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The holiday's over



John McGrath, 18, disassembles a wise man from the nativity scene in his yard at 2500 N. Duncan. John and his father, Dan, along with Dan's father-in-law Andrew Robinson of Pampa, built the large wood figures. In addition to decorating the yard, the nativity scene has been a part of the Christmas parade for the past two years.

Future of Amarillo prison site under doubt, task force claims

AMARILLO (AP) — Attorney General Jim Mattox was expected to tell prison board members and other state officials today whether Amarillo or Gatesville will get a maximumsecurity prison

The state initially had planned to build two 2,250-bed prisons, one at each site. But officials now say it appears the state may legally build only one

If Mattox determines the Texas Department of Corrections is building too many cells, the TDC may not be able to build prisons for all the beds initially planned, said Jim Simms, who was cochairman of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce task force that lured one of the prisons to this

The decision hinges largely on

Michaels unit built last year in Palestine counts toward the total number of beds allowed

We're going to advise the board that the appropriations bill allows them to build one additional Michaels-type unit, either in Gatesville or Amarillo," Ron Dusek, spokesman for the Attorney General's office, told the Amarillo Globe-News Monday.

The appropriations bill passed by the Texas Legislature last summer "clearly states one additional Michaels-type unit,"

'But we are researching whether or not the governor through his budgetary authority ... can make some changes that can get two Michaels-type units built," he said.

Jerry Hodge of Amarillo, vice whether the 2,250-bed Mark chairman of the prison board,

said the Legislature authorized 10,500 beds and that the state remains under that cap.

During the 1985 session, the Legislature authorized two 2,250bed prisons but appropriated the funds to build only one, he said. 'It's hard to second guess, but it could be back to the drawing

board," Simms said. He said he was angry that confusion has arisen after the sites were awarded.

"The attorney general's staff has been acting as legal counsel for the TDC all the way through this and why is it coming up now?" Simms said.

Kevin Knapp, an aide to state Sen. Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo, said if a unit is scrapped, it will probably be the Amarillo site.

But Potter County Judge See PRISON, Page 2

Domestic airplane crash kills 108 people in China

BEIJING (AP) — An engine defect caused a domestic airliner to crash in southwestern China about five miles short of an airport runway, killing all 108 people aboard, airline officials said today.

The crash occurred Monday at 10:15 p.m. (8:15 a.m. CST) as Southwest China Airlines Flight 4146 from Beijing to Chongqing was approaching Chongqing's airport, the official Xinhua News Agency reported today.

The brief report said the Soviet-designed Ilyushin IL-18, a four-engine turboprop, crashed about five miles from the airport in Sichuan province, killing the 98 passengers and 10 crew members on board

Xinhua said four of the passengers were foreigners — three Japanese and a Briton. The U.S. Embassy in Beijing said no Americans were

The crash was one of the worst in China's history. In the only worse accident of recent years, a Civil Aviation Administration Trident crashed April 26, 1982, near the southeastern city of Guilin, killing 112 people.

A woman who answered the phone at the Civil Aviation Administration of China, the nation's flag carrier and the parent of Southwest China Airlines, said today that an engine defect caused Monday night's crash.

The woman, at the administration's Beijing office, said weather was not a factor in the crash. She would not elaborate on the nature of the engine problem, and said she did not know if the plane caught fire or whether it crashed in a populated area. The woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, also said she did not know if any bodies were recovered from the wreckage of the plane.

Xinhua said a Civil Aviation Administration team sped to the scene to investigate the crash but found no survivors.

In Tokyo, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said at least three Japanese were on board. It identified them as Isamu Tanaka and Masato Haga of Toshiba Corp., who were on a business trip, and Sumio Kudo of Mitsui and Co., a trading company. Both companies confirmed those employees were on board.

Officials at Civil Aviation Administration said they were holding an emergency meeting to discuss the crash. They said other scheduled flights were going in and out of Chongqing normally.

A woman who answered the telephone at administration's office at the Chongqing airport said she had no information about the crash.

Xinhua reported the crash about 12 hours after it occurred and about half an hour after the Japanese news service Kyodo reported it, based on informa-

tion from Japan's Foreign Ministry But this was unusually speedy for the state-run

By contrast, China took more than a day to confirm the 1982 crash near Guilin and then acted only after a Hong Kong television station reported the

Juniors improve TEAMS math scores, top SAT state average

By PAUL PINKHAM Senior Staff Writer

Pampa High School juniors continued to improve their composite math TEAMS test scores in 1987 while holding reading scores to 1986 levels.

But college bound students in Pampa ranked slightly behind national averages on the SAT and ACT tests.

We're certainly not going backwards," Assistant Superintendent Jane Steele said of the

test results released last week. On the TEAMS — the Texas **Educational Assessment of Mini**mum Skills, which, at the 11th from high school — PHS juniors raised their composite score from 762 in 1986 to 781 in 1987.

In 1985, the score was 739, one

point below the state average. The score is based on a formula devised by the Texas Education Agency and takes into account the increased difficulty of this year's test. Maximum score is

Statewide figures for 1987 weren't available

Pampa's composite math score improved even though the percentage of students mastering all areas of the test dropped from 92 percent last year to 83 percent this year. Steele explained that TEA toughened the standards on the math test this

Pampa students taking the test



had the most success with charts number of juniors mastering lanand graphs as 99 percent mastered those areas. Only 59 percent mastered the measurement units section of the test, and only 60 percent were successful with fractions and mixed numbers.

On the reading TEAMS test, Pampa juniors scored 789, the same as in 1986. Standards remained the same statewide for the reading test.

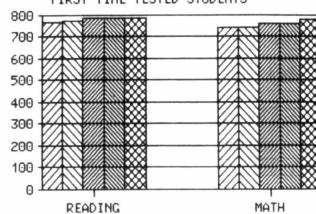
More detailed results show the

guage arts skills jumping from 88 percent last year to 94 percent this year.

All local students mastered a section of the test called sentence combining. Pampa students had the least success on punctuation, with 61 percent mastery

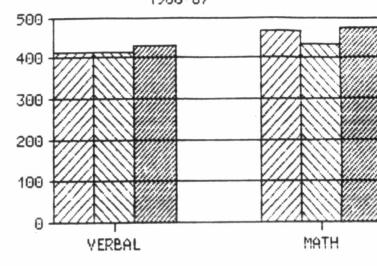
Steele said the detailed data on each portion of the test will help the district locate its trouble See SCORES, Page 2

TEAMS SCORES COMPARISON - '85, '86, '87 FIRST TIME TESTED STUDENTS



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> SAT SCORES COMPARISON 1986-87



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Contra foes renew claims Reagan's against peace plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - A key congressional foe of U.S. aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels claimed today the Reagan administration has decided to be 'the odd guy out' and work against a peace plan for the region.

The Reagan administration contends a weekend offer by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega to restore suspended civil liberties is merely a smokescreen designed to undercut the U.S.backed Contra rebels and fool Congress as a vote

nears on renewing military aid. But Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., claimed President Reagan is out to see the Sandinistas destroyed and has no desire to foster a five-nation

Central American peace plan. 'Rather than get behind that plan and try and make it work, become a constructive participant in this process, they have made the decision to be

the odd guy out," Dodd said in an interview on CBS-TV's This Morning program

He said Ortega's offers have been "a real blow to them (the administration) to the extent that they eve really wanted to just eliminate the Sandinistas and have really not wanted to see this peace process succeed.

Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams said Monday that continuing Contra aid would be an "insurance policy" to guarantee that Ortega continues the peace process.

"It's either pursue that Contra aid as an insurance policy or trust Ortega, and that we cannot do," Abrams said in an interview with public television's MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour.

"I'm saying that if Nicaragua is a democracy by the time of the vote, we'll all be amazed and that would be wonderful, and there won't be any more

Contras at that point. They'll all go home and become voters and citizens," Abrams said.

Contra leader Adolfo Calero, also interviewed on the CBS program, said the rebels were ready to negotiate toward peace, but "the only trouble is that the Sandinistas have never kept their word. There is a lot of wishful thinking going around

Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., chief deputy whip for House Democrats, said Reagan's first move could come today when the president decides whether to resume airdrops of lethal supplies to the rebels.

The supplies have been held up for the past week while the five Central American presidents met in San Jose, Costa Rica, to evaluate the progress of

their 5-month-old peace agreement. Under legislation passed by Congress last month and agreed to by Reagan, transportation of lethal supplies by the CIA can resume today if the Sandinistas and the rebels have not declared a cease-fire due to "lack of good-faith efforts by the government of Nicaragua.

"There is no need at this delicate time to resume supply flights," said Bonior, who cited reports that the rebels have enough supplies cached inside Nicaragua to continue operations well into the spring.

Bonior, who led a House delegation to observe the San Jose meeting, predicted that the administration and the Contras will begin making new demands of the Sandinistas, such as requests that internal opposition leaders attend cease-fire talks and freeing of all political prisoners before the

Services tomorrow

WYATT, John Wesley — 2 p.m., Minton Memorial Chapel, Borger.

Obituaries

ROYCE E. RICH

LOMPOC, Calif. — Funeral services for Royce E. Rich, 67, brother of Pampa residents, were held Thursday at the Magner-Maloney Funeral Home Chapel in Santa Maria, Calif., with Dr. Charles A. Gibbs, pastor of First Christian Church of Santa Maria, officiating. Burial was in Santa Maria Cemetery

Mr. Rich died Jan. 11 in a Lompoc hospital. He was born in Paris, Texas, and had lived in Santa Maria since 1945, moving to Lompoc two months ago. He had worked in the roofing business for more than 40 years and owned and operated Rich Roofing for more than 25 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of Santa Maria Elk's Lodge No. 1538, the American Legion and Village Country Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Grace; a son, David of Santa Maria; two daughters, Ann Blair and Judy Slater, both of Santa Maria; four brothers, Vernon and Dell, both of Pampa, Cory of Santa Maria and G.D. of Lovington, N.M.; five sisters. Neva Dyer and Kathleen Braddock of Pampa, Claris Leffew of Clarendon, Marie Olivolo of Woodward, Okla., and Betty Cook of Palestine: seven grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 766, Santa Maria, Calif. 93456

JOHN WESLEY WYATT

STINNETT — Funeral services for John Wesley Wyatt, 80, brother of a White Deer resident, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Minton Memorial Chapel of Borger with the Rev. Ray Cobb, pastor of Victory Baptist Church in Stinnett, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa

by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger. Mr. Wyatt died Monday in Amarillo.

He was born at Avant, Okla. and moved to the Stinnett area in 1926. He was a retired pumper for W.W. Holmes Oil Co.

Survivors include a son, Bud Wyatt of Stinnett; a daughter, Peggy Lybrand of Amarillo; two brothers, Sam Wyatt of Dewey, Okla. and Dallas Wyatt of White Deer; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

IRA EDWARD BETTIS

Funeral services for Ira Edward Bettis, 82, who died today, will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Bob Price, minister of Central Church of Christ, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Canadian Cemetery, with arrangements by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bettis moved to Pampa in the early 1950s from Canadian

Survivors include his wife, Madge, of Pampa; two sons, Boyd Bettis of Santa Fe, N.M. and Dean Bettis of Amarillo; two daughters, Clata Dodd of Arlington and Carol Kay of Woodward, Okla.; four sisters, Florence Davenport of Iowa Park, Thelma Ballard, Jean Smith of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Jewel Barfield of Elk City, Okla.; four brothers, Charlie Bettis of Canadian, Clyde Bettis of Higgins, Carl Bettis of California and Harold Bettis; 14 grandchildren; and 14 greatgrandchildren.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions

Shane Chaney, White Deer

Pauline Cotham, Pampa

Frankie Edmison, Pampa Eddie Gray, Pampa

Ruth Lewis, Skelly-Gladys Massey, Deer Pampa

Nellie Poteet, Pampa Leo Samuel II, Pampa Audrey Stewart, Pampa

Pennie Westfall, Pampa **Dismissals**

Deborah Anthony and infant. Groom Mona Campbell and infant, Pampa

Connie Cates, Pampa Clyde Clifton, Miami Melany Craig and infant. Pampa

Tolbert Crawley, Pampa Ruby

Eastland,

Geneva Hoggard, Wheeler Tonya Jackson

Pampa

C.E. Gilliland, Pampa

Estelle Kidwell Pampa Eduardo Lopez,

Pampa Lola Medkief, Pampa V.N. Osborn, Pampa Corey Paslay, White

Robert Pitman Pampa Bradford Spencer, **Pampa**

Pampa **Extended Care Unit Admissions** Estelle Kidwell Pampa

Garland Stevens

Dismissals Virgil Ludden, Pampa SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admission Cystal Aultman

Shamrock **Dismissal** Delphina Delvosque, Samnorwood

Police report

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

MONDAY, Jan. 18 Theft of service was reported at Lovett Memo-

rial Library, 111 N. Houston. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was re-

ported in the 700 block of Fields. Theft was reported twice at The Food Emporium, 1233 N. Hobart; cigarettes were among the items taken.

Stock market

The following grain quotations are	Arco 72	dn¾s
provided by Wheeler-Evans of	Cabot 311/4	dn5/8
Pampa.	Chevron 4154	dn3/8
Wheat 2.68	Enron 3874	dn ⁷ /8
Milo 3.05	Halliburton 2554	dn3/8
Corn 3.60	HCA	dn1/8
The following quotations show the	Ingersoll-Rand345	% dn1
prices for which these securities	Kerr-McGee NC	
could have been traded at the time of	KNE 1574	dn1/8
compilation.	Mapco471/	2 NC
Damson Oil	Maxxus754	dn1/8
Ky. Cent. Life	Mesa Ltd 1114	i NC
Serfco		
The following show the prices for	Mobil407/4	
which these mutual funds were bid at	Penney's 40	dn1/2
the time of compilation:	Phillips 117/8	NC'
Magellan41.03	SBJ	
Puritan closed	SPS2534	
The following 9:30 a.m. N. Y. stock	Tenneco 40 ¹ /4	
market quotations are furnished by	Texaco 37 ⁷ /4	up1/4
Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.	London Gold	\$475.40
Amoco 715/8 dn ⁷ /8	Silver	\$6.70
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Fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported no fire runs in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported no traffic accidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7

Canadian considers policies on snow removal procedure

By CATHY SPAULDING Staff Writer

CANADIAN — After digging out from one of the coldest and snowiest years on record, Canadian city officials met Monday to discuss what to do if the snow

At the regular city council meeting Monday, City Manager Dean Looper reported that out of 10 motor grader blades the city bought last March, only four are

The hard ice broke most of them during the last snow. Looper said, adding that the blades cost about \$120 each. The city also broke a blade for a front end loader and a \$700 lift for its maintainer.

Looper said that, with Canadian as hilly as it is, the city should set priorities on which streets to scrape and sand first.

"To try to blade every street in town is a ludicrous idea," he said.

Looper suggested that the city clear roads around schools and emergency facilities first. He explained that the emergency facililities would include the Hemphill County Hospital, doctors' offices, nursing homes and ambulance and fire stations.

Canadian School Superintendent Jim Pollard said this morning that the heavy snow in December and early January did not cause any school cancellations, although buses did not run for four days and schools repolicia very low attendance.

Looper suggested that business areas take third priority, followed by "uphill intersections." Then come other streets. The city manager said that the Canadian snow is mild compared to what he's used to, back in Washington Looper said it costs the city to clear in front of every resident's driveway. "We charge \$10 per water meter on a service call," Looper said. "It costs more to clear in front of personal drive-

Looper added that the city has

received help from Hemphill County — usually two or three days after they call for help. "But they have their streets to take care of," Looper said. County road clearing vehicles,

which are used to dirt and gravel roads in the country, have a ter ency to damage city streets, or damage themselves on city streets, Looper said. County Judge Bob Gober said two county road graders were damaged by moving debris, but the damage occured outside the city limits. Looper said residents should not expect to see city road crews sanding intersections at mid-

We have no overtime budget in our street department," he said, adding that crews will go out early in the morning to clear school routes.

Looper said he could not see the benefit of blading snow in the middle of the street, as is done in Pampa. Pampa Street Supertintendent Gene Winegeart said snow is moved toward the middle of the streed so that people may park by the curb.

Looper's snow moving suggestions were only brought up for discussion. No action was taken.

In other business, city officials tabled action on a request from the Canadian Golf Club to have the city temporarily pay the club's audit and liability insurance expenses.

Looper explained that the golf club, which has been having financing problems recently, wants the city to pay liability and audit expenses until the golf club can assume its own payment of expenses. Although the golf course is located north of the Canadian River outside the city limits, the golf club maintains a separate city bank account. The city pays wages through collec-

tion of golf course green fees. Looper said the city pays about \$1,800 of its general fund for lability insurance and \$600 for audit fees. Canadian school pays the golf association \$3,000 for its golf team to use the course.

Because no golf club representatives attendend the Monday city meeting, city officials tabled action on the request.

Council member Jim Waterfield called the golf course "a big seller" when the city wants to attract new business

Council members also discussed a request by the county to extend Sixth Street to the county ball park. They authorized Looper to meet with the county to discuss laving a 6-inch water line to along with the road.

Looper reported that officials with Southwestern Public Service electric company have agreed to install electric lines and will send the bill to "whoever requests the service.

City officials also examined an audit of 1986-87 finances. Auditors with the Amarillo accounting firm of Brown Graham & Co. reported that the financial report conformed with generlly accepted accounting principles.

Canadian concrete contractor Jerry Smith met with the board to warn them of the McGregor Act.

According to Looper, the McGregor Act sets a 90-day limit before a contractor can make a claim to a bonding company. Smith, apparently unaware of the act, made a claim after the limit and was refused. City Attorney Ty Sparks said, "You have to be a Philadelphia lawyer to keep up with the laws.

The council also made the following appointments: Dr. William C. Isaacs, city health officer; Wayne Carson, electrical board, with the assuming responsibilities of the mechanical advisory board; Steve Wafford and Mel Morgenstern, plumbing board; and Troy Patton and Laverta Holsey, 3-year terms on the planning and zoning commis-

Looper also discussed the possibility of having a town goal setting meeting to get community and city input before planning the

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Scores

spots and focus on them in the

On the SATs, Pampa students topped state averages but lagged behind national scores on both the verbal and math sections of the test.

Local students scored 417 on verbal and 469 on math. State averages were 416 (verbal) and 437 (math), while national scores were 480 (verbal) and 476 (math).

On the ACTs, used by some colleges in place of the SATs, Pampa students again ranked behind national averages in all four areas tested - English, math, social studies and natural sciences — and lagged behind state averages in math, social studies and total composite score.

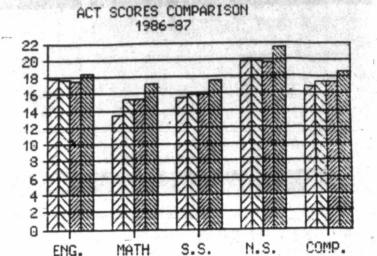
Local students also scored behind the Southwest regional average in all areas on the ACT except English. The weakest area for Pampa

students on the ACT was in math,

where the mean score was 13.5,

compared to a 17.2 national aver-

age and a 15.5 Texas average. Steele said she could not explain why Pampa students performed so much better in math on the SATs than on the ACTs. She



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said Pampa doesn't discourage students who may not attend college from taking the college entrance exams, like some school dis-

In a related report, school At-Risk Coordinator Sally Griffith said she has completed her study of Pampa Middle School students and found 20 percent at risk of eventually quitting school. The danger students include almost one of every four eighth graders, Griffith said.

TEXAS

The state considers students at risk of quitting school if they meet one of several criteria, such as failing part of the TEAMS test or falling behind their grade

Amarillo might not be built.

"If he says 'yes,' then some-

thing's going to have to give,'

Simms said. "They can't build all

they approved back in the

November election. It doesn't

mean Amarillo is cut out, but it

for the prison Nov. 9, and Gates-

Amarillo was tapped as the site

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Prison

Elisha Demerson said he believes Amarillo has a better chance of being the unit built.

Demerson said that the state is committed to ending the practice of locating all its prisons in one

A state bond review board, which has to approve bonds before they're issued, has asked to build, the unit awarded to

Mattox if the Palestine unit should be included in the number of beds built by the state, Simms

The unit was built a year ago with bond money raised by Anderson County residents. The state now leases the unit from the

Simms had said that if Mattox ruled that the Michaels unit leaves TDC with 2,250 fewer beds

bed units also are scheduled to be

ville was awarded the other site for a 2,250-bed unit. Four 1,000-

would see what they could do.

In other business, council

Miami studies stray dogs problem

MIAMI — After hearing about stray dogs milling about Miami school, area animal control officer Lucinda Mann decided to see what she could to to help solve the

Mann, a trained animal control officer who enforces leash laws in Panhandle, Groom and other area communities, met with Miami city council members last week to discuss how to handle school officials had earlier expressed concern about stray dogs appearing on the playground during recess and getting into fights. Miami Mayor Tom Stribling

said in December that the

Council members and Miami

Roberts County Sheriff's Department does little to enforce the town's animal control ordinance. Miami City Secretary Betty

members delayed action on whether or not to change sewer rates until they see what improvements are needed at the

sewer plant.

eould.'

Pampa engineer Gene Barber gave the council a progress report on his efforts to seek addi-Anderson said city offials seemed tional funding to rennovate the responsive to Mann's offer and sewer plant.

Two Challenger claims are settled

HOUSTON (AP) — The parents of two Challenger victims settled wrongful death claims against Morton Thiokol Inc. out of court,

their lawyer says. **Houston attorney Ronald Krist** said the settlement amounts for Sarah Resnik Belfer, mother of mission specialist Judith Resnik and Bruce Jarvis, father of payload specialist Gregory Jarvis, were confidential.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is not contributing to the settlements, Krist said Monday

'We filed a claim (against NASA) for Bruce Jarvis, but it'll be resolved in this," Krist said. Krist said today that although no formal lawsuit was filed, he and Morton Thiokol attorneys negotiated "the same as if there

had been a lawsuit filed. "There were claims asserted. We threatened a lawsuit," he

The Associated Press could not reach Morton Thiokol officials in Chicago for comment this morning because they were not yet in their offices. Jarvis and Belfer also could not

be reached for comment this morning "They were were satisfied relative to the amounts of money involved, although you can't re-

place human life with money," Thiokol manufactured and assembled the solid rocket booster, which was primarily blamed for the Jan. 28, 1986, shuttle explosion that killed all seven Challen-

ger crew members. NASA and Thiokol shared the

cost of settlements reached in De-

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LOST FEMALE cat, Calico, tags. 1813 N. Zimmers, 665-2479. astronaut Francis R. Scobee, astronaut Ellison Onizuka, payload specialist and New Hampshire teacher Christa McAuliffe and Jarvis' wife. The four families settled for a

combined total of more than

cember 1986 with survivors of

50,000, according to the U.S. Justice Department, but the precise amounts have been kept secret. Krist said he viewed the lump-

sum settlements this week as "very favorably comparable" with the original four

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Citv Briefs

HAIR BENDERS. \$25 Perm Special thru January 31. Call Brenda or Regina 665-7117 or 665-7118 or come by 316 S. Cuyler.

Dentistry. Call 665-8448 for appointment. 1700 Duncan. Adv. MOOSE LODGE Family Night, Thursday night. Members

and guests. Adv. 1987 GLASTREAM Fish/Ski boat. 70 Mercury oil injected. Depth finder and extras. Excel-

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Mostly cloudy and colder with the highs Wednesday in the 30s. Lows tonight in the mid-teens. Northerly winds at 15-25 mph. Lake wind warnings in effect. High Monday was 49; low this morning was

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Generally partly cloudy tonight through Wednesday. Colder tonight. Chance of snow Panhandle tonight with snow accumulations around 2 inches. Lows tonight 16 Panhandle to 36 Big Bend. Highs Wednesday 31 Panhandle to 62 Big Bend.

North Texas - Partly cloudy and colder tonight and Wednesday. Lows tonight 26 to 35 central and west, 35 to 40 east. Highs Wednesday 40 to

South Texas — Fair to partly cloudy and cold, tonight and Wednesday. Widely scattered showers Southeast Texas tonight. Lows tonight in the lower 30s Hill Country to mid 50s lower coast. Highs Wednesday in the 40s Hill Country to lower 60s deep

EXTENDED FORECAST Thursday through Saturday

West Texas - Partly cloudy with below normal temperatures throughout the period. Panhandle, highs mid 30s to lower 40s; lows in the teens.

lent. 665-7859 after 6. Adv. CLOUDY SHOWERS FRONTS:

South Plains, highs upper 30s to mid 40s; lows in the teens. Permian Basin, highs in the 40s: lows mid teens to mid 20s. Concho Valley, highs in the 40s; lows upper teens to mid 20s. Far West, highs mid 30s to mid 40s; mid teens to lower 20s. Big Bend region, highs mid 30s mountains to 40s lower elevations; lows teens mountains to 20s lower elevations. North Texas - Partly

cloudy and cold. Lows mainly in the 20s, highs in the 40s. South Texas — Occasional cloudiness Thursday with a

chance of rain. Partly cloudy and breezy Friday and Saturday. Cold. Highs in the 40s Hill Country and south central Texas, near 60 Lower Rio Grande Valley, 50s rest of South Texas. Lows in the 20s

and 30s inland, 40s lower coast and lower valley.

BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Cloudiness decreasing with snow ending from southwest to northeast across the state tonight and Wednesday. Colder tonight. Lows tonight 5 below zero to the upper teens mountains and north with mostly 20s elsewhere. Highs Wednesday mostly 20s mountains and north with 30s to low 40s lower elevations south.

Oklahoma - Mostly cloudy, windy and colder statewide tonight and Wednesday with a few showers east early tonight. Low tonight teens Panhandle to near 40 extreme southeast. High Wednesday 40s southeast to 30 elsewhere.

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GOP gives up on verification; all candidates on ballot

presidential campaign is considering a legal challenge of the Texas Republican Party's decision to give up on its verification process aimed at checking signatures on ballot petitions that include apparent forgeries.

State GOP Chairman George Strake announced Monday that all six presidential candidates, including four whose petitions apparently bear the forged signatures of Democratic and dead Texans, would be allowed to earn delegates at the March 8 primary.

'We have now determined that this verification process has become impossible," Strake said. "After 11 days of headlines and stories about the FBI investigation, an increasing number of the voters we contacted were refusing to discuss the petitions with our cal-

The verification began after news reports of apparent forgeries on petitions. The verification ended after the party had spot checked petitions submitted by Robertson and Vice President

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George Bush, the only two GOP candidates whose petitions were not in ques-

"I think it's a slap in the face to the people who went out and did it the right way," said Richie Martin, Robertson's campaign director in Texas. "If they were going to do that, why did they make the rules in the first place?"

Martin said he would "look into the legality" of the party's decision.

Bush's Austin campaign office said in a statement. "While we do not condone the fraud that has taken place, we believe that the primary must go on. George Bush welcomes all conten-

Until Monday, the GOP had planned to check the petitions submitted by candidates Pete du Pont, Sen. Robert Dole, Alexander Haig and U.S. Rep. Jack Kemp in an effort to verify the required 5,000 signatures for each. Any candidate who did not have 5,000 verified signatures would have been left on

Robertson submitted about 9,000 signatures and Bush turned in 35,000.

The FBI, which is investigating the petitions submitted by Dole, Haig, Kemp and du Pont, has said it is looking at a political consulting firm hired by some of the campaigns to collect signa-

Du Pont on Saturday said he was withdrawing from the Texas primary because of forgeries on his petitions. But Strake said the du Pont campaign had not contacted GOP headquarters here and du Pont is still considered an active candidate in Texas.

Meanwhile, the campaign of the former Delaware governor denied Monday its national political director, Tim Hyde, was involved in any apparent forgeries on petitions needed to get du Pont on the ballot in the Texas primary.

Guy Robertson, father of former du Pont campaign worker Roseanne Robertson, claims he has a tape recording in which Hyde admits coming to

On the tape, the elder Robertson claims Hyde said he tore up the signatures he forged. Robertson also claims Hyde attended a forging party Jan. 2 at Robertson's Houston home.

Dan Swillinger, a Washington D.C. attorney representing the du Pont campaign, said he was outraged by the reports, and challenged the existence of the tape. Swillinger said that if such a tape does exist, it may have been part of a setup initiated by Ms. Robertson in an early morning telephone call Sunday

Strake said a Republican Party panel overseeing the matter voted unanimously to make all six candidates eligible for Texas delegates, despite the petition uncertainty.

'The voters of Texas are informed, intelligent voters and they are entitled to the opportunity to consider the platforms and ideas of all six of our presidential candidates. All six candidates are men of integrity," he said.

Strake said it would be "grossly un-

fair to the candidates themselves and especially to the voters of Texas to let the misguided actions of a few individuals deny the voters' rights to make their judgment.

"I'm not so sure we will ever run a petition process in the future," Strake

He said the petition process was an effort to counter the Republican's image as the party of the rich that allows anyone to run for president if he or she can pay the filing fee.

"The intent, I'm sure, was to go out and get volunteers to sign up for you if you want to run for president. But when you go out and to hire people, that somewhat aborts the system," Strake said.

He also said the Texas GOP would ask the state to cover the \$7,000 spent on the aborted verification process. Under state law, the state government pays all legitimate expenses incurred by the parties in running primaries. Secretary of State Jack Rains, a Republican, will decide whether the verification is a legitimate expense.

Mayor wages war on city's gasoline prices

McALLEN (AP) - Mayor Othal Brand has declared war on high gasoline prices, opening up his own company's gas pumps to the public at about 10 cents per gallon below prevailing prices in

"I just decided that something had to be done about it," Brand said. "It didn't matter how cheap it got elsewhere, it never got cheap here.

For two years, Brand has waged a verbal war against local gasoline retailers, accusing them of victimizing motorists in his city with unjustifiably high prices.

The mayor, who heads a huge agribusiness firm, didn't see much change in the market, though, until he opened his company's gas pumps to the public last week.

Brand's prices are 76.9 cents per gallon for regular and 75.9 cents for unleaded. Brand says the unleaded is cheaper than regular because he gets unleaded 1 cent cheaper wholesale than reg-

ular. Before Brand opened his pumps, the median price for unleaded in the city was about 85.9 cents, while regular cost about

"Not any more," Brand said Monday, adding that he still makes a profit.

Since he opened to the public the pumps previously reserved for the Griffin and Brand Inc. business vehicles and his company employees, Brand says many gasoline stations in the city have matched his prices, while some even charge less.

Winter Texans, who bring millions of dollars to the area's economy each year, have long complained of high gas prices in McAllen, most visibly through letters to the editor of The McAllen Monitor.

"People who know how important the winter tourist trade is here understand the need for better gasoline prices, and our poor local people were getting slapped in the face for eight to 10 cents extra per gallon," Brand said.

McAllen resident Mike Whalin said when he moved to McAllen from the Washington, D.C., area two years ago, he found gasoline prices 10 cents higher in the South Texas city than on the East

"If you see these prices drop around here, obviously there's some padding of prices, or there would appear to be," Whalin said after filling his Volkswagen at Brand's station.

'Yes, there are complaints that gas prices are high, but we get complaints about a lot of things from tourists," said Tommy Joyner, executive director of the McAllen Chamber of Com-

Joyner said gasoline prices in the city may be higher than some parts of the state, but also are lower than other parts of Texas, and closely follow national aver-

Gasoline retailers think the mayor is treating them unfairly, said Malcolm Welch, district director of the Texas Oil Marketers Association.

"If he's going to pay his man and pay his rent, there's no way he's going to make a profit,' Welch said

Before expenses, Welch said, Brand is making about 1 cent per gallon. Several retailers showed up at the city commission meeting Monday to protest the mayor's price war, but Brand told them it was not a city matter and refused to discuss it, Welch



Officers examine twisted wreckage.

At least one killed, six injured in plane crash at foggy airport

HOUSTON (AP) — One man died and six people were injured when a private jet crashed in heavy fog near Houston's Hobby Airport, authorities

The victim had not been positively identified Monday night, officials at the Harris County

Medical Examiner's office said. The plane's flight originated in Monterrey, Mexico, and stopped in Laredo before continuing to Houston, one of the survivors told authorities.

The plane went down in a marshy field near one of the airport's runways, officials said. 'It came in, hit the trees and broke in half,'

Houston Police Lt. Kenneth Ginn said. 'It looked like he (the victim) fell out and the plane kept going," said J.D. Sellers, an ambulance supervisor who was the first rescue person at scene. "The plane skidded about 200 to 300 feet before it stopped.'

Those injured suffered head injuries, dislocations, fractures and possible internal injuries, Sellers said

One woman passenger, however, managed to escape the wreckage without serious injuries. "It felt like we hit and started fishtailing and then it just flipped over and over," said Jennifer

Jeffers of Houston She said she was asleep in the rear of the plane

and woke up to hear the pilot saying they might have to land elsewhere because of the fog. After the crash, she ran to a business about three-quarters of a mile away to call for help. The airport had been closed intermittently Mon-

day morning because of heavy fog.

Helicopter ambulances initially were blocked from reaching the scene because of the poor flying conditions, but later brought two people to Hermann Hospital for treatment, said a spokeswoman who declined to give her name. Four others were brought to the hospital by ground ambulances, she

Of the six people hospitalized, three were from Houston, and the other three were from Mexico. said hospital spokeswoman Terry Sampson. On Monday night, only one was listed in critical condition, while the others were in either stable or good condition, she said.

Scattered power outages were reported in the area of the crash Monday, but Houston Lighting & Power Co. spokeswoman Geri Konigsberg said it was uncertain if the plane caused the outages.

The wreckage of the aircraft was in a field at the west side of the airport.

Besides the fog, the marshy ground and tall

grass hampered the efforts of rescuers to get to the

South African woman tells King rally about her struggle at home

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South African woman speaking at a Martin Luther King Jr. rally was applauded when she prayed that a similar event could be held in her segregated homeland without the fear of reprisal.

Nomonde Ngubo joined Mayor Henry Cisneros, AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and former New Mexico Gov. Toney Anaya in commemorating the national holiday for King, a Baptist preacher who was slain in 1968 while attempting to organize sanitation workers in Memphis.

Ms. Ngubo, 30, an international liaison for the United Mine Workers of America, sang and talked about her youth, contrasting a two-mile march and rally in San Antonio with attempts to march in her country

"In South Africa today this would be an illegal gathering and police would break it up and throw tear gas," she said. "But here, I saw police all over and they were escorting and encouraging people. I hope to see that happen in South Africa one

South African mine workers recently refused to work, halting operations at 33 coal and gold mines and stifling the white-ruled government, said Ms. Ngubo, who drew more applause from the estimated 5,000 spectators than any of the other speakers.

"We have the power that Martin Luther King talked about, that our power is in our labor." she said. "You can do something about apartheid by doing as much as you did today. King's birthday was last Fri-

day, but banks, schools and other public offices were closed Monday as Texans celebrated the holiday. In Texas, the holiday is an optional one for state workers. Kirkland said his 14 million AFL-CIO workers appropriately have taken a lead role in honoring

"In union halls and bargaining tables all across this land, union members are calling ... to reaffirm that this holiday, with this message of justice and dignity, freedom and peace, needs to be honored and celebrated as something more than just a notation on the calendar," he said.

They know that he knew, as he talked, that freedom had an economic dimension as well-as a political one," Kirkland said.

Cisneros led a procession of civic groups who placed wreaths on a statue of King. Keith Wilson, a local actor, recited King's famous "I Have a Dream speech and Cisneros followed it up in Spanish.

Cisneros, serving his fourth term as mayor of the country's ninth largest city, said King helped close the gap between whites and other minorities.

"Today, there are people of every ethnic group, Hispanic and Asian, who are in positions of responsibility ... because those doors were opened," Cisneros

Anaya, who stopped in San Antonio on a return flight from Boston, said the strength of the United States exists within its ethnic groups. "Let us remind ourselves that power begins at home and we cannot be powerful until we're righteous, and we cannot be powerful until we're just, and we cannot be powerful until we learn to love each other," he

Events honoring King have been held around the state since

In the Dallas suburb of Grand Prairie, about two dozen people sang and marched in protest of the school district's decision to hold classes

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Researcher believes flu fatalities ignored in wake of AIDS publicity

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Fears of the deadly disease AIDS are crowding out concerns about influenza, despite the fact as many as 20,000 people may die of the more common illness this year, a researcher says

"Influenza normally isn't considered lifethreatening," said John Quarles, a Texas A&M University virologist who oversees one of the largest vaccine studies in operation. "Compared to AIDS, most people just don't think it's worth the However, he estimated in an average year, in-

fluenza will kill or contribute to the deaths of thousands more than the total number of recorded AIDS deaths Quarles said Monday he agrees with the need to

find ways to treat and prevent AIDS, but influenza also deserves attention. "Influenza can have a definite economic im-

pact," he said. For instance, several winters ago at Texas A&M, the equivalent of about half the student population

visited the campus health service with respiratory symptoms. Most of them were suffering from the flu, he said.

That adds up to between 15,000 and 16,000 visits to the health center, all requiring the attention of the medical staff. Nationwide, the costs of flu-related health care and reduced productivity are huge, he

Quarles coordinates what may be the largest continuing field study of influenza vaccines.

He has studied the effects of flu and a series of flu vaccines on more than 10,000 Texas A&M students and staff volunteers since the studies began more than 10 years ago. Current efforts are aimed at testing the effectiveness of a flu vaccine administered in nose drops instead of conventional hypodermic shots.

"The nose drop vaccine doesn't seem to be spectacularly better than earlier vaccines," he said. 'It may be quicker. It may give slightly longer protection. At this point, it's just a good option."

Man shot 20 years ago dies of wound

DALLAS (AP) - An Army veteran shot more than two decades ago during a fierce quarrel with his wife has died from the bullet that lodged in his

M.C. Russell, 60, of Dallas, who became nearly bedridden after being wounded by his wife, Lois, died and was buried last week. The Dallas County medical examiner's office ruled that the wound, along with a pre-existing

heart disease, was the cause of death. Russell's death was labeled a homicide, but investigators expect the case will be closed promptly. Relatives have said his wife, whom Russell later divorced, died four years ago.

Imogene Evans, who cared for her brother after the shooting, said Russell declined to press charges against his wife and never acted bitter toward her. "He said if he pressed charges against her, he was not leaving anything for God to do," Ms. Evans said

Russell, described as a mild-tempered and religious man, moved to Dallas in 1966 after he left the Army and took a job with Canada Dry

On Nov. 6, 1967, he returned home late from work and he and his wife got into an argument, said Fred Russell, his brother. Mrs. Russell grabbed a .22caliber pistol and shot her husband once in the

Doctors couldn't remove the bullet for fear of

causing more spinal damage.

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Opinion

Congress dances porkbarrel polka

The omnibus spending bill Congress passed just before Christmas was the most costly bill ever passed by an government, anywhere. It ran to 2,000 pages and \$600 billion. Few know what was in the behemoth. But a close study reveals a bill turning out worse than even its harshest critics expected.

The latest discovery is that the bill is larded with enough porkbarrel to make even the worst congressman a popular man with his district's special in-

In next November's elections, congressional incumbents should run up an even higher re-election tally than the 98 percent they scored in November 1986. They're fast approaching the 99.9999 percent (or so) re-election rate racked up in such citadels of democracy as North Korea, Albania and Romania. Among the pork uncovered are these reported by

Scripps Howard: ♦ \$26 million to Amtrak to improve its Northeast corridor service, used primarily by wealthy businessmen and bureaucrats. Why can't they pay a few extra cents per ticket for these improvements or take a plane?

\$19.2 million to develop five or six educational telecommunications centers in the states. It isn't specified how the many students who haven't yet learned the three R's will run the contraptions. * \$10 million to buy surplus sunflower oil. This program was won by Sen. Quentin Burdick of North Dakota, who apparently didn't want state farmers to boil him in sunflower oil before the next election. \$260,000 for cranberry research, including money to expand and upgrade the Center for Cranberry and Blueberry Research at New Libson, N.J. As Chico Esquela, the character on the old Saturday Night Live show, might say, "Govmint been berra, berra good to me.

♦ \$60,000 for the University of Massachusetts in Amherst to develop better gourmet salad greens. The money will launch a new Belgian Endive Research Center. Apparently we don't have enough yuppie food.

As Scripps Howard describes it, "Directives to the Federal Aviation Administration to give top priority to a project expanding the Bullhead City-Laughlin Airport in Bullhead City, Ariz., with specifications the expansion can't spill over into neighboring Nevada.'' It's just such meddling in American aviation, not airline company avarice, that has caused airport snarls and other problems. Consumer needs, not congressional edicts, should determine where airports are built.

• "Removal of any Pentagon funding for a second manufacturer for the Trident submarine, currently built by General Dynamic's Electric Boat Division in Groton, Conn.," according to the Scripps Howard report. "Unhappy with the Electric Boat's performance on the Trident contract, the Navy wanted to find another submarine builder, but Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., led the successful effort by the New England delegation to scuttle the plan.

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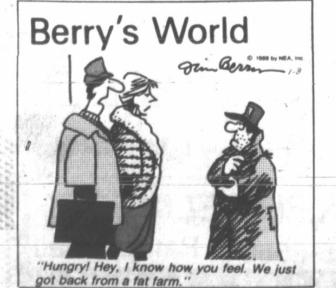
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Bush like pink cotton candy?

By LARS-ERIK NELSON

WASHINGTON - There is an effort afoot in the Republican Party to make George Bush, the current front-runner and odds-on favorite to be our next president, look like cotton candy - all pretty, pink and fluffy, but not much to get your teeth into when you actually chomp down.

There is no doubt more to Bush than that but try to find it. Bush's resume tells you where he has been every minute of his life, but it doesn't make it clear exactly what he has done.

This is the scab being picked at by his main challenger, Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, who believes Bush has done no heavy lifting for the President, and by former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who argues that on foreign and defense matters, Bush has been a flop.

Bush makes a particularly vulnerable target for this kind of attack. He is blessed with modesty, loyalty and charm - all the social graces of the patrician Eastern establishment. These make him a delightful dinner companion, but tempt the thought that he may in fact have skated through his long and distinguished career with little more than a smile, a firm handshake and a few well-placed friends.

Yes, says Haig, Bush is Ronald Reagan's vice president, but what did he do during the Iran-Contra crisis? His claims are contradictory: Bush says he had a key role in advising the President on Iran and Nicaragua - and also

around him.

On Jan. 23, 1986, Bush delivered a tough denunciation of terrorists to the New York State Conservative Party: "In responding to terrorism, there can be no confusion on one point," he said. "We can't sit back and listen to garbage about who's right and who's wrong.

Just a week earlier, with Bush's "solid support," Reagan had decided to send weapons to Iran, on the logic that some Iranian terrorists were more moderate than others.

In February 1986, Bush issued a report on combating terrorism. It said: "The U.S. government will make no concessions to terrorism. It will pay no ransoms." The missiles sent as ransom for U.S. hostages were already en route to Iran - with Bush's consent.

Bush also claims credit for running the CIA for President Gerald Ford, but those who worked with him say he had almost no interest in the substance of the job.

"He spent all his time cultivating Congress," one former associate said. "That had to be done. given the shape the agency was in during the mid-1970s, but you would think that he might have cared about world issues. He had absolutely minimal interest in them. With Bush, what you see is what you get."

Before the CIA, Bush was head of the U.S. liaison office in Beijing, but, from his own auto-

was wholly ignorant of what was really going on biography, Looking Forward, it appears that the significant diplomatic work in China was done by Henry Kissinger. The autobiography, ghost-written by Victor Gold, has more information about Bush's butler, Mr. Wong, and his cook, Mr. Sun, than about modern-day Chi-

> Haig notes that Bush claims credit for chairing Reagan's crisis management team during the Lebanon crisis. Haig then ties Bush to policies that let "the Syrians run us out of Lebanon after the slaughter of our brave young

> Barbed questions are the inevitable curse of the frontrunner. Everyone else in the pack tries to drag him down. But Bush has not exactly been graceful under pressure. Cursed with a tin ear for the music of political debate, he responded to the latest jabs from Dole, his main challenger, with a whimpering, "Tell him to get off my

> At the time Bush spoke, Dole was not exactly on Bush's back; he was out in front of him by 15 percentage points among Iowa Republicans, says a Gallup poll. Bush has by far the stronger campaign organization throughout the country, but the early caucuses and primaries are the key to his nomination — according to Dole and Haig strategists — and they sense that by suggesting Bush is an empty suit they have already

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 1988. There are 347

days left in the year. Today's highlight in history: On Jan. 19, 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in seven hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds

On this date:

In 1736, James Watt, the inventor of the steam engine, was born in Scotland.

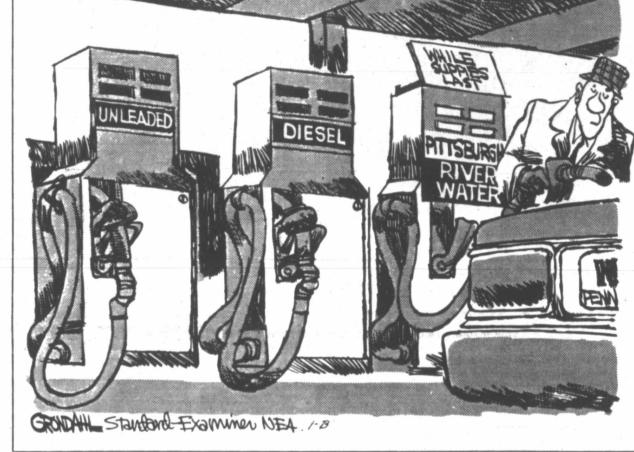
In 1807, Robert E. Lee, the commander-in-chief of the Confederate armies, was born in Stratford, Va.

In 1809, author Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

In 1825, Ezra Daggett and his nephew, Thomas Kensett, obtained a patent for their process of storing food in tin cans. In 1853, Verdi's opera Il Trova-

tore premiered in Rome. In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television for the first time, with the permission of President Eisenhower.

In 1977, in one of his last official acts of office, President Gerald R. Ford pardoned Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American who had made wartime broadcasts for Japan as Tokyo Rose



Leaving the flying for others

I've been holding up pretty well during all the recent problems with air safety.

You know, planes flipping over because they have ice on the wings, near-misses, things falling off in flight and some idiot killing an entire planeload of people because he was mad at his

I've been dutifully getting into airplanes and entrusting my life to people I don't know, just like I really believe it when I'm told, "Hey, you're a lot safer up here than anywhere else."

Not everybody has done as well as me. I read recently of an Eastern Airlines flight attendant crew asking the pilot to de-ice the wings before their flight took off.

The pilot refused. The flight attendant said, "Good luck, and you can serve the coffee yourself." and got off the plane.

But what happened the other day at the Pensacola airport has just about taken away all the amazing progress I've made over the past

several years overcoming my fear of flying. (I went seven years without getting into an airplane. I did a lot of driving, rode a few trains and even took a bus once between Austin, Texas, and Houston. Then, I started flying again and now I have so many frequent flyer points one of the airlines is considering giving me my own plane. I don't want it.)



Lewis Grizzard

What happened in Pensacola was an Eastern

airplane landed and broke in half.

I mean, one half of the plane came almost totally unattached to the other half of the plane. Nobody was seriously injured, but now that I know there is a possibility an airplane can break in half while landing, I'm looking around for my Greyhound timetable again.

Can you imagine what the pilot told them back in flight headquarters?

"Had a little trouble down in Pensacola, Chief.

"Yeah. What happened?" "The plane broke in half."

"Did what?"

"Well, it sort of came apart at the hinges, but we got the ground crew out there now trying to

glue it back together."

You don't hear that much about buses breaking in half, or trains, or even cars. As much trouble as they had with Corvairs, I don't remember an instant where one of them broke in

There has been a great deal of discussion lately over what part of the plane is safest. Most feel it's the back because, as the smart money says, 'There never was a plane that backed into a mountain.'

All I know is, if I do ever fly again, I'm not sitting in the middle. I don't want half the plane on its way to Laguardia while the half I'm in is dropping down on Baltimore.

One other thing that was strange about the Eastern mishap: the officials covered the lettering that identified who owned the plane before they would allow photographers to take pictures of it.

They thought that would get them off the hook?

Eastern used to be the official airline of Disney World.

When that connection was broken off — if you will - did Eastern take Goofy with them to run the airline?

Somebody get Ralph Nader on the phone. "Unsafe at Any Speed" is in definite need of a sequel.

'Black Christmas' results in roughing it

By SARAH OVERSTREET

Some of us around here are calling it "Black Christmas": three, four, five or more without electricity

When the biggest ice storm many can remember hit southwest Missouri Christmas Day, to say it caught us napping is like saying King Kong was a right big monkey. We were plunder-ing the Wal-Marts for wicks, flashlight batteries and kerosene, and buying oil from opportunists on convenience store parking lots for \$4

a gallon. None of us liked it, but I think may be the hardest thing to take was how much most of us hated it. And we're not talking about the flatland comeheres, either; we're talking about ourselves, who believed we were all of hardy pioneer stock, all of us reared by parents who walked 10 miles to school in the snow with cardboard soles tied with twine to their shoes. We expected better of ourselves, and we let us down.

Over and over I heard the same

comment (and what else is there to talk about when you can't see the cold canned food you're eating or find the flashlight in the middle of the night so you can answer the phone?): "It wasn't so bad the first day. It was kind of fun. But THEN.

We didn't play little fun games with our families and read by the glow of our kerosene lamps, like we always thought we'd do if even confronted with the situation. We whined. We got depressed. We sat in our cold houses and sulked. Oh, I tried to read one night, the flashlight in my right hand aimed at one sentence at a time, giving me a cramp in my shoulder. I'd saved that book for just such an occasion, a span of time when I'd have nothing else to do. It was a funny book, well-written and action packed. The last time I enjoyed reading as much was back in my sophomore year of high school. "Silas Marner," I believe it was.

(What I want to know is, how did they get that cabin so bright on Little House on the Prairie? I hereby accuse Michael Landon of lulling us into a false sense of security, so that we'd think we could survive something like this. And did you ever see any of the Ingalls plodding through an ice storme to the outhouse?)

Something like this will make a person do irrational things. One fellow, whose electricity was still out days later, tried to comfort himself one day by going to a large shopping mall. "All I could think of was, 'How can those people act so happy, when I can't even flush my toilet?' I wanted to go up to them and shake them and yell, 'Don't you idiots know the electricity's been off at my house for FIVE DAYS?"

One of our county commissioners borrowed a county-owned Civil Defense generator and had a county employee bring it out to his house, while private citizens' cows were moaning for the milkers. It may cost him his political career, but I suspect when that first flicker of light hit his darkened house, he'd have given up his

firstborn. Women put on makeup by flashlight, and left their houses looking like Clarabelle. I wanted to watch television so bad I'd have watched football or maybe even the PTL Club. I wanted to hear voices, see hair that had been washed more recently than four days ago and pomped with an electric curling iron. I wanted to see Donna Reed walk through her all-electric home and turn on every light and appliances.

Despite my abject failure at roughing it. I still like to think I hail from pioneer stock and can adapt to what's necessary. I like to think I was bested by the sudden removal of life as I know it and not by any defect in character. I imagine my grandmother, thrown out of her cabin and into a ranch-style home with an electric can opener and a range to make cornbread on. Could she have adjusted any better than I?

I like to think she could - after a deep depression of about five days and a lot of whining.

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Astronauts want additional rocket test to assure safety

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) -Senior astronauts are concerned about booster rocket flaws found during a test last month, and are asking that the space shuttle not be cleared to fly again until at least three more successful tests are conducted.

NASA's return-to-space plan calls for at least two more successful tests of the redesigned solid rocket booster, but Daniel Brandenstein, chief of the astronaut office at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, said he and some other astronauts don't believe that is good

"We are proposing that we do three more (mandatory) tests, but that is still in review," he said in an interview. "They were planning two, but with the (launch date) slip and the failure, putting a third in there is possible.

Navy Rear Adm. Richard H. Truly, a

former astronaut who heads the shuttle program, announced earlier this month that the failure in the December rocket test will require a delay in resumption of space flights until late July or August. Flights had been scheduled to resume in June.

A spokesman for Morton Thiokol Inc., manufacturer of the rocket, confirmed on Monday that "discussions are under way" about adding another mandatory test-firing of the rocket. No decision has been made, he said.

Two full-scale firings have been conducted and two more were planned before verifying the redesigned shuttle rocket for flight. Still another test was to be conducted, but officials said this fifth test did not have to precede the first mission. It is this fifth test that Brandenstein now wants to be conducted successfully before shuttle

The first full-scale test, called DM8. was conducted successfully in August. It was followed on Dec. 23 by the DM9 test in which a new nozzle boot ring design was used for the first time. The boot ring came apart.

"The DM9 outer boot ring test was not a success, so that should not count as one of our 'get ready to fly' tests on the nozzle," said Brandenstein. "My feeling is that we ought to redo the nozzle part of that" and test it three full times again before certifying it for flight.

Truly announced earlier this month that the new boot ring that failed on DM9 would be replaced with the boot ring that worked on DM8. He said it then would be tested twice more to certify it for flight.

Brandenstein said he wants at least one more full-scale test of the whole system before astronauts again ride the rockets into space.

The space shuttle Challenger accident, which killed seven astronauts on Jan. 28, 1986, was blamed on a flawed joint in the side of the solid rocket booster. The side joints have been redesigned, along with parts of the rocket booster nozzle.

John W. Thomas, chief of the shuttle rocket redesign team, said both fullscale tests have shown that the flaw that destroyed Challenger has been corrected.

The new joint design includes the addition of a third O-ring, or rubberized seal, a flange to strengthen the metal joint and a new arrangement of insulation to keep hot rocket gases from reaching the joint.

Thomas said the insulation worked so well in the test firing that the new O-ring design is still unproven.

As a result, NASA has proposed that a flaw be intentionally introduced into the joint for a test-firing in March. This would put hot gas against the O-rings and verify their design. But the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel reported Sunday that Morton Thiokol is opposed to the plan.

Morton Thiokol officials, the Sentinel said, want to conduct tests in March and in April without flaws, and then introduce the flaw in a test in June. Currently, a successful June test is not considered essential for a resumption of shuttle flights.

The Sentinel quoted Carver Kennedy, a Morton Thiokol official, as saying that "these issues have been discussed heatedly between us and NASA.

However, Rocky Raab, a Morton Thiokol spokesman, denied on Monday that there has been a disagreement. He said only that there have been "engineering discussions" and claimed that nobody has "taken sides.

High waves damaged Malibu, Calif., homes.

Near blizzard hits Midwest from storm that raked Pacific Coast

By The Associated Press

A storm that plundered the California coast and packed the Rocky Mountains with snow rolled across Nebraska and Kansas today, bringing nearblizzard conditions and closing schools even in hardy Western cities

At least 20 deaths have been blamed on bad weather this week. Damages in Southern California were being counted in the millions after giant waves smashed restaurants, beach houses and piers, and sheared off part of a hotel.

Sandbags were stacked and berms constructed to block water for another towering high tide of 7.1 feet in the Los Angeles area today. Northerly winds gusting 20 to 30 mph were expected along the coast, threatening more flooding in low-lying coastal area.

Winds gusted to 40 mph in western Nebraska this morning, and blowing snow with drifts of up to 6 feet made roads impassable, saidDean Costantinou, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Omaha.

The storm is moving through central Kansas this morning and will move into southern Iowa tonight. It's moving toward the northeast at about 20 mph," headed toward Michigan by Wednesday, said Lyle Alexander, of the weather service's National Severe Storms Center in Kansas City,

The storm wasn't the strongest or the fastestmoving of the season, he said. "It's just a good hefty storm.

Winds gusting to 40 mph Monday night blew snow drifts onto Interstate 25 between Colorado Springs and Castle Rock, Colo., triggering a series of accidents and prompting the State Patrol to close that portion of the interstate.

Snow totals ranged from 4 inches at Denver's Stapleton International Airport to 25 inches at Purgatory Ski Area

An 18-inch snowfall Monday in Durango, in Colorado's southwest mountains, shut the airport, left cars looking like igloos and prompted pedestrians to wear skis. For the first time in 20 years, Durango's public schools closed because of weather on

Truckers hoping to keep ahead of the storm roared through southeastern Wyoming on Monday.

The storm dropped 2 to 5 inches of snow on southern Wyoming and 10 inches on the state's southern mountains Monday. School officials in Cheyenne canceled classes for today.

Ainsworth, Neb., had up a foot of new snow and North Platte had 7 inches by early today.

More than 20 inches piled up Monday at Monticello in southern Utah, 17 inches at Flagstaff, Ariz., and up to 2 feet fell in the Sierra Nevada in Northern California, the weather service said.

In Southern California, engineers were worried about the stability of seaside structures on a stretch of coastline from Malibu about 30 miles northwest of Los Angeles to Laguna Beach about 50 miles south, and whether they could withstand another barrage of 20-foot waves like the one that hit Sunday night and Monday

The storm caused an estimated \$15 million damage just to public facilities at Redondo Beach alone, 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles.

Other preliminary damage estimates were \$1.5 million in Laguna Beach and \$3 million in Huntington Beach. At the exclusive Malibu Colony, the waves dumped sand into celebrity homes, such as singer Joni Mitchell's beach house, which is on the market for \$3 million.

'Knot's Landing' and 'Days of Our Lives' top soap operas

LOS ANGELES (AP) - CBS swept the eight nighttime soap opera awards selected by viewers, with "Knot's Landing" winning the best primetime show. "Days of Our Lives" won as the most popular soap on daytime television.

The winners in 21 categories were selected by the readers of Soap Opera Digest, and awarded in Hollywood on Saturday in a two-hour show broadcast Monday on NBC. The winners received trophies shaped like glass hearts.

In the network race, NBC-TV got nine of the 13 daytime awards with ABC and CBS getting two

"Days of Our Lives" was picked the best daytime program with its star Stephen Nichols taking the top acting honor and Kim Zimmer of "Guiding Light" winning best actress

Prime-time winners included CBS' "Knot's Landing" for favorite show with top acting trophies won by its stars, Michele Lee and Kevin Dobson. Daytime winners were:

Show - "Days of Our Lives," NBC Actress — Kim Zimmer, "Guiding Light," CBS Actor — Stephen Nichols, "Days of Our Lives,"

Villainess - Brenda Dickson, "The Young and the Restless," CBS Villain — Justin Deas, "Santa Barbara," NBC

Supporting actress — Anna Lee, "General Hospital," ABC

Supporting actor — Nicolas Coster, "Santa Barbara," NBC

Heroine - Robin Wright, "Santa Barbara," **NBC** Hero — A Martinez, "Santa Barbara," NBC

Humorous actress — Arlene Sorkin, "Days of Our Lives," NBC Humorous actor - Michael T. Weiss "Days of

Our Lives," NBC
Outstanding newcomer — Ian Buchanan, 'General Hospital,'' ABC

Super couple - Patsy Pease and Charles Shaughnessy, "Days of Our Lives," NBC Primetime winners:

Show — "Knot's Landing," CBS
Actress — Michele Lee, "Knot's Landing," CBS
Actor — Kevin Dobson, "Knot's Landing," CBS
Supporting actress — Tonya Crowe, "Knot's Landing," CBS

Supporting actor - Steve Kanaly, "Dallas,"

Villainess - Donna Mills, "Knot's Landing," CBS

Villain — Larry Hagman, "Dallas," CBS Super couple - Michele Lee and Kevin Dobson, "Knot's Landing," CBS

Secret bid information allegedly leaked on government contracts

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee is investigating allegations that a government official gave secret information about AT&T bids to competing companies vying for \$55 million in telecommunications contracts.

The General Services Administration official, Lal Soni, allegedly gave the information to regional Bell telephone companies competing with American Telephone & Telegraph Co. for 14 electronic switch contracts, according to information released Monday by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. The switches are used to place telephone calls on the federal long-distance network.

"These facts cast substantial doubt upon the integrity of the bidding process in the 14 contract awards" and could also affect a 10-year contract for a new government telephone system valued at as much as \$25 billion and now out for bids, said committee chairman John Glenn, D-

Soni was removed by GSA last week from his position as director of network engineering and reassigned to a new position outside the telecommunications area. The change was made, the GSA said, because Soni was the focus of an investigation by the agency's inspector general.

According to the Senate committee, officials at Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. and Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. said Soni told them the price they would have to beat to win the contracts.

Officials at both companies said they did not use the pricing information provided by Soni. The companies, each of which won contracts for two of the 14 switches in bidding against AT&T, said they developed their bids independently.

AT&T won contracts for seven of the switches and the remainder went to U S West Inc. and Pacific Telesis Group. AT&T was the only company that bid for all

The committee said its preliminary information indicates that AT&T's price information may have been leaked to other Bell companies competing for the contracts as well.

"Although the committee has not completed its investigation, it is already clear that some of the allegations concerning misconduct can be corroborated," Glenn said in a letter to GSA Administrator Terence C. Golden.

Glenn said the panel has interviewed about 30 witnesses and reviewed "stacks of documents" and plans further interviews.

The Justice Department is conducting a related investigation, focusing on the possibility that illegal gratuities were paid to GSA officials in connection with

the contracts.

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According to the Senate investigators, a Southern Bell official said Soni was the guest of the company for at least five meals at restaurants in the Atlanta and Washington areas and that the meals were often attended by senior Southern Bell officials

A spokeswoman for BellSouth Corp., parent of Southern Bell, said the company was still conducting its own internal investigation

Diet Pills Sweeping U.S.

Doctors Invent Lazy Way' to Lose Weight

New 'Fat Magnet' Diet Pill **Guarantees Fast Weight Loss**

BEVERLY HILLS, CA (Special) -An amazing new weight loss pill called fat-magnet" has recently been developed and perfected by two prominent doctors at a world famous hospital in Los Angeles that reportedly 'guarantees' that you will easily lose fat by simply taking their tested and proven new pill.

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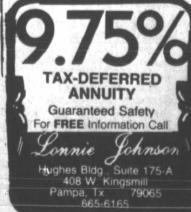
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Rebels lay down arms, troops quash rash of revolts

President Raul Alfonsin said Argentina assured democracy and "put our house in order again" by capturing a rebel army officer and peacefully ending a rash of revolts by his supporters.

Lt. Col. Aldo Rico surrendered at an army compound to loyalist troops Monday afternoon, three days after he escaped from house arrest where he was awaiting trial for leading another military uprising in April.

Rico, 43, and about 150 backers laid down their weapons in the town of Monte Caseros, 325 miles northeast of Buenos Aires, after nearly three hours of sporadic fighting with 2,000 troops

equipped with tanks and artillery.

Alfonsin, who personally intervened to end similar rebellions last April, told the nation Monday night that "we have demonstrated that all of us, together, are capable of assuring democracy and the future of the Argentines.'

'We have once again put our house in order," said the president, who used the message "Happy Easter. Our house is in order," last April to announce Rico's surrender on Easter Sunday.

Defense Minister Horacio Jaunarena described the country as "absolutely normal" with all military commands responding to their natural leaders."

Rico, a decorated veteran of the 1982 Falkland Islands war, was flown to

nearby Curuzu Cuatia, command post for loyal forces led by army Chief of Staff Gen. Jose Caridi.

The military on Monday quashed five other army garrison rebellions elsewhere without firing a shot, and Rico sympathizers who took over a metropolitan airport control tower also surrendered peacefully.

Eighteen rebels, some in military uniforms, were arrested after they stormed the tower at Buenos Aires' Jorge Newbery airport. They closed airport operations before surrendering four hours later to government troops.

Uprisings at army garrisons occurred in the northern city of Tucuman, in western San Juan and San Luis provinces, in southern Santa Cruz province, and at Las Lajas in southwestern Neuguen province.

Jaunarena told reporters that "large numbers of prisoners" were being processed in those incidents. Reports from the various garrisons indicated that at least 250 soldiers had been arrested.

Army, navy and air force troops converged on Monte Caseros on Sunday and began advancing toward the rebelheld 4th Infantry Regiment and an adjacent engineers company early Monday.

The rebels had mined all access roads and placed explosives under three bridges, one of which was blown up in the fighting.

No fatalities were reported in the fighting and no official figures were immediately available on injuries. Jaunarena told reporters the number of wounded "is very small."

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The fighting marked the first time since 1962 that members of the Argentine armed forces had shot at each

Rico arrived at Monte Caseros on Saturday night after fleeing house arrest Friday in Buenos Aires, where he faced military trial for leading an April 19-21 rebellion at Campo de Mayo. the army's largest base.

Police try to halt Arab strike

JERUSALEM (AP) - A top government official called for early elections to decide Israeli policy in the occupied lands, and police promised to protect stores that opened in defiance of a commercial strike in Arab east Jeru-

Palestinian shops were shuttered again Monday after a oneday break in the weeklong strike Police suspected stores closed again after being intimidated by a fire that gutted the office of a moneychanger who defied the strike

In the West Bank, the army clamped curfews on one town and two refugee camps, while seven of the Gaza Strip's eight camps remained under curfew, some for the 10th straight day.

The occupied territories were mostly calm Monday, but police remained concerned about the persistent commercial strike in east Jerusalem, which was seized from Jordan 20 years ago and annexed by Israel.

Police Commissioner David Krauss, in a statement read on Israel television, said police did not plan to use force on the striking merchants but would try to persuade them to open their shops. He did not elaborate but promised police protection for those who did open their stores

At least 36 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli gunfire since the rioting began Dec. 8. The unrest was sparked by rumors that a car accident that killed four Arabs was planned to avenge the slaying of an Israeli

Late Monday, Israel's staterun television reported another Arab, a 52-year-old woman from the Balata refugee camp, died of wounds suffered six weeks earlier in a clash. The army declined to comment on the report. Israel radio quoted unidentified security sources as saying the woman died of a heart attack unrelated to the unrest

The death sparked a violent protest at Balata and the army clamped a curfew on the camp, the radio said.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said on Monday the riots have left Israel's coalition government "paralyzed" by internal



Ballot boxes checked before being sent to commission.

Death toll mounts, Aquino candidates lead in several key mayoral races

Aquino's candidates appeared headed today for a virtual sweep of mayoral posts in the Manila area, and the military reported six more deaths related to the regional election.

Candidates endorsed by Mrs. Aquino or her "People Power" coalition also were leading in other key races as Monday's votes were being counted. But two of the president's relatives fared poorly, apparent victims of a public backlash over allegations the family was building a "political dynasty.

Two candidates charged or implicated in past coup attempts appeared headed for victory in gubernatorial and vice gubernatorial contests, while candidates of ousted President Ferdinand Marcos' New Society Movement fared badly, ex-

cept in Marcos' home province of Ilocos Norte. In the Manila suburb of Makati, police arrested a soldier and two civilians who barged into the town hall, where workers were counting ballots, and fired a shot. The poll workers fled but came back and resumed counting after police rounded up the assailants. There were no injuries

The military also said communist rebels snatched about 4,000 ballots from poll clerks and burned some of them north of Manila. Counting was also disrupted in four districts of suburban Quezon City

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon and several other places for reasons ranging from power blackouts to replacement of allegedly partisan poll supervisors, the government-run Philippine News Agency reported.

In General Santos City on the island of Mindanao, vote counting was stopped late Monday when the local poll chairman disappeared, the government's television station reported today. It said the chairman, Cristito Limbagon, was feared kidnapped by unidentified men.

On the central island of Cebu, a civic group conducting an unofficial count there said it was not including results from the city of Danao because armed men roamed the streets and its messengers were afraid to enter the locality.

The Philippine Constabulary, the country's internal security force, released new figures today showing that at least 101 people died since the campaign began Dec. 1. Communist rebels were blamed for most of the deaths.

The constabulary said the new figure included six civilians killed during the campaign and at least nine soldiers killed by communist rebels in an ambush in the northern Philippines on Monday. The constabulary said it decided to include the soldiers in the list of election-related killings because they were performing "election duties" when attacked by the rebels.

Chihuahua state farmers control grain warehouses

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)-Protesting farmers are demanding sharp increases in corn and bean prices, saying the prices they get from the government for their products are not enough to live on.

Farmers Monday controlled 30 government food warehouses in the northern border state of Chihuahua, spokesmen for the group said.

Sympathizers brought food and blankets to 70 other farmers who have camped in front of the state capital of Chihuahua since Thursday to call attention to their demands for higher prices, said Guillermo Villalobos, director of the private business organization Centro Empresarial in Chihuahua

As part of a new inflationfighting program, the federal government last month announced that guaranteed farm prices will be held at 1987 levels this year, after adjustment for inflation

The protesting farmers, members of the Chihuahua Peasant Organizations' Front, say the prices they get from the government for their products are not sufficient enough to live on.

On Dec. 27, the farmers took over a warehouse belonging to the government's Conasupo food company and have gradually expanded their protest. Spokesmen for the group say they cannot estimate the number of farmers taking part in the protest because they take turns occupying the warehouses.

The protest has gained support from the Roman Catholic Church and private citizens

Villalobos said private business groups have not formally endorsed the farmers' protest but said individual businessmen have taken up collections to buy food for the protesters.

"Of all the social sectors,

peasants are suffering the most. They have complete sympathy from the popular point of view. Villalobos said in a telephone in-

Chihuahua Gov. Fernando Baeza met Monday with a delegation of farmers led by the Rev. Camilo Perez, the Roman Catholic priest who has become the spokesman for the farmers.

Angel Tores Perea, state director of public relations, said the government proposed that corn and bean prices be increased, but only for the estimated 22,000 poorest people who work nonirrigated lands that produce low

He said Baeza did not specify how much of an increase would be sought and that no agreement had yet been reached between the farmers and the government.

Torres said Baeza planned to go to Mexico City Wednesday to talk to federal agriculture authorities, who would have to authorize any price increase.

Perez could not be reached for comment in Chihuahua or at his church in Anahuac, a small town about 60 miles southwest of the capital, where the farmers took over the first food warehouse. The Conasupo warehouses are

being occupied largely on communal farms in the state's main corn and bean producing zone in the northwest. The farmers allow grains to be

delivered to the warehouses but refuse to let anything be removed.

The protesters want an immediate 43 percent increase in corn and bean prices and say prices should then be indexed to the cost of gasoline, which recently went up 85 percent, Perez said last week.

Farmers now earn 245 pesos, about 11 cents, per kilogram of corn and 525 pesos, about 23 cents, per kilogram of beans.

Ex-Menudo members form a new group

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Former members of the Menudo pop group have reunited as Project M, but they say they don't plan to compete with the current edition of the teen sensation.

The group Menudo was an immediate hit throughout Latin America virtually from the time of its formation in Puerto Rico, with the idea that each member would "graduate" at age 15 and be replaced by younger boys to keep appealing to their young Menudo has had some success

in the United States as well, especially among Hispanic youngs-

But Project M will take a different musical twist, members said

audience," Johnny Lozada, one of the three Project M members,

"Menudo is aimed at a younger

Kussia gives Americans political asylum

icans who came to the Soviet Union as tourists have been granted political asylum, a Soviet official

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady I. Gerasimov identified the Americans as Theodore Branch, 43, and Cheryl Branch, 40, of Pennsylvania, and said they were granted asylum by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the nation's parliament. It appeared from Gerasimov's remarks at a government news briefing that the Americans were married, but he did not say said in an interview. "We're going for the 16- and 17-year-olds and above."

Lozada and Rene Farrait, both 20, and 19-year-old Xavier Xerpoia said during a visit to The Associated Press' office that they decided to reunite after singing together during an appearance in Venezuela about 18 months ago.

They return to Venezuela later this week after a brief stop in Puerto Rico to start filming a 'telenovela,'' as Spanishlanguage soap operas are called, with young singer Karina.

The first Project M record was made in Venezuela and released about six weeks ago, called simply "Project M."

Asked how they enjoyed being back together, Lozada replied simply "super," and Farrait chimed in, "super well."

MOSCOW (AP) - Two Amerwhether they have children. Gerasimov identified them as "experts in the field of mass communications," but gave no other said today. details of their jobs or lives in the United States and did not give

their hometown. He said the two wrote the presidium to say that "in the Soviet Union, priority is given to law and order, legislation provides equal opportunities and possibilities for all, which is an alternative to capitalism.

The Soviet spokesman said the two will be provided with jobs and

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Former first lady doesn't like bankruptcy

HOUSTON (AP) — Hundreds of personal possessions of former three-time Texas Gov. John B. Connally and his wife Nellie are gathered at a Houston auction house, ready for bidders.

"I don't like it at all, but it's something we have to do," Mrs. Connally said Monday while surveying the items. An auction to help pay off the couple's

\$48 million in debts begins Friday at

Hart Galleries in Houston. "It seems strange that they're mine and that they're here," Mrs. Connally, 68, said as she gave a tour describing the possessions. "I'm looking at these things with detachment."

from 1963-69, was in New York on business Monday, but was expected to return to Houston by Friday to attend the auction with his wife. Connally, 70, filed for both personal and business bankruptcy in July. "Most of the things we hate to give up

Connally, who served as governor

are the gifts from friends and staff, Mrs. Connally said. "It's sort of like the end of something. We got into this so we have to do this.

The former governor, who also served as secretary of the Navy under President Kennedy and treasury secretary under President Nixon, launpeak of the oil boom with former Texas Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes as his partner.

When the boom went bust, it took Con-

nally, Barnes and others in tow. Under bankruptcy rules, Connally is selling all properties except his house

and 200 of the 3,400 acres at Picosa Ranch, his homestead in Floresville south of San Antonio. The law allows Connally to keep \$30,000 in personal possessions

Mrs. Connally said many have told her she's in good company considering the number of bankruptcies filed in Texas. She agrees, but adds: "It's a nice club, but not one I lobbied to become a member.

"Don't you ever fear we'll do something like this again," Mrs. Connally told reporters. "We're never going to be out until we're really out."

She said the auction will probably be tough, but that they have been through tough times before.

Mrs. Connally describes the furnishings as "47 years of collecting. We're not really collectors. We're acquirers. We're not special collectors of

Many of the possessions on display came from the couple's ranch near Floresville, a home that now sits

"There are no carpets or rugs on the floors. The house in many rooms looks like a home you might consider buying - empty," she said. She said her husband is using a box as a bedside table.

"I literally have an empty family room, library, and governor's office,

Despite the sadness of having to sell all of her things, Mrs. Connally was gracious when showing reporters around

Special council begins Alzheimer's work

AUSTIN (AP) - The number of said. Texans suffering from Alzheimer's disease is expected to grow as the state's population ages, and a new state committee has begun studying ways to combat problems associated with the incurable illness.

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One study shows that 44 percent of nursing home patients have been diagnosed as having Alzheimer's, Health Commissioner Robert Bernstein said Monday at the first meeting of the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

As many as 160,000 older Texans currently suffer from the illness. The number of Texans over age 65 is expected to grow from the current 1.5 million to more than 2 million in 10 years.

The Legislature created the council last year to help Alzheimer's disease victims and their care-givers and to coordinate existing services.

Many of the council members have encountered Alzheimer's disease in their own families and they called for coordinating research and resources.

Tests to verify the illness should be developed, said Ann Hancock of Dallas, whose mother suffers many symptoms of the disease. Currently, only an autopsy can verify with certainty if a person has had the disease, she

The impact of Alzheimer's Disease on victims' family members can be shattering because of the deterioration of reasoning, judgment and especially memory, said Morris Craig of the Alzheimer's disease program of the Texas Department of Health.

"You have lived with someone for 35 years. One morning you look across the table and your wife says to you, 'Who are you?'

A primary concern is the cost of caring for people who have the di ase, Bernstein and others

Some studies say the annual nationwide cost of caring for Alzheimer's patients is \$30 billion, more than the combined cost of caring for cancer and heart disease patients, Bernstein said.

'The cost to an individual family to care for one stricken member can range from \$50,000 to a quarter of a million dollars, and that would depend upon the victim's age at the onset of the disease," he said.

"When family resources are depleted, the burden of these costs falls on the public.

Existing programs, including Medicare and Medicaid, are not equipped to pay for care needed by those afflicted with the disease, officials said.

Sen. Chet Brooks, who has sponsored Alzheimer's disease legislation, said there is "a glimmer of hope" through a bill in Congress that would provide more Medicare coverage for people who are catastrophically ill. It also recognizes the need for a caregiver to maintain basic personal resources aside from the money spent on the patient, the Pasadena Democrat said.

Medicaid provides some help to patients who qualify under poverty guidelines, he said.

The 1987 Legislature also approved bills to give special certification to institutions that care for patients of Alzheimer's disease and to provide specialized training to people who care for

A communications link-up also has been established among university health science centers and medical school teaching hos-

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Pharaoh ant causing problems for residents of San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A tiny red-orange pest commonly known as the "sugar ant" is causing big problems for San Antonio homeowners.

Local exterminators said Monday the pharaoh ant, a pest that can spread disease, has launched the worst attack on San Antonio homes that local exterminators ever have seen.

"It just seems as if we have a real rash of them," Robert Cawood, president of Central Pest Control, told the San Antonio Light.

"Every other call is somebody with a pharaohant problem," he said. "I don't recall them being as bad before, and I've been here 14 years.

Phil Hamman, a Texas A&M University extension service urban entomologist, suspects the increased numbers, also being reported in Dallas, could be the result of greater crowding and urban

"Perhaps we are seeing the effects of people living in closer proximity because of more apartment building and other development," Hamman said in a telephone interview from College Station.

The ants mechanically can transmit diseases by carrying bacteria they pick up on their bodies from filth, Hamman said. The bacteria can cause problems when it winds up in human food and under bandages covering burn wounds or other injuries. he added.

"A number of companies are having additional calls for pharaoh ants, which most people call sugar ants," said Wes Light, secretary of the San Antonio Pest Control Association.

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His own firm, Lights Out Pest Eliminators, has been crawling with requests to have the insects stamped out, but that is not quite the way to do it. 'The control for pharaoh ants is different from

any other kind of treatment," Light explained. Light said the best treatment for the pharaoh ants is a mix of peanut butter, honey and a growthinhibiting insect hormone called methoprene.

However, each exterminator appears to mix up his own bait. Light adds bacon grease to the concoction to attract more ants and keep them feeding. One local exterminator uses liver pate.

The trick to the new technique is to get the ants to keep feeding on the bait and bring it home to the colony, where the queens will become infertile and

the larva ants will fail to mature. The usual insecticides cannot be used on the pharaoh ant.

'Regular insecticide spraying by itself is worse than nothing at all." Light said

Spraying causes the colonies to break up, which could result in several large colonies rather than just one to combat at a later time, Light added. Even use of the new technique does not give homeowners a quick cure for the pests.

'We have to get the customer's cooperation that we are not going to do any spraying, and they will continue to see ants for three or four weeks,' Cawood said.

The modern treatments are expensive, about \$100 to \$150 for a three-bedroom home.

Fog delays arrival of Navy ship

HOUSTON (AP) - One of the U.S. Navy's most sophisticated missile cruisers waited out a heavy fog in the Gulf of Mexico, delayed from entering the Houston Ship Channel to participate in welcoming ceremonies.

The USS San Jacinto, named after the battle that gained the Republic of Texas its independence, was scheduled to arrive in Houston on Monday for a busy week of events culminating with Saturday's commissioning of the vessel by Vice President George

Fog made negotiating the channel hazardous, authorities said. Officials planned to look at conditions today before deciding whether to proceed.

"It's the rules and regulations of the ship channel," Ed Klecka, a Navy spokesman, said. "They don't want to violate them. The harbor pilots are advising the captain that this is what he should

The delay caused Navy officials to scramble in a bid to reschedule the calendar of activities. Klecka said that if the ship were in the open sea, it would be able to proceed regardless of the

Although the other nine ships of the Aegis class of cruisers are all named after historic American battles, the \$1 billion USS San Jacinto is unique in that the commissioning will take place within sight of its namesake battlefield.

The San Jacinto is named after the 18-minute battle in which the outnumbered Texas Army, commanded by Sam Houston, defeated the Mexican Army on April 21, 1836, under Gen. Santa Anna. The battlefield site, at the junction of the San Jacinto River and Buffalo Bayou about 15 miles east of downtown Houston, is now a Texas state park and home to the Battleship Texas.

Plans called for a 21-gun salute to be exchanged between the San Jacinto and cannon on shore.

The San Jacinto is the fourth vessel to bear that name and the third in the U.S. Navy.

The first San Jacinto belonged to the Texas Navy in the early days of the Republic and was wrecked in a hurricane near Galveston

The second San Jacinto - and the first to fly the American flag was a frigate built in 1851 and experimented with the use of a screw-type propeller. After fighting in the Civil War, it ran aground on a reef in the Bahamason New Year's Day, 1865, and the hull eventually was sold in Nassau

The most recent San Jacinto was a World War II aircraft carrier which included among its fighter pilots young George Bush. It served until 1970.

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BETWEEN

SHOULDERS

Top steer



Doug Washam of Lubbock guides his steer 'Equalizer'' around the sale floor of the National Western Stock Show complex in Denver Monday evening where the animal

was sold to a Denver businessman for \$12,000. Washman's steer took top honors to become the Grand Champion Market Beef at

 and they ain't kidding,''' Craig pitals, Brooks said. Small riverfront firm does thinking for you

By DANIEL J. WAKIN **AP Business Writer**

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Ever say about a new product, "Gee, what a simple idea. I could have

thought of that?' A company in Edgewater, N.J.,

says it — and does it. Innovations & Development Inc. trades in the currency of ideas as a consultant on new products for major corporations.

Sitting across the Hudson River from the towers of Manhattan. the firm generates ideas for new products and finds new uses for old technology.

"We're trying to generate products that will be meaningful to the market," said Gary Grossman, the company's president.

'We will not invent a laser beam, but what we will do is take a laser and make it into new product," he said. Innovations & Development

manufactures no products, but approaches clients with ideas. consults on the engineering of new goods and collaborates with product development departments. Most of its patents are held by the clients.

The 23-year-old company, which has \$2 million in revenues a year, designed a socket wrench that stores its own sockets: a simplified sailboat for under \$1,000; a wall-mounted rechargable flashlight; and an exerciser that reproduces arm motions of an orchestra conductor or traffic

As an example of how they come up with a product, Grossman and his partner, Edward

Hang-Fast device, made by Pardevelopment. ker Group Inc. of Northboro,

Mass., and sold by Sears, Roebuck and Co. Essentially, the device heats up discs backed with adhesive. Affixed to the wall, the disc can hang up to about 30 pounds.

Grossman said his staff is working on about 12 projects, about all they can handle at one

Grossman bristles at the suggestion that his business epitomizes the future of the U.S. economy as shifting from manufacturing to service-related.

"I don't buy it at all. Oh my God, are we manufacturing like crazy. Just go to the Midwest." he said. As he sees it, Innovations & De-

velopment is merely fertilizing the ground of industry For instance, he provides this

scenario 'The transistor is dead. Some

genetic engineering company discovers how to grow memory, literally like a brain. 'Who's in the forefront of genetic engineering? America. All of

a sudden we have fields of memory banks. We don't need transistors," he said. "You might say that I'm crazy, but I can see America through the biological area growing build-

Grossman likes to plan ahead.

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Litton to open plant in Austin ing will be renovated within the AUSTIN (AP) — Litton Industries Inc. will open a printed circuit board manufacturing plant that will employ up to 80 people

here, company officials say. Litton, based in Beverly Hills, Calif., said Monday the employes will be mostly production

workers. Litton purchased the assets of Bird Circuits, a printed circuit board firm that filed for reorganization under the federal bankruptcy laws more than a year

John Thom, Litton's manager of public relations, said the build- terms of the transaction.

next couple of months, but no date has been set for opening the

Litton was attracted to Austin because of the large customer base nearby, Thom said.

"We very much like the hightech atmosphere in Austin," he said, adding that the division had reached its manufacturing capacity and had been looking for a place to expand.

Thom declined to disclose the

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towards research, tighter admissions

LUBBOCK (AP) - Saddled with a self-admitted image of mediocrity and an antithetical desire to "play with the big boys," Texas Tech University is angling for more respect.

Last spring, Tech's application for a Phi Beta Kappa chapter was rebuffed by the honor society's national headquarters, which cited entrance-exam averages far below those of other society institu-

In addition, a recent university internal report cited "an image of mediocrity" at the West Texas school of 24,000 students.

'We are one of the two or perhaps three institutions in the state that like to play with the big boys, but we don't really have the resources to do it," said J.R. Goodin, dean of Tech's arts and sciences col-

But after Gov. Bill Clements opened competition last month for \$60 million in research grants for Texas public colleges and universities. Texas Tech administrators and faculty got down to business.

With an eye to its future and probable changes coming from the passage of a sweeping higher education bill, Tech pitched ideas for approximately 220 research projects.

"I look upon this competition as very important to Texas Tech," said Donald Haragan, Tech vice president for academic affairs. "To position ourselves, we will have to demonstrate that we do have a major research component in the university

Tech also plans to beef up its graduate programs and adopt tougher undergraduate admission standards to work towards making the school one of the state's best.

Help in augmenting research resources may come from a share of the \$60 million in research grants allocated by the 1987 Legislature for research in such areas as aeronautics, computer sciences, oceanography, agriculture, physics, biotechnology, information sciences and telecommunications

All public higher education institutions in the state are eligible for the grants, but no more than 70 percent of the money can go to the state's two research leaders, the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University.

'Given the number of people and the size of those universities, we anticipate that they will receive 70 percent," Haragan said. "The rest of us in the state will be competing for 30 percent of the pie.

Roger Elliott, assistant commissioner for research programs of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said more than 2,400 notices of intent to submit proposals for funded projects have been received.

The University of Houston, which Tech officials regard as most comparable in research capabilities to their school, has submitted about 110 preliminary proposals, while Texas A&M and its affiliated research agencies turned in about 450.

"The competition in biological and behavioral sciences will be intense," Elliott said.

Tech officials say they can't hope to compete for research dollars on the same level as UT or A&M, but a good showing in the race is essential for the university's long-term health. 'We're in sort of a tran-

sitional mode," Haragan said. "We're a young university we're only 60 years old — and we're competing with universities that are at least double that age and much more established. We've come a long way, and I think Texas Tech has the potential of doing much more and attracting more funding for the research that we do.

For the 1986-87 budget year, Tech brought in \$12.8 million in federal and state research funding and \$4.6 million in private funding, Coordinating Board figures show. Overall the institution took in \$17.9 million in research funds — about 12 percent more than in 1985-

But bolstering research is only part of Tech's long-term plan to upgrade its academic image in preparation for changes in the state's educational system resulting from the adoption of HB2181, legislation that grants the Coordinating Board broad powers in reshaping Texas' higher education.

Texas Tech looking Judge wrestling with child's death, system

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - For State District Judge Tom Rickhoff, sentencing kid car thieves or taking children away from abusive parents has become almost mundane after 8,000 juvenile cases over two years.

But now, amid criticism and a public outcry, he is wrestling with a complicated judicial and social services system that may have led to the tragic torture death of 8-month-old Sarah Melissa Macias on Dec. 29.

Rickhoff is angry that a family trying to keep the child from state custody was able to thwart a system intended to prevent her falling victim to the family's sadistic games.

The family's children have told state social workers that during her last month, the 14-pound baby was tortured with games including one called "The Color Purple." in which family members held Sarah's nose until she turned different colors.

Sarah also was spun on the floor, bitten, pinched, hit with a tennis shoe, thrown under a couch and also may have been sexually abused, according to court records.

The girl's paraplegic uncle, Ray Macias Sr., 32, has been charged with murder in Sarah's

"I felt pretty bad when I heard about her death," said Rickhoff, who has accepted some of the blame. "When a case like this comes along, it's devastating to the morale of everybody who does this kind of work.'

The judge has asked each agency that worked on Sarah's case to investigate their procedures. Already, Bexar County Judge Tom Vickers' probate court, which was pulled into the melee, has changed some of its policies. 'We're not going to let any-

thing go to rest here," Rickhoff said. "We're going to get everybody together, not to try to make blame, but to not let these things happen again. State Rep. Orlando Garcia, D-

San Antonio, blames the judicial system and the judge for not taking custody of Sarah quickly "It appears the court may have

been negligent, but it's my intention to find out what happened and to enact legislation, if necessary, to prevent this type of occurrence in the future," Garcia

Sarah's story has sparked an outcry from the community, and her uncle, who suffers from spina bifida, has complained that inmates at the Bexar County Jail have bullied him because of the

Even before Sarah was born in April 1987, state officials feared

she would be abused because of her family situation.

In August 1986, her father. Albert Macias, 26, was charged with aggravated sexual assault of his 4-year-old stepdaughter. As a consequence and to prevent further abuse, Macias' two other infant children were taken away.

At the time, Macias' wife, Janie, was pregnant and state officials already had made up their minds to remove the baby from the home as soon as it was born. Rickhoff said

But after Sarah's birth, the Macias moved frequently, preventing state officials from obtaining custody of Sarah, he

By July 1987, the Macias' three older children had been taken away permanently and the family began looking for ways to thwart the system to keep Sarah, Rickhoff said.

Macias contacted his older brother, Ray, and sister-in-law, Guadalupe, who had five children of their own, including a blind boy, and lived in a three-bedroom home on a \$500-a-month Social Security check.

Sarah was placed with Ray Macias while the family consulted with several attorneys to switch guardianship to Ray Macias. They went to different courts to have their requested granted, but were denied because of the state custody battle.

On Oct. 26, the four Maciases reached Vickers' probate court, where they thought a guardianship was guaranteed because Vickers rarely saw the parties or asked questions before signing guardianship orders.

The four were able to obtain a letter that said Vickers would grant guardianship to Ray Macias and took the letter to Sarah's custody hearing in Rickhoff's court later that day.

The hearing was mass confusion because two courts were involved and the Macias claimed that Vickers had granted Ray Macias guardianship. Rickhoff was confused and didn't know which Macias to serve with custody papers.

Rickhoff asked for another hearing on Nov. 2, when it was learned that Vickers never signed a guardianship order because he had realized the custody battle was ensuing in the higher court.

But all the parties — including Rickhoff — agreed that Sarah looked healthy and probably would be fine in Ray Macias' home until a neutral site could be found

'A lot of people made the assumption that these people looked good because they sounded good," Rickhoff said. "If it we-

Judge Rickhoff

families together, but sometimes

ren't for the guardianship and we thought we had to leave the child there, the child wouldn't have been put there. Sarah was examined once by a

physician in early November, but after Nov. 25 when Texas Department of Human Services social workers tried to visit Sarah, her aunt, Guadalupe Macias, made up excuses to keep outsiders away, he said.

The Associated Press could reach none of the Maciases for comment: Albert Macias' home telephone was not answered after repeated calls, and their attorneys said they had not heard from them in several weeks.

Albert Macias is free on bond; Ray Macias is still in jail but has not yet secured an attorney. None of the four have commented publicly on the case, nor would their

attorneys. Rickhoff said he tries to keep 'You have to start reasoning if

one brother's abusive, then everybody else in the family who was raised with him is abusive. Rickhoff said.

Ray Macias' five children have been placed in foster care and are awaiting a new home. Albert Macias is awaiting trial on the sexual abuse charge And Sarah's tragic death has

spurred procedural changes in Vickers' probate court. Letters no longer will be immediately given to parties seeking guardianship.

"It has sparked us to take a look at this thing so that we don't allow the probate courts to be attempted to be used in the custody cases of the juvenile court," Vickers said. "It was an obvious attempt on the Maciases' part to thwart it, but I'm glad they didn't get away with it.

Work of 'seed planter' leads to food harvest for the nation's hungry

By JOHN WINTERS The Arizona Republic

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — He is the godfather of food banks, the

guardian angel of gratis grub.

From modest beginnings two decades ago, John van Hengel, 64, has built the food-bank movement into an international phenomenon. He recently helped establish food banks in Canada, France and Belgium.

From a small, cluttered office, van Hengel operates International Food Banking Services, a consulting company, as well as the Alpha-Omega Association, which provides free transportation for the blind. Both are non-profit organizations

During those 20 years, the food-

bank movement has blossomed into 100 banks in this country and 70 in foreign countries.

"I'd be a fool if I pretended to have any great vision," he said. 'I just planted a seed, and water came from a hundred direc-

Van Hengel was diverted into the food-bank movement by a divorce and an injury

He was working as a manufacturer's representative in California around 1960 when the divorce caused him to seek a place to clear his head.

He ended up working in a stone quarry in Wisconsin, where he injured his back while breaking up a fight between fellow workers. When complications set in, his doctor suggested he seek a warmer climate. So in 1961, van Hengel moved to

Phoenix. Though nearly 40, he worked as a lifeguard at pools and became involved in volunteer work with the Catholic Church. His lifestyle had become such

that he could afford to contribute his time, he said: "I had a \$70-amonth apartment. My expenditures were under \$3,000 a year.

It was while working at the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which ministers to the needy, that van Hengel started collecting food.

He learned that price fluctuations often would prompt growers to leave produce to rot in the fields, so he recruited workers to pick it. There turned out to be more produce than St. Vincent's could use, so he began distributing it to other groups catering to the needy

"We'd bag the stuff, then we'd go around to missions and drop

the stuff off." he said. With help from missions he had

aided and St. Mary's Catholic Church, van Hengel in 1967 was able to refurbish a warehouse. It became the St. Mary's Food

Bank. "He was the founder that began everything," said Priscilla Scheid, who worked with van Hengel at the food bank and serves today as its associate

the underdog that he has given a great part of his life over to them. John is, in his way, a very saintly man. Van Hengel said his faith in God increased as he witnessed

director. "He cares enough about

minor miracles while establishing the food bank. Once, when the food bank's account was approaching zero, a man came in and handed him a check, van Hengel said. It was for \$10,000. This was when I really began to know that all you have to do is

plant the seed," he said. "The bank off the ground than Boeing

Lord will take care of the rest." No sooner was the Phoenix food announced massive layoffs in Seattle. Van Hengel in 1969 found himself helping to establish a food bank in that city.

From there, as word spread of the successes, the movement mushroomed.

"In 1971, a group came over from California," he said. "They started the Grandview Food Bank in Pasadena. It went from Pasadena to Santa Clara, then into Portland (Ore.)

In 1976, the federal government provided a grant to establish a clearinghouse to help establish food banks and instruct those operating them. Van Hengel was named director of the program. called Second Harvest.

Second Harvest succeeded in educating people throughout the United States in food banks, van Hengel said.

"We started having conferences here (in Phoenix)," he said. 'People came from around the country to learn how to operate a

Harvest tapped a new source of food by contacting manufacturers who agreed to provide them with food items that had been mislabeled or found to be shortweighted.

Blunders and misjudgments by manufacturers led to some odd contributions over the years, he recalled. "I got a tremendous quantity of hot fudge one time. The guy had forgotten to put su-

Van Hengel left Second Harvest about five years ago.

Since then, he has helped the French open several food banks in Paris and its environs. His latest venture as a consultant took him to Brussels, Belgium.

Van Hengel sees no end to the potential of the food-bank movement. He would like to see it spread in Third World countries. It merely awaits the involvement of the right individuals to spread it, he said.

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Lacking in distinction

food bank

REIMS, France (AP) -Weather problems throughout the growing season in the Champagne region of France have resulted in a grape harvest of balanced quality but without unusual vintage distinction, according to Piper-Heidsieck.

After poor weather in the spring and summer and a week of rain in early October, the return of good weather permitted the grapes of the region to be harvested at maturity, the champagne producer said.

"The wines of 1987 will be well balanced and will have aging potential," it said. "However, the quality does not justify our producing any vintage-dated Champagnes.

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Lifestyles

Conferences to emphasize Christmas trees, vegetables

By JOE VanZANDT **County Extension Agent**

Mark Feb. 3 on your calendar for an all-day horticultural seminar. We have five Extension Service specialists scheduled for the program, which will begin at 9 a.m. in the Courthouse Annex. The program will cover most areas of horticultural interest as related to vegetables and home landscape.

CHRISTMAS TREE CONFERENCE

Anyone interested in learning more about Christmas tree production can attend the New Mexico Christmas Tree Growers Con-

The conference will be Feb. 12-13 at the Sally Port Inn in Roswell, N.M. If your registration is postmarked by Feb. 8, the fee is \$30. Additional information is available in the County Extension Office.

VEGETABLE CONFERENCE TO EMPHASIZE

COMPETITIVE MARKETING Techniques and technology to help gain a competitive edge in the marketplace will be emphasized at the annual West Texas Vegetable Conference, Tuesday, Jan. 19 in Hereford.

Designed to help producers, shippers and marketers, the conference, which will be at the Hereford Community Center, Avenue C at Park Avenue, begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 4 p.m. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch and workshop materials.

The program is conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Cooperating in the conference are the Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Program Development Committee, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Tech University and High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council.



For Horticulture Joe VanZandt

Speakers will focus upon major vegetable crops grown in this region, and on cultural and marketing practices which can produce maximum benefits, said Dr. Roland E. Roberts, Extension Vegetable Specialist and conference coordinator.

Competitive aspects of variety selection and marketing will be explained by a panel of speakers to open the program. Panelists will be Dr. H.L. Goodwin, assistant professor of agricultural economics, Texas A&M University, College Station; Dr. Bob Davis, professor of agricultural economics, Texas Tech, Lubbock; Dr. David Bender, assistant professor of horticulture, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Lubbock; and Paul Richwine, research associate, Texas A&M Vegetable Research Center, Munday.

Goodwin will emphasize market trends for red potatoes. Davis will discuss competitive potentials for High Plains vegetables. Bender will report results of broccoli variety tests, and Richwine will report on Chinese cabbage variety performance.

The latest information on multicrop insurance will be presented by Ralph Hunt, insurance specialist with the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association of Harlingen. An educational program on hazardous chemicals, mandatory for producers and their employees, will be explained by Dr. Jack Price, Exten-

sion agricultural chemist from College Station, and Jimmy Bush, pesticide specialist with the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin.

Following lunch and a business meeting of the growers and shippers council, Robert Campbell of Plant Genetics, Inc. in Davis, Calif. will discuss biotechnology being used to improve seed pota-

Two concurrent sessions in the afternoon will provide detailed information for producers of potatoes and onions.

In the potato workshop, Dr. Michael Hickey, Extension soil chemist, will discuss the effects of nitrogen fertilization on potato quality. Use of trickle irrigation will be discussed by Dr. Richard Zartman, associate professor of plant and soil sciences at Texas Tech.

How soil compaction reduces potato yields will be examined by Willie Green, Tech graduate student. A report on new potato varieties will be made by Dr. Creighton Miller, professor of horticulture at Texas A&M, and Douglas Smallwood, Experiment Station research associate: Producers Bruce Barrett of Muleshoe and David Smith of Hart will discuss potato vine kil-

In the onion workshop, Dr. Ellen Peffley, assistant professor of plant and soil sciences at Tech, will discuss screening plants for cold hardiness. Bender will discuss use of herbicides to control nutsedge in onions.

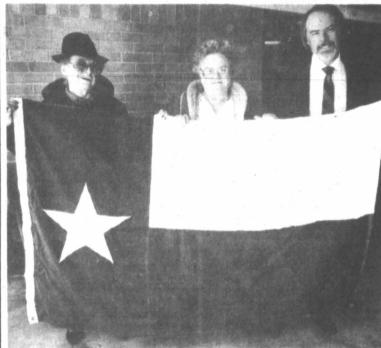
Strategies for controlling thrips in onions will be covered by Dr. Pat Morrison, Extension entomologist. Roberts will report on varieties which can be harvested to coincide with high market demand.

Additional details are available in the Gray County Exten-

Flag presentations



(Staff Photos by Duane A. Laverty



Pampa Nursing Center was presented with United States and Texas flags recently from local organizations. Members of Pampa VFW Post #1657, above, present an American flag to the center. Shown from left are Lloyd Laramore; C.F. Upton; Glenn Giblin; Ken Campbell, nursing center adminis-trator; Tom Adams, senior vice commander of the post; E.W. Totty; and Velda Huddleston, activity director of the center. Gray County Democratic Party gave a Texas flag to the center. Shown at left are, from left, **Ruth Osborne of Gray County** Democratic Party, Huddleston and Campbell.

Record keeping can organize finances

By DONNA BRAUCHI **County Extension Agent**

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January is a time when many of you are trying to consolidate records from 1987 and get organized for 1988. You also may be trying to determine where your money went in 1987. Whether for taxes or basic money management purposes, a good record keeping system can ease frustration and help you make the most of your resources.

The best record keeping system is one that works for you. Typically, this will be a simple system that allows you to easily retrieve the information you want and need. An effective record keeping system will provide a means of organizing and filing receipts, cancelled checks, income statements and other financial papers and a method for summarizing information about income and expenses

Any one of several basic record keeping strategies will be helpful:

• Receipt Method — Keep a file and sort receipts according to categories of expense, such as food, utilities or entertainment.

• Envelope Method — Place the money you have allocated weekly or monthly for each category into an envelope. As you spend the money, write what you spent it for on th envelope.

 Checkbook Method — Code each entry in your checkbook

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Donna Brauchi

according to the category of income or expense. Ledger system — Keep de-

tailed daily entries in a ledger. You can buy a record book in almost any size at a store, or make your own forms in a spiral notebook.

• Computer System — Computer software is available that allows each income or expense item to be entered after a system of categories is established.

When you use a credit card, be sure to record the individual purchases in the appropriate categories. Recording a single credit card payment for a variety of purchases gives you very little information about how your money is being spent

None of these methods of keep ing track of income and expenses will do much good unless you summarize the transactions on a weekly or monthly basis. However, once you have the summaries. they will be invaluable for preparing your taxes at year's end and getting a good grasp on your family finances.

When it comes to taxes, the best strategy for record keeping is to assume your tax return will be

audited. Although the chances of audit are small, you should be able to show on a worksheet how you arrived at each deduction, and back it up with cancelled

Begin this month to consolidate records for the previous tax year and to get organized for the new tax year. Sort papers, records and receipts into the following categories: income receipts, including Forms 1099 and W-2; bank statements; mortgage statements; and all other categories that match deductions. adjustments and credits you plan

If you run out of desk space or have cartons of old financial papers in the garage, you may be able to throw some of them away. The general rule is that records should be kept as long as they're important for any federal tax law. So records supporting income or deductions should be kept at least until the period of limitations expires for the return.

The period of limitations for legal action is usually three years from the date the return was due or filed, or two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever

limitations does not expire until six years after the return was filed if income was underreported by 25 percent or more, and action can be brought at any time for false or fraudulent returns or if no return is filed.

As you clean out old records, remember that some should be kept indefinitely. Keep copies of tax returns, for example, as part of your permanent tax records. pare future returns and are necessary if you file an amended return. They may also be helpful to your survivors and the executor of your estate.

If you are missing a return, you may get a copy from the IRS by sending Form 4506, "Request for Copy of Tax Form," to the IRS Service Center, Austin, 73301.

Records that verify the "basis' of property such as your home should be kept until no longer needed, which can be many years. This includes documents showing your purchase price, purchase expenses, cost of improvements and any other adjustments to basis, such as depreciation or casualty losses.

It is also recommended that you keep information about the house you sold and replaced with your current house. If you postponed tax on the gain when you sold the former house, the basis of your current house is affected by the postponed gain. For more information, contact the Internal

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THE TEACHERS AT COTTONWOOD, CASA GRANDE, ARIZ. DEAR TEACHERS: All 23 of you who signed the above letter, students admitted to MIT to share she was cutting down on her visits



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

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ever hope for. MY NAME IS LEGION, MY ADDRESS IS CLOUD NINE P.S. I was the young man's chemistry teacher.

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we all benefit. Congratulations again on the respect you have earned from your

MICHAEL C. BEHNKE, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS. MIT, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to 'No-Win Situation" rang a bell with (The letter enclosed:) me. "No Win" asked whether she Dear Ms. E.: Each year we ask should tell her friend, "Jane," that

to her (Jane's) house because of Jane's badly behaved children. You advised "No Win" that she should gently tell Jane as diplomatically as possible that her children's behavior is the problem. You pointed out that ill-mannered and badly behaved children are obnoxious and therefore friendless. You added that she'd be doing Jane and her children an enormous favor by telling her how she feels.

Abby, I am the son of not one but two "Jane-type" parents. The result was just as you described. I grew up self-centered, ill-mannered, badly behaved, obnoxious and friendless.

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the process. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's to your benefit to get involved in the social world today. Go where you can be seen and heard because Lady Luck may have someone special she wants you to

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Companions with carefree outlooks will provide you with genuine pleasure today. Conversely, those who are seriousminded may depress you.

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The Family Circus By Bruce Beattie

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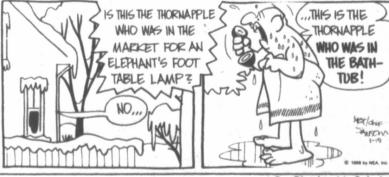




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By Art Sansom











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Reeves surprised at Broncos' success.

Buckeyes shock Michigan 70-68 18 points, with Jerry Francis and

Wilson each scoring 12 and White

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Grant and Rice had entered the

game averaging 24 and 22 points

a game, respectively, and Michi-

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largest lead was 62-56 with 4:42

No. 3 Temple 59, Penn State 44

Mark Macon scored 19 points

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The visiting Owls broke open

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Lions to only two points during a

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Stephen Thompson scored 21

Thompson had seven points

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the Orangemen pull away from a

Rony Seikaly scored 15 points

Dana Barros had 16 for the

visiting Eagles, who beat No. 15

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and Matt Roe and Sherman

Douglas 13 each for the Orangemen, 13-4 overall and 3-2 in the

points and sparked a second-half

burst that led Syracuse past Bos-

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Tim Perry scored 13 points and

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Mills 10 for the Wolverines.

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46-44 lead.

By RUSTY MILLER **AP Sports Writer**

COLUMBUS, Ohio - It might not be haunted, but Ohio State Coach Gary Williams says there's something different about St. John Arena

We will never put people away, but we can play with anyone here," Williams said.

The latest bit of homemade magic came Monday night when the Buckeyes upset No. 7 Michigan 70-68 for their second victory over a Top Twenty team in five days.

It took Grady Mateen's dunk off a fastbreak pass from Curtis Wilson with seven seconds left and a near miss at the buzzer by Michigan - for Ohio State to end the Wolverines' 13-game winning streak

Last Thursday, the Buckeyes, 9-5 overall and 2-2 in the Big Ten, defeated No. 17 Iowa 87-83 as Mateen scored the final four points, including a pair of clinching free throws with four seconds left.

Ohio State's last three victories have come in the final 10 seconds, against Central Michigan, Iowa and now Michigan - all at home.

In other Top Twenty games, No. 3 Temple beat Penn State 59-44 and No. 14 Syracuse defeated Boston College 90-60.

Mateen, a 6-foot-11 junior transfer from Georgetown, hit a driving layup with 1:17 remaining to give Ohio State a 68-64 lead, but Michigan's Rumeal Robinson scored on a drive at 1:03 to make

A steal by Michigan's Gary Grant with 26 seconds left led to Glen Rice's 15-foot jump shot with 14 seconds remaining that tied the game at 68.

Ohio State's Wilson brought the ball upcourt after Michigan nearly stole the ensuing inbounds pass and passed to Mateen, who was wide-open under the basket.

That wasn't the end, however, as Michigan scrambled up court before Terry Mills' long-range 3point attempt at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

Michigan fell to 14-2 and 3-1 and a tie with Illinois for second place in the Big Ten behind 5-0 Purdue. Jay Burson led Ohio State with Super Bowl Broncos defy odds "Mike Freeman is our starting center, and

By JOHN MOSSMAN **AP Sports Writer**

DENVER - If Dan Reeves had been able to peer into the future at the obstacles his team was to encounter during the 1987 season, he never would have predicted a second straight trip to the Super Bowl for the Denver

The retirements of four defensive starters. major injuries to seven key players and the disruption of the strike did not bode well for a return Super Bowl engagement.

"If someone had shown me a list of all the things that would happen to this team, I' would have to have been a complete idiot to say we'd be back in the Super Bowl," Reeves said Monday.

'Somehow, this team overcame those things. Whenever we got an injury, somebody came in and did the job for us. We got solid performances from people we never he wasn't even on the team at the start of the season. (Guard) Stefan Humphries is another example of that. I didn't think (tight end) Clarence Kay would have the type of season he's had. When we drafted (wide receiver) Ricky Nattiel in the first round, we thought he'd be a good football player, but we didn't expect he'd be as good as he's been.

"I've never been associated with a championship team that has undergone so many changes. We ended the season with only (nose guard) Greg Kragen and (linebacker) Ricky Hunley playing the same position on defense they played in last year's Super Bowl. It's been remarkable.

By virtue of a 38-33 victory over the Cleveland Browns in the AFC Championship game on Sunday, the Broncos earned the Super Bowl XXII invitation to meet the Washington Redskins in San Diego on Jan. 31.

Denver last met Washington late in the 1986 season and came away with a 31-30 victory.

"I would expect the same kind of game in the Super Bowl," Reeves said. "They're much the same team we faced last year, except for Doug Williams moving in at quarter-

Reeves said the handful of Broncos who suffered minor injuries in Sunday's game should be recovered for the Super Bowl.

Tight end Orson Mobley has a bruised shoulder, but should be able to resume practice by the end of the week.

Reeves remains most concerned about wide receiver Vance Johnson, who was released from the hospital Monday after being treated for internal bleeding — a result of a bruised groin he suffered Jan. 10 against

Reeves said Johnson would be listed as probable on the team's injury report.

Running back Gerald Willhite, recovering from a broken leg Oct. 25 and hopeful of returning to action for the Super Bowl, may not make it back, however.

Gamblers tab favorite Denver as

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) - Residents of Denver weren't the only ones happy to see the Broncos get to the Super Bowl. It also cheered operators of this city's legal sports

Sunday's playoff games had barely ended when gamblers laid down some big bets on the Broncos, adding another half-point to the three points by which the oddsmakers had favored Denver over the Washington Red-

The early money had sports book operators predicting some \$25 million will be wagered on this year's Super Bowl, a welcome end to a season that saw betting revenue cut because of the player's strike.

"I've never seen a town that backs a team with money like Denver," Jimmy Vaccaro, manager of the sports book at the Golden Nugget, said. "We saw it last year and we're seeing it again already this year. They're just ready with their money.

On paper, oddsmakers say the Broncos are a slight favorite at best, with many describing the game as a tossup. But the betting public's fascination with John Elway forced bookmakers to open the Broncos as a threepoint favorite, with some believing the spread might go to five points by game day.

They're betting the hell out of it," Vic Salerno, owner of Leroy's sports and race book, said. "The public is making a comparison of quarterbacks and they feel Elway is the better quarterback and can beat them in so many different ways.

Several sports books reported some unusually big bets soon after the first lines were put up following Sunday's games, and oddsmakers were delighted with the pace of betting for the big game.

This year there was more action than normal," Scott Schettler, manager of the sports book at the Stardust hotel-casino, said. 'Usually, the bettors just look at the number and ignore it for a week or so.

At the Stardust, one of the biggest books in the state, Schettler said his book alone will do "a couple of million" dollars on the game.

"That would be a nice Super Bowt," Schettler said. "These aren't the most attractive teams, but the people that make the Super Bowl their one bet of the year will still bet.

Terry Cox, who manages the sports book at Harrah's Reno, said he opened his line at three points, then moved it up a half-point when several "high-limit players" bet on the

Schettler said that he, for one, is not all that impressed by the Broncos and thinks the line is too high

"Their defense got pushed around in the second half against Cleveland," Schettler said. "Cleveland just battered them and I kind of like Washington to do the same. I don't think Denver can stop Washington on de-

Schettler said he thinks Washington will win the game straight up. The odds, he said, simply reflect how the bookmakers think the public will bet the game.

Harvesters play Borger tonight

Pampa travels to Borger for a basketball doubleheader tonight, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Bulldogs' gym.

The Harvesters hold down second place in the District 1-4A standings while the Bulldogs are tied with Hereford for fifth place. The Bulldogs are defending dis-

trict champions, but their. chances of repeating are dim after a 55-50 loss to Hereford last week.

Pampa's Lady Harvesters are in fourth place and Borger is tied for fifth in district play.

The Pampa girls downed the adv Bulldogs 53-47 in an earlie meeting.

Advance tickets can be purchased only at the Pampa High School Athletic Office. Fans not planning to buy an advance ticket should be at the game early before general admission tickets are sold out.

Optimist roundup

Results in the Optimist Club basketball leagues are listed below

Boys' Division

Knicks 34, Mavericks 33 K - Greg McDaniel 11, Chad Dunnam 10, Gavin Porter 9, Hank Gindorf 4, Andy Sutton 1; M -Seivern Wallace 14, Jeremy King 8, Chris Holland 6, Tyler Kendall

B game: Mavericks 16, Knicks 14; M - Tim Fields 8, Ray Estrada 4, R.J. Russell 2, Jeff McCormick 2; K - Brett Manning 8, Jason Warren 2, Robert Cozart 2, Brian Phelps 2.

Celtics 35, Bulls 26

C - Chris Gilbert 8, Devin King 8, Jeremy Morris 7, Justin Morris 4, J.B. Horton 4, Nate Jacobs 2, Kyle Johnson 2; B - Tony Cavalier 11, David Potter 6, Jason Cochran 5, Clint Lindsey 3, Danny Frye 2.

B game: Celtics 29, Bulls 12 C - Kyle Johnson 9, Jason Jones 6, Trent Davis 4, Clifton Fletcher 2. Derrick Jacobs 2. Bret Queen 2. Tom Fletcher 2, Nate Jacobs 2; B Justin Allison 6, Danny Frye 4, Victor Roden 2.

Suns 36, Spurs 32 "Suns - Shelby Landers 14, Ronnie Smith 9, Rayford Young 8, Jeremy Duvall 3, Michael Foote 2; Spurs - Tim McCavit 11, Brad Baldridge 4, Jason Soukup 4, Koby Stone 4, Jeff Beyer 4, Matt Garvin 2, Steve Becham 1.

B game: Suns 11, Spurs 4 Suns - Hugo Arrealo 6, Chris. Withers 3, Ross Watkins 2; Spurs - Brian Easley 2, Torey Deanda 2.

Sixers 48, Sonics 12 Sixers - Greg Moore 16, Dwayne Nickleberry 12, Coy Laury 8, Clarence Reed 6, Kwayne Brinley 4, Justin Smith

2; Sonics - J. Westbrook 12, Todd B game: Sixers 29, Sonics 2 Sixers - Kwayne Brinley 15,

J.J. Mathis 6, Brian Cota 4, Damion Nickleberry 2, Matt Winborne 2; Sonics - Paxton Whatley



Michigan's Terry Mills controls a rebound.

Redskins' Monk may be available for Super Bowl

By DAVID GINSBURG **AP Sports Writer**

HERNDON, Va. - The Washington Redskins expect to have three-time Pro Bowl wide receiver Art Monk available when they face the Denver Broncos in the

Super Bowl. He had 38 receptions for 483 yards this season before he suffered a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament in his right knee in a game against the St. Louis Cardinals on Dec. 6 and has been on the inactive list since.

Monk, who missed the Redskins' last Super Bowl appearance in 1983 due to a broken foot, is planning to practice with the team Thursday when Washington begins on-field preparations for the Broncos.

"I think he's ready to roar," Coach Joe Gibbs said Monday. "I told him not to try it until he feels he's 100 percent, and I think he is now."

Gibbs said Monk told him Monday that he was "ready to go." Last week, Monk worked out on his own, and Washington's 17-10 victory over Minnesota in Sunday's NFC title game enabled him to get one

more chance to play this season. Meanwhile, Redskins running back Timmy Smith said the Vikings' defense is superior to Denver's.

Minnesota limited Washington to 11 first downs and nine pass completions while holding the Redskins to their lowest pointoutput of the year. Smith, a rookie, predicted that the Washington offense would fare better against the Broncos.

"I don't think their defense is as tough as Minnesota's," said Smith, who rushed for 72 yards Sunday. "I don't think the Denver Broncos' defense is as aggressive, so that's going to give us a little edge.'

The Redskins could also have an edge if they have Monk, who set an NFL singleseason record in 1984 with 106 catches. Gibbs said he will assess the condition of the eight-year veteran Thursday and Friday before deciding whether he is healthy enough to reclaim his starting spot from Ricky Sanders.

The last time the Redskins faced the Broncos, in December 1986, Monk had six catches for 129 yards and a touchdown. But Denver escaped with a 31-30 victory at Mile High Stadium after Washington kicker Max Zendejas missed a conversion and

two field goals.

The Redskins' current placekicker, Ali Haii-Sheikh, has come under fire because of his Zendejas-like inconsistency. Haji-Sheikh missed field goals of 38 and 47 yards Sunday to help make the game closer than it might have been. Weeks ago, after Haji-Sheikh missed a pair of field goals in the regular-season finale against Minnesota, Gibbs pitted Haji-Sheikh and Jess Atkinson in a competition to determine the Redskins' kicker for the playoffs.

Haji-Sheikh, who took over for an injured Atkinson in the second week of the season, retained his job. Gibbs said he would not hold a similar duel, claiming he would "keep everything the way we have it right now."



Mays' Aguirre and Clippers' Cureton chase after loose ball.

Cash tangles with Lendl in Australian Open semifinals

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Wimbledon champion Pat Cash is in a giving mood, but won't offer a hint about his game plan for the semifinals of the Australian Open against Ivan Lendl.

"I'm not giving anything away, except headbands, the 22-year-old Australian, ranked seventh in the world and seeded fourth in the year's first Grand Slam event, said today after a 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Michiel Schapers of the Netherlands

Cash has an excellent chance against Lendl, whom he defeated last year in the semifinals of this \$1.9-million event and at Wimbledon in the

Cash refuses to make comparisons between Friday's semifinal and the Wimbledon final.

Everything is different, the crowd, the court, everything.." he said.

Lendl, who advanced today with a 6-2, 6-1, 7-6 quarterfinal victory that ousted the final American in the competition - Todd Witsken - holds a 5-2 career advantage over Cash. But the Czech has bitter memories of those two losses.

"It hurt me really bad losing here and at Wimbledon against him," said Lendl, who beat Cash in straight sets in their last meeting, in the final of the Sydney indoor event last October.

Among the women, West German teen-ager Steffi Graf trounced defending champion Hana Mandlikova in straight sets to power into the semifinals. Graf, 18, the world No. 1, took just 53 minutes to out Mandlikova 6-2, 6-2.

The French Open champion showed no mercy

against the fifth-seeded Mandlikova, who took out Australian citizenship earlier this month. Graf has lost only 17 games in her first five

matches in the tournament. She will face either eighth-seeded West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch of unseeded Australian Anne Minter in the semifinals.

The other semifinal will be the 76th tournament meeting between long-time friends and rivals Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert.

Second-seeded Navratilova beat sixth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia 6-4, 7-6 in her quarterfinal, while Evert cruised past unseeded

West German teenager Claudia Porwik 6-3, 6-1. Graf was simply awesome against two-time champion Mandlikova, never allowing the more

experienced player to get into a groove. Mandlikova barely won a point with her usually

effective groundstrokes.

Navratilova, who previously won the Australian title in 1981-83-85, improved her record against Sukova to 19-2. Navratilova has a 40-35 career record against Evert.

Evert was rarely in trouble against 19-year-old Porwik, proving far too penetrative and steady. The two remaining men's singles quarterfinals

will be played Wednesday — the only singles action on the quietest day of the tournament, which continues through Sunday.

Defending champion Stefan Edberg of Sweden meets Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union in one quarterfinal while two-time champion Mats Wilander of Sweden, the third seed, faces sixthseeded compatriot Anders Jarryd in the other.

Mavericks turn back Public Notice struggling Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Charitable in the first half, The Dallas Mavericks turned larcenous in the

After committing 14 turnovers in the first two periods and clinging to a one-point halftime lead over the struggling Clippers, the Mavericks cut their giveaways to nine in the second half and also had nine second-half steals.

That helped Dallas pull away to a 99-87 victory over Los Angeles Monday night.

'They pressed the living heck out of us in the first half, and it bothered us," said Coach John McLeod, whose Mavericks had just three turnovers in the third quarter as they beefed up their lead.

"We had a good solid third quarter, moved the ball well and did a good job defensively down the stretch in the fourth quarter.'

Roy Tarpley had 12 of his 20 points in the final period to help the Mavericks maintain control. Tarpley, a 7-foot reserve forward, has been filling the void left by Rolando Blackman, the Mavericks' second-leading scorer who has now missed

six games with a sprained knee. "I had real good position, and my teammates threw me a lot of good passes inside," Tarpley said. "I've been working hard in practice, and I try to carry it through into the game. I'm trying to be

the spark for the team when I come into the game." The Mavericks finished with a season-high 14 steals, and Tarpley said, "We wanted to put on a good defensive effort."

Mark Aguirre, who scored 13 of his 26 points in the third quarter for Dallas, said the Mavericks settled down after a shaky start.

We got a better grip on things when the second quarter started," he said. "We also got a few steals. And once we did that, we were in command.

The victory gave the Mavericks a three-game lead in the NBA Midwest Division over Houston

and Denver, who both lost Monday The Clippers, meanwhile, lost for the 14th time in

their last 15 games. We didn't have enough firepower to get 100 points," said Coach Gene Shue, whose team failed to reach the century mark for the 23rd time in 36 games this season. "We need some players that

The Clippers mounted a mild threat in the fourth quarter, as Benoit Benjamin hit a jumper to cut the Dallas lead to 75-67.

But Tarpley scored eight points during a 14-6 run that gave Dallas its biggest lead of the game, 89-73, with 5:19 to play. The Clippers never got closer than 10 points after that.

Quintin Dailey came off the bench to score 27 points for Los Angeles, and Benjamin had 21. Dailey couldn't explain the Clippers' recent skid.

'Maybe it's the execution. I don't know. It's really weird," he said. "We get the shots and don't knock them down. And then when we do miss a shot, it seems like we're always on the defensive."

Canadian teams move into first

MEMPHIS - Chad Robbins and Robert Cervantes combined for 37 points to lead the Canadian Wildcats to a 61-52 victory over District 2-2A rival Memphis Monday night.

The Wildcats saw a slim one-point halftime lead evaporate as the Cyclones took a 43-40 advantage heading into the fourth.

Canadian, led by Chad Robbins' 19 points, battled back to outscore the host team 21-9 in the

fourth quarter and seal the victory. With the win the 'Cats move into first place with a 3-0 record, which puts them one-half game ahead of the Wellington Rockets at 2-0. Overall, Canadian sports a 13-4 mark.

LADY WILDCATS 49 LADY CYCLONES 43

The Canadian Lady Wildcats took a 12-point halftime lead and rode it all the way to the finish line, defeating Memphis 49-43 Monday

With not as much intensity in the second half, Canadian saw its lead slip to a mere two points. As the third quarter drew to a close, Canadian led

The ladies, now with an 11-6 record overall, were led by Jennifer Bebee's 16 points; Lindy Sparks added another 11:

The win propels the Lady Wildcats into first place in District 2-2A with a 3-0 record. Memphis

Aggies make football coaching changes

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)-Joe Avezzano has been promoted from line coach to offensive coordinator and Ron Turner is leaving Southern California to coach the quarterbacks at Texas A&M, football Coach Jackie Sherrill said Monday.

Offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee left A&M to become offensive coordinator at Florida following the Aggies' 35-10 victory over Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl. Sherrill said Avezzano will continue to coach the

offensive line.

"This allows us to keep the same continuity offensively that we have enjoyed the past three seasons," Sherrill said.

Turner, 35, was a receivers' coach for the Trojans last fall and they set a school record with 208 pass receptions.

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Illinois coach resigns following NCAA probe

By ROBERT LEE ZIMMER **Associated Press Writer**

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Mike White, saying he accepts responsibility for the latest charges of NCAA recruiting violations, is out as head football coach at the University of Illinois.

Chancellor Morton Weir said White, whose team was placed on probation in 1984, quit Monday after he was confronted with allegations by the NCAA and the university about possible infractions, including one incident in which he was personally involved.

'We just could not continue this way and when the coach saw (the allegations), he decided we could not continue this way,' Weir said. "He chose to resign."

White, whose new three-year contract for \$900,000 began in January, will be paid about one-third of that as part of the resignation settlement, Weir said.

The NCAA notified Illinois in December of three possible infractions, including a

1985 cash payment by an assistant coach to a prospective athlete for lodging, Weir said. The athlete did not enroll at Illinois and the coach later quit, he said. He would not identify them.

"If you examine these allegations when they become public, you may note that they appear to be minor in nature and date back to 1985," White said. "While I was unaware of the violation, I take full responsibility for the allegations in my capacity as University of Illinois' head football coach.'

But Weir said an internal investigation revealed several additional incidents that might be NCAA violations. They included a 1986 visit by White and two assistant coaches to the home of a recruit at a time prohibited by the NCAA, Weir said.

He said White apparently did not realize that was a violation, but in the case of the cash payment, the assistant coach "knew he was doing something" that was against the rules.

Weir said the incident came to light as

the NCAA investigated the recruiting of the same athlete by another university. He declined to elaborate. All of Illinois' findings in the case have

been sent to the NCAA, and its Committee on Infractions will review them Feb. 5. Weir said. Sports Information Director Tab Ben-

nett said he did not think the NCAA would consider Illinois for the so-called "death penalty" as part of any sanctions it might issue in the case. The NCAA has the power to bar a team from all competition if there are serious violations twice within five

"It was nothing of that magnitude," Bennett said. White was 47-41-3 in eight seasons with

"After a great deal of thought and prayer with my family, I have chosen to resign," White said in a statement. "I believe that this decision is ultimately the best course for my family, the football program, the university and myself."

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FORT WORTH (AP) - Calvin Ray II and Billy Wayne, twin brothers weighing less than 4 pounds each at birth, are thriving in the neonatal intensive

care unit at Harris Methodist Fort Worth. Their mother, Jane Vaulner, 27, has spent most of each day at the hospital since the twins were

born prematurely Nov. 21. The rest of her time is spent at a facility on Avenue J where she is a federal prisoner serving a 40-month sentence on a drug charge.

Mrs. Vaulner, the mother of two other children in Newark, Ark., is in a federal program called Mothers, Infants Together, or MINT, which allows her to stay with the twins until they are 3 months old. After that she hopes to be transferred to a halfway house near her home. She is eligible for parole July 11.

'Without this program, I really don't know what I would have done," she said.

The program is available only to federal inmates serving time at a Level I - minimum-security facility such as the Federal Correctional Institution in Fort Worth.

'In most instances, the fate of a female prisoner giving birth is that she has three days to place the baby somewhere before being returned to custody," program coordinator Donna Bailey said.

"If she can't, it is usually turned over to the welfare department."

The program began in 1984 and has provided assistance to 31 women and 34 children, Mrs. Vaulner's is the third set of twins.

"As far as I know, this is the only program of this type in existence," Ms. Bailey said. "The main reason we're here is because of the federal correction facility on Horton Road, which is one of the few minimum-security facilities that accommodates female inmates.

Ms. Bailey said there are no plans to expand the program. The Federal Correctional Institution is planning to convert the facility to an all-male Level II institution sometime in the next 18 months. When it does convert, women offenders will be sent to Louisville, Ky., Ms. Bailey said.

We are allowed to take in a prisoner when she is in the eighth month of pregnancy, and she is allowed to stay here with her baby through the child's first three months," Ms. Bailey said.

After that, the child must be placed. If there is a husband, the child can go home, but in 60 percent of the cases, there isn't. In those instances, the child can be placed with relatives or friends.

"The last resort is the welfare department, but I've never had one leave here and go there. We work with a national Seventh-day Adventist prison commission, and we have always found a place for the child.

'These women are all non-violent offenders. The typical crime is something like passing hot checks or credit card abuse, and the normal sentence is two to five years. With time off for good behavior, they usually aren't in prison long.

"Some, in fact, are released to go home after they leave here, and others are reassigned to halfway houses near their homes.

Ms. Bailey screens each candidate and has the authority to reject anyone. She said her biggest problem, however, "is getting the word out to judges about the program.'

"The only way they can come here is to be sent here by a judge," she said. "I've got six beds, but I've never had them all filled at one time.

"Even at the federal level, it's largely unknown. Oftentimes, when federal judges sentencing pregnant prisoners are informed of this program, they are astonished. They've simply sever heard of it.' The program is only one of a few in existence.

'The state of California has a great program in which they spend as long as a year or two with the child after it is born," Ms. Bailey said. "There's another program in Bedford Hills, New York.

"Other than that, nothing. Most states don't have anything like this. the Texas Department of Corrections has discussed it, but so far nothing has been resolved.

"The whole thing - dealing with female inmates will have to be addressed soon. But so far, this program is the best we have.

MINT comes under the authority of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. It rents space at the Avenue J facility from Volunteers of America, which uses the bulk of the facility as housing for mentally retarded inmates.

The bureau pays \$59 a day per inmate and pays all charges and hospital costs through the child's first three days of life. The child then becomes the responsibility of the mother.

'The first three months of a child's life are extrememly important as a bonding time," Ms. Bailey said.

"There are indications that it can also have a strong effect on the mother. It forces them to look at the baby. It has brought out feelings in some women that they never experienced before.

Mrs. Vaulner, who discovered she was pregnant the week she arrived at the Federal Correctional Institution, said the program has done a lot to ease her sense of shock.

Acrobatics, old aircraft keep woman pilot busy

MIAMI (AP) — It began in high school when a blind date took her for an airplane ride. Now, 16 years later, Linda Meyers is not only one of the best acrobatic pilots in the world, but she's also managing director of a unique aviation museum here.

'When the plane took off, I knew I was going to be a pilot," recalled Miss Meyers of her first flight from a Michigan City, Ind.,

airport when she was 17. Since then, she has amassed 2,500 hours in the air, including 1,000 hours of acrobatic time, and earned instrument, commercial, multi-engine and seaplane rat-

Not only does Miss Meyers pilot her specially built 200horsepower single-seat acrobatic plane, but she also has time in such military aircraft as the P-51 and P-40 fighters, A-26, B-23, four-engine B-17 bomber and a 1929 B-100 biplane, one of the oldest Navy fighters.

These and many other antique aircraft are part of the Weeks Air Museum at Tamiami Airport where she's employed.

"I love to fly all kinds of aircraft," she said, climbing into a huge 1941 Stinson L-1. "It's a challenge and I'm in control."

Learning to fly was financially difficult for Miss Meyers after she left her New Carlisle, Ind. home and attended Indiana University for two years and spent three years at Purdue.

"I worked several jobs pay for college and, in between, saved money for flying lessons, she recalled.

While in college, she joined a sports parachuting club and made 14 jumps

In 1976, she received her private pilot's license and met Kermit Weeks, who was studying aviation engineering at Purdue Weeks was already an acrobatic pilot.

Soon after, Weeks left school and returned to Miami. A year later when Miss Meyers was graduated with a degree in interior design, she joined him in

South Florida. "Flying was important to me. I wanted, at the time, to be an airline pilot, but I got more and more into acrobatics.

Her early skills in that specialized type of flying came from Weeks and Bill Thomas, who operates a flight school at Tamiami.

Her first acrobatic competition was in 1979 at Sherman, Texas, and, two years later, she qualified for the U.S. team.

In her first world competition in 1982 in Spitzerberg, Austria, Miss Meyers won a silver medal in one of the women's division categories. Two years later in Bekescsaba, Hungary, she took a gold medal and, in 1986, placed first at the world trials in South Cerney, England — both times taking category victories.

The world acrobatics championships are held every two years and the overall title has eluded her thus far.

"I hope to God I win the overall championship in Calgary, Canada, next year," she said.

Two or three times a week, she practices aerial maneuvers - inverted spins, outside snap rolls and others - to improve her efficiency over a prescribed course.

"About 20 minutes of intense acrobatics is all you can take," Miss Meyers explained. "It's physically and mentally tiring."

When not behind the controls of an aircraft, Miss Meyers is busy at the museum, which Weeks began putting together in 1981 and opened to the public in 1986.

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