead.

Christmas Day dawned dark and awful for Neoma and Dan Calovich when they returned from her parents' home to find a thief had kicked in a door to their house.

The home was ransacked. Thieves even took gifts placed under the Christmas tree for the couple's two young sons.

But then officers, dispatchers, jailers and other police employees arrived bearing gifts.

Clark said he's trying to interest Pennsylvania food giants H.J. Heinz Co. and Hershey Foods Corp. in giving the Clark bar new life.

The company founded in the late 1800s by Clark's father, David Lytle Clark, was a Pittsburgh landmark until Leaf Inc. of Bannockburn, Ill., moved manufacturing to suburban Pittsburgh.

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NEW YORK (AP) — George Hamilton, who hasn't had a role in a feature film since 1981, almost didn't end up in "The Godfather, Part III."

Hamilton, 51, plays a WASP lawyer who sets up a deal for the Corleone family with the Vatican Bank.

Hamilton said in the January issue of Vanity Fair that his agent at first turned down the role because he had been told it would be a cameo.

"You did what?" he recalled telling his agent. "We're talking about 'The Godfather' here."

Finally Hamilton called director Francis Ford Coppola in Italy and Coppola assured him that he still wanted the actor.

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Welsh miners fear hard times as region's last coal mine closes

By ROBERT BARR
Associated Press Writer

MAERDY, Wales (AP) — When Ivor Jones went into the coal mine in 1926, there were four pits operating in Maerdy, and 52 others in the surrounding Rhondda valleys. At 78, he saw the last one close this week, and 280 men lose their jobs. Twenty others accepted mining jobs elsewhere.

"It's a sad bloody moment, this pit closing," Jones said as the last shifts were being worked at the Maerdy colliery.

"I went to the soup kitchens when I was 9 years of age. I saw hard times and depressions. I'm afraid now that it's going to start all over again," he said.

Work stopped on Thursday. On Friday, Maerdy's miners and their families marched up to the pit behind a brass band, their lodge banner fluttering damply in the drizzle, to dedicate a plaque to their mine and a nearly

vanished way of life.

It was a quiet defeat for a town once known as "little Moscow," where miners flew the red flag at the pit head in the 1920s.

"The stark reality is that 300 men, mostly with families, with an average age of 34, are losing their jobs at Christmas time," said the Rev. Norman Hadfield, a former miner who conducted a memorial service.

The local district council and the government-sponsored Welsh Development Authority are already working on new industries for Maerdy, but the results may be years away.

The WDA says it has created more than 700 jobs close to Maerdy, and a new business park has opened in Ferndale, two miles downstream. That hasn't lifted the gloom felt by some miners.

"There are no prospects for me in another job at the moment," said Mike L'Homme, who was losing

his job after 10 years.

"Very few men have found new jobs to go to and families face a bleak time here because there isn't any work in the Rhondda," said Eric Price, a miner since 1963.

Unemployment in Wales is 6.7 percent, compared to 6.0 percent in Britain as a whole, but it's two points higher in the mid-Glamorgan region, including the Rhondda valleys.

South Wales has seen worse. In the general strike of 1926, the Trade Union Congress gave up after nine days; the miners stayed out from May until December, at last nearly starved back to work. In the 1930s, unemployment exceeded 70 percent in some valleys.

"When I was working up there, there wasn't even a road to the mine," said Jones, who started mining in 1926. "You'd walk up the railroad track in all kinds of weather — hail, snow, whatever — then you went down in

the pit soaking wet, and there was no protective clothing.

"And then if there was an accident, the men had to carry them down on a stretcher."

Jones' son Alun, also a retired miner, sipped pints of bitter in the Miners' Institute as his father talked.

"That pit closing is ripping the guts out of me," the son said.

In 1913, South Wales produced a third of the world's coal exports and had 485 working mines.

The valleys also produced leaders: Arthur Horner, a founder of the National Union of Mineworkers, was a Maerdy man; Aneurin Bevan, a Labor Cabinet minister in the 1940s, and the Labor Party's current leader, Neil Kinnock, both came from nearby Tredegar.

Mining employment peaked at 272,000 in 1920, and in 1923 the mines produced 52.25 million tons. By the mid-1930s, production and employment fell by more than half.

Japan fearful low birth rate may weaken its economy

By S.L. BACHMAN
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Statistics that show Japan's population growth declining to a postwar low are likely to sharpen fears that lagging birth rates are weakening the nation's economy.

Preliminary figures released from Japan's 1990 census show the nation grew by only 2.1 percent from 1985 to 1990. The 3.4 percent growth from 1980-85 was the previous postwar low.

The Oct. 1 census counted 123,622,541 people in Japan. The country is still the world's seventh most populous, but it has one of the world's slowest growth rates.

Over the past year, the country has been flooded with magazine, newspaper and television reports that speak of a "baby shock." Officials express fear that with fewer children, the nation will eventually have trouble supporting the elderly, a growing percentage of the population.

Business leaders say industry is already beginning to feel a labor shortage.

Birth rates in Japan have been declining since the introduction of modern birth control after World War II, according to Dr. Makoto Atoh, director of the Health and Welfare Ministry's department of population policy studies.

A housing shortage, high land prices, rising ages at marriage, and the soaring costs of education and child-rearing have contributed to the declining rate, he said.

"We think the major cause for the decline is the rising percentage of singles and the rising age of marriage," Atoh said.

Health and Welfare Ministry figures show that 20 percent of people in their late 20s were single in 1975, but 37 percent in that age group were single last year.

Most women believe the high cost of educating children is the biggest obstacle to having more, said Dr. Naohiro Ogawa, deputy director of the Nippon University population research institute, and the consultant for a recent survey by Mainichi newspaper.

Another factor is cramped housing conditions and the astronomical prices of new homes. Mechanization in the home, expanded education and job opportunities have led an increasing number of women out of the home.

Some say the refusal of men to change their roles in the home discourages large families.

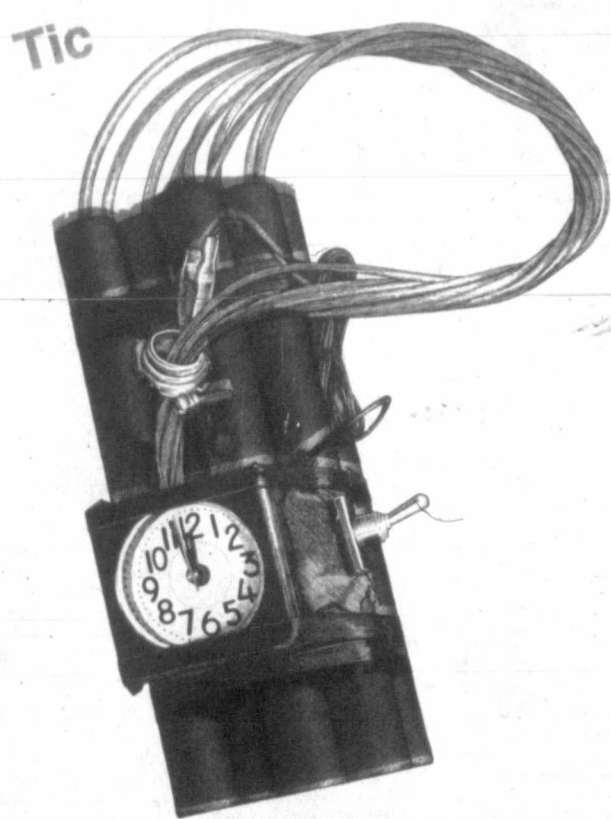
"Japanese men don't share housekeeping. All the burden is on the shoulder of women at home, so it's impossible to have more children," said Mariko Mitsui, a Tokyo city assemblywoman.

A government policy group has considered revamping maternity leaves, changing housing policies, and improving child care as measures to get women to have more children.

Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, a governing Liberal Democratic Party leader and a likely future prime minister, caused an uproar in June when he was quoted as blaming the shrinking birth rates on the expanded opportunities for higher education for women.

Hashimoto later denied making the remark.

Four out of five women questioned in the Mainichi survey said they opposed government intervention to boost the birth rate, Ogawa said.



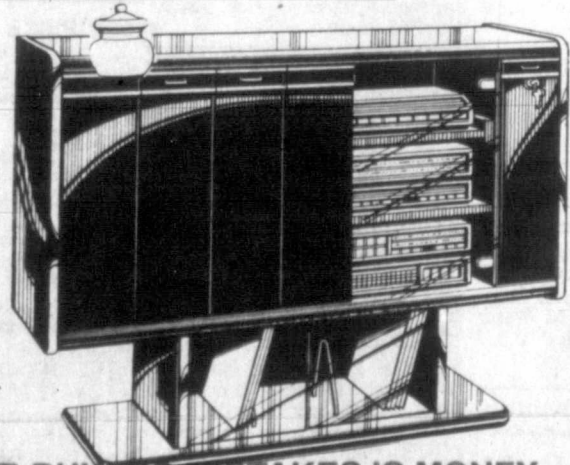
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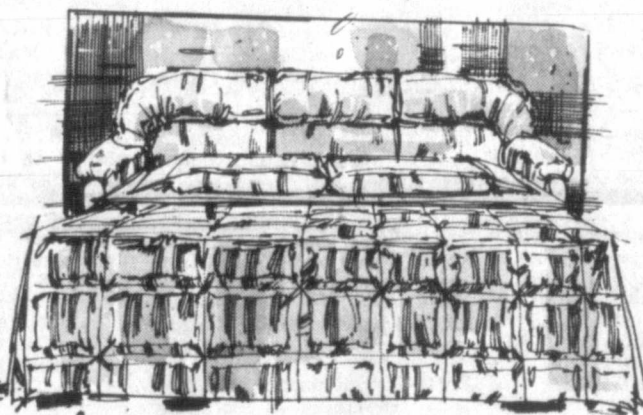
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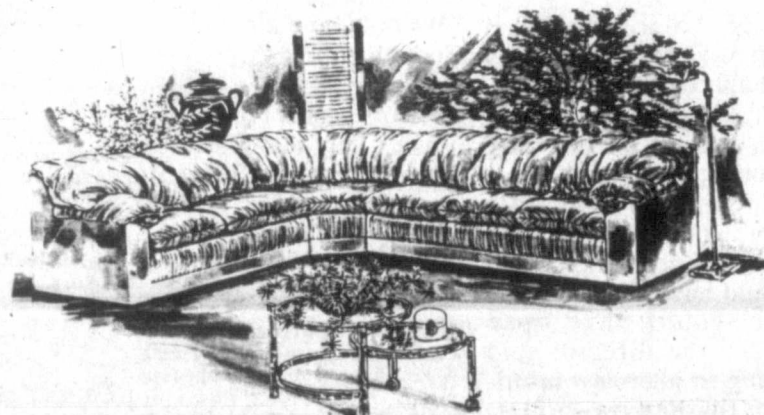
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This good looking set is made by Stanley and its just to expensive for today's economy and I told Clara this but she insists that some one out there still wants expensive dining room suits. Well after 3 years she admits that she is wrong. The styling of this set is Transitional and consists of a large well lighted china, a large rectangle table and 4 side chairs and two arm chairs. A \$5229 value for \$1568.

IF YOU'RE DRIVING SPEED! IF YOUR WALKING RUN! BUT GET TO GRAHAMS THURSDAY MORN'ING EARLY AND BUY A \$360 QUEEN ANNE WING BACK CHAIR FOR ONLY \$99

This is one of my mistakes because I love Queen Anne styling but these chairs really don't sell at Grahams Furniture. However I still think the chair is beautifully upholstered in a rich blue velvet cover, but the price of \$99 is really beautiful



WE HAVE FOUR SECTIONALS THAT WE DON'T WANT TO PAY TAXES ON EVER AGAIN! SO WE'RE REDUCING THEM

MORE THAN 1/2 PRICE THEY'RE DIFFERENT STYLES AND DIFFERENT COLORS AND THEY ALL HAVE SLEEPERS WITH INNERSPRING MATTRESSES, TWO RECLINING END PIECES, A CURVER CENTER PIECE, ARMLESS CHAIR. THE RETAIL PRICES RANGE FROM \$2840 TO \$2940. CHOOSE THE ONE YOU WANT AND PAY ONLY \$1389. AND THATS LESS THAN HALF PRICE. HURRY AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME BUY.

HERE IS JUST A FEW OF THE MANY INCREDIBLE BUYS YOU'LL FIND ON QUALITY SOFAS

You can save \$1300 on a quality Karpen sofa and love seat. It sits well and will last a very long time in your home. However it will show soil very easy because its off white stripe with peach and teal stripes that will look beautiful in your livingroom, but it will show soil. My advice is simple come in and pay \$599 for this \$1899 sofa and loveseat. Then don't sit on it. If you want values in living room furniture, you'll find a whole store filled with them.

NOW THAT THE SMOKE HAS CLEARED AND THE SHOUTING HAS DIED DOWN IT'S TIME FOR GRAHAM FURNITURE TO ADMIT THAT THEY CAN'T SELL LEATHER RECLINERS! THE ENTIRE INVENTORY OF LEATHER BERKLINE RECLINERS WILL BE SOLD AT HALF PRICE!

Yes! Leather recliners are nice, durable and comfortable, but when you receive a large shipment of leather recliners before Christmas and only sell one, you really don't have to be to smart to realize that we're not a store that sells leather recliners. So instead of hanging on to this new shipment and paying taxes on them we're going to take our beating right now and sell all of them for 1/2 price.

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