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Ask Us

More than 400...

Noriega loyalists captured in assaults

PANAMA-CITY, Panama (AP) — More than 400 troops loyal to Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega were captured in airborne assaults and scattered combat erupted overnight throughout parts of the capital, U.S. military spokesmen said today.

Noriega remained in the Vatican Embassy after seeking asylum on Christmas Eve. The United States has demanded his surrender to face U.S. drug charges, but church authorities refused. Spain has denied political asylum, and there was no new word about where he might go.

Army Lt. Col. Jerry Murgia said 440 Noriega loyalist troops and about the same number of weapons were captured in airborne assaults Monday on David, 200 miles to the west, and La Palma, just southwest of Panama City.

He also said Noriega's intelligence chief, Col. Guillermo Wong, surrendered Monday. Wong had been arrested after a coup attempt in October, but was

released. Murgia said 30,000 pounds of emergency medical supplies had arrived in the past day and civilian relief agencies would send workers starting today to help with redistribution.

Twenty-three American soldiers are known to have died and another 330 wounded, Murgia said. The figures for the number of wounded rose because of late-arriving reports, he said. Two U.S. dependents were killed.

County is not liable in federal lawsuit, attorney will contend

Scurry County's attorney in the federal lawsuit over the firing almost a year ago of County Auditor Bernhard Bartels and his assistant, Ann Walton, will file his answer Wednesday, claiming that the county should have no liability because District Judge Gene L. Dulaney was acting as a state official in the firings.

The attorney, Bruce Magness of Lubbock, will also file a cross-action against Dulaney and current County Auditor Linda

Franklin, asking that they be ordered to reimburse the county if it is found to have any liability in the case.

Magness said in a note accompanying a copy of the 24-page answer and cross-action that he would file it in federal district court in Lubbock on Wednesday.

The attorney said that in firing Bartels and hiring Franklin, who then fired Walton, Dulaney was exercising authority granted him (see SUIT, page 8)



GOODFELLOWS — AND GIRLS — 10-year-old Burgandy Vasco and National Guard Sgt. Steve Bell were among the people who laid out more than 280 food boxes Friday night in the county coliseum annex for the annual Saturday morning Goodfellows food distribution to local needy families. (SDN Staff Photo)

Former local pleads guilty to 1979 robbery

A 30-year-old former Snyder man who had been sought since his indictment in a convenience store robbery here more than 10 years ago pleaded guilty in 132nd District Court last week and was given a 10-year probated term and fined \$3,000.

John D. Earnest of Escondido, Calif., was accused of robbing the Food Basket at 2406 Huffman Ave. on May 18, 1979, and had apparently been living in California since fleeing Snyder prior to his trial later that year.

County Attorney Lealand "Pete" Greene, who was district attorney at the time of the offense, said Earnest was traced to California and arrested there after he had returned to Snyder recently to attend a relative's

funeral. Greene handled the case because current District Attorney Ernie B. Armstrong was Earnest's lawyer when the case was originally filed, and he said a probated term was accepted because the clerk who was robbed now lives in Washington State and would not respond to requests by Greene to return and testify.

Greene said Earnest's \$3,000 fine was considered an essential part of the punishment.

In the only other felony case disposed of here last week, 30-year-old Mary A. Arnold of Big Spring pleaded guilty in a Nov. 8, 1987, forgery by making case and was given a four-year probated term and ordered to pay \$120 in restitution.

Commissioners okay request for fuel bids

Scurry County Commissioners today approved a request by County Auditor Linda Franklin to advertise for bids for gasoline, oil and diesel fuel for the county in 1990 and voted to hold a called meeting Friday.

Fuel bids will be opened and awarded during a Jan. 15 Commissioners Court meeting. The contract will run from Jan. 15 through Dec. 31, 1990.

Franklin also noted that her office is completing the 1989 bills payable and some departments in the county budget may need to be amended before 1990. Commissioners then voted to hold a special called meeting Friday at 10 a.m. to amend the 1989 year-end budget.

Commissioners also voted to meet Jan. 2 at 10 a.m. for their regular weekly meeting since Monday is New Year's Day. Following approval of bills

payable for the week, the meeting was adjourned by County Judge Bobby Goodwin.

All commissioners were present — Duane Davis, Tommy Pate, C.D. Gray, Jr. and Ted Billingsley.

Christmas stabbing is reported

Two Snyder men were stabbed in a 3:30 p.m. Christmas Day altercation in the 2000 Block of Ave. K.

Daniel Perez of 2011 K and Frank Alarcon of 2707 Ave. L were taken by Snyder EMS Ambulance Service to Cogdell Memorial Hospital, where both were treated before Perez was (see STABBING, page 8)



HOUSE FIRE — Firemen were busy this morning extinguishing a fire in a vacant house at 800 28th St., where they were still working near mid-

morning following the 8:06 a.m. call. (SDN Staff Photo)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most school bus drivers are driving under the influence of children."

Since we haven't completely put the Christmas spirit behind us, we have to pass along an item that came from some teachers at Stanfield Elementary. The abbreviated story shows what a whopping influence a teacher can have on a student.

Miss Thompson, although not always truthful, told each pupil in her class that they were special and that she loved each of them. But there was one particular boy named Teddy. He wasn't interested in school. He had a blank expression, eyes were glassy and he answered only in monosyllables. His clothes were musty and his hair unkempt. Not only was he unattractive, he just wasn't likable.

School records indicated his first grade teacher detected promise in his work, but a poor attitude. His second grade teacher had indicated that Teddy could do better but got little help from home. The third grade teacher noted that he was too serious, a slow learner and that his mother had died during the year. A fourth grade teacher said his father showed little interest in his school work.

A school Christmas party made a difference. Like the other children, Teddy brought a gift for the teacher. It was poorly wrapped in brown paper. When opened, out fell a gaudy rhinestone bracelet with half the stones missing, and a bottle of dime-store perfume.

Miss Thompson reacted to giggles from classmates by immediately putting on the bracelet and putting some of the perfume on her wrist. She walked around the class and said, "Doesn't this smell lovely?"

Teddy hung around after school and told his teacher, "I'm glad you liked my present. You smell just like my mother."

Miss Thompson became a different person that day and dedicated herself to making a difference in the lives of all her students.

A few years later she got a note wanting Miss Thompson to be the first to know Teddy was graduating second in his class. Four years later, another note came. He was first in his university class.

Later, the elementary teacher got a note. Teddy was a doctor and about to be married. She was asked by Teddy to come and sit where his mother would have sat if she were alive. "You are the only family I have now. Dad died last year."

The world is grateful for a lot of Miss Thompsons.

Q—How can a divorced parent find out how the child support money is being spent?

A—Because keeping a child involves definite expenses, it is assumed that money paid to a custodial parent directly contributes to the maintenance of the child. But short of a court suit supported by evidence, there is no way for the other parent to account for specific expenditures, unless the custodial parent wishes to respond to such an inquiry.

In Brief

Fatal crash

HEREFORD, Texas (AP) — The Christmas Day crash of a homemade airplane during a landing on a farm near here left one man dead and his brother hurt, a state trooper said.

Joe Paetzold, 38, of Hereford died Monday night at a Lubbock hospital, said Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Darrell Matthews.

Larry Paetzold, 39, the pilot of the single-engine experimental plane, was hospitalized in satisfactory condition today at Deaf Smith General hospital, with burns and lacerations.

The plane was attempting to land on a dirt strip at the pilot's home, about 15 miles north of Hereford, said Matthews.

Decision nixed

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev condemned the Lithuanian Communist Party's declaration of independence from Moscow as a bid to play up to Baltic nationalists and a violation of party rules, Tass said today.

Despite Gorbachev's criticism at a meeting of the national Communist Party Central Committee on Monday, he urged caution in dealing with the split declared by the Lithuanian party Dec. 20.

Death toll 28

By The Associated Press
Three people died when two pickups collided head-on near Center and a pedestrian was killed trying to cross a Dallas freeway on Christmas, bringing the holiday traffic death toll to 28, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

The figure was well below the prediction by state troopers before the long weekend began. DPS officials estimated 40 would die in traffic accidents during the counting period, which began at 6 p.m. Friday and continued through midnight Monday.

The DPS said a pickup driven by a still-identified driver was traveling east on State Highway 7 about 5 miles east of Center when the truck crossed the center line and collided with a westbound pickup.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures:
High Monday, 66 degrees; low, 21 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 24 degrees; high Sunday, 57 degrees; low, 16 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 21 degrees; high Saturday, 35 degrees; low, -1 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 17 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 11.59 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast:
Tonight, clear. Low in the lower 30s. Light and variable wind. Wednesday, sunny. High in the mid 60s. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

Federal tax forms mailed out today

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taxpayers receive their annual holiday greetings from Uncle Sam starting today, as the Internal Revenue Service mails out more than 107 million tax forms and in-

struction packages. The forms, which have been waiting at post offices across the nation for weeks, should be in most taxpayers' hands before Jan. 1. The IRS always times the mailing, which costs \$26 million for postage and printing, to come right after the crush of Christmas mail but soon enough to give taxpayers as much time as possible to complete their returns before the filing deadline,

which falls this year on April 16. For taxpayers still reeling from the sweeping changes wrought by the 1986 Tax Reform Act, the IRS has reassuring words: the new forms look very much like last year's forms. But to the chagrin of IRS of-

ficials, one of the few changes should not have been made, and it could confuse millions of elderly Americans.

The IRS is trying to get the word out to taxpayers eligible for Medicare that they should ignore the lines on the tax form covering the supplemental Medicare premium. Congress did away with the premium along with the catastrophic health program it was designed to fund.

But Congress did not vote to repeal the controversial program until late November, long after the IRS forms had gone to the printers.

The IRS hopes to keep confusion to a minimum through a publicity campaign to get word to the 12 million elderly taxpayers who could be affected. In addition, IRS officials note that the form taxpayers would need to compute their Medicare premium tax liability, Form 8808, does not exist.

"We believe that taxpayers will not want to pay taxes that they don't have to pay," said IRS official Arthur Altman.

But Altman said that if taxpayers still include an amount on the Medicare premium line, the IRS will refund the money.

This year's returns are accompanied by a special pitch from new IRS Commissioner Fred T. Goldberg Jr., who urges taxpayers to consider filing their returns electronically to cut down on the time it takes to process their refund checks.

The IRS is providing a special toll-free telephone number, 1-800-424-1040, for people to call for a list of tax preparers in their area who can file returns electronically.

In 1988, two-thirds of all taxpayers qualified for a refund, with the average refund totaling \$875.

Astro-Graph
By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday
Dec. 27, 1989

In the year ahead you'll do well working with others, but things may not go so smoothly where pure partnerships are concerned. Be thoughtful regarding your alliances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your judgment is reasonably good today regarding matters that affect you singularly. However, when you try to extend your thinking to blanket others, this might not be true. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead 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 tend to count on a little more than you have coming today. This is not an especially smart approach, because you'll be severely disappointed when you don't get all for which you hoped.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't wear out your welcome if you're invited to a social affair at a friend's place today. If you were one of the early arrivals, try to be one of the first to leave.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone upon whom you have to rely today might not be there when needed. The moral of the story: count on the only one you can — yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you may get involved in an intense discussion with a person who feels as strongly about an issue as you do. Unfortunately, you'll be on opposite sides of the line.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Some financial pressure may be brought to bear on you today regarding an old obligation. If it isn't attended to satisfactorily, it would worsen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even though you're apt to solicit advice from others today, their constructive suggestions aren't likely to impress you and you may go about doing things as you first intended.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It could prove wise to be attentive to health matters today. Don't overindulge or overexert yourself, and stay away from things you know you shouldn't eat or drink.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's a possibility you may have problems handling youngsters today, but not nearly as much as you'll have if you let some outsider butt in and really gum up the works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your judgment may be a trifle questionable today regarding matters that pertain to your career. Think your moves through carefully, because impulsiveness could create problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep your schemes in realistic perspective today. Although you may think in grandiose terms, you might overlook critical details that are small, but essential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be a bit more protective than usual of your possessions today, or else you might find a stranger taking a liking to something you're especially fond of yourself.

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Judge's death is studied

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police today are investigating the death of retired State District Judge Richard Woods, whose body was found burned outside his home early Christmas Day. He was 71. Police said Woods may have been the victim of a freak accident.

Detectives said they believed Woods collapsed around 2 a.m. while walking in the driveway of his San Antonio home. He then fell with a cigarette in his hand, which may have ignited his clothing, police said.

Paramedics from Emergency Medical Services said Woods was dead when they arrived at his home shortly after 2 a.m.

Homicide detectives told reporters they did not suspect foul play.

A Democrat, Woods won a seat on the bench for the first time in 1968 and served four terms before retiring in 1984. His job was filled by Judge John Cornyn, a Republican.

Since then he has served as a traveling judge, taking assignments as requested locally and around the state.

His body was taken from his home to Porter Loring Mortuary at 2:45 a.m. by a private ambulance.

Officials from the medical examiner's office said a ruling may be released today.

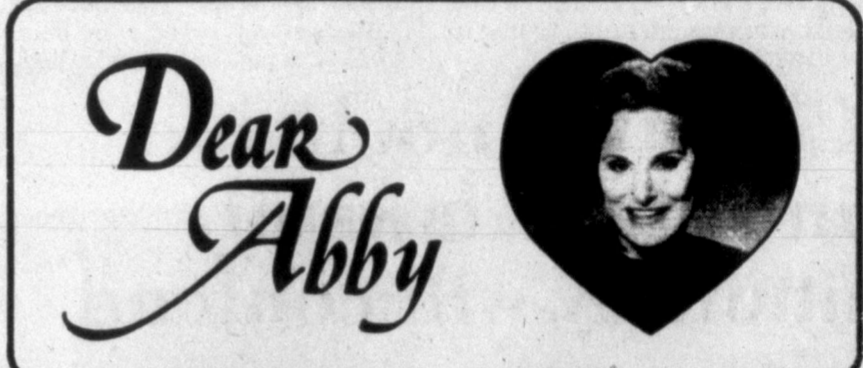
Colleagues were surprised to hear of his death.

"I talked to him within the last two weeks and he was enjoying his retirement," said state District Judge James Barlow. "He said he was playing 36 holes of golf a week and working out. He was sitting on the bench and waiting for assignments."

Barlow beat Woods in a race for Bexar County district attorney in 1963.

A law school graduate of St. John's University in New York, Woods practiced criminal law before working in the office of Bexar County District Attorney Hubert Green for 10 years.

Among his noted rulings, Woods affirmed the right of the Texas Department of Water Resources to require private citizens to obtain permits before drawing water from rivers.



Cold Water Puts Out the Fire Of Toddlers' Temper Tantrums

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: "Outraged in Reno" wrote that her sister-in-law had a spoiled 2-year-old daughter who threw temper tantrums in order to get her own way, so she consulted a pediatrician. He advised her to splash cold water on the child's face to bring her out of it. You recommended getting another pediatrician. Why? That was excellent advice.

In the 1930s, three of us girl cousins, who were close as sisters, had baby boys within a few months of each other. We were also neighbors and the boys were raised like brothers.

One day, my 2 1/2-year-old son had a temper tantrum and proceeded to beat his head against the floor until his nose bled! I panicked and consulted our family doctor. He told me that the next time the child had a tantrum, I should pick him up, put him face down in the sink and turn cold water on his head — just enough to shut him up.

I followed his advice, and it worked! My cousins followed that advice, and it worked for them, too. Today, one son is a successful cattle dealer, another is a physician, and my son is a nuclear research engineer.

K.W. IN ARIZONA

DEAR K.W.: Yours was only one of an outpouring of letters telling me that my advice was all wet. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I support the pediatrician's cold-water treatment. Thirty-three years ago, when our eldest son was 3 years old and having temper tantrums, I was nine months pregnant with our third child. Our pediatrician suggested the cold-water splash and it worked splendidly. The child was sufficiently shocked by the wordless treatment and the tantrums ceased immediately. He turned out quite well. Today he is an orthopedic surgeon.

CHUCKLING
IN NORTHBROOK, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your

advice to change pediatricians. What better way is there to get a child's attention without raising your voice or using corporal punishment? Splashing cold water in a child's face is not cruel or violent.

If more frustrated parents used this method of calming a child down, it could reduce child abuse.

CHERYL IN ROSWELL, GA.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 42-year-old lawyer and the father of three. My mother told me that when I was about 3 years old, I was in the kitchen, screaming, kicking and giving her a bad time. My father heard the racket in the next room, came into the kitchen, got a bucket, filled it with cold water and emptied it over my head, saying, "This should cool him off for a while."

BALTIMORE ATTORNEY

DEAR ABBY: Obviously you have never seen a small child lose control during a temper tantrum. I have. The child becomes so hysterical he cannot catch his breath — then he turns purple and passes out. It is very frightening.

Bless that doctor who suggested splashing cold water in the child's face. It's better to interrupt the tantrum before the child gets completely out of control. It also beats the other alternative — giving in to the child's every whim in order to avoid a tantrum.

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Scurry County
Coalinga Corp. will drill the No. 16 E.B. Bolding in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles southeast of Ira. Planned for a depth of 1,650 feet, location is in Section 193, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Coalinga Corp. will drill the No. 17 E.B. Bolding in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles southeast of Ira. Also planned for a depth of 1,650 feet, drill site is in Section 193, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Garza County
Lunar Oil Co. will drill the No. 2,901 Connell, an 8,350-foot wildcat five miles southeast of Post. Location is in Section 29, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Patterson Petroleum Inc. has completed the No. 1 Bostick in the Close City field, one mile south of Close City. The venture was financed to produce 85 barrels of 39 gravity oil and 115 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 1,000-1 with perforations from 8,742-792 feet. Location is in Section 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Bennett Petroleum will drill the No. 1-18 John F. Lott in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,250 feet, location is in Section 18, Block 2, T&NO survey.

McClure Oil Co. Inc. will drill the No. 1 Kirkpatrick, an 8,300-foot wildcat eight miles southeast of Post. Location is in Section 7, Block 5, GH&H survey.

WJC Inc. will drill the No. 1 Goforth in the Suniland field, two miles southeast of Southland. Planned depth is 4,300 feet, and drill site is in Section 725, Block D-18, D&SE survey.

Mitchell County
Mobil Producing will drill the No. 40 W. W. Watson in the Iatan East Howard field, 10 miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,600 feet, location is in Section 19, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 258 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,600 feet, location is in Section 17, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Kent County
John L. Cox has completed the No. 4-C Godfrey in the Michelle Kay field, 18 miles west of Girard. The well produced 12 barrels of 38 gravity oil and 60 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 325-1 with perforations from 5,691-760 feet. Location is in the Sam Owen Preemption survey No. 1.

Howard County
Conoco Inc. has completed the No. 20 W.N. and L.R. Reed in the Howard-Glasscock field, eight miles east of Fosan. The well produced 24 barrels of 37.2 gravity oil and 97 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 83-1 with perforations from 2,766-3,066 feet. Location is in Section 142, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Jack N. Blair will drill the No. 1 Jones, a 10,500-foot wildcat two miles northwest of Knott. Location is in Section 2, Block 34, T4N, T&P survey.

The Biafran War erupted July 6, 1967, as Nigerian forces invaded an eastern region which had declared its independence May 30. The war, which lasted two-and-a-half years, claimed some 600,000 lives.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Business and Professional Women's Club; 6:30 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 TOPS, TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
 Scurry County Genealogical Society; Chamber of Commerce Building; 7:30 p.m.; New members and visitors welcome.
 Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.
 Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)

WEDNESDAY

Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.
 Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8015 or 573-3956.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; West 37th Street; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
 Duplicate Bfidge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Alateen; for children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

FRIDAY

Storytime for four and five year old children; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
 Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
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SATURDAY

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
 People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Surgeon illustrates 'ritual of surgery'

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — For more than a decade, Richard Selzer lived a double life. He was a literary surgeon. He performed delicate operations with cool detachment, then wrote about them with a vivid intimacy.

Eventually the balance tipped. The words took over. And Selzer began to see things.

"Once you have gazed with the third eye of the artist, you see things you would not have seen otherwise," Selzer was saying the other day. "You see the details that illuminate human misery and you are different."

Selzer had taken up writing at 40 in an attempt to recapture what he felt was a lost intimacy between doctor and patient. He led the double life for 15 years, laboring over his prose between patients in his surgical practice at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

During that time he wrote "Mortal Lessons: Notes on the Art of Surgery" and two other collections of short fiction and essays. He found that writing brought him closer to his patients.

It is his intimate acquaintance with the art of medicine that makes his work so compelling.

Ironically, it was also his writing that forced him to give up surgery after 32 years.

Abandoning the terse, arid vernacular of medical texts in favor of colorful literary language, Selzer tried to give his readers a sense of "the ritual of surgery," which he describes in an essay as "at once murderous, painful, healing and full of love."

"A surgeon needs a kind of distance from the patient that he is laying open because it's not a natural act. He dons a kind of carapace," Selzer says.

"But the writing surgeon has to not only perform the operation but perceive it in such a way to be able to report these events back to the waiting world. In so doing, I realized I was peeling off my

own insulation that was protecting me from the operative event.

"As painful as it was to leave surgery, I knew it was time. There was no choice. A surgeon can unmake himself, a writer cannot," Selzer says.

Selzer's work has won plaudits from critics and is gaining increased attention from scholars.

"What makes him unique among American writers is that he makes us see the body and medical events in ways we don't normally see them," says Charles M. Anderson, a professor of English and medical humanities at Arkansas State University in Little Rock, who has just written a book analyzing Selzer's writing.

"His work makes a difference. People read it and it heals them. I have medical students who read his work and it changes who they are and what they do."

Bridge by James Jacoby

NORTH 12-26-89			
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♥ A Q			
♦ K J 10 6 3 2			
♣ 5 4			
WEST		EAST	
♠ J 9 8 6 3		♥ A 5	
♥ 9 6 3		♦ 8 7 5 4 2	
♦ 4		♠ A Q 7	
♣ J 10 8 2		♥ Q 9 7	
SOUTH			
♠ K Q 10			
♥ K J 10			
♦ 9 8 5			
♠ A K 6 3			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 6			

promptly returned a spade. South won the king and played the nine of diamonds. East won the queen and returned a club. Declarer won the ace and played another diamond. East took the ace but declarer had the rest of the tricks. Was there something better that could have been done?

After South's one-no-trump opening, East knows that his partner has little in high cards. It is unlikely that the spade lead is from a suit that will quickly take tricks to damage declarer. Instead East should plan to deprive declarer of needed diamond tricks. He can do this by eliminating communication to dummy in the heart suit. So East should lead back a heart at trick two. South will go up with the king and lead a diamond. East takes the diamond and plays a second heart. East then ducks the next diamond play, and declarer is left with but eight tricks, one short of the contract.

Usually it is right to attack declarer's stoppers in your suit when defending against no-trump contracts. Here it was right to attack dummy's A-Q of hearts so that declarer could never enjoy the long diamond tricks.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Preserving communication so that you can take enough tricks to set the contract is part of good defense. It is just as important to be aware of the times when you can disrupt the declarer's communications, causing a contract to fail.
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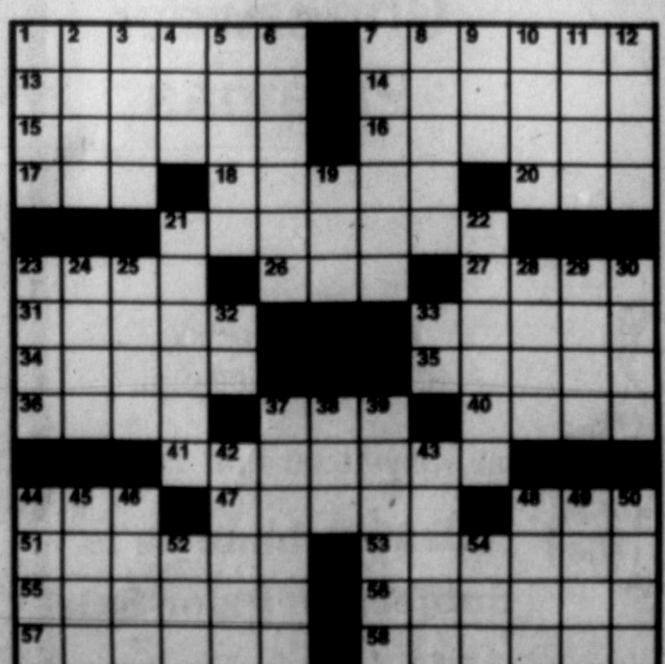
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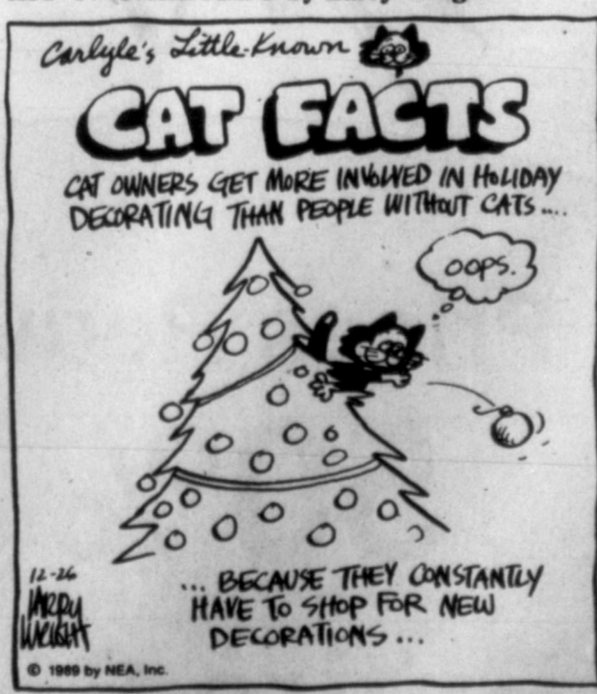
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Vikings in playoffs after beating Cincy

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Not since 1980, when Ahmad Rashad caught Tommy Kramer's Hail Mary pass to win the NFC Central, had the Minnesota Vikings won a critical regular-season game.

Throw in the great expectations of this year's Vikings, and Monday night's 29-21 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals was probably the club's most important non-playoff win ever.

"It's the biggest game I ever won in 38 years of coaching," said Vikings coach Jerry Burns, an assistant coach for six Super Bowl teams in Green Bay and Minnesota.

The victory in the final game of the NFL season gave the Vikings (10-6) their first division title in nine years and knocked the Bengals (8-8), last year's AFC Super Bowl representative, out of the playoffs. Minnesota will play a road game against either the New York Giants or San Francisco 49ers in two weeks.

Green Bay (10-6) was eliminated because the Vikings have a better division record. The Pittsburgh Steelers (9-7) benefitted from Cincinnati's loss and will play in the AFC wild-card game Sunday at Houston.

Although General Manager Mike Lynn repeatedly said Burns' wasn't on the line, the coach said he felt a great deal of personal pressure. And Wade Wilson, who went from the top of last season's NFC passing ratings to near the bottom of this season's, felt pressure, too.

"The year we've had, the struggles, the pressures ... we knew we had to win," said Wilson, who completed 19 of 35 passes for 303 yards and two touchdowns. "There was pressure because of the expectations."

The Vikings got five field goals from Rich Karlis but it was the one he never had to attempt that might have been the difference.

After Esiason and Craig Taylor connected on an 18-yard scoring pass that made it 22-21 with 8:49 to go, the Vikings went 67 yards

for the clinching touchdown — Wilson's fourth-down, 1-yard flip to the diving Brent Novoselsky.

Along the way, Cincinnati was flagged for three penalties, including one for roughness and one for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"I made a mistake a veteran shouldn't make," said Eric Thomas, who got the roughing penalty for giving Anthony Carter an extra shove out of bounds.

Michigan State wins Aloha with Blake Ezor's 179 yards

HONOLULU (AP) — Blake Ezor turned in a record-breaking performance in his last game for Michigan State, and Hawaii bobbled away any chance it had in the Aloha Bowl.

Ezor, the game's most

valuable player, gained a bowl-record 179 yards and scored on three runs to break a school record for touchdowns in a season as the 22nd-ranked Spartans (8-4) won 33-13 Monday.

The 25th-ranked Rainbows (9-

Pack whips 'Pokes with five turnovers

DALLAS (AP) — The beleaguered Dallas Cowboys defense patted itself on the back in the team's season-ending 20-10 loss to Green Bay.

The Cowboys held Green Bay to only 43 yards rushing and linebacker Jack Del Rio scooped up a fumble and ran 57 yards for Dallas' only touchdown.

"With about 10 or 15 yards to go, I figured I better not get pulled down from behind," Del Rio said. "I would never live that down."

But he had little to worry about. There was only one Packer nearby when he picked up the ball and he was followed by teammates most of the way down the sideline.

"I told him he had a personal bodyguard," Jeffcoat said. "I was with him and I saw everything from the time it was fumbled and I knew he was going to make it."

Jim Jeffcoat had three sacks in Sunday's game, the most by a Cowboy defender since Ed Jones had four against the New York Giants Nov. 2, 1987. Jeffcoat's 11½ sacks for the season were the most by a Cowboy since he had 14 in 1986.

But the Cowboys offense turned over the ball five times, twice after the score was tied 10-10.

"Everything was clicking defensively, but you just can't turn the ball over that many times," Del Rio said. "The way we've been struggling, that takes the wind out of our sails."

But defensive players congratulated themselves for one of their best performances of the 1-15 season.

"It was good to see. We held them to 43 yards rushing, and that's the key," Jeffcoat said. "You stop the rush and they're going to have to pass some, and that just helps guys like me get to the quarterback."

Vandy's QB leads Gray in 28-10 rout

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Vanderbilt quarterback John Gromos had only one chance to

impress the NFL scouts who came to watch the Blue-Gray All Star Football Classic. He didn't waste it.

"When you've got time to throw the ball and your receivers are making great catches, it makes the job a lot easier," said Gromos, who completed 13 of 19 passes for 163 yards and a touchdown Monday as the Gray beat the Blue 28-10.

Gromos, who threw a 48-yard touchdown pass to Wake Forest's John Proehl and scored the winning touchdown on a 1-yard dive, combined with Maryland quarterback Neil O'Donnell to provide most of the Gray offense. O'Donnell completed 11 of 20 passes for 167 yards and a touchdown.

Unlike many players in the game, Gromos was invited to only one all-star game. He can only hope that he made an impression on those who may have doubted his ability with the Commodores, perennial losers in the Southeastern Conference.

"If there was any question, I hope I settled that," he said. "This was my only chance, and I'm really happy things went well."

Proehl and Mississippi State tight end Jesse Anderson, the Gray's most valuable player, were the main targets for Gromos and O'Donnell.

SPORTS

Martin dies in wreck

Ex big-league manager killed near home

PORT CRANE, N.Y. (AP) — Billy Martin, the hard drinking, hard-nosed former Yankee manager whose on- and off-field brawls overshadowed his accomplishments on the baseball diamond, died in an alcohol-related traffic accident.

He was 61. Martin was a passenger in a pickup truck that skidded off an icy road in front of his farm

Christmas night. The driver, longtime friend William Reedy, 53, of Detroit, was charged with driving while intoxicated, Broome County Sheriff Anthony Ruffo said.

"It's like losing part of my own family," said New York Yankees' principal owner George Steinbrenner, who hired and fired Martin five times as manager. "He was one of a kind."

"If somebody rubbed wrong against him, he'll punch ya in the nose no sooner than look at him," said Yogi Berra, a former teammate and a friend for 40 years. "But he was a great man, a kind-hearted man and he loved baseball."

Martin died of severe internal injuries at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Johnson City after the 5:45 p.m. crash. The truck came to rest at the driveway of Martin's 148-acre farm near Binghamton, about 150 miles northwest of New York City near the Pennsylvania line.

Reedy, owner of Reedy's Bar near Detroit's Tiger Stadium, suffered a broken hip and possible broken ribs and was in serious condition at the hospital, said Michael Doll, a hospital spokesman.

Reedy said he and Martin had gone to a store and then stopped for a drink, according to Deputy Steve Glanville, who issued the citation.

An autopsy was scheduled to be performed on Martin today, Doll said.

He was born May 16, 1928, in Berkeley, Calif. His Italian grandmother called him "Belli," Italian for pretty, and it evolved into Billy.

Martin played second base for the Yankees from 1950-57, including five World Series championships.

His lifetime batting average for his 11 seasons was just .257, but he always seemed at his best in October. He set a six-game World Series record in 1953 by batting .500 in the series and hitting safely in all six games. He also set a seven-game World Series record by hitting safely in every game of the 1956 Series.

"He was a great little guy," said Yankee great Joe DiMaggio.

Martin brought his combative style to the dugout as manager, arguing with players and umpires and getting his teams to play a hard-running game dubbed "Billy ball."

But his antics off the field clouded his career. He got into a fight in a topless bar in Texas on May 6, 1988, hours after being ejected from a game for arguing a call with an umpire. Six weeks later, he was fired by Steinbrenner.

Martin was first hired to manage the Yankees in 1975. During that stint, he guided the team to a World Series title in 1977, a season marked by his showing match with slugger Reggie Jackson in Boston's Fenway Park in June.

The next season, Jackson was suspended five days after ignoring Martin's instruction to bunt.

Five days later, Martin lashed out at Jackson and Steinbrenner saying, "One's a born liar; the other's convicted," a reference to

Steinbrenner's guilty plea to violating federal elections laws for a 1972 campaign contribution to President Nixon.

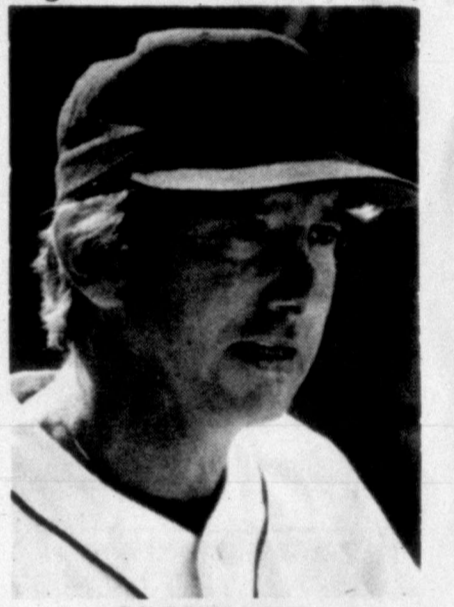
Martin resigned in tears a day after his statement. Only five days later, however, Steinbrenner announced he would bring Martin back, a promise he fulfilled the next year.

His latest firing was on June 23, 1988, but Steinbrenner retained him as a consultant.

Martin married his fourth wife, the former Jill Guiver, in January 1988. In an interview last July, Martin said he was enjoying life on the farm and out of the spotlight.

He led the Minnesota Twins to an American League West title in 1969 and the Detroit Tigers to an AL East title in 1970. He led the Yankees to AL pennants in 1976 and 1977 and the Oakland Athletics to an AL West title in 1981. He also managed the Texas Rangers.

In addition to his wife, survivors include son Billy Joe of Lubbock, Texas, and daughter, Kelly, both from previous marriages.



BILLY MARTIN

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	9	7	0	.563	409	317
Indianapolis	8	8	0	.500	298	301
Miami	8	8	0	.500	331	379
New England	5	11	0	.313	297	391
N.Y. Jets	4	12	0	.250	253	411
Central						
x-Cleveland	9	6	1	.594	334	294
y-Houston	9	7	0	.563	365	412
y-Pittsburgh	9	7	0	.563	285	326
Cincinnati	8	8	0	.500	404	285
West						
x-Denver	11	5	0	.688	362	226
Kansas City	8	7	1	.531	318	286
L.A. Raiders	8	8	0	.500	315	297
Seattle	7	9	0	.438	241	327
San Diego	6	10	0	.375	266	290

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-N.Y. Giants	12	4	0	.750	348	252
y-Philadelphia	11	5	0	.688	342	274
Washington	10	6	0	.625	386	306
Phoenix	5	11	0	.313	258	377
Dallas	1	15	0	.063	204	393
Central						
x-Minnesota	10	6	0	.625	351	275
Green Bay	10	6	0	.625	362	356
Detroit	7	9	0	.438	312	364
Chicago	6	10	0	.375	358	377
Tampa Bay	5	11	0	.313	320	419
West						
x-San Francisco	14	2	0	.875	442	253
y-L.A. Rams	11	5	0	.688	426	344
New Orleans	9	7	0	.563	386	301
Atlanta	3	13	0	.188	279	437

x-Division champion
y-Gained wild-card playoff berth

Saturday's Games
Buffalo 37, New York Jets 0
Washington 29, Seattle 0
Cleveland 24, Houston 20

Sunday's Games
Detroit 31, Atlanta 24
Green Bay 20, Dallas 10
New Orleans 41, Indianapolis 6
Kansas City 27, Miami 24
New York Giants 34, Los Angeles Raiders 17
Los Angeles Rams 24, New England 20
Philadelphia 31, Phoenix 14
Pittsburgh 31, Tampa Bay 22
San Francisco 26, Chicago 0
San Diego 19, Denver 16

Monday's Game
Minnesota 29, Cincinnati 21
End Regular Season

Playoff glance

Wild Card Sunday, Dec. 31 NFC
Los Angeles Rams at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

AFC
Pittsburgh at Houston, 4 p.m.

Divisional Playoffs (Times TBA) Saturday, Jan. 6 and Sunday, Jan. 7 AFC
Buffalo at Cleveland
Pittsburgh-Houston winner at Denver NFC
Minnesota at San Francisco or New York Giants
Philadelphia at San Francisco (if Philadelphia wins wild-card game)
Los Angeles Rams at New York Giants (if Los Angeles wins wild-card game)
Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 14
Super Bowl XXIV Sunday, Jan. 28
Pro Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4 At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC

NBA glance

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	7	.708	—
Philadelphia	14	10	.583	3
Boston	14	11	.560	3½
Washington	12	13	.480	5½
New Jersey	7	18	.280	10½
Miami	7	20	.250	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	16	9	.640	—
Chicago	16	9	.640	—
Indiana	15	9	.625	½
Detroit	16	10	.615	½
Milwaukee	12	13	.480	4
Cleveland	10	14	.417	5½
Orlando	9	17	.346	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	17	6	.739	—
Denver	17	9	.654	1½
Utah	16	9	.640	2
Dallas	13	12	.520	5
Houston	12	14	.462	6½
Minnesota	5	20	.200	13
Charlotte	4	19	.174	13

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

Monday's Game
Atlanta 115, Cleveland 104

Tuesday's Games
Washington at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Los Angeles Clippers, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
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Burglaries occur here, near Dunn

Sheriff's deputies are investigating two burglaries that were discovered on Christmas in northern Snyder and near Dunn.

Pablo Verdozo, who lives at Sandra Ave. and Ave. Q, told officers at noon Monday that his family had stayed overnight at another location after their water pipes had frozen and they returned to find a window open and some money missing from a jewelry box.

W.J. Fuller, whose home is a half-mile west of Dunn on the Ira highway, was in Fort Worth when a neighbor reported at 3:30 p.m. that Fuller's burglar alarm had gone off.

Officers found that a back door had been knocked in, and they reported that two small television sets appeared to have been stolen and a CB radio was found in the front yard, where the burglar or burglars apparently dropped it in their haste to escape.

Man leaves without paying

Wal-Mart manager L.C. Green at 7:03 p.m. Saturday reported that a man had left the store without paying for an item.

Green described the vehicle that the man left the parking lot in, a 1986 red Ford, and police subsequently identified the man as being from Slaton.

The investigation was continuing.

Death of dictator delights Romanians

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Government television today showed the bodies of former President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife after they were executed by a firing squad, and Romanians rejoiced at word of the Communist dictator's death.

The new provisional government today appointed its leader, Ion Iliescu, as chairman of the 37-member governing council. The government also named a prime minister.

The videotape showed the Ceausescus' bullet-riddled bodies lying against a wall after an earlier sequence of the couple in captivity. A close-up showed Ceausescu lying with blood on the right side of his head.

The actual shooting by firing squad was not shown, nor was its location disclosed.

Ceausescu, 71, and his wife, Elena, 72, were tried by a secret military tribunal and executed Christmas Day for "genocide" and other crimes. They were captured Saturday, a day after a popular uprising forced them from power.

"We are people carried away by a very spontaneous process," Iliescu told French television. "So there was a general demand which pushed us to follow this process, first of all under the pressure of the terrorist groups who wanted to free him."

The new prime minister, Petre Roman, told the network the tribunal sentenced Ceausescu to death because officials had information "concerning possible attacks on the place where he

DWI arrest

Weekend arrests included a 41-year-old man who was arrested for DWI at 12:51 a.m. Sunday in the 800 Block of 27th St.

A 35-year-old man was taken into custody for driving with his license suspended at 3:50 p.m. Saturday in the 3100 Block of Ave. I.

Accident

A 1989 Ford pickup driven by Sherry Robertson of Rt. 2 hit a parked 1989 Chevrolet owned by Harlan Amox of Rt. 3 at 11:45 a.m. Monday in the 2100 Block of 41st St.

was."

By trying the couple, putting them to death swiftly and showing the bodies, the revolutionary government apparently was trying to persuade Ceausescu's ruthless security troops to surrender to the army, which joined the people in revolt. Thousands have been killed since the revolt began 11 days ago.

The new government blamed Ceausescu for the deaths of 60,000 people. It did not specify whether

the deaths occurred during his 24-year tenure or during the revolution. Previous reports said as many as 80,000 died in recent fighting in some of the fiercest street battles since World War II.

The military tribunal said the Ceausescus also were convicted of undermining the nation and its economy and attempting to flee with more than \$1 billion plundered from the people and stashed in foreign banks.

This morning, an uneasy calm prevailed in Bucharest with no shooting to be heard for the first time in days and, according to the radio and Romanian sources, Ceausescu loyalist forces were surrendering en masse.

Power stations, factories, dairies and bakeries have resumed production, the official news agency Agerpress said this morning.

Americans share holiday cheer with those in need

By The Associated Press

Americans took time out from family celebrations to bring Christmas cheer to the unfortunate, sorting cards for GIs in Panama, staffing soup kitchens and even giving up their own feasts when thieves took food destined for the needy.

In military towns such as Ft. Bragg, N.C., families prayed for loved ones fighting in the U.S. invasion of Panama.

Shirley Kinney and her two teen-age children celebrated almost as usual — but left unopened under the tree presents for Master Sgt. Walter Kinney, an intelligence officer among the 4,000-person contingent sent from Ft. Bragg.

"I just hope and pray he'll be safe over there," said Mrs. Kinney, 40, who wore a symbolic yellow ribbon on her lapel next to the Santa Claus pin.

Wounded soldiers at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio exchanged presents with relatives in special visiting rooms, said Staff Sgt. Rey Adame, a hospital spokesman.

Residents volunteered to help sort gifts, cards and letters sent to the GIs injured in Panama.

For many Americans, it was a day for church services or quiet personal celebration of the birth of Jesus. But many extended gift-giving beyond their families, sharing with the less fortunate.

In Atlanta, some homeless people dined on pizza instead of turkey and ham after thieves stole 400 turkeys and thousands of dollars worth of food and toys collected for a Christmas meal.

Then, when word got out of the theft, Atlantans nearly overwhelmed the Georgia World Congress Center with traditional holiday fare, much of it apparently destined for their own tables, said attorney Neal Boortz, one of the organizers.

"We told the people that we needed some more turkey, some more ham, and people at home today are taking the turkey and the ham they were going to eat and were putting it in boxes and bags and bringing it to us," Boortz said. "They were looking in their cabinets for some canned goods and were making themselves some spaghetti or something."

Organizers estimated that 20,000 people showed up. "This is the helping spirit of Kwanzaa, Christmas and Hanukkah all wrapped into one," said Dr. James Scott, a volunteer on the food line. Kwanzaa is an African-American celebration.

Chicago's Paul Hall Center, also hit by theft of thousands of dollars worth of food intended for Christmas Eve dinner for 1,500 needy people, was back in business Christmas Day, bolstered by donations from city residents.

Suit

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by state law and the county "has no control over nor influence in the said decisions, by law.

"Scurry County says that neither the county auditor nor the state district judge act as 'policy-makers' for defendant Scurry County, so as to subject the county to liability for their actions," Magness wrote.

Arguing that county officials have insufficient information to know the "particulars of the manner and means" by which Dulaney made his decision, Magness said, "However, the members of the county commissioners court did seriously question the decision of the judge, as well as the operation of the auditor's office, in the event State District Judge Dulaney failed to re-appoint Bartels and/or terminated Walton for various reasons."

Referring to a Dec. 12, 1988, meeting among Dulaney and the commissioners, the attorney said, "The commissioners and county judge were concerned that said actions by Judge Dulaney, together with the retirement of auditor's assistant Joy Howell, were going to leave the county auditor's office without any experienced personnel capable of operating the office."

"To the extent that the duly elected officials of the county opposed the action prior to its having been implemented by the state district judge, and so advised him, it would be simply unfair to hold the county taxpayers liable for actions he took despite the wishes of their elected county officials."

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings of Lubbock last fall granted a motion by Lubbock attorney Brian Quinn, who was one of two attorneys to file the suit for Bartels and Walton, to include Scurry County as a third-party defendant.

The plaintiffs are seeking reinstatement, back pay and other damages.

About 100 volunteers turned up at the Midnight Mission on Skid Row in Los Angeles to help serve meals of turkey, yams and pumpkin pie to the homeless.

"This gives me perspective," Clint Hodges, a 52-year-old attorney, wearing a white cap and apron.

For the 10th year, Merrill Lynch & Co. invited about 900 senior citizens invited to its headquarters in New York to make free long-distance telephone calls to loved ones.

Stabbing

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transferred to St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock and Alarcon was admitted to the Snyder hospital.

Perez, suffering a stab wound in his right upper abdomen, was listed in serious condition today at the Lubbock hospital while Alarcon, having been treated for wounds in his right back and shoulder, was reportedly scheduled to be released here around midday.

Police said offense reports were written for two cases of aggravated assault that were being referred to the district attorney's office for disposition.

Obituaries

McMillan

ODESSA — Services for Hubert Dean McMillan, 58, of Odessa, will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday at Hubbard Kelly Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Pyron Cemetery.

McMillan died at 2:41 p.m. Sunday at his residence.

Born May 11, 1931, in Inadale, he was a drill collar inspector. He married Lilly Then in September of 1972, in Lovington, N.M., and he was an army veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Lilly, of the home; a daughter, Debbie McMillan Belknap of College Station; two sons, Gary and Lee McMillan, both of Odessa; his mother, Edna Pearl McMillan Hopper of Odessa; and three grandchildren.

Memorials are being made to the American Cancer Society.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Rachel Rivera, 1707 Ave. E.
DISMISSALS: Christine Bradley, Donald Chandler.

Births

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Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: If pinworm infestation goes untreated, can it be dangerous and perhaps harm a pregnant woman's baby?

DEAR READER: Pinworm infestation is a common parasitic affliction causing anal itching. Many patients have no symptoms. Pinworms are not dangerous and will not affect an unborn baby.

Because of the intense itching often caused by the pinworms as they migrate down the bowel and out the anus, most patients are helped by a single dose treatment with an inexpensive anti-pinworm medicine called pyrantel pamoate.

DEAR DR. GOTT: The Kinsey Institute for Sex Research encourages sex for the elderly, as long as there are no major diseases present. My 65-year-old husband (I'm 57) wants to have sex every other night. He's a mild hypertensive, and I feel he should think about cutting down on sex, as it might elevate his blood pressure readings. What do you think?

DEAR READER: Ordinarily, hypertensive patients can engage in sexual activity as often as they wish. The small increase in blood pressure during sexual arousal is temporary and does not present a health hazard.

The only reason for suggesting your husband reduce his nocturnal activity is your preference. If you would feel more comfortable with less frequent sexual encounters, I think you should discuss this with your husband and, as two adults, agree on a compromise.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Twelve years ago, I was diagnosed with angina, and two years ago I found I suffered from asbestos exposure as a pipe fitter. Could the angina have been brought on by the asbestos problem?

DEAR READER: Angina, chest pain from inadequate oxygen supply to heart muscle, is a common consequence of aging. It is ordinarily not related to asbestosis, a type of chronic lung disease caused by inhalation of asbestos fibers.

Angina reflects arteriosclerotic heart disease and requires treatment with medicine, such as nitroglycerin.

Asbestosis, a permanent condition, is associated with lung tumors in some patients and with emphysema in others. I believe you are suffering from two distinct problems and could benefit from seeing a pulmonary specialist.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

Johnson invites friends to preview

LEWISVILLE, Texas (AP) — Actor Brad Johnson says his role in the movie "Always" is more true to life than the typical ruggedly handsome leading man.

Johnson invited a few hundred hometown friends to a private screening of the new Steven Spielberg film, which stars Holly Hunter, Richard Dreyfuss and John Goodman.

Johnson plays the amiable pilot Ted Baker, who falls in love with another pilot Dorinda (Ms. Hunter) after her boyfriend Pete (Dreyfuss) is killed in a rescue.

A former rodeo competitor and model, Johnson says the film pokes fun at perceptions of ruggedly handsome men.

"We didn't take the generic route when you have a tall, dark-headed guy, and make him macho, a heartbreaker who can do no wrong," Johnson said.

"Ted is klutzy; that's how people really are. I can identify with that kind of guy more than with someone who's perfect."

Working with stars like Dreyfuss, Ms. Hunter, Audrey Hepburn and John Goodman can be daunting in an actor's first film, but Johnson has a three-picture deal with Spielberg.

"A person starts to wonder, what does this guy have that other people don't?" Johnson says of Spielberg. "It's his incredible imagination, the way he sees things."

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named general of the Army, the first officer to hold the rank.

2nd-chance grading studied

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Just how much of a second chance should a failing student get? And who decides?

These are the questions Texas educators are grappling with in the wake of a 1986 Texas ruling mandating that students who fail a test should be given a second chance.

State education officials say they created the law, just now being written into local school board policies, to lower the failure and dropout rates. But the measure's detractors say it will take the incentive out of studying for a first test.

Dallas man comes up with names

DALLAS (AP) — Lee Ballard is a man of letters, and he shapes them into what he hopes are everlasting and dynamic labels.

"Some people are born to design a rocket engine," Ballard says. "I was born to tinker with language."

Ballard spends much of his time leading a team of word-smiths who create new names for small and large businesses, real estate projects, restaurants and charity drives.

It is a high-stakes name game that he plays. The words have to look good when they are placed on billboards or grocery store shelves. They have to promote strong corporate images.

"They have to stand alone with no background music," said Ballard, who is head of the Naming Center of the Richard Group ad agency.

Most businesses, he said, are seeking the sound of cool efficiency.

"People do like the names to be non-nonsense," he said. "I'm naming a mutual fund today. It will not have a fun name."

Brief is best, too.

"I get three syllables — max — to communicate my message," said Ballard, who is 53.

"Used to be, reteaching was a privilege," said Fort Worth school board member Rebecca Britton. "Now we're making it an expectation. The real world isn't second chances."

She favors a plan saying teachers should reteach failing students, but leaving the grading up to the teacher.

The Fort Worth school board considered adding the law to its local policies on Dec. 12, but voted down a staff-recommended plan guaranteeing students a second chance to pass. The board will consider the issue again in January.

The issue troubling Fort Worth officials, and others around the state, concerns implementation at the classroom level: Who gets a second chance? How much of a break do failing students deserve? And who decides?

Fort Worth school superintendent Don Roberts and several board members say they favor

leaving the decisions up to the teachers. Across-the-board policies guaranteeing every student a second chance, they say, could easily be abused by students.

"I don't think that if a student is fooling around that he needs to be retaught 10 times," Roberts said.

Other board members don't have a problem with a built-in guarantee, saying it matters little how the students learn as long as they are being pushed to learn.

"What we're really interested in is what they learn," said board member Marsha West. "So what if a few people take advantage of the system?"

State officials concur.

"There are a great number of students failing and the rule is very specific: reteaching opportunities must take place," said Ruben Olivarez, director of accreditation for the Texas Education Agency. "If a school district

wants to interpret that as negative, that's their prerogative.

"As far as how students are graded or how the grade on the second test is factored into the final grade, that is a local option."

The Fort Worth teachers association endorses a plan, recommended by Roberts' administration, that allows students with grades below 70 to be given another round of instruction, retested and graded.

Six deaths called worst for holidays

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — The deaths of six people in fires during the weekend — including five children — brought an outpouring of sympathy and support for the survivors.

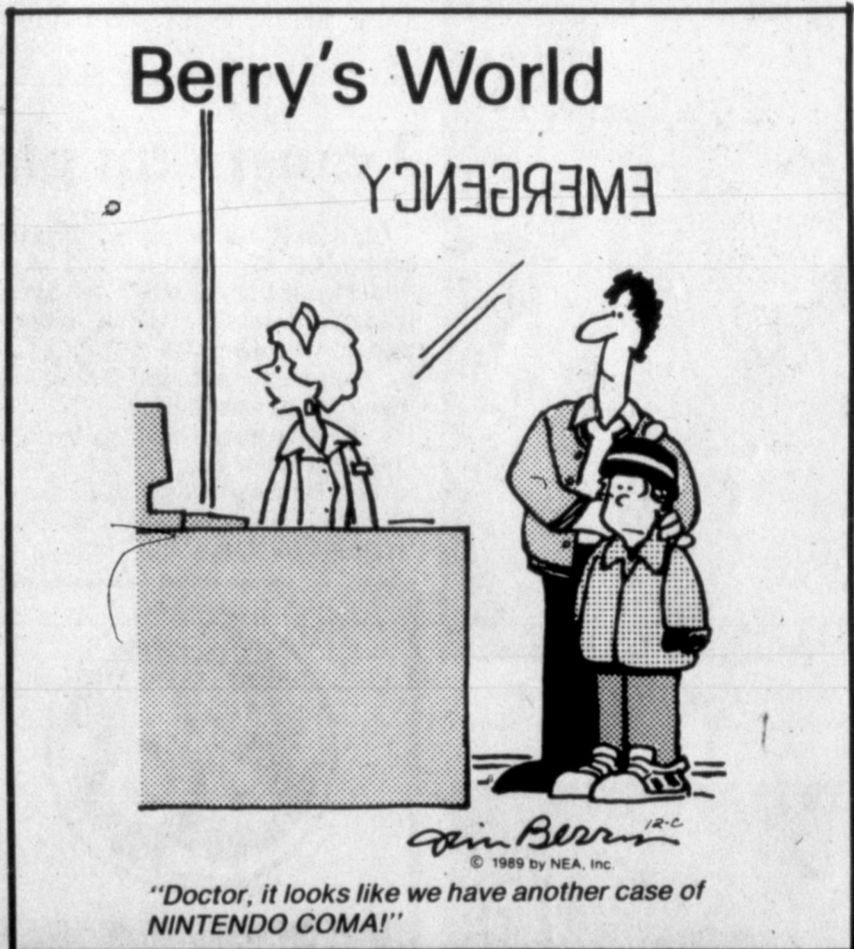
Almost \$1,200 and gifts were donated to the families of Mary Carol Parish, 31, who died with her four daughters when they were trapped upstairs in a house fire; and to the family of Robert Dunlap, 16, who was killed in a fire that officials blamed on a faulty Christmas tree light cord.

"I guess it's the time of the year and the degree — two days in a row of deaths — that has really tugged at people's hearts," said firefighter Henry J. Young, who helped fight the fire that killed Dunlap.

Battalion Chief Herb Twyford said the six holiday fatalities were the highest number he could recall during 33 years on the suburban Dallas fire department.

"It's been the worst Christmas I can ever remember," he said. "We had some fatalities around Christmas about 10 years ago, but there has never been anything of this magnitude."

Mrs. Parish and her daughters died Sunday morning in a fire that began near a Christmas tree in their two-story home.



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and still does. The shop is open Monday thru Friday, so go by 2013 College Avenue and get the best in automotive and radiator repair and service.

Injured judge released from hospital

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AP) — A judge wounded by a mailed pipe bomb was released from a hospital and was working with investigators to draw up a list of possible suspects.

Judge John P. Corderman who lost part of a finger and suffered ruptured eardrums and other injuries, was released Monday

afternoon from Washington County Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Sheran White. His hearing has improved, but doctors hadn't decided if he will need surgery later, she said.

U.S. Postal Service investigators were running down "numerous, significant leads," to Friday's bombing at the judge's

apartment, said Inspector Thomas W. McClure.

Investigators working with the 47-year-old Washington County Circuit judge began drawing up a list of people "with an ax to grind" against him, said Hagerstown police Cpl. Michael Small.

Federal investigators have all but ruled out a connection between the Hagerstown bombing and mailed pipe bombs in the last 10 days that killed a federal judge in Birmingham, Ala., and a Savannah, Ga., attorney who handled civil rights cases.

Two other bombs connected with that series of attacks have been disarmed, one at the federal appeals court in Atlanta and one at the offices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Jackson-

ville, Fla. Corderman was active in the effort to pass a law restricting handguns in Maryland and recently joined the board of a national group opposed to handgun proliferation.

He also has angered social clubs in Washington County by prompting a crackdown on gambling. In 1981, the judge and his family were given police protection when an anonymous threat followed a decision on gambling in the private clubs.

A natural sugar found in some fruit juices, sorbitol, can help overcome constipation. Pear juice contains more sorbitol than apple and grape juice and can even cause loose stools if a baby drinks too much, says Beech-Nut Nutrition Corp.

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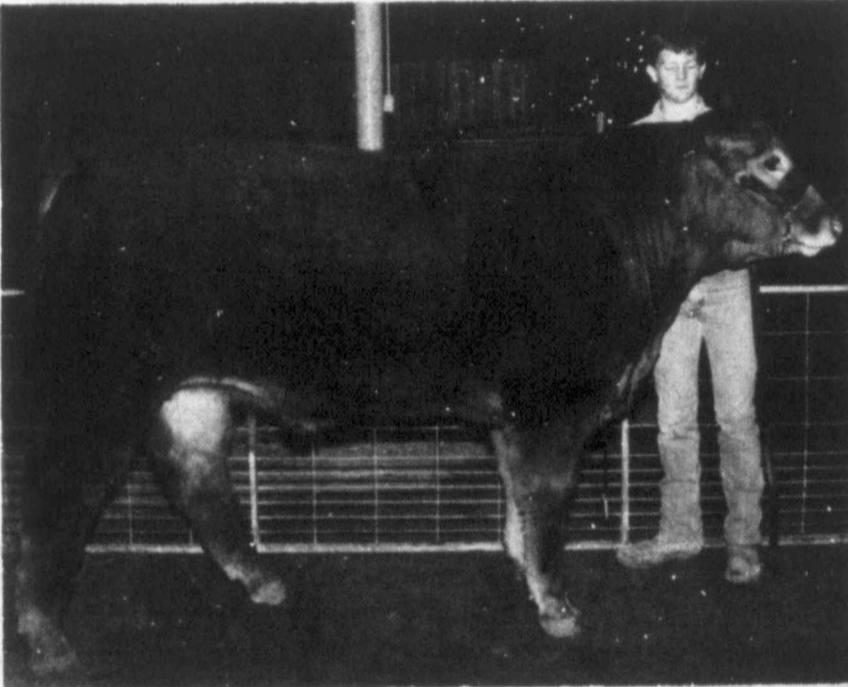
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TOP OF THE SCALE — Barbara Beck and Kris Randolph showed the grand champion and reserve grand champion lambs, respectively, at the Snyder FFA Stock Show. (SDN Staff Photo)



THE GRAND CHAMPION — Ben Wilson's red steer was named grand champion in last week's annual Snyder FFA Stock Show. (SDN Staff Photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION — Kevin Wilson showed the reserve grand champion steer at the Snyder FFA Stock Show. (SDN Staff Photo)



FOOD DRIVE—West Elementary students brought canned goods to the school during December to donate to the annual Goodfellows Food Drive. Pictured from left placing ornaments on the tree are Christy Morgan, Emily Rice, Clark Church, and Cass Reneau. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bernstein leads orchestra

EAST BERLIN (AP) — Leonard Bernstein conducted an orchestra of international musicians to celebrate the struggle for freedom throughout Eastern Europe, and then appealed for brotherhood in East and West Germany.

The Christmas performance of Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony" capped three days of concerts. The symphony was inspired by 18th century German writer Friedrich Schiller's poem "Ode to Joy."

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Community offers family help

BALD KNOB, Ark. (AP) — When a fire early one morning claimed the lives of their three young boys, Dubby and Diana Wilcox made a bittersweet choice. They donated their boys' organs for transplant operations.

Two days later, the heart of 10-year-old Jared Wilcox was beating in the body of a 48-year-old woman in Arkansas' first heart transplant.

The livers of Jared and his 9-year-old brother, Jake, were transplanted into the bodies of a 14-year-old Pennsylvania boy and a 33-year-old North Carolina woman.

And the boys' kidneys went to four Arkansas residents.

Those who know the Wilcoxs said their decision was typical of their unselfishness. As word of the tragedy spread, friends, neighbors and even strangers responded to give to them.

In a few hours, a radio station's plea for help generated thousands of dollars. A restaurant planned a benefit dinner, church groups provided food, children collected pennies

and employees of a grocery chain authorized payroll deductions.

Others in Bald Knob, a town of 2,700 residents about 60 miles northeast of Little Rock, contributed clothing, furniture, appliances, vehicles, utilities and even a house, provided rent-free for the next year and renovated in a day's time by dozens of volunteers.

Diana Wilcox smiled then cried as she recalled entering the home for the first time.

"You couldn't move," she said. "There were people lined up all along the walls. And they all hollered, 'Welcome home.'"

The three Wilcox children were sleeping in their beds the morning of Nov. 8 while Mrs. Wilcox drove her husband to work just a few blocks away. In those few minutes, the house was engulfed in smoke, the result of what Police Chief Dave Miller said was a short circuit.

Five-year-old Justin died of smoke inhalation that morning. Jared and Jake died the following day, also of smoke inhalation.

When first approached about donating their sons' organs, the

Wilcoxs said no. Minutes later, after considering what they thought the boys would have wanted, they changed their minds.

Mrs. Wilcox said the knowledge that her children saved lives is comforting.

"There's people that've got loved ones because of my boys," she said.

The transplant of Jared's heart to Mary E. Wilson of Jacksonville allowed her to celebrate Christmas with her family. She said Monday she hoped to meet Jared's parents.

"I feel that it was a gift from that family, a gift of life from that family," Ms. Wilson said.

"I'm really anxious to get to know them. I just feel like I'm part of their family now."

The Wilcoxs' generosity also has helped others who need an organ transplant, said Bobby Cumberland, executive director of the Arkansas Regional Organ Recovery Agency in Little Rock.

"We had more organ donor referrals in November than in any month in our history, and I think a large part of that is due to this family's decision to tell their story," he said.

Their story has touched people around the country. The couple received about 3,000 letters. Donations have swelled to more than \$20,000.

Transplant plays with toys

CHICAGO (AP) — Alyssa Smith, the 22-month-old girl who underwent the nation's first liver transplant from a living donor, played with Christmas gifts sent by well-wishers from strangers including Frank Sinatra.

"She's received a lot of cards and gifts from everywhere," her father John Smith said Monday. "People from all walks of life have given things like dolls and

stuff. "Frank Sinatra sent her a doll," added the father. "I thought that was real neat. People sent cards and money. That made us feel very loved."

Alyssa and 16-month-old Sarina Jones, who received the nation's second living-donor liver transplant, were recovering remarkably well at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

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