MIYAZAWA. Prime Minister, that is. You remember — the host of the big Japanese bash where President Bush lost his sushi. The Jan. 8 incident was the beginning of a long year for Bush, who might have been better off at home in Washington . . . or Maine . . . or Texas. Yeah, Texas, that's the ticket.

M & M NORIEGA. What a couple. A couple of what's is the question. Criminals — he's a Panamanian "strong-man" for drug traffickers and she, a shoplifter.

OLYMPIC DREAM TEAM. Jordan, Ewing Johnson, Laetner, Barkley, Drexler, Bird, Robinson, brought home the gold to the good 'ol U.S. of A. even without Jordan's Reebok's showing.



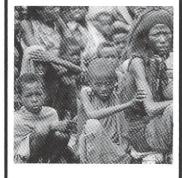
with A Lot of money, who changed the dynamics of the the '92 election. He promised to take no salary if elected. Trivia Question — Who is the only other U.S. President to turn down his weekly pay check? Robert Kennedy — who else?

**QUALE** or is it **QUAILE?** What will cartoonists do for the next 4 years. No more **potatoe** jokes. Perhaps between Tipper and the Ozone Man, Doonesbury will have fresh material.



RETIRED. Let's call it quits. Larry Bird (bad back), Magic Johnson (bad blood), Johnny Carson (end of an era), George Bush (forced to), Sears Big Book (end of a tradition), tried to retire, but hasn't happened yet, Joe Camel.

**SOMALIA.** A country torn apart by hunger, war, greed, and death. U.S. troops were 'blinded by the light' when they came ashore at Mogadishu. Troops valiantly work to make a difference. Here's to Lt. Arroyo, and all the others "May you rest in peace."



MIKE TYSON. From championship to cell block — that was Mike's journey. And just when he thought things couldn't get worse, Sinead O'Connor came to his defense.

**UNDER FIRE.** U.S. troops again attacked Iraq in Dec. perhaps as a last show of Bush's power, but as a necessary force to quell Saddam's repeated "nose-thumbing" of U.N. sanctions.

VIOLENCE. Mass murders, Riots, Guns in Schools, Gangs, Drugs ... "where have all the flowers gone long time passing ..."

WEIGHT LOSS. Cindy Crawford, the new exercise diva, shows Americans (mostly of the male persuasion), how to burn that fat. Cher, Denis Austin, Jane Fonda and Richard Simmons ... Step over.



X, MALCOM. Hats, shirts, pants, glasses, posters, mediallions, mugs, bow ties, calendars — the 60's activist cropped upon more merchandise than Elvis or the Ninja Turtles.



YUGOSLOVIA. No more. Now it's Bosnia, Serbia, Croatia, Herzegovinia, Montenegro, and Vojvodina. No telling what it'll be tomorrow.



**ZOE BAIRD.** *Time* magazine called it Clinton's first blunder. On a \$475,000.00 a year budget, guess Baird just couldn't afford to pay a nanny and a chaueffer minimum wage. Go figure?

Give 1992 an A
for audaciousness.
Give it a Z for
"zee pits". That's
a complete list of
characters who
made
this year one to remember — and in
many
cases, a year to
forget. 85