

## Jobless rate edges higher Mother claims her child 'beaten'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment edged up to 7.2 percent of the civilian work force in December as a surge in Americans looking for work surpassed the creation of about 340,000 new jobs during the month, the government reported today.

The number of Americans actually holding jobs in December rose to a record 106.3 million, but the total of unemployed increased to 8.2 million as the labor force expanded by 390,000, the Labor Department report said

Meanwhile, the number of "discouraged workers," those without jobs but not counted as unemployed because they've given up looking, increased to 1.3 million from the September level of 1.2 million. Those quarterly figures have been falling for the last two years, since reaching a recession high of 1.8 million at the end of 1982.

Since then, some 7.1 million jobs have been created. In 1984 alone, the economic expansion produced 3.2 million new jobs.

A yearend slowdown in U.S. economic growth had led many economists to expect that the jobless rate would either rise a bit or remain flat in December. But widespread predictions of at least somewhat faster growth early in this new year would seem to indicate the unemployment increase will be short-lived.

Many analysts had been surprised by November figures that showed the rate declining to 7.2 percent from October's 7.4 percent. Today's report revised those figures to 7.3 percent for October and 7.1 percent for November.

The rate, which reached 10.7 percent near the end of the 1981-82 recession, dropped to a revised 7.2 percent last June but bounced back to 7.5 percent before beginning to decline again.

Texas joblessness over six percent

Jackie Adams talks about 'spanking'

## Harlow asks for new trial

LUBBOCK - Attorneys for The Harlow Corporation and related parties have petitioned for a new trial in the lawsuit with Dorchester Gas Producing Co., alleging one of the jurors acted improperly.

The petition also reiterated past claims that 100th District Judge Robert Montgomery, who presided over the trial held in Lubbock on a change of venue from Pampa, erred in not allowing jurors to consider Texas Railroad Commission regulations and a 1940 Texas attorney general's opinion on casinghead gas.

casinghead gas. The jury ruled for Dorchester after a nearly five-week long trial ended in August in the dispute over natural gas from two Harlow wells located south of Pampa.

Judge Montgomery in December entered a judgment of \$966,000 against Harlow and co-defendants, but he later vacated the judgment after Harlow indicated it had filed for bankruptcy and asked the judge also to defer to the awaited rulings by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C.

petition claims. She reportedly said she would drag out the deliberations until a sufficient number of jurors agreed with her position, according to the petition.

After her threats, one or more jurors changed their votes on special issues, resulting in the 10-2 verdict, the Harlow petition alleges.

The petition also claims Bass was assisted by Dorchester attorney Robert Garner of Amarillo. According to Harlow attorneys, Garner noticed Bass crying shortly after the trial started and pointed it out to the court. On Aug. 29 Bass reportedly talked to Garner in the Lubbock County Courthouse and told him she had lost her job. Garner allegedly told her he would take the matter up with the court.

Bass indicated to the other jurors that Garner had assisted her, the petition alleges. The two instances violated the court's instruction

to jurors that they were not to talk with the lawyers

## DA's office investigating incident at church nursery

#### BY JEFF LANGELY Senior Staff Writer

Employees in the nursery of the Bible Baptist Church gave little Tammy Adams the beating of her life "in the name of Jesus Christ" on Dec. 18, the child's mother claims.

The next day, the baby girl celebrated her second birthday.

Jackie Adams, 21, a single Pampa parent, and the Department of Human Resources say the woman's infant daughter suffered a "severe beating" by employees of the church - run day care center.

Assistant District Attorney David Hamilton said the DA's office is currently investigating the DHR's complaint against the unlicensed nursery and said he will present the case to a grand jury for possible criminal charges against one or more of the facility's employees.

The Rev. Jerry West says the state's latest complaint alleging child abuse at the day - care facility is continuing "harassment" related to the church's refusal to accept state licensing. He said the complaint amounts to a deliberate attempt by the state agency to generate bad publicity about the church nursery and school and to hurt enrollment.

If the mother thought her child was beaten by the nursery's employees, then why did she leave the girl there on the following day? the Rev. West wonders.

Adams, who grew up in Pampa and Amarillo, works at the McNeil's Tomatoes fruit stand. The working mother, who doesn't attend the Bible Baptist Church (formerly Pampa Baptist Temple), had taken her child to the church's day care center for more than a year. She said friends and family had recommended the facility.

The mother said she knew children at the nursery receive spankings and had heard rumors of abuse there.

"I thought it was just a rumor. I had just moved to Pampa when all of that was going on...I knew they spanked them, but I didn't think it would turn out like this. I thought maybe a little tap on the rear...I didn't figure it would be a beating like this." Adams said. when they got home and first saw severe bruises on both sides of the tot's buttocks and on the back of her legs.

Adams said she called West to ask about the bruises. She said West and a registered nurse, a church member, came out to her house that evening. She said the preacher and the nurse looked at the marks. The nurse told her the bruises looked to be the result of a fall.

The mother said she didn't believe the story and called her employer, Ginger McNeil. Adams said she asked McNeil whether she could leave the girl with her employer's babysitter the next day. McNeil says she told Adams that the sitter couldn't handle any more children.

Adams said that even though she "didn't feel right about the whole deal," she dropped the girl off at the center before going to work the next morning.

McNeil said the employee came to her crying that morning and told her about the bruises.

The women said they decided to drive to the church and take the girl from the nursery.

McNeil said when she saw the bruises, she couldn't believe their severity. The women said they immediately went to the Pampa office of the DHR to file a complaint. They said the agency's employees processed a complaint and photographed the bruises. Adams said she then took the child for an examination by Dr. Keith Black.

Dr. Black said the child had been ''severely spanked,'' with a ''rod or a stick,'' Adams said.

The employer and mother came forward with their allegations after reading a newspaper account of the complaint and the preacher's claim of state harassment. West previously said the child was bruised in "a fall, obviously."

"They're just trying to say she fell to get out of it. It's awfully funny that she's supposed to have fallen and gotten a spanking on the same day. Is that a coincidence, or what?" Adams said.

DALLAS (AP) — The unemployment rate in December hit 6.2 percent in Texas — the first time since August of last year that the seasonally adjusted rate crept above the 6-percent mark, the government reported today.

The increase from the 5.7 percent November rate was not considered statistically significant and may have resulted from less retail hiring for the Christmas shopping season than economists anticipated, said Bureau of Labor Statistics economist Bryan Richey.

"What I think we're seeing reflected here is the disappointing sales in retail trade," Richey said.

"I don't know whether this is a function of our targets being too high or of moderation of consumer spending. But when the exact numbers are available later this month, I think we'll see that retail employment was not as substantial as last year," he said.

While the number of people out of work increased by 44,000 in December, the total number of people employed in the state also rose to 7,580,000, up 43,000. Harlow's request for a new trial alleges juror Deborah Bass of Lubbock, who lost her job as a housekeeper during the trial, discussed merits and evidence of the case before Harlow had completed its presentation of evidence and before the jurors were to begin their deliberations.

The petition also alleges Bass told the other jurors that she had made up her mind in favor of Dorchester before the deliberations began.

When the jurors began consideration of the case, Bass allegedly used obscenities and threats against several jurors who were opposed to her position, the or any other person involved with the trial except for casual greetings, the Harlow petition claims.

Garner's actions improperly sought the favor of Bass as juror and prejudiced Harlow's position in the trial, the petition alleges.

An Associated Press wire story after the trial recounted Bass' loss of her job as a housekeeper for an elderly couple in Lubbock. Bass claimed the couple fired her because she was tied up on the jury. Bass also claimed she had developed a rash shortly after the trial began.

In other troubles she recounted, she said she had developed trouble in meeting bills because of her jury service. She also said her car's fender was damaged while it was parked in the jurors' parking lot The woman said she picked up her child at the nursery after work on Dec. 18. She said Rev. West's wife reported her child had misbehaved and had been punished

"Mrs. West said, 'Tammy got a spanking today,' "Adams said she was told.

She said she gave the girl a bath

"I don't think it's harassment. I'm just trying to protect the kids before one of them gets killed over there," she added.

"I don't know what a two - year old can do to deserve a beating of that severity. It just makes you wonder how many things are going on that you don't know about," McNeil said in an interview with the women in the employer's home.

"I think the whole school ought to be closed. As long as people in this

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inside today

### Pampa man severely burned in house fire

A 37-year-old Pampa man was taken to Lubbock early this morning with severe burn injuries received in a fire shortly before 3 a.m. today.

Robert Preston, 802 N. West, was burned by superheated air caused by a fire at his residence occurring about 2:50 a.m. today, according to reports by Fire Chief J. D. Ray.

Linda Haynes, public relations director for Coronado Community Hospital, said Preston was brought to the hospital's emergency room by Pampa Medical Services ambulance at 3:19 a.m.

He had received second and third

degree burns to his face, head, hands, arms, legs and trunk.

CCH personnel treated Preston for an hour and 45 minutes. Then he was transported by PMS to the Lubbock Burn Center at Lubbock General Hospital, Haynes reported.

Haynes said a Lubbock doctor told PMS personnel that Preston had burns severe enough to affect his kidneys and lungs.

Preston was initially reported in critical condition at the Lubbock burn unit. But a spokesman there reported about 10 a.m. that Preston's condition had been listed as serious.

Ray said when firemen arrived at the scene shortly before 3 a.m., the house was "heavily charged with smoke."

Preston's wife was outside the house and informed firemen her husband was still inside the house.

When firemen entered the house, Preston was located in the corner of a bedroom, apparently the center of the fire. Preston had attempted to escape but could not find the exit, Ray reported.

Firemen escorted Preston outside, where PMS personnel transported him to CCH.

Ray said the bedroom received "very little flame damage," but the room was heavily damaged by heat and smoke from the superheated air.

Fire Marshall Floyd Steele has determined the cause of the fire was a short circuit in an electrical wire.

Ray said firemen also rescued a cat lying on the bed. "It was in pretty bad shape, but it was alive," "he said.

The wooden frame house has two bedrooms. Preston was located in the back bedroom.

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## City plans action against abandoned autos

#### By LARRY HOLLIS Staff Writer

The city commission took action Tuesday morning to move toward strengthening its efforts to remove abandoned and junked vehicles from city streets and property.

Commissioners approved establishing a vehicle storage area on city property near the pump station on South Barnes. The area would be used to store impounded vehicles, including those towed off as abandoned or junked and those impounded by the police for various infractions.

Acting City Manager Allyn Moore said about 15 acres of city property is available near the pump station He said the city would fence off about one-half to two-thirds of the land for the storage area. The fencing would cost approximately \$7,000, he estimated.

Commissioners authorized Moore to advertise for bids on the fencing and on obtaining a contract with a private towing firm on an annual basis.

Moore said the storage area and towing contract could save the city money. Currently the city has to hire towers on an individual basis every time a vehicle is impounded, then pay storage fees for the vehicle with a privately owned storage yard.

Moore said an annual contract could lower the per vehicle towing costs, plus the city would have its own storage yard to use instead of having to pay someone else to store the vehicle.

Though accurate figures are hard to obtain, Moore estimated, there are approximately 1,000 to 1,200 abandoned or junked vehicles in the city on public and private property. He said the city could probably eliminate at least 300 of those in the next year.

Impounded vehicles could be redeemed by the owners by payment of \$20 plus the towing fee, plus \$1 a day for storage, Moore said. Impounded vehicles would be kept in the city storage area for six months; then they would be put up for sale at public auction.

"We want to get old cars off the street," Moore said, but "we don't want to make it difficult" for those who need cars on a daily basis, referring to vehicles impounded for reasons other than being abandoned or junked.

Moore said the new fees would be less expensive than currently imposed for such impounded vehicles. The vehicles also could be retrieved more easily from the city property than from private lots, which might have more limited hours of operation.

Commissioners also discussed tightening enforcement of the ordinance against abandoned and junked vehicles, authorizing City Attorney Don Lane to review the ordinance and make changes needed to make the ordinance more enforceable.

Lane said minor changes are already needed to bring the city ordinance into accord with changes in state statutes.

He said legal action is more easily taken against vehicles on public property, including city street rights-of-way. Vehicles on private property require stiffer rules for enforcement, with declaration of a public nuisance needed to take action, he explained.

Kirk Duncan, representing Clean Pampa, Inc., recommended the city ordinance be enforced. He said there is a problem with dealers and junkyards having junked vehicles too readily seen; he suggested some requirement be made to have fences or shrubbery to screen the vehicles from sight.

Commissioner David McDaniel said Lane should consider incorporating such standards. Commissioner E. L. "Smiley" Henderson agreed, saying there are problems even in the downtown areas with junked vehicles too readily seen from the streets.

Lane said he would have to check to see if such standards could be imposed. He said zoning laws could probably require such fences or screens on future properties, but he wasn't certain the standards could be imposed on already operating properties.

Mayor Calvin Whatley said "if we were to put teeth" into a revised ordinance and give people proper notice of the city's intentions to move against junked and abandoned vehicles, most residents might get rid of such cars before the city moves against them.

McDaniel suggested the city manager, police and

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DAILY RECORD

#### services tomorrow

COCHRAN, Espar - 10 a.m. First United Methodist Church, McKinney. SPRAWLS, Goldie Camp - 2 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Commerce.

#### obituaries

#### **GOLDIE SPRAWLS**

COMMERCE-Services for former Pampa resident Goldie Camp Sprawls of Albuquerque, N.M., will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Presbyterian Church of Commerce. Burial will be in Rosemound Cometery at Commerce.

Mrs. Sprawls died Monday in Albuquerque. Her husband Aubrey died last week in Albuquerque.

Born in Commerce, Mrs. Sprawls was a former school teacher and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Pampa. She and her husband had moved from Pampa to Albuquerque about 10 months ago

Survivors include a stepson, Aubrey Duane Sprawls of Beaumont: a stepdaughter. Darlene VanWinkle of Albuquerque; two sisters, Mrs. Jesse Todd of Diming, N.M., and Mrs. Inez Harris of Dallas; and five grandchildren.

#### stock market

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minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported two minor accidents in the 24 - hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

#### **TUESDAY**, January 8

7:46 a.m. - A 1976 Ford, driven by Johnnie Eugenius Sanders, Rt. 1, collided with a 1976 Buick, driven by Paris Lee Raines. 933 Duncan, in the 300 block of East Brown. No citations were issued.

5:20 p.m. - A 1976 Chevrolet, driven by Jerold Rex McCown of White Deer, collided with a 1983 Ford, driven by Susan Varner Keim, 1812 N. Christy, at the intersection of Francis and Ward. McCown was cited for running a red light

#### fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported one fire run in the 24 - hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Wednesday, Jan. 9

2:50 a.m., House fire at 802 N. West. Damage to bedroom and smoke damage to rest of the house. Owner Robert Preston, 37, suffered second and third degree burns over 27 percent of his body Cause under investigation.

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# police report

Officers of the Pampa Police Department responded to 32 calls in the 24 - hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

Jimmie Marshall Clark, 2638 Fir, reported criminal mischief at 433 Wynne.

Lynn Snider, 1609 N. Dwight, reported a child's car seat was stolen from her vehicle in the parking lot of the Pampa Mall

Sammons Communications, 1423 N. Hobart, reported the alleged theft of cable services at 1244 S. Osborne

Harold Lee Butler, 2243 Duncan, reported criminal mischief at his residence.

Dovie Breeze, 820 Beryl, reported finding a key at 827 W. Francis

Sirloin Stockade, 518 N. Hobart, reported a burglary of the restaurant.

James Todd Richardson, 800 N. Christy, reported theft from a motor vehicle at his residence. Jessie Cockrell, 517 N. Ward, reported a burglary

of his residence. Arrest

#### **TUESDAY**, January 8

Danny Eugene Baker, 44, 1601 W. Somerville, in connection with a charge of public intoxication

## Audit report shows city's financial condition is good

#### **By LARRY HOLLIS**

**Staff Writer** Pampa's "financial condition is still good," reported Keith Tunnell, representative of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. of Amarillo, while presenting the annual audit report to the city commission Tuesday morning.

But while giving the city a generally good report for its financial status, Tunnell said the audit was provided with 'qualified'' conditions.

He said the city still needs to include a General Fixed Assets Account Group in its audit figures "to conform with generally accepted accounting principles." Tunnell said the fixed assets

figures are not required by the state, and the lack of the account is "pretty common" among cities. But accounting group agencies prefer the account to be included to offer unqualified audits.

The fixed assets account has been mentioned in past audits as a measure the city should pursue for its audit purposes.

Tunnell said the account helps safeguard city equipment and inventories and aids in determining the total valuation of the city's financial status. It's also a good management tool for the city, he said.

Following the audit report presented last year, the city has taken steps toward developing fixed asset figures. Tunnell reported city and accounting firm officials have been "making progress on compiling" the fixed assets account for inclusion in next year's audit

Commissioner Clyde Carruth said such an account would be helpful in case the city wanted to trade off equipment by being able to provide a history of the equipment and its value.

In other aspects, the city's audit presents a clean bill for financial statements, Tunnell reported. He said the firm had been very thorough in analyzing the city's check and balances procedures on financial matters, confirming revenue sources, checking expenditures and receipts and otherwise auditing the city's finances.

He said the city began the fiscal vear with a six-months' reserve of cash and available revenue.

The audit indicated approximately a \$440,000 deficiency between revenues and expenditures, mostly resulting from expenditures on street repairs and seal-coating projects. But Tunnell explained the deficiency really is insignificant, since the additional expenditures over revenues were paid from reserve funds available from the previous year. The city had dipped into its reserve funds to provide additional financing for the street program.

Street expenditures were \$616,919 in the 1983-1984 fiscal year, compared with \$1,289,924 for the past fiscal year.

Total current funds at the end of the fiscal year Sept. 30 were \$4.571,999, Tunnell reported. On Sept. 30, 1983, the city had current funds of \$4,874,154. The difference resulted from expenditures for street programs, Tunnell noted.

In the past fiscal year, the city had expenditures of \$10,947,867, compared with \$7,773,674 in the previous fiscal year. In addition to reserve funds, most other expenditures were covered by bonds issued by the city.

In addition to the street expenditures, other increased expenditures last year included \$668,748 for capital outlays for purchase of new equipment (\$368,012 in 1983-1984) and \$1,724,000 for debt retirement (\$380,000 in the previous fiscal year).

Revenues increased from \$8,095,161 in 1983-1984 to \$8,736,457, he noted

Tunnell said 1983-1984 was an "extremely good year" and now things are returning to norm al.

In other business, the commission approved on first reading an ordinance granting a zoning variance to Tract D, Section 101, Block 3, I&GN RRC Survey, a parcel of land generally known as Kelley's horse lot. Furr's Family Center is purchasing the property for expansion of its present building.

The matter had previously been considered for a Specific Use Permit, but City Attorney Don Lane said the zoning variance would better meet zoning ordinance requirements for retail purposes

The variance specifies the standards and limits for use of the land in accord with previous meetings between Furr's and neighborhood residents.

The commission granted approval for the final replat of the Coronado Medical Complex. Gene Barber, engineering consultant, said the tract has been divided into plots for future development.

In other business, the commissioners approved new price rates for cable television service proposed by Sammons Communications, Inc. Rate for basic service will go from \$8.62 a month to \$9.51. Peggy Hunter, Sammons representative, said the new price includes recently passed taxes placed on cable TV service by the state.

The commission also approved salary changes and accounts payable

## Groom pushes annexation power for smaller towns

#### **By CATHY SPAULDING**

**Staff Writer** GROOM - City officials here called for more annexation powers Tuesday by supporting state legislation granting unilateral annexation rights to small towns. In a resolution passed Tuesday at

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the regular Groom city council meeting, city officials called on State Senator Bill Sarpalius to support legislation that would give the same annexation power to general law cities as home rule cities.

Under current state law, a town

with the power to annex outlying areas without the consent of those being annexed. The city's resolution states that economic vitality "depends on a

strong and growing tax base" and that planned growth is "widely recognized as beneficial both economically and socially.' According to the resolution, the power to unilaterally annex outlying areas has contributed to the "economic health and

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Christ, then I guess they'll continue operating," the party to the complaint added.

The local prosecutor said he has reviewed the DHR's file on the case. He said photographs and diagrams of the child's bruises are "certainly not consistent with a fall.'

Hamilton said two teachers at the nursery are suspects in the case. He declined to release their names at this time. He said the instructors apparently both struck the baby, "apparently when one decided the other wasn't doing it right.

West admits that both teachers spanked the baby on the day in question. He said employees 'swatted'' the child with their hands and denied that any rod or board was used. One employee simply swatted the girl once earlier in the day, the preacher said. Later, the second employee "laid her over her lap and swatted her with her right hand, probably four or five licks, something like that.'' he added

West said the baby kept climbing on play furniture and ignored instructions to get down. He said the employees had to pull the girl down. He said the child was spanked after she "threw a fit" and lay kicking and screaming on the floor

even hear about it until about 7:30 that night," West said. "I don't have any problem with what the

teachers did." The preacher pointed out that two previous, criminal abuse complaints against nursery employees were later dismissed.

West suggested that the employer and DHR had changed the mother's attitude about the incident.

'That is not the attitude the mother had when she brought her child back here. If she thought her child had been abused here, then why did she bring her back the next day?" West asked. "If the child was hurt at the academy, the mother would have been furious at the time...There's something shady

"It all beils down to the Texas Department of Human Resource's harassment." he said

West said the DHR investigator told him shortly after the incident that the agency "had provided a place for the child's care.

'I asked them if the mother had filed. First they said, 'No,' and then said, 'We really can't tell you,' '' he said

For more than four years, the DHR has tried to force the church nursery to be licensed by the state or close. After lengthy hearings spanning parts of two years, 223rd

Borger Highway and Naida nursery to be licensed or closed.

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Judge Cain lifted the injunction during the church's appeal to the 7th Court of Appeals in Amarillo. The appeals court hasn't ruled in the dispute between the church and state

The church nursery and school provides care and instruction for children from infants through high school. The church maintains that all of its activities are part of its religious worship and outside state control. West and his followers say state licensing of the nursery would be a violation of the First Amendment's religious freedom.

Children at the church academy are spanked, because corporal punishment is ordered by the Bible, the church's supporters say. The state licensing standard that prohibits spanking children ages five and under in day care facilities violates their fundamentalist beliefs, they said.

West has said the latest abuse complaint "just burns my craw."

'They know they can't close us on this licensing issue. So instead of pushing the legal issue, they push this harassment issue," the preacher previously remarked about the complaint

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WEST TEXAS: Snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches throughout the day will make driving hazardous tonight in the Panhandle. Colder tonight and Thursday. Lows tonight in the mid teens in the Panhandle, upper 20s in far West Texas, mid 30s in the Big Bend. Highs Thursday in the lower 30s in the Panhandle, near 50 in far West Texas, and near 60 in the Big

Thursday in the 50s and 60s.

#### **EXTENDED FORECAST**

Friday Through Sunday North Texas- Cloudy and colder Friday and Saturday, warmer Sunday. No sIgnifica.t precipitation. Lows Friday near 20 northwest to near 40 southeast. Lows Saturday and Sunday from lower 20s to lower 0s. Highs from upper 30s to near 50 Friday and Saturday and mid 40s to low 50s Sunda y

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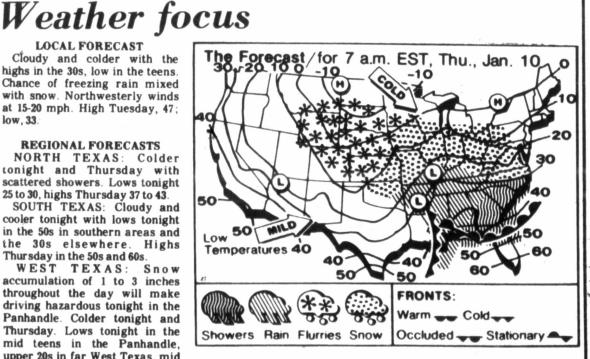
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stability," of home rule cities

The resolution claims that "the inability of general law cities to annex has limited the growth of the tax base in numerous cities, has hampered efforts at planned growth, and in general has contributed to stagnation and decay and detrimental development patterns in many smaller cities throughout the state.'

In other matters, the council members agreed to continue including motor vehicles on the city tax roll and will continue granting exemptions to residents 65 years or older.



Abandoned vehicles-Clean Pampa representatives sit down to discuss

recommendations for better enforcement against vehicles on public property and rights-of-way, with Lane looking into stronger ordinances against such vehicles on private property

The current city ordinance defines an abandoned motor vehicle as one inoperable and over eight years old left unattended or illegally parked for more than 48 hours on public property, on city rights-of-way or on private property without the consent of the owner

A junked vehicle is defined as one which is inoperative and which does not have lawfully affixed, unexpired license plate and motor vehicle inspection sticker and which is wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled or discarded, or which remains inoperable for a continuous period of more than 120 days.

The police department has authority to take into custody any abandoned vehicle found on public or private property.

Junked vehicles may be declared a public nuisance if they are located in any place where they are visible from a public place or public. right-of-way, the ordinance states.

The ordinance lists reasons why the junked vehicles can be declared a nuisance:

they are detrimental to the safety and welfare of the general public, tending to reduce the value of private property, to invite vandalism, to create fire hazards and to constitute a nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of minors;

and they are detrimental to the economic welfare of the state by producing urban blight which is adverse to the maintenance and continuing development of the city.

The city has to declare such vehicles a nuisance before beginning legal action against them

The nuisance procedures are not applied if the vehicles are enclosed in a building where they cannot be seen from outside; if they are stored or parked in a lawful manner in connection with a licensed dealership or junkyard, or if they are antique or special interest vehicles stored by a collector on property, as long as they do not constitute a health hazard and are screened from ordinary public view.

West Texas- Cloudy and cold Friday. Decreasing cloudiness Saturday and fair Sunday. A warming trend Saturday and Sunday. Panhandle highs mid 30s warming to lower 50s Sunday. Lows near 12 Friday warming to near 19 Sunday.

South Texas- A chance of rain Friday. Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday. Lows 30s north to 40s south. Highs 50s north to 60s south

#### BORDER STATES

**OKLAHOMA**: Occasional snow Panhandle and northwest with accumulations of 2 to 4 inches

possible before ending early this evening. Rain and snow with accumulations of 1 inch or less southwest, central and northeast late today before ending this evening. Much colder statewide tonight. Mostly cloudy and cold Thursday. Lows tonight near 12 Panhandle to mid-20s southeast. Highs Thursday 24 to 32.

**NEW MEXICO: Occasional** snow throughout the day. Lows tonight 5 to teens mountains and north to the 20s south. Highs Thursday mostly in the 30s and 40s north and east to the middle 50s extreme southwest.

# TEXAS / REGIONAL

## Workers delay pay hikes

BORGER; Texas (AP) -Phillips Petroleum Co. officials said they were pleased that employees here and in Utah agreed to defer pay increases so the company can regroup after an aborted takeover bid.

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Although members of the Local 351 International Union of Operating Engineers in Borger approved the deferment, ballots from the company's 26,000 employees nationwide had not been totaled.

"A number of locations are going to be voting this week at varying times," Phillips spokesman Don Harrison said.

employees in Woods Cross, Utah, also voted to delay their raises. The 2.6 percent salary increases

that workers in Borger agreed to postpone were to take effect Tuesday. Union members stipulated in the balloting, which occurred Monday

night and Tuesday, that Phillips must outline the new stock plan by March 31.

"If the stock ownership is not explained by that date, the membership wants the negotiated wage increase to go into effect retroactive from (today)," Union president B.J. Grove said.

About 500 union employees in said he was pleased with the

company would present the new plan before the March 31 deadline.

If approved, the deferment will give Phillips time to draw up a stock ownership plan as required under an agreement to prevent a takeover by Mesa Partners Inc. and oilman T. Boone Pickens of Amarillo.

The Borger-area vote was turned into Phillips at 10 a.m. Tuesday an hour before the deadline set by Phillips for a union response after the company made the request Thursday

There are 1,100 union members Phillips spokesman Art Austin in the Borger area. Non-union members' wages also would be

### Pasadena, Texas, and 100 union union's decision and pledged the frozen under the plan, Grove said. New attempt fails to free accused slayer's stepmother

grounds for capital murder charge.

disappointed," Schaffer said. "We

thought legally we were in a sound

He said he plans no further

"I'm getting tired of saying I'm

HOUSTON (AP) - The attorney not help in the state's search for for a woman jailed for failing to testify about a slaying in which her stepson is accused says he's depressed by yet another refusal to free her

U.S. District Judge Carl Bue Tuesday became the third federal judge to deny Odette Port's appeal. Mrs. Port was jailed Sept. 12 for refusing to answer a grand jury's questions about the June 7 killing of mail carrier Debora Sue Schatz. Seventeen-year-old David Port is

charged with murder in the slaying. He is free on \$20,000 bond. Bue rejected an argument by Mrs. Port's attorney, Randy Schaffer, that continued jail custody would not prompt her to

term expires Jan. 31.

cooperate with grand jurors, whose

Schaffer said he has been unable

to "make the court come to grips"

with the idea that Mrs. Port could

appeal. The grand jury's term expires Jan. 31 Bue held that the contempt citation issued by State District

position

Judge I.D. McMaster has produced the desired effect by compelling Mrs. Port to testify about the case. Mrs. Port and her husband, Bernard, were jailed last fall. They have argued their testimony would violate a parent-child privilege similar to one that allows spouses not to testify against each other. But Texas law does not recognize a parent-child privilege.

In November, the couple testified several hours before the grand jury. But McMaster freed only

Bernard Port and ruled Mrs. Port's testimony was not sufficient to purge her of the contempt ruling.

Prosecutors contend Mrs. Port was the first person to return home the day Miss Schatz was killed and could have information to warrant upgrading the charges against David Port to capital murder, which carries a possible death sentence.

David Port is scheduled for trial next month in New Braunfels, a city about 175 miles west of Houston. The case was moved on a change of venue after the youth's attorneys argued it had attracted too much publicity to be tried fairly in Houston.

Bue said Tuesday he was 'adopting the reasoning'' of federal judges James DeAnda and Norman Black, who also have denied requests to set bond for Mrs. Port and permit her release.

Texas' House of Representatives following his friend. (AP Laserphoto) re-election to that job Tuesday. Administering Parker's law business drys up

Lewis of Fort Worth is sworn in as speaker of

AUSTIN (AP) - Sen. Carl evidence presented at a pretrial hearing indicated some grand Parker, indicted four months ago on felony criminal charges that jurors may have been biased.

Even today, however, Parker's problems are not over. A new grand jury in Beaumont has begun hearing evidence against him.

LEWIS SWORN IN-Texas House Speaker Gib the oath is a former House member, also from

'Oh, God, it was awful. It's kind of like somebody telling you you've got incurable cancer," Parker said of the original indictments.

"My daughters cried, my son got mad, and (his wife) Beverly she's a trooper. I'm sure she's just

Asked how people responded to

On the first Sunday after his without opposition. The judge said Arthur. He recalled that former

state Rep. Otis Lee stood up at the close of the service "and said he had known me since I was a boy, and he was standing in support of me, and other members that felt the same way he did should stand,

"Everybody in that church stood

to 600 favorable telephone calls from all over the state and about 250 to 300 letters of support.

"I even got some from Republican officials locally, because they knew that it was a bunch of garbage," he said.

Local lawyers started a fund to pay Parker's legal fees and raised 'substantial money,'' he said

Parker said he only received 'one nasty létter – from Lubbock," and "one crank phone call from a county that wasn't even in my district." -3



Gramm names Hall for judgeship

Republican Sen. Phil Gramm has chosen a colleague from his days as a Democratic congressman. U.S. Rep. Sam B. Hall Jr. of Marshall, for a U.S. district judgeship.

Larry Neal, Gramm's press secretary, said Tuesday that Gramm had sent the names of Hall. Howell Cobb of Beaumont and Paul N. Brown of Sherman to the White House as nominees to fill three judgeships in the Eastern District of Texas.

name submitted and if confirmed by the Senate will accept the appointment," said Hall in a statement issued by his office here

He was on his way to Taiwan at the invitation of a private trade group.

Gramm, who won the seat John Tower avacated last year, has said he was always impressed with Hall's knowledge of the law and thought he would make an excellent judge. Gramm and Hall were fellow members of the "boll weevils,'' conservative "I am honored to have had my Democratic congressmen who

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broke party ranks and backed President Reagan's economic If Hall is confirmed, as expected,

his congressional seat will be filled through a special election called by

would fill newly created seats.

the Senate.

charges dried up his law practice, put him \$200,000 in debt and taught him the meaning of true friends. Parker, D-Port Arthur, talked about an ordeal he compared to

'incurable cancer'' minutes before being sworn in Tuesday for another legislative term.

return to the Legislature.

material and aggravated perjury.

Visiting State District Judge Perry Pickett, Midland, dismissed the indictments Nov. 14, a week after Parker was re-elected

WASHINGTON (AP) -

policies in 1981

Gov. Mark White.

Hall would replace U.S. District Judge Joe Fisher of Beaumont, who is retiring. Brown and Cobb

The next step is for the White House to send the nominations to

later were dismissed, says the

The 50-year-old lawmaker said

he never doubted that he would

Parker was indicted on Sept. 11 by a Jefferson County grand jury on felony charges of aggravated promotion of prostitution, wholesale promotion of obscene

overwhelmed by it.

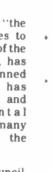
the indictments, he said, "Well, it was more than I had hoped for, better than I had hoped for. You never know when you're charged with a heinous thing how people will react

indictment, Parker attended church at Memorial Baptist in Port

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Fort Worth, Judge Joe Spurlock, a long-time

up," Parker said. He said within a week he got 500



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### The disappearing qualities

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In my opinion, commitment and responsibility are two qualities that are disappearing from the American lifestyle.

I've noticed their disappearance, but its take some time for the vague feelings I've had about it to come to a conclusion.

Perhaps commitment and responsibility became ill during the '60s when people rebelled to the rigid disciplines forced on them for generations. They shed the trappings of civility for a new lifestyle that was simpler, less bothersome, less restrictive. And in a sense, that was good. I don't feel anyone should conform to a certain set of rules without knowing the reason for those rules.

Commitment and responsibility go hand in hand - they are very nearly the same things. The difference, I think, is that commitment is a voluntary acceptance of responsibility towards another while sometimes one must take responsibility for an action or for another whether one wants to or not

Shortly before Christmas I received a Christmas card from a friend of mine. We have been friends for 16 years. We had been writing to each other 10 of those years. My Christmas card to her probably passed hers in the mail. We both said the same thing - Why have we let a whole year go by without writing?

I guess when we passed that 10 year mark, we automatically accepted our friendship would wain, our ways would part. We hadn't seen each other in six years - I had a little boy and a new husband she had never seen. She had two children I had never seen. What did we have in common anymore?

But as I was writing that Christmas card to her I suddenly realized that I didn't want our friendship to slowly fade away to Christmas cards once a year. I valued her judgment, her creativity, and most of all I valued her friendship - even if it was long distance. And time had not changed that. We may live totally different lives but she is still Cindy and I am still Dee Dee - time has not changed that, either

I made a commitment as I wrote that card - a commitment to our friendship that I had never made before. I think it will make it a stronger one than ever. And I feel very good about that.

People are afraid of making commitments, I know. I've shared that fear. Making a commitment might take something away from me, I thought. I might lose something of myself if I gave it to someone else

I've committed myself to several things these past few months - a total commitment I've never allowed myself to give before and I've discovered something surprising ... although it's something I've been told over and over. When I give, I'm the one that receives. And the more I give, the more I receive.

Hearing that is one thing ... knowing, experiencing that is something else

Laramore is lifestyles editor of The Pampa News.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) – Bones of prehistoric mastodons, uncovered at a construction site may be the second largest finding in North

America, an expert said Ernest Lundelius, paleontologist with the University of Texas geology department, said Tuesday he was waiting for confirmation from the Smithsonian Institution that the site ranks second in quantity of remains to a mastodon site in Missouri.

The bones, teeth and tusks of mastodons, prehistoric elephant-like beasts, were found over the weekend in what may have been a watering hole more than 10.000 years ago.

The discovery was uncovered 17 feet below street level by a backhoe operator who noticed a flash of ivory in a mound of clay.

Lundelius said the bones were found in clay material which was probably the bottom of a pond on the old flood plain of the nearby Colorado River. Lundelius said he did not know if the construction crew would discover any more bones

Scientists used hand shovels Tuesday to sift through the damp soil where the first bone was found Dec. 30, while bulldozers scooped up dirt from other parts of the excavation for a 22-story office tower

'They're watching everything falling out of the bucket like crazy," said Lundelius.

Rainy weather last week prevented archeologists from looking for more parts until Friday. More bones were found during the weekend, and at least

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four tusks had been uncovered by Monday

Steve Tarkington found the first piece, a 3-foot section of tusk

"I just saw a piece of ivory flashing in the bucket," Tarkington said. "I just threw it out and looked at it later.

Mastodons died out more than 10,000 years ago, but at least one of the tusks discovered was well-preserved by the clay, said Lundelius

Archeologist Alton Briggs identified Tarkington's find as a mastodon tusk.

"I've never encountered

#### anything like this before," Briggs said Tuesday, as he and five other experts dug through the clay.

Mastodons stood 7-to-10 feet at the shoulder and were similar to mammoths, an extinct relative of elephants. But Briggs said the bones of only a few hundred mastodons have been found, compared with about 3,100 mammoths that have been located. Besides tusks, the find so far

includes a rib, part of the upper left jawbone with two large teeth intact, a well-worn molar, spine bones, foot bones, and another bone that might have come from a leg

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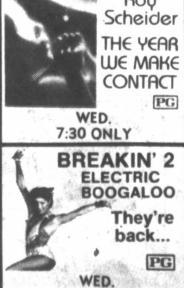
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control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his

political grant from government, and that men have the

right to take moral action to preserve their life and property

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and

sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consis-

Wally Simmons

Managing Editor

### William Murchison

## Please, no more like her

Have you heard, gentle reader, of Nancy Harvey Steorts? I would imagine not, unless (which God forbid) you spend considerable time in the fever swamps of Washington D.C. Let us talk of her anyway. She, or rather, what she

Mrs. Steorts resigned recently as chairman of the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission. Hers was a memorable tenure - for

A public relations consultant, Mrs. Steorts wangled her appointment from the Reagan administration in 1981. The Reaganites assumed, logically enough, that she was on their side: i.e., desirous of reducing federal rules and working for voluntary agreements to promote product safety. Ha, ha. Guess again. The lady proved to be a Washington regulator of the old school.

Mrs. Steorts strongly pronounced formaldehyde foam insulation unsafe and voted with the commission majority to ban it. Ultimately the ban was overturned when the evidence the commission had leaned on was contemptuously thrown out by the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of

Nor was the commission willing, in a vote last May, for American manufacturers to sell abroad products recalled in this country - even if the governments in question had been notified of the

was proposing that the commission regulate amusement parks, such as Disneyland and the State Fair of Texas, in order that "consumers will not have to play amusement ride roulette.

Fellow commission member Terrence M. Scanlon protested, in an article for the Wall Street Journal, that "Amusement rides are among the safest forms of recreation, according to federal government statistics, ranking 134th on the CPSC roster of safety hazards, sandwiched between aquariums and doll houses.

The requisite legislation passed the House but not the Senate. At last in October, Mrs. Steorts' own statutory authority as chairman expired. In December, she announced her resignation from the commission. Consumer "spokesmen" came down with the swoons and vapors. Alas, alas! Here was truly a smoke - breathing regulator; when, in Reaganite Washington, comes such another?

Would "never" be too soon? This is where Mrs. Steorts' poignant story abuts the story of the second Reagan administration. Is it too much to hope that this time the White House will make sure the people it puts in office back its policies?

In the case of the CPSC, this means Commissioner Scanlon, the prime candidate to fill Mrs. Steorts' warm chair.

Scanlon, though a Democrat, is more Reaganite than Mrs. Steorts or, for that matter, the other two commissioners Reagan has seated on the CPSC. This is to say, he believes in making products safe rather than banning them outright, and in leaving problems like amusement - park safety to state and local government.

Sad to tell, the Reagan administration is deficient in administrators of its own mentality. Don Devine has done splendid work at the Office of Personnel Management, Dallas' Tom Pauken at ACTION, Don Hodel at the Energy Department. There are others. Yet the Nancy Harvey Steortses are there in force.

Here, I think, is one reason why. Washington is a world unto itself, circumscribed by the Capital Beltway. Often enough, to cross that magic line is to become - shudder! - a Washingtonian: a reader of the Washington Post, a guest at cliquish cocktail parties, a believer in the shibboleths of big government and federal regulation, a contemner of The Outside World, meaning the fifty states.

In a perfect world, Washington would be razed, the site sown with salt, and the offices of government apportioned to outposts like Chicago. Dallas, New Orleans, and Frisco.

No perfect world is this: meaning that in its final four years, the Reagan administration, which won the votes of forty - nine states and, to its credit, lost the votes of the District of Columbia, must be careful indeed, lest its mandate from the people go glimmering

No more Nancy Harvey Steortes, please; instead, lots of people determined to undo her legacy and the legacy of the legions like her.



**PIK recipient not** right for position

Opinion

There's at least one thing that can be said for John Norton's bid to become deputy secretary of agriculture-the man knows how to grow fat off the programs he would administer.

Norton is the Phoenix, Ariz., businessman who recently was interviewed for the No. 2 job in the Department of Agriculture. He also is the man whose California farm last year received cotton and wheat worth more than \$1.5 million through the department's payment-in-kind (PIK) program.

That's surplus cotton and wheat-grown by one farmer, purchased by the government because that farmer couldn't sell it at market rates he liked, and given to another farmer (Norton) because he was good enough not to grow cotton or wheat last year that he might have had to sell to the government because market rates were too low to suit him.

Asked about the payment, Norton posed a rhetorical question to the reporter: "That probably qualifies me as some kind of criminal, doesn't it?

Well, if you believe that forcibly taking money from one person (taxes), laundering it through Farmer A by purchasing his crops, then giving those crops to Farmer B is theft, what other conclusion can you draw?

Norton offered the standard defense for his act: "If you're in a competitive business and you don't participate in these programs, you put your operation at a very serious competitive disadvantage.

The question for Norton, as well as others considered for the Agriculture Department job, is whether they will commit themselves to President Reagan's avowed wish to cut the size and scope of the federal government.

Norton's attitude leaves him open to questions about his dedication to the Reagan commitment. How dedicated a boondoggle-eliminator can a man be who self-righteously defends his willing participation in those very boondoggles?

The PIK program is one of the best examples of the absurdities perpetuated by the federal government. As such, it should be one of the first programs targeted for elimination by a Reagan administration that so eloquently advocates free-market economics and individual self-worth.



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days left in the year Today's highlight in history: On Jan. 9, 1793, what's generally considered the first successful balloon flight in the United States

took place as Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard traveled between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J.

Ten years ago: The last legal links between the four former Beatles were dissolved at a private hearing in London before a high

Five years ago: Defense Secretary Harold Brown wrapped up a nine-day visit to China by reaffirming U.S. policy of not selling arms to Peking. One year ago: Former EPA

official Rita Lavelle was sentenced to six months in prison and a \$10,000 fine for lying to Congress. Today's birthdays: Feminist

author Simone de Beauvoir is 77. Former President Richard M. Nixon is 72. Football hall-of-famer Bart Starr is 51. Actor Bob Denver is 50. Folk singer Joan Baez is 44 Actress Susannah York is 44.

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By far Mrs. Steorts' most - publicized exploit

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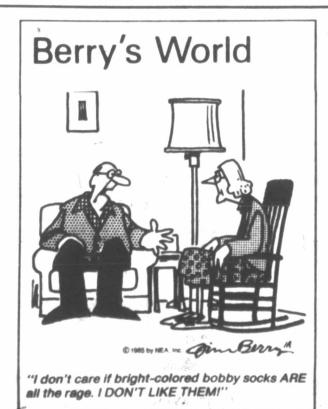
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This is Chicago. Public welfare was invented in Chicago. The earliest disciples of organized aid for poor people were Chicago's Jane Addams and Saul Alinsky

In the 1950s their mission was mostly advocacy. In the 1960s public welfare evolved into delivery of services - child care, health, education.

In the 1970s we tried slum clearance with high rise housing development which themselves became slums.

#### And dangerous.

No mother, however well intentioned, can control her playground children from 17 floors up.

In the 1980s - with cities losing industry and white flight to suburbs eroding the cities' tax base the new focus of welfare agencies became 'jobs,'' economic redevelopment.

But by now the poor, statistically mostly blacks, in measures of basic education, crime and family

stability, are worse off.

The much vaunted War on Poverty and the Great Society, for all their commitment of many billions of dollars, failed to keep their promises; in one respect, boomeranged.

Anti - poverty programs provided an incentive not to take jobs. Welfare paid more than the minimum wage.

From 1962 through 1980 almost 33 million people took part one or more times in federal employment programs - yet, more Americans live below the so - called "poverty line" now than then.

When Lyndon Johnson left office 13 percent of Americans were "poor." Though federal government spending for health and medical programs had increased by 600 percent.

Government spending for public aid had increased 1,300 percent.

Government spending for education had increased 2,400 percent.

And to the embarrassment of those administering aid for dependent children it was discovered that many of the women receiving that money are widows; many have not been married; and worse, they did not stop having more babies.

This had not been part of the plan. Today there are more latent poor, 22 percent, than ever since government has kept records.

Now our federal government is seeking to reduce welfare to what it was meant to be in the first place: a safety net under the disadvantaged, elderly and disabled

And most of the anguish protests are 'organized,'' representing the "poverty professional," the "welfare pimps" and the ensconced bureaucrats who have more to gain from perpetuating the problem than from solving

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## **Robert Walters** Pentagon expands secrecy

WASHINGTON (NEA) - The Defense Department has devised a plan to deal with disclosures that it habitually purchases defective weapons at inflated costs.

But the Pentagon isn't necessarily going to improve its procurement policies and practices to ensure that any future weapons it buys are reliable and reasonably priced.

Instead, it is attempting to solve the problem by severely restricting public access to previously unclassified information about its chronic incompetence

All sensitive information under the department's control already is protected by official security classifications such as "confidential," "secret" and "top secret." In addition, "for official use only" and other extralegal categories enjoy wide popularity within the Pentagon. But even those classifications don't

provide sufficient protection for a department whose penchant for buying inoperable, overpriced weapons has become a national scandal.

In an apparent attempt to avoid future embarrassment, the department has established a new security classification system, not sanctioned by any law. It is for use "when there is a need to restrict dissemination beyond the limits provided by application of security clearance and

'need-to-know' controls." A recently issued departmental directive says, "All unclassified DoD technical documents shall be assigned distribution statements A, B, C, D, E, F or X." Only data in the "A" category is eligible for public release. Material in all other categories can be disseminated only within the department, to other federal agencies or to military contractors.

Covered by the new directive is virtually every form of activity within the Defense Department:

- "Technical information that can be used or adopted for use to design, engineer, produce, manufacture, operate, repair, overhaul or repro-duce any military or space equipment technology." - "Engineering drawings, stand-

ards, specifications, technical manuals, blueprints, drawings, plans, instructions, computer software and documentation.

"All technical documents... in preliminary or working draft form ....

including such informal documents as working papers, memoranda and pre-"Production, engineering and

logistics information... generated by all DoD-funded research, development, test and evaluation programs."

Because the Pentagon has linked the new security measures to the pro-visions of a federal law restricting the export of critical materials, violations of the directive "may constitute" a violation punishable by prison terms of up to 10 years and fines of as much as \$250,000.

Thus, the new policy almost cer-tainly will have a chilling effect on Pentagon whistle-blowers who have disclosed evidence of faulty design, shoddy workmanship and inadequate field testing of many major weapons.

## LIPPSTYLES

## Dear Abby

Sleeping with obese spouse has become a waking nightmare

#### By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: A marriage of 35 pay her grandson's rent and utilities years is about to end because my spouse has become repulsively obese. It's not that this person cannot "perform"-it's that I get totally turned off before I ever get to the bedroom.

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Have you any advice for the partner of the fat one? I think I could handle sickness. A person can't help getting sick, but growing fatter and fatter because of overeating is another story.

If I just didn't have to sleep with that spouse, I could survive. What is there besides divorce? TURNED OFF IN SEATTLE

**DEAR TURNED OFF: There's** understanding. Overeating is an addiction. Food, like drink and drugs, is used by many to make them feel better. Don't be judgmental or unkind. Communicate with your spouse on a loving level. Try to get that spouse to the family physician for an examination, a sensible diet and an exercise program. Then suggest Overeaters Anonymous. (There are chapters all over.) I've seen the miracles they have performed. It's worth a try. Good łuck.

DEAR ABBY: What would you do if you were a 5-foot-8, 60-year-old lady in love with a shrimp? STATUESQUE

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DEAR STATUESQUE: I'd get on my knees and thank God if he loved me back. Then I'd pray that no 5-foot lady was fishing off my dock.

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DEAR ABBY: The 80-year-old woman who is heartsick about her 28-year-old grandson's decision to have a vasectomy should mind her own business. She says he already when she's gone? After we had a girl, then a boy, we

decided our family was complete, so I had a vasectomy. We also heard a lot of "what ifs" from family and friends. "What if something hap-

pened to one of your children?" We told them, "What if we had 10 children, our house burned down and we lost them all? One child could never be replaced with another.'

I was asked, "What if your wife died, or you were divorced, and you married again and you wanted what?'

24 hours and you can quit forever") was Lynn Smith. He was at that time the editor and publisher of the Monticello Times in Monticello, Minn. (He's now retired.) Mr. Smith launched his quit-smoking campaign in 1974, and it was so successful that it went national in 1977.

MARY L. STUBBS, MONTICELLO

(Do you hate to write letters because you don't know what to say? Thank-you notes, sympathy letters, congratulations, how to decline and accept invitations and how to write an interesting letter are included in Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send your name and address clearly printed with a check or money order for \$2.50 (this includes postage) to: 90038.)

A FAREWELL CHAT - First Baptist Church pastor, the retiring this month after more than 31 years of service to Rev. Claude Cone and his wife Jeannie Cone (right) visit with First Baptist Church

retiring church secretary Marie Egerton. The secretary is

## Food choking deaths in tots preventable

Children in their first years of life require constant watching. This is particularly true when the child is eating.

Between 60 and 70 children under 5 years die from choking on food in this country each year, says the Texas Medical Association. This is comparable to the number of deaths from poisoning.

A recent report in the Journal of the American Medical Association notes that the largest number of choking deaths from food occurs in one - year - olds.

Although children can choke on almost any food, they have the the protective coughing mechanism from expelling the food. Even worse, a parent in another room will hear nothing and

not know the child is in danger. More than 40 percent of childhood choking deaths are caused by candy, nuts, grapes and hot dogs, the biggest problem. Other food that cause problems are sausaged - shaped meats, hard pieces of fruits and vegetables, popcorn, cookies, biscuits and peanut butter.

This is not to say any of these

foods should be avoided, but parents should use common sense in feeding them to children. Choking deaths from food can be prevented by the following suggestions:

-Never leave a child unattended when he or she is eating. -Don't let the child eat in a car

because you may not be able to take quick action while driving. -Make sure foods are cooked

well and cut into small pieces. If

you are not sure a child can safely eat a particular food, don't serve it.

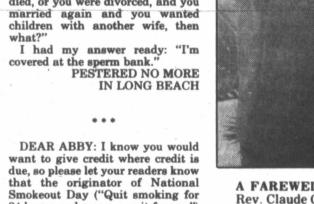
-Make sure the child is sitting up while eating or drinking. Baby bottles should be held by a responsible person and not propped up

-Ask your pediatrician what to do if choking occurs.

-Don't worry needlessly about the possibility of choking. Just be sure to stay in the room when the child is eating

"If a man could have half his wishes he would double his troubles." **Ben Franklin** 





## own couple throw pots, cups, saucers

#### By SUE FAHLGREN **Corpus Christi Times**

ROBSTOWN, Texas (AP) -Barbara and John Wisnewski have the perfect home life. They live on a farm - complete with pregnant goats, Easter Egg chickens, a garden and two teen-agers.

Of course, they do throw pots and cups and saucers and just about anything else they can lay their hands on. But then, that's just part of the family business.

Together they run The Earth Works, a family pottery business that requires more than a ton of clay to be mixed, shaped, thrown, fired, glazed and finished every month.

"I was taking some pottery courses just for fun when John was going to night school and we didn't

have any children," Barbara said. "We moved to Texas 15 years ago and we either had to get all of our own equipment and go full-time or give it up completely.

'Unlike a painter, this takes a lot of equipment," said John, who stood amidst bookshelves filled with fired and to-be-fired pots.

Three workbenches strewn with more greenware and newly shaped clayware encircle potter's wheels, presses, clay bins, cupboards, designs and drawers filled with tools and brushes.

But the couple began with more modest arrangements. When they first moved to Corpus Christi, the Wisnewskis handcrafted pottery was done almost completely by Barbara, after their two small children were asleep - or later off to school. John helped in the evenings, working out formulas for glazes and clay and even throwing his own pots.

An engineer by trade, John worked at Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. by day and in the workshop progressively more in the evenings and on the weekends.

Seven years ago, they designed a larger home and studio on a three-acre lot just outside Calallen in Robstown. John joined the pottery ranks full time about two years ago.

"When the PPG plant closed (in November 1982,) we were the only ones who were happy," Barbara chuckled. "It helped us make a tough decision.

"And so far, everything's working out well," she flashed a

grin to John. "We're still married. We're still speaking.

With pottery wheels side-by-side, the Wisnewskis have divided the work according to their preferences. They both throw pots, bowls, plates, tortilla and tamala warmers, mugs, soap dishes and just about anything else.

Barbara uses a soldering iron to cut designs in sponges for imprinting patterns in glazes on the work. John carves molds for emblem-type designs and develops different types of glazes.

John said part-time helpers do 'some of the more tedious things' like mixing clay, churning clay through a roller for cookie-cut-out-type designs and transferring items to and from the walk-in-size kiln.

"We still do all of the potting ourselves," said Barbara, who turned up a pot to show the Wisnewski signature etched in the bottom.

And, she said, since John has become a full-time employee, 'we've had time to do more creative things together. Larger pieces and special projects.'

"We've tried other techniques to make things," John said. One way is with an extruder, a device used to press clay through molds and designs.

"On the potter's wheel, you're limited to making round things," John said. "With an extruder, you can make squares and shapes.

Together they have devised a special Wisnewski formula for clay, using soil from Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey and Texas. They say it stays moist, has few impurities and has good body to work with.

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But the work has grown to be more than pots. Now they have a computer to handle their accounts and store their mailing lists. They operate their own shop and their work is sold in some 25 galleries throughout the state.

"Our life really revolves around the house and studio," Barbara said. "We don't enter a lot of competitions. We're just too busy making a living.

'We're busy year 'round,'' she said. "And I haven't been bored for about 20 years now.

## The nine lives of El Gato the cat

According to legend, cats have nine lives. In reality of course, cats, like people, have only one life, and fire takes the lives of thousands of people - and cats - each year. Many of these deaths could be prevented if people would take some steps to avoid fire hazards.

To help children learn fire safety, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission uses this myth as the theme of a fire safety comic book. "The 9 Lives of El Gato the Cat" follows El Gato through eight misadventures involving fire hazards. For your copy of "The 9 Lives of El Gato the Cat," send 50 cents to the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 404N, Pueblo, Colo., 81009.

El Gato is not the brightest of cats and is very reluctant to take advice from anyone. In his first life he uses gasoline to clean his bicycle. The room fills with vapors and, sure enough, the pilot light in El Gato's heater causes them to explode. El Gato learns, as your children will, how dangerous flammable liquids can be in a room with poor ventilation.

In his second life, El Gato falls asleep on his couch with a burning cigarette in his paw. The cigarette causes the couch to catch fire and thick smoke fills the room. Too bad for El Gato. He doesn't know that more people (and cats!) die in bed and upholstery fires, as a result of moking than in any other kind of fire.

El Gato also creates fire hazards by overloading his extension cord. letting his small nephew play with matches (which turn out to be hazardous for both of them J, getting his kite caught in power lines, and putting his woodstove together the wrong way.

After eight lives, El Gato knows he now has only one life left, just like you, so he can never again make the dangerous mistakes he's made before. Although El Gato learns these lessons the hard way, you and your family can learn just by reading this book.

The 9 Lives of El Gato the Cat" also lists some things that every family can do now to prevent fire deaths. You can install smoke detectors for early warning, have two escape routes planned, and choose a place to meet outside. Plan and practice your family escape now so that if fire should strike your home, you can get out safely.

To help you and your children learn more about fire hazards, send 50 cents for a copy of "The 9 Lives of El Gato the Cat." At the same time, you will also receive a free copy of the Consumer Information Catalog Published quarterly by the Consumer Information Center of the U.S. General Services Administration, the catalog lists more than 200 free and moderately priced federal booklets on a wide variety of subjects.

### Polly's Pointer

## Flu-like symptoms traced to herpes virus.

**Bv PAUL RAEBURN** 

**AP Science Editor** NEW YORK (AP) - People who for years thought that ongoing fatigue, fever and swollen glands were "all in their heads" because doctors couldn't find a cause may have a herpes virus, according to two reports published today.

About 90 percent of Americans have been exposed to the virus by age 30, making it one of the most widespread infectious agents known, said Dr. James F. Jones of the National Jewish Hospital in Denver, principal author of one of the two reports appearing in the January issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine.

The newly recognized flu-like illness is not caused by the viruses that produce genital herpes or fever blisters, but is

member of the herpes virus, "about half the individuals family called Epstein-Barr virus. Epstein-Barr virus is known

primarily as the cause of infectious mononucleosis, a disease most common in adolescents and young adults, said Dr. Stephen Straus, principal author of the other report.

"Most of the individuals we studied had been through many medical evaluations and had come to believe that there was nothing physically wrong with them, that it was all in their heads." Straus said in a telephone interview Friday.

"Considering the extent of the patient complaints and disability, the results of routine laboratory tests were strikingly normal," he and his colleagues wrote in their report.

couldn't work or go to school," said Straus, a researcher at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md., part of the National Institutes of Health.

The researchers said they do not know, however, how many pople are subject to these unusual flare-ups, nor can they be certain that Epstein-Barr virus is the cause.

"This probably is not the only infectious agent which can induce this syndrome," Jones said in an interview. "For instance, if I gave a well person interferon. I could make them have the same symptoms.

"The real problem in publicizing a study of this type is that chronic fatigue is very common," said Straus. "There are many diseases associated with chronic fatigue, and a number of psychiatric conditions.

"If an individual has had chronic fatigue with low-grade fevers, mild swollen glands and sore throats, then they might consider this diagnosis," Straus said.

It is only within the past few years that researchers have begun to suspect that Epstein-Barr virus might be responsible for illnesses other than infectious mononucleosis.

"A skeptic is not one who doubts, but one who examines." **Charles-Augustin Sainte-Beuve** 



#### fty Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY - How should I remove fingermarks and er smudges from a Lucite cookbook holder? - MRS.

DEAR MRS. K.W.A. - The fingermarks and almost any grease or dirt should wash off easily with warm water and a mild detergent such as dishwashing liquid. If the marks prove more stubborn than that, try rubbing with a soft cloth dipped in rubbing alcohol. Don't use strong solvents. They could remove the shine from the plastic. - POLLY

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## PAMPA NEWS Wednesday, January 9, 1985 7 Tasty, lean pork for all seasons - all reasons

#### **By GAYLA MALONEY TDA Marketing Representative**

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"Pork is tough." "Pork is difficult to digest." "Pigs are dirty animals." "Pork has little nutritional value." "Don't eat pork if you're trying to diet."

If these are statements you have heard and believed all your life, then you need to know that all of these statements are HOGWASH! The truth - Pork is only tough if it is overcooked. Today's leaner pork goes to market at a younger age six months or younger - resulting in more tender pork.

Remember to cook pork only to an internal temperature of 170 degrees F. Pork has one of the highest ratings of digestibility given to any food - 96 to 98 percent.

Pigs really are not dirty animals. Since they have no sweat glands, they sometimes wallow in mud to keep cool. However, many of today's pigs live in temperature controlled buildings where they are kept clean and fed a scientifically balanced diet.

Pork is a highly nutritious meat an excellent source of B vitamins and one of the richest sources of thiamin, which is necessary for the proper functioning of the central nervous system. Pork is also an excellent source of high - quality complete protein and a good source of iron.

Hogs are raised on 15,000 farms and ranches in Texas, Gillespie, Uvalde and Wilson counties, some of the top pork producing counties in the state. Hog production also exist in the Panhandle area.

Weight watchers can now enjoy lean pork. Improved technology and breeding have resulted in leaner, more flavorful and tender pork. The new leanness means pork contains less calories and more protein than did in the 1950s. A three - ounce serving of cooked lean pork hasd only 206 calories. The newest pork product on the

market is ground pork. Ground

## elicate onion soup

#### **By Aileen Claire NEA Food Editor**

A soup supper is an inexpensive way to entertain a few close friends. Especially easy to make is onion soup, a soup that seems to soothe the during wintry months. Onion soup also makes a pleasing late-evening snack, as Parisians have known for generations.

This is the season for sweet Spanish 2 onions, which make a delicate onion soup. One version is topped with baked dumplings and another includes diced potatoes and Cheddar cheese.

Serve with a mixed green salad or orange and green-pepper salad, french bread, a relish tray and perhaps sherbet and cookies for dessert.

#### **GOLDEN ONION** AND DUMPLING SOUP

- 2 medium sweet Spanish onions 3 tablespoons butter
- or margarine tablespoons flour 2
- cups chicken broth

Salt and pepper, to taste **Baked dumplings (recipe** below)

For soup, peel and thinly slice enough onion to measure about 4 cups of onion rings. Melt butter or margarine in large saucepan or Dutch oven. Add sliced onions. Saute 10 to 15 minutes or until golden. Stir in flour. Add chicken broth. Bring to boil, stirring gently. Cover and simmer 20 minutes. Season to taste with salt and

pepper. Serve, topped with baked dumplings. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 4 servings.

Baked dumplings: Combine 1 cup buttermilk baking mix, 3/4 cup grated Cheddar cheese, 3 tablespoons crum-

bled cooked bacon, 1/4 cup chopped sweet Spanish onion and 6 tablespoons milk. Drop by spoonfuls onto greased baking sheet. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 8 to 10 dumplings.

#### **HEARTY ONION-CHEESE SOUP**

medium sweet Spanish onions tablespoons butter or margarine

saucepan or Dutch oven. Add onions and saute 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Stir in flour. Add beef broth gradually. Bring to boil.

pork is not the same as sausage.

Ground pork contains no seasoning

and is a leaner product, usually 70

to 80 percent lean. As with ground

beef - ground pork is economical,

versatile and quick to prepare. If

ground pork is not available where

you shop, ask the butcher to grind a

Boston butt for you. It will have the

correct proportion of fat to lean

and it is an economical cut to use.

For best results, ask the butcher to

grind the meat twice. Ground pork

can be substituted for ground beef

or used in combination with ground

There is a wide variety of fresh

and cured pork products to choose

from, and all of them are easy to

prepare. Pork is available as fresh,

beef.

Add potatoes; cover and simmer 20 minutes. Puree onion-potato mixture in blender or food processor. Return to heat. Stir in cheese, heating until melted. Season to taste with salt and

pepper. This kitchen-tested recipe makes 6 servings



BAKED DUMPLINGS top homemade sweet Spanish onion soup for an inexpensive supper.

- tablespoons flour cups beef broth
- cups diced potatoes
- cups grated
- **Cheddar cheese** Salt and pepper, to taste

Peel and slice onions 1/4-inch thick. Separate into rings. (Should measure about 4 cups.) Heat butter or margarine in large

cured, smoked or canned. Remember when cooking pork to keep it low and cook it slow. Fresh pork cuts should be cooked to an internal temperature of 170 degrees F., smoked "fully cooked" ham to 140 degrees F., cook - before - eating ham to 160 degrees F.

For a special festive dinner or a hearty every day meal - serve versatile: delicious, nutritious pork from Texas! Try these pork recipes from the Texas Department of Agriculture.

**STIR FRY PORK** 

12 oz. boneless cooked pork loin roast or tenderloin 1 c. water 1 T. soy sauce 2 packets instant chicken broth and seasoning mix 2 oz. onion, chopped 2 small garlic cloves, minced 1 c. diagonally sliced celery 4 oz. Chinese pea pods 1/2 med. green pepper, seeded and cut into strips 1 c. drained, canned bean sprouts 1/2 c. drained, canned sliced

mushrooms ¼ c. drained, canned sliced bamboo shoots 1 T. plus 1 t. cornstarch, dissolved in 1 tablespoon water 1 c. cooked enriched rice

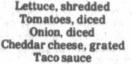
Thinly slice pork; set aside. In large nonstick skillet or Chinese wok, bring water, soy sauce and broth mix to a boil. Add onion and garlic; cook until onion is tender. Add celery, pea pods and green pepper: cook, stirring constantly, 3 to 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender - crisp. Stir in pork and remaining ingredients except cornstarch and rice; heat. Stir in cornstarch mixture; cook, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens. Serve over rice with additional soy sauce if desired. Makes two to three servings

**PORKBURGER TOSTADAS** 1½ lb. ground pork Salt and pepper **Tostada shells** 

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Shape pork into four patties, 34 inch thick. Place patties on rack in broiler pan. Broil 3 to 5 inches from heat for 8 to 10 minutes. Turn patties; continue broiling 6 to 8 minutes or until done. Season with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile, heat refried beans. For each individual serving, top a tostada shell with refried beans, pork patty, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese and taco sauce. Makes four servings.

**HAWAIIAN SMOKED CHOPS** 2 smoked pork chops, cut 1/2 inch thick 2 T. cooking oil 1/2 green pepper, thinly sliced 1 can (8¼ oz.) pineapple chunks 1 can (8 oz.) sweet potatoes,

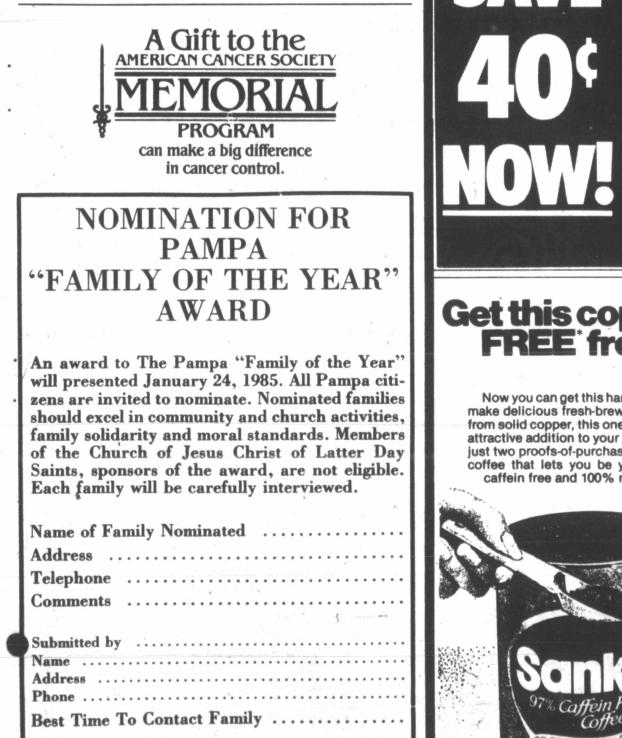
drained and cut into 1-inch pieces <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> c. pineapple preserves t. instant chicken bouillon granules

In medium skillet, brown chops in hot oil over moderate heat. Remove and keep warm; reserve drippings in skillet. Cook green pepper in reserved drippings in skillet. Cook green pepper in reserved drippings over moderate heat until crisp - tender, stirring occasionally. Drain pineapple, reserving 1/4 cup juice. Add pineapple and sweet potatoes to green pepper in skillet. Cook, stirring occasionally, over moderate heat until heated through. Add reserved juice, pineapple prserves, bouillon granules, and browned chops to skillet. Cook, stirring occasionally, over moderate heat until glaze thickens, about 5 minutes. Makes 2 servings.

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## Reagan beginning second term without closest advisers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is embarking on this second term without the coterie of close aides and advisers who helped propel him into the Oval Office and guided White House operations and policy during his first term.

In a spur-of-the-minute, n at ionally televised announcement, the president surprised even his own staff Tuesday when he disclosed that two of his most senior advisers — Chief of Staff James A. Baker III and Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan — are switching jobs.

The president praised the two men as having "compiled outstanding records of achievement" during his first four-year term, and explained the

#### Gonzalez hits administration on housing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reagan administration policies are preventing moderate-income Americans from buying homes while taking subsidized housing away from the poor, says Henry B. Gonzalez, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development.

"This is an administration that only feels indifference, callousness and contempt for the, poor," Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, said in a speech to the National Housing Conference on Tuesday.

"But the Reagan administration not only threatens all efforts to provide decent housing for the poor and near-poor of this country." Gonzalez said. "Its abdication of responsibility with regard to economic management and fiscal policy threatens the affordability of housing for all but the richest among us."

Gonzalez said that in response to what he sees as a gutting of federalhousing programs, he introduced last week H.R. 1, a bill that would almost double the budget of the Department of Housing and Urban Development from \$12 billion to \$22 billion.

"This year, we either force the administration into a change of direction on housing policy, or there will be no meaningful federal housing program for the foreseeable future," Gonzalez said.

"The question we face in Congress this year is whether or not there is a future for federal housing efforts. It's that simple," he said.

HUD spokesman Bob Nipp said the administration has taken no position on Gonzalez's bill. He said the administration has done more than ever before for those who need housing.

"We recognize that there has been a housing problem in this country that goes back many, many years," he said. "At the same time, we have been providing housing assistance to more families than ever. In fiscal 1981. when this administration came into office, HUD was assisting 2.3 million families with housing. Now it has risen to approximately four million." Gonzalez said under the Reagan administration, the number of new government housing units or vouchers for housing dropped from 675,000 to 84,000. There are 5,000 authorized for 1985, Gonzalez said. Gonzalez blamed the administration for a federal deficit he said keeps interest rates high and threatens a housing industry slowdown Though builders had a good year in 1984, he said, in none of the last four years "has the number of single-family home starts reached even the lowest levels of the Carter years "If there are the good times in housing. I would hate to see what bad times would be like," Gonzalez said. Gonzalez said his proposed legislation would increase federally assisted production of housing from the present level of 175,000 units to about 280,000, establish a homeownership program for moderate-income people, increase the weatherization program, and double the emergency shelter program for the homeless. He said even though his bill calls for a 50 percent increase in federally assisted housing units, it would still be 30 percent below the level in 1980.

change by saying they sought new opportunities and challenges.

Reagan added that he hoped the swap would help them inject "renewed vigor" into their work and that he was confident it would "contribute substantially to our second term."

The moves were greeted with general praise on Capitol Hill, where Majority Leader Robert Dole said there were "no losers." Dole described both men as pragmatists who understand the need to reduce the deficit, but he also predicted the staff turnover would not have any affect on the president's opposition to tax increases.

Reagan himself addressed that point in an interview Tuesday with The Dallas Morning News. "The true believer in the White House is sitting in the Oval Office," Reagan said.

"No one has been whittling at me or trying to change my philosophy since I've been here," the president said. "Sometimes I wonder if some of those very vocal conservatives are really conservatives in conservatives' eyes. They're not in mine."

Reagan announced the switch barely 24 hours after it was put to him by his long-time aide and deputy chief of staff, Michael K. Deaver, who revealed his own intentions to leave the White House only last week.

According to presidential spokesman Larry Speakes, Deaver, Regan and Baker engineered the staff maneuver during the past several weeks, keeping the president in the dark until they had worked out the details of the arrangement.

The 73-year-old president endorsed the plan when it was put before him on Monday, Speakes said. Reagan's style has been to delegate many of the details of management to his staff, preferring that his aides reach a consensus before they approach him for a decision.

"Frankly, I thought it was a great idea. It sure beat having them decide to go back to private life," Reagan said in The Dallas Morning News interview.

But the job swap, along with several other major personnel changes announced in the early days of the New Year, means that few of the president's long-time California cronies and none of the "Big Three" aides who managed Reagan's White House during his first term will remain in their posts.

The top threesome — Baker, Deaver and White House Counselor Edwin Meese III — are all headed for positions outside the White House gates.

Deaver, who has complained about low pay at the White House, is expected to take a post in the high-powered whirl of Washington public relations.

Meese has been renominated for attorney general, and if confirmed, he will succeed William French Smith, another old friend of Reagan's who wants to return to private life in California. William P. Clark, national security adviser to Reagan and also a close friend, left the White House to become interior secretary. His resignation was handed to the president last week, and he intends to return to California and his ranch. R

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Lyn Nofziger, one of the first to leave Reagan's senior staff after coming to Washington with Reagan from California, predicted there will be a "different approach" inside the White House under Regan's direction.

"Now all the troika will be gone. You have a new man in there," Nofziger said. Nofziger said he viewed the switch as a "good idea for everybody.... (Regan) is a good administratior, he certainly is a strong supporter of the president."



#### Robots headed for prison guard duty

BOSTON (AP) — Faceless robots manufactured in Woburn are headed for a firm in Texas and ultimate use as prison guards.

Denning Mobile Robotics announced Tuesday that it had secured a \$23 million to \$30 million contract to supply Southern Steel Corp. of San Antonio with 680 Sentry robots, The Boston Herald said today.

Benjamin Wellington, vice president of Denning, said Southern Steel builds and renovates prisons and Sentry robots are an intrinsic part of the firm's new prisons.

The Sentry will be used on routine patrols and possibly in dangerous encounters with prisoners, he said.

#### By W. DALE NELSON **Associated Press Writer**

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Since President Reagan's last formal White House news conference, new governments have come to power in Israel and Canada, Secretary of Labor Raymond Donovan has been indicted for fraud, and Nicaragua has accused the United States of plotting an invasion.

Don't count on any of these subjects dominating tonight's televised session with reporters, however. It is expected to focus on exploratory arms talks that ended Tuesday in Geneva and the president's surprise announcement that Secretary of the Treasury Donald Regan and White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III are exchanging jobs.

"The questions you tend to get are not about the most interesting things, but about the most recent, said Jody Powell, who was press secretary to Reagan's predecessor, former President Carter

"If the press conferences were held on a more regular basis, the reporters would home in far more on events of the most interest," said Stephen A. Hess, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who has made a study of government press relations.

"As it is, you have excellent reporters asking questions almost designed not to elicit much information," Hess said.

The Brookings scholar and the former Carter aide commented as Reagan prepared for his first full -

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scale White House meeting with reporters since July 24. The session was scheduled for 8 p.m. EST.

Reagan has had brief question and - answer sessions with reporters in more casual settings and a fairly wide - ranging session in Los Angeles on Nov. 7, the day after his re-election.

The longest previous gap' in Reagan's formal meetings with reporters was from June 16 to Oct. 1, 1981. During some of this time he was recuperating from his wounds in an attempt on his life on March 30 of that year.

Altogether, this will be his 27th full dress White House meeting with reporters, compared with the 59 news conferences held by Carter

"During the Iranian hostage

situation, we limited press conferences rather severely, but I don't think there ever was a six month period without one," Powell said.

The news conference is likely to be the last of Reagan's first term," which ends at noon on/Jan. 20. This would be one fewer than former President Nixon helds in his first term. Altogether, Nixon had 37 full - scale meetings with reporters before his resignation:

Former President Ford met with reporters 39 times in his less than 2½ years in office.

'The strange thing about it is that presidents do hold a good hand at press conferences," said Hess. 'They seem to be more fearful of it than they need to be. They needn't look on it as a no - win proposition

from their point of view.

Hess served as an aide to Nixon and before that to the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Eisenhower held 193 press conferences in his eight years in office in spite of often being criticized for speaking in twisted syntax that made it hard to unravel his meaning.

"The general view of people is that the president is standing up there dealing with a range of issues and reaching a large audience with a fair degree of confidence," Hess said.

Reagan held news conferences about once a week when he was governor of California, as did Carter when he was governor of Georgia.

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"The pressure (on a president) is

just much greater and the consequences of a slip of the tongue or a mistake are a good bit higher." said Powell. "Also, even in a state as large as California, you are dealing with a relatively small number of journalists, most of whom you tend to know."

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Like other presidents, Reagan is briefed before his news conferences. But Lou Cannon, White House correspondent of The Washington Post, in his biography of the president, says Reagan has "met with the press so infrequently that it was difficult for even the most skillful briefers to anticipate what ground the questions might cover.

Powell said aides prepared elaborate briefing books for Carter, but Cannon, who has covered Reagan both in Sacramento and Washington, said the president "simply has no inclination to cuddle up with a briefing book for any prolonged

administration, a loudspeaker was installed to help him hear the questions, as he is hard of hearing. Although there have been many news accounts of factual mistakes by Reagan in his answers, White House aides have made it their general policy not to elaborate on

"The president meant what he said, and said what he meant" is the usual response of White House

## Sonora state from floods

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Some of the thousands of people who were evacuated when a river in Sonora state overfowed its banks more than a week ago began to return home Tuesday, but the area remained under a flood alert.

According to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources here, the 16 dams in the northwestern border state were filled to 98 percent capacity. Techjicians were venting some of the accumulated water to prevent

Light, scattered shgwers such as have fallen for the past week were forecast for the region late Tuesday and Wednesday. Temperatures relained chilly, ranging from 48 to 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

About 15,000 people were evacuated the weekend before New Year's, when water from a dam near the town of Navojoa began to be drained off, swelling the Mayo River until it overflowed its banks.

The areas most affected were the low farmlands around Navojoa, Huatabampo and Etchojoa, in the



we've had in about ten years," said the Agricultural Department spokesman. "There's enough water in the state to last for more than a full year."

## PORTS SCENE Wilhelm, Brock elected to **Baseball's Hall of Fame**

NEW YORK (AP) - The subject was home runs and the speakers were two players who had contributed to the major league total - Lou Prock and Hoyt Wilhelm. Between them, baseball's newest Hall of Famers hit 150 homers - 149 by Brock, the other by Wilhelm.

They share one distinction, though. Brock's most memorable home run and Wilhelm's only one both were hit in the peculiarly shaped Polo Grounds in New York, which years ago was demolished to make room for a housing project.

The foul lines ran just 257 feet to the stands in right field and 279 in left field, which made home runs easy for pull hitters. A straightaway hitter had a much tougher shot because the center field bleachers were 485 feet from home plate.

"The Polo Grounds made you learn to keep the ball away and down." Wilhelm said Tuesday at a news conference hailing him and Brock on their election to the Hall of Fame. The relief pitcher launched a brilliant 21-year career at the Polo Grounds with the New York Giants in 1952. "Make them hit it to center field and Willie (Mays) would catch up with it."

Not always. In 1953, Joe Adcock, a Boston Braves slugger, reached the bleachers. Wilhelm remembered watching the shot

from the Giants' bullpen. "It just kept carrying, carrying," he said. Adcock's homer was the first to

reach the Polo Grounds' bleachers in 30 years. By 1962, the Giants had moved to San Francisco and the Polo Grounds had become the temporary home of the New York Mets. Brock was a rookie with the Chicago Cubs in mid June when the team was in New York, playing the Mets

"Al Jackson was pitching and he got ahead of me with two strikes," Brock said. "Richie Ashburn started to shade in a little because a lot of hitters will slap the ball in that situation. But I never gave in. I swung the same on the last pitch as I did on the first one."

Brock recalled that he sent the ball soared toward center field. "I saw Ashburn's number so I knew it was over his head," he said.

He didn't know, though, that the ball was headed for the bleachers. "I was running as fast as I could," Brock said. "When I got to second base, the umpire, Tom Gorman, gave it the home run sign. I thought it might be an inside-the-park homer.

So, he never eased into the trot that sluggers routinely use and circled the bases like the sprinter, not realizing he had hit one into that rarely reached sector. On the bench, no one shook his hand. The other Cubs were too shocked at

what the 170-pound rookie had accomplished.

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"That's amazing, that a guy Brock's size could do that," Wilhelm marveled. "My first at-bat, I hit one in the same place." Not exactly. Wilhelm's went down the right field foul line, a short-porch shot that made him one of the very few pitchers to hit a homer in his first big league swing. He never hit another one. "After that," he said, "it was a long dry spell."

Just as Brock remembered Jackson as the victim of his tape measure shot, Wilhelm recalled the man who gave up his homer.

"A left-handed pitcher with Boston," he said . "Dick Hoover." Hoover's name is not often recalled, and understandably. His major league career lasted just 4 2-3 innings over two games.

### **College** scores

SOUTH Alabama St. 70, Aub.-Montgomery 63 Clemson 90, Georgia Tech 81 James Madison 80, Old Dominion 68 Liberty Baptist 77, Florida Tech 69 N. Carolina St. 51, Virginia 45 Nicholls St. 70, Grambling 62 S. Alabama 96, Wia.-Parkside 62 W. Kentucky 75, Jackson Vile 64 Wake Forest 78, Furman 64 MibWEST Chicago St. 73, Jackson St. 64 Cleveland St. 83, E. Illinois 72, OT Iowa St. 106, Abilene Christian 86 Kansas Newman 65, NW Missouri St. 62 Malone 73, Rio Grande 76, OT N. Dakota St. 80, Augustana, S.D. 87 St. John's, Kan. 86, Oklahoma Baptist 78 Toledo 67, Kent St. 58

what happens in the off-season. Hogeboom started the first eight games and two others. White

started six, including the last four.

"If he's going to open it up to the

best player, that's all I can ask

DALLAS (AP) - After a talk with head coach Tom Landry, Dallas Cowboys guarterback Gary Hogeboom said he wants to remain for the job. with the club even if it means competing with Danny White for

the starting job again as in 1984. On several occasions last year, Hogeboom had said he wanted to be traded if the Cowboys weren't going to give him the first-team role

Landry had also indicated that, rather than continue the quarterback controversy, he would attempt to deal either White or Hogeboom during the off season. But several days ago, Landry said he planned to sit down with both of his quarterbacks and hadn't decided whether to trade either or, if so, which one

"We had a real good talk," Hogeboom told the Dallas Morning News Tuesday

Hogeboom said the coach told him that everything depends on

Syracuse rallies to down Boston College

**By The Associated Press** Recognition hasn't been much of a blessing for Boston College's basketball Eagles.

Thanks to the attention lavished n Doug Flutie and rest of BC's

"He said Danny and I both could be here," Hogeboom said. "If that happens, we will just have to fight

Landry said he met with Hogeboom for 15 minutes Monday. He said he wants to meet with White, too, before he leaves next week for his Super Bowl assignment with ABC.

"At this point, I don't have any intention of trading either one, Landry said. "But I can't say I won't. If I can help the team enough, I would trade most anybody.

Landry also said that he has had no inquiries about a trade involving White, whose market value is higher than Hogeboom's.

"There have been no calls from other teams," Landry said, but he added that he had been "out of pocket" since Christmas.

Landry said he will pick a starting quarterback next season and stick with him. This season,



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#### HALL OF FAMERS- Hoyt Wilhelm, left, and induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame. (AP Lou Brock pose for a picture during their Laserphoto)

## Hogeboom wants to stay with Cowboys

football team, the basketball players labored in glorious anonymity while winning 10 straight games. Only when the Eagles lost for the first time - an 82-80 overtime decision to No. 1 Georgetown last Saturday - did Boston College gain a spot in the national rankings.

BC's first outing as a ranked club proved just as disappointing when No. 7 Syracuse rallied for a 64-58 victory Tuesday night.

"I feel frustrated, rather than down," said Boston College Coach Gary Williams. "It's not like I'm

Washington to bring the **Orangemen back** 

close and didn't get it."

In other games involving ranked clubs, Patrick Ewing hit 15 of 17 shots from the field in a 33-point performance to pace Georgetown to a 90-70 romp over Seton Hall and Clemson's Vincent Hamilton scored 27 points to pace the Tigers to a 90-81 victory over No. 9 Georgia Tech

Georgetown, 14-0 overall and 3-0 in the Big East, rolled to a 40-26 halftime edge over Seton Hall and turned the game into a rout with a 14-6 spurt opening the second half.



### Pampa bowling roundup

#### LADIES TRIO LEAGUE Standings (thru Dec. 19)

1. ATTIS, 44-20; 2. Kidd Welding and Jo-Le Enterprises, 401/2-231/2; 4: C & H Tank Trucks, 391/2-241/2; 5. (tie) International Products and Triangle Well Service, 39-25; 7. Stephens Welding, 361/2-271/2; 8, Donnie Snapp Consulting, 36-28; 9. (tie) HiWay Package and Gearhart, 34-30; 11. Gymnastics of Pampa, 311/2-321/2; 12. Quarles Electric, 31-33; 13. Triangle Energy, 30-34; 14. Baker Packera, 271/2-361/2; 15. Wheeler-Evans, 26-38; 16. Little Mint, 251/2-381/2; 17. Rick's TV Service, 24-36; 18. Hale Cattle Co., 21-43; 19. Middleton, 201/2-331/2; 20. B & B Solvent, 18-46.

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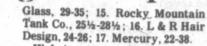
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High Average: 1. Kitten Kotara, 172; 2. JoAnne Proctor, 166; 3. Helen Lemons, 165; High Handicap Series: 1. JoAnn Proctor, 676; 2. Becky Edmondson, 673; 3. Rhonda Snapp, 670; High Handicap Game: 1. Candy Crouch, 274; 2. Bettie Bradberry, 264; 3. Tammy Hill, 263; High Scratch Series: 1. JoAnne Proctor, 595; 2. Rhonda Snapp, 565; 3. Helen Lemons, 564; High Scratch Game: 1. Candy Crouch, 233; 2. Kitten Kotara-Jean Wood, 226: 3. Judi Metts, 225.

#### LONE STAR Standings (thru Dec. 27)

1. Harvester Lanes, 44-20; 2. W.G. Mayo Water Well Service. 42-22; 3. Rudy's Automotive, 39-25; 4. (tie) Aggie Oil Co. and Pampa Office Supply, 37-27; 6. Team Ten, 341/2-291/2; 7. Quality Concrete, 34-30; 8. Fatheree Insurance, 34-26; 9. (tie) AIA and Golden Spread Cablevision, 33-31; 11. Triangle Well Service, 32-32; 12. (tie) Hall's Sound Center and Dunlap's Industrial Engines, 31-33; 14. Elco



High Average: 1. Rita Steddum. 174; 2. Kitten Kotara, 172; 3. Elaine Riddle, 164; High Handicap Series: 1. Debra Bichsel, 714; 2. Donna Nunamaker, 702; 3. Jeanne Parks, 692; High Handicap Game: 1. Donna Nunamaker, 276; 2. Clara Achord, 273; 3. Imogene Price, 270; High Scratch Series: 1. Rita Steddum, 606; 2. Elaine Riddle, 587; 3. Clara Achord, 583; High Scratch Game: 1. Rita Steddum, 234; 2. Billie Hupp, 232; 3. Jean

Wood, 231. Shirley Jernigan, bowling for Harvester Lanes, bowled her first 200 game.

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1. Dunlap Ind., 41-19; 2. (tie) Pampa Nursing, Harley Knutson Masonry and Rheams Diamond Shop, 36-24; 5. Team Six, 331/2-261/2: 6. Williams Welding, 32-28; 7. Wayne's Western Wear, 311/2-281/2; 8. Goodman's Computer Service, 31-29; 9. Jim's Grocery, 30-30; 10. Little Bill's Plumbing, 28-32; 11, A & B Welding, 26-34; 12. Locke Cattle Co., 24-36; 13. Mercury Drilling, 18-42; 14. Team Two, 17-43.

High Average: 1. Karen Adkins, 164; 2. Sharon Dunlap, 159; 3. Penny Pinley and Ann Turner, 154; High Handicap Series: 1. Myrtle Denham, 703; 2. Georgia Shay, 689; 3. Jean Townsend, 681; High Handicap Game: 1. Myrtle Denham and Donna Goodman, 271; 2. Mary Farmer, 269; High Scratch Series: 1. Georgia Shay, 545; 2. Kareń Adkins, 541; 3. Jean Townsend, 537; High Scratch Game: 1. Mary Farmer, 223; 2. Donna Goodman, 221; 3. Claire Edwards, 216

### T's Whitehead is honored

Machelle Whitehead, post on the West Texas State women's university basketball team, received Oil Country Athletic **Conference** Player of the Week honors for her performance in WT's two games last week.

Miss Whitehead, who played at Amarillo College the past two years, scored a game-high 22 points in the Lady Buffs' 75-58 win over Colorado State Thursday and a team-high 15 points in WT's 72-66 victory over Northern Arizona Saturday

In the two games, Miss Whitehead combined to shoot 16 of 28 (57 percent) from the floor and 5 of 6 (83 percent) from the free-throw line. While playing 62 minutes in the two games, she grabbed seven rebounds and blocked three shots.

For the season, Miss Whitehead leads the 9-1 Lady Buffs with a 13.1

scoring average, built on 57 of 109 shooting from the field and 17 of 22 from the charity stripe. She has 46 rebounds and 13 blocked shots while averaging 26.9 minutes per game

Miss Whitehead is the second Lady Buff to be named OCAC Player of the Week. Maria Linggi, also a former AC player, was honored earlier this season

#### **Figini leads sweep**

BAD KLEINKIRCHHEIM Austria (AP) - Olympic downhill champion Michaela Figini led a sweep today by Switzerland of the top three positions in a World Cup women's downhill ski race.

Figini won in a time of 1 minute, 43.23 seconds, six-tenths of a second faster than compatriot Brigitte Oertli's 1:43.83. Ariane Ehrat was third in 1:44.32.

## **NBA** roundup **Streaking Cavaliers down New Jersey**

34 for Milwaukee.

Rockets 112, Kings 110

game ahead of Denver in the

First-place Houston stayed a

**By WILLIAM R. BARNARD AP Sports Writer** 

The Cleveland Cavaliers might not be quite the pushovers everyone thought they were. The Cavs, after a 2-19 start in this

National Basketball Association season, have won seven of their last 11 games, including a 107-101 decision Tuesday night over the New Jersey Nets.

"I think we're playing real hard," Coach George Karl said. "We can make changes in the game defensively better than we had been.'

One of the changes Karl has made is to bring veteran guard World B. Free off the bench. In the latest victory, Cleveland's third straight, that strategy paid off as Free scored 27 points, including three three-point goals that helped defuse a Nets rally

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Denver 126, Los Angeles Lakers 124; Dallas 108, Portland 102; Washington 99, Milwaukee 95; Houston 112, Kansas City 110 and San Antonio 139, Golden State 94. Nuggets 126, Lakers 124

Denver ended Los Angeles' nine-game winning streak behind Alex English's 41 points and 11 rebounds.

English scored 11 points in the fourth period to help the Nuggets offset the performance of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who led the Lakers with 35 points, 12 rebounds and six blocked shots.

Spurs 139, Warriors 94 Johnny Moore had 26 points, 13 assists, 11 rebounds and nine steals against Golden State to pace San Antonio to its largest victory margin ever.

Artis Gilmore added 23 points, Alvin Robertson 21 and George Gervin 20 for the Spurs, who led 39-20 after the first quarter with the help of 10-0 and 9-0 streaks.

The Spurs' previous record margin was a 153-111 triumph over Milwaukee in 1978 Bullets 99, Bucks 95

Washington needed final-minute baskets from Gus Williams and Greg Ballard to keep Milwaukee from erasing a 17-point deficit down the stretch.

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The Bullets led 89-72 with 5:34 remaining, but the Bucks got eight points from Paul Pressey during a 19-4 spurt that trimmed Washington's edge to 93-91 with 1:08 left.

New Jersey Nets' center George Johnson, (right), tries to block a layup by Cleveland Cavaliers' guard Johnny Davis (16).



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**Midwest Division as Akeem** Ballard led the Bullets with 20 Olajuwon scored 24 points; five of points, while Sidney Moncrief had them in the final minutes.

Olajuwon hit two field goals and a free throw, then made a steal that led to a basket by Robert Reid as the Rockets pulled away from a 103-103 tie to a 112-107 Houston lead.

Larry Drew hit a three-point shot to cut Kansas City's deficit to two and he sank another as time ran out, but an official ruled he stepped out of bounds as he shot.

Eddie Johnson scored 26 points to lead the Kings.

Mavericks 108, Blazers 102 Dale Ellis and Rolando Blackman led a 17-2 fourth-quarter spurt that lifted Dallas over Portland.

The Trail Blazers fought back from a 17-point deficit to tie the game at 76-76 before the Mavericks started their decisive run. Ellis scored 10 of his 20 points and Blackman 11 of his 16 in the final period.

Jim Paxson had 29 points and Clyde Drexler 25 for Portland, while Mark Aguirre led the Mavericks with 27.

#### Wheeler sweeps

#### past Mobeetie

WHEELER - Wheeler coasted to easy victories over Mobeetie in high school basketball action **Tuesday** night

Wheeler boys won, 76-15,

In the boys' game, Steven Snapp had high scoring honors for Wheeler with 16 points, while Kent McLaughlin led Mobeetie with eight. Larry Trevino added 12 for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs led at halftime, 36-8.

Dee Ann Jolly scored 16 points to lead the scoring attack for the Wheeler girls, who won 54-26. Marlo Hartman added 12.

Tina Densberger had 11 points for Mobeetie and Betsie Stepps had five.

Mobeetie plays at Allison Friday night.

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cautious in commercial and financial dealings today. If you act impulsively without thinking, it could be costly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A valued relationship could be jeopardized today if you are too insistent upon having your

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you do a favor for another today, do it with a happy heart. Under no conditions should you

tion today where peer pressure is exerted on you to do something you'd rather not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make it a point today not to bring work or office problems into your household. They can't be resolved at home and they'll only

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try not to take competitive social activities too seri-ously today. Play to win, but don't let it

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Instead of trying to be head honcho today, blend into the group. It will put your pals at ease and you'll have more fun being one

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**By Larry Wright** 



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**Associated Press Writer** AUSTIN (AP) - Doyle Skillern is scheduled to die in the Texas death chamber on Jan. 16. The man who pulled the trigger is being considered for parole.

Court records show Skillern was not even in the car in which the victim was gunned down.

It's called the "law of parties," and it made Skillern as guilty of capital murder as the accomplice who admitted shooting narcotics officer Patrick Randel at a Live Oak County roadside park on Oct. 24, 1974.

Skillern went to death row. Charles Sanne, the accomplice who testified he was the triggerman, is serving life. It's a dichotomy that anti-death penalty forces hope will force Texans to rethink capital punishment, and could test the state's fortitude for enforcing the statute.

"It shows the capriciousness of the death penalty. Basically, what we have is a lottery system," said Charles Sullivan, executive director of the Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants.

Skillern's execution would be the fifth in Texas since December 1982. Board of Pardons and Paroles records show that Sanne's parole request is under consideration. And the case has already stirred emotions in several corners.

"I'm surprised Sanne isn't out vet," said Richard Hatch, who represented Sanne on appeal. "I don't want him living next to me." "I'm not here to judge fairness.

My job is to see the law carried out. said Assistant Attorney General Duane Crowley, who is pushing the death sentence for Skillern.

"It doesn't make sense," said Mattie Sparks of Weches, Skillern's sister.

"It's hard growing up without a father, real hard," said Michael Randel, the victim's son.

Skillern, now 49, and Sanne, now 51, first crossed criminal paths when Skillern was convicted of murdering his brother Milton on Padre Island in July 1971. The two Skillerns and Sanne lived together, according to court records. Sanne testified against Skillern at that trial

Milton Skillern's body was buried in a flower bed, under four inches of concrete. Doyle Skillern was sentenced to five years for 'murder without malice.'' Narcotics charges against Sanne were dropped and he received a probated five-year sentence for forgery

Doyle Skillern was freed on May 3, 1974.

On the night of Oct. 24, 1974, Skillern and Sanne negotiated to sell drugs to Randel in a Beeville motel room. They suspected Randel was a police informant. Randel, five days past his 40th birthday, was a Department of Public Safety undercover agent working out of Austin. He had a wife and three children.

Randel's body, found in his car, was riddled with six shots fired at

"We are setting up traps this

Gonzalez said the rabies could be

from across the border, from an

animal brought into Laredo or

from a possum, skunk, coyote or

There was a rabies outbreak in

The first case here was reported

The latest case, reported

Nuevo Laredo across the Mexican

border in early 1984, with 18 cases

in November and a second in

Saturday, resulted in two people

getting bit. In a case reported Jan.

2, one person was bitten and two

others were exposed in some way

All are receiving medical

"The owned dogs had no history

of rabies vaccinations," he said,

week to see if they are coming from

### **Rabies 'flareup' in Laredo**

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LAREDO, Texas (AP) - Health officials say they have been unable to track down the source of a rabies flareup that has resulted in five people seeking medical attention.

We have had four cases of canine rabies in Laredo," said Lowell Woodward, assistant director of the Laredo-Webb County Health Department.

All four cases were confirmed after the dogs were captured, killed and their heads sent to a state health department lab in Austin.

Jose L. Gonzalez, director of the local health department, termed the situation a "flareup" of the deadly disease.

"I don't believe we are in for any kind of epidemic," he said. "The stray dog population in Laredo is very low. This is where the disease spreads.

Gonzalez said officials are not sure what the source of the current close range. Sanne testified he shot Randel in self-defense. Tests showed that Randel was legally drunk at the time. DPS officials testified that undercover agents sometimes must drink with their targets.

Skillern was in a stolen car nearby when Randel was killed. the records show. After the slaying, Skillern and Sanne took \$850 in state money intended for the drug buy. They also took Randel's diamond ring.

They were captured the next day in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

At a joint trial, Skillern and Sanne were convicted of capital murder. Jurors decided Skillern would be a continuing threat to society, but Sanne would not. Skillern got death. Sanne got life.

The convictions were thrown out by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals because jurors were not sequestered before punishment deliberations.

At the retrial in Aransas County, both men were again convicted. This time both got the death sentence.

The Court of Criminal Appeals later reformed Sanne's sentence to life. It would be double jeopardy, the court said, to increase the initial sentence to death.

Skillern's sentence has been upheld by state and federal appeals courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. A new appeal is pending.

To return a death sentence. Texas jurors must be persuaded that a defendant is capable of future violence. In Skillern's case, some of that testimony came from the pathologist who did the Randel autopsy.

Dr. Joseph Rupp testified, 'There is an element of overkill when you empty a revolver into the side of a victim.

Appeals courts blasted Rupp's testimony as improper comments from a non-expert, but said it did not warrant a reversal.

In a dissent, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge W.T. Phillips said upholding the death sentence despite the pathologist's testimony was "a bold departure from reason." Sanne shot Randel, Phillips said, and despite Skillern's previous murder conviction, jurors "reasonably" could have said Skillern did not pose a future threat.

"Jurors have supplied a negative answer to this issue in cases far more egregious than the present one." he said.

Neither man testified at the first trial. At the second, Sanne admitted he was the triggerman. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in' New Orleans,' the highest court that has written an opinion on Skillern, said a "rational jury" could find that Skillern and Sanne plotted the robbery and slaying.

"When Randel's body was found, it was in a position indicating that he was totally unaware of the imminence of danger; a cigarette was still dangling from his right hand," the court noted.

The appeals court said the Skillern case differed from a Florida case in which the U.S. Supreme Court said the death sentence was unfair for a non-triggerman accomplice who drove a getaway car.

"Can the state justify taking the life of a non-triggerman who has not taken a life, when the triggerman is serving a life term?" says a pro-Skillern petition circulated by families of Death Row inmates.

Lois Robison, representing the families in Help Our Prisoners Exist, said, "Doyle Skillern didn't kill anybody and everybody knows it. He just happened to be involved in a crime where someone was

"It should be commuted to a life sentence - no more and no less than the triggerman has

In a letter to Mrs. Robison (whose son Larry is on Death Row), Skillern recently said, "I am the non-triggerman in this case. I was not even in the same car where

and the state officials charged with enforcing it. The law of parties makes accomplices as guilty as

Crowley, an assistant attorney working on the case, would not comment on whether it is "fair" to execute the accomplice and leave the triggerman eligible for parole. The only question that needs an answer, says Crowley, is, "Is it in conformance with the law?'

"It is in conformance with the law," he said. "The issue that's critical is future dangerousness. You've got somebody convicted of murdering his own brother. That in itself might very well point to future dangerousness.'

The lawyer handling Skillern's appeal said his client was near the murder scene, but "whether he assisted is sure hard to tell from the evidence."

The death penalty, Corpus Christi lawyer Shannon Salyer

says, is "unconstitutionally severe for a non-triggerman unless the non-triggerman is standing there saying, 'Shoot him! Shoot him! Here are some bullets. Here's a gun. Now shoot him ! ""

Randel's son said he believes Skillern was involved almost to that extent.

"They both knew exactly what was happening," said Michael Randel, 22, a welder in Odessa.

"It's justice," he said of Skillern's execution. "It should have been done a long time ago. Ten years is a little bit too much. "I'd like to be a witness" at Skillern's execution, he said. "I'd

love to be a witness." Randel believes Sanne will get the death penalty "eventually...one

way or the other he won't make it." Charles Butts of San Antonio, who served as a special prosecutor at the retrial, wastes no time worrying about the fairness of executing a non-triggerman.

"I don't believe Sanne in the first place," he said. "I think he and Skillern cooked that up so Sanne could try to unhook Skillern. I've always been convinced Skillern was the triggerman in that case."

"They planned it. They went to that motel room, followed that poor devil to the roadside park and assassinated him in his own car, said Butts.

Crowley noted that Sanne

admitted shooting Randel at the second trial - when his lawyers probably knew Sanne was safe from a death sentence.

In closing arguments to jurors at the first trial, both sides talked of Sanne as the lone triggerman.

"I hope you don't convict Mr. Skillern because you believe he was somewhere in the area." defense lawyer Douglas Tinker argued.

**Prosecutor John Flinn** countered, "Sanne is the one that actually pulled the trigger, but you remember the testimony and the evidence is that this gun that in all likelihood did the killing was Mr. Skillern's gun.

"Who was the mastermind? Who furnished the gun? Who got the money? Who got the replacement gun?

At the punishment phase of the first trial Tinker did not try to hide his client's character:

"Somebody a lot smarter than I am said that the justice of the society is measured not by how we treat our best men, but how we treat our worst."

Someone who has gotten to know Skillern in recent years and believes the death sentence in his case is unfair, but asked not to be identified, said this:

"A lot of my friends ask me: 'Do you think Doyle should die?' I say, Yes, but not for this crime.

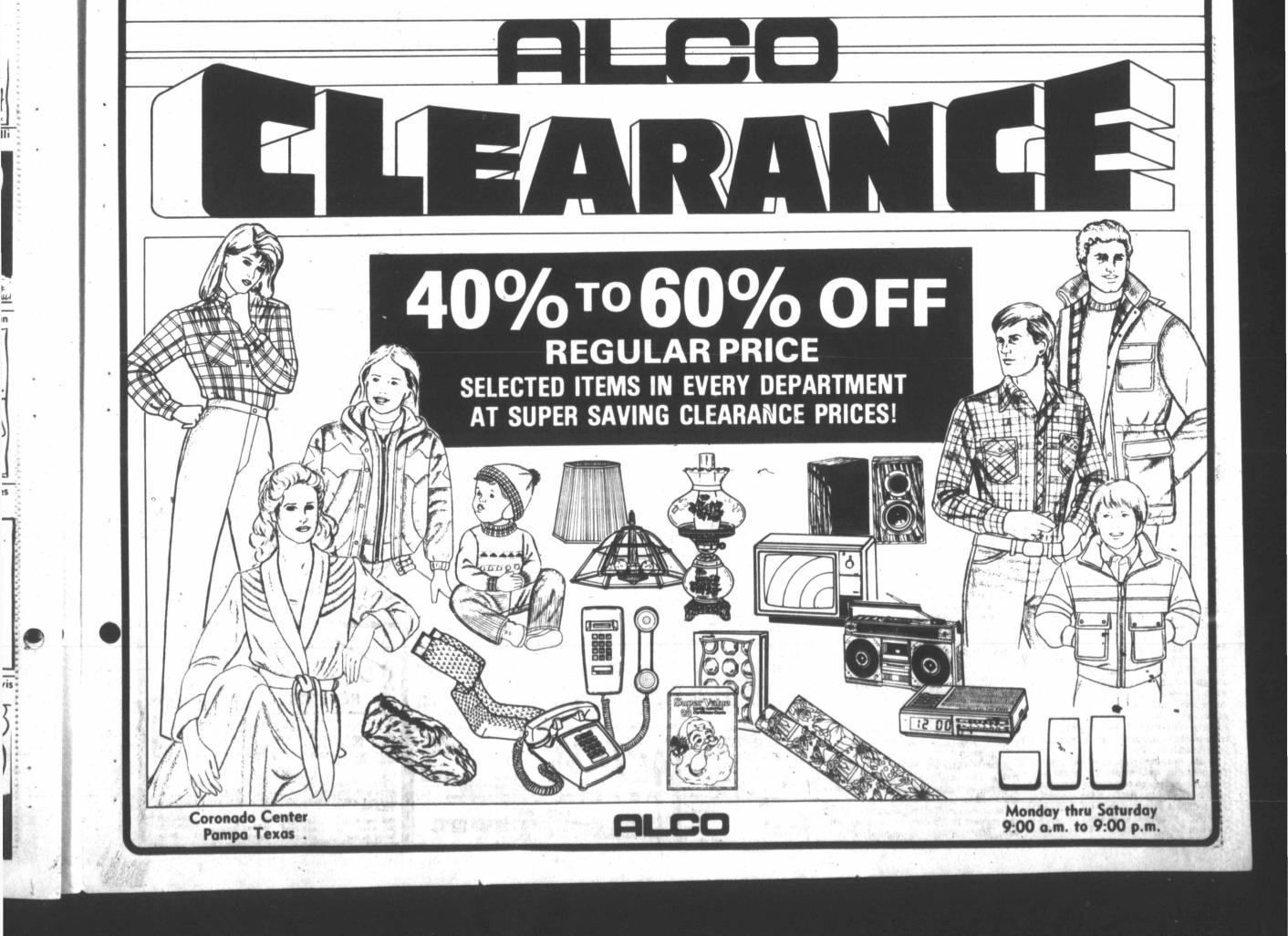
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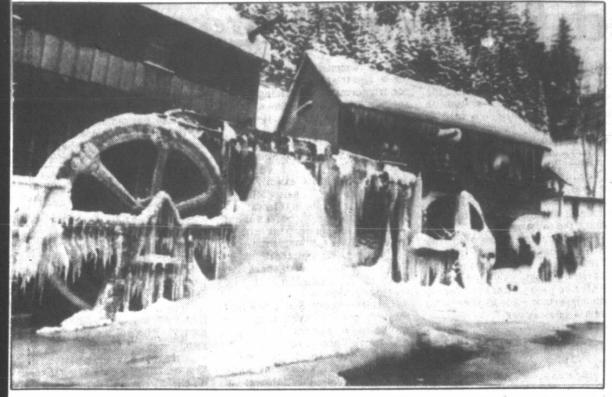
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### A last stand for old-time music

#### **By PAT ROLLINS Greenville Herald Banner**

EMORY, Texas (AP) -Cowboys, barbers and fiddlers gather in a three-chair barbershop in Emory each Saturday morning and pit country music against time.

As visitors approach the old barber building, they may see musicians through a right side window. On the left a candy-cane barber pole rotates. Passing through the door, persons are greeted by melodious sounds.

**Regular patrons mince** into the 20x20 room with little dance steps and wave half-raised arms in time with the beat. They greet old friends with a handshake or an upturned eye.

As the impromptu band fades into "Faded Rose," rows of toes tap. The mood is happy, then melancholy. The mood is old-time Texas.

"Scenes like this are disappearing ,'' laments James L. Goins, a regular visitor. "I wish this could go on forever.

These barbershop meetings began four years ago under former owner R.R. Turner, who now is one of the barbers in the shop.

"This music is a part of Texas," Turner said, Everyone sure likes it

W.J. Wheatley, 81, is one of the more outspoken and Williams, the band members of the regular members are Buckle Palmore, Al Carter, John crowd. Byram, and Vale Osborn. Wheatley was asked

why he likes this music. "Everybody likes this music. Don't you?" he replied with a smile. Another regular, Aubrey Dougherty, is motivated in physical

ways to the music. "It makes me want to dance,'' Dougherty swoons as his arms arch rack. around in ballet-like movements and his head is laid to one side. A cowboy hat and a cigarette are his constant

companions. Dougherty is not shy in talking about his daily life, perhaps motivated by the sounds of "Desperado" playing in the background.

the room. "I have to wear false teeth now, but I have a hard time finding them sometimes. My two cats steal them out of the bowl on the sink and toss them around in play,' Dougherty said.

The band interracts in a friendly manner.

As one of the guitar players, Rex Williams. closes his eyes behind big round glasses during a rendition of ''La Cucaracha,'' a fiddler, Ryon Wright, hits a long sighing note that tingles nerves in the audience.

Williams opens his

Besides Wright, Willis music hall. The hall, once a mule barn, may harbor a few historical secrets.

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Turner is a soft-spoken man who moves slowly due to recent illness. But, he is not slow to praise his friends

"A person can count on these people. They are friends. They will stand by you," Turner said.

eyes, looks at Wright and they both flash quick smiles. Heads are lowered and play continues. Junior Willis, the mandolin player, sums the rapport between

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"He cut my hair when I was young and then cut my four boys hair on the first time for free. That is the kind of man R.R. is," Goins said. Turner enjoys telling the members, "This is the

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### **President warm to Senate** effort to cut federal deficit

DALLAS (AP) - President Reagan says he welcomes the unprecedented effort by Senate Republicans, scheduled to begin today, to draft their own deficit-reduction plan because they may have some ideas that we didn't have.

"I'm perfectly willing to have the Senate do that,'' Reagan said in an Oval Office interview Tuesday with The Dallas Morning News.

However, Carl Leubsdorf, the News' capitol correspondent who interviewed the president, said Reagan displayed a distinct lack of enthusiasm for any attempts by Congress to try to pare the budget by cutting back on cost-of-living increases planned for Social Security recipients.

Suggestions made Monday by unnamed White House officials that he might accept a restraint on Social Security benefit increases stemmed from a remark he made at one of the many budget sessions in recent weeks, the president said.

Reagan recalled that he had said. "Obviously ... if Congress en masse came down on the side of, say, reducing or holding off on the COLA cost-of-living increase - you know, what would I be able to do about that?"

As he prepares to start his second term 12 days from now, the president had this to say about other issues:

- On cutting the defense budget: "I do not look with great favor upon this idea that you're supposed to project for the next five years what your budgets are going to be. ... No one can tell you what the necessities are going to be down the road. What if a potential adversary does something in the coming year that forces your hand to have to move in some way to increase your defense capability?'

- On proposed tax simplification: The president said he plans in his State of the Union speech to address the need for simplifying the nation's tax system, but declined to say if he will endorse specific proposals made in late November by the Treasury Department.

"We haven't had time to do as we've done with the budget, which is to sit down with it and say, all right, point by point, let's go through it. I have a copy of the plan on my desk. And while I've read the summary, I haven't been able to do that (study the tax proposal in detail), because my mind is too filled with the budget.'

- On reducing the deficit: "We have hit upon a plan of putting us on a declining path as far as the deficits are concerned to the point that we will be able to project a date at which the budget will be balanced.

- On balancing the budget: "There's no way that you can gear segments of the society to government doing many of these things and then just pull the rug out from them all at once and say you're going to balance the budget in one year. It's only fair to give people a chance to adjust.

- On conservatives' complaints that there are no true believers in the White House: "The true believer in the White House is sitting in the Oval Office. Sometimes I wonder if some of those

#### Border agent shot

CARRIZO SPRINGS, Texas (AP) -A 37-year-old Border Patrol agent was listed in stable condition in the Dimmit County Hospital after surgery to remove bullet fragments from his right arm and hands.

Antonio Guzman was shot with his own gun Monday afternoon as he loaded a group of suspected illegal Mexican aliens onto a bus.

Other Border Patrol agents then shot the suspect in the chest and upper left arm, officials said. A hospital official termed him "in pretty bad shape"

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LUCAS IN LOUISIANA—Convicted murderer Henry Lee Lucas is escorted by Louisiana and Texas police officers to a waiting car after arriving by plane Tuesday night in New Orleans. Lucas, under heavy guard, will show authorities the spots where he says he killed three dozen people between 1975 and 1983. (AP Laserphoto)

decision "an unacceptable retreat

from our judicial responsibility"

and said NHTSA in its easing of the

bumper standard "moved into the

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Auto Safety, a consumer group that

challenged the new regulations,

called the decision "a major defeat

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## **Groups decry bumper decision**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Safety groups and insurance companies say a court decision upholding the Reagan administration's relaxation of automobile bumper standards spells a major defeat for consumers and leaves motorists with "eggshell protection.

A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld a decision by the **Transportation** Department nearly three years ago to scrap a federal requirement that all cars have bumpers that protect the vehicle from damage in crashes up to 5 mph. The requirement was cut to 21/2 mph.

The department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration concluded that the stronger bumpers are not cost effective because they increase the price of cars and make them

slightly less fuel efficient because of added weight.

The insurance industry strongly criticized the rule change and since has argued repeatedly that the weaker bumpers result in sharply higher repair costs and higher frequencies of claims.

But in a 2-1 decision the U.S. Court of Appeals sided with the highway safety agency.

Judge Antonin Scalia in a majority opinion said the government had not acted "arbitrarily and capriciously" and reached its decision "through a methodology that was sensible" while listening to all sides in the dispute.

"No more is necessasry to survive our review," Scalia wrote. But Judge J. Skelly Wright, in a dissent, called the agency's

#### opposing the the rule, called on Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole "to consider current evidence that the 2.5 mph bumpers are a consumer disaster' that "leaves the average motorist with eggshell protection in the

for consumers."

### front and rear of the car.' Fighting reported outside Ampil

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand (AP) - Vietnamese troops and Cambodian guerrillas skirmished today outside Ampil camp in Cambodia, which was abandoned Tuesday by the anti-communist resistance fighters, Red Cross officials and Thai army officers said. Between the sporadic clashes along the Thai-Cambodia border, guerrillas of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front were regrouping in preparation for further combat, the Thai officers said

portion of the camp they had held the supporters of former onto through two days of fighting, and thousands of rebels scrambled aboard military trucks bearing Thai markings to be taken to undisclosed locations.

Cambodian leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk have two. The three groups joined in a

shaky coalition in 1981 to oppose the Heng Samrin government



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Some 5,000 of the fighters were overpowered by an artillery and tank-powered Vietnamese assault launched on their headquarters camp Monday.

The resistance leaders decided to withdraw Tuesday in the hope of keeping their force intact to fight again. They abandoned the small

Six of the eight Khmer People's National Liberation Front camps inside Cambodia have been overrun during the dry season offensive that Vietnamese forces began in mid-November.

The Sok Sann and Dong Ruk camps remain unscathed and some of the guerrillas from Ampil were believed headed for Dong Ruk. About 20,000 Cambodian civilians and 4,300 Vietnamese refugees are at Dong Ruk.

The resistance coalition had about 20 camps just inside Cambodia, including the bases now in Vietnamese hands. The .communist Khmer Rouge have 10, the Liberation Front had eight, and installed in Cambodia six years ago by Vietnamese forces who ended a reign of terror by the Khmer Rouge.

The number of casualties from the two-day battle for Ampil remained uncertain. The guerrillas insist that their men inflicted a heavy toll on the better-armed Vietnamese, but this could not be verified

Lt. Gen. Pichitr Kullavanijaya, commander of Thailand's first army region, estimated that not more than 20 guerrillas were killed, 50 seriously wounded and about 50 more with lighter injuries. The Khmer Rouge is the largest of the three guerrilla groups.

## **IRS says 299 'taxpayers' earned** over \$200,000 but paid no taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two hundred ninety-nine couples and individuals with incomes over \$200,000 used deductions and tax credits to avoid paying a penny of federal income tax in 1982

Their income totaled \$149 million.

The number of untaxed upper-income Americans was down slightly from the 304 who escaped the tax net in 1981 but considerably higher than the 114 recorded by the Internal Revenue Service in 1979.

However, since the number of returns with incomes over \$200,000 a year more than doubled from 1979 to 1982, the IRS says, "a high-income return was 55 percent more likely to be non-taxable in 1982 than it was in 1979."

In 1979, about 9 of every 10,000 people above the \$200,000 level paid no tax; by 1982 the portion had grown to more than 14 per 10,000.

The IRS is required by Congress to report annually on the tax status of Americans with incomes above \$200,000. The report is based on the unaudited returns filed by these people, and the IRS declared that almost any change caused by an audit would add the 299 couples and

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individuals to the roll of taxpayers. The latest report is for income earned in 1982 and reported on returns filed in 1983. The IRS said 207,291 couples and individuals reported incomes above \$200,000 in 1982, up 18 percent from 1981 and up 70 percent from 1979.

The report is understated in one respect. A favorite legal way of avoiding taxes is to invest in tax-free state and local bonds, whose interest is not even reported to the IRS. An uncounted number of Americans are pushed above the \$200,000 threshold by their tax-exempt interest.

The biggest single means used by the 299 non-taxpaying returns to avoid any liability was the foreign tax credit, which allows a \$1 reduction in U.S. taxes for each \$1 paid to a foreign government. The IRS said the credit was the largest offset on 139 of the returns.

On the other hand, 153 of the high earners paid no income tax to either the United States or any other country.

The deduction for casualty and theft losses was the largest tax-saving item on 64 of the high-income returns that paid no U.S. income tax. In fact, one of every 10 high-income returns reported a casualty or theft loss, an average of \$4,366 per return. That trend prompted Congress in 1982 to severely restrict future deductions for such losses.

