

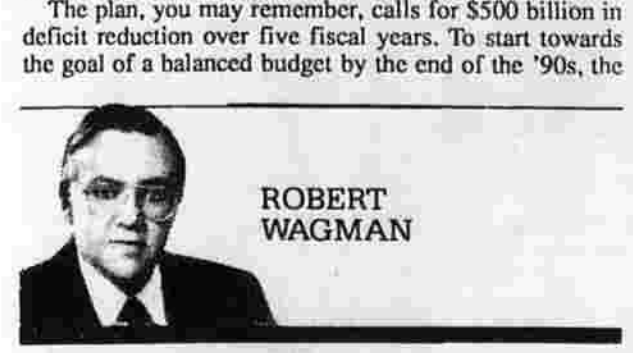
OPINION

Budget looms as key issue

WASHINGTON — When the 102nd Congress gets down to business later this month, it will face almost the same problems that confronted lawmakers before they adjourned for the 1990 election. As was the case during the final months of the last congressional session, the No. 1 problem — after the Persian Gulf crisis — will be the federal budget deficit.

In case you thought the much-heralded five-year deficit reduction plan — hammered out over months of tortured negotiations and a weekend-long shutdown of the entire government — solved anything, think again. Not only didn't the plan really solve the problem, the deficit situation is much worse now than when Congress adjourned in October.

The plan, you may remember, calls for \$500 billion in deficit reduction over five fiscal years. To start towards the goal of a balanced budget by the end of the '90s, the



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plan calls for the deficit to be cut by \$45 billion in the current fiscal year to around \$145 billion. However, things have changed radically in the months since the agreement was hammered out.

First, the economy has gone sour. Even though most economists predicted a recession, budget negotiators stuck their collective heads deep in the sand and created a budget based on tax income from a steady economy. However, tax income in fiscal '91 will be down at least \$30 billion, and perhaps as much as \$45 billion.

Then, too, negotiators wildly overestimated how much income would be derived from the increased "sin" taxes on liquor, tobacco products, etc. It seems like people are not sinning as much as they used to — not smoking nearly as much, or drinking as much — and the income projections from these new taxes are now much lower.

Then there is the S&L bailout. Negotiators decided to ignore the experts while figuring in the cost of the bailout during fiscal '91. It seems now they were at least \$16 billion off.

The best estimate is that the 1991 deficit, instead of being a manageable \$145 billion and heading down, will be a record \$245 billion and probably heading up.

The upward direction is the result of the crisis in the Persian Gulf, which is costing about a billion a week. No one budgeted for it, and no one really knows how much it is actually costing or how much will be paid ultimately by our various allies. What is clear is that the cost will be very high.

In addition, the United States will not be able to make the kind of military cuts that had been planned over the next five years. Those cuts were going to be the single greatest contributor to the \$500 billion in reductions over five years.

As Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn., chairman of the Senate budget committee, notes, "Probably the most important factor to actually come out of the negotiations is the agreement that in the future, if we vote to increase spending anywhere, there will have to be equal cuts elsewhere. It, at least, give us a start for the future."

The first shots in the new budget battle are already being fired.

President Bush, even though he is using the "R" word for the first time, is warning that the recession cannot be slowed by spending large amounts of federal money. But Democrats in Congress are already talking about anti-recession federal initiatives. This, amid new predictions from private economists that such federal spending may be the only way to keep the recession from being long and deep.

One of the biggest problems is the sharp cutback on unemployment insurance that has quietly taken place over the last several years. In an expanding economy this Reagan-Bush mandated cutback did not make much impact. But with unemployment lines growing every day, the situation has changed and new billions may have to be appropriated.

Another battle is looming over what seems a minor technical question, but actually goes to the very heart of the federal government budget. The annual budget is based on certain economic forecasts: rate of economic growth, interest rates, unemployment numbers, etc. These forecasts tell budgeters how much tax revenue to expect, how much the government will have to pay for the money it borrows, how much it will have to pay for under-mandated programs.

Right now, the official forecast is prepared by the Office of Management and Budget. Essentially, OMB comes up with forecasts that advance whatever policy the White House wants advanced.

In recent years, its predictions have been wildly optimistic with eventual deficits much higher than predicted. Now Congress wants its non-partisan Congressional Budget Office to be the official forecaster.

No way, says President Bush. He threatens to veto any bill that would establish the CBO as the official economic forecaster and to veto any budget based on CBO numbers.

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NASA wings may get clipped

WASHINGTON — After wasting almost two decades and \$25 billion on a space exploration program operated as a show business venture, the federal government is belatedly moving toward a more reliable and rational approach.

After completing its original mission — placing an astronaut on the moon — in the late 1960s, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration successfully pressed the White House in the early 1970s for a long-term commitment to an extensive program of additional flights with astronauts aboard.

That approach, in turn, required the development of "shuttle" vehicles that could carry people into space and back again. NASA argued that those reusable craft were a logical and economical successor to the "throwaway" rockets of earlier years.

In fact, the stated goal of saving money was subordinate to NASA's belief that missions with astronauts aboard produced the human drama that endeared the agency to the public as well as to more elite audiences in the White House and Congress.

That respect, in turn, assured the agency of greater glory and ever-increasing budgets. Ignored were the repeated independent assessments that concluded NASA's missions (most of which involved placing satellites in orbit) generally could be conducted more efficiently and economically with the discarded "disposable" rockets — and without astronauts.

Indeed, NASA's claim that the recyclable shuttles could save money was based on the preposterous assumption of

Specifically, the committee said in a recent report that the Endeavour, under construction and soon to be completed, should be the last shuttle built. That would give NASA a fleet of four to carry astronauts into space when their presence is justified.

Acknowledging the importance of astronauts on selected missions, the committee cited the first successful human ascent of the world's highest mountain,

Let's win one for the future

It's the run-up to the biggest Super Bowl. The winners rule American policy: the president, Congress and the public. When two of the players are ready to act, they can prevail.

The president has been almost manic, and responsible, in demanding that Saddam Hussein get out of Kuwait.

Congress has been dithering, a not unexpected mode.

On Jan. 2, the public won the war. The ABC poll shows that by 71 percent to 26 percent Americans say use military force if Saddam won't leave. On a similar question of those favoring combat, 82 percent said do it within a month after Jan. 15. The numbers are moving up.

If you doubt it, listen to isolationist Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. He now says the issue must be who decides the issue, rather than what to decide about the issue.

There is something familiar about Harkin's hidden-ball trick. Saddam Hussein, down three touchdowns in the last quarter, seeks diversion, and says the issue isn't Kuwait, it's Israel. Harkin, glancing nervously at a similar scoreboard, opens up an ancient debate about whether the elected Congress or the elected commander-in-chief has the power to commit American troops to combat.

The issue is the issue. The public supports the president and the U.N. resolution. An affirmative congressional decision settles both what to do and who decides it.

If Saddam hears the voice of America, there may not be war, only American victory. If Saddam doesn't heed it, there will be war.

If there is war, it will likely be an air war, and a worthy war.

In December, Adm. William Crowe Jr., the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testified to Congress that sanctions, not force, were the way to go. His emphasis now is different. At a Jan. 4 Center for Strategic and International Studies conference, he allowed

Reform hurts wrong people

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — The government fuel-fuel factory has upended its loyal civil servants again with a new and ridiculous law limiting their outside income.

Because a few bad apples in the executive and legislative branches can't distinguish between harmless moonlighting and a job that conflicts with their public duties, everyone will suffer. Congress passed the Ethics Reform Act of 1989, which bars federal workers from taking outside income from speeches and writing unless the work was contracted before Jan. 1, 1991. Violators could be fined \$10,000.

However pure the intent, the law has infuriated civil servants who were picking up a few dollars on the side by preaching, writing on current history and even teaching dance (which the law construes as speaking for a fee).

Perhaps the hardest to justify is that of the "cruciverbalists" crossword puzzle constructors and those three downs and four acrosses embellish narrow passages between words and joints.

Plastic anchors, Molly screws and toggle bolts can all accomplish these tasks very well.

When you add to these three fasteners the venerable lead anchor — for joining materials to masonry surfaces — you've covered just about all the fastening bases. You've also got a lot of different anchors.

The Toggle anchor system can cut down on your hardware clutter, because these devices were designed with versatility in mind. The basic Toggle is the screw anchor which can work in both solid-wall and hollow-wall applications. It consists of a polypropylene anchor and a small plastic

setting key. All you do is drill a hole in your wall and slide the anchor in place.

For solid walls, the anchor is just wedged into the hole, like a normal plastic anchor. If the wall is hollow, you simply slide the key setting pin into the anchor and push. This action forces the wings on the anchor to pop out and bear against the inside surface of the wall. The basic Toggle is a self-tapping machine screw through the object and into the anchor.

The basic anchors come in different sizes, depending on the thickness of the wall material. Each anchor will hold at least 40 pounds and is designed to accept screws ranging in size from No. 6 to No. 14.

The basic anchor is complemented with other models used for specific purposes: a picture hook, an anchor for mounting perforated hardware with the correct spacing from the wall, and one designed for mounting wire-rack storage systems, adjustable metal-shelf standards and all sorts of electric cables.

HOME Caring for wicker furniture

By READER'S DIGEST

If you have wicker furniture in your home or on the porch, you already know how to enjoy it, but do you know how to take care of it? Here's how to help your wicker retain its look and charm.

Care and Cleaning:
— You can wash wicker and willow brush with soapy water using a soft brush for crevices. If the wicker becomes brittle, drenching it with water helps restore it.

— Rush, sea grass or fiber (twisted paper) should only be wiped now and then with a damp cloth.

— Vacuum wicker regularly with the brush attachment.

— For in-between dusting, try a soft, slightly dampened paint brush.

— Wash painted wicker with warm, soapy water and a damp sponge. Don't use an abrasive

cleaner.
— For stained wicker, spray furniture cleaner on a clean, dry cloth and wipe all surfaces.

— Keep wicker well away from a fireplace, stove or radiator.

— Bring wicker furniture indoors during freezing weather.

Repairing:
For pliability, soak new strands of rattan and wicker in warm water for at least 10 minutes and weave them while they are wet.

— To repair worn wicker: Remove the damaged strand. From the underside, anchor the end of the new strand next to the end of the old strand. Working from above, weave the new strand through the spokes in the existing pattern.

— To repair rattan wrapping: Strip off the old rattan. Tie one end of new rattan temporarily into place with a rubber band. Use a stain before applying the finish.

— Wicker can also be painted any color you choose. Acrylic plastic resin enamel works best.

— Here's how to paint wicker or apply a clear finish:
Work outdoors on a warm, dry day.

— Create a screen to confine spray. A large appliance box with the front cut off works well.

— Hold the spray can about 12 inches away. Practice first on newspaper to get the feel of the sprayer. Then start at the top and sweep across in one continuous motion. Spray inside surfaces first, then sides and top.

— Apply two or three thin coats, allowing each to dry thoroughly.

(Need help on a home repair or improvement project? Write Reader's Digest, P.O. Box 700, Pleasantville, NY 10570-7000. Suggestions and tips will be offered in future columns.)

Selecting the right fastener

By POPULAR MECHANICS

When it's necessary to attach or hang something from a standard house wall, the best method is to drive a screw or nail directly into a framing member behind the wall surface.

But, as we all know, this isn't always feasible. More often than not, you'll have to select a fastener that was specifically designed for gripping in the hollow spaces between studs and joists.

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SENIOR CITIZENS

Trips, classes coming up for seniors

By JEANETTE CAVE

Manchester Senior Citizens Center

The Easter Extravaganza has returned to Radio City Musical Hall after ten years. Last year's production received rave reviews and this year promises to be even better. The Center will travel to New York City on Wednesday, April 3, for a 2:30 performance. The cost is \$44 which includes reserved orchestra seats.

You may register Wednesday, January 16 at 9:30 a.m. Deposits of \$20 will be taken, with the balance due March 3. Full payments will also be taken. Flyers are available.

Our Music Appreciation Class is designed for those who would like to derive more listening benefit from higher classical music enjoyment. Dr. A. Peter Mattaliano will discuss pre-classical music — up to the Beethoven Legacy, and Impres-

sionism, and other topics. Classes will be held for five weeks beginning February 6 from 10:45-12 noon. You may register in the office. Please refer to previous columns for a monthly calendar for class offerings.

Don't forget to use the Senior Center Intolice, 647-3240 for the latest information on cancellations. The Newcomers Meeting is rescheduled to Wednesday, February 6 at 10-12 noon. It is an ideal way to start one's involvement at the Senior Center. One will learn about available activities and services, discuss one's particular interests, get a tour of the Center and meet the staff.

One may also register at this time for new classes. Free lunch will be given to those who apply for a gold card and do not presently have one.

Call the Center to register, 647-3211.

Snow shovelling lists are available in the Senior Center Office.

Thursday programs are as follows:
Jan. 17 — Sunshiners
Jan. 24 — Singer Jerry Colombo
"Songs from 20's-50's"
Jan. 31 — Ethnic/ Afro-American Day

You may "brown bag" your "over the counter and prescription medications," and bring them to the Senior Center on Jan. 23, from 9-10 a.m. Roy Katz, a local pharmacist, will review your medications with you and look for drug interactions. No appointment necessary.

Trips Schedule:
Jan. 16 — Showcase Movie "Call Me Midam" (free) at 1:30 p.m.
Jan. 23 — Coachlight "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" LV 10:30 a.m. D-15-E-A-Y.

Feb. 12 — Valentine Day Party at Aqua Turf, 531, Call 644-1531.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Q. I understand Social Security now has a new statement of earnings for each person that gives information about the Social Security program, plus an estimate of Social Security benefits amounts. Is this true?

A. Yes, it is true. Social Security will provide a new "Personal Earnings and Benefits Statement" for each person who requests one. It lists your Social Security earnings history, tells you about how much you will receive in Social Security taxes, and provides an estimate of the benefits you and your family might qualify for now and in the future. It also provides some general information about how the program works.

Q. I receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) checks. This month I didn't get as much as last month. Why is this?

A. The amount of your SSI check may not be the same every month. A change in your income or living situation may cause a change in the monthly payment you receive 2 months later. When a change in the payment amount occurs, you will receive a notice explaining the reason for the change. If you have any additional questions about the SSI payment, Social Security will be happy to discuss them with you.

Q. I plan on spending 3 months in Europe next year. How will I receive my Social Security benefits while I'm out of the country?

A. If you are a U.S. citizen or are a citizen of a country to which the U.S. Social Security checks can be sent, you will be able to receive those checks for the duration of your stay outside the United States. However, your checks will be withheld after you have been outside the U.S. for 6 full months unless certain exceptions apply. Benefits will be resumed after you have been back in the U.S. for a full calendar month. Some beneficiaries outside the U.S. prefer to have their checks deposited directly into their bank accounts in either of those countries. And, in fact, many of the big earners from the foreign country where they are residing. Beneficiaries in England and Canada also have the option of having their benefits deposited directly into their bank accounts in either of those countries. Call Social Security for more information.

Q. My father must have radiation therapy as part of his cancer treatment. Will these treatments be covered by Medicare?

Q. How much will Medicare pay for prescriptions my doctor orders for me?

A. Medicare does not cover most drugs that your doctor prescribes for you as an outpatient. There are certain exceptions, for example, pneumococcal vaccine to protect against viral pneumonia, hepatitis B vaccine for those exposed to that disease, and immunosuppressive drugs to prevent rejection following a medical or covered organ transplant. Of course, Medicare does pay for drugs you receive as a hospital inpatient and as a patient in a skilled nursing facility or a hospice.

Q. My husband died last year at age 59. I am 54. When can I start receiving Social Security benefits as his widow?

A. If your husband was insured for benefits when he died, you will be eligible for benefits when you reach 60 years of age. (Widows who are disabled can apply at age 50.) However, your monthly benefit amount will be permanently reduced for months before age 65. Unreduced benefits cannot be paid until age 65.

Feb. 21-22 — Atlantic City at Showboat 879 Call 289-7458
Mar. 8-14 — Deep South "Natchez/Biloxi/New Orleans" \$1160
Best wishes are extended to Catherine Zibroski and Evelyn Slater, both in Manchester Memorial Hospital, also best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Florence Peterson.

Menu:
Mon., 1/14 — Swedish Meatballs on noodles, vegetable, roll, beverage, dessert.
Wed., 1/16 — Grilled ham & cheese sandwich, soup, beverage, dessert.
Thu., 1/17 — Turkey, potato, vegetable, roll, cranberry sauce, beverage, dessert.

Fri., 1/18 — Tuna noodle casserole, vegetable, roll, beverage, dessert.

Ongoing Activities:
Mon. Ceramics 9:30 a.m., Bingo 10 a.m., Pinch 12:30 p.m., Exercise "Celeste" 2 p.m.

Tue. (adv) Square dancing 10 a.m., Bowling at Silver Lanes 12:30 p.m., Photography club (informal) 10-12 noon, Grocery shopping (Stop & Shop) call at least a day in advance for a ride.

Wed. Arts & crafts 12:30 p.m., Friendship Circle 10 a.m., Bridge 12:30 p.m., Exercise "Celeste" 2 p.m., Non-grocery shopping (Brad-lee) call by Mon. morning.

Thu. Orchestra 12:30 p.m., Lunch 11:45 a.m., Program "12:30".

Fri. Ceramics 9:30 a.m., Bingo 10 a.m., Suback 12:30 p.m., Exercise "Celeste" 2 p.m., Duckpin Bowling at Holiday Lanes 9:30 a.m.

Scores:
Tue. 12/18 Bowling: Cliff Coffin 200, 549; Bruno Giordano 202, 516; Betty Sweet 201, 504; Pat Cleavage 464; Vi Pulford 178; Joanne Allard 179; Byrle Lingham 187.

Wed. 1/2 Bridge: Ruth Willey 5,000; Claire Bernstein 4,770; Hazel McGary 3,580; Lew Harris 3,320; Henry Dorchford 3,270; Phil Washburn 3,240; Betty Seipel 3,130.

Fri. 1/4 Suback: Anne Wetskopf 127; Hazel McGary 126; Helena Gavello 118; Art Bouffard 117.

Mon. 1/7 Pinchole: Helen Silver 776; Ernestine Donnelly 765; Kitty Byrnes 760; Alice Raymo 750; Rene Marie 732; Lovetta Laika 734; Dem Anastasio 724.

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2. A O B E O C I T H W E L S

3. E A G N S P E R C O N T C O R

4. [Blank]

5. [Blank]

6. [Blank]

ANSWERS: 1. tracks, 2. wheels, 3. passenger, 4. conductor, 5. engine, 6. locomotive.

1. The world's longest train consisted of 500 cars and six engines. The train traveled more than 1300 miles through West Virginia in 1957.

2. The world's longest railroad line is the Trans-Siberian Railroad in Russia. It is 5,634 miles long and takes more than eight days to travel.

3. In 1903, an on-English railroad yard, a giant crane 200 feet deep suddenly opened up, swallowed a locomotive in its jaws.

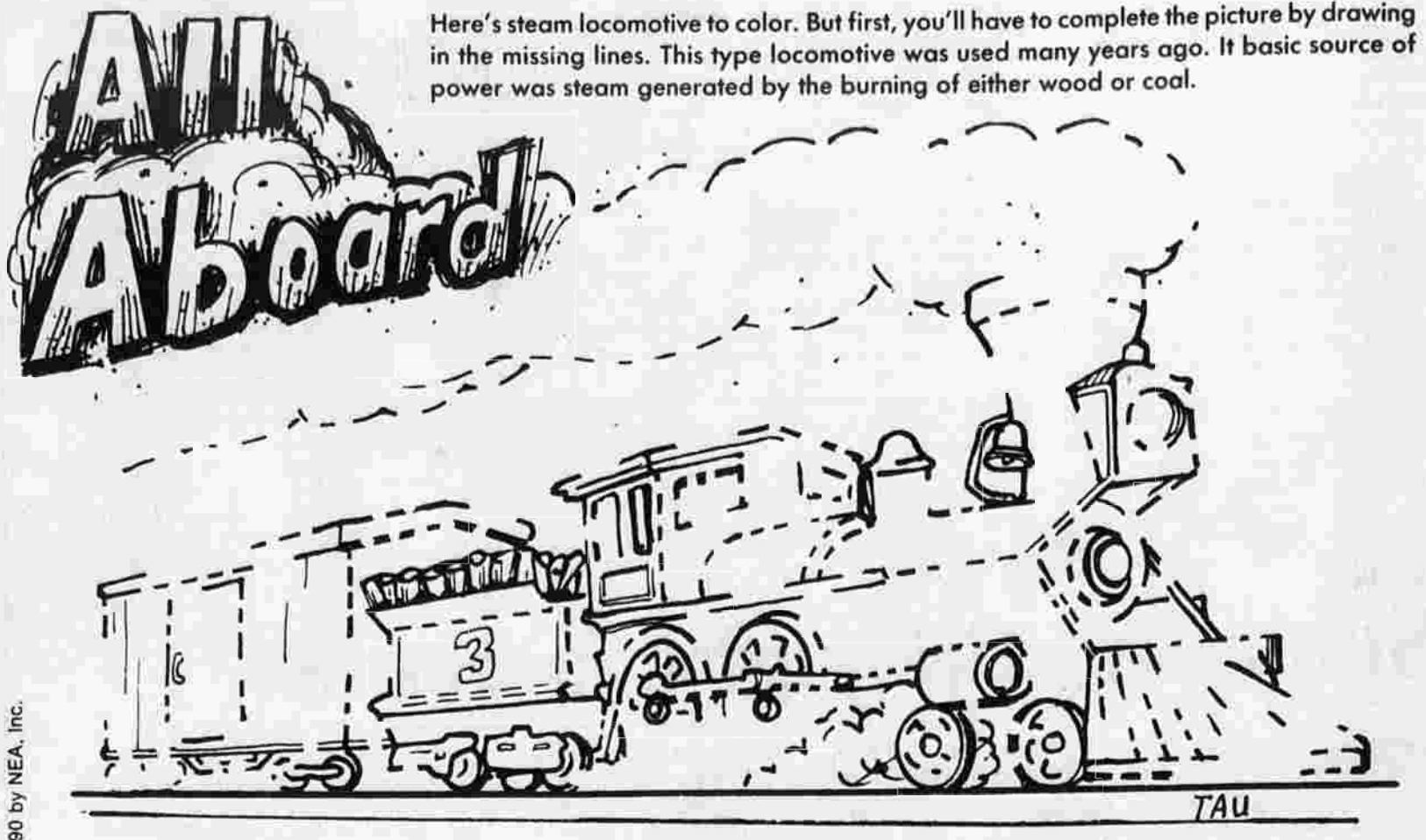
4. In railroad jargon a "bummer" is a hubcap or "bummer" is someone who loves railroads, and a "bummer" is a coal.

5. Little old lady, conductor or which end of the train car do you get off? Lorry Blumhans that stick to the roof of your mouth and sandwiches that never forget.

6. Lorry Blumhans, does this train stop in Chicago? Father: Yes, just watch me and get off one station before I do.

7. Father: Are there special rules for children? Father: That's great, only how four.

8. What do you get if you cross a little bear with a small cake? A bear cake.



These early coal-burning locomotives were very dirty. Passengers were often covered with black soot even after short trips.

Little Bit of HUMOR

Jerry: What do you get when a circus car full of elephants collides with a train car full of elephants?
 Answer: A circus train.

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RELIGION

In Brief . . .

Homeless survey shatters myths
 KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Shattering the "drifter" stereotype of homeless people, a survey by the International Union of Gospel Missions finds that 60 percent of those staying in its "rescue missions" are local residents.

The organization reports its shelters are housing 20,000 homeless people. Many "are hometown folks," says Rev. Stephen Burger, IUGM executive director. He says 25 percent have lived in their lives in the places where they're sheltered and 60 percent have lived there at least six months. "The idea that missions draw homeless to a community doesn't stand up under these facts," he says, adding that most of them "are community residents in need."

The survey also finds a growing proportion of younger people among the homeless, with increases in the past year in every under-45 age category. More than 50 percent of them now are under age 35.

Those between 26 and 35 comprised the largest block, 28 percent, with 36-to-45 year-olds next in line, making up 24 percent. Those under 18 rose slightly to 9 percent, while those over 65 fell to 4 percent.

Unitarians to rally for peace
 BOSTON (AP) — The Unitarian Universalist Association scheduled a vigil and rally for peace in the Persian Gulf this Saturday in Washington's Lafayette Park across from the White House.

UUA president William F. Schulz said war preparations "are reaching the point of no return."

Church anti-war rallies were planned elsewhere through the weekend and into next week.

Cardin named to Jewish post
 NEW YORK (AP) — Soshana Shoshin Cardin of Baltimore has been elected chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, composed of 46 national Jewish groups. She is the first woman to hold the post.

She succeeds Seymour D. Reich of Great Neck, N.Y.

Judge nixes cross removal order
 HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Refusing to order removal of four hand-made crosses from among ornaments on a Christmas tree in the state capitol grounds, federal District Judge William Caldwell said: "I do not believe the Supreme Court requires that every trace of Christianity or some other religion be banished."

1990: the Year of Religion?
 DALLAS (AP) — The United Methodist Reporter, a national weekly based here, suggests that 1990 be titled "The Year of Religion," and cites these reasons for it:

- Conclusions in both religious and secular media that churches in Eastern Europe supplied much of the impetus for reforms that swept away five decades of communist rule in that area.
- Release of South Africa's anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela from prison largely due to lobbying by church leaders worldwide, dramatizing the Christian role in seeking an end of apartheid.
- Outbreak of the Persian Gulf crisis focused widespread attention on Christian-Muslim relations and the power of religious faith as a vital source of cultural identity and tension.
- Major cover stories in four national magazines spotlighted increasing concern about spiritual matters among Americans.

Challenge grant offered for fuel bank

By NANCY GARR
MACC Executive Director

As the thermometer plummeted past 20 degrees during the week and the wind chill factor below zero, our good friends at the Savings Bank of Manchester have once again offered a \$1500 Challenge Grant to help raise funds for the MACC Fuel Bank. You may already have heard the good news of the grant through your church newsletter or bulletins.

Even though heating oil prices are dropping to more normal rates, and the weather this fall has been warmer than we are used to, we as we remember, the economic slump is forcing more and more families to choose between paying for food, rent or utilities. A record number of households (143) have already received over \$20,500 in fuel assistance during the first 11 months of 1990, a trend we expect will continue in 1991.

The MACC Fuel Bank provides small grants (always paid directly to the utility or oil company) to Manchester/Bolton households with shut off notices or empty oil tanks who are not eligible for any other state or federal fuel assistance program. Your tax deductible contribution should be made out to "MACC Fuel Bank Challenge" and mailed to Box 773, Manchester, 06040.

Hallelujah! Praise God All You People! is the theme for Winfest XI the statewide ecumenical celebration of Christian Unity being held next Saturday, January 19 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford. Bishop Alfred G. Dunston, Jr., Winfest homilist, has been named by Ebony in 84 as one of the fifteen greatest black preachers in America. Bishop Dunston is the 68th in succession of Bishops of the AME Zion church and has supervised churches and schools in Nigeria and Liberia during the 60's and taught Black Church History as well as authored books on the old Testament.

Winfest XI, sponsored by MACC, the Christian Conference of Connecticut and NEWBRAC will begin with bible study led by the Most Rev. Peter Rosazza, one of the five bishops who drafted the U.S. Catholic Bishop's Pastoral on the

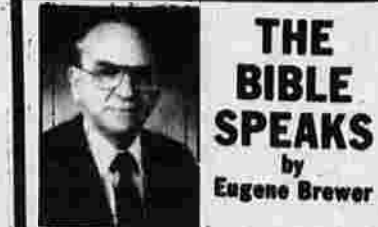
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Ellen Laramie, Norman and Gladys Hall, South Methodist.

Memorial contributions were received in memory of Walker Briggs by wife Ginny and in honor of Rosemary Deslippe from Patrick Joann Dougherty; also for Lauren, Aleah, Danielle and Behany by Robert and Barbara Jones; Joanne Welock from the Garofolo family; Dr. Lawler from Dorothy Garrison.

Welcome contributions have also been received from Edith Haughton, John the Baptist Polish National Catholic Church Ladies Sodality, Mildred Mogul, 60P Women's Bowling League, Ellen Sarno, Ruel and Catherine Wicks, Helen Opaluch, Ron and Terrie LaBelle, Barry Botticella, Alan and Marilyn Turner, Robert and Ruth Boyce, Roger Somerville.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS
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In the midst of epidemic drug use, sexual liberation, escalating teenage pregnancy rates, rampant socially transmitted disease, and burgeoning crime statistics, it is difficult to interest people in religious matters.

For a century mainstream liberal denominations have focused on social causes, social issues, and they were fully as pervasive as now, were dealt with, but only as incidental to the deeper issue of man's relationship with God. And such should be their order today. Only as man is reconciled to God and his will subdued to his Maker's, will his behavior be changed substantially.

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TOO COOL FOR CAT — This feline at Brainerd Place, Manchester, was obviously very reluctant to venture out into the sub-freezing weather that gripped the Manchester area Friday.

Abuse

occur each month. At the meetings, he will serve as a liaison between the various departments.

"In time, I will know where every mouse lives in the building," said Senecal, who pronounces his name "sen-eh-shal." The physician currently rents an apartment in Manchester with his wife, Celeste. The couple is looking to buy a house located east of the Connecticut River.

One day, he treated a female toddler for injuries which her parents said had been inflicted by an older sibling. A month later the same child was brought back in with a more serious head injury. This time, the story that the father gave did not match the type of wound inflicted, Senecal remembers.

"I turned out that father didn't know that the mother was injuring the child," he said.

Concerned that he had not realized the child was being abused the first time she was brought in, Senecal said he made a concerted effort to increase his level of sensitivity and recognition of child abuse.

He became involved with local youth officers and social service workers who would discuss their cases with him, Senecal became a member of the San Diego Community Child Abuse Coordinating Council, a voluntary group which sought better management of child abuse.

Back then, "there was a feeling that people did not know how to intervene when they saw a child who was abused," Senecal said. "I'm convinced things are better today than they were 20 years ago, but I think there is still a long way to go."

In the Manchester area, dozens of child abuse cases are reported each year to the state Department of Children and Youth Services. The breakdown for 1990 is as follows: In Manchester there were 80 reported cases of physical abuse; 66 of neglect; two of abandonment; and 27 of sexual abuse. Another 89 cases were reported in which children were said to be at risk of being abused.

In Coventry, there were 13 cases of physical abuse reported; 10 of neglect; one of sexual abuse; and 12 children were reported at risk.

In Bolton, there was one case of physical abuse reported; two of neglect; one of abandonment; one of sexual abuse; and one child was reported at risk.

And in Hebron, eight children were reported as physically abused; eight cases of neglect; one of sexual abuse; and seven cases of risk.

Child abuse is a function of learning how to parent, according to Senecal.

"You parent according to how you were parented," he said. "If your parents used corporal punishment, chances are you will. Abuse can also be emotional. Some parents have a mental illness or drug or alcohol addiction and may be convinced of the righteousness of their ways. It's not easy to change the parent."

"The way to break the chain is to teach children in kindergarten on up that it is not right to manage each other physically."

Without the people, we cannot speak of democracy in Haiti. The people said "no" to dictatorship and "yes" to democracy. An unarmed people is showing the whole of humanity how to construct democracy, in spite of 80 percent illiteracy.

But many Haitians now fear Duvalierist hit men are regrouping under the command of former Duvalier army chief-of-staff Claude Raymond, Aristide said.

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While most of the players on both sides say weather is not a factor, Bills linebacker Cornelius Bennett, an Alabama native, disagrees.

Bennett, who dons a \$600 downhill skier's stretch suit when it's cold, said the transition from warm to cold weather is difficult.

"We're all human beings and the cold gets to everybody, regardless if you're in Buffalo," he said. "You can adjust to it, but you can never, never never get used to it."

Controlling Thomas, second to Detroit's Barry Sanders in NFL rushing this season, is once again the first priority of the Miami Dolphins.

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out if they will be called to battle Baghdad. He said he could not give them a definitive answer, but added: "Just so there is no misunderstanding, let me be absolutely clear: we pass the brink at midnight January 15."

At Baker's request, Saudi Arabia pledged to bear 40 to 50 percent of the military costs for the multinational buildup in the gulf. U.S. and Saudi officials refused to disclose the amount promised. Baker later arrived in Egypt for talks there.

Saddam gave no sign of flexibility in a defiant speech to 500 Muslim scholars at a conference in Baghdad. Referring to Iraq's 1980-88 war with Iran, he said his troops "have eight years of experience in war and combat" and could withstand attack by the U.S.-led multinational force.

The Americans will come here to perform acrobatics like Rambo movies. But they will find here real people to fight them."

Saddam's speech was interrupted by applause and calls for "defeating the infidels."

Peres de Cuellar arrived in Jordan late Friday after meeting in Geneva with foreign ministers of the 12-nation European Community. Peres de Cuellar won their support for his plan for a U.N. peacekeeping role in the region if Iraq pulls out from Kuwait.

The U.N. chief said he was not bringing a specific plan to present to Saddam. But he said he was exploring the idea of U.N. supervision of a simultaneous pullout of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and the U.S.-dominated force from Saudi Arabia.

Once the withdrawal is agreed upon, I think I will propose the participation of the U.N. force, I mean U.N. peacekeeping operations," Peres de Cuellar told reporters.

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Officials in Washington said Bush is sending Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger to Israel soon to reassure its leaders about U.S. support in case of an Iraqi attack.

The State Department said Friday it has evidence that terrorists supported by Iraq are planning attacks around the world if war breaks out.

Spokesman Richard Boucher said the Middle East and Europe are the most likely target areas but the government also knows of terrorist plans in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

In other developments Friday: —The United States and the Netherlands agreed to send Patriot surface-to-air missiles to Turkey to help bolster its defenses in case of border clashes with Iraq, a Dutch official said.

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SPORTS

Slate is wiped out

MANCHESTER — The threat of a major snowstorm, that didn't start after the rush hour, caused postponement of Friday's entire scholastic sports slate.

Four contests have been rescheduled Monday. The East Catholic High boys' basketball game at Xavier High in Middletown will be played at 7 p.m. with the Bolton High boys' basketball game versus Cromwell also Monday.

The Cheney Tech boys' basketball game at home against Portland High will be played Wednesday while the Manchester High boys' basketball home game against Everett High has also been reset Wednesday.

Both have 7:30 p.m. varsity starts. The RIAM High boys' basketball game at home against Regis Hill has been rescheduled Saturday, Jan. 19, while the Coventry High boys' basketball game at East Hampton High has been reset to Saturday, Feb. 9.

Two wrestling matches — the Manchester home bout with New Britain High and the East Catholic triangular match with St. Bernard and Southington High, have been postponed. New dates are to be announced.

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49ers begin quest for third Super Bowl

By DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

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Folks won't let Landeta forget punt vs. Bears

By BARRY WILNER
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — As a two-time All-Pro with a hefty contract and as much security as a punter ever could feel, Sean Landeta should have it made.

This week, however, has been a trying one for Landeta. You see, there's this little old kick he made — or, more accurately, failed to make — in a playoff game at Chicago in 1985. With his Giants playing the Bears on Sunday in the NFL playoffs, Landeta has had to relive that ugly moment all week.

"Except for one punt, I've kicked well there," Landeta said.

Ah, but that messed-up punt just won't go away.

"Forget about it? Never," he said. "It's irrelevant, but I'll never stop thinking about it because I'm always reminded of it. Fortunately, the press are the only ones who bring it up."

"For you guys, it's history. For me, it's being crucified. Nobody likes to make a mistake or be reminded of it. Any time you make a bad play, you don't like to be reminded of it."

The play came early on a windy, bitterly cold day at Soldier Field. The 1985 Bears were the most powerful team in football. The Giants, in the playoffs for the

second straight year, had yet to reach their pinnacle.

Landeta, an NFL rookie after three years in the USFL, had a 42.9-yard average in his first season with New York. He made the All-Rookie team.

"I never punted as well or probably ever will again as in the first 10 games that year," he said.

When the Bears stopped the Giants deep in New York territory early in the game, Landeta lined up to punt. He never got the kick off.

"The wind took the ball off my foot," he said. "It was a nasty wind out of nowhere."

Chicago's Shaun Gayle spotted the ball flying to Landeta's right at the 5, picked it up and stepped into the end zone for Chicago's first touchdown. The Giants never recovered, losing 21-0.

"I'll never live it down," he said. "The shame is it had to happen at the end of the season. You kick well and then make an error in a playoff game and it's remembered."

Gayle remembers.

"As he dropped it, a gust of wind came up and that's where it happened," Gayle said. "I went in and caught it on the first bounce and went in for a touchdown. It happened so fast. It was a big break for you might not see something like that in 10 or 15 years."

To Landeta's credit, he has remained among the league's best punters. Until the matchup with the Bears was set, botched punts rarely was mentioned.

"Fortunately, I've kicked halfway decent since then," he said. "But it is part of history and I'll be reminded of it all the time."

Giants coach Bill Parcells thinks that is good.

"I hope he never forgets it," Parcells said harshly when asked about Landeta's most famous non-kick. "Does it sound like I forgot?"

Parcells made it clear that, wind or not, the blame deservedly was placed on Landeta.

"Was he the punter?" Parcells said. "What was he out there for? What was his job?"

Parcells worried about it happening again?

"I think it was one of those things. You haven't seen any like it since."

Landeta said he hasn't seen replays of the play, even though they often are included in blooper reels. And he certainly isn't thrilled being asked about it again.

"Why ask me about a play that happened 10 years ago and doesn't have anything to do with this game?" he said. "It's part of his life in 10 or 15 years."



STUFF — UConn's Scott Burrell (24) stuffs one home as the hosts by Centre College Smith in the game Thursday night. The Huskies' 12-1 and riding a nine-game winning streak host St. John's Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion on the Storrs campus in a nationally televised game. UConn is 9-0 at Storrs since it opened Jan. 27, 1990.

Voters may boycott Fame voting over Rose flap

By JIM DONAGHY
The Associated Press

The recommendation to keep Pete Rose off the Hall of Fame ballot may result in a voting boycott by the baseball writers.

"I personally, as long as this kangaroo court decision is in place, will not mail a Hall of Fame ballot—nor will a number of baseball writers that I have already polled including Paul Hagan from my paper," said columnist Bill Conlin of the Philadelphia Daily News. "They can go out and get the agents to vote for it, they can get ESPN's SportsCenter to vote for it. I think they will have a hard time getting a group whose past credentials to conduct this kind of election match the writers."

The Baseball Writers Association of America has voted on election to the Hall of Fame and the first election in 1936—from Walter Johnson to Gaylord Perry.

An official action regarding the decision by the special executive committee on Thursday will probably not come until the next scheduled BBWAA meeting in July during the All-Star break.

"I'm not surprised and I'm not happy," said Kit Steiner of the Oakland Tribune and president of the BBWAA. "What I propose to do is the next couple of weeks will be to get in touch with all the chapter if they can get the talking heads to vote for it, they can get ESPN's SportsCenter to vote for it. I think they will have a hard time getting a group whose past credentials to conduct this kind of election match the writers."

he said. "The committee did what we all expected it to recommend," said Steiner.

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Columnist Tim Sullivan of the Cincinnati Enquirer. "The only question I had is whether the committee would have the nerve to take on the writers. I think there are many steps in this drama, the first of which is to get in touch with all the chapter if they can get the talking heads to vote for it, they can get ESPN's SportsCenter to vote for it. I think they will have a hard time getting a group whose past credentials to conduct this kind of election match the writers."

Steiner was asked if the BBWAA might boycott future elections. "I think there's that possibility, yes," he said. The board of directors is

scheduled to meet in New York on Feb. 4 and it is expected to adopt the recommendation. In that case, Rose's name will not appear on the ballot until he is reinstated by the commissioner.

"What bothers me the most is if he's put on the ballot, I'm fearful many young writers would take the view it had nothing to do with his playing career, forgetting this thing was established (rules) way, way back because of problems with betting," said Bill Broogy, a member of the board of directors and columnist with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "If he had been elected, the commissioner wouldn't show, the National League president wouldn't show, the American League president would not show and I had several Hall of Famers come to me and say 'I'd vote Rose if elected' but I never come again."

Lee MacPhail, who proposed the change on Thursday, said he understood the concern of the BBWAA. "I'm sympathetic to the writers," he said. "They've done a terrific job."

In a way, we're relieving them of that responsibility. They have a screening committee that would have had to come to grips with this problem. Perhaps it's not fair to put this burden on the writers."

Some writers have said they will write Rose's name on the ballot. But even if Rose was written in on 75 percent of the ballots it would not count. In the rules for election to the Hall of Fame, there are no provisions for ineligible candidates.

Hap Feisch—who was banned in the 1919 Chicago Black Sox scandal, later players Gene Rubeck, Benny Kauff, Shufflin' Phil Douglas and Jimmy O'Connell, coach Cozy Dolan and owner Bill Cox were thrown out of the sport.

Rose joined the list when commissioner Bart Giamatti barred him for gambling in August 1989. He would have been eligible for the Hall of Fame in the next election. One of the reasons Rose dropped his name was the Maple Leafs tonight (SportsChannel, WTC) at 8 in Toronto. The Writers are in New York Sunday to take on the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden at 8 p.m. (Channel 20, WTC).

The support for Rolle Fingers in this year's Hall of Fame balloting is bad news for relievers of the past, present and future who have desires for immortality. After all, if baseball's all-time saves leader doesn't make it, what other reliever will?

In Brief

Softball umpires are needed

MANCHESTER — Anyone interested in umpiring girls' high school fast pitch softball in the Manchester area should contact Carl Silver at the Manchester Rec Department at 647-3084 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Whalers play two this weekend

The Hartford Whalers (9-2-4) wind up their four-game road trip with a pair of games this weekend. Hartford, coming off a 5-4 win in Vancouver Thursday night, meets the Maple Leafs tonight (SportsChannel, WTC) at 8 in Toronto. The Whalers are in New York Sunday to take on the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden at 8 p.m. (Channel 20, WTC).

UConn-St. John's Sunday on CBS

STORRS — The ninth-ranked University of Connecticut basketball team (12-1) host 10th-ranked St. John's (10-2) in a nationally televised (CBS Channel 3) Sunday afternoon at 4 at Gampel Pavilion. The Huskies are coming off a 115-47 rout of Central Connecticut State University Thursday night while the Redmen lost to Seton Hall, 74-62, Wednesday night.

Youth soccer sign-ups set

MANCHESTER — The Manchester Rec Department will conduct the second of three youth summer soccer registrations on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Tilling Junior High cafeteria.

There are four divisions: Pee Wee (ages 6-7), Midget (ages 8-9), junior (ages 10-11) and intermediate (ages 12-14). Age is determined as of Dec. 31, 1990.

There is a \$5 registration fee and a \$4 Rec membership card is required at time of registration. There is a maximum number of participants that will be involved in the program and once that number is reached, registration will close. There will be no sign-ups after Jan. 28.

Little League holding clinic

MANCHESTER — The Manchester Little League is sponsoring a youth baseball coaching clinic for Little League managers and coaches and those interested in coaching. The clinic will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, from 1-4 p.m. at the Manchester Little League building, 1000 Main St. in Manchester. Managers and coaches are encouraged to attend. Bill Holloway, head coach at Eastern Connecticut State University, is clinician. Manchester Little League coaches and managers are urged to attend.

For further information, contact Ed Detorzo (643-4482) or Frank Napolitano (646-3092).

Hems among top runners

MANCHESTER — Ron Hems, 53, of Manchester was fourth among all the entrants in the running portion of the Hawaii Ironman Triathlon held at Kona on the big island of Hawaii back in October of last year.

Hems had a sub-three-hour time of 2 hours, 57 minutes in finishing fourth in the run portion of the triathlon that included a 2 1/2 mile swim, 112-mile bicycle ride and 26 1/2 mile run. He finished 78th overall with a time of 12 hours, 44 minutes. He was fifth among all Connecticut entrants.

There were 1,386 starters of which 10 percent did not finish, according to Hems.

Mets sign Dave Magadan

NEW YORK (AP) — Dave Magadan agreed to a one-year contract Friday with the New York Mets, tripling his salary to \$1.25 million.

The first baseman was third in the National League last season with a .328 batting average, six triples, 72 RBIs and 74 walks.

Magadan, 28, had seven hits in seven consecutive at-bats June 12-13 at Chicago, and tied a team record with three doubles on July 3 at Philadelphia.

His best day came June 12 at Wrigley Field, when he went 4-for-4 against the Cubs and drove in six runs.

Magadan, who made \$395,000 last season, was eligible for salary arbitration for the first time this winter.

Pete Sampras may withdraw

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — U.S. Open champion Pete Sampras may withdraw from the Australian Open because of a lingering injury.

The first Grand Slam event of the year begins Monday in Melbourne. Sampras is seeded fourth.

The Californian limped through a 2-hour, 27-minute match with Stefan Edberg in the Rio Challenge exhibition tournament today before losing 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 (9-7).

"I'm very concerned," the 19-year-old Sampras said of his aching leg. "It's a problem I've had for three or four months and it is not getting any better."

"Do I play in the Australian Open and risk my whole year? That's the decision I have to make."

Walker gets a bobbed ride LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) — Herschel Walker got his first taste of riding down a bobbed run Friday.

The Minnesota Vikings running back and driver Brian Shiner received the 1,430-meter Olympic bobsled course in one minute, 20.3 seconds, about five or six seconds off what is considered a good run.

Walker said he wasn't out to break any records, but rather to get experience in the sled and on the refrigerated track.

"I felt good," Walker said. "I don't compare to anything I've ever done before."

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Walker is vying for a position as a brakeman on the U.S. National Bobsled Team that will compete in the 1992 Winter Olympics.

ND's Ismail going on hits

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — A Notre Dame spokesman said Friday that football star Raghib "Rocket" Ismail has not discussed a possible move to the NFL with any school officials.

"There has been no conversation between Raghib and (coach) Lou Holtz or anybody else at Notre Dame about making a decision to leave," said sports information director John Heister.

The National reported Friday that Ismail will likely skip his senior season to enter the NFL draft.

"I'm logical to think he would be giving to some consideration, if people are throwing around the dollar amounts they talk about these days," Heister said. "I think it's crazy to think that he's not."

Old formula winning one for Raiders

By JOHN NADEL
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sometimes the old ways are the best ways.

One reason the Raiders have achieved so much success over the last three decades is their steady acquisition of veteran players, many of whom they got for nothing or next-to-nothing in trades or as free agents.

Among them have been quarterback-placer kicker George Blanda, quarterback Bill Plunkett, defensive lineman Ben Davidson, John Matkuzak, Osi Sitruk and Lyle Alzado, tight end Todd Christensen, wide receiver Bob Chandler, linebacker Rod Martin, running back Kenny King, and running back-kick-

er George Frutkin.

Some, like Matkuzak and Alzado, were considered troublemakers. Others, like Christensen and Martin, were not considered to be good enough to play in the NFL. And still others, like Plunkett and Chandler, were thought to be washed up.

Each of them contributed to at least one of the Raiders' three Super Bowl victories.

After four down years, the Raiders have come back strong this season with a 10th-round draft choice who started playing in Canada and didn't sign with Los Angeles until four years later.

On offense, the Raiders start tight end Brian Horton and tackles Roy Graves and Steve Wright, all of whom they signed as free agents after they were released.

The Raiders signed guard Max Montgomery as a Plan B free agent last March; ac-

quired wide receiver Willie Gault from the Bears and quarterback Jay Schroeder from the Redskins.

On defense, LA starts two safeties Mike Harden and Eddie Anderson, who were signed as free agents after being released by other teams. Linebacker Riki Ellison was signed as an unrestricted free agent last May.

Linebacker Tom Benson and Golie were signed as Plan B free agents and linebacker Jerry Robinson and cornerback Lionel Washington came to the Raiders in trades, from the Eagles and Cardinals, respectively.

The Raiders approach Plan B, it seems, just like everyone else approaches the draft. "The Raiders have a reputation of using veteran players. We seem to use (Plan B) better than anybody else."

Aussie Open is where it left off

By STEVE WILSTEIN
The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Ivan Lendl's tummy aches, Monica Seles is fighting burnout, Boris Becker is fretting from two first-round upsets, and John McEnroe is wailing from the scene of his crime.

The Australian Open tennis championships, the year's first Grand Slam event, got underway Saturday in Melbourne after a slow start when it turned into a topsy-turvy affair under the sun.

And Andre Agassi, to whom image is everything and tennis is something less, is still missing.

Stefan Edberg, forced to default because of strained stomach muscles during the final against Lendl last January, is the men's No. 1 this time, while, strangely, No. 3 Lendl has come down with the same injury that might have led to something in the Kuala Lumpur mineral water?

Lendl served at two-thirds speed after feeling twinges in his tummy during a tennis tournament in Sydney last week, then defaulted from a match against Wally Masur before the start of the third set. Lendl resumed practice here later in the week and pronounced himself fit enough to try to defend his title.

Meanwhile, No. 2 Becker bounced from defeat to defeat in Adelaide, losing not so magnificently to Magnus Larsson in the first round of the tournament. Australian Men's Hardcourt champion and to Goran Ivanisevic of Yugoslavia at the Rio International.

Ivanisevic, who staged a memorable duel with Becker before losing at Wimbledon last summer, served 21 aces against Becker this time to win in three sets.

Aussie officials won't have McEnroe to kick around or kick around. They did last year when he threw his racket and a tantrum on the court during a fourth-round match against Sweden's Mikael Pernfors. McEnroe's default set off a foot-stomping, hooting protest by fans and cost him a shot at the title.

No grudge, mates, McEnroe said when he called from Hawaii a few days ago, but a shoulder injury suffered in practice was slow to heal.

Pete Sampras, who beat McEnroe, Lendl and Agassi on the way to winning the U.S. Open in September with 100 aces, and Ivanisevic may be the strongest challengers to Edberg as the Swede seeks his first Australian title. He won here in 1985 and 1987.

Sampras and Ivanisevic are both classic serve-and-volleyers like Edberg, though Ivanisevic is yet to prove he has the physical and mental stamina to win a Grand Slam championship.

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NHL standings

W	L	T	pts	GA
WALEY CONFERENCE				
Pacific Division				
NY Rangers	24	20	51	200
Pittsburgh	24	20	51	200
Philadelphia	19	27	47	182
Washington	15	32	42	185
New Jersey	15	22	42	185
NY Islanders	12	22	35	154
Atlantic Division				
Boston	23	14	54	147
Montreal	20	17	51	159
Hartford	18	24	46	154
Buffalo	10	32	22	169
Quebec	10	22	22	150
Adams Division				
Chicago	23	14	54	147
St. Louis	21	17	51	159
Dallas	19	24	46	154
Minnesota	12	32	22	169
CAMPBELL CONFERENCE				
Northwest Division				
Chicago	23	14	54	147
St. Louis	21	17	51	159
Dallas	19	24	46	154
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Central Division				
Chicago	23	14	54	147
St. Louis	21	17	51	159
Dallas	19	24	46	154
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Chicago	23	14	54	147
St. Louis	21	17	51	159
Dallas	19	24	46	154
Minnesota	12	32	22	169

Basketball

NBA standings

W	L	pts	GA
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
Boston	28	5	848
Philadelphia	20	14	888
New York	18	18	930
Washington	14	24	930
New Jersey	10	22	1179
Central Division			
Chicago	23	4	735
Minnesota	23	10	819
Indiana	19	14	876
Dallas	12	19	917
Atlanta	15	24	954
Charlotte	12	21	982
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WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Pacific Division			
Portland	21	11	856
Los Angeles	18	15	845
Golden State	18	15	845
Phoenix	18	15	845
LA Clippers	12	23	1176
Sacramento	12	23	1176
Midwest Division			
San Antonio	19	14	819
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Descendants of U.S. confederates keep Dixie alive

By STAN LEHMAN
The Associated Press

AMERICANA, Brazil — The aroma of Southern fried chicken and the strains of "Dixie" fill the air. A Confederate flag flutters in a warm breeze.

Young women in colorful hoop skirts square-dance with partners dressed in the gray uniforms of the Confederacy.

Welcome to Americana, where descendants of Rebels who fled the United States after the Civil War hold an annual picnic to keep some of their traditions alive — even though most of them don't speak English.

Memories of the Rebel past remain strong in the fertile sugarcane region 85 miles northwest of Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city.

In a graveyard at nearby Santa Barbara D'Oeste, about 400 Con-

federate settlers and some of their offspring are buried in the shade of pine, eucalyptus, mango and palm trees.

Among them is the great-uncle of Rosalynn Carter, wife of former President Carter. His epitaph reads:

"To the Memory of W.S. Wiles. Born in Edgefield, South Carolina, Oct. 13, 1833. Died in Santa Barbara, Brazil, April 14, 1877."

An inscription on another tombstone captures the defiance of those who came to Brazil:

"Roberto Stegall — Once a Rebel, Twice a Rebel and Forever a Rebel. Born Sept. 1899. Died Jan. 1985."

Stegall's paternal grandfather, Henry Farrar Stegall, was a Texas man who served in Gen. Robert E. Lee's army and arrived in Brazil in 1866.

"Wherever our ancestors settled, they were warmly welcomed, except at the local cemetery," said Judith

MacKnight Jones, 75, the community's unofficial historian. She is one of the few who speaks English, complete with a drawl.

"They were not allowed to bury their dead in the Roman Catholic cemetery because they were all Protestants, so they built this one, which also serves as a monument to our heritage," Mrs. Jones said, pointing to a concrete obelisk with four Confederate flags engraved on it.

Sitting at a picnic table watching the square dance were Sydney Mills, a large man in a cowboy hat, boots and leather vest, who carried a riding crop. Mills, 73, is nicknamed "The Texan."

"I've been dressing like this for more than 30 years as a way to pay homage to my Confederate ancestors," Mills said in Portuguese. His grandfather, William Thatcher Mills, came from Dallas in 1866 to

plant cotton in Santa Barbara D'Oeste.

Like Mills, most of the descendants know little of their family history. The total number of descendants probably are unaware of their Confederate ancestry, others went elsewhere and there is no record of their numbers.

In 1967, Mrs. Jones chronicled the Confederate immigration in the book "Soldier Rest, A North American Epic Under Brazilian Skies." She wrote it in Portuguese, but hopes for an English translation.

Most of the Civil War exiles were plantation owners, she said, but the group included teachers, doctors, lawyers, businessmen and adventurers.

"They came from all over the South: Alabama, Georgia, Texas, South Carolina and Mississippi," she said in an interview. "They all felt conditions under Reconstruction would be unbearable, so they decided to leave the old South and

head for Brazil."

The first immigrants arrived in 1866, drawn by reports from American Protestant missionaries and the Brazilian government that offered them land and tax breaks.

Another attraction was the abundant slave labor available in Brazil, Mrs. Jones said. Slavery was not abolished in Brazil until 1888.

Initially, the transplanted Americans did not mix with the local residents. Integration and intermarriage with Brazilians was frowned upon.

"They had their own teachers, doctors, preachers and language to protect their values from outside influences," Mrs. Jones said.

"The self-imposed segregation began crumbling in the early 1900s. Grandchildren of the settlers married outside the community and began to mix with Brazilian culture."

Japanese aid program may fit in with new era

By MICHAEL HIRSH
The Associated Press

TOKYO — When Japan outstripped the United States as the world leader in foreign economic aid last year, the West still found plenty to criticize.

Japan's interests were largely regional. Its loans and grants mainly commercial, and its overall program lacked a strategic plan.

Analysis says, however, that the Japanese way may suit the new era, or at least put Japan a step ahead of its chief critic, the United States.

The passing of the Cold War signals the end of the "strategic" foreign aid tradition traditionally provided to non-communist developing nations.

Both Japan and the United States now say they will begin to make democratic progress a condition of foreign assistance.

Free-market democracies are springing up everywhere, however, and analysts say Japanese-style economic criteria for aid — market stability and potential return on investment — probably will take precedence over the ideological.

Some U.S. congressmen already are calling for a review of American aid, urging Washington to weigh

the needs of recipient countries against the pressure to help American business.

Also, the regional focus that has led Japan to direct most of its aid to Asia, to help build a trade bloc, may become the norm.

The European Community is preoccupied with bolstering the former communist bloc. Eastern Europe as it prepares for unification as a huge trade bloc in 1992. The United States has forged closer regional ties with Canada and Mexico.

"The whole basis for aid rationale, at least from the American perspective, is gone," said Robert M. Orr Jr., author of "The Emergence of Japan's Foreign Aid Power."

Fu-Chen Lo, an aid expert at United Nations University in Tokyo, said, "The U.S. will have to change its strategy more than Japan will."

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"Aid to ASEAN has turned out to be Japan's best investment in the last 30 years," Lo said.

In the beginning, Japan got raw materials from members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations,



STREET SCENE — Matador Rodolfo Rodriguez wears the traditional "suit of lights" on his way to a bullfight in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Sinai oasis unravels puzzles about early Christians

By MIAMI MANN
The Associated Press

OASIS OF FIRAN, Egypt — An oasis in the Sinai Peninsula, the stronghold of Nero Rome when the first religious of Christianity came quietly and swiftly across the Sinai Desert from Judea.

How did the new religion arrive, who were the first Christians, what were the early teachings and how did the message spread and change? Legends and stories are far more plentiful than facts.

German archaeologist Peter Grossmann, who specializes in early Christian sites of the Near East, is trying to unlock the mysteries. His expeditions often take him into the Sinai and to the Oasis of Firan.

For five seasons, Grossmann has dug in the ruin-rich hillsides above Firan, where pagans who drifted there 1,700 years ago became Christian converts.

Most archaeologists prefer to bypass Christian relics in Egypt for more lucrative digs for relics of the Pharaohs.

British archaeologist Michael Jones, who is based in Cairo, says Grossmann's work is important because "everything we believe as Western Christians, everything we know about early Christianity, began in places like this. And yet we know so little."

Old Testament scholars know the oasis as Paran, where Hagar and her son Ishmael found refuge after they were banished by Abraham, and as the Vale of Elim, a welcome stopover for the children of Israel during the Exodus.

At Firan, a wealth of date palms and wells in the stark Sinai, a crumbling mud-brick cathedral dominates the ruins of an ancient settlement.

Grossmann, supervising diggers who extracted a toppled column, took a break to climb toward the crumbling walls of the ancient basilica. The mountains overlooking the oasis contain yet more ruins, including hermits' and monks' cells.

Although the pagans-turned-Christians left evidence of their years at Firan, much of it was destroyed by Bedouin raiders or washed away by frequent flash floods.

Egyptian Christians date their church to the first century, when Mark the apostle brought the new religion to Alexandria. Few records exist because many of the earliest converts were poor, with little more than their faith to pass down.

Third century Roman emperors persecuted Egypt's Christians. Church records were destroyed, but the religion was kept alive from wilderness caves by hermits and monks preaching the virtues of sacrifice to flocks of believers.

Early hermits who sought to communicate with God in Egypt's deserts by practicing a life of self-denial, called the Desert Fathers, lived on Mount Serbal, which rises above the oasis, and on Mount Sinai, a few miles away.

The mountains were reputed to be the site where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, but by the fourth century, most Christians believed Mount Sinai was the one.

Grossmann's history of Firan begins in the first century, when pagans wandered into the oasis, and ends with Islam's conquest of Christian Firan seven centuries later.

Firan's first converts to Christianity were the Nabateans, mysterious Bedouin traders and shepherds who roamed the desert

with their flocks.

The Nabateans left more than 1,000 archaeological sites. Some were masterpieces, like the Nabatean capital Petra in southern Jordan, where part of the movie "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" was filmed. Some were simple, like the site where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, but by the fourth century, most Christians believed Mount Sinai was the one.

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Grossmann said. "The oasis was a nice place. The family might remain in a wadi or two."

Drawings the Nabateans scrawled on boulders and elsewhere while awaiting funerals produced a record of their transition from paganism to Christianity. Early drawings depicted camels and riders. Later Nabateans drew crosses.

The archaeologist said he does not know why the Nabateans became Christians. But once they settled into oasis life, he said, they quickly found a way to improve their lot: by making money from other Christians.

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Firan later had its own bishop and basilica, but its prominence was short-lived. A religious dispute robbed it of outside financial help and pilgrimage caravans dwindled because of Bedouin raiders.

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The artists: little ol' Texas museum in old brewery

By KELLEY SHANNON
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Lone Star Brewery folks surely never would have imagined it.

Their beer factory, the biggest in Texas when it opened more than a century ago, is a cozy museum these days, commanding the attention of art experts worldwide.

Just a decade old, the San Antonio Museum of Art is creating a noticeable niche for itself with a collection of Greek and Roman antiquities, a burgeoning Egyptian art display and a big Mexican visiting art show.

"We've received very high praise from our colleagues, both here and abroad," said Gerry Scott, the museum's ancient art curator. "People came through and said, 'My goodness, look what you have here in San Antonio.'"

The current cheerers are for the museum's Ewing Hall, built for ancient art, unveiled in November with much fanfare and a symposium by appreciative experts.

Among those attending were former San Antonio antiquities curator, Carlos Picton, now with the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York; Cornelius

Vermeule of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston; Marjorie True of the J. Paul Getty Museum in California; and Dietrich Widing, director of the Egyptian Museum in Berlin.

The new wing features the Arnold and Marie Smith Schwartz Gallery for ancient glass, the Estelle Blackburn Gallery of Greek and Roman decorative arts and the Gilbert Denman Gallery for ancient sculpture.

Though some pieces are on loan, most come from an extensive 1966 donation by Denman and the museum's acquisition of the Stark-Wilson antiquities collection.

A highlight of the antiquities collection is an eight-foot marble sculpture of the Roman emperor and philosopher Marcus Aurelius dating to 140 A.D. Excavated in 1771, it reveals the trend of that time — replacing pieces missing from the original.

The "Sleeping Ariadne," a Roman sculpture copying a Greek original dating from the 2nd century A.D., once was in a private collection in England. Its history is traceable to the 1600s.

The Roman "Deer Hunter" sarcophagus, a marble case for burying the dead, dates from the 2nd century and features intricate carvings.

A sculpture not on display also has generated news. Connoisseur magazine reported this fall that a Roman

sculpture of a woman was smuggled out of Turkey, along with a handful of other art objects, and allegedly ended up at the San Antonio Museum of Art.

Museum officials contend the article was "sensationalist" and insist no evidence has been found that the museum's 8-foot statue was illegally brought into the country.

The museum is cooperating with the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. attorney's office in an investigation, Scott said. The statue, lent by an anonymous donor, was noticeably absent when the antiquities exhibit opened.

"We didn't want to have a situation where people were coming in simply to see that sculpture and missing the other 96 pieces," Scott said.

He added that its size would have made it more difficult to remove and return to the owner and said its period in art history already was represented in the exhibit.

The Denman Gallery pieces range from the 6th century B.C. to the 3rd century A.D., while the Blackburn Gallery's pottery and vases demonstrate the development of decorative arts in the Classical Period from 2000 B.C. to 300 B.C.

The Schwartz Gallery, described as one of the top six

nationwide devoted to ancient glass, shows the development of glass from early stages in the Near East through later Roman and Islamic periods.

While the antiquities collection has been praised for its range, the museum isn't claiming to rival the "encyclopedia collections" of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts or New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"Boston and the Metropolitan both opened their doors in 1870, so they had plenty of years of collecting on us," Scott said, adding that the advantage of the San Antonio collection is its "human scale."

The antiquities collection isn't all that's publicizing the museum, which previously was best known for its folk art collection.

It is one of three nationwide playing host to "Mexico: Splendors of Three Centuries." The exhibit will be here four months between stops in New York and Los Angeles and will be greeted in San Antonio by Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari the week of its April 4 opening.

The exhibit will occupy 25,000 square feet, and construction workers are busy renovating another building of the old brewery to accommodate it. Two galleries of Egyptian art adjoining the new Halsey Wing also will close temporarily to make room for the Mexican show.

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