

**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.



**PEROT.** The little Texan with *A Lot* of money, who changed the dynamics of 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 **potatooe** 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, medallions, 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, Herzegovina, 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 chauffeur 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.