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(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Lts. Don and Helene Wildish display a sampling of the toys to be given to local youngsters through the Salvation Army's Christmas campaign, made possible through the generous giving of area citizens.

Salvation Army reaches Christmas goal

Pampa has shown once again that it's a community with a heart, says Lt. Don Wildish, commander of the local Salvation Army, and all he wants to do is say "Thanks!"

Area citizens responded with enthusiasm to the Army's annual Christmas drive for the needy with a goal of $25,000, he said, adding that by Wednesday afternoon the Army had already received $24,500.

"We should get $200 or $300 in this afternoon from our kettles and the rest before the week is out," Wildish said. "I'm just so happy, I feel like running down the street and saying 'Thanks' to everybody!"

Approximately 220 local families applied for Christmas aid from the Salvation Army this year – about 50 more families than expected, officials reported.

The Salvation Army provides toys for children age 12 and under and a Christmas dinner basket for families that qualify for the aid.

The Army also places the children from these families on Angel Trees at certain locations in Pampa. Citizens can take these "Angels" from the trees and buy gifts of clothing for the children.

Today and Wednesday, parents of the families have come by the Salvation Army to pick up their Christmas baskets and the toys for the children, along with gifts that have been bought for the children through the Angel Tree program, Wildish said.

Fugitive Noriega vows on radio to 'win or die'

By ELOY O. AGUILAR
Associated Press Writer

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) – U.S. troops controlled major Panamanian military bases today but still met stiff resistance as they hunted for the elusive Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, who vowed over the radio to "win or die."

The general's loyalists apparently still held at least a dozen Americans hostage. There was sporadic gunfire through the capital, where armed thugs roamed, one day after the U.S. attack in which at least 18 Americans died.

Heavy fighting raged in the middle-class suburb of San Miguelito just before dawn, marked by machine-gun fire, grenade explosions and light artillery fire. U.S. aircraft and helicopters flew overhead and drew ground fire.

By daybreak today, the fighting had ceased, and U.S. army troops patrolled the streets as many Panamanians began looting shops once more.

Shortly before midnight Wednesday, a day of terror ended for 29 Americans and other foreigners at the Marriott hotel when about 90 paratroopers from the U.S. 82nd Airborne Division secured the building after firefight.

Armed Panamanians had raided the hotel periodically and abducted guests, eventually freeing all but two, the hotel's manager and a CBS news producer.

In addition the Smithsonian Institution said 11 scientists and technicians were missing from a research institute and believed taken hostage.

U.S. officials in Washington conceded Wednesday night the offensive was anything but over as Panamanian troops who fled vanquished garrisons regrouped and joined Dignity Battalions, the civilian militias formed by Noriega.

Noriega surfaced with an ominous message. He said on a government-run FM radio station that he will now lead a guerrilla war against the United States.

"We're in trench warfare now and we will maintain the resistance," he said. "We ask the world for help, with men, dignity and strength. Our slogan is to win or die, not one step back."

The general's whereabouts could not be determined, and it was unclear whether he had substantial forces under his command. Journalists recognized the voice on the radio Wednesday night as Noriega's.

In Washington, Pentagon officials said troops may have to head into the jungle to pursue Noriega units.

"I would say that the mop-up is difficult to figure," Lt. Gen. Tom W. Kelly, the director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Wednesday. "We had hoped to be able to have it done within about three days."

The United States was offering a $1 million reward for Noriega and $150 for each firearm surrendered.

American forces appealed today in radio broadcasts for members of Noriega's Panamanian Defense Forces to surrender.

"Do not fight for a small group of drug traffickers. Remember the oath you took when you joined such an honorable institution as the Defense Forces," one broadcast said in Spanish. "Your fellow citizens are asking your help to restore democracy."

Pentagon officials said about 1,500 U.S.-based reinforcements were flown into the country late Wednesday to assist an exhausted attack force and prepare to flush Noriega loyalists out of Panama City.

That effectively doubled to 24,000 the number of U.S. troops that had been in the country before President Bush ordered "Operation Just Cause" in a bid to topple the general who has been a thorn in the side of two U.S. presidents.

The Bush administration declared the operation a military success. At least 18 Americans were dead, 117 wounded and one missing. Also, one American female dependent was killed.

Noriega's president, Francisco Rodriguez, said more than 60 Panamanians had been killed and hundreds

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County commissioners decide to OK freeport tax exemption

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners Court, on a 4 to 1 vote, agreed Wednesday to allow the freeport exemption for goods in transit – at least for the year 1990.

The group can file a resolution on or before April 1 saying it wants to again tax the goods beginning in 1991. However, if no action is taken before April 1 the exemption will be in place permanently, under existing law.

In other business, the Commissioners' Court continued discussions on the design of the new county jail.

Speaking to the Commissioners Court Wednesday at the special meeting, Michael Wilson Jr. of Pampa said he believed the Pampa Independent School District (PISD) Board of Trustees had "erred" in keeping the option to continue taxing freeport goods. He said he was at the meeting to voice support for the freeport exemption.

W.A. Morgan of Pampa also expressed support for the exemption at the Wednesday meeting.

PISD trustees at a meeting last week decided to continue taxing the goods until more information is known on where the school district stands on the school funding issue.

Pampa City Commission members voted unanimously last week to allow the exemption, saying they wanted to keep the businesses already in Pampa and provide an economic incentive for those wanting to locate to the city.

In a letter to the county Commissioners Court, Wilson wrote, "I urge you to grant the 'freeport exemption' in the interest of the economic health of this area. To retain the right to impose this tax at a later date will hang like the sword of Damocles over any consideration any business might have before moving or opening here.

"I realize we are dealing with an unknown amount of tax dollars, but rough estimates were presented in Amarillo indicating the property covered as freeport goods would approximate 2 1/2 to 5 percent of the total taxable property. I believe we can handle that."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright said, "I visited with two of the major industries in the county and both would like to let the freeport exemption go into effect. The voters of this county – about 83 percent – did vote for this to go into effect."

Based on the possibility that the county could lose $30 million in taxable valuation, the total amount of revenue lost would be about $80,000 of a $2.2 million budget, Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley said.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Ted Simmons said, "If we find out something different, we can come back in April. I'm in favor of exempting."

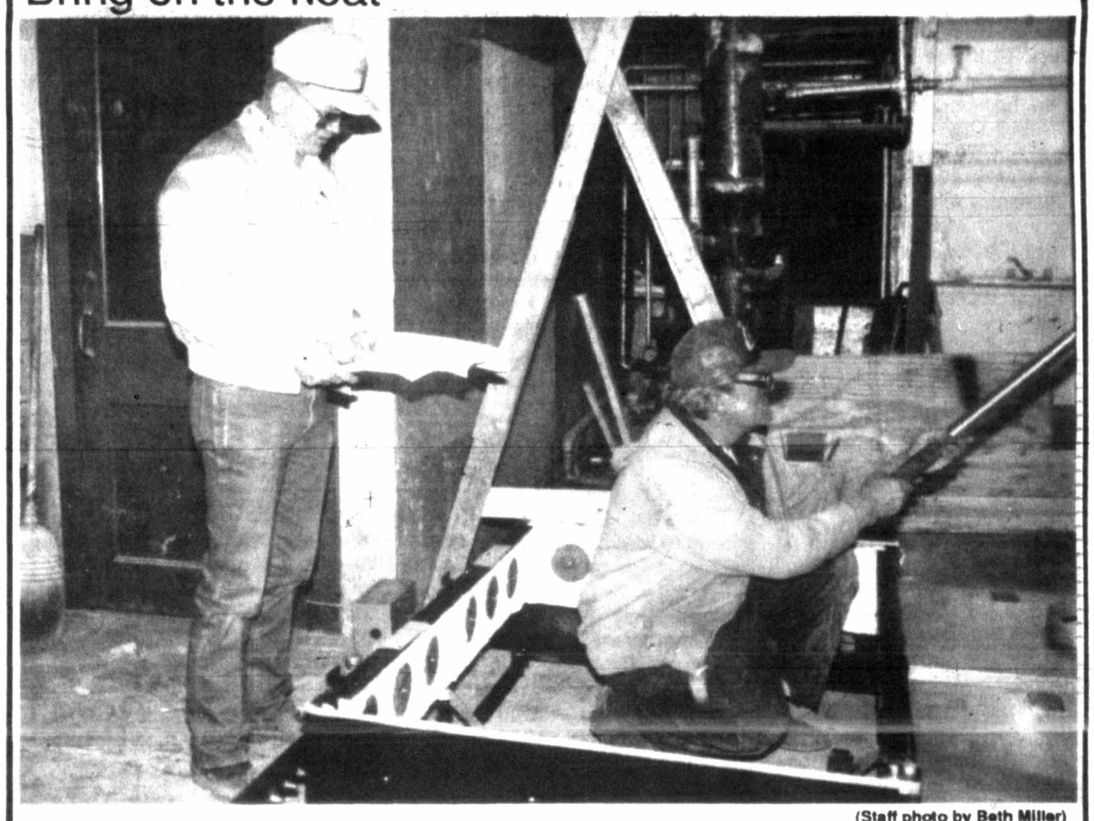
However, the lone dissenting vote on the issue came from Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene, who said, "I don't think they even have the guidelines on it. The voters didn't vote to make the exemption. They voted for us to have the right to exempt property after we found out.

"The Appraisal District doesn't even know what we'll lose from this."

Wright said, "It comes down to the bare fact (that) we've got to have industry and if it keeps that ... Another thing we need to think of is the industries we have now. If it will help them stay here I think we should give them that advantage."

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Bring on the heat



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Larry Baker, left, and Cecil Cotner with Larry Baker Plumbing work on putting in the new boiler in the Gray County Courthouse Wednesday afternoon. The old boiler quit working Sunday morning after less than eight years of service. Due to the emergency situation and the extremely cold temperatures, the offices in the courthouse were closed today. Friday is a holiday for Gray County. Offices in the courthouse should be open as scheduled Tuesday for business, if the new boiler installation is completed.

Police chief getting local churches involved more in the war on drugs

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa Police Chief Jim Laramore is hoping that local churches will soon get involved in an unprecedented way in the war on drugs.

Laramore has written letters to every church in the Pampa phone book asking them to host a LAW (Let's All Work) seminar at their church on how members can stop the scourge of narcotics in the city.

Noting that the LAW program is being underwritten by area businesses and concerned citizens, Laramore said the LAW Presentation allows church members to see first hand what drugs look like and learn from law officers how narcotic traffickers work.

"Church peoples' attitude is one of concern," Laramore said. "But they are not exposed to education on this in many cases and they may not know what to look for."

He noted that members of the religious community must never be guilty of the false assumption that because of their faith they are immune to the scourge of drugs.

"It may not at all be what their kids are doing," Laramore said, "but it may be the people their kids are running with."

Laramore said that as citizens become accustomed to the idea of helping police fight the drug battle, more assistance is being given to the new Identi-Doper plan instituted by the city and Gray County.

"The Sheriff's Department gave credit the other day to Identi-Doper for leading to an arrest," Laramore said.

"We've got some physical samples (of drugs) for them to look at and a lot of information for them," the chief explained.

He also said a brief videotape featuring Michael Gross, the father on *Family Ties*, is aired discussing attitudes about narcotics from a teen-ager's point of view.

"One of the biggest things about that that stands out in my mind," Laramore said, "is a teen-ager saying, 'You told me that marijuana would hurt me, but I tried it and I'm OK. If you lied about that, did you also lie about cocaine?'"

Laramore said the videotape and discussion are geared to answer questions about how to truthfully inform adolescents about the dangers of drugs without misleading them or resorting to scare tactics.

Issues such as teen-age suicide and satanism and their connection to drug abuse are also covered in the presentation

He said the program will also be offered to civic groups and that coloring books and resources for school-age children are also available through the LAW program.

For more information, contact Laramore at 665-8481.

Roberts County, Pampa officials reach verbal agreement on new fire contract

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Officials from the city of Pampa and Roberts County reached a verbal agreement Wednesday night during a meeting at Pampa City Hall on a new fire contract between the two entities.

Under the new agreement, the city of Pampa will no longer have to seek permission to answer a fire call in the southern end of Roberts County, said Pampa Mayor Richard Peet.

However, as a matter of routine, Pampa dispatchers will notify the Roberts County Sheriff's Office when a fire call is being answered in that county.

In addition, the mayor said, the previous charge to Roberts County of $750 base fee for any call, including false alarms, was modified. Instead, false alarm calls now will only result in a $150 charge to Roberts County, recouping the actual money lost by Pampa in responding to the call.

"We mutually agreed that $750 was too high," Peet said.

Peet added, "Our mutual concern is for the people who live out in the county. We're not going to wait until someone's life or home are in danger to respond."

The $750 charge will stay in effect for calls to which there is an actual fire, said city officials.

"I felt there were very good vibes from the meeting," said Commissioner Jerry Wilson. "Our whole thrust was to get the (false alarm) charge down where the charges are not an issue. We felt like in the interest of time, we should send folks on out and not lose time (waiting for permission from the Roberts County Sheriff's Office)."

Peet said there was initial discussion regarding only responding immediately to structure fires. However, it was agreed that a grass fire could spread to structures while firefighters from Roberts County were still on their way to the south end of the county.

The mayor also pointed out that Roberts County assists Pampa with fighting fires in the east end of Gray County near Laketon.

"We were real glad to be able to visit face to face with the city manager and city commissioners," commented Roberts County Commissioner Don Morrison. "I was pretty well satisfied that it went real well."

Morrison predicted that once the agreement is committed to paper by City Manager Glen Hackler, it will be approved during the January Robert County Commissioners Court meeting.

Roberts County Judge J.T. Webb said he would have to wait until the actual January meeting to see if commissioners would approve the agreement.

"I didn't say too much the whole meeting," Webb said. "All I said was that I'd like to have them not call us and say there's a DWI headed our way. If they know the fella's DWI, why didn't they stop him?"

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Services tomorrow

WILLIAMS, Idabel – 11 a.m., Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler.

FISII, J.D. – 11 a.m., Church of Christ, McLean.

MIXON, Nannie M. – 2:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, Mobeetie.

Obituaries

THURMAN L. HENSLEY

SKELLYTOWN – Thurman L. Hensley, 72, died Monday. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in Trinity Lutheran Church in Borger with the Rev. Fred Kelm, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery under the direction of Ed Brown & Sons Funeral Home of Borger.

Mr. Hensley, born in Cord, Ark., moved to Skellytown 44 years ago. He married Louise Reinhard in 1945 at Winona, Minn. He was a retired Phillips Refinery employee. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Brian Hensley of Skellytown; a daughter, Penney McKee of Liberal, Kan.; a brother, E.P. Hensley of Victoria; three sisters, Opal Green of Morris, Okla., and Winona Hejna and Doris Snider, both of Oklahoma City; and four grandchildren.

MILDRED HUFF

HAMILTON – Mildred Huff, 75, a former Pampa resident, died Monday in Hamilton. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. today in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Hamilton.

Mrs. Huff was born May 26, 1914 in Mississippi. She was a cook and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Hamilton. She was a former resident of Pampa and had resided in Hamilton for the past 11 years, where she operated a cafe for several years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Huff, on Aug. 2, 1967, and by a daughter, Lois Edwards.

Survivors include two sons, J.R. Huff of Roswell, N.M., and Pampa, and Lloyd Huff of Midland; a daughter, Wanda Huff Nieburger of Port Lavaca; three sisters, Bessie Wallace of Capitan, N.M.; Bernice Huffman of Austin and Bonell Bouse of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.; three brothers, Willie R. Seay of Hamilton; John Seay of Sacramento, Calif., and Harold Seay of Capitan, N.M.; and 11 grandchildren.

IDABEL WILLIAMS

WHEELER – Idabel Williams, 82, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Weldon Rives, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Wright Funeral Home.

Mrs. Williams was born in Sparks. She married Glenn L. Williams in 1932 at Wellington. She and her husband spent the summer months at their home in Wheeler. They lived in Mountain Air, N.M., for 47 years. She was a schoolteacher several years in Mountain Air. She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Coronado Club at Mountain Air. She attended the First United Methodist Church at Wheeler while residing in Wheeler.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Carter Williams of Chandler, Ariz.; two daughters, Carita Shockey of Albuquerque, N.M., and Catherine Wells of Las Cruces, N.M.; a stepbrother, Farris Breedlove of Tucson, Ariz.; a stepsister, Mary Lou Lewis of Odessa; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

RICHARD 'DICK' STEDDUM

OWASSA, Okla. – Services for Richard "Dick" Steddum, 71, were held Wednesday at Mowery Funeral Chapel in Owassa, Okla., with a Church of Christ minister officiating.

Mr. Steddum was born in Oklahoma City on Dec. 9, 1918. He moved to Pampa in 1939 and was on the police force from 1940-42. He then joined the U.S. Navy and served until 1945. He was a retired restaurant owner, formerly Steddum's Restaurant in Pampa. He retired in 1980 and moved to Mesa, Ariz.

Survivors include four daughters, a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Opal Organ and Ruby Chaney, both of Pampa.

NANNIE M. MIXON

MOBEETIE – Nannie M. Mixon, 88, died Wednesday in Parkview Hospital in Wheeler. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church in Mobeetie with the Rev. Ralph Hovey, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Aaron Laverty of Mobeetie. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Mixon was born March 14, 1901 in Cabarrus County, N.C. She moved to Mobeetie with her family in 1915. She married Carlton Murrell in 1945 at Mobeetie; he preceded her in death in 1959. She married William Samuel Mixon in 1963 in Pampa; he preceded her in death in 1974. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include one niece, Louise Hogan of Mobeetie; and five stepchildren.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions

Velma Batteas, Pampa
Robert Clements, Pampa
Jesse Dart, Pampa
Michael Diamond, Pampa
Darrell Forbes, Panhandle
Muriel Graham, Houston
Verlie Johnson, Pampa
John Locke, Pampa
Lura Merle Reeves, Pampa
W.D. Smith, Pampa
Jeanette Stringer, Fritch
Thomas Stringer, Pampa
Meril Potter (extended care), Skellytown

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Steve Lamb of Wheeler, a girl.

Dismissals

Jimmie Allen, Pampa
George Bradford, Pampa
Natalia Jackson, Pampa
Mary Wetsel, Panhandle
Meril Potter, Skellytown

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL

Not available

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.67
Milo	3.50
Corn	4.10

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

Ky. Cent. Life	18 5/8
Serfco	5 5/8
Occidental	29 1/4

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

Magellan	57.93
Puritan	13.52

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

Amoco	54 1/8	dn 1/4
Arco	111 1/2	up 5/8
Cabot	35 1/8	up 3/8
Chevron	67 1/4	up 1/4
Enron	58 1/8	up 1/2
Halliburton	41 7/8	NC
Ingersoll Rand	46 3/4	dn 1/8
KNE	23 1/2	dn 1/8
Kerr McGee	50 3/8	up 1/4
Mapco	38 7/8	NC
Maxxus	10 3/8	dn 1/4
Mesa Ltd.	7 3/4	up 1/8
Mobil	62 1/8	dn 1/4
New Atmos	17	up 1/8
Penney's	69 7/8	dn 1/4
Phillips	24 5/8	NC
SLB	48 3/8	NC
SPS	30 1/8	NC
Tenneco	60 3/8	dn 1/8
Texaco	56 3/4	up 3/8
New York Gold	413	
Silver	5.60	

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20

Joyce Elaine Nelson, 1148 Varnon Dr., reported a theft over $750 at the residence.

Steve Lucas, Box 250, reported theft from a motor vehicle at 2225 N. Hobart.

Minor accidents

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20

7:45 a.m. – A 1986 Ford driven by Stephanie Allison, Lefors, collided with a 1989 Ford driven by Bernice Cobb, 1818 Evergreen, in the 2300 block of North Charles. Allison was cited for failure to yield right of way.

8 a.m. – A 1979 Ford driven by Jackie Thompson, 2208 N. Zimmers, collided with a 1979 Buick driven by Catherine Kenner, 2200 N. Dwight, in the 2200 block of North Zimmers. No citations were issued.

8:15 a.m. – A 1981 Pontiac driven by Dale Allen, Seminole, collided with a 1982 Oldsmobile driven by Celia Armendariz, 525 S. Somerville, in the 100 block of East Harvester. No citations were issued.

12:45 p.m. – A 1980 Chevrolet driven by Iris Goad, 708 Magnolia, collided with a 1984 Pontiac driven by Donny Hulsey, 723 Sloan, in the 1400 block of North Duncan. No citations were issued.

Calendar of events

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus' fourth annual blood drive will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Pampa Mall. Personnel from the Coffee Memorial Blood Center Inc. of Amarillo will be collecting blood at the drive from those wishing to be donors.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
SPS	669-7432
Water	665-3881

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County

Wilson told commissioners, "I believe it was the intent of the voters to grant the exemption."

In a separate discussion, commissioners gave input for the jail design to architect Lawrence Janousek with Maxey & Associates Inc. of Austin.

Greene asked Janousek if using a 2/3rd's basement would be cheaper than having two floors above ground. The architect said that the only money saved would likely be on exterior costs. He said plumbing and foundation costs would increase for a partially-underground building.

With a maximum of 40 percent dormitory cells allowed in the facility and a minimum 30 percent single cells, the commissioners expressed to the architect they want to make the best use of their money with the space they have.

The Commissioners Court asked Janousek to bring back drawings that show the jail, kitchen, visitation facilities and laundry on the second floor with the sheriff's office, breathalyzer room, evidence room and other related activities on the first floor.

They also instructed Janousek that the county does not want to spend more than $2.2 million for the facility.

"We want to streamline it and condense it to hold back the costs," Wright said.

Simmons said the county would also like to use fixtures made by Texas prison inmates, which can be obtained at a cheaper rate.

Janousek is scheduled to present his new drawings to the commissioners at a meeting in January.

Oil allowable extended to 100 percent

AUSTIN (AP) – The state Railroad Commission has extended Texas' statewide oil allowable to 100 percent for January, continuing a monthly practice started in 1972.

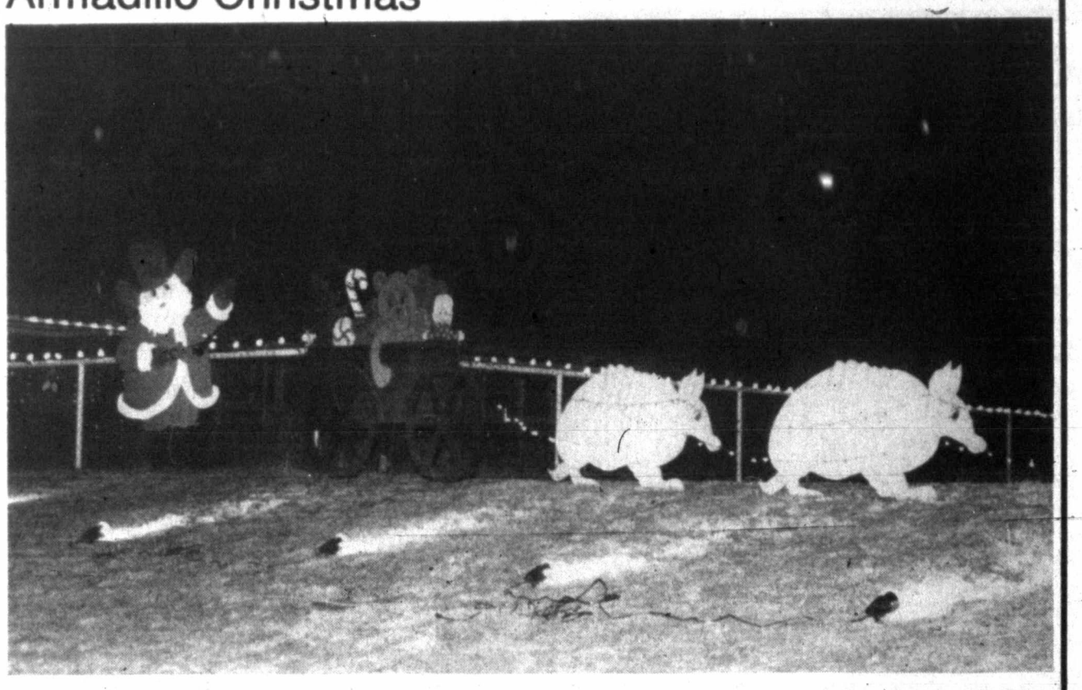
The allowable applies to all oil fields in the state except those assigned lower production rates to avoid possible waste.

The allowable for the East Texas field, for example, remains at 86 percent of capacity.

Major oil companies submitted nominations for 1,860,718 barrels per day in January, a decrease of 5,871 barrels daily from December, the commission said.

Chairman Kent Hance reported Wednesday that crude oil and petroleum products imported into the United States averaged 8,228,000 barrels per day in October, an increase of 441,000 barrels per day from the same period a year ago.

Armadillo Christmas



(Staff photo by Beth Miller)

Santa Claus, attired in cowboy boots, has reindeer of a different sort in this Christmas yard scenery at the home of Bobby Thacker of Lefors. Three armadillos lead the sleigh with the front one wearing a bright red nose.

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Panama

were wounded, many of them civilians.

By late Wednesday, U.S. troops controlled most Panamanian bases and the government television station. They had also knocked out a radio tower, silencing the national network that had broadcast appeals for resistance and military messages.

Bush said in a speech Wednesday morning that he ordered the invasion to bring Noriega to trial in the United States on 1988 cocaine-trafficking charges, to protect the 35,000 Americans in Panama and to restore democracy.

Opposition leader Guillermo Endara, winner of the May 7 elections that were voided by the Noriega-controlled government, was sworn in as president and given immediate U.S. backing. Also sworn in were First Vice President Ricardo Arias Calderon and Second Vice President Guillermo "Billy" Ford.

None surfaced by late Wednesday, however, and a call for public demonstrations of support drew no visible reaction.

Noriega declared Friday that Panama was in a "state of war" with Washington and a U.S. Marine lieutenant was killed the next day in what American officials called an unprovoked shooting.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III claimed the administration had received unconfirmed reportes that Noriega planned to order an attack on an American residential neighborhood in Panama.

Bush initially ordered 9,500 troops to Panama to augment 13,000 at bases along the Panama Canal.

U.S. forces began the attack by pounding Panamanian military bases in and around the capital with mortar, cannon and machine-gun fire. Noriega's headquarters in the densely populated neighborhood of Chorillo was gutted.

The major battles later Wednesday appeared to have been in the San Miguelito neighborhood to the northeast, where U.S. attack jets bombed and helicopters strafed a Panamanian barracks atop a hill, and in Old Panama, site of another Panamanian military base.

Fighting ended as Panamanian forces withdrew.

Two witnesses said Panamanian soldiers in Old Panama shot down a U.S. helicopter with a bazooka-type weapon. "The helicopter was flying very low," said one of the women, who refused to be identified.

By dozens, people fled the combat zones, many carrying belongings in plastic garbage bags. Some cursed Noriega, others the "gringos." Some said they had faith in the strongman's powers of survival.

Virtually all of them looked scared and didn't want their names used.

They fled from Chorillo and Old Panama, where many bodies were seen lying in the streets. Red Cross teams were trying to pick up bodies quickly – the temperature hovered around 99 degrees at midday.

U.S. troops took 150 Panamanians prisoner and were holding them in an automobile storage lot, a report from Pentagon pool reporters said.

At the Marriott in east Panama City, guests cheered and applauded as the U.S. paratroopers, their faces painted battle green, entered after fighting and marching their way to the hotel with helicopter gunships providing air cover.

They said they had been sent on orders of Secretary of State Baker.

The assault by Marines, infantrymen, sailors, airmen and paratroopers was the lastest battle in Washington's long war with Noriega, a career soldier who had a strong core of support among working-class people and who seemed to delight in defying the mighty United States.

City briefs

THE PERFECT Christmas Gift for the man on your list, Snap-On Tools, 665-1405. Adv.

POINSETTIA SALE. $25 value in a basket with satin bow and a pine cone, for $16.95. Freeman's Flowers and Greenhouse, 410 E. Foster, 669-3334. Adv.

THE CLOTHES Line 109 N. Cuyler, starting Tuesday open every night until 8 p.m. 30-50% off all Fall and Winter fashions. Open Christmas Eve 1-5 p.m. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH come join us for hot apple cider and new specials everyday. Adv.

CHRISTMAS CORN, The perfect gift. Get your cans of fresh flavored popcorn at Crunchville. Pampa Mall. Adv.

SOUTHERN KNIGHTS appearing at Lancer Club Friday, Saturday night. Adv.

BOTTOM LINE will be at the City Limits Friday and Saturday night. Adv.

NEW LOCATION. Car Shades Auto Center. 203 W. Brown. Hwy. 60. 669-0120. Window tinting 3m Film, 5 year Warranty. Car's, truck's, pick-up's, buses. Free estimates, free pick up and delivery. Mechanic on duty. Brake's, shock's, tune-up's, air conditioning. For your new and used tires, give us a try, before you buy! Fix flats, computer balance, rotate tire's. Featuring Douglas and Sonic Tire's. Terry or Stan 669-0120. Adv.

PARADISE DONUTS (formerly Gay's Cake and Candy), now has milk and white chocolate, and peppermint crunch. We will be open Sunday, 24th from 4 a.m.-Noon. Coming soon-Breakfast burritos. Free delivery of 2 dozen or more donuts. Happy Holidays from all of us. 729 N. Hobart. 665-9726. Adv.

BETA SIGMA Phi Scholarship Dance, New Year's Eve, advance ticket sales $20, at door $25. 665-1272, 665-1298. Adv.

PHS CLASS 1980 organizational meeting to plan 10 year reunion, Saturday December 23, 7 p.m. Furr's Cafeteria. All volunteers welcome. If you can't attend or make your whereabouts known, call Diane Harvey Dunn 665-5681, Sherry Hickman Ritthauler 669-1963 or Steve Kotara 665-5996. Adv.

FOOD CONNECTION will be open until 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 23 for Food pick-up for your Holiday needs; Coronado Center, 665-5820. The staff wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and we thank you for your support! Adv.

LOST KEYS on Sears' driveway or in Sears, Tuesday evening 19th. 665-2526. Adv.

ALL MALE review, International Male. Saturday, 23rd at Club Paradise. $6 advance, $7.50 at door. 665-7366. Adv.

EASTERN STAR meeting for tonight has been cancelled.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, bitterly cold with a 30 percent chance of light snow, a low of 0-5 degrees and northeasterly winds 10-20 mph and gusty. Friday, bitterly cold with a 30 percent chance of light snow. The high is expected to be 5 degrees with northeasterly winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday's high was 49; the overnight low was 0.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas – Fair mountains and westward through Friday. Elsewhere turning much colder Thursday and continuing cold Friday. Mostly cloudy Thursday and Thursday night becoming partly cloudy Friday. A few flurries or some light snow possible Panhandle and South Plains Thursday. Lows Thursday night from zero to 5 below Panhandle to around 10 south, with teens to low 20s mountains and far west. Highs Friday teens to near 20, except 30s mountains to low 50s far west.

North Texas – Windy and much colder Thursday. Highs in the teens west to 30s southeast. Slight chance light freezing rain east, flurries north. Bitterly cold Thursday night and Friday. Lows Thursday night near zero northwest to mid teens southeast. Highs Friday near 10 northwest to 20 southeast.

South Texas – Increasing clouds Thursday turning windy and much colder with widely scattered light rain north turning to sleet and freezing rain, scattered light rain south. Temperatures lowering into the 20s and 30s north during the day with highs in the 40s east to 50s extreme south. Mostly cloudy, windy and very cold Thursday night with scattered freezing rain and sleet mainly east and south. Lows in the teens north to 20s south. Decreasing clouds and very cold Friday with highs in the 20s except near freezing along the lower coast.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Saturday through Monday

West Texas – Fair skies through the period. Very cold east of the mountains Saturday. Panhandle, South Plains, Permian Basin and Concho Valley: Lows near zero Saturday, rising to mid 20s by Monday. Highs mid 20s Saturday, warming to low to mid 50s by Monday. Far West: Lows generally in mid 20s. Highs mid 40s Saturday, warming to mid 50s Sunday and Monday. Big Bend: Lows upper teens mountains to upper 20s low elevations. Highs Saturday upper 30s mountains to near 50 valleys, moderating by Monday to range from mid 40s mountains to near 60 valleys.

North Texas – Partly cloudy and continued bitterly cold Saturday. Mostly fair with a warming trend beginning Sunday. West and Central: Lows Saturday between 5 below zero and 5 degrees, warming into the middle teens Sunday and into low to mid 20s on Christmas Day. Highs in the 20s Saturday, the 30s Sunday and 40s Christmas day. East: Lows near 5 degrees Saturday warming to mid teens Sunday and into low to mid 20s Christmas Day. Highs in the 20s Saturday, the 30s Sunday and in the 40s on Christmas Day.

South Texas – Hill Country and South Central: Mostly sunny through Monday. Extremely cold Saturday, not quite as cold Sunday and Monday. Lows Saturday 5 to 10 Hill Country and 10 to 15 South Central, highs in the 20s. Lows Sunday in the teens, highs in the 30s. Lows Monday in the 20s, highs near 40. Texas Coastal Bend: Mostly sunny through Monday. Very cold Saturday, not quite as cold Sunday and Monday. Lows Saturday in the teens to near 20, highs in the 30s. Lows Sunday and Monday in the 20s, highs in the 40s. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Mostly sunny through Monday. Very cold Saturday, not quite as cold Sunday and Monday. Lows Saturday in the teens and 20s, highs in the 30s. Lows Sunday in the 20s, highs in the 40s. Lows Monday in the 30s, highs in the 40s. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast: Mostly sunny through Monday. Extremely cold Saturday, not quite as cold Sunday and Monday. Lows Saturday 5 to 15 inland and 15 to 20 coast, highs in the 20s. Lows Sunday in the teens inland to the 20s coast, highs in the 30s. Lows Monday in the 20s, highs near 40.

Prosecutors seek to keep Brandley in jail despite overturn of conviction

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE (AP) – Clarence Brandley says he is disappointed about having to spend another Christmas on death row, but he hopes to be back with his family soon after 1990 begins.

Although Brandley's capital murder conviction was thrown out by a state appeals court a week ago, he remains in prison as prosecutors fight to keep him from being released.

But Brandley, who has been on death row for some eight years, said Wednesday that those efforts are merely delaying tactics and he expects to be released soon.

"Things look a lot better now," Brandley said. "We are hoping this thing will finally come to an end very soon and we believe we just have to be patient for a little longer and things hopefully will work out."

Saying his trial was unfair, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals set aside Brandley's conviction of raping and strangling 16-year-old Cheryl Dee Fergeson of Bellville, who was killed in 1980 while attending a volleyball tournament at Conroe High School.

A Christmas at home with the family seemed possible until Montgomery County District Attorney Peter Speers announced he will ask the appeals court for a rehearing to try to get the panel to change its decision. That rehearing request effectively dashed Brandley's hopes for immediate freedom.

"I would have to say to a certain degree it is a stall tactic," Brandley said of the rehearing request. "At the same time, he has a right to do that if that's what he desires to do.

"I'd rather be anywhere than be in here," he said of Christmas in prison. "But hopefully, after the first of the year, I'll be with my family."

Appeals court clerk Tommy Lowe has said the justices likely will decide in a week or two whether to reconsider the case.

If the rehearing is denied, the reversal decision could be final two days later and Brandley's attorneys could seek bond from the court or bond hearings before the district court.

"I look at it as being a couple of more weeks and a couple of weeks is not anything to get all upset about," Brandley said.

"I hope once the state does file its motion for rehearing, the court will move at once and make a decision on that motion."

Asked if he feared a different outcome in a rehearing, he replied: "Anything is possible. That is something I have no control over."

Brandley, 38, said he was not surprised at the request for a rehearing from Speers.

"What people are really seeing is the true nature (of the prosecutor's office)," he said. "He has no factual evidence or anything that he can go on. Everything he can rely on is strictly what someone else had told him ... and those particular individuals are part of the conspiracy from the beginning.

"Everything that shows I was innocent they destroyed. And now for him to take the position that he is taking, I don't know how he can do that. He says it's his duty. He also has a duty that when he sees something unjust to correct it."

Brandley, who is black, was a janitor at the school where the white girl was slain. Brandley's supporters contended the conviction was racially motivated.

His first trial ended with a hung jury. In the second trial, an all-white jury convicted him of capital murder and sentenced him to death.

He has come within six days of execution.

Brandley and his attorneys have welcomed a third trial, but Speers has said a trial would be difficult and perhaps impossible.

After getting news of the reversal a week ago and after numerous interviews with reporters, Brandley said he went back to his cell and cried and prayed.

"It was a very emotional day," he said. "A great load had been lifted."



(AP Laserphoto)

U.S. troops prepare to board a C-141 transport plane at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio Wednesday. The Air Force has refused comment concerning their destination, believed to be Panama.

Many Texans praise U.S. action in Panama; others urge caution

By The Associated Press

Many Texans praised the U.S. military effort to seize Panamanian strongman Gen. Manuel Noriega, but some experts said the effort could backfire.

University of Texas at Arlington political science professor Dale Story said the U.S. military action could prove to be a two-edged sword.

"There are positives and there are negatives. Noriega obviously is a very unpopular person throughout the region and he is under indictment and there have been threats to U.S. personnel in the region, so there are a number of stands upon which we could justify our actions," Story said Wednesday.

But even if Noriega is captured and newly sworn-in Panamanian President Guillermo Endara takes power, Story said, Endara would always carry the stigma of being a U.S.-installed leader.

Nevertheless, the nation's largest Hispanic rights organization supports the military campaign.

"We stand squarely behind our commander in chief on this issue," said Jose Garcia De Lara, president of the San Antonio-based League of United Latin American Citizens.

"Noriega is a criminal that is doing wrong for his country and this hemisphere and he must be stopped."

Dallas Mavericks guard Rolando Blackman, who was born in Panama City and has more than 50 relatives living in the country, said he was surprised by the invasion.

"I was mostly worried and concerned, because innocent people wind up being killed in something like this," Blackman said, adding he was glad the United States was trying to make Panama "a Democratic society, like the people voted on."

Blackman's immediate family moved from Panama City to Brooklyn, N.Y. when he was a child. He became a U.S. citizen in May 1986.

The Dallas brother of a 25-year-old Marine slain last weekend in Panama also said he was glad Noriega was ousted.

"We never were seeking any revenge," said Alex Pax, younger brother of 1st Lt. Robert Paz, who was shot Saturday night by Panamanian soldiers. "We were afraid that more Marines would die and more families would be going through what we're going through."

Military operations in Panama could be complicated by the fact that the U.S. has trained and advised the Panamanian forces over the years, said Texas A&M military historian Dr. Roger Beaumont.

Noriega will be even harder to topple if he has fled to his former seat of power in western Panama, said Texas A&M lecturer Gordon Grant, a specialist in Central American geography.

The strongman was rumored to be near the Costa Rican border, where he successfully gathered support during rebellions against the military in the 1970s.

"The area is mountainous and he might be difficult to put down if he can rally support as he has in the past," Grant said. "But, either way he's figuratively dead; it's just a matter of time now."

Wounded arrive in San Antonio from Panama

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) – Doctors and nurses at San Antonio military hospitals postponed holiday leaves and worked extra shifts to treat soldiers injured in Panamanian fighting.

Two C-141 transport planes brought 108 soldiers to Kelly Air Force Base Wednesday. A third plane arrived early today with 47 wounded soldiers.

Officials said 26 of the wounded soldiers were taken to Wilford Hall Medical Center and the other 21 were taken to Brooke Army Hospital.

Three men were pronounced dead when they arrived at the base Wednesday. A fourth died a short time later at Wilford Hall, the hospital at Lackland Air Force Base, which is adjacent to Kelly.

"We were told that we would be the reception point for all casualties," said Lt. Col. Johnny Whitaker, a Lackland spokesman.

Sixty-three of the soldiers from the first two planes were being treated at Wilford Hall, he said.

The rest were taken by ambulance and helicopter across the city to Brooke Army Medical Center, the military's leading burn unit. However, few of those soldiers suffered from burns.

"The biggest and the most extensive injuries are gunshot-type wounds, schrapnel-type wounds, leg wounds, broken bones, this sort of thing," Whitaker said.

He said the military would not release the names of the dead or injured until family members were notified. However, Whitaker said patients range in condition from fair to critical.

Though Wilford Hall was not full, Whitaker said medical personnel were called in on extra shifts and some holiday leaves were delayed. He was not specific, however.

More than 200 military doctors and 500 nurses are stationed at Wilford Hall, officials said. The hospital also treated victims of the U.S. invasion of Grenada and the bombing of the Marine headquarters in Lebanon in 1983.

Pentagon officials say 15 American servicemen were killed in the U.S. incursion in Panama City to capture strongman Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega. It was not clear if that total included the four soldiers in San Antonio.

In addition to receiving injured soldiers, Kelly personnel were servicing aircraft involved in the Panamanian operation, said base spokesman Lt. Dave Ebner.

Air traffic was steady at the base all day Wednesday and into the night.

Motels near the 1,000-bed Wilford Hall, the Air Force's largest hospital, were offering complimentary rooms for relatives of injured soldiers, Whitaker said.

Reporters were kept outside a Lackland gate about a half-mile from the hospital, but ambulances could be seen shuttling between Wilford Hall and the Kelly tarmac.

Health workers advise flu vaccinations

AUSTIN (AP) – State health workers say identifying one strain of the influenza virus that is striking residents of central Texas indicates that vaccinations and antiviral drugs probably should be an effective weapon against it.

Dr. Lynne Sehulster, an epidemiologist for the health department, said the department had isolated a sub-type of the influenza A virus in cultures taken from two University of Texas students.

Identifying the virus "gives us an idea of what viruses are going to be in circulation," she said. "There's a wide variety that are possible, but in any given season we see one, possibly two major types, with variations in those."

The cases don't represent the first cases of the flu, only the first two confirmed by the health department, which receives cultures from several clinics to test for the strain of virus that will be prevalent in a given season. Flu season generally peaks in January and February, Dr. Sehulster said.

The Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization attempt to predict which viruses will predominate during the coming flu season by monitoring world trends and looking at the previous year's virus, so vaccines can be prepared in advance. This type appears to be close to the virus component in the vaccine, she said.

"If that is true, we'll have a very good year in terms of protection from the vaccine," she said.

Those who have not been immunized against the flu can still be vaccinated.

"We would certainly recommend that any person who wants to avoid getting flu should go and get their vaccine," Dr. Sehulster said. The vaccine takes six to eight weeks to become effective.

People who are classified as high-risk – those 65 and older, or with chronic respiratory and cardiovascular conditions – should definitely seek immunization. Each year in the United States, influenza kills about 20,000 people, most of them in high-risk categories, she said.

Hance sees energy crisis without national plan

AUSTIN (AP) – Another energy crisis that could hike gas prices to $2 a gallon may occur as early as 1991 unless the federal government acts to increase domestic production and reduce dependence on foreign oil, the head of Texas' oil and gas regulatory agency says.

Kent Hance, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, said Wednesday a successful national energy plan should include a floor price for oil and elimination of the minimum tax on oil or gas investments.

Hance, a Republican candidate for governor, told a news conference that energy crises in 1973, 1978-79 and 1985 clearly demonstrate the economic danger of relying on foreign oil.

"We must break this vicious cycle," he said. "Unless the federal government adopts a national energy strategy to increase domestic production and reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil, the next energy crisis could be severe enough to push gasoline prices up to $2 per gallon."

"If we do get to the point that we're 65 percent dependent on foreign oil, and we think that's a possibility by 1991 – late 1991 to early 1992 – then we're setting ourselves up to have another energy crisis that will be very harmful to the American consumer," Hance said.

"It doesn't matter whether they shut off the oil spigots, or turn them on full blast, one thing is clear – we become economic hostages to foreign nations," he said.

The commissioner reviewed the oil and gas industry in Texas in the 1980s, saying the decade "will be remembered as a period of time that we had unstable prices, a lot of volatility – extreme volatility – in the Texas oil and gas industry and a big economic transition for this state."

For example, he said, oil and gas taxes provided $3.71 billion in state revenue in 1980-81 but that figure fell to $2.07 billion for 1988-89. Those taxes accounted for 28.3 percent of all state revenue in the 1981 fiscal year but only 8 percent in 1989.

Hance said Texas' oil production declined steadily throughout the decade, from 931 million barrels in 1980 to less than 700 million barrels in 1988.

The level of foreign oil imports reached their highest level this year, averaging 8 million barrels per day through mid-December, compared with a decade-low of slightly more than 5 million barrels per day in 1983, he said.

"Without a doubt, the 1986 collapse in oil prices ranks as the most depressing business news of the decade here in Texas," he said. "Depressed oil prices triggered an economic depression in Texas of historic proportions.

"The good news is our Texas economy is bouncing back."

Hance said the price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil, which rose to a record high of $35 a barrel in 1981 before falling to $10 in 1986, closed at $22.33 on Tuesday.

"You have to have a stable price. If you don't have that stable price, nothing else matters," he said.

Canadian nearer to getting its new water wells

CANADIAN – The city of Canadian is well on its way to seeing the final results of a $400,000 grant issued in June 1987 by the Texas Department of Commerce for study and construction of two new water wells.

In June 1986, City Manager Dean Looper said, contamination was found in the largest producing water well of four that the city operated.

Looper said hydrocarbons from oil field waste were found in the water, after oil field waste products were spilled on the land near the well.

Following the shutdown of that well, Looper said, the city has operated on a "day-to-day basis" of the needs, coming near several times to having to ration water during summer months.

The $400,000 grant allowed the city to hire a ground water hydrologist who studied the contamination flow and advised the city on where good water could be found.

"We studied several sites and decided on one about a mile south of town."

The land was Santa Fe Railroad property, and while part of the money was used for the research, some was used for land and water rights acquisition with the remainder used for the construction bid.

Most recently, the city awarded a bid for construction of the water wells to L.A. Fuller & Sons Construction Co. of Amarillo this week.

The company place a bid of $224,038.68. Construction is expected to be completed in May, saving the city from worrying about rationing during summer months.

"We've been pretty lucky. We haven't had a critical situation. There are some days during the summer months that have worried us," Looper said. "We have been keeping up with demand on a day-to-day basis."

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Making sure changes can occur smoothly

Considering the modest goals President Bush set for the Malta summit, he achieved modest results. Bush wanted to get acquainted with Soviet Chairman Mikhail Gorbachev, voice strong objection to Soviet funding of communist terrorism in Central America, and advance the agenda for ongoing talks on reducing strategic and conventional weapons. He seems to have achieved this.

The thing to watch for now is action. On Central America, Gorbachev insisted that the Kremlin was not involved in the recent communist terrorist offensive in El Salvador. But a plane crashed last month in El Salvador carrying Soviet-made surface-to-air missles, providing the continued Soviet connection via Nicaragua and Cuba.

Whatever Gorbachev says, we must, as always, look to his actions. If the terrorist offensive in El Salvador stops, if Nicaragua holds honest democratic elections next February, and if Fidel Castro is finally convinced to adopt Gorbachev-style reforms in Cuba – then the Malta summit will have brought progress in this area.

As to strategic troop reductions, Bush and Gorbachev preferred to let the experts haggle over details for a few more months, in preparation for a grand summit next year. On conventional troop reductions, it would have been very good if the two leaders had worked out some kind of rough framework for the Soviet and American withdrawals from Western and Central Europe. More talks apparently are necessary. But the reductions are coming.

An event in Moscow the day after the summit may be more meaningful in this regard than the meeting at Malta. At a meeting of representatives of the Warsaw Pact, all seven members, including Gorbachev, denounced the 1968 Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia.

The Warsaw Pact thus effectively ended the era of the Brezhnev Doctrine, which stated that no country can rid itself of communism and domination by Moscow. As events (again, not just words) of the past few months have shown, Moscow now is willing to let its satellites break from orbit, form democratic governments and even dump socialism.

Thus, with the end of the Brezhnev Doctrine comes an end to any need for keeping Red Army troops stationed in Central Europe. Gorbachev seems to realize this, and is seeking a way to reduce them in a swap for taking American troops out of Europe.

As Gorbachev met with Warsaw Pact leaders, Bush held a meeting with NATO leaders in Brussels to report on the Malta summit. Bush promised that U.S. troops would remain in Europe for as long as they are wanted.

Since the troop withdrawals are coming, Bush's statement means that he'll make sure U.S. forces are withdrawn in equivalent units to the Soviet withdrawals; and that he'll consult with our allies about everything. That's the prudent thing for an ally to do.

Big changes are coming. Bush just wants to make sure the changes occur as smoothly as possible.

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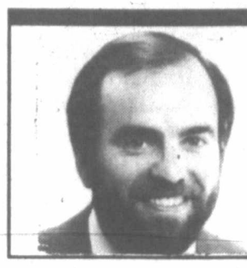
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"Could I talk to you about the deficit thing?"

Foreign debt, homegrown panic



Stephen Chapman

Sony making off with CBS Records, Brits and Canadians snarfing up big American department stores, Rockefeller Center getting a Japanese landlord – everywhere you turn, you find foreigners pushing to buy a piece of America and antagonizing Americans in the process.

The citizens of the United States, which has gone from the world's biggest creditor nation to the world's debtor nation in the brief span of a few years, now owe people in the rest of the world a net total of more than half a trillion dollars. In many quarters, this is grounds for concern; in others, for screaming hysteria.

One survey found that outside of the nation's opinion-makers, nearly 80 percent of Americans want to restrict foreign acquisition of our assets. No less than 40 percent want to ban it outright. *Business Week* magazine claims the debt to foreigners "will take a big bite out of our standard of living" and warns that Americans "don't understand the economic and social restraints it imposes and the loss of national sovereignty that follows." The uproar has prodded Congress to consider a bill to impose new disclosure rules on foreign investors.

Two major questions deserve attention. The first is the general issue of whether being a net debtor will harm us. The second is whether we should discourage foreigners from investing here.

Consider the debtor question first. The charge is that because foreigners own an increasing share of American corporations, real estate and factories, future earnings will be paid to outsiders instead of Americans, forcing us natives to endure a lower standard of living. It's as if I borrow a lot of money that my children will end up having to repay.

But, reports Stephen Meyer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, most of the foreign debt piled up in the last few years has gone to finance investment, not consumption.

True, Americans would be better off it all the new investment of the past few years had been financed by Americans. Then we'd get the whole payoff. But we'd be much worse off if the investment hadn't been made at all.

If a factory is built by foreigners, it employs American workers and managers, provides goods to American consumers and pays taxes to American governmental bodies. We gain even if no American gets the profits of the enterprise.

If the factory isn't built at all, we can take satisfaction in knowing that no foreigners are making money from it. Unfortunately, there are also no Americans reaping its assorted other benefits.

The claim that we will suffer a lower standard of living is badly misleading. Lower than what? Thanks to the surge in foreign investment, our capital stock is bigger than it would have been, which is essential to raising our living standards. Some of the higher incomes will go to pay foreign creditors and owners, but the rest will go to make Americans richer.

The dividends paid out abroad will hardly be noticed. As Meyer notes, these payments will grow by about $86 billion over the next decade. Sounds terrifying, huh?

Sure – until you remember that, over the same period, our total national income is expected to rise by nearly $5 trillion. Less than 2 percent of the boost in earnings will go to people on the far side of the ocean.

Aside from the net debtor questions, what about the "loss of sovereignty" that comes from letting foreigners buy up U.S. properties? Let's be serious. Foreigners own only about 4 percent of all assets here – a big jump from 15 years ago, but hardly enough to make us into vassals of Japan INC.

In rare cases, foreign ownership of a company may pose a national security danger. For obvious reasons, we want our Air Force fighters and Navy subs to be manufactured by American firms. A few other industries deserve monitoring. But Rockefeller Center and Bloomingdale's aren't likely to be turned against us in a war.

The problem, if there is one, lies not with foreigners but with ourselves. The main reason for the rise in foreign investment and the loss of our net creditor position is that Americans don't save enough to fund all the money-making opportunities to be found in this country.

That gap is bound to shrink as the Baby Boom generation ages – middle-aged people save more than the young. It would shrink further or even vanish if we reversed those policies that discourage saving and investment.

The flow of foreign money into the U.S., often taken as a symptom of economic decline, is actually an expression of confidence in our future, as well as a hand in building that future. We'd be stupid to try to shut it off.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, December 21, the 355th day of 1989. There are ten days left in the year. Winter arrives at 3:22 p.m. Central Standard Time.

On this date:

In 1620, the Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at what is now Plymouth, Mass.

In 1898, scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discovered radium.

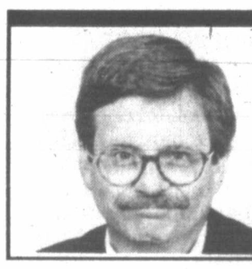
In 1913, the first crossword puzzle was published, in the Sunday supplement of the *New York World*.

In 1940, author F. Scott Fitzgerald died in Hollywood at the age of 44.

In 1945, Gen. George S. Patton died of injuries he suffered in a car accident in Heidelberg, Germany.

In 1948, the state of Eire (formerly the Irish Free State) declared its independence.

Falcons play like Cowboys now



Lewis Grizzard

I have to do this about every five years. I have to put to rest any notion anybody might have that the Atlanta Falcons (3-10-0) will one day be any good as a professional football team.

It won happen. Never. Ever. Read my lips: Never.

Atlanta's is the worse franchise in National Football League history. Everybody else occasionally has one *something*.

OK, the Falcons did have one pretty good year when they almost got to the Super Bowl. But God looked down on their playoff game against the Cowboys and realized there had been a terrible error and zapped the Falcons' hopes in the final seconds.

The Falcons are a team that started with being laughable.

When they played their first exhibition game ever, back in '09 or whenever it was, the Atlanta kicker opened Atlanta's pro football history by whiffing the kickoff.

This is a team that once had a running back who gained over 1,000 yards. He achieved that milestone in the final minutes of the final game of the season.

The Falcons called time and awarded him the game ball. On the next play, he was thrown for a loss and there went his 1,000-yard season. I still don't know if he had to give the ball back.

I often listen to Atlanta sports radio talk show participants. Some of these people, believe it or not, think there is a solution to the Falcons' ineptness.

"What we need is a new coach," they say.

Who would take such a job? Want to be the new captain of the Titantic? The last time the Falcons were looking for a new head coach, they offered the job to everybody from Dick Vermeil, who coached too long and became a basket case, to George Halas, who was dead, and the only person who would take it was poor old Marion Campbell, who they had already fired once before and was forced to resign again this season.

And speaking of the radio, I like what some caller said the other morning.

"For years, I've wished Atlanta could have a team like the Cowboys. Now we do."

The Cowboys, if you don't follow pro football, are headquartered in Dallas, and, after years of success, have sunk into the abyss with Atlanta.

Falcon fans don't say, "Wait till next year." They say, "Next year? You mean we have to go through all this again?"

And it's too bad Atlanta has such a lousy football team that has come to be something of an embarrassment. It's such a nice city otherwise, regardless of what Pepsi employees think of it.

Atlanta has parks, and lovely homes, and beautiful women, and the Varsity drive-in that serves the best chili dogs on earth.

If the Falcons were a food, they would be a can of Spam.

So, you ask me, "What can be done to bring a winning pro football team to Atlanta?"

Nothing. It can't happen. I used to think it would help if the team's owner, Rankin Smith, sold it to somebody who gave a damn.

But that wouldn't help either. Imagine what sort of goofball it would take to spend millions to buy this turkey?

I can think of only one way to help the Falcons. Let them drop out of the NFL and join the Atlanta Coast Conference.

They probably don't pay as well as Clemson, but I figure they occasionally could beat Wake Forest.

There is one piece of good news, however – if you can wait. In 1992, the Falcons will move out of Atlanta Fulton County Stadium, the worse football arena in the world, to the Georgia Dome, which will have a roof on it.

When that happens, at least the stench the Falcons raise when they play will remain inside.

Who has credit for ending Cold War?

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

An almost comical fight has broken out between liberals and conservatives over who deserves credit for ending the Cold War. The liberals – e.g., Micheal Kinsley in *The New Republic* for Dec. 4 – are the more feverish about it, quite obviously because their case is weaker.

Some conservatives take the position that the Soviet Union ultimately crumpled because Ronald Reagan rearmed America beyond Moscow's ability to compete, while steadfastly resisting communism's worldwide expansionism. This is true as far as it goes, but there was obviously a lot more to it than that.

Tip your hat, then, first to Harry Truman, who decided as early as 1947 that Stalin was up to no good in Greece and Turkey and had to be stopped. That policy flowered into George Kennan's concept of "containment," which has been America's bipartisan policy ever since.

The Republicans had no psychological problem about resisting communist expansionism and supported the policy from the start. A good many liberal Democrats, however, had trouble perceiving Moscow's hand in various Third World political movements that were shrewed enough to describe themselves as merely socialist, thereby qualifing for liberal sympathy. Worse yet, many liberals couldn't bring themselves to believe that the Soviet Union itself was ali bad, and fell repeatedly for the slightest hint that Moscow was ready to mend its ways.

All the more credit, then, to such stalwart liberal anti-communists as Hubert Humphrey and "Scoop" Jackson, who held their party on course for containment for three decades despite Henry Wallace, Abbie Hoffman and everything in between.

Unable to fault conservatives on the basic issue, Kinsley plays around with peripheral questions. You conservatives used to say that communist nations would never change, but look – ha! ha! – they're changing under our eyes. He particularly faults Jeane Kirkpatrick for her famous distinction between "authoritarian" regimes (which are capable of evolving toward democracy) and "totalitarian" ones (there being, she argued, "no instance of a ... communist society being democratized").

But Kinsley has it wrong, probably out of sheer ignorance. Neither Kirkpatrick nor any other conservative ever said that communist nations must last forever. (After all, it is written, dear Micheal, that "the gates of Hell shall not prevail against us.") What conservatives have said is that a communist nation, being in the grip of a totalist worldview that permits neither amendment nor contradiction, is incapable of moving voluntarily toward democracy.

The current convulsions in Eastern Europe don't contradict this point – they prove it. Gorbachev's pullback from the domineering style that has characterized Soviet foreign policy heretofore isn't in any sense "voluntary," or in answer to normal pressures. It is the desperate response of a regime that is facing economic collaspe. Conservatives were well aware (more so by far than most liberals) that this was bound to come, sooner or later; we just didn't know when.

Similarly, the uprising in the East European satellite states follow on logically from the Soviet pullback. There isn't a regime among them that rested on anything but the proximity of Russian tanks. Remove the fear of those, and the local communist puppets will be lucky if they manage an unmolested retirement. What's "voluntary" about that?

Still, it's undoubtedly true that it was the decade of the 1980s that took the remaining air out of communism's tires. The bully-boys in Moscow may have thought they had a fighting chance against the likes of Jimmy Carter, Neil Kinnock and Willy Brandt. But they cannot have enjoyed the sight of a Western front line consisting of Ronald Reagan, Margaret Thatcher and Helmut Kohl.

Or does Kinsley think that what really made them pack it in was that photograph of Michael Dukakis in a tank?

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The Mississippi River near Alton, Ill., is covered with ice that has slowed barge traffic along the river due to icy conditions and low water.

Winter gets a c-c-c-cold reception

By JOHN DONNELLY
Associated Press Writer

The arrival of winter today brought another punishing punch of arctic air, dropping temperatures to well below zero from Wyoming to Michigan, and sending shivers to the Deep South.

But forecasters said the polar winds may stop by Christmas.

Winter officially began at 3:22 p.m. CST today, but many called it anticlimactic.

"I doubt we'll notice it," said Terry Conroy, a street cleaner in Syracuse, N.Y., where street crews have had to remove snow almost daily during the past few weeks.

The Nation Weather Service's Albany bureau described the weather as "cold, with a double underline on that."

The cold has been blamed in at least 42 deaths around the country in the last week.

Wind chills were expected today to be as low as 80 below in North Dakota, 75 below in Minnesota and 65 below in Missouri. People were urged to stay indoors, and some schools were closed today in North Dakota.

Early morning temperatures included minus 25 degrees in Bismarck, N.D., minus 20 in Minneapolis-St. Paul, minus 10 in Rapid City, S.D., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., minus 3, and 7 below in Casper, Wyo.

Fort Worth, Texas, and Birmingham, Ala., were both a chilly 28.

But today's surge of arctic air into northern Minnesota appeared to be the last in the series of blasts that have crossed the border into Minnesota and plagued the eastern half of the nation for 10 days, the weather service said.

"The trend looks hopeful for a change in the cold northwest flow to a more westerly flow on the weekend over Minnesota," the weather service said. "This means a very slow moderation in temperatures by Sunday and Christmas Day."

On the last day of fall, gusty winds dropped the wind chill to 81 below zero at Minot, N.D., 75 below at Devils Lake, N.D., 69 below at Alexandria, Minn., and Jamestown, N.D., and 61 below at Aberdeen, S.D.

The southern edge of the cold air on Wednesday extended across western New York state, central Ohio, southwest Indiana, northeast Missouri, southwest Iowa, north-central Kansas, northeast Colorado, northwest Wyoming and north -central Montana.

By today, the cold dipped to northern Texas and northern Louisiana. By Friday, the arctic was expected to invade North Carolina and northern Georgia.

The weather service forecast a "major freeze" across the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas from tonight into Saturday.

In the Midwest, many authorities warned people to take precautions against the cold. Sheriff Stan Lyson of Williams County, N.D., urged residents to stay home unless travel was absolutely necessary.

He suggested Christmas travelers inform someone of their destination and the route they plan to take.

"I don't think anyone would last out there very long," Lyson said.

Temperatures hovered around 10 degrees Wednesday in Rochester, N.Y., but the wind made it feel like 25 degrees below zero.

"The place is packed with people drinking hot toddies at the bar," said Mary Camp, bookkeeper at the Sea Breeze Inn in Rochester.

State Department gives priority to new embassy in Soviet Union

By BARRY SCHWEID
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – The State Department, citing "changing conditions" in the Soviet Union, is giving high priority to constructing a new U.S. Embassy in Moscow to replace the one to be razed after years of indecision.

The job could cost up to $500 million. Nicholas Salgo, a former U.S. ambassador to Hungary, was assigned Wednesday to hold formal negotiations with the Kremlin. In the meantime, the Soviets will continue to be shut out of their new embassy in the Mt. Alto section of Washington and relegated to an older mansion near the White House.

Ever since U.S. intelligence 10 years ago detected what was said to be a network of sophisticated listening devices in the Moscow embassy, U.S. officials have pondered what to do with the $95 million building.

Finally, on Wednesday, Secretary of State James A. Baker III notified key members of Congress the embassy will be torn down and a new one constructed in its place.

Baker, who sent Salgo and Ivan Selin, the undersecretary of state for management, to Moscow on an inspection trip in April, passed up the option of saving millions of dollars by demolishing only floors believed to be infested with "bugs" and salvaging others.

He also rejected the option of constructing an annex for top-secret business. That would have involved at least two problems: finding the space and creating an assumption that whoever entered the annex was involved in sensitive operations.

"The decision was taken after a careful review of the alternatives for dealing with the bugged new building," the State Department said in a press release Wednesday night.

"The review showed that, among the realistic alternatives, the teardown-rebuild option offered the optimum combination of security, space, cost and time required for rebuilding," the statement added.

The embassy was built under a 1972 agreement made by the Nixon administration that allowed the Soviets to prefabricate off-site the concrete slabs for the building. U.S. officials did not insist on a right of inspection.

The agreement also provided for a new Soviet embassy in the Mt. Alto section of Washington, one of the highest points in the U.S. capital. It was built, but the Soviets were kept from occupying it while a decision on the Moscow embassy was pending.

"Soviet occupancy of their new chancery building at Mt. Alto remains linked to our occupancy of a new building in Moscow," the statement said.

It said there was progress in preliminary talks with Soviet officials and added, "We look forward to working with the Congress and getting on with the project."

"The changing conditions in the Soviet Union have made resolution of this issue very high among our foreign policy priorities," it said.

The State Department said it will ask Congress in the next budget for $270 million for initial building costs. It also said the United States will press claims against the Soviets to recover damages for implanting eavesdropping devices in the building and for shoddy workmanship.

Meanwhile, a trade group headed by Dwayne O. Andreas, chairman of Archer Daniels Midland Co., offered to buy the building for use as business offices.

Andreas is co-chairman of the U.S.-USSR Trade and Economic Council, which promotes trade between the two superpowers. He made the offer on behalf of a consortium of U.S. companies, which would have used the building as a Moscow headquarters.

Hunts accept lifetime bans on commodities trading

DALLAS (AP) – Nelson Bunker Hunt and William Herbert Hunt have accepted lifetime bans from trading commodities futures and will pay a $10 million penalty after they emerge from bankruptcy.

But the Hunts, who officials say came within weeks of cornering the world's silver market, have neither admitted guilt nor claimed innocence under terms of the agreement.

The move will help the brothers speed the settlement of their personal bankruptcy cases, filed after they lost a court case stemming from their silver speculation.

In 1985, the federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission filed a complaint that sought more than $50 million in fines from the Hunts.

"It could have been a very extensive fight and they wouldn't have had the money to hire attorneys and continue to litigate after settlement of their bankruptcy cases," CFTC attorney Linda Groves told the *Dallas Morning News*.

Bunker Hunt's bankruptcy neared end last week with U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Harold Abramson's approval of a reorganization plan. Herbert Hunt's case may end this week.

"We were happy to get the CFTC decision behind us," said Russell Munsch, Bunker Hunt's lead bankruptcy attorney. "It is one of those things that Bunker would have liked to have gone and litigated."

Under the agreement, on file in Dallas bankruptcy court, the Hunts agreed to pay the $10 million penalty out of future income, gifts and inheritances once they emerge from bankruptcy.

The terms of the CFTC agreement say the Hunts consent to findings the brothers violated the Commodity Exchange Act by manipulating the price of silver.

CFTC documents on file in Washington claim that "by the end of May 1980, (the Hunts) could have owned virtually the entire available world supply of deliverable .999 silver bullion."

The effort collapsed on March 27, 1980, the agency said, when prices fell from about $50 an ounce to about $10 an ounce.

The Hunts lost an estimated $1.3 billion in the collapse.

Protests against Ceausescu spread to Romanian capital

By ALISON SMALE
Associated Press Writer

VIENNA, Austria (AP) – Demonstrations against the tyrannical rule of President Nicolae Ceausescu spread to Bucharest today, with protesters chanting "Down with Ceausescu" in the streets of the Romanian capital, a diplomat said.

More anti-government demonstrations occurred during the night in the western city of Timisoara, where witnesses said security forces killed hundreds of anti-government protesters over the weekend.

And there were chilling reports by Yugoslav media that soldiers and police who had refused to shoot into crowds of demonstrators in Timisoara were publicly executed.

A diplomat in Bucharest who asked not to be identified said by telephone that Ceausescu was booed at an official rally called to support his tough stance against the anti-government protesters in Timisoara.

His speech was interrupted for about three minutes on a radio and television broadcast.

Afterwards, protesters marched through the streets of Bucharest shouting, "Timisoara, Timisoara," and "Down with Ceausescu," a diplomat said.

It appeared that the pro-government rally had backfired and now protesters were marching against Ceausescu, the diplomat said.

He also reported hearing a loud, unexplained explosion in the streets about ten minutes before noon, but said he had no details.

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of unarmed people are said to have been shot to death in Timisoara while protesting the 24-year rule of Ceausescu, who has called the democratic reforms sweeping the East bloc a betrayal of the orthodox Communism he espouses.

In addition to persecuting dissenters, Ceausescu has forced economic hardship on his people.

The 71-year-old president declared a state of emergency in the Timisoara region Wednesday after tens of thousands of enraged people chanting "Give us our dead!' reportedly marched through the city, which is just 30 miles from the Yugoslav and Hungarian borders.

The Yugoslav newspaper *Politika Ekspres* said a driver returning from the city on Wednesday reported that the executions of the police and soldiers took place on a public square.

There was no word on when this occurred or how many people were involved.

The Belgrade daily *Politika* quoted eyewitnesses as saying they saw two soldiers and an officer killed "on the spot" by security agents after refusing to fire into a crowd of anti-government demonstrators over the weekend.

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Illegal immigrants fight government with Fifth Amendment cudgel

By ARLENE LEVINSON
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) – The peace of a dawn workout with horses at a racetrack was shattered when police sealed the exits and rounded up 83 Salvadoran, Mexican, Brazilian and Cuban stablehands.

One was a 21-year-old Salvadoran who tried to invoke the Fifth Amendment. Immigration officials presented no evidence against him.

His refusal to incriminate himself was enough proof that he deserves to be expelled, they said.

His case is one of more than three dozen from the Oct. 21, 1988, Suffolk Downs sweep in which the U.S. government and the aliens are battling over whether someone can be forced to testify against themselves.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service "is saying the government doesn't have to come up with any evidence at all," said attorney Susan Akram, who is orchestrating the aliens' defense.

"The INS has never brought a shred of evidence. ...

"It's a test of what the government burden is," said Akram, head of the Political Asylum Immigration Representation Project. "Can the government haul anybody in off the streets and deport them if they refuse to answer questions based on their constitutional right not to do so? This is ridiculous."

While illegal immigrants often don't know their rights and prefer to go home rather than fight to stay, the Boston cases are being regarded as a test of aliens' rights.

Of the 83 people who were rounded up, six were found to be in the United States lawfully. Some went home while others admitted their illegal status and applied for asylum.

But 38 invoked the U.S. Constitution's Fifth Amendment guarantee against self incrimination at their deportation hearings. They want the government to prove they are here illegally.

That isn't happening. Instead, INS attorneys are using an argument allowed in civil cases: that silence alone is ground for deportation.

Charles Wheeler, director of the National Center for Immigrants' Rights in Los Angeles called this development "alarming."

"It's disturbing if the immigration judge is making an inference from their silence that a person is an alien. It reverses the whole idea that you are innocent until proven guilty."

But an INS official says the government is following precedent well-established in civil cases.

"The government doesn't have to do any more," said Michael Creppy, acting deputy counsel for the INS in Washington, D.C. "This is nothing new. The law is pretty clear in this matter. To me it's just a tactic to be able to stay here."

The Salvadoran's story is typical, said Akram, who requested the man be identified only as Jay.

One of 10 children in a farming family, Jay is from the mountains of El Salvador where the army and the anti-government guerrillas have been waging war. He said both sides terrorize the inhabitants.

Last year, Jay fled, taking a bus to Mexico. From there, he crossed the U.S. border undetected and made his way from California to Massachusetts.

He is now fighting to stay in this country. Two months ago, Jay had his day in Immigration Court. The attorney for the INS questioned him about where he came from and how he got here.

Jay replied in Spanish, "I refuse to answer under the protection of the Fifth Amendment of the United States because my answer could incriminate me." The INS lawyer then asked the judge to deport him.

Jay's case is on appeal before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

FBI says racist group may be behind bombs

By DEBRA ELLIOTT
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A racist group may be responsible for a wave of mail bombs, including two that killed a civil rights lawyer and a federal judge, the FBI said. Police defused a bomb at an NAACP office, and the organization placed all its offices on alert.

As authorities inspected attorney Robert Robinson's charred office in Savannah, Ga., and Judge Robert S. Vance's family in Alabama prepared for his funeral today, a fourth bomb was discovered at the NAACP office in Jacksonville, Fla.

Authorities planned to examine the bomb along with another unexploded bomb recovered Monday from the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals offices in Atlanta. The court, on which Vance served, handled appeals of federal cases from Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh called the bombings "an affront to our nation's commitment to the rule of law."

In Mountain Brook, Ala., where the 58-year-old Vance was killed when he opened a mailed package Saturday, U.S. marshals and police planned tight security including bomb-sniffing dogs for today's memorial service.

Among those who planned to attend were Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, who oversees the 11th Circuit, FBI Director William Sessions and Thornburgh.

Sessions told reporters that some organized group could be responsible for the bombs. He said a pattern of racist attacks "has to be one of the factors in the back of all our minds."

"Common sense would tell you – the number of incidents ... in three different states, all part of the 11th Circuit. It's quite possible there is more than one (person responsible)," Sessions said.

Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said he believed an organized group was behind the attacks. He instructed the civil rights group's 1,800 offices to take precautions in handling mail.

Hooks also said he fears the bombings were the beginning of a wave of attacks: "The thing has come to the place where everyone may be in jeopardy, from the president on down."

One possible link between the cases was the NAACP's efforts to desegregate Southern schools, authorities said. Evidence included:

•Vance wrote the 11th Circuit's unanimous opinion three months ago that ruled in favor of the NAACP in a desegregation suit against the Jacksonville, Fla., schools.

•Robinson, a black city alderman, represented the NAACP in another desegregation case involving Savannah area schools. On Sept. 29, an 11th Circuit panel that didn't include Vance upheld a desegration plan opposed by the NAACP.

•The Jacksonsville NAACP chapter talked with Robinson about its desegregation case, but Robinson did not represent them. "He gave us some advice," said the Rev. Fred Newbill, pastor of the First Timothy Baptist Church.

Authorities questioned Newbill about Robinson's role. "The FBI talked about a possible link between Robinson, Vance and our bomb," he said.

Vance and Robinson shared a moderate-to-progressive political stance and an interest in civil rights, but friends of the two believed they had never met.

The Jacksonville bomb was found just hours after the FBI in Savannah confirmed that the bomb that killed Robinson, 42, on Monday was similar to the two other bombs.

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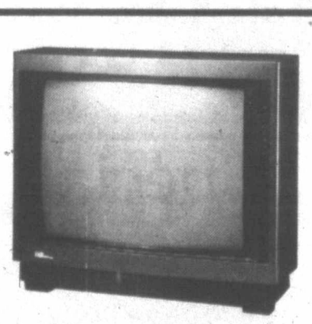
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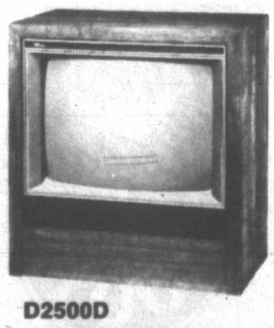
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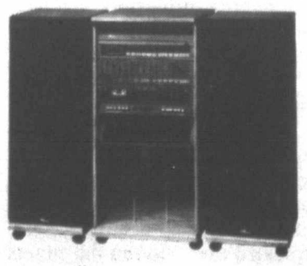


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Poll: Majority of U.S. residents favor North American common market

By F.N. D'ALESSIO
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CHICAGO (AP) – Creation of a North American common market, consisting of the United States, Canada and Mexico, is an idea which appeals to a large majority of U.S. residents, according to a new poll.

The poll, released this week, was taken for a group of leading Mexican business executives and an affiliated group in this country.

The groups, the Mexican Council of Businessmen and the U.S. Mexican Development Corporation, say such a common market is needed to compete successfully with Japan and the European Economic Community.

"Of the 1,200 individuals polled throughout the U.S., 85 percent favored a North American common market to offset anticipated heavy competition when the EEC countries drop their trade frontiers in 1992," said Jeffrey Peters, president of the U.S. Mexican Development Corporation (USDC).

Francisco del Cueto, a spokesman for the Mexican Council of Businessmen (MCB), also said 1992 would be a critical year for international trade.

His organization, which consists of owners, chairmen and executive officers of Mexico's top 36 industrial groups, has long stressed U.S.-Mexican cooperation.

Nino Noriega, a USDC spokesman, said no formal proposals for the creation of such a common market had been submitted to government officials in the three nations involved.

Noriega, however, said there had been some preliminary talks with several U.S. congressmen.

"It's an evolutionary thing that appears to be inevitable," Noriega said of the erasure of North American trade barriers. "It's a matter of common sense.

"You have: Mexico, with vast natural resources and a large pool of less expensive labor; the U.S., with technological expertise and a highly developed economy; and Canada, with a small population, but a strong currency and credit power."

"Trade barriers have essentially been erased between the U.S. and Canada," Noriega said.

"And we have proof that the same thing would work between the U.S. and Mexico through the 'Maquiladora' program, whereby U.S. manufacturers have goods finished in communities across the Mexican border and reimported into this country."

Noriega said some people worry about cheap Mexican labor taking jobs away from U.S. workers, but that that wouldn't be the case if cooperation created jobs in Mexico.

"Consider," he said, "the resources in Mexico and the potential Mexican market for luxury goods the U.S. market is already saturated with.

"People think of the Rio Grande as being like the Berlin Wall. Most don't realize that if that wall came down, the heavy traffic – business-wise – would be southbound."

The telephone poll taken during November for the MCB and USDC employed a sample similar to the U.S. national averages by gender, age, ethnic background, educational level and political philosophy, Noriega said.

Not surprisingly, the poll found that people of Hispanic background, whether it be Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or from another Spanish-speaking region, took a greater interest in Mexican affairs than the general U.S. population.

While only one third of the total respondents considered Mexico a good place for American investment, more than 55 percent of the Hispanic respondents considered it so.

At the same time, though, 90 percent of the total respondents said it was important for the U.S. to help Mexico to move ahead economically.

The poll, however, also revealed that many non-Hispanic Americans have little knowledge of Mexico's political institutions and recent history.

"Only about a third correctly identified Mexico as a democratic country," said del Cueto. "A greater number – almost 40 percent, in fact – believe it to be socialistic, while more than 7 percent even termed it a communist nation."

Report: Three percent of hospitals have higher death rates for elderly

By DEBORAH MESCE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) – More than 3 percent of the nation's nearly 6,000 hospitals had higher-than-expected death rates for Medicare patients and 32 – including six in Puerto Rico – had excess rates three years in a row, the government reported Wednesday.

Officials cautioned, however, that hospitals should not be judged good or bad solely on the basis of whether their Medicare patient death rates were higher or lower than government projections.

The information in the third annual report on Medicare hospital patient death rates, compiled by the Health Care Financing Administration, "is not a direct measure of the quality of care," said Louis Hays, the agency's acting administrator.

The report said 196 hospitals, or 3.4 percent of the nation's hospitals, had higher-than-expected death rates in 1988.

That compares with 194 such hospitals in 1987 and 187 hospitals in 1986, according to revised figures.

Data for these years were recomputed to account for different risk factors added to the calculations of the 1988 projections.

At the other end of the scale, 51 hospitals, or 0.9 percent, were found to have Medicare death rates lower than projected. Applying the revised calculations, such hospitals numbered 48 in 1987 and 40 in 1986.

Four hospitals had lower-than-projected death rates in each of the three years, while 32 hospitals had more Medicare patient deaths than expected three years in a row.

Thomas Morford, director of the financing agency's health standards and quality bureau, said it would be unfair and inaccurate to label the facilities as the nation's best or worst hospitals.

"This is not a one-to-one measure of quality of care," he said.

Rather, the information is intended to be one indicator of the quality of care a hospital provides, he said. Consumers can use the information to ask more informed questions when assessing a hospital's strengths and weaknesses and deciding which hospital to use.

The financing agency, a unit of the Department of Health and Human Services, said in background information released with the report that hospitals whose death rates expeed predicted ranges "are more likely to have quality problems than other hospitals."

However, it said that in some cases the excess can be explained by such things as a heavier caseload of patients who are severely ill and more likely to die.

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New York court throws out state harassment law

By ROBERT BELLAFIORE
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) – New York's highest court ruled the state's harassment law unconstitutional, saying speech that may be abusive is still protected by the First Amendment.

The decision may spark challenges against such laws in other states, attorneys said.

Civil rights advocates applauded the decision and said it would prevent police officers from arresting people, especially demonstrators, for using language that could be considered offensive.

"I think it's clear now that you can't prosecute someone for cursing someone out on the street," said Norman Siegel, executive director of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

The case involved a dispute in which a woman called a neighbor a ----- and her son a dog as they passed by her door. The woman, Jackie Dietze of Raymondville, also allegedly threatened to "beat the ---- out of" the woman.

Dietze, 19, was sentenced to 15 days in jail and fined $50.

On Tuesday, the state Court of Appeals, in a 7-0 decision, threw out her conviction. It ruled 5-2 that the law was unconstitutional.

The court said the harassment statute "prohibits a substantial amount of constitutionally protected expression."

Judge Stewart Hancock Jr. said the law needed to be undone "because its continued existence presents a significant risk of prosecution for the mere exercise of free speech."

"Casual conversation may well be abusive and intended to annoy. So, too, may be light-hearted banter or the earnest expression of personal opinion or emotion," Hancock said. "But unless speech presents a clear and present danger of some serious substantial evil, it may neither be forbidden nor penalized."

Most states have anti-harassment statutes similar in intent to New York's. William E. Hellerstein, a professor at the Brooklyn Law School and a specialist on the First Amendment, said the decision was bound to spur challenges in other states.

Dietze's words drew tears from her neighbor, Shelly Lazore.

Dietze denied using the language cited in the court case and said that the incident with Lazore stemmed from a feud over a boyfriend.

Economy grows, but slows down, in last quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) – The U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 3 percent from July through September, the government said today, but analysts say it has slowed dramatically during the fourth quarter.

In its final report on third-quarter economic activity, the Commerce Department said the gross national product was revised upward 0.3 percentage point from the 2.7 percent rate reported last month.

Many economists had predicted no change from November in the figure released today.

The change was attributed to another upward revision in net exports and a downward revision in personal consumption.

The GNP is the nation's total output of goods and services and its broadest measure of economic health.

The report bore good news for the Federal Reserve's goal of restraining inflation. A price index tied to the GNP rose at an annual rate of 2.9 percent during the July-September period, unchanged from last month's report.

It is the Fed's high-interest policy that is blamed, in part, for the fourth-quarter sluggishness, particularly in the automobile and other manufacturing industries.

The Federal Open Market Committee, the central bank's policy-making arm, met secretly Monday and Tuesday to consider monetary policy but, as usual, did not announce whether it would permit rates to continue to fall and thus stimulate economic growth.

Other disruptions in fourth-quarter growth are expected from the Boeing aircraft strike, the lingering effects of Hurricane Hugo and the San Francisco Bay-area earthquake.

In a companion report, the Commerce Department said after-tax profits of U.S. corporations fell 5.4 percent in the third quarter. That was a revision from the 7.2 percent decline reported last month.

Corporate profits have dropped for three consecutive quarters. They were down 0.3 percent in the first quarter and 1.1 percent in the second.

Consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity, was revised to show a 5.6 percent growth rate compared to the 6.2 percent gain reported last month.

The various changes left the GNP expanding in the third quarter at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $4.16 trillion.

Today's report was the third on the July-September GNP. In its initial estimate in October, the Commerce Department said the third-quarter economy would grow at a 2.5 percent annual rate.

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Lifestyles

Cookbook suggestions for Christmas giving

By CAROL DEEGAN
AP Food Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "The Christmas Kitchen" by Lorraine Bodger can help make holiday cooking and entertaining less frantic.

In addition to recipes and menus for holiday meals, Bodger offers practical strategies, complete with checklists to help cut the confusion that comes with holiday entertaining. Full-color photographs and more than 100 line drawings accompany such recipes as Mustard and Maple Glazed Ham, gingerbread houses and fruitcakes. Included in the Easy Christmas Candies section are recipes for kids.

"The Christmas Kitchen" (Doubleday) is a good choice for holiday gift-giving. The following are some other suggestions.

MICROWAVE cookbooks are popular including: "Microwave Gourmet Healthstyle Cookbook" by Barbara Kafka (William Morrow, $22.95), "Microwave Entertaining" by Marcia Cone and Thelma Snyder (Simon and Schuster, $24.95) and "365 Quick & Easy Microwave Recipes" by Thelma Pressman (Harper & Row, $14.95),

"Sumptuous Sauces in the Microwave" by Patricia Tennison (Contemporary Books, Chicago; $7.95), "The Random House Microwave Cookbook" by Margaret Fraser (Random House, $19.95), "Healthy Microwave Cooking" by Judith Benn Hurley (Rodale Press, Emmaus, Pa.; $21.95), "More Joy of Microwaving" by The Microwave Cooking Institute (Prentice Hall Press, $24.95).

Know someone concerned about CHOLESTEROL? There are many books from which to choose including "Count Out Cholesterol" by Art Ulene (Alfred A. Knopf, $18.95), the "Count Out Cholesterol Cookbook," also by Art Ulene (Alfred A. Knopf, $17.95), "Harriet Roth's Cholesterol-Control Cookbook" by Harriet Roth (New American Library, New York; $18.95) and "The American Heart Association Low-Fat, Low-Cholesterol Cookbook," edited by Scott Grundy (Times Books, New York; $18.95).

Harriet Roth is also the author of "Deliciously Low: The Gourmet Guide to Low-Sodium, Low-Fat, Low-Cholesterol, Low-Sugar Cooking" (New American Library, New York; $8.95). "The Healthy Gourmet" was written by Patricia Hausman and Judith Benn Hurley (New American Library; New York, $18.95).

For GRAINS OR VEGETARIAN cookbooks, you can choose from "The Complete Whole Grain Cookbook" by Carol Gelles (Donald I. Fine, New York; $19.95), "No Red Meat" by Brenda Shriver and Ann Tinsley (Fisher Books, Tuscon, Ariz.; $12.95), "The Not-Strictly Vegetarian Cookbook" by Lois Dribin and Susan Ivankovich (Fisher Books, Tucson, Ariz.; $11.95), "Kathy Cooks Vegetarian, Low Cholesterol" by Kathy Hoshijo (Fireside Books, New York; $14.95),

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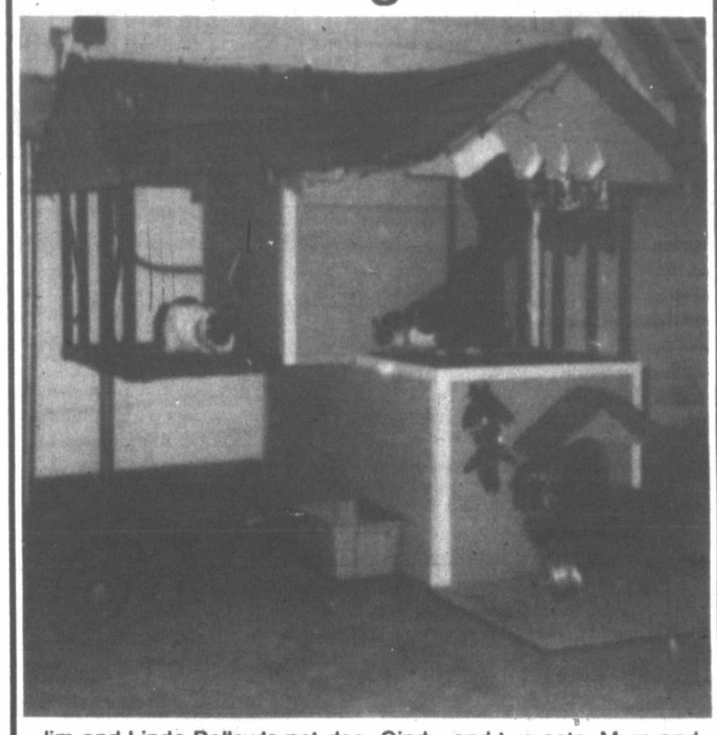
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Abigail Van Buren

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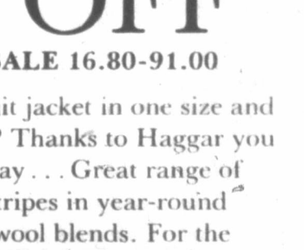
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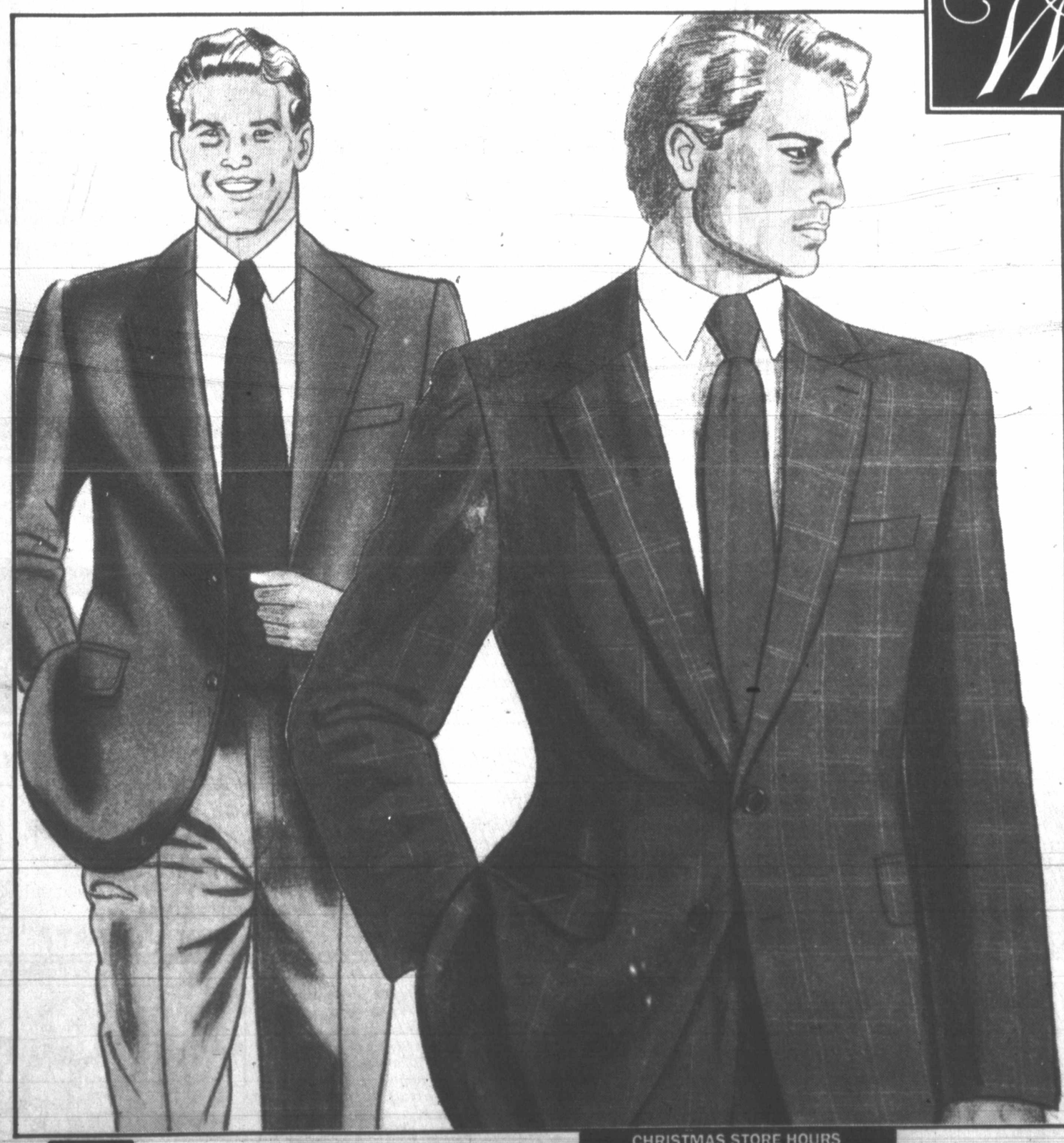
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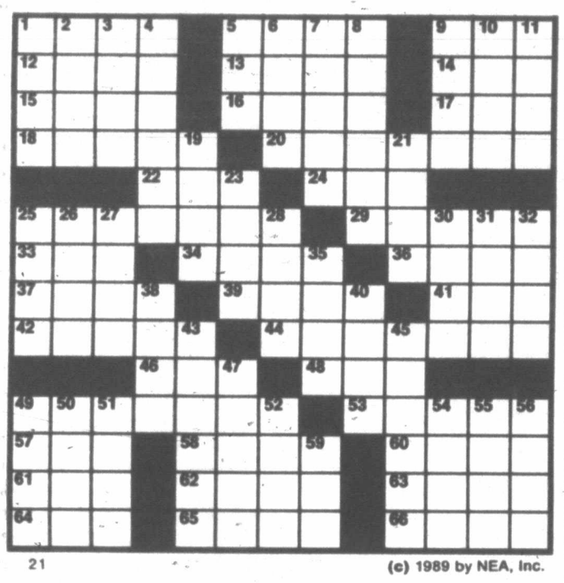
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Astro-Graph

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Agreements you negotiate at this time should prove to be constructive for all parties involved. They're destined to be of an enduring nature. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're now in an interesting cycle where a number of worthwhile objectives can be achieved. Each will be important, but they'll be unrelated to one another.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) People in general will find you a pleasant companion today. They'll want to bath in the limelight that will be focused on you when you are around others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A financial matter with domestic overtones that has been difficult to resolve looks like it will take a turn for the better today. Constructive solutions can be found.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be alert today, because an opportunity might develop that will enable you to profit from your position as a mediator in bringing two parties together. It could almost happen by chance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Over the next few days your likelihood for fulfilling several ambitious objectives will be exceptionally promising. However, you will still have to earn your rewards.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Beginning today there could be a noticeable improvement where your social life is concerned. Take advantage of any invitations you get to meet new people, because valuable contacts can be established.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An interesting development could take place today that will involve you, even though you might not be aware of it. When the dust settles, what transpired will have beneficial ramifications.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll be in your element today if you're lucky enough to participate in some form of group activity. Good things could happen for you when the gang gets together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Financial trends look extremely encouraging for you at this time, so it behooves you to be money minded. Search for openings that could lead to earnings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Dealings you have at this time with prestigious or influential people should work out very well. They'll take a serious interest in your activities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might gain something of material value through an unusual arrangement today. It could be the result of a good deed you did in the past about which you've forgotten.

MARVIN — By Tom Armstrong



MARMADUKE — By Brad Anderson



"The towel is for when Marmaduke catches you under the mistletoe."

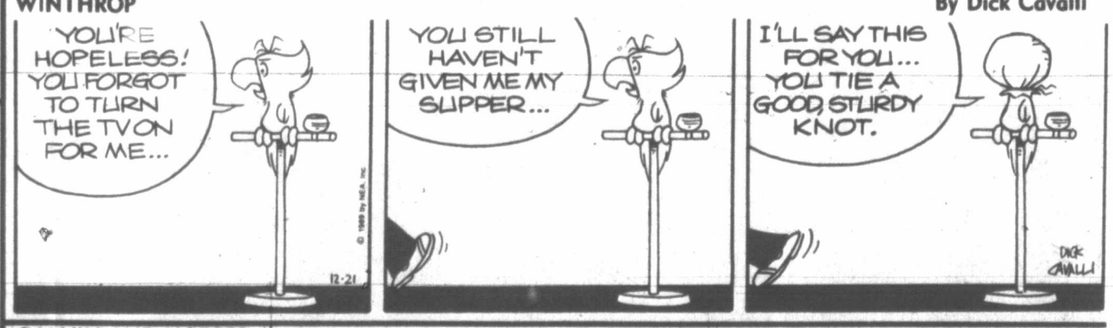
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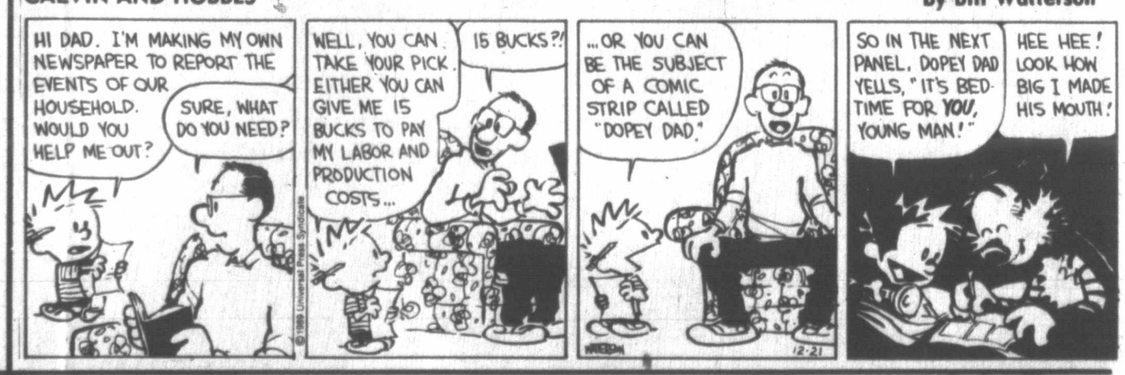
"The Smiths are so thoughtful. They never give us anything unless they're sure we have space for it in the attic."

The Family Circus — By Bil Keane



"Shall I play for you, pa-rum-pa-pum-pummm...?"

CALVIN AND HOBBES — By Bill Watterson



THE BORN LOSER — By Art Sansom



FRANK AND ERNEST — By Bob Thaves



PEANUTS — By Charles M. Schultz



GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



Sports

Defense pays off in Mavs' victory

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Dallas Mavericks' Coach Ritchie Adubato paid his dues as an NBA assistant long enough to know that defense is the key to winning games.

Adubato has stressed defense since taking over as Dallas coach from John MacLeod on Nov. 29 and Wednesday it again paid dividends as the Mavericks limited New Jersey to just one field goal over the final 6:50 while handing the Nets an 84-78 loss.

"If you look at the good teams in this league, they win on defense," said Adubato, whose club has limited opponents to just 95 points per game in the the twelve games (6-6) he's been coach.

"I thought Rolando was great at the end," said Adubato. "I just don't know how many times we can go to the well with him. We were tired and it showed. But we got a big spark from Randy White and Brad Davis coming off the bench. It wasn't very pretty, but I'll take it at the end of a six-game road trip."

Blackman and Sam Perkins, who each scored 19 points for the Mavericks, sparkled at both ends of the court, especially in the stretch. Perkins hit a pair of free throws with 3:06 to play to put Dallas ahead for good. Blackman added a pair of clutch jumpers to ice the victory giving the Mavericks a 3-3 split of their road trip.

"We had lost two in a row on the road, so this game was very important," said Blackman. "We wanted to be effective defensively and we really concentrated on that."

Derek Harper, who has been Blackman's running mate in the backcourt for the past six years, has come to look for his partner in the clutch.

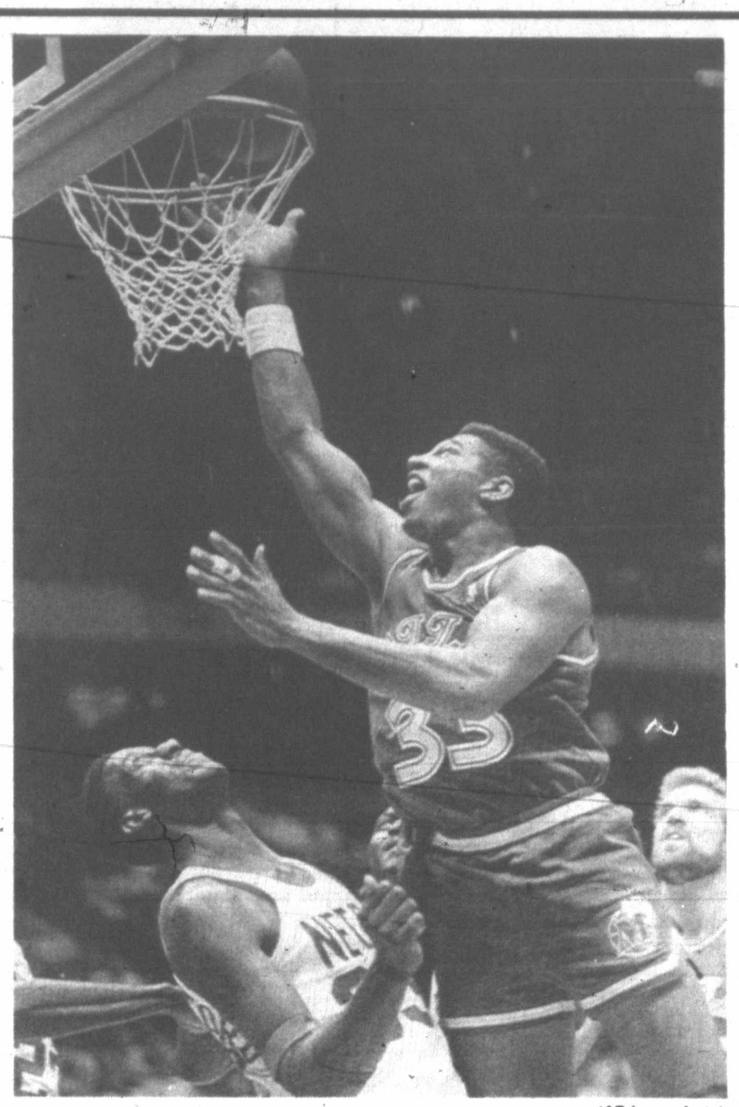
"Rolando is a clutch player down the end," said Harper. "He thrives on it and has always been productive."

The Nets, the NBA's worst shooting team, hit only 29 of 83 shots for the game and made just four of 22 in the decisive fourth quarter. New Jersey took a 72-71 lead on a driving layup by Roy Hinson with 6:50 to play but didn't score from the field again until Hinson dunked with 16 seconds to play.

Fitch said, "I thought our guard play was very disappointing tonight. We made some very poor decisions. Both teams looked like they played somewhere else last night."

Joe Barry Carroll, who started in place of Sam Bowie, who sprained his ankle Tuesday night against Miami, scored 16 points but pointed to the Nets failure to execute when the game was on the line.

"We were in the game the whole way," said Carroll, "but we made critical errors down the stretch."



(AP Laserphoto)

Randy White of Dallas (right) lays the ball in over the head of New Jersey's Charles Shackleford.

Vikings, Cincinnati dominate Pro Bowl

By MIKE NADEL
AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — It doesn't make much sense, but the Minnesota Vikings and Cincinnati Bengals have the NFL's most honored players.

The teams, who meet in what could be a crucial game on Christmas night in the NFL's final game of the season, placed the most players in the Pro Bowl even though both have had disappointing seasons.

Pro Bowl rosters were released Wednesday, with New York Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor and Cincinnati tackle Anthony Munoz each being named for the ninth straight year. The NFC will meet the AFC in the annual all-star game at Honolulu on Feb. 4.

The Vikings, who had a league-high nine Pro Bowlers last year, again lead the NFL with seven. Nevertheless, if Green Bay wins at Dallas Sunday and the Vikings lose to Cincinnati, they will finish 9-7 and out of the playoffs.

Among the Vikings picked were offensive tackle Gary Zimmerman and guard Randall McDaniel, although the Vikings have struggled to run the ball all season — even since trading for Herschel Walker; cornerback Carl Lee, whose interceptions are down from last year's eight to two and who has been burned for the biggest play in the Vikings' last three losses, and tight end Steve Jordan, whose 34 receptions are a six-year low.

"Perhaps I was a little bit surprised, particularly with our offensive guys, because we haven't been playing that well," Vikings coach Jerry Burns said. "But it's been a dropped ball here, a missed assignment there. That doesn't mean individual players weren't productive."

Other Vikings selected are repeaters and all are having banner seasons for the league's top-ranked defense: tackle Keith Millard, end Chris Doleman and safety Joey Browner.

"Our coaching staff is in a no-win situation," Burns said. "When we win, we're supposed to because we have all these Pro Bowlers. If we lose, people say, 'How can you lose? You've got all those Pro Bowlers.'

"But it takes more than great players to make a great team. It takes good fortune and teamwork. We've never had two straight games offensively where we've gotten on a roll."

The Bengals, meanwhile, placed an AFC-high six in the Pro Bowl even though they are 8-7, well off from the form that carried them to the Super Bowl last year. They need several other teams to lose this weekend just so a win over Minnesota would get them into the playoffs.

Cincinnati's contingent was led by Munoz, who became the first offensive lineman to be named to nine straight Pro Bowls. Other Bengals are running back James Brooks, tight end Rodney Holman, safety David Fulcher, quarterback Boomer Esiason and guard Max Montoya.

Taylor, the prototype outside linebacker since entering the league in 1981, has made it in all nine of his NFL seasons.

The only other players to make nine straight Pro Bowls are Franco Harris and Jack Lambert of Pittsburgh and Randy White of Dallas. No player has made it 10 times.

San Francisco (13-2), which has clinched the NFC West and home-field advantage in the playoffs, had six men on the team, as did the Los Angeles Rams, who trail the 49ers with a 10-5 mark.

Denver (11-4), which has won the AFC West and home-field advantage, got four onto the squad — safety Dennis Smith, linebacker Karl Mecklenburg, nose tackle Greg Kragen and kicker David Treadwell.

But the Giants, who lead the NFC East and have the NFC's second-best record, had only two — Taylor and kick returner David Meggett.

The NFC East choices were nearly in inverse order to their teams' success. Fourth-place Phoenix (5-11) had four; Philadelphia (10-5) had three; the Giants had two, and the Washington Redskins (9-6) one, defensive end Charles Mann. The Dallas Cowboys (1-14) were shut out.

There were three rookies among the 82 players selected.

One was Meggett, a fifth-round draft pick from Towson State who has turned three short passes into touchdown plays of 50 or more yards. The others were both high first-round picks — Detroit's Barry Sanders, last year's Heisman Trophy winner, who will start at running back for the NFC, and Derrick Thomas of Kansas City, who will start at outside linebacker for the AFC.

Record falls as Blackhawks bury Blues, 9-6

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Hockey Writer

Quick, what's the record for the fastest four goals in Chicago Blackhawks' history?

It's 1 minute and 56 seconds — now.

The Blackhawks wiped out the previous record of 2:03 with goals by DirkGraham, Jeremy Roenick, Dave Manson and Adam Creighton in a third-period blitz that buried the St. Louis Blues 9-6 Wednesday night.

The original Blackhawk record was set on Jan. 22, 1961 against Boston on goals by Kenny Wharram, Elmer Vasko, Ron Murphy and Pierre Pilote.

"It was a race to see who would score more," Chicago coach Mike Keenan said. "We almost ran out of time."

The Blues had taken a 6-5 lead earlier in the third period on Brett Hull's third goal of the game and Jeff Brown's second before the Blackhawks rallied.

Graham tied the score at 6, jamming in his ninth goal at 11:53, and Roenick followed with his sixth 23 seconds later for the game-winner.

Manson's 55-foot slap shot at 12:52 gave the Blackhawks an 8-6 lead. Then Creighton's second goal of the game at 13:49 gave Chicago its fourth goal within 1:56.

Sabres.....2
Rangers.....2

Soviet rookie Alexander Mogilny's goal early in the third period gave Buffalo a tie with the Rangers.

Mogilny, who defected from the Soviet Union last May, ripped a 20-foot wrist shot just under the crossbar at 2:31 of the final period.

Buffalo got an outstanding effort from goaltender Clint Malarchuk, who made 41 saves against the struggling Rangers.

Whalers.....4
Bruins.....3

Hartford center Ron Francis scored his 17th goal on a deflection with 25 seconds left to lift the Whalers over Boston. Dave Babych intercepted Ray Bourque's clearing pass at the left point and his blast was redirected by Francis past goaltender Andy Moog.

Todd Krygier, Ed Kastelic and Dean Evason also scored for Hartford.

Andy Brickley, Craig Janney and Randy Burridge scored for Boston.

Red Wings.....4
Maple Leafs.....2

Goaltender Glen Hanlon turned aside 26 shots and Joe Kocur snapped a 1-1 tie with a second-period goal.

Hanlon, 4-1-2 in seven starts since returning from a groin injury, surrendered Gary Leeman's first-period goal and another to John Kordic in the third. Hanlon's biggest save came early in the second period when he stopped Daniel Marois on a breakaway to keep the score tied 1-1.

After Leeman and Shawn Burr swapped first-period goals, Kocur scored his sixth of the season to put Detroit ahead to stay.

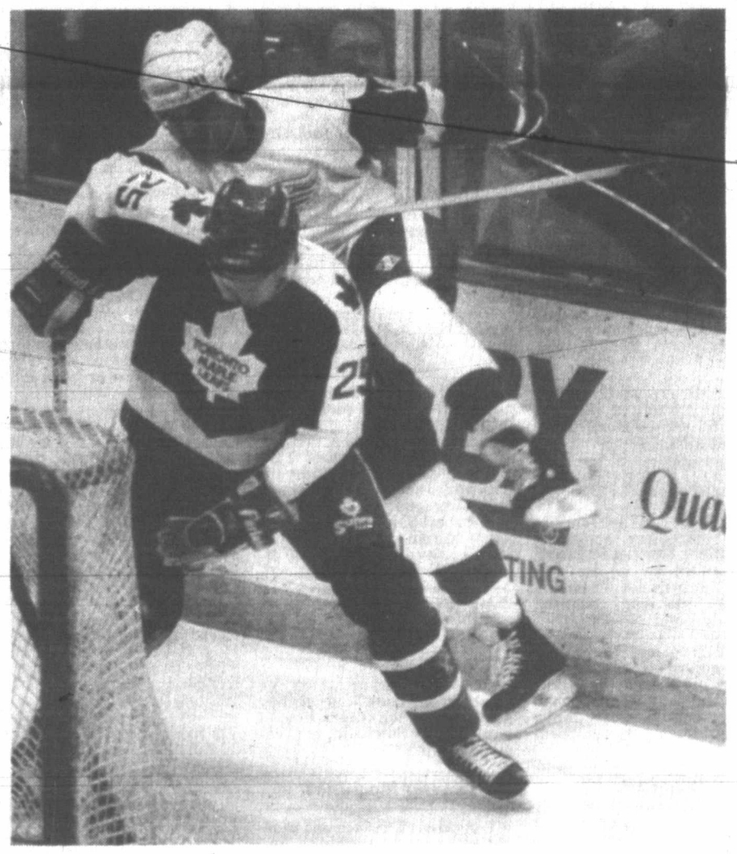
Flames.....2
Canucks.....1, OT

Jamie Macoun scored with 14 seconds left in overtime to lead Calgary over Vancouver.

Macoun beat Vancouver goaltender Kirk McLean on the far side with a wrist shot after 4:46 of the extra period.

Jim Sandlak had the goal for the Canucks in the second period before Jiri Hrdina tied it at 11:45 of the third.

McLean was outstanding for the Canucks, making 17 stops in the third period alone.



(AP Laserphoto)

Toronto's Tom Kurvers (25) checks John Chabot.

BIG SHOTS

Top NHL scoring percentages (1988-89)

Player, Team	Shots	Goals	Pct.
Rob Brown, Pittsburgh	169	49	29.0
Craig Simpson, Edmonton	121	35	28.9
Mario Lemieux, Pittsburgh	313	85	27.2
Pat Elynuik, Winnipeg	100	26	26.0
Ron Sutter, Philadelphia	106	26	24.5
Ray Ferraro, Hartford	169	41	24.3
Paul MacLean, Detroit	148	36	24.3
Joe Nieuwendyk, Calgary	215	51	23.7

(Minimum: 80 shots)

NEA GRAPHIC

Tennessee defense geared to stop run-oriented Hogs

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee coach Johnny Majors says the Cotton Bowl game between the Volunteers and the Arkansas Razorbacks should be interesting if a statistical comparison of the two squads is on the money.

The No. 8 Vols are strongest against the run, and tenth-ranked Arkansas makes its living on the ground.

Asked if he thought it would have been worse to face a pass-happy team, which his defense has had trouble stopping all year, Majors said, "They'll be all we can handle."

"That's been the best part of our defensive game, up front, but we'll have to play as good a game as we've played all year to beat them," he said.

Both teams are 10-1. Arkansas won the Southwest Conference title for the second straight year with a 7-1 league record. The Vols were tri-champions of the Southeastern Conference with a 6-1 league record.

Tennessee's defense yielded just 107 yards per game rushing, although the Vols gave up a total of 351 yards per contest.

But, Majors said, Tennessee has not seen a running attack like the Razorbacks', led by the threesome of halfback James Rouse, fullback Barry Foster and quarterback Quinn Grovey.

The Razorbacks average 314 yards a game on the ground.

"Those people in the backfield are really something, I'll tell you that," Majors said. "Really something."

And Arkansas coach Ken Hatfield, who spoke to reporters in Knoxville over a telephone hookup, said he expects both teams to stay with what got them this far.

"I think naturally you go into any game starting with your strength," he said. "You want to do the things your kids have the most confidence in, and certainly we'll try to do that. Tennessee's defense will try to do the same thing.

"It ought to be an interesting matchup between two strong wills."

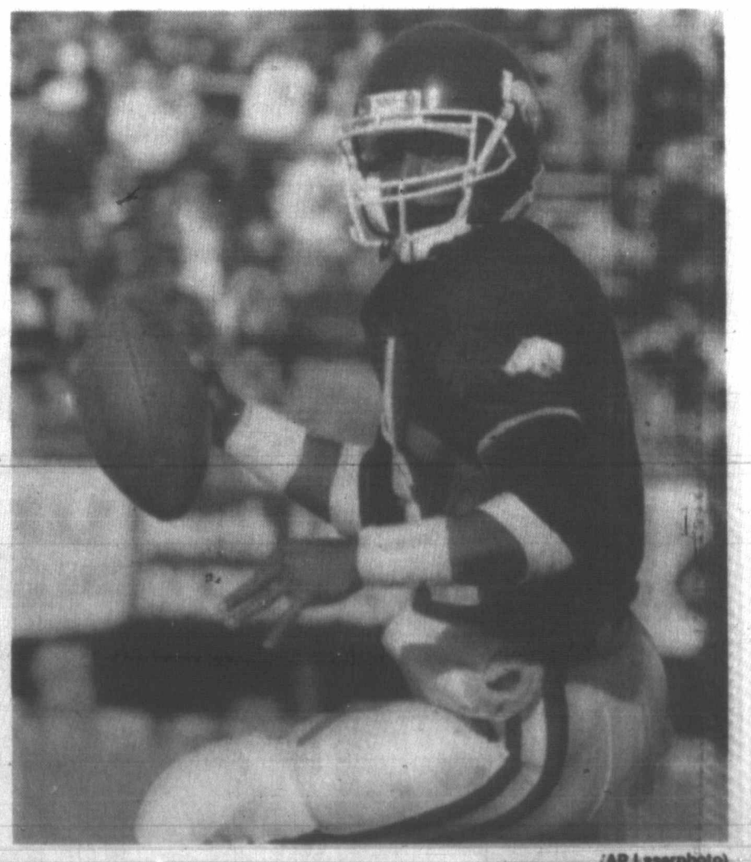
He said the Razorbacks' switch to the "I" formation, away from more traditional option offenses, has helped Grovey.

"When we went to the 'I' this year it really took a lot of pressure off him, and it allowed him to stay healthy all year," Hatfield said. "I think he had a better year this year than he did last year, when he was the all-conference quarterback."

Foster and Rouse ended the season with virtually identical statistics for the Razorbacks. Rouse carried 163 times for 869 yards, Foster 160 times for 833 yards. Grovey carried 120 times for 565 yards. He also completed 55 percent of his passes for 1,149 yards.

"Their running game will give us more problems than a lot of teams'," Majors said. "They'll have a little more option. Ole Miss had some option, but they didn't have nearly the operator" that Arkansas has in Grovey.

He also said the Vols have not seen as good a running fullback this season as Foster.



(AP Laserphoto)

The Razorbacks' switch to the 'I' formation has helped the performance of QB Quinn Grovey.

Ham at stake in Cotton Bowl

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The chairmen of the two major electric utilities in Arkansas and Tennessee have wagered a ham on the outcome of the Cotton Bowl between the Razorbacks and Volunteers on New Year's Day.

The bet was suggested by Marvin Runyon, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, headquartered in Knoxville. It was accepted by Jerry Maulden, chairman of Arkansas Power and Light Co. in Little Rock.

At stake are a Tennessee country ham and an Ozark ham.

The winner will claim his prize from the loser at a bridge spanning the Mississippi River, which separates the two states.

In addition, each honcho agreed to wear the winner's colors to work the next day if his team loses.

The guy who started all this actually was Alabama coach Bill Curry, who the week before the Tennessee game dubbed the Volunteers' offensive line "the Tennessee Valley Authority."

"In anticipation of the impending victory of our namesake 'power line' and their Tennessee teammates, we're willing to bet a prize Tennessee ham," Runyon said in a letter to Maulden. "We challenge you to support your team in the same manner ..."

Hot shooting keys Southern Methodist win

By The Associated Press

Southern Methodist University took advantage of hot shooting by Mustang forward John Colborne and cold shooting by North Carolina-Charlotte.

It added up to a 63-55 victory over North Carolina-Charlotte Wednesday night.

In other games involving SWC teams, Texas A&M defeated Holy Cross, 96-93, in the Panther Classic and Colorado State whipped Baylor, 74-55.

Colborne's performance, coupled with 5-of-29 field goal accuracy by the 49ers in the second half and a 46-25 rebounding advantage, brought the Mustangs back from a 35-26 halftime deficit.

SMU (3-4), which hit 15-of-24 from the field during the stretch, began the half with an 11-2 run. Colborne's layup tied the game at 37 with 13:59 left.

UNCC (4-3) responded with five straight points as Henry Williams hit a 3-point jumper with 13:12 left for a 42-37 lead.

Colborne, who made 11-of-14 field goal attempts in the second half, came back with two straight jump shots to spark a 7-0 run. With 9:59 left, Roderick Hampton drove the lane for a layup and a 44-42 Mustang edge.

Tony Milton scored 27 points to lead Texas A&M to the 96-93 victory over Holy Cross.

Teammates Brooks Thompson and Darren Rhea had 16 each. Roy MIlton had 12 for the Aggies.

Holy Cross (6-2) led 51-47 at intermission thanks largely to 18 points from guard Dwight Pernell.

Holy Cross led 70-63 with 12:18 remaining, when Texas A&M went on a 12-2 run. Milton scored four points in the run. Holy Cross then took its last lead at 78-76 on a layup by Earl Weedon. The Aggies answered with a 7-2 run and never lost the lead.

Holy Cross was led by Pernell's 31. Lorn Davis added 16 and Jim Nairus scored 15.

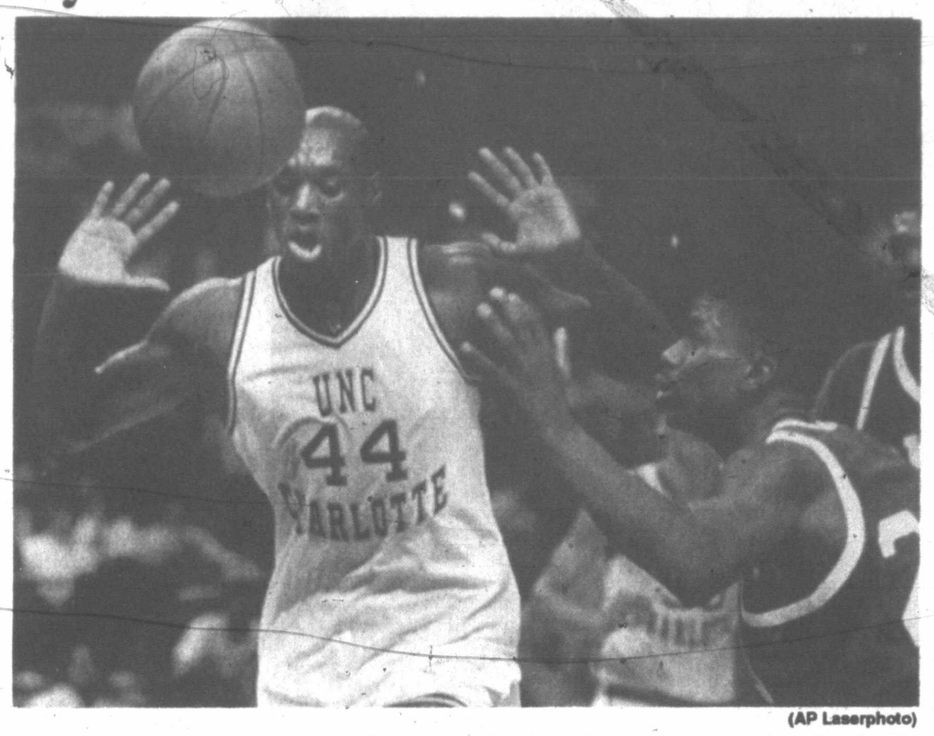
The Crusaders shot only 44.1 percent from the field for the game.

Forward Mike Mitchell led a surge that began with a 6-0 run to close the first half and give Colorado State the lead as the Rams beat Baylor 74-55.

The win was the second in a row for Colorado State, which is 7-2 on the year, while Baylor broke a two-game win streak and dropped to 6-3.

The teams traded leads eight times in the first half, with Mitchell scoring all six points of the 6-0 run that gave Colorado State a 28-24 margin at the break.

Then when the second half opened, Kelvin Chalmers scored on a three-point play for Baylor, but Mitchell and teammate Mark Meredith answered with a 9-0 run for a 37-27 cushion for the Rams.



(AP Laserphoto)

Charlotte's Cedric Ball (44) battles SMU's Gerald Lewis for the ball.

Scoreboard

Basketball

High School Scores

(From Tuesday)

BOYS

West Texas	7	22	32	54
White Deer	6	16	22	33

Leading scorers: WT – J. McInturff 15, J. Price 12; WD – Allen Mercer 13, Troy Cummins 11. Record: White Deer 2-10.

Higgins	19	27	48	69
Mobeetie	9	18	28	38

Leading scorers: H – F. Valenzuela 37, J. Booker 13; M – Destry James 18, Kelly Quarles 11.

Memphis	8	20	31	46
McLean	6	20	27	39

Leading scorers: McLean – Bobby Sherman 15, Donald Harris 14.

GIRLS

White Deer	12	24	34	49
West Texas	12	25	33	47

Leading scorers: WD – Traci Lemons 17, Julie Hillhouse 7; WT – Autumn Moss 13, Monden 10. Record: White Deer 6-7.

Higgins	15	28	44	60
Mobeetie	8	18	25	35

Leading scorers: H – D. Dukes 16, C. Giddens 15; M – Dana Brittenham 13, Virginia Aycock 9.

College Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST
Georgetown 97, Virginia Tech 64
Robert Morris 93, Radford 75
SOUTH
Georgia 91, Jacksonville 62
LSU 73, NW Louisiana 63
Memphis St. 59, New Orleans 55
South Alabama 111, Alabama St. 68
Southern Meth. 63, N.C. Charlotte 55
St. Louis 77, W. Kentucky 65
Stetson 87, Drexel 77
Tennessee 92, W. Carolina 66
Texas-San Antonio 88, Georgia Southern 84
MIDWEST
Austin Peay 70, Bradley 65
Dayton 84, DePaul 73
Illinois 101, Missouri 93
Marquette 77, Chicago St. 45
Michigan St. 80, Evansville 66
Minnesota 77, Washington 60
Purdue 60, California 55
SW Missouri St. 85, Bethune-Cookman 51
SOUTHWEST
Texas-El Paso 77, Creighton 66
FAR WEST
Colorado St. 74, Baylor 55
Fresno St. 56, Santa Clara 54
St. Mary's, Cal. 60, Montana 54, OT
Utah St. 70, Weber St. 52
TOURNAMENTS
Golden Panthers Classic
First Round
Fla. International 78, Georgia St. 72
Texas A&M 96, Holy Cross 93
Richmond Times-Dispatch Invitational
First Round
Richmond 69, Old Dominion 62
Virginia 63, Va. Commonwealth 46

NBA Standings

By The Associated Press
All Times CST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	15	7	.682	—
Boston	14	10	.583	2
Philadelphia	12	10	.545	3
Washington	12	12	.500	4
New Jersey	7	16	.304	81/2
Miami	7	18	.280	91/2

Central Division

Chicago	15	8	.652	—
Atlanta	14	8	.636	1/2
Indiana	14	8	.636	1/2
Detroit	14	10	.583	11/2
Cleveland	10	12	.455	41/2
Milwaukee	10	13	.435	5
Orlando	9	15	.375	61/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	15	6	.714	—
Utah	15	8	.652	1
Denver	15	9	.625	11/2
Dallas	11	12	.478	5
Houston	11	14	.440	6
Minnesota	5	19	.208	111/2
Charlotte	4	18	.182	111/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	19	6	.760	—
Portland	18	7	.720	1
Seattle	11	11	.500	61/2
Phoenix	9	11	.450	71/2
L.A. Clippers	9	12	.429	8
Golden State	9	14	.391	9
Sacramento	6	16	.273	111/2

Wednesday's Games
Boston 113, Utah 109
Dallas 84, New Jersey 78
Philadelphia 118, Washington 111
Orlando 110, Chicago 109
Denver 104, Cleveland 89
Los Angeles Lakers 106, Minnesota 97, OT
San Antonio 103, Sacramento 100
Indiana 131, Phoenix 130, OT
Golden State 118, Houston 112

Thursday's Games
Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games
Philadelphia at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Disgruntled Samuel finds new home with Dodgers

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Juan Samuel got out of New York, Mike Marshall was bounced out of Los Angeles and Detroit said goodbye to Willie Hernandez and Doyle Alexander.

Baseball teams created a flurry of activity Wednesday as the deadline approached to offer 1990 contracts to players. In the big deal of the day, the New York Mets traded the disgruntled Samuel to the Los Angeles Dodgers for pitcher Alejandro Pena and outfielder-first baseman Mike Marshall.

Any player on a 40-man roster not getting a contract by Wednesday night automatically became a free agent today. Several teams announced which players they were letting go.

Baltimore said goodbye to outfielder Butch Davis, Boston gave up on designated hitter Sam Horn, California said no to pitcher Mark Clear and outfielder Tony Armas, and Los Angeles didn't offer a contract to outfielder Mike Davis.

Boston let it be known that it would not offer a contract to catcher Rick Cerone, and the New York Yankees let it be known that they would sign Cerone to a two-year, $1.4 million contract as soon as he became a free agent.

Meanwhile, free agent Mike Smithson's one-year, $480,000 contract with the Red Sox was voided. The deal was agreed to on Dec. 13, six days after the deadline for Smithson to re-sign, and two clubs objected Wednesday to a waiver of the rule. He may sign a minor-league contract with Boston's Class AAA team at Pawtucket.

Among players eligible for salary arbitration, outfielder John Kruk and the Philadelphia Phillies agreed to a one-year contract for $655,000. Infielder Tom O'Malley and the New York Mets also agreed on a one-year deal.

The Phillies sent pitcher Marvin Freeman and outfielder Ron Jones outright to Scranton-Wilkes-Barre of the Class AAA International League and the Chicago White Sox sent pitchers Wilson Alvarez, Tom Drees and Wayne Edwards outright to Vancouver of the Class AAA Pacific Coast League.

In off-the-field moves, Philadelphia named Jerry Martin coach of Martinsville of the Appalachian League and the Cleveland Indians named Rick Wolff psychological consultant for all the players in their organization.

Samuel, who came to the Mets last summer from Philadelphia in a trade for outfielder Lenny Dykstra and reliever Roger McDowell, had asked New York to trade him.

"I think it was a trade that made a lot of sense for us and also for the Mets," Dodgers general manager Fred Claire said. "We've spent a lot of months trying to chase Juan Samuel. I think it was important we didn't have to give up a starting pitcher. We certainly have much better balance now. Juan will give us speed and an outstanding right-handed bat."

Samuel batted .235 last season with 11 home runs and 48 RBIs and had 42 stolen bases. With the Mets, he batted .228 with three homers and 28 RBIs.

Marshall, 29, batted .260 in 1989 with 11 home runs and 42 RBIs. He has been bothered throughout his career by a disc problem in his back and has been on the disabled list six times.

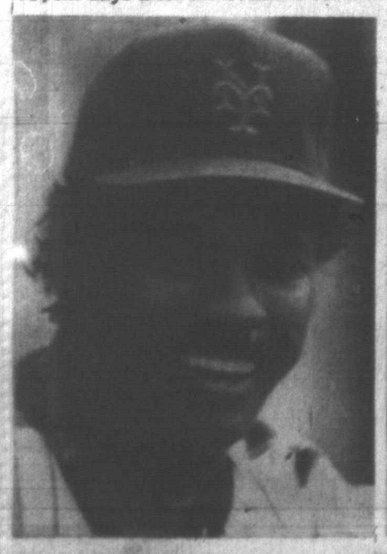
But in 1988, he played in 144 games and batted .277 with 20 homers and 82 runs batted in. He hit .293 in 1985 with career highs in homers (28) and RBIs (95).

"Every once in a while, just from the wear and tear of the season, my back will go out on me," Marshall said. "Usually it's one or two days, sometimes its longer. This is the best I felt in three years. I even took up golf again."

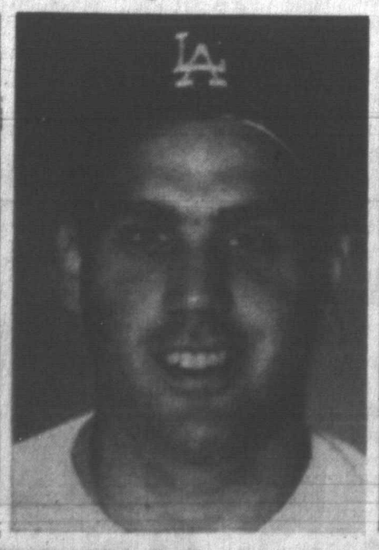
He creates a potential battle in New York, since Dave Magadan was set to play first base and Keith Miller is going to get a chance to start in center field.

"I don't want to say he's going to play first base. I don't want to say he's going to play the outfield," Joe McIlvaine, the Mets' vice president for baseball operations, said. "I'm going to say he'll compete for positions. If you keep Marshall in the lineup, he'll be a very productive hitter. There's nothing wrong with having some depth."

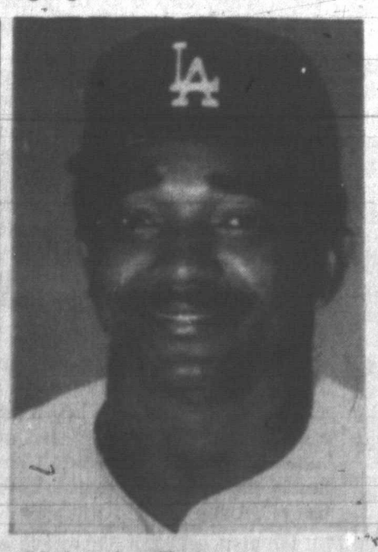
Pena, 30, was 4-3 in 1989 with a 2.13 earned-run average and five saves. The right-hander is 38-38 lifetime with 32 saves.



Juan Samuel



Mike Marshall



Alejandro Pena

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County Judge
Gray County, Texas
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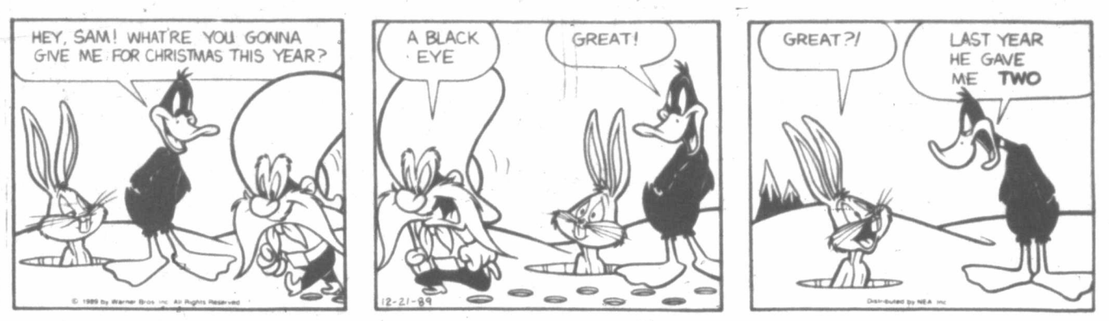
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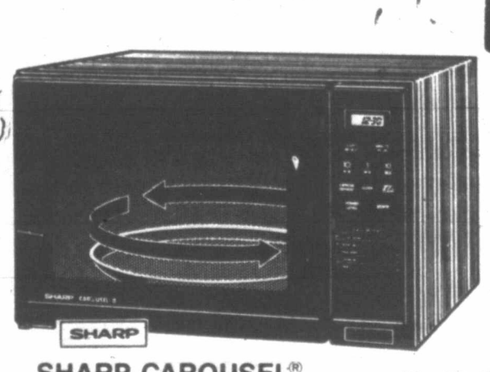
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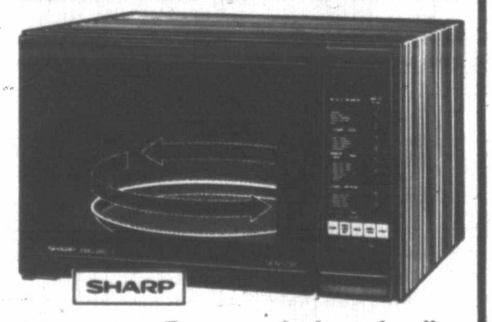


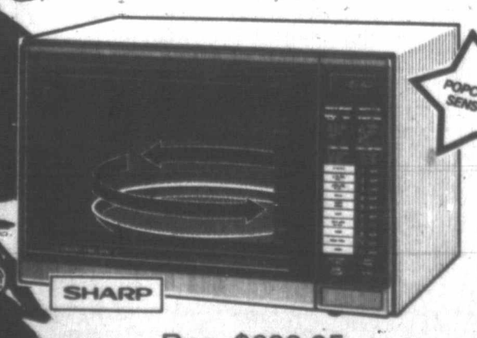
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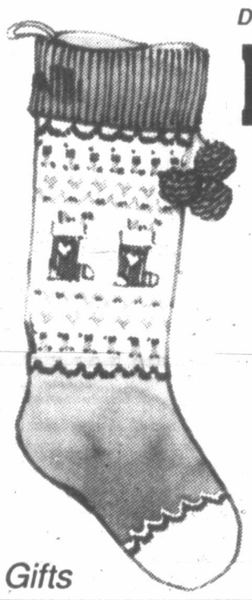


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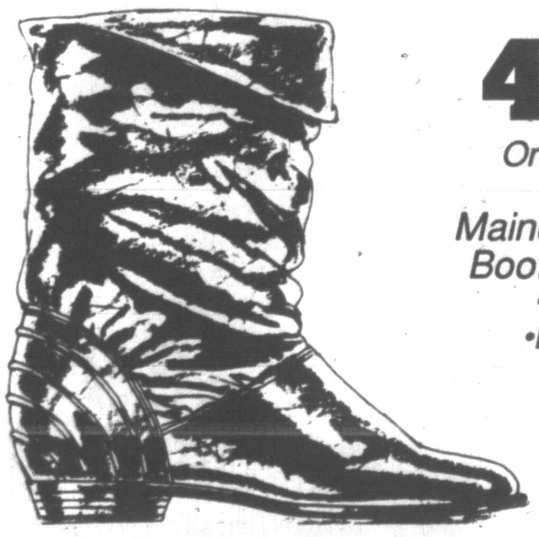
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