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Santa remembers troops

■ Many U.S. soldiers stationed in the Saudi Arabian desert say the best present would be a trip home to their families.

■ **Bob Hope does his best to boost the troops' morale**/8A

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By Neil MacFarquhar

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — Flight crew member Stephanie Harr ran out on the deck of the USNS Mercy hospital ship Tuesday to bellow "Merry Christmas" to her family in San Antonio.

Specialist John Davidson of the 37th Airborne Engineer Battalion pulled guard duty in a sandstorm on Christmas day. "Everybody here is down and depressed," he said.

Bob Hope, meanwhile, tailored his 50th year of entertaining troops at Christmas to a devout Moslem land.

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."

He also appeared in a bunker.

Spec. Chad Dombrosky, 20, of Milton-Freewater, Ore., was on guard duty when at the stroke of midnight he alerted the sergeant of the guard of unusual activity: "There's a fat guy in a red suit with a bag full of gifts who wants to come into the camp, but he doesn't know the password," Dombrosky said.

The best present the troops could have received was to be with loved ones.

"I'd like to be home for Christmas, but the military is our second family," said Joseph Leo, 20, of Des Moines, Iowa. Leo was brought to the hospital ship three days ago with internal bleeding.

In a nearby bed, Sgt. Danny Barrick, 30, of Carlyle, Pa., stared ruefully at his broken leg — injured in a desert football game — that will earn him a spot on a plane home.

His Christmas wish?

"Hopefully I'll get this drip taken out of my arm," he said, pointing to the intravenous tubes next to him. But Christmas in a hospital bed was much "better than sitting out there with the sand blowing over you," he said.

First Sgt. Charles Rio, 39, of Fayetteville, N.C., received a most unlikely gift from his son: a fishing lure to catch "land bass."

His unit, the 37th Battalion, received a 90-minute videotape from a family support group. Troops viewed the tape for the first time on Christmas.

Pfc. Raymond Waldorf, 25, of Greenville, Mich. saw his wife, 2-year-old son and 5-month-old daughter on the tape.

"It brightened up an otherwise gloomy day," Waldorf said.

The armed forces radio network avoided most songs with a religious theme to avoid hurting Saudi sensibilities. The

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News Watch

Mary Christmas?

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Christmas is the name, and getting their checks and phone calls taken seriously is the game.

"It's awful hard to get a pizza delivered," said Greg Christmas of northeast Indianapolis.

He said it took some coaxing to persuade his wife, Mary, to take his last name.

"It helps that most people call her Mary Ann," he said.

Teen suicides

CHICAGO (AP) — Teen suicide prevention programs in schools may actually stir up depressed feelings rather than help youths who have tried to kill themselves, according to a new study.

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Christmas wish

DALLAS (AP) — A woman diagnosed with terminal cancer got her last wish for a white Christmas thanks to an ice company who sprayed three tons of shaved ice on her front lawn for free.

"When the doctors told me I had about six months to live, they told me to dream my dreams while I can," said Elaine Riddle, 41, who has lymphatic cancer.

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Fragile site

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Kevin Costner considered filming "Dances With Wolves" in Grand Teton National Park but switched to a South Dakota location when park officials wouldn't let them use a choice site.



Costner

"The request was to provide a campsite of 40 teepees on a river with the Tetons in the background," said Marshall Gingery, the park's assistant superintendent.

Park officials recommended a site along the Snake River north of Moose, which was turned down by the filmmakers.

They wanted to make Deadman's Bar, which sits along the Snake River with the Tetons in the background, into a campsite. But park officials didn't think it could withstand the heavy use it would have received during the filmmaking.

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Gorbachev wins more power over executive branch

■ The move by the Congress of People's Deputies was a clear victory for Gorbachev and for hard-line lawmakers who have urged emergency rule over secessionist republics.

By Alan Cooperman

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev won sweeping new powers over a reorganized executive branch Tuesday, despite Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze's warning that the country was heading toward dictatorship.

Gorbachev turned back attempts by reformist lawmakers to limit his authority to issue presidential decrees, which he says he needs along with government reorganization to restore order in the country. He angrily said such restriction would be the "funeral of executive power."

Approval by the 2,250-member Congress of People's Deputies was a clear victory for Gorbachev and for hard-line lawmakers who have urged emergency rule over secessionist republics. In his stunning resignation speech Thursday, Shevardnadze said hard-liners were pushing this country to dictatorship.

Parliament voted overwhelmingly for constitutional amendments that eliminate Gorbachev's moribund Presidential Council, create a powerful new vice presidency subordinate to Gorbachev, and form a new Cabinet of Ministers under Gorbachev's direct control.

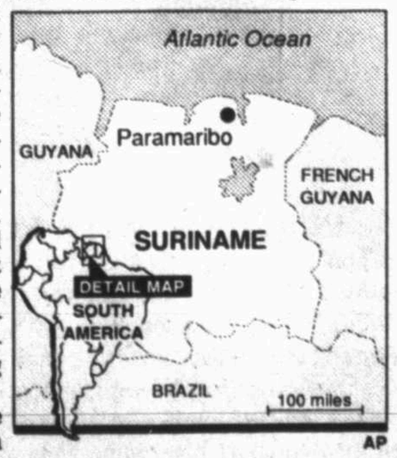
It strengthened Gorbachev's existing Federation Council, the centerpiece of his reorganization, but modified his vision of it as a small governing body, creating doubt about its effectiveness.

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. It will also try to settle the multiple regional conflicts, which have led to bloodshed in the Caucasus, Moldavia and Central Asia.

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Coup leader says he'll give up power within 100 days

PARAMARIBO, Suriname (AP) — The Suriname army chief who led a bloodless Christmas Eve coup pledged Tuesday to relinquish power to an elected government within 100 days and denied an ousted dictator was behind the coup.



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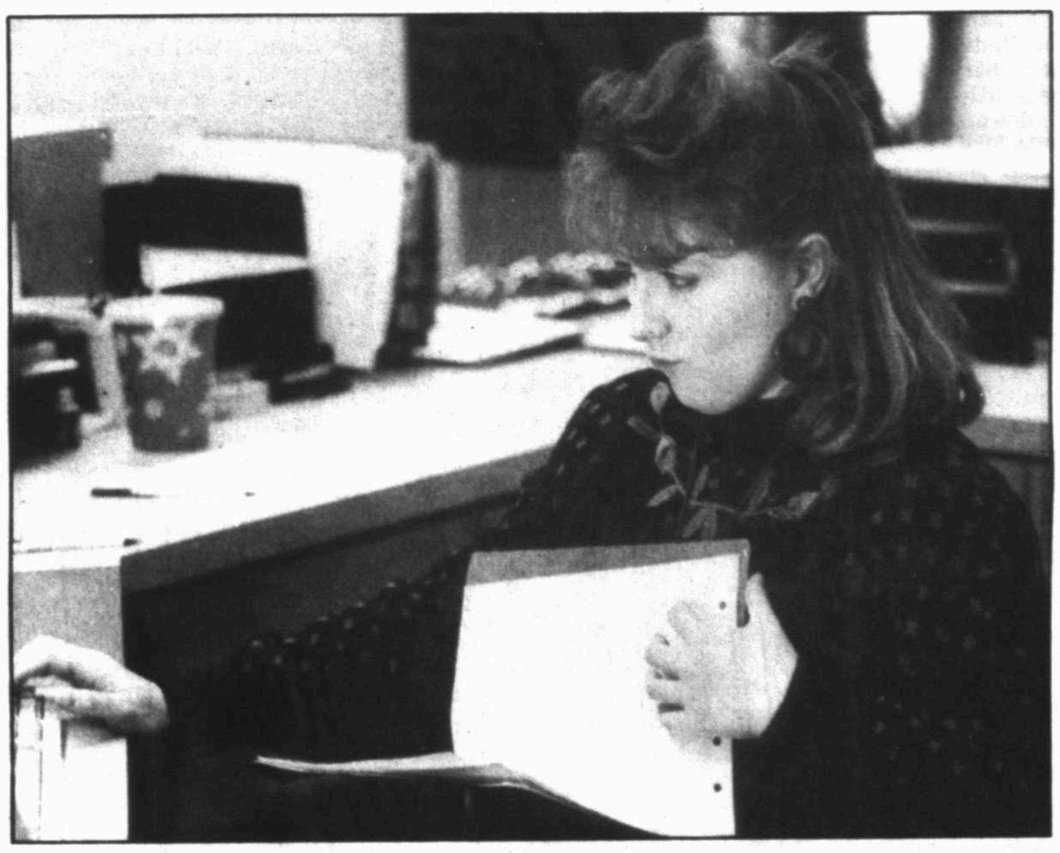
"The army is not bent on having and keeping power," Cmdr. Ivan Graanoogst said on state-run radio, a day after he and other officers overthrew the elected, 3-year-old government of President Ramsewak Shankar.

The military removed Shankar and his Cabinet while they met at the presidential palace Monday evening, as many Surinamese were attending Christmas Mass.

The coup will "give the Surinamese society a chance to choose a better government that can give content to a credible democratic structure," Graanoogst said in an interview with Dutch television.

No one was injured or arrested in the coup and the army is allowing the ousted president and his ministers complete freedom of movement, Shankar said in an interview from his home.

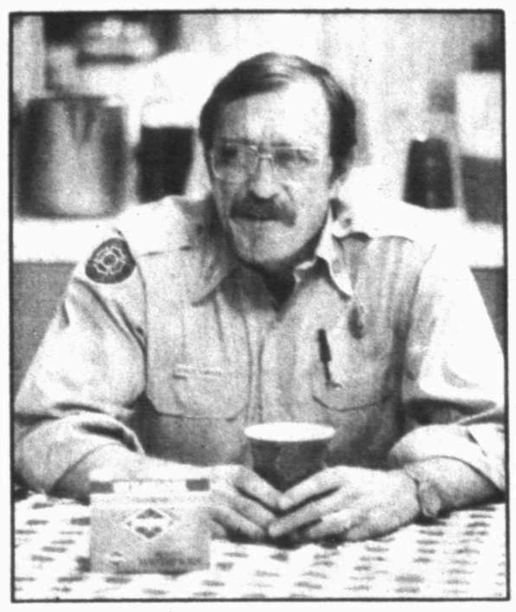
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On duty

For some Midlanders, such as Shawna Cleere, above, a registration clerk at the Urgent Care Center, Christmas is just another work day. Ms. Cleere and employees of other essential services, including the fire and police departments, as well as the hospital, worked while most of the city celebrated. Midland Fire Department Capt. Bob Simpson, right, relaxes with a cup of iced tea in the central station's kitchen following a big Christmas Day feast at the station with his and his crew's family.

Beverly Shilling/Reporter-Telegram



Not all Midlanders can be home for the holidays

By Erin Blair
Staff Writer

Christmas is one of those guaranteed company holidays for most employees, but for workers in community service fields, Dec. 25 is just another workday.

"This is part of my shift," said Midland police officer Belinda Abila. "I have kids and I'd rather be home with them, but I didn't have Christmas Eve or Thanksgiving off, either."

Ms. Abila knows the unsociable work hours go with the job, but she stays with it, as do a number of Midlanders who take their holidays when they can get them.

"I'm working all the holiday days except New Year's," said Sarah Shellenberger, the nurse manager of the Urgent Care Center at the Abell-Hanger Medical Pavilion.

"Even before I was here, I worked holidays because I'm single and I'd rather have people with their families, moms and dads with their kiddos, for holidays. One of our nurses got married this year and a couple of people had new babies. It's nice for them to be home with them," she said.

Ms. Shellenberger was with part of her family anyway: her mother was visiting with her while she worked.

Last year the Urgent Care Center was closed on Christmas Day, but this year it had a steady flow of patients, said Shawna Cleere, the center's registration clerk.

"We were really busy yesterday (Christmas Eve)," she said. "Today it's been about three an hour."

Alan Kilgore, the EMT unit coordinator at the Urgent Care Center, said a few people had come in with allergic reactions perhaps related to Christmas foods they ate, but most of the emergencies were relatively minor.

"It's not bad working here today," he said. "It's pretty quiet."

Kilgore said he knew he'd have to work the holiday shift when he first signed on with the center.

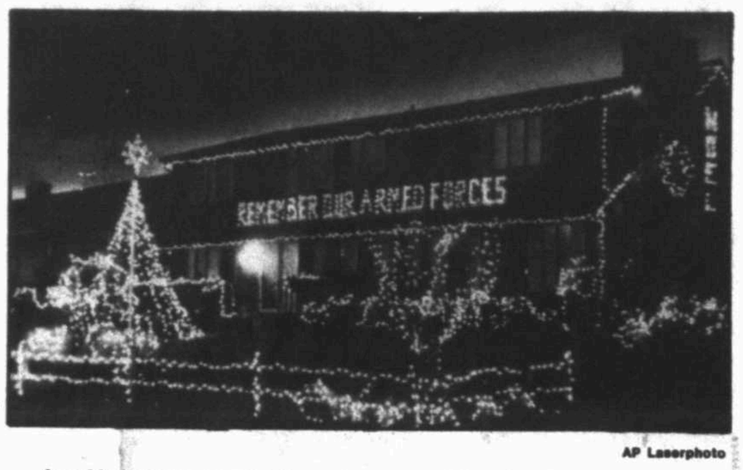
"Even though it's a holiday, people still get sick," he said. "I also work with the fire department and you have to work all the holidays eventually. It doesn't bother me.

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Holiday cheer, charity shine through in troubled times

Associated Press

NATION



AP Laserphoto

Joe Matthews wanted some recognition for American troops in the Persian Gulf when he decorated his house in Racine, Wis. His father, Roy, was in the Army from 1952 until 1962 and spent several Christmases away from home.

Volunteers warmed the lives of the sick, poor and homeless Tuesday as Christmas gave Americans a merry break from wallet-watching and war wariness.

"I cannot change the world, but I know for a fact I can make a difference," said Iqbal Emamudeen of Orange, N.J. A publicist for a chain of drug stores, he was among about 135 volunteers serving Christmas lunch for hundreds of homeless and needy people at a church agency in downtown Newark.

Volunteers led by civil rights veteran Hosea Williams fed an estimated 30,000 people in Atlanta. In New York, 1,500 people ate stuffing, sweet potatoes, succotash and pies at a hotel as fourth- and fifth-graders sang carols.

Impoverished thousands were served a traditional holiday feast at Los Angeles' Skid Row while jail inmates nearby were blessed during a dawn Mass celebrated by Archbishop Roger Mahony.

In the Christmas spirit of giving, a Santa in Kansas City, Mo., donated blood. Singer James Brown offered soul for soldiers whose holiday leaves were canceled.

Americans around the Great Lakes enjoyed a white Christmas, but retailers were blue and the holiday left some newly jobless Americans in the red.

Some merchants reported a last-minute surge of gift-buying by consumers who had seemed intent on cutting back spending. But receipts were not expected to make up for disappointing early sales.

"It's not going to be anything that's going to excite anybody," said Kenneth Macke, chairman of Dayton Hudson Corp.

Some charitable organizations in the Northeast blame the economic downturn and government cutbacks for a doubling in the demand for services. But in New Hampshire, food bank organizers said charity was keeping pace.

"The donations have picked up tremendously," said Thomas Murphy, volunteer administrator of the Monadnock Area Food Bank in Peterborough, N.H.

Ham radio operators donated their time to connect sailors and Marines on ships in the Middle East with their families. Guy Titman of Charlotte, N.C., said he had made about 70 connections by noon.

Xavier Fernandes opted for a more humorous greeting to his son Roman, a Marine corporal in Saudi Arabia.

"I know it's rough over there," Fernandes said on a TV satellite hookup from a Boston hotel. "But look at it this way — at least you don't have to see the Patriots' games over here." The New England Patriots are 1-14, the National Football League's worst record.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and the Rev. Jesse Jackson held separate Christmas services for prisoners at Chicago's Cook County Jail.

The Rev. Tyrone Crider of Operation PUSH, who joined Jackson, told inmates in the jail's gymnasium about the best gift they could receive.

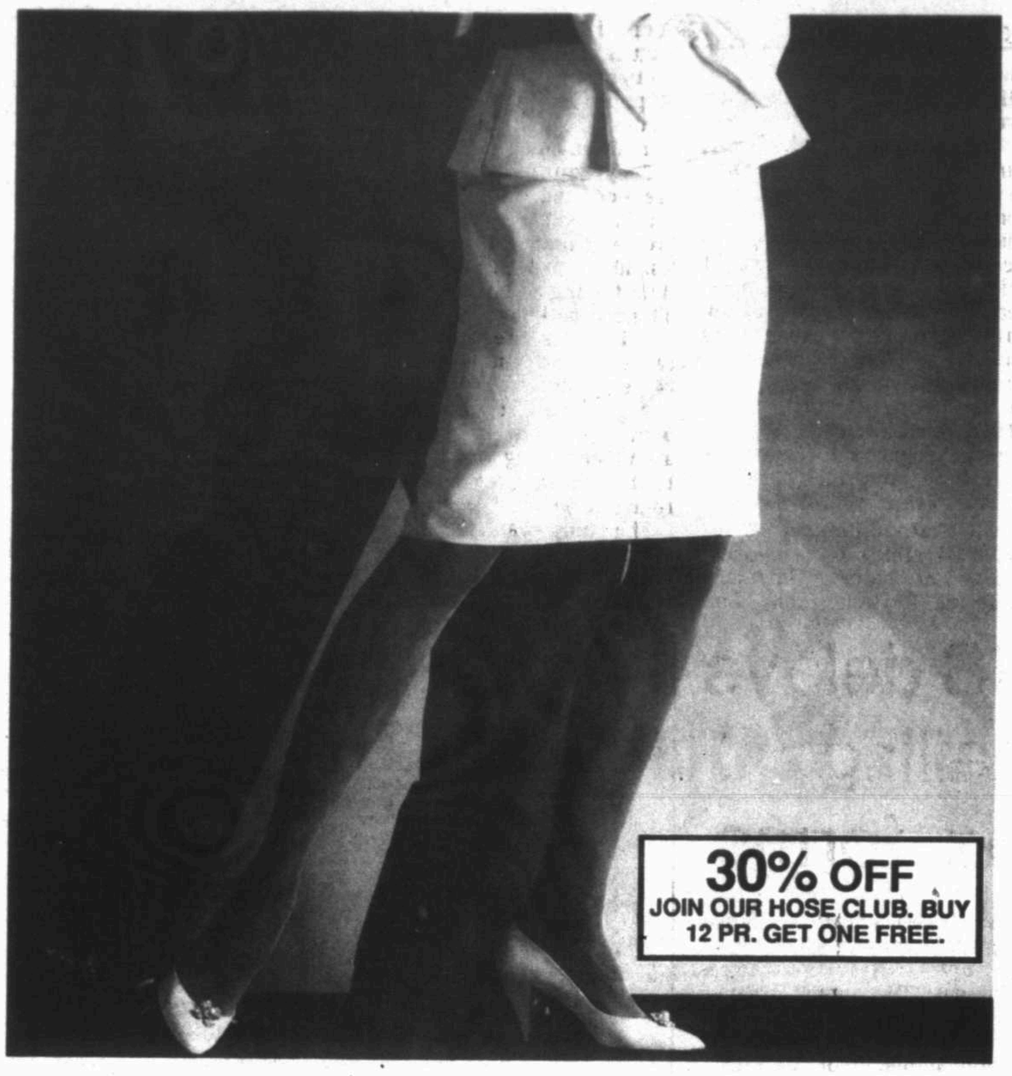
"It fits all sizes; it doesn't go out of style and best of all, God's gift comes with all accessories included in his son Jesus Christ."

James Brown, the singer serving a prison term in South Carolina for assault, was allowed to give his first public performance in two years, a benefit for 4,000 soldiers at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Brown sang four songs for the troops, shouting "Merry Christmas" between numbers. He wrapped up the set with "God Bless America" as trainees in crew cuts clapped and cheered.

The Florida Baptist Ministries sent turkeys to the 28 hungry crewmen of the Itapage, a Brazilian ship stranded in Jacksonville since federal marshals seized it for debts on Dec. 3.

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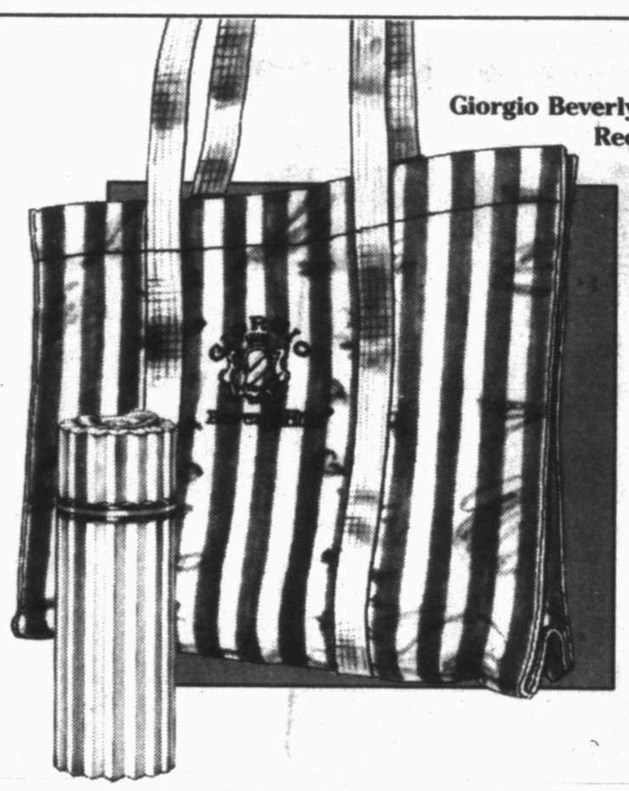
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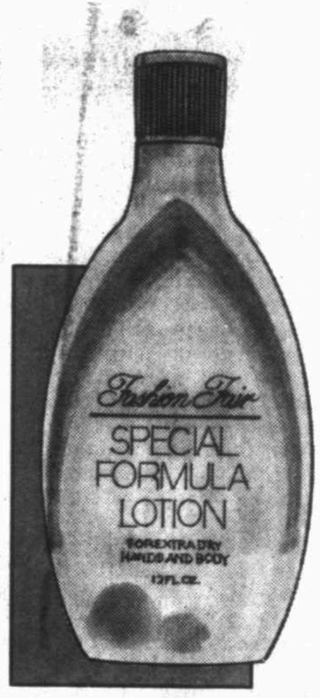
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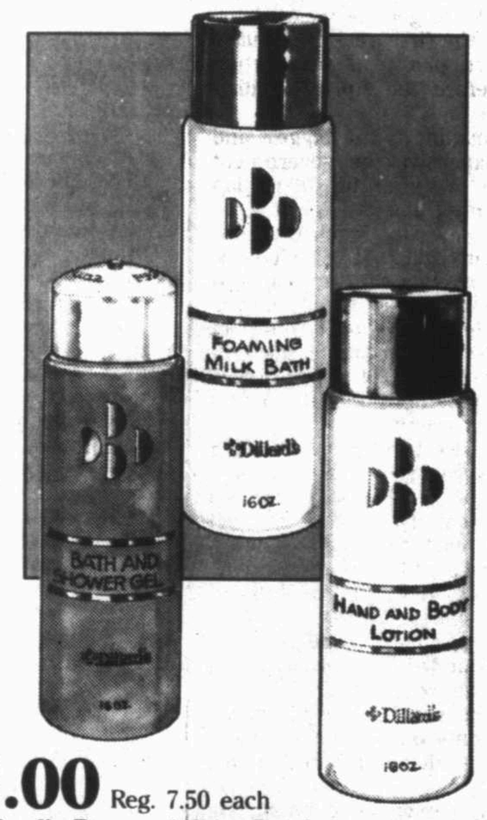
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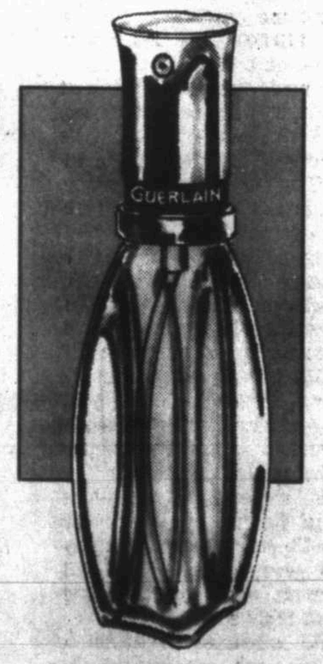


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Teen suicide prevention programs may not help

By Colleen Diskin
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Teen suicide prevention programs in schools may actually stir up depressed feelings rather than help youths who have tried to kill themselves, according to a new study.

Although there was little evidence that the programs reduced suicides and suicide attempts, "there was some evidence of unwanted effects," researchers wrote in the study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

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

David Shaffer, director of the division of child and adolescent psychiatry at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, and colleagues studied the impact of prevention programs on the attitudes of pupils in the ninth and 10th grades who said they had tried to commit suicide.

They 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 the results aren't surprising and add support to theories that teen-agers have a romantic view of suicide.

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

'I'm not surprised by these results. You can't just get kids not to commit suicide by just educating them about the problem. . . . It's not an intellectual exercise. There's more to it than that.'

— Dr. Jan Fawcett, Rush Presbytarian-St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago

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

The programs, some lasting as long as three hours, were intended to raise awareness of teen-age suicides by describing the warning signs of young people at risk and recommending counseling.

Participants were surveyed about their attitudes toward suicide before and after the programs.

"Attempters 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.

Of the teen-agers who had tried to kill themselves, 26.7 percent thought the programs increase the chances that youths will attempt suicide.

Only 11.5 percent of those who hadn't attempted suicide thought the programs might increase suicide attempts.

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.

"I'm not surprised by these results," said Dr. Jan Fawcett, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago and an authority on suicides.

"You can't just get kids not to commit suicide by just educating them about the problem and telling them where to get help," Fawcett said. "It's not an intellectual exercise. There's more to it than that."

Fawcett said prevention programs should treat suicide like an illness, such as depression or stress, which can be cured with the help of friends and family.

The programs must be careful not to focus too heavily on suicide and instead concentrate on the factors that often lead to it, he said.

"The problem is deromanticizing suicide," Fawcett said. "Kids are very suggestible. They see reports about suicide on television and may begin to see suicide as a way to end their troubles or make their parents feel bad. They may not have a concept of death as a final consequence."

IRS delays mailing tax forms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Something will be missing when Americans open their mailboxes Wednesday. The annual greeting from the Internal Revenue Service will not be included in the post-holiday deluge of late Christmas cards.

The IRS did not forget. It's simply that the agency no longer wants to be the Grinch who stole Christmas.

IRS Commissioner Fred T. Goldberg Jr. decreed the mailing of 108 million tax packages should take place on Dec. 28, not on the day after Christmas as it has for more than a decade.

"We wanted to move it away from the Christmas holiday to allow folks to enjoy that period of the year as long as they possibly can before we throw a wet blanket on them," said Arthur Altman, director of the IRS tax forms division.

The reprieve is brief. The IRS still seeks to get the forms delivered by the first week in January to insure plenty of preparation time before the April 15 filing deadline.

The mailing is the biggest and most expensive the government does each year, costing $29 million for printing and postage.

For the second year in a row, Americans will find few changes.

The amounts for the standard deduction and personal exemption have been adjusted to reflect the effects of inflation; the self-employed will find a new deduction replacing the self-employment tax credit.

Otherwise, the forms look much like last year's.

A major difference is not in the forms themselves but in the type of form each taxpayer receives.

Some 4.5 million elderly taxpayers used to getting Form 1040 will get the shorter Form 1040A. The change was made possible when the IRS added lines allowing the elderly to report retirement income that previously could be reported only on the longer 1040.

Among other changes from last year:

— The personal exemption, the amount you may exempt from taxation for yourself, your spouse and each dependent, increases from $2,000 to $2,050.

— The standard deduction, claimed by people who do not itemize, rises to $3,250 for a single person, up from $3,100. The exemption for a couple increases to $5,450, up from $5,200.

— Families with income as high as $20,264 may qualify for an earned-income credit, up from a limit of $19,340. The maximum credit available is $953.

— The basic tax rates remain at 15 percent, 28 percent and 33 percent, but the tax brackets have been widened so that more income will be taxed at a lower rate, thus compensating for the effects of inflation.

Once again this year, the IRS is encouraging people to file their returns electronically — 4 million taxpayers did it last year. Tax preparers normally charge between $25 and $50 for this service but the taxpayer gets his refund check sooner — normally within two to three weeks, versus five to six weeks for paper tax returns.

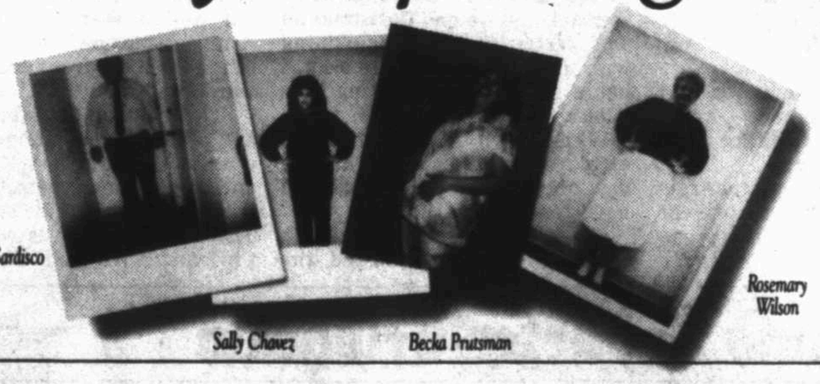
The IRS expects 113 million returns will be filed with refunds going to 70 percent of all taxpayers. Last year, more than 76 million refunds were issued averaging about $900 each.

The IRS is making an effort to debunk a myth concerning the pre-printed mailing labels, which cut down on IRS processing errors. Some people have refused to use the labels, believing they contained secret codes that targeted some returns for audits.

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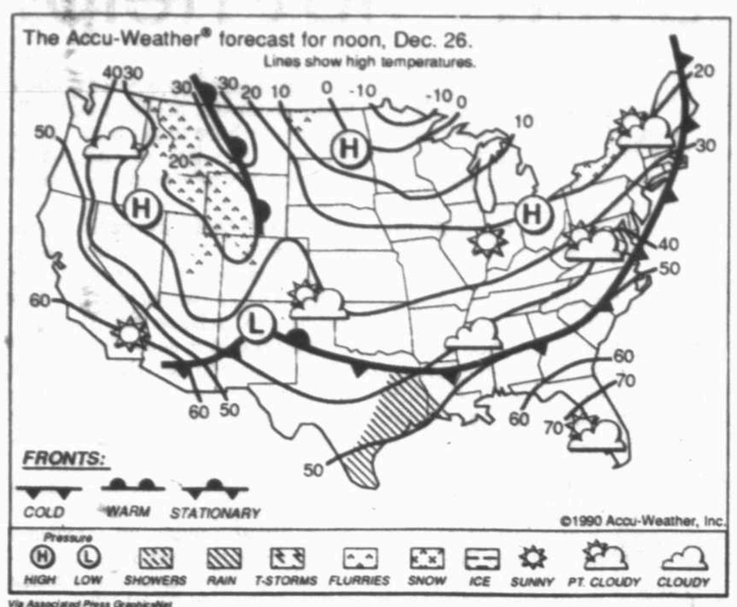
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WEATHER SUMMARY



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Partly cloudy skies likely

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-40s and 10 to 15 mph southeast winds, NWS said.

Tonight will be cloudy with a low in the mid-20s, forecasters said.

Thursday should be partly cloudy with a high in the mid-40s, forecasters said.

The record high for Dec. 25 was 78 set in 1955. The record low of 11 for today's date was set in 1939, NWS said. Tuesday's high was 52 after an overnight low of 21.

NATION

A half-dozen cities reported record lows again Tuesday as the cold wave continued, and heavy snow fell around the Great Lakes.

Record lows were 1 at Albuquerque, N.M.; 23 at Bakersfield, Calif.; 20 below zero at Boise, Idaho; 15 at Eugene, Ore.; 22 at Sacramento, Calif.; and 9 below at Winslow, Ariz.

It was the sixth straight day of records for Sacramento, and the seventh day in a row of record lows for Eugene.

Gallup, N.M., dipped to 25 below zero. West Yellowstone, Mont., was the cold spot in the Lower 48 states with a low of 30 below zero.

Squalls associated with a weather system crossing the Great Lakes produced heavy snow in western New York state and Upper Michigan late Monday and Tuesday morning.

Overnight snowfall totals in upstate New York ranged up to 10 inches around Boonville and Barns Corners. Up to 7 inches of new snow blanketed the Keweenaw Peninsula of Upper Michigan.

Light snow and freezing rain were reported in parts of the Pacific Northwest.

Another batch of cold arctic air was pouring into the central part of the nation.

Temperatures plunged below zero during the night from the northern high Plains to Minnesota and northern Wisconsin, with readings of 15 to 20 below reported from Montana to northwestern Minnesota.

Temperatures rose little during the day and were 10 below zero or colder from northeastern Montana through North Dakota to northern Minnesota. international Falls and Bemidji, Minn., were still 18 degrees below zero at noon.

Some of the lower wind chill factors reported across the region at midday included 61 below zero at Minot, N.D.; 62 below zero at Duluth, Minn., and Jamestown, N.D.; and 68 below zero at Devils Lake, N.D.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Today: partly cloudy, high in mid-40s, southeast winds 10-15 mph.
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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High	52 degrees
Overnight Low	21 degrees
Sunset today	5:52 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:48 a.m.
Precipitation:	
Last 24 hours	0.00 inches
This month to date	0.69 inches
Year to date	14.16 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 p.m.	35	6 a.m.	23
7 p.m.	35	7 a.m.	24
8 p.m.	33	8 a.m.	25
9 p.m.	31	9 a.m.	29
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Friday-Sunday

West Texas: Fair through Saturday, turning colder with a chance of snow in the Panhandle Sunday.

Panhandle highs through Saturday in the upper 40s to lower 50s dropping into the 20s Sunday. Lows in the lower to mid-20s, the mid-teens Sunday.

In South Plains, fair, turning colder with freezing drizzle Sunday. Highs in the the lower to mid-50s through Saturday to near 30 Sunday. Lows mid- to upper 20s, to near 20 Sunday.

For the Permian Basin and Concho and 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 areas, possible rain Sunday, fair otherwise. Highs lower to mid-50s through Saturday, mid-40s Sunday. Lows upper 20s to lower 30s.

In Big Bend, fair. Mountain highs in the 50s with lows in the 20s. Lower elevation highs in the 60s with lows in the 30s.

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GULF: Taped greetings brighten day

(From 1A)

kingdom, which uses the Moslem holy book, the Koran, as the basis for all laws, bans other religions.

Bob Hope was back with the troops for Christmas but he had to leave Marie Osmond, the Pointer Sisters and other "girls" in his tour behind in Bahrain because Saudi Arabia bans female entertainers.

Instead, Hope took former Cincinnati Reds catcher Johnny Bench and country and western singer Aaron Tippon to visit the troops.

The U.S. military barred the media from covering Hope's shows, saying his repertoire "could be exploited by the Iraqis for propaganda purposes," but Hope delivered some of his patois at a news conference Tuesday morning.

He said he was briefed on Saudi sensitivities three times and tailored his show to avoid offending Moslems, eliminating jokes about American men and Saudi women.

Chief Warrant Officer Wesley Wolf, the military's food czar, made sure that one part of Christmas tradition was intact in the desert — the menu.

Everybody received turkey, ham, roast beef and all the trimmings. And troops didn't lack for dessert — there were stacks of cookies almost reaching the height of sandbags.

The Persian Gulf crisis, however, was not entirely forgotten. The Arab News newspaper has been running a "K-day" countdown showing the number of days Iraq has until the Jan. 15 U.N. deadline for it to pull out of Kuwait or face the possibility of a military strike by the U.S.-led forces.

The paper wrote:

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

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein told Jordanian politicians visiting Baghdad Tuesday that he wouldn't leave Kuwait until Israel withdrew from the occupied territories.

"Let all the fleets and Israel hear, Palestine comes first and it must be liberated," Saddam said.

In other gulf-related developments Tuesday:

■ The New York Times reported that 20 North Korean military advisers arrived in Baghdad to help Iraq repair its Soviet-made MiG warplanes. The report, quoting Asian diplomats, said North Korea also was to provide spare parts the Soviets have stopped shipping Iraq in compliance with the U.N.-imposed embargo.

■ Iraqi newspapers said in Christmas editorials that Baghdad would never surrender and warned President Bush that many American lives would be lost in any war with Iraq.

■ Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Arens said he had seen no significant change in the gulf crisis that indicated heightened danger for Israel. Newspapers had said a day earlier the military was on higher alert and had reinforced its defenses along the border with Jordan.

■ The six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council wound up a four-day summit by urging Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait and spare Iraq the horrors of war.

■ The Iraqi army newspaper Al-Qadissiya reported that Austrian President Kurt Waldheim might travel to Baghdad in early January to try to defuse the crisis. Waldheim said on Austrian state-run ORF television Monday night that he was planning a trip to Oman and possibly other Arab countries and would work for peace using contacts he made while U.N. secretary-general from 1972 to 1981.



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U.S. Navy Lt. Alicia Holdren, a nurse from Sterling, Va., gets a gift and a lift from Santa's helper, Ship's Serviceman 3 Luke Sadwicki, of Ashtabula, Ohio, during a Christmas party Monday evening aboard the USNS Mercy in the Persian Gulf.

COUP: Dutch, U.S. officials condemn action

(From 1A)

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

The coup was seen as the culmination of a conflict between Shankar and Desi Bouterse, dictator of Suriname from 1980 until 1988. Shankar took office that year after defeating a candidate backed by Bouterse. Despite the defeat of his candidate, Bouterse stayed on as army chief.

The Dutch and U.S. governments denounced the coup. The Dutch, the former colonial rulers of the nation of 400,000 people, said they were cutting aid to the government.

Normal holiday activity resumed in the capital, Paramaribo, on Tuesday. People flocked to churches for Christmas services and there was no unusual military presence on the streets.

International telephone service was restored Tuesday afternoon after being cut Monday night shortly after the coup.

"Everything is completely normal, as if nothing has happened," said a Surinamese journalist, who asked not to be further identified for security reasons. "Life in the country goes on."

Graanoogst said Paramaribo's international airport and two smaller airports remained open and there would be no curfew because "there is no danger whatsoever."

The coup occurred at 11 p.m. Monday, as Shankar and his Cabinet held an emergency meeting to discuss Bouterse's announcement earlier in the day that he was resigning because of differences with Shankar, whom he called a "joker."

A high-ranking government source said the military told Shankar it was assuming control and asked the president and his Cabinet to leave the presidential palace. They decided to do so to avoid bloodshed, the source said.

Later Monday night, Graanoogst appeared in uniform on state television to announce the coup.

The latest conflict between Shankar and Bouterse had been brewing since Saturday, when Bouterse returned from a trip to Ghana and Switzerland. On three separate occasions this month, Dutch officials refused to give Bouterse a visa or allow him to speak to reporters after he landed at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport.

Dutch officials cited security reasons; Bouterse claimed Shankar collaborated with the Dutch to humiliate him.

"If I had been in Shankar's place I would have turned Schiphol upside down to protect the dignity of the commander of my country's national army," Bouterse said.

The two men also have been at odds over the government's attempt to negotiate a settlement of an armed revolt led by Bouterse's former bodyguard, Ronny Brunswijk, on behalf of the nation's Bush Negro minority. The jungle war began in July 1986.

Suriname is a jungle-laden, Georgia-sized country with few roads and poor communications. Its population is a multi-racial mosaic of Indian and Javanese immigrants, Bush Negroes and indigenous tribes.

Bouterse opposes a tentative peace agreement reached with Brunswijk on the grounds that it failed to disarm the insurgents and left them in control of the interior of Suriname.

Also, some Surinamese have been urging the government to bring charges against Bouterse and others for the 1982 massacre of 15 opposition politicians. The government had never said whether it plans to do anything about the atrocity.

Because of Bouterse's resignation Monday, Graanoogst, head of the nation's military police and one of four military commanders, acted as nominal head of the new military regime.

Bouterse was believed to be the mastermind of the coup. But Graanoogst claimed "the former commander-in-chief, Desi Bouterse, was not at all involved."

"Bouterse is at home, and like a real Surinamese, he offers his input when necessary," said Graanoogst, who went on to describe Bouterse as a "man who has shown in the last ten years that his heart is in the right place."

Graanoogst promised to set up an interim cabinet that would organize free national elections within 100 days, but refused to speculate on who would be appointed as the country's leader.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Sondra McCarty said it did not appear U.S. citizens in Suriname were in danger.

WORKERS: Firefighters, family feast at station

(From 1A)

"We're here to help people."

Down at the central station of the Midland Fire Department, on-duty firefighters were relaxing after a big Christmas dinner at the station with 30 of their family members.

Firefighter Drue Thomas said Tuesday had been quiet — a welcome change from the three fires the department fought Sunday and Monday.

"I hate it anytime there's a fire, but one at Christmas is particularly bad," he said.

Part of their feast was a turkey given to the station by one of the families that lost their home Sunday, Thomas said.

"It was great, I've never had anyone do that before — you'd think they'd be needing help themselves."

As Thomas worked on the troublesome choke on his car, one ear tuned to the fire siren, he explained that the crew works a 24-hour shift: eight hours of reports and drills, 16 hours of waiting around "on alert."

"It's pretty much like home here," he said. "Everyone takes turns cooking, we watch TV, there's a place to sleep."

Fire captain Bob Simpson said the crew would also work New Year's Day and worked last Easter, but had the other holidays off.

"We divide it up pretty well," he said.

Sheriff's Office dispatcher Beth Ann Broughton said her family celebrated Christmas on Christmas Eve.

"We just always do it that way," she said. "So we had Christmas all day yesterday and all evening with my folks and we ate a lot. I had a good time just sitting here where it's quiet today."

With seniority, the department's employees can request a holiday day off, Ms. Broughton said. "I have New Year's off," she said.

Renee Meiner, another Sheriff's Office dispatcher, worked the night of Christmas Eve and will work Christmas night and New Year's Eve.

"It works out OK for us," she said. "I had the morning with the kids — they're 2½ and 6 — but I didn't have to deal with the arguing over toys and when the kids get tired."

For Maj. Milton Wood, the commanding officer of the Midland branch of the Salvation Army, Christmas Day was particularly hectic.

"Well, we took 250 goodie bags to the county jail — that's three bars of candy, a package of crackers, a package of peanuts, a calendar and a War Cry (Salvation Army) magazine," he said. "We left them at the front door and the wardens passed them out.

"Then we had Christmas dinner and a tremendous number of volunteers, 12 from First City Bank and some others, spent Christmas with us," he said. "We served 162. That's not as many as we fed last Christmas. We had three times that many in 1989. I don't know where they went."

The day before Christmas was just as harried.

"We were the only facility open Christmas Eve and we had 500 people come in with requests for toys, clothes and food," said Wood. "A number of Midland people came in with checks; one man brought bags of shelled pecans; and another came in with a sliced ham. We got a little bit of everything at the last moment."

Before Wood went home Christmas Eve, he dropped off a Dress-a-Live-Doll package, some toys and food to a family whose father had walked out, and then he got lost in South Midland trying to deliver another package.

He's also coped with an overflowing shelter because of the recent cold weather and tried to arrange for bus tickets for a family who needs to get to Denver.

"We're always busy and it's always something different," he said. "I love it."

POWER: Reformers outraged by action

(From 1A)

The changes will go into effect only after a final vote expected today or Thursday. The Congress still must consider proposed amendments on the restructuring, including one that would create a national Security Council led by the president.

The Congress is due to finish work by Friday.

The flurry of votes came on the session's eighth day, after Shevardnadze's resignation and Saturday's harsh speech by KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov accusing foreign agents of plotting against the Kremlin.

Some reform-minded lawmakers expressed outrage over giving the president more power.

"Haven't we learned anything from the resignation of Shevardnadze over the coming dictatorship?" asked Vologda deputy Vladimir Lopatin.

Congress chairman Anatoly Lukyanov cut off Lopatin's microphone, saying he was not speaking about the amendment at hand.

Before the session began Tuesday, Russian republic leader Boris N. Yeltsin condemned plans to broaden Gorbachev's power and said he intended to vote against them in the parliament, the state news agency Tass said.

Yeltsin, Gorbachev's leading political rival, said he opposed "absolute powers for the president of the U.S.S.R.," according to the independent news agency Interfax.

Gorbachev wants to establish a strong presidency, combined with a new Union Treaty, to hold the country together. The Congress endorsed the concept of the Union Treaty on Monday and ordered the 15 republics to set dates for referenda on whether to stay in the Soviet Union.

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Ethnic dispute stirs melting pot

By Richard Halloran
N.Y. Times News Service

HONOLULU — In racial and ethnic relations, Hawaii is normally a kind and gentle place, a mosaic of Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, Caucasian and other Americans living in amity.

But under the surface are undeniable tensions rooted largely in economics. Caucasian and Asian Americans are on the top and middle of the economic ladder, while ethnic Hawaiians and Filipinos are on the bottom.

Like Hawaii's volcano, Kilauea, those tensions sometimes erupt. A woman of Hawaiian descent, Haunani-Kay Trask, recently set off one such explosion, one that has reverberated through the islands.

It started three months ago when a white student at the University of Hawaii, Joseph Carter, wrote a letter to the university's student newspaper lamenting what he called "Caucasian bashing" and asserting that "racism is not an exclusively white endeavor."

Ms. Trask, who teaches Hawaiian studies at the university, replied with a letter to the newspaper reciting what she saw as white oppression of ethnic Hawaiians, contending that "Mr. Carter does not understand racism at all" and should leave the state.

Carter did just that, flying home to Louisiana.

An uproar ensued, with critics of Ms. Trask calling her a racist who had abused her position by lashing out at a student. The faculty of the philosophy department, in which Carter had studied, condemned Ms. Trask in a unanimously approved resolution that soon gained wide publicity.

Ms. Trask's supporters shot back, contending that she was asserting her rights to free speech. In an interview, Ms. Trask denied picking on Carter, who has returned to the university and plans to re-enroll in January.

"I always raise this issue," said Ms. Trask, whose family name derives from a Caucasian great-grandfather. "This has been my position for 15 years. I am a nationalist. I am asserting my claim to my country."

The university's Center for Hawaiian Studies, of which she is director, accused the philosophy department of "plantation tactics of threat, reprisal and intimidation."

But members of several ethnic groups have argued that Ms. Trask has been "un-Hawaiian" in raising these issues with such vehemence. The Hawaiian way, they say, is to be gentle, patient and circumspect.

To this, Ms. Trask, responded with an attack on the image of Hawaiians fostered by the Hawaii Visitors' Bureau. "I am not soft," she said. "I am not sweet, and I do not want any more tourists in Hawaii."

Indeed, Ms. Trask advocates a return to Hawaiian independence, which ended when the islands were annexed by the United States in 1898.

Newspapers have been filled with letters from all sides, radio and television stations have interviewed the main players, and the issue has been a staple of lunchtime conversation at the university and in the broader community.

Some of the contention turns on the Hawaiian word "haole" (pronounced how-lee), which originally meant foreigner, but is now widely used to mean a Caucasian. Carter asserted that ethnic Hawaiians use it pejoratively, but in her letter Ms. Trask said, "Only new arrivals resent it because they have not had experience in a numerical minority."

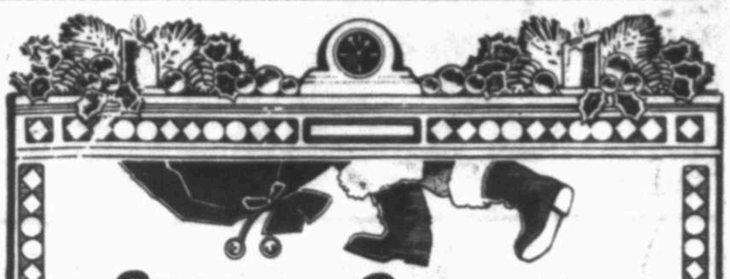
The racial and ethic climate here is rarely this heated. On the contrary, those born here and many newcomers often marvel at the civility of this diverse society.

Floyd Takeuchi, a Japanese-American, said the state is "remarkably cohesive, remarkably free of strife."

Since just before Hawaiian statehood in 1959, that has been slowly changing with the movement of Asians and others, especially Japanese-Americans.

In a population of just over 1 million, Hawaii is 24 percent Caucasian and 23 percent Japanese-American. Ethnic Hawaiians and part-Hawaiians make up 20 percent, while Filipinos, at 11 percent, are the fastest-growing group. Chinese-Americans account for 5 percent.

In addition, the good feelings conveyed by "aloha," a word that is hard to translate but alludes to human warmth, is still alive.


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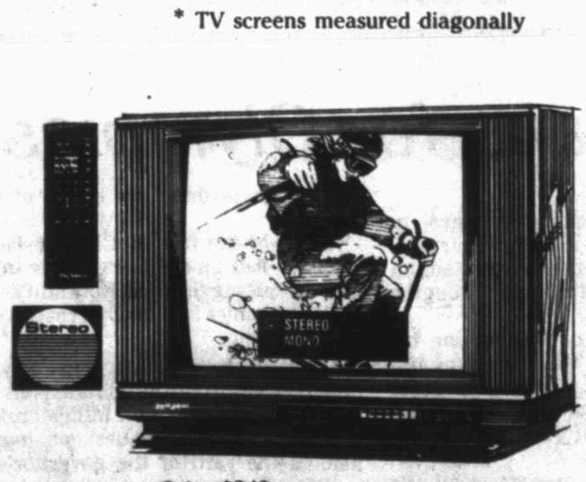

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Apprentice plan needs close look

Americans have long been discussing how to make the country more competitive in domestic and world commerce. There have been many answers — from more modern technology to offering employees greater input in management decisions. But we continue failing to give proper attention to the training of our blue-collar class — students who drop out or quit after high school.

One of the reasons why the German economy is so strong is that the Germans have long stressed a national work apprentice program. This national program begins training students as plumbers, carpenters, electricians and other blue-collar jobs while they are still in high school and after graduation. Each student serves until he is trained to pass an exam in each field. This program accounts for 60 percent of the German workforce.

There is no such national program in this country. Students are not shown the options and attractions for such work while they are in high school. The attitude of high school teachers is that students can either go to college or shift for themselves. We do have vocational training schools, but there is no nationwide program to guide youngsters into job placement like that offered by the Germans.

The AFL-CIO, U.S. Labor Department and National Alliance of Business have long talked about starting a national program that would channel young people into these needed and well-paying jobs, but nothing signficant has ever come of it.

With young people dropping out of school more than ever before, such a national guidance effort would be most worthwhile. It is a pity that all the one-million-plus young people who do not go on to college each year are not channeled into productive work. This program doesn't need billions of dollars — just a little brains and effort.

ANOTHER VIEW

Soviet Union must make 'clean break'

Eduard Shevardnadze was a Soviet foreign minister like no other, marking a clean break in style and substance from the stolid Molotovs and Gromykos who frustrated their Western counterparts in the past.

With extraordinary skill, he devised a new foreign policy for a new era, scrapping stale Leninist dogmas and making pragmatic idealism a guiding principle for Moscow's relations with the outside world.

He not only carried out Mikhail Gorbachev's bold visions; he also helped shape them. And his influence was usually in the direction of more far-reaching cooperation with the West. He will be keenly missed.

Gorbachev has declared there will be no major changes in Soviet foreign policy. Still, the West can only hope his successor will have the sense, and the political space, to stay the course Shevardnadze set.

Eduard Shevardnadze is also a shrewd reader of political signs. Thursday his reading of Soviet political trends led him to resign on principle. He departed with words of strong endorsement of Gorbachev and his policies. But he also warned bluntly that "reactionary forces" were moving aggressively to impose a new "dictatorship."

Shevardnadze accused military and nationalist ideologues of deliberately targeting leading reformers for political purges. He then complained that neither Gorbachev nor others in the reformist camp were taking the threat seriously enough.

Whatever happens next, Shevardnadze's absence from the Foreign Ministry will be acutely felt. He had been expected to play a crucial role in any eleventh-hour diplomacy seeking a peaceful and principled solution in the Persian Gulf, and in preparations for February's planned summit meeting between Presidents Bush and Gorbachev. He pointedly cited domestic political attacks on his strong stand against Iraqi aggression as one of the reasons for his' resignation.

The void Shevardnadze leaves can be measured by the foreign policy achievements since he and Gorbachev came to power in 1985:

They broke the arms control logjam by offering disproportionate Soviet weapons cuts. That permitted a treaty on intermediate missiles, a conventional forces agreement and decisive progress toward a strategic weapons accord.

Shevardnadze helped extricate Soviet forces from Afghanistan. He followed that up by promoting negotiated solutions to the endless conflicts in Nicaragua, Angola and Cambodia, thus far with varying degrees of success.

Even more dramatic has been the Soviet-sponsored liberation of Eastern Europe from satellite regimes, culminating in the negotiated reunification of Germany.

In short, Soviet diplomacy has swung from Cold War polemics to active cooperation with the West in new structures of collective security such as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe and a reinvigorated United Nations. And thanks in large part to the new Soviet policies, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein now confronts a united world, with no opportunity to exploit the old East-West divisions.

Those "reactionary forces" now clearly on the offensive still fail to recognize what Shevardnadze and Gorbachev have grasped all along. Only through a clean break with a bankrupt and bankrupting past can the Soviet Union hope to recreate itself as constructively as it has recreated its foreign policies during the Shevardnadze years.

— The New York Times

TODAY IN HISTORY

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.

JACK ANDERSON

Some lobbyists do their job too well

WASHINGTON — Cut-throat lobbying on Capitol Hill by a few biotech companies has backfired in their faces and in the process angered more than a few members of Congress. Now the companies that shelled out thousands of dollars for lobbyists this year will have to do the same again next year.



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The fireworks began when a few well-intentioned members of Congress decided it was time to rewrite the Orphan Drug Act of 1983. Under that law, companies that develop drugs for treating rare diseases get a seven-year monopoly on marketing rights for those drugs with no price controls. The idea was to give companies an incentive to produce drugs that otherwise have little market value.

The law was enormously successful in most cases, resulting in drugs that might not have been produced without the economic incentive of a monopoly. But without competition, the companies could charge whatever they wanted. Treatment costs for some conditions rose to $30,000 a year or more. A few biotech companies soon began reaping millions of dollars.

When Congress caught on and tried to curb their profits, the drug companies slipped into high gear. They hired lobbyists who persuaded Congress to water down the legislation to the point where it was harmless to the companies' profits. The gutted bill was something the companies could live with.



But the lobbyists did their job too well. President Bush has vetoed the watered-down version of the bill and now no one is happy — not Congress that has to go through the battle again in the next session, and not the biotech companies that have to hire their expensive lobbyists for a rerun.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., and Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, sparked a near war in the last session of Congress when they proposed lifting the monopoly on orphan drugs in cases where more than one company was interested in competing for Food and Drug Administration approval of the drug.

Biotech companies with profits on the line fought back with a vengeance. One company, Genentech Inc., which makes a human growth hormone that is protected as an orphan drug, hired at least 12 lobbyists on the issue.

Among them was former Florida Sen. Paula Hawkins, who was paid $95,000 by Genentech for six months of work. Many of the other biotech lobbyists were former Capitol Hill staffers or close associates of key members of Congress.

They pulled the right strings. Congress sent a toothless bill to the White House, and the biotech lobbyists went home satisfied. But Bush, who had paid little attention to the battle on the Hill, vetoed the compromise legislation. The veto took Congress and the biotech companies by surprise.

Why the veto? Congressional sources told our associate Dean Boyd that the ill-informed White House was convinced by the early arguments made by the biotech companies against strong revisions to the law. Bush's Council on Competitiveness, chaired by Vice President Dan Quayle, was particularly gullible to the arguments and is suspected of being the catalyst behind the veto.

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

Decade of the '90s a bad one for women

LONDON— The wirephoto showed a couple of blurred male faces in the background — Boris Yeltsin and Mikhail Gorbachev, in their funereal dark suits and ties — while in the forefront, Sazhi Umalatova, 37, a deputy elected by the angry citizens of Chechen-Ingush, a bright knitted jacket on her broad shoulders, lashed into the man at the top.



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"You do not have the right to lead the country," she said. "You brought devastation, hunger, cold, blood, tears." The defiant woman from the Caucasus answered the Soviet leader's demand for dictatorial powers with her own call for a vote of no confidence.

But only one-fourth of the 2,000 delegates in the Congress of People's Deputies — mostly male apparatchiks — voted with her; Gorbachev, ominously promising "discipline," prevailed.

The putdown of Mrs. Umalatova was symbolic: The decade of the '90s has begun badly for women in politics all around the world.

You may retort: What about Mary Robinson, first woman president of Ireland? And Vigdis Finnbogandottir, Iceland's head of state, and Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, who defeated the Sandinistas to become president of Nicaragua? And hasn't Corazon Aquino managed to hang on in the Philippines?

That's about it for women in power. In Pakistan, Benazir Bhutto was driven from elective office; in Eastern Europe, only one woman, Kazimiere Prunskiene, Chairwoman of Lithuania's Council of Ministers, rose to the top; in Japan, the nascent women's movement was squelched; in China, old men are determined to pass power to middle-aged men.

Here in Britain, the woman who stood alone among male world leaders was turned out in a party coup. When her Tory successor, John Major, announced his new Cabinet, it was remarked by the male leaders of the Labor opposition that not one member was a woman.

Of course, Margaret Thatcher had no woman in her Cabinet either; never a feminist, she did not think to provide high-level opportunity for members of her sex.

The Arab world? Forget it. Even in Israel, where tough-minded Golda Meir graced the Prime Minister's office, the "four princes" in Likud's successor generation have no place for a princess.

Ah, but what of the land of equal opportunity, where the U.S. Mint can't get rid of its Susan B. Anthony dollars? In closely watched Senate races in California, Illinois and Rhode Island, the women lost all three; one of the losing candidates, Rep. Lynn Martin, has been appointed labor secretary.

The low percentage of women with real political power in the U.S. is an offense to democratic ticket-balancing. Two senators out of a hundred; three governors out of 50; 6 percent of the seats in the House; and in cities with populations over 30,000, according to the Center for the American Woman and Politics, only one mayor in six is female.

If you're looking for a ray of light, that showing in cities is up from a pitiful 1 mayoralty in 25 cities 15 years ago, and a similar rise from a low base is reflected in state legislatures. Every administration in Washington boasts that it has appointed more women than ever before, and presumably political appointments encourage candidacies to elective office.

But progress is much too slow because women of every political stripe — at home and around the world — are letting down their own sexual side by not demanding more female candidates and by not supporting them when they run.

Granted, universal suffrage came to politics late; yes, women who are activists often turn off inactivists; sure, sex is not the main qualification for office. But now is now, women are voting — and not enough women are candidates and too few of those are winning. Why?

The power of incumbency is an excuse, as is the tug of tradition and the demands of rearing children. The reason, however, is a dismaying lack of assertiveness of group identity.

"Vote as you shot" rallied veterans; "he's one of our own" pulled out ethnic and minority support; "no quotas" attracts whites. All other things on issues being roughly equal, women should strongly support women as women until some parity is reached.

Then, secure in a system in balance, they can throw the rascals out regardless of sex.

"I used to look at the papers," says an 88-year-old Englishwoman of whom I have long been fond, "and see Maggie right there, a splash of color in the middle of a bunch of men. Now all I see is a gray bunch of men."

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LEWIS GRIZZARD

Quibbling surrounds plans for Olympics

It's 1991 and Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson and Billy Payne, who organized the effort to bring the Olympic Games to Atlanta, have a serious falling out over which one can answer questions first at a press conferences.

The mayor says, "I'm the oldest." But Payne says, "You're also the fattest, but I did all the work."



Grizzard

Civil Rights leader, Hosea Williams, gets into the fray and says he'll be glad to run the Olympics, if he is given a new Lincoln Town Car and diplomatic immunity from traffic tickets.

Realizing what a mistake that would be, the mayor and Payne make up and vow to restore harmony to the Atlanta Olympic planning team.

The mayor will answer first at press conferences, but Payne will get the aisle seat when the two fly on Olympic business.

A few weeks later, residents of the area near the site of the new Olympic stadium block bulldozers from clearing the area for construction.

The residents claim building the stadium will be a nuisance to them.

Mayor Jackson arrives and tries to end the tension. In the confusion, he is run over by one of the bulldozers.

The protesters finally disperse and agree to the construction when the mayor, unharmed, but noticeably flat, promises them the stadium parking concession with full price gouging rights.

A couple of months later, construction begins on the stadium, but the mayor is still complaining about difficulty in breathing due to the fact the bottom half of his nose is covering his mouth after the unfortunate accident with the bulldozer.

1992: The City Council votes itself all the tickets it wants for the '96 games, not to mention a limo to each event, a $15,000 raise and an unlimited expense account to entertain foreign dignitaries.

Said a City Council person who asked not to be identified: "Do we have a great political system or what?"

Residents in the area continue to protest construction of an Olympic tennis facility in their neighborhood.

The tennis site is then moved to Forsyth County. Hosea Williams announces he will return to the county and will drive through it this time, rather than march, if the stadium isn't named after him.

Fearing for their lives, Forsyth officials convince the Olympic Committee to OK the Hosea William Olympic Tennis Stadium and also offer him an honorary membership in the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

1993: Billy Payne says all the politics involved in Olympics has "made me sick" apd says he is "washing my hands of the entire mess."

Aware of the fact that Mayor Jackson continues to seek an even larger role in the Olympics, Payne suggests His Rotundity participate in the Olympics in a newly created event, Javelin Catching.

Asked about his future plans, Payne said he may seek to bring the Indianapolis 500 to Atlanta. Georgia Gov. Zell Miller announces he will allow Olympic equestrian events to be held in the yard of the governor's mansion.

"But what about the smell?" the governor is asked.

"I'm used to it," he said, referring to his many years of service in the state capital.

1994: Billy Payne wins the new Georgia lottery and moves to Australia.

1995: Two Atlanta gangs, the Crips and Bloods, wipe each other out in an automatic weapons battle, reinforcing Atlanta's reputation as "Murder Capital, USA."

Mayor Jackson holds a press conference to deny Atlanta is unsafe for Olympic visitors.

"Any city has a few bad apples," said the mayor, crouching behind his desk.

Iraq, meanwhile, announced it will boycott the 1996 Games and invade Scandinavia instead.

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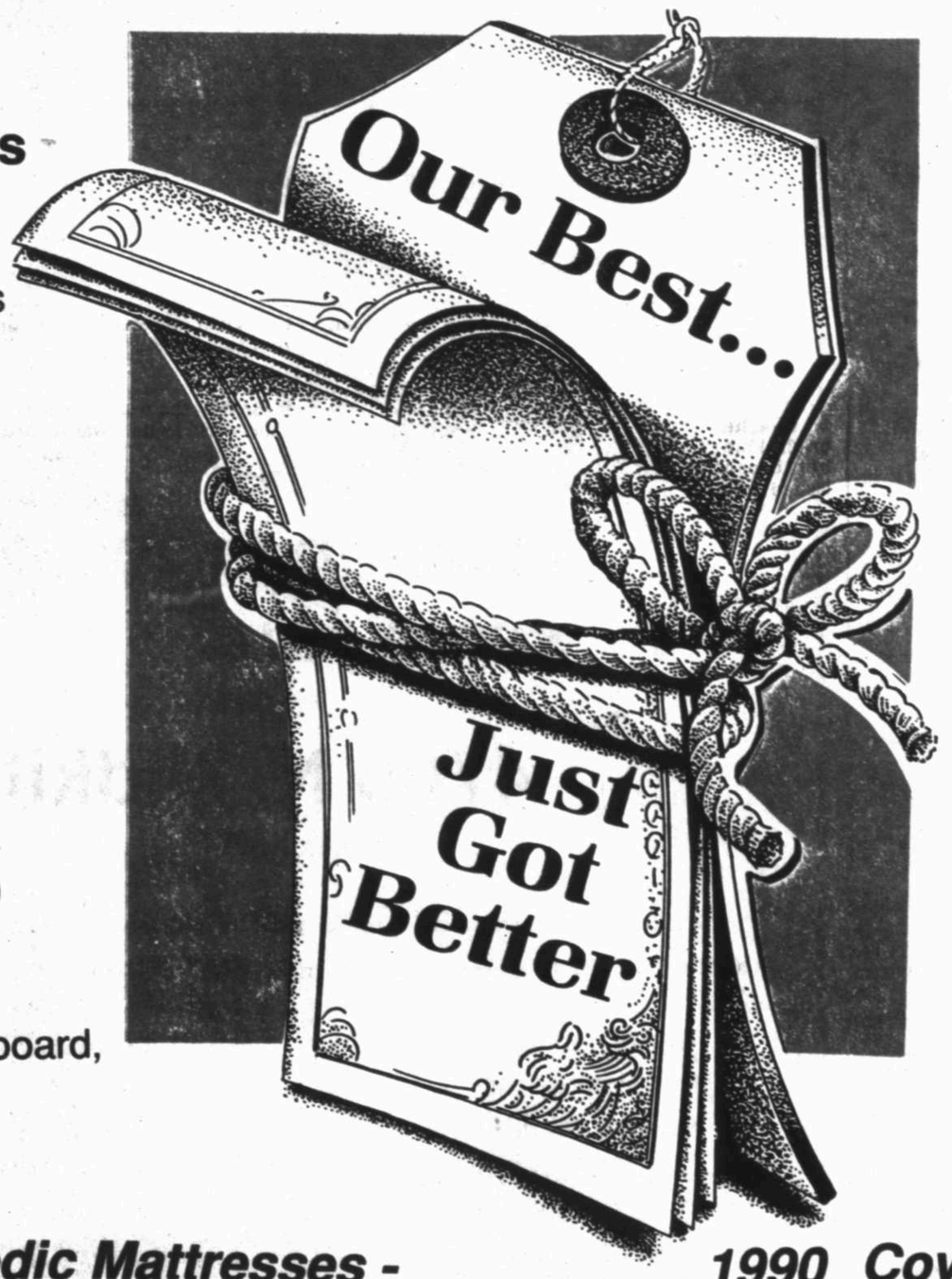
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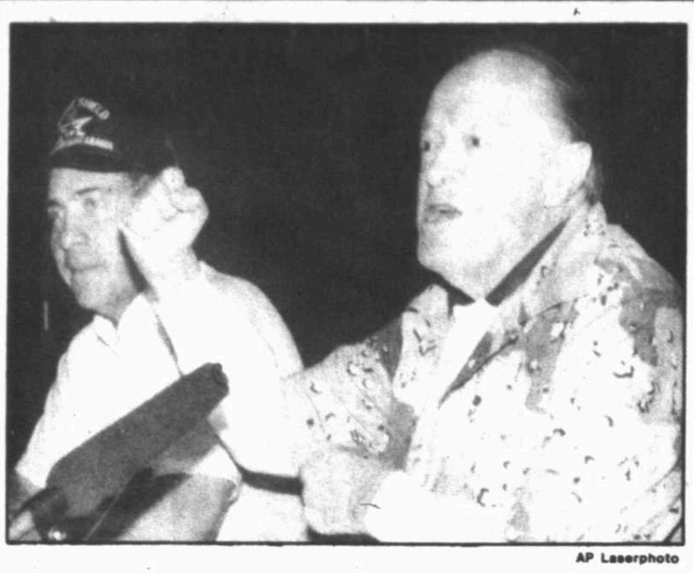
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Comedian Bob Hope meets with reporters in Saudi Arabia Tuesday, commenting on his performance before U.S. troops. Former Cincinnati Reds baseball star Johnny Bench, left, also appeared with Hope.

Hope gives reporters sample of one-liners

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — Comedian Bob Hope gave reporters, who were barred from his Christmas tour, a taste of desert one-liners Tuesday, roasting everyone from a U.S. military official to Saddam Hussein.

His throat slightly ticklish, the 87-year-old comedian who has entertained U.S. forces at Christmas for the past 50 years said he eliminated "a lot of jokes" so as not to offend Saudi sensitivities.

The U.S. Central Command said in a statement Tuesday 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 sensitivities in this Moslem kingdom — where all other religions are banned — and also has refused to let the media cover religious services.

At a Christmas morning news conference, Hope lamented that he had to leave "the girls," including Marie Osmond and the Pointer Sisters, behind in Bahrain. Saudi Arabia prohibits women entertainers.

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

Hope said he made seven stops on Christmas Eve, including a show for 7,000 troops in Riyadh, the Saudi capital. He had a big Christmas show planned later Tuesday and was heading north to the desert to visit the Marines today.

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 Jan. 15 U.N. deadline for Iraqi troops to pull out of Kuwait or face possible attack by U.S.-led multinational forces.

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.

Any jokes about Saddam?

"I've been working on Hussein a hell of a lot," Hope said. "Saddam, he thinks he's Saddam Santa Claus now. Saddam Claus, that's his new nickname now. And you know what Saddam is spelled backwards — Mad Ass."

The comedian, who put on nine Christmas shows in Vietnam, said he hoped this would be his last performance in the gulf region.

"I hope we never have another war," he said.

AT&T admits 25,000 wrongly billed for free calls from gulf

BASKING RIDGE, N.J. (AP) — About 25,000 families and friends of people serving in the Persian Gulf were mistakenly billed for calls that were supposed to be free, and the charges will be canceled, AT&T officials said Tuesday.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. had offered to let servicemen and women in the gulf to make the free calls during Thanksgiving week, of Nov. 20 to Nov. 27, and 140,000 calls were made.

But some local phone companies did not follow through on instructions not to bill the troops' families for these calls, company spokesman Richard Wallerstein said. The calls were placed to families all over the United States.

Wallerstein said no one will have to pay for the bills, no matter how high they were. He said he had heard some of the bills had reached $500, but had no definitive information.

The Washington Post reported Tuesday that bills sent to some soldiers' families soared as high as $2,000.

U.S. presence in gulf helping Texas firms

DALLAS (AP) — Several Texas companies that were in a "scale-back mode" less than six months ago from declining Defense Department business, are now scrambling to hire hundreds of people to fill emergency orders for Operation Desert Shield.

"This whole industry was in a scale-back mode because of the cuts. Now we are going to the other extreme," said Roy Terracino, president of San-Antonio-based Sterling Foods. "We have increased our employment dramatically. We are working six days a week."

Since the Persian Gulf crisis began Aug. 2, several Texas companies have snatched up millions of dollars in new U.S. military orders for everything from sand-confinement grids and repackaged bread loaves to gas protection suits.

The new business has boosted the economy in some Texas communities that had high unemployment and rescued some companies forced to lay off employees in the past.

■ Sidran: The Dallas-based clothing manufacturer has a $15.7 million order for protective suits, an order that led to 200 hires, said Roland Mizrahi, the company's chief operating officer.

He said Sidran has orders for 200,000 suits designed to protect soldiers from poisonous gas and could get orders from the Pentagon for 200,000 more.

■ AGH Industries: The Richland Hills Company plans to almost double its work force to 56 people by mid-January when it starts delivering the first of 40,000 sand-confinement grids for Operation Desert Shield, vice president Hal McGlothing said.

The grids, sheets of plastic honeycomb, are used to confine desert sand and would be used to make temporary roads, landing pads or tent floors.

■ Right Away Food Corps.: The McAllen-based company expects to hire 200 to 250 more people under a $36 million contract to produce 216,000 cases of sundries, including razor blades, pens and writing tablets, for troops, said to Sen. Loyd Bentsen, D-Texas.

Saddam calls for 'liberation' of Palestine

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, declaring America the source of all evil in the Mideast, reiterated his claim that Kuwait is part of Iraq and said Tuesday that Palestine, not Kuwait, needed to be "liberated."

Speaking only 21 days before the U.N. deadline for his troops to leave Kuwait, Saddam suggested to visiting Jordanian politicians he wouldn't leave Kuwait until Israel withdrew from the occupied territories.

"Let all the fleets and Israel hear, Palestine comes first and it must be liberated," Saddam said in a speech broadcast on Iraqi state radio.

The Iraqi president also repeated his claim that Kuwait was unjustly removed from Baghdad's rule by British colonial rulers.

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

Honored dead



A Navy honor guard, at left, carries the coffin of one of the 20 U.S. sailors that arrived at Dover Air Force Base in Dover, Del., Monday. The sailors were killed Sunday when a ferry capsized while carrying them to the aircraft carrier Saratoga anchored off Haifa, Israel. Below, two women embrace during a memorial service Monday in Port Naval Station, Fla.

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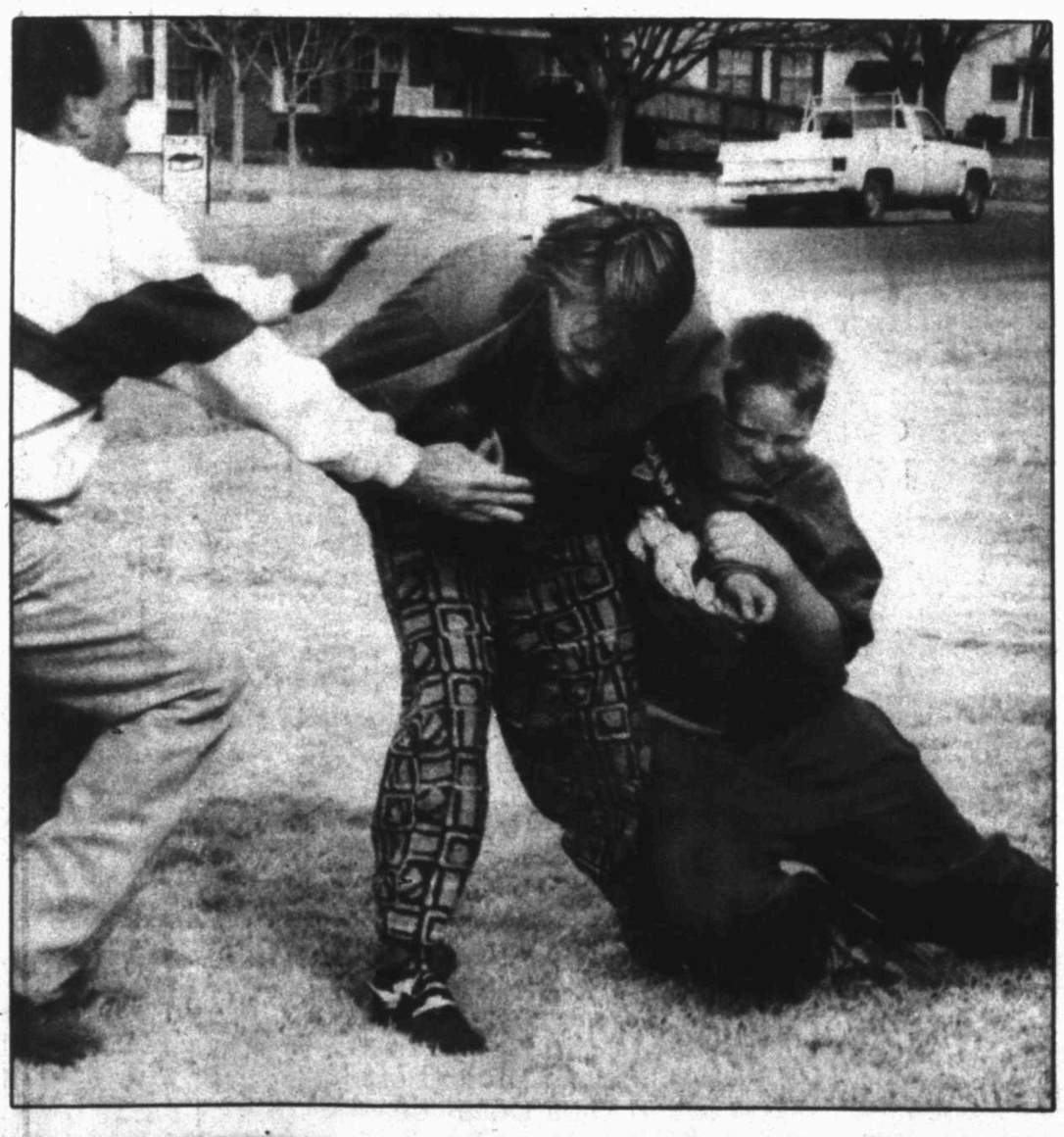
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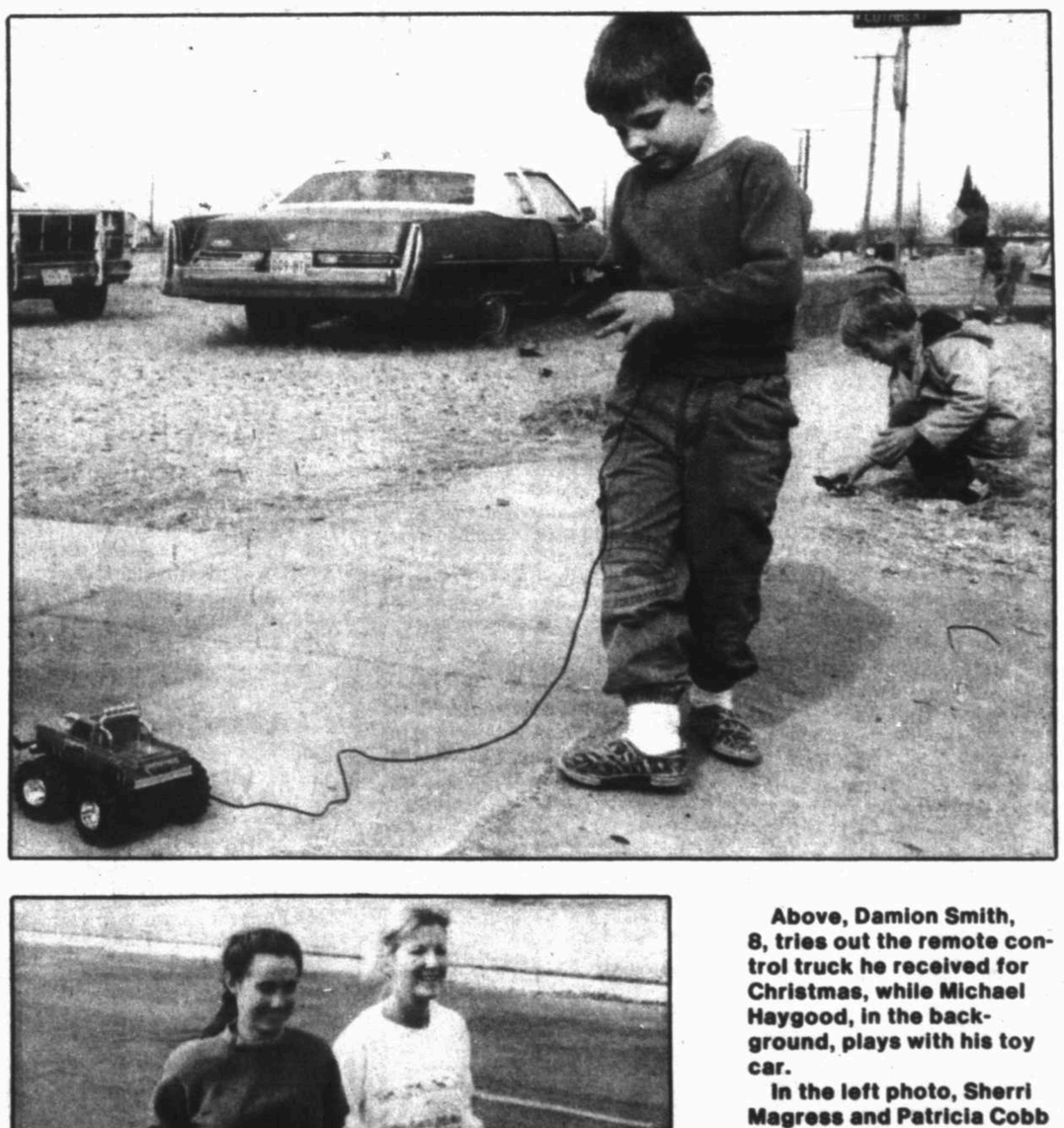
Above, Ruth Watkins, a nine-year-old Midland girl, proudly displays the gloves she received for Christmas.



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At left, Amanda Salinas, 4, and her unique playmate enjoy the outdoors Christmas afternoon. In photo above, Brandon Grammer, 5, and his two-year-old brother, Tanner Grammer, sons of Kelly and Deedee Grammer, try out their new modes of transportation they received on Christmas.



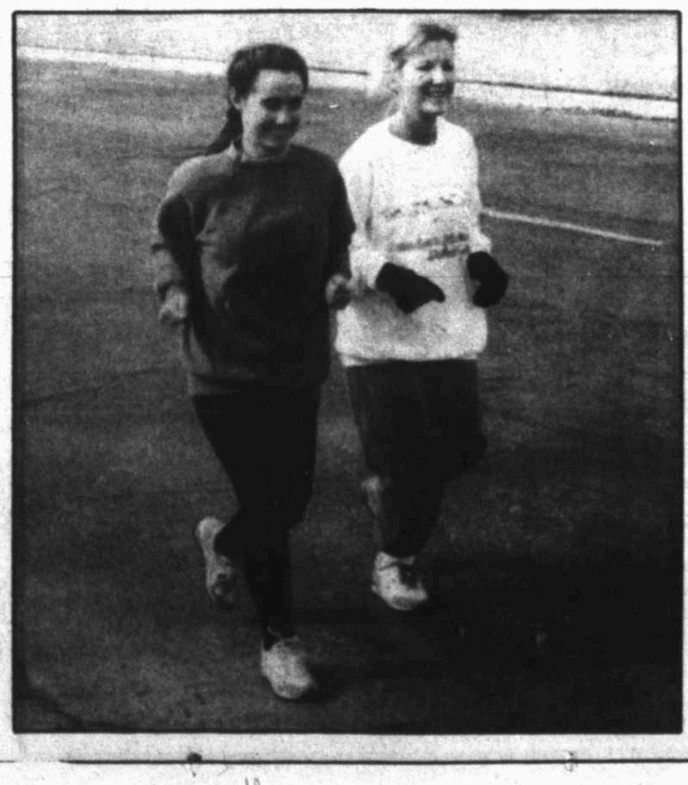




What would Christmas afternoon be without a friendly neighborhood game of football? The Ezell family, above, gets into the spirit of the game as dad, Tom Ezell, left, and sons, L.T. Ezell, center, and Duane Ezell take part in the action.

In the left photo, Demetria Hubbard, 11, and Gary Hubbard, 12, find themselves in a happy dilemma — their hands are full of Christmas gifts.

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Above, Damion Smith, 8, tries out the remote control truck he received for Christmas, while Michael Haygood, in the background, plays with his toy car.

In the left photo, Sherri Magress and Patricia Cobb take advantage of mild Christmas Day weather to get in some jogging.

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Ethics reform on many minds at statehouse

By Michael Holmes

AUSTIN (AP) — As members of the Legislature prepare to convene Jan. 8, one word is one almost everyone's lips. Ethics.

The new governor, lieutenant governor and speaker of the House all promised ethics reform during their campaigns and say now it will get top priority.

"We are of one mind that ethics legislation should be No. 1 or 2 or 3 on our agenda. It'll be discussed and debated very early on in the session," Gov.-elect Ann Richards said.

"I think you're going to see an ethics bill. I think we ought to have one. I think all the members want an ethics bill," added House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth.

It's an issue that has been making news for two years, as the news media has reported on lavish spending by special interest lobbyists trying to influence the Legislature.

Just weeks ago, a Travis County grand jury began looking at ties between Lewis and a powerful San Antonio law firm, including an allegation that Lewis took a free Mexican vacation with law firm partners and several women, one a topless dancer from a Houston nightclub.

Since then, District Attorney Ronnie Earle said the inquiry has widened to include allegations of wrongdoing by more legislators and lobbyists.

Lewis, seeking election to an unprecedented fifth term as speaker, says he did nothing improper and welcomed the investigation.

The district attorney, a former state House member from Austin, has been a leader in calls for ethics reform at the Legislature.

Last year, after East Texas chicken magnate Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim distributed blank $10,000 checks as campaign contributions to state senators while they debated workers' compensation insurance reform, Earle complained that state bribery laws have loopholes "big enough to drive a truck through."

In 1989, more than 800 lobbyists reported

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spending some $2.2 million on gifts and entertainment for lawmakers. Under state law, such spending is legal. Lobbyists only are required to report their total spending each month; they needn't say on whom it was spent or how.

Ms. Richards, a Democrat, made ethics reform a cornerstone of her campaign for governor, as did Lt. Gov.-elect Bob Bullock, a Democrat and former House member.

She supports legislation to force elected officials to make public their personal income tax returns and limit what they can take from lobbyists and other campaign contributors. She also proposes that lobbyists detail their spending on elected officials. The new laws should be enforced by a state Ethics Commission, she says.

"There are some specific things that I think are of concern to those of us in public office, and I might say they are also concerns of the public," she said.

Bullock, who will preside over the Texas Senate, issued the most comprehensive plan. He, too, wants an ethics agency with a "full set of sharp teeth and steel jaws."

Bullock says new ethics laws should include cross-audits of officeholder accounts and campaign finance reports with federal income tax returns of officeholders and their businesses, plus cross-audits of reports filed by lobbyists and campaign contributors with their actual books and records.

"More than 15 years ago, 'Deep Throat' advised reporters investigating the Watergate scandal to 'follow the money.' The advise is still good today," Bullock said.

"And it should be the basis for state ethics laws to lay bare the truth about those who make public policy and those who try to influence public policy," he said.

Hutchison first popularly elected woman from GOP

By Jack Keever

AUSTIN (AP) — Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican trailblazer in Texas, has kind words for the Democrat who preceded her as state treasurer, Gov.-elect Ann Richards.

Although state Comptroller Bob Bullock once called treasurer "a piddling little job," Ms. Hutchison says, "Ann made it an interesting office ... adding responsibility that made it much more interesting."

Ms. Hutchison said she had been asked to run against Richards for treasurer four years ago but was not interested. She said this time, she thought she could win.

Ms. Hutchison, 47, forged a coalition that included Democrats such as former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and former Secretary of State John Fainter to defeat Democrat Nikki Van Hightower in the November general election.

To save money for television advertising, she campaigned without a travel aide and stayed overnight with friends rather than renting a room.

Her election by 123,575 votes out of 3,792,902 cast made her the first Republican woman to be elected to statewide office in Texas.

Politically, she's come a long way since the 1960s when she eschewed campus politics to concentrate on being a University of Texas cheerleader while finishing her first year of law school.

Her political career began in 1972, after a stint as a television news reporter for KPRC in Houston, when she became the first Republican woman elected to the Texas House of Representatives.

After two terms in the Legislature, she was appointed by President Ford to the National Transportation Safety Board.

In 1978 she married former state Rep. Ray Hutchison, R-Dallas. She tried elective politics again in 1982, losing a race to Republican Steve Bartlett for Congress.

Ms. Hutchison said in an interview that Richards had left the treasurer's office in good shape, which gives her the luxury of focusing on long-term policies for controlling state debt.

"We need a plan that will trigger before we get into a debt crisis — that will be my legacy," she said. "I think I can do that. I think it's an important thing to do."

As one who achieved a series of life's goals, Ms. Hutchison often is asked about her political future, moving beyond treasurer.

"This is my goal," she said.

"I don't really see me running for governor. I really don't. But I'm not going to say 'never' because you never know what's going to be in the picture," she said.

Environment to be Mauro's priority

By Peggy Fikac

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro hopes that lawmakers wrestling with a host of problems next session will take time to consider the world around them.

And how they'd like to leave it for their kids.

He's pushing legislation to ensure the state can properly handle oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico, and a proposal to improve Texas' parks system.

"Oil spill preparedness is an issue that Texans are concerned about. I think their senators and representatives know that," he said.

Mauro, a Democrat beginning his third term, advocates stationing state-owned cleanup equipment along the coast, so Texas can react promptly to spills.

The plan he backs, which would give one state agency oversight of the oil spill response system, would be funded by an oil import fee of 2 cents per barrel.

Mauro's other priority is a proposal for $100 million in new general obligation bond authority to buy parks and other open spaces. If passed by lawmakers, voters would have to approve a constitutional amendment to establish it.

Texans should be allowed to decide "whether or not they want a parks system second to none," he said.

The program would be financed by an as-yet undetermined revenue source.

Odessa man becomes 12th holiday fatality

Staff Report

ODESSA — Donald Ellis West, 60, of Odessa became the 12th holiday fatality in Texas when his car was struck by a pickup truck at 10:20 a.m. Dec. 24, the Department of Public Safety reported.

West, a salesman, was driving his 1990 Ford four-door eastbound on 42nd Street in Odessa and stopped at the stop sign at the Knox Drive intersection. West's car then entered the intersection and collided with a 1990 Nissan pickup going southbound on Knox, driven by Wanda Young Pruett, 36, of Odessa, Trooper Shawn Nelson said.

Ms. Pruett's pickup struck West's car in the left front panel, Nelson said.

West, who was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, was pronounced dead at 11:35 a.m. by Justice of the Peace Julian Presley at Medical Center Hospital, Nelson said. His body was taken to Easterling Funeral Home.

West's passenger, Evelyn May West, 63, of Odessa, was treated at MCH and released. Ms. Pruett and her passenger, Robin Rena Pruett, 13, were also treated and released from MCH, Nelson said.

The Pruetts and Mrs. West were wearing seatbelts, Nelson said.

Man hospitalized after wreck

Staff Report

A man driving the wrong way on Illinois Avenue Christmas Eve ended up in the hospital after causing an accident that resulted in a truck being rolled, Midland police reported.

Darren Anthony, 24, was driving his 1982 Oldsmobile Cutlass eastbound on Illinois Avenue, which is a one-way street running west, when he struck a 1981 Ford pickup driven by Paul Witten, 42, police said.

The impact caused the pickup to overturn and sent Anthony to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released. Witten sustained only minor injuries, police said.

Midland Police Department has charged Anthony with going the wrong way on a one-way street, police said, and the accident is still under investigation.

Tip leads to arrest

Staff Report

Midland police officers arrested a Midland man for cocaine possession on Christmas Day, an officer reported.

The 40-year-old suspect was arrested in the 300 block of N. Lee at 8:02 p.m. after police were tipped off by a confidential informant. According to the report, the suspect was charged with possession of a controlled substance — cocaine.

He remained in custody in the Midland County Central Detention Facility Tuesday night. Bond had not been set for him Tuesday night because the justice of the peace was not available, a jail spokewoman said.

DEATHS

Merle Fulkerson

Services for Merle Fulkerson of Midland are set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Ellis Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Fulkerson died Monday afternoon at a local hospital.

He was born Sept. 22, 1918, in Drumwright, Okla. He was raised in Muskogee, Okla., where he was educated. He met Dorothy Hensley in Muskogee and they were married July 20, 1938 in Fort Smith, Ark.

The family moved to Salem, Ill., where he joined Warren Petroleum, later becoming Gulf Oil Co., in 1939.

At the outbreak of World War II, he joined the U.S. Navy. Upon his discharge, he returned to Salem and rejoined Gulf Oil Co. The family later left Salem and moved to Lovington, N.M., where they lived for seven years before moving to Kenedy where they resided for seven years.

Fulkerson was then transferred to the Middle East, working in Iran for 3½ years. In 1970 he was transferred to Midland and then in 1977 to Duncan, Okla. In 1982 he retired from Gulf Oil after 43 years of service. At that time he returned to Midland.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Midland and was a Mason.

His wife preceded him in death in January of this year.

Survivors include one son, Merle Lee "Skip" Fulkerson of Odessa; one daughter, Ruth Ann Lewallen of Midland; one brother, Joe Charles Fulkerson of Hobbs, N.M.; two sisters, Ruth Knapp and Norma Underhill, both of Hobbs; and three grandchildren.

John R. Ketter

John R. Ketter, 66, of Midland died Tuesday morning at his home.

A prayer vigil will be held at 7 p.m. today in the Ellis Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fred Nawarskas, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Ketter was born June 6, 1924 in Platteville, Wis., where he was raised and educated. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II in the South Pacific Theater. He obtained the rank of major and was a pilot.

Following his discharge, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin.

He moved to Midland in 1952 and established Green Acres Miniature Golf Course shortly thereafter.

Ketter was a petroleum landman working with Lowe Drilling Co., and also was associated with Ketter & O'Neill Independents and Grand Energy Co. He retired in 1985.

He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Genevieve Irene Ketter of Midland; three sons, Robert John Ketter, James Richard Ketter and Michael Brian Ketter, all of Midland; three daughters, Patricia Ann Snyder of Dallas, and Mary Katherine Ketter and Elizabeth Ann Frederickson, both of Midland; one brother, Richard Ketter of Lenanon, Penn.; eight grandchildren; two nieces and two nephews.

Frances Harris

Services for Frances Harris of Midland have been set for 3 p.m. Thursday at the Ellis Chapel with Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Harris died early Tuesday morning in a local hospital.

She was born Aug. 16, 1919 in Shelbyville, Tenn., where she was raised and educated. She attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn.

She married H. Randall Harris on March 17, 1941 in Mission. They moved to Midland in 1944.

Mrs. Harris was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Midland and several other civic organizations.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Craig H. Harris of Midland; one daughter, Ann Harris Bickham of Midland; six grandchildren and two nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to the American Heart Association.

Lavelle Pettiet

Services for Lavelle Pettiet of Midland will be at 3 p.m. today at First Baptist Church with Dr. James Denison officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Dean Rippetoe, James B. Henry, James Mims, Michael Price, Frank Cowden and L.G. Daugherty.

Ina A.W. Dillard

Graveside services for Ina Ann Wood Dillard of Midland are set for 2 p.m. today at Oakwood Cemetery in Fort Worth.

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Traffic fatalities top 20 statewide

Associated Press

Here is a partial list of traffic fatalities that have occurred on Texas roadways since the holiday counting period began at 6 p.m. CST Saturday, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. The counting period ran through midnight Christmas:

1. Martel C. Luper, 19, Vinita, Okla., passenger in a cab hit by a truck in El Paso, Dec. 23.
2. Gaveston D. Cust, 19, Fort Bliss, passenger in accident mentioned in fatality No. 1.
3. Michael Howard Jr., 20, Durham, N.C., passenger in accident mentioned in fatality No. 1.
4. William Andrew Szuck, 34, San Antonio, driver failed to negotiate curve, struck tree in San Antonio Dec. 23.
5. Jessie Lynn Tims, 41, Montgomery County, driver lost control, Conroe, Dec. 23.
6. Arthur Lewis Sessions, 26, of Lancaster, driver lost control, Milam County, Dec. 22.
7. Karen Marlene Bates, 47, Dallas, driver lost control, in Dallas; died Dec. 22.
8. Ramiro Valdez, 50, of Texas City, driver lost control and struck oncoming tractor-trailer truck, Dec. 23 in Galveston.
9. James T. Sky, 49, Elgin, driver lost control and rolled, Dec. 23 in Elgin on ice-covered area.
10. Harry R. Turner, 62, Kennard, driver lost control of car, which left the road and hit a tree, Dec. 23 east of Crockett.
11. Andrew J. Adams Jr., 75, Andalusia, Ala., passenger in a vehicle in which the driver lost control on an icy bridge, left the road and rolled down an embankment in Harrison County, Dec. 24.
12. Donald Ellis West, 60, Odessa, driver of a vehicle that was struck by another in Odessa, Dec. 24.
13. Mary Louise Davis, 8, Tyler, pedestrian struck after a vehicle slid across an icy intersection, in Tyler Dec. 24.
14. Sharon Ruth Busch, 29, Dayton, driver failed to negotiate curve and ran off road into drainage ditch, where car was submerged in water, Dec 24. in Liberty County.
15. Curtis Yeary, 80, Jasper, driver killed when another vehicle struck his, west of Jasper Dec. 24.
16. Lila Yeary, 86, Jasper, passenger in accident listed in fatality No. 15.
17. Betty George Lanclos, 60, Houston, passenger in two-vehicle crash in Alvin Dec. 24.
18. Ronald Aaron Anglin, 39, Anna, driver of vehicle that left road and rolled in Anna Dec. 24.
19. Donald William Cross, 21, Conroe, motorcycle driver that left road and struck tree in Montgomery County Dec. 24.
20. James C. Walton, 40, Texarkana, driver lost control of vehicle on patch of ice and struck tree in Texarkana Dec. 24.
21. Rani M. Fernando, 38, Houston, driver of a vehicle struck by another in Houston Dec. 25. Driver fled scene on foot but was arrested by police and charged with two counts of failure to stop and render aid.
22. Salma Pasha, 39, Houston, passenger in accident listed in fatality No. 21.
23. Thomas Dean Vick, 31, El Campo, passenger in car that ran off road east of El Campo Dec. 25.

American Airlines pilots out 'sick'

■ A record number of reported illnesses is believed to be the pilots' way of getting American Airlines management back to the bargaining table.

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Despite the number of pilots out sick, American Airlines flights into and out of Midland International Airport were not delayed, an American Airlines spokeswoman said.

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines Inc. is accusing its pilots of staging a sickout to voice their displeasure over stalled contract talks.

The Fort Worth-based carrier said the number of pilots calling in sick over the weekend soared to record numbers. The absentee rate was almost 70 percent higher than normal, airline officials said.

Union officials denied any organized protest is occurring, but conceded that disgruntled employees could be acting on their own.

American management and the Allied Pilots Association have been negotiating a revised contract for 14 months, but have made little headway.

"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, American executive vice president for operations.

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

Despite the number of pilots out sick, American Airlines flights into and out of Midland International Airport were not delayed, an American Airlines spokeswoman said.

"As far as I know, nothing's being delayed and one flight out of Midland to Dallas is five minutes early," she said Tuesday afternoon.

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

"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.

"All we're seeing is the end result. We've had an approximate 67 percent increase in the number of pilots calling in sick," he said.

But union officials denied a concerted effort is behind the higher 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 the absentee rate for flight attendants is average, an indication that illness is not the true cause of the unusually high pilot absentee rate.

The apparent pilot sickout, coupled with bad weather, high volumes of holiday traffic and the airline's loss of 230 pilots to Operation Desert Shield led to an unusually high number of flight cancellations over the weekend, Heires said.

American canceled one in every 11 flights into and out of its hub at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport during Sunday's holiday crunch. The carrier canceled 37 arriving and 37 departing flights at DFW Sunday, amounting to about 9 percent of its operations.

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

An employee sickout would be illegal under the Railway Labor Act.

But the union has been urging its members to be diligent about seeking sick leave when ill.

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

Robbers may have stolen a fortune in diamonds

DALLAS (AP) — Two masked gunmen hijacked a U.S. Postal Service truck Monday and may have gotten away with a fortune in diamonds, authorities said.

Postal carrier Mike Miller was unloading his truck outside a North Dallas office building at 5:55 a.m. when a ski-masked robber stuck a chrome-plated pistol to his head and demanded, "Where are the rocks?"

When Miller couldn't answer, the gunmen bundled him into the back of the truck and drove off. As one of the robbers was trying to handcuff him, Miller pushed the man from the moving truck and leapt from it. The driver fired one shot at him but missed, authorities said.

Police investigators said the truck may have contained a package containing unmounted cut diamonds that were destined for a jeweler in the building. A dozen or so wholesale gem dealers have offices in the building.

"(The diamonds) was what they were going for, there's no doubt," said Sgt. Joe DeCorte. "But what was actually in the truck ... I don't know yet."

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Scuba diver Jim Stayer photographs the submerged wreck of The North Star in about 100 feet of water in Lake Huron near Port Sanilac, Mich. He is working with other divers in the area to document and preserve the wreck for other divers to enjoy.

AP Laserphoto

Lakes becoming battleground

Divers who loot wrecks challenge those who want relics preserved

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ships resting on the bottom of the Great Lakes have long been the prey of underwater vultures, black marketeers picking their carcasses clean. Now the scavengers are being challenged by a volunteer army of guardian angels in scuba gear who believe that what goes down should stay down.

By Paige St. John

PORT SANILAC, Mich. (AP) — Before highways crisscrossed the nation, before railroads stitched the continent together, the Great Lakes carried the wealth of young America.

The lake beds of today are strewn with the wreckage of that commerce. Sloops, schooners, warships, barges, freighters — more than 5,000 ships dead at the bottom in water so deep and cold and black that a scuba diver can lose sense even of which way is up.

These antiquities of the inland seas are in jeopardy, made vulnerable by technology. Cold water diving is safer, cheaper than it used to be. The wrecks are easier to find, easier to loot.

Now the Great Lakes graveyards have become battlegrounds in an underwater war. On the one side are divers who believe in finders-keepers, an accepted notion to many ever since diving became a common man's sport in the 1970s. On the other are those who regard the relics as a national trust, a well-preserved chronicle of America's history.

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS from Michigan to Ontario say the laws to stop such looting are impossible to police. There are too many wrecks, too many divers. So some preservationists have taken matters into their own hands.

On the western shore of Lake Huron, for instance, amateur archaeologists have become a band of undersea vigilantes. After work, the unlikely crusaders — three schoolteachers and a county sheriff's detective — strap on heavy air tanks and roll backward into the Lake Huron surf to visit the wreck of the North Star.

The freighter went down on Nov. 25, 1908, impaled upon the bow of its sister ship, the Northern Queen. The Queen took on the Star's crew, broke free of the ships' death embrace and made it to shore. The Star, with its cargo of flour and wheat and shingles, burbled to the bottom.

This time the divers take with them a reporter. Cold water streams in beneath the skin of neoprene dive suits, so shocking the reporter curses. The weight of the water drills like a spike into a tender eardrum.

The divers descend, fading into the green dark. The reporter hangs back, waiting for the pressure to equalize and relieve her aching ear. She hangs alone on a line stretched from ship to shipwreck, bouncing wildly as the topside vessel, the Sand Dollar, rolls with the growing swells.

Then, hand under hand, she slides along the rope. Sixty feet down, the North Star emerges, disappears, emerges again, ghostlike in a snowstorm of algae and muck.

IN THE cold and the dark, the reporter pulls upward, measures her breathing, then drops onto the giant engines of the 1908 wreck. Three stories deeper, Sanilac County Sheriff's Sgt. Garry Biniecki, one of the first to descend, moves along the 300-foot hull, taking pictures, making measurements.

They have 23 minutes to scour the wreck before the gases dissolving in their bloodstreams force them up. All the while, nitrogen in their air tanks transforms into a drug and they feel the titillating but deadly rapture of the deep.

Biniecki and his comrades will bring back nothing more tangible than exposed rolls of film and scribbled measurements. They have a new ethic. What goes down stays down. Nothing is for the taking.

"We want to keep our artifacts down there," says team member Jim Stayer, a high school science teacher and the Sand Dollar's captain.

Skirmishes between followers of the new ethic and the old have taken some unusual turns. A researcher for a museum, a professional, stole an artifact from a wreck when one he took legally for the museum broke. He was caught. A team of divers, amateurs all, chained and padlocked the steering wheel of another wreck to prevent its theft. It remains in place.

One Lake Michigan charter captain enforces his no-souvenirs policy by searching customers when they surface from wreck dives.

STEVE HARRINGTON, a writer about shipwrecks who has converted to the new ethic, confesses he still feels unclean because he once took spikes from a wreck. "It sounds corny, future generations and all," he says, "but it's hard to look young divers in the eye."

The Great Lakes — Huron, Erie, Ontario, Michigan and Superior — were for a period rich in history and lore, the main American arteries of commerce.

Timber to build cities floated down from the Canadian shores. Iron ore to make steel sailed out of Superior. Grain, stone, coal and copper filled cargo holds, but the ships also carried human cargo and their belongings, fur traders, immigrants, pioneers, laborers, homesteaders.

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WRECKS: Great Lakes battleground

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the sudden fury of the inland seas, where unexpected west winds in an afternoon can drive up waves three stories high.

The Great Storm of 1913, a six-day blow, sank 10 ships and killed 235 seamen. Gales from 1878 to 1898 ravaged nearly 6,000 ships and sank more than 1,000 of them.

Modern ships have fared little better. In 1964, a Huron storm tore the ore freighter Daniel J. Morell in half. Only one of its crew of 29 survived. Eleven years later the freighter Edmund Fitzgerald and its crew of 29 went down in Superior seconds after the captain radioed that he was holding his own.

THE GREAT Lakes have become an archaeologist's paradise. Where the water is deep and cold, decay is arrested and each wreck remains a frozen moment of history.

The preservation is so remarkable that bodies can last for years, skeletons for centuries. Archaeologists excavating the wreck of the Rockaway in Lake Michigan found the remains of salted meat in the galley and rope made from corn leaves still sitting in a pot used to mix caulking. The schooner went down in 1891.

"The sort of Hollywood concept of what a shipwreck looks like actually exists in the Great Lakes," said Rockaway archaeologist Ken Pott from his museum in South Haven, Mich. "Short of a skeleton lashed to the wheel, it's all there."

For example, the Hamilton and the Scourge, two Canadian battleships from the war of 1812, went down in 300 feet of water in Lake Ontario. Pott says a searcher using submersible cameras found the ship intact, replete with cutlasses, cannons, guns, bones and masts.

But the conservation work of maritime archaeologists such as Pott is up against an army of black marketeers and souvenir seekers.

Simple wood blocks that litter wrecks by the hundreds fetch $500 in an antiques store. Collectors will pay $10,000 for a ship's bell or a wood steering wheel. A carved ship's figurehead is almost priceless.

SUCH STRIPPING was legal in Michigan until 1980, when the state passed a law allowing salvage only under permit. Wisconsin only recently toughened its law. All of the Great Lakes states and Ontario outlaw stripping to some degree. But some, such as Michigan, are willing to grant salvage permits, especially to divers picking up things for museums.

Archaeological surveys take years. The pillage can occur overnight. Witness the fate of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Mesquite.

That crippled buoy tender was buried at sea last July, dropped intact to the bottom of Lake Superior.

The stripping started immediately: dinner plates from the boat's galley, tools from the work rooms, hard hats from lockers, dress jackets out of the closets of crew members.

"I am appalled at what happened," says Michigan archaeologist John Halsey in Lansing. "It was like a feeding frenzy. We're talking in hours, in days."

Because of that, many explorers go to great pains to hide their discoveries. Charles Feltner, an engineer for Ford Motor Co., found the 1856 wreck of the brig Sandusky in the Straits of Mackinac. He dove on it for years in secrecy. Then he made the find public.

"PEOPLE STRIPPED the thing in a couple of months," Feltner says. "Things like dishes, tools, all the blocks, belaying pins, deadeyes, you name it."

The ship's rams head figurehead remains. Divers bolted it back down after someone tried to steal it, too.

That was 10 years ago. Feltner thinks the advent of divers such as Biniecki signals a change in ethic. Today, Feltner feels, the looting would take years, not months.

"It's still bad enough to where divers 25 years from now aren't going to have much to look at," Feltner says. "The whole idea of seeing a virgin wreck will be gone."

McGovern returns to his roots

EDITOR'S NOTE: George McGovern, professor turned politician, has returned to his roots. At 68, he's back on a college campus, teaching once again. The one-time presidential candidate says the campaign trail still has its lure. That forum, he believes, can be an attractive classroom itself.

By Hilary Appelman

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — Heads turn and passers-by smile in recognition when George McGovern walks along the stone paths of the Cornell University campus.

"You probably get this all the time, but when I turned 18, you were the first person I voted for," says a faculty member, beaming as he shakes hands with the former senator from South Dakota and 1972 Democratic presidential nominee.

McGovern smiles, thanks the man and chats briefly before moving on. He does get that all the time, ever since his unsuccessful bid for the presidency. "It's nice," he says.

Since losing his Senate seat in 1980, McGovern has been teaching at colleges across the nation. This semester he is at Cornell, where hundreds of students vied for spots in his once-weekly class on American foreign policy.

Teaching is a return to his roots for McGovern. He began his career in 1949 as a history professor at South Dakota's tiny Dakota Wesleyan University. He spent most of the next three decades outside the classroom, making a name in state and national politics and challenging the United States' role in the war in Vietnam. But McGovern says he never stopped considering himself a teacher.

"THAT HISTORIC perspective has frequently given me a different view of events," he says.

"I really knew quite a lot about Vietnam before we ever got involved. And I always thought if

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McGOVERN: Former senator teaches across nation

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McGovern is 68 now. His hair and eyebrows have turned almost white, and the creases on his forehead have deepened in the years he has been out of the national spotlight.

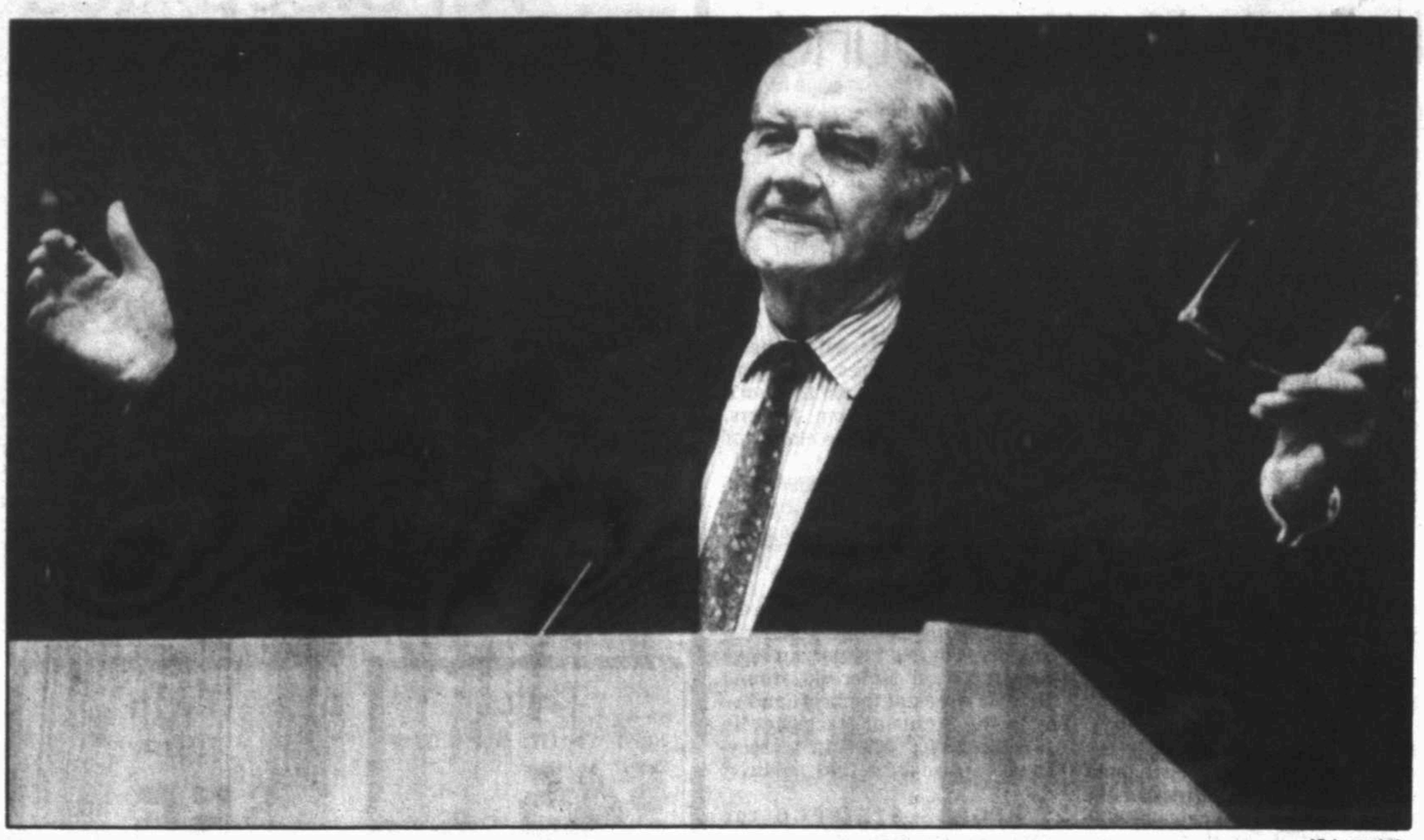
Dressed in a dark blue pinstripe suit and wearing thick black plastic-rimmed bifocals that he takes on and off as he speaks, he looks more like an elder statesman than a maverick politician who challenged the establishment throughout his tenure in office.

The tall ex-senator cuts an imposing figure at Cornell. His steady voice with a hint of Midwestern twang easily hushes the 300 young people crowded into Statler Hall, a blue and purple-toned auditorium in the college's hotel administration school.

McGovern lectures in a conversational style, sprinkling his talk with references to his own involvement in shaping the nation's history. He tells students he doesn't want to be too partisan — although he leaves little doubt where he stands — and he sounds more regretful than angry when he speaks of policies he opposes.

'I really knew quite a lot about Vietnam before we ever got involved. And I always thought if you looked critically and closely at the history of Vietnam, we might never have gone in there.'

— George McGovern



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George McGovern, who lost his Senate seat in 1980, is teaching foreign policy at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

IN A lecture on the Cold War, McGovern traces Republican attacks on the Democrats for "losing" China and being soft on communism to the GOP's frustration over having lost five consecutive national elections.

"It set off a kind of political fury on the part of the Republicans," he says. "I can understand that," he adds, laughing. "After you've lost so many times you get to the point where you want to get somebody — you just want to hit anybody."

He says the public had an exaggerated fear of the communist threat that dogged him throughout his political career, he says. He and others that called for negotiation, not confrontation, were labeled appeasers, or worse.

"I have no doubt at all I'd still be in the Senate if not for this fear," he says.

Most of the students filling the lecture hall were still in diapers when McGovern ran for president and not yet in high school when he left the Senate. But they say they knew his name and the views he represents.

"I knew that he was a big liberal," says Audrey Van Voden, a government major from Syracuse.

"I just knew he ran for president," says Julie Brof, a policy analysis major from New York, adding that she thinks his class is "fabulous."

AT THE end of class, McGovern allows time for questions. No one leaves the auditorium. A student asks about political role models, and McGovern mentions Adlai Stevenson, a fellow would-be president.

"Stevenson got me into politics, and that's probably enough to persuade some people that he had an evil influence," he says, chuckling.

Another student asks about Arkansas Sen. William Fulbright's opposition to the Vietnam War.

"It just so happens I had dinner with Sen. Fulbright last week," McGovern says. Fulbright, he adds, is most proud of the student exchange program he established in his first year in office in 1942, not the Vietnam hearings he presided over.

Responding to another student's question, McGovern dismisses the impact of communism in the United States.

"Anyone here ever meet a real live member of the Communist Party?" he asks. One student raises his hand. "What did he look like?" McGovern asks, joining the audience in laughter.

AFTER CLASS, McGovern lingers for one-on-one conversations with the eager students who swarm around him. Brof asks him to meet with the campus Democratic organization and leaves delighted when McGovern offers to have breakfast with the group.

"I wish I had been around when he ran for president," she sighs. "I was 2 years old."

After class, over lunch in the hotel school's restaurant, McGovern says he hasn't ruled out running for president again if the opportunity presents itself. He misses the national forum of the Senate and, especially, of a presidential campaign.

"Whether you win or lose, tens of millions of people hear you," he says. "I do miss that. If I really thought in any given campaign that I could get across certain ideas to the American public, I might run for president just to make the case."

McGovern blames recent leaders for failing to set a more altruistic example for the next generation. The Reagan-Bush years, he says, "reassured people that greed is all right, that raw competition with one's fellow human beings is the way things should be."

He sees the effects of that leadership on students, he says, reluctantly criticizing the young people who have always been among his biggest fans.

"THERE'S STILL a little too much materialism and not enough idealism," he says. "I don't want to say that in any harsh way. It's just a mild disappointment on my part, that material values still seem to dominate much more than any idealism."

But that materialism may be waning, McGovern says. He hears it in the questions students ask and sees it in their growing activism on issues such as the environment. He says he senses a growing desire for leaders who will put the interests of the public first.

"I think there's a quickening of interest now," he says. "It isn't as strong as it was in the '60s, but I do think there's a modest comeback. The trend is in the right direction."

McGovern looks out the restaurant window at students rushing across the campus below. He has high hopes for the future those young people represent, and for the history that is yet unwritten.

Perhaps, he says, the dramatic crumbling of East-West differences over the past year means that the world is finally going to figure out how to live in peace. Even the Persian Gulf crisis may have a silver lining, in that the United Nations is emerging as an effective forum for resolving international problems, he says.

"For many years I have believed that what is now happening could have happened," McGovern says.

"I guess I've always been an optimist. I don't know how you can live any other way and get much out of life."

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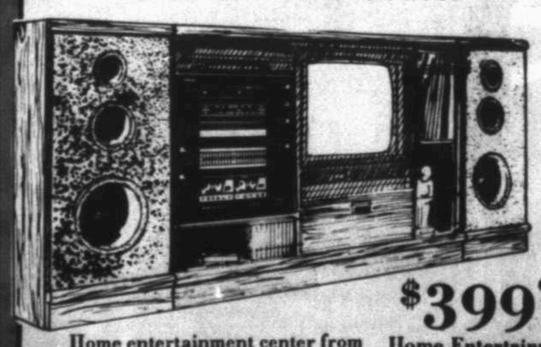
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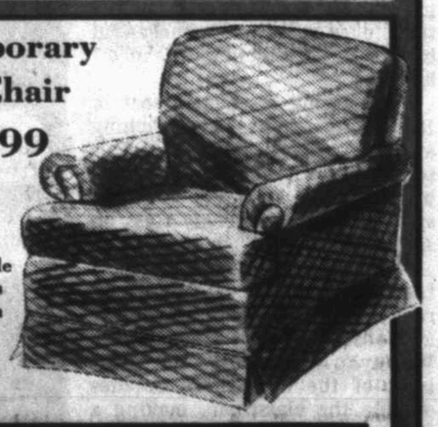
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Relatives hope for miracle to release hostages

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Americans Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland spent their sixth Christmas in captivity Tuesday and newspapers printed greetings from Anderson's family and a photo of the daughter he has never held.

"Perhaps our miracle will happen and we'll welcome you home in time to share the beginning of the new year," wrote Peggy Say, Anderson's sister.

For Anderson, the longest held Western hostage in Lebanon, it was another macabre milestone in his ordeal. The 43-year-old chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press was kidnapped on March 16, 1985.

Sutherland, 59, of Fort Collins, Colo., is the second-longest held American among the 13 missing Westerners. He was dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut when he was kidnapped on June 9, 1985.

The other captives are four Americans, four Britons, two Germans and an Italian.

Beirut's eight major newspapers carried messages for Anderson from Mrs. Say, his 5-year-old daughter Sulome — born four months after he was kidnapped — and Sulome's mother, Madeleine.

The leftist as-Safir daily also published greetings to British hostage John McCarthy from his family and friends on his fifth Christmas as a captive.

McCarthy, 34, a London-based television journalist, was kidnapped on April 17, 1986, as he drove to Beirut Airport to catch a flight for London.

The message to McCarthy, in a paid advertisement, urged him to "stay as cheerful as you can and be assured we all miss you and love you."

Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, a group believed made up of pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem zealots, claims it holds Anderson and Sutherland.

Most of the 11 other Western hostages, including McCarthy, Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite and the other Americans, are believed held by Shiite fanatics.

The archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, spoke Tuesday of his sorrow at the continued detention of his envoy, Waite.

"Naturally, I have hoped that Terry would be back with us this Christmas, and I'm sad that we have still not secured his return," the archbishop said in an interview on Sky TV in London.

Runcie, who retires on Jan. 31, said he hoped to see Waite released before then but he did not indicate that he had any information that it would happen.

Beirut's independent an-Nahar ran the English text of the letters sent to Anderson with full Arabic translations.

The French-language L'Orient-Le Jour carried the text of the two messages from Mrs. Say and Sulome's mother in English and French along with the latest photograph of his youngest daughter.

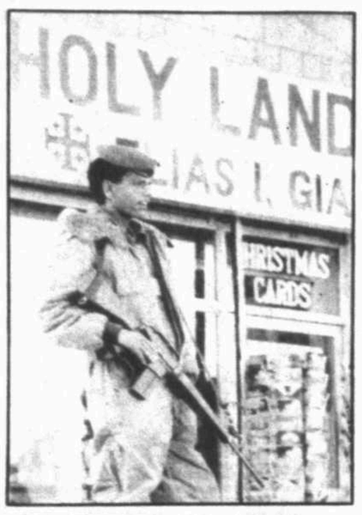
Both newspapers said they hoped the kidnappers would let Anderson read the letters and see the picture of his daughter.

"We are united with you in spirit always. But Christmas and the holidays make it especially difficult to accept the fact of not being with you in body," Sulome's mother wrote. "We are so near you and yet so far. But our hopes are always high for a bright future and reunion forever. Merry Christmas to all of you."

Mrs. Say expressed her hope that this would be her brother's last Christmas in captivity.

'Light of Christ' shines even on Middle East





Albanian Christians, above, freely celebrate Christmas Mass Tuesday in the northern Albanian city of Shkodra for the first time in 23 years after a ban on all religious activity was lifted. At right, an armed Israeli border patrol police officer stands guard outside a souvenir shop on Bethlehem's Manger Square on Christmas Day. Security in Bethlehem has been tight following a recent wave of violence in the territories occupied by Israel.

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VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II prayed for peace on Christmas Day as world leaders spoke worriedly of the prospect of war in the Persian Gulf.

Germans marked their first Christmas since their national unification, and Albanians were free to celebrate a religious holiday for the first time in more than two decades.

In Bethlehem, the site of Jesus' birth, soldiers patrolled the city. Crowds were small and the atmosphere subdued because of the gulf crisis and the 3-year-old Palestinian uprising, which has sharply cut tourism to the Holy Land.

"The light of Christ is with the tormented nations of the Middle East," the pontiff said in a Christmas message delivered from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in rain-soaked Vatican City.

"For the area of the gulf we await with trepidation for the threat of conflict to disappear," the pope said. "May leaders be convinced that war is an adventure with no return."

John Paul said a peaceful solution in Israeli-occupied lands must take "into account the legitimate expectations of the Palestinian people."

The fear of Palestinian unrest and the gulf crisis left Bethlehem with one of its smallest Christmas crowds in recent memory.

"For us, Christmas is an event of peace, and here you cannot feel peace," said German tourist Gabriele Beitz in Manger Square, near the grotto where tradition holds that Christ was born.

In Albania, where a 23-year-old ban on religion was lifted in November, Roman Catholic priest Simon Jubani led Christmas Mass in a rundown chapel in the northern city of Shkodra.

The Croatian news agency HINA reported that more than 30,000 Catholics attended the Mass, which would make it the biggest such celebration in postwar Albania. Security forces were on hand, but no incidents were reported.

It said another 500 worshipers attended a Mass in Tirana, Albania's capital.

"For the first time in 23 years, there will be midnight Mass," said Jubani, who was jailed eight times by the former Stalinist regime. "Merry Christmas."

In his message, John Paul said the fall of communist rule in Eastern Europe last year poses "demanding challenges" for Catholics in the region.

In London, Queen Elizabeth II thanked the multinational forces in the gulf for "resisting the bully and the tyrant." She also condemned attacks by the Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland, where 75 people have died in violence so far this year.

The archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, said war in the Persian Gulf could only be justified "if and when all other means of persuasion have failed."

"In such a combat thousands could suffer and die," said Runcie, who was a decorated tank officer in World War II.

Germans marked Christmas as one nation with a gesture of friendship to the Soviet Union. Money was collected to help ease Soviet food shortages and some people in former East Germany invited Red Army soldiers over for the holiday.

Former monarch visits Romania

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Romania's former monarch, King Michael, arrived Tuesday on a surprise visit more than 40 years after being forced into abdication and exile by the now-ousted Communist leadership.

Michael, 69, arrived in a private jet from Switzerland, where he lives.

The former king, of the Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen house, was accompanied by his wife, Ana de Bourbon-Parme, and daughter, Sophie. They arrived in the country without visas or other authorization and were met by another daughter, Margarita, already in Romania on a visit.

The royal family returned exactly one year after former Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife Elena were summarily tried and executed, formally ending the Communist rule that had forced Michael into exile in 1948.

Margarita told reporters his return was "probably like being born. ... Very painful and very happy at the same time.

"He has been a person ripped in two all his life and the two bits have suddenly come together."

WORLD IN BRIEF

Taiwanese protesters demand swifter reforms

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — About 12,000 demonstrators marched through the streets Tuesday to demand swifter democratic reforms and the release of a dissident leader jailed for promoting Taiwan independence.

The demonstration was organized by the Democratic Progressive Party, the main opposition to the governing Nationalist Party, which lost a civil war to the Communists in 1949 and retreated to Taiwan.

Carrying chrysanthemums to symbolize a peaceful protest, the demonstrators chanted "(We want) independent sovereignty and constitutional democracy!" and "Huang Hwa is not guilty!"

Huang, 51, an opposition leader, was convicted of sedition earlier this month. He was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for advocating independence for Taiwan and raising funds to topple the Nationalist government.

U.S. Jews criticize Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — Some American Jewish leaders Tuesday criticized Israel's performance so far in handling the influx of Soviet Jewish immigrants.

"We are concerned that there is no sense of urgency," Seymour Reich, outgoing chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told a news conference.

"We believe it is incumbent on Israel to address this as a top priority, using all of its resources, all of its people, all of its government facilities," he said.

About 172,000 Soviet Jews have settled in Israel this year, and officials expect 1 million by the end of 1992. But efforts to absorb them have run into bureaucratic and financial difficulties.

Quake shakes Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A strong earthquake shook northeastern Taiwan Tuesday night but there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage, authorities said.

The Central Weather Bureau said the quake registered 6.2 on the Richter scale. The epicenter was 7½ miles south of the eastern city of Hualien, 108 miles southeast of Taipei.

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Scientists ponder mysteries of 'artificial life'

EDITOR'S NOTE — "Artificial life" sounds like a contradiction. But the notion that lifelike behavior can be coaxed out of nonliving material is gaining acceptance among scientists. Some envision a future inhabited by artificial life forms. But what will that mean for the future of humanity?

By Nancy Shulins
AP Special Correspondent

It's a dog-eat-dog world inside Danny Hillis' computer, home to 64,000 competing programs. Only the fittest will survive.

Fitness, in this 5-foot universe, is the ability to sort letters alphabetically. But Hillis, its creator, doesn't teach his programs how to sort. Instead, he sets up a world in which programs with sorting ability are more likely to survive. Then he waits.

The early programs are terrible sorters. The worst are killed off right away. Some put 'A' before 'Z' by blind luck, but that's good enough. They "mate," merging successful traits in "offspring" that do better still.

Evolution proceeds at a dizzying pace. The result, after 10,000 generations: "A better program for alphabetical sorting than anything I could write," says Hillis, a programmer with a doctorate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

There can be no doubt the software that evolved in Hillis' computer is superior to anything a human could produce.

The question is, is it alive?

Probably not — or as Hillis is apt to answer, not yet. But to him and other scientists on the frontier known as artificial life, it's only a matter of time before life becomes — literally — what we make of it.

Artificial life, like artificial intelligence, is an attempt to coax lifelike behavior from non-living material — silicon, chemicals, even LEGOs.

"A-LIFERS" — biologists, chemists, physicists, mathematicians and computer scientists — envision a not-so-distant future inhabited by evolving software, sentient robots, and life forms based on chemicals other than carbon.

"We are all going to be living in a world filled with artificial life forms we haven't yet imagined," says UCLA biologist Charles Taylor.

Christopher Langton of the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico predicts artificial life will emerge on its own, spontaneously surfacing within complex computer networks just as the first biological life did on Earth 3½ billion years ago.

His colleague, physicist J. Doyne Farmer, goes even further: Artificial life could surpass its creators, ultimately occupying the next rung on the evolutionary ladder.

The prospect unleashes primal fears of humanity's creations growing out of control, culminating in our destruction. Researchers acknowledge the fear. Some even profess to share it, but say the scientist's role is to press on and hope for the best. "Humans have a way of muddling through," says John H. Holland, an engineer and computer scientist at the University of Michigan. "I suspect we'll find ways to keep ourselves safe."

Despite the science fiction overtones, artificial life research focuses on furthering understanding of biological life, and much of it rests on a bedrock of scientific fact.

"SCIENTISTS USED to think that the origin of life was a unique event — just this bolt of lightning, just that temperature," Langton says.

How life began remains a mystery. But the notion of life as a natural process as opposed to a freak accident is among the tenets of modern biology.

While no one knows how the first living cell was formed, the complexity of even the simplest bacteria points to a long series of small, distinct steps. Picture a Boeing 747 spontaneously assembling in a tornado-torn scrap yard; that, says British astronomer Sir Fred Hoyle, is about as likely as a living cell coming together in a single shot.

The steps required mandate that life was no accident. "A multistep process that relies on one improbable event following upon the other is bound to abort sooner or later," Nobel laureate Christian de Duve of The Rockefeller University wrote recently.

The assumption that life is defined by the organization and interaction of its parts rather than the material it's made of lies at the heart of artificial life research.

The first cell was composed of carbon-based polymers, as are we all, but not because the stuff has mystical properties. "You can find the material we're made of all around," says physicist Howard Pattee of the State University of New York at Binghamton. "We were made from whatever was handy."

"THE MATERIAL IS immaterial," says Langton, to whom building life isn't so different from building, say, a computer.

"You can build a computer out of tubes carrying water, electronic chips or even Tinkertoys. What's important is that you have the right functions related in the right way. Some of us think that's also true of life."

Then why don't we see new forms springing up all the time? "Other life either out-competes it, eats it or erases its base of support," Langton says.

But concoct the right blend of materials in a controlled environment, he says, and life will emerge. Biologists believe self-organization is a natural property of matter, though the process by which it occurs is another mystery.

"We believe the chemical soup on Earth, when left alone for millions of years, sprouted flowers and frogs and people," Hillis says. "Yet the rules of chemistry are pretty simple. It's hard to believe something that simple could produce something as complicated as a person."

Understanding how simple rules give rise to complex behavior is the holy grail of artificial life research, for therein lies the key to all life, scientists theorize. Already, they are fashioning complex worlds based on simple rules within the finite universe of computers, seeking new insights into age-old questions. Some are using chemicals to model emergent properties. Others are building mechanical representations.

THE QUESTIONS they hope to answer are formidable: What is life? When does it begin? What factors speed evolution? Natural selection ensures that species improve from one generation to the next. But what process makes individuals improve? How does adaptation in one species affect another? If this year's frog develops a sticky tongue, what does that do to next year's fly?

Not the least of the questions concerns humanity's future. "We tend to assume evolution stops with us. Clearly, that's not the case," Langton says. "So far, compared to ancient creatures, we're just a flash in the pan."

What does artificial life portend for humans? "We may be the first species to create its own successors," Farmer says.

Rest assured, however. Creatures unveiled at an artificial life conference in New Mexico last winter posed no imminent threat.

Electronic "ants" negotiated a computer-generated maze in a system called Genesys, created by David Jefferson and Charles Taylor of UCLA. Each ant was composed of strands of computer code ("genes") that determined its ability to move in various directions. The genes of the first ants were randomly generated, and most quickly died. The fittest survived to pass their superior genes on to offspring, and so on. As with Hillis' alphabet-sorting programs, performance improved as evolution progressed.

PROGRAMS LIKE Genesys show "it is possible to evolve seemingly intelligent behavior quickly and easily on a computer," Taylor says. Computers also enable scientists to manipulate population size, mutation rates, and other factors to see what works best.

From various evolving worlds, theories emerge: Parasites spark diversity through adaptation. Predators do well initially, but cooperators win in the end. Small may have an edge over large. Adversity is good. "It's hard to develop an advantage in an unchanging environment," says physicist Richard Bagley of Los Alamos.

Computer worlds will be a snap to create with software being developed at Los Alamos: simulated environments with ready-made populations programmed to move in various ways. Amaze your friends! Simulate fish! Ants! Molecules! Preschoolers! "The same basic architecture underlies almost all biology — lots of pieces that interact with each other," Langton says.

Models are expected to quickly become more sophisticated. But already, complex behavior is busting out all over.

Squirt is a cubic-inch robot built by Rodney Brooks of MIT's robotics lab using a few basic rules. Separately, the rules are innocuous. Together, they add up to a robot with an attitude.

One rule concerns light; Squirt doesn't like it. Turn on a light, and the robot goes into a spiral search pattern until it's safely in darkness.

SHOULD ITS MICROPHONES detect sound followed by a long period of silence, Squirt is designed to temporarily override its fear of light and head toward the sound. The fear then returns.

Seldom seen by its lab mates, Squirt spends most of its time sneaking about in a panic, showing up late for meetings and avoiding the boss — extremely lifelike behavior in many offices.

Other robots in Brooks' lab include the Collection Machine, which collects empty soda cans, and the Confection Machine, which uses money it earns peddling candy to buy services from obliging humans, such as opening doors.

Ingenious as they are, today's specimens are reassuringly far from the nightmares of science fiction. Computers are expected to achieve only squirrel-like intelligence by the beginning of the next century.

"Right now, artificial life is much simpler than a fungus. It's nothing like a mouse, let alone a human," Hillis says. Even the most advanced computer viruses, considered by many to be the precursors of artificial life, are a far cry from life as we know it.

The distinction between living and non-living blurred earlier this year when MIT researchers created the first synthetic molecule capable of lifelike self-replication. Amino adenosine triacid ester — AATE — may help explain how organic chemicals acquired the ability to copy themselves, a prerequisite for life.

NO ONE would argue that the primitive molecule created at MIT is a long way from DNA, the elaborate template that carries the hereditary code for all living things. But as one might expect, optimism is a common trait among scientists who aspire to breathe life into LEGOs.

Their highest-tech tool is the Connection Machine, a $5 million supercomputer made by Hillis' Cambridge, Mass., company, Thinking Machines.

The Connection Machine has 64,000 processors. A personal computer has one. "Picture a football stadium full of people, each with a PC, all computing at once," Hillis says. Since each processor controls the behavior of a program, or "individual," the computer works much like evolution — only faster. In the Connection Machine, 5 million years of human evolution collapse to just under 70 hours.

Its speed and processing capabilities make the Connection Machine ideal for the "bottom up" approach favored by Hillis and others. "Traditional science works by taking apart frogs and flowers to see what's inside," he says. "But it's hard to figure out what's going on if you don't understand the rules."

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Alaska rivers run risk of being 'loved to death'

By Julia Rubin

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Wilderness buffs worried about losing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's coastal plain to oil drilling have been visiting it in record numbers — and may pose a threat of their own to the fragile area.

Environmentalists fear the traffic is straining resources along the refuge's major rivers.

Commercial operators worry that hundreds of rafters, hikers and photographers who come to see grizzlies, caribou and untrampled tundra each summer are running into other people, too.

"Rivers like the Hulahula and the Kongakut have lost some of their wilderness character," said George Heim of Anchorage-based Alaska River Adventures.

"You're not getting what you go up there for if you end up sharing the river with 20 other people and jockeying for campsites."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which has received complaints of crowding and litter from river users, has started working on river management plans for the arctic refuge.

It took public comment through Dec. 15 on several plans. Proposals for the refuge include limits on the number of hunters and trappers in the region, and limits on the size of tour groups.

"When we took a look at the increase of use along selected rivers, it became evident there was some reason for possible concern," said Tom Edgerton, the agency's Fairbanks-based recreation planner for the arctic refuge.

He stressed that federal officials are trying to prevent potential problems and aren't sure if higher visitor traffic actually is damaging wilderness.

"I haven't seen any documentation that shows damage to wildlife at this point, but it's one of the things that we'll be looking at," said Edgerton.

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— Tom Edgerton, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

He said he has gotten reports of caribou harassed by airplanes and of litter along the rivers.

Since 1985, commercial recreational use on the refuge's three major rivers — the Kongakut, Hulahula and Sheenjek — has increased more than 500 percent, from 355 visitors to 1,794 in 1989. The number of visitors on private backpacking, fishing or hunting trips isn't known, Edgerton said.

Although those numbers are tiny compared to those at many national parks and refuges, they have a stronger impact in this sensitive region of tundra and short growing seasons.

"The farther north you go, the slower it takes to recover," Edgerton said.

Many of the environmental groups that oppose drilling on the coastal plain also are calling for greater recreational restrictions, such as keeping group sizes to six and the number of river trips to one a week.

"You certainly want people to be able to get out and enjoy their wilderness, but the downside is people can love a place to death," said Sharon Sturges of the environmental group Trustees for Alaska.

Some of the plans, however, would restrict access and activities not just by commercial recreationalists but by hunters, trappers and others who use the arctic refuge.

Ed Grasser, a hunting guide who visits the refuge in the offpeak months of August and September, agreed river rafters perhaps should be restricted to ease crowding. But he said his business shouldn't be limited unless wildlife populations are shown to have suffered.

"It's public land, and as long as visitation is regulated to the point where habitat or wildlife aren't being harmed, I don't think it's right to prohibit people from visiting simply because a small group of people have an aesthetic sense that they don't want to have violated," Grasser said.

"If it's actually doing environmental damage, I sure haven't been able to locate any."

Gun dealers angry over ammo ban

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A weeklong ban on ammunition sales that began Christmas Day should make it harder to start 1991 with a bang, say authorities concerned about revelers shooting into the air New Year's Eve.

The ban, in effect in San Fernando as well as Los Angeles, angers gun shop owners, who predict it will be ineffective.

Barry Kahn, general manager of B&B Sales in North Hollywood, said customers will only have to visit a neighboring community to buy ammunition.

"Frankly, it's a crock," he said. "They can't come up with the statistics to back the law."

No one was injured last year by falling bullets, but in previous years bystanders have been wounded or even killed.

Exhibit of Rockwell flops a big success

By Michelle Locke

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.

Of his own work, Rockwell wrote that sometimes he found "I've been molding a handful of air."

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."

For another "flop," Rockwell went to the trouble of staging baseball players Stan Musial and Joe Garagiola for a picture of a burly umpire daintily sweeping home plate. All went well until Rockwell realized that a real umpire would never face the pitcher, turning his backside to the grandstand.

One of the flops simply failed to find an audience.

For a Saturday Evening Post cover that was supposed to be a whodunit, Rockwell posed several famous actors, ranging from Ethel Barrymore to Lassie. All that was visible of the victim, Van Johnson, was a pair of legs with spats protruding from beneath a table. Visual cues tip off the astute viewer to the method and murderer.

But the Post decided it just wasn't "up to scratch," Rockwell wrote. "The movie stars kill it," the editors said. "The readers will be so busy recognizing the stars that the idea will be lost."

What the failed pictures may show is an artist uncomfortable with famous subjects, Hennessey said.

"He says in his autobiography that he was more comfortable staying in his own back yard and painting his neighbors," she said.

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, which opened in November and runs through January 1992, has been "getting a chuckle from very serious people," said museum spokeswoman Beatrice Snyder.

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?"



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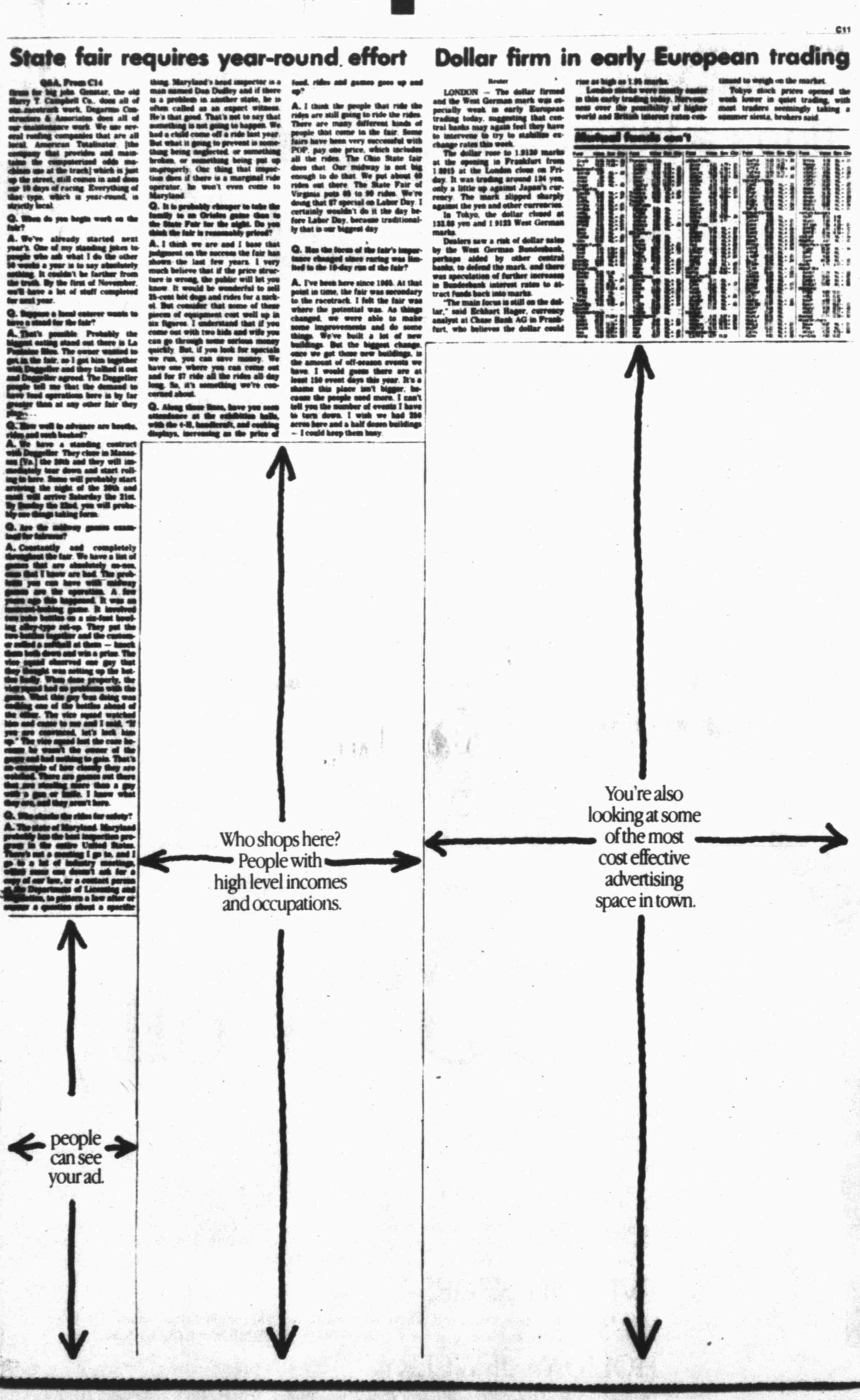
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Maine recyclers gear up for expanded bottle law

By Glenn Adams

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Maine consumers will become the nation's busiest recyclers next Monday, when the state's bottle deposit law is expanded to include nearly all non-dairy beverage containers.

Even though Maine residents will have to rinse, save and return more bottles and cans than ever, they seem to be taking the new law in stride.

"It will probably be more of a nuisance in a sense," said Charlene Haney of Caribou. "I suppose once you get used to it, it will be all right."

Mrs. Haney said the need to reduce the mountains of throwaways filling landfills more than justifies the extra burden. "I understand why they're doing this," she said.

For more than a decade, Maine residents have been paying deposits on beer and soda containers under a law designed to reduce litter. But with the advent of the solid waste crisis, the law took on new meaning.

A comprehensive solid waste law expanded the "bottle law" to include liquor bottles as of Jan. 1, 1990, and wine bottles on Sept. 1, 1990. Aseptic containers, or "juice boxes," were banned in Maine as of September.

As of Dec. 31, the bottle law will include all non-carbonated juice containers holding a gallon or less.

Deposits are 5 cents, except on liquor and wine bottles, which carry a 15-cent deposit.

Excluded are containers for milk and other dairy products, cider, cough syrup, sauces, baby formula, soup and vinegar.

Maine's new law, considered the nation's most expansive, will increase by as much as 50 percent the 600 million tons of beverage containers already in the recycling stream, according to Denise Lord of the Maine Waste Management Agency.

"We're geared up for it," said Gary Hilliard, president of Returnable Services Inc., whose company accepts, pays refunds and sorts used bottles and cans before taking them to centers that recycle plastic, metal and glass.

Hilliard added space to his Augusta warehouse by tearing out closets and using overhead room, but he acknowledges that he may have to build an addition.

Besides adding to the volume of containers being recycled and kept out of dumps, Maine's law is also creating a new line of business for companies such as Hilliard's.

Juice makers are hiring those companies to pick up their brands' containers from restaurants and other retailers and take them to recycling centers. Beer and soda manufacturers in Maine generally do that themselves.

Ms. Lord said the law also has social benefits: "We're seeing a real increase in the number of community organizations using bottle drives as fund-raisers."

Other states are watching carefully to see how Maine's law works out, said Pat Franklin of the National Container Recycling Coalition, a Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group. Various components of Maine's law have been adopted in other states, but Maine's law is the most comprehensive, she said.

A few kinks in the law remain to be worked out. It's not clear, for example, whether grocers or companies hired to pick up empties must sort containers by manufacturer.

But that won't delay the new law, even though a ruling by the state isn't expected until January, said John Joyce of the Maine Grocers Association.

The law is expected to cause some manufacturers to pull products that sell poorly in Maine, said Joyce. Other products may disappear briefly if manufacturers decide not to use temporary stickers while cans and bottles are being redesigned with marks showing they are returnable.

Profanity ban under attack

QUINCY, Mass. (AP) — A new ban on profanity has brought this reaction from the American Civil Liberties Union: good luck in making it stick.

"They're flirting with danger," state ACLU Executive Director John Roberts said of the ordinance approved on Dec. 17. The ordinance forbids obscene or profane language in any public place and outlaws loitering. Violators could be fined $100.

"All I can say is with the language people use today, they better be ready to fill their jails up," Roberts said.

That doesn't deter Mayor James A. Sheets.

"I come out of this building after work ever night, and I have to listen to this profanity and vulgarity being screamed from one side of Hancock Street to the other," Sheets said.

"People in the city have a right to expect that they can bring their families downtown and not be subjected to the kind of profanity I've been hearing."

Council President Theodore DeCristofaro, a supporter of the ordinance, said most reactions he's heard have been favorable.

"Yes this will be difficult to enforce, but it's worth it," he said.

Sheets said the ordinance is part of his program to revitalize Quincy Square.

Asked if the ordinance violates the First Amendment, Sheets invited a challenge.

Roberts said the ACLU had no immediate plans to do so.



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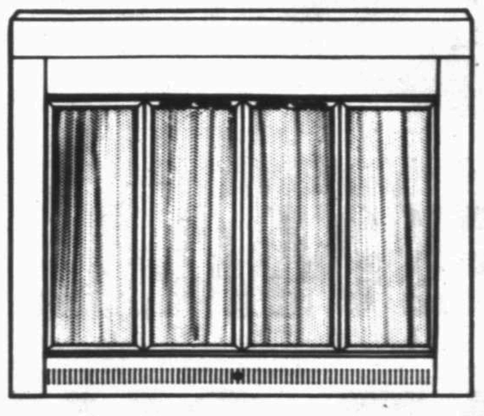
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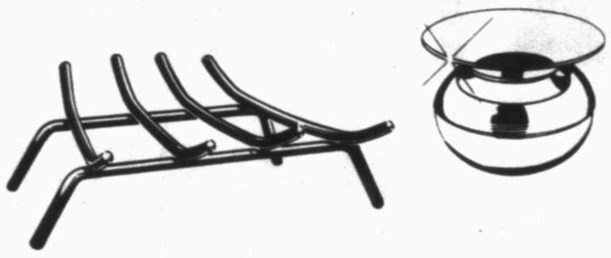
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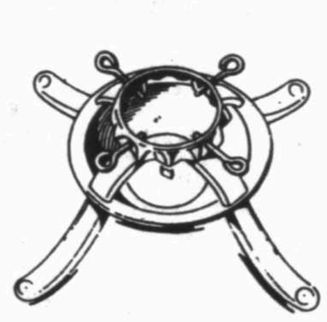


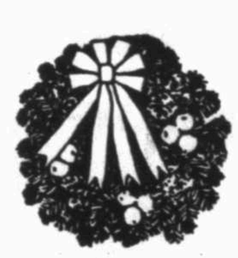


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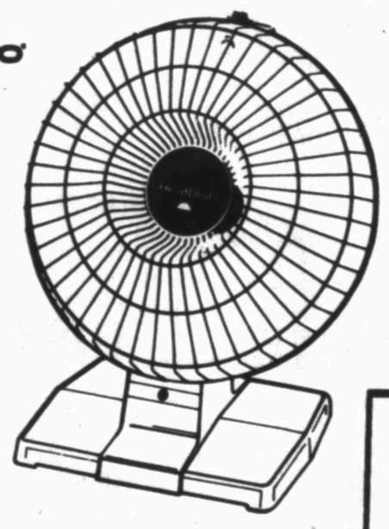
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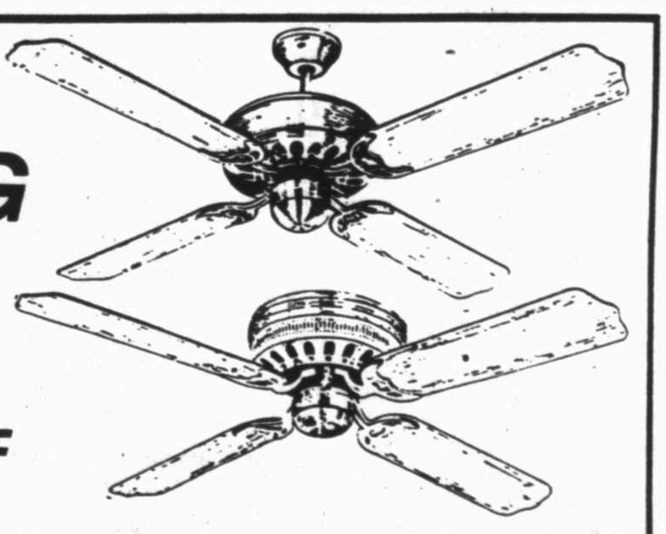
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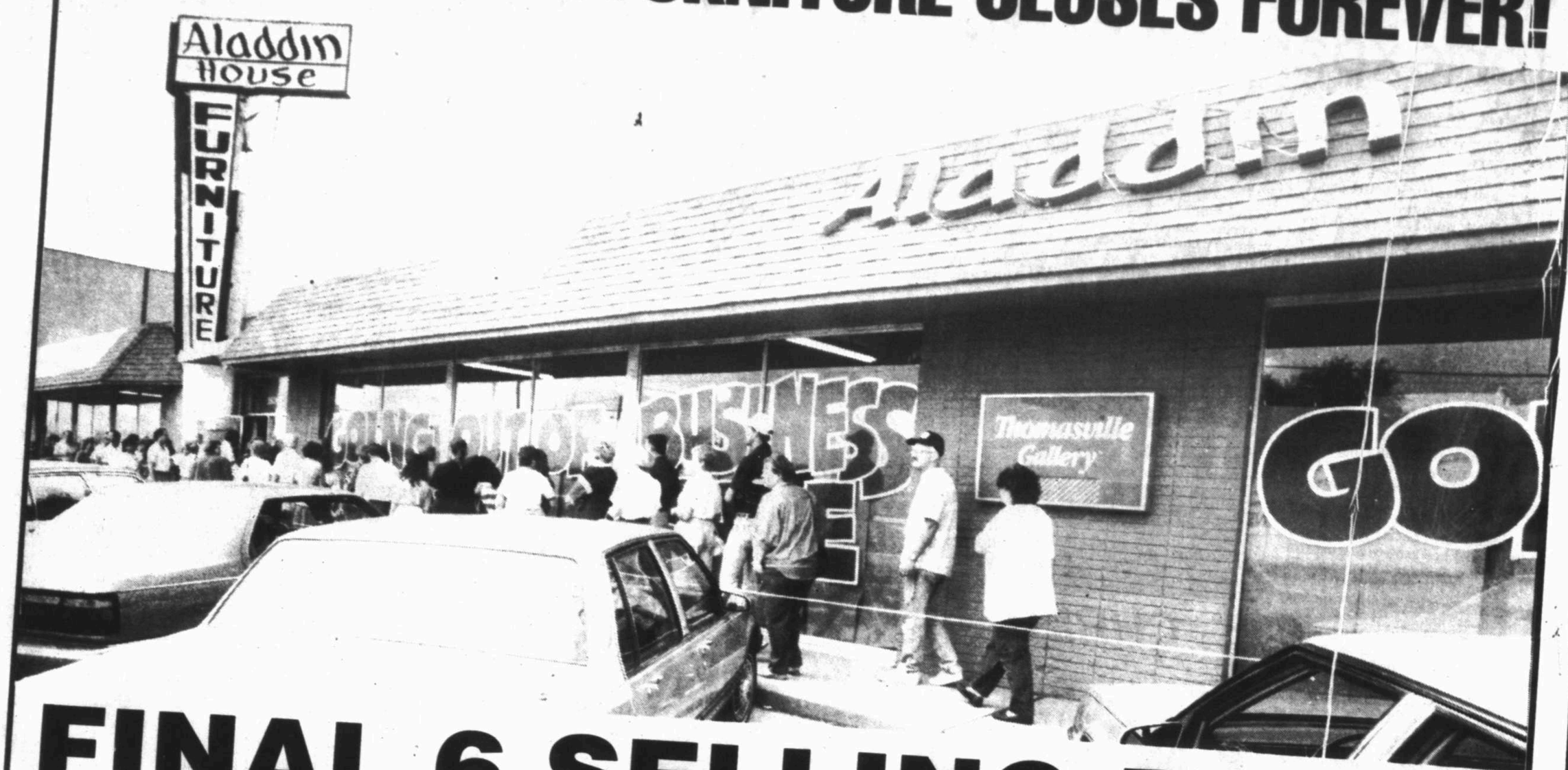
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL —
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On Thursday

Permian Basin Shootin' Stars owner John Dyer took a big chance earlier this year. Read more about it in Thursday's *Front Row Seat*.

Sports facts

Land speed records



Driver and make of car	
103.55 mph	**1904**
Louis Rigolly, Gobron-Brille	
203.79 mph	**1927**
Henry Segrave, Sunbeam	
301.13 mph	**1935**
Sir Malcolm Campbell, Special	
526.28 mph	**1964**
Craig Breedlove, Spirit of America	
633.46 mph	**1983**
Richard Noble, Thrust	

SOURCE: "The World Sports Record Almanac"

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CBS rapped

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Some leaders of Louisville's black community say a "60 Minutes" segment didn't go far enough in examining the University of Louisville and its black athletes.

"In fact, it sort of let U of L off the hook," NAACP president Shelby Lanier said. "Education of black athletes is not a top priority at U of L."

Lanier, the Rev. Louis Coleman and the Rev. Robert Burks reiterated criticism of Louisville's athletics program during a news conference Monday. They threatened to steer black students away from the school and to seek NCAA sanctions if more black athletes don't wind up with degrees.

The CBS-TV broadcast Sunday night reported on exploitation of black college athletes. Louisville and several other colleges were accused of subordinating athletes' education to revenue-producing sports.

Attorneys meet

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Strategy planning has begun for UNLV's latest legal battle with the NCAA.

Nearly a dozen attorneys met with school legal counsel Brad Booke Monday to discuss a letter of inquiry which alleged 29 possible violations of NCAA rules. The letter was received Dec. 18 and the university has 90 days to respond.

Trivia Teaser

Wednesday's Question — True or False. Entries in the Class 5A "Big" School playoffs must always have larger enrollments than their "Small" School playoff counterparts.

Tuesday's Answer — Prairie View A&M was dead last in last week's Division I power ratings with a 47.03 mark. Nevada-Las Vegas was first with a 106.34 mark.

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Bowl organizers plan tribute

■ In an effort to deflect criticism in the wake of Arizona voters' refusal to adopt a holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr., Fiesta Bowl organizers plan a tribute to the civil rights movement at halftime of the New Year's Day game.

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Spurred by a hassle over a holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr., the Fiesta Bowl plans a tribute to civil rights during halftime of the New Year's Day game between Louisville and Alabama.

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.

"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 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."

Arizona voters defeated two proposals to create a paid King holiday in the Nov. 6 general election. 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 the lack of a King holiday could cost Arizona the 1993 Super Bowl that's set to be played at Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium in suburban Tempe, also the site of the Fiesta Bowl.

There also were reports that some top college teams turned down Fiesta Bowl bids because of the King holiday controversy.

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.

Two teams wooed by the Fiesta Bowl, Virginia and Notre Dame, 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."

And 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."

The halftime show — entitled "Celebrate America" — will feature singers BJ Thomas and Chuck Jackson, the Louisville and Alabama marching bands and a variety of singers and dancers.

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

"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."

Graves digs hole for Arizona

■ Redshirt freshman Marvin Graves capped his first season of college competition by having a hand in all four Syracuse touchdowns during a 28-0 whitewash of Arizona in Tuesday's Aloha Bowl.

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Marvin Graves passed for two touchdowns and rushed for two more as Syracuse beat Arizona 28-0 Tuesday in the Aloha Bowl for the Wildcats' first shutout in 19 years.

Syracuse (7-4-2) didn't allow Arizona inside its 28-yard line. The Wildcats (7-5) were unable to sustain their drives and gained only 226 yards, including just 77 passing.

Arizona (7-5) had scored in 214 consecutive games since a 31-0 loss to Arizona State on Nov. 27, 1971. It was the the second-longest scoring streak in the nation behind UCLA's 227.

It was anything but an offensive showcase on a cool, rainy day, but the Orangemen managed some long drives and 352 yards of total offense. Syracuse scored on three long drives and capitalized on a defensive breakdown by the Wildcats for their other touchdown.

Graves, a redshirt freshman who was voted Most Valuable Player for the Ornagemen, scored on a 5-yard quarterback draw on Syracuse's first possession. In the second quarter, he found a wide-open Terry Richardson on a 47-yard touchdown pass.

Graves completed 10 of 19 passes for 145 yards and was intercepted once. He rushed 11 times for 45 yards. Todd Burden, who intecepted two passes, was chosen as Arizona's MVP.

Arizona took a field-position advantage in the third quarter after Gary Coston 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 Ke-

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AP Laserphoto

Stanford's Kevin Scott, playing for the Blue team, stops Houston's Chuck Weatherspoon, running for the Gray, during the Blue-Gray game.

Kicker makes South stars Blue

■ Oklahoma State kicker Cary Blanchard salvaged an otherwise bad day with his fourth-quarter field goal in Tuesday's Blue-Gray all-star football game.

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Cary Blanchard found some solid footing when it counted most.

The Oklahoma State kicker atoned for a bad day by booting a 25-yard field goal with 8:02 remaining and the Blue team posted a 17-14 victory Tuesday in the 53rd annual Blue-Gray college all-star game.

The Gray failed to score three times inside the 10-yard line, the last opportunity ending when Georgia's John Kasay missed a 40-yard field goal with 1:38 remaining.

Blanchard, who averaged only 28.8 yards on five punts and badly missed a 40-yard field goal in the third quarter, got another opportunity when the Blue drove from its 25 to the Gray 8. The key play was a 43-yard reverse by Missouri's Linzy Collins. On fourth-and-1, Blanchard came on to kick the winning field goal.

"It felt really good to get another chance," he said. "I didn't have too great a day punting."

Blanchard said part of the problem was the natural grass at Cramton Bowl, which was slippery. To make matters worse, he is used to playing on artificial surfaces in the Big Eight Conference.

"In the Big Eight, everything is turf," he said. "It took me a little while to get used to the grass."

Each team committed two turnovers in the final eight minutes, but the Gray's were more costly. On first down from the Blue 11, a pass by Scott Zolak of Maryland was intercepted by Oklahoma defensive lineman Scott Evans

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Jordan celebrates son's birth with 37

CHICAGO (AP) — In a new twist on an old story, Michael Jordan stole the Pistons' Christmas. Call him Air Grinch.

Jordan, celebrating the birth of his second son, scored 37 points Tuesday, including eight in a rough-and-tumble fourth quarter as the Chicago Bulls held off the slumping Detroit Pistons 98-86.

There was less on the line than in some of the recent meetings in this white-hot rivalry. But with the Bulls seeking revenge for an embarrassing defeat at Detroit last week, and the Pistons frustrated by a cold-shooting second half — they managed only eight baskets and 36 points — the Christmas Day game made up in intensity what it lacked in holiday cheer.

"It was tough for me to sleep, but I was in good spirits and very joyous," said Jordan, whose son, Marcus James — a third "MJ" — was born 32 hours before the tipoff.

"It was very inspiring to go out and play knowing that you've helped bring somebody into the world," Jordan said. "I figured the only way it would get better is if we went out and beat up on the Pistons. Then we did that."

NBA

Actually and figuratively.

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

Joe Dumars of Detroit, 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 the officials, who then stepped between the two before any more ounches.

There apparently were no hard feelings afterward.

"I set a back pick and he hit me with a fairly hard elbow," Grant said matter-of-factly. "So I retaliated with a swing."

"I'm sorry for what happened. ... It was just an unfortunate incident," Dumars said. "I apologized to him before he came over and left the court."

The Bulls began the final period protecting a 73-64 lead, and the Pistons never got closer than four points the rest of the way. Detroit, losing for the ninth time in 10 road games, was led by Dumars' 24 points. Isiah Thomas added 23.

Thomas, who has of late come under some criticism from teammates, had some critical remarks of his own as he tried shake the team from its current lethargy.

"Last year, when we were losing, we were playing hard," he said. "We don't have the same type of attitude to win. We don't have the right, proper frame of wind. Until we get that, we'll be bouncing up and down all season."

John Paxson took advantage of Detroit's double- and triple-team defensive schemes against Jordan to contribute 15 points, and Pippen finished with 14. Grant, who lost his starting role to Stacey King for the first time this season, had eight before he was ejected.

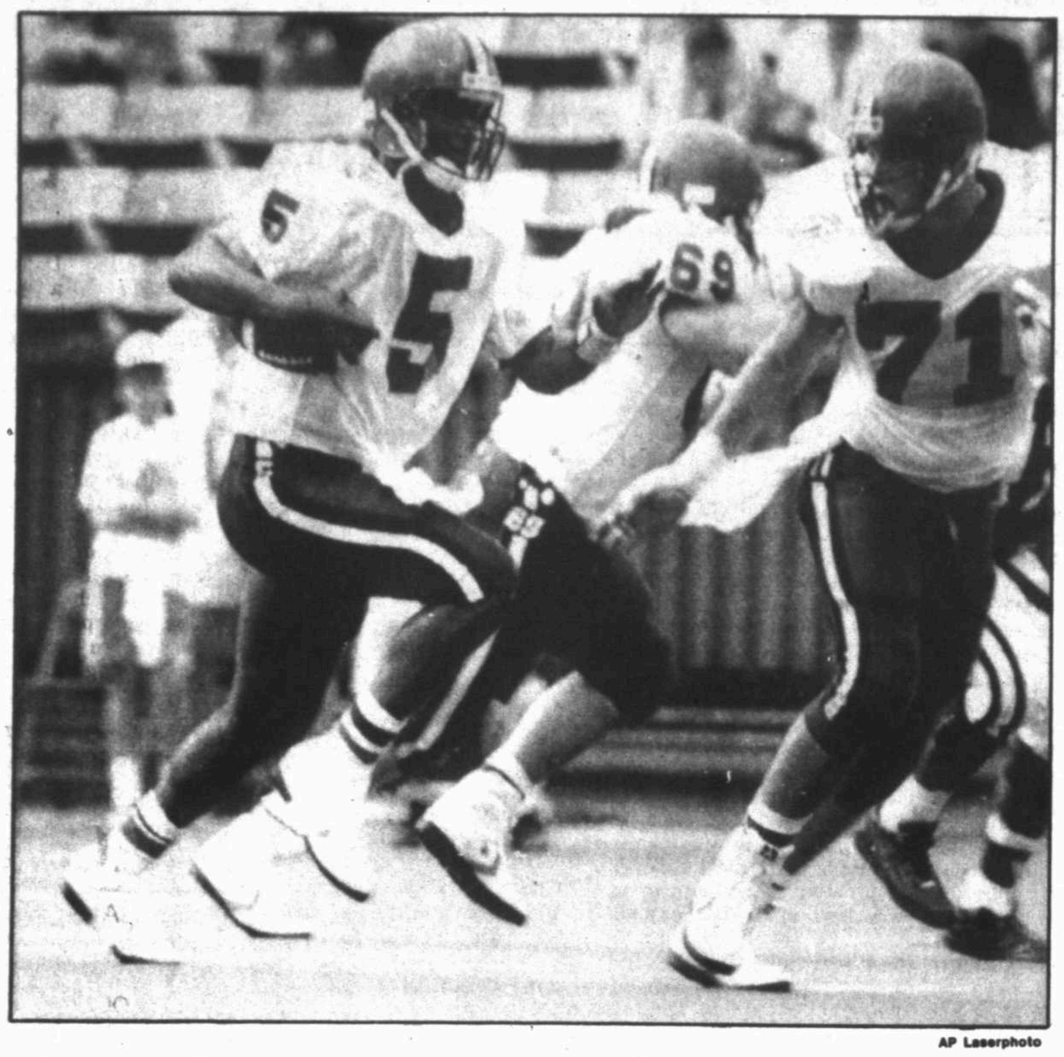
The Bulls erased a 50-45 halftime deficit and took the lead for the first time since the opening minutes by scoring 11 straight points after Thomas opened the period for the Pistons with a 15-foot jumper. The Bulls stretched the lead to nine points by the end of the third quarter when Jordan made a 3-pointer from the top of the key as the buzzer sounded.

The game was the second this season in a rivalry that has become one of the NBA's most-closely watched over the last three seasons. The Pistons, who reached the NBA finals in the first of those seasons and followed with consecutive championships, have beat the Bulls in each of the last two Eastern Conference finals. They also held a 15-3 advantage in regular-season games coming into this year, including five straight and 10 of 11.

In their only previous meeting this season, Detroit ended its worst skid since 1985 by hammering the Bulls 105-84 at home last week.

That game clearly was on the players' minds at the outset. James Edwards of Detroit was whistled for an offensive foul at the start of the game.

The pushing and shoving under the basket got so fierce at one early juncture that Pistons coach Chuck Daly got hit with a technical after screaming at officials about the offensive screens the Bulls set to spring Jordan.



AP Laserphoto

Syracuse quarterback Marvin Graves scoots toward the end zone in Tuesday's Aloha Bowl win over Arizona as lineman Dan Erickson looks for a block.

ALOHA: Wildcat attack sputters badly

(From 1D)

vin Mitchell sacked George Malauulu for a loss of eight yards and the Wildcats punted again.

Syracuse put it out of reach with a 90-yard touchdown drive, capped by 6-yard pass from Graves to tight end Chris Gedney, who bulled into the left side of the end zone for the score with 10:34 left.

Graves scored the final touchdown on a 7-yard quarterback draw with 3:47 left.

Graves rushed for a touchdown and threw for another as Syracuse took a 14-0 halftime lead. Arizona helped, 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.

On third-and-3 at the Arizona 5, Graves stepped back and dashed into the end zone untouched.

The Wildcats threatened early in the second quarter, driving to the Syracuse 30. Arizona went for it on fourth-and-8, but Greg Walker broke up a Ronald Veal pass intended for Richard Griffith.

Burden intercepted Graves when Syracuse threatened on its next drive, stepping in front of Gedney to grab the ball at the Wildcats' 14.

A defensive breakdown helped Syracuse move to 14-0. Graves found Richardson for the touchdown with 2:22 left in the half.

BLUE: Gray runs spread

(From 1D)

with 6:25 left.

"It was a middle screen," said Zolak, who completed 15 of 25 passes for 254 yards with two interceptions and a fumble. "(Evans) looked like he was going to rush, then he backed off. It was a great play on his part."

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 Kasay's attempt at a tie was 10 yards short.

Evans, who had two sacks to go along with his interception, was named the most valuable player for the Blue. Defensive back Larry Brown of Texas Christian received the honor for the Gray after recording a game-high nine tackles.

The Gray fell behind 14-0 but pulled even in the third period. Zolak scored on a 1-yard dive after throwing a 20-yard pass to Florida's Kirk Kirkpatrick.

The Blue scored on its first two possessions.

Sheldon Canley of San Jose ran 7 yards for a touchdown with 11:09 remaining in the first period, capping a short four-play drive. Zolak fumbled at his 44 after being hit by Frank Blevins of Oklahoma, whose teammate Tom Backes recovered at the 36.

The Blue had to start at its 26 the next time it got the ball. Ralph Martini of San Jose completed five passes for 43 yards and Bob Christian went the final 15 yards on a run up the middle with 2:50 left in the first.

The Gray worked out of a no-huddle, run-and-shoot designed by Houston coach John Jenkins, who handled the Gray offense. The Gray had 306 yards passing but only 26 yards on the ground.

"It was different, but it was a lot of fun," Zolak said. "It was a lot to get adjusted to, but we got in the groove in the second half."

Spartans arrive for Hancock Bowl

EL PASO (AP) — The weather outside was frightful Tuesday in Lansing, Mich.

So coach George Perles had no regrets about taking his Michigan State football team to El Paso on Christmas Day.

Perles' 22nd-ranked Spartans, co-champions of the Big 10 with a 7-3-1 season record, will face No. 21 Southern California on Dec. 31 in the John Hancock Bowl in El Paso.

Kickoff for the nationally televised game (CBS) is at 1:30 p.m. CST.

The Trojans, 8-3-1, arrive here Wednesday afternoon.

"We just left from Lansing, and I've still got my top coat on," Perles said Tuesday at El Paso International Airport. "The wind chill was way below zero, and trying to load 244 people on a plane in those conditions is interesting.

"We're going to be easy to please here. The high 40s (in El Paso on Tuesday) are like summer for us."

The Spartans have won their last five games, and Perles said he looks forward to renewing his school's rivalry with Pac-10 foe USC. Michigan State beat the Trojans twice during the 1987 season, including 20-17 in the 1988 Rose Bowl.

Perles said reports that veteran Trojan quarterback Todd Marinovich might not play because of a severe inner-ear infection would not affect his team's preparations.

"We've watched the other quarterback (Shane Foley), and he's very impressive," said Perles, who is in his eighth year as Michigan State head coach.

Ohio State miffed by TV spot

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Ohio State finally has a reason to get excited about Thursday night's Liberty Bowl.

"When you turn on the TV and see a commercial where a couple of guys are promoting Air Force to beat Ohio State, sure it gets you going," Ohio State quarterback Greg Frey said. "I know they're just trying to sell tickets, but I would like to beat Air Force in a big way."

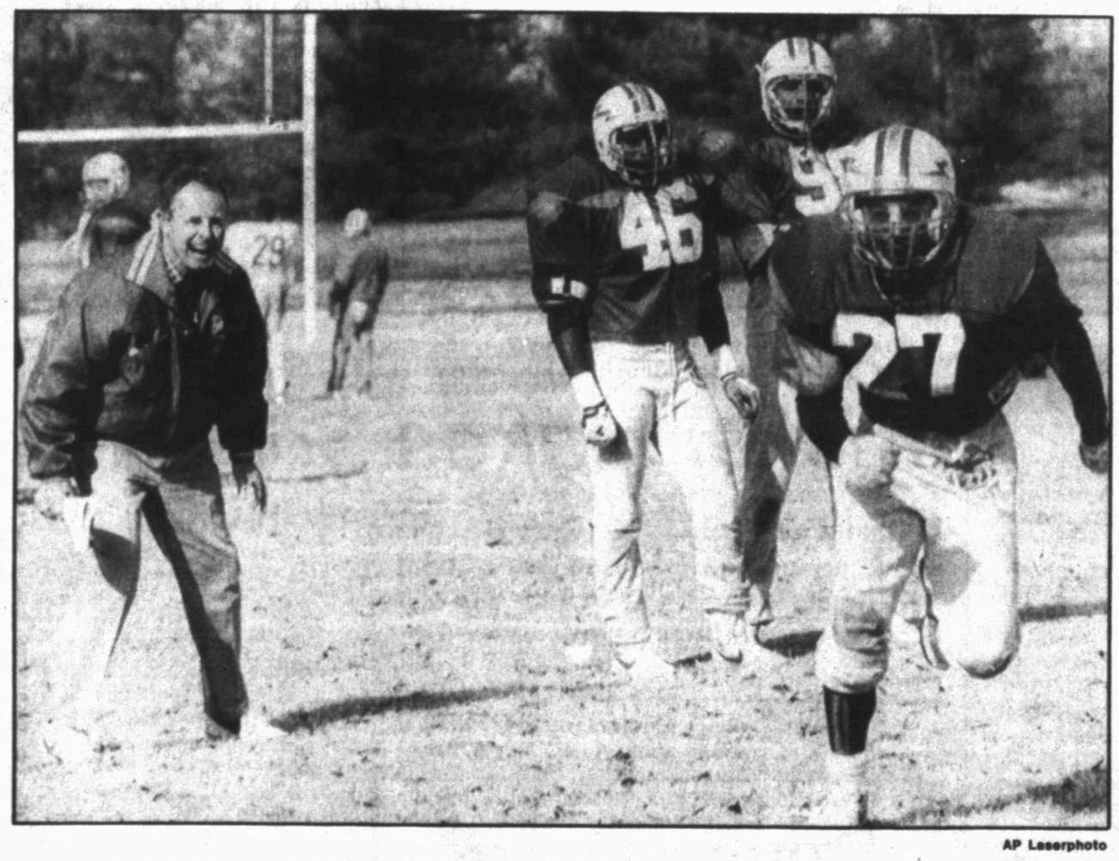
Many residents bristled when they heard Frey and other Buckeyes criticize their consolation prize of Christmas week in Memphis after losing to Michigan and missing what would have been their first trip to the Rose Bowl since 1984.

"The program was on the verge of catapulting back into the national limelight," Ohio State quarterback coach Ron Hudson said. "We would have been 8-2-1 and in the Rose Bowl, but we just came up a yard-and-a-half short."

Ohio State (7-3-1) failed to convert on fourth-and-1 and lost to Michigan 16-13 last month. Air Force (6-5), host by virtue of winning the Commander in Chief's Trophy for service academies, played in the 1989 Liberty Bowl and lost to Mississippi 42-29 before a record crowd of 60,128.

A cold spell and lack of interest in the two schools have slowed ticket sales this year, and bowl officials said last week that about 37,000 have been sold.

But Rob Perez, a junior who took over the job as Air Force's starting quarterback in the Falcons' seventh game against Notre Dame, is ready for the Liberty Bowl.



AP Laserphoto

Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry shouts instructions to Eric Faison (27).

"Oh, I think Ohio State is a great team," he said. "They're 17-point favorites, right? I'm surprised we're not worse underdogs than we are. But we'll go in there and give it our best shot. I know to beat them, our offense is going to have to have a great night."

Perez started the preseason listed at third string and battled the sophomore Jarvis Baker for the starting spot after Ron Gray injured his knee in the fourth game.

Perez replaced Baker against Navy and rallied the Falcons to a 24-7 victory. He rushed for 103 yards on 21 carries a week later at Notre Dame. He also led Air Force over Army and Texas-El Paso to seal the Liberty Bowl bid.

"I guess that's what he's given us more than anything else is consistency, and more of a threat of a big play," Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry said.

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Arkansas	9	1	.900	98.1	81.8	+16.3
Houston	7	1	.875	90.5	72.1	+18.4
Baylor	6	1	.857	87.1	68.6	+18.5
TCU	7	2	.778	78.7	64.6	+14.1
Rice	4	3	.571	73.6	68.0	+5.6
Texas	4	3	.571	91.0	81.7	+9.3
Texas A&M	4	4	.500	78.3	81.4	-3.1
Texas Tech	3	7	.300	66.6	69.3	-2.7
SMU	1	6	.143	66.7	75.1	-8.4

FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE

Team	FGM-FGA	Pct.
Baylor	210-401	52.4
Arkansas	360-748	50.8
Texas A&M	228-486	46.9
TCU	265-567	46.7
Houston	275-594	46.3
Rice	195-426	45.8
SMU	180-407	44.2
Texas	225-516	43.6
Texas Tech	249-586	42.5

FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE

Team	Opp. FTM-FTA	Pct.	Pct.
Arkansas	153-213	71.8	67.2
Baylor	146-208	70.2	63.1
Texas	154-227	67.8	67.2
Texas A&M	138-205	67.3	67.1
Houston	101-155	65.2	64.2
Rice	93-145	64.1	70.2
Texas Tech	107-171	62.6	65.9
TCU	126-208	60.6	65.4
SMU	88-146	60.3	62.5

REBOUNDING

Team	Avg.	Opp.	Diff.
Rice	40.8	34.3	+6.3
TCU	43.4	37.7	+5.7
Baylor	37.4	33.1	+4.3
SMU	40.3	36.4	+3.9
Texas	44.9	41.1	+3.8
Houston	45.3	43.5	+1.8
Texas Tech	36.6	38.2	-1.7
Texas A&M	34.4	39.0	-4.6
Arkansas	37.7	43.6	-5.9

ASSISTS

Team	Avg.	Opp.	Diff.
TCU	18.0	11.6	+6.4
Baylor	18.1	12.1	+6.0
Arkansas	21.4	15.7	+5.7
Houston	19.6	17.1	+2.5
Texas Tech	14.3	13.7	+0.6
Rice	15.4	15.1	+0.3
Texas A&M	16.3	16.5	-0.2
Texas	12.1	14.0	-1.9
SMU	11.1	15.6	-4.5

FIELD-GOAL DEFENSE

Opponent	FGM-FGA	Pct.
TCU	220-563	39.6
Houston	217-543	40.0
Texas Tech	248-593	41.8
Rice	176-418	42.1
Baylor	174-398	43.7
SMU	188-429	43.8
Arkansas	306-683	44.8
Texas	210-456	46.1
Texas A&M	247-515	48.0

THREE-POINT PERCENTAGE

Team	TPGM-TPGA	Pct.
Baylor	44-105	41.9
TCU	52-127	40.9
Arkansas	68-173	39.3
Texas Tech	61-159	38.4
Houston	73-196	37.2
Texas A&M	32-97	33.0
Texas	33-108	30.6
SMU	19-65	29.2
Rice	32-112	28.6

BENCH POINTS %Team

Team	G	Pts.	Avg.	Points
Baylor	7	263	37.6	43.1
Texas	7	222	31.7	34.9
Texas Tech	10	198	19.8	29.7
Arkansas	10	288	28.8	29.4
Houston	8	183	22.9	26.3
TCU	9	160	17.8	22.6
SMU	7	99	14.1	21.2
Rice	7	100	14.3	19.4
Texas A&M	8	107	13.4	17.1

TURNOVERS

Team	Avg.	Opp.	Diff.
Arkansas	14.5	21.9	+7.4
Houston	13.6	18.4	+4.8
Texas	17.0	20.9	+3.9
Baylor	15.4	19.1	+3.7
TCU	15.8	17.3	+1.5
Rice	15.0	15.7	+0.7
Texas A&M	16.8	17.4	-0.6
Texas Tech	15.8	14.0	-1.8
SMU	17.6	12.3	-5.3

1990-91 SWC INDIVIDUAL SCORING LEADERS
(Full Season – Through Games of Saturday, Dec. 22)

Player, School	G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	TPM-TPA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	Pts.	Avg.
Wright, Texas	7	49-131	37.4	7-35	20.0	49-69	71.0	154	22.0
Wilson, SMU	7	63-130	48.5	5-19	26.3	20-35	57.1	151	21.8
Day, Arkansas	10	79-162	48.8	21-56	37.5	36-51	70.6	215	21.5
Smith, TCU	9	74-148	50.0	0-0	0.0	41-64	64.1	189	21.0
B.Smith, Houston	8	59-121	48.8	22-49	44.9	19-21	90.5	159	19.9
Williams, Texas	7	47-100	47.0	0-3	0.0	26-39	66.7	120	17.1
Scott, Rice	7	47-80	58.8	0-0	0.0	25-48	52.1	119	17.0
Wesley, Baylor	6	29-67	43.3	8-27	29.6	35-43	81.4	101	16.8
Hunt, Baylor	7	36-59	61.0	16-31	58.1	24-27	88.9	114	16.3
Teheran, Houston	8	50-85	58.8	0-0	0.0	26-44	63.6	126	16.0
Brown, A&M	8	37-88	42.0	9-33	27.3	44-55	80.0	127	15.9
Strickland, TCU	9	46-100	46.0	26-57	45.6	17-27	63.0	135	15.0
Suber, A&M	8	49-97	50.5	12-24	50.0	8-9	88.9	118	14.8
Miles, Texas Tech	10	58-107	54.2	0-1	0.0	23-39	59.0	139	13.9
Miller, Arkansas	10	63-92	68.5	0-0	0.0	13-21	61.9	139	13.9
Mayberry ARK	10	52-106	49.1	17-44	38.6	16-23	69.6	137	13.7
D.Smith, Houston	8	43-83	51.8	10-29	34.5	13-21	61.9	109	13.6
Mickens, Houston	8	38-105	36.2	13-44	29.5	19-30	63.3	108	13.5
Thompson, A&M	8	33-79	41.8	11-38	28.9	29-34	85.3	108	13.3
Rourke, Rice	7	39-73	53.4	0-1	0.0	12-16	75.0	90	12.9
Cambridge, Texas	7	31-71	43.7	5-17	29.4	21-28	75.0	88	12.6
Anderson, A&M	8	36-73	49.3	0-0	0.0	28-47	59.6	100	12.5
Mason, SMU	7	35-69	50.7	0-1	0.0	17-23	73.9	87	12.4
Butts, Texas Tech	10	45-107	42.1	4-11	36.4	29-45	64.4	123	12.3
Thomas, TCU	9	38-85	44.7	19-45	42.2	14-25	56.0	109	12.1
Bowers, Arkansas	9	40-78	51.3	9-21	42.9	18-22	81.8	107	11.9
Bailey, Texas Tech	10	39-91	42.9	27-64	42.2	11-16	68.8	116	11.6
Lewis, SMU	7	29-74	39.2	10-25	40.0	11-16	68.8	79	11.3
Lewis, A&M	8	34-65	52.3	0-0	0.0	21-39	53.8	89	11.1
Lindsey, Baylor	7	28-45	62.2	3-12	25.0	19-24	79.2	78	11.1
Huery, Arkansas	10	39-83	47.0	7-20	35.0	25-30	83.3	110	11.0
Willie, Rice	7	27-65	41.5	10-35	28.6	11-16	68.8	75	10.7
Collie, Texas	7	25-43	58.1	2-3	66.7	20-24	83.3	72	10.3
Maag, Rice	7	24-74	32.4	5-22	22.7	19-24	79.2	72	10.3
Daniels, Houston	8	28-73	38.4	14-34	41.2	8-16	50.0	78	9.8

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
FIELD-GOAL PERCENTAGE
(Minimum 3 FG Made per Game)

Player, School	FGM-FGA	Pct.
Miller, Arkansas	63- 92	68.5
Myers, Texas	21- 31	67.7
Lindsey, Baylor	28- 45	62.2
Hunt, Baylor	36- 59	61.0
Scott, Rice	47- 80	58.8
Teheran, Houston	50- 85	58.8
Sublett, Baylor	21- 36	58.3
Collie, Texas	25- 43	58.1
Miles, Texas Tech	58-107	54.2
Rourke, Rice	39- 73	53.4

FREE-THROW PERCENTAGE
(Minimum 2 FT Made per Game)

Player, School	FTM-FTA	Pct.
B.Smith, Houston	19-21	90.5
Hunt, Baylor	24-27	88.9
Thompson, A&M	29-34	85.3
Collie, Texas	20-24	83.3
Huery, Arkansas	25-30	83.3
Bowers, Arkansas	18-22	81.8
Wesley, Baylor	35-43	81.4
Brown, A&M	44-55	80.0
Lindsey, Baylor	19-24	79.2
Maag, Rice	19-24	79.2

THREE-POINT PERCENTAGE
(Minimum 1.5 TP Made per Game)

Player, School	TPM-TPA	Pct.
Hunt, Baylor	16-31	58.1
Suber, A&M	12-24	50.0
Strickland, TCU	26-57	45.6
B.Smith, Houston	22-49	44.9
Bailey, Texas Tech	27-64	42.2
Thomas, TCU	19-45	42.2
Daniels, Houston	14-34	41.2
Mayberry, Arkansas	17-44	38.6
Saulsberry, Texas Tech	15-39	38.5
Day, Arkansas	21-56	37.5

REBOUNDS

Player, School	G	No.	Avg.
Mickens, Houston	8	90	11.3
Scott, Rice	7	78	11.1
Smith, TCU	9	95	10.6
Myers, Texas	7	73	10.4
Miller, Arkansas	10	95	9.5
Teheran, Houston	8	74	9.3
Rourke, Rice	7	57	8.1
Anderson, A&M	8	64	8.0
Mason, SMU	7	55	7.9
Miles, Texas Tech	10	72	7.2

ASSISTS

Player, School	G	No.	Avg.
Daniels, Houston	8	53	6.6
Thompson, A&M	8	47	5.9
Wesley, Baylor	6	34	5.7
Hardy, Rice	7	33	4.7
Mayberry, Arkansas	10	46	4.6
Wright, Texas	7	30	4.3
Hampton, SMU	6	25	4.2
Bowers, Arkansas	9	37	4.1
Moore, Texas Tech	8	33	4.1
Day, Arkansas	10	38	3.8

STEALS

Player, School	G	No.	Avg.
Mayberry, Arkansas	10	29	2.9
Hunt, Baylor	7	19	2.7
Fatta, Baylor	7	18	2.6
Daniels, Houston	8	19	2.4
Williams, Texas	7	17	2.4
Day, Arkansas	10	22	2.2
Willie, Rice	7	15	2.1
Wright, Texas	7	15	2.1
Teheran, Houston	8	16	2.0
Thompson, A&M	8	16	2.0
Wesley, Baylor	6	12	2.0

BLOCKED SHOTS

Player, School	G	No.	Avg.
Miller, Arkansas	10	39	3.9
Teheran, Houston	8	21	2.6
Smith, TCU	9	16	1.8
Myers, Texas	7	12	1.7
Fatta, Baylor	7	11	1.6
Burditt, Texas	7	10	1.4
Anderson, A&M	8	8	1.0
Morris, Arkansas	10	9	0.9
Sublett, Baylor	7	6	0.9
Huery, Arkansas	10	8	0.8
Mickens, Houston	8	6	0.8
Stevenson, Houston	8	6	0.8

College Bowls

Saturday, Dec. 8
California Bowl
At Fresno, Calif.
San Jose State 48, Central Michigan 24

Saturday, Dec. 15
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Louisiana Tech 34, Maryland 34, tie

Tuesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 17, Gray 14
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Syracuse 28, Arizona 0

Thursday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Air Force (6-5) vs. Ohio State (7-3-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28
All American Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
North Caroline State (6-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Blockbuster Bowl
At Miami
Penn State (9-2) vs. Florida State (9-2), 7 p.m. (Raycom)

Saturday, Dec. 29
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Indiana (8-4-1) vs. Auburn (7-3-1), 11:30 p.m. (ABC)
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Oregon (8-3) vs. Colorado State (8-4) 7 p.m. (Raycom)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Brigham Young (10-2) vs. Texas A&M (8-3-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31
John Hancock Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern California (8-3-1) vs. Michigan State (7-3-1), 1:30 p.m. (TBS)
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
California (8-4-1) vs. Wyoming (9-3), 4 p.m. (TBS)
Tuesday, Jan. 1
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Michigan (8-3) vs. Mississippi (9-2), 10:30 a.m. (ESPN)
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Clemson (9-2) vs. Illinois (9-3), noon. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia Tech (10-0-1) vs. Nebraska (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas (10-1) vs. Miami, Fla. (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Louisville (9-1-1) vs. Alabama (7-4), 9:30 p.m. (NBC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Washington (9-2) vs. Iowa (8-3), 4 p.m. (ABC)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Colorado (10-1-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 7 p.m. (NBC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Virginia (8-3) vs. Tennessee (8-2-2), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

Syracuse 28, Arizona 0

Syracuse	7	7	0	14	—28
Arizona	0	0	0	0	— 0

Syr—Graves 5 run (Biskup kick)
Syr—Richardson 47 pass from Graves (Biskup kick)
Syr—Gadney 6 pass from Graves (Biskup kick)
Syr—Graves 5 run (Biskup kick)
A—14,166.

	Syr	Ariz
First downs	20	14
Rushes-yards	41-207	43-149
Passing	145	77
Return Yards	0	29
Comp-Att-Int	10-20-2	10-23-0
Punts	3-40	7-32
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-20	5-40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Syracuse, Graves 11-45, D.Walker 10-44, Richardson 5-36, Kinnon 8-26, Greene 3-20, Carpenter 1-14, Womack 3-10, Picucci 1-6, Wooten 1-2. Arizona, Hampton 3-27, Veal 8-26, Malauulu 15-24, McGill 4-18, Hammerschmidt 1-16, Lovett 5-13, Greathouse 7-12, Bates 1-9, Striednig 1-4.
PASSING—Syracuse, Graves 10-19-1-145, D.Walker 0-1-1-0. Arizona, Malauulu 7-14-0-55, Veal 3-9-0-22.

Blue 17, Gray 14

Blue	14	0	0	3	—17
Gray	0	7	7	0	—14

Blue—Conley 7 run (Blanchard kick)
Blue—Christian 16 run (Blanchard kick)
Gray—Logan 39 pass from Zolak (Kasay kick)
Gray—Zolak 1 run (Kasay kick)
Blue—FG Blanchard 25
A—17,500.

	Blue	Gray
First downs	16	16
Rushes-yards	42-224	26-26
Passing	134	309
Return Yards	70	0
Comp-Att-Int	14-29-1	19-32-2
Punts	5-29	7-39
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-59	5-35
Time of Poss.	32:53	27:07

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Blue, Conley 14-76, Hudson 10-53, Collins 1-43, Gray, Weatherspoon 12-29, Baker 3-16.
PASSING—Blue, Martini 10-19-1-82, Bennett 4-10-0-52. Gray, Zolak 15-25-2-264, Ray 4-7-0-52.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	13	2	0	.867	414	234
y-Miami	11	4	0	.733	313	225
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	264	330
N.Y. Jets	5	10	0	.333	279	331
N.E.	1	14	0	.067	171	433
Central						
Pittsburgh	9	6	0	.600	278	208
Cincinnati	8	7	0	.533	339	336
Houston	8	7	0	.533	371	293
Cleveland	3	12	0	.200	214	441
West						
y-LA Raiders	11	4	0	.733	320	256
y-K.C.	10	5	0	.667	348	247
Seattle	8	7	0	.533	276	276
San Diego	6	9	0	.400	303	284
Denver	4	11	0	.267	309	361

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Giants	12	3	0	.800	322	201
y-Philly	9	6	0	.600	373	278
y-Wash.	9	6	0	.600	352	267
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	237	282
Phoenix	5	10	0	.333	237	373
Central						
x-Chicago	11	4	0	.733	336	269
Tampa Bay	6	9	0	.400	250	351
Green Bay	6	9	0	.400	258	325
Detroit	6	9	0	.400	383	383
Minnesota	6	9	0	.400	334	306
West						
x-S.F.	13	2	0	.867	333	222
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	254	258
LA Rams	5	10	0	.333	328	393
Atlanta	4	11	0	.267	322	358

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games
Detroit 24, Green Bay 17
Los Angeles Raiders 28, Minnesota 24
Indianapolis 35, Washington 28

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 40, Houston 20
Pittsburgh 36, Cleveland 0
Philadelphia 17, Dallas 3
Buffalo 24, Miami 14
New York Jets 42, New England 7
Atlanta 20, Los Angeles Rams 13
Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 14
Kansas City 24, San Diego 21
New Orleans 13, San Francisco 10
New York Giants 24, Phoenix 21
Seattle 17, Denver 12

Saturday, Dec. 29
Kansas City at Chicago, 11:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 30
Buffalo at Washington, noon.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, noon.
Dallas at Atlanta, noon.
Indianapolis at Miami, noon.
New York Giants at New England, noon.
San Francisco at Minnesota, noon.
Detroit at Seattle, 3 p.m.
Green Bay at Denver, 3 p.m.
New York Jets at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
San Diego at Los Angeles Raiders, 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 31
Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	22	4	.846	—
Philadelphia	18	8	.692	4
New York	12	13	.480	9½
New Jersey	10	15	.400	11½
Washington	10	15	.400	11½
Miami	6	19	.240	15½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	18	8	.692	—
Chicago	18	9	.667	½
Detroit	16	11	.593	2½
Atlanta	12	13	.480	5½
Cleveland	11	16	.407	7½
Indiana	10	17	.370	8½
Charlotte	8	18	.333	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	17	6	.739	—
Utah	17	10	.630	2
Houston	16	11	.577	3½
Dallas	9	14	.391	6
Minnesota	7	16	.280	11
Denver	5	20	.200	13
Orlando	5	22	.185	14
Pacific Division				
Portland	24	3	.889	—
LA Lakers	15	9	.625	7½
Phoenix	15	9	.625	7½
Golden State	15	10	.600	8
Seattle	10	13	.435	12
LA Clippers	11	15	.423	12½
Sacramento	6	18	.250	16½

Saturday's Games
Washington 109, Cleveland 89
New York 106, New Jersey 93
Philadelphia 106, Detroit 99
Utah 104, Orlando 96
Chicago 128, Indiana 118
Houston 122, Phoenix 102
Milwaukee 114, San Antonio 98
Dallas 119, Denver 110
Seattle 121, Sacramento 93
Golden State 115, Minnesota 102

Sunday's Games
Boston 132, Atlanta 104, comp. of susp. game
Miami 99, Utah 93
LA Clippers 109, Sacramento 99
Portland 132, Denver 101
LA Lakers 116, Minnesota 94

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Game
Chicago 98, Detroit 86

Wednesday's Games
Indiana at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Washington at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Portland at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8:30 p.m.

Bulls 98, Pistons 86

DETROIT (86)
Rodman 0-3 1-2 1, Edwards 2-9 6-8 10, Laimbeer 4-8 0-0 8, Dumars 7-14 10-10 24, Thomas 10-20 3-4 23, Aguirre 3-9 3-4 9, Salley 1-2 1-2 3, Johnson 1-4 0-0 2, Rollins 1-1 0-0 2, Bedford 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 30-71 26-32 86.
CHICAGO (98)
Pippen 7-13 0-1 14, King 2-7 2-2 6, Cartwright 4-9 4-6 12, Paxson 6-12 2-2 15, Jordan 14-23 8-10 37, Grant 4-4 0-0 8, Armstrong 1-3 0-0 2, Hopson 0-1 0-0 0, Levingston 2-5 0-0 4, Hodges 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-77 16-21 98.

Detroit	26	24	14	22—86
Chicago	29	22	29	25—98

3-Point goals—Detroit 0-5 (Laimbeer 0-2, Thomas 0-1, Aguirre 0-1, Johnson 0-1), Chicago 2-4 (Jordan 1-1, Paxson 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 45 (Rodman 10), Chicago 44 (Cartwright 10). Assists—Detroit 19 (Thomas 10), Chicago 22 (Paxson 8). Total fouls—Detroit 22, Chicago 24. Technicals—Detroit Coach Daly, Chicago illegal defense 2, Detroit illegal defense. Flagrant foul—Grant. Ejection—Grant. A—18,676.

NBA Today

SCOREBOARD
Portland at New York (7:30 p.m. EST). Portland is 24-3 overall and 9-2 on the road. New York is 12-13 overall and 5-7 at home.

SCORING
Chicago's Michael Jordan leads the NBA in scoring with a 29.4 average. Philadelphia's Charles Barkley is second at 29.3, followed by Washington's Bernard King at 29.2.

STATS
Houston's Akeem Olajuwon is the NBA rebounding leader, averaging 12.5 a game. New York's Charles Oakley is second at 12.2.

SHOOTING
Portland's Buck Williams leads the NBA with a 67.2 shooting percentage.

STATUS
Denver waived guards T.R. Dunn and Avery Johnson and activated forward Jerome Lane from the injured list Monday. ... Philadelphia waived guard Jim Farmer on Monday, leaving the team with only 11 active players. ... Dallas waived guard Kelvin Upshaw on Monday.

NHL

WALES CONFERENCE
Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NY Rangers	20	13	6	46	147	121
New Jersey	19	13	6	44	149	126
Philadelphia	19	17	5	43	134	130
Pittsburgh	18	17	3	39	157	142
Washington	16	19	1	37	124	119
NY Islanders	13	18	4	30	100	123
Adams Division						
Boston	20	11	6	46	129	117
Montreal	17	16	5	39	119	119
Hartford	15	18	4	34	102	122
Buffalo	12	16	7	31	113	116
Quebec	8	23	7	23	106	166

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE
Norris Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	25	12	2	52	126	100
St. Louis	21	9	5	47	124	93
Detroit	19	15	4	42	138	130
Minnesota	11	21	6	28	111	128
Toronto	10	26	2	22	103	153
Smythe Division						
Calgary	20	13	4	44	150	119
Los Angeles	16	11	5	41	140	113
Vancouver	17	18	3	37	121	131
Edmonton	15	17	2	32	112	111
Winnipeg	10	22	7	27	123	146

Saturday's Games
Toronto 5, Washington 2
Boston 6, Minnesota 2
Hartford 1, Philadelphia 0
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
New Jersey 4, Quebec 1
Montreal 3, N.Y. Rangers 1
Edmonton 6, Calgary 2
Vancouver 4, Los Angeles 3
Detroit 5, Winnipeg 2
St. Louis 5, Chicago 0

Sunday's Games
Buffalo 10, Quebec 3
Minnesota 5, Hartford 2
Montreal 4, Philadelphia 4, tie
Boston 5, N.Y. Rangers 5, tie
N.Y. Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT
New Jersey 4, Toronto 2
Edmonton 4 Vancouver 3
Chicago 3, Detroit 2

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games
Boston at Buffalo, 6:35 p.m.
Hartford at Quebec, 6:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 6:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 7:35 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 7:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
St. Louis at Toronto, 6:35 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 6:45 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 8:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 9:35 p.m.
Montreal at Vancouver, 9:35 p.m.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Bowling...

Dellwood Lanes is holding in-house qualifying for the 12th annual $160,000 Miller's Lite national doubles tournament through midnight Jan. 2. The tournament is handicapped and all league bowlers qualify. Call 697-7871 for information...

Basketball...

Activities for the **Midland High basketball homecoming** have been scheduled for Jan. 5, when the 1990-91 Bulldogs play host to Abilene High at the MHS gymnasium.

MHS boys head coach Jack Stephenson is searching for former MHS players who played from 1979 on and wish to be involved in the activites. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of these players may call Stephenson at 683-0862...

Special Olympics basketball practice is being conducted each Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Alamo Junior High. Call Russell Malm at 682-2525 or 699-2572...

Anyone interested in **officiating basketball** games call Richard Candelaria at 685-1897 or Dee Carter at 697-4126...

Skiing...

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First Baptist Church is sponsoring an **Adult Winter Bible/Ski Retreat** to the Summit ski area in Colorado, Jan. 27-Feb. 2, 1991. Fee $300, includes room, board and transportation. For more information, call Charlie Elliott at 682-7669...

Baseball...

The Hardin-Simmons University baseball team will conduct a Christmas Hitting Camp, Dec. 28-29 on the school's campus. The cost of the camp is $60 for commuters and $95 for overnighters and is for campers ages 9-14. Instructors will include the Hardin-Simmons coaching staff, high school coaches and Hardin-Simmons players. Call 915-670-1494 for more information...

Hardin-Simmons baseball will also sponsor a dinner-auction at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 29. Texas Rangers manager Bobby Valentine will act as auctioneer of professional baseball memorabilia. Meal tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the door. For details, call the HSU athletic office at 670-1474...

Volleyball...

The Odessa Parks and Recreation Department is forming a **Co-Ed City Volleyball League**. Resistration will be through Dec. 31, and early registration will cost $175 per team. For more details, call 362-6964...

Wrestling...

World Wrestling Federation comes to Ector County Coliseum, Jan. 9, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. Feature match of the evening is WWF championship match between Ultimate Warrior and Sergeant Slaughter; The Randy Savage-Hacksaw Jim Duggan fight

NFL Playoff Picture

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Buffalo Bills	13 - 2	7 - 1	✓		✓	✓	East champion; 1st-round bye
Miami Dolphins	11 - 4	6 - 1		✓			Wild card; home game
Los Angeles Raiders	11 - 4	5 - 2	ⓟ	✓	ⓟ		West champion; 1st-round bye
Kansas City Chiefs	10 - 5	5 - 3	???	✓	???		Wild card
Pittsburgh Steelers	9 - 6	2 - 3	ⓟ	???	???		Central champion; home game
Houston Oilers	8 - 7	3 - 2	???	???	???		Wild card
Cincinnati Bengals	8 - 7	4 - 1	???	???			Out
Seattle Seahawks	8 - 7	4 - 4		???			Out

Of the seven AFC teams in contention, two play in a head-to-head matchup: Pittsburgh at Houston.

NFC	OVERALL RECORD	DIVISION RECORD	DIV. TITLE	WILD CARD	1st ROUND BYE	HOME FIELD	IF PLAYOFFS BEGAN TOMORROW
San Francisco 49ers	13 - 2	4 - 2	✓		✓	✓	West champion; 1st-round bye
New York Giants	12 - 3	7 - 1	✓		✓		East champion; 1st-round bye
Chicago Bears	11 - 4	6 - 2	✓				Central champion; home game
Philadelphia Eagles	9 - 6	4 - 3		✓			Wild card; home game
Washington Redskins	9 - 6	4 - 4		✓			Wild card
Dallas Cowboys	7 - 8	2 - 6		ⓟ			Wild card
New Orleans Saints	7 - 8	3 - 2		???			Out

The NFC playoff picture is fairly simple, with five of six places already decided. Dallas leads the race for the sixth slot; If Dallas wins or if New Orleans loses, Dallas clinches the last wild card spot.

AP/Pat Lyons

Walsh upset with benching

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans Saints Coach Jim Mora yanked Steve Walsh for two series during the San Francisco game, and Walsh wants to know why.

The explanation is simple. Mora said he just decided to give John Fourcade a chance to play.

Fourcade relieved Walsh, completed one of five passes for eight yards, then Walsh went back in to finish the 13-10 victory. Walsh completed nine of 25 passes for 112 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions.

"It was probably a natural reaction when anybody was pulled. People don't like to be taken out of a game," Mora said. "What am I supposed to do?"

"I don't think anybody likes being taken out of a game. It's no big deal. We play who we feel should be playing, that's all," he said.

"I'm sure he didn't like to be pulled. We felt like we wanted to give John a shot. Our offense wasn't getting anything done, not that it was his fault. But we pulled him, put John in for a couple of plays, let him sit and watch, and see if John could so something better, and it didn't work out, so we put him back. That's all. A simple procedure."

"Quarterback's no different than guard or center or defensive end or safety. You work with them, you coach them, you try to help them, you try to get them better, you try to do everything you can to put them in situations where they can be successful, where the team can be successful. But quarterback's no different than any other position," Mora said.

Walsh said he lost his composure for a while after throwing an interception and twice overthrowing open receivers on third downs.

He was upset, but not surprised that he was yanked.

"I can't blame them. But you never want it to happen," he said. "You have to stick with your guy.

He said offensive coordinator Carl Smith attempted a quick explanation on the sideline.

Can it get any worse?

NFL

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — It doesn't get any worse than this.

Oh, no?

The New England Patriots have gone from just plain bad to thoroughly embarassing to unbelievably incompetent. They haven't won in 101 days. They haven't been ahead in their last six games.

Their reputation was damaged by two off-field incidents. Their coach may be out of a job next week. They are 1-14 with 13 straight losses. And they just lost to one of the NFL's worst teams by 35 points.

"This," nose tackle Tim Goad said after last Sunday's 42-7 whipping by the New York Jets, "is the worst."

Sorry, Tim, there's still one game to go.

Every time it seems the Patriots have hit rock bottom, they chisel out a new lower level.

But how can things get worse than this?

— In their last six games, the Patriots have scored 41 points, one less than the Jets scored Sunday, and allowed 176.

— They have scored more than one touchdown in just four of their 15 games.

— Their quarterbacks have been sacked 58 times, second most in the league and eight less than the club record.

— They are next-to-last in the NFL in total offense and defense, last in points scored, last in points allowed, and have been outscored by an average of 28.9-11.4.

— They have played before the league's three smallest crowds this season.

— Counting their last three games of 1989 and their 0-4 preseason mark, they are 1-21 in their last 22 games.

— Against the Jets, who had lost their previous five games, the Patriots tied a team record with 14 penalties, had seven players injured and saw three opposing quarterbacks throw a total of just one incompletion.

And there's still one game to go.

"We just have to get this year over with," said Sam Jankovich, the team's new chief executive officer, "and, when January comes, start putting all the pieces together."

After a 37-7 loss to Kansas City on Dec. 2, coach Rod Rust said, "it started out bad and got worse."

After a 24-3 loss in Pittsburgh the next week, running back John Stephens said, "It was negative pretty much the whole game."

Make that the whole season.

The Patriots led Miami 24-20 in the opener but lost 27-24 on a touchdown with 1:46 left.

They led Indianapolis 16-7 in their next game but a touchdown with 2:16 left jeopardized what was to be their only win of the season. They managed to hang on for a 16-14 victory.

"It feels good to win," Rust said.

He was still smiling Monday, even though he was still waiting for another win. The 62-year-old Rust was relaxed and showed no anxiety about the possibility he would serve just one of the four years on his contract.

Jankovich, appointed last Thursday, said he would decide soon after the season whether Rust would remain.

"I wouldn't try to put a happy face on this season," Rust said, but "there is always something you can take out of any experience that will help you and it really depends on the individual."

Despite fears he might leave someone out, he cited tackle Bruce Armstrong, tight end Marv Cook and cornerback Maurice Hurst as players who have had good seasons.

It wasn't so good for some others.

Zeke Mowatt, Michael Timpson and Robert Perryman were fined after an NFL investigation into reporter Lisa Olson's allegation she was sexually harassed in the locker room on Sept. 17.

Irving Fryar and Hart Lee Dykes were involved Oct. 10 in a fight outside a Providence, R.I., bar, the Club Shalimar.

The team was saddled at quarterback by two over-the-hill veterans (Marc Wilson and Steve Grogan) and a rookie (Tommy Hodson) who took his first steps up the slope.

The offensive line was a porous, patchwork unit because of injuries. Receivers dropped balls, previously effective defensive backs showed their age and the entire defense needed a crash course in tackling techniques.

"It's a team that's demoralized," said Jankovich, who is leaving as athletic director at the University of Miami, which has one of the country's most successful football programs. "One of the most important things this team has to deal with now is attitude. It's bleak."

"It's been a long, hard year for everyone involved," Rust said, "including me."

And there's still one game to go.

Hodson is one of the bright spots. But on Monday, he leaned on crutches, had a cast on his sprained left ankle and a splint on the broken ring finger of his throwing hand.

"I imagine it can always get worse'" Hodson said. "I try not to look at it like that. I'm always optimistic. I assume things will work out eventually."

At least the Patriots can look forward to getting the top draft pick for the third time in 10 seasons.

League unsafe for top QB's

Copley News Service

NFL Report

Bodies of fallen quarterbacks to the left of him, bodies to the right, and through this carnage comes Joe Montana, serenely escorting the San Francisco 49ers to another Super Bowl championship.

That's a scenario that injuries to several of Montana's quarterbacking peers has created. It is one supported by the odds, with the 49ers having gone from even money to 3-5 to win the Super Bowl for an unprecedented third straight time.

It is not supported by executives of National Football League teams invited to remark on this question:

"How strongly have the 49ers' playoff chances been improved by injuries to such quarterbacks as the New York Giants' Phil Simms, Buffalo's Jim Kelly, Chicago's Jim Harbaugh and Kansas City's Steve DeBerg?"

The popular notion is that these injuries have turned the Super Bowl tournament into the equivalent of a stroll in Golden Gate Park for the 49ers. But that isn't how the eliminations are viewed by Jim Finks, president/general manager of the New Orleans Saints; Al LoCasale, executive assistant of the Los Angeles Raiders; and Tim Rooney, director of pro personnel of the Giants.

Rooney made the point that San Francisco was going to be a strong Super Bowl favorite, no matter what the status of Montana's quarterbacking counterparts. "Because he is a Super Bowl quarterback, and because he's been throwing extremely well," Rooney explained.

To Rooney, neither the Giants nor the Bears has been markedly diminished by the injuries their starting quarterbacks suffered last week. Simms incurred a severely sprained right foot, Harbaugh a right shoulder separation. Both players have been placed on injured reserve, which means they must sit out at least a month.

As Rooney noted, the Giants and Bears do not depend on the pass.

"We didn't get here throwing the ball," argued Rooney. "Montana, who lost his running game (with the knee injury that made halfback Roger Craig less effective), did. Of course, the 49ers are very good defensively, but they've gotten here largely because of their quarterback, Jerry Rice, and their passing game."

Rooney conceded that, in the playoffs, the Giants will miss Simms, who at the time of his injury was the NFC's No. 2 passer (behind Philadelphia's Randall Cunningham).

"At a certain point, somebody else is going to have to do it for us," Rooney said. "We're going to have to get the run or the kick, but somebody can do that. We have some edges there. And it's not as if Phil had been hurt on a Wednesday and we had to play the following Sunday. We have some time to do this."

In Simms' stead, Jeff Hostetler will be starting for the Giants. Hostetler is a six-year veteran who, in some ways, Hostetler isn't replacing that much; Simms in his last four games has been a 53-for-123 passer — although Rooney didn't mention that.

One point he did cite is that, of the likely playoff teams that have lost their starting quarterbacks, Buffalo could be depleted the most.

"Lately ... when they've been going to the no-huddle, Buffalo has been throwing the ball very well," Rooney noted.

The Bills have lost Kelly for at least three weeks with a sprained left knee. His replacement is Frank Reich, like Hostetler a six-year professional. He finds himself in a situation similar to the one the Raiders' Jim Plunkett was in in 1980.

LoCasale recalled the circumstances. The Raiders had opened the season with Dan Pastorini at quarterback. With him, they were 2-3. With Plunkett, they went 9-2.

"But people were saying we were out there with shoddy merchandise, with a second-team quarterback," LoCasale said.

Plunkett ran the table. The Raiders became the only wild-card team to win the Super Bowl when they stopped Philadelphia, 27-10, in XV.

How LoCasale interprets the recent injuries to quarterbacks: "It makes the in-the-grasp rule more likely to survive." The injured quarterbacks could again be fit by the time of the conference championship games on Jan. 20, LoCasale said.

Finks also viewed the quarterbacks' injuries as not of great consequence.

"The teams the 49ers are going to have to beat in our conference — and this is one man's opinion — are the Eagles, who have a healthy quarterback; the Washington Redskins, who have a healthy quarterback; and the Giants, who might have a healthy quarterback by that time," the New Orleans executive said.

Finks questioned whether the Bears' loss of Harbaugh is a factor as it relates to the 49ers. Veteran Mike Tomczak is available to spell Harbaugh.

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Hans Hedemann rides a wave off Oahu's North Shore during the quarterfinals of the Billabong Pro surf meet, the final event of the Triple Crown of Surfing.

Yankees appear to want veteran

Baseball

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — The woebegone New York Yankees are trying to inject some life into their moribund winter ways. They are negotiating with Scott Sanderson in an effort to acquire him from the Oakland Athletics, but their chances of success appear slim.

An executive of another club said Tuesday that the Athletics want to trade Sanderson, a 17-game winner last season, because they don't want to pay him the kind of salary — $2 million or more — he most likely could gain in salary arbitration.

The Athletics have offered the right-handed pitcher to any interested club and have given him permission to negotiate a contract ahead of completion of any deal.

The executive said the Yankees were involved at the moment, and Gene Michael, the Yankees' general manager, acknowledged that he had spoken with Richard Moss, Sanderson's lawyer.

"We have 72 hours to talk to him," Michael said without specifying when the period began. "We don't have an agreement with Oakland on a player, but it's not going to be much if we decide on a contract."

Michael said he didn't know if they would be able to reach agreement on a contract. He declined to say what the Yankees had offered or what Sanderson had asked for.

"There's nothing right now," he said, not sounding optimistic that a deal could be accomplished.

Moss, reached at his home in California, said he had had conversations with Michael but added, "It's doubtful that anything will come of it."

While many other teams have engaged in a whirlwind of activity this off season, the Yankees have done little. They re-signed their own free-agent pitcher, Tim Leary, on Nov. 19, and a week later they added a free-agent relief pitcher, Steve Farr.

Since then, however, their efforts have been futile. Their behavior at the winter meetings earlier this month was characterized by executives of other clubs and player agents as perplexing and bizarre.

On the same day, they let Dave Righetti get away as a free agent and they signed Steve Sax, their second baseman, to a $12.4 million contract extension, even though he couldn't have become a free agent for three more years.

They talked to agents about their free agents, but they did not make offers.

Carew may be next in line for Hall of Fame

Associated Press

One night Rod Carew came to dinner and the hostess laid out a nice table, as was her custom.

Among other items, she placed a slab of butter beside the sliced bread. Carew, in conversation, reached for the butter and stopped, his knife and his sentence suspended.

He had suddenly noticed there was only a small piece of butter on the tray.

"Am I using up all your butter?" asked Carew, with genuine concern.

The hostess glanced at the dish, and smiled. "Oh, don't worry, Rod," she said, "there's plenty more butter in the refrigerator."

The hostess has never forgotten that little, gentle moment, which to her encompassed all of the criteria that are listed in the 1991 rules for the Hall of Fame ballot:

"Candidates shall be chosen on the basis of playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, their contribution to the team on which they played and to baseball in general."

Carew, who retired as an active major leaguer five years ago, is on the recently released ballot for the Hall of Fame, having become eligible for the first time.

And one would think, based on his extraordinary record at the plate — on the ball field and in the dining room — that he is a cinch to gain entrance. But things don't always work out so smoothly.

Each of those particulars, from playing ability to character, can be debated, perhaps endlessly, for they are all in the eyes of the beholder.

Character on the field, or off the field, or both? Who can judge? And on the field, are the tricks of the trade, even nefarious ones, good, bad or accepted sportsmanship?

Meanwhile, just because Carew led his league in hitting seven times — only four men have bettered or equaled that, Ty Cobb with 12, Honus Wagner 8, and Rogers Hornsby and Stan Musial 7 each — finished with a .300 batting average in 15 of his 19 seasons, had a .328 lifetime average, and compiled more than 3,000 hits, he is not guaranteed admission to that quaint shrine on Main Street in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Questions arise for some of the 450 or so baseball writers who get ballots — an electee must receive 75 percent of the vote — whether Carew, not a home-run hitter, drove in as many runs as some believe a Hall of Famer should have.

"Everyone has a job to do on the field," said Carew recently, from his home in Anaheim, Calif.

"My job was to get on base and to score runs, and to do everything I could to help my team win. That included all the little things, like moving a runner over and stealing a base."

Was Carew pouty as a player?

"I was hot-headed when I was younger, especially," he said, "but when I was at the ball park I was all business. I hope that some writers don't hold that against me."

Ted Williams remembers seeing Carew for the first time and he thought he looked too lackadaisical.

Spurs make pair of roster moves

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.

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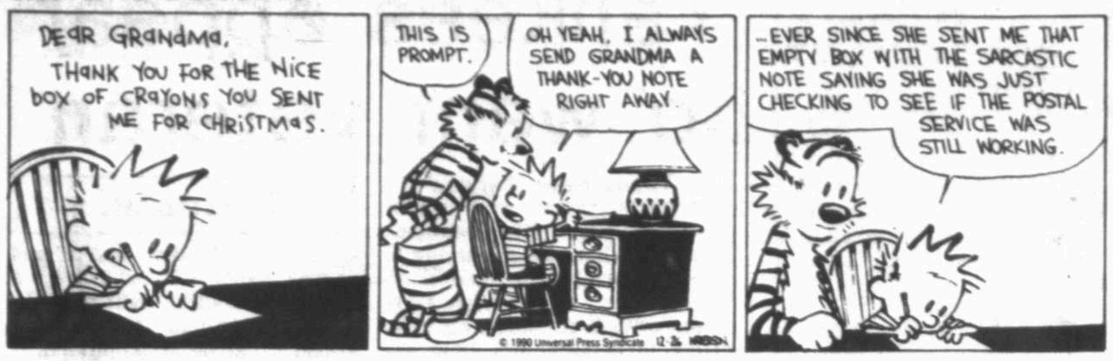
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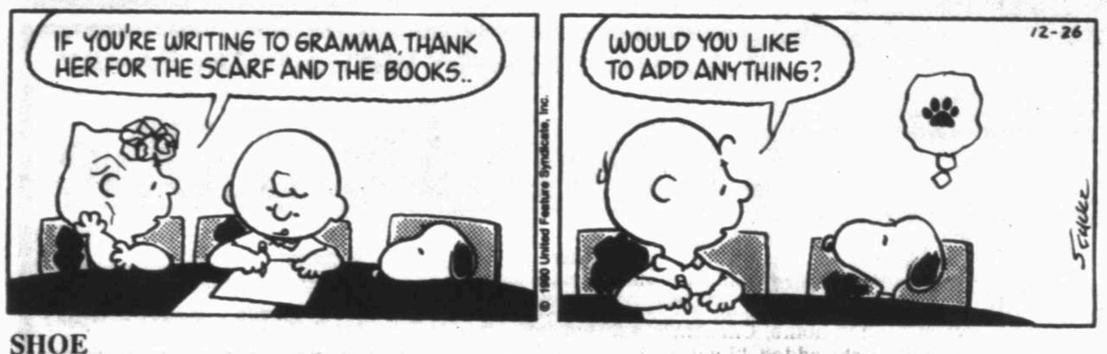
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By Jeane Dixon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1990

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: The employment picture brightens in the months ahead. You know what to do to achieve greater financial security. Your dignity and good sense will come to your rescue during some rough moments next May. Romance takes on deeper significance as the result of an unexpected event. Be sure of your own heart before asking partner for a commitment. Casual flirtations are not for you! A stable home life remains a top priority.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: entertainer Steve Allen, catcher Carlton Fisk, comedian Alan King, actor Richard Widmark.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Things will be slow at work today. Straighten up your desk and pay any overdue bills. Home life is much less hectic. Relatives offer to lend a helping hand with small fry.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Plan specific activities for children who may be feeling a bit let down after yesterday's excitement. Old-fashioned board games enjoy new popularity. Challenge someone to a game of checkers or chess.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The mail brings belated holiday greetings. You find yourself in a nostalgic mood, wondering about a former romantic partner. Think twice before deciding to get in touch with that person. People change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You meet someone now who could be a significant force in your life after Jan. 1. Exchange Christmas gifts promptly. Travel aids romance. You may decide to revise your plans for New Year's Eve.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Better communication will help you reach your goals. Speak and write with greater clarity. Romance could have you walking on eggs. Try to find out what mate really expects from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are apt to feel more energetic than other people today. It would not hurt to slow your pace a bit. Try to steal some time to be alone with romantic partner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make good use of this slower-paced day. Give free rein to your imagination. Romance looks exciting for singles. Your relationship with a newcomer is super. Postpone business travel until January.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be sure your reservations are in order if you are taking a return flight today! Teamwork is welcome at both the office and home. Plan a get-together with old school chums.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Bask in the quiet company of that special someone. After-Christmas bargains are available. An out-of-town visitor brings welcome news. Write your holiday thank-you notes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A perfect day for social outings. Romance is in the spotlight. You may have to handle a real "hot potato" at work. All forms of financial speculation should be avoided. Protect savings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money could easily slip through your fingers today. Resist the urge to splurge! A luxury purchase can wait a while. Begin to gather together your tax materials.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A colleague who has resisted your charm until now may be close to falling under your spell. Back off — you will convince this person without a "hard sell." Entertain with a lavish hand.

TODAY'S CHILDREN are good citizens and exemplary students. They enjoy learning new things and rarely have to be urged to do their homework. Like Scorpios, Capricorns tend to be long-lived. They enjoy rugged good health despite a tendency to worry over every cough and scratch. Born "pack rats," these children never seem to throw anything away. Loyal and sentimental, these Capricorns are determined to make a success of marriage.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

THERE AIN'T NO JUSTICE

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 5 4
♡ A 10 9 8 3
◇ Q J 7
♣ 3 2

WEST
♠ 7 3
♡ J 6 5 2
◇ K 5
♣ A J 9 8 4

EAST
♠ J 10 9 8 2
♡ 7
◇ A 4 3
♣ Q 10 6 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 6
♡ K Q 4
◇ 10 9 8 6 2
♣ K 7

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ◇	Pass	1 ♡	1 ♠
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♠

In a perfect world, good bidding and play would be rewarded, while poor bidding and play would be suitably punished. Unfortunately, life's not like that. Sometimes the good are made to suffer while the evildoers go scot free.

East's one-spade overcall was an overbid at any vulnerability, especially at unfavorable vulnerability. North's raise to two no trump was a little pushy, but South's one-no-trump rebid showed extra values and North liked his five-card suit and honors in partner's suit. South was full value for continuing on to game.

West dutifully led a spade, taken in the closed hand. The king-queen of hearts were cashed, and when East showed out on the second round, declarer cashed out the suit with the help of the marked finesse of the ten of hearts. Declarer discarded two diamonds from hand, East two spades and one from each minor, and West let go the remaining card in partner's spade suit.

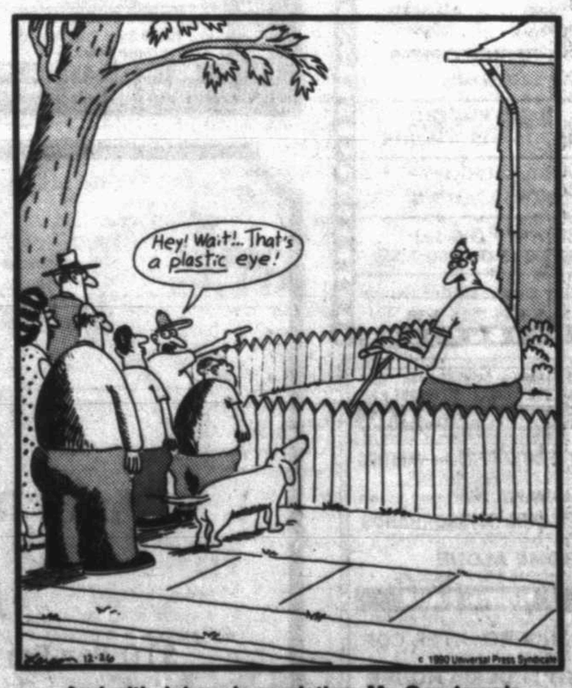
Declarer cashed out his spade tricks, ending in dummy and, still needing a trick for his contract, tried a club to the king. The defenders made the rest of the tricks—down one.

How was East's terrible overcall rewarded? As the cards lay, there was no way the contract could have been made. All that happened here was that a slight overbid resulted in a reasonable contract going down.

Perhaps, but let's suppose that East had not competed and that North-South reached the same contract. West's normal lead would have been a club, and that would have presented declarer with his ninth trick there and then. What a strange way for a horrible bid to turn a profit!

For information about Charles Goren's newsletter for bridge players, write Goren Bridge Letter, P.O. Box 4426, Orlando, Fla. 32802-4426.

THE FAR SIDE



And with Johnny's revelation, Mr. Goodman's popularity in the neighborhood suddenly plummeted.

DOONESBURY



GARFIELD



FAMILY CIRCUS



"Don't cry 'cause nobody took you home. I think you're a very pretty tree."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"WELL, I DIDN'T GET A REAL PONY FOR CHRISTMAS, BUT COULD YOU PUT ONE IN MY DREAMS?"

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26, 1990

Programs subject to change without notice

	KMID (D) Md/Od CABLE 3	KOSA (7) Odessa CABLE 8	KTPX (B) Odessa CABLE 9	KPEJ (28) Md/Od CABLE 14	FAM Family CABLE 4	WTBS Atlanta CABLE 7	SIN (60) Spanish CABLE 10	WGN Chicago CABLE 11	ESPN Sports CABLE 12	KOCV (38) Odessa CABLE 13	HSE Sports CABLE 20
7:00 7:30	Good Morning America	This Morning "	Today "	Muppets Chipmunks	Dinosaucers Littles	Gilligan Bewitched	TV Mujer "	Banana Splits Bozo	Nation's Bus. SportsCenter	Body Electric Reading	
8:00 8:30	" "	" "	" "	Monace Flintstones	Big Valley "	Little House on the Prairie	Movie: "La Sonrisa de la	" Bewitched	Hydroplane Racing	Sesame Street "	
9:00 9:30	Sally Jessy Raphael	Family Feud Wheel-Fortune	Let's Make D. Concentr.	Live – Regis & Kathie Lee	700 Club "	Movie: "Wait Until Dark"	Virgen" "	Magnum, P.I. "	Ski World Snowboarding	Mister Rogers Sq. 1 TV	
10:00 10:30	Home "	Price Is Right "	Tell the Truth Marsha W.	Robert Tilton "	Sheila Walsh Paid Program	" "	El Pocado de Oyuki	Joan Rivers "	Getting Fit Basic Training	3-2-1 Contact Sewing-Nancy	Body by Janis Golf Almanac
11:00 11:30	Graham Kerr Family Ties	Young and the Restless	Joker's Wild Generations	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Paid Program Paid Program	" Movie: "Objec-	Cristal	Geraldo "	In Motion Bodyshaping	W. Alexander Gourmet	German League Soccer
12:00 12:30	All My Children	Paid Program Bold, Bea.	Days of Our Lives	Benson It's a Living	Movie: "King Kong Es-	tive, Burma!" "	" Encadenados	News "	Road Race Yachting	MacNeil/ Lehrer	Best of Prime: Auto Racing
1:00 1:30	One Life to Live	As the World Turns	Another World "	Brady Bunch B. Hillbillies	capes" "	" "	TV Mujer "	Andy Griffith Dick Van Dyke	Powder Mag. Sports	Nova "	" "
2:00 2:30	General Hospital	Guiding Light "	Santa Barbara "	700 Club "	Father Knows Father Knows	" Flintstones	Platavision "	H'mooner Cartoon	Auto Racing: Festival	Nature "	" "
3:00 3:30	Geraldo "	Oprah Winfrey "	Challengers Trump Card	Chip 'n' Dale Peter Pan	Batman C.O.P.S.	Flintstones Brady Bunch	Alcanzar una Estrella	Wheelie DuckTales	Legends of Wrestling	3-2-1 Contact Mister Rogers	Best of Prime: Volleyball
4:00 4:30	Donahue "	Growing Pains Night Court	People's Court Personalities	Tale Spin Tiny Toon	Popeye Popeye	Laverne Good Times	Cristina "	Chip 'n' Dale M.A.S.K.	Pulling Series Lifestyle Mag.	Reading Sesame Street	" "
5:00 5:30	Cosby Show ABC News	Jeopardy! CBS News	News NBC News	Highway to Heaven	Our House "	B. Hillbillies Andy Griffith	Maria Noticiero Uni.	Charles Abbott	Skiing SportsLook	" Telecourse	Best of Prime: Summer
6:00 6:30	News Wheel-Fortune	News Golden Girls	News Current Affair	Who's Boss? ALF	Scarecrow and Mrs. King	Happy Days Jeffersons	Amanda Sabo- ter	Jeannie Night Court	SportsCenter College Bas-	MacNeil/ Lehrer	Best of Prime: Summer
7:00 7:30	Wonder Years Growing Pains	48 Hours "Deadly Mix"	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "The Competition"	Movie: "Angel and the Bad-	Movie: "A Streetcar	Pobre Diabla "	Movie: "The Man With the	ketball "	Mark Russell Jon Hendricks	" "
8:00 8:30	Doogie H. Married P.	Jake and the Fatman	Dear John Working-Out	" "	man" "	Named Desire"	Amor de N. Mi Pequena S.	Power" "	" College Bas-	Movie: "A Girl of the Limber-	" "
9:00 9:30	Cop Rock "	WKOU "	Hunter "	Hunter "	700 Club "	" Movie: "On	Cita con Amor Noticiero Uni.	News "	ketball: Louisiana Tech at	lost" "	Best of Prime: College
10:00 10:30	News Cheers	News M*A*S*H	News Tonight Show	Arsenio Hall "	Scarecrow and Mrs. King	the Waterfront"	World Vision "	Night Court Rousters	Creighton SportsCenter	Photography at Geographic	" "
11:00 11:30	Ent. Tonight Nightline	America-Nite Mission: Im-	" David Letter-	Love Connect. Hawaii Five-0	Bonanza: The Lost Episodes	" "	Movie: "La Sonrisa de la	" Movie: "The Il-	Lighter Side Amer.'s Horse	Telecourse Telecourse	" "
12:00 12:30	Into the Night "	possible Stingray	man Bob Costas	" Sign-Off	Paid Program Paid Program	"Bonnie and Clyde"	Virgen" "	lustrated Man"	Powder Mag. Golf: USGA	Sign-Off	Best of Prime: International

	SHOWTIME Mov/Spec CABLE 5	TMC Movies CABLE 17	DISNEY CABLE 18	MAX Movies CABLE 21	HBO Movies/Var CABLE 22	TNN Country CABLE 23	USA Variety CABLE 24	NICK Children CABLE 25	A&E Cultural CABLE 26	TBN Religious CABLE 31	TNT Turner Net CABLE 37
7:00 7:30	Kids-TV Emperor	Movie: "A Different Story"	Donald Duck Pooh Corner	"13 Ghosts" Movie:	Movie: "The Adventures of		Cartoon Express Cont'd	Insp. Gadget Heathcliff	Survival World Gallant Breed	Dean & Mary Match	Popeye Hour Cont'd
8:00 8:30	Pray for Me "	" "	Umbrella Tree Dumbo	"Chances Are"	Baron Munchausen"	VideoMorning "	" "	Lassie Maya the Bee	Around the World	Rich Roberts Joy	Fraggle Rock Muppets
9:00 9:30	Movie: "My Favorite Blonde"	Movie: "Broken Vows"	Movie: "The Secret of	" Movie: "The	" Movie: "Twis-	" "	Lost in Space "	Eureeka's Castle	Fugitive "	Larry Lea M. Hickey	Daktari "
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11:00 11:30	Poets Society" "	Movie: "P.O.W. The	Lunch Box Music Box	" Movie: "Zebra	Movie: "Cocoon: The Re-	Magazine Top Card	A. Hitchcock Name Tune	David-Gnome Little Koala	Movie: "The Son of Monte	Reginald C. Jay Sekulow	Movie: "The Invisible Boy"
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1:00 1:30	Movie: "Clash of the Titans"	Movie: "Old Gringo"	Danger Bay Fraggle Rock	Movie: "The Doberman	Movie: "Ghostbusters II"	Country Standard Time	Chain Rea. Wipeout	" Rikki-Tikki	Around the World	J. Robison Ben Hinn	Movie: "The Brave One"
2:00 2:30	" "	" "	Raccoons Care Bears	Gang" Movie: "In	" "	Magazine Top Card	Hollywood Sq. $25K Pyramid	Flipper Looney Tunes	Movie: "My Favorite Bru-	700 Club "	" "
3:00 3:30	Kids-TV Pray for Me	Movie: "The Man Who	Donald Duck Lose or Draw	Like Flint" "	Wizard of Oz Baby-Sitters	Ctry. Kitchen Crook	Press Yr. Luck High Rollers	Heathcliff Yogi Bear	nette" "	Another Life M. Hickey	Movie: "Escapade in Japan" "
4:00 4:30	" Movie: "Kelly"	Loved Women"	Kids Inc. Mickey Mouse	" Movie: "Lic-	Movie: "100 Rifles"	VideoPM "	Just Ten of Us Dance USA	Outta Here Hey Dude	Fugitive "	Praise the Lord	
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6:00 6:30	Coast to Coast "	" "	" Danger Bay	" "	Inside the NFL "	" "	MacGyver "	Insp. Gadget Looney Tunes	Survival World Gallant Breed	Praise the Lord	Pals "
7:00 7:30	Movie: "Dead Poets Society"	Movie: "Dad" "	Movie: "Bedknobs and	Movie: "Beach Balls"	Movie: "I Love N.Y."	Celebrities Offstage IX	Murder, She Wrote	Mister Ed Bewitched	Air Power Crusade	Behind Scenes Joseph Good	Movie: "The Tunnel of
8:00 8:30	" "	" "	Broomsticks" "	" Movie:	" Tim Burton	Nashville Now "	Green Acres Donna Reed	Our Century: Vietnam War	Hagin Van Impe		Love" "
9:00 9:30	" Movie: "Working Girl"	Movie: "Red Scorpion"	Movie: "Gregory's Girl"	"Spring Fever USA"	Comedy Hour: Dennis Miller	" Crook	Heart" "	Best of SNL 2Night	Living Dangerously	Praise the Lord	Movie: "A Talent for Loving" "
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PEOPLE

Rawls again heads UNCF telethon

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Singer **Lou Rawls** says his graduation from the college of hard knocks has made him determined that young black Americans will not be denied a higher education because they can't afford one.

He is heading his 11th annual Parade of Stars Telethon for the United Negro College Fund on Saturday.



Rawls

The telethon has raised more than $77 million for 41 private, predominantly black colleges and universities.

Rawls, a four-time Grammy Award-winner, occasionally runs across young people his telethon has aided.

"This young pharmacist kept staring at me," Rawls recounted recently. "Finally, I asked her if something was wrong. She said, 'I never thought I'd get a chance to thank you.' She told me she'd received her education with the help of the telethon.

"You can't put a price tag on experiences like that."

Rawls, who grew up poor on Chicago's South Side, criticizes federal education policies, which have restricted minority-only scholarships.

"They play with education like it's a ball game," he said. "How can they be so casual and so nonchalant about our education and our welfare?"

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — **Wayne Newton** will headline Gov.-elect **Pete Wilson's** inaugural party next month.

The Las Vegas entertainer was invited by his friend and high school classmate, **Gayle Wilson**, the wife of the Republican senator who will be sworn in Jan. 7 as California's 36th governor.

The party Jan. 6 at the Arco Arena in Sacramento will feature a stage show with actors **Charlton Heston** and **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, and the host will be **Mary Hart** of television's "Entertainment Tonight," Wilson's office said.

All three were active Wilson supporters during his campaign, Wilson spokesman Dan Schnur said.

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MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Exiled former first lady **Imelda Marcos** said Tuesday that if the Philippine government allows her to come home, every day will be Christmas.

"I do hope that one day I will be allowed by the government of the Republic of the Philippines to give and love my countrymen freely," Mrs. Marcos said in a holiday message sent to news organizations here.

"You can be sure that with your former first lady, former Mother of the Country, when I come home, Christmas will not be for a day," she added. "I will make it Christmas every day and make every day a day of giving and a day of love."

The government refused to allow the late **President Ferdinand Marcos** and his family to return from Hawaii, where they fled when he was ousted in a popular uprising in 1986. Marcos died in September 1989.

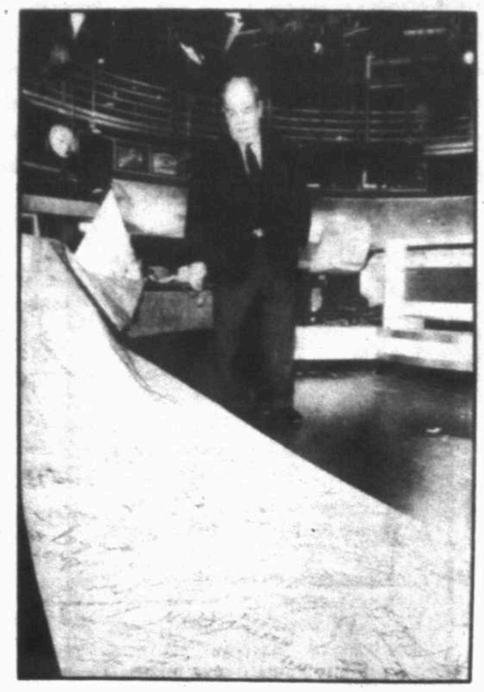
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BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences has inducted blues and jazz numbers, big band music and Broadway musicals into its Hall of Fame for this year.

The academy, which also bestows the annual Grammy Awards, has selected pre-1958 musical pieces for its Hall of Fame since 1974. The Grammys were first awarded in 1958.

This year's Hall of Fame recordings are "Call It Stormy Monday," "Misty," "Moonlight Serenade," "Show Boat," and the original cast album of "West Side Story."

"Call It Stormy Monday" is a blues piece recorded in 1947 by **Aaron T-Bone Walker**, who died in 1975. He helped develop the modern blues sound with his electric guitar style.



AP Laserphoto

Seasons greetings

CBS newsman Charles Kuralt looks over a 500-foot-long Christmas card at CBS headquarters in New York City Monday. The card was sent by U.S. Marines stationed in Saudi Arabia to the American public in care of CBS News "to thank America for its support." Kuralt closed Tuesday night's "CBS Evening News" broadcast by showing the card to the TV audience.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

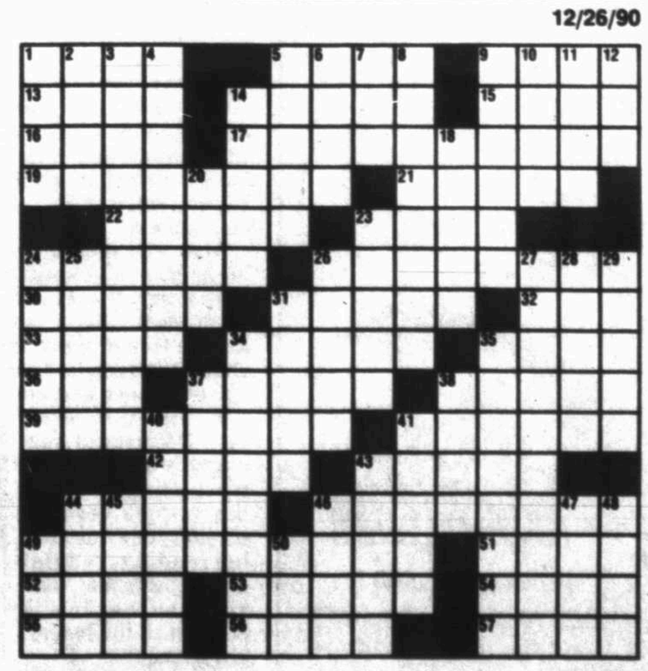
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BUSINESS WATCH

BancTexas eyed

HOUSTON (AP) — Billy B. Goldberg, former head of the Texas Democratic Party, has signed a letter of agreement to buy a large stake in BancTexas Group and move its headquarters from Dallas to Houston.

Goldberg plans to lead an investor group that would raise roughly $4.5 million in new capital and acquire other banks and thrifts as well as moving the group's headquarters to Houston.

"If they can pull this off, they'll own about half of the company," Nathan C. Collins, chairman and chief executive of BancTexas, told the Houston Chronicle.

BancTexas directors welcomed Goldberg's plans, Collins said. The company, which has about $250 million in assets in its two banks, has been looking for new investors for more than a year.

Sales slow



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.

Early estimates from high-profile retailing companies around the country showed Christmas sales were flat to slightly higher than last season.

At Wal-Mart Stores Inc., a spokeswoman said the company was pleased with its results, but the retailer found it hard to draw hesitant consumers into its stores.

Talks continue

NEW YORK (AP) — Pan Am Corp. and Trans World Airlines Inc. continued negotiating over whether TWA would lend Pan Am enough money to keep it operating until the struggling carriers can merge.

TWA spokesman Don Morrison said talks on the loan ran through the weekend and into Monday.

Shuttle sale

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Northwest Airlines has arranged for a Portland, Ore., utility to buy the Pan Am Shuttle and allow Northwest to operate the shuttle with an option to buy, according to a published report.

Northwest would not comment on the report in The Wall Street Journal Monday. The newspaper said PacifiCorp would buy the Boston-New York-Washington shuttle for about $150 million.

TV station sold

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission said it has approved the transfer of a New York-area television station from MCA Inc. to MCA shareholders, removing a barrier to the sale of MCA to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. of Japan.

Under federal law, Matsushita as a foreign corporation is barred from owning MCA's WWOR-TV, based in Secaucus, N.J.

The station will be spun off to MCA shareholders in the form of a separate company.



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Experts call Apple tasty buyout target

■ Apple is not immune to a takeover attempt, experts say, especially as the computer industry begins to consolidate.

By Paul Freiberger

Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO – "Apple to become Japanese pear?"

"Ma Bell to make pie out of Apple?"

Such hypothetical headlines might follow an unfriendly takeover attempt on Apple Computer Inc., the sort of move that AT&T is making now on NCR Corp.

Apple is not invulnerable, experts say. In coming years, as the computer industry gets increasingly competitive, they predict more consolidation. And there may be no computer property more appealing for a capital-rich, product-poor firm than Apple, from its innovative products to its flashy reputation and image punctuated by its logo of a chromatic apple with a bite out of it.

It has made money every year; it has a billion dollars in cash and its name is synonymous with the glory days of American high tech.

A move on Apple is certainly a financial possibility. But it might take $7 billion, estimates Bruce Lupatkin, an analyst with Hambrecht & Quist.

Last year Apple adopted a poison pill strategy to provide a shield in the event of a takeover. Yet even this would only "buy us some time," says Jane Risser, Apple's director of investor relations. "If a company wants to buy a company badly enough and it has the cash, they can go for it," she adds.

If it happens, expect reactions of sadness and outrage, especially if the suitor is a Japanese company. Apple is an American icon that represents entrepreneurial spirit at the frontier. Its takeover would likely evoke feelings even more intense and personal than the purchase of Columbia Studios by Sony or Universal Pictures by Matsushita.

"Apple is a major American symbol, no question about it –virtually more than any company of the Eighties," says Charles R. Wolf, a computer industry analyst with First Boston Corp. in Boston.

"The notion that we're exporting our talent and energies and having it come back to make us less competitive is a major issue. It keeps happening," adds Wolf.

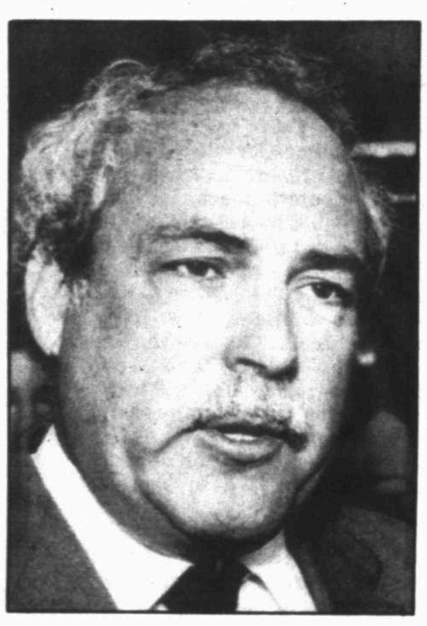
In the mid-1980s AT&T, General Electric, General Motors, Xerox, Digital Equipment Corp. and Wang Labs were all mentioned as possible suitors for Apple. In his book, "West of Eden: The End of Innocence at Apple Computer," Frank Rose says that discussions then-chairman Steve Jobs had with these firms fell apart, not for lack of interest by Apple but because "no one was interested in buying it.

Some might say those companies lacked vision, since several have seen their fortunes in the computer industry fade while Apple soared. In fact, AT&T is now pursuing NCR in order to improve its computer business.

Sony is among the companies repeatedly mentioned as having an interest in Apple. The two firms' business ties are based on Sony supplying Apple with disk drives, monitors and other parts.

With its know-how in consumer electronics, Sony could exploit Apple's brand name recognition, some observers say.

But expectations of negative reaction might deter Sony, says Paul Saffo, a researcher at Institute for the Future in Menlo Park.



Dixon

How Dixon lost Vernon

By Evan Ramstad

DALLAS (AP) — Don R. Dixon bought a savings and loan in his small Texas hometown, built it into a profit-making machine and saw it collapse from gluttony.

As the owner of Vernon Savings Association, Dixon collected fine art and antique cars, hosted parties on the Potomac for Washington's elite, jet-hopped to Europe's five-star restaurants and even met the pope.

Dixon may pay dearly for those heady days of the early and mid-'80s.

Dixon faces 115 years in jail and a fine of up to $5.75 million.

Dixon, 52, grew up in Vernon, a town of 11,000 near the Oklahoma border about 130 miles northwest of Dallas. He graduated from a California college in 1960, returning to Texas later and becoming a very successful condominium developer.

During the trial, he said he bought Vernon Savings in 1981 because he was eager to become involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

A month after buying Vernon Savings from R.B. Tanner, who had founded it 21 years earlier, Dixon asked the thrift's board to approve the $125,000 purchase of a small Western sculpture. His buying spree was on.

Colorful Chrysler executive retires

■ Bennett Bidwell, one of the last of a breed that began when the Big Three were kings of industry, is retiring the end of the month.

By Frederick Standish

HIGHLAND PARK, Mich. (AP) — Bennett Bidwell is one of the last of a breed — the executives who rose through the ranks of the automotive business when carmaking was the king of industry. And now he's retiring from Chrysler Corp.

Bidwell came of age when the Big Three didn't worry about imports and no one had heard of a catalytic converter.

During 37 years of selling and renting cars, Bidwell eventually took charge of Chrysler's car- and truck-making operations as chairman of Chrysler Motors. Along the way, he developed a reputation as one of the industry's most colorful and outspoken — and sometimes profane — executives.

At the end of the month, Bidwell, 63, bids farewell to the industry that has fallen a long way since it was, as he says, "king of the world."

He becomes the fourth high-level executive to leave Chrysler during the past year. The most notable was former Vice Chairman Gerald Greenwald who quit to lead an unsuccessful effort by three unions to buy United Airlines.

Bidwell leaves a company that is under enormous pressure. Earlier this month, California billionaire Kirk Kerkorian disclosed that he bought 9.8 percent of Chrysler's stock, triggering a toughening of the corporation's poison pill anti-takeover defense.

Even though some analysts think Chrysler will lose money in 1990 as some of its top vehicles suffer slipping sales, Bidwell said he sees Chrysler moving purposefully into the 21st century.

But, peering over his glasses and leaning slightly forward, he said it may not emerge as the same Chrysler that was rescued from near bankruptcy in the early 1980s.

"At some point in time, I believe that Chrysler will strengthen its international alliances with somebody as part of the competition for the growth that's going to occur in markets outside of North America," he said.

Bidwell, with his matter-of-fact tone and no-nonsense attitude, apparently has been a good fit with Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca, also known to speak his mind.

Iacocca brought Bidwell to Chrysler in June 1983 as executive vice president for sales, marketing and public affairs. For the two years before that, Bidwell had been president and chief operating officer of The Hertz Corp.

It was a job he didn't particularly like.

"I tell you what was really boring," Bidwell said. "That was trying to rent cars rather than sell them. It was a good rental company, a leadership company and all that."

But there was no pizazz, he said, so he went back into the business of making and selling cars.

Bidwell's introduction to the automotive industry came in 1953, when he moved from a natural gas company to Ford Motor Co.'s district sales office in Boston. It was a big cultural change — one he said he doesn't regret.

"When you're an economist with a natural gas company, it's kind of hard to strike up a conversation," he said.

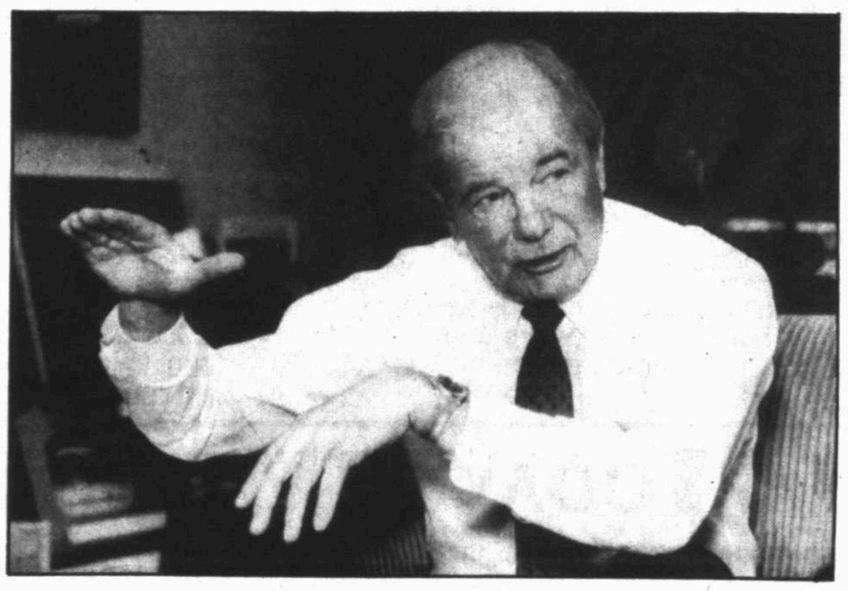
Conversation is something Bidwell never has shunned. His direct manner is appreciated by some, criticized by others. Lately, he's had a particular passion for confronting the press.

After lambasting the media for 11 pages in a speech last January, Bidwell, in true characteristic form, asked rhetorically: "Are we dealing with congenital 'sickos' here? Or is it true that good news just won't sell papers?"

Journalists had T-shirts made up commemorating the remark, and sent a couple to Bidwell. Again in true Bidwell form, he showed up about a month later at an Iacocca news conference, on 1989 earnings, wearing the T-shirt.

But Bidwell isn't all bluster. He rose through Ford's marketing operations until 1968, when he was named a vice president for Ford Motor Credit Co.

He later served as general manager for Ford's Lincoln Mercury division, its Ford division, sales vice president and vice president of Ford's North American car and truck group.



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Bennett Bidwell, one of the auto industry's most outspoken and colorful executives, joined Chrysler after 37 years with Hertz Corp. He retires the end of the month.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

How to finance the federal budget deficit

By Bill Doyle

Q. My efforts to learn the difference between U.S. Treasury bills, U.S. Treasury bonds and U.S. Treasury notes have resulted in what I consider very vague replies. Can you provide a concise answer?

Also, why should I go to all the trouble to buy those securities through the "Treasury Direct' system you have mentioned, when I can walk into a brokerage firm or bank and make my purchase? Easier yet, I can phone my broker or banker and make the purchase.

A. The U.S. Treasury Department regularly issues the three types of debt securities you ask about to finance our nation's horrendous federal deficit. Buy any one and you become a creditor of the federal government.



Doyle

Treasury bills are "discount" securities, issued in $10,000 minimum denominations and with maturities of 13, 26 or 52 weeks. You purchase a T bill at a price below its face value and receive face value when it matures. The difference between the two prices is interest.

Treasury notes and bonds are "current interest" securities, usually issued in minimums of $1,000, but $5,000 in some cases. You buy them at or very close to face value and receive face value upon maturity. Both notes and bonds pay interest semiannually.

The real only difference between the two is that Treasury notes are issued with maturities of two to 10 years, while Treasury bonds come with maturities of 10 to 30 years.

I trust you consider the four preceding paragraphs a concise answer.

Nothing other than a sense of frugality prevents you from buying Treasury securities through a brokerage or bank, where you can expect to be charged for each purchase, sale or redemption. Some even levy fees when they collect interest for customers.

You can avoid those expenses by going the Treasury Direct route — where there are absolutely no charges. It's not all the "trouble" you envision. Simply open your own Treasury Direct account through the Federal Reserve Bank or branch serving your area of the country. After that, everything is handled through the mail.

Q. How would I receive the interest checks for securities in a Treasury Direct account?

A. No checks are issued in that system. Interest and discount payments, as well as face amounts of matured Treasury securities, go by direct deposit wire to the bank, savings and loan association or credit union account you designate when you open the Treasury Direct account.

Q. When I buy U.S. Treasury bills for my Treasury Direct account, the Federal Reserve Bank insists I use a certified check or an official bank check. That aggravates me. My Treasury Direct account contains a large amount of Treasury securities, so the Federal Reserve Bank could protect itself against an insufficient funds check.

The Federal Reserve Bank cited Treasury Department regulations as the reason for refusing to accept my personal check. Is that correct?

A. Yes, as far Treasury bills are concerned. You can submit a personal check with your tender to purchase Treasury notes or bonds — but not for Treasury bills.

Also, you can pay for all three types of securities with U.S. currency, Treasury securities maturing on or before the issue date of the securities you are buying and checks for matured Treasury securities. In the latter case, the name on the check must be exactly the same as the name on your Treasury Direct statement of account.

Q. Because of direct deposit of interest, discounts and/or the face amount of maturing securities from my Treasury Direct account, the total amount in my local bank account exceeds $100,000 at certain times.

Where do I stand on the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. upper limit?

A. During those "certain times," some of your money is outside the FDIC limit. Whenever you have more than $100,000 in that bank account, the excess over $100,000 does not have FDIC coverage.

Bill Doyle is a syndicated columnist for King Features. He welcomes written questions, but is able to provide answers only through the column.

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Variety of pumpkin pie recipes satisfies all tastes

By Carol Deegan

NEW YORK (AP) — How do you like your pumpkin pie? Traditional? Quick and Easy? Exotic?

Traditional: Stephen Langlois, author of "Prairie: Cuisine from the Heartland" (Contemporary Books, $18.95), says his pumpkin pie recipe "is probably three times as old as I am, but has remained virtually unchanged through the years."

Quick and Easy: Packaged cake mix makes Pumpkin Pie Crunch easy to prepare.

Exotic: Nick Malgieri's Crostata di Zucca doesn't taste like American pumpkin pie, but pumpkin is used in a similar manner.

FARMHOUSE PUMPKIN PIE

1½ cups prepared pumpkin puree, canned or fresh
⅓ cup granulated sugar
⅓ cup light brown sugar, packed
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
Pinch ground cloves
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Zest of 1 orange
3 eggs
¾ cup milk
¼ cup rum
1 cup heavy cream
1 10-inch prepared pie crust

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. In a large mixing bowl combine the pumpkin puree, granulated sugar, brown sugar, salt and spices. Fold in the orange zest and set aside.

Beat the eggs; add the milk, rum and heavy cream. Add this mixture to the reserved pumpkin mixture and blend well. Pour into the prepared pie shell and bake in a 400-degree F oven for 10 minutes. Reduce the heat to 325 degrees F and bake for an additional 30 to 40 minutes, until golden brown and firm to the touch. Cool on a rack and serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream. You can flavor the whipped cream with a drop or two of rum. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Note: One 2¼-pound pumpkin makes 1½ cups puree. Cut the pumpkin in half and remove the seeds. Place on a small cookie sheet and cover with aluminum foil. Bake in a 350-degree F oven on the center rack for 25 to 30 minutes until very soft. Remove and when cool enough to handle, scoop the flesh off the rind. Place in a food processor fitted with a steel blade and puree until smooth and velvety.

PUMPKIN PIE CRUNCH

1 16-ounce can solid pack pumpkin
1 12-ounce can evaporated milk
3 eggs
1½ cups sugar
4 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
½ teaspoon salt
1 package yellow cake mix
1 cup chopped pecans
1 cup butter or margarine, melted
Whipped topping

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease bottom of 13x9x2-inch pan. Combine pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar, pumpkin pie spice and salt in a large bowl. Pour into pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture. Top with pecans. Drizzle with melted butter. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 50 to 55 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely. Serve with whipped topping. Makes 16 to 20 servings. Refrigerate leftovers.

CROSTATA DI ZUCCA

FOR THE PASTA FROLLA:
1¼ cups all-purpose flour
¼ cup sugar
⅛ teaspoon salt
5 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 large egg
FOR THE PUMPKIN FILLING:
1 fresh sugar pumpkin, about 2 pounds, or one 1-pound can solid-pack pumpkin
Pinch salt
⅔ cup sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 large eggs
1 cup almonds, ground
½ cup yellow cornmeal
½ cup candied orange peel
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

For the pasta frolla, combine the dry ingredients and mix well. Rub in the butter until it is absorbed, making sure the mixture remains cool and powdery and does not become pasty. Beat the egg and stir in with a fork. Continue stirring until the dough holds together, then knead it briefly, just until smooth. Shape into a disk, wrap in plastic, and refrigerate at least 1 hour, or until firm.

For the filling, cut the pumpkin into 2-inch dice, scrape away the filaments and peel off the skin. Steam the pumpkin over simmering water about 40 minutes, until it is tender. Puree the pumpkin in a blender or food processor fitted with the metal blade and cool. If the pumpkin puree is excessively watery, cook it, stirring constantly, over medium heat, preferably in a non-stick pan, to dry it out before cooking.

Measure 2 cups of the pumpkin puree (a little more or less won't matter) into a large mixing bowl. Whisk in the sugar, cinnamon and eggs, one at a time. Combine the ground almonds and cornmeal; stir into the pumpkin mixture. Place the candied orange peel in a strainer, rinse it under running water. Oil the blade of a sharp knife. Chop the candied orange peel with the knife. The oil will prevent the orange peel from sticking to the peel. Stir the chopped peel into the filling, then fold in the melted butter.

To assemble the crostata, roll the dough out on a floured surface into a large disk, about 14 inches in diameter. Fold the disk of the dough in half and fit it into a buttered 9-by-2-inch layer cake pan. Press the dough well against the bottom and sides of the pan and trim the edges of the dough so they are even with the top of the pan. Pour in the filling and spread it evenly. The filling will be about ½ inch lower than the top of the pan. Fold the excess dough at the rim inward, over the filling, so that it makes a border about ½ inch wide at the edge.

Bake the crostata in the lower third of a preheated 350-degree F oven for about 45 minutes, until the filling is set and the dough is a light golden color. Cool the crostata in the pan on a rack. When the crostata is completely cooled, place a flat plate or pan on top and invert. Lift off the baking pan and replace it with a platter. Invert again and remove the top plate or pan. Keep the crostata loosely covered at room temperature.

Easy quick bread made nutritious with fruit

N.Y. Times News Service

The following three recipes are from Nutritious Meals Made Easy by Rosemary Steele and Sally Hornberger.

PUMPKIN BREAD

1 cup oil
2 cups sugar
4 eggs
3 cups whole-wheat flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons baking soda
3 teaspoons cinnamon or pumpkin spice
1 teaspoon salt
2 cups pumpkin

Cream oil and sugar. Add 1 egg at a time and beat. Sift dry ingredients and add alternately with pumpkin. Bake in 2 greased loaf pans for 45 minutes at 375 degrees.

BANANA BREAD

½ cup shortening
2 cups whole-wheat flour
3 large bananas
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ cup nuts
2 eggs
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix bananas in mixing bowl. Add other ingredients and blend. Bake in loaf pan at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

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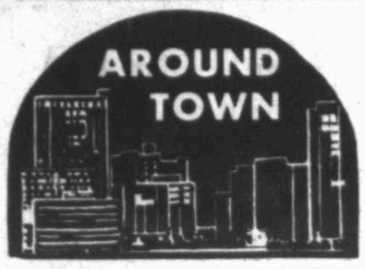
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Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, will present "Willard Nash: Portraits and Self Portraits" through Jan. 13 at the museum. Included are etchings and lithographs as well as oils, charcoals, crayon, watercolor and gouache. The portraits and figure studies are from the collection of James McClary of San Francisco.

An exhibit titled "Earth, Sea and Sky: Charles Woodbury, Artist and Teacher" will be shown through Jan. 20.

Other exhibits at the museum are "The Bear Facts of Christmas" through Jan. 6; Decorator Christmas Trees through Dec. 30; and "The World Through the Eyes of Quetzalcoatlus" through March 24 in the Children's Museum.

Trees decorated with imagination by Midland designers will be presented at the museum through Dec. 30. Themes vary from formal to humorous to whimsical with a variety of colors and decorating. Fireplace mantles are also decorated.

Visitors may vote for their favorite tree by tying a piece of yarn on a post by the tree. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum and the museum shops will be closed Monday, Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 in observance of the holidays...

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Deadline for script submission is Jan. 31, 1991. The finalists will be announced April 1, 1991. Scripts will not be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The playwright retains all rights to the work submitted. For more information call 682-2544...

...**WEST TEXAS** Orchid Society will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 2 in the dining room of Best Western Airport Hotel in Midland. Discussion will be on "Pollination of Orchids" by Francis Frazior. For more information call 699-1840 or 683-2533...

DEAR ABBY

Aussie finds matrimonial ties are ones that bind

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have a charming Australian boyfriend (I'll call him Aussie). We've been together for four years, but we have a few knotty problems. When Aussie was a foolish boy of 18, he married an Australian woman. Two years later, she ran off with another man. Aussie never bothered to get a divorce.



Van Buren

Three years later, Aussie moved to London where he became involved with a South American woman whose visa was about to expire, so he married her so she could stay in England. A year later, they separated, and Aussie figured he was already in such a mess, why bother with a divorce. So, he lost track of her, too.

Now 11 years after Aussie's first wife left him, she contacted his mother, saying she needs a divorce because she has met a fine Australian gentleman who wants to marry her. My Aussie is thrilled because he wants to wipe the slate clean so he can marry me!

My question is whether Aussie needs to obtain a divorce from wife No. 2 in England for our marriage to be recognized there — also, would it be recognized here in the United States?

What are the British laws on bigamy? Should Aussie go back to England and contact a lawyer? And could he be prosecuted there if he divorces his Australian wife and marries me? — CONFUSED IN NEW YORK

DEAR CONFUSED: I have a long-standing agreement with the American Bar Association. I promised not to practice law, and they have promised not to write an advice column.

However, this advice may help: Contact a lawyer in New York who is licensed to practice international law.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a terrible spot. Debby is my best friend. She is very much in love with a fellow I'll call Richard. Debby thinks Richard loves her, too. Well, maybe he does, but yesterday Richard called me up and asked me to go out with him. I told him no.

Now, here's where you come in, Abby. Should I tell Debby that Richard asked me out? Or should I let her keep on being in love with a rat like him? Answer in the paper, please, and sign this ... YES OR NO

DEAR YES OR NO: I vote no. If Debby really loves Richard, nothing you say will change her feelings for him. If you tell Debby that Richard asked you out, she might be angry with you. (When some people get bad news, they blame the messenger.)

Rats like Richard eventually trap themselves. And when that happens, Debby will need a good friend, and you will be there for her.

DEAR ABBY: I live in Toronto, and I've been reading "Dear Abby" all my adult life. I trust your judgment. I just read that a Canadian jury has found the albums by a punk-rock group named Day Glo Abortions were not obscene.

One of the albums was titled "Feed Us a Fetus," and it was laced with four-letter words and described sex, satanism, bestiality, murder, rape and suicide.

Now, if that isn't obscene, I don't know what is, do you? — ANGERED IN CANADA

DEAR ANGERED: My Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines "obscene" as: "disgusting to the senses, repulsive, abhorrent to morality or virtue; designed to incite lust or depravity."

I do not know a more appropriate word to describe the above-mentioned album. I would be interested in knowing how the jury arrived at its conclusion.

To get Abby's booklet "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Historic outhouses now 'in' with preservationists

N.Y. Times News Service

Ashford may look like most other sleepy towns in the rural northeast corner of Connecticut, but in at least one respect it has joined the avant-garde. The Ashford Historical Society has meticulously restored a three-hole outhouse on the town green, and saving such humble structures is one of historic preservation's newest trends.

"All joking aside," said Blake Hayes, curator of historic structures at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich., "there's a growing awareness at historical museums that visitors should be allowed to see not just pretty parlors, but all aspects of how people lived and used the land, including outhouses."

Ronald S. Barlow, author of "The Vanishing American Outhouse" (Windmill Publishing, 1989), said in an interview: "People, even house museums, destroyed outhouses by the thousands after indoor plumbing came along, because they were embarrassed by them. Now they save them, and many times they're even proud of them."

The Ashford outhouse, which stands behind the Ashford Academy, a two-story schoolhouse, circa 1825, was on the verge of collapse when the historical society began restoring it two years ago. The school was closed in 1949, and while local residents occasionally maintained the main building, they allowed the gable-roof privy to disintegrate.

As happens to so many rural outhouses, its roof collapsed and its walls sagged pitifully. The historical society, which plans to turn the school and grounds into a local-history museum in the next five years, grew fearful that vandals would burn down the privy or knock it over. Armed with $1,800 in donations, they hired Robert C. Garofalo, a restoration contractor, who decribes the project as "one of the worst I ever took on."

To return the outhouse to its original appearance, Garofalo first razed half of the building. This was an addition dating from 1900, when the school became co-ed, with a second set of three holes.

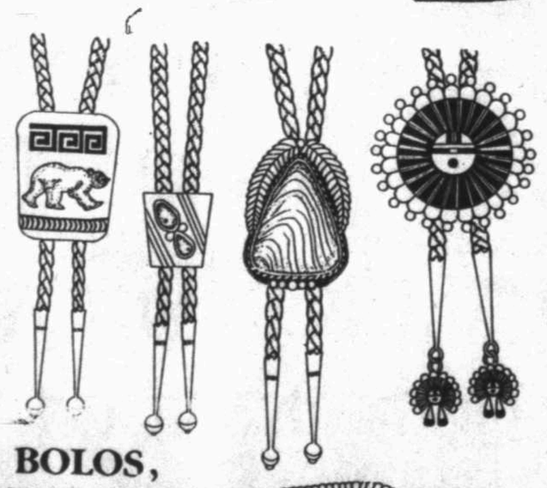
He then rebuilt the original wing's foundation, patched its clapboard skin, straightened its walls and added a cedar-shingle roof to the roughly six-by-six-foot structure.

He stopped short, however, of redigging the privy holes underneath. "This outhouse is only meant to be representational," said Lorraine S. McConnell, president of the historical society.

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NEW YORK (AP) — 'Tis the season to entertain friends — those you invite formally and those who just drop by unexpectedly.

"Brunch can be one of the easiest and most informal ways to celebrate the holidays," says Marie Rama, director of Weddings and Entertaining for Korbel Champagne.

Rama says a brunch with French toast as the main dish is quick and easy. Serve with a side dish of bacon, a selection of cheeses, and chocolate-covered pretzel cookies for dessert. The cookies can be baked ahead and frozen. Another brunch idea: ham and cheese strata, fruit salad and muffins.

FRENCH TOAST TOPPED WITH BANANAS AND STRAWBERRIES

5 eggs
⅔ cup light cream or milk
1½ teaspoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon cinnamon
6 slices thick white bread, about 1-inch thick
6 tablespoons butter or margarine
Banana and Sliced Strawberry Topping (recipe follows)

Beat eggs and cream in a medium mixing bowl. Add vanilla and cinnamon; beat until well-blended. Pour mixture into a shallow bowl or pie plate. Dip both sides of bread slices in the batter, giving each a light coating.

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter or margarine in a large skillet over medium heat. Add as many slices to the skillet as will fit; fry until golden on both sides. Repeat with remaining slices, adding more butter to the skillet as needed.

Remove browned slices to an oven-proof serving platter and warm in a 250-degree oven while preparing the topping. Makes 6 servings.

BANANA AND SLICED STRAWBERRY TOPPING

1 pint strawberries, rinsed and hulled
3 large bananas (not too ripe)
3 tablespoons margarine
3 tablespoons sugar
½ cup orange juice

Reserve 6 strawberries for garnish; slice remainder in half. Peel bananas and carefully slice each in half lengthwise and then in half crosswise. Melt margarine in a large skillet over medium heat.

Add bananas in a single layer and saute for 1 minute; turn them over and sprinkle with sugar. Raise heat to caramelize the sugar slightly, cooking no more than 1 minute. Add orange juice and halved strawberries; simmer just to thicken sauce slightly, about 1 to 2 minutes more.

Spoon bananas and strawberries over French toast on a platter. Pour sauce from skillet over all; garnish platter with reserved whole strawberries. Serve immediately.

(Recipe from: Korbel Champagne)

HAM AND CHEESE STRATA

12 to 14 thin slices white bread
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
12 ounces mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced
8 ounces baked or boiled cooked ham, coarsely chopped
1 cup broccoli flowerettes, cooked and finely chopped
8 large eggs
3 cups milk
1 tablespoon Mexican-style salsa
½ teaspoon dry mustard
¼ teaspoon salt, or to taste
⅛ teaspoon pepper

Trim and discard crusts from bread slices. Generously butter a 13x9x2-inch oblong baking dish. Line the bottom of the dish with half the bread slices; top with half the cheese, half the ham and half the broccoli. Add another layer of bread slices; top with remaining cheese, ham and broccoli.

Combine eggs, milk, salsa, dry mustard, salt and pepper in a medium mixing bowl. Beat until well blended. Pour mixture over the bread and cheese layers.

Pierce through all the layers with a fork in five or six places, and then press the bread down into the egg-mixture to submerge it. Cover and refrigerate several hours or overnight.

Bake, uncovered, in a 350-degree oven for 50 to 55 minutes or until top is puffed and browned, and custard is set. Let stand a few minutes before serving. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

(Recipe from: Korbel Champagne)

CHOCOLATE-COATED PRETZEL COOKIES

8 ounces unsalted butter (2 sticks)
1 cup granulated sugar
2 egg yolks
1 teaspoon grated orange or lemon rind
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup light cream
Chocolate Pretzel Glaze (recipe follows)

Cream butter and sugar together in a mixing bowl. Add egg yolks and orange rind; beat again until light and creamy. Add flour and cream, a little at a time, beating well after each addition. Shape dough into a ball; cover and refrigerate several hours or overnight. When dough is well chilled, break off about 2 heaping tablespoons. Using your hands, roll dough out on a lightly-floured board into a rope about 8 inches long and ½ inches thick.

Twist to make pretzel by bringing up the ends and crossing them over each other. Place pretzel on an ungreased baking sheet. Repeat with remaining dough. Bake in a 400-degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes, or until bottoms of pretzels are lightly browned. Tops of the cookies should not brown. Cool completely on wire racks before dipping in Chocolate Pretzel Glaze. Makes 40 cookies.

CHOCOLATE PRETZEL GLAZE

6 ounces semisweet chocolate
6 tablespoons warm water

Melt chocolate over medium heat in the top of a double boiler. Add the 6 tablespoons warm water. Stir until mixture is smooth. Dip half of each pretzel cookie into the glaze; place on waxed paper or cookie sheet and refrigerate until glaze hardens. Store in an airtight container. Cookies may also be frozen in an airtight container.

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The 'boomerang issue' returns

By Scott Rothschild

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers returning to work Jan. 8 will find insurance regulation in Texas under attack. Sound familiar?

In 1989, the Legislature passed sweeping insurance reforms to clean up a battered State Board of Insurance and also produced an overhaul of the workers' compensation insurance system.

Since then, a special Travis County grand jury and the state auditor's office have found that major problems continue in the insurance board's oversight of the nearly $30 billion per year industry.

The grand jury warned that a "savings-and-loan type disaster" in insurance could be around the corner.

The future of the new workers' compensation law, the product of a vicious political battle, was in doubt before its Jan. 1 effective date. A state district court judge has issued a temporary court order to stop major portions of the law from taking effect. The state has appealed the order.

Throw into this mixture Gov.-elect Ann Richards, who promised pro-consumer insurance reforms in her campaign, and the stage is set for another fight with one of the most powerful special interest groups in the state.

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Kay Doughty, public counsel in the Texas Office of Consumer Protection, said insurance is one of the most important pocketbook issues for Texans.

"It's expensive, and then it seems invariably that when people have a claim, their insurance company hassles them over it," Ms. Doughty said.

However, insurance industry spokesman Rick Gentry said many of the problems are because the public expects more.

"They seem to be saying they want more coverage for less dollars, and they don't want anybody to become insolvent," he said.

A special legislative panel has set the table for lawmakers with about 40 proposed changes to insurance laws.

"These are significant recommendations towards rather major reforms," said state Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, who served as co-chairman of the Joint Committee on Insurance Regulation.

The committee endorses expanding state regulation of property and casualty insurance, plus measures to crack down on fraudulent insurers.

These are some of the major insurance issues that will be contested before the 72nd regular legislative session:

No-fault auto insurance

—The insurance industry has promoted no-fault policies, in which the driver collects compensation in an auto accident from his or her insurer. In return, the policyholder cannot be sued and gives up the right to sue the other driver, except in severe cases such as death or the loss of a limb.

Insurance companies say this will shorten and simplify the claims process, hold down litigation costs and lower premiums.

Personal injury lawyers and some consumers oppose no-fault, saying it would prevent those who have been hurt from collecting full compensation.

An advisory committee to the insurance board recommended legislation that would give drivers the choice of purchasing conventional coverage or no-fault.

Enforcement

—State officials criticize the insurance board for failing to police fraudulent insurers and moving too slowly to take over financially troubled companies.

The special committee recommended beefing up enforcement and accelerating development of an "early warning system" to detect problem companies.

Consumers want lawmakers to pass a "revolving door" policy to prevent former insurance board employees, for a period of time, from representing the companies they once regulated.

Deregulation

—Montford said nearly half of the property insurance policies in Texas are written by unregulated companies, which take the best risks and drive up premiums in the regulated market. He says all these policies should be either regulated or deregulated. Consumers say deregulation would mean disaster, pointing to deregulation in other industries, such as savings and loans.

Anti-trust

—The insurance industry is exempt from anti-trust laws, and consumer groups say that allows collaboration and price-fixing. Cavazos said removing the exemption and giving the Insurance Board the ability to collect its own data in establishing rates are the two most needed reforms.

Gib Lewis seeks fifth term amid legal difficulties

By Peggy Fikac

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis chuckled as he hefted a bottle of hot pepper sauce, labeled "Gib's Bottled Hell."

A gift from another lawmaker, it's appropriate for the upcoming session.

There's an estimated budget shortfall of at least $3.5 billion for 1992-93.

It's time to redraw legislative and congressional district lines, a process that can spark fierce political battles.

Lawmakers may again deal with school finance reform, a battle that lasted four special sessions this year.

And at a time when ethics reform is being pushed hard, a grand jury is investigating Lewis' relationship with an influential law firm.

"Boy, it's going to be a tough one," said Lewis, D-Fort Worth. But he expresses no second thoughts about plans to seek a record-breaking fifth term as speaker.

He already has led the House as long as Billy Clayton, who was elected to his fourth term as speaker in 1981 after being indicted, but acquitted on federal charges of racketeering and conspiracy.

Lewis, 54, said he expects to be vindicated by the current investigation. He says he's not worried about the effect of the inquiry on the regular session that begins in January.

But some bemoan its timing.

"As long as the investigation is continuing, it's going to hurt everybody in the House and the Senate," said Rep. Bruce Gibson, D-Godley. "It's going to prevent a lot of people from focusing on the big issues at hand."

"I would encourage the district attorney to do what he needs to do, but conclude this investigation," Gibson said. "The speaker has assured us no crimes have been committed. All these other things are just allegations at this point."

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle has said the investigation into allegations of wrongdoing by a number of lawmakers and lobbyists will continue into next year.

The grand jury began by looking at ties between Lewis and the San Antonio law firm Heard Goggan Blair & Williams, which has offices around the state. The firm paid part of the 1987 property taxes for a Fort Worth company Lewis partly owns, and he has gone on trips with law firm partners.

Lewis said he welcomes the investigation as a chance to "clear the air." Officials with the firm have denied any wrongdoing.

This isn't the first time Lewis has dealt with ethical questions. He paid a fine in 1986 for failing to disclose in a financial statement his holdings in a number of companies.

His opponent in the November general election, Charles Gore, accused Lewis of taking money from special interests, then favoring those interests in the Legislature.

But Lewis, who trounced Gore, said he's been "out front" on ethics legislation and will join Gov.-elect Ann Richards and Lt. Gov.-elect Bob Bullock in pushing for reform this session. Some areas of the law, such as reporting requirements, need to be clarified, he said.

Gibson, one of a handful of lawmakers who has been mentioned as a potential speaker candidate, said he supports Lewis and knows of no one who plans to challenge him.

"It might happen," Gibson said. "But I don't think it would keep him from being re-elected."

Terminally ill woman gets wish fulfilled

DALLAS (AP) — A woman diagnosed with terminal cancer got her last wish for a white Christmas thanks to an ice company who sprayed three tons of shaved ice on her front lawn for free.

"When the doctors told me I had about six months to live, they told me to dream my dreams while I can," said Elaine Riddle, 41, who has lymphatic cancer. "I told my friend Kathy that if I had one last Christmas, I wanted it to be a white one."

Nature didn't cooperate, so Kathy Decker arranged for the ice company to blow the snow over Ms. Riddle's yard.

Monday afternoon, family and friends gathered in the 40-degree weather to watch as Ms. Riddle's Dallas lawn was covered with an inch-thick coat of snow.

"I'm 41 years old, and I've never had a white Christmas — until today," Ms. Riddle said said.

Ms. Riddle, a snow novice, soon figured out what to do.

Holding Ms. Decker's hand, she bent down and scooped up a handful of snow then popped her brother, Buddy Feagin, in the face with a snowball.

Feagin didn't seem to mind.

"I think this is the greatest thing in the world," he said, wiping the snow from his face. "It would have been nice for the snow (from the weekend cold front) to stick around, but this is better."

The subject of a white Christmas came up a month ago when Ms. Decker was driving Ms. Riddle to a doctor's appointment. The next day, Ms. Decker phoned around and was directed to American Ice Co.

She was told a minimum order of 20 300-pound blocks of ice would cost $500. But when American Ice owner Robert Pierce learned the purpose for the ice, he volunteered his company's services for free.

"I thought 'What the heck, all she wants is a white Christmas,'" Pierce said. "So I told (Ms. Decker) not to worry about the cost."

Two of American Ice's employees came in on their day off to help provide the snow. The blocks were chewed up by a rotating spiked wheel and the resulting powder blown from a large hose.

Pierce said the snow was expected to last through Christmas.

"One thing for sure, I got a Christmas present no one else could have had," Ms. Riddle said.

Firefighters keep watch over blaze

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — Gulfport firefighters kept watch Tuesday over a fire that continued to burn at the west pier of the State Port Authority.

The fire was reported at 5 p.m. Sunday in a metal and block structure, about two city blocks long and a city block wide.

Fire Department spokesman Pat Sullivan said the structure held stacks of frozen whole chickens.

More than 50 firefighters, using 20 trucks and support vehicles, were at the scene Monday night, battling the blaze.

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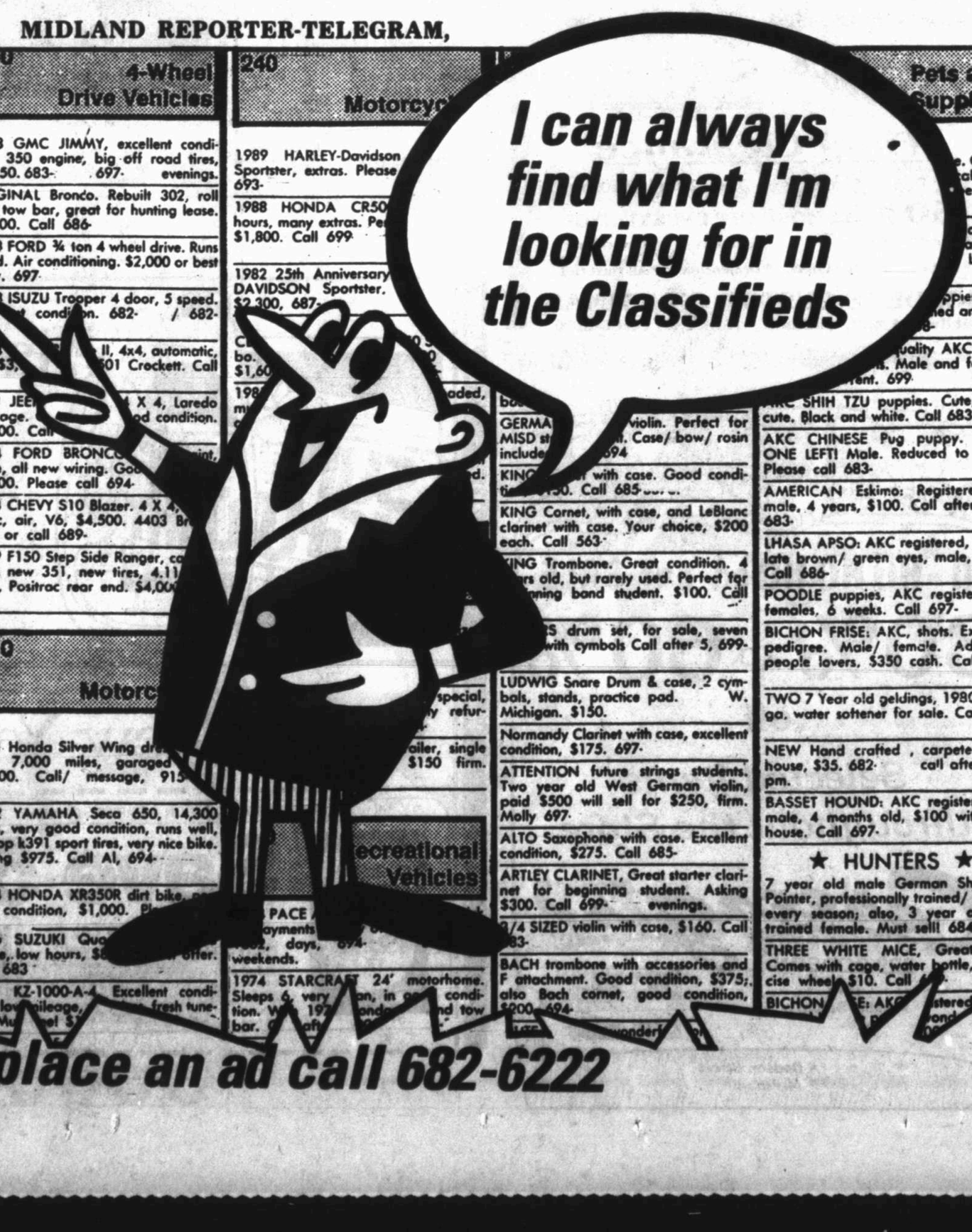
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DECEMBER 19, 26, 1990

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Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas
December 19, 26, 1990

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Automation of the Midland County Health Department's Recordkeeping System.

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Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas
December 19, 26, 1990

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Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Mike McAnally, Resident Engineer, Odessa, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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115 Announcements

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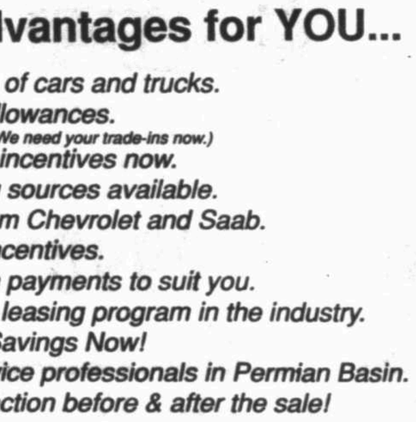
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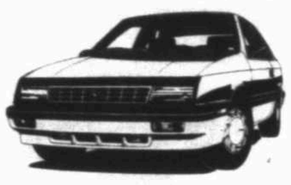
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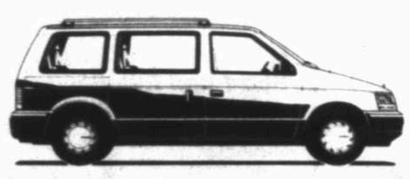
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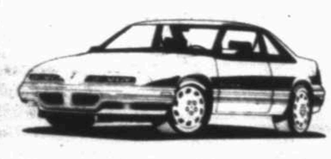
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310 General Help Wanted

FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN

Trico Submersible Systems, a manufacturer of oilfield electric submersible pumping equipment, seeks an experienced Field Service Technician. Successful candidate will be qualified to operate, troubleshoot, and service downhole equipment, control panels, and variable speed drives. Position open beginning January 1, 1991.

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TRICO SUBMERSIBLE SYSTEMS
2000 COMMERCE DRIVE
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311 Medical Help Wanted

RN or LVN

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Top wages & benefits available for above average hands with favorable work record. Drug screen urinalysis required for acceptable applicants.

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Position available for Physical Therapy Manager.
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310 General Help Wanted

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN

(TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST)

THE TEXAS-NEW MEXICO PIPE LINE COMPANY HAS AN IMMEDIATE OPENING AT Midland, Texas. APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE A STRONG BACKGROUND IN MICROWAVE OR COMPUTER SCADA SYSTEMS. MUST PERFORM WITH MINIMAL SUPERVISION AND RESPOND TO TROUBLE CALLS AS REQUIRED. EXCELLENT BENEFITS. SALARY COMMENSURATE WITH EXPERIENCE. SEND RESUME TO P.R. ROWLAND, P.O. BOX 10331, MIDLAND, TEXAS OR CALL (915) 682-2531 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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RN's for Home Health Agency. Please send resume and salary requirements to: BOX G-03, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

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Experienced geological drafter needed for temporary assignment. Autocad experience also required. Could be career opportunity. Call

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316 Clerical Help Wanted

CLERK TYPIST

Trico Submersible Systems, a manufacturer of oilfield electric submersible pumping equipment, seeks an experienced Clerk Typist. Successful candidate will be qualified in typing (60 wpm), receptionist skills, general filing, word processor, fax machine, light bookkeeping, Lotus 1-2-3, and willingness to learn. Position open beginning January 1, 1991.

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SECRETARY/ HUMAN RESOURCES

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Happy Holidays from TEMP TIME 687-1545

316 Clerical Help Wanted

Compressor Systems, Inc., a premier company in the field gas compressor industry with one of the largest and fastest growing rental fleets, is accepting applications for the following position in its Midland Office:

Part-Time Clerical/Payroll Assistant

One year minimum clerical and computerized payroll experience. Hours will be from 8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Salary will depend upon applicants qualifications and prior work experience. CSI offers an excellent benefit program for its employees. Please submit a current resume to:

**Compressor Systems, Inc.
Attn: Debbie Ellis
3800 South FM 1788
Midland, Texas 79711
An Equal Opportunity Employer**

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

for independent oil operator has positions available.

Would prefer experience in Data Entry, bank reconciliations, spreadsheets and some typing required. Must be a non-smoker. Please leave resume at 1404 W. Wall or call 683-5451.

320 Sales Help Wanted

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340 Child Care

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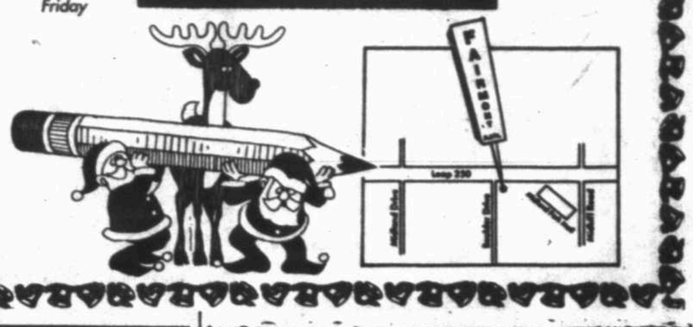
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Professional Rodeo Cowboy As... unprecedented growth.

Former OC rodeo star wins national title

Staff Report

A former Odessa College rodeo star won his second consecutive finals All Around Cowboy title at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 9. World Champion All-Around Cowboy Ty Murray, now a Stephenville, Texas, resident, retained his prestigious title despite sitting out two events in the ninth go-round and all of the final round with a severely bruised knee.

Murray is entered in the bull riding competition in this year's Sand Hills rodeo.

He eclipsed the single-season earnings record with 1990 prize money of $213,772. The previous record was $166,042, set in 1987 by Lewis Feild of Elk Ridge, Utah. Murray will return to Odessa to participate in the Sandhills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show and Rodeo.

Nothing defines professional rodeo's color, excitement and ultimate action like the National Finals Rodeo. This spectacular event, which had a purse this year of $2.3 million, brings together the world's finest cowboys and cowgirls and the toughest livestock to produce a one-of-a-kind extravaganza.

Since the NFR's 1959 inception it has been reserved for each year's respective top 15 contestants in saddle bronc riding, calf roping, team roping, bull riding, steer wrestling, bareback riding and women's barrel racing.

Every contestant competes in 10 rounds. At stake are payoffs in the go-round and average competitions, and, because of the huge NFR purse, world championships. This year's prize money, the biggest ever, also means that even the cowboy entering the NFR in the 15th slot of his event has a legitimate shot at winning a world crown.

Kermit, Texas, resident Jim Sharp won the bull riding world championship title race in the Las Vegas event. He has earned a season total of $126,421 and is also a former Odessa College rodeo star.

Norman Curry of Deberry, Texas, won the 10th round of bull riding competition and became the second man in history to ride 10 bulls at the NFR. Curry scored 87 points on Beutler and Gaylord's Black Mamba Skoal.

Five bull riders topped their animals in Las Vegas, with four scoring 80 points or higher.

Texan Chuck Logue of Decatur captured his first world bareback riding title at the finals rodeo, boosted by a win in the rodeo's average competition with the highest total score over 10 rounds. Logue's season total, including a $22,229 bonus for winning the average, is $112,905. Named in 1979 the bareback riding rookie of the year, he has competed in eight national finals.

Ote Berry of Checotah, Okla., came from behind Louisiana bulldogger Mike Smith to capture his second world steer wrestling championship. Berry, the 1985 steer wrestling champion, shared the final evening's win in Las Vegas to put him over the edge by just $147. He finished the year with $92,101.

Team roper Allen Bach of Merced, Calif., slipped into the World Championship position, boosted by the $11,502 he earned for having the second-fastest cumulative time in the NFR. He entered the 10-round rodeo in 15th place, the lowest position to qualify for the finals. Bach, the 1979 world champion team roper, earned $65,051 in 1990.

Consistent times allowed Bach to capture this year's championship title moving from 15th to first place.

Despite being bucked off his final horse, saddle bronc rider Robert Etbauer of Ree Heights, S.D., claimed the broncriding title with season earnings of $113,164. This is the first title for Etbauer, a three-time NFR qualifier.

Troy Pruitt of Minatare, Neb., claimed the world calf-roping title with $98,346 in 1990 earnings.

Charmayne Rodman of Galt, Calif., clinched her seventh consecutive world barrel racing title. She finished the season with $130,328.

Bareback rider Bruce Ford of Kersey, Colo., had reason to celebrate although he didn't claim a world title. Ford's tie for second place in the bareback riding average pushed his career earnings $3,100 past the million dollar mark.

Murray youngest all-around cowboy

Staff Report

Ty Murray, though barely out of his teens, is already traveling with some pretty impressive company. The 21-year-old from Stephenville, Texas, and formerly an Odessa College rodeo star, is the youngest man ever to earn the title of world champion all-around cowboy. Murray is already being mentioned with rodeo legends Jim Shoulders, Casey Tibbs and Larry Mahan as one of the most gifted cowboys in rodeo history.



Murray

He is entered in the bull riding competition at this year's Sand Hill's Rodeo, which has attracted 589 contestants. Murray's phenomenal success as a PRCA cowboy follows a childhood dedicated to developing his skills at both ends of the arena.

"I think that a real cowboy ought to be able to do everything," Murray said in 1988 en route to the PRCA's rookie of the year title. In college rodeos, the wiry Murray not only rode roughstock, but also competed as a steer wrestler. But, at 5 feet 8 inches and 140 pounds, Murray's future obviously lies at the bucking end of the arena.

Murray claimed that 1988 Resistol rookie of the year award at just 19, earning $45,977 riding bulls, bareback broncs and saddle broncs. Murray's rookie earnings, however, were so evenly spread between the three events that he didn't qualify for the 1988 National Finals Rodeo.

In 1989, Murray qualified for the finals ninth in the saddle bronc riding and 15th in the bareback riding. He was only one of only two cowboys at the NFR to qualify in two events, ironically sharing that distinction with his uncle, Butch Myers of Athens, Texas. Myers, with official earnings of $79,561 in the all-around competition and Murray, with $76,775, were second and third in the all-around title race when the Finals opened. Both were considered top contenders for the title because of their two-event qualifications.

Ironically, Myers not only entered the rodeo as Murray's top competition for the all-around title; he was also the inspiration that fueled Murray.

When Myers won the steer wrestling world championship buckle in 1980, Murray, then 11, held the buckle and said, "I can't wait to get my own."

Murray's ambition never faded. A huge poster of the world all-around champion's buckle was hung in the main concourse at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas, site of the 1989 National Finals Rodeo.

"Every day when I'd go over to the elevator to come down here (to the arena) to ride, I'd look at that buckle — every day," Murray said.

Murray earned $58,031 during the 10-round NFR to finish 1989 with $134,806 in official earnings. He placed seven times at the Finals in 1989, including first-place rounds in both the saddle bronc and bareback riding.

"I don't want people to remember me as a bull rider or a bronc rider, I just want them to remember me as a cowboy," said Murray.

Nebraskan to announce rodeo

Hadley Barrett of North Platte, Neb., is the announcer for this year's Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show and Rodeo.

His many acheivements include Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association announcer of the year in 1983, '85, '89; Prairie Circuit announcer of the year, 1979; co-host of the rodeo ProTour USA TV series, 1982-83 and the Hesston TV National Finals Rodeo series.

Barrett has also worked on the NFR ESPN 1987 and '88 telecast and the 1988 Great Lakes Circuit Finals.

He cites ranching and Western singing as his other occupations, and he enjoys golf and calf roping for his hobbies.

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Sand Hills show officers, directors listed

Staff Report

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Button Estes of Midland, past president; Steve Parker of Odessa, treasurer and Wannie Beavers of Odessa, secretary.

Vice presidents are Flake Tompkins of Midland; Calvin Smith of Penwell; Parmer Willis of Odessa; Joe Hurt of Odessa; Larry Fernandes of Kermit and Ronnie Sewell of Odessa.

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Directors from Midland include Beau Estes, John Foster, Randy Howell and Gerald Nobles, Jr.

Directors from other West Texas towns include Billy Irl Butler, Crane; Billy Cole and Ed Cole, Goldsmith; James King, Monahans, Sam Massey, Wickett, Bobbie McKnight, Fort Davis; Billy Mitchell Jr., Fort Stockton; Charlie Mitchell, Kermit; Robert Roark, Andrews and R.C. (Chief) Roy, Notrees.

Honorary directors for the show include H.C. Bedford, Midland; Jim Blain, Odessa; Bill Blakemore, Midland; J.P. Espy, Fort Davis; Bill Hutchison, Odessa; Buzz Hurt, Odessa; Evelyn Krajcar, Odessa and Hubert Martin, Odessa.

Other honorary directors are Robert McKnight, Odessa; Jay Poyner, Odessa; Bill Quillen, Odessa; Duke Samson, Odessa; Clarence Scharbauer Jr., Midland; Bob Stallard, Odessa; Fred Willis, Lampasas; Ray Wittie, Odessa and Byron Wortham, Odessa.

Members of the public relations and entertainment committee are John Foster, Alan Luskey, Glen Atkins, Button Estes, Don Thorn, Randy Howell, Pat Leary, Howard Rockafellow, Ronnie Sewell, Sam Massey and Larry Hooton.

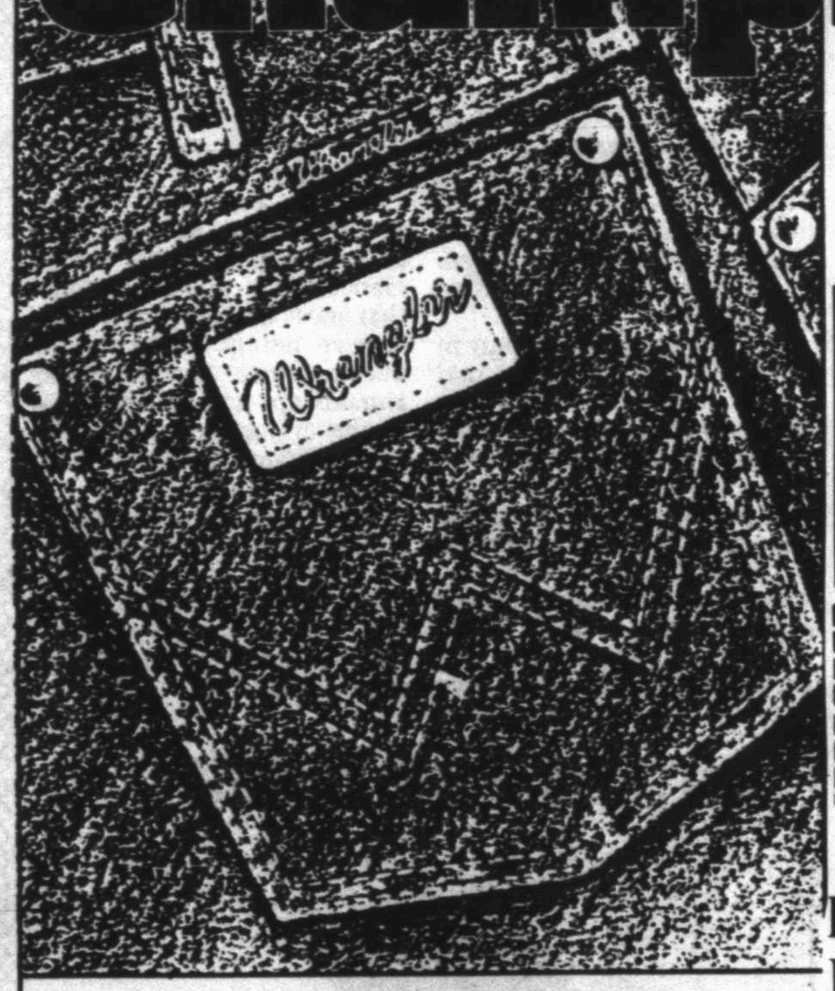
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Jim Word is in charge of records.

Rodeo chairman is Charles Richardson. Members of his committee are C.A. Mitchell, Buster Cole, J.R. Richardson, Beau Estes, Toya Bolton, Gerald Nobles, Jr., John Ramsey, Steve Parker, Calvin Smith, Button Estes and Johnnie McComas.

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Rodeo producer

Harry Void of Avondale, Colo., is the producer of this year's Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show and Rodeo. Born and raised in Canada, Void, the 1987 Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association Stock Contractor of the Year, started his rodeo company in 1954, relocating to the Colorado ranch in the late 1960s. He buys most of his bulls, but breeds many bucking horses. Void puts on rodeos in 15 states, including the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo in Wyoming.

Students to compete in calf dressing

Staff Report

Area high schools competing in the calf dressing events during the Sand Hills Rodeo have been assigned competition dates.

The winning school's team will receive a $1000 scholarship and each team member will receive a buckle. Teams are composed of one student, one teacher, one administrator and one of these must be a female, according to a release from the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Association.

Calves will be haltered and turned out at the same time, and each team must put a pair of bloomers on their calf. The first team to get their calf across the finish line with the bloomers on will be the winner.

Teams competing in the first go round on Friday are Greenwood High School, Buena Vista High School and Grandfalls-Royalty High School.

In the second go round, Wednesday, January 2, teams competing are Garden City High School, Seminole High School, Crane High School and Permian High School.

On Thursday, January 3 teams from Odessa High School, McCamey High School, Kermit High School and Sands High School will compete.

Winners of each round will compete during the rodeo on Saturday, January 5.

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Events demanding

The seven events of professional rodeo are physically demanding and, therefore, certainly not free of risk. But neither are they as dangerous as they might appear, according to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

A 1988 survey indicates that the injury rate for animals at PRCA rodeos was so low as to be statistically negligible. In 6,933 outings, just 12 animals (less than 2/10 of 1 percent) were injured, according to data compiled by on-site veterinarians.

The injuries occurred only in the calf roping, bringing that event's injury rate to 0.8 percent. The 12 injuries occurred in 1,546 runs. No injuries were noted in the PRCA's six other events and all of the veterinarians who took part in the survey indicated that the animals were well cared-for and the rodeo grounds were in good condition. Other informational surveys throughout the years have also indicated that animal injury rates in professional rodeo are extremely low.

The Humane Society of the United States claimed in the past that rodeo is cruel because it places animals in situations where injuries "are very likely to occur." Although the possibility of injury does exist in rodeo — just as it does in a ranch situation."

Rodeo's critics may argue that the animals have no choice about being used in performances, but there's evidence that most actually enjoy what they're doing, especially the bucking stock. And the roping animals are not unaccustomed to the arena action, since it's basically an offshoot of what goes on in ranching life.

PCRA said there's no way to "make" these animals perform; they certainly can't be tortured into performing. An animal in pain, like a human in pain, isn't likely to undertake any physical activity.

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CITYLINE hotline activated for rodeo

Staff Report

The Midland Reporter-Telegram CITYLINE has activated its Sandhills and Quarterhorse Show Hotline (category 7787) for this year's events. This hotline will provide free information regarding daily events, ticket information, biographical information on some of the local competitors as well as entertainment information during the nine day stock, quarterhorse and rodeo event.

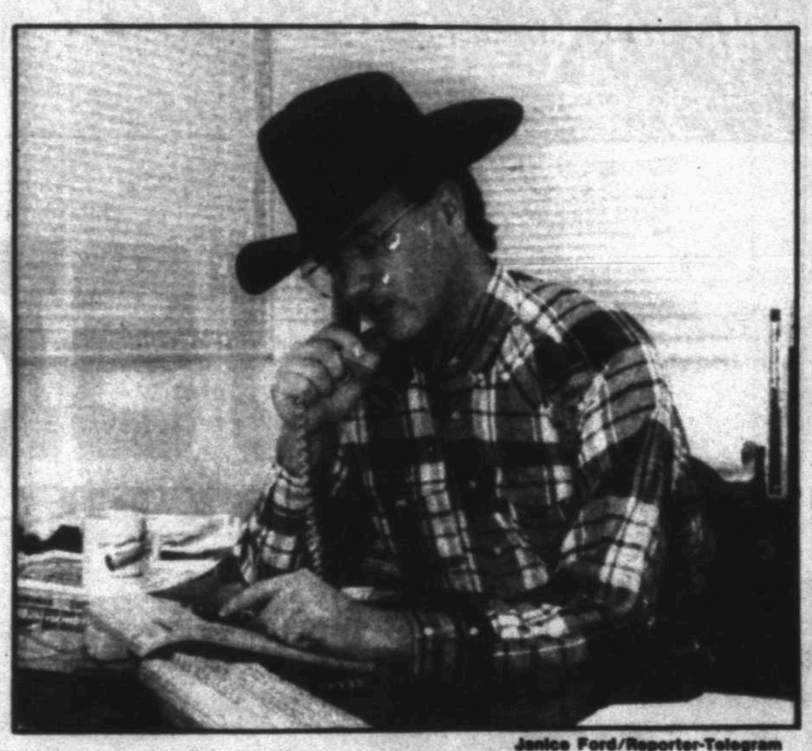
The Sandhills Hereford and Quarterhorse Show Hotline may be reached by calling CITYLINE at 560-2400 and entering "SPUR" or 7787 on your touchtone telephone. Then:

- Press 1 for stock show schedule.
- Press 2 for quarterhorse show schedule
- Press 3 for PRCA Rodeo schedule and ticket information.
- Press 4 for entertainment schedule and ticket information.
- Press 5 for stock show results.
- Press 6 for quarterhorse show results.
- Press 7 for PRCA Rodeo updates.

All calls to the Midland Reporter-Telegram CITYLINE are free. Daily rodeo updates will be available on CITYLINE following each performance.

Information provided on CITYLINE is available 24 hours a day , seven days a week at the caller's convenience. This special "SPUR" Hotline is the first local line to provide Permian Basin rodeo, stock and quarterhorse enthusiasts with information on the Sandhills Hereford and Quarterhorse Show in Odessa. This year's Hotline is being sponsored by Wells Boot City, 805 S. Midkiff, in Midland.

CITYLINE also provides news, weather, sports, entertainment, informational features and local news. A directory of categories is available by calling Trish Kile at 687-8835 at the Midland Reporter-Telegram CITYLINE office.



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Greg Grueben, Midland County Extension Agent Assistant for Agriculture calls CITYLINE for information about The Sandhills Hereford and Quarterhorse Show and Rodeo.

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Horse show and rodeo events listed

Staff Report

Schedule of Sand Hills Quarter Horse Show and Rodeo events

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Rodeo tickets available at the door or at Luskey's Western Store in Midland, 2310 W. Michigan
$5.00 general admission and $6.00 box seats

Thursday, December 27
3:00 p.m. — Arrival deadline for lambs
Weigh and sift club lambs
8:00 p.m. — Arrival deadline for junior steers and junior heifers

Friday, December 28
8:00 a.m. — Judge club lambs, release non-sale lambs after show
8:30 a.m. — Weigh, measure, classify and tooth junior steers
2:00 p.m. — Judge junior Hereford heifers
Judge Texas Hereford Association futurity heifer
Texas Junior Hereford Association Showmanship contest
7:30 p.m. — World's Championship Indoor Rodeo
Dance, Building G — **ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL, JAY ERIC** — Adults ~~$9.00~~

Saturday, December 29
7:00 a.m. — Judge junior Hereford steers, release non-sale steers after show
1:30 p.m. — Auction of junior steers and club lambs
7:30 p.m. — World's Championship Indoor Rodeo
Dance, Building G — **JODY NIX** — Adults $7.00

Sunday, December 30
7:00 a.m. — Open and youth Quarter Horse Show

Monday, December 31
7:00 a.m. — Open and Youth Quarter Horse Show

Tuesday, January 1
9:00 a.m. — Open cutting contest
Non-professional cutting contest
$20,000 amateur cutting contest

Wednesday, January 2
Rodeo Slack All Day
7:30 a.m. — World's Championship Indoor Rodeo
Dance, Building G — **Jody Nix** — Adults $6.00

Thursday, January 3
7:00 a.m. — Team penning, open and mixed division
1:00 p.m. — PRCA Steer Roping — Andrews County Arena
7:30 p.m. — World's Championship Indoor Rodeo
Dance, Building G — **Jody Nix** — Adults $6.00

Friday, January 4
7:30 p.m. — World's Championship Indoor Rodeo
Dance, Building G — **Crystal Creek** — Adults $6.00

Saturday, January 5
ALL DAY — Tex-Mex barrel racing
7:30 p.m. — World's Championship Indoor Rodeo
Dance, Building G — **Mark Chesnutt and Randy Pelt** — Adults $9.00





Asleep at the Wheel, left, and Jody Nix, below, among the entertainers at this year's Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show and Rodeo.

■ For updated information on the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show and Rodeo, call **Cityline** at **560-2400,** then press **7787** for show and rodeo information.



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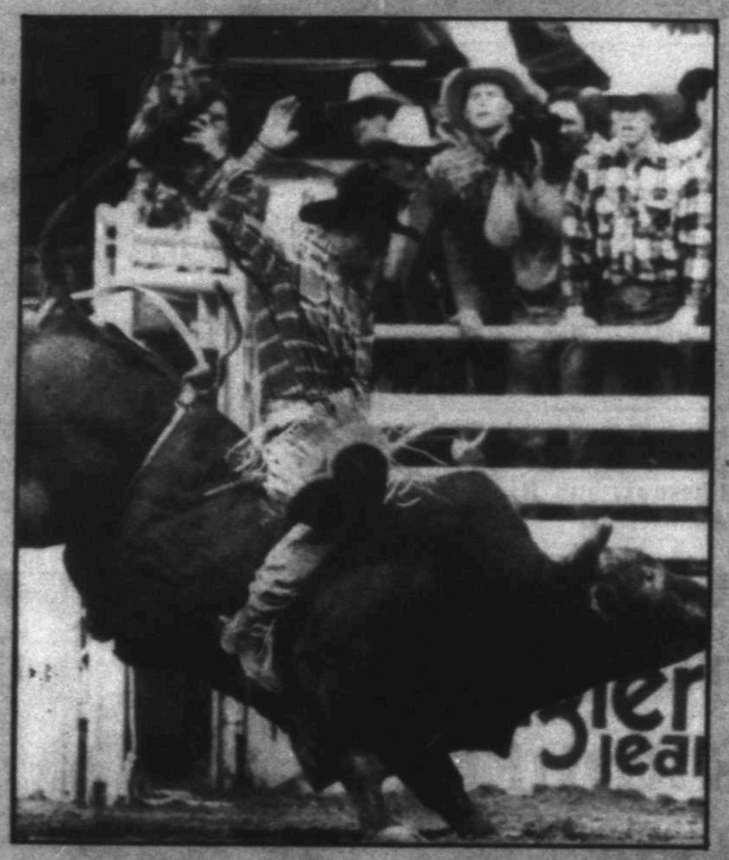
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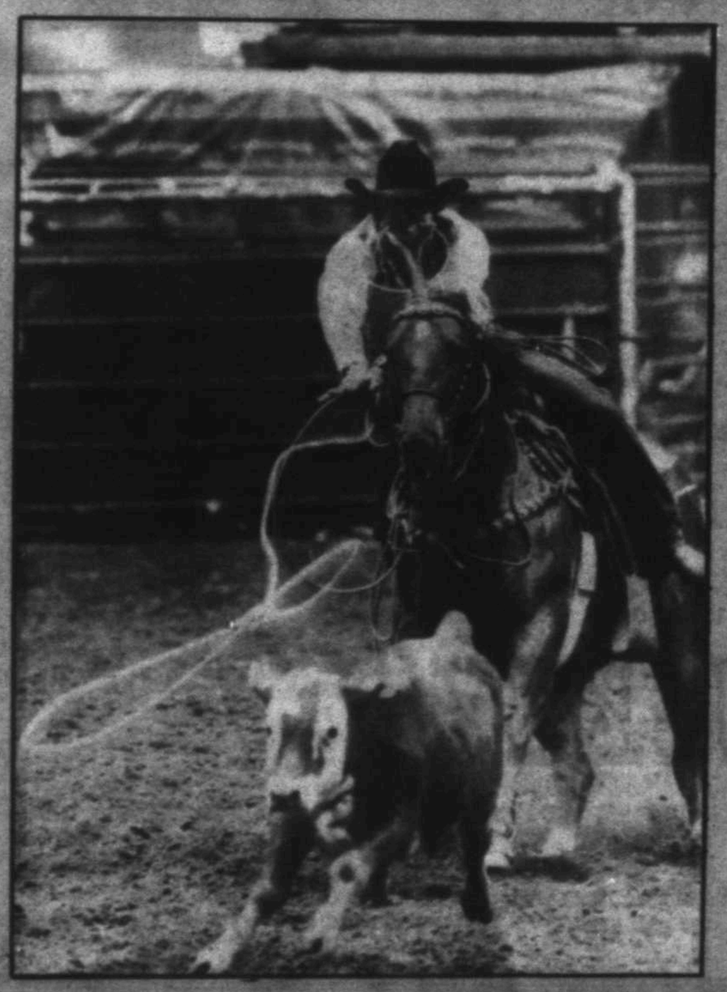
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The rodeo cowboy

His is a sport so unique and powerful that, almost without exception, it also is his way of life.

The rodeo cowboy is an athlete, to be sure, but one like no other. The risks of professional rodeo are greater and the security less than perhaps those of all other competitive sposrts. Physical danger is a fact of life, yet a paycheck is never guaranteed. It's a rugged road built for a special breed.

Rodeo remains the only sport in the world to have developed from the skills required in a work situation. However, today's rodeo cowboy may come from almost any background — from educator to ranch hand, lawyer to horse trainer. While only a few thousand cowboys rely on rodeo competition as their sole means of support, many more compete when and where their "real" jobs allow. In either case, the odds are greater than his skills, though perhaps discovered in a corral, were perfected at a rodeo school.

While the vocational trend of America today is toward specialized education and job security, rodeo continues to attract talented young athletes by the score. Often these future arena stars play football or wrestle throughout their school years, only to leave these traditional sports for the dust and sweat of the rodeo arena.

Why?

Certainly, it isn't the money that pulls these cowpokes onto the backs of bucking broncs or raging bulls. Financial risks have always been just as big a part of the rodeo as the physical dangers. With a winning ride, a rodeo cowboy can make $10,000 in eight seconds. But just as easily he can be tossed to the arena floor and seriously injured. And behind every cowboy who wins there stand hundreds who did not. It is their entry fees and willingness to put it all on the line that make the win both meaningful and profitable. A championship is the combined result of luck, skill and dedication. The absence of any of these key ingredients will send the cowboy down the road with an empty pocket or worse, yet without eagerness for another try.

It is unlikely that the prospect of fame compels the cowboy to ride, rope or wrestle.

The life of today's rodeo cowboy, be he champion or wide-eyed rookie, is anonymous and often lonely. Miles of highway stretch between every rodeo and the cowboy spends much more time at the controls of a truck than in control of a bronc.

More than likely, the attraction of rodeo lies in its steep challenges and opportunities of independence. Regardless of the risks involved, the rodeo cowboy chases his goals in a style he considers essential. Working and sweating for a possible steak dinner is infinitely more palatable than working nine to five for a guaranteed burger.

Rodeo truly is a part of this country that should not and will not die. It is man against animal versus man against animal — an unlikely scenario, both unique and inspiring.

"Tuff" Hedeman of Bowie, Texas, above left, was the 1986 and 1989 world bull riding champion. Rabe Rabon of San Antonio, Fla., left, was 1989 world calf roping champion. Guy Allen of Lovington, N.M., right, was the steer roping champion for 1977, 1980, 1982, 1984, and 1989.



Cowboy's life not all glamour

Through certainly an integral, romantic and lasting piece of American history, professional rodeo is not all glamour and excitement.

Behind every eight-second ride in the arena are countless hours of driving lonesome highways. And behind every gold buckle is a cowboy who has felt his share of hard licks and tasted his fill of bitter disappointment.

To be sure, the life of the professional rodeo cowboy is a special one; one that is envied by many and experienced by few. But it is also a rugged life filled with high points and failures, excitement and hard work.

To compete in the race for Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association world championship, a professional rodeo cowboy must compete at 100 to 125 rodeos each year. No paycheck is guaranteed, so the expenses of a yearlong title chase can be both staggering and frustrating.

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To ease the financial responsibilities, the PRCA several years ago established the "buddy system," in which two to four cowboys can ensure their entry in the same performance of any of the PRCA's 700 rodeos. That allows the "friendly foes" to share traveling expenses and driving responsibilities.

Not surprisingly, the buddy system concept often grown into much more. Because it's practically impossible to make it "down the road" solo, entire lives regularly become interwoven when clothes, money and hotel rooms, not to mention philosophies, disappointments and joys, are shared while traveling the country's long highways. Commonly, cowboys compete against each other by day, only to share a ride that night to the next rodeo.

But, just as the individual rodeo events differ, so do the traveling methods of the varied cowboys. Timed-event contestants, often burdened with at least one horse, trailer and the necessary tack, usually must travel by pickup truck and trailer. The animals are often expensive and must be kept well-nourished, shod and healthy, which means stopping every four hours or so for exercise and water. Sometimes a second driver is employed so the cowboy can compete, hop a flight to a distant rodeo, then meet his mount at yet another event.

Competitors in the roughstock events usually live a different life. Jammed five or six into a car or van, these are the real supporters of truck stops and fast-food joints. Hotel rooms and clean clothes are luxuries. Very often the engine cools only as long as the rodeo lasts. Then it's back on the road for many hours of hard driving to the next show. This hurry-up lifestyle is year-round and can't be hampered by snow or rain.

Rodeo, indeed , is a unique and wonderful chunk of America. But it's also a taxing vocation that makes and breaks men at a young age. Cowboys usually aren't past their early twenties when they decide to "find a real job" or head off "down the road."

Museum dedicated to rodeo

The roots of the rodeo cowboy trace back to America's early days. In the Old West, ranch cowboys used their roping and riding skills out of necessity.

Sick calves were roped in the pasture for doctoring. But first, the cowboy had to break and train a horse from which he could work. Ranch cowboys made small wagers among themselves as to who could catch a calf the fastest, thus not tiring a sick animal, or who could ride a bucking horse longer and with more style.

The friendly competitions and rivalries helped take the monotony out of their daily routines on the ranch. It wasn't long before the concept caught on.

The cowboys organized competitive get-togethers with ranch hands from surrounding countries and eventually a nationwide professional organization, the original Cowboys' Turtle Association, was formed.

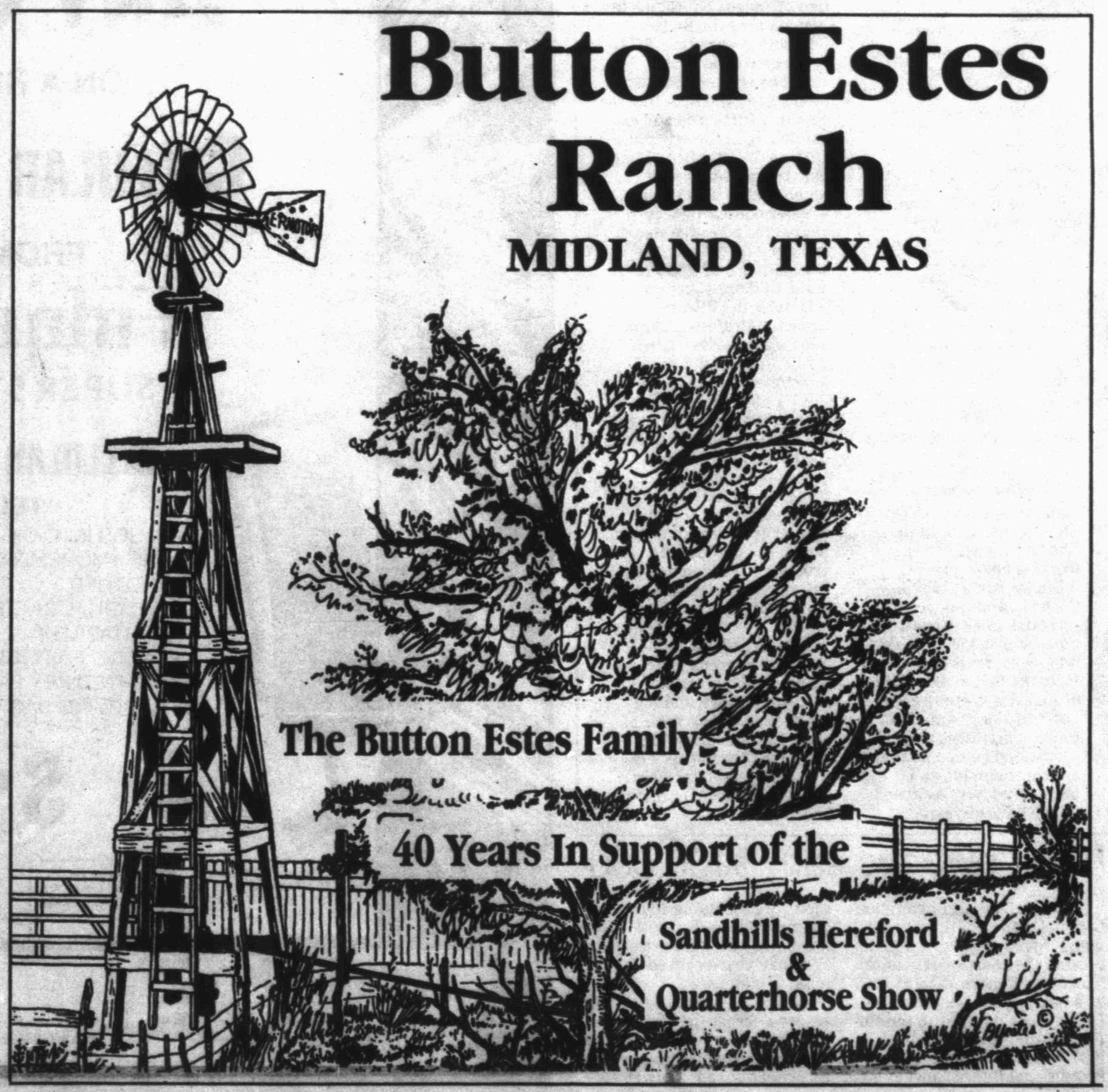
In August of 1979, the ProRodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy was dedicated as a tribute to the sport of rodeo and its past and present legends and champions. The Hall is situated on a 20-acre site near the foot of scenic Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Hall is a non-profit educational museum and its purpose is to teach this and future generations of the rodeo cowboy's role in America's growing culture.

Two theater presentations, which include contemporary and historical footage and advanced techniques, guide visitors through the action-packed history of professional rodeo. Displays in the Hall of Fame include generations of cowboy gear and memorabilia, bronze statues, photographs and personal possessions of rodeo legends.

Live rodeo stock, including a bucking bull, broncs and a longhorn steer, is housed in the outdoor garden area during summer months.

The Hall is located adjacent to the PRCA National headquartered in Colorado Springs, just off exit 147 of Interstate 25. Daily hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day. Winter hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Telephone: (719) 593-8847.



Animals' health as important as the cowboys'

The health and performance of the animal athletes of professional rodeo are as important to the sport as the cowboys themselves.

Stock contractors and cowboys take sincere interest in caring for their equine and bovine partners. Without them, there would be no rodeo.

In the arena, horses, calves, steers and bulls work both with and against the cowboys, helping them by challenging them. As animal's performance can make or break a cowboy's efforts. Rodeo animals have personalities; each is an individual and has varying moods, as well as good days and bad days, just like the cowboys.

The bucking stock — bulls and bronc — must be fit and lively in order to perform to professional standards. The calves and steers used in the timed events are also worthy of their professional status; they are fit, sleek and healthy, and they often outsmart the cowboys.

Horses working the roping and steer wrestling events are also given the finest care by the cowboys. It stands to reason that, the better they are treated, the better they will perform. There is an unwritten code among cowboys that says the animals will be fed and cared for each day before a cowboy thinks of himself.

There are more than 70 PRCA stock contractors today,

1800s cattle drives played role in rodeo development

Rodeo was born on the Western plains of young America. The exact details of the sport's birth, however, remain a mystery.

While several towns and regions of the Old West often lay claim to various "firsts" and "biggests" in rodeo, no solid evidence positively outlining the origins of rodeo exists. Undoubtedly, the great cattle drives of the late 1800s played a major role in the development of the sport, as rodeo's first riding and roping contests took place when ranch outfits met on trails and at railheads and matched top cowboys in spontaneous exhibitions of skill. The contests usually were conducted without fences or corrals, creating some pretty "western" spectacles.

Later, it became customary for large ranches to "give a rodeo." This festivity often included food and dancing, a welcome relief from the hard and lonely life led by most cowboys. Although the contests were loosely organized, a tradition soon was born. Today, rodeo remains unique as a professional sport, its skills derived exclusively from a working environment.

But even after leaving the trails and ranches for spectator-filled arenas, rodeo still lacked organization. Then, in the late 1920s the Rodeo Association of America, a group composed of North American rodeo committees and promoters, named its first annual champion cowboys. Titles were awarded on the basis of yearly earnings accumulated under a point system.

The first lasting organizational effort, though, came from the contestants themselves, who banded together in 1936 to ensure fair prize money, consistency in judging and honest advertising of the sport. Known as the Cowboy's Turtle Association, the small organization of rodeo contestants in 1945 became the Rodeo Cowboys Association (RCA).

Operated and governed by the contestants themselves, the RCA successfully furthered and expanded upon the original goals of the "Turtles." Longtime representatives of rodeo's other components — stock contractors, announcers and rodeo committees — grew with the association, and today remain vital to its success.

In 1975, the RCA became the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA), nationally headquartered in Denver, Colo. Today, located in a 30,000-square-foot facility in Colorado Springs, Colo., the PRCA is the official sanctioning authority of professional rodeo.

Experiencing unprecedented growth and recognition in the past decade, professional rodeo now rivals major professional team sports in spectator sppeal.

With nearly $16 million annually in arena prize money, $13 million in sponsor support, and 700 sanctioned rodeos each year, PRCA rodeo is big business. Yet, the association continues to preserve the rich tradition of the rodeo cowboy.

Few cowboys earn $100,000

In 1967, all-around champion Larry Mahan rode into professional rodeo history when he became the sport's first contestant to earn more than $50,000 in a single year. In 1980, Paul Tierney was the first to top the $100,000 single-season mark. In 1986, a dozen members of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, including four world champs, cleared the $100,000 hurdle as the total prize package that year reached the $16 million plateau.

As PRCA cowboys continue to earn larger purses and increased media recognition, professional rodeo is experiencing unprecedented growth.



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