

Investigators say plane was bombed

LOCKERBIE, Scotland (AP) — A bomb blew up Pan Am Flight 103 with 259 people aboard as the jumbo jet flew over Scotland a week ago, the Department of Transport announced today.

The statement said investigators found "conclusive evidence of a detonating high explosive" in two parts of the metal framework of a piece of luggage.

It said: "The explosive's residues recovered from the debris have been positively identified, and are consistent with the use of a high-performance plastic explosive."

The statement was distributed to news organizations in London as investigators convened a news conference in Lockerbie, the Scottish village which bore the brunt of the Boeing 747's flaming wreckage that fell out of the sky on Dec. 21.

The statement said evidence collected by the Transport Department's Air Accident Investigation Branch, including the cockpit voice and flight data recorders and the trail of wreckage on the ground, "has led to the preliminary conclusion that the explosion took place soon after the aircraft had crossed the

Scottish border whilst it was in the cruise at 31,000 feet and that this led directly to its destruction."

It gave no information on the type of explosive or where it was hidden aboard the aircraft.

"Much investigative work remains to be done to establish the nature of the explosive device, what it was contained in, its location in the aircraft, and the sequence of events immediately following its detonation," the statement said.

It said wreckage, baggage and part of the framework of a metal luggage pallet were being ex-

amined by Ministry of Defense scientists, while more items have been collected by Air Accident Investigation Branch investigators "will be subjected to lengthy chemical and metallurgical forensic examinations."

Earlier today, news reports in Britain said that heat damage to the plastic lining of a cargo bay and metal slivers found embedded in the bodies of passengers indicated that a bomb downed the jet.

The Times of London, quoting unidentified investigators and

experts, called the damage to the cargo bay and the metal slivers provided "the hardest evidence so far that the Pan Am jumbo jet crash ... was caused by a bomb." The British Broadcasting Corp., quoting similar sources, said "the latest evidence ... points more firmly than ever toward a bomb."

"We can be 99 percent certain that it was a bomb," said author and terrorism expert Michael Yardley. "My guess is that it was a large device, probably 10 to 20 kilos (22 to 44 pounds) of a plastic explosive like Semtex."

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Ask Us

Q. — What is the address of our new state representative?

A. — David Counts of Knox City may be reached at P.O. Box 2910: Austin, Tx., 78769, or at P.O. Box 338, Knox City, Tx., 79529.

In Brief

Off prices rise

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil futures prices have posted moderate gains due to production problems in the North Sea.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, the February contract for West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark grade of U.S. crude rose 34 cents Tuesday to settle at \$16.95 a barrel, after rising 12 cents on Friday.

The market was closed on Monday in observance of Christmas.

Among refined petroleum products traded on the exchange Tuesday, the January contract for wholesale home heating oil rose 0.63 cent to 53.77 cents. The contract gained 0.66 cent on Friday.

January wholesale unleaded gasoline, which rose 0.29 cent Friday, closed up 0.61 cent to 47.47 cents.

1988 spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Businesses, rushing to expand and modernize production facilities, are planning to boost spending to a record \$451.64 billion next year, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said that a survey completed in November found businesses planning to increase spending by 5.9 percent in 1989 over a projected 1988 spending level of \$426.49 billion. All of these figures have been adjusted to take inflation into account.

If these spending plans are realized, it would mean that 1988 and 1989 would set back-to-back spending records, surpassing the previous one-year spending mark of \$391.58 billion set in 1958.

Crack found

MIAMI (AP) — Inspections of an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 found a fuselage crack in "roughly the same area" where a 14-inch hole tore open in another plane, forcing an emergency landing, the airline said today.

Eastern officials in Boston said the Boeing 727 was grounded for repairs at Logan International Airport after company inspectors discovered the 3-inch crack in the fuselage Monday night.

The airline ordered the inspections of its Boeing 727 fleet after a 14-inch hole tore open in the fuselage of an Atlanta-bound 727 on Monday.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 53 degrees; low, 17 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 17 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1988 to date, 21.24 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair but increasing cloudiness after midnight. Not as cold with a low in the upper 20s. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy. High in the upper 40s. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Forecast for New Years weekend, partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday. Highs from 60 to 65 Saturday and upper 50s Sunday. Lows from the mid 20s to around 30.

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TDC employment rises to 290-plus in latest estimate

By DONNY BROWN
SDN Managing Editor

The number of individuals to be employed at the Daniel TDC Unit has been upgraded to approximately 290 with the latest staffing plan estimates.

It was originally estimated some 250 individuals would be employed at the prison, now under construction with a mid-June opening date projected.

In addition, the total figure is expected to increase since current estimates do not include any positions ultimately created for agricultural or industrial-related activities at the prison.

The latest figure includes 30 positions related to the Windham School System, TDC's educational branch for prisoners.

By far the largest job category involves correctional officers rated as II and III. The unit has 160 such guard posts listed, more than half of the entire work force at the prison.

Ken Johnson, personnel officer for TDC, noted Wednesday that the security and clerical positions would likely comprise the largest share of local employment.

For a trainee TDC guard, the annual salary range after six-weeks of employment is \$17,364. The top level of employment for Level II and III guard posts pay \$23,328 per year.

Guards which have achieved the rank of sergeant begin with a salary of \$21,132 and are paid up to an annual income of \$26,592. The rank of major involves a salary range of from some \$27,000 to more than \$34,000.

Clerical TDC posts generally start with an annual salary of \$13,536 and go up to near \$17,000.

Johnson noted that other staffers, those in more specialized fields, will likely first be filled with existing TDC staff, adding, "In the case of a new unit, this may not always be possible."

In all, security-related posts include a total of 179 staff slots.

In addition to the 160 basic guard positions, security will involve six sergeant positions, eight lieutenants, two captains, one major, an assistant warden and a warden.

In non-security related positions, the Daniel Unit's staffing plan now includes:

—Seven persons employed in administrative posts for fire and safety, property and supply and

2 break-ins reported here

Police are investigating two burglaries that were reported Tuesday, one in the 5300 Block of Etgen Dr. and the other in the 2000 Block of 27th St.

Phillip Kimmel of 5312 Etgen told officers at 8 a.m. Tuesday that his home had been broken into and a .22-caliber Ruger revolver pistol was stolen.

Paula Perez of 2012 27th reported a burglary at her home at 10:37 p.m. Tuesday, saying her family returned from a vacation trip to find a television set, a VCR and numerous cassette tapes missing.

commissary officers. The salary range for each of the seven posts begins at from \$18,540 to \$22,570 and can rise as high as \$38,184.

—Nine persons employed in clerical posts, topped by the warden's secretary post with a starting salary of \$14,400. A "step 8" staffer in this post would earn \$17,940.

—Thirteen persons employed

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Hermleigh FFA show tomorrow

The annual Hermleigh FFA livestock show will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the ag annex of the Scurry County Coliseum.

Hermleigh ag teacher Richard Smith said that approximately 40 pigs will be shown and some 20 lambs.

Show judge will be Eddie Puckett, Sweetwater ag teacher.

The Snyder FFA Chapter show was held Dec. 17 and the Ira FFA show is now set for Jan. 14.

The county 4-H Chapter show is due in late January also.

The show season will be capped the last week in January with the annual Scurry County Livestock Show.

Its schedule will include the pig show on Wednesday, Jan. 25; the lamb show on Thursday, Jan. 26; and the steer show on Friday, Jan. 27.

Review continues...

Key posts change in May-June of '88

May and June of 1988 saw a flurry of changes for Scurry County regarding key positions in education and government.

The annual spring elections saw two new city council members named; two new Snyder school trustees chosen; and a new trustee for Western Texas College selected.

In addition, the two-month period saw new appointments for Snyder ISD's business manager's post, the Snyder Junior High assistant principal, a seat on the Cogdell Memorial board of managers and, at WTC, a newly created TDC liaison staffer and a chairman for the fine arts division.

Midwest Electric also gained a new general manager.

In addition, Democratic Party officials for both the 30th Senatorial and 78th Representative District were busy naming candidates for these two posts as resignations vacated each one in succession.

The new TDC prison would continue to make news also, as it would year-long, as local voters approved by a 90 percent margin a total package of \$2.6 million to finance utility lines for the project.

The bond sale at the state-level to finance the prison's construction was also finalized, although a shortfall of some \$3.5 million caused some temporary



READY FOR THURSDAY — 13-year-old Lance Price shows the heavyweight Suffolk lamb that he will show in Thursday's Hermleigh FFA livestock show in the county coliseum ag annex. He is the

son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Price, who live east of Hermleigh, and is in the eighth grade at Hermleigh. (SDN Staff Photo)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "About the only thing you can do on a shoestring anymore is trip."

Candidates in the fall election carefully avoided two words—the T-word and the W-word. Taxes and waste are often talked about by voters, but seldom discussed by politicians.

The federal budget now exceeds \$1 trillion which represents about \$4,200 for every man, woman and child in the U.S. If you started spending \$1 million a day, it would take 27 centuries or 2,700 years to spend, but the government does it in just one year.

Every minute of every working day, the federal government is spending \$8 million. While it took 200 years for the U.S. to reach a national debt of \$1 trillion, it will double in the next five years.

Since income tax forms arrive right after Christmas, you may be interested to know that half of all personal income taxes go to meet the interest on the national debt—not to run the country, just the interest.

May 1
American Southwest Brine and Chemical Inc., an industry with hopes of employing up to 100 persons in Scurry County, ceased operations Friday—at least temporarily—and terminated 20 of its 21 employees.

May 4
Seniors Judson Morrison and Staci Dunn were announced

Wednesday as the top two graduates for the Class of 1988 at Snyder High School.

May 8
Snyder High School was officially announced Friday in Austin as the "winningest school" in the history of the state UIL one-act play competition as the local drama department

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This country spends \$4 billion a week just to pay the interest on the national debt. If one wanted to balance the budget by increasing taxes, every taxpayer's personal income tax would have to be increased by 50 percent.

The Grace Commission concluded: "If fundamental changes are not made in federal spending by the year 2000, the federal debt will be \$13 trillion."

From 1982-84 the Grace Commission, composed of 2,000 volunteers from the private sector, searched for government waste. The commission made 2,478 recommendations which would result in a \$424.4 billion savings over three years. To date, 25.9 percent of the three-year savings has been realized.

That means \$110 billion has been saved and recommendations of \$314 billion are still to be implemented.

Tomorrow, this space will contain some of the glaring areas of tax dollar waste.

Drug approved for arthritis sufferers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government approved a new prescription drug intended to help arthritis sufferers avoid getting potentially life-threatening ulcers from their arthritis medicine.

"We think it is a very important drug," Arthritis Foundation spokesman Peter Mathon said Tuesday shortly after the Food and Drug Administration announced its approval.

To be sold under the trade name Cytotec by G.D. Searle of Skokie, Ill., the drug — misoprostol — is for use by patients at high risk for developing complications of stomach ulcers

while on arthritis drugs.

The FDA said that includes the elderly and patients of any age with other serious illness.

In those patients, the FDA said, the ulcers may go undetected until they have caused bleeding or other serious consequences.

"The foundation's position is that, when properly used, it can reduce mortality among people with arthritis," Mathon, the Atlanta-based Arthritis Foundation's vice president for public affairs, said in a telephone interview.

He noted that the drug has potential benefit for all 37 million Americans with arthritis, even

those not now on anti-inflammatory drugs.

The FDA said there are an estimated 200,000 cases of gastrointestinal bleeding each year due to the 68 million prescriptions of non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs — called NSAIDs — used for arthritis. It estimated there are 10,000 to 20,000 deaths a year associated with such bleeding.

Among the most commonly used NSAIDs are high-dose aspirin, ibuprofen, piroxicam and naproxen.

"Until now, we have had no drug that could prevent NSAID-induced ulcers," said FDA Com-

missioner Frank E. Young.

"Since these ulcers are sometimes life-threatening, this drug should save lives as well as costly hospitalizations.

"The drug should also permit elderly, debilitated or ulcer-prone patients to continue arthritis therapies they might otherwise have to interrupt," Young added in a statement announcing the approval.

Misoprostol is a copy of a natural substance found in the human body that regulates acid secretions of the stomach. It suppresses gastric acid secretion and replaces natural substances called tissue prostaglandins that

have been depleted by NSAIDs.

Anti-abortion activists had urged that the FDA not approve the drug because it can cause changes in muscle tone, including muscles of the uterus that can cause miscarriages.

The FDA is requiring labeling to prescribing physicians and their patients to state the drug is not for use "in women of childbearing potential unless the patient must receive non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and is at high risk of complications from gastric ulcers associated with use of the NSAID."

Astro-Graph

Bernice Bede Osol

Your bank account is likely to be much fatter at the end of this year than it was when the year began. Just be sure that you don't pile up debts that could nullify this increase.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What you know and who you know will give you an edge over people who might compete against you today. Don't be hesitant about fully using either. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you will be very much on the mind of someone with whom you have strong emotional ties and who always has your best interests at heart. This person will be prepared to serve as back-up if needed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your bigger ideas will have more chances of being successful today than your lesser ones. Go for the whole nine yards instead of being satisfied with small gains.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This could be one of those fortunate days when things that affect your material interests are likely to come off in ways that meet your expectations. Enjoy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should be rather lucky today, provided you stick to your own ideas and not those of an associate. Proceed in accordance with your own game plan.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If your focus is consistently on end results today, you should be able to achieve your intentions, especially if you're involved in something that is commercially meaningful to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In order to influence a group today, single out the few key people you know have the support of those with clout. They can serve as your springboards toward persuading the majority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Things look extremely favorable for you today where your occupation and finances are concerned. Don't let anything beneficial slip past you by being indifferent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something you're trying to conceptualize will come easier for you today if you keep the broader picture in mind. Smaller pieces will fall into place once the general outline is perceived.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will eventually benefit in some manner from confidential information presented to you today if you keep it secret. Don't tip your hand prematurely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your greatest asset today is your ability to make everyone you'll be involved with feel they are special. The reasons it will work so well is because you'll be sincere and mean it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You're likely to be luckier than usual today in coping with matters that can advance or enhance your career objectives. Don't let this golden opportunity slip by without doing something big.

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Bank robbery suspects lead authorities on 50-mile chase

SKIDMORE, Texas (AP) — A police radio scanner helped four bank robbery suspects elude law officers for three hours on a 50-mile chase through Southeast Texas before they were captured only a few miles from where president-elect George Bush was vacationing.

Authorities said the four suspects changed vehicles five times in a chase Tuesday that crossed three counties and involved over 100 sheriff's, police and Department of Public Safety officers, including a DPS helicopter.

"The driver in this chase was one hell of a driver — quite skillful — and these people were well-armed with semiautomatic rifles," said police Lt. Kenneth Ersland in Corpus Christi, where the four were jailed today.

Secret Service and FBI officials monitored the chase,

which began in Corpus Christi, and contacted DPS authorities as it neared Beeville, home of the Lazy F Ranch where Bush is hunting quail. They were not involved in pursuing the suspects.

Two California men and two women were taken into custody at about 4:30 p.m. in this town of about 1,000, 11 miles southeast of Beeville.

Ersland said charges against the two men and two women, ranging in ages from 21 to 30, were pending today. Warrants have been issued against the Californians in connection with an attack on a sheriff's deputy in that state, authorities said.

"We are after the same subjects on attempted murder on a sheriff's officer," San Joaquin County deputy Lt. Jerry Krein said. "They were in a stolen car with a scanner and they waited to unload with a 9mm pistol on an officer, but they missed. Our officer was extremely lucky."

Two men and a woman who left First National Bank of Corpus Christi-Gulfway in a red Hyundai eluded police by abandoning the vehicle and stealing a grey 1986 Chrysler. DPS spokesman Jim Kaelin of Corpus Christi said his office received word of an "armed robbery" at about 1:30 p.m.

As the suspects fled the bank,

strong gusts of wind began blowing money out of a paper grocery sack one of them carried, witnesses said.

Police were still investigating the fourth suspect's role in the robbery-chase, said Ersland. An undetermined amount of money was taken in the robbery.

Officers spotted the suspects driving north on Texas Highway 286, also known as the Crosstown Expressway, which connects with Interstate 37.

A DPS trooper later reported that he was pursuing the vehicle just south of Mathis, about 40 miles north of Corpus Christi, and that shots had been fired at his patrol car. No one was injured in the gunfight.

Kaelin said a DPS helicopter also was sent to help in the chase as law enforcement agencies from surrounding counties began dispatching units.

The suspects abandoned the Chrysler for a blue pickup in Mathis. While driving toward Skidmore, about 15 miles northeast of Mathis, the suspects turned on Farm-to-Market 797 and drove into some brush.

"We didn't go into the brush," said Kaelin. "We didn't know if they had abandoned the vehicles and taken up an offensive position. We knew they were armed."

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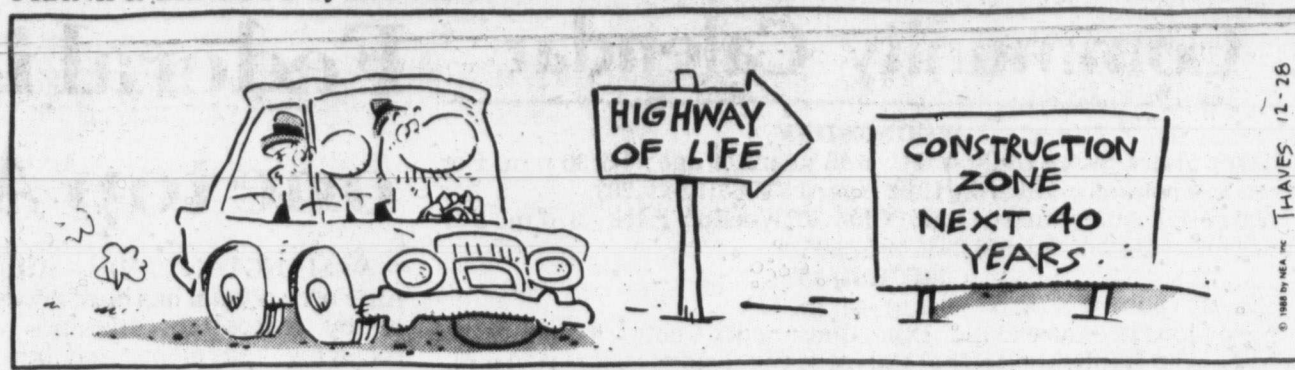
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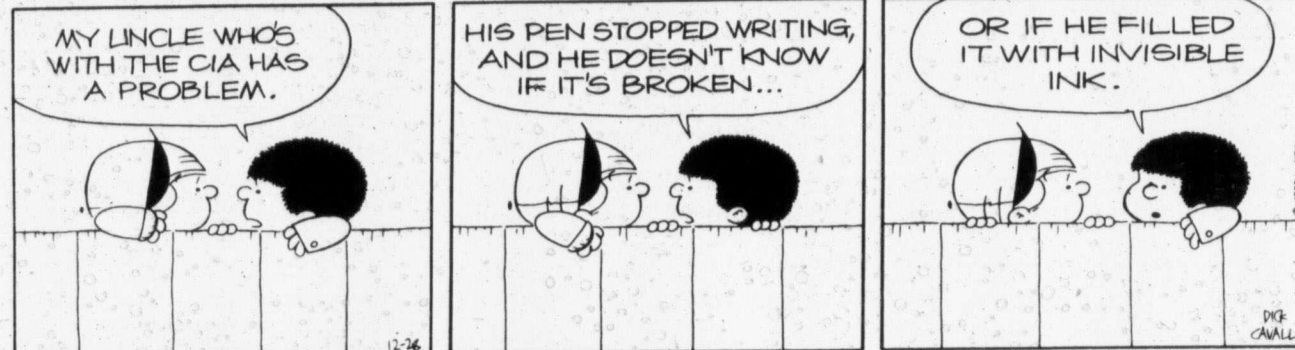
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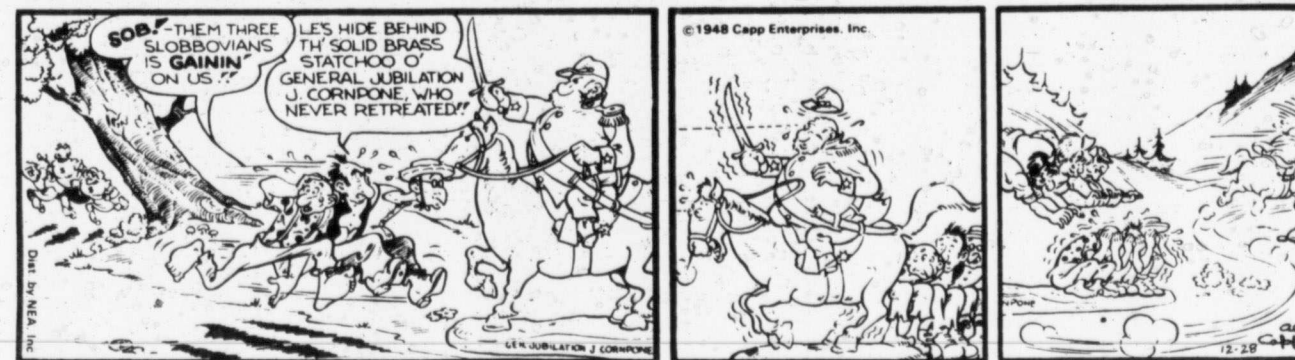
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LAFF-A-DAY



Dear Abby



Co-Worker's Talk of Suicide Is a Desperate Plea for Help

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: What do you do when a person you work with tells you she is thinking about committing suicide? I've noticed that she seems very depressed lately. She's a very private person, and nobody knows much about her. How far should I go in sticking my nose into her business? They say that people who talk about committing suicide never do.

CONCERNED CO-WORKER

DEAR CONCERNED: It is not true that people who talk about committing suicide never do. Her telling you was a cry for help. Now that you know, it is your business and you must persuade her to seek professional help immediately. Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. So, urge her to call the local crisis hotline. A trained person will refer her to a professional counselor.

Making that telephone call is the second step she has to take to help herself. Her first step was confiding in you. Good luck. The ball is in your court.

DEAR ABBY: Some close friends sent me a Christmas gift that startled me. It was a gift certificate for merchandise from their own store! Since I shop in their store regularly anyway, I needed no added incentive to shop there, but the message their gift carried was: "You aren't worth shopping for — or spending a lot of money on." I probably should add that the retail value of this gift was not insignificant.

I'm curious to know if anyone else has ever received a gift like this, and, Abby, would you consider it a generous gift or a cheap cop-out?

PUZZLED

DEAR PUZZLED: I would consider it a generous gift. You

were given the privilege of selecting a gift of your choice from a store that carries the quality of merchandise you are accustomed to buying.

It was also an ideal solution to your friends' Christmas gift shopping. Don't worry. Be happy!

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who has graduated from law school, but he can't seem to pass the California bar examinations. Abby, he has taken the bar exams twice a year since 1966! He has done OK several times, but not quite good enough to pass. He is ready to give up, but I keep telling he should keep trying.

He has a son who is a lawyer. In fact, he works in his son's law firm as a "clerk." He doesn't complain, and he doesn't feel humiliated.

Now I'm feeling guilty because I keep encouraging him. Am I wrong to do this? Please don't use my name. Sign this...

HIS FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: Don't feel guilty. If he doesn't mind trying, encourage him. Sometimes it's the last key in the bunch that opens the door.

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Sales better than expected

NEW YORK (AP) — Major U.S. retailers found Christmas the season to be jolly as consumers staged a buying burst that made store managers pleasantly surprised and hopeful that the nearly 2-year-old slump is ending.

"It was a pretty solid kind of sales performance," said Michael Wellman, vice president of marketing for K mart Corp. "We're pleased."

At Dayton Hudson Corp.,

spokesman Don St. Dennis said, "It was a good Christmas, a little bit better than what we had planned."

Wall Street analysts estimated overall retail sales were up around 6 percent from Christmas 1987, with some segments of the industry recording even stronger gains.

Edward Johnson, an analyst with Prescott Ball & Turben, said the season was "in the high range of what the stores have been looking for."

The Christmas season is crucial for retailers because they make about half their annual profits during the period. Consumer activity such as retail sales accounts for about two-thirds of the gross national product, the broadest measure of the nation's economic activity.

Monroe H. Greenstein, an analyst with Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., said the general tone of business was better than last year, when faltering sales forced retailers to slash prices.

This season there were fewer markdowns, Greenstein said.

At Dayton Hudson's department stores, there were just three promotional events, compared with 10 last year, St. Dennis said.

Some retailers said they came through the season well, even though business was erratic.

"I don't think we expected it to be quite as see-saw as it was," said Wellman.

Wellman said K mart had a robust start right after Thanksgiving, but sales slackened and then picked up before surging in the final days of the season.

"They came through again," he said of last-minute shoppers.

Wellman estimated K mart's discount stores had a 6 percent sales increase, what the company had hoped to achieve when the season began.

Another satisfied retailer was Tiffany & Co., the luxury jeweler, which reported its sales were up 24 percent from Nov. 1 through Christmas Day. The company's performance indicated high-ticket gifts sold well.

The retailers and analysts had

conservative expectations going into the season because of the retail slump. Debt-saddled consumers have put many purchases on hold as they pay for services and necessities.

There were signs in recent months that sales might pick up, but retailers were taking no

chances. They stocked their shelves carefully and didn't expect too much from the season.

Retailers therefore have less merchandise to unload in the days after Christmas.

"The stock rooms are clean — there won't be a lot of big clearance sales," St. Dennis said.



BACK FROM EL PASO — West Elementary School teacher Francene Allen, seated, and Snyder Junior High School teacher Susan Stowe have returned from a statewide convention in El Paso for teachers of students with learning disabilities. They attended the conference under the sponsorship of the local Council for Educational Excellence. (SDN Staff Photo)

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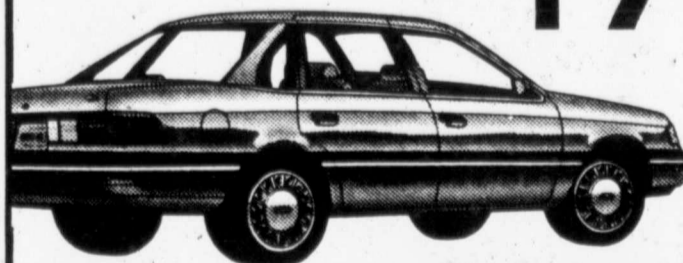
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SNYDER, TEXAS

Aikman enthusiastic about Cowboys — UCLA loses top linebacker —

DALLAS (AP) - Troy Aikman says he would like to play for the Dallas Cowboys but he still hasn't heard if they're interested.

Aikman, the UCLA quarterback who is expected to be the NFL's and the Cowboys' top draft pick, worked out in the rain on Tuesday in Texas Stadium.

"I'd like to play for Dallas but they haven't picked me," Aikman said as UCLA practiced in the home of the Cowboys, preparing for the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 2 against Arkansas.

Aikman said "for now, I'm just thinking about Arkansas. Still, it's nice being around all this Dallas Cowboys' history."

Aikman's biggest worry besides the rain which hampers the passing game was finding more than 100 tickets to the sold out game.

"I have about 150 friends coming down from Henryetta, Okla.," Aikman said.

The Bruins were five point favorites over Arkansas and both teams will be missing a star defensive player.

UCLA coach Terry Donahue announced the loss of the team's leading tackler before workouts began on Tuesday in a cold rain.

Senior inside linebacker Chance Johnson, who had 110 tackles for the Pacific-10 runner-ups, will miss the Jan. 2 game for the ninth-ranked Bruins because of a knee injury apparently suffered in a regular season-ending loss to Southern California.

"He's not sure what happened but the (left) knee locked up on him when he tried to run last week and it hasn't responded to

treatment. Chance believes he must have hurt it during the USC game but he never said anything," Donahue said. "He is definitely out of the (Cotton Bowl) game. We will miss him and we'll try to adjust our defense for his absence."

Eighth-ranked Arkansas, the Southwest Conference cham-

pions, also will be without All-American defensive tackle Wayne Martin, who was dismissed from the team last week along with offensive guard Freddie Childress for breaking team rules.

"We'll miss Chance just like Arkansas will miss Martin but no football team is built around one

Liberty Bowl squads SC and Indiana hope to shake playoff jinx

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - South Carolina goes on a seek-and-destroy mission in the Liberty Bowl game with Indiana.

The Gamecocks, who have scored only one offensive touchdown in their last 10 quarters, know they must find their offense if they are to stand any chance of defeating the Hoosiers.

"We're going to try to move the football and score points," said Coach Joe Morrison, putting his team's mission in simple terms.

Tonight's game matches two schools hoping to shake bowl jinxes. Indiana, 7-3-1 this season, has lost its last two postseason outings and is 1-4 in all bowl games. South Carolina's woes run even deeper. The Gamecocks, 8-3, have failed to win in seven bowl dates.

"We're 0-2 in bowl games since I've been here, and we're going to give our best and then see what happens," Morrison said.

"Indiana is comparable to the Georgia and Clemson teams we have played. Anthony Thompson is a strong and powerful runner. They have an excellent quarterback and a very experienced offensive line. Indiana's defensive line is very experienced and does a lot of stunting."

"Indiana has a very solid football team and we will have to play well. In particular, we will have to tackle very well to win," Morrison said.

The Gamecocks can't match Thompson's totals for Indiana, but offer a pair of good running backs in Harold Green, who gained 597 yards on 153 rushes, and Mike Dingle, who gained 377 yards on 90 carries. Each scored four touchdowns.

South Carolina's biggest edge comes in the kicking game. Collin Mackie has not missed an extra point in two years, going 62 for 62, including all 24 in 1988, and was true on 18 of 24 field goals this season.

Strong safety Ron Rabune spearheads a Gamecocks defense which posted two shutouts. Rabune was in on 110 tackles, recovered three fumbles, broke up two passes and

intercepted one. The game could boil down to a battle between Thompson and South Carolina quarterback Todd Ellis.

"Anthony Thompson is a guy we naturally use a lot," Indiana coach Bill Mallory said of his 6-foot, 201-pound junior who was the MVP in the Big Ten this season. "Anthony is very elusive, but he also has the power to take it up the middle."

Thompson rushed 329 times for 1,546 yards and scored a Pacific coast to play in the Cotton Bowl in 40 years.

Ellis completed 183 of his 354 passes during the regular season for 2,223 yards and nine touchdowns, but was intercepted 18 times.

Cleveland head coach...

Shottenheimer quits

CLEVELAND (AP) -- Cleveland Browns coach Marty Schottenheimer, frequently criticized for assuming the role of offensive coordinator during the 1988 season, stepped down Tuesday as coach of the NFL team.

Schottenheimer and Browns owner Art Modell said the coach was departing by mutual agreement.

"It became evident that some

of the differences we had, we weren't going to be able to resolve," Schottenheimer said.

"We came to an agreement that it was in everybody's best interest that we part company. I appreciate the opportunity Art gave me to become a head coach. The only regret I have is that (Modell) and I and this football team together weren't able to achieve the goal we set for ourselves."

Schottenheimer was smiling and appeared upbeat during an impromptu interview Tuesday afternoon at the Browns' coaches offices in suburban Berea. He said he hoped to continue as an NFL head coach.

Modell said he met with Schottenheimer Tuesday morning and explained a program for the next year, including hiring an offensive coordinator and "a number of adjustments, reassignments."

"Marty, to his credit, was candid, frank as he always has been, and he said he could not accept those conditions," Modell said at a news conference in his office at Cleveland Stadium.

Schottenheimer had been criticized by fans and the media this season for assuming the role of offensive coordinator after former offensive coordinator Lindy Infante left to become head coach at Green Bay.

"I do know this," Modell said. "The Cleveland Browns will not preserve the status quo for 1989. I will be meeting with my people within 48 hours. Obviously, we will reassess everything and everybody."

McMillan easily outdistanced linebacker Chris Spielman of Detroit in balloting by sports writers covering the 28 NFL teams. He did so despite missing three games with a foot injury.

joined cornerbacks James Hasty, also taken on the third round, and Bobby Humphery, a converted receiver, and four-year veteran safety Rich Miano to anchor a revitalized secondary.

McMillan is selected top defensive rookie

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NEW YORK (AP) - Erik McMillan of the New York Jets, who led the AFC with eight interceptions, was named NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year by The Associated Press.

McMillan, a free safety from Missouri drafted in the third round, was the only rookie defensive player named to the Pro Bowl.

McMillan, one of four defensive backs the Jets drafted last April,

Bears' Singletary named pro Defensive Player of the Year

by The Associated Press

Mike Singletary, the centerpiece of a Chicago defense that had a decidedly different cast than the NFL champions of three years ago, today was named The Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year for helping lead the Bears to their fifth straight NFC Central title.

Singletary, the team's middle linebacker and inspirational

leader, also was named top defensive player in 1985 and was an overwhelming pick in the balloting by writers and sportscasters who covered the NFL's 28 teams.

He had 33 votes to 10 each for Keith Millard of Minnesota and Reggie White of Philadelphia, last year's winner. Bruce Smith and Cornelius Bennett of Buffalo had seven each; three-time winner Lawrence Taylor of the Giants six; Tim Krumrie of Cincinnati three and Carl Lee of Minnesota one.

This year, Singletary had 170 tackles, 89 solo, as he roamed from sideline to sideline, helping make up for the loss of his long-time outside running mates - Otis Wilson, who was lost for the season with a knee injury, and Wilber Marshall, who signed with Washington as a free agent.

While his on-field work was immense, his off-the-field contributions were more significant on a team that also lost Walter Payton and Gary Fencik, two long-time leaders, to retirement.

In Chicago's final game at Minnesota, for example, Singletary took over in the locker room at halftime with the Bears trailing 21-3.

"Singletary gave my speech," Coach Mike Ditka said. "I just went over a couple things in his speech."

Said Singletary: "I just told them: 'Let's worry about what we're doing and we'll be OK.'"

In the second half, despite having clinched the NFC Central title and the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, the Bears came roaring back. They finally lost 28-27, after Minnesota's Walker Lee Ashley returned an interception 94 yards for a touchdown with Chicago in position for the winning field goal.

With nothing to gain from a victory, the Bears had been inspired to nearly get one. The inspiration came from Singletary.

Berndt considers Temple job

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Rice football coach Jerry Berndt says he has been offered the head-coaching job at Temple and is weighing a decision, but the school's athletic director said today he hasn't made the offer.

Berndt is quoted in today's editions of The Philadelphia Inquirer and Philadelphia Daily News that he was offered the job to replace the fired Bruce Arians.

"Not by me," Temple athletic director Charles Theokas said today. Theokas said reports of the offer are premature.

"There are things that have to

Ladies battle Thursday

JAYTON - Coach Ken Housden's Lady Tigers enter the Jayton Tournament here Thursday.

Housden's Tigers meet Hamlin at 4 p.m. in first-day action of the three-day event. In other girls' games Thursday, Tahoka plays Paducah at 10 a.m., Crosbyton meets Motley County at 1 p.m. and Jayton hosts Spur at 7 p.m.

The Lady Tigers are 5-7 for the season and go into the tournament with the momentum from a district win over Andrews. Snyder picks up 4-4A competition again next Tuesday, Jan. 3, hosting league-favorite Big Spring.

Tigers clash with Brady

BROWNWOOD - Snyder's Tigers, taking only a brief time off for the holidays, return to action today in the Brownwood Basketball Classic.

Snyder takes on Brady at 4:30 p.m. in first-round action of Division II at Brownwood Coliseum.

In other first-round games today, Sweetwater was to meet Comanche at 1:30 p.m. and Lampasas was to play Vernon at 3 p.m. Also, Midland Greenwood plays San Angelo Lake View at 6 p.m. and Glen Rose takes on host Brownwood at 7:30 p.m.

The tournament concludes Friday. Snyder will take a 6-5 season record into today's game. The Tigers resume District 4-4A action next Tuesday in Big Spring.

Oilers set for Bills, says Jamie Williams

HOUSTON (AP) - Wearing a baseball cap labeled "Pain Gang" and being fitted for a flak vest to protect his injured ribs is how Houston Oilers tight end Jamie Williams is getting ready for the Buffalo Bills.

Is there a tinge of cockiness in what he thinks the Oilers can do to the Bills in Sunday's AFC playoff game?

"At this point in the year,

you've got to be cocky and believe in what you are doing," Williams said. "We feel we can go the whole distance."

"Buffalo is good but they can be beat. We've just got to be aggressive. We are at our best when we're the aggressors."

The Oilers defeated Cleveland 24-23 Saturday in the AFC wild-card game at Cleveland to earn the second-round berth against the Bills.

Houston's aggressiveness is something that should concern the Bills, Williams said.

"They've been watching us and we're out there in the war," Williams said. "They've got to turn it on and we'll see what happens. They've got to play mad and upset. They can't lay back."

The Bills matched the Oilers blow-for-blow in their last meeting at Rich Stadium, coming away with a 34-30 victory in a fight-marred game in September 1987.

The Oilers are the most penalized team in the NFL this season, but they learned a lesson about late penalties in their 1987 loss to the Bills, Coach Jerry Glanville says.

"We cannot accept any penalty whatsoever, in the final two-minute period," Glanville said. "I think that game helped us learn our lesson. Penalties with two minutes or less helped cost us that game."

The Bills rallied to win in the final five minutes, aided by a 15-yard personal foul on Doug Smith and a 33-yard pass interference call against Audrey McMillan.

The winner of the Buffalo-Houston game will advance to the AFC championship against the winner of the Cincinnati-Seattle game.

The Oilers defeated Buffalo 16-7 in the Astrodome in the final game of the 1986 season, but have a three-game losing streak in Buffalo dating back to 1976.

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Strait paces 'Super Team'

by The Associated Press
Cuero's Robert Strait, who became the No. 3 rusher in national schoolboy history, and linebacker Jessie Armstead of state 5A champion Dallas Carter, are the headliners on the first Associated Press Super All-State football team.

Super Team, chosen by sports writers and sportscasters throughout the state. Strait, 6-2, 215, rushed for 1,421 yards last season, giving him a career total of 8,404 yards, second in Texas schoolboy history behind Sugar Land's Kenneth Hall.

Hall gained 11,232 yards in 1959-53 and is the all-time national leader ahead of Emmitt Smith of Pensacola Escambia, Fla., who gained 8,804 yards in 1983-86.

Strait had eight 100-yard performances last season and finished second nationally with 40 career 100-yard games behind Smith's record 45.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division		W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	18	8	692	—	—
Philadelphia	15	12	556	3 1/2	—
Boston	12	13	480	5 1/2	—
New Jersey	11	16	407	7 1/2	—
Washington	7	17	292	10 1/2	—
Charlotte	7	18	280	10 1/2	—
Central Division		W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	19	5	792	—	—
Detroit	18	7	720	1 1/2	—
Atlanta	18	9	667	2 1/2	—
Milwaukee	15	10	600	4 1/2	—
Chicago	13	12	530	6 1/2	—
Indiana	5	20	200	14 1/2	—
WESTERN CONFERENCE		W	L	Pct.	GB
Midwest Division		W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	18	9	667	—	—
Dallas	16	9	640	1	—
Denver	16	11	593	2	—
Utah	15	12	556	3	—
San Antonio	7	19	289	10 1/2	—
Miami	3	22	120	14	—
Pacific Division		W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	17	10	630	—	—
Phoenix	15	10	600	1	—
Portland	16	11	593	1	—
Seattle	13	12	520	3	—
Golden State	11	14	440	5	—
L.A. Clippers	10	17	370	7	—
Sacramento	6	18	250	9 1/2	—
Tuesday's Games		W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta 128, New York 126					
Houston 101, Miami 93					
Cleveland 107, Chicago 96					
Milwaukee 120, Indiana 107					
Dallas 110, San Antonio 101					
Denver 130, Boston 109					
L.A. Clippers 104, Seattle 100					

Golden State 119, Philadelphia 112
Sacramento 112, Portland 111

NBA briefs

Mavericks 110; Spurs 101
Dallas got 33 points from Mark Aguirre, including 15 in the third quarter, as San Antonio lost for the 11th time in their last 12 games.

The Spurs led 72-68 before the Mavericks responded with a 15-2 spurt late in the third quarter. Aguirre led the way with seven points, including a three-point play.

Alvin Robertson led the Spurs with 25 points.

Rockets 101; Heat 93
Houston won its sixth straight game, wiping out a nine-point halftime deficit as Akeem Olatunji scored 14 of his 22 points in the second half, snapping expansion Miami's two-game winning streak.

Otis Thorpe had 21 points and 12 rebounds for the Rockets, who last won six consecutive games in 1985. Jon Sundvold led the Heat with a career-high 25 points.

AP Super Team

OFFENSE

First Team:
Wide receivers, Kevin Williams, 5-9, 175, Dallas Roosevelt Darrick Duke, 6-3, 198, Houston Reagan.
Tackles, James Cargill, 6-7, 305, Plainview, and Joey Wheeler, 6-6, 307, Aldine MacArthur.
Guards, John Karkoska, 6-3, 289, Aldine, and Todd Yeaman, Fort Worth Western Hills, 6-4, 265, Center, John English, 6-3, 220, Arlington.
Tight end, Alan Webb, 6-2, 220, Aledo.
Quarterback, Tommy Maddox, 6-5, 185, Hurst Bell.
Running backs, Robert Strait, 6-2, 215, Cuero, and Tiandre Sanders, 6-0, 200, Corpus Christi Carroll.

Second Team:
Wide receivers, Ed Henderson, Port Arthur Jefferson, and Nati Valdez, Mission.
Tackles, Earl Dotson, Beaumont West Brook, and Chris Rapp, Dallas White.
Guards, Cedric Woodson, Houston Yates, and Scott Taylor, Grapevine.
Center, Greg Gibson, 6-4, 235, San Antonio Clark.
Tight end, Steve Seagraves, North Mesquite.
Quarterback, Reggie Perry, Denison.
Running backs, Terrance Brown, West Orange-Stark, and Odell Beckham, Marshall.
Third Team:
Wide receivers, Jimmy French, Texarkana, and Kenny Jones, Duncanville.
Tackles, Mike Jefferson, Lakeview-Centennial, and Greg Whitty, Houston Spring Woods.
Guards, Rick Canales, Deer Park, and Dexter Wesley, Rockdale.
Center, Mike Wentz, Richardson Berkner.
Tight end, Shane Drometti, Bridge City.
Quarterback, Andy de la Garza, Mission.
Running backs, Steven King, Houston King, Ben Mirelez, Alice.

DEFENSE

First Team:
Ends, David Condon, 6-4, 235, Arlington Martin, and Stuart Tyner, 6-4, 261, Tomball.
Tackles, James Lane, 6-4, 255, Dallas Spruce, and Shannon Nevedomsky, 6-3, 260, Humble.
Linebackers, Jessie Armstead, 6-2, 205, Dallas Carter, Derrick Johnson, 6-1, 210, Port Arthur Jefferson, and Chris Rapp, 6-2, 235, Dallas White.
Cornerbacks, Grady Caveness, 5-10, 185, Sugar Land Willowridge, and Eric Curl, 5-10, 172, Lufkin.
Safeties, Patrick Bates, 6-5, 206, Galveston Ball, and Derric Evans, 6-3, 200, Dallas Carter.
Kicker, Terry Venetoulis, 5-11, 170, Deer Park.
Punter, Martin Patton, 6-1, 185, Houston Madison.

Second Team:
Ends, Albert Fonteno, Houston Yates, and Travis Pearson, Plano.
Tackles, Mike Cole, Hurst Bell and Tommy Jones, Dallas White.
Linebackers, James Mallet, Liberty, Kevin Weller, Houston Stratford, Bubba Smith, San Antonio Clark.
Cornerbacks, Tod Carter, Sugar Land Clements, and Mike Davis, Copperas Cove.
Safeties, Cary Brabham, Hughes Springs, and Marty Patton, Houston Madison.
Kicker, Marty Patton, Houston Madison.
Punter, Tommy Jones, Dallas White.

Third Team:
Ends, Bo Robinson, Bremond and Winfred Tubbs, Fairfield.
Tackles, Mark Erwin, Hillsboro, Jason Youngblood, Refugio.
Linebackers, Corky Perry, Wichita Falls Hirsch, Jason Atkinson, Spring Westfield, and Rodney Townsend, Bridge City.
Cornerbacks, Tommy Lee, Mission, and Vern Lewis, Houston Kashmere.
Safeties, J.J. Smith, DeSoto, and Kenneth Norman, Sweetwater.
Kicker, none.
Punter, Leo Araguz, Harlingen.

BERNDT

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to speak." Berndt's decision to interview for the Temple post took the Rice athletic community by surprise.

"I had a couple of guys from Philadelphia papers call me (Monday) night and ask me for me reaction. I said, 'To what?' As far as I know, nobody here knew anything about it. It is my understanding he has talked to (Rice) President (George) Rupp," said Bill Cousins, Rice sports information director.

"Rice has been hard," Berndt said Monday. "It's been harder

than I expected it to be. I felt that we had an opportunity to win some games this year. We're not, so to speak, on the same page with everyone else in the (Southwest) conference, because of various things.

"But it's been a good experience for me. It really has been. Being athletic director and head football coach is something I wouldn't change."

Berndt's teams at the University of Pennsylvania, an NCAA Division I-AA school, won or shared the Ivy League title from 1982-85.

He has a lifetime record of 44-54-2 as a college head coach.

Strait had eight 100-yard performances last season and finished second nationally with 40 career 100-yard games behind Smith's record 45.

Armstead, 6-2, 205, made 117 tackles last season and had six quarterback sacks. He's the top rated linebacker in the state.

Hurst Bell's Tommy Maddox, 6-5, 185, beat out Denison's Reggie Perry and Mission's Andy de la Garza as the first team quarterback.

Maddox completed 128 of 253 passes for 1,853 yards last season and was the Dist. 8-5A most valuable player.

Corpus Christi Carroll's Tiandre Sanders joins Maddox and Strait in the Super Team backfield.

Sanders gained 993 yards on 179 carries and averaged 5.5 yards per carry and scored 15 touchdowns in nine regular season games.

The starting wide receivers are Dallas Roosevelt's Kevin Williams and Darrick Duke of Houston Reagan.

Williams split time between receiving and running last season. He gained 1,020 yards rushing and caught 52 passes for 720 yards.

Duke caught 53 passes for 1,053 yards as a junior and fought double and triple coverage last season for 23 catches for 352 yards and nine touchdowns.

Nati Valdez of Mission and Ed Henderson of Port Arthur Jefferson are the second team wide receivers.

Alan Webb of Class 3A Aledo is the tight end and the offensive line is anchored by 300-pound tackles James Cargill of Plainview and Joey Wheeler of Aldine MacArthur.

The guards are John Karkoska of Aldine and Todd Yeaman of Fort Worth Western Hills. Arlington's John English is the center.

David Condon of Arlington Martin and Stuart Tyner of Tomball are the first team defensive ends and James Lane of Dallas Spruce and Shannon Nevedomsky of Humble are the tackles.

Derrick Johnson of Port Arthur Jefferson and Chris Rapp of Dallas White are the other first team linebackers and the cornerbacks are Grady Caveness of Sugar Land Willowridge and Eric Curl of Lufkin.

The safeties are Patrick Bates of Galveston Ball and Derric Evans of Dallas Carter.

Terry Venetoulis of Deer Park, who converted 15 of 19 field goals this season, including a 50-yarder, is the first team kicker.

The punter is Houston Madison's versatile Martin Patton, who averaged 45.7 yards on 31 punts. Patton was a two-way performer at running back and safety.

He is a second team safety on the Super Team.

Rapp also was a double selection as a first team linebacker and second team offensive tackle.

Syracuse rips Rutgers

by The Associated Press
Any team can make dunks and layups. So when No. 3 Syracuse started making its outside shots, too, it was too much for Rutgers.

"They can score a lot of points in a hurry," Rutgers coach Bobby Wenzel said Tuesday night after the Orangemen romped 100-81.

Matt Roe started and finished a first-half burst with 3-point shots that carried unbeaten Syracuse to its 12th straight victory and gave Coach Jim Boehem his 299th career triumph.

"We've been through a lot and seen it all in the last couple of years," guard Sherman Douglas said. "We knew we just had to keep playing our game and things would work out for us."

Two other Top Twenty teams played and both won easily as No. 15 Ohio State trounced Florida 93-68 and No. 18 North Carolina State routed Monmouth 95-50.

Syracuse got its inside game going early, getting six dunks and four layups in the first 16 minutes. Still, host Rutgers hung close and trailed only 31-26.

But Roe's 3-pointers keyed a 14-

4 run and the Orangemen led 45-30 at halftime. Syracuse stayed hot from all over the court the rest of the game and Rutgers never again pulled within 13 points.

Derrick Coleman and Stephen Thompson scored 20 points each, Billy Owens had 19, Douglas 15 and Roe 11 for Syracuse.

Tom Savage scored 18 points for the Scarlet Knights, 4-3.

No. 15 Ohio State 93, Florida 68
Jay Burson scored 37 points, including a school-record nine 3-point goals, as Ohio State routed Florida in the opening round of the ECAC Holiday Festival in New York.

Ohio State will play host St. John's in Thursday night's championship game. St. John's beat Fordham 84-59 in the other first-round game.

Burson surpassed the Buckeyes' mark of five 3-pointers, set by Dennis Hopson in 1987, and single-handedly broke the team record of eight in one game. Ohio State finished with 11 against Florida.

The Buckeyes' pressure was too much for Florida's young backcourt. Ohio State turned

several steals into easy baskets, taking a 31-19 lead and then going on a 10-0 run with Burson scoring four times and assisting on the other basket.

Perry Carter had 14 points and Tony White 13 for Ohio State, 8-2. Dwayne Schintzius scored 19 points for the Gators, 1-5.

St. John's, with 26 points from Jayson Williams, beat Fordham for the 20th straight time. The Redmen have reached the title game of their own tournament for nine consecutive years and have won the last four.

Malik Sealy had 19 points for St. John's, 7-2. Dan O'Sullivan scored 14 points for the Rams, 3-4.

No. 18 N.C. State 95, Monmouth 50
Rodney Monroe scored 31 points and North Carolina State rolled over visiting Monmouth.

The Wolfpack streaked to a 37-10 lead as Monroe got 24 points in the first half.

Brian Howard scored 15 points, Chucky Borwn 14 and Avie Lester and Kelsey Weems 10 each for N.C. State, 5-1. Fernando Sanders scored 20 points for the Hawks, 4-3.



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Bush, peace accords made headlines

By Gail Robinson

For Americans, the presidential campaign dominated 1988. When the year began, 13 presidential hopefuls were campaigning in Iowa and New Hampshire. As the year ended, the victor — Vice President George Bush — was selecting his Cabinet.

Much of the world seemed on the verge of peace in 1988. But, while people were making peace, nature seemed in revolt against much of what humans had done to it.

These are the top 10 stories of 1988:

George Bush is elected president. On Nov. 8, the Republican ticket of Vice President Bush and Indiana Sen. Dan Quayle, defeated the Democratic ticket of Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis and Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. In piling up his 54-46 percent victory, Bush carried 38 states with 426 electoral votes.

The election capped a long and, to many, disappointing campaign. Bush had easily captured the Republican nomination, faltering only at the very beginning when he lost the Iowa caucuses. Dukakis' path to his party's nomination was somewhat more arduous, but by the convention, the Rev. Jesse Jackson was his only opponent for the nomination.

During the general election campaign, Bush hammered away at Dukakis as a liberal and accused his opponent of being weak and inexperienced in foreign policy. Dukakis, who often seemed to flounder, ran on his record as governor and attacked Bush for representing the rich. The Democrats also criticized Bush's selection of Quayle as his running mate.

As soon as his selection was announced, Quayle became embroiled in controversies about his academic record, military service and fitness to assume the presidency.

In winning the '88 election, the GOP captured the White House for the fifth time in the last six elections.

The United States agrees to open talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization after the PLO recognizes Israel's right to exist. In a sharp break with previous policy, Secretary of State George Shultz announced the United States would open a "substantive dialogue" with the PLO. It happened after PLO chief Yasir Arafat said the organization renounced terrorism and recognized Israel's right to exist. Shultz said the U.S. decision did not mean this country recognizes an independent Palestinian state.

Israel quickly denounced the U.S. move, saying it would not contribute to peace.

The announcement came after weeks of behind-the-scenes diplomacy and only shortly after the United States, citing his "associations with terrorism," denied Arafat a visa so he could come to New York to address the United Nations. The U.N. then voted to move its meeting on the Palestinians to Geneva.

The startling developments ended a year during which the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli occupied areas continued. King Hussein of Jordan renounced all of his claims to the West Bank; and, in November, the PLO's

legislative body proclaimed the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Meanwhile, Israel was still struggling to form a government. In elections on Nov. 1, the right-wing Likud scored a narrow victory over the Labor Party, with far-right religious parties holding the balance of power. The uprising was a key issue; Likud has pledged not to surrender territory. At press time, no new government had been formed, partly because of the conditions the religious parties set for forming a coalition.

Changes in the Soviet Union continue as Mikhail Gorbachev consolidates his power. The Soviet Communist Party Central Committee on Sept. 30 approved a shake-up of the Kremlin that was seen as bolstering Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's program of reforms. Among the reforms approved earlier in the year was a broad plan to reorganize the Supreme Soviet into an elected legislature — where more than one candidate would be on the regional ballots. The reforms also called for a strong president, and, in October, Gorbachev assumed the Soviet presidency. In December, he addressed the United Nations, promised Soviet troop cuts in Eastern Europe and met in New York with President Reagan and President-elect Bush.

Peace agreements could end Soviet involvement in Afghanistan, the Iran-Iraq war and conflict in southern Africa. In April the Soviet Union, Afghanistan, Pakistan and the United States agreed to end all foreign assistance to either side in the Afghan war. As part of that deal, Russia was to withdraw all of its 115,000 troops from Afghanistan by Feb. 15, 1989. The agreements, which were mediated by the United Nations, did not, however, include any provision for ending the Afghan civil war. After pulling out more than half of its troops, the Soviet Union announced in November that it was temporarily suspending withdrawal and charged that the United States and Pakistan were continuing to aid the Afghan rebels.

In July, Iran accepted a U.N.-sponsored plan to end the 8-year-old Iran-Iraq War that claimed as many as 1 million lives. A ceasefire, policed by U.N. forces, was declared Aug. 20, but both sides accused the other of violating the truce.

In an effort to end long-standing conflicts in southern Africa, in November, negotiators from Angola, Cuba, South Africa and the United States reached agreement on a timetable for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and for the independence of Namibia, which has been controlled by South Africa.

Earthquake devastates Soviet Armenia. On Dec. 7, an earthquake in Armenia killed 50,000 to 70,000 people, injured many more thousands and left half a million homeless. The decimated area had been the scene of ethnic strife. After the quake, Armenians criticized the Soviet government for shoddy construction, which exacerbated the quake's effects, and for not predicting the quake. Gorbachev, in turn, berated Armenian leaders for

trying to capitalize on the tragedy of the earthquake.

U.S. shoots down Iranian jetliner, killing all 290 people aboard. On July 3, a missile fired from the U.S. Navy warship Vincennes destroyed an Iranian commercial airliner flying over the Persian Gulf. The Navy said the Vincennes crew had mistaken the plane for an Iranian F-14 jet fighter. The Vincennes was part of the U.S. fleet keeping Persian Gulf shipping lanes open, and the incident occurred when tensions were high.

Although the initial account of the incident by Adm. William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff did not hold up, the Navy did not charge anyone in the downing of the plane.

A summer drought and high temperatures in the United States focus attention on the greenhouse effect. During the spring and early summer, much of the country suffered its worst drought in more than 50 years. Many scientists attributed the drought and high temperatures to a world warming trend caused by the greenhouse effect, in which a blanket of carbon dioxide and other gases prevent the sun's heat from radiating back into space. The carbon dioxide comes from the burning of fossil fuels.

Ultimately, this warming, according to some experts, could cause drought, shrinking of inland bodies of water and melting of polar and glacial ice. To prevent this, many scientists urged global efforts to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and to stop the destruction of tropical rain forests.

Crime rates in many cities soar as drug use rises. As murder rates in New York City, Washington D.C. and other cities threatened to set a record, police blamed the rise on crack, a powerful and addictive cocaine derivative. Young drug dealers battled each other for turf and innocent people were often caught in the crossfire. Throughout the year, Americans listed drugs as their No. 1 concern, but there seemed to be few serious ideas about what to do about the problem, which was largely ignored during the presidential campaign.

The space shuttle flies again, as the United States gets back in space. On Sept. 29, the U.S. space shuttle Discovery, with five astronauts aboard, lifted off. It was the start of a successful four-day mission and the first manned U.S. space flight since the space shuttle Challenger exploded in January 1986, killing all seven people aboard.

United States and Soviet Union ratify the first treaty that actually reduces the number of nuclear weapons. In May, the Senate by a vote of 93 to 5 ratified a treaty that would eliminate intermediate-range nuclear weapons. The treaty was the first arms-control pact ratified since 1972 and the first treaty that actually eliminates existing weapons.

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U.S., European Community are on verge of trade war

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and the 12-nation European Community are teetering on the verge of a full-blown trade war over the issue of whether American meat which contains growth hormones constitutes a health threat.

Both sides are locked in an acrimonious dispute which threatens to spill over into other areas of trade between America and its European allies. Two-way trade between the United States and the European Community totals \$150 billion annually.

On Tuesday, the Reagan administration vowed to impose \$100 million worth of trade sanctions against European food products, starting at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1.

The 100 percent duties will effectively double the wholesale price at the U.S. border for such popular products as hams, canned Italian tomatoes and imported wine coolers.

U.S. Trade Representative Clayton Yetter said the stiff duties will go into effect unless the Europeans back down on their ban on imported meat products which contain growth hormones.

The meat ban — which is to be applied to all European suppliers, not just the United States — is scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1. Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, and Argentina already have agreed to ship only hormone-free beef to Europe.

Yetter, who is President-elect Bush's choice for agriculture secretary, said the European ban constituted an unfair trade practice because there was no scientific evidence that the hormones, which are used to increase bulk, cause any health effects in humans.

The Common Market countries contend that while the scientific evidence on meat hormones is not conclusive, they have the right to take precautionary action to protect health.

In a statement, the Reagan administration said the U.S. Food and Drug Administration had determined that the daily produc-

tion of hormones in humans, even in children, is far higher than the minuscule levels left in meat from treated animals.

"We have tried repeatedly to bring this issue to a scientific dispute settlement panel under the (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) in order to have it resolved," Yetter said in a statement. "However, our European counterparts have blocked our efforts."

Yetter said the \$100 million in duties roughly equals the estimated lost sales of American meat products in Europe.

The Europeans, however, have vowed to hike duties on other U.S. products if America makes good on its threat to retaliate. U.S. officials pledge they will counter the counter-retaliation. One proposal being considered by the U.S. side is a ban on all European meat imports, worth \$450 million a year.

Officials are predicting that at least the initial ban on meat containing growth hormones and the 100 percent duties announced by Yetter on Tuesday will take effect on Jan. 1 since there are no talks scheduled before that time.

However, officials held out hope that the dispute could still be settled early in 1989.

In Los Angeles, where President Reagan is vacationing, Deputy White House Press Secretary Lesley Arshnt said the administration had not lost sight

of the fact that the European Community and the United States are major trading partners and allies.

"We have our differences over trade, but there is a mechanism for resolving them and we have no reason to believe this one won't be resolved also," he said.

However, the new dispute comes at a time of simmering unhappiness between America and its European allies:

The Europeans are upset over continued insistence by both Reagan and Bush that all countries should scrap trade-distorting farm subsidies over the next several years. And Americans are worried that despite denials to the contrary, the European Community will erect new protectionist barriers blocking American goods as part of their effort to create a single market for much of Europe by 1992.

The list of European products upon which the higher 100 percent duties will be imposed include beef; pork hams and shoulders, excluding those that have been boned, cooked and packed in airtight containers; canned tomatoes; instant coffee extracts and wine coolers containing less than 7 percent alcohol.

Also subject to the duties will be both fresh and concentrated fruit juices and pet food packaged for retail sale.

Police mourn death of officer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police officers covered their badges and flags at headquarters and substations flew at half-staff today in memory of a policewoman who drowned after falling into a creek while chasing a theft suspect.

The body of 26-year-old Patricia Calderon was found in 8 feet of murky water in Salgado Creek about 6 a.m. Tuesday, nearly four hours after she disappeared in the east side creek near Interstate 10 and Coliseum Drive while chasing a theft suspect.

Although the Bexar County Medical Examiner's office ruled the death a homicide, police could not link the theft suspect with her death, said homicide Lt. Albert Ortiz.

"If that were developed later we would pursue it. We are definitely looking at the possibility," Ortiz said.

Louis B. Miller, 28, was brought in for questioning about 3 p.m. and after several hours of questioning was charged with the misdemeanor counts of theft and evading arrest.

Quelling of riot fuels political battle against police official

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The use of Mexico City police commando units to quell a prison riot 500 miles away has given opposition legislators fuel for a political battle against a controversial lawman.

Opposition members of the Chamber of Deputies used a Tuesday debate on the prison uprising in Tepic to again protest Miguel Nazar Haro's appointment as intelligence chief of the Mexico City Security and Highway Police.

"What happened in Nayarit are the same types of tactics used in the times when Nazar Haro was director of the Federal Security Police," said Deputy Leonel Godoy of the National Democratic Front, a leftist coalition that opposes the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

The Mexico City police agency sent the Fox and Scorpion commando units to the Venustiano Carranza penitentiary in Tepic where 25 people were killed, at least five of them prisoners who died after being captured and questioned by police.

"We don't know if he had anything to do with what happened," said Godoy, who served as Michoacan state attorney general for five years. "But we fear a return to the days when police violated human rights and persecuted political activists."

Mexico City Security and Highway Police spokesman Carlos Ortiz called opposition party members' comments "politically motivated."

Ortiz said Nazar, who was appointed Dec. 16, had nothing to do with the decision to send police commandos to the prison. Ortiz said Nazar would not be available for comment.

During a heated, debate opposition deputies maintained that the Mexico City units, like other

local police, cannot legally operate outside their jurisdiction. They said the special units themselves are unconstitutional because no law authorizes their existence.

The opposition on both right and left has fiercely protested Nazar's appointment, saying he is known for participation in repressive activities.

Mayor Manuel Camacho Solis called Nazar an experienced officer who would help fight a serious crime problem and would not be permitted to gather political intelligence.

Nazar has been controversial in the United States, too. In 1982 he was charged with conspiracy and aiding and abetting in the smuggling of cars across the U.S.-Mexico border.

He denied involvement in the theft of 600 automobiles worth \$8.4 million, was released after posting \$200,000 bond and then failed to show up for a preliminary hearing.

William H. Kennedy, the U.S. attorney in San Diego, was dismissed after complaining that he was not being permitted to prosecute because Nazar was a CIA informant.

Proceso said Nazar was forced to resign as Federal Security chief following the U.S. indictment.

Proceso also said that during the administration of President Jose Lopez Portillo (1976-82), Nazar directed a clandestine police force that engaged in political espionage and repression.

Ortiz refused to comment on Nazar's past and called the U.S. case "a personal matter" that had nothing to do with his new job.

The Chamber of Deputies voted Tuesday to have its Justice and Government Committee in-

vestigate Nayarit state Gov. Celso Humberto Delgado Ramirez's decision to call on the commandos.

The uprising began Dec. 22 when a small group of inmates, angry because they were denied Christmas pardons for good behavior, stormed the warden's office and took 19 hostages. Warden Samuel Alvarado was shot in the leg and bled to death.

The commando teams flew in the following day and Fox commander Juan Armando Duarte Badillo was fatally shot when he tried to talk the mutineers into surrendering.

State officials at first said police squads stormed the penitentiary twice on Dec. 23 and 19 prisoners died in the two gun-fights.

But after The Associated Press reported that a television videotape showed 13 prisoners being questioned by armed policemen, officials admitted there was only one assault.

On the videotape five of the prisoners could be heard giving their names, all of which appeared on a list of dead released a few hours later.

A witness told the AP that at least one other inmate listed as dead had surrendered to police.

Youth is shot

HOUSTON (AP) — An 11-year-old boy was fatally shot at his Houston home, and family members believe the suspect's gun may have discharged accidentally when he was trying to scare the child into revealing his sister's whereabouts.

Anthony Jerome Green, a sixth-grader at Crawford Elementary School, died shortly before 4 p.m. Tuesday at Ben Taub Hospital.



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Glenn McCarthy...

'King of the Wildcatters' dies

HOUSTON (AP) — Independent oilman Glenn Herbert McCarthy, who became known as "King of the Wildcatters," and whose life was the subject of the best-selling novel "Giant" died one day after his 81st birthday.

McCarthy, one of the world's most successful independent oilmen, died at a Houston nursing condominium Monday night. He moved into the nursing complex after a five-month stay at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital earlier this year for an undisclosed ailment.

His wealth in 1949 was estimated at \$200 million from 400 producing oil and gas wells. By his own estimate, he drilled more than 1,000 oil and gas wells, most of them in Texas but others as far away as Egypt and Bolivia.

McCarthy lived in a mansion, surrounded himself with Hollywood celebrities and powerful politicians and his 6.75-carat diamond ring earned him the nickname of "Diamond Glenn." The ring, he had said, was acquired as collateral from a Louisiana gambler.

In an earlier interview, McCarthy said he was dubbed "The King of the Wildcatters" by journalist Ernie Pyle, the renowned war correspondent who was killed in World War II.

He was featured on the cover of Time magazine in the 1950s. In 1965, a 90-proof Kentucky bourbon bearing the label "Glenn McCarthy's Wildcatter" went on the market.

His reputation as a bad boy was enhanced by the best-selling book "Giant" by Edna Ferber and movie of the same title that was based on McCarthy. But he didn't agree with his movie portrait.

Nevertheless, a framed poster of the movie that starred James Dean, Rock Hudson and Elizabeth Taylor hung in his office.

McCarthy owned a 15,000-acre ranch in West Texas and through the years owned cattle, a radio station, two banks, newspapers, chemical companies, steel mills, a motion picture production company, an export-import company, thousands of acres of valuable real estate and the Shell

building. He served as chairman of Eastern Airlines and president of the U.S. Petroleum Association.

Among other companies, he owned the McCarthy Oil and Gas Co., the Beaumont Gas Co., the Houston Export Co., the Houston Foreign Trade Co., KXYZ Radio, the McCarthy Chemical Co. and the McCarthy International Tube Co.

McCarthy counted among his friends Sen. Joe McCarthy, Howard Hughes, Frank Sinatra, John Wayne and Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

In Houston, McCarthy is best remembered for throwing "Houston's biggest party" when he spent more than \$1 million to open his \$21 million, 18-story Shamrock Hotel on March 17, 1949, amid a trainload of movie stars and Texas socialites.

He had 2,500 shamrocks flown in from Ireland for the opening ceremonies, in which Dorothy Lamour did a live radio show broadcast. He bought every champion at that year's Chicago International Livestock Auction and served the meat at the open-

ing of the Shamrock.

To McCarthy, the Shamrock was more than a hotel. It was a symbol of Houston's emergence as an internationally known city.

"It (the hotel) made us a real city," he said. "I lived in this city when it was a cowtown. I love Houston. I went to school here ... I tried to learn what I could learn, and for that I was trying to pay back for what they helped me do."

Prominent figures such as presidents Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson stayed at the hotel, as well as MacArthur and Hughes.

The Shamrock, which was sold to the Hilton chain of hotels in 1954, was razed last year after being sold to the nearby Texas Medical Center.

McCarthy quit the Democratic party when his friend, Ronald Reagan, ran for president in 1980. McCarthy knew Reagan before he entered politics.

McCarthy was born Christmas Day 1907 in Beaumont, the son of an itinerant oil field worker. As a boy, he carried drinking water to roughnecks working at the Spindletop oilfields.

McCarthy, at 6-foot-1 and 200 pounds, played running back for Rice Institute, Tulane and Texas A&M College. He was kicked out of A&M for hazing.

He quit college before finishing in order to go into business for himself.

At age 23, he eloped and married Faustine Lee, 16, the daughter of wealthy Texas oilman T.P. Lee, who disapproved of the marriage.

McCarthy bought and sold a cleaning business and two filling stations before he struck out on his own in the oil business.

By age 26, he had founded two oil fields, extended a third and become a millionaire. He had his first strike at Anahuac, an oil field where the major oil companies had drilled only dry holes and geologists said there was no oil. But McCarthy drilled deeper until he hit rich oil sand. He earned a profit of \$500,000 in 1937 from oil wells where there wasn't supposed to be oil.

Grass roots campaign tries to offset gas tax hike talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. motorist pulls into a service station and plunks down \$1.05 for a gallon of gasoline. In Britain the same amount of gas would cost the equivalent of \$2.77.

Why the difference? British motorists, and drivers in many other European countries, pay taxes accounting for approximately half the price of gasoline at the pump, making it a luxury item for many.

Some now believe the modest U.S. federal gas tax of 9 cents a gallon could be headed in the same direction.

"We are about to follow the Europeans down the road of no return," says Bill Berman, director of energy and environment for the American Automobile Association.

He also heads a newly formed umbrella group called Fuel Users for Equitable Levies (FUEL), which last week launched a grass-roots campaign to offset mounting pressure for a gas tax increase as a way of reducing the nation's \$155 billion budget deficit. The anti-tax lobby is supported by such groups as the American Farm Bureau Federation and the American Petroleum Institute.

No gas tax increase is imminent, but with policymakers desperate for some solution to the deficit, the debate is in full swing.

Critics say a tax increase would mean slower business, higher inflation and fewer jobs.

Supporters retort that a higher tax would calm international deficit jitters and thus strengthen

the economy in the long run. As an added benefit, they claim, it would reduce America's growing dependence on foreign oil by curbing demand for gasoline.

"The effort must now be made to get the deficit down," former Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker said in calling for an increase in the tax.

President-elect Bush is opposed to a higher gas tax, but the idea has drawn support from witnesses before the 14-member National Economic Commission created by Congress to search for deficit remedies.

Each penny-per-gallon of additional tax would yield \$1 billion in revenue. That makes it seem an attractively quick way to sharply reduce the budget deficit.

Dr. Gott



Peter Gott, M.D.

Alleviating symptoms of blepharitis

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor tells me I have blepharitis in my eyelids. He prescribed erythromycin ointment along with Tears II. Also, I wash my eyelids daily with baby shampoo. He tells me there is no cure but that this regimen should help. Is this the best diagnosis?

DEAR READER: Blepharitis is a highly contagious infection of the glands in the eyelid. Some forms are associated with skin diseases, such as psoriasis, but most are caused by bacteria.

If the erythromycin ointment helps, fine; otherwise, your doctor may choose to give you the antibiotic in pills or injection. Should this condition become chronic and unresponsive to treatment, your doctor may wish to refer you to an eye specialist or to a dermatologist for a second opinion. Baby shampoo and artificial tears are probably not needed because the infection is usually curable with antibiotics alone.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 11-year-old wants to start using hair spray. I'm not wild about the idea, but can't give her any factual reasons for my objections. Can you help?

DEAR READER: I wish I could, because I agree that using hair spray at this age is inappropriate; it is an example of what has been called the "hurried child syndrome," the tendency of some youngsters to rush through their childhoods by using adult trappings, such as hair spray, lipstick and other "grown up" items.

However, I can think of no sound medical reason to discourage your daughter, except the possibility that she might be allergic to the spray.

Perhaps the best approach would be an honest one, in which you indicate that hair spray is not a necessary component of a healthy 11-year-old's life. She will be allowed to use cosmetics, to stay up late, to date and to

obtain a job — but not now. That stuff comes when a youngster has grown up a little more and has, by demonstrating maturity and good judgment, earned the right to use adult products.

Don't be suckered in by the age-old argument that "all my friends do it." By taking a firm (and admittedly arbitrary) stand, you will be reinforcing an important parental policy: making sure that your daughter does not take on the facade of appearing older than she really is.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am hemiplegic because of a stroke caused, I'm told, by infection from endocarditis that went to my brain. I walk with a plastic brace because of foot drop. Do dropped feet ever restore themselves?

DEAR READER: Endocarditis is infection on a heart valve. Bacteria can set up shop on damaged heart valves. This is a serious condition because, without treatment, the infection can destroy the valve or, as you have discovered, pieces of the infection can break off and be carried to distant parts of the body.

These globs of infection, called emboli, will cause stroke if they are carried through the circulation and lodge in the brain. In these circumstances, the infected material acts like a clot to shut off blood supply and nutrition to a part of the brain.

The muscle weakness that results from an embolism/stroke is usually permanent. Therefore, I doubt that your weak (dropped) foot will ever return to normal.

However, you can be helped. A program of physical therapy may train other muscles to compensate for the damaged tissue. With such a program — and the use of appropriate braces — you can maintain a fair amount of mobility and independence.

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Consolidation should help cities

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas banker in the investment group that has acquired five insolvent savings and loans says he hopes

Gerald J. Ford, chairman of Ford Bank Group in Dallas, is an investor in the federally assisted transaction, along with MacAndrews and Forbes Holdings Inc. of New York, a private investment group whose chairman is Ronald O. Perelman, chairman of Revlon Inc.

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