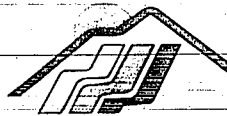


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Shots wound Panamanian corporal New incident raises tension

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Panama — A U.S. lieutenant shot and wounded a Panamanian corporal near an American installation Monday, U.S. officials reported. It was the second shooting incident in three days between U.S. and Panamanian forces. On Saturday, Panamanian soldiers shot and killed an American officer near Panamanian military headquarters. President Bush on Monday called that shooting "an enormous outrage" and said he would not rule out military action. A U.S. Southern Command statement said that on Monday an American was leaving a U.S. Army laundry in the Curundu area of western Panama City when a uniformed Panamanian signaled him to stop and approached him. The area is near Southern Command headquarters and less than a mile from Panamanian Defense Forces headquarters. The statement said the U.S. officer fired when the Panamanian appeared to reach for a weapon. "The American responded defensively by pulling a weapon and fired two shots," it said. "The Panamanian went down, then got up and left the scene. The extent of his injuries is unknown at this time." U.S. officials said the officer was being "debriefed." A Panamanian Defense Forces

communicate later called it "reckless aggression" by the U.S. Army. It said the American "fired two shots from a M16, one of them hitting the left forearm" of policeman Cesar Tejada. It said the American was traveling in a vehicle that "never stopped and on the contrary, accelerated." The Panamanian said Tejada was hospitalized, but did not give his condition. Capt. Moises Cortizo, Panama's chief of police, said police were investigating. According to a Command official, the civilian laundry has a contract to clean uniforms for U.S. forces. In Washington, a Defense Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, gave this account. "A Panamanian traffic officer signaled the American to stop and approached his car. The Panamanian pulled his weapon," and the lieutenant did the same. The American fired two shots and it was believed the Panamanian was wounded in a leg and an arm. Tensions still were high at the time because of Saturday's death. Panamanian officials said the U.S. Army commander in Panama threatened an invasion. Photographs of the 1981 Chevrolet with Michigan plates in which the Americans were riding showed bullet holes, including two on the driver's side and one through the trunk.

Robbins explains party switch Frustration with 'narrow-minded extremists' reason 22nd District representative quits GOP for Demos

By MICHELLE COLE
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Grand Old Party just isn't grand enough anymore for state Rep. Gary Robbins. Frustrated by what he calls "narrow-minded extremists" who run the Idaho Republican Party, Robbins announced during a Monday morning press conference that he is joining the Democratic ranks. "For the last five years I have felt enormous frustration because I have gone to Boise to do what the people told me they wanted done, only to run smack into a brick wall," Robbins said. "That wall is made up of narrow-minded extremists who believe they know best regardless of what the people want. Unfortunately, that mentality controls the Republican Party." Rumors of Robbins' decision have circulated for the past week, but Monday's official announcement still left some Idaho Republicans feeling shocked and betrayed. "It's political opportunism at its best," said Mark Stubbs, Twin Falls County GOP chairman. "Gary has every right to change parties," Stubbs said. "But we have every right to feel like there's been a breach of trust." Stubbs said he felt upset and betrayed because Robbins cited an episode involving Stubbs to illustrate how the Republican Party "misuses its power." Stubbs ran afoul of U.S. Sen. James McClure and Idaho's GOP leadership this year over nuclear waste clean-up at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. "Mark was concerned, as are many people here, about what the U.S. Department of Energy is doing in INEL, and he said so publicly," Robbins said. "That was a mistake, I guess, because the powers-that-be slapped him down. Their message was clear: Shut up or lose your power. Mark Stubbs has been awful quiet lately, and I think it's a shame." Robbins just doesn't have his facts straight, Stubbs retorted. "I have been anything but silent with respect to my position on clean-up at INEL," he said, adding that the fact that he's still Twin Falls County party chairman proves that



Times-News photo/MICHAEL SALSBUURY

State Rep. Gary Robbins announces Monday morning that he is joining the Democratic Party. Robbins believes his constituents will accept his switch, he said. "I'm being true to my campaign promises of 1988 to represent the people I serve," he said. Robbins, 49, was a dairy farmer After the initial shock wears off, Robbins believes his constituents will accept his switch, he said. "I'm being true to my campaign promises of 1988 to represent the people I serve," he said. Robbins, 49, was a dairy farmer After the initial shock wears off,

Supremacists suspected in fatal Georgia bombing

The Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — A lawyer was killed in his office by a mail bomb Monday and a similar bomb was removed safely from the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, two days after a postal bomb killed an 11th Circuit judge at his Atlanta home. The FBI, probing the killing Saturday of U.S. Circuit Judge Robert S. Vance near Birmingham, Ala., said there "strong similarities" among the three bombs and linked the attacks to the August 1989 tear gas bombing of the NAACP's regional headquarters in Atlanta. Robert Robinson, 42, a black civil rights activist, lawyer and city alderman, died of his injuries at 8:25 p.m. on Monday. The bombing occurred at Memorial Medical Center following the blast in his office around 5 p.m., officials said. "He lost his right arm, his left hand and some upper body tissue and (had) severe damage to his legs," said Floyd Adams, a fellow

alderman. Robinson was unable to communicate with his doctors, a hospital spokesman said. In downtown Atlanta, shaken employees evacuated the five-story 14th-Circuit courthouse shortly before 10 a.m. Monday after the bomb, in a small brown package, was found "during a random sampling of the mail" sent by police Maj. W.W. Holley. "The preliminary investigation (in Savannah) indicates strong similarities" with other explosive devices in Birmingham and Atlanta, said FBI Agent Tom Moore. At a Savannah news conference late Monday, FBI Special Agent Bob DeLoach said it was "definitely" white supremacists sent the bomb that killed Robinson.



Survey: White students more likely drug abusers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A drug-use survey of students nationwide found that white high school seniors are more apt to abuse drugs than black seniors, according to figures released Monday. "It goes against conventional wisdom — particularly television has portrayed the problem of drug abuse in the United States as a black, inner city problem," said Doug Hall, vice president of the national "Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education Inc. Atlanta-based PRIDE surveyed 296,180 white students and 59,898 black students in grades 6-12

at 958 schools in 38 states during the 1988-89 school year, including students in inner city areas in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, New York and Washington, D.C. The key is keeping teenagers in school," PRIDE co-founder Marsha Keith Schuchard said in a statement. "Black students who stay in school have significantly fewer drug and alcohol problems." The survey found that "black students find cocaine about twice as available as white students, but they use cocaine less than white students, by a substantial amount," Hall said. About 15 percent of black students overall said

Sakharov rites become rally

The Baltimore Sun

MOSCOW — A public funeral for Andrei D. Sakharov was transformed into a political rally Monday, as his allies called on the people to complete the battle for democratic reform he started a quarter-century ago. The 80,000 mourners raised their fists in solidarity as the three-hour ceremony ended on the slush-coated parking lot near Lenin Stadium where Sakharov had addressed rallies many times in the last year of his life. "The best funeral wreath we could offer Andrei Dmitriyevich Sakharov would be victory over the conservatives in the elections March 4," Gavrilik K. Popov, a radical economist and parliamentary colleague, told the crowd. "We will win!" As dusk fell, the body of the nuclear physicist and human rights champion was driven to Vostryakovskoye Cemetery in a birch grove at the edge of the city. As a small crowd of family, friends and dignitaries looked on, the coffin was lowered into a grave beside those of his parents.

Earlier, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev and several other Politburo members paid their last respects to Sakharov as his body lay in state at the Academy of Sciences. Gorbachev spoke for several minutes to Sakharov's widow, Yelena G. Bonner, and told reporters outside. "Now it's clear that we must have Soviet authority from traveling abroad to receive the award in 1975, which was denounced then as 'political pornography'" by the official Soviet press. Gorbachev's words marked the full rehabilitation of a man who suffered "enormously at the hands of his own government." Soviet television, in keeping with extensive media coverage accorded to Sakharov's death, began the national evening news with a lengthy report on the farewell rituals. But its report on the public funeral avoided revealing its deeply political character. The tens of thousands of participants had to walk more than a mile on icy streets to get there, because authorities closed the nearest subway station and blocked a several approach roads with parked buses.

Healthy Gem economy should aid pair of counties from area

The Times-News and Associated Press

BOISE — Two Magic Valley counties should be among the main beneficiaries of Idaho's continuing economic resurgence, an economist says. Along with Ada County, economist John Church of Idaho Power Co. said Blaine and Twin Falls counties should be among the main beneficiaries of the state's economic growth. That growth should continue through the 1990s, Church said. "You guys aren't as depressed as you thought you were," Church said. The other major beneficiaries of the bright economic outlook will be Kootenai and Elmore counties.

Church pointed toward successful business-recruitment efforts after Tupperware closed the doors to its plant in 1987 and laid off 700 workers. Several businesses have either located in the Magic Valley or are expanding. "That's going to give you a good strong base," he said. Blaine County appears to be evolving into an all-season resort area, Church said. The resort shows a lot of strength even though some Blaine County businessmen have criticized Sun Valley Co. for not investing in its facilities. "The other side of the coin is Sun Valley is not just a wintertime tourist mecca anymore," Church said.

The apparent decline of communism overseas could help the state, also, Church said. "One of my pet ideas is that agriculture may even get better because of peace in Eastern Europe," he said. Opening up the communist bloc could increase agriculture exports, he suggested. Church's long-range forecasts complement a shorter-range forecast of state economists, who expect strong growth into the early 1990s although at a somewhat more modest pace than the expansion that began in 1987. "All the signs are there for at least a decade of healthy population and employment growth in many parts

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Arctic air shatters records in North, brings winter to Dixieland

By The Associated Press

A Canadian delivery of sleet and ice slid into the deep South on Monday in a winter preview that cracked century-old temperature records across the Midwest and clogged the Missouri River with a 75-mile ice jam.

chills out and plunges down through Canada into the East and Midwest. "It's simply a pipeline that carries... the cold air southward," said Ed Ferguson, deputy director of the federal government's Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City. "And by southward, I mean all the way to the Gulf of Mexico."

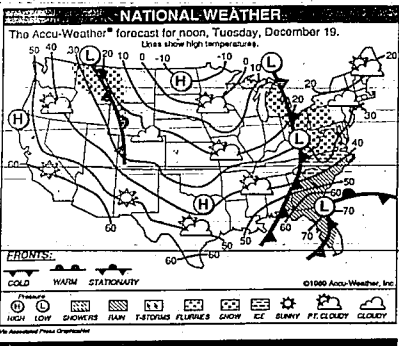
Ice on Interstate 85 near Atlanta apparently contributed to a crash that killed Atlanta Falcons tight end Brad Beckman, authorities said. At least 19 deaths around the nation were

blamed on the cold during the weekend, including the deaths of two young Tulsa, Okla., girls who apparently were playing with a makeshift sled Sunday when they plunged through thin ice on a lake. Two homeless people died of hypothermia while sleeping in New York City subway stations and another was reported in Chicago. A school bus carrying 43 children crashed into a station wagon on a slippery highway Monday near Shapleigh, Maine, but none of the children were seriously hurt, officials

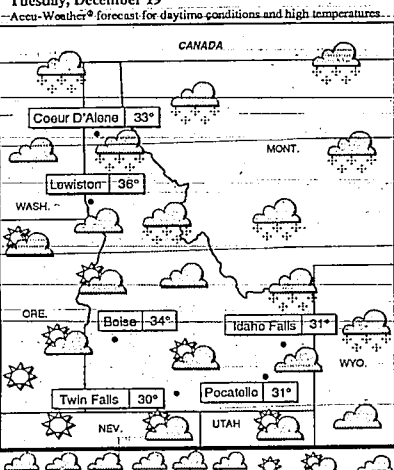
Monday's cold broke Dec. 18 records that had held for more than a century in Columbus, Ohio, where it was minus 7; in Pittsburg, where it was 7 below, and in Detroit, where it was minus 3. Other records included Parkersburg, W.Va., at 4 above; Cincinnati at 3 below; Fort Wayne, Ind., and Cleveland at minus 5; and Youngstown, Ohio, at minus 8. The Missouri River froze for 75 miles, between Blair, Neb., and Sioux City, Iowa.

Today's weather Not a lot of change in prospect

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Today and tonight partly cloudy. Patchy areas of fog. Variable winds 5 to 10 mph today. Highs in the upper 20s and lower 30s. Lows 15 to 20 Wednesday fair. Highs in the lower to middle 30s.



IDAHO Weather Tuesday, December 19



Summary: The National Weather Service says there won't be much change in Idaho's weather pattern. A strong ridge of high pressure centered over the western coast will move little in the next few days. Weak weather systems moving over the top of this ridge will brush northern and eastern Idaho, producing a few light snow showers at times. The rest of the state will experience cloudy conditions. Temperatures will remain on cold under this northerly air flow.

The warmest temperature in the state Monday was 41 degrees at Lowell. Soda Springs reported the coldest at 14 degrees below zero.

Elsewhere in the nation Monday, the highest temperature was 87 degrees at Miami and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The lowest was 31 below zero at Warroad, Minn.

Idaho road report BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation Monday reported mixed conditions with icy spots on many highways.

Table listing National cities and their temperatures: Kansas City 19, Los Angeles 22, Atlanta 35, Boston 30, Chicago 31, Dallas 30, Denver 21, Des Moines 14, Detroit 17, Honolulu 78, Houston 38, Indianapolis 21, Portland, Ore. 30, St. Louis 22, Salt Lake City 30, San Francisco 40, Seattle 40, Spokane 27, Washington 29.

Table listing Idaho cities and their temperatures: Boise 34, Idaho Falls 31, Pocatello 31, Twin Falls 30, Lewiston 36.

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Robbins

Continued from Page A1 and accountant at Dietrich before selling his dairy in 1988 through a federal buy-out program. He now lives in Twin Falls. He talked about running for the GOP nomination for the 2nd District congressional seat in 1986, but he withdrew before filing. Magic Valley Republicans and Democrats alike speculate that Robbins is politically ambitious. They suggest he might make a run for the senatorial seat currently held by state Sen. Larecy Anderson. Or, depending upon the way the political winds blow, some say he may seek national running for the 2nd District congressional seat held by Rep. Richard Stallings. But Robbins wouldn't discuss his future political plans Monday. "I think I've made enough major decisions now," he said.

The governor also said there were "no deals made" to sway Robbins. But, Anders added, "We'll help him where we can, as we do all other Democrats." Peavey said the Magic Valley can only stand to benefit from a stronger two-party forum. "The system works better when you have both sides involved in government," he said. Robbins, however, said he'll be backed for a cool reception when the Legislature convenes next month. "At least it will be in front of me rather than behind me," he said. Robbins suggested there will be no love lost between him and his former GOP colleagues. No Republican came forward to try to change Robbins' mind, he said. Anders said he'll discuss his switch with Idaho's speaker of the House. "I don't know why he didn't know how to call me," Robbins said. But House Speaker Tom Boyd, R-Genesee, said he left messages for Robbins over the weekend and was "surprised as hell" by Robbins' switch. "It's not unheard-of-for-a legislator

to change parties, Boyd said. But, the speaker added, it is unusual for a legislator to do so during the middle of a legislative term. "I don't know what will happen here," he said. Robbins, who serves on the Revenue and Taxation, Agricultural Affairs and Commerce, Industry and Tourism committees, could find himself with all new assignments, Boyd said. House leaders will meet today to discuss committee assignments for their newest Democrat. Anders, Twin Falls Democratic Chairman Ken Pedersen and other party leaders, suggested Monday that Magic Valley Democrats may be finding a voice — finally. Rep. Jim Hansen, D-Boise, who was among the party dignitaries flanking Robbins on Monday, said the Democrats have always known that the Magic Valley was a "sleeping giant." "An active two-party system will make the rest of the state stand up and listen," he said.

Economy

Continued from Page A1 of the state," Church said. In his annual assessment of the state's financial future, Church said expansion should average about 3.6 percent a year, two-thirds of the growth rate during the boom-years of the 1970s. "We expect to see non-agricultural employment increase 3.1 percent and population grow 2.2 percent, the highest rate since 1979," according to Church's analysis, used to help the utility project power demand in 16 southern Idaho service areas. Going into the first decade of the 21st century, Church said the annual

increase in employment should increase at an even stronger rate while population growth will decline slightly. Leading the charge, he said, will be machinery and electronics with food processing close behind. Service and trade industries should also be strong while timber should maintain the stability it has gained after dramatic contraction in the earlier 1980s. Church said the strongest growth in jobs and population will be in Ada County, the state's largest. The growth rate will be as high as 7 percent a year through the mid-1990s.

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Bush sent emissaries to China 1 month after uprising crushed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush secretly dispatched high-level emissaries to Beijing last July, months ahead of a December trip that ignited a storm of criticism, the White House said Monday.

Bush, meanwhile, urged opponents of his China policy to "be a little patient."

Brent Scowcroft, the president's national security adviser, led both missions to China, accompanied by Lawrence Eagleburger, the deputy secretary of state.

Scowcroft's first trip, kept secret until now, came 2 months after Chinese troops crushed a pro-democracy movement, killing hundreds of demonstrators.

A White House statement said the July trip was intended to underscore the United States' "shock and concern about the violence in Tiananmen square and to impress upon the Chinese government the seriousness with which this incident was viewed in the United States."

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said he could not

U.S. decries Cuba as 'renegade nation'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department renewed its criticism on Monday of Cuban arms shipments to Central America and said it is time for Cuba to stop acting like a renegade nation.

Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said Cuba should stop sending weapons to Nicaragua's leftist government and Nicaragua should stop sending

such arms on to Salvadoran rebels.

"She said that Cuba must begin shouldering more responsibility than before because it will soon become a member of the U.N. Security Council."

"It needs now to begin acting in a way consistent with the great responsibility it will bear in the council," she said.

remaining skeptics should "be a little patient and wait and see" how Beijing responds.

Congressional critics have said the administration is moving too close to China too soon in the violent crackdown on young demonstrators.

But Bush said of such critics, "They've been dealing with emotion and not facts. Once they deal with a full deck, I expect people will understand it."

He refused to say whether China had offered any guarantees in

return for his decision to rekindle relations with Beijing in the aftermath of the June killings.

Bush said he does not know when Chinese dissident Fang Lizhi would be able to leave the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, where he has taken refuge since the crackdown.

Fitzwater said Scowcroft had denied there were any negotiations going on with China about an acceptable country where Fang might go.

The president, who has been

accused by Democrats of "kowtowing" to the Chinese leaders, said, "I'm just going to stay with my position and take on a little heat from time to time."

Already, Bush said, "I notice now that some of the critics who were so opposed and using this fantastically diabolically anti-me language, they come up now saying, 'Well, if you get a b and c, then it will be all right or then we'll understand.' Let them just stay tuned in."

Saying the United States did not want to isolate a nation of a billion-plus people, Bush said the reopening of contacts was not a "salute" to the Chinese leaders.

Bush made his comments in a car-epid interview with The Associated Press and three other news agencies.

On other topics, the president:

- Said a bill he signed to bail out the savings and loan industry was "a major economic accomplishment, but I continue to worry about the S&Ls. He did not elaborate.
- Said his pledge against raising

taxes this year was good for 1990 "as far as I'm concerned." He said he had kept his vow in 1989 "and I want to continue keeping it."

- Scuffed at reports that Colombian drug lords had put up a \$30 million assassination contract on his life.
- "There is nothing to it," Bush said. "Let me take this opportunity to reassure the American people that we will not unduly risk anyone's life here and there. I feel confident that the security provisions in Cartagena will guarantee the safety of the president of the United States." Bush plans to attend a meeting of Andean leaders in the Colombian city in February to discuss the drug fight.
- Said he felt "enormous frustration" that Americans are still held as hostages in Lebanon. "It's on my mind an awful lot," Bush said, adding that he had written notes recently to families of the hostages.
- The president said the tone of moderation in Iran after the death of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has not been backed up by action.

Briefly

U.S. denies threatening Salvadorans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said Monday that it "absolutely and unequivocally" denied assertions by a Salvadoran couple who said they were mistreated by interrogators after they linked the Salvadoran army to the deaths of six Jesuit priests last month.

Jorge Cerna, and his wife, Lucia Barrera de Cerna, told The New York Times that U.S. and Salvadoran investigators repeatedly accused them of lying, and that at one point were threatened with deportation from the United States.

Mrs. Barrera de Cerna worked as a housekeeper for the priests.

Martina Doggett of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights said the woman was so intimidated by FBI agents and a Salvadoran colonel that she recanted her story.

After the couple's allegations appeared in Monday's editions of The New York Times, the State Department reaffirmed the denials it issued last week after charges by a Salvadoran cleric.

Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said Mrs. Barrera de Cerna was treated with "respect and courtesy" during the interviews, which were conducted in the United States over a period of several days in late November.

U.S. kept mum about nuclear health risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government failed to inform nuclear bomb factory workers about learning in the late 1940s that releases of radiation from the facilities posed serious health risks, according to a congressional report released Monday.

The report, based in part on previously secret government documents, indicates that federal officials knew more about such health dangers than has been acknowledged, and that decisions were made to keep workers in the dark.

The report was prepared by the majority staff of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. The panel is investigating health research programs of the Energy Department, which owns the 17

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major facilities that design and make nuclear arms.

More than 600,000 people have worked at the weapons plants over the last 45 years.

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio and the committee's chairman, said in releasing the report that it "shows that the U.S. nuclear weapons program was exposing large numbers of workers to potentially dangerous health risks but did nothing to warn them."

The report focused mainly on the period of 1947 to 1954, during which the Atomic Energy Commission, the predecessor to the Energy Department, was rapidly expanding nuclear arms production amid deep suspicions about Soviet and other foreign work on nuclear bombs.

Records of an October 1948 meeting of an AEC advisory committee indicated that enough was known then about releases of radiation at the Hanford plutonium plant near Richland, Wash., to raise concerns about workers' health.

Yet it was decided at that meeting not to recommend closing Hanford temporarily while action was taken to stop the release of plutonium particles into the air.

The report deals almost entirely with worker exposure to airborne plutonium, but does note that significant quantities of the radioactive element were measured away from the Hanford plant.

A plant official said in a 1948 memo that "one of these samples taken in Richland was at least 10 times hotter than average."

Despite the concerns about health dangers, "a counter-balancing concern was the perceived need, fueled by Cold War fears, to continue plutonium production because of the relatively small size of the U.S. nuclear arsenal in 1948," the report said.

The report quoted a committee report from the October 1948 meeting as saying, "there is no scientific evidence that it is an unwarranted hazard to continue the present process for six weeks."

Training lack hurts airport security

WASHINGTON (AP) — Increased security procedures since the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 are not being carried out properly at high-risk foreign airports due to a lack of training standards, a congressional report said Monday.

The General Accounting Office report faults the Federal Aviation Administration for not establishing minimum training requirements and standards for the extra security measures taken following the Dec. 21, 1988, disaster that killed 270 people.

Kenneth Mead, GAO director for transportation issues, told a presidential commission investigating aviation security and the Pan Am crash that the congressional watchdog agency has found several "fundamental deficiencies" in FAA security programs.

Earlier reports, he noted, found problems with passenger screening, airport security controls and security inspections.

The latest study found that the FAA does not adequately oversee foreign airline security training at foreign airports where U.S. airlines are responsible for security of their planes and passengers.

Smoking down, tobacco exports up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans smoked less in 1989 than in the year before, the Agriculture Department said Monday.

"Despite record exports of about 130 billion cigarettes, output is down," said the report from the department's Economic Research Service.

U.S. cigarette consumption may be off about 4 percent from last year, the report said, without detail. "Use of cigars and smoking tobacco continues to decline, but snuff production is up," it added.

The Agriculture Department said the U.S. tobacco crop is larger this year than last, but overall, 1989-90 supplies are lower because of smaller stocks held at the beginning of the year.

"Tighter supplies, higher price supports, and a little better quality 1989 crop have boosted prices of most types of tobacco this season," said the report.

Total production this year is expected to be nearly 1.5 billion pounds, 7 percent above 1988, but 16 percent below the 1980-85 average.

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Post Offices offering tree ornaments

WASHINGTON (AP) — Christmas trees can get a holiday stamp of approval from the U.S. Postal Service with special ornaments on sale this year.

The silverplated ornaments, which sell for \$12.95 each, are being offered in about a third of the agency's divisions across the country or may be ordered from the Postal Service Philatelic Sales Division in Washington.

The ornaments feature the annual Christmas stamps, one using the religious version and the other the secular design. The stamps are sealed in a clear resin and surrounded by a silver tracery styled as clusters of holly leaves and berries.

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U.S. cigarette consumption may be off about 4 percent from last year, the report said, without detail. "Use of cigars and smoking tobacco continues to decline, but snuff production is up," it added.

The Agriculture Department said the U.S. tobacco crop is larger this year than last, but overall, 1989-90 supplies are lower because of smaller stocks held at the beginning of the year.

"Tighter supplies, higher price supports, and a little better quality 1989 crop have boosted prices of most types of tobacco this season," said the report.

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Customs says drug planes won't be ready until June

WASHINGTON (AP) — The malfunctioning detection systems on U.S. Customs Service radar planes built to spy on drug-smuggling pilots won't be fixed until June, according to an agency letter released Monday.

In the most recent setback for the two first-of-kind, high-tech P3 Airborne Early Warning planes, a top Customs Service official said in a letter to Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., that the agency anticipates the problems "will be resolved by June of 1990" — a half-year later than expected.

The Associated Press reported in November that the radar systems had experienced problems since the moment the first plane arrived in June 1988 at the Customs Service Surveillance Support Center in Corpus Christi, Texas.

"Everyone was being a little optimistic" in estimates that the problems would be fixed by the end of this year, agency spokesman Dick Weart said Monday. "Extensive testing" by the plane's manufacturer will take longer than anticipated, he said.

The major problems in the aircraft, built by Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Co., affected the heart of the plane's mission — the ability to use sophisticated computers to locate and track smuggler aircraft.

The planes, one costing \$27 million and the other \$30.6 million, are considered crucial frontline weapons in fighting illegal drugs. The government estimates 51 percent of the cocaine seized during 1988 arrived by air — 45 percent in private planes. The Customs Service is continuing to use the planes despite the problems.

Advisory panel finds radiation safety lacking

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pantex nuclear weapons assembly plant in Texas appeared to have no plan to handle May's accidental release of radioactive gas, according to an advisory committee report to Energy Secretary James D. Watkins released Monday.

"It is still unclear that effective control of the situation by an adequately prepared response team ever took place," John F. Ahearne, chairman of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Facility Safety, said in a letter to Watkins.

The letter also raised questions about safety and environmental practices at Pantex, the nation's only final assembly plant for nuclear bombs and missile warheads.

The committee said the response to the May release of tritium, a radioactive gas, was of "variable quality."

Radiation specialists and technicians responded properly to minimize workers' exposure at the plant outside Amarillo.

There appeared to be no plan to handle what surely must be an anticipated accident.

Exposure to workers was below federal guidelines.

High Court starts computer transmissions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texts of Supreme Court opinions soon will be available via computer within minutes of their announcement from the bench, a court official said Monday.

James R. Donovan, director of data systems for the high court, said the experimental system will be put in operation, perhaps by spring, for a two-year run.

During an 18-month study into speedy delivery of high court opinions in electronic form, a special committee headed by Donovan originally envisioned letting some private agency distribute the opinions to all interested parties.

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Shuttle launch put off until Jan. 8

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The launch of the space shuttle Columbia on a satellite rescue mission was put off Monday until Jan. 8 to allow more time to correct launch pad problems and to let workers go home for the holidays.

Shuttle managers made the decision after assessing progress on lagging work at renovated pad 39A, which has not been used for nearly four years. A series of pad problems earlier caused two previous short postponements of the mission, which is to deploy one satellite and retrieve another that is falling to Earth.

With the problems blocking any chance to launch this week and with the holidays approaching, the managers said they would stand down until after the first of the year. The latest scheduled launch date had been Thursday.

The team worked very hard to get Columbia off before Christmas, but the added work of going off a refurbished pad and a new mobile launch platform really slowed us down," said William B. Lenoir, NASA's associate administrator for space flight.

He said the delay should not affect the nine other shuttle launches planned in 1990.

Arizona governor undergoes surgery

PHOENIX (AP) — Gov. Rose Mofford underwent surgery Monday to have her infected gallbladder removed and to clear blockages believed to have been caused by gallstones.

Surgery began shortly after noon and was expected to last two hours, said Debra Gelbart, a spokeswoman for St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center.

"We think that surgery is the best option at this time," Robert Hurlington, a cardiologist and Mrs. Mofford's primary physician said shortly before surgery began. "She feels herself that surgery is the best option."

Mrs. Mofford probably will have to remain in the hospital for seven to 10 days after surgery but should be able to work from her bed and could recover to deliver her State of the State address Jan. 8, the doctors said.

Veterans get checks for Agent Orange

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly 8,900 supplemental benefit checks totaling \$27.3 million were mailed last week to Vietnam War veterans disabled by the chemical defoliant Agent Orange, the lawyer administering the payment program said Monday.

During the next several days 500 more checks will be sent to veterans of their survivors, said the attorney, Deborah Greenspan. The payments ranged from \$256 to \$8,100, she said.

U.S. District Judge Jack B. Weinstein of Brooklyn, who is overseeing the Agent Orange benefit program, last month ordered that the additional payments be sent before Christmas.

The payments weren't significantly change the total award an eligible veteran will receive, but will provide a large share of the compensation in a lump-sum payment.

Candles pay tribute to Civil War battle

SHARPSBURG, Md. (AP) — Flames from 23,110 candles illuminated snowy Antietam battlefield, flickering in a holiday tribute to each soldier killed, wounded or missing on the bloodiest day of the Civil War.

The candles, burning inside sand-filled brown paper bags, emitted faint light at dusk Sunday. When darkness fell, a trumpet-led taps and 2,826 automobiles began a slow procession through 4.5 miles of the battlefield of rolling hills 70 miles west of Baltimore.

"You actually had a sense of being — spirits," John Gress, a Waynesboro, Pa., retiree said. "In one place, someone placed a candle so somehow it glistened on a tree covered with ice. It was unbelievable."

More men were killed or wounded at Antietam on Sept. 17, 1862, than on any other single day in American military history. Union casualties were 12,410 and Confederate 10,700.

Regulators told to sell S&L assets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration, under mounting pressure to increase the pace of its savings and loan bailout, will tell regulators to start immediately on the huge task of selling more than \$300 billion in S&L assets.

A strategic plan developed by the Resolution Trust Corp. Oversight Board directs regulators to begin selling real estate and other assets even before the government officially closes the S&Ls owning the assets.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the plan Monday. Regulators "should... immediately begin striking such institutions' balance sheets in a coordinated and orderly manner," according to a final draft of the 91-page plan, scheduled for release by the end of the year.

Small town rocked by allegations of abuse

EDENTON, N.C. (AP) — When five people were indicted on charges of sexually abusing children at a daycare center, the news reverberated through this town of 5,800, seemingly touching everyone.

In the months since the first allegations were made against Little Rascals' Day Care Center last January, wave after wave of indictments have been handed up. Court documents listing 202 charges say 619 children had intercourse in front of children and performed oral and anal sex with them from September 1988 to January 1989.

The initial reports were based on evidence from 21 children who were allegedly molested, but prosecutors say all of the approximately 70 children who attended the center are potential witnesses. The center lost its license in June and was closed.

Nearly everyone here knows someone who has been indicted or the family of a child involved in the case.

"I've watched some of the parents of victims grow up," said Alton Elmore, owner of Edenton Furniture and a Chowan County executive. "And I've watched some of them who've been charged grow up."

That sense of community makes it doubly difficult for residents to deal with the sudden onslaught of news media and curiosity seekers.

A clerk at a children's clothing store shied away from discussing the case with a stranger. "The manager of the store's little girl is involved in it, so I don't think I should say anything," she said.

Other people offered similar responses. "It's just a bad situation. Some are very upset," said John Smith, owner of Edenton Floral Co., a block away from the choppy waters of the Albemarle Sound.

But while people are reluctant to talk about the case to outsiders, they are freer among themselves. Rumors grow so abundant at one point that District Attorney H.P. Williams issued a statement warning residents that they could jeopardize the state's case.

Townspersons are beginning to tire of the lengthy pre-trial hearings, sometimes lambasting that Williams has been dragging his feet since the first hearing April 14, when the first arrest occurred.

Williams, up for re-election next November, has sometimes found himself in an unkind public spotlight and appeared reluctant to discuss even tangential issues.

"Public outrage and a concern for the children may have prompted bonds ranging from \$375,000 to \$1.5 million — so high that only one defendant has been released."

All but one of the defendants is charged with the same four crimes: engaging in sex with a child under 13, taking indecent liberties with a minor, crimes against nature, and conspiracy to commit indecent liberties with a child.

The fifth, former Little Rascals' employee Shelley Stone, is charged with all but crimes against nature.

All five defendants have pleaded innocent.

Robert Kelly Jr., 41, who operated Little Rascals with his wife, Elizabeth Kelly, 34, is in jail on \$1.5 million bond. He is charged with 152 counts involving at least 21 boys and girls under age 13.

Mrs. Kelly is charged with 19 counts involving eight children and faces a \$1 million bond. A friend of the Kellys, Willard Scott Privott, 40, has been charged with 13 counts involving six children, plus kidnapping and terrorizing one girl. He is being held on \$1 million bond.

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Education groups pan Channel One

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four national education groups said Monday that they support Turner Broadcasting Co.'s commercial-free news program for children but are denouncing rival Channel One because it carries commercials.

"Exploitation of a captive audience in the classroom, using the classroom and the curriculum as a marketplace for products rather than a marketplace for ideas, and selling or trading students in a classroom for a satellite dish or a television monitor are outrageous breaches of ethical practice," Gary Marx, associate executive director of the American Association of School Administrators, said about Channel One.

Marx joined representatives of the National PTA, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Education Association at a news conference with Ted Turner, president of Turner Broadcasting.

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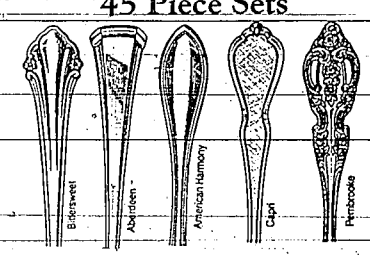
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NATO study sees beginning of cuts in Soviet defense spending

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The Soviet Union appears to have begun cutting its defense expenditures, including in the critical area of conventional forces, according to a new NATO study released Monday.

The analysis by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization offers new evidence that Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is trying to pare the nation's massive military industry.

"While NATO remains highly skeptical regarding Soviet claims for its defense expenditures, it appears that the Soviet Union is indeed beginning to trim its defense outlays," said the study, a copy of which was approved last month by the ambassadors of the 16 alliance nations. It was made available by the U.S. mission to NATO.

"A year ago, Gorbachev went before the United Nations and promised to cut unilateral

Soviet military forces by 500,000 troops and reduce conventional arms substantially. Month later, he called for a 14.2 percent cut in military spending and a 19.5 percent reduction in military production.

The nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and those of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact are negotiating in Vienna to reduce tanks, armored personnel carriers and other conventional weapons in Europe. The West wants to slash what it sees as the Soviets' enormous superiority in these arms.

In the report, NATO analysts said that in line with Gorbachev's U.N. speech, "the Soviet Union is reducing the size of its conventional forces."

"A number of major procurement programs, particularly in the land armaments area, are being scaled back," it said. It added, however, that it was too early to tell

whether all of Gorbachev's promises would be carried out.

The report did not give specific figures for defense cutbacks.

Soviet officials say their military budget for next year will be \$114.8 billion, off 8.2 percent from 1989's reported spending plan.

The NATO report, based on defense spending through 1988, said the budget outlays reported this year by the Kremlin appeared too low to cover the cost of Soviet military activities.

It estimated that the Kremlin spent \$210 billion to \$258 billion in 1988.

"That sum, it said, would amount to about 15 percent to 18 percent of the Soviet economy's total output. In comparison, NATO estimates that U.S. defense spending last year accounted for about 6.1 percent of the gross national product.

Most of the differences in budget estimates was due to artificially low prices the Soviets maintain for some defense efforts, the report said. It also said the Soviets do not appear to include some costs added to Western budgets.

Defense spending grew at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of about 2 percent to 3 percent in the 1985-88 period, a bit ahead of the pace in the first half of the decade, the report said.

"Underlying the estimate of defense spending growth is a fairly rapid increase in procurement expenditures, which approach 40 percent of total outlays," the report said.

"This increase in growth has been driven by the production of several new generations of weapon systems, the development of which predates Gorbachev," it said.

It said expenditures on operations and

maintenance grew by about 2 percent annually. Spending on research and development gained but little rise was found in personnel expenditures.

The report noted Gorbachev's drive to restructure the economy so that some of the money spent for defense would be channeled into consumer goods. But it said the conversion campaign "still appears to lack an integrated plan."

It said it would be difficult to estimate Soviet defense spending in the next decade because of the dramatic political, economic and military changes likely to take place.

"Although pressure to reduce military spending will continue, the Soviet leadership will remain determined not to let Soviet military capability fall below the level that it judges necessary to protect the security of the state," the report concluded.



Supporters of rightist Fernando Collor de Mello rally in Rio de Janeiro Sunday.

Conservative candidate leading Brazil's first elections in 29 years

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — Vote counts Monday indicated Fernando Collor de Mello, a conservative believer in free markets, had defeated his socialist opponent in Brazil's first direct presidential election in 29 years.

The Supreme Electoral Court said Collor de Mello held a 1 percent lead over Luis Inacio Lula da Silva after 33.8 percent of the votes from Sunday's election were counted. The official tally was slow because states were double-checking their figures to avoid errors.

Innet Tamnani, spokesman for the Electoral Court, said Collor de Mello's lead was expected to grow as returns arrived from his strongholds in remote central and northern regions, where ballot boxes were carried to vote-counting centers by canoe and mule.

"He said final results would be announced by Wednesday.

Globo TV, the nation's largest television network, projected Collor de Mello as the winner and had him ahead by 3 million votes, or 5.1 percent, in an unofficial tally based on 86.8 percent of returns from the state.

Network owner Roberto Marinho supported Collor de Mello, but Globo TV said all its results were compiled from returns announced by state election officials.

Da Silva — known as Lula, the nickname he has made part of his legal name — led early in the official count on the basis of returns from two strongholds, the southern cities of Porto Alegre and Rio de Janeiro.

Collor de Mello rebounded with a strong showing in Sao Paulo, Brazil's wealthiest and most populous state,

and in the southeastern industrial and farming state of Minas Gerais.

Roberto Rosas of the Electoral Court said rain slowed voter turnout in Bahia, a northeastern coastal state where Da Silva was expected to do well.

He said the Electoral Court was investigating charges by the Workers Party, da Silva's organization, that voters could not get to polling stations in Bahia and Ceara states, both da Silva country, because private bus companies took their vehicles off the streets.

"If the difference between the candidates is slight, the Court will set a third election date for municipalities that had 'trouble' voting," Rosas told The Associated Press.

The winner is to succeed President Jose Sarney on March 15 and serve five years, but pressure is growing for Sarney to resign earlier. Two Cabinet members said Sunday said the president-elect should take office soon because of severe economic problems.

In a first-round-of-voting Nov. 15, Collor de Mello and da Silva got the most votes of 21 candidates, but neither won a majority.

Collor de Mello, 40, formed the National Reconstruction Party less than a year ago. He advocates free markets, cleaning up corruption in government and paying the \$110 billion foreign debt, but on less burdensome terms.

The business, military and media establishments united behind Collor de Mello, who comes from a wealthy family with a long political tradition.

Da Silva, 44, of the leftist Workers Party, urged sweeping land reform, redistribution of income and immedi-

ate suspension of payments on the foreign debt.

News of Collor de Mello's lead stabilized financial markets Monday and caused a sharp decline of the dollar's value on the illegal, but tolerated, black market. The price of a dollar was 17 new cruzados Monday, down from 22 at the close of business Friday.

Opposition in both Germanys fighting drive for reunification

EAST BERLIN (AP) — East German reformers and West German opposition Social Democrats pressed for protection of the sovereignty of both Germanys on Monday, the eve of a summit that will raise the issue of reunification.

Representatives of 16 political parties, pro-democracy groups and social organizations meeting at a second session to discuss East Germany's future declared the summit to be both a sign of hope and an opportunity for change.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl is to meet with East Germany's Communist premier, Hans Modrow, in Dresden on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Kohl has made clear that his conservative-led government seeks eventual reunification of the two German states that have been divided since 1945.

But Modrow and many other East Germans, in the increasingly fragmented political arena, have said joining the two states would result in a "sellout" of East German land and industry.

The meetings between Kohl and Modrow "express the expectation that the visit will contribute to the building of relations between East Germany and West Germany," the participants said.

But they also warned that Kohl's visit "may in no case put the sovereignty or state identity of either German nation in question."

The broad forum, includes Com-

munist Party chief Gregor Gysi, as well as Interim President Manfred Gerlach of the Liberal Democrats and pairs of representatives from the Neues Forum opposition group and more than a dozen others.

Many of the small parties and citizens' movements are positioning themselves for the forthcoming election campaign for parliamentary seats, as well as airing their views on how the nation should be reformed after four decades of Communist domination.

East Germany's first free elections are set for May 6, a result of the first forum held Dec. 7.

Under pressure from mass pro-democracy protests, East Germany in the past two months also has ousted its hard-line leaders, opened the Berlin Wall and other borders, and ushered in reforms.

In West Berlin, the out-of-power Social Democratic Party opened its national convention Monday, focusing on how the two German nations should be brought together in the new age of open borders.

Party leader Hans-Jochen Vogel, who is likely to challenge Kohl in federal elections for the West German leadership a year from now, said East Germany must be allowed to find its own path.

Vogel applied for a "border-transcending solidarity" (to prevent further mass emigration from East Germany).

More than 300,000 East Germans have fled to West Germany in 1989, many giving up hope that their state could rectify its daunting economic problems or institute democracy in the place of Stalinism.

The "westward tide has ebbed somewhat since the borders were opened Nov. 9 and East Germans were allowed to come and go as they pleased."

But Germans on both sides of the border fear that if visible improvement in the lives of East Germans is not achieved soon, the exodus will increase.

Gerlach, who was named interim president Dec. 6 after former leader Egon Krenz was forced to resign, said the situation is "already critical."

Gerlach said the basic supply of goods and services to the public is threatened after Jan. 1 if labor and distribution are not improved by then.

An East German newspaper disclosed Monday that a new law on trade unions to be presented to parliament will include a right to strike.

Polish reforms under attack from farmers

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The Solidarity-led government's economic reform came under attack Monday from farmers' representatives, who said they preferred guaranteed minimum prices to the risk of a free market.

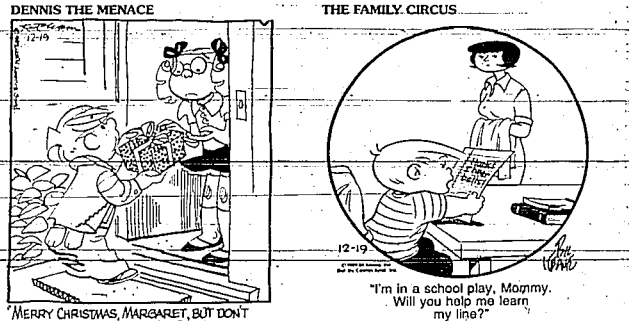
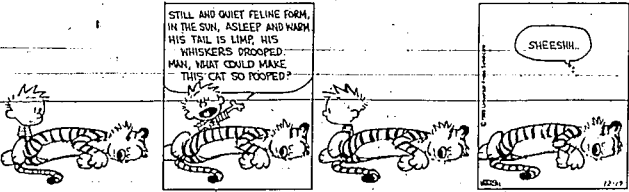
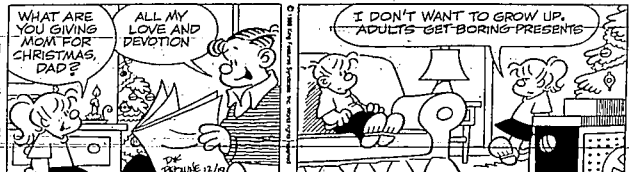
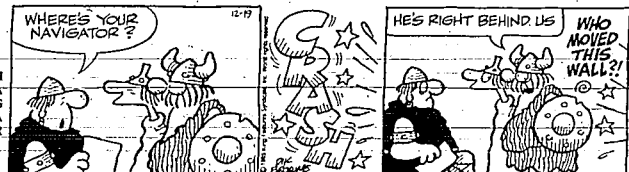
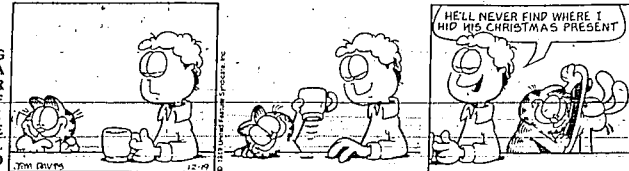
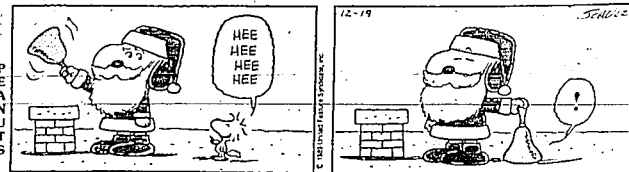
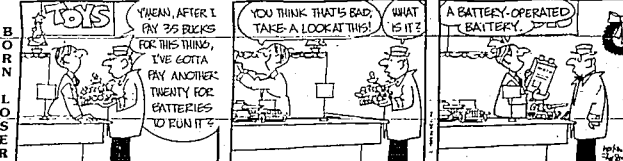
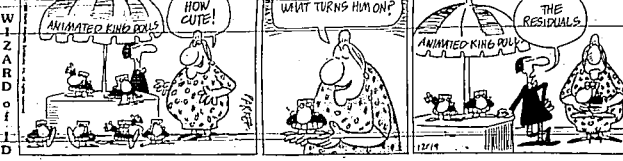
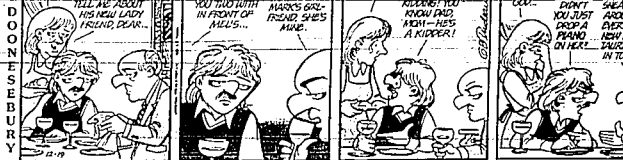
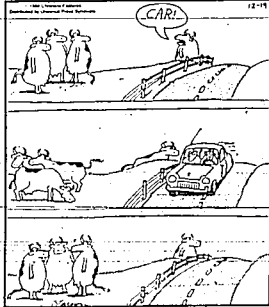
Farmers became the first major interest group to object to the government economic program that was unveiled Sunday. The plan aims to transform Poland into a market economy after 45 years of Communist economics, and calls for sharp cuts in state spending and subsidies to balance the budget and cure Poland's 900 percent inflation.

While the discussion on farm policy was sharp, the government's economic reform program was not considered to be in serious trouble.

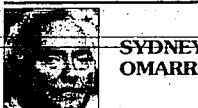
Agriculture Minister Czeslaw Janiczek told the Sejm, the lower house of Parliament, that the government would create an agency to intervene in the market if farm prices fall too low, but that it is essential to move away from government-mandated prices.

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ASTROLOGICAL FORECASTS

IF DECEMBER 19 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are independent, can be self-indulgent, are dynamic, attractive, sensual. You can also be stubborn. Leo, Aquarius persons play important roles in your life. Major domestic adjustment takes place in January, could mean change of residence or marital status.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Money will be expended for necessary repairs, most likely in home. Focus on personnel, general health, care of pets, dependents. Get priorities, agreements in writing. Virgo plays major role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll be saying, "Perhaps I should change my lifestyle!" Focus on music, beauty, love relationship. Lunar aspect highlights ability to imprint, to set your own pace. Libra figures prominently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Attention centers around real estate, possibility of recovering lost article. Someone is keeping something from you — let it be known that you are aware of individual who proposes secret agreement is bluffing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Despite odds, this can be your power play day. Those who should know better repeat gossip, rumors. Facts are that relationship is strong, law is on your side. Capricorn, another Cancer plays roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emphasis on how to get more money for product, services. You'll be rid of burden, opportunity will knock at your door — loud. You'll come full circle. You'll make declaration of independence.

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What's that

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To the household competitor who accuses you of being lazy, quote that sage Jules Renard: "Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired."

IF YOU THINK YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE IS A BIT HIGH, YOU MIGHT TRY LOWERING IT BY OPENING A JAR OF APPLE BUTTER. Wait, too whimsical—What prompts the silly notion is research by Yale scientists. Frangrances, they learned, affect your emotional condition. And the smell of spiced apples was seen to lower blood pressures of some subjects.

IF YOU SHOW YOUR HORSE HOW TO TON ON THE STABLES AT DUSK, IT WILL DO SO DAILY, I'M TOLD.

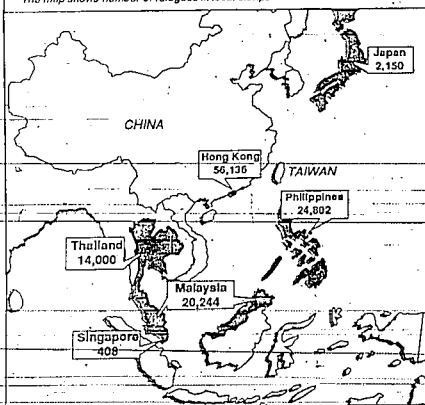
LARGEST
Q. Isn't the American Association of Retired Persons now the largest organized group in the United States?
A. It's No. 2 with 30 million. No. 1 with 53 million is the Roman Catholic Church.

"IMITATION," said the great comedian of yesteryear Fred Allen, "is the sincerest form of television."
You and I grew up thinking the orchid was a flower for special occasions, did we not? But why? It's not a rarity. A seventh of all the flowers that bloom are orchids of one sort or another.
You know why the doughnut became so popular in an earlier America? More people had frying pans than ovens.
"DUMPING"
Q. In the barroom business, what's meant by "dumping"?
A: Pouring cheap booze into empty bottles of expensive liquors. Not the same as "marring," combining two half-empties of the same liquor into one full bottle.
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World

Boat People in Local Camps

This map shows number of refugees in local camps in Asia.



Source: Authorities in various countries. AP/Maria P. Hernandez

Vietnamese continue protests in Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — Government security officers said Monday they are increasingly worried that violence will break out at detention centers filled with Vietnamese protesting their forced repatriation.

The daily demonstrations, which started when 51 people were sent back to Vietnam on Dec. 12, continued Monday with thousands of Vietnamese marching and staging sit-ins at three detention centers in this British colony.

The protests have been peaceful, although prison officers were threatened Sunday by Vietnamese wielding homemade weapons at one camp.

Junior officers of the Corrections Services Department, which runs the camps, said they feared for their lives because of the growing numbers of weapons being uncovered, the government-run radio reported.

They also said the demonstrations increased worries the weapons would be used against prison officers and urged the government to fill hundreds of staff vacancies to increase security.

Robert Van Leuven, the head of the local office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said he did not believe the forced repatriation would greatly deter more Vietnamese from sailing to Hong Kong from their Communist homeland.

About 56,000 Vietnamese are languishing in camps in Hong Kong. About 12,000 who arrived before June 1988 are considered refugees eligible for resettlement abroad.

2 U.S. F-16 fighter jets collide in West Germany; 1 pilot dies

FRANKFURT, West Germany — Two U.S. Air Force F-16 fighters collided in flight near a densely populated area Monday, sending one of the jets crashing into a market and killing one pilot, officials said.

There were no reports of injuries on the ground.

Spokesman Doug Moore said from the U.S. Air Force headquarters in Ramstein that one pilot was taken to a U.S. Army hospital and that his condition was not known.

Moore said the fate of the pilot of the second aircraft had not been determined. However, local police said in a statement released to the news media that the second pilot was killed.

India's Parliament readies for crucial vote

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The new Parliament began its first session Monday, setting in motion the process for a crucial vote of confidence that Prime Minister V.P. Singh must seek for his minority government.

President Ramaswamy Venkataraman set Jan. 1 as the deadline for Singh to prove his majority in Parliament when he invited him to form the government on Dec. 2.

Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress Party won more seats than any single party in the Nov. 22-26 elections — 193 — but fell far short of the 263 needed for an absolute majority.

Singh's National Front got only 144, but its pledges of post-election support from right-wing Hindu fundamentalists and a leftist array of Communists and socialists give it 283 votes — more than enough to carry the motion which is likely to

come up for vote Thursday.

Singh was the first of the 525 members of the Lok Sabha, or House of the People, to take the oath of allegiance to the Constitution and sign the roll of legislators.

Across the floor members of the Congress Party sat in the opposition benches for only the second time in Indian parliamentary history.

Singh's supporters cheered and slapped the palms of their hands on their tables as he was sworn in.

He then walked across and shook hands with Gandhi.

As soon as Singh's Cabinet ministers took their oaths, Gandhi was sworn in to a new burst of cheers.

Gandhi was surrounded by supporters as he entered the Parliament building. "Long live Rajiv Gandhi!" they chanted as a red and yellow roses bouquet was thrust into his hands.

Singh entered the building well ahead of others and before crowds could gather.

After he was sworn in, he said he would continue the dialogue initiated Sunday to find a political solution to Sikh separatism that has claimed more than 7,000 lives in Punjab in the past eight years.

— Sikh militants elected to the new Parliament did not take the oath Monday, but a militant spokesman said they will do so Thursday.

Major airport delays found at Heathrow

LONDON (AP) — The pre-Christmas travel rush caused long lines and delays at Heathrow Airport, where security has been tightened in the last six weeks, an airport spokesman said Monday.

The operators of Heathrow and six other British airports appealed to passengers to leave Christmas gifts unwrapped, minimize electronic items they pack and limit themselves to one piece of hand baggage to speed up security checks.

"There was a lot of congestion this morning due to heavy Christmas traffic," the Heathrow spokesman said, speaking anonymously in keeping with British custom.

More than 250,000 passengers passed through Heathrow, the world's busiest international airport, during the weekend, he said.

Tighter security measures ordered by the Transport Secretary in October did not contribute to the delays of up to two hours for check-ins, she said.

However, some travel agents were issuing airplane tickets stamped with the warning to check in early "in view of the increased security precautions at British airports."

Those measures include the hiring of 350 additional security staff and stricter checks on airport staff with access to aircraft.

The Heathrow spokeswoman said

the tightened security was not related to Friday's warning by the U.S. State Department about a possible terrorist attack on a U.S. target in Western Europe or West Africa.

Heathrow is spending \$8 million to upgrade security following the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 one year ago Thursday.

The flight originated in Frankfurt, but baggage and passengers were transferred to a larger plane during a stop at Heathrow.

All 259 people on board died, and 11 people on the ground in Lockerbie, Scotland, were killed by the falling wreckage.

"Staff are aware that the spotlight will be on us this week and everyone is anxious that there should be no slip-ups," said one Pan Am worker at Heathrow, requesting anonymity.

Transport Secretary Cecil Parkinson described airport security as "satisfactory for the perceived level of threat."

He said airports are more secure now than a year ago, particularly for U.S. aircraft, "which are regarded as a higher risk than ours."

Heathrow's managing director, Alan Proctor, said: "Particular attention will be given to the examination of electronic goods including radios, computers, cameras and equipment."



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Common respiratory ailment breaks out among children

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A severe outbreak of a common respiratory ailment has sent hundreds of children to hospitals for emergency treatment recently, hospital officials say.

Officials at Primary Children's Medical Center say they've been forced to postpone elective surgeries-to-free beds for patients with respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, as well as influenza.

"We are being clobbered. For about the past seven days or so we've had an increase in respiratory illnesses," said Dr. William Banner, a critical-care physician.

"We are trying not to do elective surgeries and are sending older children to adult hospitals to save our beds for smaller children who need acute pediatric care much more. We really are having a lot of problems," he said.

Other local hospitals also report

ed an increase in pediatric patients suffering from RSV, which officials say affects every child by age 2.

"Among most of them you really wouldn't notice that it's any more than just the usual virus," Banner said. "But the kids who have problems — those with asthma, heart disease or premature lung disease — get really sick."

"They almost sound like they have asthma, but it (RSV) is an acute viral illness that begins with a runny nose," he said.

Banner said older babies, or those with no underlying problems, get a cold and cough and hack, but their healthy immune systems can effectively combat the virus.

He said the virus hits Utah every year, but its severity seems to be cyclical.

"Last year we saw very little, the

year before we had a fair number of cases," Banner said. "This cycle appears to be particularly bad."

"The children with heart or underlying health problems — even otherwise healthy, very small babies — have really gotten very sick this year and a large number of them have needed ventilation support. These are the kids we are seeing at Primary now," he said.

Banner said that like any other virus, RSV "spreads like wildfire. It you have a child that has any contact with the world, he will get it."

He said it is primarily seen among children ages 2 to 4, but even adults can suffer from RSV.

To complicate matters, Utah's of all ages are also being hit hard by influenza and its impostor, parainfluenza, types 1 and 2.

Evanston newspaper urges area residents to turn in drug dealers

EVANSTON, Wyo. (AP) — An Evanston newspaper is urging Uinta County residents to give police information about people involved in "out of the normal" activity that could be connected with drug dealing.

But a spokeswoman for a national news media watchdog group said the Uinta County Herald's "Turn in a Pusher" campaign blurs the separate roles of the police and the press and also makes the newspaper an investigative arm of government.

The campaign initiated Dec. 8 involves the weekly publication of a form providing space for names, addresses and physical descriptions of suspicious persons.

Greg V. Duerden, the newspaper's managing editor, said in an editorial that the campaign is designed to give residents a way to fight the county's drug problems.

"Everyone knows there are illegal drugs being pushed in this town and many people know who the individuals are who are selling this form of death," the editorial said.

The newspaper said police may have some information on drug dealers within the community, but they need the information that the public could supply to begin an investigation.

Duerden said residents should watch for behavior that is "out of the normal pattern of human habitation" in determining whether to report someone.

"Normally if a home or apartment has a lot of high traffic, a lot of people coming in and leaving, like it's a business, that would be a suspicious activity," he said. "If there is a lot of very late, very rowdy parties, that would be something that would be suspicious."

The form is to be mailed to the Evanston Police, who are welcoming the program as a "great way of getting the community to back us on our drug program," according to Chief Russell Harvey.

"We do have a drug problem here but we're not really sure how big it is," he said. "It's definitely less than five years ago, but we still have a problem."

After receiving information, police

will check reports carefully before moving to question someone named in the forms, Harvey said.

"We put up surveillance to be sure there is some trafficking and watch the residence for a while to make sure there is a problem," he said. "We don't just go to someone's home and start asking questions. We try to verify the information given to us by talking with neighbors and doing surveillance."

However, Jane Kirtley, a spokeswoman with the Reporters' Committee on Freedom of the Press in Washington, D.C., said she is concerned about a news organization working with a law enforcement agency.

"I worry ... about the blurring of the role ... of the press and law enforcement agencies," she said. "There is a risk that in the eyes of the public it's not going to appear that the news media are truly independent, but that they are acting hand-in-hand with police in seeking out and apprehending those who have been accused of violating the law."

IBM may have inside track on education computers

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A sweeping initiative to alter public education in Utah by flooding classrooms with computers is rooted in a concept scrawled together by IBM, leaving other vendors scrambling to get in on the action.

Government officials insist the "Technology Initiative" will be an open-door prize with ample chance for all to compete. Ultimately, they say, decisions on the vendors and computer systems will be left to local districts.

But the fact that IBM officials have been in the middle from the beginning and that the only doc-

ument explaining the program was co-authored by the giant computer corporation has outsiders skittish.

Moreover, competing vendors are pressing the state to explain why, if the \$200 million program is so open to all, it's not managed by IBM in Salt Lake City on a high-level state steering committee that is driving the program.

Public officials acknowledge the original proposal came from IBM, but insist no deals or promises have been made.

None of that will occur until the state puts to-

gether what it calls a "project office" that will screen plans from vendors and present recommendations to the Utah Legislature, they told the Standard-Examiner.

But just who will form the project office and which officials will have the final say are difficult to pin down, even though the Legislature will be convening in three weeks.

That the Legislature will be in control, however, can be a comfort to vendors dwarfed by IBM, some lawmakers say.

Church official says university law professor's call for women in Mormon priesthood is inappropriate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A University of Utah law professor's call for admitting women to the Mormon priesthood has been dismissed as "inappropriately counseling the Lord" by a church official.

Edwin R. Firmage, perhaps better known for his role as a Mormon scholar than his career as a law instructor, created a furor in predominantly Mormon Utah when he called for admission of women to the faith's now all-male priesthood last June.

In Sunday's editions of The Salt Lake Tribune, he reiterated and expanded on his call in a guest editorial column.

"I believe women should hold the

priesthood for many reasons: first, because no possible reason of any seriousness exist why they should not. Second, women should be ordained because women and men are fundamentally the same. We are, after all, of the same species... Our similarities as human beings equally in God's image overwhelm the differences," Firmage wrote.

Third, we are different. Women are not imperfect men... our differences are the source of great joy and enrichment and fulfillment to each other... God knows we need the influence of female spirituality in every quorum and council of the church and in every office of the land," he added.

Church spokesman Don LeFevre

said he thought equating the all-male nature of the church's priesthood with unfairness to women Mormons was unfair.

"Mr. Firmage knows that men and women are equal in the sight of the Lord. Having the priesthood does not make one superior to one who does not have the priesthood," LeFevre said. "They just have different roles."

"It sounds to me like he (Firmage) is trying to inappropriately counsel the Lord," LeFevre added.

Firmage wrote that "a savage suppression of femininity" had been maintained in several religious traditions "for at least three and perhaps four or five millennia. Women have been treated as if they had no souls."

He maintained that Christ wanted women to play a greater role in his church. For example, Firmage said, Paul wrote to the Galatians that "There is neither Jew or Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

He said that reconciliation was Christ message, and that "in that sense, Jesus was a feminist. He gathered women disciples as well as men."

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Bowling Green upsets Michigan State on last-second, 3-point basket, 81-79

Late Spartan rally couldn't overcome team's 1st-half turnovers

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Bowling Green's Clinton Venable made a 3-point shot with 14 seconds left Monday night giving the Falcons an 81-79 upset over No. 25 Michigan State.

Venable's basket came after Michigan State (7-2) rallied from a seven-point deficit to take a 79-78 lead on Parish Hickman's rebound of a missed free throw with 1:02 remaining.

Bowling Green turned the ball over with 46 seconds to go but Michigan State's Jeff Casper missed the front end of a one-and-one with 31 seconds to play. Venable scored the winning basket on Bowling Green's next possession.

The Spartans called a timeout with 10 seconds remaining but Steve Smith missed a running 10-footer with five seconds left and Venable ran down the ball near midcourt as time expired.

Steve Watson led Bowling Green (7-1) with 20 points in a game that

included eight ties and 17 lead changes. Venable scored 15 points and Billy Johnson had 12. Smith's 22 points led Michigan State. Kirk Manns added 20 and Ken Reulfield scored 10.

The teams were tied 37-37 at halftime following a first half marred by 21 turnovers, 13 by Michigan State.

Bowling Green took a 9-2 lead and made its first six shots en route to a 15-8 lead after 4:05.

But the Spartans, behind Smith's five points, rallied for a 15-15 tie with 12:33 left in the half.

Michigan State took its first lead on Mark Montgomery's layup with 8:23 left but Bowling Green regained the lead by as many as five points before the halftime standoff.

beaten No. 16 Iowa to a come-from-behind 59-50 victory over Drexel on Monday night.

Iowa (7-0) started 32-26 at halftime but trailed the second half with a 13-5 burst, capped by Moses' layup off a fastbreak at the 13:17 mark that gave the Hawkeyes their first lead, 39-37, since the opening minutes of the game.

A basket by Acie Earl gave Iowa a 43-38 with 10:11 left but Drexel (2-5) closed to 47-46 on Todd Lehmann's 3-point shot with 5:04 remaining.

Iowa opened a 51-46 lead on consecutive baskets by Thompson and two free throws by Moses with 1:21 to play made it 53-46.

Lehmann, who was held to nine points, 11 under his average, fed Chris Arizin for a basket to cut Iowa's lead to 53-48.

Drexel, seeing Iowa to the free-throw line while trying to seal the ball and the Hawkeyes converted six straight, four by Moses, to seal the victory.

Michael Thompson led Drexel with 13 points and Jonathan Raab had 10.

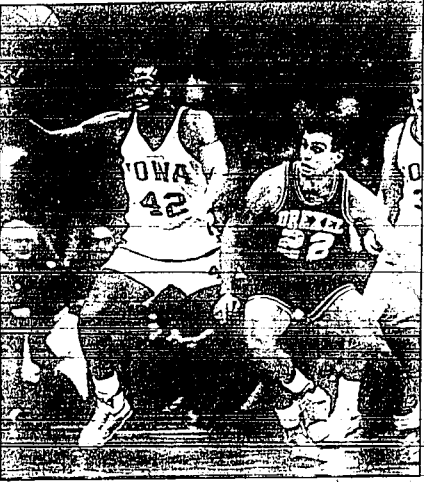
Louisville 93 Austin Peay 59

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Denby Crum became the winningest basketball coach in University of Louisville history Monday night as the ninth-ranked Cardinals beat Austin Peay 93-59 behind Brad Bradford Smith's 18 points.

Crum, 444-149 in his 19th season, received a standing ovation from the 19,114 fans in Freedom Hall when the milestone was announced.

Bernard "Peek" Hickman was 443-183 in 23 seasons with the Cardinals (1944-1967).

Louisville's seventh straight victory also enabled the Cardinals to equal their best start since the 1982-83 Final Four squad also opened with an 8-1 mark.



Iowa's Jay Webb (42) goes after a loose ball with Drexel's Chris Arizin

Iowa 59 Drexel 50

HOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — James Mosman scored 17 points and Ray Thompson had 16 to lead un-

Top 6 teams remain the same in AP poll

By The Associated Press

1,255 points.

The top six teams in the AP college basketball poll remained the same today as last week, but there was a new name toward the bottom of the rankings.

La Salle (4-0) entered the Top 25 for the first time in the 1980s as the Explorers came in at No. 23.

The top of the poll looked very familiar as Syracuse, Kansas, Georgetown, Missouri, Illinois and Michigan stayed in the same spots for the second week in a row.

The Orangemen (7-0) have been in the No. 1 spot for each of the four regular-season polls and this week they received 35 first-place votes and 1,525 points from the nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters.

Kansas (10-0) was next with 20 first-place votes and 1,484 points, 31 more than Georgetown (7-0), which had seven first-place votes.

Missouri (9-0), with one first-place vote and 1,378 points, held fourth and was followed by Illinois (6-0), 1,279 points, and Michigan (7-1),

Records through Dec. 17

| School and record | Points | Plays |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. Syracuse 7-0 (35) | 1,525 | 1 |
| 2. Kansas 10-0 (20) | 1,484 | 2 |
| 3. Georgetown 7-0 (7) | 1,453 | 3 |
| 4. Missouri 9-0 (1) | 1,378 | 4 |
| 5. Illinois 8-0 | 1,279 | 5 |
| 6. Michigan 7-1 | 1,255 | 6 |
| 7. Oklahoma 4-0 | 1,115 | 6 |
| 8. LSU 4-1 | 1,059 | 9 |
| 9. Louisville 7-1 | 1,029 | 10 |
| 10. Arkansas 5-1 | 979 | 7 |
| 11. Indiana 7-0 | 965 | 11 |
| 12. Duke 3-2 | 856 | 12 |
| 13. UNLV 4-2 | 813 | 14 |
| 14. Georgia Tech 5-0 | 793 | 15 |
| 15. N. Carolina St. 6-1 | 638 | 16 |
| 16. Iowa 6-0 | 495 | 21 |
| 17. Memphis St. 4-1 | 469 | 17 |
| 18. UCLA 4-1 | 478 | 13 |
| 19. St. John's 8-2 | 427 | 18 |
| 20. Alabama 8-1 | 419 | 19 |
| 21. Oregon St. 5-1 | 271 | 23 |
| 22. Arizona 2-2 | 260 | 20 |
| 23. La Salle 4-0 | 180 | — |
| 24. Oklahoma St. 4-2 | 125 | 22 |
| 25. Michigan St. 7-1 | 113 | 25 |

CSI stays half game ahead of Northern Idaho in Region 18

By The Associated Press

College of Southern Idaho Coach Fred Trenkle credited Idaho defense in two home court victories last week that pushed his Golden Eagles atop the Scenic West Athletic Conference with a 4-0 record.

CSI defeated Snow College 103-75 Friday and Dixie College 94-76 Saturday behind 26th-year, 6-foot-9 freshman Carlito DaSilva of Sao Paulo, Brazil. DaSilva scored 12 points and hauled down 10 rebounds in the victory over Dixie.

CSI, ranked first nationally by the National Junior College Athletic Association, is now 11-0 on

the season.

Northern Idaho College beat nationally ninth-ranked Ricks College at Coeur d'Alene Friday night behind 6-foot-4 freshman Felix McGowan's 30 points. The Cardinals are second in the league at 3-0 and 41-2 overall.

Utah Valley and Salt Lake community colleges both won league games on the road last week. Utah Valley's Ray Stewart, a 6-foot-2 sophomore transfer from Brigham Young-Hawaii, scored 20 points Friday night in a 108-80 victory at Colorado-Northwest and scored 27 against Eastern Utah in a 92-86 triumph Saturday.

Six-foot-9 sophomore Rod Stark of Guam led Salt Lake with 14 points and eight rebounds Friday in an 87-86 thriller at Eastern Utah and scored 12 points and snagged six rebounds Saturday, 69-64 win against Colorado-NW.

The Wolverines and Bruins are both 3-1 in conference play, with Utah Valley 9-4 overall and Salt Lake 8-5.

In other games, Dixie College beat Treasure Valley 94-72 in Ontario, Ore., and Snow beat the same team 98-69 Saturday night. League play resumes Jan. 12 following a holiday break.

Patriots' Steinberg lands with the Jets

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Dick Steinberg, who helped build the New England Patriots into a Super Bowl team, was hired Monday to do the same thing for the New York Jets.

Steinberg, 54, accepted a contract estimated at five years for nearly \$3.25 million to become the Jets' first general manager in 15 years. He was interviewed Friday by owner Leon Hess and team president Steve Gutman, who will return to administrative and financial duties.

Dick has been given full authority to run the football opera-

tion," Gutman said. "Given the opportunity to get a Dick Steinberg, someone of that caliber and reputation, we had to do it."

The Jets are 4-11, their worst record in seven seasons under Coach Joe Walton. Steinberg would not commit to making any coaching changes.

Not yet, at least. "We will evaluate everyone in a key position and decide in the near future which way we will go," Steinberg said. "Don't ask about a time frame."

"We don't know if we are making a change. We will decide what to do in the near future."



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probably with them than Decto and Filer did last year.

Strength against strength, the differences between the two teams aren't great.

Probably the biggest is that teams that want to shut down Valley have to put the wraps on 6-foot senior guard David Black — who is averaging just under 18 points a game this year — while Kimberly opponents must focus on Holcomb, who is averaging 18 points and 13 rebounds so far.

(Holcomb had 24 points and 11 rebounds against Valley on Dec. 2; Black scored 19 points).

But shutting down Black and

NFL

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CENTRAL HOUSTON OILERS (9-6): The Oilers will clinch the division if they win next week at home against Cleveland. If Houston loses, it will be a wild card if Cincinnati also loses because the Oilers swept Pittsburgh, Miami and the Raiders.

CLEVELAND BROWNS (8-6-1): The Browns will win the division if they win at Houston.

CINCINNATI BENGALS (8-7): The Bengals must win and get much help to be a wild card.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS (8-7): Pittsburgh must win next week and have almost all the other contenders lose.

WEST DENVER BRONCOS (11-4): The Broncos have clinched the division and the home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS (8-7): If the Raiders beat the New York Giants next week, they have a chance for a wild card.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (7-7-1): The Chiefs are a long shot. They must win next week and hope almost all other contenders lose. If the Chiefs win and Cleveland loses, the Chiefs have a potential tiebreaker.

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Montana coach wins '89 honors

BOISE (AP) — University of Montana head football coach Don Read, who guided the Grizzlies to the semifinal round of the NCAA I-AA championship play-offs, has been named the Big Sky Conference football Coach of the Year.

The conference also announced on Monday that Chic Hislop of Weber State College is the league's men's

cross-county Coach of the Year while Ron Mann at Northern Arizona claimed Coach of the Year honors in women's cross-country and Eastern Washington's Pam Parks was named Big Sky women's volleyball Coach of the Year.

Read, in his fourth season at Montana, led the Grizzlies to an 11-3 record overall and 7-1 in the Big

Sky to finish second behind three-time league champion Idaho. Ranked sixth nationally at the end of a 9-2 regular-season campaign, Montana received an at-large bid to the championship play-offs, defeating Jackson State and Eastern Illinois before losing to eventual national champion Georgia Southern.

It was the second straight season under Read that Montana was invited to post-season I-AA play, and the victory over Eastern Illinois was the 100th of his coaching career.

In his four seasons at Montana, Read has posted a 31-16 overall record, winning two-thirds of his Big Sky games.

Hislop was the unanimous selection for the men's cross country honor after guiding Weber State for the 1989 Big Sky Conference title this fall.

It was the second Big Sky Conference cross country title, Hislop's 21 seasons at the helm of the Wildcat cross country and track and field programs.

Pittsburgh finally fires Gottfried

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh coach Mike Gottfried was fired Monday not because of his coaching, but for disputes over academics, fiscal management and his handling of the public and press.

Bozik, wary of acting too quickly after firing his second coach in five years, will head the search for Gottfried's successor and said he would consider Hackett, regarded as

one of football's best quarterback coaches.

No matter who is named coach, Bozik said 23rd-ranked Pitt (7-3-1) has every intention of being competitive despite recently strengthened academic guidelines requiring incoming freshmen to surpass NCAA Proposition 48 guidelines.

"We want to compete in the Top 25 level of college football... we'd like to be in the Top 10 and, of course, we'd like to win a national championship," Bozik said at a news conference. "The goal is the same as when we hired Mike Gottfried (in 1985)."

Gottfried, 26-17-2 in four seasons, was given the option of resigning

after a closed-door meeting with Bozik last Thursday, but refused to quit, forcing Pitt to terminate his contract. Formal announcement of the firing was delayed for four days because of efforts to work out a settlement of Gottfried's five-year rollover contract.

Bozik refused to release details of the settlement.

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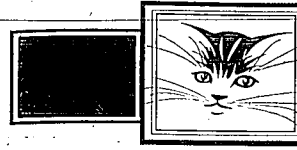
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Quake

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Visitors Bureau dispatched an upbeat "video press release" featuring cable cars and scenic vistas to 200 TV stations around the country. The bureau also rushed a \$300,000 advertising campaign into 15 major newspapers, depleting its advertising budget for next spring.
"For the first time, we have been forced to sell San Francisco as a destination," said Charles McElroy, general manager of the Hyatt Regency San Francisco. "Only then can we turn to selling the hotel."
McElroy noted that this represents a stunning reversal for a city that before the quake was selected by readers of Conde Nast Traveler magazine as their favorite domestic destination.

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dealers. We miss him very much. Will you please bring him back to our school? The end."
Technically, Kilroy, who has no children of his own, was only supposed to patrol nearby Pulaski Park, not the school, when he first began working the area back in 1972.
But he figured that, as long as the school was so close, he might as well check in on the kids when they got out of class.
One thing led to another and pretty soon he started to get to know the youngsters, and they him. And that's how the "straw-telling" jokes, counseling them, helping them with their homework, pressing them to excel, breaking up fights and scaring away gangs.
"Everybody knows him, it's unbelievable," said Jim Baitey, Kosciuszko's principal. "It's like something out of the past where the neighborhood policeman is a respected figure and not an object of scorn and derision."
Kilroy, however, insisted that he

Speeches

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A word of advice: If they start passing out pillows and blankets during your talk, I would say you are losing the audience.
"Some thing if someone breaks out a deck of cards and you hear cries of: 'PIPE DOWN UP THERE! CAN'T YOU SEE WE'RE TRYING TO CONCENTRATE?'"
Still, unless the audience actually begins surging toward you with blizzards of notes, you're not in imminent — I would continue doggedly with your speech.
Remember to employ appropriate hand gestures: Pause often and feign confusion, which should keep your angry listeners at bay until the conclusion of your speech.

The important thing is to relax. Besides, what is the worst that can happen?
Your mind goes blank and, terror-stricken, you lapse into a catatonic trance.
The audience begins hooting and laughing at you?
Startled from the trance by a tomato landing on your forehead, you flee the lectern in tears, only to rush home and lock yourself in a dark room for six months?
Sure, I guess all that could happen.
Then again, it might not. You could be one of the lucky ones.

Kevin Cowherd writes for The Baltimore Evening Sun

Police protect Drop-A-Dime founder after gang allegedly issues bounty offer

BOSTON (AP) — The word on the street is that Georgette Watson's head is worth \$5,000. If she's shot and doesn't die, it's \$1,000.
That's how badly street gangs want to get rid of the founder of Drop-A-Dime, a hot line that fields tips on drug pushers. Watson is under 24-hour police surveillance and says she can accept that for now, but she won't live in a fishbowl forever.
"I want to be free," she said Wednesday. "They feel they can kill anyone who goes against their stance. This is a fight not just for me, but for the whole community. If we take a stand now we won't have to pay later."
Deputy Superintendent William Celester said police informants had received "solid tips" this week that local gang members had set a price on Watson's life.
"Georgette Watson has ... been getting various threats ever since she began to speak out about the drug dealers and everything else," he said. "From time to time, we've offered her police protection and she's always turned those offers down. This time she's saying no."
The idea of gang bounties is not particularly new. Tensions ran high this fall when similar threats were made on police officers patrolling this city's Dorchester, Mattapan and Roxbury neighborhoods.
"Georgette has become a symbol of the little person standing up," Celester said. "She's been out there standing up for the community and fighting back. She's become a symbol that these gangs want to stop."
The 46-year-old knows she's in danger but prefers not to think about it too much. There's something broader and more important at stake, she said.
"They're violating my freedom to take a stand," she said. "We have to let them know that they will not control this community or control people they disagree with."
Watson is willing temporarily to accept the constant presence of police, the shadows of two officers parked outside her home each night. She's willing to stay away from Drop-A-Dime hot line's office and cancel speaking engagements.
But the mother of three says she knows who the kids are behind the bounty offer. She's heard it on the streets and now she's using those

same streets to put out a message of her own.
"I want to talk to them," Watson said, adding that her only condition for the meeting are that it take place in a daylight, neutral location and that two or three community escorts be present.
"I've tried to go out there and meet with them and they refuse to meet with me," she said. "I'd like to just go up there where they are with the whole community, really send them a message."
Since about Nov. 17, Watson said, a different message has been clear.
"I'm worth \$1,000 if they shoot me and \$5,000 if they kill me," she said. "They also want a 14-year-old to do it so he won't have to do any time. They're organized."

Judge rules barring breasts not a constitutional right

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Nine women who bared their breasts on a city beach last summer were not covered by the Constitution, a judge ruled Wednesday.
Rochester City Court Judge John Manning Regan refused to dismiss the charges, saying the women violated a state law that prohibits public breast exposure. He also found them guilty and fined them.
Defense attorneys argued during a trial this fall that the law is "a badge of inequality" and a violation of the 14th Amendment, which guarantees equal protection under the law.
They asked Regan to declare the law unconstitutional and he gave

them time to present written arguments before making his ruling.
The prosecutor argued that the law is constitutional and conforms to community standards.
The women were arrested in June for removing their tops on a Rochester beach. Charges were dropped against a 10th because she was nursing her child, which is exempt from the state law. Exposure carries a maximum penalty of 15 days in jail and a \$250 fine.
"It was very disappointing to have his ruling against us. I see it as a crushing blow against equal rights for women," said defendant Mary Lou Schloss.
Seven women — then known as the Topice Seven — were charged with indecent exposure in 1986 after they removed their shirts in Rochester's Cobble Hill Park. Those charges were dismissed by a judge who called it an issue of free speech. The women were also given criminal discharges, meaning another arrest for a defendant within a year could reopen the charges against her.
Regan dismissed charges against Tiane O'Brien-Dovan, 31, who was nursing her child.
During sentencing, some of the women said they would continue to go shirtless.

to overstate the importance of tourism to San Francisco," said Joseph Walsh, chief economist for Wells-Fargo Bank.
Last year, in addition to their tourists, visitors to San Francisco, making the industry the city's largest generator of outside cash. Some 64,000 people, 65 percent of them San Francisco residents, were directly employed by the tourist trade. Moreover, the city's 11 percent hotel tax adds millions of dollars to municipal coffers.
In the last 13 days of October alone, San Francisco hotels took \$31.8 million in revenues — \$21.8 million from unsold rooms and \$10 million from decreased food and beverage sales, according to a survey of the industry by the accounting firm of Pannell Kerr Forster.
Figures for November have not yet been compiled, but some in the industry say that prices have erupted as hotellers scrap for whatever business is available. "Our rates are down \$10 to \$15 a night from last year," said Reese of the Wharflin.
"It's demoralizing," she said. "I used to get a Christmas bonus depending on whether the hotel made budget. Well, that's gone for this year. What's especially frustrating is that our weather has been beautiful, while all the rest of the country has been having terrible weather."

Murder

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intended all along to kill Short after he opened the vault. They bound his hands and feet with duct tape, taped him to an antique chair and tossed him from a bridge into Grand Lake of the Cherokees, about 10 miles west of Noel. His body was found five days later.
Gerard Elkins, a reporter for the McDonald County Press, portrayed Short in a re-enactment of the crime for the syndicated television series "Hard Copy."
When they tied me up and tipped me over the bridge, I knew there was no danger of me falling but it was still frightening," he said. "At that point, Dan Short knows he's going to get killed. You know he was scared to death."
Floodlights have gone up around homes since Short's murder, said Donald Duncan, Short's friend and golf partner. "The close-knit community will probably never feel totally safe again, he said.
Many fear that Short knew his killers and that they are still in the area. The FBI has not ruled out that possibility, Geiman said.
Banks in at least three states have posted a \$50,000 reward, and Geiman said the FBI is optimistic the case will eventually be solved.
Meanwhile, residents are trying to get on with their lives, hoping that the killers will eventually be brought to justice.
"It's with you 24 hours a day, but you have to get your mind back on business," Duncan said. "Life goes on."
Floodlights have gone up around

feel comfortable with him around their children. He's become sort of an institution around here."
Kilroy's biggest fan in the neighborhood is probably Antoinette Lamorte; these days a 22-year-old junior college student but not too many years ago a frightened teenager from a troubled home. When she was 16, her mother died and her father started beating her.
Lamorte decided to run away. She got as far as Pulaski Park, where she found the friendly policeman she had come to know from her days at Kosciuszko.
He took the sobbing teenager down to the station house and stayed with her until juvenile officers found a relative who she could stay with. Later, Kilroy and his wife, Mary, bought clothes for the young girl.
When Lamorte was flunking classes in high school, she would take her homework down to the park and Kilroy would read with her and help her study for tests. Several times he talked her out of dropping out, and, after she graduated, he pushed her to continue her schooling. He also helped get her a part-time job as a police department crossing guard.
"He's about like the perfect father," Lamorte explained. "I owe my life to him. After my mom died, I was just shattered. He gave me the courage to go on and stand on my own two feet. He's a hero. He doesn't push me. He shows."
Garcia, the police commander, said that he regretted having to move Kilroy and never realized what an up-close-and-personal cause. But, Garcia said, the district had become so short-staffed that he had been ordered by superiors to shift staff from foot patrol to squad cars where they could more easily respond to emergency calls.
"It's a double-edged sword," he said. "... It's heartwarming, if nothing else, to see the children looking up to the officers instead of down at them. The negative is that I am so busy trying to cover (the district). Am I the bad guy or what?"
Kilroy, for one, does not think so. He said that he sympathized with Garcia's problem and understood the reason for the transfer. Still, Kilroy said, he can't wait to get back on the beat, especially after all the fuss everybody at Kosciuszko has made over him.
"I'm floored; it's like a dream," he beamed. "It makes my 33 years on the job just great. To think that somebody cares this much is unbelievable."

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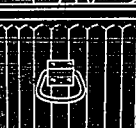
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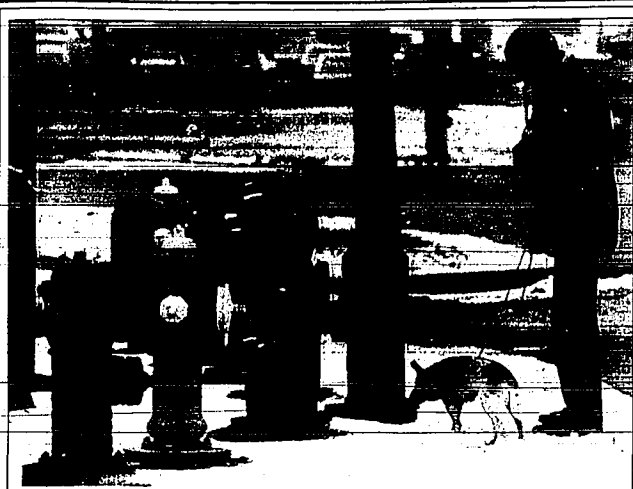
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gary, Alberta, last Wednesday. Francis' owner Garrett Smyth stands by for what could become a long wait

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School launches first program to reduce student gun violence

MIAMI (AP)

The nation's first comprehensive program to teach kindergartners and high schoolers alike about the dangers of guns was launched Wednesday by Dade County's public schools.

The special curriculum was developed following a record 43 gunshot deaths last year in Dade County of children 18 and under, so far this year, at least 48 children have been killed in gun-related incidents in Dade, school officials said.

The program was made necessary by an increase in the prevalence of guns in society, said Michael Krop, a member of the Dade County School Board.

"We now feel compelled, unfortunately, to teach kids about guns," Krop said earlier at a news conference at Coconut Grove Elementary. "Essentially our message to young people is, 'You don't touch a handgun.'"

That message will be reinforced in the classroom with discussions aimed at helping students recognize unsafe situations and know how to react when encountering guns.

A video also will be shown to middle and senior high students focusing on the trauma of a gunshot death or injury — through the experiences of other kids. One teen-

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ager describes the trauma of accidentally shooting his father. Brochures and a video were being prepared for parents to help them insure the safety of their children.

Wednesday was declared "Gun Safety Awareness Day" by Dade County Public Schools, the nation's fourth-largest school district.

"Today's youngsters are at a greater risk of gun violence than a previous generation," Barbara Lautman, executive director of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence in Washington, D.C., said Friday at the news conference. "We want the Dade County program to serve as the national standard for education to reduce gun violence, death and injury among youth."

In 1987, one out of every 10 children who died in the nation was killed with a gun, and gun accidents were the fourth leading cause of accidental death for children, according to Ms. Lautman.

A new state law aimed at

protecting children from accidental shootings also authorized the development of a gun safety program in public schools. The measure, which took effect in October, requires gun owners to take reasonable precautions to keep loaded weapons away from children 15 and younger; it provides for jail time and fines for gun owner's carelessness.

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Klansman fired from police work

NEWFIELDS, N.H. (AP) — An outspoken member of the Ku Klux Klan who recruits for the racist organization has been fired from his job as a police officer.

Thomas Herman was terminated because the Board of Selectmen no longer had the confidence in his ability and integrity to perform his duties as a police officer, Chairwoman Betsy Coes said Monday.

"Most of the members of the department felt he had compromised himself," said Police Chief Mike Daley.

Coes said the board's decision was based partly on comments Herman made that some selectmen considered threatening.

"It would be terrible for me to go out and slash their (selectmen's) tires," Herman, who lives in Exeter, told the Tri-Town Transcript. But, he added, "anything that happens to them after a certain point is justifiable."

The board fired Herman Friday. Herman did not attend, but five of his supporters did, Coes said.

Herman could not be reached for comment Monday. A message on his answering machine encouraged callers to buy KKK merchandise for Christmas.

Telephone survey call stops suicide

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — A random call by a phone surveyer working the night shift in Tempe, Ariz., stopped an Arizona man from an apparent suicide attempt.

Carol Edwards, 39, was making random calls nationwide Monday night when she triggered an answering machine at a Tempe home.

The slurred voice of a man said, "My car's in the garage and so am I," said Juan Perez, a Tempe police spokesman.

"I was quite shocked at first," said Ms. Edwards. "The first I thought maybe it was a joke. I was hoping it was." She conferred with her supervisor, Chuck Sitter, at Frank N. Magid Associates, a consulting and research firm, in Marion, Iowa.

"We called the Tempe Police Department and they said they were happy we did," said Sitter, 27.

Herman still works as a radio technician for the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department.

Last month, Exeter officials rejected Herman's request to sell guns from his home. An appeal is pending.

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