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Pentagon authorizes units to seize drug suspects

NEW YORK, (Reuter) — The Pentagon has authorized U.S. military units to seize drug suspects in other countries and bring them to the United States for trial, CBS News reported Thursday.

The report, citing Pentagon officials, said the Delta hostage rescue team was among the units to be used to capture drug criminals

abroad who are wanted on U.S. charges.

Asked to comment on the report, a Pentagon spokesman, Army Maj. Dave Super, said, "I have nothing for you on that."

CBS said it was not known whether President Bush himself had given the go-ahead, but said Defense Secretary Dick Cheney late last

summer had begun preparing an attempt to seize a suspected Colombian cocaine kingpin, Pablo Escobar, in Panama.

CBS said an informant had reported Escobar was hiding out at a seaside villa in Panama and Cheney ordered troops and helicopters moved to a U.S. base in Puerto Rico in preparation for an attempt to seize him, despite warnings that American soldiers could be killed in such an effort.

The operation was scrubbed, CBS said, because the tip was given only a 70 percent chance of being accurate. It later turned out Escobar was not even in Panama, CBS said.

The report said Cheney's eagerness to go after Escobar has spurred other government agencies into becoming more aggressive in trying to capture fugitive drug lords.

State Department official Abraham Sofaer said in the CBS report, "There has been a recent statement by one drug syndicate that said they would come over here and kill Americans systematically, including government officials."

"If someone makes that kind of assertion — I am going to have to tell my officials, you know, you can treat this as an attack. You might be able to exercise force in self defense."

U.S. officials say it would not violate a ban against assassination if a suspect were killed in an operation to seize him, CBS said.

It reported Pentagon officials as saying that in connection with the Escobar operation they were prepared to consult Congress under the War Powers Act, which requires notification whenever U.S. forces go into a combat situation.



TEAM EFFORT -- (Left to right) Lance Cpls. Dennis Leiter, Robert Delpaloi and Erwin Phillips work together to cross a waterway using a one-rope bridge. They are members of the 2nd Platoon, Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton, Calif., training at the Jungle Operations Training Center, Fort Sherman. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Lance Kamisugi)

Volcano erupts near Anchorage

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) — Redoubt Volcano southwest of Anchorage shook with thousands of small earthquakes Thursday, then awoke with an eruption that shot a cloud of ash 7 miles high.

The 10,197-foot volcano erupted shortly after 10 a.m. Alaska time (2 p.m. EST) in an hour-long explosion that blew a volcanic plume to 35,000 feet, U.S. Geological Survey geologist Don Richter said.

"It's steaming vigorously," volcanologist Tom Miller said upon his return from a flight to the volcano 100 miles southwest of Anchorage. "There's steady pulsating and a steam cloud but no more ash." He said there was no immediate evidence of a lava flow.

The eruption followed 24 hours of constant shaking with warning tremors, which calmed down after the eruption ended, then picked up again, Miller said. Scientists were unable to predict whether Redoubt would settle down or explode again.

Workers were evacuated from a crude oil storage site 22 miles from the exploding mountain, but there appeared to be no danger to the Drift River oil storage facility and 37 million gallons of oil from Cook Inlet

drilling platforms stored there, Cook Inlet Pipe Line Co. manager Harold Mouser said. He said no tankers were due to pick up oil at the facility until next week.

The ash plume — which shot 5 miles above the 2-mile-high mountain — was carried toward Anchorage by strong winds, National Weather Service meteorologist Bob Hopkins said, but the high ash cloud skirted Anchorage and dusted towns beyond Anchorage with light ash.

Wasilla and other small cities north of Anchorage received light ashfall, said Kevin Koechlein, emergency services coordinator for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. "I have a pile of it sitting on my desk," he said of the fine, granular sandy ash scooped off a car.

Terrie Godfrey of the Wasilla Chamber of Commerce said the ash is "thick enough that I had to turn my windshield wipers on. There's little bitty speckles."

Although areas north of Anchorage were dusted, ash also was falling over unpopulated mountain areas, and some of the debris was dissipating in the atmosphere, the USGS and weather service said.

Aylwin wins Chile's election

SANTIAGO, Chile (UPI) — Opposition candidate Patricio Aylwin swept aside 16 years of harsh military rule Thursday, winning the first open election since a 1973 coup to succeed President Augusto Pinochet, South America's last dictator.

With votes from 68.7 percent of the polling places accounted for, official government returns showed the left-center coalition leader Aylwin with 2,640,901 votes.

The vote total meant that Aylwin won the election outright, avoiding a runoff.

Hundreds of people gathered outside Aylwin's campaign headquarters in downtown Santiago to celebrate and hundreds more circulated in their cars, honking horns and waving flags. Fireworks went off in Santiago neighborhoods.

Aylwin's main rival, Hernan Buchi, Pinochet's former finance minister, conceded the election.

Sakharov dies in Moscow

NEWTON Mass. (UPI) — Nobel Peace laureate Andrei Sakharov, the "father of the Soviet H-bomb" who turned his attention to championing the cause of human rights, died Thursday in Moscow, a friend of the family said. He was 68.

A man reached at the home of Sakharov's stepdaughter, Tatiana Yankelevich, in Newton, identifying himself only as "a friend of the family" said the Soviet physicist died "suddenly at home in Moscow." He said no cause of death was known. Yankelevich is the daughter of Sakharov's wife, Yelena Bonner.

Reacting to the news, the White House issued a statement late Thursday praising Sakharov's tireless efforts on behalf of a budding human rights movement in the Soviet Union.

"Andre Sakharov is a historical figure who will be long remembered for his human rights efforts in the Soviet Union," White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk said. "His voice was an important dimension in the contemporary changes underway in Soviet society."

Sakharov, who helped develop the H-bomb for the Soviet Union in the 1950s, later became an outspoken advocate of human rights in his native land, and for his efforts he was banished for seven years to the closed city of Gorky. The banishment ended on Dec. 23, 1986, with his return to Moscow.

And under the glasnost reforms of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, the dissident continued harsh criticism of Soviet policies, and

in April 1989 was elected by the Soviet Academy of Sciences in April to fill one of 12 Parliamentary seats reserved for the academy.

Only this week Sakharov urged the Communist Party to renounce its constitutional right to sole control of the Soviet government and to follow the lead of other East Bloc countries toward democratic reform.

news briefs

Citizens jeer, whistle

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — More than 50,000 of Bulgaria's newly vocal citizens jeered and whistled in the square outside when Parliament decided Thursday it could not legally repeal the Communist monopoly on power for another month.

Cheney plans B-2

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney plans to move ahead with building five B-2 stealth bombers next fiscal year but has not decided on the fate of the full 132-plane, \$70 billion program in later years, Pentagon officials said Thursday.

Banks close

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — The Central Bank on Thursday ordered banks and foreign exchange houses closed today in an emergency holiday, evidently aimed at slowing an alarming loss of confidence in the austral currency.



COMMAND CHANGE — Lt. Col. James W. Reed receives the colors of the 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division (MECH), from Col. Robert S. Coffey, commander, 2nd Brigade. The ceremony was held recently at the U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal. The 4-6th, based at Fort Polk, La., has been here since September. Before taking command, Reed served in the Strategy Plans and Operations Directorate, office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at the Pentagon. (U.S. Army photo by PFC Don Dees)

Holiday bus schedule set

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — People planning to take commercial flights to the United States during the holidays must travel to and from Omar Torrijos International Airport in military shuttles, according to U.S. Army South officials.

Shuttle buses will run from Saturday to Jan. 7 to support holiday leave travel. Buses are scheduled to arrive at Torrijos two hours prior to departure of each U.S.-flagged flight. Buses picking up arriving passengers will leave one hour after scheduled arrival times to allow passengers to clear customs.

People holding commercial airline tickets without shuttle reservations should contact the Movement Control Center at 285-4047 at least 24 hours before departure.

Atlantic passengers will be picked up at 3:45 a.m. daily at the swimming pool bohio area near the corner of

Malory Loop and Horn roads, Fort Davis.

Departs Valent Rec Center, Fort Clayton

5 a.m. daily
12:30 p.m. daily, except Monday
2:30 p.m. Monday
7:30 p.m. daily

Arrives Torrijos International Airport

6 a.m.
1:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m.
8:30 p.m.

Departs Torrijos International

8:35 a.m. daily
3:30 p.m. Sundays
4:45 p.m. daily, except Monday
9:45 p.m. daily

Arrives Valent Rec Center

9:35 a.m.
4:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
10:30 p.m.

Soldiers give ultimate sacrifice for Expert Infantry Badge

by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney

FORT CLAYTON (USARSO PAO) — It's three inches long, weighs less than two ounces and can be bought for less than a dollar. Yet the right to wear it brings ungrudging respect Army-wide.

Only the best infantrymen earn it. The Expert Infantry Badge is the first mark of excellence that separates a soldier from the crowd. It doesn't come easy.

"The EIB is probably the most coveted award in the infantry, said 1st Sgt. Jerry Estell, Company C, 5th Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 193rd Infantry Brigade. "It rivals the Combat Infantry Badge, because some people say they only had to be "there" to get the CIB. But they had to perform for the EIB."

A big part of that performance is preparation. With competition still weeks away, soldiers throughout the

193rd are already hitting the books. With 32 tasks, from night land navigation to installing a claymore mine, cramming like a student for an exam won't work. It takes hours of studying to feel comfortable with the material.

"You can know the tasks like a robot and still not make the grade," said Pvt. 2 James E. Trainer, Company B, 5/87th. All it takes is one slip, one task done out of order, and it's over.

To avoid that fate, serious soldiers began studying months ago. And with a real-world mission that keeps getting bigger, 193rd soldiers only have a few hours, sometimes minutes, each day to get information into their heads.

"I've been scanning the material, finding out what I need to study the most," Trainer said.

"Now it's time to get serious because the competition begins in January; and by then, everything

Use caution with intruders, violence can happen to you!

HOWARD AFB (24 COMPW-PA) — Two recent incidents in military housing, one at Howard and one at Albrook, highlight the continuing need for people to secure their homes and use caution at all times.

A Howard man received three puncture wounds in his cheek while challenging intruders. Alerted by an alarm, he went to see what was happening while his wife was calling Crime Stop.

He struck one intruder he found inside the maid's quarters, however, as he did so, another individual approached him from behind and struck him in the face with a three-prong garden tool. The victim ended up with three puncture wounds in his face.

Several lessons can be learned from this incident, beyond just securing personal property. An individual who is in a safe place, with access to a phone, should stay there, call the police, and wait for them to arrive and handle the situation.

"I urge everyone in the community to get involved ..."

Lt. Col. Portz

In a second incident, two assailants broke into an Albrook house through a bathroom window and sexually assaulted a dependent daughter. When the victim's father attempted to intervene, he was forced into his bedroom at knife point and tied up. The intruders also stole a video cassette recorder, stereo and radio.

Both of these matters are currently under joint investigation with base and Departamento Nacional De Investigaciones officials. Cooperation has been excellent, as local

officials are equally concerned by the increase in violence associated with break-ins.

Attempting to stop an intruder at any time can be very risky, especially if you do not know how many there are and whether or not they are armed.

"We're taking several force-protection initiatives, including increasing our military working dog teams and jungle foot patrols," said Lt. Col. James A. Portz, 24th Security Police Squadron commander. "We're also trying to raise the awareness of housing occupants by reactivating the Neighborhood Watch programs, focusing on the high-threat period between midnight and 5 a.m."

"I urge everyone in the community to get involved and help combat the crime problem. Call Crime Stop immediately if you see anything suspicious or need help. The numbers were designed to be easy to remember and easy to dial: at Howard, it's 5555; at Albrook it's 4444."



should be automatic."

Soldiers will go to extremes to reach that level. They scrounge training aids from forgotten corners and hound noncommissioned officers for information. Some infantrymen have been known to fight tooth-and-nail for "the last" EIB study guide.

A few, like Spec. Shawn Suzik, Company B, 5/87th, made the ultimate sacrifice and gave up their ultimate sacrifice and gave up his social life.

Suzik studies two hours a night, spends half his lunch hour doing hands-on training and badgers his sergeant for more than information.

When Suzik isn't studying or pestering Prahl, he kills what time he has preparing for the physical challenges of EIB testing.

Recovering from a broken leg which set his training regime back more than two months, Suzik's determined to be ready for the 12-

mile forced march and the Army Physical Fitness test.

Determination will give Suzik an edge on the test, according to Prahl.

PFC Robert de la Rocha, Company A, 5/87th has a different edge. His squad leader, Sgt. Rodney Holiday, not only holds an EIB but has been a grader on six EIB tests worldwide.

From Fort Lewis, Wash. to the Sinai Desert, Holiday has seen that attitude is everything. "Qualifying to test is tough. Soldiers must score at least 80 percent on the Skill Qualifications Test, 240 points on the APFT and fire expert with their rifles.

De la Rocha wants to be there. Not just on the testing field, he wants to be in the winner's circle. To him, the respect wearing the EIB commands is worth the trouble it takes to earn it.

And respect makes a little piece of metal worth more than all the glitter and gold in the world.

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Ingenuity, sweat create live-fire range

Cost: about \$41

by Sgt. Robert C. Jenks

EMPIRE RANGE (MARFOR PAO) — There are times when simple ingenuity and a little sweat brings a stroke of brilliance.

Jungle Trail, put together with a hammer, some nails, 16 plastic silhouette targets, communication wire and two days of sweat, is being heralded by most as one of the best live-fire ranges in the Marine Corps today. Total cost: about \$41.

The trail was conceived and built by Maj. V.D. Lance, former Marine Forces Panama training officer (now with the Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division) and the current operations chief, SSgt. John Robbins. Lance and Robbins' problem: How do we give the ground combat element of Marine Forces Panama the most realistic combat security patrol training we can?

Maintaining noise, discipline and movement control are the most difficult factors when conducting combat security patrols in the jungle. In an environment like the Panamanian triple-canopy jungle, training has to be the best.

Winding through 800-meters of dense rain forest, crossing standing swamp and a swift river, the range is designed to test fire team maneuver and on-target, live-fire accuracy with 9mm pistol, M16-A2 rifle and 12-gauge shotgun.

Byrne, 25, from Linwood, Mich.,

is a fire team leader. His platoon's primary mission is to provide security for the Arraijan Tank Farm, four miles north of Howard Air Force Base. That mission keeps his Marines in the mud, deep in the jungle, fighting hordes of biting bugs.

PFC Brett Merrill, 20, part of Byrne's squad, hasn't been in the Corps very long but, "it (the trail) helps us develop our tactical and technical combat security patrol operation. I think we're the best platoon in the Marines because of our tour here and because the Jungle Trail is so real," he said.

Ingenuity, simplicity and a little sweat go a long way. Jungle Trail proves it.

There are 16 targets along the trail. Twelve targets are moving and four are stationary. The targets that move are operated by simply pulling a 30-foot length of commo wire attached to a flash-bang. The flash-bang simulates enemy fire and it's the Marine's cue to attack. The stationary targets represent non-combatants.

The point man is trailed by the range safety officer. It's his responsibility to ensure safe range operations and to pull the commo wire and activate the target.

"This is probably one of the best live-fire ranges in the Marine Corps," said Sgt. Dan C. Byrne, 1st Sqd., 1st pl., K Co. (3-6th). "It forces you to think about what you're shooting. We have to have the discipline to discern enemy and friendly targets and to work as a team."



Lance Cpl. Johnny W. Miller, 1st Plt., Kilo Co. (3/6), Marine Forces Panama, struggles with the current at the end of Jungle Trail, a live-fire combat security patrol range recently. The Trail is designed to test fireteam maneuverability. (USMC photo by Sgt. Robert C. Jenks)



Cpl. Scott P. Miller, 1st Plt., Kilo Co. (3/6), Marine Forces Panama, sights in on a target during a live-fire exercise along Jungle Trail recently. (USMC

photo by Sgt. Robert C. Jenks)

Personnel Support Activity celebrates 10th anniversary

by Marilyn Brown

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) — The Personnel Support Activity Detachment (PSD) Panama celebrated its 10th year in existence Dec. 1.

Located in building 51, U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, PSD is the one-stop administrative office which handles pay and personnel services for all naval personnel in Central and South America.

PASS (Pay/Personnel Administrative Support), comprised of 20 personnel activities (PSA's) and their 159 subordinate detachments, was first developed navywide in October, 1979. PASS consolidates Personnel,

Pay, and Passenger Transportation sections under one roof to provide faster, more efficient service to the Navy.

The personnel people, disbursing clerks and civilian employees of PSD Panama, a detachment of PSA, Charleston, S.C., are dedicated to providing the best possible service to naval personnel.

One member of the PSD Panama family, Mr. Art Perkins, has been with the office since its beginning. Art has been employed with the U.S. government since 1955, working first with the Army Ordnance Department from 1955 to 1960, then with the Navy Communications-Public Works Division from 1960 to 1962 before moving to Rodman in 1962 and entered disbursing in 1963.

Perkins told about some of the changes that have taken place since he has been with PSD Panama. "The old yellow pay records, which needed to be changed every six months, were first replaced with the JUMPS program in 1966.

"Then the UMIDS (Uniformed Micro Disbursing System) replaced JUMPS. UMIDS, the system presently used, has cut pay processing by 60 to 70 percent," says Perkins.

One of Perkins' many functions at PSD Panama is to review new procedures as they arrive and pass the information on to all members. In an interview with a member of the Navy Public Affairs Office, Perkins

said, "The most interesting part of my job is helping people. Solving members' problems makes my job worthwhile."

Other improvements mentioned in the interview were faster counter service and efficiency improvements due to rotating personnel servicing the counter. PSD Transportation services have also improved since the enactment of PASS.

As PSD Panama celebrates its 10th anniversary, the initiatives planned for the future will only continue to simplify, speed and improve the accuracy of the Navy's systems. As these systems are developed, the personnel assigned to PSD Panama will provide cheerful, professional assistance to their customers.

Budget cutbacks will continue in 1990

by Maj. Michael E. Outten
Commander,
23rd Comptroller Squadron
England AFB, Fla. -- We have all

heard rumors of force reductions,
congressionally mandated cutbacks,
Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legis-
lation, continuing resolution

authority, conference actions, and
the list goes on.

The one thing they all have in
common is money -- or the lack

thereof. In fiscal 1990, you can most
assuredly expect further belt
tightening.

Financial leadership starts with
you, the men and women at the grass
roots level. You can help regulate this
year's budget by smartly managing
resources and keeping your resource
advisers informed.

If you purchase items through the
supply system that appear
overpriced, then question it. In
addition, plan ahead for your
requirements and do your best to live
within the budget target provided
you.

If you are having problems, get
your resource adviser and the budget
office involved as soon as possible. If
money is not available to accomplish
the mission, then provide your
resource adviser hard-hitting
justification for the unfunded
requirement.

Your input will ultimately provide
an informed look at the priorities.
This is also the basis for additional
funding from Headquarters Tactical
Air Command.

Look into programs that allow
you to buy new needed equipment
without using scarce operation and
maintenance dollars. In addition,
find ways to do things better in your
workcenters and then submit your
suggestion. Your ideas may save
money and get you a cash award for
your efforts.

The key to successful execution of
this year's budget is to stay motivated
and involved. Don't let the system
dictate your actions. Rather, find out
how the system operates and let it
work for you. Don't wait for
someone else to make a decision that
you have the authority to make.

TAC advisers discuss issues

LANGLEY AFB, VA.
(TACNS) -- The Tactical Air
Command senior enlisted
advisors from each of TAC's three
numbered Air Forces met here
recently to discuss current enlisted
issues.

Chief Master Sergeants Ken
Meeks, Headquarters TAC; Jean
Michel, 1st Air Force; Woody
Smith, 9th Air Force; and Larry
Sahr, 12th Air Force; met with
Gen. Robert D. Russ, TAC
commander, and CMSAF James
C. Binnicker, during the three-day
session.

"We are undergoing a lot of
changes that range from the new
enlisted evaluation system and
professional military education to
strength reductions that will
impact our enlisted force for years
to come," said Chief Meeks. "Our
main objective during the mini-
conference was to ensure that we
were up-to-date on current issues
in order to properly discuss them
with TAC's enlisted members
during our unit visits."



SINGS -- Spec. Paul Pulliam practices Christmas carols for the 4th Infantry Battalion (Mechanized), 6th Infantry Regiment's hayride. Christmas Eve soldiers will sing Christmas carols while riding through U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Howard AFB and Fort Clayton on a 2 1/2 ton truck. (U.S. Army photo by Spec. Paul L. Sweeney)

Army CPO position vacancy list

WHO CAN APPLY: Current permanent employees of US Army South and Services Activities and other U.S. Government agency employees. If any other source is applicable, specific vacancy will indicate this. Only U.S. citizens will be considered for sensitive positions.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit to the CPO, Bldg. 560, Room 306, Corozal by the close of business on the closing date of announcement. Application is a signed copy of SF-171, Application for Federal Employment; SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action; USARSO Form 106, if applicable, and a current/last performance appraisal. Qualification standards may be reviewed at CPO. For further information call 285-5201.

- | VB# | PERMANENT VACANCIES AND LOCATION | ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS OPEN: 12-15-89 | CLOSE: 12-26-89 |
|--------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 136-90 | MILITARY PERSONNEL CLERK, NM-204-04, US ARMY GARRISON, OFFICE OF THE AG, PERSONNEL SERVICES, ATLANTIC, FT. DAVIS. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: 1 YR., SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: N/A., TIME-IN-GRADE: N/A. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. KNOWLEDGE OF MILITARY PERSONNEL REGULATIONS. 2. ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE ORALLY. 3. ABILITY TO INTERPRET REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES OR POLICIES. | | |
| 137-90 | MANAGEMENT ASST., NM-344-07, COA, IRM, MANPOWER & EQUIP, DOCUMENTATION, FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA. SENSITIVE. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: N/A, SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: 1 YR. EQUIV TO NM-6, TIME-IN-GRADE: NM-6, JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. SKILL IN RESEARCHING, ANALYZING AND PRESENTING INFORMATION STATISTICALLY, GRAPHICALLY IN A NARRATIVE FORM. 2. ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE IN WRITING. 3. ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE ORALLY. 4. ABILITY TO INTERPRET AND APPLY REGULATIONS, LAWS AND GUIDELINES. | | |
| 138-90 | BUDGET ASSISTANT, NM-561-07, SENSITIVE, HQ USSOUTHCOM, OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER, FT. AMADOR, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: N/A, SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: 1 YR. AT NM-6, TIME-IN-GRADE: NM-6. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE | | |
| 139-90 | REPORTS CLERK(T), NM-303-04, COA, DCA, EDUCATIONS BRANCH, FT. DAVIS, PANAMA. SENSITIVE. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: 1 YEAR, SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: N/A, TIME-IN-GRADE: N/A. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: N/A. | | |
| 140-90 | LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT SPEC. NM-346-11, HQ USSOUTHCOM, SCJ3-DJTF, QUARRY HEIGHTS, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: N/A, SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: 1 YR. AT NM-9, TIME-IN-GRADE: NM-9. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE | | |
| 141-90 | SUPVSY. CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE, NM-962-07, SENSITIVE, COA, DIRECTORATE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS, BLDG. 519, 5TH FL, FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: 3 YRS. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: 2 YRS. TIME-IN-GRADE: NM-5. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | | |
| 142-90 | CASH CLERK, (TYP), NM-530-04, IRM, FINANCE & ACCOUNTING DIVISION, FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: 1 YR. SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: N/A. TIME-IN-GRADE: N/A. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | | |
| 143-90 | BINDERY MACHINE LEADER, ML-4402-09, 1109TH US ARMY SIGNAL BDE, PRINTING PLANT, COROZAL, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: N/A, SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: 1 YR. AS MG-4402-09, TIME-IN-GRADE: N/A. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | | |
| 144-90 | SECURITY ASSISTANT, NM-086-06, SENSITIVE, 1109TH US ARMY SIGNAL BDE., SECURITY OFFICE, BLDG. 732, COROZAL. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: N/A., SPEC. EXPERIENCE: 1 YR. AT NM-5., TIME-IN-GRADE: N/A., JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. THIS POSITION IS IN THE EXCEPTED SERVICE. ANYBODY CAN APPLY WHO MEET THE QUALIFICATION. | | |
| 145-90 | CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR, NM-0809-08, DEH, ENGINEERING PLANS & SERVICES DIVISION, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION BRANCH, COROZAL, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: N/A., SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: 1 YR. EQUIV TO NM-6., TIME-IN-GRADE: NM-6. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | | |
| 147-90 | CUSTODIAL WORKER LEADER, ML-3566-03, USA MEDDAC-PANAMA, GAH, LOGISTICS DIVISION, HOUSEKEEPING SECTION, ANCON, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: N/A SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: N/A. TIME-IN-GRADE: N/A. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: 1. SKILL AND ABILITY TO EXERCISE LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES. 2. ABILITY TO PERFORM ALL CLEANING DUTIES INDEPENDENTLY. 3. KNOWLEDGE OF PROPER USES OF VARIETY OF SPECIAL CLEANING AND SANITIZING SOLUTIONS. 4. ABILITY TO CLEAN AND MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE POWERED CLEANING EQUIPMENT. | | |
| 148-90 | LOGISTICS MGMT. SPEC. NM-346-12, SENSITIVE, USARSO, DCSLOG, FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: N/A., SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: 1 YR. EQUIV TO NM-11., TIME-IN-GRADE: NM-11. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | | |
| 149-90 | SECURITY SPECIALIST, NM-080-09, SENSITIVE, DSPO, SECURITY DIVISION, FT. CLAYTON, PANAMA. GENERAL EXPERIENCE: N/A., SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: 1 YR. NM-7., TIME-IN-GRADE: NM-7. JOB RELATED CRITERIA: NONE. | | |

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NONAPPROPRIATED FUNDS (NAF) POSITION VACANCIES

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MARS phone calls bring holiday cheer

HOWARD AFB (1978th CG/PA)
-- "Happy Thanksgiving, Dad.
OVER." "Hi son, I'm glad to hear
from you. OVER." This free radio
call to the United States is typical of
the 479 calls made for last
Thanksgiving, and more are
expected for the Christmas holiday.

Free radio patches are made
possible by the 1978th
Communications Group's Military
Affiliate Radio System station,
known as MARS, and the Sprint
Telephone Company for U.S.
military, Department of Defense
civilians, and their family members
stationed in Panama.

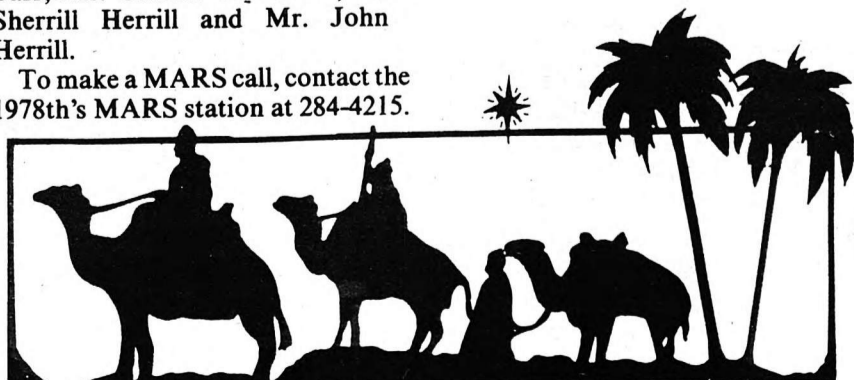
"Last year, we ran free calls for 10
days during the Christmas holiday
and ended up placing hundreds of
calls.

This saved a lot of people a lot of
money. We only get a few day's
notice on free calls, so people need to
be looking for upcoming publicity on
exactly when the free calls will be
offered for this year," said TSgt.
Murray Smith, noncommissioned
officer in charge of the MARS
station.

"Customers don't need to visit our
station to place a MARS call, just
call us. After a few short instructions,
like telling people to say 'OVER'
after they speak so we, here, and the
radio operator in the States can flip
switches for the other party to be
heard, the call gets underway," Smith
said.

In addition to Smith, there were
eight other radio operators working
the Thanksgiving calls, they were:
SSgt. Jose Perez, Sgt. Fernando
Reynoso, A1C Dana Galbraith and
Melford Christmas, plus, Mr. Clark
Barr, Mr. Charles Herrill Jr., Mrs.
Sherrill Herrill and Mr. John
Herrill.

To make a MARS call, contact the
1978th's MARS station at 284-4215.



1978th selects top personnel for 1989

HOWARD AFB (1978th CG/PA) — The 1978th Communications Group chose four members to honor as the very best in 1989.

The 1978th super accomplishes are: A1C Elizabeth A. Wing earning Outstanding Airman of the Year; SSgt. Steve Burke, Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; MSgt. Lex A. Oren Sr., Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the year; and Capt. Samuel Shamburger, Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year.

The winners competed with the approximately 260 people in the 1978th, and will represent the group at the Tactical Communications Division's, or TCD, yearly competition. TCD is the intermediate headquarters between

the 1978th and Headquarters Air Force Communications Command.

The 1978th provides communications, data automation, air traffic control, and maintenance of functions to the 24th Composite Wing, 830th Air Division, and United States Southern Command. The mission includes communications support for U.S. Military Groups throughout Central and South America.

Wing is an information management specialist in support of the 1978th's orderly room, and then the plans and programs Division. Her nomination cited her having "initiative and motivation which surpasses her peers." In the Orderly Room she "maintained 10 individual accounts records of publications and forms for customers which consist of 37 work centers." In the division "she is the administrative support for the six division branches."

As a systems monitor in the Data Processing Center, or DPC, Burke is a systems monitor and a workhorse of the DPC.

According to his nomination write-up, "he is always the one chosen for the most difficult tasks and projects. He implemented a new message processing system as the primary systems monitor, and fully developed the procedures and operating instructions. This major project improved service to all DPC customers immediately.

The 1978th's Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Oren, is in charge of the Quality Control work center. He was also selected as the Howard Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Oren was cited for "producing outstanding results in the key areas

of quality control, training and logistics management, in the 1978th's Maintenance Division, for \$9 million dollars worth of communications and computer equipment supporting the United States Southern Command throughout Latin America."

Also, his "quality control program for 10 new tactical systems was adopted Air Force Communications Command-wide." Plus, he "automated the Technical Distribution Office, saving production work centers approximately 30 man-hours per month."

The officer of the year, Shamburger, is the Maintenance Division chief. The captain was cited for several accomplishments. One was the support of seven teletype schemes supporting key communications customers. When the schemes stalled, due to unsupported line signaling equipment, "he quickly worked a near-term state-of-the-art fix and got these projects back on track."

He also, "initiated the relocation of Job Control and the self-help construction of a new Contingency Support Staff area, increasing available office space by 15 percent."

Bush designates this week for drunk driving awareness

by 1st Lt. Tawanna Sanders
Social Actions Chief

President George Bush issued a proclamation designating the week of Dec. 10 through 16, as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. This week serves as a rallying point for government, civic, and business groups around the country who wish to raise their community's awareness of drunk and drugged drivers.

Despite the efforts and contributions of many people, more than 18,000 people still lost their lives during 1988 in alcohol-related highway crashes. This is largely because they drink, or combine drugs with alcohol, and get behind the wheel of a car. As a nation, we continue to pay an unacceptable human price for all of this.

The observance couldn't come at a better time as we plunge deeper into

the holiday season. During the next few weeks, numerous organizational functions, home parties and social gatherings will occur.

It is an excellent opportunity for all of us to become involved in promoting the awareness of drunk and drugged driving. We as individuals are called upon to show that we care about others and about ourselves by getting involved and showing concern for what is happening on our highways that is destroying so many lives and damaging so much property each year.

We should observe this week with vigilance, but we must continue stress the consequences of drinking and driving. Your life and future may depend on it. Have a joyful holiday season and remember...if you must drink, don't drive and never use illicit drugs.

TAC officers get new assignments

LANGLEY AFB, VA. (TACNS) — The Air Force recently announced several Tactical Air Command general officer assignments.

Brig. Gen. Michael E. Ryan, deputy director of plans, Headquarters TAC, will become the deputy chief of staff for operations, Headquarters TAC.

Brig. Gen. Richard B. Meyers, inspector general, headquarters TAC, will succeed General Ryan.

Brig. Gen. Larry L. Henry, commander, 831st Air Division, George AFB, Calif., will become TAC inspector general. Col. Richard C. Bethuren, commander, 49th tactical Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB, N.M., will succeed General Henry.

DEA agent's murderer to serve 40-year jail term

MEXICO CITY (Reuter) — Drug kingpin Rafael Caro Quintero was sentenced Tuesday to 40 years in jail for crimes including the 1985 torture and murder of a U.S. drug agent, the Mexican attorney general said.

The cold-blooded murder of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent Enrique Camarena provoked public outrage in the United States after his badly beaten body was discovered, together with that of his pilot, on a ranch outside the northwestern city of Guadalajara in March 1985.

The killing and widespread suspicion that there was an official coverup chilled relations between the

United States and Mexico.

A senior Mexican official told Reuters the government hoped that Tuesday's sentencing would help restore confidence in the Mexican judiciary and its commitment to the war on drugs.

The official, who requested anonymity, described the Camarena case as a longstanding thorn in U.S.-Mexican relations and added, "We think this should take it out."

"This is the way Mexican justice fulfills its duty with ... people who were involved in an unlawful act of great public concern," Attorney General Enrique Alvarez told a news conference.

The authorities had already sentenced Caro Quintero to 34 years in jail.

Also sentenced Tuesday were two dozen of Caro Quintero's associates, including drug lord Ernesto Rafael Fonseca Carrillo. Under Mexican law convicted drug traffickers are not eligible for parole.

Of the sentences, DEA administrator John C. Lawn said in Washington, "It is little enough when one considers the enormity and depravity of their crimes."

"But it does show that no matter how wealthy and powerful their infamous trade has made these

narco-murderers they are not beyond the reach of justice."

Mexican officials had declined to extradite Caro Quintero to the United States where he is also wanted in connection with the Camarena murder.

In Los Angeles businessman Ruben Zuno Arce, a brother-in-law of former Mexican president Luis Echeverria, was also charged on Monday with involvement in Camarena's murder.

Alvarez said there were no charges against Zuno Arce in Mexico. "If there's some question about him (Zuno Arce) in the United States that's their problem," he said.

Asesino de agente DEA condenado a 40 años

CIUDAD DE MEJICO — El rey del narcotráfico mejicano Rafael Caro Quintero fué condenado el martes a 40 años de prisión por crímenes que incluyeron la tortura y el asesinato de un agente antinarcótico estadounidense.

La muerte a sangre fría de Enrique Camarena, agente de la Administración de Control de Drogas (CEA) de los Estados Unidos provocó un trastorno generalizado en los Estados Unidos después de encontrarse torturado su cuerpo, al igual que el de su piloto, en un rancho al noroeste de la ciudad de Guadalajara en marzo de 1985.

La matanza y las extensas sospechas de que hubo un encubrimiento oficial, provocó un enfriamiento en las relaciones entre

los Estados Unidos y Méjico.

Un oficial mejicano dijo a Reuter que el gobierno esperaba que el martes que dictaran la sentencia se restauraría la confianza del sistema judicial mejicano y su compromiso, a combatir la guerra contra las drogas.

El oficial que pidió no ser identificado, describió el caso de Camarena como una larga espina en las relaciones entre los Estados Unidos y Méjico y añadió: "Creemos que ésta sentencia la sacará."

En esta forma la justicia mejicana cumple su deber para con las personas que estuvieron involucradas en actos ilegales de gran preocupación para el público en general", dijo el Ministro de Justicia Enrique Alvarez, en conferencia de prensa.

Las autoridades ya habían condenado a Caro Quintero a 34 años de cárcel por otras acusaciones relacionadas al tráfico de drogas y armas.

También sentenciaron el martes a una docena de asociados a Caro Quintero, incluyendo al narcotraficante Ernesto Rafael Fonseca Carrillo.

Bajo las leyes mejicanas, los narcotraficantes no tienen derecho a la libertad provisional.

De las sentencias, al administrador de la DEA John C. Lawn dijo en Washington: "Es muy poco cuando uno considera lo depravado y atroz de los crímenes".

"Pero ello prueba que, no obstante, la riqueza y el poder económico

adquirido por estos narco-asesinos como resultado, de su infame negociado no estan fuera del alcance de la justicia.

Oficiales mejicanos declinaron extraditar a Caro Quintero a los Estados Unidos, donde tambien se le busca en relación al asesinato de Camarena.

Rubén Zuna Arce, comerciante de Los Angeles y cuñado del ex-presidente mejicano Luis Echeverría también fué acusado el lunes de estar involucrado en el asesinato de Camarena.

Alvarez comentó que no hay acusación alguna en contra de Zuna Arce en Méjico. "Si hay alguna pregunta sobre él (Zuna Arce) en los Estados Unidos, eso es problema de ellos".

Military leaders tell Noriega to let people have their say

BUENOS AIRES -- A recent conference of hemispheric armies has told Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega that he should respect the electoral will of the Panamanian people and allow his country to rejoin the region's democracies, according to the Argentine Army chief of staff.

Gen. Isidro Cáceres said in an interview published by the newspaper Clarin Nov. 26 that a paper submitted by Argentina was adopted unanimously by the Conference of American Armies (Conferencia de Ejércitos Americanos) held in Guatemala Nov. 12-17.

The paper, Cáceres said, "states that all the armies have undertaken 'to closely cooperate and to jointly study issues of mutual interest,' and that 'the armies must seek to protect the basic rights of the people, respect the popular will, deal with threats of subversion against established systems of government and ways of life, and help to consolidate the stability of the institutions that each country set up through its constitution and laws.'"

Cáceres said the conference asked Noriega "to comply with these principles for the benefit of all of the American countries especially in their efforts to protect the continent's democratic processes from any types of totalitarianism and subversion."

The general said he wanted to emphasize CEA's position because the conference was often misunderstood as a "meeting of totalitarians, destabilizers, and antidemocrats." However, this is not true. We want to secure republican and representative democracy by every possible means."

Cáceres said CEA sent Noriega the unanimously adopted paper "as a way of telling him: 'Sir, this is the way we want to live, and if you want to live with us, allow your people to have their say.'"

Noriega annulled elections held in Panama May 7 after the opposition was widely credited as having won despite massive government fraud.

On Sept. 1, the constitutionally mandated date for a transfer of power in Panama, Noriega installed a long-time crony, Francisco Rodriguez, as provisional president.

Cáceres said no Panamanian delegation attended the CEA meeting in Guatemala because "no list of members...was submitted on time and the regulations say this if the list is not submitted on time, the delegation cannot participate."

However, a report filed at the time from Guatemala by the ACAN-EFE news agency quoted unidentified military sources as saying that Guatemala's General Staff, acting at

the behest of other Latin American military leaders, decided at the last minute to withdraw the Panamanians' invitation.

"Some general staffs exerted pressures to exclude the Panamanian army from this meeting, the first it did not attend after being present at the two others held in this Central American country," EFE quoted its source as saying.

"The excuse was that Panama had not complied with the required registration of its delegates..." the source added, "but the truth was that various delegations asked that Panama not be present due to the

confused situation in that country, which became more acute with the installation of a new government."

EFE said the CEA conference also issued a declaration of solidarity with the Salvadoran armed forces, which have been battling a leftist guerrilla urban offensive launched Nov. 11.

Army representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, the United States, Uruguay and Venezuela attended the conference, whose presidency will rotate to the United States in 1990.

Líderes dijeron a Noriega respetar la voz del pueblo

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — En una conferencia reciente de ejércitos hemisféricos le ha manifestado al General Manuel Antonio Noriega que debió respetar la voluntad electoral, del pueblo panameño y dejar que su país se vuelva a unir a la democracia de la región, según dice el Jefe del Estado Mayor del Ejército Argentino.

El General Isidro Cáceres dijo en una entrevista publicada por el diario Clarin el 26 de noviembre que un documento sometido por la Argentina fué adoptado unánimemente por la Conferencia de Ejércitos Americanos, que se llevó a cabo en Guatemala del 12 al 17 de noviembre.

En el documento expresó Cáceres, "se señalaba que todos se habían comprometido" a alcanzar una estrecha cooperación entre los ejércitos para el estudio de los problemas de interés mutuo, y que "es necesario que los ejércitos busquen asegurar las libertades esenciales de los pueblos, respetar la voluntad popular, enfrentar las amenazas que intenten subvertir los sistemas de gobierno y de vida de nuestros pueblos, contribuir a la consolidación de la estabilidad de las instituciones que cada país establece en sus respectivas constituciones y leyes.

Cáceres dijo que la conferencia expresó a Noriega, "la necesidad de observar ésto que estamos diciendo para beneficio de toda América y la cooperación entre nuestros países, muy especialmente para asegurar los

procesos de democratización en el continente contra toda forma de totalitarismo y subversión."

El general dijo que quería hacer hincapié en la posición de la CEA, porque a menudo se ha mal entendido lo que es la conferencia, como si fuera una "reunión de totalitarios, de desestabilizadores, de antidemocráticos. Pero no es así, justamente estamos diciendo: asegurar por todos los medios la democracia republicana y representativa."

Cáceres dijo que la CEA envió a Noriega un documento aprobado unánimemente "como una forma de decirle, señor, nosotros queremos vivir así, y si usted quiere vivir con nosotros trate de contribuir a que su pueblo se pronuncie."

Noriega anuló las elecciones celebradas en Panamá el último 7 de mayo, luego de que se reconoció ampliamente que la oposición había ganado a pesar del fraude masivo del gobierno. El 1 de septiembre, la fecha constitucionalmente establecida para la transferencia de poder en Panamá, Noriega instaló un compinche suyo de mucho tiempo, Francisco Rodriguez, como presidente provisional.

Cáceres dijo que ninguna delegación panameña asistió a la reunión de la CEA en Guatemala porque "no se presentó en término indicado con sus miembros y los reglamentos establecen que si no se hace a tiempo no se puede participar".

Sin embargo, un informe enviado entonces desde Guatemala por la agencia de noticias ACAN—EFE ci-

tó fuentes militares no identificadas, según las cuales el Estado Mayor General de Guatemala, actuando instancias de otros líderes militares latinoamericanos, decidió, a último minuto, retirar la invitación a los panameños.

"Existieron presiones de estados mayores para excluir al ejército panameño de esta reunión, la primera a la que no asistí, ya que habla estado presente en las otras dos realizadas en este país centroamericano", según la cita que hace EFE de sus fuentes.

La excusa fué que no habían cumplido con los requisitos de inscripción sus delegados, agregó la fuente, pero la verdad es que varias delegaciones pidieron que Panamá no estuviera presente por la confusa situación que reina en ese país y que se agudizó por la implantación de un nuevo gobierno".

EFE dijo la conferencia de la CEA emitió también una declaración de solidaridad con las fuerzas armadas salvadoreñas, que han venido combatiendo una ofensiva urbana de las guerrillas izquierdistas, lanzada el 11 de noviembre.

Representantes de los ejércitos de Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Canadá, Colombia, Chile, El Salvador, Estados Unidos, Honduras, Jamaica, México, Paraguay, Perú, República Dominicana, Uruguay, y Venezuela asistieron a la conferencia, cuya presidencia, que es rotatoria, corresponderá a Estados Unidos el año próximo.

Jackson tells teens of drug use, abuse

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson warned high school students Thursday that drugs are more of a threat to black Americans than the Ku Klux Klan had ever been.

"What difference does it make if the doors are wide open and you are too drunk to stagger through the door?" Jackson asked the students, who have been offered free college educations by businessman Ewing Kauffman if they stay drug free.

"No one should have to beg you, no one should have to bribe you, no one should have to give you an apple to make you save yourself," Jackson said.

"Opportunity just gets you on the court, it doesn't make you win."

Kauffman, founder of Marion Laboratories and owner of the Kansas City Royals baseball team, has offered to pay college costs for more than 500 students at Westport High School. In return, they must stay off drugs, attend school regularly and graduate, and avoid teen-age parenthood. He also has offered the program, called Project Choice, to about 150 students in Kansas City, Kan.

Toyota to pay \$43.2 million for negligence

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman whose husband and two daughters burned to death in a 1982 auto accident has been awarded \$43.2 million by a jury that found Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc. negligent in the design of its Corona station wagon.

The jury Wednesday ruled in favor of Nike Adegbite, 36, who escaped from the 1973 Toyota with minor burns and cuts after it was rear-ended by a van and burst into flames.

Douglas West, vice president and general counsel for Toyota Motors in Torrance, Calif., said the company is surprised by the verdict and will ask for a new trial.

"This is the only claim that Toyota has ever received on that issue," West said. He said Toyota denies the design was defective.

Stan Pfeiffer, Mrs. Adegbite's attorney, said she and her family were in the back seat of the station wagon when it was struck. The gas tank was pushed forward and punctured by a spare tire carrier and a valve on the rear axle, he said.

Mrs. Adegbite's husband, Adeyemi, 35, and her daughters,

Yetunde, 7, and Adelo, 8 months, were killed. The driver, Boyo Adetoye, received minor injuries, but his wife and child were killed. Adetoye was not involved in the case.

Pfeiffer said there was no formal recall of the station wagon, and he didn't know of any similar cases involving that particular model.

Attorneys want Reagan to testify

WASHINGTON, (Reuter) — Attorneys for ex-White House aide John Poindexter said Thursday that Ronald Reagan should not be allowed to withhold Iran-Contra evidence by citing executive privilege or claiming the material was confidential.

They asked the judge who is presiding over the case to reject Reagan's request to throw out the defense subpoena for the former president's personal notes and diaries covering the Iran-Contra affair.

The subpoena covers 67 specified meetings or events involving the secret arms sales to Iran and U.S. efforts to help the Nicaraguan Contras in 1985 and 1986, when U.S. military assistance was banned

But he said that there were only limited sales of that particular station wagon — about 50,000 — in the United States that year, and that the design was changed the following year.

Mrs. Adegbite, a beautician, went back to her native Nigeria after the accident.

by Congress.

The judge allowed Poindexter, a retired Navy admiral and former White House national security adviser, to subpoena the material as part of the defense effort to show that Reagan knew of or approved of Poindexter's activities.

"More than three years after Iran-Contra first became public, Mr. Reagan cannot now — for the first time — withhold evidence on the ground of executive privilege," Poindexter's attorneys said in the 39-page filing.

Poindexter's trial on five criminal charges of conspiracy, obstructing Congress and making false statements to cover up the scandal is set to start Jan. 22.

U.S. news

TV viewers refuse to have sets monitored

NEW YORK (UPI) — A three-network study of national television audience measurement released this week identified problems that range from button-pushing fatigue to failure to monitor outside-the-home viewing.

The 22-month, \$1 million, 600-page study, conducted by Statistical Research Inc., was commissioned by the Committee on Nationwide Television Audience Measurement and funded by ABC, CBS and NBC.

It made a series of recommendations on areas where the the workings of the A.C. Nielsen Co.'s People Meters could be improved. Nielsen cooperating in the study and John Dimling, executive vice president and director of marketing for Nielsen, said that some of the suggestions already are being put into effect.

One of the major findings in the report concerned declining cooperation rates. More than half

the households approached by Nielsen do not agree to have their sets metered and to push buttons to indicate what they are viewing.

"It's important to stress that people aren't aren't falling into the cracks, they're jumping into them," David F. Poltrack, senior vice president, planning and research, CBS/Broadcast Group, said at a news conference at which the study was released.

"When you want to ask a non-cooperator why he isn't cooperating, he doesn't want to cooperate," added Alan Wurtzel, senior vice president, marketing research services for ABC.

Poltrack noted that if people want input into television programming, cooperating with audience sampling is the way to get it.

Other problems the study addressed included:

— Fatigue. People Meters currently are installed in 4,000 homes

for two years, but button-pushing fatigue strikes some participants before the end of that period. The study recommended reducing participation to one year, if it could be done in a way that was cost effective and met quality standards.

— Metering all sets. In the past, Nielsen metered all active TV sets in a household and put a seal on inactive sets. That policy has evolved to exclude certain classes of sets — those less than five inches, portables, sets owned by boarders, sets in detached buildings. CONTAM urged measuring of all viewing, including in vacation and second homes.

— Measuring children's viewing. Viewing by children under 6 years old is difficult to measure and CONTAM called for a joint industry exploration of a solution.

— Recording visitors' viewing. Visitors to a Nielsen home are supposed to log into the People Meter, but the procedure needs to be

simplified.

— Ombudsman. CONTAM proposed that Nielsen establish an ombudsman within its company to set research standards.

"National television audience measurement is the most sophisticated of any media measurement," said Bob Niles, vice president of research for NBC. "The CONTAM study can provide valuable suggestions for the People Meter service, which due to marketplace competition did not undergo the full range of normal testing normally associated with the introduction of a new service."

Nielsen switched to People Meters in 1987 after a would-be rival, AGB, instituted a similar system. AGB has since dropped out of the market. Previously, Nielsen had measured audiences with a combination of passive meters attached to television sets and diaries kept by sample households.

Frigid temperatures grip most of the U.S.

by United Press International

Frigid conditions gripped much of the nation Thursday even though winter is still a week away, as temperatures fell well below zero in the Upper Midwest and freeze warnings posted as far south as Florida.

Up to a foot of new snow fell over the upper Great Lakes early Thursday and 6 more inches were forecast before the storm passes.

The National Weather Service posted a heavy snow warning for Wisconsin's Door Peninsula and Minnesota's Lake Superior

shoreline. Heavy snow also was falling over Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Arctic air kept its grip on the Plains states, pushing temperatures below zero in the Dakotas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota. Temperatures from 20 below zero to 30 below zero were reported in central North Dakota.

The temperature in Bismarck, N.D., dropped to 27 below zero, breaking the record of 26 below set in 1917.

Cold air riding the jet stream straight from the North Pole will keep Michigan on ice at least until

Christmas, with temperatures 12 degrees to 16 degrees below normal, the NWS reported.

Predawn temperatures Thursday ranged from 3 below zero at Sault Ste. Marie in the Upper Peninsula to 20 above zero in Detroit. Light snow was falling throughout both peninsulas.

It was clear and cold in the South Thursday, with freeze warnings issued as far south as Orlando, Fla.

The deep freeze struck did not spare the Mid-Atlantic region. Single-digit readings were reported in Pennsylvania, and temperatures in

the teens were found in West Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland.

Bitter cold held its grip on New England early Thursday. The mercury dropped below zero in northern Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. Boston reported clear skies and temperatures near the single digits, with a wind chill of minus 18.

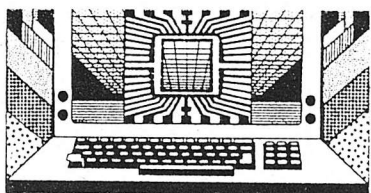
Police in Framingham, Mass., said an apparently homeless man drowned Wednesday after falling through the ice at a pond. The man may have been trying to drink from the pond, police said.

Video display terminal headaches can be eliminated

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — Eye-strain, blurred vision, headaches and other problems associated with video display terminals can be eliminated in most cases by changes in office lighting and the VDT screens, a professor said last week.

"People perform much better when they look at screens with dark characters on a white background instead of having white characters on a dark background," said James Sheedy, associate professor of the University of California School of Optometry and director of the VDT Eye Clinic.

Sheedy, who addressed the 67th annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometry, said the change must be considered in the design of future VDTs.



Improved design of the terminals and work-stations would help solve the growing problem of headaches, eye fatigue and other maladies associated with "VDT syndrome," he said.

Other recommendations included an in-depth analysis of the visual abilities individual workers and special designs for eyeglasses.

"Lighting in offices is often inappropriate for VDT users and causes glare, because they are looking straight ahead in the room instead of up and down at their desks," Sneydy said.

Lighting levels should be reduced and lighting designs should be changed to provide indirect lighting.

People who wear bi-focal glasses have special problems when looking at computer screens and are highly susceptible to eye strain and back and neck strain, Sneydy told the 2,000 optometrists attending the convention.

"They need to be fitted with special glasses to meet the unusual viewing distance and the angles of VDTs. The glasses for them and others with special viewing problems have to be designed on the basis of the visual abilities of the individuals," he said.

Several labor unions, including the Communication Workers of America, have filed complaints on behalf of their members suffering from VDT-related maladies.

Illicit drug products may be grossly contaminated

ATLANTA (AP) — An outbreak of lead poisoning among speed-shooting addicts in Oregon illustrates how "illicit products may be grossly contaminated," federal health officials warned last week.

The national Centers for Disease Control reported that 37 suspected cases of lead poisoning associated with intravenous methamphetamine use were

reported last year in Oregon and that 14 cases were confirmed.

"Analysis of an illicit methamphetamine sample provided by one of the patients ... detected 60 percent lead," the CDC said.

First word of the problem came when 14 cases of hepatitis were reported in Marion County, Ore. The outbreak shows that "lead poisoning may not be diagnosed if

physicians do not have a high index of suspicion."

Also, "illicit products may be grossly contaminated with poisonous substances," the Atlanta-based CDC said in its weekly report.

The CDC said cases were clustered in a one-month period, suggesting contamination at a single source. It is not known if the contamination was accidental or deliberate.

Santa saves kid

PANORAMA CITY, Calif. (UPI) — A shopping mall Santa resuscitated an 11-year-old boy who had passed out from choking while waiting to have his picture taken with him, it was reported this week.

Panorama Mall Santa Seth Applegate, 37, used artificial respiration for two minutes to revive Renny Schuffman as the boy's mother and dozens of children watched.

"If I didn't believe in Santa before, I sure do now," the boy told the Daily News.

Applegate said he kept his flowing white beard in place during the incident.

"There were a lot of other kids around, so I did not want to rip off the beard and blow their illusion," he said.

Applegate, a free-lance writer, said he recognized the signs of choking and remembered the lifesaving technique from a course he took years ago.

"He was choking and holding his throat. I just caught it out of the corner of my eye — then he fell down and wasn't breathing."

Dorie Schuffman was paying to have her son's picture taken with Santa when Renny began choking on a wad of gum.

"Santa Claus just leaped out of the chair," she said. "I didn't know what was happening."

She later hugged Applegate and said, "Thank you. God bless you, Santa Claus."

U.S. news

Bush administration coy on farm policy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Bush administration may reap two benefits by being coy about its farm policy plans — maintaining U.S. leverage at world trade talks and avoiding unwanted criticism at home, observers said this week.

The analysis was prompted by Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter's statements that the administration may not propose a farm bill. The current farm policy

law expires next year. Congress is expected soon to begin drafting a new one.

"We'll announce our views on that legislation shortly after the first of the year," Yeutter told reporters Tuesday, but he added there was no decision whether to submit a full-fledged bill.

He refused to explain administration strategy.

Observers, including a highly placed Agriculture Department source, suggested Yeutter was following a plan that would preserve U.S. negotiating latitude at trade reform talks. By not submitting a bill, the administration would be able to demand concessions from other nations as the price for changes in U.S. programs, they said, rather than appear to be making changes on its own.

In addition, they said, the administration would not be saddled with the criticism that past administrations have faced. In 1985, for instance, congressional leaders rejected a Reagan farm bill almost as

soon as it was unveiled and ignored administration ideas for months afterward.

An analyst for the House Agriculture Committee said Yeutter was caught "betwixt and between" because of the hazards that would accompany any administration bill at this point. The legislation would be read by two different audiences — Congress and world trade negotiators — with sharply different viewpoints.

However, Yeutter would be "in a wonderful position to dance from issue to issue" if there is no administration bill, the analyst said.

A departmental source said that by presenting its ideas, rather than a bill, the administration could aid in speedy writing of a bill by avoiding controversy, and direct attention on the trade talks, which conclude in late 1990. The United States is seeking the elimination of export subsidies and unfair trade barriers and subsidies.

At present, there is general agreement that Congress should

continue the direction of the 1985 farm policy law — a prospect that both observers said would suit Yeutter. The 1985 law had the goal of expanding export sales and reducing crop subsidy rates but with protection of farmer income.

Another observer, however, said Yeutter's comments probably indicated that the administration, staffed with new officials, simply had not made up its mind on what to do. He also noted it was relatively early to expect legislative packages from anyone. No farm bills have been proposed yet on Capitol Hill.

Leaning tower fails to beat tower in Pisa

SHICKLEY, Neb. (UPI) — While the Leaning Tower of Pisa has been hanging on at a precarious angle for centuries, a farmer's version of the Italian monument barely lasted a couple of months.

The 75-foot-high concrete silo just northwest of Shickley, Neb., has had neighbors gawking for about half a year as it slowly leaned toward Earth. Local newspapers compared it to the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

But the silo's base has been cracking for the past two months as temperatures swung above and below freezing, and it finally fell to the ground, said Viola Stengel.

Stengel's sons, Dale and Gerry, and her husband, Butch, owned the 21-year-old silo, which was on the site of the feedlot they operated.

Mrs. Stengel said no one was home at the time the silo fell. Nearby cattle and feedyard fences had been removed in anticipation of the collapse.

Workers were cleaning up the debris in the hope of salvaging some of the 900 tons of silage that had filled the silo.



Aspirin is not cause of defects in newborn babies, study shows

BOSTON (UPI) — Taking aspirin early in pregnancy does not appear to increase the chances that a woman will give birth to a baby with a defective heart, researchers reported this week in a finding contrary to previous studies.

In the largest study of its kind, Boston University researchers failed to find any significant association between aspirin use and five types of potentially fatal heart birth defects.

"The take-home message is that, based on the largest study to date, aspirin does not appear to increase the risk of these five cardiac defects," said Martha Werler, an epidemiologist at Boston University School of Public Health who led the study.

The findings contradict at least two previous studies that found women who took aspirin in the first trimester of their pregnancy were up to three times more likely to have babies with defective hearts. Those studies, however, were based on

smaller numbers of women and less reliable methods, the researchers said.

In the new study, the researchers examined the aspirin use of 1,381 women who gave birth to babies with five types of heart defects and 6,966 women who gave birth to babies with other types of birth defects from 1976 through 1986 in Boston, Philadelphia, Iowa and Ontario, Canada.

The researchers failed to find any significant association between aspirin use and the heart deformities overall, they reported in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

"Aspirin remains one of the drugs most commonly used during pregnancy, and the potential risks associated with its use are of considerable importance to public health," the researchers wrote.

"Our results suggest that the use of aspirin during the early months of pregnancy ... is not associated with an increased risk of cardiac defects," the researchers said.

Dog survives for 19 days in city sewer

ROSEVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A skinny and smelly 8-year-old beagle is back home with his owners after being trapped for 19 days in a city sewer.

Diablo appeared healthy except for an infected ear and weight loss, Marilyn Jackson said. The dog weighed 43 pounds when he disappeared, and only 19 pounds when he was recovered this week.

"It's amazing. He looks wonderful. There isn't a broken bone in his body," she said.

Jackson said Diablo and the family's other pet beagle had been digging out of the yard and running away regularly since the Oct. 17 earthquake, but had always been found in the neighborhood until one day early this month when only the other dog returned.

Repeated searches, visits to animal shelters and newspaper ads turned up no sign of Diablo until another Roseville resident, Patty Miller, heard something that "sounded like an echo" of her two dogs as they ran in a field. After some investigation, Miller said, her dogs led her to a concrete sewer hole in the field with the manhole cover removed.

"I looked down and saw a little dog face looking up at me," said Miller, who called the Fire Department, which rescued Diablo and called the Jacksons.

Malpractice suits bring maternity care shortage

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The threat of medical malpractice suits is creating a maternity-care shortage in America that disproportionately affects poor and rural women, an expert panel reported.

The Institute of Medicine committee said Wednesday that "significant numbers" of obstetrician-gynecologists, family doctors and nurse-midwives have abandoned or limited their obstetrical practice because of liability concerns.

The specter of litigation also has changed the practice of obstetrics, contributing to a disturbing increase in Caesarean sections as well as to increased costs, the panel said.

"Medical professional liability issues in obstetrics represent a serious threat to the delivery of obstetrical care in this nation," the report said.

"There is mounting evidence of existing shortages of obstetrical care,

especially for poor women in rural and inner city areas, and there is good reason to believe that the need for obstetrical services in the United States will increase in the near future."

The panel called for short-term solutions, including granting immunity from personal liability to doctors in public health centers and giving subsidies to those who take Medicaid patients so they can afford insurance premiums.

In the long-run, it said consideration should be given to shifting malpractice cases from the courts to state agencies and granting no-fault awards for certain kinds of

The report added that restoring trust to the doctor-patient relationship "must be at the heart of any solution" and noted that many parents sue because they have no other way to obtain money for a child with birth defects — unlike countries

such as Canada that have social insurance systems.

The committee said malpractice claims filed against all doctors increased by about 10 percent a year from 1982-86 while damage awards also rose. Claims against obstetricians increased faster than for other doctors, and a 1987 study said 70 percent of obstetricians had been sued in their careers.

For obstetricians, insurance costs rose 113 percent between 1982 and 1986, and premiums exceeded \$100,000 a year in some cities in 1987. In California, Illinois and at least six other states, it cost a doctor more for insurance to deliver a baby than Medicaid paid for a normal delivery, the report said.

Although it was impossible to calculate the number of doctors giving up obstetrics, the report said, surveys by professional groups suggest nearly a quarter of family

physicians and 12 percent of specialists have done so.

The panel said other doctors have reduced their number of deliveries or cut back on their Medicaid caseload.

As a result, poor women and women whose obstetrical care is financed by Medicaid or provided by community or migrant health centers are "being disproportionately" affected by the liability crisis, it said.

Rural women are hard hit because they generally receive maternity care from family doctors. The report said the number of obstetrical providers in non-metropolitan areas has fallen by about 20 percent in the last five years.

The percentage of women receiving no or late prenatal care is increasing in America, which ranks 19th among developed nations in infant mortality. Babies born to women who receive no prenatal care are twice as likely to die.

U.S. news

Launch of Columbia delayed for two days

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — The launch of the shuttle Columbia next week on a 10-day Christmas flight will be delayed at least two days, to Dec. 20, because of slow progress completing launch pad modifications, NASA officials said.

Columbia and its three-man, two-woman crew are scheduled for takeoff at 6:26 p.m. EST next Wednesday to launch one satellite and return another to Earth. It will be the year's sixth shuttle flight and the second night launch in a row.

Liftoff had been scheduled for 7:29 p.m. EST Monday, but work to complete a variety of modifications on launch pad 39A, last used in 1986, has taken longer than expected.

After a teleconference Wednesday, NASA managers decided that liftoff would have to be delayed to next Wednesday at the earliest.

"Extra time is needed to validate systems at launch pad 39A and to ready shuttle Columbia to support launch," the space agency said in a statement.

Calling a launch on Dec. 20 "success oriented," NASA said that "if steps involving first use of launch pad 39A ... continue to run slightly behind schedule, a slip to the 21st is likely."

Columbia's crew - commander Daniel Brandenstein, 46, co-pilot James Wetherbee, 37, Bonnie Dunbar, 40, Marsha Ivins, 38, and G.

David Low, 33 — plans to fly to the Kennedy Space Center this weekend for the start of the countdown.

The new launch date will limit the number of days NASA has to get the shuttle into orbit. Agency officials have said Columbia will not be launched on Christmas eve or Christmas day, so if the shuttle is delayed past Dec. 23, the flight would be postponed to after the holiday.

But William Lenoir, NASA's associate administrator for space flight, said "we feel confident about

readiness for a pre-Christmas liftoff."

The goal of the 10-day mission is the launch of a Navy Syncom communications satellite and the retrieval and return to Earth of the Long Duration Exposure Facility — LDEF — a 21,000-pound satellite dropped off in orbit in 1984 to find out how high-tech materials are affected by long-term exposure to the space environment.

It will be the sixth shuttle flight of 1989.

Americans big concern cholesterol

CHICAGO (UPI) — Americans are more worried about their cholesterol, computers and their careers than they are about such social issues as AIDS, the homeless and child abuse, it was reported Tuesday.

The findings were reported by Encyclopedia Britannica's Instant Research Service and were based on an analysis of the 172,000 inquiries received during 1989.

Margaret Mottier, who heads the research service, said the number of queries about cholesterol exploded from a handful in 1988 and she attributed it to the public's growing health consciousness.

She said there were a multitude of requests for recipes and menus for low-cholesterol and fat-free diets, as well as for information on the effects of caffeine.

She said she was surprised at the

waning interest in AIDs, the homeless and child abuse, all of which were among the top 10 subjects of inquiry last year.

"Perhaps this reflects the public's growing sense of helplessness in dealing with these problems and the surfeit of coverage they have received in newspapers and other media," she said.

The 10 most requested reports:

- 1 — Establishing a small business.
- 2 — How to prepare a business plan.
- 3 — Selecting a personal computer.
- 4 — Recipes for low-cholesterol diets.
- 5 — Suggestions for making money at home.
- 6 — Careers of the future.
- 7 — Acid rain.
- 8 — Buying a house.
- 9 — Financing a new home.
- 10 — Causes of business failure.

Bo, Christmas llama, brings gifts

WHEELING, W.Va. (UPI) — First there were singing telegrams and rent-a-Santas. Now comes "Bo" the Christmas llama, leaving the zoo gates behind with bells ringing to spread yuletide cheer.

For \$40, the woolly creature from Oglebay Park's Good Zoo in Wheeling, W.Va., will don a red backpack and a Santa Claus hat to make personal deliveries of local Christmas gifts.

"I think it will be the first time people will have a present delivered by a llama," said Penny Miller, the zoo's curator, who plans to kick off the service known as "Llama Express" starting Friday.

Bo won't travel more than 35 miles from home and the gift must be suited to the size of a small backpack, such as a bottle of wine or a box of Christmas candy.

But Miller said the llama's breeding in treacherous mountain territory makes it unlikely he'll be stopped by such obstacles as steep staircases while making his appointed rounds.

The zoo plans to ferry Bo around town in a pickup truck and then keepers will lead him up to the door of gift recipients. All proceeds will go to the zoo.

"I think ... he's going to be pretty busy next week," Miller said.

Abortion outpolls Europe in news for Americans

WASHINGTON (UPI) — In the past four weeks, interest by Americans in the dramatic events of Eastern Europe has dropped drastically, while only one in five people closely followed the Malta summit, a poll showed this weekly.

The survey from the Times-Mirror Co. indicated that only one topic — abortion — had grabbed the attention of more than one-third of the public in the past month.

The poll, part of a monthly series of studies on how closely Americans are following major news events, showed that in the last four weeks, 28 percent of those surveyed said they were "very closely" following the political changes in Eastern and

Central Europe.

The results appeared to indicate that American interest in the European story was geared to a dramatic event.

In the previous four-week period, 50 percent of those surveyed said they were closely following the opening of the Berlin Wall, but 29 percent said they were paying close attention to the generic European story.

The survey added that people who are not watching the European events closely said the reason was the complexity of the story and the fact that it was difficult to follow.

However, the survey indicated that despite the results, there was

evidence "that the public grasps the significance of the changes that are taking place in East bloc countries and is absorbing both important news concepts and awareness of some of the sidelights to the major stories."

The December survey also showed only 20 percent said they closely followed the Malta summit between President Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, while 19 percent said they were watching the coup attempt in the Philippines, 14 percent followed new fighting in El Salvador and 10 percent paid serious attention to the sale of Rockefeller Center to Japanese concerns.

However, 35 percent of those surveyed said they were closely following attempts to change abortion laws since the Supreme Court gave states more power to do that.

"This is less attentiveness than was measured in July right after the Supreme Court's ruling, but is significantly more than was observed in May, during the court's deliberative period," the poll's analysis said.

The survey, conducted by the Gallup Organization, was taken from Dec. 7-10 among 1,235 adults. It listed an error margin of 3 percentage points.

Drug firm recalls estrogen tablets

CINCINNATI (AP) — Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., has recalled batches of its estrogen therapy tablets after tests showed variances in their uniformity.

The drug company said the differences in the 10 batches of tablets wouldn't alter the therapeutic value of the drug, sold as Conjugated Estrogens.

Estrogen is sold as a synthetic form of the female hormone and often is prescribed for women who have undergone hysterectomies or who have entered menopause.

The batches being recalled were produced in 1988, the company told The Cincinnati Enquirer in a report published Tuesday. It was unlikely many tablets remained because the product has a two-year shelf life, the company said.

Telephone messages left at

company headquarters in Cincinnati were not returned Tuesday.

In a statement, Duramed said it could not assess the financial impact of the uniformity issue and the product recall, but said they were "likely to have a material adverse effect."

"Nevertheless, the company is confident that it has adequate resources to continue its business plan to develop and introduce new products," the statement said.

Duramed manufactures and sells generic drug products of various dosages of prescription drugs.

An analysis is under way to determine if production should be halted, the company said. Until it is completed, more recalls are possible and, under certain circumstances, the company may suspend production of the current formulation of the product, Duramed said.

Hanging 'husband' upsets neighbors

LA GRANDE, Ore. (UPI) — Neighbors did not get the joke when Katy Spencer dressed up a dummy in her husband's clothing and hung it outside her house as a Christmas decoration next to an overturned ladder.

Police in La Grande, a northeast Oregon city of 11,500, confiscated the dangling figure, which was festooned with Christmas lights, but ended up giving it back because "it was really not a law enforcement concern," said Capt. Al Frazier.

"The police kind of roughed him up a little bit," Spencer said Tuesday, adding the dummy didn't "look as real as he did" before the cops came.

But things turned more serious when the dummy returned to his perch with a new lawn sign stating, "Bah Humbug!" Spencer

said she started getting anonymous phone calls from people who hated the decoration. One woman claimed it made her children cry.

A stranger even knocked on the door and told Spencer's 19-year-old daughter he thought they had a sick sense of humor.

Spencer expressed bewilderment at all the fuss.

"Where is our freedom of expression?" she said. "I don't think it's offensive at all. I love Christmas — it's my favorite time of the year."

Spencer, who is Irish, has named the dummy Festus O'Toole and said it will be back on her house on St. Patrick's Day. She also said her husband had bought a spotlight so the newest family member can remain on view at night.

world roundup

Third World sinking deeper under debt

LONDON (Reuter) — Seven years after Mexico declared it was broke and ushered in the Third World debt crisis, the myth that developing nations will one day repay the \$1.3 trillion they owe has finally been exploded.

As a new decade beckons, 1989 is being seen increasingly as a turning point, a year in which policy-makers begrudgingly cast aside the taboo surrounding debt formulas and held out at least a glimmer of hope for the 1990s.

That is not to say the debt crisis is about to go away. The World Bank says African nations are almost as poor as they were 30 years ago and Latin America is still engulfed in the avalanche of loans that seemed to point the way to prosperity for it in the 1970s.

Over the past 12 months, however, attitudes have undergone a radical change — from the U.S. Treasury in Washington to bank boardrooms in most of the world's major financial centres.

The new message is simple: If the Third World is to recover from the stagnation of the 1980s, the debt burden must be cut.

"The world is finally coming around to the idea that the sheer mass of debt has to be reduced," said Prof. Mike Faber at the University of Sussex Institute of Development Studies.

The 1980s were a lost decade for the developing world as hard-won export earnings were eaten up by the need to repay loans that had grown from \$90 billion 10 years earlier to \$630 billion by the time Mexico stunned the world in 1982.

The figure has now risen to about \$1.3 trillion.

The 1990s are likely to see an increasing amount of that debt forgiven by both governments and banks, but economists doubt whether write-offs foreseen under a plan launched in March by U.S. Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady will be a cure-all.

The blueprint, which encourages banks to reduce loans voluntarily in return for more secure bonds, is being tested in a highly controversial deal for Mexico. It already has been adapted for Costa Rica, the Philippines and Chile.

But forgiveness alone, economists say, will not solve the crisis in Third World development and is already showing signs of creating new problems as Mexico's deal begins to take shape.

"There is a serious danger of debtor countries being trapped in a vicious circle," said Vince Cable, special adviser on economic affairs to the Secretariat of Commonwealth nations in London, a grouping of former British colonies.

"High debt slows growth, investment falls, growth slows... It is a treadmill and very difficult for countries to escape."

For Mexico, banks have been offered three options.

They can put up new money; they can write-off 35 percent of the debt and have the remainder converted into bonds effectively guaranteed by the International Monetary Fund or World Bank; or they can swap their loans for bonds at a lower interest rate.

So far, banks are opting in about equal numbers for the two bond options and hardly at all to grant new

loans. Mexico's debt may be reduced slightly but it could be starved of new cash.

Roger Lawrence, economist at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva, believes the public sector will have to fill the gap in the 1990s, relying on the IMF and World Bank to channel

funds into the Third World.

"The 1990s is likely to turn into a decade in which we restate the usefulness of a public sector role in the debt crisis," he said. "The markets, left to themselves, went up a cul-de-sac with Latin American debt."

As banks build reserves against

outright losses, more and more could use the Brady plan to turn their back on new lending, a danger of which the big banks are all too aware.

"The debt crisis is at a turning point," William Rhodes, a Citibank executive who has been a key negotiator since the first Mexican rescue package in 1982, told bankers recently.

"The current phase, if not managed carefully, could undermine the progress to date and leave future financing for much of the developing world entirely to government sources."

The history of the debt crisis, argues Faber at Sussex University, has shown that solutions will evolve only gradually as plans are modified and superseded on the basis of what he calls a "theory of successive disappointments."

The Brady plan will, therefore, not be the final word.

It is at the moment being applied only to countries undertaking reform under the supervision of the IMF. The U.N. trade group argues some Third World nations are in such a mess they need debt reduction first, before they can consider reform.

"If there is light at the end of the tunnel, it is certainly not yet visible for many countries," said Roy Trivedy, economist at the development policy unit of the British charity Oxfam.

Others take a harder line on debtors. Horst Schulmann, head of the Washington-based Institute of International Finance, which groups creditor banks, argues that 80 percent of many debtor nation problems begin at home with weak economic policy.

He estimates that as much as \$285 billion flooded out of the world's 15 most highly indebted countries in the 1980s. It is called "capital flight," as cash seeks a safe haven in the industrial world.

However, for all its faults, the Brady plan has finally made talk about debt forgiveness respectable and economists believe it could speed up write-offs of government debt which so far have been entertained for only the poorest countries of Africa.

"The conceptual tools are now in place," Lawrence of the U.N. trade agency said. "But governments, banks and debtors have not yet found a way to make this new thinking reveal its true promise."

AIDS disk may be sabotage plot

LONDON (AP) — The head of a group of personal computer users in London warned computer users Tuesday night to steer clear of a mailed disk purporting to give information on AIDS because it could be part of a sabotage plot.

Dr. Alan Solomon, who also heads a British company called S and S specializing in the examination of computer viruses, said several thousand of the disks had been mailed to legitimate computer users.

Users' addresses had apparently been taken from computer magazines, said Solomon, chairman of the IBM Personal Computer Users Group.

He said the AIDS Information Introductory Diskette, as the computer disk is called, was so far not thought to contain an actual computer virus, which attacks individual systems.

But he said it had been

identified as a potential preparatory sabotage device known to computer experts as a "Trojan," the full effects of which are not yet known.

Solomon said he received one of the disks in the mail on Monday bearing a Panama postal box address. He said he feared more could arrive in the mail this week.

"There is no urgent panic in the short term but if it has already been installed I would advise them (computer users) to seek urgent help because it is a nasty thing," he said.

A letter accompanying the disk asks for payment of \$189 for one type of license and \$378 for another, he said.

Solomon said few experienced computer users would risk installing an unsolicited disk without first checking it but that some less experienced users might.

Flared jeans making a comeback

LONDON (UPI) — Flared jeans, the wide-legged uniform of the children of the 1970s, are back.

The unlikely scene of the flare's rebirth is Manchester, England, where nothing fashionable ever seems to happen.

But Manchester rock group The Stone Roses, which has a single — "Fool's Gold" — in the Top 10 of the British charts, has changed that.

The musicians wear flares and so do their fans.

British shopkeepers predict the trend will spread countrywide, supplanting the straight-legged look popularized by Levis 501 blue jeans.

"We tested them in five of our branches recently and sold out in a few days. By April, whether you like it or not, you'll see a lot of kids wearing them," John Chetcuti, buyer for CJ's chain of 38 stores, told The Independent newspaper of London.

That's good news for Britain's denim industry, on hard times for so long, but bad news for a generation of Britons who abandoned the wide-bodied look in the late 1970s.

Jeans retailer Joe Moss said, "Flares offend the sensibilities of the older generation and that's why they are taking off, after a long period when father and son dressed the same and looked the same."

"There is a lot of anti-flare feeling about among older people," said Paresh Travadi, of Pepe, the British jeans manufacturer. "The idea of flares still leaves a bad taste in the mouth for the generation which didn't like them first time round."

Lindah Kiddey, of U.S.-jeans maker Wrangler, said: "We realized there was a demand when stockists started asking us whether we had any old merchandise from the 70s still lurking in our warehouses."

Greenhouse effect extends into tropics

NEW YORK (AP) — Observations from space and ocean surface confirm a key assumption of computer projections that predict global warming through the greenhouse effect, a study says.

The analysis presents "compelling evidence" for existence of a natural process that amplifies the atmospheric warming caused by other factors, the authors wrote.

It also found that the greenhouse effect was stronger than expected over the warm waters of the tropical western Pacific Ocean, co-author Veerabhadran Ramanathan of the University of Chicago said Wednesday.

If this "super greenhouse effect" occurs in that area because the water has surpassed some threshold temperature, the Earth's overall

warming may accelerate as more of its water warms beyond that temperature, he said.

The observation is "definitely a cause for concern," he said. But its cause is not known, and its potential implications for global warming cannot yet be defined, he said.

The greenhouse effect is the fact that the atmosphere traps some energy radiating from Earth, rather than letting it all escape into space. With buildup of certain gases in the atmosphere, such as carbon dioxide, more energy is trapped, resulting in a global warming of climate.

Ramanathan said results of the new study are consistent with predictions that a doubling in atmospheric carbon dioxide will lead to a warming of about 4 degrees

Fahrenheit.

He and graduate student Ameet Raval present the work in Thursday's issue of the British journal Nature.

They measured the amount of trapped energy by comparing sea surface temperatures to the amount of energy escaping into space, as measured by satellites. The readings were taken during 1985 and 1986.

They found that the higher the sea temperature, the more energy was trapped in the atmosphere above.

Analysis gave evidence for a natural process that would amplify an initial warming. The idea is that as the sea surface and air get warmer, the atmosphere accumulates more water vapor. The extra vapor traps more energy radiating from the Earth, leading to further atmospheric warming.

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Atlantic side will have 'green Christmas'

by Cpl. A. Scott Lawrence

FORT DAVIS (USARSO PAO ATLANTIC) — "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas." It's a safe bet that Christmas here won't be white, but that isn't keeping the Atlantic community from becoming a "Christmas Wonderland" this weekend.

"Christmas Wonderland is a three-day project organized to bring the Atlantic community together in the holiday spirit," said Jean Bonilla, chief of Atlantic recreation centers.

Christmas Wonderland will kick off at 6:30 p.m. Friday with a brass quintet performance at the Sundial Recreation Center. The quintet will play a variety of Christmas music. At 7 p.m., 16 children will stage the classic Christmas manger scene.

"The actors are very good," said Andrew Lim, Atlantic Music and Theater Director. "Some of them were in our summer theatre program."

The children have abundant talent, according to Lim. The audience is encouraged to join in

carolling during the program.

After the manger scene, a towering 25-foot Christmas tree will be lit and 40 choir members from Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Colon will sing traditional Christmas hymns.

Then at 8 p.m., Santa will arrive from the North Pole to take any last minute requests. "Regardless of your age — so long as you are a child at heart — you can tell me what you would like for Christmas," said Santa, chief of worldwide toy distribution.

Santa will also hand out some gifts on Friday. "If anyone wants Santa to present a gift to someone special during his visit, they can leave it at the recreation center anytime between now and Friday morning," Bonilla said.

In addition, the Atlantic Arts and Crafts Center will photograph anyone with Santa for a nominal fee. Refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

"On the second day of Christmas ..."

Saturday, children can shop for

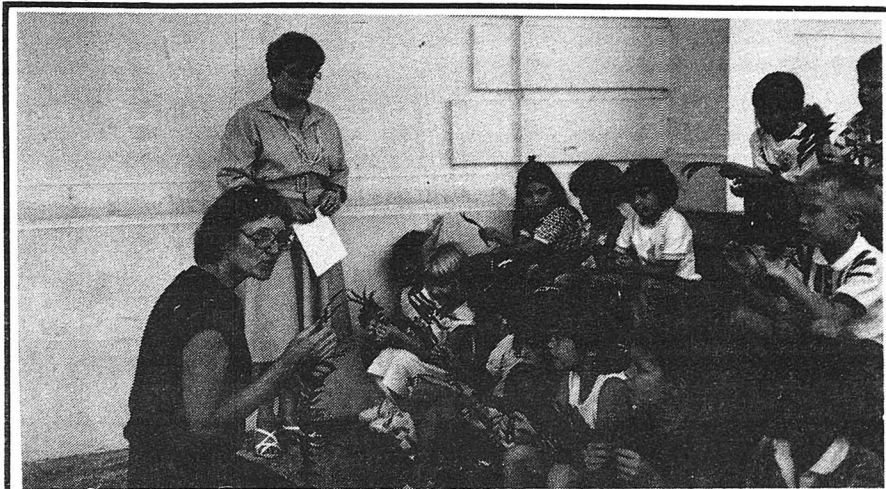
presents. Children, age 12 and under, will have their own shopping spree at the Fort Davis Community Club from 9 a.m. to noon. No parents are allowed and teenagers will escort the children.

Capping "Christmas Wonderland" Sunday, there is a preteen party at Sundial from 3 to 6 p.m.

"Christmas is a time for family,"

Bonilla said. "The Atlantic community is one big family. Through this project, our family can enjoy Christmas together."

It may never snow in Panama, but the Atlantic family is full of Christmas spirit. For more information on Atlantic Christmas activities call Mrs. Bonilla at 289-3300.



LESSON — Mrs. Caroline Kelley and her first grade students get a hands-on botany lesson from Mrs. Marianne Akers during her "Panama plants" course at the Balboa Elementary School. (DODDS photo)



Don't let fire ruin your holiday! Follow fire safety instructions

by Sgt. Raymon K. Hinegardner
Howard/Albrook Fire Inspector

(24 COMPW/PA) — Christmas is a time of happiness and joy for the entire family. Don't let a needless fire incident spoil the holiday season. The following fire safety tips will help make the holiday safe for all.

Make sure all Christmas decorations are fire retardant and use artificial lighting instead of candles.

When selecting a live Christmas tree, pull out a needle and squeeze it between the thumb and forefinger. If it flexes, the tree is still moist. If it snaps, reject the tree, or if it is already home, dispose of it immediately.

Once a tree is selected, make sure to keep the trunk submerged in water or wet sand. When setting up the tree, keep all hallways and exits clearly accessible in case of emergency evacuation.

If lights are on the Christmas tree, make sure they are Underwriters' Laboratories approved and never use

lighting sets that have missing bulbs. Don't use electrical lights on metal trees, as shock may result.

Check extension cords to make sure they are in good condition, without any splices. Do not run cords under rugs across the floor, creating a tripping hazard.

During holiday parties and get-togethers, if a guest drops a match or cigarette, recover it at once. If it falls into upholstery, put the cushion or the whole item outside overnight.

When all of the presents have been opened, quickly gather up all of the discarded paper and trash. Dispose of this debris immediately to avoid an unnecessary hazard.

Remember that unattended cooking is the leading cause of fire in military family housing. Be fire-wise in the kitchen this Christmas and enjoy all of mom's fantastic homemade goodies.

Follow these fire-wise concepts when planning the Christmas schedule, and families will enjoy greater freedom during the holidays. As a reminder, 119 is the fire reporting number.

He sings American music, not just country, Pride says

by Pat Walker

U.S. NAVAL STATION PANAMA CANAL (NAVSTA PAO) — "When you call up a radio station and request one of my songs, and they say, 'But he's a country singer,' you tell 'em, 'No! He sings American music — play him!'"

Charley Pride doesn't put much stock in the musical designations people toss around like country, pop, or middle of the road. "What they've really been talkin' about is American music. And that music consists of three basic things in our society: Country, Gospel and Blues — and I'm the epitome of all three."

With that declaration at his Naval Station mini-concert on Saturday, Charley made his point with a medley of songs by Fats Domino, Brook Benton, Hank Williams and Elvis Presley, "four singers who have had great influence on our music," then took it a step further by singing "When My Blue Moon Turns to Gold Again" as it originally sounded — hillbilly, and as it sounded when Elvis transformed it into rock 'n' roll.

But Charley Pride is more than simply the epitome of his definition of American music. As he signed autographs following his performance, his interchanges with the fans shed more light on what he's all about.

From pinpointing someone's

hometown or birthdate to confiding to a giggling group of women Navy personnel his delight at having "all these Aquarians following me around today," he kept up a stream of chatter that left each person feeling a little bit special.

And anybody with a gap between his or her front teeth won't ever feel the same about it again. Not only that, they'll know what it's called. Nine-year old Jason Berger was a case in point: "Hey you've got a diastema, too!" Charley crowed. "How do you like it?"

Jason shook his head in the negative.

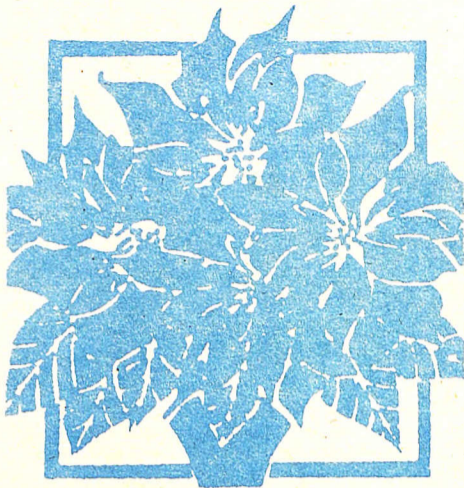
"You don't want to get rid of it, do you?" Charley went on. "Hey, it can get you a lot! I used to pick cotton — now I own the farm! Course, I'm not sayin' the gap was responsible, but ..." Although he filled a plate with barbecued chicken and the trimmings, Charley never got around to eating it. He was too busy talking to folks, especially to the children, in the short time allowed him on his schedule.

Asked what motivates a performer of his stature to take on the grueling work of a USO tour, his answer was simple.

"Well, people did it for me when I was in the service. I'm just doing for other people what was done for me."



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Christmas events

A Christmas Wonderland sponsored by CFA Atlantic Facilities will be held at Fort Davis Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 15 to 17. Events include distribution of gifts by Santa. The Sundial Recreation Center at Fort Davis will receive the treats from adults parents or kids that want to participate. For more information call 289-3889.

Christmas cantata

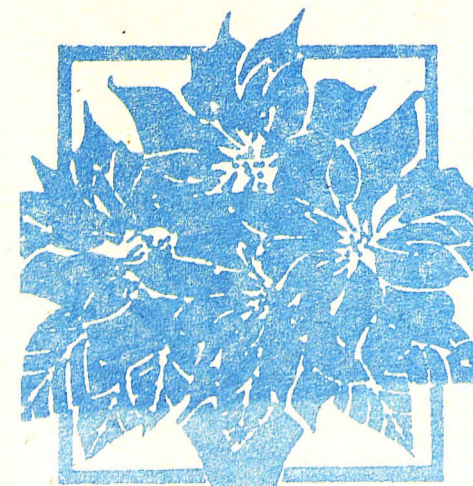
The Fort Clayton Protestant Chapel will hold a Christmas Cantata at 9 a.m. on Dec. 17. Come and enjoy the Christmas Cantata. For more information call 282-5526.

Childrens' cantata

"Gettin' Ready for the Miracle," a lively Christmas musical, will be performed by the Children's Choir of First Baptist Church, Balboa on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. Admission is free. The church is located across from the Balboa train station. For more information, call 286-4787 or 252-5727.

Christmas lights tour

A Christmas Lights tour sponsored by the Valent Recreation Center will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 22. Participants will also stop for dinner at a local restaurant. For more information call 287-6500.



Intramural golf

The Intramural Golf season will start Jan. 19 and letters of intent are needed by Dec. 18. For more information, call the Howard Sports and Fitness Center at 284-3451.

Howard arts & crafts

The Howard Arts and Crafts Center is offering the following classes and special events:

Dec. 19 — Twenty percent off all items in the sales store

Dec. 21 — Free demonstration on how to apply gold from 2 to 3 p.m.

All activities take place in building 711 at Howard. For more information, call 284-6361.

Albrook arts & crafts

The Albrook Arts and Crafts Center is offering the following classes and special events:

Dec. 16 — Free demonstration on how to apply platinum halo from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

All activities take place in building 806 at Albrook. For more information, call 286-3279.

45-minute workout

The Zodiac Recreation Center offers a 45-minute workout at 11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

All active duty and retired military, Department of Defense civilians and dependents are eligible to participate.

For more information, call 284-6161.

Zodiac classes

The Zodiac Recreation Center is currently offering the following classes:

Piano lessons are offered on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. People wanting to arrange times need to call 284-6161.

Shotokan karate classes are offered for adults from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. Classes are also available for youth upon request. For more information, call 284-6109.

Tang Soo Do martial arts classes are given to adults from 8:15 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, and from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday. For more information, call 284-6161.

Beginners Spanish classes are offered from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

All active duty and retired military, Department of Defense civilians and dependents are eligible to participate.

A small fee is charged for each class.

Adult aerobics

Adult aerobic classes are offered from 9 to 10 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at the Albrook Youth Center.

For more information, call 286-3195.

Naval exchanges

Did you know that the Naval Station Panama Canal offers the following:

— A deli in Building 4, open every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

— An ice cream parlor to open soon behind main exchange;

— Gold jewelry, emeralds and diamonds in Building 70, every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

— Custom children's clothing,

also in Building 70 every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

— A video center, with electronic repairs in Building 65 every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

— A barber and beauty shop in Building 94, open every day;

— National Car Rental in Building 665, open daily;

— A seamstress in Building 3005, Marine Barracks, open daily;

— A laundry, in Buildings 70, Rodman and 3005, Marine Barracks, open daily;

— A linen (table cloths, settings, etc.) store in Building 3005, Marine Barracks, open daily;

— Don Lee Restaurant in Building 6302, Farfan, which is also open daily;

Friendship cruise

NAVSTA MWR invites you to a New Year's Eve Friendship Cruise aboard Fantasia del Mar. The cruise will leave Rodman pier at 6:30 p.m. and return at 10:30 p.m. Enjoy a delicious dinner, fingerfood, champagne, party favors; and dance the night away to our D.J.'s music. For more information, call 283-5307.

CPO party

The NAVSTA CPO Christmas Party for all chiefs and their guests will be held on Dec. 23. Dinner will be from 5 to 7 p.m. with entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m. Call 283-5475 now for reservations.

Trap range

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR invites you to visit its Trap Range.

The schedule is as follows: Thur, Fri, 4 p.m. to dusk. Sat, Sun, and holidays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Firearms will be provided, rent free.

Free movie

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center is offering free movies for all hands and family members. The movies are shown at the Crews' Lounge, Building 88, and the MCSFCo classroom, Building 3005 (Marine Barracks). Two different features are shown each night, one at 7 p.m. and another at 9 p.m. For more information, call 283-5307.

Softball tourney

The Howard Sports and Fitness Center will host the "Dirty Dozen Early Bird Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament," Dec. 15 through 17.

Entry fee is required. The first 12 teams to register and pay will be accepted. For more information, call 284-3451.

Fun run/walk

The Howard Sports and Fitness Center is sponsoring the Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk, Dec. 16 at 7 a.m. This event will start and finish in front of the Howard SFC.

A small fee will be charged. The first 100 people to sign up will receive a free T-shirt. For more information, call 284-3451.

Outdoor tourney

The following tournament will be held at the Howard Zodiac Recreation Center:

Dec. 15 — Ping pong from 7 to 10 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 284-6161/6109.

Musicians needed

The Zodiac Recreation Center is looking for talented individuals in the areas of music, singing, dancing, comedy, rappers, etc., to audition for the Tropic Entertainment Variety Show, Jan. 21. All interested personnel should call 284-6161/3818.

Dial-a-Santa

The Howard/Albrook Youth Centers are sponsoring Dial-A-Santa, Dec. 15 through 17. Santa has been instructed not to make promises he can't keep. For more information, call 284-4700 or 286-3195.

Christmas pictures

Bring your pet to the Howard/Albrook Youth Centers, Dec. 21, from 3 to 6 p.m. and have your picture taken with your pet. For more information, call 284-4700 or 286-3195.

Sweet Adelines

The opportunity to send a singing Christmas card to friends or loved ones or to have live entertainment at your own holiday gathering is being offered again this year to the Pacific-side community by the Crossroads Chapter, Sweet Adelines. The cards are available on Dec. 16 from 5 to 9 p.m. on Dec. 22 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The chorus, in holiday costume, will come to the place you designate and sing 3 to 5 songs, which you may choose from their repertoire. A special greeting card is presented in the giver's name. For more information or to reserve a card, call 284-5674 or 252-6017.

Softball

Registration for unit level and women's softball on the Atlantic side is taking place now. To register or for additional information call 289-4112 or 289-4002.

Coaches clinic

There will be a mandatory clinic for coaches and officials involved in the Atlantic softball league at the Sundial Recreation Center Jan. 8 at 11 a.m.

College mixer

Quarry Heights Officers' Wives Club will hold a college mixer from 2 to 5 p.m. Dec. 26. College and high school seniors check this out! For more information call 286-3736.

AA

Sick and tired of being sick and tired? Alcoholics Anonymous meets in Building 6550, Corozal, every night of the week — Monday thru Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. For more information, call 252-6709.

Meetings on the west bank of the Canal are held in Building 40 on USNAVSTA Panama Canal, Sunday thru Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9. The west bank phone is 283-5749.

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Barro tour

A Barro Colorado tour sponsored by the Valent Recreation Center will be held Dec 16. Barro Colorado is a very interesting Smithsonian Institute research site that contains wildlife and plants. For more information or reservations call 287-6500. Space is limited. An El Valle tour sponsored by the Valent Rec. Center will be held Dec 17. For more information call 287-6500.

Art show

An Art Show will be held at the Davis Arts & Crafts Center Dec 16. For more information call 289-5104.

Holiday magic

A "Holiday Magic" program sponsored by Child Development Services will be held at the Valent Rec. Center. The first session is at 9:30 a.m. and the second session at 11:45 a.m. on Dec 15. Parents are invited to attend this special program. For more information call 287-5507.

Splash dance

A Splash Dance sponsored by FSD Senior Teen Program will be held at the Clayton Swimming Pool from 7 to 10 p.m. on Dec 22. Ages 15 years and over are invited to join in for music and dancing swimming. An admission fee will be charged. For more information call 287-3252.

Ceramic special

A Ceramic Special for active duty military will be held at Clayton Ceramics Center 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout December, featuring a 10-percent discount on greenware. Get ready for Christmas make your gifts or ornaments. For more information call 287-4360.

Dance sessions

Dance program sessions sponsored by the Pacific Theatre Arts Center will be held at Building 2060, Curundu, beginning early in January.

Registration is now underway for modern dance, classical ballet and tap lessons. Sessions for children are also available. For more information call 286-3152.

Story hour

A Story Hour for preschoolers will be held at the Fort Clayton Library on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. For more information call 287-3806.

Car wash

First Battalion, Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps, will hold a car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 16 by the Fort Clayton Burger King. Proceeds will go toward future JROTC functions. For more information, call 252-3520 or 282-3950.

CDS hours

Special New Year's Eve hours for the USARSO child development centers are from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Child care is available for children six weeks to 12 years old at the Fort Clayton and Margarita centers.

For more information call 287-5657 or 289-4511.

Civilian awards

The Directorate of Civilian Personnel Incentive Awards will hold a nominations for the John W. Macy Jr. Award for Outstanding Leadership in FY '89. Nominations must be received by Jan. 5. For more information or eligibility requirements call the Incentive Awards administrator at 285-5611.

Shop till you drop

A Shop till You Drop sponsored by the Community Recreation Division will be held at the Valent Recreation Center 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec 16 and 17.

Vendors from Central Avenue will be offering a wide variety of merchandise.

For more information call 287-4201.

Youth arts & crafts

Youth Arts & Crafts will be held at the Fort Clayton Youth Center at 3:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. There will be different projects each week. The next sessions will be on paper chains, Mexican lanterns and snow flakes. For more information call 287-6451.

Youth activities

Youth baseball/softball registration will be held at Building 155, Fort Clayton, Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. Ages six to 18 are invited to participate. For more information call 287-3252.

Bowl-A-Thon

A Bowl-A-Thon for teens will be held at the Curundu Bowling Center at 8 p.m. on Dec 20. Food will be provided to participants. Registration is underway. For more information call 286-3914.

Tire sale

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, Marine Corps Exchange is having a Tire Bonanza Sale. The sale ends tomorrow. The hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Marine Exchange Warehouse, Building 4 on the Naval Station. For more information, call 283-5777.

Marine Exchange

Newly arrived personnel as well as seasoned shoppers may not be aware of what the Marine Corps Exchange Service has to offer. Here's what the stores have to offer you:

— Main Exchange, Building 70: clothes, jewelry, audio-visual equipment;

— 7-Day Store, Building 32: food, personal supplies;

— Furniture Department, Marine Barracks building 3005: gifts, rosewood, teakwood, rattan;

— Curio Store, Marine Barracks Building 3005: llama rugs, souvenirs;

— Hardware Department, Marine

Barracks Building 3004: appliances, housewares;

— Sporting Goods, Marine Barracks Building 3004: running shoes, golf items, cycling and camping equipment;

— Field & Stream, Building 660: fishing, Scuba and hunting equipment

The hours for the exchanges are Monday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays and holidays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 7-day store is open every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Vehicle registration

Naval Station MWR offers assistance in vehicle registration. There is a small fee. For information and appointments, call 283-5307.

Fishing services

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, MWR once again offers charter fishing services on board the Black Stallion and Vargas. For more information, call 283-5307.

Whaler classes

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR sponsors Boston whaler classes.

For information on dates, call 283-5307.

Game night

Games Nights, open to all U.S. government employees, are Monday and Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Waterfront Inn Club, Coco Solo. For more information, call 289-5109.

Pool reopening

The Rodman swimming pool, U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal, has re-opened as a 5-star facility. Featuring a refurbished pool, new furniture and an outstanding snack bar, Fleet Landing, the pool is open every day from 10 a.m. til 6 p.m.

No games

There will be no games at the Naval Station's Anchorage Club from Dec. 14 through Jan. 14.

Water aerobics

Work off those holiday pounds and have fun doing it. You do not need to know how to swim. It's happening now at the Farfan pool on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. \$1 per class. For more information, call Lisa Ortiz at 284-5094.

Tours

Naval Station MWR is sponsoring three tours during December: a day at Isla Mamey on Dec. 16; a Christmas cruise of Panama Bay on Dec. 23; and a partial Canal transit on Dec. 30. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the holiday season. For more information, call 283-5307.

Travel service

U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal MWR now has a Tour and Travel service.

Located at Building 65, its hours are Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. Individual tours available upon request. For more information on tours and trips, call 283-5307.

Sailing classes

The U.S. Naval Station Panama Canal is sponsoring Basic, Crew and Skipper sailing classes. Register now at Building 65, the MWR main office or call 283-5307.



Christmas cruise

A Christmas Cruise sponsored by the Valent Recreation Center will be held Dec. 23. Reservations are underway. For more information call 287-6500.

Santa breakfast

A Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Ocean Breeze Community Center, Fort Sherman, at 8:30 a.m. Dec 24. Parents are invited to call and make the necessary reservations and arrangements for a gift to be given to the young participants. For more information call 289-6282.

Teens party

A Teens Christmas Party and Overnight at Shimmy Beach sponsored by Atlantic Youth Services will be held Dec 22. Now is the time to reserve your space at Building 219, Fort Espinar. For more information call 289-4301.

Christmas party

A Pre-Teen Christmas Party will be held at the Espinar Youth Center, Building 219, from 3 to 6 p.m. Dec 17. A magic show will highlight the event. Enjoy refreshments and door prizes. A small admission fee will be charged. For more information call 289-4301.



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King Solomon's legendary mine in Peru?

LIMA, Peru (AP) — An American explorer said last week he has found ancient stone tablets in Peru's highland jungle that may prove the area was the site of King Solomon's legendary gold mines.

"We have found something that is going to revolutionize the archaeological interpretation of Peru's ancient civilizations," said Gene Savoy, an explorer and historian.

Savoy, 62, is a member of the New York Explorers Club and is credited with discovering 40 lost cities in Peru's remote tropical rain forests in three decades of work.

He said in an interview the tablets contain the first writing found from the ancient civilizations of the Andes and that the inscriptions are similar to Phoenician and Semitic

hieroglyphs.

Peru's pre-Columbian cultures, which culminated with the Incas, were not known to have written languages.

Savoy said he found three tablets, each weighing several tons and measuring about 5 by 10 feet, in August in a cave near Gran Vilaya, the immense ruins of the Chachapoyas Indian civilization that he discovered in 1985.

The Gran Vilaya ruins are 400 miles north of Lima and 9,000 feet above sea level in a fog-shrouded region of the Andes that Peruvians call the "jungle's eyebrow."

Savoy displayed photos of the tablets, which he said remain in the cave, and sketches of rubbings taken from the stones. He pointed out the similarities between the stylized

inscriptions and samples of Phoenician hieroglyphs.

The hieroglyphs on the tablets are similar to those used in King Solomon's time and include one identical to the symbol that always appeared on the ships he sent to the legendary land of Ophir, which the Bible described as the source of his gold, Savoy said.

"When I first heard about the possible contact between Egypt and Israel and the Americas, nobody was more skeptical than I was," he said. "I thought it was absolutely ridiculous. They've been talking about this crazy stuff for years.

"But now we've got stone tablets and this cannot be denied."

Savoy, who has written books on

his explorations in Peru, said he has studied his findings since early September and is preparing to publish them.

"The tablets were not brought here from another country like Egypt. This is a Chachapoyas form of hieroglyphic writing," he said, referring to the Indian empire that once dominated the jungle region.

"We're talking about something very old. It's possible the Andean cultures ... are much older than we realize, perhaps older than what we know as the Old World," Savoy said.

Savoy said he has found ancient stone roads leading down from the misty heights of Gran Vilaya to the river tributaries that feed into the Amazon.

U.S. returns to Peru loot taken from ancient gravesite at Sipan

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A treasure trove of artifacts looted from an ancient Peruvian gravesite is going home after months of legal wrangling following raids on Southern California art collectors.

U.S. Customs Service agents delivered six crates carrying 123 pre-Columbian artifacts to Los Angeles International Airport for shipment last week, Customs spokesman Mike Fleming said.

The artifacts include one piece believed to be 8,000 years old.

Fleming said representatives of the Peruvian government told U.S. officials the objects of ceramic, wood, stone, fiber and metal "have an intrinsic value of \$1 million, but their historical value is priceless." Peruvian President Alan Garcia was scheduled to be on hand to receive the stolen national treasures upon their arrival in Lima.

The artifacts were stolen from Peru's Sipan Tomb, an ancient burial site, more than two years ago, said John Miller, another Customs spokesman.

"They've compared the site in significance to King Tut's (in Egypt) because it's a site they weren't previously aware of and it included royalty," Miller said. "A lot of the site is intact and it will tell a lot more about how people lived and died."

Some of the most valuable items, displayed at a news conference, include gold ear spools and a ceramic sculpture of a man cutting his own throat.

They were among 1,300 seized in March 1988 raids on eight dealers and collectors. One dealer was convicted of making a fraudulent customs declaration, sentenced to six months in prison and fined \$10,000.

Mexican ex-president's relative indicted for DEA agent's death

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) — Businessman Ruben Zuno Arce, brother in law of former Mexican president Luis Echeverria, was charged in an indictment unsealed Monday with being involved in the torture and murder of a U.S. drug agent.

Zuno, who already faced perjury charges, was charged with conspiring to commit violent crimes in aid of racketeering and conspiring to kidnap a Drug Enforcement Administration agent.

Prosecutors said the agent was Enrique Camarena who, with his pilot Alfredo Zavalar Avelar, was kidnapped in Guadalajara, Mexico, on Feb. 7, 1985 and tortured and killed. The bodies of

the two men were found a month later at a remote Mexican ranch.

Zuno joins 12 other people, including two in custody in Mexico, who have been charged in connection with the murders. His father was governor of the Mexican state of Jalisco and his sister is married to Echeverria.

Zuno was held for nearly two months without bail in Los Angeles last summer as a material witness in the Camarena killings and was later indicted on perjury charges.

He was released on bail of \$200,000 and was arrested at Los Angeles International Airport last Friday when he arrived to help prepare his defense against the perjury charges.

Chileans pin hopes of finding missing on election

SANTIAGO, Chile (Reuter) — Families of hundreds of Chilean political prisoners who "disappeared" under Gen. Augusto Pinochet's military government are pinning their hopes on an opposition victory in Thursday's presidential election to learn what happened to their relatives.

Their demands for investigations and trials could become the thorniest issue faced by the first civilian president to take office in Chile since Pinochet seized power in a bloody coup 16 years ago.

More than 1,500 people died in the overthrow of the Socialist government of President Salvador Allende. Over the next five years at least 772 people vanished in the military's ensuing "dirty war" against leftist opponents, according to the Roman Catholic Church.

"This country suffers a moral trauma caused by the human rights violations committed under this regime. For some Chileans it is a wound that is still open," said opposition presidential candidate Patricio Aylwin, the clear favorite in public opinion polls.

"We want to establish the truth and do justice," he said.

But Pinochet, who plans to stay on as commander-in-chief of the army after leaving the presidency March 11, has warned that the armed forces will not allow its members to be put on trial for alleged abuses.

"No one is going to touch my people. The day they do, the state of law will come to an end," he said recently.

Pinochet, whose government has been condemned annually by the United Nations for abuses, admits there may have been excesses in what he calls a "civil war against Marxist subversion."

The center-left coalition backing Aylwin has pledged to review an 11-year-old amnesty that bars prosecution of anybody accused of violations committed before 1978.

Aylwin, a moderate Christian Democrat lawyer, has ruled out a government investigation or Nuremberg-styled trials against military leaders, such as occurred in neighboring Argentina after democratic rule was restored in 1983.

Instead, his program calls for human rights violations to be dealt with in ordinary courts on a case-by-case basis.

Some opposition leaders, however, fear a repeat of the turbulent transition to democracy in Argentina, where the rights issue sparked three army revolts before President Carlos Menem put an end to the trials this year.

They would prefer to forgive and forget for the sake of democratic stability, following the example of Uruguay, where an amnesty was decreed and later approved in a plebiscite.

The strongest pressure for trials will come from the far-left, particularly the Communist Party, which suffered the brunt of the repression.

Human rights organizations have meticulously documented tens of thousands of cases of arbitrary arrests, kidnappings, torture and killings since 1973.

But their lawyers believe the truth will not be known unless the 1978 amnesty is annulled because it has been used to block investigations.

One of the most notorious cases is that of 72 Allende supporters who were taken from jails and garrisons in northern Chile and executed without trial by army officers more than a month after the 1973 coup. Their families were given death certificates, but the bodies were buried secretly in mass graves.

"We will never be able to investigate what happened if the amnesty remains in force," says lawyer Carmen Hertz, whose husband, journalist Carlos Berger, and 25 others were shot and buried in the desert outside the northern town of Calama.

A lawsuit filed by Hertz in 1985 was dismissed within 48 hours by a lower court judge because of the amnesty.

When Hertz and a group of widows tried to uncover the grave two years later, police arrested them. Authorities then sent a bulldozer to

flatten the site where she believes the men were buried.

"The Pinochet government committed crimes against humanity by systematically exterminating opponents," Hertz charges.

"Impunity will make the transition to democracy very precarious by polarizing our country," she added.

The only case not covered by the 1978 amnesty is the assassination of Orlando Letelier, Allende's foreign minister and ambassador to the United States, who was killed in Washington in 1976 by a bomb allegedly planted in his car by Chilean agents.

U.S. requests for the extradition of Pinochet's former secret police chief, Gen. Manuel Contreras, on charges of ordering the Letelier killing have twice been denied by Chile's Supreme Court.

However, the Letelier family expects a democratic government to reopen an investigation into the assassination, which seriously damaged the military's relations with Washington. A U.S. arms embargo against Chile cannot be lifted until the those responsible for killing Letelier are brought to justice.

Unlike Argentina, where no legal actions began until the military left power, hundreds of cases of violations committed in Chile since the 1978 amnesty have been filed in the courts and the majority are still pending.

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Bush to attend regional drug summit

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush will travel to violence-plagued Colombia Feb. 15 for a regional drug summit in the walled city of Cartagena to show support for President Virgilio Barco, the White House announced.

Refusing to be daunted by the wave of terrorism that has swept the country in recent weeks, Bush will spend one day in the city, where he will meet with President Alan Garcia of Peru and President Jaime Paz Zamora of Bolivia, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said

Bush signs \$125m drug aid law

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush, declaring this country bears a heavy responsibility in combatting "entrenched and powerful" international drug lords, signed legislation Wednesday that includes \$125 million in assistance for Colombia, Peru and Bolivia.

In addition to the aid for the Andean nations, requested by Bush in August to buttress the efforts particularly of Colombia President Virgilio Barco in his escalating war against narco-terrorists, the bill also authorizes up to \$115 million for global anti-drug efforts for other countries.

"The violence directed against the government of Colombia following President Barco's courageous decision to wage a full-scale war against the Andean drug traffickers shows that they are entrenched and powerful," Bush said in a statement announcing his action.

"International cooperation is essential if they are to be defeated, and the United States, in particular, must be generous in providing assistance," he said.

The international drug control measure for fiscal 1990, puts up \$125

Wednesday.

Bush previously had said he didn't want to pull out of the summit in the Colombian coastal city, which has been relatively peaceful during the 3-month-old drug war, and possibly undermine the embattled Barco, who is opposing efforts to halt extradition of drug kingpins and had asked that the meeting be held there.

Officials, however, in recent days have said they were reviewing security provisions for the president while in Colombia, where warring cocaine lords have set off more than

million in military aid for the three nations, which are responsible for an estimated 80 percent of the cocaine that makes its way into the United States and called by Bush "the front lines of the struggle against the drug cartels."

No more than \$19 million is available for the police forces of each nation.

It also will allow the Pentagon to buy items such as patrol boats and helicopters for use by those countries, and permits the use of up to \$500,000 to develop safe and effective herbicides for use against coca crops.

The bill signed Wednesday by Bush is in addition to a transportation appropriations bill that put an extra \$3.2 billion for government-wide anti-drug efforts.

On Tuesday, Bush signed drug-related legislation to provide an additional 700 policemen for the District of Columbia, dubbed the "murder capital" because of more than 400 homicides this year, most of which are considered drug related. He also signed Tuesday a law to require all schools that receive federal aid to have anti-drug education programs.

260 bombs, killing at least 190 people.

Some members of Congress had urged Bush to cancel or reconsider his plans but the White House said the Secret Service concluded the president could be adequately protected.

In a statement, Fitzwater said Bush will go ahead with plans to meet in Cartagena, a historic port city about 400 miles north of Bogota, with the presidents of Colombia, Peru and Bolivia to discuss the war on drug production and terrorism.

The announcement follows a foray by a U.S. advance team, headed by Assistant Secretary of State Bernard Aronson, to complete plans for the summit.

Fitzwater said Aronson is currently reviewing the agenda for the meeting, which would likely dwell on programs to reduce the demand for drugs, increase cooperation in the areas of military and law enforcement assistance, and economic assistance and support.

Last Thursday drug cartel terrorists tossed a bomb at a routine police patrol outside Cartagena, killing two officers

The Cartagena bombing followed a massive half-ton bus-bomb attack last Wednesday in Bogota that ripped the facade off the 11-story secret police headquarters and killed at least 63 people and wounded as many as 500.

Medellin judges strike over killing

BOGOTA, Colombia (UPI) — Judges in the cocaine capital Medellin began a three-day work stoppage in memory of Superior Court Magistrate Gabriel Velez Correa, the third colleague to be slain by narcotics lords in a week. The judges called for three days of mourning, shutting down the Medellin legal system until Monday, the judicial employees association said Wednesday.

Unidentified hit men on a motorcycle gunned down Velez as he walked home Tuesday evening in Evigado, 3 miles south of Medellin, killing him instantly. The gunmen escaped.

Velez was the third judge to be assassinated in the past two weeks, after Judge Bernardo Jaramillo and Cali Judge Luz Mejia, and the 42nd member of Colombia's judiciary killed since drug lords declared a "total war" in reaction to Bogota's extradition of narcotics suspects to the United

States.

Velez's body was on public view at the Medellin courthouse, surrounded by his colleagues, before it was taken away for burial.

Velez, who was investigating the February 1988 drug-related kidnapping and killing of Attorney General Carlos Hoyos Jimenez and was involved in the confiscation of cocaine lord properties, had received repeated threats on his life, radio reports said.

The slaying was the latest in a string of intensified attacks against judges this month. On Dec. 5, Medellin hit men killed Jaramillo, head of an investigation into rural cocaine laboratories allegedly run by the powerful Medellin cartel. On Monday, gunmen in Buenaventura killed Cali Judge Luz Mejia, who had accepted the post only hours earlier.

Summit favors region's legitimate governments

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (UPI) — The accord by Central American leaders to halt the fighting in El Salvador and end Nicaragua's Contra war may not achieve its goal, but it likely will alter the political balance in favor of those governments and against the rebels trying to overthrow them.

The pact, signed Tuesday by the

presidents of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua after an arduous two-day summit to reduce tensions in the region, calls for an immediate ceasefire in El Salvador and for a cutoff of U.S. and other aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels.

In El Salvador, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front is

pressing a nationwide military offensive that has killed more than 2,500 people in the past month.

Diplomats and others say the strident calls for peace and other appeals for specific actions by the presidents are not likely to be implemented soon.

"The agreement changes nothing on the ground in El Salvador or Nicaragua," said Bill Goodfellow, director of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for International Policy and a specialist on the Central American peace process.

The FMLN, as the Salvadoran rebels are known, have already rejected the call to end their decade-old war. The Bush administration is expected to keep vital money flowing to the Contras, at least until after the Nicaraguan election Feb. 25.

But Goodfellow and others say the Central American agreement will be important even if it does not deliver on its promises because it keeps alive the peace process at a time of rising tensions and because the prestige of the five leaders is enough to bolster those they praise and hurt those they criticize.

Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani emerged as the biggest winner in that respect, securing an unequivocal endorsement from his four counterparts of his embattled

right-wing government and a clear-cut condemnation of FMLN actions.

Cristiani "came away with a crucial legitimization of his government at a time when he is being squeezed from both sides at home," a West European diplomat said. "And the agreement delegitimizes the FMLN. They are the big losers."

The presidents' demand for an end to direct support for the Contras may not bring about the immediate dismantling of the U.S.-sponsored rebels, which is what Ortega would like most.

But the endorsement of the Central American leaders does take Ortega another step forward on the long road to persuading Congress to cut off support to the rebels. It also allows him to claim another diplomatic victory that will bolster his re-election campaign.

"It was a clear choice (for Ortega)," said the European diplomat. "By giving up on the FMLN for now, he can consolidate his own government's position" both internally and against U.S. pressure.

"He is acting more and more like the head of an established government than a former insurgency," the diplomat said of Nicaragua's ruling Sandinista Front.

Noriega promotes four officers

PANAMA CITY, Panama (Reuter) — Four high-level officers in the Panamanian Defense Forces, including its deputy intelligence chief, have been promoted to lieutenant colonel, a pro-government newspaper reported Wednesday.

The announcement, the second by the PDF since an abortive Oct. 3 coup attempt against Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, said Maj. Rafael A. Cedeno, deputy chief of the G-2 military intelligence unit, had been promoted to lieutenant colonel, the third-highest rank after general and colonel.

The PDF has yet to announce a replacement for the former head of G-2, Guillermo Wong, who was

arrested after the bloody coup attempt in which authorities say 10 people died. Cedeno was transferred to the unit from Noriega's headquarters some two weeks later.

La Estrella de Panama said others promoted included the chief of police, Lt. Col. Anibal Maylin, who assumed his post after Oct. 3, Lt. Col. Luis Ernesto Martinez and Lt. Col. Daniel Delgado Diamante.

Two leaders of units which played key roles in crushing the rebellion, the most serious challenge to Noriega in six years as army chief and de facto ruler, were also promoted. Capt. Gonzalo Gonzalez and Capt. Jose Gomez Ortega, were moved up to major, the newspaper said.

entertainment

TV guide

Friday

noon CNN Headline News
12:30 SCN Midday Report
12:40 CNN Sports Latenight
1:00 Oprah Winfrey...Jealous Over Ex-Flames (Mature)
2:00 Another World
3:00 Star Trek
3:48 CNN Headline Newsbreak
4:00 De Grassi Junior High
4:30 True Confessions...The Prodigal
4:00 True Confessions...The Other Woman
5:15 General Hospital
6:00 SCN Evening Report
6:30 ABC World News Tonight
7:00 Jeopardy
7:25 Magnum P.I.
8:15 Married With Children
8:40 Miami Vice
9:30 NBC Nightly News
10:00 Entertainment Tonight
10:30 Kung Fu
11:20 SCN Late Night Report
11:30 NBC Tonight Show
12:30 Latenight With David Letterman
1:30 a.m. Nightline
2:00 SCN All Night Movie... "Gore Vidal's Lincoln" (Pt 1 of 2)
3:42 SCN All Night Movie... "Gore Vidal's Lincoln" (Pt 2 of 2)
5:25 Country Clips
6:25 Videolink

Saturday

7:00 a.m. CNN Headline News

7:30 Just For Kids!
Flintstone Kids
Huckleberry Hounds & Friends
Roadrunner
Jem
Garfield & Friends
9:30 Nickelodeon Movie... "The Grand Baby"
When Billy's (Larry Scott) mother dies, his father (Glynn Turman) gives up their home in Detroit and takes him to live with his grandmother (Esther Rolle) in Huntsville, Alabama. (111 min.)
11:30 America's Top 10
12:00 Headline News
12:30 CBS sports - NFL football
4:00 NBC Sports - NFL football
7:00 CNN Headline Newsbreak
7:15 48 Hours
8:15 SCN Saturday Night Movie... "God Bless The Child" A heartbreaking drama about the plight of the poverty-stricken in America. Theresa Johnson (Mare Winningham), a single parent, tries to raise her 7-year-old daughter Hillary (Grace Johnston) on the modest income she receives as a hotel housekeeper.
10:00 CNN Headline News
10:30 Videolink
11:30 Saturday Night Live
1:00 a.m. College Football
4:00 SCN All Night Movie... "Children Of The Crossfire" (100 min.)
5:40 Grand Ole Opry Live
6:05 New Country
6:30 Share The World

Sunday

7:00 a.m. CNN Headline News
7:30 Christian Contemporary Television
8:00 Let God Love You
8:30 Benjamin
9:00 CBS Sunday Morning
10:30 Ebony Jet Showcase
11:00 Meet The Press

11:30 This Week With David Brinkley
12:00 Sports TBA
7:00 CNN Headline News
7:15 Little House On The Prairie
8:00 SCN Sunday Night Movie... "A Christmas To Remember" (95 min.)
9:40 L.A. Law
10:30 CNN Headline Newsbreak
11:00 Entertainment This Week
12:00 George Schlatter's Comedy Club

Monday

5:30 a.m. CNN Headline News
6:00 CNN Headline News
6:30 NBC At Sunrise
7:00 NBC Today Show
9:00 Morning Stretch
9:25 Sesame Street
10:30 USA Today
11:00 Classic Concentration
11:30 Take Charge
12:00 Headline News

Coming Specials on SCN-TV Monday

8:00 p.m. Bob Hope Christmas Special... From Waikola, Hawaii, guests include the Judds, Barbara Eden, the AP All-American Football team and this year's Heisman Trophy winner.

Tuesday

8:00 p.m. Christmas In Washington... President and Mrs. Bush are treated to yuletide entertainment by Olivia Newton-John, Diahann Carroll, Vic Damone.

Beginning Monday SCN-TV will air "Prime Time TV Guide" at 2:58 and 6:58 p.m. to keep viewers informed on what will be airing on "Prime Time" for that evening.

TV sports will be published in the sports section of the Friday edition of the Tropic Times.

movies

Howard

Friday

6 p.m. WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (R) Billy Crystal

The delightful story of the 11-year friendship between two people who valiantly try to resist a romantic attraction for each other in the belief that men and women can be friends without sex complicating the picture.

8 p.m. STAR TREK V (PG) William Shatner

Saturday

12 & 2 p.m. HONEY I SHRUNK THE KIDS (PG) Rick Moranis

6 p.m. THE DREAM TEAM (PG-13) Michael Keaton

8 p.m. SEA OF LOVE (R) Al Pacino

A veteran NYPD detective is torn between professional judgement and his infatuation with the very sexy prime suspect in a bizarre murder case.

Sunday

2 & 6 p.m. SEA OF LOVE (R) Al Pacino

8 p.m. MILLENIUM (PG-13) Cheryl Ladd

Clayton

Friday

6 p.m. COOKIE (R) Peter Falk

8 p.m. TURNER & HOOC (PG) Tom Hanks

Saturday

noon & 2 p.m. WEEKEND AT BERNIES (PG-13) Andrew McCarthy

6 p.m. TRUE BELIEVER (R) James Woods

8 p.m. BLACK RAIN (R) Michael Douglas

Sunday

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8 p.m. YOUNG EINSTEIN (PG) Yahoo Serious

Amador

Friday

7 p.m. THE PACKAGE (R) Gene Hackman

Saturday

7 p.m. PARENTHOOD (PG-13) Steve Martin

Sunday

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Quarry Heights

Friday

7 p.m. CASUALTIES OF WAR (R) Sean Penn

Saturday

7 p.m. DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG) Robin Williams

A zany, unconventional English teacher at a hard-line New England prep school who joyfully rekindles the creative flames within his students only to have the realities of the everyday world stomp their soaring dreams into the dust. (Violence)

Sunday

7 p.m. UNCLE BUCK (PG) John Candy

Davis

Friday

6 p.m. INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE (PG-13) Harrison Ford

8 p.m. LET IT RIDE (PG-13) Richard Dreyfuss

Saturday

2 & 6 p.m. KARATE KID III (PG) Ralph Macchio

8 p.m. LETHAL WEAPON II (R) Mel Gibson

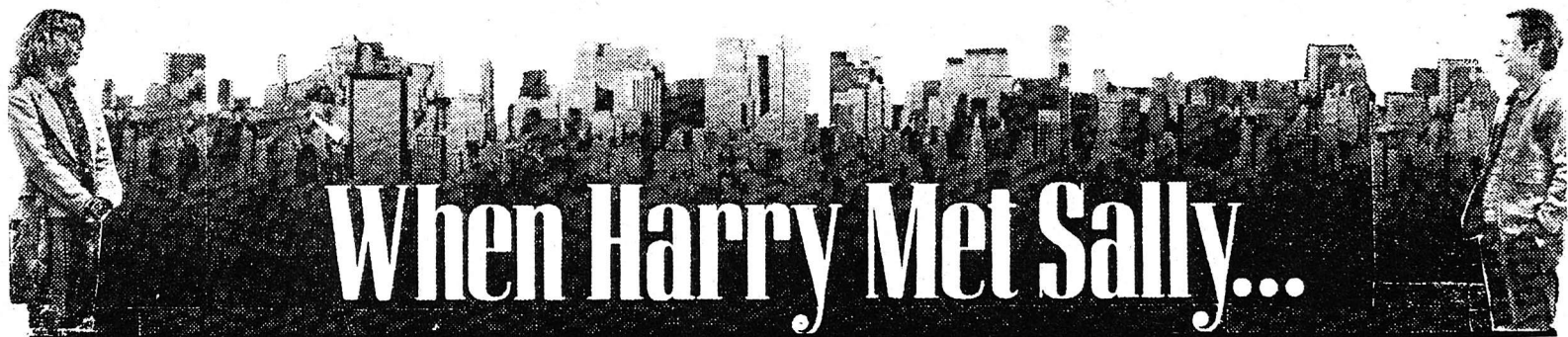
Sunday

6 p.m. AN INNOCENT MAN (R) Tom Selleck

8 p.m. LOCK UP (R) Sylvester Stallone

An exciting action-packed drama that stars Sylvester Stallone as a prison inmate who must use all of his mental and physical powers to outwit a vengeful warden and his team of sadistic.

Adults \$1.50; Children \$1.00



clubs -- Weekend

Naval Station O' Club - Fri., social hour; Fri., prime rib; Sat.-Sun., a la carte dining; Lunch: Fri., 11 a.m.-1p.m.; Sunday brunch; club is open 7 days a week.

Naval Station Anchorage Club - Fri., social hour; Dining: Fri.-Sat., prime rib; Sun., a la carte; All weekend: Grill sandwich bar.

Naval Station CPO Club - Fri., Attitude Adjustment Hour; Fri.-Sat., a la carte dining, disco; Sun., movies.

Howard NCO Club - Fri., social hour; All weekend, a la carte dining; Variety disco, rock &

roll, salsa; Sun., sit down breakfast; Sun., games.

Howard O'Club - Fri., disco; Fri.-Sat., prime rib, Sun., a la carte dining; Lunch.

Bamboo Inn - Fri., social hour, live band; Sat., lunch.

Amador O'Club - Fri.-Sat., disco; Sunday brunch.

Bayview Room - Fri., tacos; Sat., lobster thermidor, variety music.

STRAC Club - Fri., music with Judy Upton from 4:30-10 p.m.

Red Door - Open every day.

Sherman Community Club - Fri., chateaubriand for 2, entertainment; Sat., seafood special, fast food.

Clayton NCO Club - Fri., social hour; Fri.-Sat., C&W in the Corral; Sun., brunch, games.

Davis Community Club - Fri., social hour, disco; Sat., land & sea special in the Caoba Room; Sun., brunch, games.

Quarry Heights O'Club - Fri., chateaubriand, lobster; Sat., seafood, live entertainment, breakfast; Sun., brunch

Espinar Community Club - Available for special functions and parties only. Call 289-5160.

Albrook O'Club - Fri., disco; prime rib/seafood; Brunch with German Rosch. Due to special functions during the Holiday Season, the evening meal will be served in the Falcon Room on Dec. 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23.

military news

Iowa probe 'a cover-up,' crewman claims

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Kendall Truitt said the Navy's investigation of the explosion on the USS Iowa was "misleading ... a cover-up" and insisted that fellow crewman Clayton Hartwig was not suicidal and did not ignite the blast.

Truitt, among the 11 survivors of the explosion in the battleship's No. 2 gun turret, also said Wednesday he is not homosexual — as early news leaks suggested — and revealed that he gave Hartwig's family only a tiny amount of the \$101,000 in insurance that Hartwig left him.

Senior Navy officials stood by their conclusion that the explosion was intentional and that Hartwig, bent on a suicide that would look like an accident, most probably caused the April 19 explosion that killed 47 sailors, including Hartwig.

And the head of the Naval Investigative Service, Robert Powers, said in retrospect he should not have waited until Navy technical experts ruled out an accident before he entered the investigation.

Powers said he did not put his agency into the investigation immediately because, "We, like everyone else in the United States, thought it was an accident. ... That was my decision and I made the wrong decision."

Powers also said the investigation found no evidence of homosexuality by either Hartwig or Truitt.

The head of the Atlantic Fleet's surface forces, Vice Adm. Joseph Donnell, also defended his decision to work without the NIS initially, but said that if he had suspected a criminal act, he would have brought in the NIS sooner.

Hartwig's family has pressed for a congressional examination of the Navy's investigation. Truitt said that of the \$101,000 in insurance money Hartwig left to him, he gave \$2,500 to Hartwig's family, a figure that caused an audible stir in the packed hearing room.

His lawyers, Truitt said, got \$40,000, in part because of work they had to do in relation to a threat by American Express to seek \$24,000 in legal fees from Truitt. He did not elaborate on what he meant.

Truitt, who has actively sought publicity since his name arose in the investigation and who sold his story to Penthouse magazine, angering some of his shipmates, testified that although Hartwig had talked to him of suicide, he did not take the comments seriously.

He speculated that the explosion could have come from unstable gun powder leaking from old bags, creating dangerous friction. A shipmate, who advanced the same theory, said some of the powder igniters were as much as 75 years old.

Navy technical experts conducted thousands of tests on the powder in the Iowa's magazines and were unable to duplicate any accidental detonation. Instead, inside part of the shell stuck in the barrel, they found residues of items typically found in a chemical detonation device.

Truitt told the panel it was his opinion "that Clayton Hartwig did not cause the explosion. I do not think he committed suicide. I believe the report is very misleading."

Truitt explained that the report ignored that Hartwig was not supposed to have been on duty the

day of the explosion, would have had little time to make a detonator and that he was looking forward to a transfer to London.

He said the powder had been stored in high heat, which makes it break down, and that it was not regularly inspected.

And he said the investigation gave short shrift to the fact that others said they recall Petty Officer Eric Lawrence, also in the turret, warning, "We've got a problem in here. Tell them we're not ready yet."

"I know him really well. This does not sound like him saying, 'Hey, excuse me guys. He's putting a bomb in here.' These are calm words. I don't think he did it," Truitt said.

AF seeks new role for B-2 bomber

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The spread of sophisticated anti-aircraft defenses to smaller nations could increase the U.S. military's need for the new B-2 Stealth bomber in conventional warfare, Air Force Secretary Donald Rice said last week.

As warming superpower relations signal a possible reduction in the B-2's role as a nuclear platform, Rice said Third World countries are boosting their ability to shoot down older bombers carrying conventional bombs and missiles.

The Pentagon and Congress are now fighting over whether to buy up to 132 of the controversial, radar-evading aircraft from Northrop Corp. at an estimated cost of \$530 million each.

"We may want to dual-role (conventional and nuclear weapons capability) various elements of the

"This whole thing is ridiculous. It's a big cover-up in my opinion," he said.

Truitt said the Navy is "not too proud of me right now. The Navy said I was gay. The Navy said I was probably a suspect. The Navy said a lot of things. I haven't stood by and said, 'You can say that about me.' It's not true and I'm fighting about it."

Rep. Larry Hopkins, R-Ky., asked Truitt, "Are you a homosexual?"

"No," Truitt said.

While another witness said Truitt and Hartwig hated each other after Truitt's marriage a year ago and did not speak, Truitt depicted a strained but not broken relationship with Hartwig. He said there were rumors

the two of them were homosexual, probably because they did not go drinking and spent a lot of time together.

Gunner's Mate 2nd Class John Mullahy, who said Truitt and Hartwig "weren't talking; they hated each other," said he too thought the explosion was an accident and said he resented Truitt's comments to Penthouse detailing the grisly scene they found in the turret and comments about drug use among the crew years before the explosion.

"To slander these guys when they can't defend themselves is wrong," said Mullahy, who said he was not jealous about the publicity Truitt got.

bomber force," Rice told reporters at a breakfast meeting.

Opponents in Congress have said the cost of the B-2 is too high to expose it to being shot down in conventional attacks such as the 1986 U.S. bombing raid on Libya.

But Rice said the Soviet Union had put its advanced MiG-29 fighter jet and SAM anti-aircraft missiles on sale for countries around the world and that such defenses were a threat to America's older B-52 bombers.

"I think you're going to see in a post-START, post-CFE world ... quite sophisticated and quite lethal capabilities in the hands of much lesser nations," Rice said, referring to current superpower strategic arms reduction talks (START) and East-West negotiations on reducing conventional forces in Europe (CFE).

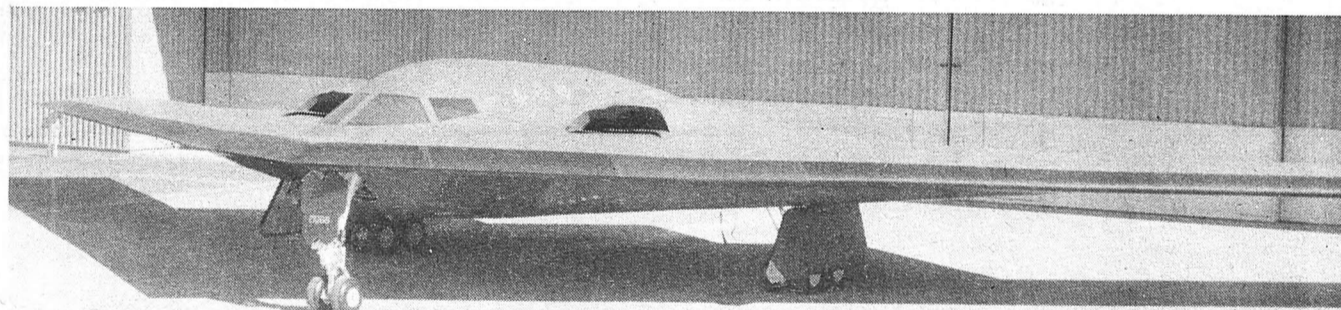
"We would obviously want to employ the B-2 where the Stealth

characteristics offered a special advantage for the particular usage that was contemplated. That won't necessarily be all the time," he said.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said in a recent television interview that the Defense Department may reduce its request for 132 B-2s due to budget restraints. Rice repeated that last week and also said that the program may be stretched out beyond its current completion date, now scheduled for the late 1990s.

"I think 132 is a good number ... if it were to be questioned, it is something that doesn't have to be decided for quite a few years to come," he said.

With U.S. military budgets expected to decrease over the next five years, Rice also made clear that the Air Force will strive to protect its ability to airlift troops around the world and to gather intelligence from space with satellites.



B-2 Stealth bomber

Enemy could detect new Navy radar

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sophisticated radar aboard the Navy's new \$1.2 billion destroyer could be detected by airborne radar, making the ship an easy target for some Soviet missiles, a lawmaker contended this week.

In a letter to a House colleague, Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., also said that despite the Navy's claims to the contrary, the service was forced to bail out the destroyer's manufacturer — Bath Iron Works Corp., of Maine.

The bail-out money, according to the Michigan Democrat, came from unspecified Navy accounts, raising the question, he said, of whether a "slush fund" exists at the Pentagon.

"Clearly, I think the Navy and the contractors are attempting to hoodwink both of us," Dingell said in a three-page letter to Rep. Charles E. Bennett, D-Fla., chairman of the House Armed Services subcommittee on seapower and strategic and critical materials.

The letter, dated Dec. 4, was obtained by The Associated Press.

The Navy and the president of Bath Iron Works Corp., immediately disputed Dingell's claims, with the Bath executive questioning the appropriateness of the congressman's references to a classified issue such as naval radar capability.

"The whole business of radar signature still has same classifications. Congressman Dingell can choose to violate his security clearance. I don't choose to violate mine," said Duane D. Fitzgerald, president and chief operating officer of the Bath Iron Works Corp.

"Suffice it to say we think he's wrong," Fitzgerald added.

Navy spokesman Lt. Bruce Cole said there was "no bailout of Bath by the Navy. They are building the ship within the budgetary allowance." Dingell complained in September that the \$33 billion program to build the destroyers was a "procurement nightmare" of cost overruns and schedule delays.

The accusations prompted Bennett to defend the program and to suggest that Dingell, the chairman

of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on oversight and investigations, concentrate his efforts on such problems as pollution and stock market fraud.

"Hundreds of hours of testimony, briefings and on-site inspections by our committee reveal that this lead ship effort is going as well as any in recent history," Bennett said in a Sept. 18 letter to Dingell.

"To state that the construction effort on DDG-51 is a 'procurement nightmare' does a significant disservice to this committee, the Navy and its personnel and contractors," Bennett said.

The DDG-51 destroyer, which has been hailed as the most advanced surface combat ship, is designed with a more expensive all-steel superstructure instead of one that was part aluminum and more prone to splintering and fire damage.

But radar experts said that the destroyer's radar signature cannot be reduced to diminish the possibility of detection by airborne radar, Dingell said in the letter.

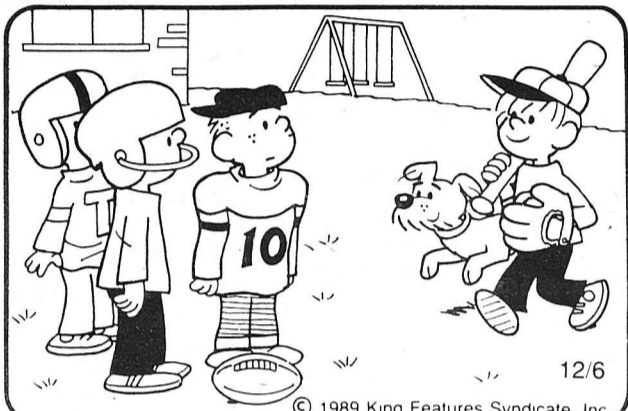
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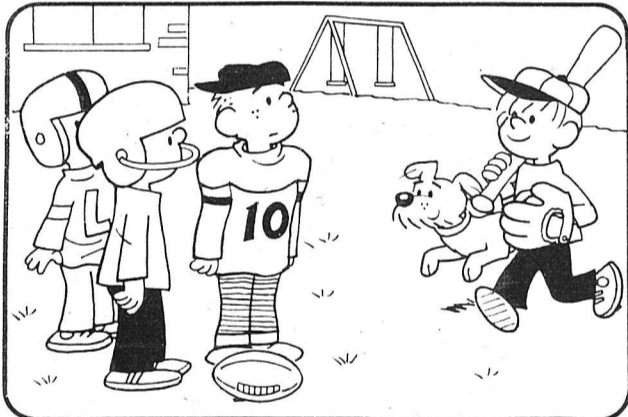
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Your Individual Horoscope



Frances Drake

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

You're preoccupied with business concerns today and may not have much time or enthusiasm for socializing at present. You're ready now to assume more responsibility.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Entertaining guests right now may be more work than fun for you. Your powers of concentration are excellent now and you'll have success with a mental project.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

You may not have enough time now to complete a work project. After some hesitation, you'll make up your mind about a business or financial move. Practicality counts now!

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Some disagreements could arise about money today. It's not a good day for shopping. You'll come to a decision now about a business or partnership venture.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

You'll be wrestling with a work related problem today and your efforts will be rewarded. However, it may take a few false starts before you come up with the right answers.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Someone you deal with today may be beating around the bush. A heart-to-heart talk, though, clears up any doubts or misgivings you have about a relationship. Creative work is favored.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You'll be dealing with some problems at home now and socializing may be a low priority. By day's end you'll come up with workable solutions. Family discussions are fruitful.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Things are slow moving today regarding career interests, but your concentrative powers and judgment are excellent now. Mental pursuits bring you satisfaction and a sense of achievement.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Advice you receive now may be misleading. It's better to rely on your own judgment where financial interests are concerned today. Keep accurate records.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You could be slightly irritated with a friend today. Hold off now on the use of credit. You're serious-minded today and will apply yourself to achieve your goals.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You'll need some time for yourself for the purpose of research and study. It should be a day of achievement for you, but remember to be considerate of a close tie's needs.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

There may be too many interruptions now to make headway with a self-appointed task. A serious talk with a friend helps clear the air between you.

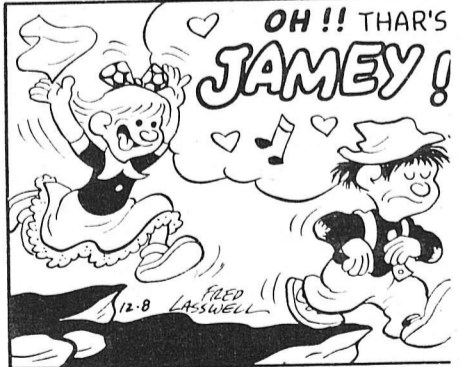
YOU BORN TODAY are insightful and perceptive. You often serve the community in some advisory capacity. Both the arts and sciences are liable to appeal to you. Though a good observer of human nature, in your personal life you sometimes suffer through keeping your feelings to yourself. You have both writing and musical abilities and are often a leader in thought. You're usually happier in an artistic or professional career than in business. Birthdate of: Margaret Mead, anthropologist; Noel Coward, playwright; and Jane Austen, writer.



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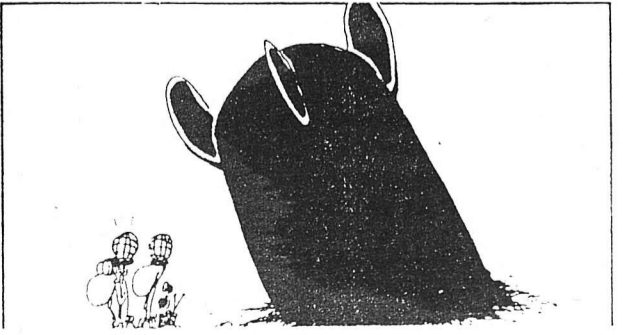
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FRED LASWELL



"The penguin brought you."



"I think we've been spotted!"

CROSSWORD

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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Ismail may not play in Orange Bowl

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Raghib "Rocket" Ismail, Notre Dame's All-American return specialist, has a separated shoulder and could miss the Orange Bowl, Coach Lou Holtz said Thursday.

Or could he? If true, Ismail's absence would diminish Notre Dame's prospects of beating top-ranked Colorado (11-0) Jan. 1 and perhaps repeating as national champions.

But is Holtz, who likes to sidestep his team's genuine strengths, dodging the truth? Could he be trying to lull Colorado? He talked glumly about Ismail's chance of being ready by New Year's Day.

"I found out when we got ready to practice (last week) and looked on the injury list," he said. "I think he'll be on it from now on."

But Ismail seemed stunned by the

news. As he entered a room to meet the media, sports information assistant Jim Daves warned him to expect a shower of questions about his shoulder.

"Why?" the puzzled Ismail said.

Ismail did suffer a left shoulder separation during Notre Dame's only loss, at Miami. The painful injury was diagnosed when the team returned to South Bend. And Ismail admits to some discomfort when raising his arm. But sitting on the bench during the Orange Bowl?

When the questioning began, Ismail quickly turned the tables on the media. "What did he tell you?" he asked reporters who had spent an hour with Holtz. When the bad news was explained, Ismail rolled his eyes in disbelief.

"Right now, all I'm doing is resting it and trying not to aggravate it," he

said. "They told me if I had to play tomorrow, I'd be OK."

Asked whether he'd play at full speed in the Orange Bowl, Ismail answered without hesitation, "Yes." But he declined to speculate about why Holtz strongly suggested otherwise.

"I have no idea what his intentions were," Ismail said.

Co-captain Ned Bolcar said Ismail will be fine and pointed out that Holtz habitually is a pessimist. "He's not always an optimistic person," Bolcar said. "He's a perfectionist."

This season, Ismail returned two kickoffs for touchdowns against Michigan, rushed for a 7.5-yard average and two touchdowns, and averaged 16.8 yards whenever he touched the ball.

The Irish will be without defensive starters Andre Jones and Bob Dahl,

who are sitting out practices to study for finals and will miss the Orange Bowl, Holtz said. A knee injury also will keep offensive guard Mirko Jurkovic out of the game, Holtz said.

But Ismail's shoulder seemed not to be serious enough even to mention to Holtz, who learned of it when he read the injury report.

"Now, they say it's not a serious shoulder separation," Holtz conceded.

"I don't know what a serious shoulder separation is, but I'd have to say we're making plans to go without him. Anything we get from him we're going to look on as surplus.

"So that takes on a different meaning, because you can't count on him to play a prominent role. You just have to hope he can be there and play, but you've got to be prepared to go without him."

Ismail quizás no juegue en el Orange Bowl

SUR BEND, Ind. (AP) — Raghib Ismail (el Cohete), lanzador especializado del Notre Dame All-American se ha lastimado un hombro y es probable que el no participe en el Orange Bowl, anunció el entrenador Lou Holtz, el jueves.

Puede ó no?

Sí es cierto, la ausencia de Ismail podrá disminuir las perspectivas de vencer al alto calificado equipo de Colorado (11-0) el primero de enero, y tal vez ser campeones nacionales nuevamente.

Pero es Holtz, quien le gusta eludir las fuerzas genuinas de su equipo,

Bird passes Dr.J in point scoring

by The Associated Press

Larry Bird's 40-point performance against Seattle on Wednesday moved him past Julius Erving and into 21st place on the NBA's all-time scoring list with 18,391. Rick Barry is 20th with 18,395. Both Barry and Erving played in the ABA, where Erving scored 11,662 points and Barry had 6,884.

tratando de apaciguar a Colorado?

El habló friamente acerca de las posibilidades que Ismail tiene para estar preparado para el Año Nuevo.

"Yo supe la semana pasada, cuando estabmos listos para practicar, ví la lista de lesionados, el dijo, "Yo creo que el estará en ésta de ahora en adelante."

Pero Ismail se vió sorprendido con la noticia. Cuando el entró a un salón a reunirse con los periodistas, el asistente de información deportiva Jim Daves le advirtió a el que esperaba varias preguntas acerca del su hombro.

Porqué exclamó Ismail! Ismail sí sufrió una dislocación del hombro izquierdo durante el unico partido que perdió Notre Dame en Miami. La dolorosa lesión fué diagnosticada cuando el equipo regresó a Sur Bend. Y Ismail admitió que sentía dolor al elevar su brazo. Pero podrá el quedarse sentado durante el Orange Bowl?

Cuando las preguntas comenzaron, Ismail rápidamente sedió el tema a los periodistas. "Qué le dijo él a Uds.?" Preguntó él a los reporteros,

quienes habían pasado una hora con Holtz. Pero las malas noticias fueron explicadas, Ismail voltió los ojos desconcertado.

"Ahora mismo, todo lo que estoy haciendo es descansando y tratando de no agraviar el hombro", comentó él. "Ellos me dijeron que sí juego mañana, estaré bien."

Le preguntaron si él jugaría a máxima velocidad en el Orange Bowl, Ismail respondió sin titubeo, "sí". Pero él no hizo ningún comentario al respecto porque Holtz fuertemente sugiere lo contrario.

"Yo no tengo idea cuales son sus intenciones," dijo Ismail.

El co-capitán Ned Bolcar declaró que Ismail estará bien y que Holtz es conocido por ser un pesimista. "El no es siempre una persona optimista," Bolcar dijo "el es un perfeccionista."

Esta temporada, Ismail regresó después de dos tiros de saque de lanzamiento para adquirir un mayor puntaje contra Michigan, con un promedio de 7.5-yardas y dos puntos, con un promedio de 16.8 yardas cada vez que él tocó la pelota.

Los Irish estarán sin sus

defensivas, Andre Jones y Bob Dahl, quienes están fuera de práctica por estar estudiando para los exámenes finales y no jugarán en el Orange Bowl, Holtz dijo.

Una lesión de la rodilla también mantendrá a los guardias de ofensiva Mirko Jur Kovic fuera del juego, expresó Holtz.

Pero el hombro de Ismail no parece ser suficientemente serio para mencionarlo Holtz, quien se dió cuenta después de leer la lista de lesionados.

"Ahora, ellos dicen que esto no es una seria dislocación del hombro", Holtz añadió, "yo no sé que es una seria separación del hombro, pero yo tengo que decir que nosotros estamos haciendo planes para ir sin él. Cualquier cosa que venga de él nosotros lo tomaremos como un exceso.

"Pero esto le da un significado diferente, porque Ud. no puede contar con él para jugar en un papel esencial. Ud. sólo puede esperar que él este presente y juegue, pero uno tiene que estar preparado para ir a jugar sin él."

Pitt fires coach 2 weeks prior to bowl game

PITTSBURGH (AP) — University of Pittsburgh coach Mike Gottfried, whose bowl-bound Panthers fell out of the Top 10 after blowout losses to Notre Dame and Miami, was fired Thursday, according to several broadcast reports.

Radio station WTAE, WTAE-TV and KDKA-TV reported that Gottfried was asked to resign Thursday by Athletic Director Edward Bozik. When he refused to quit, Bozik reportedly fired Gottfried, who never had a losing record at Pitt but failed to restore the national prestige the school enjoyed under former coaches Johnny Majors and Jackie Sherrill.

WTAE-TV reported an unidentified Gottfried assistant confirmed the firing.

Pitt officials released a statement Thursday night confirming that Bozik and Gottfried met earlier in the day, but assistant athletic director Larry Eldridge refused to confirm the firing.

Eldridge, who said it was doubtful that any further statements would be issued Thursday, wouldn't speculate whether a news conference might be held Friday.

"The University of Pittsburgh has confirmed that Athletic Director Ed Bozik and Coach Mike Gottfried have had discussions concerning the future of Pitt's football program," according to the statement. "The university is awaiting Coach Gottfried's reactions to those discussions."

There was no word on whether Gottfried, who was given what was described as a lifetime contract in April 1988, would coach the No. 23 Panthers against Texas A&M in the Dec. 30 John Hancock Bowl in El Paso, Texas.

Gottfried's 26-17-2 record is nearly identical to that of predecessor Foge Fazio (25-18-3), a former Pitt assistant who also was fired after four seasons.

Pitt's consistent inability to beat nationally ranked teams under

Gottfried led him to be labeled as "Mediocre Mike" by several columnists.

Pitt is 7-3-1, but was beaten 45-7 by No. 4 Notre Dame, 24-3 by No. 2 Miami and 16-13 in the final minute by No. 18 Penn State. The Panthers also tied West Virginia 31-31 after trailing 31-9 with 10 minutes to play.

Gottfried was heavily criticized after he ran three straight plays up the middle and settled for a tying field goal with 2 1/2 minutes remaining rather than go for a victory against Penn State. The Lions then drove the length of the field to kick a last-minute, game-winning field goal.

Gottfried's contract reportedly contained a buyout clause if Gottfried, the former Kansas coach, was fired within 10 years of signing the agreement. Terms also required Gottfried to buy his way out of the contract if he left to coach at another school.

When Gottfried was given the long-term contract, Pitt President

Wesley Posvar said, "Coach Gottfried is the right person to ensure — Pitt remains one of the elite football programs in the country. Our football program is in the right hands."

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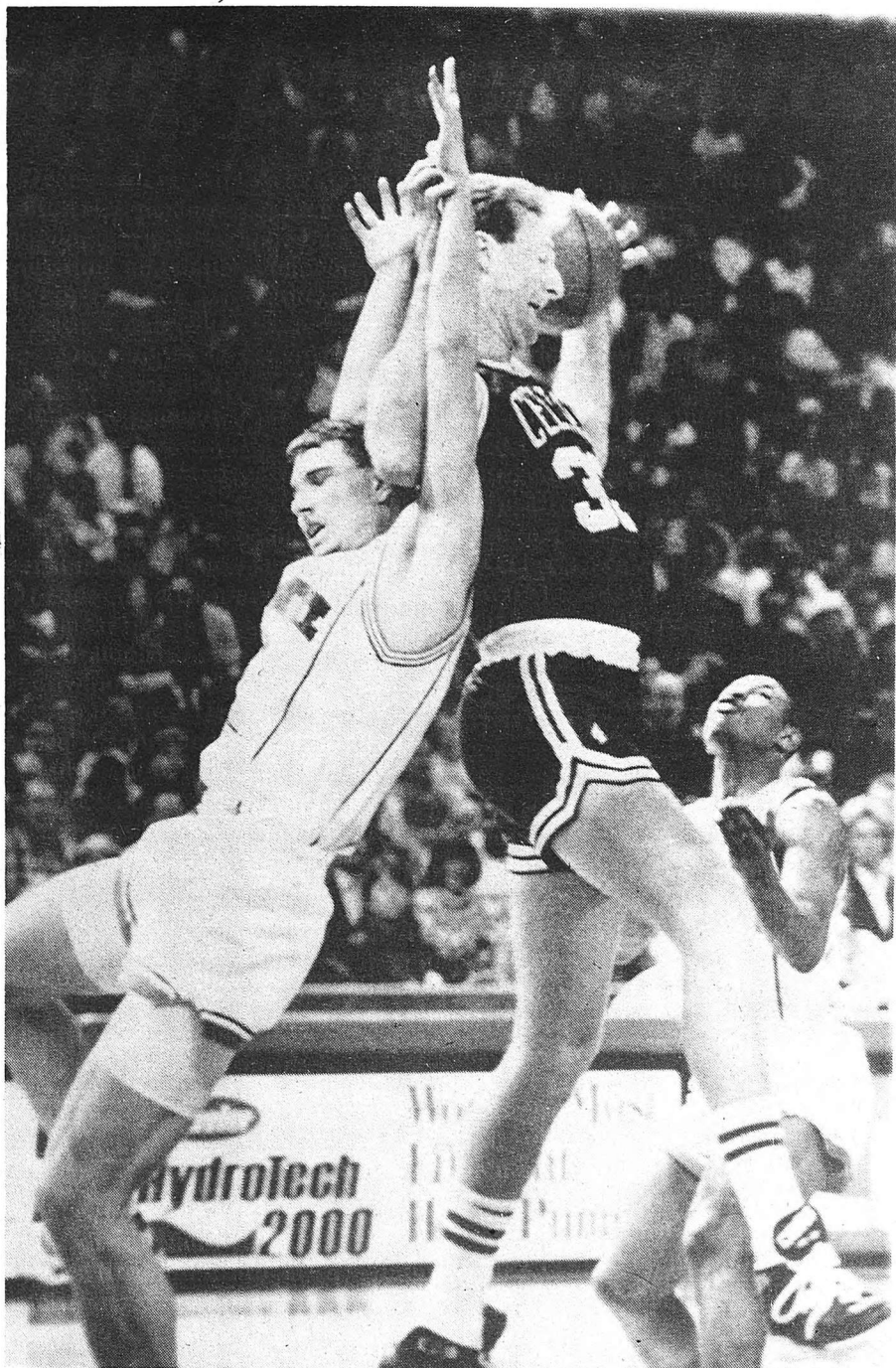
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Buffalo at San Francisco
L.A. Raiders at Seattle

Monday

Philadelphia at New Orleans



Celtics' Larry Bird (33) comes back (to back) against Charlotte Hornet Rex Chapman. (AP Laserphoto)

There's nothing wrong with No. 33's 'on fire' comeback

BOSTON (AP) — What's wrong with Larry Bird? Nothing, absolutely nothing.

Forget about creeping age. Forget about the wear and tear of a decade in the NBA.

Just turned 33, and nearly 13 months after major surgery on both heels, Bird is running around like a kid again for the Boston Celtics.

"I'm getting into game shape now," Bird said Wednesday night after a spectacular performance in the Celtics' 109-97 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics.

Although unhappy with inconsistent shooting in his comeback this season from Achilles' surgery on Nov. 19, 1988, Bird insisted, "I've never felt better in my life."

As if to prove it, he became a one-man gang against Seattle, putting on a show for former Celtics coach K.C. Jones, a new assistant with the SuperSonics.

Bird ran, shot, rebounded and passed as he did in earning All-Star honors and three MVP awards in his first nine NBA seasons.

He played 46 minutes, resting for only 33.7 seconds at the end of the first half and the final 57 seconds of the third period.

He scored 40 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and passed for 10 assists for his fourth triple-double of the season, the 48th of his career. He also blocked two shots.

While hitting on 17 of a season-high 27 floor shots, including 2 of 5 from 3-point range, he passed Julius

Erving for 21st place among the NBA's all time leading scorers. With 18,391 regular season points, Bird trails his next target, Rick Barry, by only four.

"Minutes don't bother me," Bird said after his near complete-game effort.

"I get enough time to rest during timeouts. And when you're in the flow of the game, you just don't notice the time. Sometimes when I'm a little fatigued, I make my best shots."

Bird said he has been "going through a tough time shooting the ball," but added: "Everyone is worrying about my shot, but I'm not. I just keep practicing, knowing it will come."

"He looked like the Larry I know," said Jones, who directed Bird and the Celtics to two NBA championships as coach from 1983-88.

"Bird played a lot because he was on fire," said Boston's second-year coach, Jimmy Rodgers, whose rookie season was marred by the loss of Bird after only six games.

Unlike Jones, Rodgers prefers to give his regulars plenty of rest and get reserves involved in the game. However, he let Bird play nearly the entire game against Seattle.

"He was playing so well and the pace of the game was such that it wasn't so taxing," Rodgers said. "If that's what it takes to win the game, that's fine by me. But I don't think it will be a common occurrence."

Bo may not be free agent, but still has plenty of options

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bo Jackson's agent said the two-sport star could become the highest paid player in baseball if the Kansas City Royals outfielder were a free agent — and in one way he already enjoys such contract clout.

"In our view he is a free agent because he has the football option," agent Richard Woods said in an interview published Wednesday in the Birmingham Post-Herald.

Woods said in the interview that Jackson is enjoying playing with the Los Angeles Raiders of the NFL and could devote himself to that sport exclusively if his upcoming contract talks with the Royals bog down.

Bobby Beathard, an NBC commentator, reported Sunday that Jackson had told some Raiders teammates that he would quit football after this season, but Woods denied that report.

General Manager John Schuerholz said he had not heard about Jackson's plans and had not talked to Jackson or Woods since the start of the football season.

"I guess all I can say is that I hope Beathard's sources are right," Schuerholz said.

Jackson has two years remaining on his Raiders contract, which will pay him \$1.4 million this season. He has completed the last year of a four-year contract with the Royals, which paid him \$585,000 in the final installment, according to the newspaper.

Under baseball rules, Jackson cannot become a free agent until completion of his sixth year. For his upcoming contract talks, Jackson is eligible for arbitration, in which player-management differences are settled by an arbitrator.

What might Jackson seek in renewing his Kansas City contract? "When someone like Storm Davis is worth \$2 million a year, it makes you stop and wonder what someone like Bo must be worth," said the agent. "Joe Carter received over \$3 million. His numbers over the last four years were very good. But Bo's numbers this year (.257, 37 homers, 105 RBI) were superior to what Carter has

Colorado's Hagan rushes for first choice

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Darian Hagan of the University of Colorado was named college football player of the year Wednesday by The Sporting News.

Hagan, a sophomore, had 1,002 yards passing and 1,004 yards rushing to lead Colorado to an 11-0 record and the No. 1 ranking entering an Orange Bowl matchup against Notre Dame. He became the first Big Eight Conference player and the fifth player in NCAA history to run and pass for more than 1,000 yards in a season.

Hagan led the Buffaloes to 43 school records, including most touchdowns and points, and their first undisputed Big Eight championship since 1961.

Colorado offensive guard Joe Garten joins Hagan on the Sporting News' All-American team. Other

done," Woods said.

"In fact, the Indians offered Carter to the Royals straight up for Bo and they turned it down. That might tell you how they view Bo's value," the agent said. Carter recently was traded to San Diego by the Cleveland Indians.

While Schuerholz would not discuss Jackson's contract, he denied Woods' comment about a proposed

members of the offensive unit were wide receivers Terance Mathis of New Mexico and Rob Moore of Syracuse; tackles Stacy Long of Clemson and Charles Odiorne of Texas Tech; center Bern Brostek of Washington; guard Eric Still of Tennessee; running backs Emmitt Smith of Florida, Anthony Thompson of Indiana and Chuck Weatherspoon of Houston; place-kicker Jason Hanson of Washington State; and kick returner Raghbi Ismail of Notre Dame.

Notre Dame, Miami, Fla., and Michigan State each had two players on the defensive unit. The team consists of: nose tackle Chris Zorich of Notre Dame; ends Greg Mark of Miami and Craig Veasey of Houston; tackles Cortez Kennedy of Miami and Marc Spindler of Pittsburgh; outside linebackers Craig Ogletree of Auburn and Junior Seau of Southern California; inside linebackers Keith McCants of Alabama and Percy Snow of Michigan State; defensive backs Harlon Barnett of Michigan State, Mark Carrier of Southern California, Todd Lyght of Notre Dame and Tripp Welborne of Michigan; special teams player James Francis of Baylor and punter Kirk Maggio of UCLA.

Carter-Jackson trade.

"That's just not so," the Royals' general manager said. "It was never even discussed."

Asked about Jackson's worth, Woods said: "We think Bo is worth as much as anybody in baseball. Of course, that changes every day."

But, he said, "I like our position."

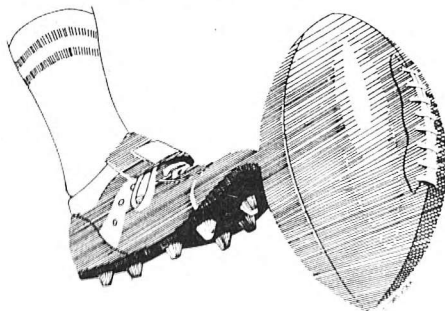
Yanks deny interest in signing Valenzuela

NEW YORK (AP) — If Fernando Valenzuela leaves the Los Angeles Dodgers, it won't be to join the New York Yankees.

The Yankees said Thursday that they are not interested signing the free agent left-hander.

"There has been a lot of talk in the media concerning an apparent Yankee interest in Fernando Valenzuela, and that is simply not true," George Bradley, New York's vice president of player personnel, said in a statement. "The Yankees have never been interested in Valenzuela nor have we had any conversations with Fernando or his agent. Any information contradicting that is untrue."

Richard Moss, Valenzuela's agent, said Wednesday that he expected a deal for the pitcher would be reached shortly. Valenzuela, 10-13 with a 3.43 earned-run average, earned \$1.85 million last season. The Dodgers have offered him a one-year contract with an option year but he wants a guaranteed multiyear deal.



Packers' Mandarich still weighty subject

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Tony Mandarich, the Green Bay Packers' highly publicized top draft choice, is still a weighty subject, even though he's played sparingly in a disappointing rookie season.

Mandarich's weight has dropped below 300 pounds, leading to speculative reports that the offensive tackle is lighter because he's stopped using anabolic steroids.

Mandarich, once a Sports Illustrated cover boy showing a massive body crafted from a high calorie intake and extensive weight training, was listed at 6-foot-5, 315 pounds during the off-season.

He was listed at 300 pounds on the roster for last Sunday's game against the Kansas City Chiefs.

Tom Braatz, the Packers' executive vice president of football operations, said last week that Mandarich had reported to the team about 300 pounds and his weight had fluctuated between 295 and 300 pounds at his weekly weigh-ins.

"His weight hasn't varied more than five pounds since he's been here," Braatz said.

Packers trainer Domenic Gentile said Tuesday that Mandarich weighed 295 pounds Dec. 7.

"He weighed 297 when he first reported, so he's lost two pounds," Gentile said. "If that has made a big difference in his ability, I can't believe it."

Mandarich said earlier he had lost a few pounds because the grind of the season prevented him from working

out as heavily as he did during the off-season.

"It goes from twice a day, six days a week to once a day, three days a week," he said. "I'm probably 30 percent below my peak performance. You'd like to do more, but you'd be wearing yourself out in the process."

"I lost weight just for the fact that we don't run the ball as much as we did at Michigan State. It's easier to move when you're lighter, easier to move in pass protection."

Mandarich said he wants to average out at about 300 or 305 pounds "and play it that way."

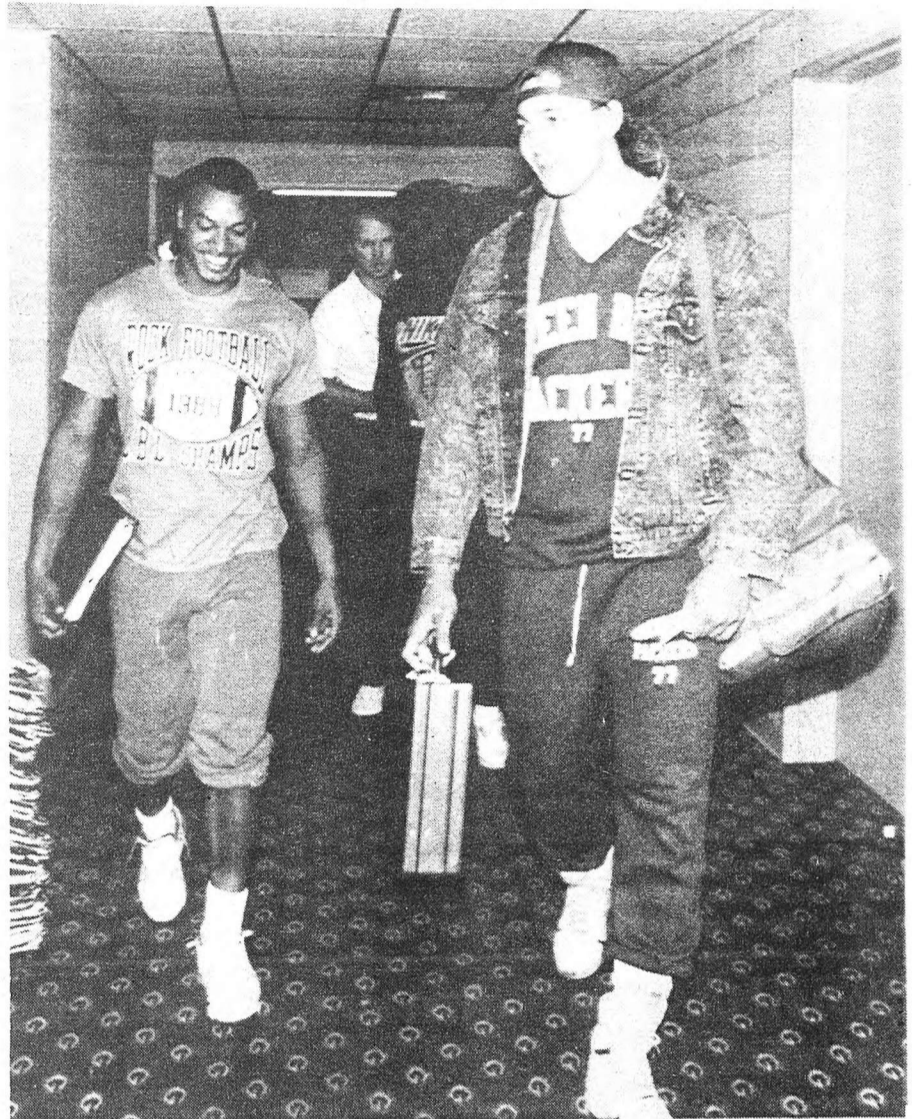
Mandarich has denied using steroids and has passed several steroids tests, including one he had shortly after signing with the Packers in September. He was dogged by steroid rumors while at Michigan State.

But an unnamed player told the Hartford Courant that Mandarich's weight loss was drastic, suggesting that it wasn't just the lack of workouts that caused him to lose the pounds.

"Look at the numbers," the unnamed player told the Courant. "Four months ago, he told me he was up to 320 and his body fat was measured at 13 percent."

Now, he's 291 and its 16 percent. How do you lose 30 pounds and get fatter?

"He's a joke. Tony plays hardly at all. When he gets in, he doesn't do anything. He doesn't work out hard, he doesn't study film."



Green Bay Packers' Tony Mandarich, walking with fellow rookie, Vince Workman, has been criticized by everyone from the media to his own teammates about his play and alleged steroid use. (AP Laserphoto)

New softball opens batters' eyes

CHICOPEE, Mass. (AP) — First it was tennis. Then golf balls. Now the classic American softball is turning yellow.

Spalding Sports Worldwide pitched its "optimum visibility" softballs Wednesday as the latest entry in an apparent crusade against the time-honored excuse of "I couldn't see the ball."

"It's certainly an advantage where the ball moves," said David Reinhart, product manager for diamond sports at the Chicopee-based Spalding.

The new ball is known as High Visibility Tournament Plus and is scheduled for retail outlets by mid-January.

"It's different," said Frank LaTeano, coach of Superior-Apollo, which won the U.S. Slo-pitch Softball Association World Series this year at Omaha, Neb.

"From what I could see, my guys like it because you can see it better."

"If they can see it better, they believe they can hit it better. And even if they can't, they believe it."

"This isn't a gimmick," Reinhart said. "This is going to improve the clarity of the ball which will improve hitting it and playing it on the field. We even had comments from umpires."

The ball has been approved by governing bodies of the sport, including the Oklahoma City-based Amateur Softball Association.

"It's no different than any other ball other than the color," said Merle Butler, national director of umpires and chairman of equipment standards committee for the ASA. "It's hard to say what the public will want."

Turning traditional white balls yellow has met with some resistance

in the past, most notably in tennis, Spalding officials said, noting that the Wimbledon championships held out for several years before allowing yellow balls.

"One advantage to a yellow softball is that it will extend play at night."
David Reinhart

"If you tried to introduce a yellow baseball, it would fail miserably," said Jack Lacey, vice president for leisure products at Spalding.

But he said softball's relative youth and American roots should make the new color more easily accepted. "There'll still be some reservations, I am sure," he said.

One advantage to a yellow softball is that it will extend play at night, Reinhart said.

"At dusk we've been told you get 20 additional minutes," he said. "A lot of fields are a bunch of cow pastures with lights that are not very good."

While other softballs have been produced in yellow colors, the difference in Spalding's product is that it is an officially approved Tournament Plus ball with a special cover, a form of plastic called Tacithane, that officials said allows the use of fluorescent colors.

"Colored balls have been tried before in softball, but they haven't been bright enough to make a difference," Reinhart said.

Like the white Tournament Plus, the new yellow softballs are molded in two pieces and are not stitched like the old-fashioned balls. Both models have a buffed down finish that officials said give new balls the feel that used to take a few games' of play to achieve.

Phoenix deals Gilliam for Hornets' Rambis

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns, who have had power forward Armon Gilliam on the trading block since late last season, dealt him Wednesday to the Charlotte Hornets in exchange for forward Kurt Rambis and two second-round draft picks.

Suns president Jerry Colangelo announced at a news conference that Phoenix received the Hornets' second-round pick in the 1990 NBA draft and either the Hornets' or the Denver Nuggets' second-round choice in 1991, at Charlotte's option.

Gilliam, 25, the second overall pick of the 1987 draft out of Nevada-Las Vegas, fell out of favor with Suns coach Cotton Fitzsimmons late last season.

The 6-foot-9 Gilliam was told to lose weight over the summer and reported to training camp 15 pounds lighter at 245.

But he was taken out of the starting lineup after the first few games this season and may have sealed his fate last week when he got into a fight with Phoenix forward Tom Chambers during a practice-scrimmage here.

"Some of the things Armon did left a little to be desired, to be candid. It was an attitude thing," Colangelo said. "We won 55 games last season but toward the end of the season, Armon was not a factor."

"We were hopeful Armon would come back this year and have a rebirth. He lost some weight, but he never seemed to get going. It was not a healthy situation for Armon or us. His performance this year did not increase his value. It was time to cut the cord and move on."

"The combination of (center) Mark West, Chambers and Gilliam in the frontcourt just was not working for us," said Fitzsimmons.

Gretzky leads all-star voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Wayne Gretzky of the Los Angeles Kings leads all Campbell Conference players in voting for the NHL All-Star Game, the league announced Wednesday.

Gretzky has received 210,883 votes, 136 more than teammate Luc Robitaille.

Robitaille leads at left wing with 210,747 votes. Detroit's Gerard Gallant is second with 70,102 and Edmonton's Esa Tikkanen is third with 56,771.

Trailing Gretzky at center is Detroit's Steve Yzerman with 91,312 votes.

Denis Savard of Chicago is third with 68,857.

Brett Hull of St. Louis leads a

tight race at right wing with 156,293 votes.

Edmonton's Jari Kurri trails by only 1,018 votes, while Calgary's Joey Mullen is third with 109,028.

Al MacInnis of Calgary leads all defensemen with 161,170 votes. Steve Duchesne of Los Angeles is second with 128,395 and Kevin Lowe of Edmonton is third with 126,429.

Calgary goaltender Mike Vernon leads at his position with 156,764. He is followed by Edmonton's Grant Fuhr with 108,325 and Kelly Hrudely of Los Angeles with 93,978.

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Wurlitzer piano. \$2600. 287-5080.

Girls bedrm furn. \$650. 287-5080.

Rugs, lamps, table w/4 chairs, tv, flip chair, other items. 252-1268.

GE fridge, frostless. \$450. Whirlpool washer. \$350. 14,500 btu ac, like new. \$350. 226-7450.

Whirlpool port dishwasher, like new. \$300. 287-4389.

Teak marble top buffet. \$375. Overstuffed armchair. \$200. Entertainment cabinet. \$200. Wicker chairs. \$20. 282-3980.

Beautiful king sz bed w/matt, matching hdbd, ftbd, chest of drawer, dressers w/mirror. \$2000. 284-5192.

Queen sofa bed, new. \$380. Bookcase. \$100. Weight set w/bench. \$110. 2 carpets 12x14. \$85 ea. High chair, playpen. 287-6887.

Microwave cart, king size sheets w/matching comforter, all wood dresser, chairs. 252-2676.

Double bed w/ headboard, dresser, & nighttable, gd cond. \$300. 287-5846.

Sofa, loveseat. \$900. Recliner. \$175. Carved coffee end table. \$375. Dishwasher. \$100. Refrigerator. \$575. A/C. \$120. 287-3990.

Contemporary 4 pc bedrm set w/ gold trimmings, headboard, dresser, nightstand & mirror. \$700. 287-6284.

64c computer, drive, color monitor, Epson printer. \$550. Freezer. \$300. Microwave. \$185. VHS. \$60. 287-3641.

Floor & table lamps, bridge table, folding chairs, computer table, misc items. 287-4439.

Household

Gas water heater 30 gal, new. \$325. Wrought iron door. \$140. Dishwasher. \$65. 252-2679.

US divers B.C. blue med, like new. \$180. 283-4440.

Bed dryer, Curio cabinet, paintings, bikes, stereo cabinet, china cabinet, dining table w/ chairs. 282-4696.

Bridal set in 14K white gold, engagement ring 0.33 ct diamond, band w/ four diamonds (tw 0.10 ct). \$600 obo. 287-4788.

Ring w/ one 4 x 8 mm australian opal and two diamonds (tw 0.03 ct). 10K yellow gold. \$200 obo. 287-4788.

Samsontite suitcases. \$100. GE dishwasher. \$150. Winter coat. \$50. Twin bed. \$150. Computer desk. \$100. 284-6183.

Shear tan curtains floor length, baby carrier, crib, exec cond. 286-3197.

Teak grandfather clock, teak roll top desk, dinette set, rug, outdoor furn, oil pictures. 284-3731.

Playpen. \$25. Automatic swing. \$25. Changing table. \$35. Maternity clothes sz 8-10. 285-4190.

Two room carpet, brown. \$300 or b/o. 287-3231.

15.8 cu ft GE. freezer. \$200. 6' artificial x-mas tree. \$40. 224-6826.

Computer desk w/ hutch. \$120. Mens bike. \$60. Sofa back table. \$50. 284-4079.

Whirlpool fridge, no frost, 2 yrs, exec cond. \$550. 261-6037.

Fitness master cross-country ski machine. new. \$225. 287-4393.

4pc bedroom set, queen sz bed, cabinets, 21 cu ft fridge, baby, color tv. 286-4433 after 5pm.

Dinette set 4 tables. \$700. Outdoor patio furn wood. \$200. twin mattresses. \$50 ea. 286-3632.

Dishwasher. \$75. 2 matching lamps. \$125. 2 matching teakwood tables. \$75. 286-4882.

8 piece stoneware dishes. \$50. 2 lamps, 1 table, 1 pde. \$125. Coffee & corner table. \$75. 286-4882.

Dining rm set, 2 end tables, stereo cabinet, rug. 287-5632.

Med. style bar w/ 7 stools. \$400. 252-5442.

Utility trailer steel, bar glasses. \$4 ea. 24" wide x 72" High slotted doors. 284-4278.

Whirlpool dishwasher. \$100. King size comforter. \$40. 286-4023.

Whirlpool dishwasher w/ butcher block top. \$200. 286-3441.

Dining set. \$380. Waterbed set. \$900. Stereo. \$550. Living set. \$900. Monitor. \$95. Toys. 284-5482.

Carpets, curtains, sofa, chair, 19" & 13" color tv, ver, Sansui rock system. 286-3767.

Twin sofa w/ tables & lamps, recliner, king & twin sz mattresses w/ box springs, metal desk, kitchenette set. 252-2180.

Dining rm table w/ 6 chairs, girls bedrm set, dresser. 286-4633.

Queen brass bed, 2, 9 x 15 carpets, & bikes. 286-4633.

Lovely U.S made sofa, light blue. Four months old. \$490. 252-5725.

One sofa, two matching chairs. \$125 for all. 262-0882.

Girls bedroom set, white & gold, quality furniture. \$325. 252-6845.

Single bedroom set, 5 pieces. \$500. Single water bed, a.c's 250, fridge, freezer, misc items. 252-5065.

Lost

Missing from quarters 2308 B Balboa, black male Labrador Retriever dog. 252-6868.

Gold necklace w/dragon pendant, reward offered. 252 6934.

Key ring w/about 6 keys, it has a salvadorear, coin in it. 286-6270.

Miscellaneous

16 in girl bike. \$25. Playhouse. \$15. Large picnic table. \$35. 252-1032.

6 ft artificial green tree w/stand. \$30. 286-3684.

Portable dog kennel for medium size dog, authorize for airline use. \$25. 284-5084.

Large bird cage. \$50. 287-6196.

Whirlpool refrig, runs perfect, little rust. \$195. The last historic Canal Zone license plates. \$10. Adult bike. \$40/obo. 252-2276.

64C computer, drive, color monitor, Epson printer. \$550. Freezer. \$300. Microwave. \$185. Vhs. \$60. 287-3641.

IBM XT compatible computer, 30 meg hd, color monitor, 640k mem, printer plus. \$1750. 287-5576.

Crossman air, bb gun. \$45. Smith-Corona, electric typewriter. \$100. 287-4684.

Lacy wedding dress size 12, worn twice. \$75. 287-6836.

Used tires for compact size car. \$7.50 ea. 282-4596.

Rowing machine, bench press. \$75. Hydro-slide. \$75. 252-5356.

Surfboards, 5'5", 5'10", 6'6", 6'7", 6'6", 6'6", 7'0". 243-5366 ask for Eric.

Mens diamond ring in gold setting, new. \$175. 286-4139.

Volkswagon transmission, body parts. \$65. Mag-type rims, 5 lug, wide tires. \$38. 252-2889.

Sears jungle gym set. \$75. 287-5080.

Weight bench w/ weights. \$100. VCR. \$150. 286-3295 after 5pm.

Complete Brownie uniform, 26" girls bike, child carrier, book holder, plants, car, truck hitch w/ equalizer. 287-3080.

Takamini classical guitar w/ case. \$250. 287-3776.

Rock cutter 18" blade, exec cond. \$1600 or b/o. 252-1144.

Schwin Sierra Mountain bike, 18 sp. \$250. 287-3776 ask for Joel after 5 pm.

College algebra mac 1101, sociology syg 1000. \$30 ea. 3 wicker blinds. \$25. 287-3949 leave message.

Deluxe gas bbq grill. \$85. Toshiba beta ver w/ library of tapes. \$85. 284-3839.

Miscellaneous

Many household items, furniture, freezer, more. 284-3293.

Rolltop desk. \$425. Hanging porch swing. \$65. Cabinet for under sink. \$30. 286-4430.

Approx 200ft, chain-link fence w/ posts w/ gate. 252-5056.

4 rims w/ hubcaps, for 1988 Ford Taurus. \$100. 252-5229.

Panama coin coll, 1904-1953. \$1500 or b/o. 252-1143.

6' X-mas tree w/stand, all the trimmings. \$75. 252-1191.

Beauty parlor hair dryer chair. \$175. 252-2883.

2 bikes 26" boys, 10 spd. \$120. \$80. 287-4524.

Honda Accord auto parts 1978 model, clutch disc, plate, TV b/w. 287-4439.

Dining rm table w/ 6 chairs. \$600. Magic Chef gas stove w/ self clean oven. \$500. Boat trailer. \$175. 268-1647.

Scuba equip regulator, never used. \$500. 284-5714.

20 in girl bicycle. \$40. 252-5389.

Variety of potted plants, indoor, outdoor, cheap. 287-5477.

20 in girl bike \$20. Skateboard, \$5. 12, glass set, \$5. Igloo playmate. \$10. 12x15 carpet w/ pad. \$90. 287-4876.

Computer w/ printer, kitchen, toys, games, puzzles, stereo, more, PCS sale. 1537 A Gateway.

Crib. \$175. 2 a/c, 1 national, 13,000 btu, 1 feeders, 11,000 btu, waterbed. \$225. 252-1215.

2, 10 gal, fish tanks complete, penguin filter, hood, lamp, plants, rocks, fishes. \$70. 287-5721.

20 in BMX bike, helmet, pads, stunt gear. \$150. 287-4393.

10 gal fish tank w/ full lighted hood, gravel, pump, fish. \$50. 287-3231.

5 hp go-cart w/ 3 extra tires. \$220. 252-7400.

Barbie dream house, stereo, continental tires, 195/70R14, little wear, casio organ, meat slicer, dishwasher. 252-7952.

3 surfboards 6ft 7in spectrum, 6ft 3in reglassed natural progression, 6ft 6in old bradbury bd boogie bd w/ flippers. \$250. 286-6176.

12 sp bike. \$80. boogie bd. \$50. wedding dress. \$100. blue curtain beads. \$25. 252-2781.

Dining chairs padded, 6 ea. \$20. Plastic divider for p/u campershell. \$10. 252-1194.

16" girls bike. \$25. playhouse, 5 1/2 x 7 1/2". \$15. Lg. picnic table. \$35. 252-1032.

New 6" aluminum step ladder. \$35. Wheelbarrow. \$18. Outdoor shelves. \$25. 286-4882.

Plath Sextant 1 of 300, made for nazi submarines, collectors item, exec cond. \$5000. 261-3325.

2 scooters 14" wheels, gd cond. \$50 ea. 287-4088.

50 ft chain link fence. \$25. 220 V, a/c 18,000 BTU. \$50. 282-5280.

Wall to wall carpet w/ pad for 4 bedroom, tropical, 6 mth old. \$1000. 286-3441.

Picnic table. \$75. Weber grill. \$30. 2 end tables, coffee table. \$100. 284-5296.

2 bedroom, 1 bath, mobil home. \$18,000. 286-3177.

Upright freezer, Philco, 18 cu in, 5 yrs old, gd cond. \$330. 287-4178.

12 x 15 carpet, w/ pad, blue short pile. \$90. 287-4876.

Ac 16,000 btu. \$285. Mini JVC stereo system (still in box). \$275. Sectional couch. \$875. 252-5190, 227-2884.

7 pc solid Mahogany queen sz bedrm set, exc cond. \$1400. 282-4696.

Ac 5000 btu, 1 1/2 yr old, exc cond. \$175. 286-4199.

Washer & dryer. \$400. 287-6777.

New washer GE. \$450. Dryer, dishwasher. \$350. Freezer. \$500. Elect stove. \$400. 282-5494.

Thomas organ. \$290. Eureka vacuum cleaner. \$75. 284-4281.

Beautiful 3 pcs living rm set. \$700. Carpet 12 x-15 blue. \$95. 284-3131.

Patio furniture. \$400. Dinette w 4 chairs. \$360. Rattan chairs and table. \$400. 223-1475 9855.

Miscellaneous

Aquarium w/ every thing, includes fish (20 gal). \$100. 284-3671.

Surfer's Alliance surfboard 6' thruster w/ channel's like new. \$350 obo. Kiki board. \$100. 284-3671.

Sears jungle gym set. \$75. 287-5080.

Men diamond ring in gold setting, new, great Christmas gift. \$175. 286-4139.

Wall to wall carpet w/ pad for 4 bedrm tropical, 6 months old. \$1000. 286-3441.

Dining chairs, padded, 6 ea. \$20. Plastic divider for Pickup camper shell. \$10. 252-1194.

Computer w/printer, kitchen, toys, games, puzzles, stereo, more. 1537 A Gateway.

20 in bike. \$20. Skateboard. \$5. 12 glass set. \$5. Igloo Playmate. \$10. 12x15 carpet w/ pad. \$90. 287-4876.

Wide variety of potted plants, both indoors and outdoors. Cheap. 287-5477.

Kitchen appliances, furniture, lawnmower, ips/cass, body rower, etc. 286-4474.

18,000 btu ac, 13,500 btu ac, used motorcycle helmets, all priced to sell. 286-6131.

Motorcycles

1984 Honda Magna, driver 1 yr, in storage 3 yrs, low mileage. \$1200. 287-6527.

Honda XL 185S, low mileage, exc cond. \$650 obo. 284-3839.

1977 Honda 550-Four super sport, only 6600 miles, exc cond, beautiful. \$1000. 252-5030.

750 Honda 10th anniversary ltd, farring & saddle bags 1979. \$1200. 287-5477.

Patio sales

5347 B Diablo. Saturday 8-12.

6308 Cameron Los Rios, desk, bike, safe, clothing, kitchen appliances, etc. Saturday.

3222 Empire St Balboa. Saturday 7-12.

6230 Los Rios, girls 20 in bike, Rainbow Bright. Saturday.

5773 B Diablo, multi-family. Saturday 7-12.

6351 A Los Rios. Saturday 7-12.

6457 B Los Rios. Saturday 7-11.

5738 Seibert Street Diablo. Saturday 7-10.

943 B La Boca. Saturday 8-12.

5183 Parson Street Diablo, furniture. Saturday & Sunday 7-11.

7192 Cardenas Rd, multi-family patio sale, quality furniture, toys, appliances, more. Saturday 7:30-10:30.

929 B La Boca, misc household items and clothes. Saturday 8-2.

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USAF, Ssgt, 70270, Deros Mar 90 w/ orders to Europe to swap to Falcon AFB, Colorado Springs, Co. 286-4341.

Rent van or camper for 3 weeks in January. 226-3562.

Very reliable maid, speaks good english. 221-4467.

Sewing machine. 282-3341 ask for Karyl.

Apple, Macintosh computers. 243-5366.

Baby-sitter with courage to work with 14 mth old who's only been with Mommy. 286-6299.

Freddie Kruger costume for Christmas skit, will be returned. 286-4490.

USAF, Ssgt, 70270, DEROS March '90, with orders to Patrick MacDill, Homestead, Langley, to swap to Colorado Springs, CO. Falcon AFB. 285-4341.

Job for housekeeper, cook, babysitter, days only. 266-1194.

We are looking for a house, apt. to watch or rent, in the Canal area. 287-3704 day or 252-5408 night ask 4 Rob.

Will pay cash for Lionel or American flyer elect trains. 282-3907/256-3375 after 7 pm.

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NATO/Warsaw Pact force reduction treaty drafted

BRUSSELS, Belgium (UPI) — NATO foreign ministers agreed Thursday on a draft text for a treaty that would cut NATO and Warsaw Pact conventional forces in Europe, and they approved an unprecedented visit by a Soviet foreign minister to the alliance headquarters.

Belgian Foreign Minister Mark Eyskens, who arranged the visit to NATO by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, called it "a beautiful symbol of the increasing rapprochement and also of the greater cooperation between East and West." U.S. officials said Secretary of State James Baker had been consulted last week about the Shevardnadze visit and had welcomed it from the start. American officials said they viewed the unprecedented visit as a logical part of the process of removing the military threat between East and West Europe.

Shevardnadze will be in Brussels Monday and Tuesday to sign a trade and cooperation agreement with the European Community and for a bilateral visit to Belgium. Eyskens told a news conference the idea of taking Shevardnadze to NATO headquarters on the outskirts of Brussels arose during preparations for the bilateral visit.

"At first it looked like daydreaming," he said, but NATO Secretary General Manfred Woerner reacted positively and so did Belgium's 11 partners in the European Community.

Eyskens said he brought up the matter over lunch with his NATO colleagues Thursday and all agreed to the first visit of a Soviet leader to NATO. He said Shevardnadze would have a talk with Woerner and then meet ambassadors of the 16 NATO countries.

The ministers earlier approved the

draft text of a treaty NATO will submit to the seven Warsaw Pact nations at the negotiations in Vienna, Austria, on conventional forces in Europe.

Details of the draft were not yet released, but conference officials said most of it, including parts on reduction of weapons systems and on verification, had been submitted in separate proposals in Vienna.

The draft treaty sums it all up, providing a legal framework for the proposals, they said. Some of the

articles included are submitted with the reservation they can be changed

later, indicating further consultation among allies on their exact wording.

NATO hopes to conclude a conventional forces in Europe treaty next year.

Officials said the signing would be attended by heads of state or government of the 23 nations participating in the talks, but the 12 neutral countries in the 35-nation European Conference on Security

and Cooperation would also be invited to the ceremony.

The other major subject on the first day of the NATO Council's two-day meeting was the reform movement sweeping Eastern Europe and its impact on future East-West relations, officials said.

They said ministers agreed with Woerner's assessment in his opening speech that NATO "must stay to provide security and stability throughout the long period of transition that we are now entering."

82nd takes break from training to 'exercise'

QUARRY HEIGHTS (US-SOUTHCOM PAO) — Units of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division conducted three exercises this week while undergoing training at the U.S. Army Jungle Operations Training Center at Fort Sherman.

The 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment arrived from Fort Bragg, N.C. to undergo the cyclical three-week Jungle Warfare Course at JOTC.

Beginning at 1 a.m. Tuesday, one company from this battalion conducted a road movement from Fort Sherman to Madden Dam. After securing the dam which is part of the Canal Operation Area, the unit completed the exercise, dubbed "Tucker" about seven hours later.

On Wednesday, a company from the 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment conducted "Exercise Strikehold," the securing of Panama Canal Commission facilities in the vicinity of the Summit housing area. The exercise began at 5 p.m. with an amphibious landing by Army landing craft mechanized (LCM-8) boats near the Summit housing area, which is a Military Area of Coordination, and



concluded with the unit being returned to Fort Sherman by helicopters.

The 3-504th Infantry conducted "Exercise Blue Devil" Wednesday at Gamboa beginning at 7 p.m. with an amphibious landing to secure certain facilities there. The exercise was scheduled to take several hours after which time the soldiers were to return to Fort Sherman.

The purposes of these exercises was to practice the protection and defense of Panama Canal and Panama Canal Commission and U.S. military installations, to practice operations to protect U.S. lives and property, and to test troop readiness and movement capabilities

Units of the 82nd Airborne Division have conducted training at JOTC since the late 1970s.

The Panama Canal Treaty commits the United States to protect and defend the Panama Canal against armed attack or other actions which threaten its security as well as to take such steps as may be necessary to guarantee the security of the Panama Canal Commission, its property, its employees and their dependents in addition to U.S. military personnel and installations.

In addition to complying with the treaty, exercises conducted by U.S. forces since May are necessary in order to reassert United States' treaty rights in the wake of repeated violations of many of those rights by the regime forces since late 1987.

Bush salutes selflessness at tree lighting

"'There is no room in the inn' is no longer an acceptable answer."

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Declaring the "spirit of the holidays is at long last matched by the spirits of the time," President Bush lit the national Christmas tree on Thursday night and made a plug for service to others.

At a star-studded and bitter cold ceremony across the street from the White House, Bush flipped a switch — illuminating 5,000 lights on a Colorado blue spruce and drawing applause from a festive crowd of 12,000.

"Whatever your dream...the future is bright with possibilities," said the president, wearing a heavy overcoat, a plaid scarf and standing behind bulletproof glass.

The presidential lighting of the National Christmas Tree is a tradition begun in 1923 by Calvin Coolidge. Every president since then has thrown the switch, although Ronald Reagan did it in recent years by staying at the White House.

President and Barbara Bush, joined by daughter-in-law Margaret Bush, and granddaughter Marshall, 3, came to the Ellipse Thursday where they and a holiday crowd were treated to a show, "The National Christmas Pageant of Peace."

NBC TV weatherman Willard Scott, dressed up as Santa Claus, served as master of ceremonies. The pageant featured singers Marilyn McCoo, Billy Davis Jr., Tommy Tune, Loretta Lynn and Peggy Lynn, along with the U.S. Air Force Band and the Roanoke College Children's Choir.

In brief remarks, Bush wished all a "Merry Christmas," and referred to the sweeping democratic change across Eastern Europe, underscored by the recent opening of the Berlin Wall.

"This is the Christmas that we've waited 50 years for," he said.

"Across Europe, East and West, 1989 is ending with the prospect of a

far better Christmas time than Europe has ever known, and a far better future than the world dared to imagine."

He said, "This year, the spirit of the holiday is at long last matched by the spirit of the times, and it is the beginning of a new decade and the ending of an old century."

Bush also made another pitch for his "One Thousand Points of Light" volunteer initiative, saying, the old refrain, "there is no room in the inn," is no longer an acceptable answer.

"For now on any definition of a successful life in America must include serving others. This holiday season, reach out to someone right where you live."

The National Christmas Tree is a 35-foot Colorado blue spruce. As part of a "Pageant of Peace," it is joined by 57 smaller trees, one representing each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories.

Airlines may have engaged in illegal collusion, says Justice Department

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Justice Department is investigating whether airlines engaged in illegal collusion in a fare increase this fall, just before the busy Christmas season, a spokeswoman said Thursday.

"The Antitrust Division is investigating to determine whether there was an agreement among two or more airlines in connection with the Sept. 29 increase in airline ticket prices," said Justice Department spokesman Amy Brown.

The investigation began shortly

after the fare increase that was sparked by American Airlines and adopted quickly by other air carriers.

The Justice Department sent out documents known as "civil investigative demands" to airlines but would not identify the carriers that prosecutors are interested in.

The information that airlines were ordered to provide involves internal documents on how ticket prices are set, including the names and titles of executives within pricing departments, and data on how daily price changes are determined.

On Sept. 18, American Airlines announced fare increases pegged to the number of days tickets are bought before departure. The increase for tickets purchased 14 days before departure was \$10 to \$20; it was \$30 to \$80 for tickets bought seven days in advance; and \$60 to \$80 for tickets purchased two days before the flight.

American's competitors saw the exact details Sept. 19, the next day, in a computer tariff data base. On Sept. 20, Midway Airlines and Trans World Airlines boosted their fares in

line with the American Airlines pattern.

On Sept. 21, Delta Air Lines, Pan American World Airways and Continental Airlines followed. Within several days, United Airlines, Northwest Airlines and USAir joined the bandwagon.

The effect was to increase the cost of flying at the busiest time of the year — Christmas and the surrounding holidays.

The increases were effective Sept. 29, the Justice Department said.