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Holiday

State, nation celebrate start of a new year, Pages 3 and 5

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Thursday

Hotel fire kills at least 50

Associated Press Writer SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A fire preceded by explosions raged through four

floors of a luxury beachfront hotel and casino packed with New Year's vacationers. Officials said at least 50 and as many as 100 people were killed, some burned beyond recogniztion.

More than 100 others were injured Wednesday at the 21-story, 450-room Dupont Plaza Hotel as the flames sent thick black smoke over San Juan's tourist strip. Officials said the cause was under investigation but that arson could not be ruled out.

A casualty list was not immediately available. Many of the dead were believed to be from the U.S. mainland.

'People were running everywhere. We didn't know which way to go. I was just going to sit down and die," said Maria Lagrasso, 16, of Lodi, N.J.

More than 100 guests were rescued from

the hotel roof and balconies by helicopters. The hotel has a capacity of 800 guests, and was fully booked.

The search for bodies was suspended at about 11 p.m. Wednesday and was to resume early today. The fire broke out at about 3:30 p.m.

(2:30 p.m. EST) on the ground floor, 10 minutes after hotel workers belong to a Teamsters local ended a meeting there to consider management's offer in contract talks. The union, which represents 260 of the hotel's 500 employees, had said it would strike at midnight if a settlement was not reached.

"I don't rule out the possibility of a criminal hand, because it (the fire) occurred after negotiations with the union were cut off," said commonwealth Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon

Police Superintendent Carlos Lopez Feliciano and Mayor Baltazar Corrada del Rio also said they did not rule out sabotage.

However, Jose Cadiz, secretary-general of the hotel workers' union, a Teamsters' local, said: "I categorically reject that we're dealing with sabotage — that's antiunion talk.

Hotel guests said several fires were discovered and extinguished within the past several days, and that security agents were posted on every floor. Witnesses also said they heard explosions before they saw flames burst out from the casino and race

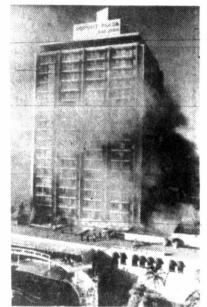
up to the next floors of the cement and steel building.

Phillip C. McGuire, deputy director of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said a special team including experts in explosives and arson and fore nsic chemists was sent to San Juan at the request of Puerto Rican authorities

The Dupont Plaza, formerly called the Sheraton Hotel, is one of the largest tourist hotels in Puerto Rico and is located along a beach in the main Condado tourist section.

'I counted 15 charred bodies in an area off the main lobby," on the mezzanine level, said Heriberto Lopez, president of the General Fireman's Union. "I estimate there are 80 dead, not counting the reception rooms.... The bodies are mouth-to-

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Smoke pours out of hotel.



Economy tops 1986 news

Troubled state and Texas Panhandle economies formed the basis for many local news stories in 1986, either in separate articles on specific economic matters or as background on other issues. The sagging state and regional economies ranked as the top news story in the Pampa area in the past year.

The economy outdistanced the firing of Assistant District Attorney David Hamilton and organizational changes in the Pampa Police Department to take the top spot in local and area news in 1986.

Slumping economy

Plunging oil prices and continuing agricultural woes led to higher unemployment rates, a drop in retail sales, ailing businesses and the resultant decrease in sales tax collections for many area cities. And the so-called 'white oil' Panhandle controversy continued in the courts and before state and federal agencies. Though both sides won some battles in 1986, the independent oilmen and royalty owners still face uncertainty on any ultimate settlement.

Decreased incomes, lowered property values and a decline in tax revenues forced area city, school and county governments to tighten budgets and to face cutbacks in services and personnel. Most school districts raised property tax rates to offset declining property values and decreases in state

The economic plague from the area's oil and agricultural industries had an adverse impact on banks that had made extensive loans in those areas, with two Borger banks and a Booker bank joining the ranks of Memphis and Plainview banks among those that failed in 1986.

In related economic matters, Pampa residents still faced having to pay higher gasoline prices than most surrounding cities. The price will jump higher this month as the state adds an additional nickel tax on gasoline sales, along with a higher temporary state sales tax designed to ease a state deficit.

Despite the darkened economic clouds, there were some bright spots for Pampa in 1986. Community business leaders and government officials have undertaken the Main Street Project and Texas Cities for Economic

Leadership (TEXCEL) programs designed to revitalize the economy. Construction of The Food Emporium, Pampa Lakeside Apartments. Schneider Hotel renovation and other projects helped push valuations for building permits above 1985 totals

Hamilton fired

Assistant District Attorney David Hamilton was fired by his boss, District Attorney Guy Hardin, in early December, less than 90 minutes after Hardin was handed a subpoena to testify in a 22-year-old murder case that Hamilton reopened.

The firing ended Hamilton's 30-month

career in Gray County Hardin maintained that the ouster was not related to the case of Albert Branscum, whose prosecution for shooting his wife Glen na to death in October 1964 was reopened at

the request of the woman's family Hamilton re-indicted Branscum for mur-

der in September. Authorities apparently believed in 1964 that self-inflicted bullet wounds to Branscum's head had left him incompetent to stand trial. However, the suspect has been operating a Konawa, Okla., salvage yard since recovering from his injuries in the late 1960s.

Police shakeup

In November, Pampa City Hall was rocked by revelations of a management study of the Police Department by a Canyon consulting

The report cited low morale among police officers and prompted several changes in the department's structure

Roy Denman, a captain for seven years, was demoted to the rank of lieutenant and was later suspended and had his salary cut for talking to the press about his demotion. In a late November meeting, attended by

about 100 citizens, city commissioners stated formally that they approved of City Manager Bob Hart's handling of the report and his disciplinary action involving Denman.

Etheredge arrested

Bethany Trust founder Tom Etheredge

was arrested near Vancouver, Canada, in February after eluding authorities for nearly a year. He had turned up in Belize in late 1985 but left that Central American nation days before an extradition treaty could be exercised

Etheredge was said to owe investors in four states about \$1.3 million when Pampa-based Bethany was shut down by state banking authorities in 1985. In an August interview with The Pampa News from the Gray County Jail, Etheredge proclaimed innocence and said investors would have received their money if the state hadn't interfered.

Etheredge remained in jail on securities and fraud charges throughout the year with bonds totaling nearly \$2 million until 223rd District Judge Don Cain lowered the bonds to

\$350,000 in October. Texas charges against Etheredge were dropped by District Attorney Guy Hardin in December following an agreement reached by Etheredge and former Assistant District Attorney Hamilton. Under the agreement, Etheredge was extradited to Kansas City Kan., to face similar securities charges

Republicans score

Gray County's Republican Machine was rolling at top steam in 1986 as GOP candidates Vickie Walls and Scott Hahn took over the district clerk and county treasurer's posts. Not even the often-overlooked county surveyor seat was immune as Republican Lynn Bezner defeated office veteran Gene Barber. The only Democratic veteran to keep her position was Gray County Clerk Wanda Carter, who defeated Republican Carol Peet.

Republican Bob Muns defeated Pat Steele of Lefors for Precinct 1 justice of the peace. Incumbent county commissioners Ted

Simmons and Ronnie Rice, both Democrats as of February, got caught up in the frenzy. But their conversion to the Grand Old Party was greeted with mixed results as Rice lost his Precinct 2 seat to Democrat Jim Greene while Simmons defeated his McLean friend Tony Smitherman and write-in candidate **Buddy Epperson in a bid for the Precinct 4**

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County welcomes new officeholders

By PAUL PINKHAM Senior Staff Writer

Wednesday was a day of warm hellos and tender goodbyes at the Gray County Courthouse.

The old building, which ha seen countless employees come and go over the years, not only bade farewell to an old year but also ushered in a new one.

It also said goodbye to five em ployees with more than 80 years ty commissioners honored three of service between them — some retiring by choice and others. their fate decided by voters Nov.

And, the courthouse officially welcomed a whole crop of new employees, some with a measure of experience and some with

During their year-end meeting Wednesday morning, Gray Coun-



of the retiring employees, and would have honored two more

had they shown up And in ceremonies later in the afternoon, 12 recently elected or appointed county officials and their chosen deputies took oaths of office administered by 223rd District Judge Don Cain.

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Hefley shows off new 'townsite.'

Alabama woman wins MTV town

By CATHY SPAULDING **Staff Writer**

PAKAN - Not much has happened in this sparse southeastern Wheeler County Czech settlement since its school closed in

But that may soon change now that Loretta Lowery, 33, of Jackson, Ala., has won a town near the abandoned community

It's not a town, actually, it's a 100-acre piece of rural real estate midway between Shamrock and McLean that Lowery won as part of the "MTV Town" contest sponsored by the MTV music video service on New Year's Eve.

MTV VeeJay Alan Hunter picked Lowery's name from more than 1.7 million contestants about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday during the

rock station's "Nero's Eve Rock 'n' Roll Ball.'

Lowery, a part-time substitute teacher and the mother of a 2week old baby, could not be reached for comment at her home in Jackson, a southern Alabama town of 6,000 people, 70 miles north of Mobile. Her husband, Marshall Lowery, works at a steam-operated electrical plant across the Tombigbee River from Jackson; the winner's mother, Estelle Pugh of Jackson, said this morning. The couple also has a 7-year-old.

As the MTV winner, Mrs. Lowery not only has been promised the 100-acre piece of Wheeler County grassland, but also a custom built house, sound system,

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Services tomorrow

KIRKWOOD, Leota - 10 a.m., First Christian COX, Jessie Dell - 2 p.m., Carmichael-

Whatley Colonial Chapel. KELLER, C.L. (Jack) - 2 p.m., Brown's Chapel of the Fountains, Borger.

Obituaries

LOUIS ALEXANDER SANDERS JR.

SHAMROCK - Services for Louis Alexander (Tony) Sanders Jr., 56, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at 11th Street Baptist Church in Shamrock. Officiating will be Rev. Mike Heady, pastor, and Joe Jernigan, pastor of Calvary Christian Fellowship Church at Shamrock.

Burial will be at Fairlawn Cemetery at Elk City, Okla., Saturday afternoon under the direction of Richerson Funeral Home. Mr. Sanders died Wednesday.

He was born July 7, 1930 at Ogden, Ark. He grew up in Elk City, Okla., where he attended schools. He moved to Shamrock 16 years ago from Elk City. He married Oveta White on Aug. 4, 1973 at Shamrock. He had worked for Rock Island Railroad for 18 years and at Owens Salvage in Wellington. He was a Korean War veteran and a Bap-

Survivors include his wife, Oveta, of the home; two sons, Michael White, Lubbock, and Billy White, Shamrock; a daughter, Beth Crosby, Erick, Okla.; his mother, Mrs. Lois Bashaw, Elk City, Okla.; and a granddaughter.

C.L. (JACK) KELLER BORGER - Services for C.L. (Jack) Keller, 70, of Borger, father of a Pampa resident, will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Brown's Chapel of the Fountains at Borger. Officiating will be Rev. W.R. Lawr-

ence of Dumas. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa under the direction of Brown and Sons

Funeral Home of Borger. Mr. Keller died Wednesday Born at Nowata, Okla., he had been a resident

of Borger for 44 years. He was a retired operator for Phillips Petroleum Co. He was a member of Fairlanes Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Naomi, of the home; a son, Larry Keller, Ellicott City, Md.; two daughters, Janet Parks, Borger, and Cora Childress, Pampa; three sisters, Edith Belt, Dewey, Okla.; Ollie Murphy, Bartlesville, Okla., and Rose Hathcoat, Ponca City, Okla.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following traffic accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31

A 1986 Buick, driven by Noveta Darlene Aderholt, Wheeler, and a 1984 AMC, driven by Corene Steely McKay, 418 Crest, collided in the 1000 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Aderholt was cited for following too closely and driving without a drivers license.

A 1978 Ford, driven by Robert Earnest Hilton, 422 Finley, and a 1986 Mercury, driven by Lisa Renee Black, 1031 N. Sumner, collided at Banks and Harvester. Hilton sustained possible injuries and Black sustained nonincapacitating injuries. Hilton was cited for failure to yield the right of way at a stop sign

A 1977 Plymouth, driven by Roselita M. Bowman, 631 S. Ballard, collided with a fence and bricks owned by Houston Lumber Co. at 420 W. Foster. Bowman was taken by Pampa Medical Services to Coronado Community Hospital, where she was treated for nonincapacitating injuries. Bowman was cited for no seat belt, running a stop sign, no liability insurance, no Texas motor vehicle inspection sticker and no Texas

Hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions

Danny Boyd, Pampa McLean Martha Davis, Borger Tammy Wheeler Linda Johnston,

Ruth Nelson, Pampa Dismissals Fannie Butcher, Edna Coon, Pampa Martha Davis, Borger Matthew Guthrie. Jones

Valerie McClure and infant, Pampa SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Not available.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31

Theft was reported at J.C. Penney, Pampa Mall, 2545 Perryton Parkway.

Jim Olsen, 1812 Dogwood, reported criminal mischief in the 2500 block of Beech; a window to a residence was broken.

Kim Driscoll, 225 Canadian, reported assault at the address

Theft was reported at Showcase Rental, 113 S. Cuyler; rented items were not paid for or re-Theft was reported at Allsup's Convenience

Store, 901 S. Faulkner.

THURSDAY, Jan. 1 Patricia L. Palmer, 1916 W. Kentucky, reported burglary of a motor vehicle at the Lancer Club,

535 W. Brown; a purse was taken. Disorderly conduct and public intoxication were reported in the 500 block of West Brown; an

individual urinated in public. Driving while intoxicated suspects were reported in the 600 block of South Cuyler and at Wilks and Banks.

Arrests-City Jail

THURSDAY, Jan. 1 Donald Ross Haynes, 22, 628 S. Hobart, was arrested at the Tee Room, 543 W. Brown, on charges of public intoxication and disorderly con-

Billy L. Willingham, 1601 W. Somerville, was arrested in the 600 block of South Cuyler on charges of driving while intoxicated, exhibition of acceleration and failure to show proof of financial

Richard Russell, 29, 806 E. Murphy, was arrested at Wilks and Banks on charges of driving while intoxicated, defective license plate light, no drivers license and failure to maintain financial

Fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following fire run for a 25-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

THURSDAY, Jan. 1

7:50 a.m. - A small fire was reported at Corona do Inn. Firemen had put out the fire and were returning to the station before 8:15 a.m.

Emergency numbers

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| Fire | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Police | | | | | | | | | | | | | 669-7407 |
| SPS | | | | . , | | | | | | | | | 669-7432 |
| Water | | | | | | | | | | | | | 665-3881 |

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Officeholders.

County Judge Carl Kennedy issued certificates of appreciation Wednesday morning to District Clerk Mary Clark, County Treasurer Jean Scott and Deputy County Treasurer Lodema Mitchell, all three marking their final day of employment at the courthouse.

"My stay has been short, but I've enjoyed it," said Clark in thanking Kennedy for her plaque. She was defeated in the Nov. 4 general election by Republican Vickie Walls after serving four years as district clerk and four years as a deputy in the office.

A choked-up Scott thanked commissioners before remarking: "I can't say much more.

Scott announced her retirement earlier in the year after 26 years in the county treasurer's office, 10 as a deputy and the past 16 as county treasurer. Mitchell has been her only deputy since

Republican Scott Hahn takes over the office, following his vic-

tory over Mitchell in November. Former Pampa United Way Director Jan Lyle is Hahn's de

Certificates also were prepared for Precinct 2 Commissioner Ronnie Rice - defeated in November by Democrat Jim Greene — and retiring Chief Adult Probation Officer Dovye Massie, but both were out of

Massie was a deputy county clerk from 1961 until 1975, when she joined the newly formed probation department

Replacing Massie is Jeane Roper, who ran the adult probation office in Wheeler before moving to Pampa in September

Other new officeholders taking office today include County Surveyor Lynn Bezner, replacing Gene Barber as surveyor after Barber's 24-year stint in the office; Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Bob Muns, filling a post vacated by Margie Prestidge of Lefors in

March; and Assistant District Attorney Harold Comer, replacing David Hamilton who was fired Dec. 2.

Newly-elected Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Wayne Roberts was sworn in Wednesday but took office in November after the resignation of former Magistrate David Potter

In other action at their yearend meeting, commissioners: accepted a bid of \$5,450 for \$1 million coverage of public officials liability insurance from Duncan Insurance Agency of Pampa but tabled action on bids for catastrophic liability insur-

transferred a ground lease at Perry Lefors Field from Panhandle Grouting Service to the Confederate Air Force.

signed an amended agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for additional work at Perry Lefors Field under an ex

Wheeler, Roberts jobless rates show increases for November

While Pampa, Gray County and Hemphill County had a drop in November unemployment rates. Wheeler and Roberts counties had an increase among those seeking jobs, reported Texas Employment Commissioner Director Charles Vance.

Wheeler County had a 7 percent unemployment rate, up from the 6.6 percent recorded in October. But the November rate was below the 7.3 percent listed in September, Vance noted

The total labor force for November in Wheeler County stood at 3,009, rising from the 2,980 listed in October. Of those, 2,797 county residents had jobs while 212 were unemployed in November, Vance

Roberts County's unemployment rate continued a three-month rise, standing at 4.3 percent for November. In September the rate was at only 3.3 percent, then rising to 4.1 percent in October. The TEC office reported a total labor force of 656

in Roberts County for November, with 628 employed and 28 still seeking jobs. The labor force dropped from the 683 recorded in October, Vance

Lipscomb County had an unemployment rate in November of 3.9 percent, falling a full percentage point from the 4.9 percent listed for October. The November rate also is below the September rate of 4.3 percent, Vance noted.

The total labor force in Lipscomb County for November was 1,847, with 1,775 having jobs and 72 out of work, Vance said. In October the county had a labor force of 1,739, indicating a rise in its labor force for November

1,000 compact discs, a Jeep, \$100,000 and a "general store" stocked with candy bars, fruit candy and sugarless gum.

If she doesn't want all that. Lowery may take the monetary equivalent of the prizes, said a spokesman for MTV, adding that Lowery has not yet made up her mind which she wants.

Currently owned by Shamrock grain dealer Kenneth Wischkemper, the grassy pasture is accented by slightly rolling hills and a grove of cottonwood trees. It is located alongside a sandy, tumbleweed-lined road one mile west and 11/2 miles north of the abandoned Pakan schoolhouse. three miles north of the Pakan exit on Interstate 40.

Promoters of the event add that Lowery may also have the new home incorporated as a town. One claim on the property that the winner does not receive is the mineral rights, which were retained by Wischkemper.

The "MTV Town" promotion may have put the town of Shamrock, population 3,000, on the map as far as the rock video world is concerned, but many Shamrock residents, and some who live near the new "community" had not heard of the sale or the promotion until they became aware of them through the local news

The Shamrock cable TV service does not carry MTV; neither does Sammons Communications. which provides cable service to Pampa, about 50 miles to the northwest.

Keith Cunningham, manager of Shamrock cable TV service, said he was able to provide MTV to his subscribers from 6 p.m. Wednesday to 6 a.m. today be cause of the local connection.

One longtime Pakan-area resident, who asked not to be identified, said she has "had a lot of calls from curious people.' "But I think it's kind of funny

myself," the woman added. The woman said people she's talked to have been caught unaware of the land sale to the rock video channel.

"It was all so secretive, nobody knew about it," she said.

"As far as all this talk about a town and all this head in the air stuff, I think it's air in the head," she said. "Maybe in New York state, you can do this. But where would they get the fuel, the water for this town.

"The TV reception is not all that good, even with a satelite dish," she added. "It takes 20 acres out here to feed one cow.

The Pakan community was established in 1905 by settlers Czech settlers, the woman explained. The town began dying out in 1947, when the Pakan school was closed.

Now all that remains of the community are the weed-ridden schoolhouse, some vacant buildings and a historical marker mounted on a marble slab. There isn't even a post office box.

"The old people have died out, and the young people moved the Pakan resident said.

Wischkemper, who sold the network an option on his land and will receive payment of an undisclosed amount when the prize is accepted, said he had never seen

"But it makes me no difference," Wischkemper told The Associated Press earlier this week. "I am optioned to sell. To me, it's only a business deal."

And one of the town's "neighbors" is not too pleased with the idea.

"We have two kids, we're Christians," said Kim Cadra, who lives across the road from the site. "I just kinda worry about what's gonna be going on over there.

Another person who lives near the site said he thought the entire

concept was "funny. "Just the thought of someone that listens to MTV wanting to have a ranch out here in the boonies, it's a strange gimmick," said Sam Paken, who lives on a farm about two miles from the acreage.

Richard Hefley, the Shamrock real estate agent who arranged the deal said the land would be a nice location for a house.

"Part of it is good farmland, good for grazing," Hefley said. The trees would provide a lot of

With the exception of truck stops on I-40, the nearest grocery store to the potential settlement would be 30 miles away in Shamrock. The nearest liquor store is

55 miles away in Erick, Okla. MTV promotion coordinator Peter Danielsen said Tuesday that MTV picked the Wischkemper spread after checking out locations throughout the state. At \$300 an acre, the land was cheap, he said.

Hefley said he never met with anyone from MTV and, to his knowledge, nobody with MTV has

seen the property. 'We figured Texas would be a great place to locate," Danielsen said. "Texas is a big state, and MTV likes to do things in a big

Fire.

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mouth, others in positions of desperate flight, many are unrecognizable.' Heriberto Acevedo, civil defense director, said

as many as 100 people were killed. Ramon A. Gonzalez, a patrolman aiding the rescue effort, said he saw eight bodies in the casino and three in the cafeteria, both on the mezzanine level. A hospital said it sent 30 body bags to the

A half-dozen helicopters plucked guests from the hotel's upper floors and roof.

It was not immediately known how many people were in the hotel, which was fully booked, at the time of the fire. U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Paul Benvenuto in Miami said that by 7 p.m., about 125 people had been evacuated. More were evacuated later.

Fire department spokesman Luis E. Moran said heavy black smoke prevented firefighters from reaching all floors of the hotel even after the flames on the first and second floors were extinguished.

Luis Izquiero Mora, secretary of health for the U.S. commonwealth, said 109 people were taken to nine hospitals in the San Juan metropolitan area, which has a population of some 1 million. Uninjured guests were transferred to other hotels and private residences.

Alba Group, who who was in the casino when the

fire erupted, said, "Two explosions, the second just seconds after the first, detonated and broke casino windows, letting in flames and great amounts of smoke. John Lolli, 43, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., said the casino was crowded at the time.

"I was in the casino and all of a sudden, there was a big gush of smoke," he said. "The heat was so intense that people had to crawl out of the casino on their hands and knees.'

Lolli, who was covered with blood, said he was cut by broken glass. He used a chair to break a window to get outside. His wife, Irma, was in the couple's room at the time, but made it to safety, he

Hernandez Colon described the fire as a "horrible tragedy." He decreed three days of mourning and ordered the flags of Puerto Rico and the United States be flown at half staff.

Martin B. Smith, an insurance adjuster, gave an initial damage estimate of \$4 million.

Car wrecked during joyride; owner also reports burglary

A car taken from a home in the 2100 block of North Dwight was driven back toward Pampa after it apparently failed an unauthorized road test west of town

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Johnny Garth Carter said the stolen vehicle was found at 23rd and Price Road, but not until after it had rolled over on a county road west of town.

Carter said the suspects, believed to be juveniles, apparently rolled the vehicle right-side-up after the accident and drove it back toward town, before fleeing

Pampa Police reported the car as stolen Tuesday from Julian Carlson Jr., 2121 N. Dwight. The suspects also burglarized the Carlson home before stealing the

Authorities said no arrests have been made in connection with the car theft

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Weather focus

Fair today with a high in the mid 40s and northerly winds at 10 to 15 mph, becoming light and variable tonight. Low tonight in the upper teens. Partly cloudy Friday with a high near 50 and southwesterly winds at 10 to 15 mph.

showers southwest. Lows tonight upper teens mountains and Panhandle to upper 20s Concho Valley except middle 30s Big Bend valleys. Highs Friday near 50 Panhandle to middle 50s Concho Valley and

Lows mid 20s west to around 30

Grande Valley

EXTENDED FORECAST Saturday through Monday

West Texas - Partly cloudy Saturday and Sunday. Scattered showers most of area Monday, possibly mixed with snow Panhandle. Small dayto-day change in temperatures. Panhandle lows 20s. Highs 40s and 50s. South Plains lows 20s and 30s. Highs in the

City Briefs

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LOCAL FORECAST

REGIONAL FORECAST West Texas — Fair tonight. Partly cloudy Friday except mostly cloudy with isolated

upper 50s Big Bend lowlands. North Texas - Fair and cool through Friday. Highs 50s.

South Texas — Increasing clouds from the west tonight and Friday. Lows tonight upper 20s Hill Country to mid 40s lower coast. Highs Friday low 50s north to low 60s Lower Rio

South Texas — Mostly clear

Market, 123 N. Ward. 665-3375. Open Saturday, 9-5. Sunday, 12-5. FISH NET, 2841 Perryton

9:30. Sunday 8 to 8. Adv.

The Forecast / for 7 a.m. EST, Fri., Jan. 2 Temperatures FRONTS:

Showers' Rain Flurries Snow and cool Saturday. Lows in the 30s, 40s lower Rio Grande Valley and coast. Highs in the 50s, 60s lower valley. Increasing cloudiness Sunday, intermittent light rain or drizzle coastal plains and Lower Rio Grande Valley. Lows in the 30s Hill Country and South Central Texas, around 50 Lower Valley and lower coast, around 40 east. Highs in the 50s to near 60, 60s Lower Valley. Mostly cloudy Monday with occasional rain or drizzle.

North Texas - No rain expected Saturday or Sunday. A chance of rain or showers Monday. Lows will be in the upper 20s west to mid 30s east Saturday and mid 30s west to mid 40s east Sunday and Monday. Highs will be in upper 40s

to lower 50s Saturday in the 50s all area Sunday and lower 50s west to lower 60s east Monday.

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Warm Cold

BORDER STATES.

Oklahoma — Fair statewide tonight and Friday. Low tonight upper teens Panhandle to near 30 southeast. High Friday mid 40s northeast to low 50s west

New Mexico — Variable cloudiness tonight and Friday except for a few snow showers over higher terrain. Lows tonight from 5 to 20 mountains and northwest to the 20s lower elevations of the east and south. Highs Friday from the upper 30s and 40s mountains and northwest to the upper 40s. to the middle 50s elsewhere.

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Pizza for homeless, traffic jams mark celebrations

DALLAS (AP) — Street people in Dallas had a festive New Year's Eve as they munched on free pizza and joined thousands of other downtown celebrants

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Officials had expected at least 70,000 people to mob downtown for concerts and a huge outdoor party and fireworks. But police said the crowds appeared thinner than anticipated, and traffic jams slowed the stream of revelers into the business district.

The pizza give-away for the homeless was sponsored by Little Caesars Love Kitchen, designed to draw attention to

America's hungry, said spokesman Jeff Welsh.

He said about 1,000 homeless people received pizza in the city hall parking

"Each person got about a half of a

medium pizza," Welsh said.
Little Caesars Love Kitchen is a nonprofit restaurant on wheels that has
served free pizza to more than 130,000

people across the nation.

Dallas' downtown festivities included a concert by soul-singer James Brown at the trendy Hard Rock Cafe

at the trendy Hard Rock Cafe.
The biggest of the events scheduled in

said predicted would attract as many as 40,000 people.

Texas A&M yell leaders presided over a midnight pep rally to set the

the central business district was the

'Downtown Countdown '87," an out-

door party and concert that organizers

stage for today's Cotton Bowl clash between the Aggies and Ohio State.

Police Lt. Jake Moore said about two blocks of a major thoroughfare in Dal-

las were evacuated when officers discovered explosives in a car during a routine traffic stop.

Moore said traffic was backed up on

Harry Hines Boulevard while a bomb squad dismantled World War II-vintage hand grenades and what was thought to be a pipe bomb. An automatic weapon was also found.

Three people were arrested on suspicion of violating narcotics and weapons laws, said Police Sgt. Roger Houston.

Moore said two major accidents blocked traffic north and south on Stemmons Freeway, or Interstate 35, which feeds into downtown from the northwest.

Sgt. Carl Craft of the police tactical unit said an estimated 100 off-duty

police officers patrolled downtown, bolstering the normal contingent of about 60 officers.

Craft said the crowds were wellbehaved, and that no major incidents had been reported by early evening.

A highlight of New Year's Eve activities in Houston was the third annual fireworks display at Transco Tower, including a floor-by-floor illumination of the 64-floor building.

The Golden Knights, an Army demonstration parachute team, planned a dramatic night jump to the site, with an eight-minute fireworks display scheduled immediately afterward.

Court grants execution stay

AUSTIN (AP) — A man convicted of murdering his brother-in-law has won a stay of execution from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Johnny Ray Anderson, 27, was scheduled to die

by injection before dawn on Jan. 8, but the court sent his case back to the trial court for an evidentiary hearing within 45 days.

State District Judge Larry Gist, who presided over Anderson's trial, had turned down the appeal on Tuesday.

Anderson's attorney, Louis Dugas of Orange, asked for a stay on grounds that Anderson had ineffective counsel and that Anderson is presently insane.

Dugas also argued that the death penalty is cruel and unusual because the condemned are killed behind closed doors in the middle of the night.

"If executions are to take place they should take place in the county of conviction and (be) witnessed by the public if they are to attempt to act as a deterrents to crime," said a writ of habeas corpus filed by Dugas.

Anderson was convicted in the execution-style slaying of Ronald Gene Goode, 22, of Kountze, in a scheme to collect \$67,000 in insurance money.

A jury concluded that Anderson shot Goode three times on a deserted Beaumont roadside in October of 1981.

Laura Lee Anderson Goode, 31 — widow of the victim and Anderson's sister — also was convicted of taking part in the murder scheme and was sentenced to life in prison.

Anderson's mother, Rowena Anderson, 58, was tried and found innocent of a murder charge after her son was convicted.

A neighbor of the Andersons, Delvin Johnson, 42, was originally indicted for capital murder in Goode's death but pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of murder in exchange for a 50-year prison sentence. He testified against Anderson.

Part of an appeal filed by Dugas contends that Anderson's mother was prohibited from testifying for him at his trial because she feared self-incrimination.

Included in the appeal is an affidavit by Mrs. Anderson that her son was home the night Goode was killed

Jurors also never heard testimony that Anderson was a special education student who dropped out of school after the sixth grade and never learned to read or write, the appeal notes.

Service honored



(Staff photo by Paul Pinkhan

Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy presents plaques of appreciation to Deputy County Treasurer Lodema Mitchell, left, County Treasurer Jean Scott and District Clerk Mary Clark. The three departing county offi-

cials were honored Wednesday, their last day in office, for years of service. Mitchell and Scott are retiring while Clark was defeated in a bid for re-election.

Auto owner says he was stung, too

HOUSTON (AP) — Someone stole Craig Bosse's 1982 Pontiac Firebird from a parking lot near his office in downtown Houston on July 7.

Within hours, the thieves sold the auto to PDQ Sales. The operators of PDQ Sales weren't fences who wanted to strip the car for parts, however. They were Houston police officers running a sting to catch car thieves.

HPD bought 69 cars from thieves, and about 30 of the thieves were charged after being videotaped selling hot cars. The cars bought by PDQ were all in good shape, and none had been stripped.

Bosse assumed that if his car was found, he would get his car back right away. But he was wrong. Police knew who the car belonged to, but waited five months to tell Bosse and the other owners that their cars had been recovered.

HPD Capt. Jack Fulbright, who ran the sting, says police kept recovery of the 69 cars a secret—even from the victims and their insurance companies—in the interest of security of the sting.

Officers were afraid that if they returned the

cars to their owners, the thieves might see the cars and know a sting was going on, Fulbright says. "We felt out the insurance companies beforehand," he says. "We weighed that in our decision to do it (not return the cars)."

As soon as police got a car, they checked whether it was insured, Fulbright says. Only one of the 69 was uninsured, he says, and in that instance police took the risk and returned it to its owner.

None of the other 68 owners has complained to

the police department, Fulbright says.

It was more important, he says, to put thieves

out of business than to return cars to their rightful owners immediately.

For about a month after the crime, Bosse says, he called the police Auto Theft Division every other day to see if his car had been found. The answer, he says, was always the same: "We don't have it." All the time, he learned later, his car was sitting

in a police impoundment lot.

Bosse says his insurance company, Allstate, rented a car for him and, after his car was missing for 30 days, offered him \$6,706 for his car under his theft insurance policy. Allstate deducted \$660 for two payments Bosse still owed on the car, paid off

his car note and gave him the difference.

Bosse said he then bought a new \$13,000 truck—
requiring 48 monthly payments of \$340.

Finally, on Dec. 16, police sent him a letter

saying his car had been recovered July 7.

Bosse says he has no complaint with Allstate for the amount it paid him, but that he didn't want a new vehicle. The car had low mileage and was in perfect condition, he says, "and I was looking forward to a little time without a car note. I got fair market value. But I didn't want to sell it."

He says he never would have settled with Allstate — and, in effect, sold them the car — if he had known his auto was sitting on a police department lot.

Allstate has offered to sell his car back to him—for \$6,706—he says, but he's already used that money to buy his new truck.

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"The damage is done," he says. It leaves a bad taste in my mouth."

pay \$150 to become passengers on the make-believe plane earn \$1,200 when they become a pilot.

Illegal pyramid-scheme game latest target of state officials

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials are trying to shoot down an illegal game called Airplane, a popular pyramid scheme where players pay to board an imaginary plane and hope to get promoted to the highly-paid position of pilot.

Charles Ferrell, chief of the state attorney general's consumer protection division, said people who play the endless chain scam could be charged with a Class B misdemeanor.

Undercover agents will be used to gather evi

dence, Ferrell said.

Authorities in the Dallas, Houston and Galveston areas have arrested dozens of Airplane players, including 174 adults caught playing the game in a hotel across the street from the Johnson Space

Center, south of Houston.

The game allows players to receive eight times the amount of cash they pay to play. Players who pay \$150 to become passengers on the make-

Some people are paying as much as \$1,500 to play, a price that earns them \$12,000, the Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday. "It's everywhere. Everyone is talking about it."

according to an Austin woman who said she has played Airplane three times. "It's just a gambling game."

Each Airplane game requires eight passengers, four crew members, two co-pilets and a pilot. After

Each Airplane game requires eight passengers, four crew members, two co-pilots and a pilot. After all eight passengers purchase make-believe tickets to ride the plane, the pilot collects the money.

The plane then divides into two new airplanes, each piloted by the two former co-pilots. The former crew members become co-pilots and the former passengers are promoted to crew members. The planes continue to divide each time eight new passengers come aboard.

Farrell said people who play Airplane risk losing money because the scheme inevitably will unravel at some point.

News

The GOP machine also moved across the Top o' Texas as Canadian rancher and school trustee Dick Waterfield, a Republican, defeated veteran "Buck" Buchanan for the District 64 state House seat. In another GOP upset, Fannye Greenhouse ended the 29-year career of Roberts County Justice of the Peace Mildred Cunningham.

But not all the battles were Republicans vs. Democrats. In Hemphill County, Don Schaef and Bob Gober can't be completely sure which will be county judge. Incumbent Gober lost to Schaef in the May Democratic Primary but defeated him by 16 votes as a write-in in November. Schaef questioned some of the written votes and will leave it to 154th District Judge Pat Boone Jr. of Littlefield, who is expected to hand down a ruling Monday.

In Gray County, Democrat Wayne Roberts defeated write-in Margie Prestige to take the Precinct 2 magistrate seat vacated in November by Republican David Potter, who quit to be a Gray County jailer.

Sports victories

The Pampa Lady Harvesters' track team went undefeated in eight meets en route to winning the Class 4A state championship. It was the first girls' state track title in school history.

Pampa scored 78 points in the state meet to outlast Brenham, which finished second with 72 points. Pampa team members were Courtney Brown, Sandee Greenway, Schivonne Parker, Tanya Lidy, Laquita Brown and Andrea Hopkins.

At the Austin meet, the Lady Harvesters placed in seven events, winning two. Lidy won the 200 and anchored the winning 400-meter relay team, which also consisted of Yolanda Brown, Courtney Brown and Greenway.

Pampa's 1600-meter relay team (Laquita Brown, Lidy, Parker, Greenway) finished second while the 800-meter relay team (Laquita Brown, Yolanda Brown, Greenway, Lidy) came in third. Courtney Brown placed second in the 100, and Hopkins was a second-place finisher in the language.

fourth in the long jump.

That annual contender, the Wheeler Mustang football team, produced another sparkling season despite odds that might have crip-

pled lesser spirits.

Overcoming injuries that knocked key players off the field and surviving a loss near the end of the regular 1986 season that threatened to cancel all playoff hopes, the Mustangs reached the semifinals before falling to Throckmorton.

Each season for the past five years, the Mustangs have gone one step further in their playoff ventures. In 1987, Wheeler should be a contender for the Texas 1A football crown.

Public golf course

The drive for a public golf course near Pampa continued in 1986 as course supporters approached Gray County commissioners with a proposal for the county help with the course's construction. Supporters drew up plans for a proposed site off Texas Highway 70 just north of Pampa, and commission-

ers put the idea to a mail poll in June.

Although mail ballots supported the idea by a 3-to-1 margin, commissioners balked when golf course supporters presented a construction cost to the county of nearly \$1 million. Commissioners worried about how the cost of the course would affect future county budgets.

A decision by the commissioners to put the idea on the November general election ballot was halted after the secretary of state's office ruled such a vote would be illegal. Commissioners promised to consider the idea again in 1987.

The issue also prompted the unsuccessful candidacy of former Pampa Public Golf Association President Epperson for Precinct 4 county commissioner.

DPS suit settled

The family of a Pampa woman killed in a traffic accident involving a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper just before Christmas 1984, received \$375,000 in an out-of-court settlement with the department in

September.
The accident at 17th and Hobart on Dec. 21, 1984, ultimately took the life of Candace Ketchum Smith. DPS Trooper Johnny Garth Carter had been chasing two speeders north on Hobart when the accident occurred, authorities said.

Cash from the settlement was divided among Mrs. Smith's husband, William; the couple's three children, Richard, Andra and Tiffany; and the woman's father, Richard V. Ketchum of Pineville, Ore. William and Andra Smith were passengers in the car driven by Mrs. Smith and sustained injuries in the accident.

The Smith's attorney, Robert Garner of Amarillo, said the family still may sue Ford Motor Co. and the manufacturer of the headlights and sirens being used on Carter's DPS car. Garner has claimed the sirens and grill-mounted headlights on the car were not suitable for in-town use.

Celanese sale

In November, officials of American Hoechst, a subsidiary of a West German chemical conglomerate, had hoped to acquire Celanese Chemical Corp. as a \$2.848 billion Christmas present. But Hoechst has since found out that, with 475 affiliates in 144 countries, the company had too much information to submit to the Federal Trade Commission in one-month's time.

On Nov. 3, Hoechst made a cash tender offer of \$245 per share of Celanese stock and set a Dec. 3 expiration date for the cash tender offer. The date has since been moved to Dec. 15, then Dec. 23, then Dec. 29 and now to Jan. 9 because the FTC wants information on Hoechst's foreign affiliates.

Marijuana field

Quiet Lefors was an unlikely spot for what some have called the largest drug bust in Texas, but that's where state drug enforcement agencies destroyed marijuana plants worth more than an estimated \$100 million on Oct. 14.

Pampa police were first made aware of the pot, growing wild on a ranch near Lefors, during a three-week investigation that led to the Sept. 29 arrest of Tommy Frank Ramey, 29, of Pampa, on a charge of possessing more than 10 pounds of marijuana. Also arrested, on Sept. 10, was Kimberly Morris, 19, of McLean, who was charged with possessing about 11 ounces of marijuana.

No other arrrests have been made.

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Opinion

Iragua could lead to more openness

Among the many paradoxes of the Iranian-contra affair is this exquisite one: Should the Reagan presidency collapse in scandal, such a turn of events devoutly wished by its enemies in government and the media - could bring about th realization of Ronald Reagan's most fervent anti-government rhetoric. Just as the Nixon administration's fall a dozen years ago was accompanied by condemnations of "the imperial presidency" by liberal advocates of central government, so could the downfall of the Reagan administration depopularize the executive branch as the favored engine of liberalism

To which the predictable response of those of us of the libertarian persuasion would be three cheers. But should it? For within the celebrated demise of the executive would be the seeds of a reassertive Congress. How would libertarians look upon the revolting development of, say, an emboldened Rep. Jim Wright, wielding more de facto power over foreign policy than the president of the 50 states?

Our answer, if you'll forgive the acrobatics, is that the free society could be better served by a presidency with both manueverability in foreign affairs and answerability. The primary reason for what The New Republic has dubbed "Iragua" is that Congress through the post-Vietnam years has been treading clumsily into foreign policy-making, which is where the framers of the Constitution were leary of placing the irresolute folks from Capitol Hill.

Libertarians have generally found the congressionally mandated restraints agreeable, if constitutionally dubious, imagining that they discouraged presidents from global adventuring. Alas, those restraints actually have encouraged global adventuring from the White House. All the "micro-management" from Congress, especially a Congress which in the space of a few months can first scorn and then wed the National Security Council staffers to plot their extralegal schemes; voila!, Ollie North.

Can a serious libertarian deny that "Iragua" (well, it's better than Iran- or Contra-gate) represents gov-ernment at its duplicitous worst? Wouldn't it be better if the president were empowered to launch his foreign initiatives in the manner the framers intended?

The framers did not envision a popularly elected president. But the paradox libertarians must face is that a president acting under his original constitutional authority necessarily follows a powerful restraint, i.e. a fully informed body politic, whereas a presidency of diffused bureaucratic power begins to operate out of control, leading to a final internment of the Constitution and dictatorship.

These reflections have nothing to do with a sentimental attachment to Ronald Reagan, who can be hanged before we would sacrifice our commitment to the principles of a free society. But if through this crucible of "Iragua," presidential activity can be brought more into the open, then we say godspeed to the 39th heir of George Washington.

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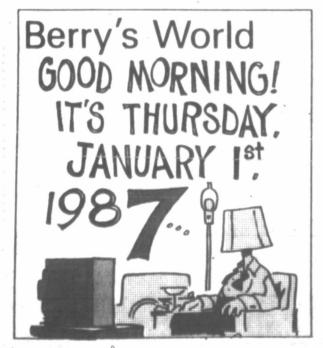
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Johnny can't write, either

WASHINGTON — Thirty years have passed since Rudolf Flesch published his biting criticism of the public schools. He told us "Why Johnny Can't Read." Now it turns out that Johnny

Last month's report from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, an agency created by Congress, paints a bleak picture of the writing skills of American children. Archie E. Lapointe, executive director of the survey, summed up the situation in a sentence: "Performance in writing in our schools is, quite simply, bad."

That conclusion is based upon a massive survey conducted in 1984 by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, N.J. Nearly 55,000 students in the fourth, eighth and 11th grades were randomly chosen to provide a valid statistical sample. In response to directions, the students prepared more than 90,000 compositions. Their papers then were judged by experienced readers who were instructed to take into account the test conditions; the papers were understood to be uncorrected first drafts, and full allowance was made for that fact.

The judges rated the compositions as unsatisfactory, minimal, adequate or "elaborated." The terms may be translated as terrible, not quite awful, barely acceptable and pretty good. Of these last the judges found very few.

One part of the test dealt with informative writing. At the 11th-grade level, for example, students were asked to write a brief application for a summer job. They were to describe their

qualifications and sell themselvels. This was an 'adequate'' response:

"I would like a job helping to take care of the animals at the S.P.C.A. I love animals. I have experience with animals. I have two dogs, four birdss one hamster I had more animals but old age the have died. I love dog the best and I feel I could do the job.

Only 4.6 percent of the 11th-graders wrote 'elaborated'' job applications; 15.4 percent of the papers were judged "unsatisfactory;" 16.2 percent were judged "minimal." The rest were adequate.

Another assignment called for the students to 'describe a favorite type of music and explain why it is liked." This was from a "minimal" paper by a fourth-grader: "I like Thriller because it sound good and I like the way it start like someone making noise. And the beat sound good and I like the way the man talk and it sound a ghost story." Only four-tenths of 1 percent of the 11th-graders wrote "elaborated" papers about their favorite music; and only 6.6 percent wrote papers that were even "adequate."

In the field of persuasive writing, students were asked to write their principal about changing a school rule: "I think our school does not need A labotory rule because some time people have to go and they would let you and then when your doing your work one of the teachers happen to get up and mosy on out to the restroom to go to the bathroom just after she or he told you your not alound to go to the rest room." That was a typical "minimal" reply.

What accounts for these sad findings? The report makes no attempt at assessing blame or establishing cause and effect. Like Sergeant Friday, it deals only with the facts, ma'am. Among the facts: the quality of student writing is closely correlated to the time spent watching television. Thirty percent of the fourth-graders acknowledged watching TV six hours or more a day. They were the poorest writers.

Performance also is correlated, though not so closely, to homework and to reading. Fourteen percent of the 11th-graders reported that they put in more than two hours of homework a day. They read more than 20 pages daily. They were the best writers.

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Home environment, not surprisingly, makes a significant difference. The children of collegeeducated parents, living in homes with books and newspapers, scored well. At every grade level, blacks and Hispanics scored well below whites and Asian-Americans. Girls did better

The data are depressing. Those of us who write for a living ought not to be overly critical. A 10-year-old can be forgiven mistakes in spelling and punctuation on a first draft. All the same, it is disturbing that fewer than one-fourth of our 17-year-olds perform even "adequately" on elementary writing tasks. How will they succeed in a real world that demands written communication? The short answer is that many of them won't succeed. They'll flunk

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Lewis Grizzard

Prepare for condom ads

OK, now that I have everyone's attention, let me say that if the mention of that particular product embarrasses or infuriates you, you are going to be embarrassed and infuriated a great deal in the future. Get ready for, "The Return of

the Condom Condoms, long obsolete as a means of preventing disease and pregnancy with the development of penicillin and the pill, began their comeback alongside the rise and awareness of

AIDS and teen pregnancy Several months ago, one company even began advertising condoms on billboards in certain American cities. I got phone calls and letters.

'How dare they put something like that on billboards," was the prevalent theme of the calls and letters.

That is nothing compared to what is about to happen. In its November issue, Fortune magazine featured a detailed study of the sudden surge of condom sales.

Consider this: Said New York's health commissioner, at a

conference dealing with the threat of AIDS to heterosexuals, "The day of the condom has re-

turned." ■ The National Academy of Science is advising the use of condoms

■ The surgeon general has endorsed the use of condoms Condom sales are currently up 10 percent,

and they are expected to climb even higher. And you can expect more ad campaigns. Women account for 50 percent of condom sales. One company's expected to target women

with billboards featuring a woman saying, "I like sex. But I don't want to die from it.' Also, according to Fortune, there will be seven days of on-campus festivities at a number

of colleges and universities as a means of heightening the awareness of condoms in students. Call it National Condom Week.

According to Fortune, "... In addition to tossing water-filled condoms around, the events will include the distribution of free condoms. condom motif T-shirts and poster. . . and free condom-promoting literature.

A pin-the-condom-on-the-man contest mirrors pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey with obvious dif-

ferences One of the schools where such is supposed to take place is strait-laced Methodist Emory University in Atlanta. Said Gerald Lowrey, associate dean of campus life at Emory: "Our students can do something independently if they want to, but the school can't be involved in something like this. It just wouldn't do for our reputation. It's too sensational.

But isn't it important for Emory students to be aware of condoms as a means to protect themselves from deadly disease and pregnancy?

"Done right," Lowery continued, "it's a good thing to get the message out, but the main intent of the campus activities seems to hold the idea up to public ridicule rather than the sensible approach.

The use of condoms might very well save a lot of lives in the future, so any methods of making people use them seem sensible enough to me. National Condom Week. It begins on Valentine's Day.

Freeing unions from organized

By Robert Walters

NEW YORK (NEA) - In other cities, the brutal murder of Bruno Bauer might well have been a cause celebre. In New York, however, his slaying went virtually unnoticed - and more than three months later, the crime re-

Bauer's body was found last autumn at his work place, a trucking firm in Queens where he was a mechanic. The manner in which he was killed left little doubt that he was the victim of an organized crime execution.

He was shot four times at close range - in the neck, the cheek, the ear and finally "the coup de grace in the back of the head," explained a

detective Bauer was a member of Teamsters Local 707, which federal law enforcement officials say is controlled by the Colombo organized crime familiy.

Several months before his death, Bauer filed an unfair labor practice complaint with the National Labor Relations Board, alleging that the trucking company for which he worked was paying him less than the wage agreed upon in its contract with

In addition, Bauer charged that the union had refused to process his grievance and that his union shop steward assaulted him when informed that he was seeking aid from federal authorities.

Bauer also took his charges to the Labor Department's Office of Labor Racketeering and to the Association for Union Democracy, a public inter-

Bauer's complaint was considered and rejected - by Local 707 Vice President Nicholas Grancio, identified by witnesses testifying at a labor racketeering trial in federal court as the man who ran the union for the

Bauer's slaying is noteworthy be cause it suggests the price individuals pay for union corruption in a city where special investigative commissions, grand juries, law enforcement agencies and others constantly cite the scope and depth of the problem but little ever happens to ameliorate

The New York State Commission on Investigation; for example, cited widespread featherbedding in a 1986 report that described a Teamsters foreman at a major construction project in the city who received \$426,000

in salary and benefits in a single year. In a 1986 report on labor corruption in general, the President's Commission on Organized Crime concluded that "New York construction businesses cooperating with organized crime have formed a cartel, and the union is the enforcing agent."

Eight men, including the reputed bosses of three of New York's five leading Mafia families, recently were convicted in federal court here on charges of labor racketeering as well as loan sharking, extortion and other

Federal law enforcement officials. encouraged by the results of that trial, say they plan to expand their effort to free labor unions from control by organized crime

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Thousands of people lined up for today's Rose and Mummers parades after Americans welcomed 1987 and the 200th birthday of the Constitution with gunfire and fireworks, alcoholic and alcohol-free toasts and wishes for peace

An estimated 300,000 people jammed New York City's Times Square as the "Big Apple" dropped for the 78th time in 80 years, another 20,000 watched as Philadelphia opened the Constitution's birthday party, and thousands gathered across the nation to meditate, sing and cheer for peace in an observance that coincided with the end of the United Nations' International Year of Peace.

The last night of 1986 was the First Night in Boston, San Francisco, Albany, N.Y., Milwaukee and Charlotte, N.C., as thousands of people celebrated the New Year with alcoholfree gatherings

Police in Pasadena, Calif., confiscated couches placed on the route of today's Rose Parade as thousands of people camped out for the extravaganza of 59 floats decorated with 6 million flowers.

"This is the public party zone," said Eric

Stonecipher, 17, of Arcadia, Calif. "This is the best place to be."

About 1 million spectators and a worldwide TV audience of 350 million are expected for the parade, which is to be followed by the Rose Bowl football game between Michigan and Arizona State.

Philadelphia geared up for today's Mummers Parade, the nation's oldest organized parade. Participants competing for more than \$300,000 in prizes strut up Broad Street in huge and gaudy costumes of sequins and

Meanwhile, a wind-driven rainstorm Wednesday night cleared just in time for NBC to start its national coverage of the King Orange Jamboree Parade in Miami leading up to the Orange Bowl game

Hundreds gathered Wednesday in San Francisco and Moscow to exchange greetings over a satellite hook-up. "We think the more people communicate directly with each other, the greater the chance we will reduce tensions between the two political systems,' said organizer Joel Schatz.

Police stepped up drunken-driving patrols overnight while scores of the communities offered party-goers black coffee and free

An estimated 300,000 screaming, hornblowing revelers elbowed their way into Times Square as an illuminated, 200-pound globe made to look like a big apple descended 430 feet at midnight. Firecrackers echoed. champagne flowed, strangers hugged and lovers kissed 1986 goodbye.

Listing his New Year's resolutions, Jim Vaughn, 32, of Los Angeles, said, "I've resolved never to come to New York again."

Fireworks lighted the sky over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge connecting Philadelphia with Camden, N.J., beginning the bicentennial celebration of the Constitution, signed at Independence Hall on Sept. 17, 1787.

An estimated 20,000 watched the 14-minute fireworks salute, which was to have lasted 13 minutes in honor of the original colonies.

Nine members of San Francisco's zany Committee Against the End of the Month marched outside City Hall on Tuesday in an unsuccessful bid to keep 1986 around a while longer. "Just say no to 1987," they chanted.

About 500,000 revelers surged through clear, cool weather into Boston to gawk at ice sculpture, art and a parade in the 10th annual alcohol-free mix of food and entertainment that has spread to other cities.



Fireworks burst over the Ben Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia in celebration of 1987, which is the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution.

Reagan's New Year's message is jammed by Soviets

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) - President Reagan is ringing in the new year with a pledge to the Soviet people to seek progress on tough questions of peace and war, but U.S. officials say Soviet jamming interfered with the broadcast of the president's words.

Reagan's 10-minute pre-recorded talk, put together after the Kremlin balked at an exchange of televised speeches, was aired in 17 languages by the Voice of America Wednesday afternoon and evening, when it was already New Year's Day in the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, the president and first lady Nancy Reagan celebrated New Year's Eve with fellow guests including top government officials and old Hollywood friends at a black-tie party at the 220acre estate of publisher Walter H. Annenberg.

The Reagans will return Friday to the White House, where the president will give a live sports interview during halftime of the televised Fiesta Bowl football game

Reagan had proposed that he and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev each deliver a New Year's message on television in the other's country, as they did at the beginning of 1986. The Soviets refused, saying relations between the two superpowers did not justify such an exchange.

In response, Reagan taped the speech at a hotel in Los Angeles on Monday and the White House appealed to the Soviets not to jam the broadcast.

White House spokesman Peter Roussel said Voice of America listening posts in Vienna, Moscow, Leningrad and Helsinki detected jamming, although the president's message could be heard through the interference

'The jamming of this broadcast is a disservice to the Soviet people," Roussel said, adding that it "speaks volumes about the Soviet system." "The free exchange of ideas is the most basic of

human rights," Roussel said.

In his speech, Reagan said, "In 1986, our two countries made progress on some of the toughest questions of all. In 1987, we'll make more, I'm sure. We must continue together on the journey toward lasting peace."

"As you know, there have been setbacks and frustrations as well as progress," he added. "I'm disappointed that we didn't accomplish more."

As he did during last year's congressional campaign, Reagan suggested that the United States and Soviet Union came close to agreement at the October summit meeting in Iceland on several issues, including elimination of nearly all intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

That meeting ended, in disappointment after the

Soviets insisted that any concessions be linked to limits, which Reagan would not accept, on the proposed space-based missile defense system dub-

Invited revelers at the party at Sunnylands, the Annenberg estate, included Secretary of State George P. Shultz, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, Ambassador to Britain Charles Price, Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., U.S. Information Agency director Charles Wick, comedian Bob Hope, actor James Stewart and their wives.

On Wednesday, Reagan signed an executive order implementing a congressionally approved 3 per cent pay increase for most federal employees and military personnel. The new salaries will range from \$9,619 a year for the lowest paid workers to \$111,700 for Chief Justice William H. Rehn-

Bullet pierces landing airliner, one passenger wounded

MORRISVILLE, N.C. (AP) - The pilot of a United Airlines jetliner was unaware until after he'd landed that a bullet fired from the ground had torn through the plane's belly, wounding a passenger, authorities said

Barry Rollins, 30, of New York, was in stable condition Wednesday night at Rex Hospital with wounds to the thigh and cheek, officials said.

Rollins was wounded as Flight 1502, a Boeing 737, approached Raleigh-Durham Airport on Wednesday, said Matt Gonring, director of media relations for United Airlines in Chicago.

Marine Pvt. Jeff Dillard of Camp Lejeune, one of 16 passengers, said he was two rows behind Rollins when he heard a popping sound as the bullet left a hole 11/2 to 2 inches in diameter in the passenger compartment and hit Rollins.

'I was helping hold a compress on his face," Dillard said. "I think he was pretty much in shock, as anyone would be."

Don Paschall, chief of airport police, said planes in that position normally are 500 to 1,000 feet off the

The plane, which left Wilmington at 4:50 p.m., landed without further incident at 5:25 p.m., he said. The jet was impounded and passengers heading for the next stop, Dulles Airport in Washington, were put on another plane.

The landing was not affected by the shooting, said Kay Lund, a United spokeswoman. "The pilot

wasn't even aware of the incident until he landed." 'We did find a penetration of the fuselage of the aircraft shortly behind the wing on the right-hand side and the penetration did go through to the passenger compartment to the seat where the subject was sitting," Paschall said. "We don't know if this was intentional or accidental.

Police searched roads and woods south of the airport, but there were no reports of arrests or unusual sightings Wednesday night.

"We have secured the scene and we are awaiting the arrival of the FBI," Paschall said. "We have searched the aircraft ourselves and the FBI will also do so.'

Moderate gains seen for nation's industry

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. industry, which has had four consecutive years of increasing output, should enjoy further moderate gains in 1987, the Commerce Department is forecasting in its annual preview of American business prospects.

The department said manufacturing industries should be helped by declines in the country's huge trade deficit, while the country's burgeoning service sector will continue to lead the way in employment gains.

The forecasts are contained in the department's 690-page "U.S. Industrial Outlook," which seeks to forecast industry winners and losers for the coming year.

The big winner on the manufacturing side will once again be the country's semiconductor industry, with a forecast growth in shipments of 26.5 percent.

Many other high-tech industries should do well, the outlook predicted, because of increased overseas sales coming from the fall in the value of the dollar, which will make American products more competitive.

In the service category, the outlook picked mutual funds to be the biggest success story, with a projected growth in assets of 26.5 percent.

Among the losers, the report said, would be turbine generator manufacturers, who are expected to see shipments pli nge by 62.4 percent as demand for electric-generating equipment continues to contract.

"Overall, 1987 should be a good year - by and large as good a year as 1986," Commerce Deputy Secretary Clarence Brown said in releasing the report Wednesday. "The growth will be broader across all industries than in recent years although somewhat

The outlook forecast that manufacturing industries would increase their shipments by 2 percent in 1987, a moderate advance which would match the gain expected for all of 1986. The last time shipments of manufactured goods declined was in the recession year of 1982 when they fell 4.5

The outlook predicted that 70 percent of manufacturing industries would see increases in shipments in 1987, the second highest percentage improvement since

Brown said the widespread nature of the improvement was one of the notable features about the new predictions. He said the gap between the fastest growing industries and the weakest performers had narrowed significantly.

The new forecast expects the difference in shipment growth between the top 10 percent of manufacturing industries and the bottom 10 percent will be only 9 percent, down from 29 percent four years ago and the smallest disparity of the past 15 years.

"A broader range of industries will participate in the overall moderate growth," Brown said.

The new estimates are based on an economic forecast which calls for the country's huge trade deficit to shrink by between \$30 billion and \$40 billion next year, providing relief for importbattered American manufac-

This optimistic forecast for next year was called into doubt Wednesday with release of a separate report which showed that the country's trade deficit surged to a record high of \$19.7 billion in November, reversing a three-month trend of improvement.

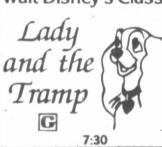
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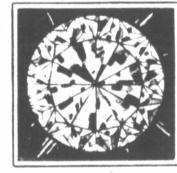
administrator said Wednesday. Lee Thomas said in an interview that the amount is "a good, viable alternative" to the \$18 bil-

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lion contained in the Clean Water Act reauthorization bill that President Reagan vetoed on Nov.

> Reagan, who originally asked Congress for only \$6 billion for the 14-year-old program, said the legislation "exceeds acceptable levels" of spending in a time of huge budget deficits.

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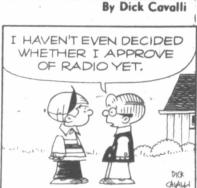
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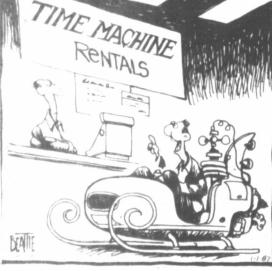
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Mikhail S. Gorbachev told his people Wednesday they must work much harder in 1987 to overcome economic stagnation. He also offered "a hand of friendship" to all nations that seek dis-

In separate remarks, Gorbachev spoke of the overriding need for Americans and Soviets to learn how to "live in peace on this tiny and very fragile

Wearing a blue suit and dark tie, Gorbachev addressed the Soviet nation for 81/2 minutes on television on New Year's Eve shortly before midnight. After he had finished, the television showed the Kremlin chimes ringing in the New

Year and played the national anthem. Gorbachev noted that 1987 is the 70th

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and said, "In the new year, we are to attain bigger results in the economy.

"We know full well — nobody will do anything for us, nobody will resolve our tasks and problems. We have to do everything ourselves, and this means that every one of us must work harder, much harder."

Gorbachev said the peoples of the world became increasingly aware in 1986 of the menace of war. "Never before has the earth, our home, been subjected to such a danger," he said.

"We are sincerely extending a hand of friendship and cooperation to all who favor immediate negotiations on the complete ending of nuclear tests, who favor reduction and full destruction of wished peace and prosperity to the American people in 1987 and said the realities of the nuclear age-mean the superpowers must learn to live

"Soviet people want to live in peace with the Americans and do not feel any hostility to them," the Communist Party general secretary said. "Whether we like one another or not, it is essential to learn to co-exist, to live in peace on this tiny and very fragile planet."

Gorbachev was responding to written questions submitted by Joseph Kingsbury-Smith, national editor of the New York-based Hearst Newspapers. The questions and answers were distributed

on New Year's Eve by Tass. The Soviet leader told his nation that quest, a year of hard work" by the Soviet people toward achieving the Kremlin's goals of economic reform and technological innovation.

But, he said, "the forces of stagnation and complacency are still making themselves felt, some people still hope that everything will return to the old beaten track.

"But this will not stop the advance of Soviet society along the road of transformation. We cannot afford to slacken

Gorbachev said that as 1987 begins all people of the world have exchanged wishes for peace. "But good wishes alone are not enough. Good deeds are also needed," he said.

He blamed the "old, conservative

thinking" of Western governments for blocking an agreement on Soviet proposals for arms control. "Our door remains open to negotiations," he said.

"But it should also be clear that our peaceability has nothing in common with weakness," Gorbachev added.

Gorbachev made no direct references to the United States in his Wednesday night speech, criticizing only the policy of "some governments," which he said were not responding to their peoples' aspirations for an end to the arms race.

Last year, Gorbachev and President Reagan exchanged televised New Year's greetings on Soviet and U.S. television. The Kremlin this year rejected such an exchange, saying superpower relations were too poor to war-

Car bomb explodes in Lima, Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP) - A powerful car bomb exploded Wednesday a half-block from the state election board headquarters where the contest for

mayor of Lima was decided hours before. Police on the scene told The Associated Press there were no injuries in the 6 a.m. blast that demolished a late model Volkswagen and threw metal scraps up to two blocks. The explosion ripped holes in a metal fence and blew out the windows of a nearby Roman Catholic church office.

There was no damage to the election board headquarters where Aprista party candidate Jorge Del Castillo was declared winner Tuesday evening of Lima's election for mayor, held Nov. 9. Justice Minister Carlos Blancas condemned what he termed in a press release a terrorist attack on the election headquarters. The explosion came an hour after the end of the nightly curfew imposed on this city of six million people in February to combat guerrilla violence

Neither of Peru's two leftist guerrilla groups, the Shining Path and the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, issued an immediate claim of responsibility for the blast

Del Castillo was named winner of the election following seven weeks of vote recounting

Iran blames U.S. for halt of talks

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) - Iran's chief negotiator accused America of not dealing in 'good faith' Wednesday after talks on returning \$507.7 million in blocked Iranian assets were adjourned despite an Iranian assertion that settlement was

Wednesday's meeting at the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal lasted only 30 minutes, and the United States said this fourth round of talks was at an end.

Both sides confirmed, however, that further meetings are planned

At the State Department in Washington, spokesman Phyllis Oakley said, "The U.S. negotiators are returning to the United States to consult in preparation for the next meeting. ... We feel progress was made.

Mrs. Oakley said no agreement had been expected Wednesday and holding more sessions had been seen as "a likely outcome," though she said no date for resumption was set.

Assadollah Nouri, the chief Iranian negotiator, said the U.S. side at The Hague told him no agreement could be reached now because Washington officials were not available over the holiday.

He said Iran had expected to conclude the discussions Wednesday.

The \$507.7 million represents what is left over, plus interest, in **Account Number One at the New** York Federal Reserve Bank, a \$3.66 billion account established with Iranian money in 1981 to pay off syndicated bank loans.

'This (U.S.) delegation was supposed to put its final draft for implementation of the award on the table so that we might be able to conclude our negotiations,' Nouri told The Associated Press.

'But without any justification, the U.S. delegation said to us today (Wednesday) that it-would not

be ready to continue the talks. "They said that their home authorities are not available at this time of the year in Washington so they could not reach them easily .. to persuade them to sign a final

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Blast devastates apartment block in Dublin

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) - An explosion blew the front off a five-story apartment block today in the fashionable Ballsbridge district of Dublin, causing at least one injury, police said.

PEKING (AP) — Hundreds of students pre-

Tiananmen Square marched down Peking's main

thoroughfare today before returning to the land-

mark square for a rough shoving match with

One student was pushed in the face, shoved down

and dragged off, and another was seen being taken

away by police. One student claimed as many as 20

students were arrested, but that figure could not be

by police, one after several police roughed him up.

However, police generally showed restraint and

The demonstration, which was illegal under reg-

ulations banning unauthorized gatherings

announced by the city last week, was the most

public show of student protest since tens of

thousands took to the streets in Shanghai Dec. 19-

More than 1,000 police blocked off Tiananmen

Square early today following student calls in re-

cent days for a pro-democracy rally there on New

Authorities, who have tolerated other protests,

Police blocked ordinary citizens as well as stu-

Shortly after noon, 100 to 200 students gathered in

had warned the rally would not be permitted and

there were no reports of injuries.

participants would be punished.

dents from entering Tiananmen square.

At least four students were seen being taken off

police.

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Year's day.

No bodies were found in the first 90 minutes after the 9:30 a.m. (4:30 a.m. EST) blast, said a statement from the Garda Siochana, the Irish police

Independent Television News in London said there were reports of several dead, but these could not be confirmed.

front of the national history museum and started

The unfurled banners reading "support Deng

Xiaoping" and "support the reforms," and some

shouted "protect Xiaoping" and "long live demo-

The slogans were mild compared to many that

Deng, China's top leader and architect of its

pragmatic open-door policies, has broad support

among the student activists, although many say

the government is moving too slowly in bringing

The students' numbers swelled to about 1.000

before they turned around after 100 yards and

walked back toward the square and tried to break

Officers, who had shown restraint throughout

the morning in controlling the throngs of people,

roughly shoved against the crush of people for ab-

out an hour, finally driving them onto sidewalks

around the square. As may as 4,000 bystanders had

followed the student procession to Tiananmen and

Police trucks with loudspeakers and

"They're trying to make Tiananmen a political

have appeared in student protests in at least 10

Chinese cities, some which have demanded an end

to the Communist "dictatorship.

many got trapped in the crowds.

Forbidden City," said a bystander.

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down Changan Avenue, the city's main street.

The police statement said one person was hospitalized, but did not give the victim's name or extent of injuries. It said a smell of gas hung over the area, suggesting that a fault in the gas supply caused the disaster.

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Lifestyles

Mail-order silk company gives luxury at low cost

By Joan Lebow

The touch of silk. To many women it's the feel of luxury, an indulgence they crave. During the days of the Roman Empire, women held protest marches when the emperor forbade them to wear silk

Nowadays demand for silk is bolstered by career women, who - having gained considerably more power since the 3rd century - choose silk to help them dress the part.

But while silk hangs on to its elite and expensive image, today thousands of women get their silk clothes for moderate prices through the mail from Royal Silk Ltd.

In 1986, New Jersey-based Royal Silk mailed out 23 million catalogs. The company prints 10 catalogs yearly, featuring women's — and a smattering of men's - fashions, all made from silk and silk blends.

Why would a women shop through the mail for an item that logically should sell best in a store, where she can touch it? The company makes its own fabric and garments in the Orient and goes directly to the consumer, without any middlemen to raise costs.

Royal Silk has managed to reach working women who associate silk with quality, authority and class

but who also like a good deal.

In the most recent 63-page catalog, for example, silk crepe de chine blouses sell for \$43 or less. Styles made from silk batiste - a silk and cotton blend — average about \$32. Dresses and jackets go for under \$100. This year Royal Silk sold 130,000 silk T-shirts priced at \$16.

Since founder Pak Melwani took out an ad for a single blouse in Cosmopolitan magazine eight years ago, Royal Silk has grown to be a \$50 million catalog house. Even women around the country who haven't bought a silk garment from Royal Silk's catalogs are likely to recognize the name from blouse ads in Glamour, Bon Appetit, Ms., Redbook, Town & Country, Cosmopolitain and at least a dozen other popular periodicals.

Its faithful following has helped put Royal Silk high on Inc. magazine's list, of the top 500 fastest-growing private companies for the past four years.

Since 1978 we've gone from zero to having sold \$150 million worth of silk," says Gerry Pike, one of six partners running the company with Melwani today. Reasons for Royal Silk's success, Pike says, include the growing ranks of working women with more money and less time to spend it. Also, computer technology has

helped mail-order firms like Royal Silk manage and develop extensive mailing lists.

Although mail order has been Royal Silk's forte, the company merchandise is now also sold in 22 Royal Silk opened within the past year. The Royal Silk name is licensed to store owners, a similar setup to Benetton stores and a way to fuel rapid expansion. The stores chalked up another \$5 million in sales in 1986. On the horizon are 100 stores by the end of the decade, says Pike.

Early in 1987 consumers will find the Royal Silk brand in pharmacies and grocery stores in the form of Royal Silk perfume. The company is also introducing a soap for hand-washing silk. Marketing the soap is one more method of luring cost-conscious women — who typically think silk has to be dry-cleaned - into buying Royal Silk's designs.

The stores reach customers who won't buy clothes from a catalog, Pike explains, but whose names eventually wind up on the mailing list.

For a mail-order business, it's not just having the right merchandise that leads to successful selling: It's having the right list. "Names get 'travel weary' when every company

uses each other's lists," says Pike, "but we develop our own names through our newspaper and magazine

The names and addresses of professional women ages 24 to 45 with substores around the country. Most have stantial household incomes is a valuable commodity to other solicitors. If a woman buys a silk blouse by mail, then gets a pitch from a charity or politician, it's because companies like Royal Silk literally "rent" the use of their mailing list. It's a profitable part of the business

> Adding to the value of its list is the fact that Royal Silk claims its names are those of customers who buy, rather than just browse. More than three out of every 100 women who receive the catalog buy something, Pike says. According to the Direct Marketing Association, a trade group that monitors direct-mail businesses, a catalog can thrive with half that response

> Do customers turned on by silk get turned off by crowded mailboxes? No, says Pike, who plans to mail more catalogs and sell more blouses - and more lists - every year: "People like getting information in the mail. What they don't like is getting bills."

Classic T-shirt is woven from pure silk crepe de chine, tailored with a boat neck and cap sleeves. It comes in 23 colors from Royal Silk. Price: \$16, three for \$45.



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Romantic lingerie in crushed silk features camisole top and elasticized-waist tap pants in ivory, light blue or black from Royal Silk. Price: \$20

Welcome warmth



A cold-weather coat that includes all the right details, this soft pink mohair fleece with duffle closings and an easy hood is accented with black and pink fringe. A supple matching belt wraps the waistline. (By Patricia Clyne; a selection of the Mohair Council of America.)

Office attraction tugs at bonds of love

DEAR ABBY: I am a married woman and have been happily married for a number of years. However, I find myself falling in love with a man with whom I work. He is also married and is strongly attracted to me. Is it possible to be in love with two people at the same time? I find this man creeping into my every thought, and when I'm not near him, I am absolutely miserable, even though I am very happy at home. Would an affair, if discreetly handled, be harmless? TOTALLY VEXED

DEAR VEXED: Please "unvex" yourself immediately and remove yourself from your present place of employment. Out of sight - out of mind. And you are out of yours if you think this situation can have a happy, harmless ending.

Perhaps the pain in the following letter will permeate sufficiently to make you realize where this little "mating dance" is headed:

marry my secretary, with whom I'd been having an affair. I felt I left my wife and family. couldn't live without her. When my wife found out about us, she went to pieces. We were divorced. My wife went to work and did a good job of me ... bringing up our children. I gave her the house and part of my retirement.

I am fairly happy in my second when I was recently a guest at our person who may now be expe-

eldest son's wedding. That's all I was - a guest. I am no longer considered part of the family. My first wife knew everyone present, and she was showered with affection. She has remarried, and her husband has been warmly accepted into the circle that was once ours. They gave the rehearsal dinner and sat next to my son and his bride. Near them sat our other children and their sweethearts.

I was proud to have a young, beautiful wife at my side, but it didn't make up for the pain when I realized that my children no longer loved me as they once did. They treated me with courtesy but there was no real caring.

I miss my family, especially DEAR ABBY: Ten years ago I left around the holidays. I know now my wife and five teen-agers to my second wife will never really be accepted, as she was the reason I

I'm writing in the hope that others wal consider all the ramifications before they do as I did. Sign

TEN YEARS LATER AND VERY SORRY

DEAR SORRY: Your 20-20 marriage, but I'm beginning to see hindsight is not likely to make things in a different light. It hit me much of an impression on a

riencing the heady passion that overtook you 10 years ago. Would such a letter have changed your course of action? Maybe. Maybe not. Readers?

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been readers of your column for many years, but this is our first letter to you.

Some weeks ago, we were held up at gunpoint while sitting in our car waiting for the red light to change. This is how it happened: The car behind us rear-ended us, and when my husband got out of his car to assess the damage, the man who rear-ended us came out of his car, too - with an automatic gun that he shoved against my husband's chest. He demanded my husband's money, which was handed over without a word. The man then followed my husband back to our car, got in beside me and demanded that I get out and leave my purse, or he would "blow me away" - all the while he was pointing the gun at my head. I did as he asked, then he drove away in our brand-new car. which had only 7,000 miles on it. We later learned that it had been torched! Please warn others!

L.A. GRANDPARENTS

DEAR GRANDPARENTS: According to the Los Angeles Police Department, readers, if you are rear-ended in a strange or isolated area, it may be better to wait until you get home to assess the damage.

If someone hits your car and then approaches in a suspicious or threatening manner, don't hesitate to get away if you can do so without colliding with another, car. Then notify the police promptly, giving them the description of the car, driver and license number if you were able to get them.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's barber, a 40-year-old divorced woman, has invited my husband to her birthday party - for men only! am outraged. What do you HIS WIFE

DEAR WIFE: You are overreacting out of sheer insecurity. There's safety in numbers, so curb your outrage lest you give them both ideas.

(To get Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a check or money order for \$2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.)

TSTI develops classes for handicapped

AMARILLO - Texas State Technical Institute-Amarillo has received funds to develop nine programs in career exploration and decision-making for handicapped adults.

TSTI and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission have jointly developed the program in saddle and tack making, commercial art in advertising, construction, boot and shoe operations, technical office training, auto body repair, interior design, welding, and meat processing and marketing. Classes begin this month.

Participants will have an opportunity to explore at least six

PANHANDLE - Parliamen-

tary procedure is the topic of a

program to be presented Jan. 12

from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the First

United Methodist Church, 500

Carson County Extension Ser-

vice and Extension Homemakers

Main, Panhandle.

occupations during the 24-week program, said Bob Wallace, coordinator of cooperative education at TSTI.

All classes will be taught from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saddle and tack making will be offered on Tuesdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 24; commercial art in advertising, Thursdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 26; and construction, Tuesdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 24. Other courses will be offered in March, April, May and June.

tion to saddle and tack making and safety; introduction to tools, knives, sharpening, introduction to design and pattern making; and leather tool wallets, key

Rules of order topic of training

Students will learn introduc-

cases, wristbands and more in the saddle and tack making class.

In the commercial art class, students will be taught introduction to design including simple assignments in cut paper and black and white design; introduction to drawing; still life, shading, positive and negative space, contour drawing; introduction to lettering; sign painting with brush and ink with exloration of major typestyles; and introduction to screenprinting; and basic hand-cut stencils for application to posters and t-shirts.

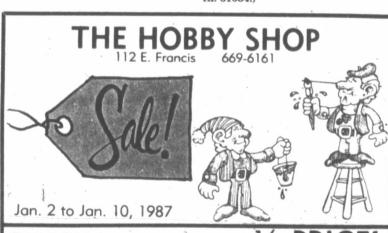
The construction program will teach introductory skills in trade and shop safety, cabinet making, heating systems, plumbing, electrical wiring, framing, roof framing and trim. Continuing Education Credits

will be awarded upon completion of the program. Students wishing to continue on a full-time basis in one of the completed courses may receive credit towards a certificate or associate degree. The program, including all

materials and supplies, will be free. Texas Rehabilitation Commission and other area agencies will determine who is eligible to participate.

A grant provided by the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act will fund the program. TSTI-Amarillo was recently selected by the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board to receive the \$14,392 grant.

For additional information, call Wallace at (806) 335-2316, ext.



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Council are sponsoring the prog-

Two immunization clinics are planned during January at the Texas Department of Health office, Suite 103, in the Hughes Building.

p.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 8. A second

rect Parliamentary Procedure." Appropriate for both adults and

ram entitled "The Joys of Cor-

young people, the program addresses the reasons for the use of approved rules of order, specifics on conducting meetings, information on by-laws and a question-answer session. Speaker,

Parliamentarian Hazel Crawley, has a way of making this subject fun and easy to understand, the sponsors say.

A \$1 registration fee will be charged. For more information contact Kathy Gist, county Extension agent, at (806) 537-3882.

Pampa clinic sets immunization dates

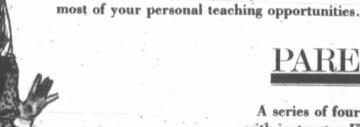
Jan. 22.

cluding polio, diptheria, lock jaw The first clinic is to be from 1

Immunization clinics offer vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases in-

clinic is set for 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., tussis), measles, rubella, and mumps Texas Department of Health

will be charging clients to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. Amount charged will be based on family income and size (tetanus), whooping cough (perand the ability to pay.



PARENTING

A series of four 2 hour sessions with instructor Flo Quattlebaum. Classes meet January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at HCA Coronado Hospital. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple.

You must pre-register by calling

665-3721

Polly's Pointers

By Polly Fisher

My 10-quart DEAR POLLA - My 10-quart heavy aluminum pan has small pit holes in the bottom. Can the bottom be coated so it will be safe to use? Or is it safe to cook in "as is"? - EMILY

DEAR EMILY — The pitted alumi-

num pan is safe to use without any special treatment. Unlike coated copper pots, which pitting renders unsafe to cook in, solid aluminum pans that

have been pitted or scratched are perfectly alright for cooking. The only problem with them is that food could stick in the pits, making cleaning a bit

more difficult. There really is no inexpensive, practical way to recoat your pans, so I suggest you continue to use it, giving special care to cleaning. Undissolved salt stirred into foods

cooked in the pan can cause pitting. To avoid this, dissolve salt in hot liquid before adding it to the pot of stew soup, meat, etc. — POLLY

Sports Scene

Baylor creams Buffs in Bluebonnet Bowl

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ **AP Sports Writer**

HOUSTON (AP) - Baylor's defense never gave Colorado's offense a chance to blossom in the Bluebonnet Bowl football game.

They were stopping plays before they were born," Colorado Coach Bill McCartney said. "They were in our backfield and didn't give us a chance to execute our game plan.'

The Baylor defense, led by linebacker Ray Berry, thwarted the Buffaloes at every turn and capitalized on their mistakes for a 21-9 victory in the 28th annual game at Rice Stadium on Wednesday.

The Bears, ending a run of three straight losses by Southwest Conference teams in the Bluebonnet Bowl, closed out with a 9-3 record and their second straight bowl victory. Colorado finished 6-6 after

Colorado's late-season surge ended against the Bears. The Buffaloes lost three of six fumbles and Bear running Derrick McAdoo turned two of the miscues into 1-yard touchdown dives.

'They say you always remember your last game and if that is true, then I'm going to be happy the rest of my life," Berry said. "To go 9-3 the last two years is satisfying. Not too many teams in the nation have accomplished that."

Baylor beat Louisiana State 21-7 in the Liberty Bowl to end a 9-3 season last year.

Berry earned the most valuable player award for Baylor with 12 tackles, including two for losses, one quarterback sack, a fumble recovery that set up a touchdown and a stop on a 2-point conversion attempt.

"When I accept an award, I accept it as a team effort," Berry said. "We had a few sacks and shut them down. Near the end of the first half we felt we had an edge on them.'

Baylor, Texas Christian and Texas had lost in the last three Bluebonnet Bowls and Baylor Coach Grant Teaff was glad to end the trend.

"We wanted to win for the SWC," Teaff said. "It was important to win for the SWC against the Big Eight. We lost to Oklahoma State here (in 1983) and we wanted to eradicate that loss. Our defense set

Colorado was held to a season-low 83 yards rushing and to 194 yards overall, the second-lowest output of the season. The Buffalos had 135 yards in a 28-0 loss to Oklahoma.

"Our defense kept us in the game, but we kept them on the field and they got tired," Colorado quarterback Mark Hatcher said. "We had bad field position all day. Our goal in that situation is to get at least two first downs but we didn't do that."

Baylor's Jeffrey Murray hurdles for yardage.



Playoffs feature new quarterbacks Sherrill rejects

By The Associated Press

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The Chicago Bears and Washington Redskins are accustomed to being in the NFL playoffs. But the quarterbacks who will lead them this vear are not.

Doug Flutie, who took over for injured Jim McMahon, will guide the defending Super Bowl champion Bears on Saturday against visiting Washington and its secondyear quarterback, Jay Schroeder.

"Doug is learning and doing well," Chicago All-Pro tackle Jim Covert said of the Heisman Trophy winner, a scrambler who will be making only his second NFL start.

Schroeder replaced Joe Theismann after the veteran's career-ending injury in November, 1985, and led the Redskins to a 12-4 record and a 19-7 victory over the Los Angeles Rams in last weekend's NFC wild-card

playoff game. In the other NFC playoff this weekend, the San Francisco 49ers visit the New York Giants on Sunday. In the AFC, the Cleveland Browns play host to the New York Jets on Saturday and the New England Patriots play in Denver against the Broncos on

Sunday. Last season, the Bears had the best record in the NFL at 15-1 and breezed through the playoffs. Despite McMahon's injuries this season, Chicago tied the Giants for the best record in the league at 14-2.

How well the Bears do against Washington may depend on how well the Redskins offensive line does against Chicago's record-setting defense.

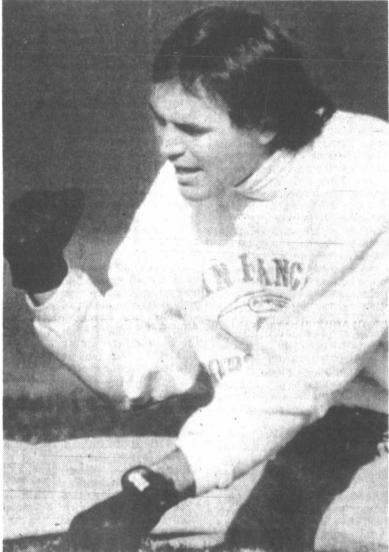
The "Hogs," Washington's offensive line, are ailing. Pro Bowl guard Russ Grimm suffered a bruised rib cage, bruises on both arms and a facial cut in the victory over the Rams. Tackle Joe Jacoby, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, has a broken bone in his right hand but is expected to start.

Grimm said the Redskins have no plans to change their plan for the Bears, who became the first team in NFL history to lead the league in fewest yards allowed for three straight years. Chicago also allowed just 187 points, the fewest since the league went to a 16-game schedule in 1978.

Bears Coach Mike Ditka said that despite Washington's injuries, which have left seven players listed as either probable or questionable, he expects to see the usual Redskins on Saturday.

"Nothing is going to keep them from playing," said

Both the Bears and Browns moved away from their regular-season homes this week to practice in the South. Chicago is working out at the Atlanta Falcons' complex in Suwanee, Ga., while the Browns are at the Los Angeles Dodgers' facility in Vero Beach, Fla.



49ers' Dwight Clark limbers up.

(AP Laserphoto)

Basketball official wants rear-arc plan adopted

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Jerry Krause would like to block all those controversial three-point shots

He also would like the 45-second shot clock to expire. He'd even get rid of the halfcourt As chairman of the NCAA men's Basket-

ball Rules Committee, that's what Krause thinks is important. His suggestion is to paint rear-boundary arcs on each half of the court, extending to

about six feet inside the current halfcourt line and touching the jump circle. The arcs,

which essentially would form two halfcourt lines, would be about 41 feet from the base-

He admits it's radical, but he would like someone to give it a try

"What I'm opposed to is the whole package of the clock and the three-point shot," Krause says. "I think instead of trying to create a balance and stimulate action by modifying the time element and then all the problems that come with that, we should approach the action and balance the situation by controll-

"Instead of having two half-courts, we would reduce the size of the frontcourt, and that in itself would stimulate action and stimulate the game.

The smaller area would encourage defense, says Krause, who also is research chairman for the National Association of Basketball Coaches, assistant coach at Gonzaga University in Spokane and director of the physical education department at Eastern Washington University at nearby

in for a tough time.

Bowl in Atlanta.

deficit.

Hatfield expects Arkansas to be

In the most exciting game

Wednesday, Chris Kinzer kicked

a 40-yard field goal on the final

play to lift Virginia Tech over

North Carolina State in the Peach

Eddie Williams ran for 130

Virginia Tech finished 9-2-1 in

yards in 15 attempts as the

Hokies overcame a 21-10 halftime

Coach Bill Dooley's final game.

He had previously announced he

was leaving the school after its

decision to remove him as athle-

tic director. Dooley sued the

school for \$3.5 million and the

parties reached an out-of-court

Crimson Tide job

DALLAS (AP) - Jackie Sherrill has removed himself from consideration for the head coaching job at his alma mater, the University of Alabama, saying he has yet to fulfill his dreams at Texas A&M

"I came to Texas A&M with goals, visions and dreams, and I intend to complete them. My players and Texas A&M are very important to me and my family and I are very happy in College Station," Sherrill said Wednesday in Dallas, where his eighthranked Aggies were pitted against 11th-ranked Ohio State in today's Cotton Bowl

Sherrill is in his fifth year as head coach at A&M, where after a slow start his Aggies have now won back-to-back Southwest Conference championships and 21 of their last 25 games.

"I've got hills to climb at Texas A&M," he said. "I have fiveyear, 10-year and 20-year goals. We're building new facilities that will make it the best athletic setup in the nation.

Alabama Coach Ray Perkins stay," Sherrill said. was hired Wednesday as head coach of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers. But the move had weeks as a likely successor.

"I have not been contacted by anyone, and I'm not even worried about that," Sherrill sais as the Aggies arrived Wednesday at the Cotton Bowl for a final, brief practice before today's game against Ohio State.

'It's all speculation," Sherrill said, but dodged questions at the time about whether he would be interested in going to Alabama.

'I can't talk about third parties," he said, reiterating his earlier statements that he has not finished his goals at A&M. "My status has not changed."

But, later Wednesday, the A&M sports information office released a statement from Sherrill to the media:

'In order to answer many questions concerning the vacant athletic directorship and head coaching position at Alabama, and in order to eliminate any confusion on the matter, and keep full attention on the Cotton Bowl, I have informed Texas A&M President Dr. Frank Vandiver that I intend to remain at Texas A&M as long as he wants me to

Perkins confirmed late Tues day that he is leaving one of college football's most prestigious been expected, and Sherrill's coaching positions to accept one name had been bandied about for of the most challenging jobs in the NFL.

Lady Harvesters place fourth in Slaton basketball tourney

The Pampa Lady Harvesters fell to Plainview 69-52 Wednesday in the Slaton Girls Basketball Tournament.

Pampa was leading at halftime 33-30, but fell behind in the third quarter as Plainview outscored the Lady Harvesters 14-6. Plainview drilled in 25 fourth-quarter points.

Becky Remington paced Plainview's scoring attack with 27 points. Ramona Black added 18 points.

Yolanda Brown and Landee Cummings led Pampa with 16 points apiece. Also scoring for Pampa were Jackie Reed 5, Schivone Parker 4, Keitha Clark 2 and Tacy Stoddard 2.

Pampa placed fourth in the 16-team tournament. The Lady Harvesters won their first two games, defeating Olton and Sweetwater. Pampa then lost to Slaton in the semifinals.

"I'm just tickled to death with the way we ended up because of the caliber of teams in the tournament," said Pampa Coach Albert Nichols: "I want to urge the fans to come out and support us against

Both Pampa teams return to District 1-4A action Friday to host Hereford. The girls' game tips off first at 7 p.m., followed by the boys' clash at McNeely Fieldhouse.

Hokies win 'Peach' of a game; bowls continue today

By The Associated Press

Today, the siesta bowls continued. The only bowl that matters - the Fiesta - is still one day away.

New Year's Day and the traditional bowl bonanza of Rose, Sugar, Orange and Cotton mean nothing to college football's national championship this year.

The question of who's No. 1 will be determined Friday night when top-ranked Miami and No. 2 Penn State, the only 11-0 teams in the nation, meet in the Fiesta Bowl at Tempe, Ariz.

This is not for the national championship, but it's going to be a great game," Arkansas Coach Ken Hatfield said before his No. 9 Razorbacks played No. 3 Oklahoma in tonight's Orange Bowl.

In other games today, No. 7 Arizona State played No. 4 Michigan in the Rose, No. 8 Texas A&M faced No. 11 Ohio State in the Cot. on, No. 5 Louisiana State too unranked Southern California played No. 10 Auburn in the Citrus.

In more preliminaries Wednes-

day, No. 14 Baylor beat Colorado 21-9 in the Bluebonnet Bowl, Virginia Tech edged No. 18 North Carolina State 25-24 in the Peach Bowl and Florida State defeated Indiana 27-13 in the All-American

The Miami-Penn State game, in which Heisman Trophywinning quarterback Vinny Testaverde and the Hurricanes are 61/2-point favorites, marks one of the rare times the college football title will be determined by a bowl other than one of the New Year's Day games. In 1984, Brigham Young preserved its No. 1 ranking by beating Michigan in the Holiday Bowl a week before the

more traditional bowls. The Fiesta, moved back a day from its originally scheduled date and to be televised by NBC at 8:15 p.m. EDT, will give Penn State its second chance in two years to win the national title. the season, the Nittany Lions No. 6 Nebraska in the Sugar and Orange Bowl, but lost the game and championship to then-No. 3

Oklahoma 25-10. The Orange Bowl has played a role in determining the title in four of the past five years, but Oklahoma's best hope tonight is probably to jump one spot to No. 2. Still, Sooners Coach Barry Switzer — who was born and raised in Arkansas and played for the Razorbacks — considers this a special game.

Oklahoma, 10-1 which lost only to Miami, is a 17½-point favorite against Arkansas, 9-2. The Sooners led the nation in scoring offense and scoring defense, were ranked No. 2 in total offense and No. 1 in total defense.

Even though Oklahoma is out of the national championship race for the first time in three seasons, this has been one of the school's most dominant teams.

"Statistically, without a question it has been," Switzer said. "Outside of Brian Bosworth, I don't think we have a lot of superstar players like maybe we've had in the past. But we're got some very fine players as a group.

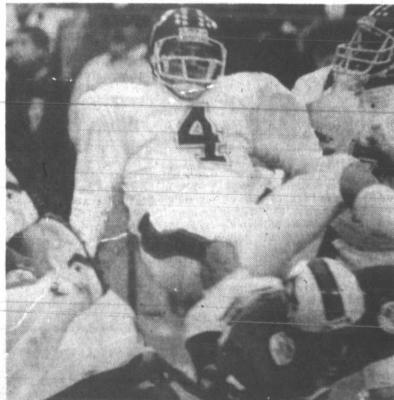
Bosworth, a two-time All-American linebacker, has been ruled ineligible for the game because of steroid use

settlement. The Wolfpack wound up 8-3-1 in Coach Dick Sheridan's first year after the team had gone 3-8 the

past three seasons.

In Houston, Derrick McAdoo scored on a pair of 1-yard runs to lift Baylor over Colorado in the Bluebonnet Bowl. The Seminoles, making their

sixth straight bowl appearance, rolled to a 20-3 lead and finished Despite Bosworth's absence, the season 7-4-1.



Fallen hero....Hokies' Chris Kinzer (4).

Space Shuttle mission 51-L explodes

(AP Laserphoto)

Yet, NASA retained the design,

A rash of O-ring damage cases

based on the success of the Titan 3

in 1985, including a severe inst-

ance in 53-degree weather,

caused Morton Thiokol to reex-

amine the reliability of the seals.

The company tested the effects of

cold weather on O-ring resiliency

and found that at 50 degrees it

In July 1985, NASA placed a

launch constraint on the entire

shuttle system. This meant that a

launch could not take place if

there was an unresolved question

about a "criticality 1" item - un-

less there was reason to think

that the problem would not occur

in flight. Then, a waiver could be

granted, which the agency pro-

ceeded to do on each mission,

On Aug. 19, 1985, Marshall and

Morton Thiokol engineers for the

first time briefed NASA head-

quarters managers on the history

and the potential of the problem,

concluding the O-ring seal was a

critical matter, but it was safe to

accelerated program to elimin-

ate seal erosion and Morton

Thiokol engineers made 43 sug-

gested changes for the segment

joints and 20 for the nozzle joints.

But the design work advanced at

On the night before the Challen-

ger launch, temperatures at the

launch site dipped to 24 degrees

and remained below freezing for

10 hours. Several Morton Thiokol

engineers familiar with the cold

weather tests on the O-rings

argued with Marshall managers

that the launch should be post-

In earlier manned flights, the

burden of proof had been on the

engineers and contractors to per-

suade NASA management that it

was safe to launch. In this case,

the Marshall officials put the en-

gineers in the position of having

to prove that it was not safe to

The Rogers commission con-

cluded the explosion was caused

by the failure of O-rings in one of

the right booster joints to contain

the pressure of hot gases pro-

duced by burning rocket fuel.

Flames burned through the joint,

causing the booster to tear away

from the external fuel tank,

Eskimos and Indians native to

the Arctic area know how to live

off the land. Remsburg says, and

still consider that knowledge an

essential part of the children's

Nevertheless, the restaurants

in Inuvik have linen, fresh flow-

ers and fine china. The town has

an adult education program, a

computer club, seven churches,

an indoor swimming pool, a hock-

ey rink and virtually every video

Inuvik, which means "place of

man," is a new town, having been

established by the Canadian gov-

ernment 28 years ago to serve

partly as a shipping point and a

base for gas and oil exploration.

Also, it was to replace the town

across the Mackenzie River,

Aklavik, which appeared to be

As a side trip during their visit,

the Remsburgs paid a pilot \$900 to

take them on a four-hour air ex-

pedition farther north into the

Arctic Circle and over the Arctic

Ocean, where they saw seals

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For lack of a seal, seven lives were lost

By HOWARD BENEDICT **AP Aerospace Writer**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Challenger explosion was "an accident rooted in history," in the judgment of a presidential commission, which summarized the main fault in one paragraph

'The space shuttle's solid rocket booster problem began with the faulty design of its joint and increased as both NASA and contractor management first failed to recognize it as a problem, then failed to fix it and finally treated it as an acceptable flight risk."

Challenger blew apart 73 seconds after it lifted off a Cape Canaveral launch pad last Jan. 28. All seven crew members, including New Hampshire schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe, were killed in the worst space accident in history.

The tragedy has had a profound effect on this nation's space program. NASA's management and safety practices have been overhauled, the redesign of the faulty booster joint has grounded the shuttle fleet until at least February 1988, a less ambitious flight schedule has been drafted and President Reagan has directed that most commercial payloads be shifted to unmanned rockets.

Major technical disasters like Challenger are almost never the result of isolated, random flaws. Most are the outcome of a long chain of circumstances.

As NASA administrator James C. Fletcher put it recently, "The lesson of Challenger, of Chernobyl and of Three Mile Island is a hard one. We are living in an age where the single biggest factor affecting productivity may be our ability to properly manage technical risks.

In all three cases, Fletcher said, complex systems reacted abnormally and the problems were not managed adequately by

What was Challenger's technical failing?

The investigative commission appointed by President Reagan and chaired by former Secretary of State William Rogers traced the problem to the original award of the solid fuel booster rocket to Morton Thiokol in 1973.

Four companies competed for the contract and a NASA evaluation rated Morton Thiokol

NORMAL, Ill. (AP) — A couple

from Normal wanted to see the

end of the road. That's how they

happened to spend a week recent-

ly in a small Arctic town named

"Where ... is Inuvik?" the

travel agent asked when C.M.

'Remy" and Genevieve Rems-

burg went to him with their plan.

Inuvik, population about 3,000,

is the place where the highway

ends on the North American con-

tinent. Inuvik is 140 miles inside

the Arctic Circle, in Canada's

That's all the Remsburgs knew

when they decided to travel

there. Apparently, that isn't

enough to attract a lot of people.

The Remsburgs were the only

tourists in town, and they leased

the world," says Mrs. Remsburg,

who agreed to go to Inuvik only if

her husband would accompany

her to Hawaii next year. The

Remsburgs are retired and

travel a lot, both separately and

Inuvik, however, surprised

Mrs. Remsburg. She and her hus-

band liked it so much they hope to

"I thought it was just the end of

Northwest Territories.

the only rental car.

Inuvik.

second, but it was selected because "cost advantages were substantial.'

Because of the Nixon administration's budget-cutting, NASA was forced to design a scaleddown vehicle. NASA originally proposed a craft that would not be boosted by solid fuel rockets, but by more controllable liquid en-

Because Morton Thiokol was in Utah, the boosters had to be built in segments and shipped by train to Cape Canaveral. Joints had to be designed to connect the sections and prevent hot propellant gases from escaping.

Morton Thiokol proposed joints similar to those on the Air Force's Titan 3 solid rocket. But they were slightly different and not as gas-tight. A 1977 Morton Thiokol test of

the strength of the steel cases was the first signal that something was wrong. Analysis showed the joint was rotating and opening rather than closing when the rocket engine ignited

Leon Ray and John Miller, engineers at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, which managed the Morton Thiokol contract, wrote a report saying a new design for the joint "was manda tory to prevent hot gas leaks and resulting catastrophic failure." NASA managers, however, decided the design was OK.

The decision seemed to be justified when shuttles began flying in 1981 and, in flight after flight, the boosters seemingly performed flawlessly

But there were danger signs. On the second flight, STS-2, NASA detected an "erosion" of a primary O-ring in one of the six booster joints. The O-ring is made of synthetic rubber and is designed to seal the joint. There are a primary ring and a backup ring in each joint.

Although the seal eroded on that flight, it did not leak.

The anomaly was not reported in the flight readiness review for STS-3, but engineers at Marshall and Morton Thiokol continued to study the problem.

In December 1982, the Marshall center determined that the secondary O-rings no longer worked after the joints rotated.

The joint was classified as "criticality 1," meaning that leakage of the primary ring could lead to "loss of mission, vehicle and

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Awards highlight arts scene

DALLAS (AP) -Texas film and literature sparkled with honors in 1986, but the arts didn't escape the budgetary shadow hanging over the rest of the state.

It was a year in which two Texas-produced movies won Oscars, author Larry McMurtry won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, and literature and film representatives used the Sesquicentennial as an excuse to take a closer look at the state's state of the

It also was a year in which the collapse of oil prices prompted a 15 percent budget cut for the Texas Film Commission and in which the Texas Commission on the Arts' budget dropped because the sale of Sesquicentennial souvenirs didn't live up to projec-

Downtown Houston was turned into a stage as 1.3 million people watched a multimedia show devised by Jean-Michel Jarre. The April 5 lights, fireworks and music concert celebrated the state's Sesquicentennial and Houston's centennial and featured laser lights and slides screened on the city's mostly chrome-andglass skyline.

Texas also was the site for 28 major projects this year, compared to 27 movie and television projects in 1985, film commissioner director Dana Shelton said.

Although the state has posted an average of 28.5 major projects for the past four years, tight funding has cramped the commission's style, relegating Texas to the role of service center, rather than allowing an aggressive marketing operation, Shelton said.

This year's 15 percent budget cut dropped the spending plan to \$229,000, and Shelton said he doesn't know what will happen when the Legislature meets again in January, although agency cials will appeal for money.

The need to maintain funding was pointed out in September when representatives of film and literature met for the Governor's Sesquicentennial Conference on the Literary Arts at North Texas State University in Denton.

Conference speaker Don Graham, author of Cowboys and Cadillacs: How Hollywood looks at Texas." said the state cannot continue to rely on the Texas mystique to bring in business. Texas' claim to being

the "third coast" of moviemaking has been eclipsed by hot competition from Illinois and Florida, Graham said. "It's probably time to

stop bragging and start using our brains," he said.

Shelton agreed that lack of funds hampered the commission's ability to scout for new business in 1986, saying, "There are states whose advertising budgets for their film commissions exceed our annual budget.

Movies in Texas this year had gross production budgets totaling \$102.1 million, about half of which went to the

Texas economy, he said. Films made in the state included the CBS' television movie "Justice Delayed: The Lenell Geter Story" and a futuristic thriller called 'Robocop," both in Dallas, "Extreme Prejudice," in El Paso, and 'Nadine," in Austin and

San Antonio. "I think we could certainly do more aggressive marketing than we are able to do now." Shelton said. "We are very much in a 'Let the business come to us

mode." The Texas film industry got a boost at the Academy Awards in March when two Texasproduced films won Oscars.

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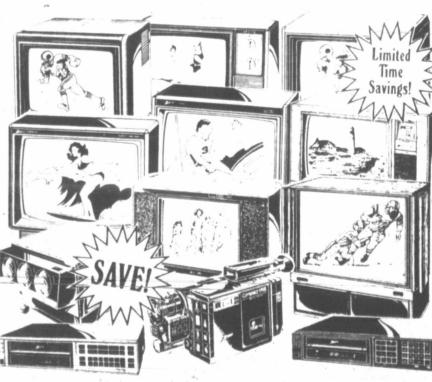
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Bruce Hamilton works on the covered stairway entrance to the old Boston Hotel recently.

Board by board, man recaptures the spirit of historic buildings

By CAROL RUST **Beaumont Enterprise**

BEAUMONT (AP) - When Bruce Hamilton looks at something, he sees the way it was, and therefore how it can be

When the 32-year-old developer opened the doors of the Old Crockett street Market at 578 Crockett a year ago, he envisioned a gathering of vendors in an old-timey mall.

Never mind that it was just him and his father-in-law, Darrold Boswell, selling wares last year. Now 10 dealers rent space in the 12.500-square-foot building, selling everything from antique funriture to women's clothes to old comic books, newspapers and photographs. And all Hamilton can think of is doing more renovation to accommodate more shops.

But not just any kind of renovation will do, he says. To him, the building breathes history, and it would be nothing short of a crime to redo the building any way but like it was when it was built in 1917

"If I have to do it board by board, that's the only way to do it." he says while ambling through the 26 rooms upstairs that once were part of the Boston Hotel. "I want everything just the way it was Back then.

Born and reared in Beaumont, Hamilton believes the city's rich historical past as an oil boomtown, as well as its timber and cattle industries, should be tapped as a source to enhance it future. He wants his market to some day be part of a renovated red light district, much like the Strand in Galveston, which he believes would attract tourists and bolster Beaumont's economy.

"If we give people a reason to get off the interstate and stop here, they will. And the more we have to attract them, the more people will stop and the longer they'll stay.

Hamilton is eyeing the Boston

Hotel upstairs for his next project. As he walks through, he points out what used to be the parlor, the kitchen, the lobby. But his tour comes alive with stories about the bordello days, which were told to him by some who are old enough to remember.

"See that birdcage up there?" he asks, pointing to an empty cage. "The madame used to keep a parrot in that window — it used to whistle and say, 'Come on up boys.

The madame was a shrewd businesswoman, but she had a big heart too, Hamilton says. She owned rent property as well, and when one of her tenants broke his leg, she arrived at his house, her arms full of sacks of groceries, and refused to let him pay rent until his leg healed.

But the madame never would have been there if it had not been for one William Gustaf Hegele, who used to travel by train through Beaumont after the turn of the century on his way to New Orleans. From New Orleans he sailed to Cuba, where he bought tobacco for his factory in Iowa.

His factory burned down, and the Beaumont area had always appealed to Hegele from his seat on the train. So he established the Beaumont Cigar Co., and stored his merchandise in what now houses the Old Crockett Street Market.

The German ended up moving to Cuba, and years later, Hamilton ended up moving into the building.

The bordello days ended, too, with the James Commission's anti-vice campaign in 1961. An old telephone book from that year hangs from the wall upstairs as a mute witness.

"If these old walls could talk, they'd be worth listening to," Hamilton says with a laugh. 'And I want to give them something else to talk about one of these days soon."

Texans optimistic about state's future

By The Associated Press

As the state ends 150 years of independence amid its worst economic problems in decades, Texans are optimistic but believe significant changes lie ahead.

Many of those surveyed as the Sesquicentennial year drew to a close predicted lean times in the next few years and warned that Texas must wean itself from a dependence on oil and gas.

They said preparation through education and job training is necessary as the state ushers in a period that will see changes ranging from the way Texans earn their money to the way they fight crime.

There's just a spirit about Texas that will never die, and through the difficult times. we'll learn from it and get stronger," said former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach. "The foundation is solid and I think the future is very bright.

"I'm betting with Texas," said U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm. "Anyone who bets money on the future of Texas and the future of America is going to be a big winner.'

Despite difficult times in agriculture and the oil and gas industry, Gramm noted the state's increasing involvement in defense contracting and high technology.

'My batting average has been rather poor in trying to forecast the future of the oil and gas industry over the last several years,' said Fort Worth oilman Eddie Chiles, who also owns the Texas Rangers baseball team.

But, he said, "The oil business is not over in Texas. I think it peaked out about '83 and I think we'll probably never see that sort of drilling boom again.'

Oilman Jack Grimm of Abilene, who made news with his search for the Titanic, said incentives are necessary to make the industry attractive again for investors.

'Oil and gas played a most prominent role in the past of Texas and it certainly will in the future," Grimm said. "The great state still has a lot of reserves to drill for and produce, but we've got to have the prices right to justify doing that.'

Houston defense lawyer Percy Foreman predicted a rough period of up to four years before things get better.

"I think it's likely to be as bad as it's ever been, as it was in the '30s," Foreman said. "I think that it'll come back. I think Houston will be the third greatest city in the world, second only to maybe New York and Los Angeles, and maybe Mexico City. Certainly the largest city.

Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire said she also sees a growing role in international busi-

"We have so many nationalities here now, 30,000 Indians and 300,000 Asians, for instance, they're helping us establish contacts around the world.

come back," said merchandiser Stanley Mareus. "But it's not going to happen in a

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hurry."

Gov. Mark White, whose administration oversaw the passage of substantial education reforms said, "No one can predict what the future holds, but it seems the best educated always get there first. I'm convinced that if Texas is No. 1 in the country in education, Texas will also be No. 1 in jobs, No. 1 in opportunity and No. 1 in prosperity.

Ruben Bonilla, chairman of the Mexican American Democrats, pointed to the state's swelling population of Hispanics, especially in schools along a line from El Paso to Corpus

"The challenge, then, for all Texans, is how we're going to educate these students and prepare them for jobs in a highly technological society that we're now living in," Bonilla

"The next 50 years, as we move toward the bicentennial, will be a period of redevelopment and diversification of our assets and resources to the point that things will get better and people will start to migrate here again. As we approach the year 2000, Texas will regain its prominence," predicted state Sen. Craig Washington, D-Houston.

Agriculture Secretary Jim Hightower said Texas farms of the future will be more diversified. In addition to raising beef and grain, a farmer also might produce pinto beans and wine grapes, he said.

"If there's a price problem with a staple commoditity, you've got this other stuff to see you over," Hightower said. "That means an agriculture that is much more consumeroriented than it has been in the past."

And Col. Jim Adams, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said crime

"One-hundred and 50 years ago, livestock theft was more of a threat to frontier society than drug abuse, but the basic problem remains. ... What has and will change is that techonology available not only to law enforcement but to criminals," Adams said. "The time when law enforcement could be accomplished with good, willing, well-armed volunteers on fast horses is long gone.'

Many Texans look to Mexico as the source of many changes.

'For Texas, Mexico has become a contiguous state with an enormous mushrooming population and an enormous reserve of said Charles Pistor, chairman of RepublicBank of Dallas. "It has to be politically and economically stabilized. Otherwise, it's a ticking Cuba.

San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros said he would like to be optimistic about Texas' fu-

"But I think to be naively optimistic is to miss the severity of some of the fundamental problems facing the state," Cisneros said. 'Perhaps, if we set them out as fundamental as they are, then we will get by all the myths,

our way out of it."

In December, the state's second- and thirdlargest banks announced a merger and another announced it was merging with a New York bank.

"Even before the downturn of the economy, the state was overbanked," said Ronald G. Steinhart, president of InterFirst Corp. of Dallas. "It is just like having too many truckers or too many airlines. There will be a consolidation phase, and the weakness in certain sectors of the Texas economy will accelerate that."

C. Austin Montgomery of Malakoff, Henderson County Republican Party Chairman, said that as a result of the past two elections, "We will finally see Texas become a twoparty state, to the extent of being in the local evel, as well as the state level.

Boyd Foster, a natural foods distributor in Hereford, said farmers always have shown an ability to bounce back.

"They've survived drought, depression and low prices," Foster said. "Growing methods likely will need to be adapted to methods more in balance with nature, with less dependency on extensive use of chemicals. Strength, courage and innovation will be keys to survival for near and long term.'

And Jed Mahon, night manager of the Bar-Drive Inn in Wichita Falls, said he believed the oil economy would get better.

"I think we'll stay depressed for the next year as far as industry goes, but oil will come up some. Not to where it used to be, though,' Mahon said.

"I think we're in for some rough times, and don't think it's going to leave overnight," said Tyler assistant city manager Pinkney Butler. "I don't feel real good about it but, by the end of the decade, Texas will bounce back leaner and smarter.

Much of the "crisis" mentality may be due to Texas' shift toward a service-oriented economy, said Connie Calloway of Palestine, chairman of the East Texas Council on governments.

'Since we're not seeing a tangible product, we think we're in a crisis," she said. "Just because we do not have a boom going does not mean we are in bad shape."

'It's been said so many times it sounds like a cliche, but what we need is diversification, said Earl Brickhouse, executive director of public affairs at Lamar University in

"Dallas started to diversify years ago," Brickhouse said. "Houston is in the same fix as Beaumont. Their whole economy is based on oil. History repeats itself. We have a late start, but we'll pull out in a few years.'

Said Laredo school spokesman Gilberto Reyes: "I think Texans have a very strong will to make things right, correct a problem and find solutions to it. We're experiencing some hard times, but Texas will be ahead once all of this has been addressed. We don't give up. That's a quality Texans have.



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