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Snow

Up to 4 inches to slicken roads

From Staff and Wire Reports

The ice that coated car windshields and Pampa streets this morning is expected to continue through the weekend, causing hazardous driving conditions.

In Pampa, travelers advisories are in effect through Saturday as snow accumulations of up to 4 inches are predicted. Highs Friday are expected to hover in the mid-30s.

While snow flurries were reported in the Pampa vicinity this morning, the harshest weather reported in area communities was heavy fog.

A winter storm warning was in effect for the Panhandle and travelers advisories were issued for a vast area of West Texas as forecasts called for as much as 2 to 4 inches of snow across western sections of the state.

Travelers advisories were issued for the South Plains, Permian Basin and Cocho Valley through tonight and for the Panhandle and South Plains through Friday.

The National Weather Service said early today that a low in the Rio Grande Valley will deepen today in response to a cold moist low aloft crossing the southern Rockies.

Forecasters said moisture being drawn up from the southeast will converge with colder air in the Panhandle before the low moves southeastward Friday.

Forecasters said the air mass will undergo cooling and rain and drizzle will turn to freezing rain and freezing



A Pampa motorist is greeted by thick fog this morning.

drizzle and snow in the Panhandle late today. Snowfall of 2 to 4 inches is possible with an additional 1 to 2 inches tonight. The South Plains could receive 1 to 2 inches of snow tonight.

Forecasters warned of treacherous road conditions across the Panhandle through tonight as icy conditions develop.

A weak stationary front was located across the southern half of the state early today, from the Big Bend area to Del

Rio and eastward into Southeast Texas.

Showers were reported at dawn along the front between San Antonio and Del Rio and parts of the Big Bend area of Southwest Texas.

Elsewhere around the state, some scattered showers were reported over extreme North Texas, from along the Red River westward into northeast sections of the Panhandle where colder air turned the precipitation into snow.

Fog was reported early to

day over portions of Southwest Texas, the Panhandle, extreme South Texas and along middle and upper sections of the coastal plains.

Skies were clear in far West Texas and cloudy elsewhere.

In addition to the wintry weather for West Texas, forecasts called for cloudy skies statewide with light rain or drizzle in North Texas through tonight. Fog will be widespread in West Texas except in extreme western portions and in the Big Bend area.

RRC debates fate of field

From Staff and Wire Reports

AUSTIN — A high-stakes hearing on possible changes in oil and gas production rules in the vast Panhandle Field has opened before the Texas Railroad Commission.

The hearing shapes up as one matching oil operators against gas operators.

The question raised by the commission is whether 13 Panhandle oil and gas fields should be consolidated into one, with special new rules regulating production.

The production area stretches from northwest of Amarillo 125 miles south and southwest, with an average width of 20 miles, and extends beneath 1.5 million acres in nine counties.

The hearings, scheduled first for early 1986 but then delayed for months, grew out of requests by then Gov. Mark White for the RRC to give serious consideration to rule changes after the commission ruled it was illegal to use low temperature extraction (LTX) units on wells to produce so-called "white oil," a liquefied hydrocarbon obtained from petroleum gases.

The 1985 RRC ruling led to the shutdown of hundreds of wells operated by independent oilmen across the Panhandle and the removal of the LTX units.

Gov. White also had requested that portions of the hearings be held in the Panhandle, but the RRC commissioners have yet to make that decision.

A spokeswoman with the RRC Office of Information Services this morning said no decision has been made on whether hearings will be held in Amarillo or



Dumas, as White had suggested. She said the RRC commissioners "don't have anything scheduled yet" in the Panhandle in regard to the field hearings. She added that the staff has "no idea if and when they will make that decision."

The spokeswoman noted the commissioners have scheduled two months for the Austin hearing, so it may be several weeks before any decision on other locations for the hearing is made.

As the hearing got under way in Austin Wednesday, Joe Foy of Houston, a lawyer on the "oil" side, said oil production in the Panhandle Field "is being retarded" by a "series of tactics of intimidation, litigation and harassment that extends all the way to Washington."

"Businessmen, gentlemen, do not like to buy litigation. They will not invest in drilling oil wells

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Pampa car dealer driven to Chapter 7

Tri-Plains crashes in weak economy

By CATHY SPAULDING Staff Writer

Pampa area Chrysler and Dodge owners must look elsewhere for their warranty work now that Tri-Plains Chrysler - Plymouth - Dodge has gone bankrupt.

Tri-Plains owner Gerald Gardner said Tuesday that he closed his dealership about two weeks ago, laying off a work force of 11 people in sales, service and administration. The remaining inventory was sold to a dealer in Lubbock, he said.

"We were a just victim of the economy,"

Gardner said. "About the time we moved into our new building on Alcock (in 1985) the economy began falling. We had too high an overhead than we had for our volume."

The dealership opened in 1974, selling International Harvester trucks. The dealership added the Chrysler - Plymouth - Dodge lines in 1984.

Gardner's attorney, Steve Hoard of Amarillo, confirmed Wednesday that the Pampa auto dealer, 1917 Alcock, filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in Amarillo on Dec. 31. Hoard explained that Chapter 7 is the legal term for business liquidation.

"I don't foresee any problems with the proceedings," Hoard said. "This is basically a going-out-of-business situation. There will be limited court involvement,

and in all likelihood, all assets will be restored to the several lenders."

He added that the liquidation is being handled through trustees with the U.S. bankruptcy trustee's office in Dallas.

"A Chapter 7 bankruptcy typically takes four months to run its course," Hoard said. "But a person can already start a new dealership."

But Harold Parnell, dealer planning manager of the Dallas regional office of Chrysler, said it may take three months to a year before the company can negotiate a new dealership in Pampa. He said the auto company must wait for Tri-Plains to proceed through bankruptcy.

Parnell said Tri-Plains was the first dealer in the Dallas region to close during the state's current economic slump.

"Pampa has always been an excellent car and truck market, one of the strongest in the Panhandle area," Parnell said. "We'd like to establish a new dealership there as soon as possible."

"We've had a tremendous amount of interest shown in dealerships in this region," he added. "But we'll try to seek someone locally (from the Pampa area) rather than bring someone in from Wichita Falls or Lubbock."

Parnell said Chrysler had a dealership in Pampa before Tri-Plains, but it closed in 1979 "when Chrysler was having financial troubles."

The nearest Chrysler dealer to Pampa that can do warranty work on Chrysler products is Marcum Olds-Cadillac-Chrysler in Borger.

Burglars leave Christmas gifts

Pampa police are trying to track down Christmas Day Robin Hoods who provided a new wardrobe for some south Pampa residents.

Police Detective Gary Bodyston said today that more than \$8,800 in athletic equipment was stolen from the Pampa High School fieldhouse and an adjoining storage building Christmas night.

The equipment included jerseys, jackets, shoes and footballs but also included video equipment, a pair of sideline headphones and a

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Sources: North kept Contra cash in office's safe

By ROBERT PARRY Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Fired White House aide Oliver L. North controlled cash and other funds to pay Nicaraguan rebel expenses during two years of secretly overseeing an aid network for the Contras, according to sources in the administration and the rebel movement.

"Money was passing through there" (North's National Security Council office), said one well-placed administration official.

The official, speaking only on condition of anonymity, added that around "Christmastime 1984," North even used his office

safe to store cash "for the Contras."

Four other sources interviewed by The Associated Press claimed to have been told by principals in the Contra support network that they were receiving cash from the NSC during 1985 when North was the NSC official in charge of contact with the Contras.

One focus of investigations into North's activities is whether his alleged diversion of profits from Iranian arms sales to the Contras in 1986 was just a later phase of his efforts to circumvent a 1984 congressional ban on assisting the rebels militarily.

North was fired Nov. 25 for his

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North reportedly kept slush fund in safe.

Senate to issue doctored version of probe report

By JIM DRINKARD Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate Intelligence Committee probably will release a report next week on its Iran-Contra investigation, but it will contain no surprises and may differ from a version the committee declined to release this week, the panel's chairman says.

The release would come as select House and Senate committees begin a broader probe of the sale of arms to Iran and possible diversion of profits from the sales to Contra rebels fighting the leftist government of Nicaragua.

The House on Wednesday voted

416-2 to put its investigation of the arms deal into motion a day after senators had voted 88-4 to create a similar select committee.

Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said he hoped the investigation will not "deteriorate into an exercise in political cannibalism" but will instead focus on the government's role in making foreign policy.

The Intelligence Committee chairman, Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., said at least four Reagan administration officials reviewed the report on the committee's month-long investigation and made changes in it last week before it was presented to the

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Texas/Regional

TSTA asks changes in teacher appraisals

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas State Teachers Association wants quick and substantial changes in the way the state's public school teachers are evaluated and considered for promotions.

Charles Beard, TSTA president, told a news conference Wednesday that the Texas Teacher Appraisal System approved by the 1985 Legislature was "seriously flawed and might well be causing as much harm as good among teachers and in classrooms throughout the state."

The Personnel Committee of the State Board of Education is scheduled to consider the TSTA recommendations on Friday and the state board will act on Saturday.

"The time has come in Texas to stop doing things to teachers and to start to do things with them," Beard told a news conference Wednesday.

He said the TSTA is recommending to the state board, among other things, that the board carry out a series of hearings to gather teacher input on the new

teacher appraisal system that began this fall.

Beard also recommended that a panel of teachers be named, either by the governor or the board, to make recommendations to the Legislature on changes in the Texas Teacher Appraisal System.

"Unless the problems with the appraisal system are corrected, and soon, the appraisal system will not result in the improvement of instruction being delivered to our school children,

as intended, but will be another reason to impel our best teachers out of the classroom and into other professions," said Beard, a Beaumont teacher.

Beard said the teachers' association believed the teacher appraisal system put into effect in 1985 must be revised.

"Otherwise, we're no better off than we were when 1,100 school districts in Texas used 1,100 methods of evaluating — or not evaluating — their teachers," Beard said.

He said the TSTA has been a propo-

nent for a fair and equitable evaluation system for teachers but the new system "as it is being implemented, is seriously flawed and might well be causing as much harm as good among teachers and in classrooms throughout the state."

He said the TSTA would continue to monitor the appraisal system and had commissioned Lamar University researchers to make independent surveys in five school districts. The districts are to be named next week.

Three firms leaving research consortium

AUSTIN (AP) — A spokesman for the latest firm to announce plans to leave the MCC research consortium says the decision doesn't reflect dissatisfaction with the Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corp.

Lockheed Missiles & Space Co. became the third company this week to say it will pull out of the high-tech consortium of more than 20 firms by year's end.

Lockheed joins Allied-Signal Inc. and Unisys Corp., which announced similar plans on Monday. Member companies are required to give one year's notice of their intent to withdraw.

George Mulhern, Lockheed public relations director, said the decision was part of the company's long-term aims. The firm's internal research efforts have taken top priority, Mulhern said.

"We have a high regard for MCC. It has excellent goals, a first-class staff and is making good progress," Mulhern said.

Lockheed has a software technology center in Austin and a new artificial intelligence center in California which take top priority, Mulhern said.

"We have made major commitments of our own in Austin and in Palo Alto. We are doing things that are directed specifically at our own long-range objectives, not only to help Lockheed Missiles & Space Co., but also the entire Lockheed Corp.," he said.

Lockheed joined MCC in the summer of 1984 and was contributing to MCC's software technology program.

Bill Stotesbery, an MCC spokesman, said MCC wasn't surprised by Lockheed's

announcement. "We had been expecting it," he said.

In 1986, two companies withdrew from MCC and two were added to take their place. Mostek sold its share to Westinghouse Electric Corp. and BMC Industries sold its share to Hewlett-Packard Co.

Gould Inc. officially withdrew from MCC at the end of 1986 but has not yet found a buyer for its share, officials said.

Retired Admiral Bobby Inman, MCC's first director, left at the end of December for another job.

While looking for a new director, the group is now operating under interim director Joseph Boyd, chairman of Harris Corp., a Florida-based computer and communications firm, Stotesbery said.

Fixing up the place



Workers place one of 32 new American elm trees on the front walk of the State Capitol Wednesday as they hurried to ready the grounds in preparation of next week's opening of the 70th session of the Texas Legislature.

Woman says trio swindled retirement money

DALLAS (AP) — Police are seeking three men who allegedly convinced a woman she could double an investment by helping them launder money but instead swindled \$33,000 from her retirement fund, authorities said.

Police suspect the three belong to a loose-knit group with about a dozen members who have cheated others of more than \$394,000.

"And I think the \$394,000 figure is just a drop in the bucket," investigator Willie Hughes said Wednesday. "I feel like only one in 10 of these things is reported because the victims often are convinced they're involved in some kind of illegal activity."

When the 50-year-old woman reported the incident to Dallas police, she identified three suspects from a collection of photographs of known swindlers, Hughes said.

Hughes said charges were being prepared Wednesday night against the three men, none of whom had been apprehended.

During the swindle, one man posed as a wealthy oil man. Another man posed as a rancher. They sported expensive jewelry, traveled in a limousine and said they were protected by the third man who posed as their bodyguard.

Two of the three suspects first approached

the woman at a downtown Dallas coffee shop early in November, Hughes said.

The woman eventually confided to the two men that she had nearly \$80,000 saved in a retirement fund, and at a subsequent dinner meeting she was introduced to a third man.

The trio promised the woman they could double her money instantly, and she agreed to invest \$33,000 in their money laundering scheme, Hughes said.

The woman flew to San Antonio with her cash and the bodyguard who told her he was carrying an additional \$100,000 in a suitcase, Hughes said.

Brother, sister held in stabbing

AUSTIN (AP) — Two Pflugerville teen-agers, a brother and sister, were taken into custody after the stabbing of a 14-year-old Pflugerville High School student that may have resulted from name-calling.

The injured student was identified as Juan Frazier, 14, said Pflugerville police Chief David Buesing.

Frazier, a freshman, was taken by helicopter to Brackenridge Hospital where he was reported in critical but stable condition after surgery for stab wounds to the chest and back, which pierced his heart, Buesing said.

A 16-year-old girl and a 15-year-old boy from Wells Branch were being held at Gardner House, a Travis County juvenile detention center, Buesing said.



Solah Kassem Abou-Kassem, center, is escorted by FBI agents as he leaves the U.S. Court House in Ft. Worth after his arraignment Wednesday.

Airport suspect is arraigned on charges of hostage taking

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Syrian man accused of holding a 10-year-old boy hostage for eight hours at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport has been arraigned on federal charges of hostage taking, authorities said.

Solah Kassem Abou-Kassem, 26, of Fort Worth, could be sentenced to up to life in prison and fined up to \$250,000 if convicted, U.S. Attorney Marvin Collins said Wednesday.

"I brought you here to tell the court that I'm guilty and only want to go back to my country," Abou-Kassem told U.S. Magistrate Alex McGlinchey.

The decision to file the federal charges was made in consultation with the airport's Department of Public Safety and other local officials, Collins said.

Abou-Kassem was charged Tuesday with aggravated kidnapping and making a terroristic threat. Maximum punishment under the state law would have been 20 years in prison because the boy was voluntarily released alive and in a safe place, Collins said.

Abou-Kassem was transferred from Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas to Tarrant County Jail Wednesday.

The charges stem from an eight-hour ordeal that began when a man walked into the Delta Air Lines terminal Monday, took the youth at gunpoint from a ticket counter and threatened to kill him if not flown to the Middle East.

Abou-Kassem's brother told the Dallas Morning News in an interview from Damascus, Syria that his brother was jailed in the country on drug charges but was released because of mental disorders.

"As young as 10 years old, he started taking

them (drugs)," Hosni Abou-Kassem said through an interpreter.

Hosni Abou-Kassem said he and another brother are the only two of the family of nine children living in Syria.

Abou-Kassem's father, Kassem Abou-Kassem, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Wednesday he did not learn his son had been arrested until he saw newscasts. He said previous attempts to get his son to undergo psychiatric treatment failed, the newspaper said.

Abou-Kassem had told authorities he had no relatives in the area and stowed away on a ship in Algiers that he thought was bound for France, but wound up in Houston by mistake.

Tom Sheehan, chief of the DFW airport Department of Public Safety said Wednesday that authorities found a 1984 Ford pickup truck Tuesday illegally parked near the Delta terminal where the hostage taking occurred.

The truck is owned by Nassadien Kassem Abou-Kassem, another brother of the suspect, Sheehan told the Dallas Morning News.

Kassem Abou-Kassem said his son and family emigrated to the United States six years ago from Syria, to join another son in Fort Worth. The father said he formerly owned an auto sales firm and grocery store in the city.

Employees of the Como Grocery Store said Solah Kassem Abou-Kassem worked at the store for at least six months before it was sold.

The suspect, who had been unemployed for about two weeks and had only \$40, was totally dependent on his family for support, pretrial officers told the magistrate.

The suspect's father and brother said they gave Solah Kassem Abou-Kassem a \$50 a week allowance.

Gasoline in town's water wells

MARYNEAL (AP) — Ten of this West Texas town's 35 water wells are contaminated with leaded and unleaded gasoline and may pose a long-term threat to those who drink it, Texas Water Commission officials say.

Ken Krueger, TWC district manager in San Angelo, said Wednesday the water does not contain toxic amounts of gasoline, but does contain cancer-causing chemicals.

Krueger said he found large

amounts of two cancer-causing chemicals, benzene and toluene, in four wells.

"We couldn't even drink coffee made with the water," said resident Melvin Tally. "We wash our dishes and clothes in the water. You can smell the gasoline on the clothes."

Railroad Commission officials tested the water in the summer of 1985, but did not find gasoline or other chemicals, Ms. Hill said.

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Opinion

Plane crew shows spirit of humanity

"There sure is a lot of weather in this world," remarked Voyager pilot Dick Rutan as he left the plane after the record-shattering non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world. You might take that as a shorthand way of saying that although the airplane was designed specifically to perform this feat, carefully tested, and monitored every step of the way, the outcome was uncertain until the final landing.

Co-pilots Rutan and Jeana Yeager had to overcome wing damage when they took off, dodge a storm over the Pacific that left them uncertain whether they had enough fuel to finish the mission, dodge an Indian Ocean storm, remember to add oil, and figure out a way to switch valves to bypass a faulty pump and get access to fuel. On the final day, one of the engines stalled for five minutes, creating fears that the flight might be over prematurely. They endured nine days of intense concentration, cooped up in tight quarters buffeted by winds and storms and ending up with nasty bruises and extreme fatigue but no serious injuries.

For all the innovation and technology that went into the design of the plane, it came down to a human feat performed by human beings willing and able to test the limits of their endurance and courage.

Flying non-stop around the world without refueling is considered the final milestone in aviation, a feat some have compared to the first successful heavier-than-air flight by Wilbur and Orville Wright at Kitty Hawk, N.C. However this feat is viewed in the future, it is likely that some of the advances in technology incorporated into Voyager's design will find their way into commercial and general aviation aircraft.

The Voyager flight is similar to the Wright brothers' achievement in another way. Both feats were largely family affairs, undertaken by intense, ambitious individuals working privately on a project they believed in even though many in the field scoffed. The Voyager project received no government funding and did not have a major corporate sponsor. Some of the material used over the six years that went into this accomplishment was scrounged or salvaged. The design was principally that of Burt Rutan, pilot Dick's brother, who already had a reputation for unconventional aircraft design. All in all, a triumph of volunteerism and the pioneer spirit.

A side benefit of the flight was the publicity given to Mojave Airport, apparently a haven for unconventional aircraft designs and experiments. It is comforting to know that there are still shoestring operators asking "why" certain things can't be done and questioning the conventional wisdom in aircraft design. So long as people feel free to ask fundamental questions and follow their dreams, there is hope for humankind.

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James J. Kilpatrick

Budget lists programs' end

WASHINGTON — James C. Miller, director of the Office of Management and Budget, is a big beefy man much given to pounding tables. One day last week, talking with reporters, he was pounding hard.

This was because an impertinent scribe had noted that the fireplace in Miller's office was only for ornament, and there wasn't a single mirror in sight. Without blue smoke and mirrors, how did Miller expect to submit a budget that would meet the requirements of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act?

Whack! Whack! "No smoke," he said, "and no mirrors." The budget for fiscal '88, he assured the skeptical press, is "realistic." It is "doable." It precisely accords with the law. "This is not a phony budget."

These are the key figures for '88, subject to last-minute revision: outlays, \$1,022.4 billion; income \$914.6 billion; deficit \$107.8 billion. In the current fiscal year, which ends next September, Miller expects outlays of \$1,011 billion and income of \$840 billion, for a deficit of \$171 billion. The deficit in fiscal '86 was \$221 billion.

Obviously, says Miller, thumping the table, if the deficit can be cut in three years from \$221 billion, to \$171 billion, and now to \$108 billion, "tremendous progress" will have been made in curing the government's ills. He concedes that it won't be easy.

And of course it won't be easy. In order to meet the target of Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, Miller had to come up with \$50 billion in combined savings and revenue. The '88 budget will

recommend \$30 billion in what are known as "programmatic" savings and \$20 billion in new revenues.

The savings would be achieved in this fashion: Outlays for major medical programs would be held to \$120 billion, an increase of 4.3 percent. Outlays for other entitlement programs would be cut 2.9 percent to a total of \$130 billion. Other domestic programs would be reduced by 11 percent, for a total of \$180 billion.

It is under the heading of "other domestic programs" that Miller anticipates the greatest opposition. Once again the administration will ask Congress to put an end to roughly 40 programs that collectively represent \$10 billion in annual expenditures. The hit list has become familiar. The president wants to phase out such agencies as the Small Business Administration and the Interstate Commerce Commission. He would end subsidized loans to the Rural Electrification Administration.

Congress steadfastly has spurned these same proposals in the past. Isn't it an exercise in futility, Miller was asked, to persist in asking that the programs be terminated? No, he said, "if it's a bad program, we ought to keep saying it's a bad program." Eventually, he hopes, Congress will go along.

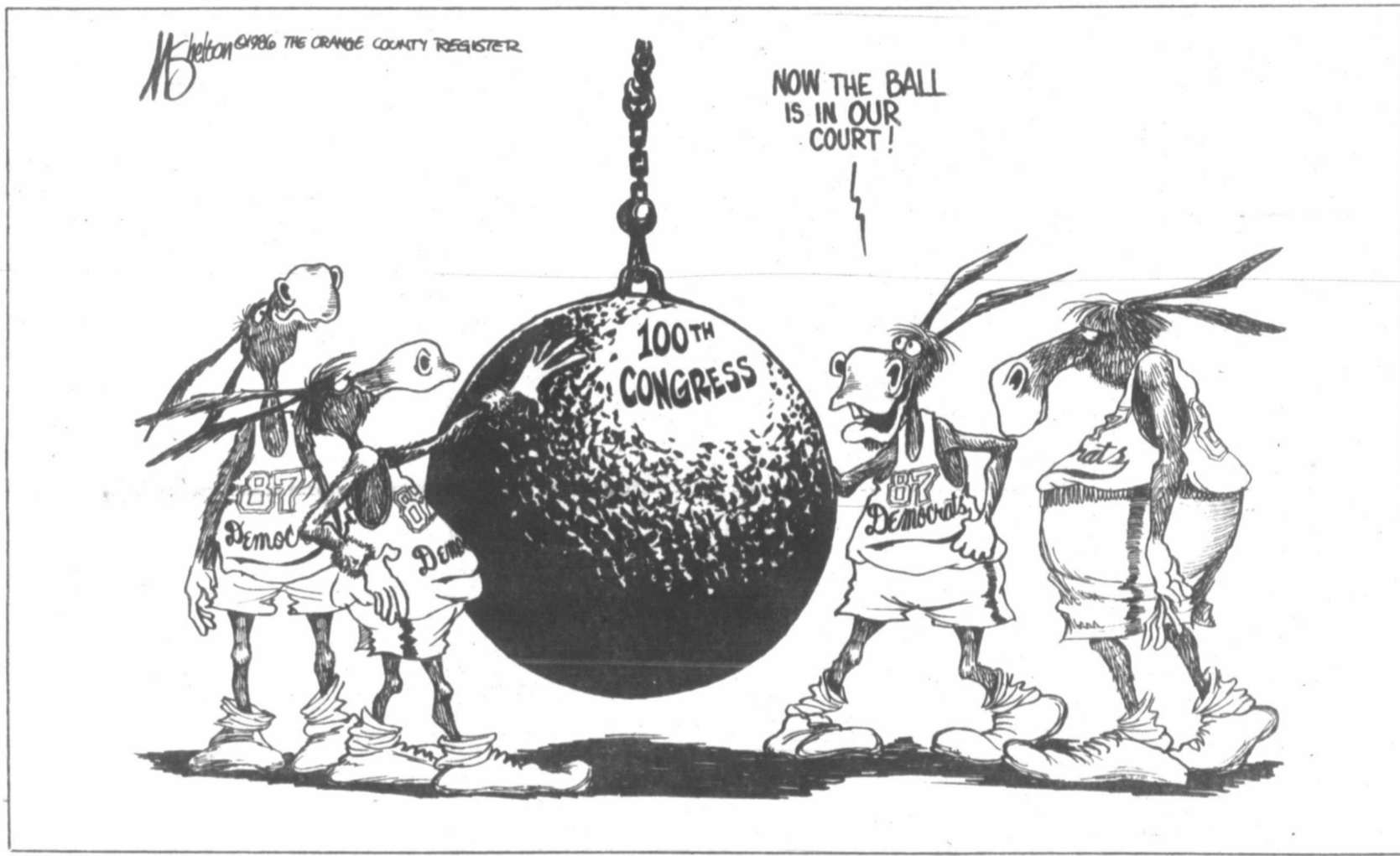
On the revenue side, Miller hopes to pick up \$20 billion in all kinds of ways. The president will ask for substantial increases in staff for the Internal Revenue Service, with a view toward enhancing revenue from the income tax. He will propose \$5 billion new money from the sale of

government property, including the profitable northeast routes of Amtrak. He will renew his requests for a variety of user fees. The budget will urge the sale to the private sector of many direct government loans.

The budget for '88 will recommend a "real increase," after inflation, of 3 percent for national defense. This would fix defense outlays at roughly \$309 billion, compared with \$292 billion in the current fiscal year. Nothing constructive would be done about the \$25 billion a year required to support agricultural subsidies, but Miller believes Congress will have to grapple with the problem in the following year. Such outlays "are not politically sustainable." Besides, the present program chiefly benefits the great agricultural corporations. "It doesn't do much for the family farm."

While most programs will be frozen or reduced, the budget will call for some increases. There will be more money, Miller said, for air traffic control, for the space program, for drug control and AIDS research. Sufficient funds will be requested for administration of the new immigration act.

Will this budget fly? Miller anticipates that "a few loudmouths and smarty-pants" in Congress will greet the budget as "dead on arrival." He hopes that most members will take time to study the proposals seriously. If the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings target is breached — that is, if a deficit is authorized beyond \$108 billion for fiscal '88 — there goes the old ball game.



Lewis Grizzard

Can't trust Troy Donahue

I saw the movie, "Peggy Sue Got Married," recently. Good Movie. Peggy Sue (Kathleen Turner) goes back in time to her senior year in high school (1960) and tries to do things differently, such as not getting married to her doll of a husband, played by Nicolas Cage.

There's just this one thing. During a scene at which Peggy Sue and her high school chums are at an unchaperoned party, somebody suggests, "Let's turn off the lights and put on some make-out music."

The record selected was some up-tempoed ditty by Jimmy Clanton.

Absolutely wrong.

I also was in high school in 1960, and when my generation wanted makeout music, it always selected the same artist.

Johnny Mathis.

You stayed with Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs, you twisted with Chubby Checker, you went to the hop with Danny and the Juniors, but you made out with Johnny Mathis.

I suppose I should define the term "making out," which now is referred to as "sucking face," I am told.

How disgusting.

When couples made out back in the '60s they held it — with comparatively few instances of going further — to a fondle here and a fondle there and maybe a little hickey-giving on the neck.

Lights are low, she's gorgeous and you casually stroll over to the record player and slip on Johnny Mathis doing "Chances Are," or "Until the Twelfth of Never," and then you dive on each other.

The only couple I knew who "got into trouble" back then was Sandra Dee and Troy Donahue in a movie here or there, and I still don't believe Sandra Dee knew exactly what she was doing. Troy Donahue, I could never trust.

Kathy Sue Loudermilk was the one who taught me the ropes of making out to Johnny Mathis.

I was at her house one night for what I thought was going to be another game of Monopoly and staring at Kathy Sue's sweater, the one they retired when she graduated from high school.

After Kathy Sue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loudermilk, went to bed, however, Kathy Sue, whose Evening in Paris perfume had intoxi-

cated me with passion (my nose hairs were aflame, I later would recall), she put on her Johnny Mathis album and took me to heaven's gate.

I would awaken the next morning with severely bruised lips, four hickeys on my neck, and a great deal more knowledge of the intimate working of certain fasteners such as straps and buckles.

Somehow, after that, I lost much of the previous interest I had held in building model airplanes and achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Or, as my boyhood friend and idol, Weyman C. Wannamaker Jr., a great American, said, "Once you've been got hold of by Kathy Sue, baseball seems like a terrible waste of time."

Kids today don't stop at simply making out as much as we did, and that's a serious problem in this country.

But you can't blame it on Johnny Mathis. He stopped singing background for youthful lovers a long time ago, when young love was still at least somewhat synonymous with innocence. Chances are we may never see the likes of either again.

Horror stories fall from crowded skies

By Robert Walters

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Almost an hour after the scheduled departure time of American Airlines' late-afternoon flight from Washington to Chicago, the plane sits motionless at its gate. The problem: The pilot can't be found.

That's right. One of the nation's largest and formerly reliable airlines cannot assemble a full crew for a routine flight. "The pilot just didn't show up" because of a scheduling mixup, an American spokesman later explains.

After a pilot of an arriving flight is dragged into service, the plane and its seething passengers fly to Chicago

— but navigating O'Hare International Airport there has become a challenge that would stymie Indiana Jones.

In this case, a malfunctioning landing gear has temporarily disabled another American plane so it sits on the tarmac blocking a half-dozen aircraft attempting to reach their assigned gates.

When the plane from Washington finally reaches its gate, the combined delays exceed the scheduled flight time.

That experience is typical of commercial airline service, now deteriorating so rapidly that it has inspired a

spate of critical news accounts such as the recent cover story in U.S. News & World Report headlined: "The Late, Late Show: Airline delays are bad — and they're going to get worse."

Fortune magazine offers its readers an account of "The Worsening Air Travel Mess," while The New York Times details "Those Exasperating Airline Delays."

The airlines aren't entirely to blame. Indeed, a fair share of the responsibility rests with President Reagan, who in early 1981 fired 11,400 air traffic controllers because they had illegally gone on strike against their employer, the Federal Aviation

Administration.

Today, the number of scheduled airline flights has increased markedly but the workforce of FAA employees, who guide those planes through the crowded skies, still has not been totally rebuilt. (About four years are required to fully train a professional controller.)

The airlines could scale back their operations to ameliorate a difficult situation, but they remain determined to protect their respective market shares at a time when federal deregulation has produced unprecedented competition within the industry.

Nation

Conrail engineer said signals conflicted, investigator says

CHASE, Md. (AP) — A Conrail engineer said he had prepared to slow down and proceed through a track junction when he saw a signal telling him to stop moments before his locomotives were rammed by an Amtrak train, according to an investigator.

Just before the crash that killed 15 people and injured more than 170, the engineer, R.L. Gates, sent a radio message to a track monitor saying a collision was imminent, Joseph Nall of the National Transportation Safety Board told a news conference Wednesday night.

Nall said Gates and surviving brakeman Edward W. Cromwell testified in "open and forthright interviews" Wednesday before a NTSB panel.

Gates reported seeing an "approach limited" signal about two miles from

Sunday's crash site, Nall said. The signal told him to slow to about 30 mph and proceed to a signal 500 feet from the crash site, Nall said.

When Gates saw the second signal telling him to stop, he applied the emergency brakes but it was too late, Nall said.

Federal investigators have said the train appeared to have been traveling at 60 mph when the brakes were applied.

It should have been traveling no more than 15 mph when it approached the final signal, according to sources close to the investigation quoted in today's editions of The Washington Post.

Gates estimated the train was going about 5 mph when the crash occurred, according to his attorney, Stephen Tully. The Amtrak train was going about

100 mph en route from Washington to Springfield, Mass.

Cromwell, the brakeman, told investigators he didn't remember seeing any signals along the tracks because he was eating lunch, Nall said.

Three Conrail engines rolled from a side track onto the main line in the path of the 12-car passenger train, which carried about 600 passengers.

Amtrak spokesman Clifford Black said all trains between Washington and New York were operating as of Wednesday morning but were slowing to 30 mph through the crash area.

Gates also denied taping over a warning whistle inside his train's cab. According to Nall, Gates said the whistle was automatically disengaged when he mechanically acknowledged seeing the first signal to slow down.

Taping the whistle would be a federal safety violation, Nall said.

Train crew members sometimes silence or muffle the whistle to avoid the annoying sound, according to some engineers.

In another development, the Federal Railroad Administration called for maximum civil penalties against Amtrak because it did not test surviving crew members for drugs and alcohol after the crash, as required.

The maximum penalty is \$2,500 per violation for each of the crew members not tested.

Amtrak did not test the four surviving crew members because they were tired and in shock and it was determined that they played no part in the crash, said

Sue Martin, an Amtrak spokeswoman.

Nall said late Wednesday the NTSB has learned that one Amtrak crew member had given a urine sample to a lab technician at a hospital and that the sample would be tested.

Tests were performed on Conrail crew members and tissue samples were taken from the body of the dead Amtrak engineer, Jerome Evans, Nall said.

Gates and Cromwell denied using alcohol or drugs, but test results will not be available for several days, Nall said.

Meanwhile, Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., announced plans to hold a hearing on the crash to determine if safety improvements are needed along the Northeast corridor.



President Reagan reviews notes with National Security Advisor Frank Carlucci at Bethesda Naval Hospital Wednesday.

Reagan will ease back into his work

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, pronounced free of cancer and enjoying a problem-free recovery from prostate surgery, plans to ease back into work with an abbreviated schedule when he returns to the White House.

Reagan's doctors were to visit with him today and decide whether he might leave the Bethesda Naval Hospital, his physician said.

"The president had an excellent day," Army Col. John Hutton said in a statement released Wednesday by White House spokesman Larry Speakes. "His recovery continues without any problems."

The president was scheduled to remain at the White House over the weekend, instead of making his usual trip to his woodland retreat at Camp David, Md., Speakes added. Doctors say full recovery from prostate surgery takes as long as six weeks.

Ever since Reagan entered the hospital Sunday for a battery of exams and Monday's prostate

surgery, his physicians have issued glowing reports about his progress.

"Things could not be better and all of his physicians are delighted with his condition," Hutton said in the first of three statements on Reagan's status.

The doctor reported Reagan had swapped his ruby-red bathrobe for casual attire and had been "walking around some" in his hospital suite.

Hutton said a catheter, a tube for draining urine, was removed from Reagan on Wednesday without causing him any discomfort and "he is adjusting very well."

Reagan began attending to some paperwork that included his weekly radio address and State of the Union message to Congress, the watched television news shows and read the paper, the doctor said.

Speakes said earlier this week the president would resume "a limited schedule" in the Oval Office next week and then gradually increase his activity.

Doctors can predict AIDS risk

BOSTON (AP) — Physicians can use blood tests to identify people infected with the AIDS virus who are likely to come down with the deadly disease within months, researchers said in a study released today.

"The good news is that you can probably be a better prognosticator as a physician," said Dr. B. Frank Polk. "The bad news is, so what? What can the patient do except get his affairs in order?"

Doctors hope the research, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, eventually

will show why some people with the infection stay healthy for many years while others get AIDS.

Among other things, researchers found that those with low levels of AIDS antibodies are five times as likely to get the disease as infected people with high levels.

They called that the most intriguing of the factors they found that can be used to identify victims because it suggests that AIDS antibodies may shield people from the disease.

New approach taken to Nicaragua war

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration, in a fresh diplomatic approach to the war in Nicaragua, will send presidential envoy Philip Habib to Latin America next week for talks with government leaders on prospects for a negotiated settlement.

The trip announced Wednesday night at the State Department follows a secret meeting held earlier in the day in Miami by Habib and Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams with Rodrigo Madrigal Nieto, the foreign minister of Costa Rica.

In San Jose, meanwhile, a government spokesman said President Oscar Arias Sanchez would visit West European capitals to

try to promote negotiations.

"The plan depends on support from Western Europe," said Lidiette Brenes de Charpentier of the Costa Rican foreign ministry.

Costa Rica and Guatemala have staked out a peacemaker role in the conflict, which threatens to envelop the two countries.

The Costa Rican government has developed "ideas" to end the war between the Sandinistas and U.S.-backed Contra rebels, and Habib and Abrams were interested in discussing them with Madrigal, the State Department said in a prepared statement Wednesday night.

"It was very helpful to have this opportu-

ity to hear the Costa Rican point of view," the statement said.

It noted that Habib would visit several Central American and "Contadora" countries next week.

But a U.S. official, speaking only on condition of anonymity, was skeptical that the Marxist government in Managua was prepared to accept a formula designed to promote democracy in the country.

"The Sandinistas have been resistant to democracy," the official said. "The Sandinistas will have to be pressured if there is to be a solution."

Aspin thinks he has chance to regain post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Les Aspin, rejected by House Democrats for another term as chairman of the Armed Services Committee, says he has learned his lesson and thinks he has "a very good shot" at winning back the powerful job.

"It's not over until it's over," the Wisconsin Democrat said Wednesday after the 130-124 secret ballot vote by House Democrats.

The judgment against Aspin came as the Democrats voted to elect 19 other chairmen to new two-year terms. Because they hold a majority of 258 seats in the 435-member chamber, Demo-

crats pick committee chairmen. Party leaders had predicted Aspin would win.

After rejecting Aspin, Democrats quit for the day before deciding who will head the Armed Services panel, the committee which oversees the Pentagon and its budget.

The vote sends the issue back to the party's Policy and Steering Committee, which will propose a new candidate to be voted on when the House meets again Jan. 22.

While Aspin said he "very seriously" plans to run again, other candidates quickly surfaced and predicted he will be re-

jected.

Ironically, Aspin's defeat came two years after he successfully engineered the ouster of then-chairman Rep. Melvin Price, a frail and aging Illinois Democrat. Aspin bucked the House leadership and told liberal Democrats he would lead the traditionally conservative committee more toward their positions.

But in the past two years, Aspin supported President Reagan on building the 10-warhead MX nuclear missile and providing military aid to the anti-Nicaraguan Contra guerrillas, two positions which angered liberals. He also went against liberals by support-

ing higher defense budgets than they wanted.

Aspin said he plans "very seriously" to run again and added, "I think it's a very good shot" that he will win.

After the vote, Aspin said, "When you have a yes or no vote, it's a good device to send a message. It was sent and received. It's a message about dealing with other members of the House."

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- 5 Cornelia
- 6 Skinner
- 9 Poetic
- 10 possessive
- 12 Newspaper notice (abbr.)
- 13 Musical instrument
- 14 de cologne
- 15 One-billionth (pref.)
- 16 Hair style
- 18 Skull
- 19 "Naval abbr.
- 20 Heraldic bearing
- 21 de mer
- 22 Kneivel
- 23 River in Texas
- 24 Sign up
- 25 River in Normandy
- 26 Exotic
- 27 Spanish aunt
- 28 Plover-like expatriate (abbr.)
- 29 Powdery dirt
- 30 Petrelum group
- 31 Ties
- 32 Leg parts
- 33 Vice president (st)
- 34 Full of (suff.)
- 37 Director
- 38 Sixth sense (abbr.)
- 39 Deer
- 40 Son's boy
- 41 Hurling
- 42 Histrionic
- 43 Eternally (abbr.)
- 44 Single
- 45 Old reporter
- 46 Even (pref.)
- 47 Actress Martha
- 64 Northern constellation

DOWN

- 2 Construction beam (comp. wd.)
- 3 Balm
- 4 WWII area
- 5 Fumbler's exclamation
- 6 Cut of beef (comp. wd.)
- 7 Electrified particle
- 8 Pollack fish
- 9 Rend
- 10 Acclaim
- 11 Noel
- 12 Charge for use of road
- 13 Diminutive suffix
- 22 Tennis pro
- 24 Garments
- 25 Noun suffix
- 26 Message
- 27 Pots
- 28 Drunkard
- 30 Route
- 31 Dress material
- 32 Scottish cup
- 35 You and me
- 38 Coloring
- 39 Western hemisphere organization (abbr.)
- 41 Bard's river
- 43 Short flight
- 45 Showy flower
- 47 S-shaped molding
- 48 Magnolia, e.g.
- 49 Mountain pool
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- 56 The (Ger.)
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- 58 Cooking fat

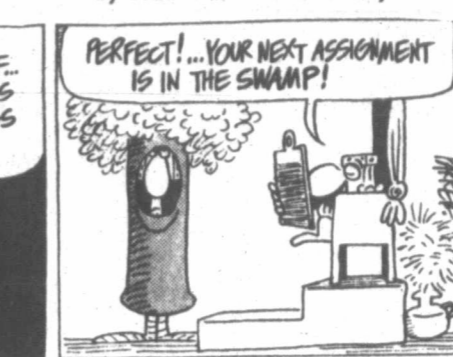
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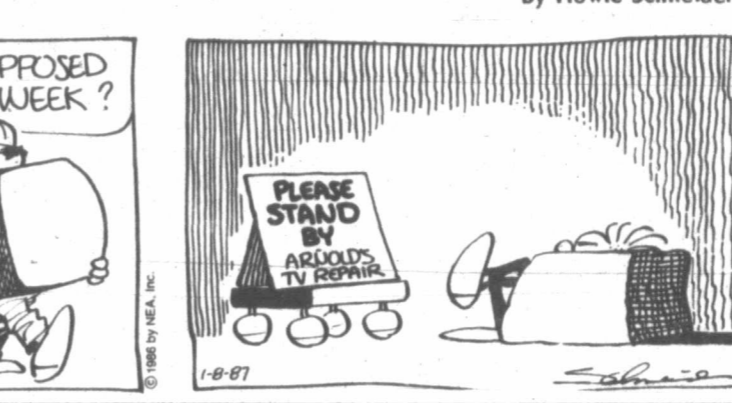
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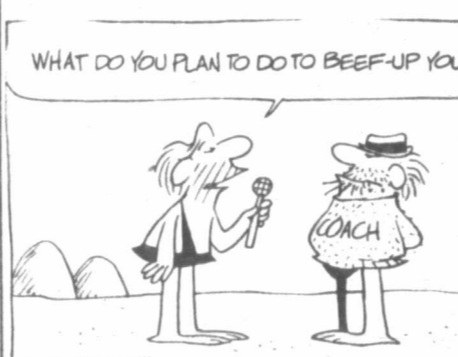
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Astro-Graph

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There will be a noticeable improvement in your social life in the year ahead. It looks like you'll be moving in a new circle with people whose company you'll truly enjoy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your personality is very dynamic and charismatic today. Don't be surprised if people who haven't communicated with you in the past suddenly have a lot to discuss. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Matchmaker set can help you understand what it might take to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You can bring critical issues to happy conclusions today. If you have any loose threads hanging, press a trifle harder to eliminate them.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This could be a very lucky day for you, especially if you're working on a new project about which you feel enthusiastic. Go for the gold.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your material prospects are exceptionally strong today. Rewards to which you're entitled could suddenly break loose, and they may even produce extra dividends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you'll be luckier for yourself than you will be for other people. Focus on advancing your self-interests and personal ambitions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're close to a profitable situation, but it's of your own making. See if you can offer some type of contribution today so you can share in its benefits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your greatest asset today is your ability to improve upon and expand the good ideas of associates. You'll have two opportunities to use your skills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if you have to work a few extra hours today, do everything within your power to please the boss. Your industriousness will be noted and rewarded.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An exceptional day is in the offing for you if your attitude is hopeful, positive and humorous. Your enthusiastic spirit will generate lucky vibes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Big, positive changes which will be of benefit to you and your family are stirring at this time. They're still slightly screened and difficult to perceive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This is a good day for you to negotiate agreements. You'll be clever enough to get a good deal for yourself, yet you'll be scrupulously fair to all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Yesterday where you met obstacles you will now find opportunity. Retrace your steps if there's something important you want to correct to your advantage.

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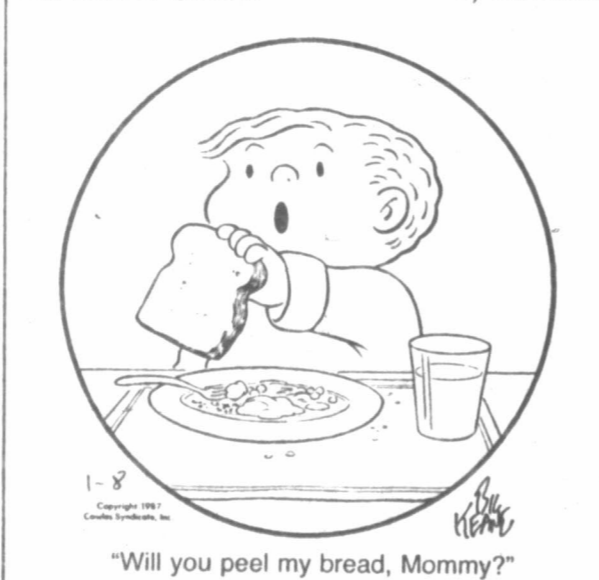


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Lifestyles

One-piece packing makes vacations easier

By MARY MARTIN NIEPOLD

This is the season for fly-away vacations, but the mere thought of packing for a holiday can be terrifying. What do I take, and will I have enough to wear, no matter what may come up? Baggage bulging with too many clothes is not the ticket to a carefree week.

Michael Abrams, an image consultant and former Cutty Sark Menswear Award nominee designer, has spent his professional career designing comfortable, take-note clothes for men and women, as well as telling recording artists, executives and actresses how they can make heads turn and travel anywhere in the world with one piece of car-

ry-on luggage.

Abrams recently offered tips on how to pack light and look great. Seven basic pieces of clothing and a few accessories are all it takes to turn a trip into an effortless adventure.

"Time," says Abrams, "should be spent enjoying the trip - your objective - instead of being weighed down with too many choices each morning."

Depending on the destination, clothes will be either spring or winter weight. Fashionable knits in cotton, wool, blends or cashmere are the solution for the basic items in your fly-away wardrobe.

"Knits have never been as important or as widely accepted as they are now," Abrams notes.

"We've seen, in couture collections like Chanel, knits being shown for evening."

Already, you may be saying, "But I can't possibly have enough for a whole week," or, "Knits don't seem dressy enough."

Wrong. A few outstanding accessories - plus your own confidence - allow these seven pieces to go from day to evening with magical ease.

The first thing you need to do is imagine you're a client of Abrams, who is paid \$1,500 a day for his dressing advice, and he urges you - not your clothes - to be the star.

"My clients understand they have to incorporate the enthusiasm and power of their position - whether it's a boardroom, stage

or PTA meeting - so that it's their confidence showing, and the clothing becomes the vehicle to express that. Clothes are the tool to showcase the inner beauty that's in all of us."

Now, go to your bed and place the following items, preferably knit, on top of it. Look at your basic travel wardrobe:

1. Dark knit full-circle skirt
2. Dark knit trousers

Above these pieces:

3. Knit turtleneck or crew neck sweater
4. Knit tank top (or revealing dressy top of your choice)
5. A favorite "Good Luck" sweater or blouse

To the left:

6. Dark wool or gabardine blazer
7. Leather jacket or trench coat

To the right:

Accessories: One color-print scarf; one oversized dark knit stole; two pairs of earrings (day and evening); one important bracelet, pin or necklace; one hair ornament; one black crocodile belt; one pair dark flats and heels; one pair white sneakers; two pairs dark stockings; one pair white socks and knee highs; one collapsible umbrella.

Voila. Move all the pieces around with one another. From these seven pieces and accessories, at least 48 outfits are possible. A "good luck" blouse or sweater is an optional item, one

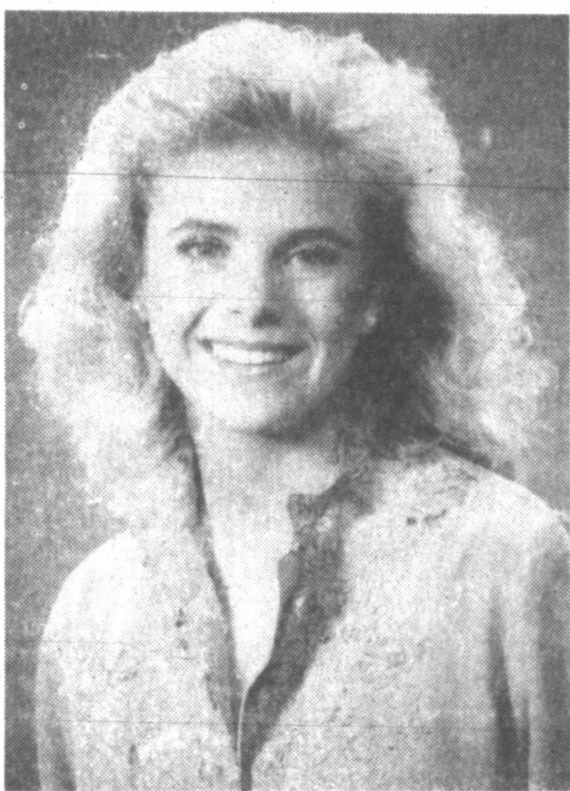
which Abrams calls "that favorite piece we all hang on to and wear again and again."

Keep playing with these pieces. Abrams suggests you make a list of the various outfits to take with you. You'll soon see how you can substitute a dressy top or tank for the turtleneck with either the skirt or trousers and come up with a nighttime look.

The dark blazer will work with all of the combinations, as will the trench coat or leather jacket, which you will wear on the plane.

These pieces incorporate fashion trends, some of which, like understated elegance and the color black, just never go out of style. Remember Garbo and Hepburn?

Pageant hopefuls



These two young women will be among the 12 contestants competing in the Miss Top O' Texas scholarship pageant at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in M.K. Brown Auditorium. At left is Rachael Frederic of Borger. The 17-year-

old will present an aero-gymnastic routine in the talent portion of the event. Anne Marie Jarvis, 18, of Spearman is to sing as her talent presentation.

Issue of man's affair has grown too large to ignore

DEAR ABBY: Twelve years ago, when our two children were small, my husband had an affair with "Maggie," a girl who hung around his place of employment. Maggie knew Denny was married, but she didn't care. When I found out about it, I confronted Denny and he broke it off. Soon after that, Maggie told Denny she was pregnant with his child. About a year later we heard she had a son and got married, and that was the last we heard of her - until four years ago when she called our house and told me that Buddy, her 8-year-old son, wanted to meet his "real" father. Denny wasn't home, so she left her phone number. When Denny got home, I told him about it, but he didn't seem too interested in meeting the boy, so we just forgot about it.

Now, four years later, Maggie's husband called and repeated the request: "Buddy wants to meet his real father." Denny still isn't interested. I have forgiven Denny for this affair, and we are happier now than we have ever been. Our children are 16 and 17 and we've told them all about this situation. They say they just want to be left alone. Denny and I have decided to put off meeting Buddy until he's 18, and if he still wants to meet his real father, he can come around on his own. Until then we don't want any involvement. Any advice?

BIG DILEMMA

DEAR DILEMMA: Your apparent lack of interest in Buddy is obvious, but I advise you to consult a lawyer to discuss your legal obligation to the boy. You've already made it clear to all concerned that you want no "involvement" with Buddy, who surely must feel the pain of your rejection. I urge you to face whatever responsibilities



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

you have now. Postponing it will not make them disappear.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend is the greediest person I've ever laid my eyes on. Whenever we are invited to a function, he eats like there's no tomorrow. I hate to go to any kind of buffet with him. He piles up his plate with so much food, some of it falls on the floor! My friends don't like to have him over for this reason, and I hate to invite him to my house for dinner.

He feels no shame when others laugh at him for being such a pig. It's really nauseating to watch him stuff his face. He eats as though he hasn't eaten for a week. I am not exaggerating.

He is not overweight, and he's a very attractive and loving person - when he's not eating. Is there some way I can get him to eat like a normal person?

I have told him over and over again how embarrassed I am to eat with him, but it hasn't done any good.

GOBBLER'S GIRL

DEAR GIRL: Your friend's problem (and it is a problem) is

not just a matter of greed. He's compulsive about eating; witness his uncontrollable piggishness once he gets going. You can't help him. He needs professional help, but first he must accept the fact that he has a problem - then do whatever is necessary to overcome it. Behavior modification therapy is indicated here.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl with a terrible problem: my nose. It has a bump on it and it's way too wide. Everyone says I'd be really pretty if I didn't have this awful nose. I've talked to my mom about it and she says I'll have to wait until I stop growing. Abby, I'm only 13! I can't go on being miserable until I'm an adult. I want to have a happy teenage life. Isn't there any way a 13-year-old girl can get her nose fixed while she's young enough to enjoy it?

It's really terrible to have your friends call you "Honker." I've been able to laugh, but I'm falling apart inside. Please help me. I can't wait any longer.

'HONKER' IN TEXAS

DEAR HONKER: Your mother is right. No surgeon will "fix" your nose until you have reached your full growth. Please be patient, pretty girl, and in about four years you'll win by a nose.

Petticoats return, sexier than ever

Are Sandra Dee and Annette Funicello eating their hearts out? Or are these baby-doll heroines of the '50s shrinking at the mere thought of the tons of crinoline that will restock fashion racks come spring?

Yes, 30 years later petticoats are once again flirting their way into the mainstream of spring dressing. The fashion word, in America as in Europe, is feminin-

ity - the saucy, not the aloof, variety. Strapless and off-shoulder tops are everywhere. Ditto for waist-hugging bodices noticeably belted, short and sexy full skirts and - naturally - tons of tiered tulle, lace and ribbons playing peekaboo.

Already the collections of Willi Smith, Danny Noble and Cathy Hardwick sashay in flirty skirts.

Oscar de la Renta, Bill Blass, Donna Karan and Calvin Klein (what?) have all gone wild for crinoline.

Who can wear these decidedly feminine confections? "I really hope this is an ageless thing," said Dior's Carole Hochman. "I think it's for anyone interested in fashion. I don't see it as just for the ingenue crowd."

Light and depression is focus of research

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Scientists hoping to shed light on winter depression are working to see if light can help alleviate it. Other researchers are working with light in other depression cases, not necessarily studying whether that depression is seasonal.

"It's a very common phenomenon, so common that people accept it as a normal part of life, that in the winter we're going to slow down, not have as much exuberance," says Norman E. Rosenthal, chief of outpatient services in the clinical psychology branch of the National Institute of Mental Health at Bethesda, Md.

"In some people the feelings assume enough of a proportion to become a clinical syndrome. People want to withdraw, and become quite disabled in many cases," he said.

The clinical condition is called seasonal affective disorder. Symptoms can include lethargy, oversleeping, overeating, weight gain, carbohydrate craving, sadness, despair and tearfulness, said Rosenthal, a psychiatrist who has conducted research on seasonal affective disorder and light therapy.

"Interventions with light seem to help some of the symptoms a lot," he said. "Light doesn't work for everybody; other forms (of treatment) need to be considered."

A group with milder depression is also being studied to see if light helps them as well, Rosenthal said.

John Nurnberger Jr., director of the Institute of Psychiatric Research at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis, says a study has begun involving different aspects of melatonin, a light sensitive hormone, and its effects on depression - not just seasonal depression.

Other research on general de-

pression includes work at the IU Medical School, where Stephen Dunlop, a psychiatrist who is an assistant professor of psychiatry there, says a study of a new drug to treat depression is under way through the department and LaRue Carter Hospital.

"We do see more patients or clients during the winter months than we do during the summer months," said James T. O'Donnell, executive director of the Adult and Child Mental Health Center in Indianapolis. "When there's a change of seasons, referrals to facilities such as ours increase," he said, adding that there is some question as to whether it's folklore, personal opinion, or medically based.

How much winter affects the functioning level or quality of life may depend on a person's ability to adapt, O'Donnell said. "Some people who may be marginally adjusting to life circumstances may find it more difficult some years than others."

For some people, holidays are an unhappy time, he pointed out. If there's been a death or divorce in the family, holidays may be painful reminders of happier times or of an unhappy event, he said.

"Holidays are events that mark time. People think back to the previous year. Sometimes the memory of that is painful," he said.



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Sports Scene

Benson, Manley clash headline NFC finals

By TOM CANAVAN
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — A bandage covers scar tissue on the bridge of his nose. The number 79 written on a white piece of adhesive tape is stuck above his locker to remind him of the play he blew.

And over the loudspeaker in the New York Giants' locker room, Brad Benson hears Dexter this, Dexter that. The reporters never seem to go away, either.

It's "Hell Week" again for this offensive tackle as the New York Giants prepare for Sunday's NFC championship game against the Washington Redskins ... and Dexter Manley.

The Benson-Manley matchup has achieved larger-than-life status since Benson prevented the All Pro Washington defensive end from registering a sack on Dec. 7 and earned NFC offensive player of the week. All Pro honors came the next week.

And this third matchup of the season between the pair has become a focal point of the game, for at least the media.

"Attention members of the press, Brad Benson will not be able to talk to you today because he had the Dexter Flu," nose tackle Jim Burt said over the

loudspeaker in the Giants' locker room. "His dog Dexter gave it to him."

Five minutes later Benson was still in the Giants' training room.

"Attention members of the press, Brad Benson will be coming out momentarily." It's Burt again.

A practical joker in his own right, Benson grinned as he walked toward his locker. A glance at the 20 reporters waiting for him took the grin off his face.

"You guys can ask me questions all week and I'm not going to give you one good fiery answer," said the nine-year veteran, who has played each of the five positions on the offensive line for New York.

Since moving to left tackle permanently about two years ago, Benson and Manley have faced each other five times.

Manley, who had 18½ sacks this season, has had five sacks in those games, including two in the first game of the season between the Redskins and Giants.

"There has never been anything personal said," Benson said when asked if he spoke with Manley on the field. "It's always been clean. He is good clean competitor. He is a classy guy."



Broncos' end Clarence Kay gets the kinks out. (AP Laserphoto)

Browns' line confident

By CHUCK MELVIN
AP Sports Writer

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Cleveland Browns' offensive linemen are confident they can control Denver's Rulon Jones and Karl Mecklenburg on Sunday ... if they can find them.

"They're not the type of defense that's going to anchor itself in one place," offensive tackle Cody Risien said Wednesday. "They move around and do a lot of stunts."

Jones, a defensive end, had 13½ quarterback sacks this season and Mecklenburg, a linebacker, had 9½.

"A lot of what we have to do is recognize where they are on the field," Cleveland center Mike Baab said. "We have to identify them, find them and block them."

The Browns' offensive success has largely de-

pended upon the protection given to quarterback Bernie Kosar. In Cleveland's only loss during the second half of the season, a 27-14 decision against the Los Angeles Raiders on Nov. 23, Kosar was sacked six times and pressured all game.

Howard Mudd, Cleveland's offensive line coach, said the protection schemes for the AFC championship game against the Broncos, will have to take into account the way Denver's defenders move around before the ball is snapped.

"That does present a problem," Mudd said. "They try to take their best pass rusher and isolate him against your poorest pass protector."

The shifting means no single Cleveland lineman can count on being lined up against a certain Denver lineman or linebacker all game, Mudd explained.

"So each guy has to prepare for them," he said.

Pampa High cagers face busy weekend

Pampa High cagers launch a whirlwind schedule of games Friday night when Lubbock Dunbar comes to town for a District 1-4A doubleheader.

Tipoff is at 7 p.m. at McNeely Fieldhouse for the girls' contest. The boys' game follows.

Saturday, both Pampa teams travel to Frenship for more district action. Then Pampa returns home for a Monday night twinbill against Dumas.

"It seems like a district tournament for us. Well, it's not quite that bad, but three games in four days is quite a few," said Harvesters' Coach Robert Hale.

If all goes as expected, both Pampa clubs could boost their records considerably going into next Friday night's meeting with Levelland. The three boys' teams — Dunbar, Frenship and Dumas — have only one district win between them. Only Dumas (4-2) on the girls' side has a winning district mark.

"Friday night is the key game. If we can get Dunbar that should carry over into Monday," said Pampa Coach Robert Hale. "Three victories would put us into contention and that's an exciting place to be."

The Harvesters are coming off

their first district victory, a 45-43 squeaker over Hereford last Friday night. Pampa is 1-2 in district play and 5-12 overall.

"Every one of our wins has been by small margins because we've had to play very good games to win," Hale said. "We're so inexperienced this year and we've played some very tough teams," Hale said.

Dunbar has fallen on hard times this season with only three victories in 16 outings.

"I want to encourage our student body and fans to come out and support us," Hale said. "With the people behind us, we're going to do much better."

Hale said he is trying to teach more than just basketball to the Harvesters this season.

"It's something you can't really list, like persistence and character. That may sound old-fashioned, but it's important," Hale said. "It's something you can't teach in a month or a year. You have to go over it and over it until it becomes a part of you."

The Lady Harvesters took over sole possession of first place in the district standings with the 69-40 walloping of Hereford last week. The Pampa girls are 2-2 in league play and 11-4 overall.

TEAM LEADERS REGULAR SEASON

New York Giants	Washington Redskins
PASSING	
Simms (21 TD) 3487 yds	Allegre 24 (out of 32)
Schroeder (22 TD) 4109 yds	Atkinson 0 (did not play**)
RECEPTIONS	
Bavaro 66	Taylor 20.5
Clark 74	Manley 18.5
RUSHING	
Morris 1516 yds	Kinard 4
Rogers 1203 yds	Green 5
TOUCHDOWNS	
Morris 15	Landetta 44.8
Rogers 18	Cox 43.6
FIELD GOALS	
SACKS	
INTERCEPTIONS	
PUNTING AVERAGE	

** Signed after regular season (playoff record: 4 for 4)
The chart above illustrates statistics for the New York Giants and Washington Redskins going into Sunday's NFC championship game.

Search starts for Pampa grid coach

John Kendall won't have much time to reflect on his recently ended career as Pampa High head football coach. He's going to be much too busy trying to find a replacement for himself.

Kendall had just settled into his job as full-time athletic director Wednesday when the phone started ringing.

"I'd already had a couple of calls about the job. I'll be meeting with Tom Cathey today (Interim Superintendent) about setting up guidelines. Then we'll start taking resumes."

Kendall stepped down as Harvester head football coach during a Pampa school board meeting Tuesday night. He assumed full-time duties as athletic director, a position he has held on a part-time basis for the past three years.

"This was something I'd thought about doing for quite some time," Kendall added. "I don't really know if I'm going to miss coaching or not. I haven't had time to think about it."

Kendall also agreed to a reduction in his \$39,800 salary during Tuesday night's board session. His new salary will be decided upon after a study conducted by Interim Superintendent Cathey.

Kendall's contract runs through the 1987-88 school year.

Kendall came to Pampa from Liberal, Kans. where he posted a 44-12 record as high school coach there for six years. His 1980 team finished 11-0 and won the Kansas Class 5A state championship. However, his record at Pampa



fell to 10-38-2 overall and 8-24-2 in district play. Last year the Harvesters went 0-10, the school's first winless season since 1967.

The Pampa Board of Trustees appointed both Kendall and Cathey to head the search for a new head coach.

"We're going to open the position up for everyone," Kendall said. "It will probably be April 1 before we choose someone."

Tyson knows his future is now

By Murray Olderman

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (NEA) — There is, first, the awesome Mike Tyson, 221 pounds of coiled power, who, at the age of 20, pulverized Trevor Berbick in 4 minutes and 35 seconds to become the youngest heavyweight champion ever.

Then there is, second, the Mike Tyson who gurgles with the effervescence of youth, contemplates the meaning of fame and admits, "Hey, I'm just a 20-year-old kid and I'm going to remain that way."

That Mike Tyson, the "20-year-old kid" who prevails on a daily basis between his infrequent appearances in the ring, is a likable and yet completely confident young man.

Now the young WBC champion can look forward to facing the new WBA champ, Bonecrusher Smith, The Tyson-Smith bout, part of HBO's title unification tournament, was tentatively set for March 7 in Las Vegas.

Tyson was molded somewhat in the image of his mentor, the late Constantine "Cus" D'Amato. To understand the forces that transformed Tyson from a juvenile delinquent at age 13 to the best in boxing seven years later, it's important to chart the influence of D'Amato. Cus did more than teach Mike how to fight. He educated the youngster and imbued him with the single-mindedness that characterized the old manager.

"There was no way I was leaving the ring without the (championship)

belt," said Tyson in the moments after his victory over Berbick.

D'Amato took on the boxing establishment with the same attitude, standing up to the pervasive IBC and all the other insidious rulers of boxing. He produced two world champions in Floyd Patterson (previously the youngest heavyweight titlist ever) and Jose Torres, the former light-heavyweight king who is now the respectable chairman of the New York state boxing commission.

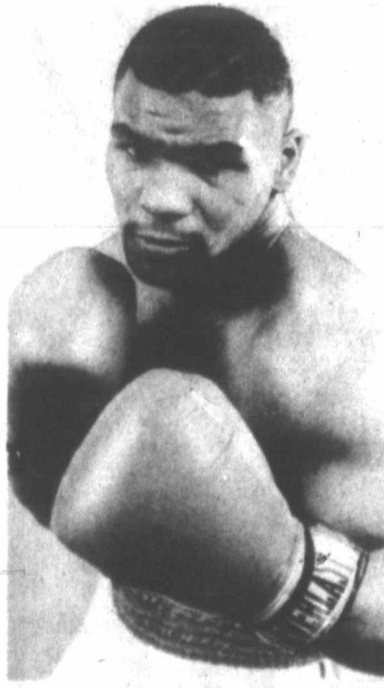
Yet Torres noted realistically, "Tyson is without a doubt the fighter that Cus was trying so hard to make out of me and out of Floyd. He did it with this guy, who had the determination and the desire, plus the power."

As a youngster in the Bronx, Cus's own fighting ambitions had been aborted when a street accident cost him the sight of one eye. His proudest physical achievement, he used to tell me, was holding the longevity record for standing at attention as an M.P. at Camp Shanks, N.Y., a World War II debarkation point.

Cus was so completely wrapped up in his fighters that once, as we were driving to Patterson's training camp, I mentioned a young outfield phenom on the New York Giants named Willie Mays.

"Who is he?" Cus asked. D'Amato read the sports pages avidly, but only the boxing news.

Tyson is completely absorbed with every nuance of boxing, including its history. He can spout off, with no prod-



Mike Tyson

he brought propaganda (sic). It's unbelievable."

The first champ under Marquis of Queensbury rules, Sullivan reigned from 1882 to 1892. He was known as "the Great John L. Sullivan" because of his air of dominance. That same aura is beginning to build up for Tyson, despite his diminutive stature. There is a feeling that no heavyweight today can survive his battering fists.

The so-called "Tale of the Tape" lists him as 5 feet, 11 inches tall, but he is actually closer to 5-foot-10, if that much. That makes him the shortest heavyweight champion since Tommy Burns, a 5-7 mite who ruled the division for two years until Jack Johnson stopped him the day after Christmas in 1908.

Since then, Rocky Marciano and Joe Frazier, each listed at 5-foot-11 (but stretching to the point), were the only other titleholders under 6 feet. Tyson has the same type of aggressiveness and perseverance. But, within the confines of his range, he has a more classical boxing style. He doesn't take a blow to deliver one, as Rocky and Smokin' Joe did. And he's not swinging wildly at all times. He has hand speed comparable to Joe Louis.

Against Berbick, Tyson had the acuity to recognize that the wily veteran tried to cover up when he got in trouble. So, Mike lowered his sights and delivered enough solid shots to the body to open him up for the finishing left hook to the head.

Davalos Houston AD?

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Rudy Davalos will become the next athletic director at the University of Houston if a search committee's recommendation is approved, the San Antonio Light reported today.

The newspaper said a source close to the five-man search committee said Wednesday that Davalos has been officially recommended to school President Dr. Richard Van Horn and the board of regents.

The source said Davalos has been officially recommended to Van Horn over former UH baseball coach Rolan Walton, who was one of two final candidates for the job along with Davalos.

Action on the recommendation could be taken as early as Friday when Van Horn returns from the NCAA convention in San Diego, the source said.

Davalos, the former athletic director at UTSA and associate athletic director at UH who is currently director of community relations with the San Antonio Spurs, was interviewed Monday for the job in Houston.

Davalos, reached in Dallas Wednesday, told the newspaper he wanted the job and indicated the search committee

seemed to be equally interested in him.

"All I can tell you is they're very, very interested in me and I'm very interested in the job," Davalos said. "There's certainly been other people (interviewed), and I don't know what they think of those people. But I had a very positive interview."

Stan Binion, a Houston attorney who is a member of the search committee, said the committee felt it necessary to contact Davalos after Appalachian State Athletic Director Jim Garner turned down the job last week.

Davalos was contacted Saturday about interviewing for the job.

Binion refused to confirm if Davalos was the man recommended.

Davalos was the first candidate among the nine interviewed that the search committee asked to interview for the job, Binion said.

Davalos served as athletic director at UTSA for the school's first nine years and got the athletic program started directly into Division I.

Dr. Michael Johnson, a member of the Houston faculty, has served as interim AD since Davalos left.

World

Rebels warn



Rebel negotiator Antonio Zumel speaks to newsmen during a press conference at the National Press Club in Manila Thursday. Rebels warned that the peace talks are heading for collapse if the government does not respond favorably to their proposals. With Zumel is communist lawyer Arno Sanidad. (AP Laserphoto)

Libya hits targets in southern Chad after French air raid

PARIS (AP) — Libyan warplanes attacked a Chadian government post hours after Chad's ally, France, raided Libyan installations in northern Chad in an effort to demonstrate French might and head off an escalation of the conflict.

French Defense Minister Andre Giraud said the Libyan attack "was probably prepared prior to the French action."

There were no reports of casualties in either of the raids Wednesday. The French Defense Ministry said the French raid was in retaliation for a weekend Libyan air attack on the government-held southern half of the divided North African nation, a former French colony.

The ministry issued a statement saying the attack on the Libyan desert base at Ouadi-Doum "neutralized" Libyan air defense and radar installations. It did not give further details.

Chad's ambassador in Paris,

Ahmed Allam-Mi, criticized the French raid as "too timid." He said the Libyans could replace the destroyed radar equipment within a few hours.

Giraud said in a television interview that the French attack was designed to show Libya the "accuracy and effectiveness" of the French supersonic Jaguar fighter-bombers without escalating the conflict into an all-out war between France and Libya.

The French news agency

Agence France-Presse quoted unidentified sources as saying about 10 Jaguars based in N'Djamena and Bangui, Central African Republic, carried out the attack, firing Martel anti-radar missiles.

Allam-Mi said Soviet-made Libyan MiG fighter bombers later attacked a government post at Kouba Oulanga, 40 miles south of the line held by French forces. He provided no information on damage to the post.

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