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(AP Laserphoto)

Law officers gather in front of Dreesman home.

7 family members killed in murder-suicide deaths

ALGONA, Iowa (AP) — Four adults and three children were shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide at a holiday gathering, stunning this small town which hadn't had a homicide in at least five years, authorities said.

There were no survivors in the home of John Dreesman, 79, and his wife, Agnes, 74, where the killings are believed to have occurred Wednesday afternoon, said Kossuth County Attorney Jim Murphy.

"It appears it was a murder-suicide situation at the residence," Murphy said. "I think it would be too early to speculate who did the shooting."

The *Des Moines Register*, quoting authorities it did not identify, reported today that the focus of the investigation is the Dreesman's 40-year-old son, Robert,

whom friends and neighbors described as a loner.

In addition to John, Agnes and Robert Dreesman, the victims were identified as daughter Marilyn Chuang, 48, and her children, Jason, 12, Jennifer, 11, and Joshua, 8. The daughter and grandchildren had traveled from Honolulu for Christmas, neighbors said.

Authorities said they would not discuss where the bodies were found, whether there were signs of a struggle, or what led them to call the case a murder-suicide.

"We just as soon not talk about that at this time, until we get some more preliminary things done in the laboratory," Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agent Ron Makin said at a news conference Wednesday night. Makin said Dr. Thomas Ben-

nett, the state medical examiner, would join the investigation today.

It was the nation's second mass killing of relatives in a week. R. Gene Simmons Sr. was accused of killing 14 family members and two other people in the Russellville, Ark., area.

Asked if it was possible that the Algona slayings may have been a "copycat" crime, Murphy said he was not aware of any connection with the Arkansas deaths.

Firearms were found at the Dreesman home, Murphy said, refusing to say how many or what kind or whether they were used to commit the shootings.

Sporting goods stores in the area were being questioned about recent purchases of .223-caliber ammunition, the type used in M-See DEATHS, Page 2

Arkansas slayer faces death penalty

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. (AP) — The man suspected of one of America's worst mass murders probably began slaughtering 16 people by stealthily strangling his sleeping children on Christmas Eve, the sheriff said.

R. Gene Simmons Sr., 47, of Dover was formally charged Wednesday with two counts of capital murder and four of attempted murder. Prosecutor John Bynum said he would seek the death penalty.

Simmons was transferred secretly from the jail where he had been held without bond to State Hospital in Little Rock for a psychiatric examination because, "We had death threats he wouldn't get there," Chief Sheriff's Deputy Billy Baker said.

Authorities seized two pistols, a crowbar, two hammers and several small ropes they

believe may have been used to shoot, bludgeon or strangle the victims, including 14 of Simmons' relatives.

Pope County Sheriff Jim Bolin, who described the killer as calculating and cunning, has constructed a chronology that breaks the killings into three clusters:

- Seven slain at Simmons' eight-room house near Dover on Dec. 23 or Christmas Eve.
- Seven more slain at the house Friday or Saturday.
- Two slain in a shooting spree Monday at four businesses in Russellville, seven miles south of Dover.

The sheriff said those killed in the first cluster were Simmons' wife, Becky, 46 — who Baker said was considering leaving Simmons — sons R. Gene Jr., 26, and Eddie, 14;

daughters Loretta, 17, Marianne, 11, and Rebecca, 8; and granddaughter Barbara Jean, 3.

The eldest son, who had come home for Christmas from his job at a military base in Texas, would have been the chief threat to the killer, so he may have been saved for last while weaker victims were quietly strangled or suffocated in their sleep, the sheriff said.

The second group killed were Simmons' son, William H. Simmons II, 23; the son's wife, Renada, 22; their son, William Jr., 1; Simmons' daughter, Sheila McNulty, 24; her husband, Dennis, 23; their daughter, Sylvia, 6; and their son, Michael, 1. Relatives have said Sylvia actually was Simmons' daughter from an incestuous relationship with his daughter Sheila.

Texas keeps 3rd rank despite slower growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm and energy-depressed states continue to lose residents while the South and the West are booming, with states such as Florida and California posting large population gains in the 1980s, the Census Bureau says.

Florida's population has grown 23 percent since 1980, pushing it past Pennsylvania to become the nation's fourth most populous state, after California, New York and Texas, the bureau said.

Meanwhile, Alaska, the least populous state at the time of the 1980 census, is now second-smallest with an estimated population of 525,000. Wyoming now ranks last, with a population of 490,000.

The estimated mid-1987 overall U.S. population was 243,400,000, up from 241,096,000 in mid-1986 and 226,546,000 in 1980.

Florida was the only state in this decade to cause a shift in the relative rank of the nation's Top 10 states.

Those states, in their present order and estimated population, are: California, 27.66 million; New York, 17.82

million; Texas, 16.79 million; Florida, 12.02 million; Pennsylvania, 11.94 million; Illinois, 11.58 million; Ohio, 10.78 million; Michigan, 9.20 million; New Jersey, 7.63 million; and North Carolina, 6.41 million.

Florida's gain was surpassed only by California, which has grown by 4 million people since 1980, to 27.66 million; and by Texas, up 2.6 million to 16.79 million since the start of the decade.

However, Texas, hard hit by the decline of world oil prices, only grew by 100,000 people between July 1986 and July 1987.

The bureau said the South and the West continue to be the fastest growing regions, accounting for 15 million of the nation's 17 million increase in population since 1980.

However, population losses continued between 1986 and 1987 in the farm states of Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, Montana and Idaho.

Iowa was down from 2.83 million from 2.85 million in 1986; Nebraska was down to 1.59 million from 1.60 million; North Dakota to 672,000 from 679,000.

Cold weather causes leaks in water lines

From Staff and Wire Reports

A cold front descending across the South Plains and the low Rolling Plains this morning promised to bring bitterly cold arctic air into most of Texas by New Year's Day, the National Weather Service said.

The front was located from near Wichita Falls to near Lubbock and was expected to move across the state to the coastal plains by late this evening. Single-digit temperatures were forecast for the Panhandle tonight.

In Pampa, the cold front will put a temporary halt to the mild weather that has been slowly melting last week's snowfall.

Wednesday's high was 51, but the overnight low dropped to 20. Today's high is expected to reach only into the mid 30s with an overnight low plunging to around 8 degrees to begin the New Year. Friday's high will remain cold, reaching up to only about 20 degrees. But highs are forecast to be back into the 40s for the weekend.

A victim of the changing weather in the past week has been some of the city's old cast iron water lines. Community Services Director Nathan Hopson said this morning that the extreme temperature changes have been causing some of the lines to spring leaks.

One line sprung a leak Wednesday in the south portion of the city. This morning, water crews were busy with five leaks, including at least two downtown. But none of the leaks have created any major problems, Hopson said.

"There's nothing really major on our part," he said. But, he noted, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority has had a major break on its water line to Pampa, requiring shut-off of the lake water to Pampa.

"We're strictly on well water See WEATHER, Page 2

Splash day



(Staff Photo by Paul Pinkham)

A motorist splashes his car through water from melting snow Wednesday afternoon at the Foster and Somerville intersection in downtown Pampa. Early morning drivers today found more water, but this was from

leaking water lines. Colder weather in the forecast today and Friday will slow the melting, but milder weather will return over the weekend.

County commissioners hire new extension agent

By PAUL PINKHAM Senior Staff Writer

Telephone calls to the Gray County Extension Office just got a little more confusing.

Gray County commissioners voted Wednesday to hire Joe Vann, 23, to replace Extension Agent Jeff Goodwin, who has joined the Hartley County Extension office.

Vann joins Agents Joe VanZandt and Donna Brauchi in the Gray County office, effective Friday.

The name confusion aside, VanZandt said after the meeting that he is glad to have Vann aboard. He said the new agent's primary responsibility will be to

oversee the county's 4-H program.

Vann, of Lampasas, holds a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education from Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Commissioners approved a \$5,700 base salary for Vann, with a \$3,150 travel allowance. He will receive additional salary from the state.

In other action at their year-end meeting, commissioners purchased 54 gravesites at Fairview Cemetery for pauper burials at a cost of \$16,200. Under state law, counties are responsible for burying people whose families cannot afford funeral and burial costs.

County Judge Carl Kennedy said burial sites in Lefors, which the county has been using for paupers, have all been used. He said the county has averaged about three such burials a year, but the number of pauper burials is on the increase.

Under the same state law, a citizen who claims to be unable to afford the cost of burying a relative loses the right to vote in Texas.

Fairview Cemetery Manager Les Weatherly said the pauper sites will be located in the southeast corner of the cemetery, near Harvester Avenue.

Commissioners also approved a request by District Clerk Vickie Walls for about \$2,000 worth of computer equipment on which to

select juries. Walls said her office currently is being remodeled to make room for district court files, making now the time to incorporate a computer system.

She said she spends too much time traveling between her office and the tax office to compile jury lists on the tax office computer.

Commissioners told Walls to ask County Attorney Bob McPherson to seek an attorney general's opinion on whether part of the \$47,000 jury fund can be used for the purchase.

Following the meeting, commissioners met in closed session for about two hours to continue discussion about expansion of county facilities. No action was taken.



Vann

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

No Friday services were reported to *The Pampa News*.

Obituaries

MARGARET ELIZABETH MORRIS
 MIAMI — Services for Margaret Elizabeth Morris, 79, are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dale Dunn, pastor, and George Lunberg, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery by Stickley-Hill Funeral Home of Canadian.

Mrs. Morris died Wednesday in Canadian. She was a longtime resident of Miami. Her husband, Thomas Morris, died in 1976. Survivors include a daughter, Dee Locke of Miami; six sons, Robert, Jerry and Howard, all of Miami, William of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Lyle of Willits, Calif., and Richard of Ventura, Calif.; a sister, Itilene Risley of Jacksboro; and 10 grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be to Roberts County Museum, Miami.

MERRA EVELYN JONES
 AMARILLO — Services for Merra Evelyn Jones, 41, a Wheeler native, are pending with Schooler-Gordon Colonial Chapel.

Mrs. Jones died Wednesday. She was born in Wheeler, and graduated from Palo Duro High School in Amarillo in 1964. She was a secretary and a member of San Jacinto Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Tami Northfleet of Amarillo; two sons, Tracy of Harlingen and Tory of Amarillo; a sister, Joan Johnson of Amarillo; three brothers, Charles and Ray Dean Johnson, both of Amarillo, and Glen of Fort Worth; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Patton of Amarillo; and a granddaughter.

Police report

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

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30
 Gordon Jack Addington, 820 E. Gordon, reported aggravated assault with a knife at the address.

Richel Charles McDowell, 1221 S. Wilcox, reported disorderly conduct at the address.

Oaty Rodrick McCain, 1000 E. Denver, reported theft at the address.

An individual wanted by the Texas Department of Corrections, Huntsville, was reported in the 200 block of East Tyng.

Theft less than \$20 was reported at the Top O' Texas Quick Stop, Naida and Alcock.

Burglary of a motor vehicle registered to Vibra Whirl, Panhandle, was reported at Harvester Stadium, 111 E. Decatur.

Forgery was reported at Scotty's Wine and Cheese Shop and Beall's, both at the Pampa Mall, 2545 Perryton Parkway.

J. Mac Youcum, 1204 E. Browning, reported criminal mischief at the address.

THURSDAY, Dec. 31
 A domestic dispute was reported in the 1000 block of South Somerville.

Arrests-City Jail
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30

Gordon Jack Addington, 56, 820 E. Gordon, was arrested in the 200 block of East Tyng on a blue warrant for parole revocation from the Texas Department of Corrections, Huntsville, and a warrant alleging assault.

THURSDAY, Dec. 31
 Anthony Dell Richardson, 25, 701 Deane, was arrested in the 900 block of Jordan on charges of driving while intoxicated, following too closely and failure to display drivers license.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Ray Covatt, Pampa
 Claude Gray, Pampa
 Alvin Grays, Pampa
 Paul Johnson, Pampa
 Bobby Ledbetter, Pampa
 Nancy Ledbetter, Pampa
 Naomi Martin, Pampa
 William McKendree, Pampa
 Ishwar Patel, Pampa
 Leon Taylor, Pampa
 Paul Wood, Canadian
 Elmer Yahnee, Pampa

Extended Care Unit Admissions
 Ernest Holmes, Pampa
 Fannie Taylor, Pampa

Dismissals
 Samuel Bowers, Miami
 Mary Britten, Groom
 Jean Chumbley, Canadian
 Helen Devoll, Pampa
 Alisa Gibson and infant, Pampa
 Dana Hicks and infant, Pampa
 Ernest Holmes, Pampa
 Jesaka Long, Pampa
 Ruby Myers, McLean
 Neshia Qualls and infant, Pampa
 Minnie Quay, Pampa
 Fannie Taylor, Pampa
 Aporal Thomason, Pampa

Extended Care Unit Dismissals
 Jesse Donnell, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
 Anna Davis, Shamrock
 Mutt Jolly, Shamrock
 Esther Stowe, Shamrock

Dismissals
 Ernestine Holmes, Shamrock
 Seibert Worley, Shamrock
 Learline Biter, Shamrock

Minor accidents

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 31
 An unknown vehicle, believed to be a 1980s model Toyota, struck a legally parked 1986 Mercury, registered to Arthur Martinez, address unknown, in the 600 block of Red Deer, then left the scene. No injuries or citations were reported.

Fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following runs for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30
 5:07 p.m. — 433 Yeager, fire reported on faulty hose on acetylene tank. Fire was out upon arrival.

THURSDAY, Dec. 31
 1:14 a.m. — Alco Discount Store, Coronado Shopping Center, false alarm.

Calendar of events

ACT I AUDITIONS
 ACT I amateur theater group will hold auditions at 2 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday in the M.K. Brown Meeting Room of the Pampa Community Building for its next presentation, *Our Hearts Were Young and Gay*, a comedy. There are 17 parts to be filled.

Stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa			
Wheat	2.52		
Milo	2.90		
Corn	3.35		
The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation			
Damson Oil	1/4	67 1/2	up 1/4
Ky. Cent. Life	1 1/4	67 1/2	up 1/4
Sercio	3/4	67 1/2	up 1/4
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation			
Magellan	40.09		
Puritan	11.54		
The following 30-a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa			
Amoco	68 1/4	NC	
Arco		69 1/2	dn 1/2
Cabot		22 1/4	dn 1/2
Chevron		29 1/2	dn 1/2
Enron		39	dn 1/2
Halliburton		24 1/2	dn 1/2
HCA		43 1/2	NC
Ingersoll-Rand		35 1/2	dn 1/2
Kerr-McGee		25 1/4	NC
MKPE		15 1/2	dn 1/2
Mapco		67 1/2	up 1/4
Maxxus		67 1/2	up 1/4
Mesa Ltd.		10	up 1/4
Mobil		38 1/2	dn 1/4
Phillips		41 1/2	dn 1/2
Phillips		1 1/2	NC
SBJ		29 1/2	NC
SPS		23 1/2	dn 1/2
Tenneco		38 1/2	dn 1/2
Texas		27 1/2	dn 1/4
Texas		27 1/2	dn 1/4
London Gold		\$484.00	
Silver		\$6.71	

Law seeking commissioner post

Herman Law of Star Route 2, Pampa, has announced his candidacy for Gray County commissioner, Precinct 1.

Law, 45, will run in the Democratic primary May 8.

Commissioner O.L. Presley, also a Democrat, has said he doesn't plan to run for a fourth term. Three other Democrats and one Republican already have either filed for the post or announced plans to run.

Filing deadline is 6 p.m. Monday.

Law worked for a major oil company for 16 years, having served part of the time in Libya as a maintenance foreman. He currently is engaged in farming, in which he has been involved most of his life.

He and his wife Carolyn live 13 miles east of Pampa. He has two stepdaughters and three grandchildren.

Law attended Oklahoma State Tech, where he received specialized training in auto mechanics. He also has received training from numerous seminars on management and budget control, which, coupled with his experience in auto mechanics and construction, Law feels will make him a valuable asset to Gray County.

"I feel that my previous experience and training will be very helpful to make responsible decisions concerning the depressed economical condition in Gray County," Law said. "I pledge to work with and for all citizens of Gray County."



Law

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Deaths

16 rifles, the *Mason City Globe-Gazette* reported today.

Algona, a north-central Iowa community of 6,300 about 110 miles north of Des Moines, had not had a homicide in at least five years, and residents were left stunned, Murphy said.

"I've been here 22 years and I haven't seen anything like that," said Sheriff Charles Day.

"I guess that people I've talked to in the last two or three hours, everybody's shocked, everybody's numb. I think there's a hope that what they've heard

isn't true," said the Rev. Gary Dehnke of Trinity Lutheran Church, where the Dreesmans took the grandchildren for Christmas services.

Neighbors said John Dreesman, a former city council member, and his wife were well respected, but that their son went out of his way to avoid people.

"Nobody knew him," said Brian Keith, one of several Algona residents who gathered at a house across the street from the Dreesman home.

Neighbors said Robert Dreesman was a 1987 graduate of Palmer College of Chiropractic in

Davenport and had a medical degree from the University of Manila in the Philippines.

"He was an extremely intelligent kid who really didn't function normally in school," said Dale Teeter of Algona. "When we were young kids, growing up with him I did think he was pretty much of a loner at that time."

Jan Woodyard, who lives across the street from the brick and frame ranch-style house, said she was not sure whether Robert Dreesman lived with his parents. "He was always there," she said, "but I don't know whether he lived there."

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Weather

now" until the CRMWA break is repaired, he said, adding that it should not create any major problems.

Meanwhile, light rain was falling over most of east and southeast Texas early this morning. Cloudy skies covered much of the eastern part of the state and some of the Panhandle, while the rest of West Texas had generally clear skies.

Pre-dawn temperatures were mostly in the 20s and 30s over

West Texas with readings in the teens over the northwest Panhandle. The rest of the state had readings in the 40s and 50s, except a few 60s over the lower coastal plains.

Extremes at 4 a.m. were 23 degrees at Amarillo and 62 degrees at Brownsville. Temperatures before dawn included 46 at Fort Worth, 36 at Abilene, 32 at Wichita Falls, 29 at Lubbock, 27 at Midland, 36 at San Angelo, 33 at El Paso, 58 at Corpus Christi, 55 at Houston and 45 at Austin and Waco.

Winds over the eastern part of

the state were light and variable while West Texas generally had a north wind at 10 mph.

The forecast calls for partly cloudy skies tonight over West Texas, mostly clear over North Texas, cloudy with showers over East and Southeast Texas, and mostly cloudy with showers tonight over South Texas.

Afternoon highs will range from the mid-30s in the Panhandle to the low 70s in the lower Rio Grande Valley. Lows tonight were to dip to 5 degrees in the Panhandle, ranging all the way to the 60s in the lower valley.

City Briefs

HAVE A Rock N Roll New Year's Eve with Kick Back at The Party Station. Reservations, 665-7366. Adv.

NEW YEAR'S Eve Dance. Wells Fargo. Members and guests. 8-12. Moose Lodge. Adv.

PARTY AT THE Stage Stop. No cover charge for members and guest. Complimentary New Years Cheer. Music 8-12 p.m. Adv.

SPINNER DOMINO sets. La Galleria, 1425 N. Hobart. Adv.

NEW YEAR'S Eve Dance Fencwalker will be at the Catalina. Call now for reservations. 669-9171. Adv.

FENCEWALKER AT THE Catalina Saturday night, January 2. Adv.

CABINETS, BATHS, "Our Specialty". Gray's Decorating, 669-2971. Adv.

CHRISTMAS ITEM Sale, 30% off now thru Saturday. Joy's Unlimited, 2137 N. Hobart. Adv.

SPEND BOWL Day at The Stage Stop. Happy Hour Prices all day. Free Stew Bar. Adv.

Teen admits involvement in fire death of mother

DAYTON, Texas (AP) — A teen-ager charged with killing his mother and stepbrother, injuring his father and setting their house on fire has admitted he was involved in the deadly rampage, police said.

Edward Lee Rouse Jr., 17, gave authorities a "voluntary statement" admitting he was involved, Liberty County Sheriff's Deputy Chief Urban Valentine told *The Associated Press* late Wednesday.

"But I better not release details of the statement," he added.

Rouse is accused of killing his mother, Rita Porter, 38, and his 9-year-old stepbrother, Matthew J. Porter, and injuring his stepfather, Larry Porter, 37, and then setting their house on fire early Wednesday, police said.

Rouse remains in the Liberty County Jail charged with two counts of capital murder in lieu of \$50,000 bond on each charge,

Valentine said.

The stepfather underwent surgery at Houston's Methodist Hospital, Valentine said. He received head injuries and lacerations to the face and shoulders, but the family has asked no further information be released, hospital spokeswoman Brenda Blake said.

"At this time we don't have any motives because the stepfather is in the hospital and we haven't been able to talk to him," Valentine said. "It's hard to say what happened right now."

Neighbor Bill Robertson said Porter appeared outside his window about 3:45 a.m. Wednesday carrying a rifle and described him as being in a state of shock.

"He said, 'I live on the corner down the road and my son has shot my wife and set the house on fire and my baby son is in there and I can't get to my baby boy,'" Robertson said.

Texas could face legal action if baby formula plan adopted

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas could face legal action if the state adopts a proposal to buy infant formula more cheaply in a food program for women and youngsters, an attorney for food wholesalers says.

Texas health officials say changing to one primary supplier of formula through a competitive bidding system would save enough money to allow 42,000 more people to be served in the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children.

But some formula manufacturers and wholesalers strongly oppose the change, saying it would restrict the marketplace and the choices of those in the program.

Johnnie B. Rogers, general counsel for the Southwest Food Industry Association, which includes food wholesalers, said at a Wednesday public hearing that the proposal violates a section of the Texas Constitution that forbids rebating.

The proposal to be voted on in January by the State Board of Health would give rebates to the state on each can of infant formula purchased through the

program. The rebates would be from the low-bidding infant formula manufacturer, which would be the primary supplier of formula for the program.

"My people are not going to be intimidated by appearing to be Scrooges ... We're going to be simply protective of the laws and the Constitution of the state of Texas," Rogers said.

The state is likely to be taken to court if it adopts the proposed system, he added.

"I don't want to see you sandbagged with some sort of an injunctive or declaratory judgment relief that someone would surely seek of you, if you try to institute what I consider to be an invalid program," Rogers said.

He said the association would be willing to help seek more state funding for the program, which receives federal and state money.

Health officials from Texas and Oregon said at the hearing that other states are likely to follow Texas if it changes to the primary-source system for buying formula.

"Texas is in the midst of making a decision that will have

national implications for the WIC program. What's happening here in Texas raises some basic issues about the influence and power of a few large corporations on public policy," said Betsy Clarke, Oregon WIC director.

Oregon uses an infant formula purchase system like the one being considered by the Texas health board.

Texas Health Commissioner Robert Bernstein said the opposition of some companies, including large formula makers Ross Laboratories and Mead-Johnson, could be attributed to the potential influence of Texas on other states.

"I suspect that may be why it is of such interest to the companies — other states may follow if we go in that direction. Texas is one of the biggest buyers (of infant formula)," Bernstein said.

Formula purchased through the WIC program makes up 30 percent of all the formula bought in Texas, he said.

Health department staff members are examining an alternative proposal by Ross Laboratories to see if it could save as much money as the primary supplier proposal, Bernstein said.

Under that plan, the state would negotiate with a number of infant formula companies to get the best price from each.

"We were told by the board to try to individually negotiate with each company. We haven't completed that process yet. If that does as well or better, then that's the way we'll go," Bernstein said.

But he added, "We ought to feed as many mothers and babies as we can, given the amount of money that we have. If sole source is the way to go, then that's the way to go."

Burn victim improving

A 35-year-old Pampa man burned in an industrial accident Wednesday was listed in stable condition today at the Coronado Hospital intensive care unit.

Hospital spokeswoman Linda Haynes said Alvin Lee Grays of 1081 Varnon Drive received second- and third-degree burns in the accident in a field in the 800 block of South Somerville Street. Pampa Police Sgt. Kenneth

Hopson said Grays was at work for Global Steel Inc., 801 S. Somerville St., when the accident occurred Wednesday morning.

Hopson said Grays and several other men were standing near a 55-gallon drum with gasoline, which had a fire in it, and threw more gasoline into the drum. When the gasoline ignited, Grays received burns on the face, hands, wrists and chest.

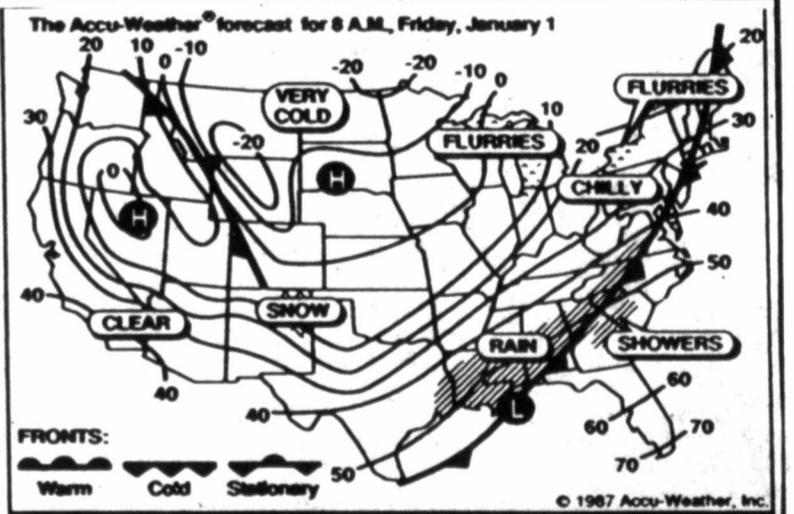
Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Partly cloudy and much colder tonight, with a low near 8 and north to northeasterly winds 5-10 mph. Friday will be sunny but colder, with a high only in the upper 20s. Weekend will be partly cloudy with highs near 40 and lows near 18. Wednesday's high was 51; the overnight low was 20.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Partly cloudy through New Year's Day. Turning colder north this afternoon and most areas New Year's Day. Afternoon highs mid-30s Panhandle to mid-60s Big Bend, lows tonight low 30s lowlands of southwest to near 8 Panhandle. Highs New Year's Day upper 20s Panhandle to mid-50s valleys of southwest.

North Texas — Cloudy with scattered showers east, mostly clear elsewhere through New Year's Day. Temperatures turning cold this afternoon with highs in the upper 30s west to around 60 southeast. Lows tonight in the teens west to the upper 30s east. Highs New Year's Day around freezing west, the mid-40s east.

South Texas — Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and showers south and east this afternoon. Cloudy with a chance of rain and showers tonight and New Year's Day, with some thunderstorms east tonight. Turning colder north this afternoon and all sections New Year's Day. Afternoon highs 60s north to 70s south, lows tonight 40s north to 50s south. Highs New Year's Day 40s north to near 60 south.



EXTENDED FORECAST
Saturday through Monday
 West Texas — Partly cloudy far west, cloudy east of mountains throughout the period with temperatures below seasonal normal. Panhandle, highs mid 30s to lower 40s; lows mid teens to near 20. South Plains, highs upper 30s to mid 40s; lows upper teens to mid 20s. Permian Basin, highs mid 30s to near 40; lows mid 20s.

North Texas — A chance of snow northwest Saturday and a chance of rain southeast. Partly cloudy and continued cold Sunday and Monday. Lows in the 20s northwest to 30s southeast. Highs in the 30s northwest to 40s southeast.

South Texas — Partly cloudy and cold north and west, cloudy and cool with chance of rain east and south Saturday and Sunday. Becoming mostly fair Sunday night and Monday. Freezing temperatures north Sunday night. Lows Saturday and Sun-

day from low 30s north to near 50 south. Highs mid 40s north to upper 50s south. Lows Monday from upper 20s north to mid 40s south and highs from mid 40s north to mid 60s south.

BORDER STATES
 Oklahoma — Partly cloudy and colder tonight and New Year's Day. Lows tonight near 5 above zero in the Panhandle to mid-20s southeast. Highs New Year's day 20s and 30s.

New Mexico — Mostly fair skies tonight, partly cloudy east and north New Year's Day with fair skies in the southwest. Colder statewide tonight with further cooling east and south on New Year's Day. Highs upper 20s and 30s mountains and north to the upper 40s to mid-50s across the southern deserts this afternoon, with temperatures 5 to 10 degrees lower east and south New Year's Day. Lows 5 below to 10 degrees above zero mountains to between 5 and 20 degrees lower elevations.

Texas/Regional

Railroad tank car explodes; injuries reported

LONGVIEW (AP) — People were thrown against walls and floors when a railroad tanker car exploded on the outskirts of this East Texas city, injuring at least two people, derailing adjacent rail cars and damaging buildings up to six miles away, authorities said.

The blast occurred at about 6:15 p.m. Wednesday on a tanker containing what is believed to be butane at the Rescar Inc. plant on the city's south side, police Sgt. Ralph Hicks said.

"It was not a derailment," he said. "It exploded, and we don't know the reason for the explosion. I got one re-

port it was butane in it, but we really don't know what was in it."

Laura Chasteen, 17, and Rhonda McFadden, 22, both of Gladewater, were treated for minor injuries suffered in the blast and released from Good Shepherd Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Karen McJimsey.

"I thought somebody had thrown a bomb," said Ms. Chasteen, who with Ms. McFadden were working at the Gregg County Humane Society's animal shelter near Rescar.

Authorities don't know the cause of the blast and won't know the full extent

of the damage until today, Police Sgt. Alfred Yarbrough said.

"There are quite a few buildings within a mile of the blast that were damaged pretty heavily... walls caved in and windows shattered," Yarbrough said.

Several railroad cars next to the tanker were derailed by the blast, he said. The explosion sparked a fireball that was seen in Gilmer, 28 miles away, but the flames were quickly extinguished, Yarbrough said.

Nevertheless, authorities closed roads in the area and evacuated people in a square mile surrounding the site for

a few hours "just to be safe," Hicks said.

Residents reported windows blown out all over the city of 63,000 about 130 miles east of Dallas, and reports indicated severe damage to businesses surrounding Rescar, a company that refurbishes railroad boxcars.

Darrett Crenshaw said he was handing \$50 in several bills to his brother, Bobby, when the explosion shattered the sheet metal building that is the family's appliance store.

"The money just blew away," Darrett said. "The doors caved in and it was

over. The lights went out and the whole thing didn't last three seconds."

Charles Lee, who was working in the back of his furniture store when the explosion occurred, said the force "popped" him up against the wall. "It was a big, white ball of light, and the concussion came," he said.

Jim Martin, a trim shop owner, said windows were blown out in his and neighboring businesses. "This will be good for the glass business," he said. "There's not enough glass in Longview to take care of this."

Freeze of former bank executives assets upheld

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal appeals court ruling upholding a freeze on the assets of six former Texas savings and loan executives accused of financial wrongdoing is being hailed by federal thrift regulators.

"We are pleased that the district court has been affirmed," said Jack D. Smith, deputy general counsel for the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. "This case is significant because it upholds the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation's right to obtain a freeze of the assets of people who have wrongfully profited at the expense of a savings and loan."

"These people will not be able to dispense their ill-gotten gains out of FSLIC's reach before we are able to obtain final judgment against them," Smith said.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sent the case back to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas with orders to modify the preliminary injunction.

The order covers Richard A. Little, Patrick L. Malone, John G. Smith, Patrick G. King, Woddy F. Lemons, and John V. Hill, former officers and directors of Vernon Savings and Loan Association.

The FSLIC is suing the six men and Don R. Dixon for millions of dollars in damages, charging them with "illegal lending practices, self-dealing and improper financial accounting, including fudging Vernon's books to conceal their wrongdoing and justifying exorbitant salaries and bonuses for themselves based on the nonexistent profits their books showed."

Dixon is not covered by the freeze order because he and his company, Dondi Financial Corp., have filed a bankruptcy petition.

In its ruling, the appeals court noted that the FSLIC has the right to pursue an "equitable cause of action" allowing it to obtain an injunction freezing the defendants' assets.

"As receiver of Vernon, FSLIC may sue to protect Vernon's rights as principal. In suing for a collective trust, an accounting and restitution of funds milked from Vernon... the FSLIC is pursuing equitable remedies. Thus... an asset freeze by preliminary injunction is an appropriate method to assure the meaningful, final equitable relief sought," said Circuit Judge E. Grady Jolly, writing for the panel.

The appeals court took note of defense arguments that the freeze could limit the defendants' ability to pay legal fees. The FSLIC had argued that the defendants could hide illicit payments under the guise of attorney's fees.

The preliminary injunction ordering the freeze on assets was granted to FSLIC as receiver for Vernon on June 29.

Just cruising



Four-year-old Shawn King found the Pampa roads more than a little slippery this week as he cruised around the 1100 block of Crane Road in his pedal-powered hotrod. Shawn is the son of John and Judy King of Pampa. Snow on area roads continued to thaw as warmer temperatures returned in mid-week.

Fezell claims police officials got jail inmate to frame him

WACO (AP) — McLennan County's district attorney says he has two taped telephone conversations between a Waco police detective and a jail inmate that prove police officials solicited the ex-convict to set him up.

Vic Fezell said Wednesday that evidence shows the Waco police chief and two detectives solicited the three-time convicted felon to plant evidence in the district attorney's car to link him to narcotics trafficking and to testify against him.

But Police Chief Larry Scott denies meeting with the inmate, saying, "There is just not any merit to it, period."

The claims by Fezell are only the latest in a series of controversies in which the district attorney has been involved.

In June, Fezell was acquitted of federal bribery and racketeering charges, which he claimed were the result of a vendetta against him by the Texas Rangers.

Fezell said the inmate, 31-year-old Ronald Eugene Dempsey, has been in the county jail since April on a variety of charges and has served as a confidential informant on drug cases for the police department.

The inmate told polygraph operator Wayne Baker of Plano during the Nov. 20 session that he met with Scott, Sgt. Bob Fortune and Detective Bob Fuller at the police department in June or July where framing Fezell was discussed.

The inmate passed three lie detector tests during the 90-minute session, Baker said.

Fezell said he plans to give his evidence to the state attorney general's office. He said he was not satisfied with the response he got from City Manager John Harrison, who asked Fezell to give his evidence to the Waco city attorney.

Harrison said he told Fezell that if the city attorney thought the allegations warranted further study, he would turn them over to the Texas Rangers.

But Fezell said asking the Rangers to investigate the allegations is "like asking the fox to guard the henhouse."

Fezell blames the Rangers for helping instigate federal charges against him because he embarrassed them by showing that convicted murderer Henry Lee Lucas could not have committed all the murders to which he confessed.

Lucas later recanted confessions to most of the murders the Rangers had considered cleared.

Fortune also denied the reported meeting with the inmate and denied all Fezell's allegations. Fuller, contacted by the Waco Tribune-Herald which reported on Fezell's claims Tuesday, said he had no comment for now.

"I'm not too concerned about something that didn't happen," Scott said. "It is just more irritating than anything else. I am not surprised at anything that comes out of the McLennan County district attorney's office."

Fezell's office on Dec. 21 dismissed a case of delivery of a controlled substance against the inmate, and Scott said, "It certainly wasn't us who had the case dismissed."

Fezell said the case was dismissed after the alleged conspiracy between the inmate and Fuller came to light. He said his office tried to get the inmate out of jail to cooperate in the set up, but the inmate had warrants on him from at least seven other counties, preventing his release.

In the polygraph session, the inmate claimed Fuller described in his meeting with Scott and Fortune how police officials would buy chemicals and furnish money to him to buy chemicals.

Fuller said they would concoct records showing that Fezell supplied money and chemicals to manufacture drugs, the inmate told Baker.

In a taped phone conversation with Fuller on Nov. 23, the inmate, who initiated the conversations about Fezell, asked Fuller about "that deal with Vic. What are we gonna be able to do with that?"

Fuller responded, "With who?" and the man said, "With Vic."

"Well, you know, I'm still trying to get you out, but they're not going for it," Fuller told him.

Mattox: Agreement should have gone farther

AUSTIN (AP) — Settlement of a federal lawsuit seeking to stem the rising toll of deaths and injuries among all-terrain vehicle riders should have gone farther, Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox says.

The agreement worked out by industry, the Justice Department and the Consumer Product Safety Commission fell far short of demands from several attorneys general that ATVs be recalled, their owners given refunds and future sales be banned, Mattox said Wednesday.

The settlement is "only a small step" toward ending injuries and fatalities caused by "these rolling death machines," Mattox said. "Our concerns about this settlement are numerous."

Mattox and other members of the National Association of Attorneys General earlier this year urged safety-related changes by ATV manufacturers. Litigation wasn't pursued immediately because of the ongoing federal negotiations, he said.

He said the attorneys general have chosen an eight-state task force, including Texas, to review the settlement and make recommendations on further action by the states.

Mattox said he believed pressure from the states led to the agreement negotiated by federal officials with four companies, American Honda Inc., USA Suzuki Corp., Yamaha Motor Corp. and Kawasaki Motors USA.

"We think the primary reason they've moved forward is the threat of lawsuits from the different attorneys general around the

United States," Mattox said.

According to Mattox, the state attorneys general had sought a possible ban of ATVs, recall of ATVs with rebates to consumers, advertising on the risks of riding the vehicles, warnings to riders, rider training and possible design changes.

He also voiced disappointment that action didn't come sooner.

"We think their actions have been tardy," he said. "We're really disturbed that it took place after Christmas. All of these warnings and actions could have taken place two weeks ago, prior to most people having purchased these types of vehicles for Christmas."

"We think their waiting will simply cause a great number of additional injuries and deaths," Mattox said.

December snow showers won't bring flowers

EL PASO (AP) — Cacti and desert wildflowers will bloom next spring, but probably not any more than normal despite a record wet December, experts say.

El Paso and much of the vast Chihuahuan desert surrounding it received record amounts of snowfall this December. The 25.9 inches that fell on El Paso in two recent storms set a record for most snowfall in a November-to-March season.

The melted snow and the little rain that fell in December totaled 2.87 inches; the normal figure is half an inch. Yet despite all the water, the riot of springtime colors in the desert probably won't be louder than usual.

"The problem is the timing," Richard Worthington, assistant professor of biology at the University of Texas at El Paso, said Wednesday. "The snowfall and rain we're having right now is not going to have much of an effect."

Even if the timing were right, the form of precipitation would be wrong, said Gary Cunningham, biology professor at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

Snow melts slowly and doesn't run off — which is good, he said. But he added that much of the snow evaporates before it can soak into the ground in the first place.

"The things that really help in the winter to get plants blooming in the spring are those long, slow winter rains," Cunningham said.

Island residents say \$3.50 bridge toll would force them to move

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Residents of an island south of Port Isabel say they'll have to move if the owner of a bridge connecting them with the mainland is allowed to charge a \$3.50 toll each time they cross.

"It would become a ghost town," said George Brewer, president of Outdoor Resorts Homeowners Association on Long Island. "Who can afford that kind of money?"

The 704-acre island is separated from the mainland by the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, and residents must cross a swing bridge to get to and from the island.

The Texas Railroad Commission has been conducting a hearing this week at the request of the bridge owner, Long Island Bridge Co. Residents are expected to testify today.

McAllen attorney and developer John Freeland, president of the bridge company, is seeking approval to charge tolls of \$3.50 for cars and \$4.50 for buses and trucks.

minating pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the bridge because of insurance costs.

Brewer said most of the island's residents live in a development called Outdoor Resorts, and that many of them are winter Texans who were never told of the possibility of a toll when they bought property on the island.

"There was never any mention of this type of charge for access to our property," Brewer, who has lived on the island since 1984, said in an interview Wednesday. "The people out there are mostly retired, and several are living on a fixed income."

He said the permanent population of Long Island is about 250, but it swells to as much as 5,000 during the winter. The island was not inhabited until the 1970s, he said.

Residents live in recreational vehicles or condominiums on the island, which also features an 18-hole golf course.

Long Island resident Bill Brown said he must travel in his job as a salesman and also has to cross the bridge at least twice daily to take his daughter to school in Port Isabel.

"Imagine how much that would cost me," said Brown, vice president of the homeowners association.

Freeland declined to be interviewed about the dispute.

Railroad Commission hearing examiner Charles Maddox said at the conclusion of testimony he will make recommendations to the commission on the proposed toll.

"If we don't generate a toll sufficient to keep that bridge in operation, there won't be a bridge," Freeland testified Tuesday.

Freeland owns more than 200 acres on Long Island.

There currently is no charge for crossing the swing bridge, which moves in a horizontal plane to open and close. Law requires the bridge to be opened to allow boats to pass through the waterway.

Freeland also has proposed eli-

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Opinion

Hart's new ideas can be frightening

Now that Gary Hart has re-entered the 1988 presidential contest, and has instantly soared to the top of the opinion polls, he says we should ignore questions of personal morality and examine his "new ideas." Actually, Hart largely parrots the beliefs that all states hold nowadays.

He's for all sorts of new rights, except those rights that protect Americans from government tax theft and bureaucratic control. He wants to be friends with the Soviets and is against nuclear war. He wants to improve education. Blah, blah, blah.

But on a few particular issues Hart has ideas that, while not "new," as he claims, are nevertheless peculiar. Most alarmingly, Hart favors what he calls "a new system of national service."

Young people would serve one or two years in the military, or for the government or some charity. Hart isn't much clearer than that; such a program, for example, might be mandatory, but probably would involve some element of coercion. But the idea is, in whatever form, amazing.

First, young people start "serving" the government just as soon as they get jobs. Like the rest of us, about 40 percent of their paychecks go to taxes of one sort or another. They immediately begin, to use Hart's words, returning "some of the advantages and investments they have received from society" — and then some, we would add.

Second, work itself is a great contribution to society. Perhaps Hart, who has spent his life as a politician, doesn't realize it, but building cars, working a farm, running a business and doing housework contribute much more to society than working for the government. A grape picker has contributed more to this nation than Hart ever will, even if Gary makes it to the White House. At least the laborer can sleep at night knowing he's done an honest day's work.

Third, what right does government have forcing young people to become, in effect, slaves of the state? Even the military nowadays depends on volunteers. America's tradition of voluntary charity has done more than the government ever could to help the poor and downtrodden. Indeed, private charities nowadays must spend a good chunk of their efforts repairing damage done to people by the government itself.

Finally, in September Hart also called for forming a new Soviet-American Youth Corps, a sort of East-West Peace Corps. This new outfit presumably would be a part of Hart's national service program. He also praised Soviet dictator Mikhail Gorbachev, the butcher of Afghanistan and Ethiopia. He said, "While the current American president seeks to recapture a mythical time in America's past — whether the 1920s or 1950s — the new Soviet leader is clearly anticipating the 21st century."

To follow the analogy, Hart himself is trying to "recapture" another "mythical time," the 1930s. In those days the first Gary Hart-style national service program for young people was begun and was called the Hitlerjugend — the Hitler Youth.

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"Why is it ALWAYS little boy babies that represent the New Year — and NEVER little GIRL babies?"

Boat people being neglected

By JOSEPH CERQUONE

Recent news from Hanoi merits some very cautious optimism.

The Vietnamese government has released 480 political prisoners from "re-education," a harsh prison system of concentration camp settings, forced labor and indoctrination. Among those freed were former South Vietnamese civilian and military government officials, people who have been paying a heavy price for their politics since the war ended.

On the one hand, the news is not what it seems. Yes, some were freed, but thousands more remain imprisoned with no sign they will ever be released. Furthermore, those released are not expected to be treated the same as other Vietnamese. Sources indicate that they will remain under very tight scrutiny, required to report regularly to security officials and ineligible for emigration.

Though cruelly separated from loved ones who have escaped from Hanoi, and despite long-standing resettlement offers from the West, Vietnamese authorities want these ex-prisoners to remain in Vietnam where they can be controlled. If they are permitted to emigrate, Hanoi reasons, they will become anti-communist subversives.

There is a small note of progress in all of this, however. As David F. Lambertson, deputy assistant secretary of state, told Congress this fall, "in terms of both the numbers of prisoners involved and their seniority (in the former government) — this prisoner release differed significantly from previous Vietnamese practice."

In sum, Lambertson testified about "promising developments" on the political prisoner issue.

Will re-education prisoners ever be allowed to leave Vietnam? Prevailing wisdom says it is difficult to know. Will more releases occur? That, too, is hard to predict. In short, the future on this issue is uncertain, though there appears to be tangible, albeit modest, improvement over the past.

Ironically, there are Vietnamese whom the United States and the Free World are in a much stronger position to help who may be worse off. My full report on this tragic situation — "Uncertain Harbors: The Plight of Vietnamese Boat People" — has just been released by the United States Committee for Refugees (815 15th Street, N.W., Suite 610, Washington, D.C. 20005).

In researching the USCR report, I found that thousands of refugees have languished, some for years, in squalid camps throughout Southeast Asia, abandoned by the countries they believe to be their benefactors.

Truly, the West — the United States most conspicuously — has increasingly permitted refugees to waste away without resettlement offers and the benefit of meaningful steps that could end their plight humanely.

This neglect is dangerous. Aside from their unhealthy conditions, the camps are under the authority of governments that occasionally have become testy about boat flows, feel stuck with the problem and have displayed diminishing interest in granting asylum. Refugees' fragile escape vessels have been forced back to sea, and many innocent people have perished. Many observers feel that history could easily repeat itself.

A major reason for the apathy has been a Washington view that today's escapee from Vietnam is an economic migrant — someone seeking gain — rather than a bona fide refugee

fearing persecution. This viewpoint ignores several things, including the re-education experiences, records of working for U.S. interests during the war and Western family ties that many of the unwanted have.

It also runs counter to U.S. State Department human rights assessments.

In its most recent annual report, State described Vietnam as a place where fundamental rights and liberties are severely restricted. Some changes have occurred which may slightly date that view, but like the re-education amnesty, they are not sufficient, clear or set.

Make no mistake: The ultimate blame for the suffering of the Vietnamese people rests squarely on Hanoi.

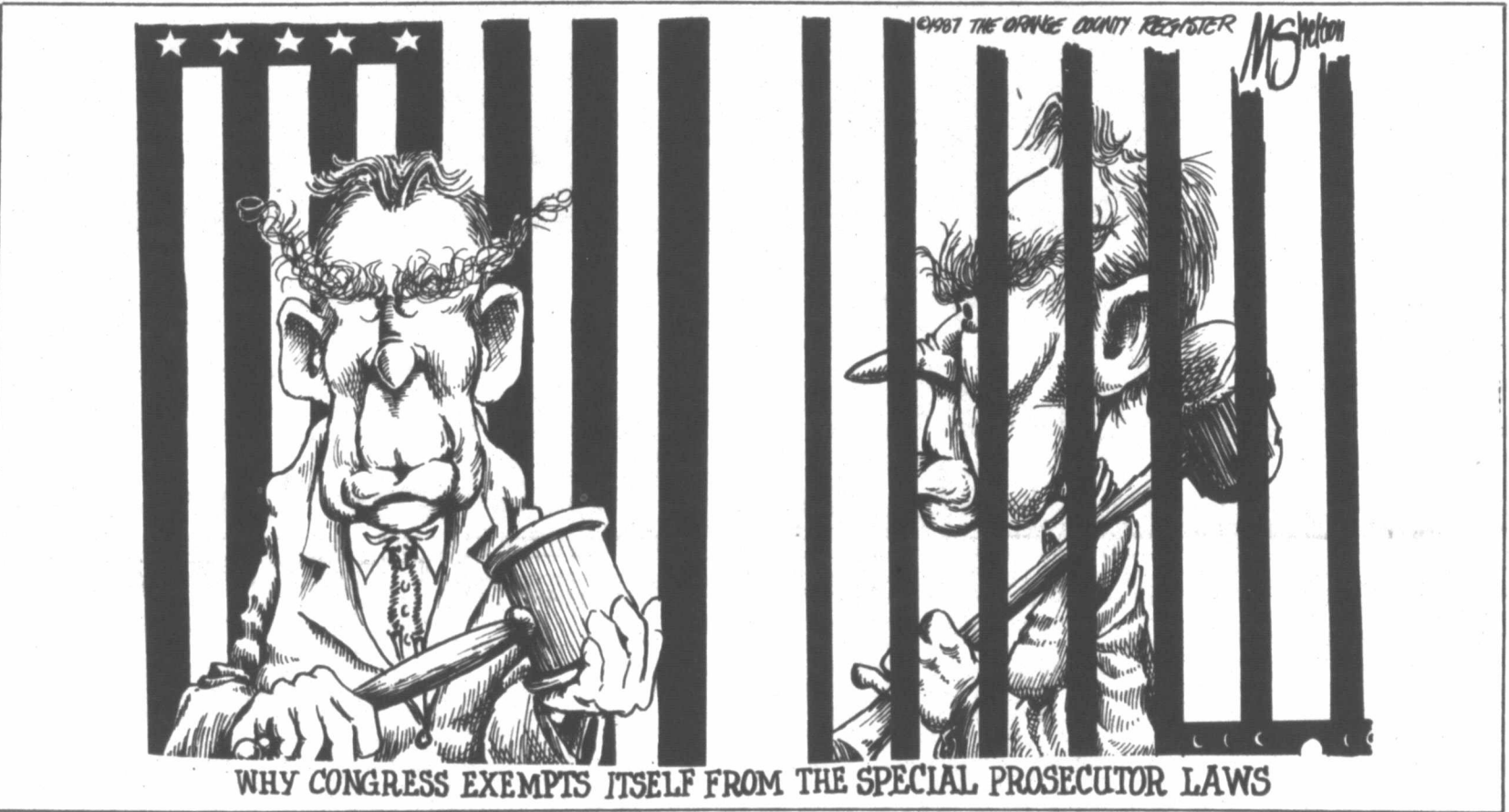
The continued confinement of political prisoners under re-education is so serious an issue it should be made a clear condition of any improved economic relationships between the United States and Vietnam.

The United States should regard the boat people as a high priority item and lead the way in improving their lot. We at the USCR believe solutions should include making Western resettlement more responsive, especially for those refugees trapped in camps the longest.

However, we also suggest new solutions, such as resettlement of modest numbers of boat people in asylum countries. Currently, Southeast Asian nations admit refugees only if they will eventually be moved elsewhere.

With the right blend of will and action, nations can work together both to protect asylum and to seek humane and lasting solutions to the protracted dilemma of the Vietnamese boat people.

Cerquone is a senior communications consultant of the United States Committee for Refugees.



Serious thoughts at a hotel

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The flight had arrived and I was tired. I stood at the registration desk at the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel, numbed to any thoughts but a shower, a cheeseburger from room service and a bed.

The desk clerk pecked at a thousand buttons, it seemed, on her computer. It wasn't that long ago when desk clerks simply reached behind them, pulled a key out of a mail slot and handed it to you, was it?

As I waited, I picked up a conversation behind me. A woman was speaking to a man. She pointed upward. He followed her hand up with his eyes.

"I never saw so much blood," she was saying. "And people were crying and screaming. Oh, God, I'll never forget it."

It was just then that it came back to me. I was standing in the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt, only a few steps from where two skywalks collapsed during a tea dance in July of 1981.

It was shortly after 7 p.m., July 17. The Hyatt had been opened only a year. Dancers were on two skywalks, one above the other in the classic Hyatt atrium design.

Suddenly, there were sounds of metal tearing away from metal, followed by the screams of



Lewis Grizzard

hundreds who were falling into heaps from the skywalks, or who were being crushed underneath by the falling debris.

Witnesses agreed the top skywalk, which some had seen swaying to the beat of the music before the crash, tore loose first, plunging into the second skywalk, two floors below it.

It took until 8 the next morning before all the bodies were recovered from the twisted metal and concrete that had killed them.

Deaths totaled 114. There were more than 200 injured. There were subsequent investigations and lawsuits and charges of faulty design and shoddy workmanship.

It is the nature of us to be curious of disaster. I

walked over to the couple who still looked above them.

"Were you here when it happened?" I asked the woman.

She said her name was Joannie James and that she drove a school bus.

"I was standing right about where I'm standing now," she began.

"The band was playing music from the '50s and '60s. There must have been a thousand people here (official estimates were 1,500)."

"All of a sudden, it happened," said Joannie James. "The music stopped and the bodies were falling all over each other. I'd never seen so much blood in all my life."

"I did all I could to help stop those who were still alive from bleeding to death. I remember a dead woman who was wearing a pink petticoat. I tore it off her and tore it into shreds for tourniquets."

"We need to go," the man with Joannie James said. She was still looking upwards when they entered the door outside.

I had my shower and my cheeseburger and I went to bed, one thought still with me as I drifted into sleep.

We know not the day nor the hour.

We should worry when summit's over

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

For Americans, the most dangerous moment of any summit comes when it's over. A summit, with its sense of achievement (real or false), strikes many people as a splendid excuse to relax. We should be wary of that impulse.

It is all the more tempting in the present instance because there almost certainly are real changes going on in the Soviet Union. It hardly matters whether (as President Reagan perhaps too optimistically suggested, to the annoyance of hard-line conservatives) Mikhail Gorbachev has sworn the traditional communist goal of world domination. The point is that Gorbachev must know he isn't going to achieve it. He must realize that in fact his country will have trouble maintaining its rank as a superpower in the 21st century if he doesn't manage to reinventorize its sclerotic Marxist economy with infusions of free-market principles.

But if it is justifiable to conclude that Gorbachev is probably in ear-

nest, for entirely selfish reasons, in wanting to slow down the Soviet Union's cruelly expensive military competition with the United States, we ought not to forget that he undoubtedly also anticipates major affirmative benefits from this latest exercise in summitry.

One measure of the potential gain for Gorbachev is all those polls of American public opinion showing him with an "approval rating" higher than that of President Reagan or any other American political leader. Such statistics are no doubt deceptive, of course, because those questioned are obviously judging Reagan and other American figures by American standards, while instinctively comparing Gorbachev (favorably) to his stolid predecessors who never smiled and had wives built like medium tanks.

But Congress won't need much encouragement to decide that, with a nice fellow like Gorbachev running the Kremlin, this country can afford to cut back on the military budget and slice all those billions into giveaway programs for their pet welfare charities. It certainly won't take Speaker

Wright and his cronies long to forget that it was only this country's impressive military buildup during the Reagan administration, and above all the president's dogged commitment to the concept of a space shield, that brought the Russians back to the bargaining table in a cooperative mood.

And right behind the Handout Brigade will come the greedy businessmen. Their itch to make a profit easily overpowers any scruples they may have about doing business with dictators, or selling the Kremlin the technology it so desperately needs from the West. Only laws, rigorously enforced, have thus far prevented them (in many cases) from selling the Soviets industrial secrets indispensable to the defense of freedom.

In that connection, incidentally, President Reagan will be well advised to keep a sharp eye on his new secretary of commerce, William Verity. Verity has long advocated greater U.S.-Soviet trade, and his department, as luck would have it, is primarily responsible for enforcing the laws against the sale of certain categories

of products to Moscow.

Above all, the American people must resist the unstated implication behind much that they will be hearing, in the coming months, in the media: the idea that the United States, and the West generally, have now accepted the proposition that there is some sort of basic moral equivalence between the world's free nations and the slave states of the communist bloc. We have done no such thing.

In one of his public comments while in Washington, Gorbachev remarked: "The president said yesterday, 'Why don't you allow freer emigration? Why don't you let all the people who want to leave your country leave?' And I asked the president, 'Why do you have quotas on entry into your country? Why are there machine guns on the Mexican border?'"

Gorbachev pretended that the situations were parallel, whereas in fact they are precisely opposite. Moral equivalence, my eye.

Nation

New laws tackle issues from AIDS to nude drinking

By The Associated Press

Drivers suspected of being drunk stand to lose their licenses on the spot on New Year's Day under new laws in Arizona and Wisconsin, and couples getting married in 1988 will face tests for AIDS in Louisiana and Illinois.

As of Friday, Texas is imposing a tax on data processing, Florida is ending a controversial tax on services, North Carolina is raising its corporate income tax, gasoline taxes are going up in Oregon and smokers in Michigan will pay 4 cents more per pack to help Detroit's Wayne County. Wisconsin will begin phasing out its inheritance tax.

California will attempt to enforce a no-smoking rule on planes, trains and buses, though airlines and Amtrak insist that federal, not state, law applies. Associated Press bureaus across the

country noted numerous other changes in state laws effective Jan. 1, many of them minor.

Wyoming will no longer permit hunters with elk licenses to take a black bear, too, California is permitting alcohol sales in nudist camps and South Dakota will become the last of the 50 states to begin enforcing a law requiring small children to be protected by seat belts or safety seats in automobiles.

Arizona's anti-drunken driving law requires police to immediately confiscate the license of anyone who is arrested for having a blood-alcohol content measuring 0.10 or over, or anyone who refuses to take a drunken driving test.

The license will be sent to the state's Department of Motor Vehicles, which will issue a temporary license and give

the suspect 15 days to seek an administrative hearing to seek reinstatement.

Under the law, the department may suspend a person's license for up to 90 days for anyone caught with a blood-alcohol content over 0.10 on a first offense, and for one year for anyone who refuses to take the test.

A second drunken-driving offense within five years calls for a one-year license suspension, while a third offense will lead to a three-year suspension.

Louis Rhodes, executive director of the Arizona Civil Liberties Union, said the law reverses the traditional presumption of innocence.

"It's one more example of a bad law that's thrown at a terrible problem," Rhodes said.

Wisconsin's new law also provides for immediate confiscation of licenses.

A new South Carolina law, which became effective Wednesday, lets officers request blood or urine tests from motorists charged with driving under the influence.

"We'd have a problem when we'd get a person who passed the Breathalyzer test but was in no condition to be released," Lt. Larry Mixon of the state Highway Patrol said. Under the old law, "we couldn't test him for drug use."

Oregon has a new law allowing judges to require convicted drunken drivers to use "interlock" devices on their cars as a condition for obtaining work-driving permits. The devices, to be used in 11 counties on a trial basis, prevent a car from being started unless a driver blows into the mechanism and no alcohol is detected.

Though Louisiana and Illinois will re-

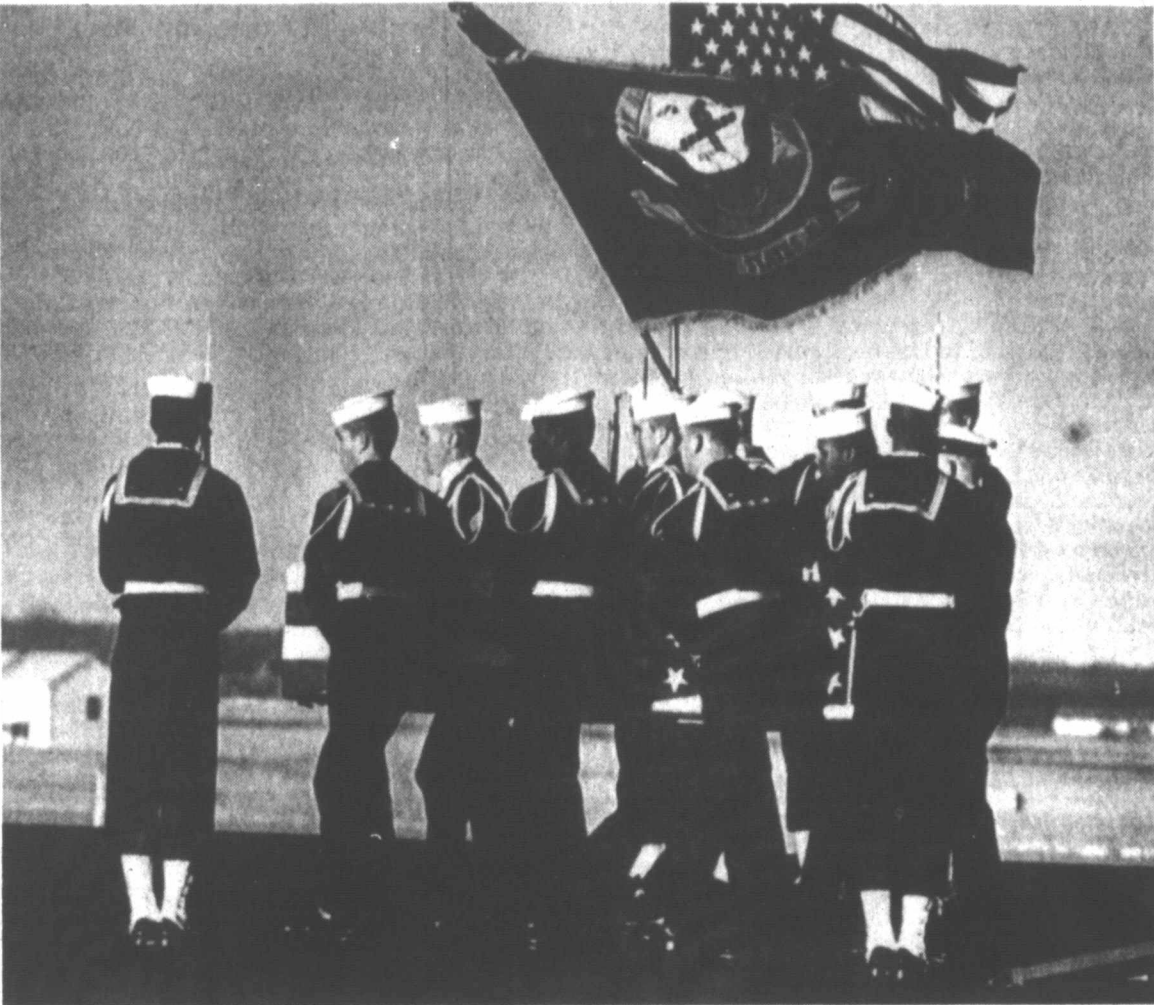
quire tests for exposure to the AIDS virus before issuing marriage licenses, neither state will ban weddings if tests are positive.

The Illinois law requires that both parties be told of the results and be counseled on how to reduce the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Other new laws in Illinois require public school grades six through 12 to provide instruction on AIDS prevention, and permit health departments to notify past sexual partners of someone infected with the deadly disease.

Florida's controversial 5 percent tax on advertising and other services dies with the New Year, to be replaced Feb. 1 with an increase in the state sales tax from 5 percent to 6 percent. A five-cent increase in the diesel fuel tax is also repealed effective Jan. 1.

Sailor honored



A U.S. Navy honor guard escorts the body of Petty Officer Ronald C. Strong, 22, of Reeders, Pa., after it arrived in Dover, Del., Wednesday afternoon aboard an Air Force

C-5. Strong was killed Sunday by a terrorist grenade thrown into a crowded USO club in Barcelona, Spain. Nine other sailors were injured.

New York's an untouchable for nation's half-a-G men

NEW YORK (AP) — The new agent in charge of the FBI's office here has a problem: New York City, where movies cost \$7 and apartments \$700,000, is an assignment even Elliot Ness wouldn't take.

"Nobody wants to come here," says James M. Fox, who this week was named to succeed Thomas Sheer, a 25-year FBI agent and one of the city's most celebrated law enforcers.

Last month, after only 14 months on the job, Sheer announced he was resigning to take a more lucrative job as a security consultant. Part of his explanation: "I'm broke."

FBI agents from Manhattan to Boise, Idaho, start around \$500 a week — making them half-a-G men. Many New York police officers and sanitation workers earn more. Sheer made \$72,500 a year — \$22,000 less than the police chief, whose department numbers 27,345 employees. The FBI has 2,000 employees here.

Resignations just before the holidays are rare, Fox said in an interview, "but I'm a little frightened about what's going to happen after Jan. 1."

Fox said he hopes to succeed in one of the few areas where Sheer failed: persuading Congress to approve a 25 percent geographic cost-of-living increase for all the employees in the FBI's largest field office, including 1,200 agents.

"I can't actually lobby, but I'm telling anyone who will listen to me about our problem," said Fox, 50, who was Sheer's deputy.

Since New York area prices are as much as 50 percent higher than the national mean, the only young agents who volunteer to work here are natives, some of whom live with their parents, he said.

Agents in other offices routinely quit rather than come to New York, and those who are here often accept less desirable jobs elsewhere with the FBI just to get out.

Seventy agents are under orders to transfer to New York, but "a lot of them will never get here," Fox said. "Some resigned as soon as they got their orders. Two joined a suburban police force in Arizona."

At the rate things are going, half of the office's support staff will have left within two years, he said. Two veteran, \$22,000-a-year clerks recently departed for jobs paying twice as much.

Because of the bureau's reputation for selective hiring and thorough training, recruits "leave after six months for a job paying \$10,000 more," he said. "There's no way we can compete with that."

But considering the cost of training new agents and staffers, "We can't afford this kind of turnover," he said.

Investigations also suffer. An anti-terrorism specialist is transferring to take advantage of the lower cost of living in the Southwest, and it may take his successor six months just to learn his job.

"Coming into New York is such a culture shock that no one hits the ground running, not the FBI, not the KGB, nobody," Fox said.

Fox recalled a recent conversation with a highly-rated white-collar crime specialist who, after visiting the New York area and sizing up the real estate market, decided not to accept a transfer from a Midwestern city.

"He told me he had a motto: 'No success at work excuses failure at home.' He knew he'd have to live 60 miles away (from Manhattan), and he'd never see his family."

Fox knows the feeling. He leaves his house in central New Jersey at 5:30 each morning for the one-hour drive to the FBI office in lower Manhattan, usually returning well before — or long after — the evening commuter rush through the Lincoln Tunnel.

Stocks rise despite leading indicators going down

By The Associated Press

The stock market rallied after two setbacks despite a pair of government reports that indicated the economy may be weakening.

Analysts attributed Wednesday's rise in stock prices to a steadying of the dollar in foreign exchange trading.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, down 72.78 points Monday and Tuesday, rose 23.21 points to close at 1,950.10.

Two stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume rose to 149 million shares from 112 million on Tuesday.

Earlier, the Commerce Department said its main economic forecasting gauge tumbled 1.7 percent in November and that sales of new homes dropped 1.2 percent the same month.

The Index of Leading Economic Indicators was battered by declining stock prices and widespread weakness in other sectors of the economy in November.

It was the first decline in the index since January and the biggest one-month downturn since a 2.2 percent drop in September 1981.

The index is composed of 11 forward-pointing business statistics, and has taken on added significance since the Oct. 19 stock market crash as economists search for signals of whether the economy is about to enter a recession.

The administration minimized November's big drop, with presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater calling it a "one-month blip on the screen."

In the home sales report, the government said sales fell to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 664,000 units in November while the median price of new homes jumped 12.3 percent to \$119,000.

Some analysts noted that the October sales performance was revised to a 2.1 percent gain from the initial report a month ago which said sales fell 1.5 percent.



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Capture of voodoo princess ends year of attacks

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—The capture of legendary voodoo priestess Alice Lakwena ended a year of attacks against the Ugandan government by thousands of troops who believed the oil she rubbed on their chests would ward off bullets.

At the height of her power as leader of the Holy Spirit Movement, Ms. Lakwena commanded as many as 7,000 warriors who sang hymns as they marched into battle with sticks and stones they believed would explode like grenades. Army troops with modern weapons mowed them down.

Only seven followers remained with the 27-year-old clergyman's daughter Saturday, when she was arrested crossing illegally into Kenya, Justis ole

Tipis, Kenya's minister of state in charge of security, said Wednesday. "She was subsequently convicted and sentenced to four months imprisonment," Tipis said in a statement. "She will be repatriated to Uganda at the expiry of her prison term."

Her men called her Mama Alice. She told them she could change bees into bullets and that spirits spoke through her and ordered the attacks.

But her army, one of about six fighting the Ugandan government, was never a serious threat, and the government was embarrassed by publicity foreign media gave her.

Ms. Lakwena's rebels fought the government of President Yoweri Museveni, who came to power Jan. 26,

1986, when his rebel National Resistance Army routed the army of a 6-month-old military government.

The defeated army fled north, where its soldiers regrouped and began rebel attacks of their own. Ms. Lakwena, from the small Acholi tribe in the north, started her movement with 4,000 soldiers in the region last December.

In January, 3,000 of the rebels attacked government positions near Kilak Corner about 300 miles north of Kampala. Museveni said then that 300 insurgents died over two days. "They just came wildly singing and shouting, so our forces massacred them," Museveni said.

Captured soldiers said Ms. Lakwena anointed their chests with animal

blood, oils and herbs and told them the potion would protect them.

In September, more than 500 Holy Spirit rebels reportedly attacked an army base at Ngora about 200 miles north of Kampala and 185 were killed.

The rebels were armed with guns and white stones, their bodies were smeared with oil, their ears were stuffed with cotton and they carried bags of drugs they believed would cure them if wounded, news reports said.

The movement gained strength, and Ms. Lakwena moved her forces 400 miles from her northern Gulu district to the bush of the eastern region at the headwaters of the Nile. Captured followers said she recruited thousands

more on the way and sometimes forced young men to join at gunpoint.

In November, Museveni's government said about 8,500 Holy Spirit rebels had been killed since January, 1,490 of them between Oct. 4 and Oct. 29.

The major blow came Nov. 5, when government soldiers attacked rebel positions and wounded Ms. Lakwena in the leg. The Ugandan government newspaper New Vision said she fled on a bicycle pushed by a few followers.

New Vision said Otim Oyo, her chief commander, and nearly all her followers were killed in the battle at Bukhadhe-Ndhoya, 80 miles east of Kampala, but the report did not give figures.



(AP Laserphoto)

The Israeli chief military prosecutor Capt. Romen Ketsef, left, argues with Arab lawyer Ibrahim Barguitt outside the Nablus courthouse Wednesday about the Arab lawyers' strike.

Peres: Violence, media coverage create grave problem for Israel

JERUSALEM (AP)—The rioting in the occupied lands and the media's coverage of the violence have left Israel in "one of the worst situations we have ever found ourselves in," according to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

The United States and other nations have criticized Israel for using live bullets against protesters in the occupied lands and planning to deport some of nearly 1,000 Palestinians being tried after more than three weeks of unrest.

Phyllis Oakley, U.S. State Department spokeswoman, warned that deportations would trigger more violence in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, which Israel captured from Egypt and Jordan re-

spectively in the 1967 Middle East war.

Ismat Abdel Meguid, the Egyptian foreign minister, said such harsh punishments would further damage floundering Middle East peace efforts.

Peres said Wednesday that he and King Hussein of Jordan have agreed to a U.S.-drafted document on conditions for convening an international Middle East peace conference. The peace process came to a halt earlier this year because of opposition from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Asked about the violence in the occupied territories, Peres said in a television interview Wednesday: "This is one of the worst

situations we have ever found ourselves in. There is no doubt the scenes (of the violence) on television have created grave problems for us."

Peres defended the crackdown but said news media reports about the arrests and deportations were exaggerated.

Eight Israelis received booby-trapped Christmas cards from Turkey in the mail on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Amerasians leave for U.S. as disputed program resumes

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)—Dozens of Amerasian children arrived in Thailand on New Year's Eve to prepare for resettlement in America under new arrangements that ended a long dispute between the United States and Vietnam.

The children and their relatives carried small American flags as they arrived from Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. They were the first group of Amerasians to leave under a revived Orderly Departure Program, which Vietnam agreed to resume in September after having interrupted it since January 1986.

At a welcoming ceremony, William A. Brown, U.S. ambassador to Thailand, said: "This is going to be a very exciting new year for you and your new homeland as you get to know its people ... and its language."

He presented two of the half-American children, Pham Hung Huy, 14, and Le Thi Thao Ly, 17, with a picture book entitled "All-America: The Catalogue of Everything American."

They were among 65 Amerasians and 91 relatives who were to arrive on four flights today, which also carried 217 other Vietnamese joining relatives in the United States under the program. Amerasians were fathered by U.S. servicemen and civilians during America's decade and a half of military involvement in Vietnam, which ended with a 1973 pullout.

"Many of these children were abandoned as babies and grew up in foster care," said Elizabeth

Berube, the program's deputy director in Bangkok.

"Maybe I'll meet my father, and I'd be very happy," Huy said as he waited at the Bangkok airport terminal with his mother, Pham Thi Tri. They were watching a videotape of American cartoons.

The Vietnamese are processed in Bangkok, then moved to a camp in the Philippines for about six months of language study and cultural orientation.

Ms. Tri said she was four months pregnant when her boyfriend, a U.S. serviceman, finished his tour of duty and left Vietnam in 1972. They have lost contact since.

Miss Ly said she knew nothing about her parents. She was abandoned in a hospital and was adopted when she was three days old by two Vietnamese, Nguyen Thi Xuan and Le Van Giang, with whom she is resettling in America.

Tears rolled down Miss Ly's face when she was asked how other children treated her in Ho Chi Minh City.

"When I go to school they tease me. I feel ashamed," she said. "They say: 'You Amerasian. Why don't you go home? Why do you stay here?'"

Giang said he earned about 20 cents a day selling used bottles. Life was hard after the 1975 Communist victory, he said, with the family sent to, and then fleeing from, the remote New Economic Zones.

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Prison officials quash holiday party on Texas death row

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A flip-flop series of decisions on an inmate Christmas party has made this holiday season a little bleaker than usual on Texas' death row.

The traditional affair, actually two separate gatherings involving about 50 inmates in each of two prison wings, has been held the Saturday before Christmas the past two years.

But about two weeks before Christmas this year, inmates said they were told the party would not be allowed because of security considerations.

"They just blew it off," death row inmate James Beathard said Wednesday. "Nobody would really give us any information. Basically what you have is a power play."

A week ago, however, officials termed the party cancellation a "misunderstanding" and said it could be held Christmas Eve. Prison officials also said they would allow extra purchases of food items from the commissary so inmates could set up their own food spread, which in previous years has included roast beef sandwiches, soft drinks and ice cream.

But last Thursday — the rescheduled day of the party — the commissary purchases were denied, inmates said.

"No one was prepared. No one had bought any-

thing," inmate Lester Bower said. "It's after Christmas now. The story is kind of moot now."

Warden Jerry Peterson, who said a week ago the party would be allowed, was not at the prison Wednesday. Texas Department of Corrections spokesman Charles Brown said he had no details about the party flap.

With no extra food, any attempts to hold a get-together on Christmas Eve met with little response, inmates said.

"I couldn't quite get any interest on my wing," said Beathard, sentenced to die in 1985 for the slaying of a 14-year-old boy. "They (fellow inmates) were kind of down after all this."

Bower, on death row since 1984 for the slayings of four men, said about a half-dozen of his colleagues on the other prison wing divided up a fruit cake sent by Amnesty International.

"We had a token party," he said. "We were not in much of a festive mood."

The two inmate parties would have involved prisoners considered the least dangerous of the 265 on death row. The estimated 100 inmates work in an adjacent garment factory, the nation's only prison factory staffed exclusively by men facing execution.



(AP Laserphoto)

Parents with Dr. Shearer in room with Derek.

Child suffering from rare diseases

HOUSTON (AP) — A 6-month-old boy faces a difficult future that involves a bone-marrow transplant and an unusual drug treatment to battle a rare combination of diseases, his doctor says.

Derek Fields of El Paso suffers from both severe combined immunodeficiency with which he was born, as well as graft-versus-host disease, which he contracted from a blood transfusion he received earlier this month.

He first must be treated for the latter before he can receive treatment for SCID, which requires a marrow transplant, Dr. William T. Shearer said at a Wednesday news conference at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

"This is a perilous journey, and it will take weeks," Shearer said. "At any instant, catastrophe could ensue."

Since Sunday, the child has been treated for GVHD with an injected protein known as anti-T12 monoclonal antibody, making him only the second baby ever to be treated for the disease with that drug, the doctor said.

The first baby to receive the treatment survived the disease, but later died of other causes, Shearer said.

But Derek has been responding well to the treatment, he said.

"He's in pretty good shape, for what he has gone through," Shearer said.

The child was transferred to Houston after developing a severe rash following a blood transfusion he received at Sierra Medical Center in El Paso, where he had been taken in early December for pneumonia.

At Texas Children's, doctors performed additional tests and learned of the child's predicament.

After undergoing the drug treatment, the child is scheduled to undergo a bone marrow transplant soon, receiving marrow donated by one of his two sisters or his parents.

"We're going to pray, which is my best form of technology, and pray for the doctors," the child's father, Charles Fields, 30, said. "We're taking it a day at a time now."

"He moves, he grabs my hand, he even tries to smile," said Fields, a pharmacy technician. The child remains in the intensive care unit at Texas Children's.

Severe combined immunodeficiency is a rare disease of childhood, occurring about once in every 50,000 to 100,000 live births. Graft-versus-host disease can occur any time someone with an immune deficiency receives blood cells, Shearer said.

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Politics 1987: Football scandal and tax hike

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP)—Texas politics included a little of everything in 1987, from a record tax increase to presidential campaigns to a college football scandal.

Republican Bill Clements, returned to the governor's mansion after a no-new-taxes pledge, saw his administration rocked by the Southern Methodist University football scandal and wound up signing the largest tax increase in Texas history.

Clements, governor from 1979-82, ousted the Democrat who'd ousted him, Mark White. Throughout his campaign, Clements had pledged that he would hold the line on new taxes.

But when the Legislature convened for its regular session, lawmakers got bad news from Comptroller Bob Bullock: the state deficit had mushroomed to \$5.8 billion.

Bitter spending and tax battles were fought from January through a June-July special session. The Legislature eventually passed, and Clements signed, the largest tax hike in Texas history — totaling \$5.7 billion.

Passage of the tax increase didn't end the squabbling, however.

Republicans blamed the Democratic-controlled House and Senate. Democrats rapped what they called Republican rhetoric, noting it was a GOP governor who signed the tax bill into law.

"Clements had to face up to the reality of signing something to make the state stay on an even keel

and not slide backwards, to avoid local property tax increases," said Ed Martin, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party.

"Republicans are good at being a vocal minority, merely seeking political opportunity and chanting slogans. But when Republicans on the state and federal levels have finally had to govern, when they faced up to reality, their chief executives have come to the point where they embraced the programs passed by Democrats," Martin said.

John Weaver, executive director of the Texas GOP, says Republicans had no choice, since Democrats rule the 150-member House and 31-member Senate.

"It's clear that the Republicans and conservatives in the House and Senate did not have enough votes to pass our programs. The governor had to make a decision whether to stonewall for six months, which would have had an adverse impact on the economy and schools, or sign it," Weaver said.

"That wasn't an easy decision for him. But until we get control of the House and ultimately the Senate, no Republican governor is going to be able to get their programs through," Weaver said.

The 1987 budget battle also set the stage for the 1988 political season.

Weaver says Republicans can pick up 10 more seats in the Texas House and two to three in the state Senate.

"The issues in Texas are shaping up in a very positive way for the Republican Party," he said. "People are fed up with tax increase after tax

increase, and they know that the Democrat-controlled Legislature is to blame for that."

Not surprisingly, the Democrats see it differently.

"All through the year, we saw Democrats provide leadership out of a strong sense of duty," Martin said. "We're not people that are enthralled with taxes. There's not a politician alive that likes to pass taxes."

"But the Republicans' charges are ridiculous. We offered sound solutions, and I think people understand that. The public's learned that there ain't a free lunch," he said.

Opinions also differed on how badly the SMU football scandal damaged Clements. But both Republicans and Democrats agree that it drew attention to him.

SMU early in 1987 received the harshest-ever football penalty assessed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The school was banned from football in 1987, and it later cancelled its 1988 season.

Then in early March, Clements dropped a bombshell.

He admitted that while chairman of the SMU board of governors, he'd approved continued payments to players following 1985 NCAA sanctions imposed against the school.

A few legislators urged impeachment. Many said it was a non-government issue. Others said the revelations had been a near-fatal blow to Clements' credibility.

"I think the SMU situation did hurt Clements' credibility. Polls show that," said Democratic Party director Martin.

"Certainly, that had an impact on the governor. But this was not a partisan issue, but a problem of

one person," said the GOP's Weaver.

Democrats had their own problems during 1987: resignations.

Two key Democratic officeholders quit in mid-term, giving the Republican governor an opportunity to appoint Republicans to replace them.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hill resigned halfway through his six-year term, saying he believes the outside is a better place for him to campaign for changing the elected-judge system to an appointive plan.

Hill is being replaced by Thomas Phillips, a Republican Houston district judge.

Railroad Commissioner Mack Wallace also quit. Clements replaced him with Kent Hance, former Lubbock congressman and unsuccessful 1986 GOP gubernatorial candidate.

"We were able to pick up some very important seats at very low cost. Some blows we've dealt the Democratic Party. ... Those two items by themselves made the year very good for us," Weaver said.

"Those were individual situations. Some years, things like that happen," Martin said.

Much of the 1987 political season involved 1988. Texas has joined more than a dozen other Southern states and will be part of the March 8 "Super Tuesday" presidential primary. That has seen a troupe of presidential hopefuls criss-crossing Texas.

"We have seen an unprecedented parade of presidential candidates," noted Martin. "You never know whether this (early primary) has played to one party's advantage. But it's something that has played to the state's advantage in bringing candidates here and focusing on issues important to the state."

Surviving 'Black Monday'

By MARIANN CAPRINO
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—It was Monday, Oct. 19, and options trader Tom Gilligan thought it would be a good day to work on his 90-year-old brownstone in Brooklyn.

Gilligan was one of Wall Street's lucky men. He got out of the market the previous Friday, when the Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 100 points in a prelude to the 508-point collapse of Black Monday.

Not that Wall Street had been kind to the 42-year-old dealer. He had lost \$140,000 — about half the capital he trades with — in the two weeks leading up to the market's crash.

"I knew that something was brewing that I had never seen before," he said. "The way the market moved — it was just too volatile at the time. I wanted to stay clear of what might well happen."

Had he stayed on the roller coaster for the full ride, Gilligan's loss by Black Monday would have mushroomed to "five or 10 million or more that I didn't have."

When the five-year bull market screeched to a halt Oct. 19, \$1 trillion had been eroded since Wall Street stock prices began to drop in August. Some say the crash ended an era of free spending and high living epitomized by the new, young breed of wheeler-dealers on Wall Street.

Some small firms were closed because they failed to meet minimum capital requirements, some major firms announced layoffs and drastic belt-tightening moves, and one of Wall Street's biggest brokerages, E.F. Hutton Group, subsequently was bought by another, Shearson Lehman

Brothers.

Unlike brokers who trade for investment houses and clients, Gilligan's membership at the American Stock Exchange entitles him to trade only options and only for himself. That means all the money he makes or loses can be traced directly to his wallet.

The Amex has 203 "options-only" seats in addition to the 661 regular memberships. In trading options, Gilligan buys a contract with little up-front cash, betting that a group of stocks will either move up or down in price by a specified date.

Being a one-man show means that making a mortgage payment or sending his three kids to camp depends directly on his ability to predict the market's direction.

To Gilligan's ears, the market's first warning shot was fired Oct. 6, almost two weeks before the crash, when the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial issues plummeted more than 91 points. Gilligan paid heed.

He spent the days leading up to the crash closing out his positions. By Oct. 16, the day the Dow plunged more than 108 points, his unsold contracts expired, leaving him poorer but ultimately unexposed.

What happened in the weeks after the crash was a complete metamorphosis of the chaotic and crowded Amex trading floor.

"There was a somberness I've never seen before," Gilligan said.

There are days when the "hostile, tricky" market environment spurs Gilligan to ponder a more "sedate" career. But he keeps plugging.

"The distinct drive force in my life is to make money," said this survivor of Black Monday.

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Lifestyles

Latest look



The freshest silhouette this season is a short coat cut with a generous amount of fur, allowing the garment to swing freely from a natural shoulder line. New emphasis is also placed on horizontal treatments. (Black/brown ombre dyed Saga Fox from Massimo Tabak.)

Furs are classic coverups

By MARY MARTIN NIEPOLD
Newspaper Enterprise Assn.

"Today, furs have become the most-needed extra," says Arnold L. Goodman, director of wholesale for Revillon Furs, a Paris company that has been crafting furs since 1723.

"They are the most desirous luxury," Goodman says. "Every woman knows that once she puts her gloves on, you can't see her rings anymore—but you can destroy a room within a 20-foot diameter if you walk in dripping in a fabulous fur."

Today's furs are a far cry from those demure little mink jackets your favorite auntie used to wear. The overall trend for furs — mink, fox, Bukhara lamb, Russian sable, beaver and chinchilla — follows the short lengths that have taken the fashion industry by storm.

"The trend, fashion-wise, is the seven-eighth coat, right to the knee, just a full and very easy, flared-typed coat," says Lawrence Schulman, a third-

generation principal of Alixandre Furs, whose collections include Perry Ellis, Yves Saint Laurent and Valentino.

What's also new about furs this year is that more and more women are buying them, using their salaries to snuggle into some luxury.

Goodman says, "We have known for several years that more women are buying furs for themselves. Off the top of my head, I'd say not less than 25 percent of furs today are bought by women for themselves."

Granted, a fur purchase can range from a \$295 fox jacket of questionable quality to an indisputably fine \$195,000 Russian lynx coat. But experts say that the most popular fur is still mink, and they also agree that mink should be a woman's first purchase.

"The most serviceable coat for the average buyer is a mink," says Alixandre's Schulman. "I think the biggest mistake when purchasing a fur is to want something that's overdone, over-styled, thereby limiting its wear and how long you're going to love it."

"The most important thing about fashion is its longevity. One, a fur should suit your lifestyle and, two, be something that you can wear forever."

"An impulse should never be something to base a first-fur purchase on," says Goodman. "A white mink jacket is glorious-looking, but can you wear that to the supermarket?"

Mink is durable, lightweight, warm — and classic. With those qualities, mink becomes the kind of "lifestyle" purchase that furriers recommend.

Daniel Antonovich is chairman of the board of Antonovich Furs, a New York-area discount furrier that expects more than \$40 million in sales from its nine locations this year in 1987. Antonovich's advertising campaign is directed to the contemporary female fur buyer: "It's like school. Do your homework first. Then go out and play."

"Purchasing a fur coat is a very emotional experience," says Antonovich. "Mediocre-quality furs are still very beautiful, and unless the consumer has a good insight into the product, she can't make an ultimate judgment on the high quality she



Revillon's 1987 Haute Fourrure Collection offers, from left, these two fashion-smart looks: puffed gray suede pouf edged with natural gray squirrel (\$7,350) and three-quarter coat in natural golden cross Saga fox with foxtail boa (\$20,500).

seeks." He offers these guidelines for fur purchases:

- Go to the best furrier in your community and touch and study what good fur looks like. "Once you've seen good fur and had a tactile experience of it, you don't forget it."
- Look for silkiness, which indicates that the pelt was prime.
- A good, dense, round "fiber" is desirable. "Fiber" refers to the fur's short hairs; the second hair is a "guard hair," which is longer. Mink should be short and napped.
- Though female mink is considered finer than male mink because it is more supple and lightweight, male mink can also be of fine quality if the "fibers" are short like the female's.
- Mink shouldn't look shiny, but have a "velvety luster." The ultimate is when the guard hairs are just slightly higher than the short "fibers."
- The finer the coat, the closer the pelts. You should not see the leather between the pelts when

the coat is worn upright. • A coat should be cleaned and glazed once a year. "Look for a reputable furrier who will provide customer service for storage and maintaining the fur," Antonovich advises.

• Consider discount furriers. Because their volume is greater, they don't have premium prices and can offer many ranges.

Two last caveats: Once you own that fur, let it dry in a cool place; if it gets very wet, shake and comb, don't brush it, to remove excess moisture. Always buy the best quality within your budget.

For the women who already own a fur (or two) and want to get in on this year's fashion wave, consider having an old fur cut to the new, stylish seven-eighth length. With the cutaway portions, Antonovich advises to use those to update the coat by extending shoulders and deepening armholes.

And whether new, old or reworked, if you own a fur, for heaven's sake, wear it to death.

Johnson, Stone to receive funds from writers' academy

NEW YORK (AP)—The American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters says writers Diane Johnson and Robert Stone have been selected as the 1988 recipients of "The Mildred and Harold Strauss Livings."

They will each receive \$250,000 — \$50,000 annually for five years — to allow them to devote their time exclusively to writing.

The Livings, the result of a bequest made in 1981 by Harold and Mildred Strauss, provide writers of English prose literature with a stipend to cover living expenses. Harold Strauss, who died in 1975, was formerly the editor-in-chief

of Alfred A. Knopf Inc. The first Livings were awarded in 1983.

Johnson, 53, is a novelist, biographer and essayist. Her collection of essays and book reviews, "Terrorists and Novelists," received a Pulitzer Prize nomination. Her novel, "Persian Nights," was published in 1987.

Stone, 50, has written several prize-winning novels. His "Children of Light" was published in 1986. He reported on the Vietnam War and "Dog Soldiers," about an American journalist in Vietnam, and received a 1974 National Book Award.



Three-quarter natural blue iris mink with rolled collar (\$11,950) is by Revillon.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Abby offers resolutions to keep 'just for today'

DEAR ABBY: Last New Year's Eve you published some New Year's resolutions. I cut that column out and taped it on my bathroom mirror where I could read it every morning. I want you to know that it has helped me to become a better person. I am not saying that I kept every one of those resolutions every day, but I kept most of them, and they have now become habits that have made a remarkable improvement in my personality and character.

I hope you will run it every New Year's Eve. I'm sure it will benefit many others as it has me.

NEVER TOO OLD

DEAR NEVER: My "resolutions" column has become an established annual tradition:

DEAR READERS: These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have taken the liberty of using that theme with some variations of my own:

Just for today I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those things I cannot correct.

Just for today I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing

I know is fattening. And I will force myself to exercise — even if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today I will be totally honest. If someone asks me something I don't know, I will not bluff; I'll simply say, "I don't know."

Just for today I'll do something I've been putting off for a long time. I'll finally write that letter, make that phone call, clean that closet or straighten out those dresser drawers.

Just for today, before I speak I will ask myself, "Is it true? Is it kind?" And if the answer to either of those questions is negative, I won't say it.

Just for today I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today I'll not improve anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half-hour to relax alone. During this time I will reflect on my behavior and get a better perspective on my life.

Just for today I will be unafraid. I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions. I will expect nothing from the world, but I will realize that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.

Have a happy, healthy New Year. And pray for peace!

LOVE, ABBY
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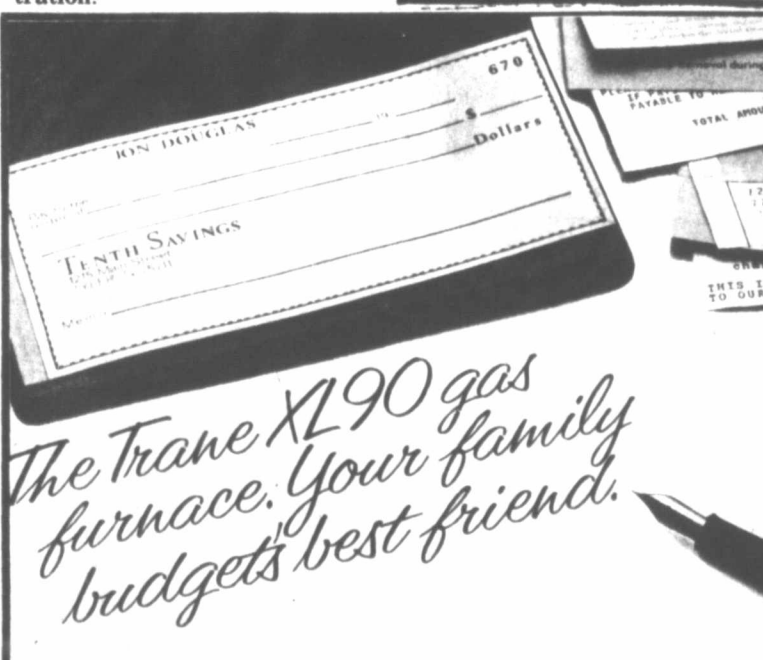
Exercise improves intelligence levels

NEW YORK (AP)—It's smarter to exercise than to think about it, according to the Reebok Aerobic Information Bureau.

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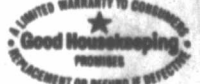
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- 22 Frame of mind
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- 46 Football coach
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- 48 Light brown
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol
People to whom you've been kind in the past without thought of reward will repay their debts in the year ahead. You'll enjoy being on the receiving end for a change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions in general appear fortunate for you today. You'll have good beginnings as well as the kind of endings you hope for either careerwise or romantically. Major changes are ahead for Capricorns in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be foot-loose and fancy-free today. You'll be able to enjoy one group for awhile, then flit off to another where you'll have an equally good time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's possible that Lady Luck may deal you a few more trump cards today than she does others. Capitalize on situations where you sense an advantage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) New friends you make at this time will play significant roles in your affairs over the coming months. One person in particular will have a big impact on your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions are extremely favorable today where your material interests are concerned. Benefits could suddenly develop for you without your bidding or knowledge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your chances for getting something for which you've been hoping are starting to look better and better. Someone who likes you is about to throw his/her weight into the endeavor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, an opportunity may present itself to talk to someone who can further your ambitions. For best results, be as frank as possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Greater harmony will soon prevail in a situation that has been causing you concern recently. Keep holding positive thoughts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be alert for a tip today that could substantially increase your earnings. The information may come through a friend who's in a different field of endeavor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Crowds are not numbered among the things you need to make you happy today. What you require is time alone with one who enjoys you as much as you enjoy him/her.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Keep your priorities attuned to business or career matters today. While others are enjoying partying and levity, you'll get a bigger bang out of making a buck.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Being alone won't be your cup of tea today, so if you're not invited to a party, go out somewhere with the special companion whom you admire the most.

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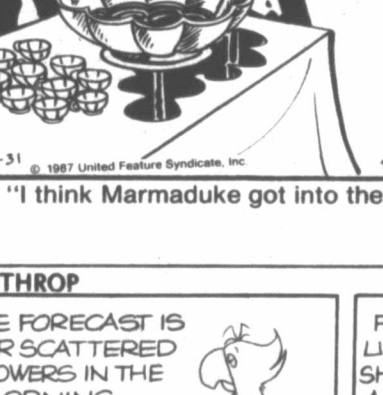
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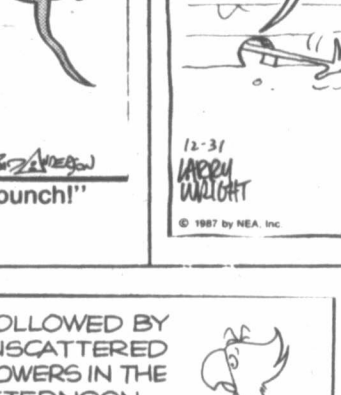
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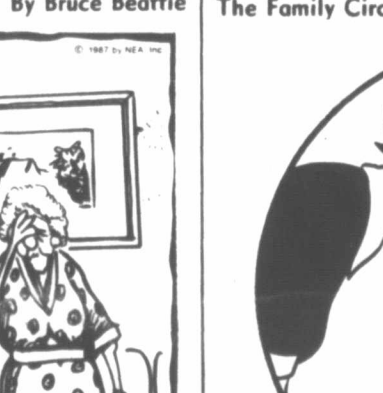
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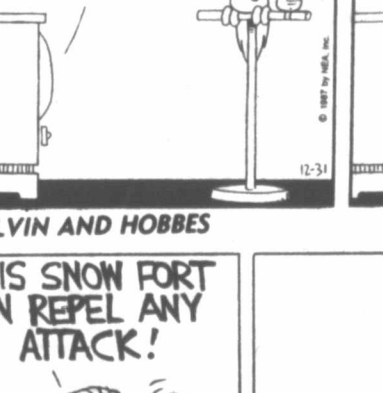
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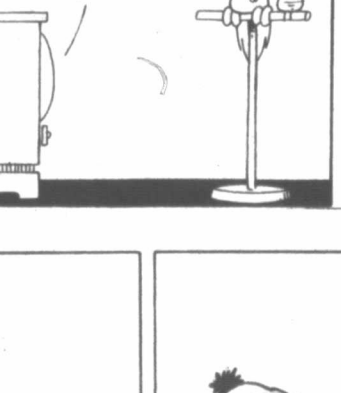
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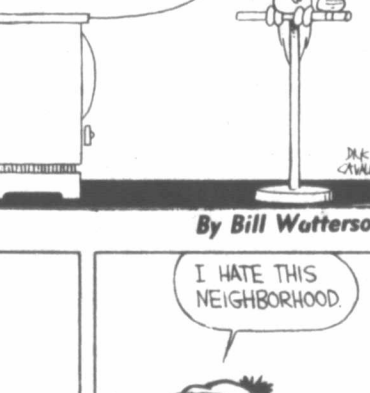
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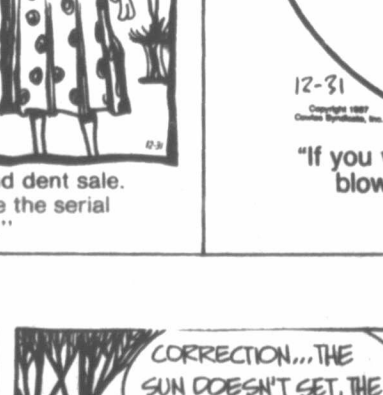
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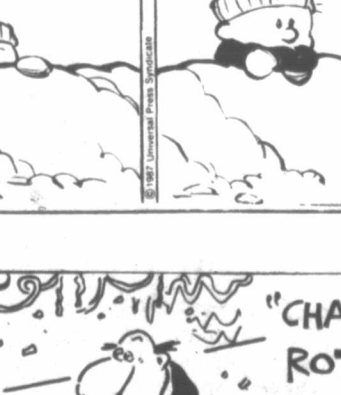
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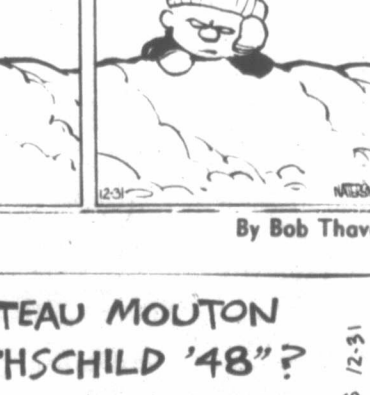
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Sports

OU, Miami wrap up full-scale drills

Orange Bowl

By BEN WALKER
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — For a bunch of good ol' boys, No. 1 Oklahoma sure feels at home among the pink-and-pastel set in Miami. The fast lane also fits second-ranked Miami, although the sleek Hurricanes will be the visitors — sort of — in the Orange Bowl.

Each team went through final full-scale drills Wednesday in preparation for their game New Year's night for college football's national championship.

For Miami, it was a day of movies, mixing and mingling with Georgetown basketball players and an informal meeting with Coach Jimmy Johnson.

There also was some official business. School representatives today planned to appeal linebacker George Mira's suspension by the NCAA during a conference call. Mira was ruled ineligible for the Orange Bowl because he took

a diuretic — a drug banned by the NCAA — and Johnson holds little hope that his leading tackler will be able to play.

"I've blocked it out of my mind," Johnson said of Mira and offensive tackle John O'Neill, who also was suspended after failing a drug test.

Johnson smiled more than he has recently, although his team's workout was again closed to visitors. Last week, he tossed out a member of the Orange Bowl committee who just wanted a few autographs. Armed policemen

patrolled the premises to make sure no one would get in this time.

The Sooners, meanwhile, again played it loose. Coach Barry Switzer, whose temperament never seems to change, invited some outsiders in to watch practice and chatted a mile-a-minute as he roamed the sidelines.

This is the fourth straight New Year's that Oklahoma has come to Miami Beach and the Sooners are comfortable in town. They like the Orange Bowl, even though the natural grass slows down their wishbone attack, and

really enjoy the off-the-field action.

A favorite hangout is Biscayne Baby, a night-time spot in the swinging Coconut Grove section near the Miami campus.

"You get a variety of people in there and I like to watch people," said defensive tackle Darren Kilpatrick, from little Porter, Okla.

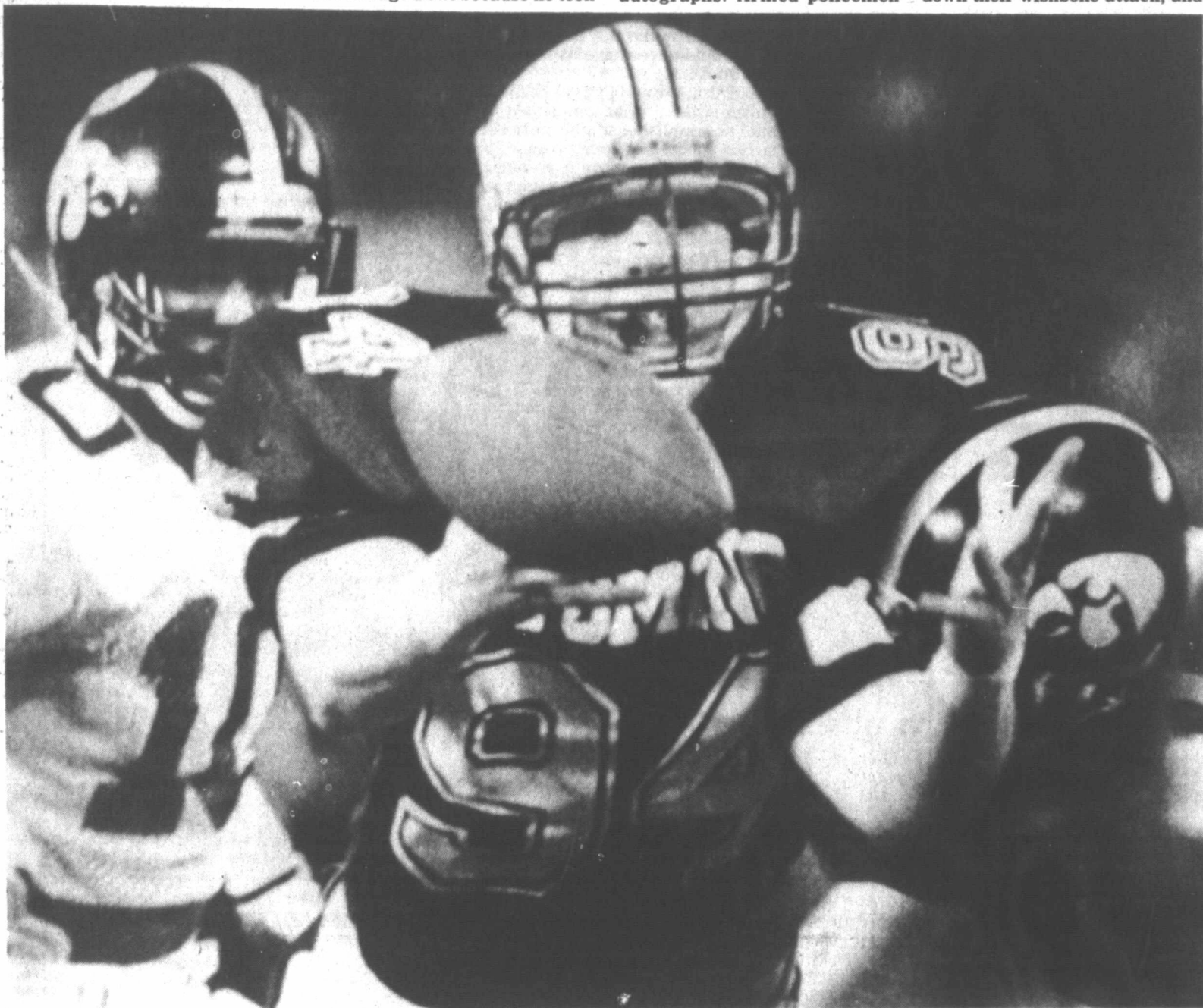
"But the guy who dresses up as a woman in that blue poodle skirt and dances by himself. That just ain't right," he said. "I would like to talk to him to see what the problem is. We don't see that

stuff back in Oklahoma. That just isn't right."

There's the jai-alai fronton and greyhound racing, too.

"I like the betting," said offensive tackle Greg Johnson, from Moore, Okla. "You don't get to gamble in the Bible Belt."

While the Sooners camped at the famed Fountainebleau Hotel, the Hurricanes are staying at Orange Bowl headquarters, the Omni International. Tonight, Miami might move to another location to "get away from the hoopla," Johnson said.



(AP Laserphoto)

Wyoming's Moses Santos can't quite catch up to long pass.

Pampa cagers lose tourney games

FORT WORTH — Northside of Fort Worth came from behind to eliminate Pampa 65-60 Wednesday in the West Side Lions Club Tournament.

The Harvesters led by 10, 23-13, at the end of the first quarter, but the hot outside shooting of Vincent Thomas and Chris Francis rallied Northside to a 35-33 lead at halftime.

The lead switched six times in the third quarter, but Northside never trailed after going on top 51-50 to start the fourth period. The Steers pulled out to an eight-point lead 64-56 with less than two minutes to play.

Francis paced the Steers' attack with 23 points while Thomas was right behind with 22. Thomas hit four 3-point goals for Northside, which now has a 6-9 record.

Dustin Miller was high scorer for Pampa with 20 points, hitting 10 of 16 field goal attempts. Jason Farmer tossed in 18 points and Mark Wood added 13 for the Harvesters, who return home to play Hereford at 8 p.m. Saturday night in the Whitefaces' gym.

Also scoring for Pampa were Greg Ferguson with four points, David Duke three and Derek Ryan two.

Foul problems hurt the Harvesters as Northside went to the stripe 23 times in the second half, canning 11 shots.

The Harvesters also went into a shooting slump in the second half, hitting only 34.2 percent (12 of 35) from the floor.

Northside had a 25-21 rebounding advantage and also edged out Pampa 17-21 in the turnover department.

Pampa dropped the first game of the tourna-

ment to Trinity Valley 40-35 in overtime, then bounced back to down Diamond Hill 59-38.

Miller was Pampa's leading scorer in the three tournament games with 46 points. Farmer hit for 37 points while Wood and Duke scored 22 and 20 points respectively.

Pampa enters Saturday's tilt with Hereford with a 2-0 District 1-4A record while standing 11-6 overall. Hereford is still looking for its first district win in three games.

Pampa's next home game is against Frenship Jan. 9.

Frenship jumped out to an early lead and coasted to a 68-50 win over the Pampa Lady Harvesters in the second round of the West Texas Invitational Wednesday at Slaton.

Pampa meets Littlefield at 1 p.m. today in the loser's bracket.

Frenship, one of Pampa's District 1-4A foes, jumped out quickly to a 22-5 first-quarter advantage. Halftime score was 37-19.

"We just didn't play very well. We acted like we were asleep," said Pampa assistant coach Lori Wych.

Rosie Llanas was top scorer for the winners with 18 points. Karla Hoyle chipped in 15.

Yolanda Brown led Pampa with 23 points while Keitha Clark added 10.

Both Pampa boys' and girls' teams play Saturday at Hereford in District 1-4A action. The girls' game tips off at 6:30 p.m., followed by the boys' contest.

The Lady Harvesters are all even at 2-2 in the district race while Hereford is winless at 0-5.

Revamped Rockets topple Bucks

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Looking at times like a Golden State Warrior alumni team, the Houston Rockets are progressing as Coach Bill Fitch had envisioned when he swapped Ralph Sampson for Joe Barry Carroll and Eric Floyd seven games ago.

"I still think it was a good trade. If I had to make it again tomorrow, I'd carry them out there piggy-back because we had to have this kind of help," Fitch said after the new-look Rockets defeated the Milwaukee Bucks 102-93 Wednesday night.

The Rockets, who had snapped Detroit's 10-game winning streak by beating the Pistons on their home floor Tuesday night, held off the Bucks' Wednesday night behind center Akeem Olatujun, Carroll, Floyd and Purvis Short.

The latter three, along with guard World B. Free, all played previously with Golden State.

"Chemistry involves a lot of things. Our playing chemistry is the main thing," Fitch said.

"We had a lot of people talking about how bad chemistry was in the locker room. We didn't have that problem with Stick (Sampson)," said Fitch. "It was that we didn't have chemistry on the floor."

"What we felt in the trade was that J.B. would give us everything Ralph was giving us and that Sleepy was too much to pass by."

Olatujun finished with 28 points and 11 rebounds while Carroll scored seven of his 17 points in the final 1:28 and also had 11 rebounds. Floyd had 15 points and played 44 minutes after guard Allen Leavell was ejected in the first quarter after picking up two technicals. Short hit for 24 points, including 10 straight during one stretch of the second quarter.

"It's early but we feel good about the rhythm

we've established," said Carroll, who also had 11 rebounds after a 23-point, 13-rebound performance against Detroit.

"It's an ongoing consideration. We got a long season ahead to find out what will happen."

Milwaukee, trailing by five after three quarters, overtook the Rockets at 86-85 with 4:33 to go as Terry Cummings scored six points in a 9-2 run.

But Floyd hit a free throw and driving basket and Olatujun had two free throws and a baseline jumper to put Houston ahead 92-88 with 2:35 to go.

The Bucks' Randy Breuer and Carroll traded baskets, making it 94-90 with 1:18 left. Cummings made one free throw with 1:15 remaining and Carroll countered with a jumper at the 58-second mark that made it 96-91.

Carroll then iced the win with a three-point play with 26 seconds to go.

Cummings led the Bucks, who had a three-game winning streak snapped, with 17 points, while Paul Pressey added 16 to go with 10 rebounds and 11 assists.

The Rockets trailed by eight at the half but opened the third quarter with a 22-7 run that produced a 67-60 lead. They led 75-70 after three quarters.

"We were a little slow reacting on defense," said Bucks Coach Del Harris, whose team had a three-game winning streak snapped.

"Anytime you can whip Detroit one night and Milwaukee the next on the other team's home court you've accomplished something," he said.

"They've been days, Detroit and Atlanta in the last eight or 10 days. There's no question they are a for-real team."

Wheeler teams have hard luck on hardcourt

It's been a long time coming, but it had to happen sooner or later ...

The Wheeler Mustangs finally lost a game.

Fresh off a state 1A football championship, the Mustangs were served up their first loss of any kind since October, when the Panhandle Panthers defeated the Stangs 21-12.

And, as luck would have it, it was the Panthers again that handed Wheeler a Tuesday night basketball loss on Wheeler's home court.

Despite a 70-66 squeaker, Mustangs Bubba and Richard Smith had 18 and 15 points, respectively.

The Lady Mustangs also fell — 59-47 — to the Lady Panthers. DeAnn Collins (14) and Marci Smith (10) led Wheeler scorers.

Traditionally, this is the slowest time of the year for Pampa area sports.

While a casual observer might considered the slowest period to be summer, in truth, it is the Christmas break when students take a two week respite from the rigors of book cracking. At least in summer, there are youth baseball programs on which to fall back.

During the last two weeks of the year, there have been only seven prep basketball games, which is a normal evening's slate for roundball action at any other time of the season.

Incidentally, district play for area teams begins next Tuesday. Area loop hoop action begins with Samnorwood at Wheeler,

Front Row Seat

By Jimmy Patterson

Briscoe at Kelton and White Deer at Panhandle.

The Canadian Tournament begins today at 1 p.m. when Wellington's girls play Spearman.

Other teams involved in the tourney include Valley, Panhandle, Follett and Gruver.

The host teams will see action beginning tonight at 7 p.m. when

the Lady Wildcats play Gruver. The boys teams from the two schools are set for a tentative 8:30 p.m. tip-off, immediately following the girls game.

The girls' championship game is set for Saturday at 6 p.m.; the boys will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Other games this weekend: Kelton will compete in the Briscoe Tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday, while on

Saturday night, Groom visits White Deer and Memphis hosts Wheeler.

And, although it should come as a surprise to no one, the Wheeler Mustangs did finish the year ranked No. 1 in the final Harris Rating System high school football poll just released.

After upending Bremond 23-21 on a time-expired field goal by Sammy Zepeda Dec. 19 in the 1A title game, the Mustangs upheld their top ranking.

Wheeler had moved into the No. 1 slot the week of Dec. 13 after defeating Munday, which had previously been ranked No. 1.

Finishing second thru tenth in Harris' 1A poll: Munday, Paduch, Bremond, Flatonia, Baird, Tenaha, Vega, Wortham

and Burkeville. In other classes, the final rankings, No. 1 thru No. 10, were as follows:

Two-A: Lorena, Refugio, Groveton, Pilot Point, Mart, New Deal, New Waverly, Boyd, Schulenburg and Eastland.

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Retirement not on Dorsett's agenda

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Dissident Dallas running back Tony Dorsett says he doesn't think the Cowboys have given him enough respect. "My situation could have been handled more tastefully," Dorsett said Wednesday. "Management in Chicago gave Walter Payton his proper respect. They let him go out gracefully."

Dorsett said he will meet with Coach Tom Landry in January to discuss his future with the NFL team.

"My thinking right now is being traded, but if that can't happen, then I need to know what the other possibilities are," Dorsett said.

Dorsett lost his starting tailback job to Herschel Walker during the Cowboys' recently concluded 7-8 season. Dorsett didn't play in the season-closing game against St. Louis because of chest problems.

"I'm not going to retire, so I need to see what my situation is

going to be," Dorsett said. "I'm not sure Coach Landry will try to persuade me one way or the other."

Dorsett, who has a \$1 million-a-year price tag, said he would not be a disruptive force if he had to finish his career with the Cowboys.

"Why would I be a disruptive force?" Dorsett said. "I wasn't this year."

Any team getting Dorsett in a trade also would have to pay two-fifths of his \$6.8 million annuity.

"I don't know if my price tag would scare anybody off," Dorsett said. "Things can be restructured."






Dorsett became the NFL's fourth 12,000-yard rusher this year. He is only 95 yards away from becoming the third-leading rusher in NFL history.

Dorsett said he enjoyed his backup role in a Monday night 29-21 victory over the Los Angeles Rams. He got to carry 12 times.

"That role was good for myself and good for the team," Dorsett said.

Weekly Pick 'em Poll

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Eagles' White named NFL's top defensive player

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—"I just thank God for the opportunity," Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Reggie White said after The Associated Press named him the NFL defensive player of the year.

The 290-pound White, a part-time Baptist minister when not sacking quarterbacks and stopping runners — he is sometimes called "the Minister of Defense" — admitted he wasn't too surprised Wednesday night when the honor was announced.

"My coaches and my teammates all thought I would make it," he said. But he insisted it would never have happened without God's support.

"Without him, I wouldn't have been able to accomplish what I've accomplished. I am glad that I accomplished this because I strive to be a role model for young people, and I think what pushes me more is knowing my responsibilities to my family, to young people and most of all to my God," White said in a

telephone interview from his Sewell, N.J., home.

"My teammates were a great help also," he added. "And my coaches."

White, who was just one shy of tying the National Football League record of 22 quarterback sacks despite only playing 12 games in the strike-shortened season, was a runaway winner of the award, receiving 63 votes from sportscasters and broadcasters.



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PHS swim team



The Pampa High girls' swim team has won five of six duels going into 1988. Team members are (front, l-r) Lisa Defever, Jennifer Hinkle, Anna Bressler, Sarah Depee, Michelle Hill, Michelle Scott and Pam Morrow; (back, l-r) Shely Melear, Carmen Santacruz,

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Mora named NFL Coach of the Year

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Mora, who coached the New Orleans Saints to their first winning season and first playoff berth ever, was named today the NFL Coach of the Year by The Associated Press.

Mora, whose Saints finished 12-3 for the second-best record in the league, was a run-away winner in the voting by three sports writers and sportscasters representing each of the 28 NFL teams. He got 76 of the 84 votes.

Bill Walsh of San Francisco got four votes, Ron Meyer of Indianapolis got three and Marv Levy of Buffalo with one got the other votes.

Mora, who won two of the USFL's three championships as coach of the Philadelphia-Baltimore Stars, took over the Saints last year after having his choice of all four head coaching positions vacant that year. He chose New Orleans largely because of its new general manager, Jim Finks.

After going 7-9 last season, New Orleans won its last nine regular-season games this year, and will host the NFC wild-card game Sunday. The Saints would have won any other division in the league with their record, but had the misfortune of playing in the NFC West, where San Francisco finished with an NFL-best mark of 13-2.

Mora earned the reputation as a no-nonsense coach in the USFL and he kept it with New Orleans.

"Coach Mora lays down the rules and they're the

same way for everybody," backup quarterback Dave Wilson said. "There are no favorites at all."

He also runs a no-nonsense team, based on a strong defense and a running attack keyed to second-year man Rueben Mayes.

The no-nonsense approach even runs to Mora. He was embarrassed earlier this year by a newspaper article in which a historian compared him with great American generals and concluded that he most resembled Dwight Eisenhower because of his ability to bring people together.

Football people have compared him more to Don Shula of the Miami Dolphins and Bill Parcells, who coached the New York Giants to a Super Bowl victory last year. Each is a hard worker with a blue-collar image.

"He's just a damned good person who happens to be a football coach," Finks said. "He's organized, he's consistent, he's intelligent. I see both sides. I see the way he responds to the media and I see the 'real' Jim Mora. What you see is what you get. He's the same man. He's consistent. He doesn't operate with two sets of rules but that doesn't mean he's inflexible."

Mora himself is more modest.

"It's a reflection of the organization," he said. "No one person does something like that. Good players, good assistant coaches, a good organization, help from a lot of people."

"I work hard at getting good people around me. I think that's the most important thing you can do."

SMU grabs Rainbow Classic consolation title

By The Associated Press

Glenn Puddy scored 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Southern Methodist over Texas A&M 89-66 for the Rainbow Classic consolation championship.

In other Wednesday games involving Southwest Conference teams, New Mexico defeated Texas 86-74, Maryland stopped a seven-game win streak by Arkansas with a 88-61 victory, and Baylor defeated Northwestern Louisiana 70-54.

In Honolulu, Carlton McKinney added 15 points for the Mustangs, 10-2, while the 8-6 Aggies were led by Donald Thompson's 17 points and 10 rebounds.

SMU jumped out to a 16-2 lead and built 48-25 margin at the half. With 9:12 left in the game, Todd Alexander scored on a layup, giving SMU a 69-41 lead, its largest of the game.

But Thompson ignited a 13-2 spurt for the Aggies with six points, cutting the margin to 71-54. Texas A&M never got closer.

In Austin, 7-foot postman Rob Loeffel scored 17 points to lead the New Mexico Lobos past Texas 86-74.

Alvin Heggs had 12 points and 10 rebounds in the first half and finished with 24 to lead Texas, 6-6.

The Longhorns led 37-34 at the half, but the Lobos went on a 13-2 run in the first four minutes of the second half to grab a 47-39 advantage.

"We kind of dug ourselves a hole in the first five minutes of the second half and couldn't get out," Texas Coach Bob Weltlich said. "It got easy for them when they finally got ahead. We started doing some negative things and tried to make a

10-point basket and there is no such thing."

New Mexico, 11-3, shot 70 percent from the field during the second half and led by 20 at one point.

In College Park, Md., Terrapin guard Rudy Archer sank five of five 3-point shots to lead Maryland over the Razorbacks. Archer, who scored 19 points, led a Maryland long-range assault that saw the Terps, 7-2, hit 13 of 14 3-point shots.

The Terrapins, who trailed 41-33 at the half, shot into the Arkansas game plan.

"I've never coached against a team that went 13-of-15 on three-pointers," Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson said. "They were doing exactly what we wanted them to do. ... We thought there was no way they could keep shooting (three-pointers) like that, but they kept hitting them."

The 13 three-pointers broke the previous Maryland school record of six, set last year.

Arkansas, which had won seven straight at home, fell to 8-2 with both losses coming the road. Tim Scott scored 15 of his 17 points in the second half to lead Arkansas.

In Waco, Darryl Middleton scored 24 points and Baylor launched a 19-4 run in the final six minutes as the Bears defeated Northwestern Louisiana 70-54.

The Bears, 8-4, and the Demons, 4-4, were tied at 26 at the half.

Middleton pulled down 10 rebounds, while Michael Williams added 14 points for Baylor. Junior guard Pernel Smith led Northwestern Louisiana with 12.

Baylor out-rebounded the Demons 24-15 and shot a season-best 60 percent from the field.

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Adding some perspective to the federal debt

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — If you don't mind fiscal irresponsibility, you might advise your friends and neighbors that, in the aggregate, the surest investment in these risky times is the federal government.

Year after year the federal government demonstrates a way with money that few institutions can match. Last year, for example, it was able to return to the public nearly \$1,000 more per capita than it collected in taxes.

Nothing frightens old Uncle Sam. He spends, but he always has more, which is something no other smart money man has been able to do. The good uncle, big-hearted, kindly old man, seldom says no.

That's one view.

This buffalo won't become a 'beefalo'

STICKNEY, S.D. (AP) — Just call him one of the bulls.

But don't be disturbed by the huge 1,700-pound brown, shaggy frame or the bearded head set between a pair of large, pointed horns.

You see, what Amos doesn't know won't hurt him.

What Amos doesn't seem to know is that he is a buffalo — an American bison, to be more exact.

"He hasn't been fed any different, he hasn't needed a different fence of any sort. ... he thinks he's a cow," said Caryl Assmus, who along with her husband, Fritz, cares for Amos on their rural Stickney farm.

Amos is one of two young male buffaloes purchased by Fritz Assmus about six years ago during the annual buffalo auction at Custer State Park. The other, Andy, was kept for about three years.

"We butchered the other one and ate it before we got too attached to it. But this one, I don't think we're ever going to be able to part with him," Fritz Assmus says as he watches Amos roam slowly about a small cattle pen.

Amos' journey from the fields of Custer State Park to the Assmus farm was a part of Fritz Assmus' plan to raise "beefalo" for butchering. But he found, too late, that he needed two females and not two males to start his "beefalo" herd.

So it was determined then that Amos would be destined for the life of family pet. He goes to pasture with the cattle in the winter and eats out of their hay rack. He's treated to corn — his favorite snack — during fall harvest.

Sometimes he just follows family members around the farm like a lost puppy. Caryl Assmus remembers one such time.

"My daughter went out to the field here — well, that's been a few years ago. She was just going to take a walk and she had the dog with her," she said.

"She says she could hear these feet behind her and she says, 'I turned around and I looked and he (Amos) was coming.' She was kind of scared. But he's thinking when somebody's walking, they have something for him to eat."

"So she made quick for the fence and he just kind of stood there woebegone cause he couldn't understand why he wasn't being fed."

Another is that he is a rogue, imposter, spendthrift, ne'er-do-well — an incompetent, dissolute and debauched character who has performed his "miracles" by running up a debt of nearly \$40,000 for every family of four.

In this view he is a panhandler without a decent job, a Robin Hood at best and a common thief at worst. While creating the notion that he gives more than he receives, he actually receives a great deal more than he gives.

Uncle Sam, hero or bum? Benefactor of the downtrodden or destroyer of future generations? The issue seldom is stated that way, but that's what all the talk about budget deficits and tax revisions is about.

The only viable solution to all this is to end his ability to spend without limit, says Daniel Mitchell of the Citizens for a Sound Economy. In his view, the Constitution must be amended to stop the old

codger's spendthrift ways.

Mitchell, director of tax and budget policy at the non-profit, Washington-based foundation, has written a pamphlet titled "Federal Spending in Crisis," which puts the issue in a perspective that some people might find horrifying.

He points out that deficit spending, which Uncle Sam has practiced without letup since 1969, is a peacetime aberration rather than custom. Only within the past two decades has it become the general practice rather than the exception.

Wars produced debts, of course, but following them the country went on binges of saving.

When the Civil War ended, the national debt was \$2.7 billion. But 28 consecutive surpluses brought it down to \$961 million in 1893. It rose to \$1.4 billion after the Spanish-American War, but was back down to \$1.2 billion by 1914.

World War I pushed it up to \$25.5 billion, but 11

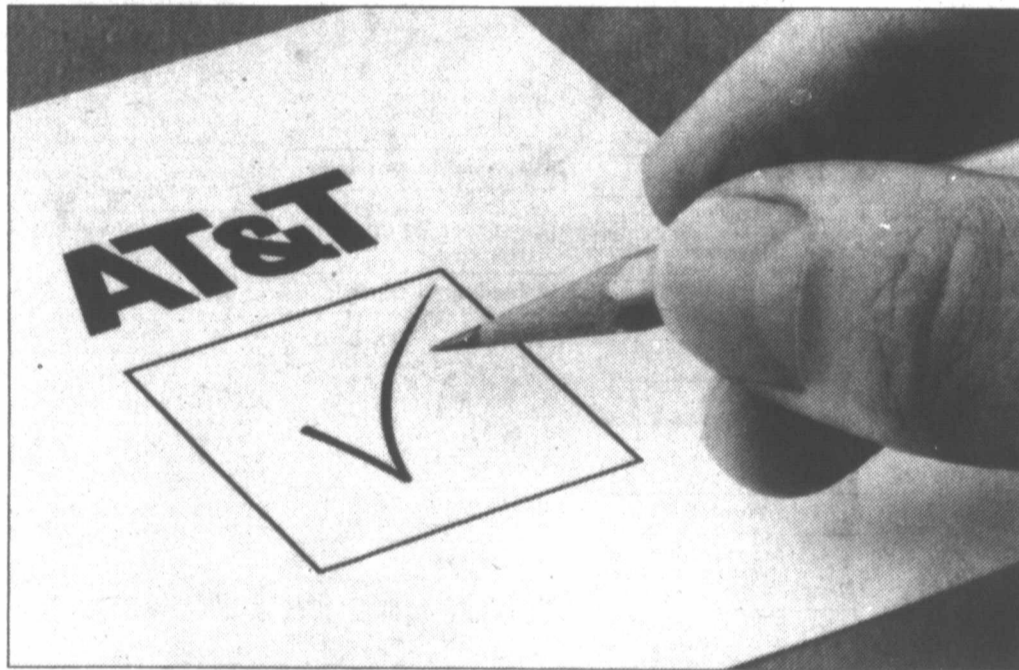
straight surpluses brought it back down to \$16.2 billion by 1930, before a once-in-a-lifetime depression caused it to rise again.

Following World War II, the national debt was \$269.9 billion, but from 1947 to 1960 it stayed virtually the same in spite of a costly Korean War. But it was in this period, Mitchell suggests, when some bad seeds were sown.

The influence of Keynesian economics (a tenet of which was the ability of government to spend its way out of recession) began affecting policy. "Politicians were beginning to find an excuse for reckless spending," Mitchell says.

Now the debt is more than \$2.4 trillion, and the \$221 billion deficit in 1986 alone was more than the entire federal budget of 1971. The spiral is tightening. Every dollar of debt means higher interest payments.

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For instance, if you claim exemptions on your children over 5 years of age, you'll need to supply a Social Security number for each. And if those kids have unearned income over \$1,000, there'll be a special form to fill out to compute the taxes.

You have to report tax-free income, even though you don't have to declare taxes on it. But you WILL have to pay taxes on any unemployment benefits you got, no matter how little you earn.

A new capital gains form calls for a series of extra computations. And there's more figuring for deductions for interest on consumer and investment loans. But there are no income averaging computations to worry about, because that loophole is gone.

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