

Blockbuster Bowl foes have a lot of similarities

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MIAMI — There's a lot of similarities in tonight's inaugural Blockbuster Bowl between Florida State and Penn State.

The game features two junior quarterbacks, the nation's two winningest major college coaches, and

two teams carrying 9-2 records. "We've both gotten better and that's what we're supposed to do," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said Thursday.

Coach Joe Paterno's seventh-ranked Penn State team brings the nation's longest winning streak, nine games, into the 8 p.m. EST kickoff with No. 6 Florida State has won five straight games.

Both have prospered from the development of their quarterbacks. Penn State's 6-foot-5, 225-pound Tony Sacca, completed 44 of 82 passes for 626 yards for five touchdowns and three interceptions in the Lions' last three games.

Sacca had his biggest game in a 24-21 victory over Notre Dame, completing 20 of 34 passes for 277 yards and three touchdowns without throwing an interception.

"He's got a strong arm and you can't ever let up on his receivers," Bowden said. "He can get the ball to them."

Sacca threw for 1,866 yards and 10 touchdowns on the season and ranks fifth on the school's passing charts with 3,381 career yards. Florida State's Casey Weldon

didn't win a starting job until the Seminoles' second game, but his overall numbers exceed Sacca's despite 67 fewer passing attempts.

Weldon, ranked third nationally in passing efficiency, completing 61.5 percent of his passes for 1,600 yards and a dozen touchdowns with only four interceptions.

"We're going to have to play like we did against Florida," said Weldon, who passed for a career-high 325 yards in a 45-30 victory over the Gators. "We can't make a dumb mistake that will get us beat."

In his last three games, Weldon completed 41 of 67 passes for 794 yards and seven touchdowns with just one interception. More importantly, the Seminoles went 5-0 with Weldon starting.

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

NBA standings

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THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Team	Score	Team	Score
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Utah 110, Dallas 102			

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Portland at Utah, 7:30 p.m.		Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m.	
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.		San Antonio at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.	
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FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Daughter-in-law happy with visits

DEAR ABBY: I owe you big time, lady — and after racking my brain for ways to "pay" my debt, I think I found a method that will please you.

Recently you published a list of "do's and don'ts" for a better relationship between mothers-in-law/daughters-in-law. Among them, to mothers-in-law, was: "Don't drop in without calling first." My husband's mom, who is retired and lives across the street, never misses your column and, much to our relief, she took your advice. Her unannounced visits were immediately reduced from two to three a DAY to twice a week!

Don't get me wrong; she is a wonderful person whom I love very much, but with our hectic schedules, her drop-in visits were very disruptive. Neither my husband nor I could figure out how to get that message across without hurting her feelings.

Abby, as a token of my heartfelt appreciation for solving this problem for us, I have doubled my United Way Fund contribution for 1991 in your honor.

Should you publish this, just sign me...

DEAR WORTH IT: You are indeed unique. Most readers see others in my column, but rarely do they see themselves.

DEAR ABBY: We're having a debate in my family. If a man gives a woman an engagement ring, and four hours later they break up, should the woman return the ring?

My sister says, "No, the ring is the woman's to keep regardless of how long she's had it."

I am in total disagreement, and feel that given the scant length of their engagement, the woman is not entitled to keep the ring.

A third sister insists that if the woman breaks the engagement, she should return the ring, but if the man breaks the engagement, it's "Tough luck, buddy!"

This happens to be a family matter, because the girl who had the four-hour engagement is our cousin.

Please don't mention the name of our town, as it could be embarrassing.

WEST COAST COUSINS

DEAR COUSINS: A four-hour engagement must be some kind of record. The gentleman has every right to expect the lady to return the ring. And if she refuses, she's no lady.

CONFIDENTIAL TO O. IN BIRMINGHAM,

ALA.: Voltaire said, "The secret of being a bore is to tell everything." (A truism — but hardly a secret.)

RECORD

Births

ALLISON, Brittany Rose, daughter of Donald J. and Deborah Freeman Allison of 38 Surt St., Manchester, was born Dec. 11, 1990 at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Her maternal grandparents are Robert and Helen Bell, 86 Slouton Road, Hebron. Her paternal grandparents are Bruce and Kathleen MacBryde, 26 Jackson Road, Amston.

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Lottery

Here are Friday's lottery results from around New England:

Connecticut
Daily: 3-7-0. Play 4: 8-0-4-4. Lotto: 1-3-10-13-21-38.

Massachusetts
Daily: 7-8-5-7. Mass. Millions: 2-20-34-35-43-44. Bonus number: 36.

Rhode Island
Daily: 9-1-5-8.

Northern New England
Pick Three: 5-2-9. Pick Four: 5-5-3-7.

Weather



PEOPLE

■ Vanna White bought a marriage license in Aspen, a celebrity-filled ski resort, but she didn't provide a clue about when she'll say "I DO."

With a scarf wrapped tightly around her head, the 33-year-old "Wheel of Fortune" letter-turner and her boyfriend, Brooklyn native George Santo Pietro, 44, picked up the \$20 license Thursday at the Pitkin County Courthouse.

No one recognized White, even after she provided her driver's license for identification.

"I didn't even know who it was," said Deputy County Clerk Kim Schultz, who helped the couple fill out their marriage license forms.

Santo Pietro's mother, Catherine Santo Pietro of Plainville, N.Y., said she was "delighted, very delighted" that White will become part of her family.

Mrs. Santo Pietro said she had been told of the wedding plans, but didn't know when it would be. The marriage license is good anywhere in Colorado for 30 days.

White was the second celebrity this week to get into the marriage game at a Colorado ski resort.

On Christmas Eve, film star Tom Cruise and Australian actress Nicole Kidman married in a secret wedding in Telluride.

■ Actor Martin Sheen knows how to get his name in a newspaper. Just show up in a newscam with a camera.

Sheen filmed scenes at The Dallas Morning News on Thursday for his new movie, "Touch and Die."

In the film, Sheen plays a reporter in Europe who discovers stolen plutonium is being sold to finance a presidential campaign in the United States.

Sheen, the father of actors Charlie Sheen and Emilio Estevez, is known for his activism on behalf of environmental causes and the homeless.

■ Johnny Paycheck, who achieved stardom in 1978 with the worker's anthem "Take This Job and Shove It," is singing the blues to Gov. Richard Lytle, is serving a seven-to-90-day prison term for a shooting in a bar in 1985.

The singer is asking Lytle to grant him clemency before the governor leaves office Jan. 15.

A spokesman for Lytle declined to comment, except to say that the governor has an "extremely conservative record in granting clemency."

Paycheck, 51, has served 10 months for aggravated assault, tampering with evidence and using a handgun. He was convicted for shooting a fellow bar patron in the head in 1985, injuring him.

He won't be eligible for parole for five years.

Highland County Prosecutor Rocky Coss said he has written to the Ohio Parole Board to object to Paycheck's clemency bid.

■ Tammy Wynette says a new generation of performers has helped popularize country music all over again.

"The abundance of great new talent... is changing the demographics of the listening and buying audience," she said in comments published in the Country Music Association's "Close-Up" magazine.

"Because of their impact, the audiences are younger and the consumer dollars at both the record and concert levels have greatly increased," she said in the publication's January issue.

She cited Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Joe Diffie, Randy Travis, Ricky Van Shelton, Clint Black, Patty Loveless and Garth Brooks as among those making an impact.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders."

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Patients with this affliction usually have blood in the urine, followed by flank pain and fever. The tumor is "staged" — meaning that its precise location and extent are determined — by CT scanning (special X-rays of the abdomen and pelvis).

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Pressure to return home to campaign usually lowers voting participation scores in election years. The average in 1988, the last year with a general election, was 92 percent. The previous record for voting participation in an election year was 93 percent in 1986.

Voting participation scores are often used as an indication of a legislator's dedication. But experts warn this can be misleading. Members may miss minor votes because they are busy with other duties — such as committee hearings in which bills are crafted.

"The scores are distortive and ignore the fact that some votes are more important than others," says Roger H. Davidson, a specialist on Congress at the University of Maryland.

Even voting participation champion Rep. William W. Roth, D-Vt., questions the value of a perfect voting record. "I have my doubts that it means that much anymore," Natcher says. "I don't advise new members to start a record like this. I have my doubts that I'd even try it again."

Natcher in 1990 extended his perfect voting record to 37 years — 12,627 votes, excluding quorum calls.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., recently advised incoming freshmen to sit back, put their feet up and miss some votes. But not too many of them did.

"Figure out within the first month some matter of generally non-consequence on the floor and sit through a vote. Miss a vote. Miss a couple of months and \$92.40 for one year. Newsstand price: 35 cents a copy."

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OPINION

Shed oil, not blood

Good, rich crude oil is a renewable resource. Because one represents life and the other represents the fuel that powers what has become the American way of life, you'd think both would be equally precious. They are not.

The president who is willing to draw lines in the sand with American blood for the sake of Saudi oil is unwilling to even discuss cutting down on domestic oil consumption.

Energy Secretary James Watkins understands that a national energy policy without an energy-conservation component is as useless as a Ford without fuel.

That's why Watkins built energy conservation into the proposal he's been working on for 18 months. It's also why the White House dinosaurs (Chief of Staff John Sununu, chief economic adviser Michael J. Boskin and Budget Director Richard Darman) told Watkins to drop conservation proposals from the National Energy Strategy.

The White House dinosaurs don't want an energy policy to go anywhere. As millions of oil man George Bush, their goal is to preserve the status quo until every bit of money can be made out of every bit of oil on the face of the earth.

And if that takes every drop of good, red American blood, so be it. The laissez faire attitude to energy conservation by the Reagan-Bush administration assured that the United States would remain dependent on oil and heavily dependent on foreign oil.

Arizona Daily Star
Tucson, Ariz.

Apply lessons from sanctions

South Africa and Iraq are as dissimilar as gold and oil, yet the apparent importance of economic sanctions in bringing about substantive change in one country may have little relevance to the other.

Much of the world, but principally the United States and the European Community, imposed a variety of sanctions on South Africa during the 1980s as punishment for that nation's adherence to a system of legal segregation known as apartheid.

Now the international community is virtually united in an economic embargo and military blockade intended to compel Iraq to withdraw from occupied Kuwait.

While politicians debate the impact of the Iraqi sanctions and ponder the wisdom of going to war to enforce the global will, they could well draw an important lesson from recent developments in South Africa.

The Sun-Sentinel
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Open Forum

Pursue peaceful Gulf resolution

As I read about the Gulf troop build-up and President Bush's demand for unconditional withdrawal from Kuwait — especially since he himself has ignored international law and national sovereignty in Central America — I seem to see a remarkable resemblance to two stubborn bullies, threatening each other with death while making demands for negotiation. It's hard to imagine a situation less conducive to peace, or more likely to invite irreversible military action.

In contrast to this dangerous confrontation, one should remember that in this hemisphere there are many people skilled and trained in diplomacy. They teach courses in conflict resolution in numerous colleges and universities; they staff the University for Peace in Costa Rica; they staff the U.S. Institute for Peace in Washington; they serve in various departments in the United Nations.

These are the experts with whom President Bush must consult if he is serious about a diplomatic solution with Iraq. It is time for wisdom to prevail over emotion and greed.

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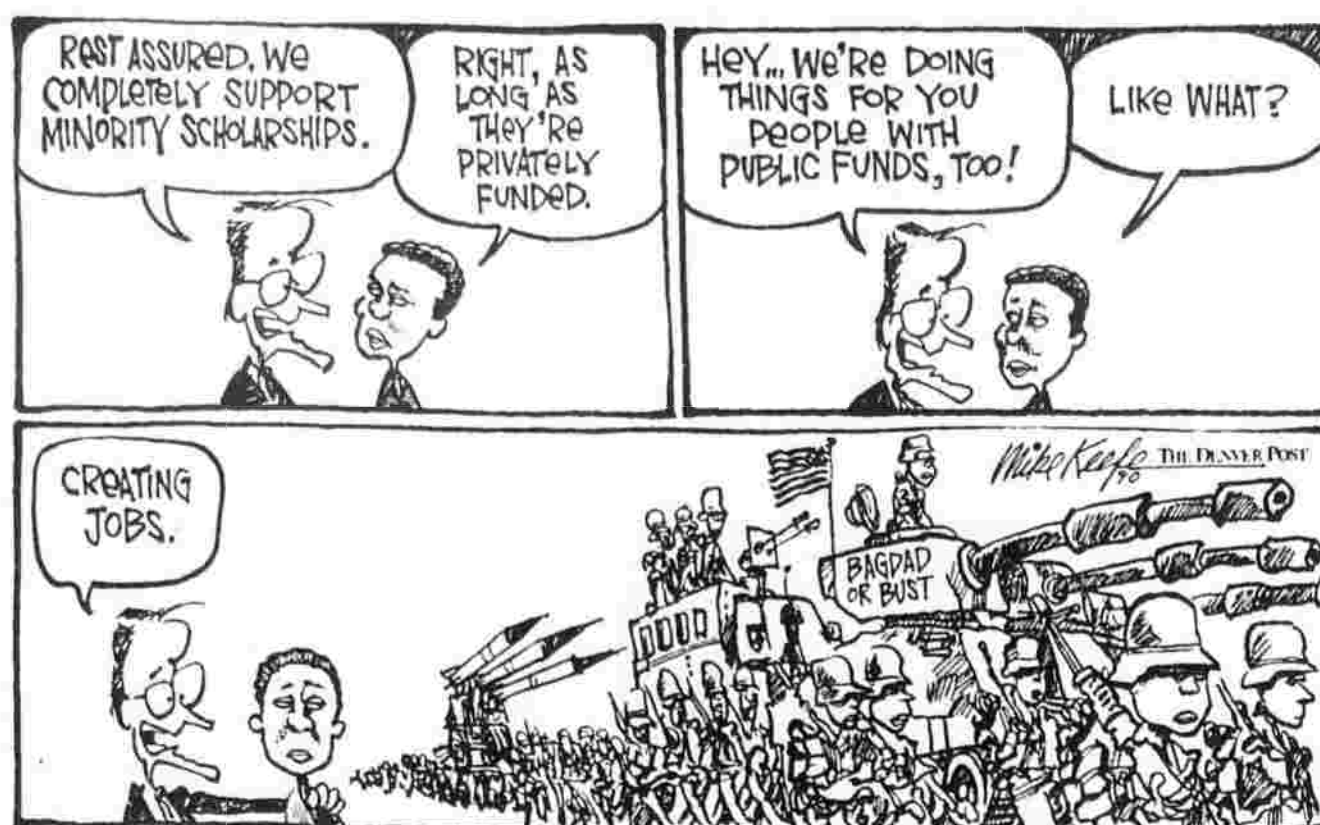


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Truck, rail feud heats up

By MIKE MILLS
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WASHINGTON — Like the Road Runner and Coyote, trucks and railroads seem perpetually at each other's throats.

Railroads say trucks tear up the pavement, don't pay enough in user fees and aren't safe; trucks say the declining railroad industry is being propped up by the government and is cutting into trucks' free-market profits.

Say tuned for next year's episode, to be played out in Congress on the highway reauthorization bill.

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The trucks want permission to pull two 48-foot trailers, called twin-48s, and three 28-foot trailers, or triplex, through the federal Interstate Highway System and other limited-access roads. That would mean trucks as long as 120 feet, including the cab, and as heavy as 135,000 pounds would be rolling down I-40 side-by-side with Hondas and Geos.

Current law limits trucks to 80,000 pounds gross weight, with an axle limit of 20,000 pounds for single axles and 34,000 pounds for tandem axles. Still, 17 states, mostly in the West, already allow the longer combinations under tight restrictions as a result of "grandfather" clauses in previous laws.

The railroad industry, with help from CRASH, a San Francisco-based con-

sumer safety group that uses Ralph Nader's Washington offices, has fueled a pre-emptive public relations firestorm designed to forestall the trucks. The groups spent most of the summer and fall on the media warpath, arguing that the trucks' desire for longer, heavier trailers poses an unprecedented highway safety hazard.

"We're trying to flush the bader out of its hole," said Gerald Donaldson, Highway Safety Director for the Center for Auto Safety and a CRASH board member.

The trucks tipped their hand somewhat last month by acknowledging that they plan to seek permission from states to use the heavier rigs, rather than go after blanket approval from Congress. They will still need Congress' permission to go to the states, however, and will seek it on next year's highway reauthorization.

By going to the states, the railroad industry and CRASH say, the trucks are employing a time-worn strategy. In 1974, trucks won the right to petition state for weight increases from 73,280 pounds to 80,000 pounds. Then, starting in 1974, trucks won the right to petition state for weight increases from 73,280 pounds to 80,000 pounds.

The fight has gotten so intense that Transportation Secretary Samuel K. Skinner mentioned it in a Dec. 10 speech. He warned that "competition between these great industries is healthy but open warfare would not be for the good of the economy."

Shippers have suggested that Skinner should weigh in, but the secretary no doubt knows a no-win proposition when he sees one. "It is not my job to referee this debate," he said. —30—

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Air Force primps at Army's expense

By JACK ANDERSON
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WASHINGTON — The image-conscious Air Force wants to retire its fleet of "ugly" A-10 attack planes, the ones now in service in Saudi Arabia, and replace them with a modified version of the sleek and sexy F-16 fighter.

But sources in the Army — the people on the ground who would rely on the A-10s to cover them in a fight — say that would be a bad idea, and an expensive one too.

The Air Force has long wanted to get rid of the A-10s, affectionately called "War Hogs" by their pilots. Their job is to take out tanks and provide close air support for ground troops. It was a triumph for the Air Force that recently won internal Pentagon approval to modify F-16s to take the place of A-10s.

But the decision will not fly smoothly through Congress, which must fund the \$1 billion-plus remake of the F-16s.

The A-10s are big, slow and ugly for a modern fighter, but they are rugged and can carry a heavy load of bombs and missiles. They are also easy to maintain and can operate from rough airfields.

The F-16 is lighter and faster, designed for dogfights. Army and congressional analysts question whether "bustling" the F-16 would result in a jet that did nothing well — was neither agile nor durable.

One Army source told us that, "The Air Force wants to turn back the clock and do away with a concept that works best in exactly the kind of combat environment we are now confronting." He summed up the issue: "You can use a crescent wrench to pound nails, but why bother when you can use a hammer?"

Piers Wood was a field artillery captain in Vietnam. He told us the Air Force has long tried to minimize its responsibility to provide close-air support to the Army. And now, Wood said, "They're designing themselves right out of the mission."

Wood, who is now chief of staff at the Center for Defense Information, says the animosity toward the A-10 comes from Air Force pilots. "Fighter pilots don't feel like fighter jets when they fly something slow and ugly," he said.

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HOME

Snug storm windows cut fuel costs

By READER'S DIGEST

Snug-fitting, well-maintained storm windows and doors can do much to reduce heating bills. The space between the storm and prime windows, or between the storm and house doors, creates an insulating pocket of air that reduces heat loss to the outside.

Here are some tips for keeping your storm doors and windows in top condition:

■ If your aluminum storm windows and doors are unpainted, brush the frames with fine steel wool to remove oxidation once a year. Then remove oxidation once a year. Then remove oxidation once a year. Then remove oxidation once a year.

■ Remove wood-sash storm windows periodically and repaint them. This is important not just for looks but to prevent absorption of moisture that may cause swelling, warping and rotting.

■ While a wood-sash storm window is out, before repainting, inspect it for damage.

■ Reglue loose joints and reinforce them with corner plates available at your local hardware store.

■ Repair bent hardware. Inspect the hinges for loose or missing screws and damage to the bracket on the house or the hook on the storm sash.

■ Check the interior fasteners to be certain they are all functioning properly.

■ To paint all sides of the storm sash in one operation, install storm window hangers in a ceiling joist or your cellar or garage, and suspend the storm sash from it.

■ After the paint dries, put adhesive-backed foam weatherstripping on the inner edge of the sash to make it more airtight.

■ Keep the drain holes in the bottom of your aluminum storm windows clear to prevent condensation from rotting the sills. If your windows don't have these holes, drill three 1/8-inch holes.

■ When a storm door begins to sag, use a wire cable and a turnbuckle to give it a lift. (Both are available at hardware stores.) Here's how:

1. Install sheet metal screws on the top inside corner of the hinge side and on the bottom corner diagonally opposite it on the latch side. Use wood screws on wood storm windows.

2. Measure out enough wire cable so that it can be securely fastened diagonally to the two screws. Then secure the wire to the screws, pulling it tight but not taut.

3. Cut the wire at its midpoint and fasten the cut ends to the turnbuckle.

4. Tighten the turnbuckle until the wire is taut and the door sag is eliminated.

■ If your aluminum storm door won't close because it's hitting the frame, try to realign the metal frame by tightening the screws that hold it to the jamb on the hinge side.

■ If your storm door won't close and it's not hitting the frame, the problem may be with the door's subular pneumatic closer.

Most pneumatic door closers can be adjusted by turning the slotted screw in the center of the end cap. Turning the screw counter-clockwise makes a door close faster. Turning it clockwise makes a door close more slowly.

■ When taking down screens and installing storm windows, write a number on a hidden spot on each window frame, as well as on its matching screen and storm sash. Put hardware removal for storage in a bag marked with its window number.

Since the baked-on paint systems used on aluminum siding are some what similar to automotive finishes, dull finishes exposed to severe weathering can be protected with an automotive wax.

(For further information on any home problem, write to Popular Mechanics, Reader Service Bureau, 224 West 57th St., New York, NY 10019. Phone: 212-649-3127.)

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The BUBBLE GUM Rapper

NEW YEAR LUCK

In many states located in the southern region of the United States, it is believed that to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day is to insure a year of good luck. Some foreign countries have similar food customs. Unscramble the letters to find out what food brings good luck in each of these countries.

1. Germany 2. Switzerland 3. France



1. The Romans, in 153 B.C., were the first to recognize January 1 as the beginning of the year. Prior to that, New Year's Day was celebrated on various dates, such as March 1, the first day of the year.

2. New Year's Day was a time for exchanging gifts long before the celebration became associated with Christmas.

3. The annual Tournament of Roses Parade held in Pasadena, California, was initiated in 1890 as a celebration of the coronation of the new king of the oranges of California.

4. One New Year's superstition says that children should not be allowed to sleep on New Year's Eve because they will bring bad luck.

RELIGION

In Brief . . .

UUE to celebrate new year

Unitarian Universalist Society: East, 153 W. Vernon St., will host a New Year's Eve party starting at 8:30 p.m. and continuing to Jan. 1 at 1 a.m.

The party theme will be A Fantasy New Year's Eve. There will be a mini floor show, ballroom and instructed line dancing, games, contests and prizes.

The New Year will be celebrated with a grand sandwich buffet. The cost is \$10 per person if paid in advance and \$12 at the door. Those 16 or older, who are full-time students, will be charged \$6. Hal Sternberg has charge of ticket sales.

Church offers free brochures

Church of Christ, 394 Lydall St., is offering its latest free brochure titled, "Can you improve your family's health?"

To receive the brochure which includes specific ways to improve on the family's function in their natural state of strong, robust health, write to the church.

Bishops enter into covenant

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — Lutheran, Episcopal and Roman Catholic bishops in Virginia have entered into a covenant billed as one of the closest such working partnerships in the country.

The agreement was signed by bishops and 160 other representatives at the close of the state's annual LARCK (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic) Conference.

Bishops of the three denominations committed themselves to various programs and actions to strengthen unity, ranging from praying for each other to developing cooperation in institutions, chaplaincies and campus ministries to working together in evangelism and social justice.

In a related move in Minnesota, a Lutheran-Catholic covenant was signed between Catholic Archbishop John R. Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis and bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in those two states.

This was believed to be the second Lutheran-Catholic covenant, an earlier one being signed in Chicago. Catholics and Lutherans are reported working toward such accord in North Carolina and New England.

Sorensen elected president of NCCJ

NEW YORK (AP) — Gillian Martin Sorensen, who from 1978 until this year served as the city's liaison officer with foreign diplomats posted in New York, has been elected president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

She succeeds Jacqueline Greener Wexler, who headed the organization for eight years in its work to promote religious, racial and ethnic harmony in American society.

Bishop says challenge is with teens

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A United Methodist bishop says the next missionary challenge for U.S. Christians is not overseas, but among teenagers and young adults in American communities.

Bishop Leroy C. Hodapp of Indianapolis, president of the denomination's 100-member Council of Bishops, attributed the church's membership decline in recent years to its failure to involve the young.

Unless it finds ways to do so, the denomination could "die in one generation," he said at a news conference.

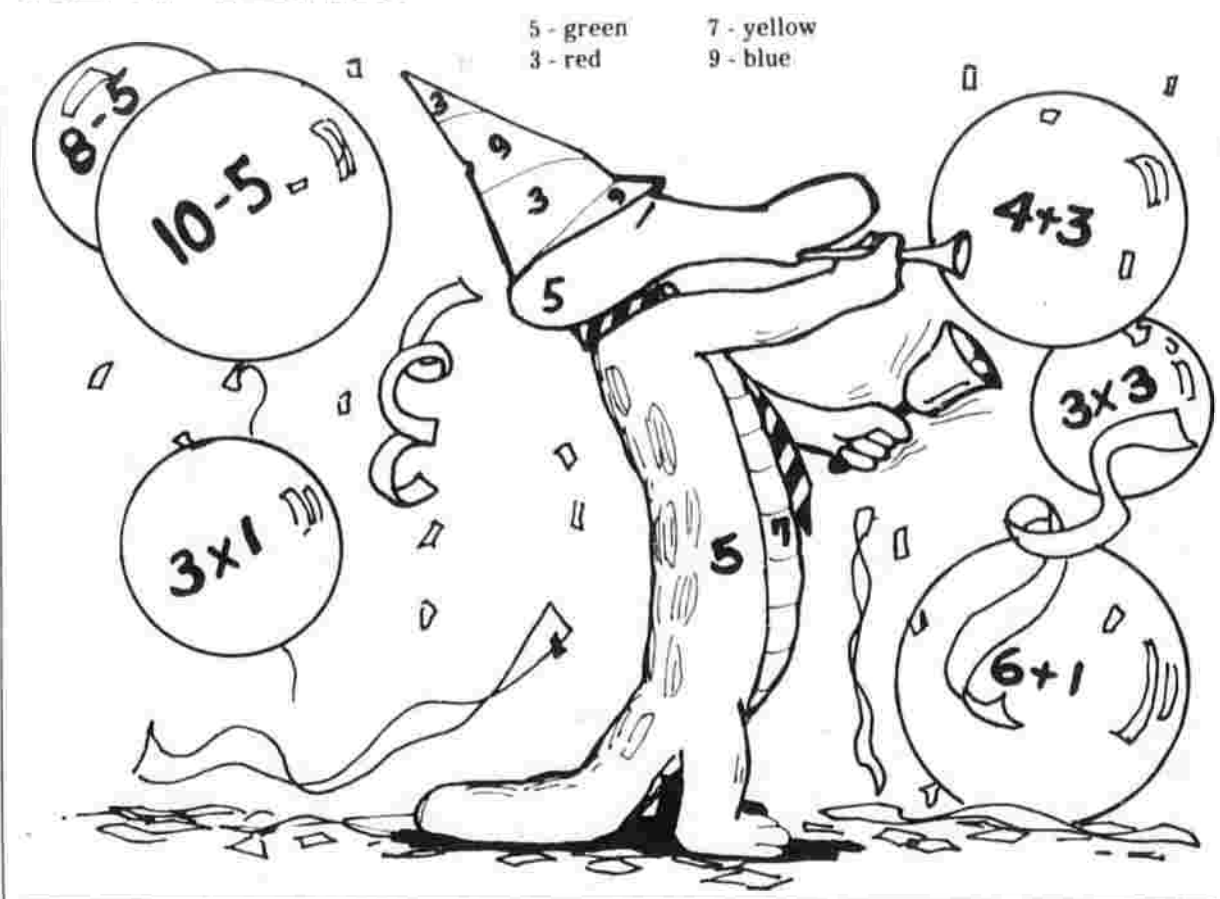
Booklet states Israel is at risk

NEW YORK (AP) — A booklet issued by the American Jewish Committee contends that a "new activism" by pro-Palestinians within Christian churches seeks to undermine sympathy for Israel and is putting Israel at risk.

Advocacy in the churches of Palestinian Arab political goals has taken an increasingly anti-Israel tilt "in that failure to achieve either peace or stability in the Middle East is laid almost entirely at Israel's door," the booklet says.

Called "Israel at Risk, the Campaign to Erode Christian Support," the booklet says the anti-Israel campaign "projects a negative and hostile view of Israel's motives, combined with a frequently uncritical endorsement of Palestinian claims."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Allie Alligator is ready to celebrate the New Year, but something is missing from this scene - the color. To discover some of Allie's favorite party colors, solve the math problems and use the color codes. Don't forget to color Allie.

- 5 - green 7 - yellow
3 - red 9 - blue

Teacher: Class, give me several sentences using the word beams.
Student: "My father grows beans."
Teacher: "My mother cooks beans."
Student: "We are all human beans."
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Books

Happy Days - New Year's Eve by Judith Gilling. Gr. 1-4. Simple explanations of this holiday's history and the many colorful ways it is celebrated today.

Happy New Year Round the World by Lois Johnson. Gr. 5-7. Each chapter of the book tells how the New Year is celebrated in a different country.

MACC News

In spite of the economic doldrums, 1990 was a time for sharing and caring. A record year in number of households referred for a helping hand through the Seasonal Sharing Appeal, 1990 also saw an all-time high in the number of lovely gifts donated, thanks largely to tremendous response to the Giving Tree at Buckland Mall. And, although there was a decline in both the contributions of food and turkey

Thoughts

After the magi brought their gifts to the Christ Child, it is written in the Gospel of Matthew that they returned to their own country by another way — suggesting to some that an encounter with Christ will always cause one to leave old ways behind, and head off in brand new directions. "Not That Way Again" is a song that picks up that idea.

Like those magi, we have been travelling far — scanning evening skies, hoping for a star. We've been led by Herod, followed by jealous plans. And come back emptier than we began.

When the time was right, each of us had turned —

SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL NEW YEAR'S SERVICES

The Twelve Days of the festival of Lord Jesus began Christmas Eve.

New Year's Day a Holy Eucharist will be held at 10:00 am.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Lydall & Vernon Streets
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THE NEW BREED



SNAPU by Bruce Beattie



Don't you think "Missionary a la King" is carrying the theme-rasting thing too far?



THE PHANTOM by Lee Falk & Sy Barry



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE by DK Brown



ALLEY OOP by Dave Coverly



THE BORN LOSER by Art Searles



BLOOMIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake



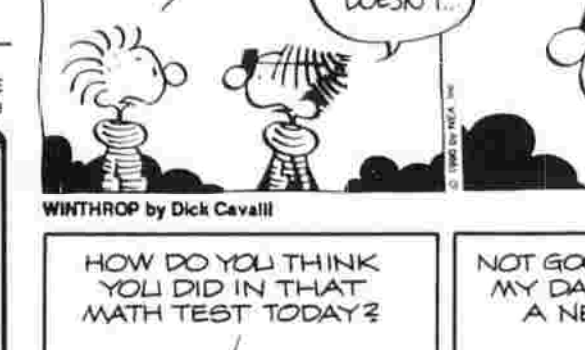
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WHY IS IT THAT TIME PASSES SO MUCH FASTER AS YOU GET OLDER?



Cruzan lauded at her funeral

By SCOTT CHARTON
The Associated Press

JOPLIN, Mo. — Nancy Cruzan's family gave her "the gift of freedom" by disconnecting her feeding tube and allowing her to die after nearly eight years in a vegetative state, her father said Friday at her funeral.

"It was time," Joe Cruzan told about 200 people gathered at a chapel. "We all feel good that Nancy is free at last."

Ms. Cruzan, 33, died Wednesday at Missouri Rehabilitation Center in Mount Vernon, 12 days after her family won court permission to disconnect the feeding tube that kept her alive.

"She did not die in vain," her father said.

The family's legal efforts to end her life led to a landmark Supreme Court decision June 25 that patients like Ms. Cruzan could be allowed to die if there was "clear and convincing" evidence that was their wish.

Ms. Cruzan had been in a persistent vegetative state after suffering severe brain damage in a 1983 car accident. Her parents and former co-workers said it was her desire to die rather than live in such a state.

Ms. Cruzan's father said requests for living wills, which allow adults to decide whether they want to be kept alive by artificial means, increased 500-fold since her case got national attention.

"I believe that these facts alone speak to the legacy that Nancy left us," he said.

Ms. Cruzan was buried in Carterville, just north of her southwest Missouri hometown of Joplin.

Her blue metal casket, adorned with drawings of flying sea gulls, remained closed during the 45-minute service. Two dozen floral arrangements surrounded the casket, including a single red rose from her grandparents.

Thirteen photographs of Ms. Cruzan were displayed above the casket, including one of her as an infant bundled for winter play, as a little girl wrestling with a too-tall bicycle and as a young, dark-haired woman dressed in red with a beaming smile.

"Nancy seemed to be born with laughter in her spirit," said the Rev. Bob Clyde, the Cruzans' minister.

Tapes of Ms. Cruzan's favorite songs were played in the chapel, including "The Rose" by Bette Midler and "Coming Home" by Bob Seger. Demonstrators picketed and camped outside the hospital while Ms. Cruzan was dying and unsuccessfully pleaded with Missouri and federal courts to order her feeding tube reconnected.

"To the ones who maybe didn't understand or didn't agree, we did what we felt we had to do," Cruzan told reporters. "We appreciate their prayers."

After a crash of mourners left Ms. Cruzan's grave, her father returned, stood quietly for a moment, then placed a single pink flower on the casket before wiping his eyes.

"Nancy's free at last ... thank God," he said.



Reginald Photo/Manchester Herald
WHO IS THAT MASKED BOY? — Adam Costa, 11, of 72 East Middle Turnpike in Manchester, is proud of his grandmother's Christmas gifts: a cap, jacket and gloves to match.

Gorby

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changes and impose other orders. His only defeat was a vote against creating a Supreme State Inspectorate, a new law enforcement agency to ensure compliance with his decrees. But a presidential aide said Gorbachev believes he can still establish the inspectorate — by decree.

With his dual position as leader of the Communist Party and head of the restructured government, the

only thing now standing between Gorbachev and authoritarian rule may be his personal commitment to democracy.

Fear of that commitment wavering under pressure from hard-liners appears to have been behind Shevardnadze's warning.

"My guess is that what he worried about was not so much a conscious effort that, 'We're going to establish a dictatorship,' but a slide into the

use of authoritarian methods," a western diplomat in Moscow said Friday.

"For example, if force is used in some of the republics now, and that brings a reaction of the people, you could get an escalating situation, and a growing bloodbath."

Short of using force, it is unclear how much obedience Gorbachev can expect from the republics.

Fliers

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pect on taxes" if the referendum passes.

Holland said, "No other group has taken on the education lobby," and his group was not "sitting on our hands hoping these things will happen."

He added that if Thursday night's heavy snowfall had not intervened, his group "might have had a flier coming out (Friday)."

The Jan. 3 hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. in the all-purpose room of the Elementary School on North Road. The Jan. 16 hearing is set for 7:30 p.m. in the Bolton High School gymnasium.

Golf

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altogether, saying a new golf course would result in heavy traffic to the area and many trees would have to be cut to complete the project. Also, the need for another golf course in town has come under scrutiny.

The change-of-use permit could take anywhere from two to four months to be approved or rejected by the state agency, Osella estimated.

If it is approved, the committee would then sit down to discuss the economic feasibility of such a plan, he said.

If the plan receives the state's and the Board of Director's approval, golfers could tee off at the site by as early as the Spring of 1995, Osella estimated.

Iraq

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after the cease-fire went into effect in the Iran-Iraq war and the government had crushed the Kurdish rebellion.

The analysts said the reactivation of the militia of about 300,000 men was intended to beef up Iraq's defenses against Turkey, Iraq's northern neighbor.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein last week accused Turkey of deploying troops and warplanes on the border and said Iraq had to increase its military strength in the area to counter the buildup.

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MHS girls are repeat champs

ELLINGTON — The score is almost identical to last year's final, but there's where the similarity ends.

What did remain the same is that Manchester High captured the championship in the Ellington Holiday Girls' Basketball Classic Tournament for the second consecutive year as it topped host Ellington High, 39-37, Friday night.

Manchester won the title a year ago, 38-37, outscoring the host Purple Knights 19-0 in the fourth quarter.

This time around, Manchester had to overcome only a 26-25 deficit heading into the fourth quarter. The Indians took the lead, and had a 36-31 edge with two minutes left.

After a 3-pointer by Ellington, Amy Shumaker hit one from the foul line for a 37-34 lead with 36 seconds left.

A critical steal by Shelly Dietler gave the Indians (3-2) the ball back, and Shumaker (7 points, 8 rebounds) hit two more from the foul line with 26 seconds left for a 39-34 bulge.

A final 3-pointer by Ellington (6-2) with two seconds left was academic.

"It was nice to win the tournament again," Manchester assistant coach Mike Masse said. "We got a good effort. We played tough when we went down."

Manchester was 13-for-15 from the foul line, including 8-for-9 in the fourth quarter. "The foul line was the difference for us. And our press was effective at times," Masse added.

Dietler had 15 points and 9 rebounds while junior guard Patty Rockville, playing in her first game since a recent illness, had 10 points, 6 rebounds, 4 steals and 1 assist in a reserve role. "She gave us a good spark off the bench," Masse said of Hornbostel's contribution.

Leslie Brock had 16 points to lead Ellington.

Manchester returns to CCC East Division play Wednesday when it hosts unbeaten South Windsor at Clarke Arena.

MANCHESTER (29) — Shelly Dietler 7-1-15, Jan Dietler 0-1-2, Amy Shumaker 1-6-7, Mary Moriarty 0-2-2, Jessica Marquez 2-0-0, 4, Patty Hornbostel 0-4-13, Katie Smith 0-0-0, Sharon Platt 0-0-0, Totals 43-15-15-35

ELLINGTON (27) — Cheryl Balogun 0-2-2, Cindy Hill 0-0-0, Brandi Jones 4-0-8, Joanne Morgan 2-1-5, Sarah Doyle 1-0-1, Heather Stone 1-1-3, Leslie Brock 5-7-16, Totals 13-7-16-37

3-point goals: E. Jones, Brock

Rebounds: 19-16 Manchester

Rockville girls take third place

ELLINGTON — The mind is willing, but the body hasn't been following orders to date with the East Catholic High girls' basketball team. The winless Eagles dropped their eighth in a row, 38-32, bowing to Rockville High Friday night in the consolation game of the Ellington Holiday Classic at Ellington High.

The Rams go to 4-4 with the victory.

What's been the biggest problem for the Eagles? "It is a combination of everything," East coach Donna Ridel answered. "We're not comfortable in our positions and the kids are rushing everything. The mind knows what to do, but the body is not executing."

Rockville jumped to a 12-2 lead after one quarter as East shot 1-for-7 with nine turnovers. "They threw a press at us and we were making some bad passes," Ridel said.

That put the Eagles in the early hole. It was 22-8 at the half and 31-15 after three periods. East made a late run, but it's foul shooting (8-for-23) doomed any comeback.

"If we shot 50 percent from the foul line we would have been all set," Ridel said.

Lori Leighton had 12 points to lead Rockville. Denise Miska had 13 points and Chris Dube and Erin Colgan seven apiece for East.

East resumes action Wednesday when it visits Northwest Catholic in West Hartford.

ROCKVILLE (28) — Kristin Ledger 0-3-2, Kristi Fowler 1-1-4, Joanne O'Brien 2-0-4, Lori Leighton 6-0-2, Pat Newman 0-0-0, Paula Thurston 1-1-7, Ally Aspin 1-0-2, Amy Layton 1-0-2, Carrie Coleman 2-0-4, Totals 28-16-18-38

EAST CATHOLIC (28) — Kelly Romano 0-1-1, Jane Chonkoziwicz 0-0-0, Erin Colgan 3-0-7, Alyson Irish 0-0-0, Chris Dube 3-0-7, Katie Lyle 2-0-4, Cathy O'Brien 0-0-0, Denise Miska 7-12-13, Totals 11-8-20-32

3-point goals: E.C. Colgan, Dube

Rebounds: 22-8 Rockville

UConn and URI gain Classic final

HARTFORD (AP) — Scott Burrell scored 16 points and No. 13 Connecticut held on to beat Lafayette 59-57 on Friday night and advance to the finals of the Connecticut Mutual Classic.

The Huskies (7-1) made just five of 12 foul shots in the last 62 seconds, but held off the Leopards. Connecticut will play Rhode Island (4-2) in the title game on Saturday night. The Leopards (2-6) will play William & Mary in the consolation game.

Jeff Antolick and Craig White hit consecutive 3-pointers midway through the second half to close Connecticut's lead to 46-40.

The Huskies led stayed about six points until Steve Pikiel made two free throws and Rod Sellers scored on a dunk with 4:22 left to give the Huskies a 52-42 lead.

But the Leopards came back as Tom Kresge hit a free throw and White and Antolick hit from the outside.

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The Panthers, utilizing a fullcourt

Rivers flows as Hawks rout the Celtics

ATLANTA (AP) — Glenn "Doc" Rivers scored 36 points, one below his career high, to lead the Atlanta Hawks to a 131-114 victory over the Boston Celtics Friday night.

The loss was only the Celtics' fifth of the season and snapped an eight-game winning streak. For Atlanta, it was the 10th victory in 13 games and the team's fifth straight at home.

Dominique Wilkins added 31 points to help the Hawks to a season-high point total. The victory was Atlanta's ninth in the last 11 games with Boston in Atlanta and avenged a 132-104 loss to the Celtics in Boston on Sunday.

Rivers' last four baskets were three-pointers. Two came in the third quarter and two in the fourth. Wilkins added 3 three-pointers.

The Hawks led 102-80 going into the final period and eventually

stretched the lead to 29 points at 121-92 on two free throws by John Battle with 5:55 left. The Hawks then used subs the rest of the way.

Kevin McHale came off the

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bench to lead the Celtics with 17 points. Larry Bird and Kevin Gamble added 15 each.

Two Atlanta subs, Moses Malone and Spud Webb, had 14 apiece. From a 30-26 lead at the end of the first quarter, the Hawks exploded with 37 seconds left, grabbing the lead in 10 road games this month. They are 5-9 after a team-record 13-2 start.

The Hawks went ahead in the third quarter with 2:29 left in the third quarter. The score was tied four times in

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JUMP SHOT — RHAM High's Justin Foran (22) launches a shot over E.O. Smith's Matt Raynor in the title game in the Coventry Christmas Tournament Friday night at Coventry High. Foran had a team-high 19 points, but E.O. Smith took the championship, 65-54.

RHAM falls short to E.O. Smith

By JIM TIERNEY
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — It was an uphill battle Friday evening for RHAM High in the championship game of the second annual Coventry Christmas Tournament.

Its adversary, E.O. Smith of Storrs (5-0), led every step of the way and posted a 65-54 victory at Coventry High School.

RHAM (5-1) returns to action Wednesday night at 7:30 at Old Lyme.

Coventry (2-3) wallowed Windham Tech (0-4) in the consolation game, 76-39. Bob Johnson, who had 10 points, was the Patriots' most valuable player in the tourney. Lee McPeck tallied a team-high 17 points while Wade Ulanowicz added 11.

Coventry is off Friday when it hosts Cheney Tech in Charter Oak Conference play at 7:30 p.m.

The Patriots, outzipped by the Panthers, achieved the first and only (35-35) after an off-balance 14-footer by Phil Hebestreit with 58 seconds left in the third quarter.

E.O. Smith, which led 38-35 after three quarters, forced seven Sachem turnovers in the fourth quarter while RHAM's leading scorer Justin Foran (19 points) fouled out with 4:16 remaining. Eric Cavali added 18 for the Sachems.

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LAYUP TIME — RHAM High's Phil Hebestreit (13) goes in for a layup as E.O. Smith's Joe Evans defends in Friday's championship game.

press, jumped out to a 14-4 lead early on, but only led 16-11 after one quarter.

"After a game like yesterday (an 83-29 trouncing of Windham Tech), it's tough to come out with the intensity you want," E.O. Smith coach Ron Pires said. "Finally in the fourth quarter, things went our way. Our defense was able to force the turnovers."

RHAM got no closer than eight points the rest of the way.

With Calhoun on the bench for foul trouble, Panther center Aaron Rychling (10 points) hit a hoop inside and E.O. Smith went up, 52-43. With 4:13 left, and with Foran on the bench after fouling out, Rychling hit one of two free throws and the Panther advantage was 10 points (53-43).

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Giants should have easy time with Pats

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — On any given Sunday, the saying goes, any NFL team can beat any other. Except, probably, this Sunday.

That's when the New York Giants, one of the best teams, will try to clinch the first weekend of the playoffs. The Patriots (1-14) have lost their last 13 games and have clinched the first pick in the draft and plenty of pink slips.

How bad a mismatch is it? The Giants have given up the second fewest yards of any NFL team, while the Patriots have gained the second fewest.

New England is last in the league with 171 points and probably will break the record for fewest points since the 16-game schedule was adopted in 1978.

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Richter stars for Rangers against slumping Capitals

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Goalie Mike Richter beat Washington for the fourth time this season as the New York Rangers extended the Capitals' winless streak to seven games with a 5-3 victory on Friday night.

Richter gave up a goal on Washington's first shot, then held the Capitals scoreless until the third period, allowing two goals after the Rangers had taken control. He finished with 18 saves to improve to 11-7-3 this season — 4-1-0 against the Capitals — and help New York snap a three-game winless streak.

The victory enabled the Rangers to stretch their lead in the Patrick Division to three points over second-place Philadelphia and New Jersey, Washington, 0-6-1 since Dec. 15, lost its fourth straight at home.

Up 2-1 midway through the second period, the Rangers got some breathing room when Normand Rochefort got the puck following a faceoff and put a 30-foot shot past Don Beaupre.

New York made it 4-1 with a power-play goal at 15:46 of the second period, when Bernie Nicholls took a centering pass from Mike Gartner in the slot and whipped the puck past Beaupre.

The Capitals, meanwhile, managed only four shots on goal during the period — none of which seriously tested Richter.

Soviet newcomer Dmitri Khristich scored got his first NHL goal for Washington with 17:19 left to make it 4-2. But Kevin Miller got an unassisted goal with 5:54 remaining to wrap up the Rangers' first victory since beating Washington on Dec. 17. Alan May closed out the scoring with 5:11 remaining.

The Capitals scored first, when a 25-foot blast by Mikhail Tatarinov

deflected off Peter Zereel and into the net at 2:47 of the opening period. It was the Capitals' second power-play goal in 24 attempts.

New York quickly countered with a power-play goal of its own, as

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James Patrick beat Beaupre with a slap shot from the top of the right circle at 5:14.

The Rangers took a 2-1 lead at 12:32 when Ray Sheppard got his 17th goal off a centering pass from Jody Hull. It was Sheppard's sixth goal in his last eight games.

Penguins 5, Red Wings 3: At Pittsburgh, Tom Barraso made 27 saves for his 14th career shutout and Randy Gilhen scored twice as the Pittsburgh Penguins won for the eighth time in nine games, beating the Detroit Red Wings 5-0 on Friday night.

Barraso improved his career record against Detroit to 8-3-5. His last shutout came with the Buffalo Sabres on March 6, 1988, when he beat the Boston Bruins 3-0. Barraso has won his last six decisions, one shutout and three wins in his 1986 team record.

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Recchi made it 2-0 at 4:37 of the second period, taking Coffey's pass and wristing his 19th of the

season into the net off goalie Tim Cheveldae. At 5:02, Young put a 35-foot shot past Cheveldae for his first goal with Pittsburgh. Bryan Trottier also assisted for his 1,370th in the first period and Roenick hit the post with 5:23 left in the game after decking Puppa to the ice.

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Red Sox run to East title top story of year in region

By The Associated Press

Last spring, after a training camp limited to three weeks by a baseball lockout, the Boston Red Sox weren't even considered a contender in the American League East.

On Oct. 3, after 162 games, the Red Sox completed a storybook year by winning the division on the final day of the regular season.

After taking the AL East title for the third time in five years, the Sox were swept by the Oakland Athletics for the second time in three seasons in a showdown for the pennant.

Despite the disappointing finish, the Red Sox' amazing season, during which they outdid Toronto and set a home attendance record of 2,528,986, has been named New England's top sports story of 1990 by The Associated Press.

In an action-packed sports year, both at the professional and college level, the Red Sox edged out the sexual harassment of Lisa Olson by the New England Patriots in the annual selection of New England's top 10 sports stories.

The Patriots' worst season in the club's history was third, falling into the Boston Coliseum as a National Basketball Association player, and the Boston Bruins' National Hockey League regular-season domination before falling short in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Rounding out the Top 10, in order, were these stories:

1. Connecticut's national recognition by winning the Big East postseason tournament, then advancing to the Final Eight in the NCAA basketball tournament.

2. Roger Clemens, felled by shoulder trouble in 20-victory season, returns to help the Red Sox win the AL East title, then loses his temper and is ejected in the final game of the playoff series with Oakland.

3. After an one-year absence, Brian Shaw loses a court fight to play another season in Italy and rejoins the Celtics, helping the team to a first 1990-91 start.

4. With the release of veteran slugger Dwight Evans and the loss of 17-game winner Mike Dwyer as a free agent, the Red Sox plunge into the free agent market, spending more than \$27 million to sign

pitchers Matt Young and Danny Darwin and slugger Jack Clark.

After a fourth consecutive losing season, Boston College fires popular football coach Jack Bicknell, then has trouble getting a replacement.

The Red Sox clinched the AL East championship in dramatic fashion, with right-fielder Tom Brunansky, acquired for his bat in a trade with St. Louis last May 4, making a spectacular diving catch to end a 3-1 victory.

While fans packed little Fenway Park in February, Raymond Berry was fired as head coach and Red Rust, a one-time New England assistant, hired to replace him. The team went on to win only one game, heading into the season finale against the New York Yankees on Dec. 30 with a 1-14 record.

The Whalers are coming off a 4-1 win Wednesday night in Quebec.

Whalers play pair over weekend

The Hartford Whalers (16-18-1) will be on the road for two games this weekend, beginning tonight with a game in Calgary versus the Flames at 8 (SportsChannel). Hartford will meet the Edmonton Oilers Sunday at 8 p.m.

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Alliance to honor Bascom

HARTFORD — University of Connecticut forward Ken Bascom of Epping, N.H., will receive the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Award of Merit from the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance.

The award will be presented to the CSWA's 50th Gold Key Dinner Club at the Aquatic Turf Club in Southington, Conn., Dec. 31, two-time Big East Player of the Year and also the preseason Big East Player of the Year for 1990-91. Bascom at the present is UConn's all-time women's scoring leader with a total of 1,669 points and the No. 3 all-time rebounder with 725 rebounds in a total of 95 games.

Tickets for the dinner, which begins at 2:30 p.m., are \$50 each or \$150 for a ticket and seated reception. They're available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with \$5 in cash or money order to Edmont in the final round of the playoffs.

Fly fishermen to meet

EAST HARTFORD — The Connecticut Fly Fishermen's Association will present a fly tying program on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1991, at the Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse on Sunset Ridge Drive at 7:30 p.m.

The program will consist of a panel of master fly tiers from CFPA providing informal demonstrations of tying techniques and fly patterns for trout, bass, salt water and salmon/steelhead fishing.

The program is open to the public.

Knicks activate Mo Cheeks

NEW YORK (AP) — Maurice Cheeks, who sustained a bruised wrist on Nov. 28, was activated from the injured list Friday by the New York Knicks.

Cheeks was not placed on the list until five games ago when it became apparent that his injury was not healing as quickly as the Knicks originally anticipated.

But the Knicks said Cheeks now was 90 percent healthy and would be ready to play Saturday when they play host to Milwaukee.

Cheeks had started nine straight games at guard before the injury and was averaging 5.9 points and 5.2 assists per game.

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The East Catholic game with Fennell High for fifth place in the West Haven Tournament at the Bennett Rink in West Haven was postponed when the Enfield school couldn't get transportation. It will be rescheduled at a later date at East's home site, the Tri-Town Sports Center in Cromwell.

Weekend scholastic slate

In boys basketball action tonight, East Catholic (4-1) will travel to Hartford to take on unbeaten South Catholic (5-0) at 7.

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The Hartford Whalers (16-18-1) will be on the road for two games this weekend, beginning tonight with a game in Calgary versus the Flames at 8 (SportsChannel). Hartford will meet the Edmonton Oilers Sunday at 8 p.m.

The Whalers are coming off a 4-1 win Wednesday night in Quebec.

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HARTFORD — University of Connecticut forward Ken Bascom of Epping, N.H., will receive the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Award of Merit from the Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance.

The award will be presented to the CSWA's 50th Gold Key Dinner Club at the Aquatic Turf Club in Southington, Conn., Dec. 31, two-time Big East Player of the Year and also the preseason Big East Player of the Year for 1990-91. Bascom at the present is UConn's all-time women's scoring leader with a total of 1,669 points and the No. 3 all-time rebounder with 725 rebounds in a total of 95 games.

Tickets for the dinner, which begins at 2:30 p.m., are \$50 each or \$150 for a ticket and seated reception. They're available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope with \$5 in cash or money order to Edmont in the final round of the playoffs.

Fly fishermen to meet

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The program will consist of a panel of master fly tiers from CFPA providing informal demonstrations of tying techniques and fly patterns for trout, bass, salt water and salmon/steelhead fishing.

The program is open to the public.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Maurice Cheeks, who sustained a bruised wrist on Nov. 28, was activated from the injured list Friday by the New York Knicks.

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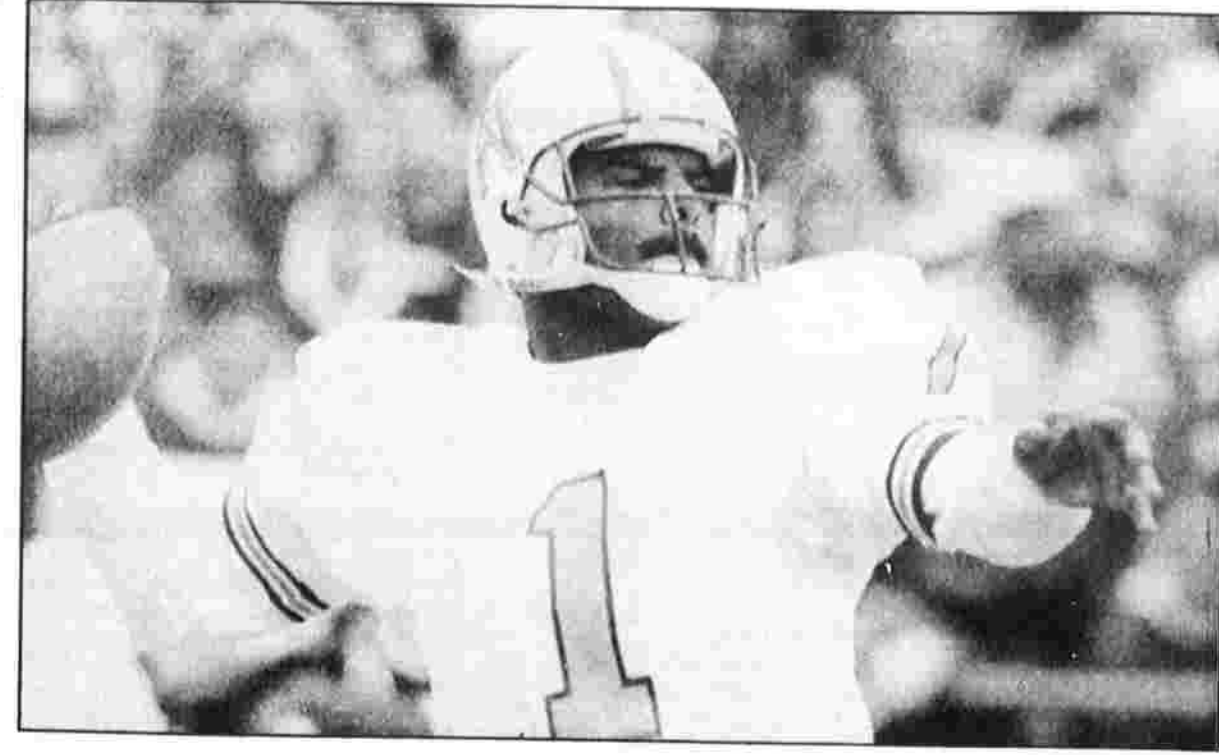
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Steelers and Oilers clash to fill out playoff puzzle

By The Associated Press

winner Chicago (11-4) on Saturday, while the Raiders play host to San Diego (6-9) on Sunday. Kansas City wins the tie-breaker if both teams finish 11-5.

Buffalo is at Washington (9-6), which has clinched an NFC wild-card spot.

NFL Roundup

card, and Indianapolis (7-8) plays at Miami on Sunday.

The only other AFC team with a playoff chance is Seattle (8-7), and it's a longshot. The Seahawks would have to beat Detroit (6-9) in Seattle on Sunday, while Pittsburgh and Cincinnati both would have to lose.

Only one NFC wild-card spot remains, and it belongs to either Dallas or New Orleans (each 7-8). Dallas is at Atlanta (4-11), and New Orleans is in the Monday night game against the Los Angeles Rams (5-10). Dallas has the tie-breaker edge.

Saturday's other game was a playoff-bound Philadelphia (9-6) at Phoenix (5-10). The rest of Sunday's games are the NFC East champion New York Giants (12-3) at New England (1-14), NFC West champion San Francisco (13-2) at Minnesota (6-9), Green Bay (6-9) at

Denver (4-11), and the New York Jets (5-10) at Tampa Bay (6-9). Steelers at Oilers in the second game of the season, Pittsburgh beat Houston 20-9. Despite having to use Cody Carlson at quarterback in their run-and-shoot, the Oilers are confident.

"When was that first game, 14 weeks ago?" Oilers receiver Ernest Givens asked. "I evidently can't be too scared. I have a lot of catches, a lot of yards and I've made the Pro Bowl."

Givens is one of four Houston receivers with at least 60 catches this season, an NFL record.

Moon dislocated his thumb in last week's 40-20 loss to Cincinnati, making the Steelers still favorites.

Chiefs at Kansas City clinched its first playoff berth since 1986 with a 24-21 victory at San Diego last week, and the Chiefs favored by a point to beat the Bears, apparently because Chicago has little incentive.

The Bears have won the last three meetings of these teams but go into the game without starting quarterback Jim Harbaugh, separated shoulder. Mike Tomczak, who threw for 239 yards in the last game, will start.

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Cotton Bowl

wanted but led the Hurricanes to five consecutive victories over a 4-2 start.

"I'm proud of the way we came back after losing to Brigham Young and Notre Dame," he said. He completed 225 of 393 passes for 3,363 yards, with 22 touchdowns and seven interceptions.

Ericksen, a fifth year senior, averaged 307 yards passing per game. He leaves Miami with a school record offense of 6,081 yards.

"It's been a good career but I'm a perfectionist," Ericksen said. "I could have been a better player, but I was very successful."

Ericksen finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting and won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm award, lived up to the expectations of past Miami quarterback greats.

"When you follow quarterbacks like Bernie Kosar, Vinny Testaverde, and Steve Walsh a lot is expected of you and there's a lot of pressure," Ericksen said. "I think I reached the point where I disciplined myself well. I think I've developed a field presence."

Ericksen said the Miami system has been good for him.

"I'm the kind of quarterback who needs the other 10 guys to be clicking," he said. "I'm not a Major Harris type player who can do it himself."

Ericksen said he hopes he pick apart Texas' aggressive man-to-man secondary in his final collegiate game.

"The last game has been special and it would be something to go out with a great game against a team like Texas which is the best secondary in the country," he said. "I haven't seen the 'man' defense that much this year but you can't solve them over the last few games and here we are."

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Boston	23	5	.821	—
Philadelphia	12	16	.429	10 1/2
New York	12	16	.429	10 1/2
New Jersey	10	17	.370	12
Washington	7	20	.259	15 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minneapolis	20	8	.714	—
Chicago	19	9	.679	1/2
Portland	18	10	.643	1
Atlanta	14	14	.500	4 1/2
Indiana	13	15	.464	5 1/2
Cleveland	10	18	.357	9 1/2
Orlando	7	21	.246	12 1

