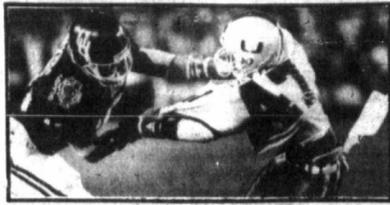


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U.S., Canada sign new free trade agreement



Reagan

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — President Reagan Saturday praised the new free trade agreement with Canada as "a truly historic pact" that will create more jobs and lower prices for consumers in both countries.

The president signed the agreement, unveiled Dec. 11 after months of negotiations, as he wound up an eight-day California vacation. Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney signed the pact separately in Canada.

In his weekly radio address, taped in advance, Reagan called the pact "a win-win situation for both countries."

"Even more importantly, the agreement is an example of the market opening steps the entire world should be pursuing," he said.

He said the United States would begin pushing for such measures in forthcoming international trade talks in Uruguay.

Reagan also criticized trade legislation pending in Congress, saying, "Protectionist measures — some of which are in the trade bills passed by the

House and Senate — are backward looking, not forward looking."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan would make a telephone call to the Canadian prime minister. There had been discussions of a signing ceremony involving both leaders at the U.S.-Canadian border, but Mulroney, under political attack at home for his advocacy of the agreement, was cool to the idea. Separate signings were agreed to instead.

The pact also could be an election-year issue in the U.S. Congress, where it will be submitted in a form requiring approval of both the House and the Senate.

The agreement would take effect Jan. 1, 1989, and would gradually eliminate all tariffs between the two countries. Canada and the United States have the largest two-way trade of any two nations in the world, amounting to more than \$150 billion in 1986.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, chairman of the



Mulroney

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Boulter's decision brings out candidates as deadline nears

By PAUL PINKHAM
Senior Staff Writer

Congressman Beau Boulter's impending entry into the U.S. Senate race opened a floodgate of candidates for his job on the eve of Monday's 6 p.m. filing deadline, but only two had filed for election by Saturday.

Meanwhile, Gray County Democrats will have a choice of candidates for tax assessor-collector and at least one county commissioner seat in the March 8 primary.

The local filing deadline also is 6 p.m. Monday.

Boulter, R-Amarillo, is scheduled to announce Monday morning in Houston that he will give up his House seat to run for the Senate. He will face former U.S. Rep. Milton Fox of Austin and Georgetown businessman Ned Snead in the Republican primary.

The winner probably will face incumbent Lloyd Bentsen, who so far is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

State party spokesmen said Saturday that former U.S. Rep. Bob Price, R-Pampa, and Democrat Ed Lehman, a Vernon rancher, have filed for the post. Lehman announced his intentions before rumors about Boulter's Senate bid began circulating.

At least five other Republicans and one Democrat have either announced plans to run or are still pondering the race, including two-term state Sen. Bill Sarpalius, D-Canyon.

For the Republicans, the possible candidates include Amarillo attorney Jim Brandon, Wichita

Falls City Councilman Ron Bufum, Amarillo evangelist Alan Pickering, Amarillo businessman Larry Milner and state Rep. Chip Staniswalis, also of Amarillo.

Three other Republicans had considered running, but changed their minds: Mack Thornberry of Clarendon, an aide to U.S. Rep. Larry Combest of Lubbock, and state Reps. John Smithee of Amarillo and Dick Waterfield of Canadian.

With Sarpalius out of the running for state senate, two Democrats, and possibly a third, are in the running for his job.

Nancy Garms of Amarillo and Bryan Poff of Canyon both have filed for the post, while Mel Phillips, also of Canyon, is considering the race, according to party spokesman Jim Boynton of Austin.

Amarillo cattleman Teel Bivins is the only Republican candidate so far, said GOP spokeswoman Beth Barnes, also of Austin.

Republican voters may have a choice in the race for 84th District state representative where Foster Whaley, D-Pampa, is stepping down. Ralls rancher Gary Ivey has already filed for the post, and former state Rep. Tom Christian of Claude is considering a bid to return to Austin.

Pampa Chamber of Commerce President Warren Chisum is the only Democrat currently in the race.

Other state races up for grabs include:

88th District state representative, where incumbent Water-

field is so far unopposed in his bid for a second term;

state school board, where Republican Monte Hassie of Lubbock and incumbent Democrat Paul Dunn of Levelland are in the race; and

various positions on the state Court of Appeals, Supreme Court and Railroad Commission.

Locally, former Gray County Chief Appraiser Charles Buzzard will take on incumbent Margie Gray in the Democratic primary for tax assessor-collector. The winner apparently will face Deputy County Treasurer Jan Lyle, a Republican, who hasn't filed but said she plans to.

Democrats in Precinct 1 also will decide what's shaping up as a three-man race for county commissioner in the March 8 primary. Dick L. Hale, 1128 Willow Road, and Rex H. McAnelly, 101 W. 19th Ave. have filed for the post, while Herman Law, Star Route 2, Pampa, has indicated he plans to join the race.

If a runoff election is needed, it will be April 12.

Joe Wheelley, 2100 N. Faulkner St., was the only Republican filing for the Precinct 1 post by Saturday evening.

Precinct 1 Commissioner O.L. Presley of Lefors is stepping down. The precinct includes northeast Gray County, including the communities of Lefors and Laketon, and the northwest corner of Pampa.

A possible race is shaping up for Democrats in Precinct 3 as well, where O.H. Price, 1024 S. Banks St., and Sam Condo, 420 N.

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Hazmat team seeks leak that wasn't

Police and fire crews sealed off portions of Banks and Ripley streets Saturday after a Santa Fe Railway car was reported leaking a hazardous fluid, but later determined the "leak" was only dripping condensation.

Pampa-Gray County Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Vaughn said a Santa Fe employee contacted city officials shortly before 2 p.m., saying he had noticed the tanker car was leaking along the tracks near Banks and Ripley.

The tanker car was loaded with Mercaptan, a Phillips Petroleum

product, and had been transported to Pampa either Friday night or Saturday morning from Borger, Vaughn said.

Vaughn said the city's hazardous material team inspected the car visually and with instrumentation, but found no leak. A Santa Fe representative was called from Amarillo to help with the inspection.

Officials later determined that the heated atmosphere inside the car and the cold air outside combined to form condensation, which made the car appear to be leaking.

Although one unidentified per-

son said he detected an odor near the car, Vaughn said the hazmat team smelled nothing.

"It wasn't an official odor," Vaughn said.

Pampa police halted traffic at the Banks and Wilks and at Faulkner and Ripley, but residents in the area weren't evacuated.

Officers seemed reluctant to let citizens know anything about the situation. One officer rolled up his car window when reporters and other residents neared his car, preventing them from hearing any radio traffic.

New Year's baby



(Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Bob and Polly Dougless and son Joshua, 6, present the newest member of their family, Dylan, in a room at Coronado Hospital. New Year's Day baby Dylan was born Jan. 1, 1988

at 10:50 a.m., weighing in at 6 pounds 14 ounces. The family lives at 2229 N. Wells in Pampa.

Honolulu flood damages estimated at \$29 million

HONOLULU (AP) — Flooding caused by up to 20 inches of rain abated Saturday on the eastern side of the island of Oahu, and most of the 2,800 evacuees returned home to clean up at least \$29 million in damage.

The New Year's Eve flash floods left 72 people homeless as damage estimates neared \$29 million.

"We worked so hard for this, and now it's all gone," said Pat von Arnswaldt, standing in six inches of mud in her living room in the home she and her husband, Bill, bought three years ago.

"Two weeks ago our brand new furniture was

delivered. Two weeks ago. And now it's gone," Mrs. von Arnswaldt said.

The von Arnswaldts' home in the Hahaione Valley is on Kahena Street, which was transformed into a raging creek when water overflowed a canal clogged with trees and boulders and carved a channel up to 20 feet deep in places.

The water left a mixture of mud, paving slabs and boulders piled in yards, along with dozens of dented cars that were bounced along the street like toys.

The floods from Niu Valley to Kailua were caused by a sudden storm that stalled along the

Koolau Mountain on Hawaii's most populous island and dumped up to 20 inches of rain in some areas in 24 hours, authorities said.

Some people had to be rescued by boat and firefighters and police had to help some residents wade through rushing water, but no injuries were reported.

Most of the 2,800 evacuees went to stay with friends or relatives in other parts of Oahu, which had only light but steady rain during the downpour in the east. By Saturday morning, only a handful of people remained at the several evacuation centers set up at schools in the area.

In Niu Valley, an area where homes are in the \$250,000 range and up, Waldon Chung told of his losses.

"Our house was full of antiques my wife and I spent 10 years collecting in Europe," Chung said. "But no one was hurt. That's the main thing."

Oahu Civil Defense officials estimated damage at \$29 million, stressing that the estimate was very preliminary and likely to rise. Most of the damage was done to homes, and homeowners insurance generally does not cover flood damage, said insur-

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

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

Obituaries

JEWEL SMITH POOL

SHAMROCK — Services for Jewel Smith Pool, 73, are scheduled for 2 p.m. today at 11th Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Heady, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pool died Thursday.

She was born at Comanche and moved to Shamrock in 1984 after living in Amarillo for two years. She was a Baptist. She was preceded in death by two daughters.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph O. Pool; three sons, Jackie and Kenneth, both of Shamrock, and Robert of Hobbs, N.M.; three sisters, Helen Cargile of Shamrock, Lorene Nipper of Missouri and Pearl Tubbs of Amarillo; 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

E.W. "POP" POOLE

SHAMROCK — Services for E.W. "Pop" Poole, 80, were at 2 p.m. Saturday at Church of Christ with Wayford Smith, minister, officiating. Burial was in Shamrock Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.

Mr. Poole died Thursday.

Survivors include his wife, Mamie Poole of Groom; a stepdaughter, Juanita Brown of Groom; and several nieces and nephews.

ROSS E. NEUGIN

Services for Ross E. Neugin, 80, were at 4 p.m. Saturday at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Max Browning, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Neugin died Thursday at Hansford Hospital in Spearman.

He was born at Eldon, Okla., and had lived in Pampa for 20 years. He worked for Getty Oil Co. for 20 years and was a member of International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #934, First United Methodist Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #657 and Golden K Kiwanis.

He married Louise Mae Goatley in 1947 at Spearman. She died in 1982. His brother, Pleasa Stinnett, died last month.

Survivors include two sisters, Dovie Ritchey of Tahlequah, Okla., and Vandella GoForth of California.

MURL LEE (DONGIE) BLAIN

MUSKOGEE, Okla. — Murl Lee (Dongie) Blain, 82, of Wagoner, Okla., recently of Pampa, died Saturday at Broken Arrow, Okla.

Burial will be in Muskogee.

Mrs. Blain was born Dec. 30, 1906 in the Shawnee, Okla., area. She was preceded in death by her husband, A.H. (Pete) Blain, in 1962.

Survivors include a son, Richard Blain, Miami; two daughters, Mary Howard, Pampa, and DeAnn Hill, Wagoner, Okla.; a brother, Don Dawkins, Kalotus, Wash.; a sister, Elma Douglass, San Antonio; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Calendar of events

TOP O' TEXAS KENNEL CLUB

Top O' Texas Kennel Club will meet Jan. 11 in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building. A business meeting will begin at 7 p.m., followed by the club meeting at 8 p.m.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following traffic accident for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Jan. 1

A 1981 Chevrolet driven by James L. Wariner, Lefors, and a vehicle driven by Mark William Rodgers, 936 Campbell, collided in the 100 block of North Cuyler. No injuries were reported. Wariner was cited for following too closely.

Fire report

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following run for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY, Jan. 2

2 p.m. — Banks and Ripley, report of leaking Santa Fe tanker car. Later determined suspected leak was caused by condensation.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions		Pampa
Vernon E. Camp, Pampa	Deborah D. Chandler, Pampa	Bernardo Casanova Jr., Pampa
Lisa Johnson, Pampa	Harrell Dorsey Jordan, Pampa	Betty C. Dunbar, Pampa
Jacquelin C. Smith, Skellytown		Nelda Gordzelik, White Deer
Births		Pampa
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dougless, Pampa, a boy		Patricia Roland, Pampa
Dismissals		SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Beatrice F. Beck, White Deer	Ira Edward Bettis, Skellytown	Melissa A. Wilson and infant, Pampa
Not available.		

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 32-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY, Jan. 1

Driving with license suspended was alleged in the 200 block of East Browning.

A 12-year-old boy reported theft in the 700 block of East Francis.

SATURDAY, Jan. 2

Sheryl Lester, 2609 Cherokee, reported theft from a motor vehicle at the address.

Shoplifting was reported at Taylor Food Mart, 400 N. Ballard.

Arrests - City Jail

FRIDAY, Jan. 1

Eric W. Pool, 26, Hobbs, N.M., was arrested at Hobart and Crawford on a charge of public intoxication and later released upon payment of a fine.

Brian Keith Pool, 23, Hobbs, N.M., was arrested at Hobart and Crawford on a charge of public intoxication and later released upon payment of a fine.

SATURDAY, Jan. 2

Louis Hernandez, 39, Lefors, was arrested in the 400 block of South Cuyler on charges of driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain a single lane, and later released on bond.

Court report

GRAY COUNTY COURT

Warrants were issued for Priscilla Gates Williams, Sherry Ellen Caughey, Juan Antonio Garcia, Donald Woodrow Hanson, Jimmy Don Corley, Jose Solis Guerra and Bobby M. Murphy, charged with violating the terms of probation.

Kevin Burton was fined \$150 and placed on probation six months for theft between \$20 and \$200.

Milton Cooper and Kenneth Lee Collins, also known as Kenneth Lee Kalenze, were each fined \$300 and placed on probation two years for driving while intoxicated.

Three driving while intoxicated charges against Justin Avery Helton were dismissed after they were taken into consideration in 223rd District Court, where Helton pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

Jerome F. Jarsak was fined \$100 for operating an unregistered motor vehicle (appeal); charges of speeding, following too closely and two charges of failure to appear (all appeals) were dismissed after being taken into consideration.

Marriage Licenses

Floyd Thomas Clark and Lorta Jean Turner

Kenneth Eugene Fisher and Tina Lynn Floyd

William Lance Ripple and Karen Lee Liven-good

Alan Kent Varner and Barbara Ann Van Houten

Carry Lee Lowe and Jean Danett Fletcher

Kenneth James Maples and Leah DeAnn Gilbert

Russell Glenn Rabel and Brandi Gaye Beck

Donal Eugene McKinney and Lorien Gay Taylor

DISTRICT COURT

Divorces
Rickey Roy Thompson and Donna Gail Thompson

George Lee Dennis and Vonda Jean Dennis

Wesley Richard Daie Ford and Deborah Sue Ford

Candidates

Gray St., could vie for the chance to face first-term Republican Gerald Wright, 501 N. Nelson St. Condo has filed, while Price has indicated plans to run by designating a campaign treasurer.

Other local races include:
31st district attorney, where current assistant prosecutor Harold Comer of Pampa currently is unopposed as a Democrat. His boss, Guy Hardin of Sham-

rock, has said this term is his last, and indicated he may not even complete the term.

county attorney, where incumbent Bob McPherson, a Democrat, also is unopposed;
sheriff, another currently unopposed post sought by 36-year incumbent Democrat Rufe Jordan;

constables in Precincts 1 through 4. The Precinct 1 job is being sought by incumbent Democrat Jerry Williams of Lefors and Republican Jerry Hol-

land of Pampa. Incumbents Herman Kieth of Pampa (Precinct 2), Buddy Roland of Lake McClellan (Precinct 3) and Jimmy Joe McDonald of McLean (Precinct 4), all Democrats, are each unopposed so far.

State and district attorney candidates file with their respective parties in Austin, while county candidates file with either Susan Triplehorn (Republican) or John Warner (Democrat) in Pampa.

Trade

Senate Finance Committee, and Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, have urged the administration to delay submitting the legislation until June.

Congress would then have 90 working days in which to act. With many recesses expected, this could push a final vote back until after the 1988 presidential and congressional elections.

The agreement was one of the last official matters on the president's agenda as he neared the end of an eight-day California vacation. He and first lady Nancy Reagan are staying at the estate of publisher Walter H. Annenberg in Rancho Mirage, next door to Palm Springs.

Saturday night, the president and Mrs. Reagan participated in the opening of the Bob Hope Cultural Center, a privately funded \$20 million complex in nearby Palm Desert which includes the 1,100-seat McCallum Theater for the Performing Arts.

The inaugural event included taping of a television special in honor of Hope, the veteran come-

dian who makes his home in Palm Springs. The program will be broadcast on NBC two weeks from Saturday.

At the conclusion of the event, the president presented Hope with the first "America's Hope Award." The award is to be given annually for contributions to the advancement of the arts.

On Sunday, the Reagans will fly back to Washington, where the president will plunge into meetings in preparation for his annual State of the Union message to Congress, expected Jan. 25, and his budget proposal, to be submitted in late January or February.

New Year's Day was marked by broadcasts of taped television messages from Reagan to the Soviet people and from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to an American audience. Both leaders pledged to seek agreement this year on a treaty reducing their arsenals of intercontinental nuclear missiles.

In December, Reagan and Gorbachev signed a treaty in Washington reducing shorter-range missiles. They are to meet again in Moscow during the first half of 1988.

The panel consisted of out-

Texas has supercollider edge

AUSTIN (AP) — A panel of national scientists has reportedly told Congress that the proposed Texas "supercollider" site has the edge over seven other competing states in construction and operating costs.

The proposed Dallas-Fort Worth site near Waxahachie got high marks from the blue-ribbon panel of 21 members of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering in a 61-page report delivered to congressmen last week, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported Saturday.

The report also said the geology at the Texas site "is quite favorable for SSC construction."

When compared with the panel's assessments of the other finalists for the \$4.4 billion federal research project, the Texas entry appears to match or exceed competitors in most categories,

standing physicists and other technical experts from across the nation. Each panelist had to wade through about 750 pounds of material sent from 25 states before choosing the eight finalists for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Energy Secretary John Herington is to announce the preliminary winning site in July. Extensive environmental impact studies are to be made before the president announces the final site a year from now.

Panel members made no on-site inspections but used outside research material, according to a report made available to the *American-Statesman* by Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas.

Backers have said the supercollider, an atom-smasher, will have a \$20 billion economic impact over the next two decades.

The panel consisted of out-

Writer ends long journey across state

DALLAS (AP) — Dick Reavis traveled to London, Paris, Moscow, Athens, China, Egypt, Mercury, Saturn and even Paradise last year — without ever leaving the state of Texas.

Reavis, a senior editor at *Texas Monthly* magazine, logged more than 100,000 miles on his National Tour of Texas during 1987, traveling every highway in the state, he said, and writing stories about the towns and people he saw.

His trek ended where it began

at the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

Texas are a hearty breed, Reavis said he learned in his year on the road.

"They're independent and stubborn," he said. "In Texas, you have to be that way. This was the frontier, and life has been tough."

But they're also friendly, the 41-year-old Dumas native said. "The two-finger salute is still customary in lots of rural

Texas," he said, flashing a victory sign.

Reavis estimated that he drove on 4,100 roads — picking up only two speeding tickets. He visited 1,200 towns, some with names like Tokio, Los Angeles and New York and others not so worldly — Pancake, Flat and Tarzan.

The state's economic problems weren't as bad as he expected, Reavis said.

"Nobody's talking about going to California," he said.

City Briefs

MR. & Mrs. Dee Joiner of Pampa announce the arrival of Stephanie Danielle and Zachary Dustin, born December 28 at Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Joiner; Mr. and Mrs. John Chaney.

MEALS on WHEELS
669-1007, P.O. Box 939 Adv.

SHOP SANDS Fabrics and Needlecraft for After Christmas Fabric Sale. 225 N. Cuyler. Adv.

BASKETS OF Blessings, 302 W. Foster. Moving Sale. Entire Stock 25% Off. Adv.

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

LEFT ANYTHING behind? How about a memorial gift to Lovett Library. Adv.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Reba, we're the same age now! M and M. Adv.

START THE New Year right with Shaklee Diet program and food supplements. Donna Turner 665-6065. Adv.

Weather focus

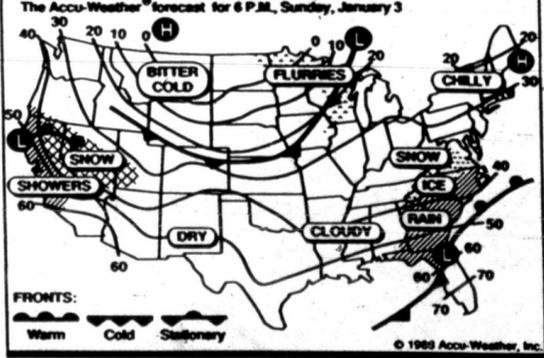
LOCAL FORECAST
Partly cloudy today and warmer with a high of 46 and westerly winds 10 to 15 mph. Low in upper 20s. Friday's high was 31; overnight low was 18.

REGIONAL FORECAST
West Texas — Partly cloudy and warmer Sunday; continued partly cloudy Sunday night and Monday. Turning cooler Monday. Highs Sunday 40 mountains to 42 panhandle to 55 far west. Lows Sunday night 14 Panhandle to 36 Big Bend. Highs Monday 30 Panhandle to near 60 Big Bend.

North Texas — Cloudy to partly cloudy Sunday. Fair to partly cloudy Sunday night and Monday with a chance of rain southeast Sunday night. Highs Sunday 45 to 48. Lows Sunday night 24 to 32. Highs Monday upper 30s northwest to upper 40s southeast.

South Texas — Mostly cloudy through Monday. A chance of rain south through Monday. A slight chance of rain north and east Sunday night and east on Monday. A brief warming trend Sunday and Sunday night before turning colder again north on Monday. Highs Sunday 50s north and 60s south. Lows Sunday night 40s north to 50s south. Highs Monday 40s north to 70s extreme south.

EXTENDED FORECAST
Monday through Wednesday
West Texas — Fair far West throughout the period. Mostly



cloudy east of mountains Monday and Tuesday, partly cloudy Wednesday. Colder east of mountains Tuesday and Wednesday. Panhandle, highs low 40s Monday and mid 30s Tuesday and Wednesday. Lows in the teens. South Plains, highs upper 40s Monday and near 40 Tuesday and Wednesday. Lows near 20 to mid teens. Permian Basin and Concho Valley, highs mid 50s Monday cooling to mid 40s by Wednesday. Lows mid 20s to upper teens.

North Texas — No precipitation through the period. Fair and warmer Monday, mostly cloudy and colder Tuesday. Partly cloudy but quite cold Wednesday. Low temperatures in the 30s Monday falling into the teens by Wednesday. Highs in the 50s Monday cooling into the 30s Wednesday.

South Texas — Mostly

cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Turning colder north with a chance of rain Tuesday. Partly cloudy and colder all sections Wednesday. Highs from 50s north to 60s south Monday and Tuesday, and from 40s north to 50s south Wednesday. Lows 30s north to 40s south Monday and Tuesday, and from 20s to near 30 north and mid 30s to low 40s south Wednesday.

BORDER STATES
Oklahoma — Fair and warmer Sunday. Highs 30s and 40s, lows low 20s Panhandle to low 30s southeast.

New Mexico — Partly cloudy and breezy east and south Sunday, increasing cloudiness northwest with a chance of snow showers. Warmer Sunday, highs 30s and lower 40s mountains and northwest to between 40 and 55 eastern and southern lowlands.

Flood

ance industry spokesman Robert Grantham.

"Very clearly, this is a disaster and after I receive a full inventory (of damage) from the city, I will declare it so," said Gov. John Waihee, who toured the flood area Friday.

A disaster declaration would free state funds and make available low-interest loans for repairs. It also is a step toward seeking a federal disaster declaration.

Most of the damage, \$20.2 million worth, was to homes, while damage to cars was estimated at \$5 million, said Paul Takamiya, a spokesman for the Oahu Civil Defense Agency. About \$2.6 million damage was done to roads, he said.

The flooding left 72 people homeless and forced the evacuation of 2,800, Takamiya said, but only 35 people remained at the five evacuation shelters still in operation Friday night.

"Our house is flooded now and totally destroyed," said Margaret Fisher of Hawaii Kai, one of 875 Oahu evacuees. "I had a New Year's party and everybody left," she said Friday at a shelter in a high school cafeteria.

Rescuers used boats to remove some trapped residents, including a woman in labor, Kailua police said.

Up to 12 inches of rain falling on Oahu island's Koolau Mountains caused the flash flooding, according to the National Weather Service, which posted a high wind warning Friday for all the islands and a high surf advisory for all north and east shores.

"It's been raining here almost constantly for the last two weeks, and of course our ground is totally saturated, and ... the soil just couldn't hold any more and the water started to run down the valleys and streets and highways, causing all kinds of flooding," Takamiya said.

The sudden nature of the heavy rains New Year's Eve increased the damages, flood victims said.

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"Before I knew it, the water was in the house," said Stanword Chun of Niu Valley. "No warning or nothing. So the first thing I did was try to get hold of some papers I needed. And by then, in two or three minutes, my furniture was floating all over the house."

"By 11:45 (p.m., Thursday) the whole house was flooded," said Chun's neighbor, Jason Kimura, who estimated water rose to about 3 feet in his bedroom. "And we were trying to block off the water at first, and it was just useless."

"We put things (valuables) on tables that weren't moving or weren't floating away," Kimura said. "We were able to save most things that were valuable."

Motorists were turned back along Pali Highway, which runs through the mountains between Honolulu and the other side of the island, after a waterfall formed above one side of a tunnel.

Roads in other areas were blocked by flooding or boulders washed down from the mountains. Honolulu police said a 2-foot wall of mud, rocks and debris under two feet of water overran the Kalaniana'ole Highway, the main route around the eastern end of Oahu. Roads remained muddy but were mostly passable today.

The heaviest downpour was recorded at Waimanalo, where 10.5 inches of rain fell during a 12-hour period that ended at 1 a.m. Friday, said Ed Manning, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Honolulu.

Manning said forecasters were surprised when winds failed to move a heavy storm cloud that developed over the southeastern portion of Oahu.

"It's anybody's guess what held it there," Manning said.

Oahu's last heavy rainfall occurred Dec. 11-12, when nearly 8 inches of rain fell during a 24-hour period at Honolulu International Airport. Until then, only a little more than 6 inches of rain had dropped at the airport for all of 1987.

Texas/Regional

Holiday fatalities exceed estimates

By The Associated Press

The prediction of 35 Texas highway traffic deaths over the long New Year's weekend was likely to be surpassed because of a larger-than-expected carnage on New Year's Eve, a spokesman with the Texas Department of Public Safety said Saturday.

Two people died in a head-on accident on Interstate 10 near Sealy early Saturday, and a pedestrian fatality on New Year's day was reported, raising the count to 32.

During an eight-hour period on New Year's Eve and the early hours of New Year's Day, DPS spokesman David Wells said, "there were 18 fatalities, and that was more than we expected."

Drunken driving seemed to be more of a problem on New Year's Eve than on New Year's Day itself, Wells said, but it was expected to be a factor again on Saturday night.

"It's looking like we're going to exceed our estimate unless we have an extremely quiet period in the time left through Sunday midnight," Wells said.

The state's holiday death count began at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The DPS said two cars collided at 3 a.m. Saturday on Interstate 10, about one-half mile east of Sealy, killing both drivers.

A car driven by Sheila Manley Wilson, 41, of Brenham was headed west in the east-bound lane, Wells said, and collided head-on with an east-bound vehicle driven by Kevin Charles Grafton, 17, of San Antonio.

Both were pronounced dead at the scene, he said. A passenger in Grafton's car, Russell A. Grafton, 23, of Houston was reported in critical condition Saturday at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Wells said it was not known why Ms. Wilson was driving the wrong way on the interstate.

Fred W. Elders, 32, of Fort Worth was killed at 1:40 a.m. Friday when he and his wife were struck by a pickup truck on Azle Avenue in Fort Worth. His wife was taken to a hospital, where she was reported in critical condition.

A 4-year-old girl was killed Thursday night in the Fort Worth suburb of North Richland Hills as her mother carried her and walked behind a car that had been left parked with the motor running. A 6-year-old child inside the car knocked the car into reverse, sending the vehicle into the pair.

The child was identified as Ashley Standridge of Watauga, another suburb. Her mother was reported in critical condition.

Billy Paul Lyon, 57, of Axtell was killed at 2:05 Friday morning when his car was involved in a two-car broadside collision in Waco.

Dimas Juarez Gomez, 21, of Midland died when his pickup truck veered off Farm-to-Market Road 1053 21 miles north of Fort Stockton and overturned at 3 a.m. Friday. He wore no seatbelt.

Mary Evelyn Edson, 64, of Othello, Wash., was killed when her motor home ran off Interstate 10 about two miles north of Balmerhead and overturned at 3:15 p.m. Friday.

James E. Pike, 17, of Richland Hills was a passenger in a vehicle that was hit head-on at 10:58 p.m. Thursday in North Richland Hills. Denise M. Davis, 19, of Fort Worth, was also riding in that vehicle, and like Pike, died.

The vehicle's driver was in critical condition Friday night.

Where's the wall?



Gray County District Clerk Vickie Walls checks out the expansion of her office in the courthouse. The office is being enlarged to

make room for additional court files. The project is expected to be completed today.

(Staff photo by Duane A. Laverty)

'MTV Town' still only ranchland

SHAMROCK (AP) — A year later, the only heavy metal to make its way to the site of the once-envisioned "MTV Town" carries the name John Deere.

An Alabama woman who wasn't even an MTV viewer when she won the rock music video channel's MTV Town contest, took the money but didn't run to the Texas Panhandle.

But the mayor of Shamrock says the contest brought national attention to his community.

Last year, MTV selected 100 acres of ranchland 18 miles northwest of Shamrock to be

given away as the MTV Town in a promotion to ring in 1987 jointly sponsored by Nabisco. Besides the land near here, the winner also was to get \$100,000 in cash, a house full of stereo equipment, 1,000 compact discs, a Jeep, a satellite dish and a supply of candy and gum.

The winner, Loretta Lowery, 34, decided against founding a new community in the Texas Panhandle.

"We turned the prizes in for the cash value," Mrs. Lowery told the *Amarillo Globe-News*. "We haven't heard from them since

we received the money."

Mrs. Lowery, who lives in Jackson, Ala., with her husband, Marshall, and two children, said Friday that she never visited the property but did view a videotape of the site sent to her by a television station.

Two-term Shamrock Mayor Doug Rives said nothing has been done to the land pegged as the MTV town site.

"It's still ranchland," Rives said.

MTV had an option on the land but allowed it to revert to the owner, he said.

Defector dies Friday after cancer battle

AUSTIN (AP) — A Romanian seaman who defected in 1985 and spent two years trying to wrest his family from behind the Iron Curtain has died of lung cancer, leaving his wife and daughter with an uncertain future.

Paul Firica, 46, died Friday after a three-month battle against lung cancer, family spokesman Ken Kissman said.

"In the past few weeks, he just went down steadily and at a very rapid rate," Kissman said. "At least he was not in a great deal of pain, and we're thankful for that."

In late 1985, Firica walked off a Romanian freighter docked in Houston and was granted asylum. He was adopted by an Austin church that helped bring his wife, Ioana, and daughter, Violeta, to the United States in August after two years of negotiations.

"They don't know what the future holds for them at this point," Kissman said. "Paul was their link to America. They came here for a new start, and without Paul, their future is uncertain."

Mrs. Firica doesn't speak English, and her daughter speaks only a little of the language, he said. Both have obtained Social Security cards and plan to go to work here.

They have discussed going back to Romania, Kissman said, "but the future doesn't look bright for them there. They don't know what to do. One minute they say 'Let's go back,' and then they'll say, 'We can't go back.'"

Firica had lived relatively well in Romania with a nice home, a television, stereo and car, but after the defection, the Romanian government confiscated everything, Kissman said.

Missouri police holding Texan on \$1 million bond

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — A construction worker from Alvarado, Texas — accused of firing shots in mid-December at police in Cleburne, Texas — remained jailed Saturday in lieu of \$1 million bond following his New Year's Day arrest at the apartment home of his father, authorities said.

Texas authorities issued a warrant charging Reginald E. Miller, 23, of Alvarado with attempted capital murder, police said. A nine-member tactical unit surrounded the apartment of his 55-year-old father, Gerald W. Miller, after a car matching the description of one stolen in Texas was recognized.

Associate Judge Lucy Rauch issued a fugitive's warrant for Miller, who was being held pending arrival of Texas authorities to begin extradition proceedings.

Police said he surrendered about 1 a.m. Friday after trying to knock a hole through a bedroom ceiling at his father's apartment in order to escape. His father was charged with hindering prosecution and remained jailed in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Police in Cleburne, which is about 40 miles south of Fort Worth, said Miller is wanted in connection with a high-speed chase.

Mother, son meet after 34 years apart

ABILENE (AP) — An Abilene woman has been reunited with a son she hadn't seen for a lifetime.

"I never believed it would ever happen," said Kavanell McKee, tears of joy welling in her eyes. "There has to be a reason for it."

Her five daughters were with Mrs. McKee as she met a plane carrying Ron LeCroix at Abilene Memorial Airport late last week, nervously waiting for the older brother they never had met.

"You're beautiful," Mrs. McKee said as she hugged her long lost son.

The sisters gathered around, and each in turn embraced their brother. LeCroix, too, shed a silent tear.

Thirty-four years ago, Mrs. McKee was 17 years old and unmarried when LeCroix was born. Her father had recently died, and she accepted the advice of her Church of Christ minister and gave the infant up for adoption.

Mother saw son only once before Thurs-

day. When he was a few hours old, a nurse — unaware that the teen-ager was giving up the baby — brought the infant to her hospital room and let her hold him.

LeCroix was adopted by another Church of Christ minister. His mother never knew his whereabouts, although at times, he was close.

"At one time he lived and went to school in Abilene, but I didn't know where he was," Mrs. McKee said.

Later, she married and had another son and five daughters. But she said her first son was never far from her mind. "There wasn't a day went by that I didn't think about him," Mrs. McKee said.

His siblings wondered, too. "They've always known about him," she said. "I never kept him from them."

But several weeks ago, one of McKee's daughters, Karen Marquez, decided to find her half-brother. "It's something I had to do," Ms. Marquez said. "I could die tomor-

row, and I wanted to know him.

"I just thought, 'if he doesn't want to know us, it's his decision.' If he said no, I was going to leave it — that's it."

She located the minister who had placed LeCroix with the adoptive family and asked for help finding him. After the preacher contacted LeCroix and obtained his permission, Ms. Marquez wrote him a letter.

"I was stunned for three days," LeCroix said.

LeCroix always had wondered about his natural mother and family, he said. When he was 18, his adoptive parents had given their blessing to any attempt LeCroix might make to find his mother, he said.

"But I never did it," he said. "I didn't want to hurt my parents and I didn't want to disrupt anybody else's life. I didn't know if they had ever told anybody about me.

"I didn't know if they were even alive," he said.

Travel By Bill Hassell



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Truck rig overturns in Beaumont

BEAUMONT (AP) — A tractor-trailer rig loaded with propylene overturned on a city street Friday, prompting authorities to detour traffic and briefly evacuate five families from a small area.

Rescue workers freed the driver from his cab about 8 p.m. after he was trapped inside for nearly a hour. He was taken to Baptist Hospital for evaluation, but was not seriously injured, officials

said. The accident occurred at 6:52 p.m., and involved the tractor-trailer and a car. The car's driver did not seek medical attention, officials said.

No leaks in the propylene tank were reported, but authorities evacuated a two-block area around the overturned truck as a precaution.

Swearing-in



Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire, right, is sworn-in Saturday to her fourth term as mayor of the city of Houston by Municipal

Court Judge Sylvia R. Garcia. Fifteen other Houston city officials were sworn-in at the Saturday morning inaugural ceremonies.

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Louise Fletcher
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Managing Editor

Opinion

Safety Fascists are just chicken

Why did the chicken cross the road? So he could lower the speed limit back to 55 mph.

You can hear the Safety Fascists all clucking now. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that, according to preliminary figures, traffic deaths on rural interstates supposedly rose 50 percent after the speed limit increased from 55 to 65 mph last summer. Rep. James Howard, a New Jersey Democrat and a strong opponent of the higher limit, said this represents "an unacceptable increase in deaths and injuries."

But the numbers aren't so clear. In five of the 22 states surveyed — Montana, Oklahoma, Washington, Colorado, and West Virginia — the fatality rate actually declined.

Moreover, the NHTSA reported that California's rural interstate fatality rate had jumped 47 percent. But last month the California Highway Patrol reported that traffic accidents with injuries had actually decreased on such roads, despite a heavy increase in traffic and an overall increase in accidents.

This is all confusing, but several things are clear through the mist. The first is that the federal government should stop alarming people about the fatality rate. It should wait until it gets firm, reliable statistics before reporting on such a controversial topic.

The increased fatality rate might be due to many things other than the 65 mph limit. More people may be traveling on the newly freed roads. Or maybe drivers need time to learn again how to drive at a decently fast speed; like prisoners just let out of solitary confinement, they're a bit wobbly for now. And what accounts for the lower fatality rate in some states, and the anomalous CHP report?

But even if the higher fatality rate proves valid, so what? That only means that life includes some risks. If the minimization of risk were the major reason for driving, as the Safety Fascists maintain, we might as well reduce the speed limit to 45 or 25 mph. You can hear the federal government slogan now: "Drive 25, save lives!"

There's another point. The federal government rightly has no authority to set state speed limits. The courts, alas, have ruled that because the feds pay for much of the roads' construction and upkeep costs, Congress can ignore the Constitution's federalist provisions and set speed limits.

But the founding fathers would be aghast at such a notion. Perhaps some day the courts may look more favorably on what the founders originally intended. And we can always hope that the highways will be sold to private firms that can set their own limits.

Until then, it'll be a long battle to maintain the 65 limit, let alone increase it to a respectable 94 mph or so. Keep your radar detectors tuned. And remember this slogan: 55's a lotta jive!

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"I put on a little weight over the holidays..."

Blacks shorted in education?

Secretary of Education William Bennett recently said Chicago's public schools were the worst in the nation. According to Bennett, they are a prime example of "educational meltdown."

Bennett was roundly attacked by Chicago's education establishment. The late Mayor Harold Washington also denounced Bennett, blaming the Windy City's school problems on the Reagan administration.

I'll be glad when Reagan leaves office and settles into the easy life at his Santa Barbara ranch 3,000 miles away, so black politicians will have to invent a new scapegoat to blame for black problems. In the process maybe black people will learn they have been super-duped.

Let's look at it. Chicago isn't the nation's only educational wasteland. There's Washington, Philadelphia, Newark, New York, Atlanta, Detroit, East St. Louis, and, unfortunately, too many other cities. Can white people be blamed?

One of the most prominent common features in those cities where education is the worst is that blacks wield the dominant political power. In most of them, the mayor is black; the school system's chief administrative officer is black; the city councils have high black representation; a large percentage of the school principals and teachers are black; and, in some cases, the chief of police is black. On top of this, year after year mega-bucks are dumped into the school systems in the name of education, and the teachers' unions, armed with threats of September back-to-school strikes, cry for more.

The educational results in these cities refute



Walter Williams

two-sacred propositions. To justify racial employment quotas, it was held that black excellence would be achieved if the kids had black role-models as teachers and administrators. According to the role-model theory, Washington D.C., would have to be the site of black academic excellence. So much for the role-model theory.

Then there's the proposition that academic excellence can be attained with more money and more programs. If we look at Chicago's Westside Preparatory, Los Angeles' Marcus Garvey or Philadelphia's Ivy Leaf, all non-public schools, we find they produce academic excellence on less than one-third of the budget of our career-destroying public schools.

Now, mind you, not all public schools produce fraudulent education. But most of those serving predominantly blacks do. And there's enough blame for everyone to have a share: administrators, principals, teachers, parents, and, yes, students. The way out of this mess is simple: Students who are violent, "stoned," or alien to the education process should be kicked out.

Education "experts" might say: "Williams, that's too simplistic; we can't stigmatize the misfits. After all, society's to blame for the way they act." That complicates things. How do you keep a whole barrel of apples from rotting if you have rules requiring that we keep the rotten apples in with the good?

Incompetent teachers should be fired. You say, "Williams, you're late; many cities already have competency testing!" Yes, for example, Atlanta, but it puts teachers who've failed the test back in the classroom as long-term substitutes in order to get around the law. Atlanta's superintendent says he does this to help black teachers. What about the students' needs?

Black parents ought to bring class-action suits against schools that provide fraudulent education. If judges, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), National Education Association (NEA), and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) thwart this effort, black parents ought to show up in the mayor's office every day, making the conduct of other city business impossible. Since schools won't expel unruly kids, black parents ought to show up on the school grounds to make citizen arrests and administer instant justice.

How long will black people buy the "Reagan's-to-blame" bull? When will they recognize that they are being used by black politicians to further the interest of the public-education establishment? For the sake of black children, I hope it's soon; the situation is desperate and getting worse.



Awaiting the Second Coming

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Before visiting this town on the outskirts of the metropolis of Kansas City, all I knew about it was it's give-'em-hell Harry Truman's home town.

The Truman home and library and museum all are located here and I wish we had a man of Harry's strength and character running for president today. At least we can dream.

But I learned something else about Independence that will take a little explaining.

There are at least two religious sects here (there may be even more; you know how religious groups can bolt and run off on their own) who believe that Independence, Mo., is where the return of Jesus Christ to Earth will take place.

Let me repeat that. They think Independence is where Christ is going to land when he descends from the heavens.

One group is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). The Mormons. The other is the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (RLDS), and please don't ask me to explain that. It's more confusing than a PTL bankruptcy hearing.

A local reporter attempted to explain what the LDS and RLDS think is going to happen one of



Lewis Grizzard

these days. "Their founder and prophet Joseph Smith Jr. determined Independence as the City of Zion and this is where Christ is supposed to return according to their beliefs."

"I think they even have a garden picked out as the exact location of the Second Coming." The LDS Center and the RLDS World Headquarters Auditorium are located next door to one another.

The LDS building includes a huge mural depicting Christ descending from the clouds. I seem to remember he was wearing wings.

The RLDS World Headquarters Auditorium, which seats 6,000, has a huge, lighted dome on its top so if anybody did want to land in Inde-

pendence they would have a large target!

I'm by no means making fun of these people's beliefs. I have no idea who's right, so I try to learn a little about it all.

My basic instinct as a newscopier, I suppose, also keyed my interest here.

I went over to the RLDS auditorium and a nice lady named Stephanie Kelly showed me around.

During my tour, I thought to myself, what if the big event occurs today? I'll be on the scene and might even scoop Jimmy Swaggart. A Pulitzer, I am certain, would follow.

I took some preparatory notes:

■ There is ample parking across the street from the RLDS auditorium in case a major news story broke nearby.

■ The auditorium, itself, would be an ideal spot for the judging. Quick on the left, dead on the right, and fooling around on your spouse does count.

■ In case Gabriel also plays the organ, the biggest one I've ever seen is in the auditorium.

I hung around Independence as long as I could in case something might happen. Nothing did, so I left to catch a plane to Cleveland.

Bad timing has been the story of my life.

Corporate business funding its enemies

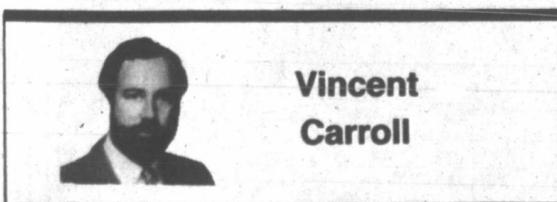
U.S. corporate leaders, so eager to please everyone these days, should heed the words of Rudyard Kipling. As the English author once warned:

It is always a temptation to a rich and lazy nation, To puff and look important and to say: "Though we know we should defeat you, We have not the time to meet you. We will therefore pay you cash to go away."

Replace the word "nation" in the previous stanza with "corporation" and you'll understand how business today deals with groups pressing for expansion of government and curtailment of property rights. Rather than confront these activists, business tries to buy them off.

It is a hopeless tactic, as Kipling often warned.

The latest evidence of this white-flag policy can be found in Marvin Olasky's book "Patterns of Corporate Philanthropy." The University of Texas professor checked the charitable contributions for 77 of the largest 100 U.S. companies (the rest wouldn't cooperate) and found that in 1985 they



Vincent Carroll

funneled far more money into "public-interest groups" of the left than of the right.

Sometimes a company gave money to groups directly opposed to its own activities, as when the defense contractor Honeywell underwrote disarmament seminars. More commonly, business-funded groups whose goals clashed with its long-term interests.

For example, NOW's Legal Defense and Education Fund lobbies and litigates for "comparable worth," which would further limit the freedom to set wages. Twenty-four of the biggest companies contributed to NOW's fund.

The Urban League and the NAACP's Legal Defense and Education Fund meanwhile push for racial

and group preference — as opposed to individual rights — in the hiring, promotion and firing of workers. Yet they received gifts from dozens of companies, too.

Also favored were organizations such as the Children's Defense Fund, People for the American Way, Gray Panthers and environmental institutes that plump for greater federal spending (and hence higher taxes) for a host of domestic programs, not to mention expanded regulation in everything from advertising and broadcasting to the environment.

By no means all the money flowed to such groups. A few right-of-center organizations cleaned up, too — notably the American Enterprise Institute. But as Olasky ably proves, the

overall trend for 1985 was clear — and it undoubtedly persists to this day.

Whether out of stupidity, a desire to appease or merely a naive belief that such contributions nurture a responsible image, corporate America seems determined to underwrite its enemies.

To some extent the myopia is predictable. Historically, business leaders have often sought to curtail economic freedom in order to gain commercial advantage. That's why, for instance, the president and chairman of American Airlines, R.L. Crandall, came out last summer in favor of Sen. Edward Kennedy's legislation requiring companies to offer minimum medical benefits for all employees. Crandall's airline already provides its workers with a costly benefit package. He merely resents the fact that rival Continental does not.

At least Crandall's squalid opportunism can be justified on short-term competitive grounds. Corporate funding of left-wing public-interest groups relies on no such rationale. It is both squalid and pointless. Ultimately, of course, it is also suicidal.

Letters to the editor

'Shop Pampa' not a good experience

To the editor:

I'm so mad I could chew nails. I'm tired of hearing people ringing out the slogan "Shop Pampa." I've tried my best to shop Pampa. Usually you can't find what you need; for instance, it's a shame to have to wait six weeks to get a grass catcher for a lawn mower, which I've done. I'm still waiting for wallpaper border to match wallpaper I bought here in October; it was supposed to take about a week to get to Pampa. The date as of this writing is Dec. 28th.

My most recent "Shop Pampa" bad experience had to do with a new car dealership. I won't mention any names but it wasn't the Ford place.

I wanted to trade down for a car so my payments wouldn't be as high. I was told on the phone no problem. A credit check was run which checked out, so I went over to look at the car. On the phone I was told I could purchase the car for \$275 per month for 60 months. That didn't sound so bad since I'm paying \$335 now.

Well, \$275 a month for 60 months is \$16,500. The sticker on the window of the car I was trading down for was \$10,600. The blue book on my used automobile is \$10,100. I owe \$8,885.

I waited 45 minutes for them to get the new car started. It never would start, and I didn't want to test drive it with a truck with jumper cables following me down the street. To make a long story short, they wanted an extra \$1,000 plus my car, for a car that wasn't near what I'm driving now.

I tried the same dealership over a year ago. After three days of not being able to "work a deal," I went to Amarillo and in a few hours bought the car I'm driving now.

"Shop Pampa," you say. Bah Humbug. P.S. Guess where I'm going tomorrow.

Name withheld

Grandparents can still help children

To the editor:

At this time of year when the nation's capital is aglow with holiday lights and the season's spirit of love, peace and goodwill, I'm always reminded of another special kind of love.

And that is the way in which Foster Grandparents give so generously to children with special needs. These children include those youngsters who are at risk of losing their lives to drugs and alcohol.

For decades, I have supported the Foster Grandparent Program. I have seen hundreds of "grandparents" working with youngsters in schools, hospitals, juvenile detention centers, shelters for neglected children and homes for the mentally retarded.

If there is one place where the holiday spirit truly shines all year, it's in the hearts of these senior volunteers and the relationships with their "grandchildren."

Foster Grandparents often reach children who may seem unreachable. They bring hope and light to youngsters who have known only confusion and loneliness. Yet the volunteers will tell you that they benefit as much as the children. Their service brings them the chance to give and learn and grow as well as a wonderful sense of satisfaction.

I have never seen another program where

the old and the young benefit so much from one another.

During this holiday season, as we pray for peace and thank God for the gift of love and our precious freedom, let us also open our hearts to children who are threatened by the horrors of substance abuse.

At this most appropriate time, I ask every citizen to join in helping our Foster Grandparents touch more young lives at risk. You can help fulfill our dream that in holiday seasons to come: The faces of all America's children will shine with love and laughter, and their lives will be drug and alcohol free.

Sincerely,
Nancy Reagan

Victim frustrated by crime reports

To the editor:

1. Victim calls police station to report crime. Dispatcher makes detailed report by phone and sends officers to scene.

2. Officers check premises and make written report. (One officer, maybe different times, drops name of suspect.)

3. Return to station to complete written report.

4. Victim reports to station to check findings and to present more info and further evidence. Victim presents article of clothing and footprints leading to a house.

5. Officer hopes victim will go home to stay.

6. Officer refers victim to detective.

7. Victim contacts city manager, who is aware of the crime, and refers victim to police chief.

8. Victim complains to chief that criminal has more protection than victim.

9. Chief assures victim everything is being done with priorities set that do not include victim as priority. Promises to check written reports. Refers to detective.

10. Detective makes written report and names another suspect.

11. Victim waits at home for word from police station.

12. Victim continues to wait at home.

13. Victim gives up.

14. Victim resolves to take self-defense course and carry protective instrument at all times.

Conclusion: Well documented crime. Crime unsolved.

Just sign me: Ima Victim or Ben Thar

A special thanks for 'giving spirit'

To the editor:

We want to give our special thanks to Paula Burns, Dianne Woods and Stacie Reeves and all participants who gave up their time and energy to collect and distribute gifts and food to the less fortunate.

This was made possible by the Pampa and Skellytown merchants and individuals who gave so generously of their merchandise and goods to meet the needs of those so deserving. This giving spirit is truly what Christmas is all about.

Naomi Cornelison
Skellytown Marshall Ken Robertson

Names make news

To the editor:

I read coverage of some of the sports activities of some Pampa students. Somehow or other, I have missed the articles on the academic contests Pampa students have entered.

Did you know that of the students in the Latin district contest, some of them made such a high score (out of about 450 students) that they will enter the state Latin contest later in the year?

I do appreciate reading the names of the students who have made the honor rolls of elementary, middle school and high school.

NAMES make NEWS... especially the names of local folks. Enough happens in our community to ordinary people each day to fill at least one complete page.

Interesting happenings to friends and neighbors is what makes the weekly newspapers so interesting. The drunks and drug users-pushers and other crimes always seem to make the newspapers.

Name withheld

Editor's note: The local Latin winners were published in *The Pampa News*.

Student complains about complainers

To the editor:

I'm a sophomore at Pampa High and wonder why some people act like little babies.

In recent weeks in letters to the editor, most of them cut down Celanese and the rally. Ray Velasquez complained about kids missing school and having to go to the rally. He complained about the salaries for superintendents and their wives. And the \$120,000 tennis courts. Then he said that some businesses were "blackballed." Then he wrote about Good Friday. What does that have to do with the rally???

First, if we didn't have the rally, the people for Celanese might think that we don't care if it closes down. Second, if it wasn't for Celanese, Pampa would be a ghost town.

Then he said the tennis courts weren't worth it. I'm on the tennis team, and it was HELL playing on them. Out of all things, he said some businesses were "blackballed." What planet did he come from?

Then somebody said, "Where was the support for other business?" It was at the rally. If Celanese closes down, so will Pampa. Also, then he said, what about IRI? What about them? They made oil field products. The oil went down and really hurt Pampa.

Celanese is the only thing keeping us alive. Then he said that Cities Service and Cabot blew up. First, they didn't lose any lives. Second, they were not the biggest employer.

Then out of all things, the Railroad Commission shut down the white oil operators. GET YOUR HEAD OUT!!! They were breaking the law!

Pampa does try to attract new industry. When the oil fields were booming, everybody got lazy and spent money left and right; now they're paying for it.

Then he said that you can sit on Highway 70 and count the cars going to Amarillo. First, if they're going to Amarillo, they're going the

wrong way. Try Highway 60. Second, you can find a lot more at Amarillo.

Then he said Pampa could survive if Celanese doesn't rebuild. It could... as a ghost town.

Now to the cable company. Living in Pampa is like living in a golf ball. The cable company is practically worthless. Almost all cities have more than 15 channels.

Sammons says they can't get MTV. Well, the Weather Channel, FNN and CVN are on the same satellite. How hard would it be to change channels on the receiver?

They also put First Baptist Church on KCIT. Well, you have to know that most of Pampa go to F.B.C., so they rule the town. Maybe they don't want "Satan's music" on MTV in Pampa. If Sammons is paid a commission from CVN & Tele Shop, they're not getting much.

"R.H. Rebel"

Editor's Note: Lives were lost in the Cities Service explosion.

Students deserve more things to do

To the editor:

With the recent rally for Celanese, Pampa suddenly became a great place to live.

Unfortunately, we have failed to really look at our town. I have heard the idea that a rally for Pampa would "live-up" this town; however, a rally is far from what we need. What we need is something to do for fun.

The most common adjective used to describe this town among the students at high school is "BORING."

Let's face it, there is nothing for a teen to do in this town unless he wishes to break the law. There is always the movie theater, if one likes to watch an old, out-dated show in filth and squalor. But, of course, we have the "drag." How did it get its name? It is a drag.

Those that like to break the law can have countless hours of fun, though. They can go out into the country and get drunk, do drugs and have sex every weekend. I would presume that even destroying their lives gets old, though. Or they can always steal, fight or break into a building.

Every time a change is attempted, it is brought down by the "caring" people of this wonderful town. The club "Changes" is a prime example. Instead of having a place where teens could go and be with their friends, and these previously mentioned bad aspects of life could be controlled by police within the club, it was stopped. Life continued as normal.

We teens are sure lucky and thankful that we were protected from that terrible institution. Even the dances that we happen to have "once in a blue moon" are also strictly opposed by most churches and parents in this town; therefore, they have been such flops that most teens go back to sex, drug and alcohol.

Pampa is dull. The boredom is not the fault of the teens because they have no say what happens to laws or their enforcement.

When teens try to change, they are put down. The adults of this town, our parents, are the only people who bring about a change. They did a great job for Celanese; now we want something done for the only real hope of this town, the next generation.

John Cooley II

New parent learns things about babies

By RICK SMITH
Sherman Democrat

SHERMAN (AP) — Some things I've learned in 10 months of parenthood:

1. Babies keep odd hours.
2. Babies don't like movie theaters. Or nice restaurants. Or dinner parties at someone else's house.
3. Baby's cry is the most demanding sound on this earth. No alarm clock, no smoke alarm, no seat belt warning beeper, no air raid siren, nothing, nothing, nothing is better at grabbing your attention and hanging on.
4. Babies have a lot of stuff. Lots of little ditty bags full of stuff. Potions and powders, diapers and wipers, bottles and bangles. And all of it has to fit into the back seat of a small car for even a short trip to the mall.
5. Baby toys can't be used for anything but baby toys. Older kids' toys can be adapted for practical purposes (an old red wagon becomes a makeshift wheelbarrow). But what can you do with a plastic porpoise? You tell me.
6. Babies hate telephones. The idea of an adult talking into thin

air makes them nervous. And nervous babies are crying babies (See Number Three, above).

7. Money is no object to a baby.
8. Babies can take books off of a shelf faster than you can put them back.
9. Babies love newspapers. They love the way the pages crinkle up in their tiny little fists; they love the way shredded paper is easily stuffed into their tiny little mouths; they love the way the ink bleeds off of the page and drips onto their tiny little chins and, from there, onto your big, white sofa.
10. Never buy a big, white sofa until baby is in her senior year of college.
11. Babies, freshly washed, smell wonderful.
12. Babies are a lot like little, bad-guy, TV wrestlers. They kick hard and when you least expect it; pull your hair; poke your eyes; yank off your glasses; claw

at your nose. Then, give you an innocent look that says: "Who? Me? I didn't do nuthin'."

13. Babies have impossibly big heads and tiny toes.
14. Babies specialize in the unexpected. Sometimes this is bad, but sometimes it is wonderful. One morning, I was awakened not to the usual 6 a.m. I-wanna-be-fed scream, but to the sound of tiny laughter. Which shocked me terribly. I bounded into Annie's room in three steps to find her calmly sitting in the corner of her crib, giggling away. I still don't know what was so funny.
15. Babies are terribly fragile little creatures that live in a sharp-cornered, rough-edged world.
16. Babies are fascinated by other babies.
17. And other babies' toys.
18. Babies love to pull their socks off and hide them in odd places. Like in the pockets of a pair of pants you left on the bed.

So that, later when you reach for change to give a 7-Eleven clerk, you pull out a fuzzy little pink sock covered with purple hearts.

19. Babies pretend for the longest time not to understand the words NO, STOP and OMI-GOSH GET OUT OF THE-DOG'S DISH. Babies may be small, but they are nobody's fool.
20. Babies can cover most of a medium-sized kitchen with just a few ounces of well-slung strained peas.
21. Nothing is more peaceful than a sleeping baby.
22. No time is more peaceful than the blessedly quiet two or three hours between baby's bedtime and yours.
23. Baby clothes are expensive and impractical and hard to squeeze baby into and out of. But they are so cute.
24. Babies grow up too fast. It's a cliché. But true.

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1988 puts resolutions, new laws to practice

By MICHAEL HIRSH
Associated Press Writer

Rose Parade floats wilted into history and workers began hauling away tons of post-parade trash Saturday, as states put new laws into practice and a few

Americans even marked New Year's Day with dips in ice-cold water.

Law enforcement officials around the country reported few crowd problems during New Year's Day parades, parties and college football games.

At the 99th annual Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif., police reported only 457 arrests, mostly for public drunkenness, among the nearly 1 million spectators.

"The only (bad) thing was USC lost," said police Sgt. Corrie Long, referring to the 74th Rose

Bowl game after the parade. The University of Southern California lost to Michigan State University 20-17.

Long said public works crews would take most of Saturday to finish hauling away an estimated 62 tons of trash, including old couches and chairs, left behind by the spectators who lined the 5½-mile parade route.

The University of Miami's Hurricanes won college football's national championship, beating Oklahoma 24-14 in the Orange Bowl on Friday night.

In downtown Dallas, thousands braved temperatures in the low 30s to watch the Cotton Bowl parade, while in Philadelphia, comics and string bands strutted in sequins and feathers to celebrate the 88th annual Mummers Parade.

That East Coast folk tradition was also less plagued by rowdiness than some past events, police said, reflecting in part a police crackdown on alcohol. No arrests were reported along the parade route.

In upstate New York, the number of drunk driving arrests on New Year's Eve was down from previous years, said Robert Armet, a spokesman for the state police in Albany. Police won't compile exact numbers for a few days, he said.

New laws began taking effect this week, including Illinois' package of AIDS laws, among the toughest in the nation to combat the deadly disease.

The laws require AIDS testing for everyone getting married.

Positive test results will not prevent the marriage, but both parties must be told. The package

also requires public-school instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome.



(AP Laserphoto)

Nearly a million people watch Rose Parade from curbside.

Police arrest homeless in Seattle hotel

SEATTLE (AP) — Advocates for the homeless pledged Saturday to continue taking over abandoned downtown buildings to publicize the city's lack of low-income housing after the arrests of 17 protesters who occupied a vacant hotel.

The activists occupied the vacant Gatewood Hotel Friday after being rebuffed by police there on New Year's Eve, said Bob Willmott of Strand Helpers, a group that aids Seattle's homeless.

On Friday evening Seattle police arrested the 17 activists who refused to leave the building.

Fourteen of them were cited for criminal trespass and released, one who did not have identification was jailed on the trespassing charge and two were cited for trespassing and booked for other outstanding warrants, said police Capt. Jim Deschane.

Willmott, who was not arrested, said those still in jail would be bailed out and the occupations would continue later. Five other vacant buildings were being targeted as shelters for the homeless, he said, adding that he expected another sit-in "by the middle of the week."

The activists say Seattle law prohibits downtown building abandonment, but that the city is not doing enough to enforce the law.

Sam Israel, who owns several downtown properties and closed the Gatewood Hotel about two years ago, said in a telephone interview that he had not violated any ordinance because the building is still open to be leased.

Israel added that he "felt sorry" for the homeless but that "they don't belong in that block of property" near downtown department stores. "We've got to keep that area for commerce," he said.

There are about 4,000 homeless people in Seattle, Willmott said.

'Old smoothy' proud of title

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Harold Fleischman is proud of every hair he doesn't have.

Fleischman is bald as a billiard ball. So bald, in fact, he's considered to have the smoothest head in America.

"Bald may not be as beautiful as the slogans say, but I know a lot of folks who have lots of hair and they're still as ugly as a bowling shoe," he said.

Fleischman is a member of the 2,000-strong Bald Headed Men of America, which recently held its annual convention at its headquarters in Morehead City, N.C.

A bespectacled grandfather, he was chosen the nation's smoothest head at the tongue-in-cheek convention that included a speech by syndicated columnist Erma Bombeck.

Fleischman said his title earned him a visit from staff members of Dolly Parton's television show, which might include him as a guest.

He said the association's motto is that it's more important what's in a head than what's on it.

Fleischman, whose vision is limited by two faulty cornea transplants, is an aircraft mechanic by trade who scoffs at last summer's U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of a pill that seems to spur hair growth.

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22 killed, 71 wounded in train ambush

MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP) — At least 22 people were killed when right-wing guerrillas derailed and plundered a train packed with migrant workers returning from South Africa, the national news agency AIM said Saturday.

It said 71 of the 1,500 passengers aboard were hurt when the train hit a land mine, then were attacked by rebels of the Mozambican National Resistance who set the ambush.

The train was about 25 miles from the South African border, headed east toward Maputo, when blasted off the tracks Thursday afternoon, the agency said.

Five railroad cars were derailed and a section of track was destroyed, AIM said. Guerrillas looted the train and abducted several passengers, but most managed to escape into the bush, the report said.

Rescuers did not arrive for hours and some of the injured were not removed from the wreckage until Friday, AIM said. It reported that the injured were taken to a hospital in Maputo, where 11 remained in critical condition.

In Lisbon, Portugal, a rebel spokesman said it was highly likely that the ambush was carried out by RENAMO, as the rebels are known, but said he had not yet received confirmation from rebel sources in Mozambique.

"It is a key aim of our military strategy to cut off Maputo as much as possible from the rest of the country," the spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press.

For 10 years, RENAMO has been fighting a hit-and-run guerrilla war in a bid to overthrow Mozambique's Marxist government. The rebels have seriously disrupted the economy and have extensively damaged civilian targets, particularly in rural areas.

No nation publicly admits supporting the rebels. However, Mozambique's government charges that the rebels continue to receive support from South Africa, in violation of a 1984 non-aggression pact between the two countries.

The AIM report suggested the rebels carried out the train ambush with South African assistance.

South Africa has consistently denied aiding the rebels since the 1984 pact. It issued a statement Saturday saying it was not involved in the latest attack.

"Allegations... in Maputo attributing the train derailment to South African agents are rejected," South Africa's foreign minister, R.F. Botha, said in the statement.

"It is reprehensible for any media reporter to publish allegations of this nature before any objective investigation has been undertaken," Botha added.

Mozambique's government has accused the rebels of large-scale attacks on civilian targets in recent months in which more than 900 people were reported killed. The government said the rebels on Wednesday fired on a bus carrying civilians, killing three and wounding 14.

Rare bird seen

CHRISTCHURCH, England (AP) — More than 1,000 bird-watchers descended on a narrow country lane in southern England to wait silently in a driving rain for the rare sight of a little bustard.

Their patience was rewarded when the big, long-necked, long-legged bird, the first seen in Britain in 12 years, put in an appearance Friday afternoon.

News that one had been spotted Thursday in fields near Christchurch, Dorset County, southwest of London, went out on the Bird Information Service telephone hotline, alerting enthusiasts.

Little bustards have become rarer in Britain over the past 40 years as their numbers diminish in their breeding areas in southern Europe, western Asia and northwest Africa.

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Maltese freighter attacked in latest gulf strike

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A Maltese-flag freighter was attacked and damaged, but it was not clear whether it was raided by Iran or Iraq, its operators and gulf salvage officials said Saturday.

Iraq said its warplanes Saturday destroyed a strategic bridge in southwestern Iran.

Gulf sources said the 26,260-ton Alga continued on its journey and anchored Saturday off the United Arab Emirates port of Dubai with a hole in its hull after the New Year's Day attack.

A spokesman for the ship operator, Sea World and Transport of Piraeus, Greece, said a rocket hit the vessel just above its No. 2 cargo hold on the starboard bow.

The spokesman, who insisted on anonymity, said there were no casualties among the crew of 21

Burmese and five Greeks. He said the captain believed the rocket was fired by Iranians. However well-connected gulf salvage officials and the London-based Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence Unit identified the weapon as a missile, and said there were strong indications it was fired by an Iraqi warplane.

Iraq claimed it struck a "big naval target" off the Iranian coast at 10 a.m. New Year's Day — the same time the company says the attack on the Alga took place. Gulf shippers initially put that attack at 10 p.m.

The company said the attack took place 140 miles southeast of Kuwait, where the ship had taken on a load of fertilizer for China. That would place the attack near Farsi Island, a base for the Revolutionary Guards who carry

out most Iranian attacks on neutral shipping.

The so-called "tanker war" is an offshoot of the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq war. There were 34 confirmed attacks on ships in the gulf last month, the worst month since the tanker war flared in early 1984.

The two sides hit commercial shipping in the gulf in an effort to reduce their enemy's oil export earnings.

Iraq's official news agency, monitored in Cyprus, said Iraqi warplanes early Saturday bombed the Talah Zink bridge, which was being used for military purposes, and "devastated their target." The agency quoted a military communique as saying all the jets returned from the 12:45 p.m. raid on the bridge northeast of Dezful.

The raid came amid expectations Iran will soon launch a new ground offensive against Iraq. The Iranians have massed more than 250,000 men in the southern sector of the front east of the Iraqi city of Basra.

Dezful, a key transportation hub, lies north of area where the Iranian buildup was taking place.

On Friday, Iraq reported its warplanes launched their last tanker raid of 1987 and the first one of 1988. The attacks were off the Iranian coast, one Thursday night and another Friday morning.



Iran usually matches each Iraqi attack with one of its own, firing on neutral ships trading with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

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Hefley takes auction course

Col. James L. Hefley of McLean has successfully completed the course in auctioneering and auction sales management at Missouri Auction School, Kansas City, Mo.

Hefley received his diploma and the honorary title of colonel along with other auctioneers from throughout the United States at concluding school activities in December.

The concentrated two-week course is conducted by the school at the world's largest auction training center located in the

Kansas City Stockyards. His training included lectures and workshops featuring prominent auctioneers.

Hefley participated in selling numerous auctions in Kansas City and in nearby communities in Missouri and Kansas.

Subjects covered in the course include antique auctions, livestock, furniture, business liquidations, rare estate, auto, machinery, general merchandise, all types of estate auctions and the rapid-fire chant of the tobacco auctioneer.

Westar to change its name

Westar Transmission Co., which Cabot Corp. purchased in 1984 from Pioneer Corp., is becoming Cabot Gas Supply Corp.

The company's name change was announced recently by Samuel W. Bodman, Cabot Corp. president, during his visit to Cabot's regional headquarters in Amarillo.

Bodman said the change is consistent with Cabot's commitment to the growth of its energy business.

"We want Cabot to be a leader in marketing natural gas in the West Texas area," Bodman said.

Noting that Cabot has been in West Texas since the 1920s, he added, "We have a strong commitment to the area and to the gas business here. Therefore, we think it is in order for Cabot's name to be part of the company name."

Cabot Gas Supply is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cabot Transmission Corp., which markets

natural gas, natural gas liquids and coal in the Texas Panhandle and West Texas.

The company purchases, delivers, sells and transports natural gas to industrial customers and to customers that purchase gas for resale. It has approximately 6,000 miles of natural gas transmission lines in the Texas Panhandle and West Texas that interconnect with a number of interstate and intrastate pipelines. These interconnections allow the transfer of gas to other pipelines for sale in numerous markets.

Cabot will soon relocate its Amarillo office to 801 S. Pierce St. Bodman also announced that Alfred J. Smith has been named vice president and regional manager of Cabot Transmission, with responsibility for its operations in Amarillo.

Smith recently moved to Amarillo from Atlanta, Ga., where he was director of South American Operations for Cabot's carbon black business.

Pampa native now with AIM

John J. Arthur, a Pampa native, has joined AIM Management Group Inc. as vice president/treasurer. The announcement was made by Charles T. Bauer, president.

AIM manages mutual funds and separate accounts for corporations, financial institutions, retirement plans and individual accounts, as well as money market funds for banks and regional stock brokerage firms.

Arthur, 42, was formerly a partner with Peat, Marwick Main & Co. in Houston.

"Mr. Arthur is highly regarded in the financial industry and will be an extremely valuable addition to our finance and accounting department," Bauer said.

Arthur's professional activities include Texas Society of CPAs, Houston Chapter; Texas Society



Arthur

of CPAs, and the American Institute of CPAs.

He and his wife Barbara and two children currently live in Big Spring.

Williams Gas honors employees

Williams Natural Gas Co. has announced its 1987 service award winners for the Panhandle District, Pampa-Burnett Area.

The following employees were given their awards at the district's annual Christmas party on Dec. 17:

Dwayne Nokes, 35 years of ser-

vice. Erskine Sinclair, Jerry Blanton and Ralph Wilson, 25 years.

Frank Holman and David Budd, 20 years; Fred Link, John Ryan and Ronald Whisler, 15 years; Rodney Mulholland, David Hays and Charley Thomas, 10 years.

Stocks need aid from foreign exchange

By CHET CURRIER
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — If the stock market is going to get off to a decent start on 1988, it could use some help from the battered dollar in foreign exchange.

Lately, the dollar has been slumping to new lows with monotonous regularity against key currencies like the Japanese yen and the West German mark.

In the week between Christmas and New Year's, the decline took the zip out of what had been shaping up as a nice, healthy year-end rally in stock prices.

Come Jan. 15, some potentially supportive news for the currency and financial markets is expected when the government reports on the nation's international trade position for November.

"Those figures should reflect a clear improvement over October's record \$17.6 billion deficit," says Wall Street economist Henry Kaufman.

But even with that plus in prospect, most analysts agree that stocks are clearly on the defensive as they begin a new year with memories still fresh of the crash in October.

"A year that began with bright prospects is ending in confusion, doubt and uncertainty," said the Merrill Lynch Market Letter in its annual forecast issue.

"The collapse of the stock market in October ended one of the longest and strongest bull markets in history. Prices have made a moderate recovery since the break, but it will take more time for the market to heal its wounds and regain some measure of public confidence.

"We expect the recovery process to continue in 1988, but there will probably be further testing of the recent lows before a new and sustainable advance can begin."

Amid such words of caution, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrials dropped 60.84 to 1,938.83 in the past week, finishing the year with a net gain of 42.88 points, or 2.26 percent.

Other readings for the week showed the

New York Stock Exchange composite index off 2.63 at 138.22, the American Stock Exchange market value index up .55 at 260.35, and the NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market down 2.59 at 330.47.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 140.55 million shares a day, down from 166.59 million in the previous week.

While the dollar and trade figures may be the main focus of attention, the markets will have some other statistics of note to digest in the first few weeks of 1988.

On Jan. 8, the Labor Department's report on the employment situation for December will provide a closely watched signal on the state of the economy heading into the year.

Formal figures on retail sales for the holiday selling season in December are due from the Commerce Department on Jan. 14. These, said Kaufman, "should allow a more definitive estimate of the impact of the stock market collapse."

Santa Fe pursuing purchase agreement

Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corp. has announced that it has completed a purchase agreement with Rio Grande Industries Inc. (DRGW) for the sale of Southern Pacific Transportation Co. (SPTCo) to DRGW.

The company said the gross price was approximately \$1.8 billion, which includes \$1.02 billion in cash and the outstanding SPTCo debt. The sale is contingent upon approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC).

Robert D. Krebs, chief executive officer of SFSP, said the company would file its final divestiture plan with the ICC by the first of the year.

The agreement contemplates that DRGW will file its petition with the ICC to control or merge with SPTCo within 60 days. DRGW has 90 days in which to perform its due diligence studies.

Krebs said Santa Fe Railway

will not seek trackage rights or other protective conditions in connection with DRGW's application to the ICC. Santa Fe Railway does retain the right to seek protective conditions in response to applications that may be made by other parties, he noted.

DRGW has agreed to comply with all existing SPTCo labor contracts.

Closing on the sale will take place immediately after ICC approval.

"We will do everything we can to facilitate the ICC review and help them process the case quickly," Krebs said.

"After looking at all the alternatives, we believe this proposed sale is consistent with the public interest and is in the best interest of our shareholders," he said.

Krebs identified the sale of SPTCo as another key step in

SFSP's restructuring program.

"If the SPTCo sale is approved by the ICC, this brings to \$1.7 billion the total pre-tax cash proceeds we will receive for our various non-core companies," he said. "In addition, we are close to the sale of our non-core pipeline assets, which are the only remaining companies planned for sale."

Proceeds from these divestitures and additional debt will be used to finance the planned distribution of at least \$4 billion in cash and/or SFSP securities that were recently announced, Krebs said.

In other recent actions, SFSP announced it has adopted certain amendments to its Stockholder Rights Plan. The Rights Plan was originally adopted by SFSP's board of directors in January 1986.

The principal amendment reduces the percentage ownership

trigger from 50 percent to 20 percent for the plan's so-called "flip-in" feature.

The result of this amendment is that if a person or group acquires 20 percent or more of SFSP's common stock, each Right other than those held by the 20 percent stockholder will entitle the holder to purchase the Rights \$125 exercise price, SFSP common stock or other property having a value of twice such exercise price under certain circumstances.

The company said it also has amended its by-laws to require not less than 50 nor more than 75 days' advance notice of director nominations and other proposals to be considered at any annual meeting of stockholders.

The company stated that the purpose of requiring advance notice of such proposed business is to provide a more orderly procedure for conducting the annual meeting of stockholders.

Drilling Intentions

INTENTIONS TO DRILL
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Sun Exploration & Production Co., #1 Jahnel (640 ac) 524' from North & 519' from East line, sec. 72, 41, H&TC, 28 mi southeast from Canadian, PD 13500' start on approval (525 Central Park Dr., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73105)

OCHILTREE (FLAHERTY Upper Morrow) Princess Three Corp., #1 Thelma Kyle (641 ac) 2000' from North & West line, Sec. 298, 43, H&TC, 15 mi southerly from Perryton, PD 10000' start on approval (Box 1983, Henderson, Texas 75653)

OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & ALPAR St. Louis) Wolf Creek Exploration Co., #1-110 Santa Fe (640 - 1200' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 110, 4-T, T&NO, 8 mi southerly from Waka, PD 8700' start on approval (Box 14002, Amarillo, Texas 79101)

OIL WELL COMPLETIONS
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Chapter Petroleum Co., #7 Molly, Sec. 31 1/2, M-27, M. McLaughlin Survey, elev. 3308 gr, spud 10-19-87, drlg. compl 10-27-87, tested 12-1-87, pumped 10.5 bbl. of 37 grav. oil + 40 bbls. water, GOR 9143, perforated 3132-3208, TD 3323'

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LIPSCOMB (BRADFORD Tonkawa) Unit Drilling & Exploration Co., #4 E. Booth, Sec. 637, 43, H&TC, elev. 2502 gr, spud 11-10-87, drlg. compl 11-18-87, tested 12-17-87, pumped 15 bbl. of 46.5 grav. oil + 107 bbls. water, GOR 1200, perforated 6583-6608, TD 6732', PBTD 6705'

GAS WELL COMPLETIONS
OCHILTREE (HAMKER RANCH Basal Morrow) Maxus Exploration Co., #3 W.H. Dutcher 'A', Sec. 584, 43, H&TC, elev. 2779 kb, spud 10-16-87, drlg. compl 11-7-87, tested 12-4-87, potential 6600 MCF, rock pressure 2196, pay 9597-9600, TD 9711'

ROBERTS (KILLEBREW Upper Morrow) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #2-201 Killebrew, Sec. 201, 42, H&TC, elev. 2539 df, spud 6-5-87, drlg. compl 6-22-87, tested 11-4-87, potential 489 MCF, rock pressure 648, pay 9181-9262, TD 9400', PBTD 9360'

ROBERTS (WILDCAT Granite

Wash) Medallion Petroleum Corp., #1-C Kim Flowers, Clay County School Land Survey, elev. 2847 gr, spud 1-31-87, drlg. compl 6-19-87, tested 10-18-87, potential 250 MCF, rock pressure 2895, pay 9535-9546, TD 9700', PBTD 9660' — Dual completion

ROBERTS (WILDCAT Morrow) Medallion Petroleum Corp., #1-T Kim Flowers, Clay County School Survey, elev. 2847 gr, spud 1-31-87, drlg. compl 6-19-87, tested 10-14-87, potential 5483 MCF, rock pressure 3073, pay 9535-9546, TD 9700', PBTD 9660' — Dual completion

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PLUGGED WELLS
HANSFORD (HANSFORD Upper Morrow) JCR, Jr — Operating Inc., #2 Hart, Ethan Stroud Survey, spud 11-13-87, plugged 12-1-87, TD 7150' (dry) — Form 1 filed

in Vernon E. Paulconer Inc. HANSFORD (HANSFORD Upper Morrow) J-Brex Company, #1-B Wilbanks, Sec. 133, 4-T, T&NO, spud 10-26-87, plugged 11-11-87, TD 7800' (dry)

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Phillips Petroleum Co., #3 Bivins' Lee, Sec. 84, 46, H&TC, spud 8-29-63, plugged 11-6-87, TD 3118' (oil)

LIPSCOMB (BUSCH Upper Morrow) Marsh Operating Co., #1 Betty Lynn, Sec. 73, 43, H&TC, spud 10-18-87, plugged 11-20-87, TD 11200' (dry) — Form 1 filed in H-S Exploration

ROBERTS (MORRISON RANCH Oswego) TXO Production Corp., #1 Morrison 'A', Sec. 179, 42, H&TC, spud 1-31-85, plugged 11-24-87, TD 11055' (oil)

WHEELER (VILDCAT) Mobeette Assoc., c-o Railroad Commission of Texas, #1 Kyle, Sec. 43, A-5, H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 12-7-87, TD 12810' (dry)

WHEELER (WHEELER-PAN NW Hunton) Kaiser-Francis Oil Co., #1 Franklin, Sec. 58, A-8, H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 10-6-87, TD 15085' (gas)

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Sports

Jimmy Johnson — From devastation to delirium

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
AP Football Writer

MIAMI — In one year, Jimmy Johnson and the Miami Hurricanes have gone from ridicule to rapture and learned that best isn't always better.

On Jan. 2, 1987, Johnson's No. 1-ranked team lost to No. 2 Penn State 14-10 in the Fiesta Bowl and he headed off to coach in the Japan Bowl all-star game.

On Saturday — Jan. 2, 1988 — Johnson finally got to savor a national championship which he and his second-ranked Hurricanes won Friday night by defeating No. 1 Oklahoma 20-14 in the Orange Bowl.

"I think the only thing that saved me a year ago was that Pat Jones, my closest friend in

coaching (and his successor at Oklahoma State), was with me. I was truly devastated.

"As good as I feel right now was as bad as I felt then," Johnson said following a mostly sleepless night of celebration. "I need toothpicks to keep my eyes open," he quipped.

"I laid down for a couple of hours, but I didn't want to sleep. I hated to sleep the two hours I did because I knew the rest of them were having a good time, but I had to do a couple of media deals.

"We got back to the hotel and the staff and wives all got together, taking pictures, a couple of cold beers, hugging each other's necks — whooping, hollering, laughing, cutting up.

"Winning the national cham-



Jimmy Johnson (AP Laserphoto) pionship is even more satisfying than what it would normally be. To be so frustrated last year and to turn it around and win 12 ball

games in what people felt would be a transition year makes the national championship that much more satisfying."

Ironically, Johnson felt he had a "great, great" team a year ago, while this year's champions started out with numerous question marks after losing Heisman Trophy quarterback Vinny Testaverde, fullback Alonzo Highsmith and All-American defensive tackle Jerome Brown in the first nine picks of the NFL draft.

"I think not winning last year made us a better football team this year," he said.

"One example is that we were ineffective with field goals a year ago. Greg Cox didn't have a good year and we had field goals blocked. Against Penn State, we de-

cidated against a field goal early in the game, and then we missed one. Either of those two would have put us in position to kick a short field goal in the final minute and win the game.

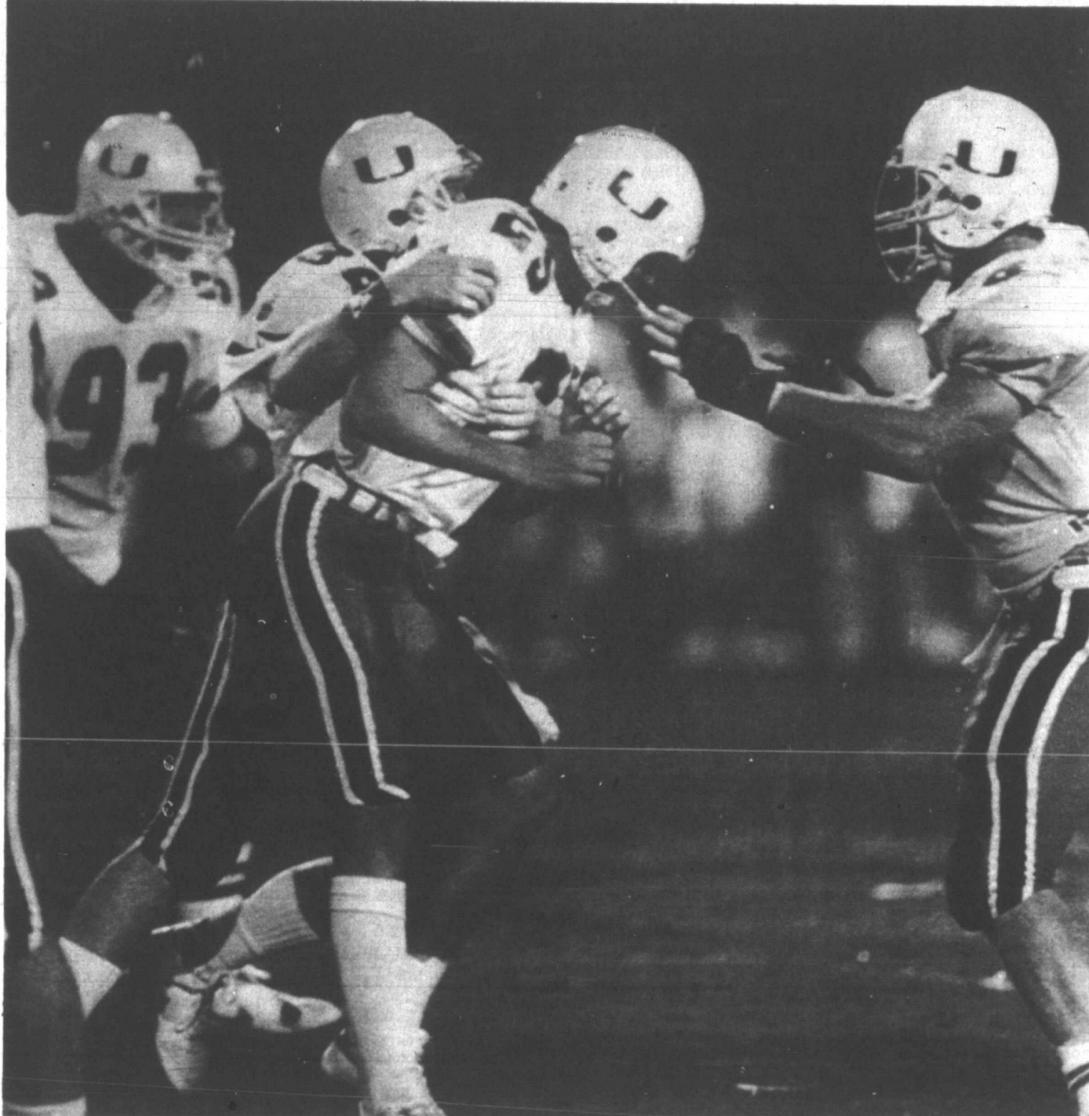
"So we changed our entire practice routine and put more emphasis on kicking field goals. This year, every practice started with five minutes of kicking field goals against a full-speed rush. I stood there every day with a stopwatch and Cox winds up 17-for-22 during the regular season and hits two last night (including an Orange Bowl record 56-yarder that put the Hurricanes ahead to stay 10-7 in the third period).

"We tried to analyze where we went wrong a year ago and tried to get better in those phases."

One thing Johnson didn't have to analyze was why Miami dominated Oklahoma — and it was a dominant performance despite a late trick play by the Sooners that made it close when 280-pound guard Mark Hutson lumbered 29 yards on a "fumblerooski."

In beating Oklahoma for the third year in a row, Miami limited the Sooners' run-happy wishbone to 179 yards on 53 rushes. Two years ago it was 211 yards; last year 186. And when its running game disappears, Oklahoma doesn't have the passing attack to compensate.

"Our players were playing defense better than their players were playing offense," Johnson said.



Teammates congratulate kicker Greg Cox after 57-yard field goal.

Hurricanes belt OU

Orange Bowl

By BEN WALKER
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — The Miami Hurricanes were ranked No. 2, but they are college football's national champions.

Coach Jimmy Johnson's troops handed a 20-14 defeat to top-ranked Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl New Year's night, paving the way for the Hurricanes' coronation Sunday when the final Associated Press poll is released.

Miami defeated the Sooners by doing what they do best — passing and dominating on defense.

Steve Walsh, a distant second to Vinny Testaverde in the glamour ratings at Quarterback U., did what the Heisman Trophy winner never did: win the big one. Protected by a patchwork line, he threw two touchdown passes and befuddled a defense that has led the nation in pass defense for three straight years.

Bernard Clark, George Mira Jr.'s second at middle linebacker all season, did what Miami's all-time leading tackler could not do. Filling in for Mira, who was suspended for failing an NCAA drug test, Clark led Miami in tackles as the Hurricanes put the clamps on the Sooners' wishbone, which entered the game averaging 500 yards and 43.5 points per game.

Oklahoma ran for only 179 yards, compared to its season average of 428.

The bowl victory was the first at Miami for Johnson, breaking a string of three straight losses that included defeats in each of the last two seasons which cost Miami a chance at the national title.

"They've been hurting for the last three or four years and so have I, so this makes the hurt a little better," Johnson said of his playerrs.

Johnson also finally escaped the shadow of former boss Barry Switzer by knocking him out in a winner-take-all matchup be-

tween 11-0 heavyweights.

It was the third straight year Miami has beaten Oklahoma — the Sooners' only three losses in that span.

A crowd of 74,760 watched Miami control on both sides of the ball and in the kicking game, where they were hurt in last year's Fiesta Bowl loss to Penn State. This time, Greg Cox kicked an Orange Bowl-record 56-yard field goal that broke a 7-7 tie in the third quarter and later added a 48-yarder, while punter Jeff Feagles had a 68-yarder.

The Hurricanes, who won their second national crown in five years, wound up the only 12-0 team in the nation.

Miami scored more points than anyone this season against Oklahoma, which led the nation by allowing just 7 1/2 per game and had not yielded more than 14. "The best team won," said Switzer, who resorted to a trick play — the "fumblerooski" — to score with two minutes left and Miami leading 20-7. All-American offensive guard Mark Hutson lumbered 29 yards into the end zone after picking up an intentional fumble.

Miami recovered an onside kick, punted inside the Oklahoma 10 with 56 seconds left and then forced quarterback Charles Thompson to fumble to end the Sooners' hopes.

"We're 6-0 against bowl teams (Florida State, Florida, Notre Dame, Arkansas, South Carolina and Oklahoma)," Johnson said. "No one can match that. So we played our way to the national championship."

Miami drove 65 yards for its first touchdown, a 30-yard shot from Walsh to fullback Melvin Bratton down the left sideline.

Walsh teamed with Michael Irvin on a 23-yard TD pass in the third quarter that made it 17-7. Irvin streaked past All-American defensive back Rickey Dixon, whose interception set up Anthony Stafford's 1-yard tying touchdown run with nine seconds left in the first half.

Pampa basketball teams split district games with Hereford

HEREFORD — Pampa's Lady Harvesters held off Hereford in the second half for a 52-43 win Saturday night.

Pampa led at the half by 17 (35-18), but Hereford took advantage of several turnovers to get back into the game.

The Lady Whitefaces, however, couldn't overcome Pampa's big first-half lead and went down to their sixth District 1-4A loss without a win.

The Lady Harvesters are now 3-2 in district play and 12-6 overall.

Yolanda Brown scored 25 points and Tacy Stod-

dard 22 to lead Pampa's scoring attack. Shawna Ford had four points and Keitha Clark one.

Robbins led Hereford with 11 points.

In the boys' game, Hereford handed Pampa its first district loss 66-53.

It was the first loop win for the Whitefaces after three setbacks. Pampa is now 2-1 in district play.

Pampa led only once in the game as Hereford coasted to a 19-point lead at halftime 66-53.

Rodney McCracken poured in 26 points to pace Hereford, now 6-11 overall.

Pampa, 11-7, was led by Jason Farmer with 15 points, followed by Dustin Miller and Derek Ryan

with 14 points each. Jimmy Massick had four points for the Harvesters and Ryan Teague and David Duke each had 3 points.

In the West Texas Girls' Invitational, Pampa's Lady Harvesters trounced Littfield 82-22 and lost to Plainview 41-35 in Thursday's final games.

Against Littfield, Tacy Stoddard and Yolanda Brown combined for 45 points to lead the rout.

Stoddard hit for 25 points to lead all scorers while Brown contributed 20 as 10 players scored for the Lady Harvesters.

Others scoring for Pampa were Shawna Ford, nine; Schivone Parker, eight; Tara Hamby, six;

Keitha Clark, four; Diane Wood, four; Shelly Thompson, two; Melissa Redeemer, two, and Mary Ramirez, one.

A disastrous second quarter did the Lady Harvesters in against Plainview, the defending Class 5A state champions.

Pampa was outscored 13-3 in the second quarter, but still bounced back to pull within two with a minute to go in the game.

Brown led Pampa in scoring with 17 points. Stoddard added eight, Redeemer, five; Clark, three, and Thompson, two.

Cowboys will continue riding trail to nowhere

Leaving Dallas last Monday morning, one would have thought the horizon is bright for the beleaguered Dallas Cowboys.

Check the *Dallas Morning News*: "Down year ends on upswing," read one headline.

And the *Dallas Herald*: "Cowboys finally celebrate," and "Yes, Dallas, there is a light at the end of the tunnel," are the two big headlines on the front page of the sports section.

Big deal. The Cowboys won their last two games of the year. So what?

Wrote one columnist in Monday's editions, "...As bad as it was for most of the year, the Cowboys were still able to walk away from the Wreck of '87 with a smile on their face and a little strut in their walk."

"Horse hockey," as Colonel Sherman Potter used to shout.

The Cowboys felt no better at season's end than they did in their demeaning losses to those two NFL powerhouses, Detroit and Atlanta. In one single devastating year, Dallas lost to the two worst teams in the league.

A 7-8 season would have been 5-7 had it not been for the replacement games.

No one inside the Cowboy organization left the St. Louis game feeling good about the year. Not even for a moment.

Heads have been on platters, not held high.

Somehow, the Cowboys finished second in the NFC East. They will draft 11th in this year's draft.

But, looking ahead to the '88 season, here's what the Cowboys are up-against: Away games against New Orleans, Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh and home dates with Minnesota, Atlanta (again) and Houston.

Throw in the traditional two games with Washington, not to mention the double-headbutting with the New York Giants and you have the distinct possibility of coming away with a 2-9 record, if you're lucky.

The other four contests are with Philadelphia and St. Louis, so the Cowboys do have a chance at finishing with a 5-11 record.

Sorry to say, the Cowboys have

In My Corner

By Jimmy Patterson



not yet reached bottom.

New Orleans, Chicago, Cleveland, Minnesota and Houston — the Cowboys '88 opponents that are in the playoffs this year — each boasted either the first, second or third best record in their conferences.

Combined, the five teams had a .663 winning percentage (61-31).

Washington is always tough, as is Atlanta (only to Dallas) and, even though the Giants were rotten this year, one point is worth bearing in mind: The Giants have lost nine of 14 contests with the Cowboys in the '80s. The New Yorkers have not swept a two-

game regular season series with the Cowboys since 1963 and have not won more than two in a row over Dallas since 1962-63. The Giants will be hungry.

And then there are the internal problems that have begun to haunt the Cowboys:

★ The Flapping of Bum Bright's mouth. How dare he question the coaching tactics of Tom Landry. But he did. And, with his mouth-ing-off, he has brought to Dallas what it has been lucky to escape from all these years: Meddling by an owner. Mr. Bum would do well to learn not to criticize what he is ignorant of, i.e., how to

coach professional football.

★ The Rift between Tony Dorsett and Herschel Walker. It has been written — almost in stone — that Walker is the future of the Cowboys. If he is, then Dorsett needs to be traded, without even a second thought.

Cowboy fans read all year was how unhappy Dorsett was with his role in the Dallas backfield while Walker only quietly criticized the way he was being used.

These two will never make it in the same backfield because of their colossal egos.

Neither wishes to block for the other. All they want is a free pair of slacks for being named "Star of the Game."

Despite how good they both are, they are also first and foremost individuals. They are not team players.

And because of their self-serving natures, it is the team that has had to suffer.

★ The Limbo Status of the Old Standbys.

The future is, at best, questionable for Randy White, Ed "Too

Tall" Jones, Mike Renfro, Danny White, Dorsett and Mike Sherrard.

Randy White and Jones have lost their edge; Danny White has lost his confidence, not to mention his wrist; Dorsett has lost his will to succeed; Mike Renfro has been losing his desire and Mike Sherrard has lost a season.

Sherrard — another Cowboy that has been termed "the future" — went down with a broken leg in preseason and was out for the year. Whether he can regain his original form has to be a factor that concerns the Cowboy higher ups.

★ The Lack of Positive Signs.

When looking at the 1988 season, you can look for Walker to have his usual decent NFL year and you can hope for a Sherrard comeback. With no offensive or defensive line, the brightest "prospect" has to be Steve Pel-luer at quarterback.

And if this team considers Pel-luer their brightest prospect and another so-called "future builder" then 1988 will make 1987 look like a cake walk.

Aggies outman Irish in Cotton Bowl

By CHARLES RICHARDS
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Leading 10-3 with the wind at his back and threatening to score again late in the second quarter, Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz liked his team's chances in the 52nd Cotton Bowl Classic. "But boom, boom, we had three mistakes in a row. We were about to be ahead 17-3 and in a two-minute span, they are ahead 18-10," Holtz said after his team's 35-10 loss Friday to Texas A&M. The biggest came when Notre Dame quarterback Terry Andrysiak threw into the end zone and A&M cornerback Alex Morris made a leaping, one-handed interception to end the threat. The play changed the momentum of the game. "Our guy was beat on the play. I was supposed to be on the other side, but I saw the quarterback rolling and went to that side. He threw it right to me," Morris said. "I think we wanted it more than they did," said A&M freshman quarterback Bucky Richardson,

who scored twice and was voted the game's outstanding offensive player. "I thought I played well. I didn't throw too well, but I ran the option well enough to put some points on the board," Richardson said. "I didn't think we would dominate the game, and I don't think they did either. But our linemen are big and can push people around." For the game, A&M had 294 yards rushing to 74 for Notre Dame. "We felt like we had to run the football, but we were unable to. They basically dominate the line of scrimmage," Holtz said. "Their ability to run the ball, and our inability to, was the difference in the game." Jackie Sherrill, A&M's coach, thought his defensive line was equally important in the win. "I didn't think their skill people were going to be able to perform if the defensive line didn't allow them to," Sherrill said. "And certainly our defensive line controlled their offensive line." Freshman running back Darren Lewis gave the

Aggies a 10-10 tie in the second quarter by taking a pitch from backup quarterback Lance Pavlas and tossing a halfback pass to Tony Thompson for the touchdown. "It let some people know the Notre Dame defense wasn't all that it seemed," Lewis said. "I felt the trick plays were the key. You have to fake the run and hope the defensive back comes up, and he did. I was just hoping I could get the ball to him. It was just pure luck," Lewis said. On the first play after the kickoff, A&M recovered a fumble on the Irish 21. A&M scored in four plays, and then used another trick play for a 2-point conversion and an 18-10 lead. The center shuffled the ball sideways to 6-5, 232-pound Wally Hartley, who lumbered around left end for the two points. Linebacker Adam Bob was the outstanding defensive player. "In the pre-game drills, we were running plays and nobody was supposed to get hit, but (halfback Keith) Woodside went through and Adam knocked

the snot out of him. I thought we'd lost Woody for the game. I knew right then Adam Bob was really going to have a game." The wins by A&M over Notre Dame and by Texas over Pittsburgh in the Bluebonnet Bowl helped the Southwest Conference, Sherrill said. "No question about it. We needed to beat Notre Dame. I don't think there's anyone else, other than maybe Oklahoma, that could have come to the Cotton Bowl and been better for us, as far as getting respect." Tim Brown, Notre Dame's Heisman Trophy winner, was a factor in the opening drive that gave the Irish a 7-0 lead, but scarcely after that. "The first half, they played basic zone coverage. The second half they put a free safety on him and really started blitzing — probably one out of two or one out of three plays," Holtz said. "A blitz doesn't really bother us, but it doesn't give you much time. Our problem was we never made them pay for the blitz," Holtz added.

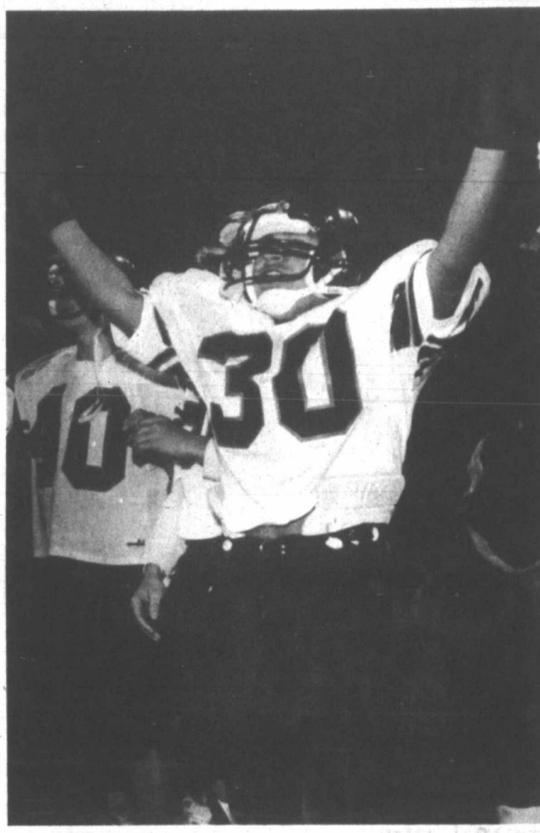
Wheeler's state football title tabbed top story in Gray County

It was a year of championships, changes and controversy in Gray County sports. Wheeler won its third state football championship in the last 11 years while Lefors came close to winning a state title in baseball. Pampa hired a new football coach while the resignation of two Groom coaches created a furor in that community. And the Pampa Public Golf Course issue is still unresolved going into the new year. What were the 10 biggest stories of 1987 in Gray County and the Top O' Texas?

1. Wheeler wins Class 1A football title. Sammy Zepeda kicked a 19-yard field goal with no time left on the clock to give the Wheeler Mustangs a 23-21 state championship victory over the Bremond Tigers. Wheeler finished the year with a 13-2 record, the only losses coming against Hobart, Okla. and Panhandle. Ironically, the Mustangs were never ranked as the number one team during the regular season. They gained the top spot in the final two weeks of the playoffs.
2. Pampa Public Golf Course issue. The Pampa Public Golf Association has been trying since 1983 to have a public golf course built in Gray County. And PPGA officials are still bogged down in a sand trap after a series of public meetings left the issue at a standstill. Voters last April approved the use of county funds and equipment to build the course, but the possibility of a tax increase has roadblocked the project. PPGA officials say a public course will give the economy a boost and attract industry to the area while opponents feel the undertaking would only

- benefit a select group besides raising taxes.
3. Tracksters advance to state meet. Five Pampa girls brought home gold medals while Canadian's Wendi Burns and White Deer's Joe Don Brown came in first at the state track and field meet in Austin. Andrea Hopkins won the shot put, Tanya Lidy captured the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter relay team (Lidy, Schivone Parker, Laquita Brown and Yolanda Brown) finished first as the Lady Harvesters placed second in the Class 4A team competition. White Deer's Brown cleared 6-10 to win the Class 2A high jump and Canadian's Burns zipped to a 1A victory in the 100 hurdles. Wheeler boys didn't have a gold-medal winner, but the Mustangs placed in enough events to finish second in Class 1A.
4. Lefors baseball team advances to state. The Pirates combined consistent pitching with solid hitting to advance as far as the Class 1A state tournament. The Pirates shocked powerhouse Gunter 4-3 in the regional finals to qualify for state. They lost to Burton 11-1 in the semifinals. Lefors, coached by Brent Fountain, finished the season with a 7-3 record. Fountain resigned at the end of the school year after feeling he wouldn't be rehired. Lefors trustees were reportedly concerned with the way Fountain administered discipline to certain students.
5. Coaching controversy. Terry Coffee, Groom head football coach and athletic director, along with his assistant, Gary Rambo, announced their resignations during a heated school board meeting. Both cited outside interference, particularly by school board members, as their reason for resigning. Rambo was also head boys' basketball coach.
6. Pampa hires new football coach. Dennis

- Cavalier of Chickasha, Okla. was hired to replace John Kendall as head coach of the Harvesters. Kendall, who coached the Harvesters for five years, resigned to become assistant high school principal. Under Cavalier, the Harvesters went 2-8 and snapped a 20-game on-the-field losing streak by defeating Dumas.
7. Two area schools vote to switch from 11-man to 6-man football next season. Both McLean and Groom will field 6-man teams next season after trustees of the two schools voted in favor of the move following the 1987 season. Declining enrollment figured in the switch to 6-man. Both Groom and McLean are expected to play in the same district as Miami and Lefors.
8. Pampa Lady Harvesters go unbeaten in district volleyball play. The Lady Harvesters swept through District 1-4A with a perfect 14-0 record. Mike Lopez was named the district's Coach of the Year and Yolanda Brown was named Most Valuable Player.
9. Wheeler girls' basketball team reaches regional semifinals. Wheeler's Lady Mustangs posted an impressive 26-3 record while almost reaching the state tournament. Wheeler was eliminated by Nazareth 63-48 in the regional semifinals. The Lady Mustangs, who scored 101 points in one game, were led by the 1-2 punch of Marlo Hartman and De Ann Jolly throughout the season.
10. Pampa's Wendell Palmer breaks world discus record in Masters division. Palmer, a Pampa schoolteacher, has been dominating the Masters track and field division for several years. In July, Palmer broke his own world record when he threw the discus 163-feet, 6-inches at the Knights of Columbus Meet in Hutchinson, Kans. It had taken Palmer less than a month to break his previous world mark of 158-7.



Wheeler's Arthur Altamirano gives the No. 1 sign. (Staff Photo by Duane A. Laverty)

Lady Wildcats bow to Panhandle

By JIMMY PATTERSON
Sports Writer

CANADIAN — The Canadian Wildcats were forced into a battle for third place in their own tournament after losing 55-48 to the Panhandle Panthers Friday night. The Wildcats were to meet Valley Saturday night for the third place finish in the tournament. Shooting a paltry 22-percent from the field Friday night, the Wildcats were never able to mount a successful comeback against Panhandle. The Panthers shot six-of-seven for 48-percent from three-point range, with all attempts coming in the first half. Panhandle never trailed after the opening of the second period. Panhandle's Stephen Sherwood not only led all

scorers with 17-points, but also shot 75-percent from the three-point range, hitting three-of-four in the first quarter. Mike Mankin hit three-of-three from long range and finished the game with 14 points. On the flip side, Canadian converted only one-of-nine from three-point range. For the Wildcats, Robert Cervantes ended with 13 points, but converted only 21-percent of his field goals. Cervantes, a senior post, fouled out of the contest with 5:17 left in the fourth game. Chad Robbins led Wildcat scorers in the Friday night game with 14 points shooting only 33-percent. In the lead-in semifinal game, the Lady Wildcats fell to the Lady Panthers 46-44. Lindy Sparks led Canadian scorers with 10 points.

Michigan wins Hall of Fame Bowl

By FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — John Kolesar caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from Demetrius Brown with 50 seconds to play, and Jamie Morris carried for a career-high 234 yards and three touchdowns, leading Michigan over Alabama 28-24 Saturday in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Kolesar jumped high into the air on a fourth-and-3 play to catch the winning pass. The touchdown capped a six-play, 62-yard drive featuring a 31-yard pass from Brown to Greg McMurtry. The drive came after Alabama took a 24-21 lead when Bobby Humphrey capped the Tide's 21-point second half with a 17-yard touchdown run and Jeff Dunn connected with Clay Whitehurst on a two-point conversion pass. Michigan led 21-3 in the third period before Alabama rallied behind Humphrey, who rushed for 149 yards on 27 carries.

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Spartans win roses with defense

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Michigan State, a team that won with defense all season, won the Rose Bowl with it, too. The Spartans intercepted four Southern Cal passes and recovered a key fumble to beat the Trojans 20-17 Friday, snapping a six-game winning streak by Pacific-10 teams. "This is awesome," said Michigan State safety Todd Krumm, who broke up two passes and recovered quarterback Rodney Peete's fumble with 1:33 remaining. "This is what you dream about at

the start of every season." The Big Ten-champion Spartans, who had allowed an average of 225.6 yards per game, gave up 410 yards to the Trojans. But they pounced on every Southern Cal mistake. "We worked hard on defense today," Coach George Perles said. "We knew that they were going to get a lot of yards between the 20s, but we hoped to keep them out of the end zone."

Sugar Bowl ends in 16-16 deadlock

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Auburn's Pat Dye said he was trying to avoid losing. Dick MacPherson of Syracuse said the object of the game is to win. And, neither coach was happy after the Sugar Bowl ended in a tie Friday. Sixth-ranked Auburn drove to a last-second, 30-yard field goal by Win Lyle with one second left, tying the score at 16-16 and putting the only blemish on the record of fourth-ranked Syracuse, 11-0-1. "Right now, I see no reason for what he did," MacPherson said of Dye's decision not to go for the victory. "I don't like ties," MacPherson said. Auburn, 9-1-2, began the tying drive at its own 25-yard line with 1:59 left. Jeff Burger completed 11 of 12 passes for all 62 yards on the on the drive,

one an 18-yard completion, the other 10 averaging 4.4 yards. Not once did Auburn try to complete a pass in the end zone. Dye said he had no other choice once he had used the final timeout with four seconds left. "Because our players played so hard, I didn't want to go out with a loss," he said. "Why would you not go for the tie?" "Our kids played just as good as their kids," Dye said. "If they wanted to win, they should have blocked the field goal." Syracuse led for the only time in the game at 16-13 with 2:04 left after Tim Vesling kicked his third field goal, a 38-yarder. His earlier kicks were from 27 yards and 32 yards.

Cowboys' Landry resurrects old 'Bingo Keep It' play

FROM THE NOTEPAD: Condolences to the longtime Voice of the Borger Bulldogs, Phil Londagin, on the death of his wife Linda Gale this past week. Good to see so many former Harvesters home for the Holidays. Just a few included basketballer Johnny Carlos, Olympian Randy Matson, netter Kris Douglass and swimmer Clay Douglass, footballer Buddy Rawls, cager Pat Carter, and even extremely able official Harold Anderson...Ken Hebert's Houston Cougar teammate Tom Paciorek has hung up his glove and spikes to join the Chicago White Sox broadcast team...Former Amarillo sports writer Tom Kensler, now with the Daily Oklahoman, has been nominated again as Oklahoma Sports Writer of the Year, an award he has already captured in both the Sooner State and Texas. Darrouzett's contribution to girls' basketball, outstanding coach Bob Schneider of West Texas State, has lost part of his support. His wife now must split her time between watching Bob's teams play or follow their son's games as she did recently when the Canyon Eagles played at McNeely Fieldhouse...Speaking

of WT coaches, only when you have a long-term contract can you speak out as Buff football Coach Bill Kelly did last week, when he was quoted in The Canyon News as saying: "Anybody would be a fool to try and stay here (at WT) when they're trying to tell you they not only want you to win, they want you to win their way." The football coach with a law degree explains: "We've been told we cannot recruit out-of-state....And the Canyon School Board has decided to improve facilities at football stadiums at Canyon HS and new Randall HS rather than continue renting from the home town university, thus providing facilities for additional usage, such as marching band contests, soccer, JV games, etc. Fifty years ago when George Halas' Monsters of the Midway sent halfback George McAfee and fullback Bill Osmanski on a right end sweep and then had quarterback Sid Luckman keep the ball and race around left end without any blocking the play was called "Bingo Keep It." Tom Landry dazzled the young sports writers last week when he had Steve Pelluer resurrect that play

Sports Forum

By Warren Hasse



for winning touchdowns, proving there is still nothing new in football that the great coaches of yesterday hadn't already used...Speaking of the Cowboys, how come police departments in the state have quit passing out Cowboy bubble gum cards in a goodwill gesture with the kids? Have the officers been seeing too many of them in the fingerprinting room?...That tremendous Oklahoma State athlete Roy Lee Dykes played his high school ball for Ron Mills, former White Deer Buck star athlete and now outstanding coach at Bay City. USA Today has named record-setting passer Lupe Rodriguez of Mission as Texas' High School football player of the year. Honorable mentions went to many

others, including District 14A's Steve Stewart, Lubbock Estacado senior tight end; Panhandle's QB Tommy Kotara; and Amarillo High's huge lineman Chris Watkins and Richard Zaccardo...Tonight Show band leader Doc Severinsen, who headed a couple of Doc Severinsen National Stage Band Contests in Pampa many trumpets ago, has performed 13 concerts with the Plano HS Band the past 10 years, and will do so again next spring...The toughest job in all basketball is college recruiter. Jim Wall, who performs that killing job for Gerald Myers at Texas Tech, tells me he is recovering from a severe case of depression. "It's really tough trying to get the kind of athletes we need to compete to come to

Lubbock, and still not violate NCAA rules like other schools," says the tired-looking former WT aide. One of the greatest jobs done by a former Pampa coach is that by a Clifton McNeely trainee, Dr. Dean Evans, who built the San Jacinto JC cage program into the greatest in the nation as a coach and has maintained it there while serving as athletic director...Says syndicated columnist Bernie Lincicome of the Oklahoma Sooners' former big linebacker, No. 44: "(Brian) Bosworth complains of the lack of glamor in the great Northwest. Having been used to the bright lights and contagious sophistication of central Oklahoma, Bosworth cannot peek under an umbrella without seeking a hick....Speaking of No. 44, the one wearing that uniform number for Syracuse in the Sugar Bowl, Michael Owens, is the cousin of Albie (00) Owens, who ran in the WTSU backfield with Duane Thomas and Mercury Morris. Michael broke all of the long-standing football and basketball records of Double O at Carlisle, Pa. HS, and has a 6-8 brother, Billy, a senior there, who has already signed to play bas-

ketball for the Orangemen. Outfielder George Vukovich, who has Pampa ties through marriage, may leave the Japanese pro leagues to return to the Philadelphia Phillies, who have invited him to spring training as a non-rostered player...It may help the swim program but not basketball as Southern Illinois University announced it is opening a branch in Japan as a vehicle to teach English and encourage trade between that nation and the State of Illinois. Hasn't U-Houston been doing that with Nigeria for several years?...Kansas coach Larry Brown told a referee recently "I haven't recruited a single player. I'm out of here." He's expected to return to the NBA with new entrant Charlotte...And Miami basketball coach Bill Foster dislocated a shoulder waving his arms for a foul to be called in a recent game...According to the coaches association, the average coach at an NCAA Division I-A school lasts 2.8 years; average tenure of any college coach at any level is 6.8 years; and about 40 percent of all college coaches leave the profession with no retirement benefits.

Seahawks still dangerous without Warner

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP)—Houston Coach Jerry Glanville went to the history book to show his team what happened the last time the Seattle Seahawks faced the crisis of losing running back Curt Warner. "I told them when he was out the whole season, instead of 'Ground Chuck' (Coach Chuck Knox's running attack) they threw the ball and won 12 games that year," Glanville said. "They actually became a more dangerous team."

The Seahawks finished 12-4 in 1984 and they'll bring a 9-6 record into Sunday's American Football Conference wild card playoff game in the Astrodome.

Glanville, who has led the Oilers, 9-6, into the playoffs for the first time since 1980, thinks Knox

will again go to the air against the Oilers with Warner sidelined with an ankle injury suffered in the regular season finale.

"I think they'll feature the fullback and throw the ball and they'll still be very dangerous," Glanville said.

Glanville also wants his team to look backward to get the right attitude about the playoff game.

"I think our Pittsburgh game (Dec. 20) was a playoff game and both teams played it like that," Glanville said. "It'll be no holds barred and take no prisoners."

"That's how we played in that game and we've got to be ourselves and play like we did against Pittsburgh."

Seattle has Steve Largent, the NFL's all-time leading receiver, and quarterback Dave Krieg if they choose to attack the Oilers by air.

"He's the fourth-highest rated quarterback in the league and they (Seattle fans) get mad at him," Glanville said. "At times, for your quarterback to function, a lot of people have to do their jobs."

Krieg has completed 60.2 per cent of his passes, the second best percentage in the AFC.

"We have to have some players pick up the productivity that Curt would normally get," Knox said. "What we have to do is pick it up all the way around like we did in 1984. We found a way to win that year."

Knox has not been pleased with the team's overall defensive performance and beating the Oilers will start with defense, he said.

"You see, Curt Warner doesn't play defense or special teams and those are two areas where we need to improve in a hurry," Knox said. "We haven't played good defense since 1984."

"It doesn't matter if you have No. 1 draft choices or what, you don't dump them out of a wheelbarrow and everyone else runs off. You still have to tackle people."

Seattle's defense is led by four-time Pro Bowlers linebacker Freddie Young and safety Ken Easley and end Jacob Green, who finished third in AFC sacks with 9½.

Oiler quarterback Warren Moon will be facing the team he turned down when he signed with the Oilers four seasons ago following his career in the Canadian Football League.

Moon, having his best NFL season, directs the Oilers' big-play offense that features the NFL's most potent wide receiver combination of Drew Hill and Ernest Givins.

Hill and Givins have combined for 1,922 yards on 102 catches and 12 touchdowns this season.



Skydivers Larry Brister (left) and Pat Thyssen display the Saints' emblem.

Saints on a roll

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A hot streak meets a cold streak Sunday in the NFL playoffs. But the results promise to be anything but tepid.

Both the New Orleans Saints and the Minnesota Vikings have been waiting too long for that to happen.

After two decades of trying, the Saints finally get a playoff game. After eight years of trying to recapture the glory of the past, the Vikings are on the threshold.

New Orleans, 12-3, has won nine in a row. The Vikings, 8-7, has lost three of their last four.

"The Saints obviously are playing very well. They're on a hot streak, which is where you want to be when you go into the playoffs," Vikings coach Jerry Burns said.

"I don't think that makes a bit of difference," Saints coach Jim Mora answered. "They lost to Chicago, Green Bay and Washington, and those are three pretty good football teams."

Both teams will have their starting quarterbacks for Sunday.

Minnesota's Tommy Kramer missed the Washington game with a neck injury, but Burns said he will start against the Saints. New Orleans' Bobby Hebert missed the second half of the Cincinnati game with a sprained knee, but returned last week against Green Bay and played the whole

game.

The Wilsons are in the wings in case a starter goes down, Wade for the Vikings and David, no relation, for New Orleans.

Saints defensive coordinator Steve Sidwell said both Kramer and Wade Wilson are capable of winning.

"They're both excellent quarterbacks. They both throw well. They both execute their offense well," he said.

The Vikings beat the Saints 33-17 in the final game of last season, preventing New Orleans from tying what was then a team record for victories at eight. In the preseason this year, the Vikings regulars jumped out to a big early lead, but the Saints' reserves outscored the Vikings reserves and New Orleans won the game 23-17.

"Don't ask us about how to play good defense against these guys because they've carved us up," Sidwell said.

Burns said he sees no weaknesses in the Saints. "Everything about them is impressive," he said.

Even the fact that Green Bay receiver Walter Stanley got two big-play first-quarter scoring catches last week didn't excite him.

"He happened to get the perfect pass against their cornerback," he said. "That's one of those things."

Clemson's passing attack foils Penn State

Citrus Bowl
By FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Clemson did what Joe Paterno said it could, filling the air with passes as the Tigers soared past Penn State in the 42nd Citrus Bowl.

Rodney Williams passed for 214 yards and Clemson's powerful rushing attack produced 285 yards and five touchdowns Friday as the Atlantic Coast Conference champions dealt the Nittany Lions their worst defeat in bowl history, 35-10.

A record Citrus Bowl crowd of 53,152 watched as the 14th-ranked Tigers dominated with a near-

perfect blend of running and passing that Danny Ford, completing his ninth season as Clemson coach, said would be difficult to achieve against Penn State.

"Needless to say, our football team is proud of what they have accomplished," said Ford, whose team finished with a 10-2 record and eased some of the frustration of losing its final regular season game to South Carolina.

Williams' 24-yard pass to Keith Jennings to begin the game set the tone for the game. The junior quarterback finished with 15 completions in 24 attempts, and Jennings had seven receptions for 110 yards.

Penn State had allowed over 200 yards rushing only twice and was ranked 12th in the nation in

run defense. The Tigers averaged only 123 yards per game passing, though, and Williams only averaged about 17 passes per game during the regular season.

Paterno had said all week that Penn State would have to be prepared to stop the pass as well as run.

Penn State, national champions a year ago, concluded an 8-4 season. The 20th-ranked Nittany Lions played without their leading rusher and receiver, tailback Blair Thomas, and faded in the second half after trailing 14-7 at halftime.

"The last quarter and a half, we just weren't able to hang in there with them," Paterno said. "I just don't think we were ready

to stop as good of a passing attack as they had today."

Tracy Johnson scored three touchdowns and Terry Allen and Joe Henderson each ran for one TD for Clemson. Penn State's Matt Knizner threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Michael Alexander, and Eric Etze kicked a 27-yard field goal for the Nittany Lions.

Paterno's team had three turnovers, including a fumble and an interception that stopped drives inside the Tigers' 10-yard line.

Johnson scored on runs of 7 and 6 yards in the first half, and added a 1-yard touchdown in the third quarter. Allen, who gained 105 yards on 11 carries, ran 25 yards

for a TD early in the fourth period, while Henderson closed out the scoring on a 4-yard run with 25 seconds remaining.

Johnson, the Tigers third-leading rusher this year, gained 88 yards on 18 carries. Henderson had 54 yards on six attempts, and Wesley McFadden had 38 yards on 12 carries.

Freshmen Gary Brown and Leroy Thompson replaced Thomas in Penn State's lineup. They

had 51 and 55 yards rushing, while Knizner completed 13 of 22 passes for 148 yards with two interceptions.

Clemson improved its record to 4-2 in bowl games under Ford. Penn State, whose previous worst loss in a bowl was a 15-point decision to Oklahoma in the 1986 Orange Bowl, is 12-6-1 in 19 post-season appearances since Paterno was named head coach in 1966.

Elway named NFL's Most Valuable Player

DENVER (AP)—When Denver was in the midst of a four-game winning streak thanks to big-play quarterback John Elway, Broncos Coach Dan Reeves observed: "If No. 7 is not the MVP in this league, I don't know who is."

Reeves knew.

Elway, who threw for 19 touchdowns and 3,198 yards this season to lead the injury-plagued Broncos to the best record in the AFC, was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player by The Associated Press on Thursday.

Elway beat out San Francisco wide receiver Jerry Rice and 49ers quarterback Joe Montana in the voting by sports writers and broadcasters.

They were the only players to receive votes for the award. Of 84 votes cast — by three broadcasters and sports writers from each NFL city — Elway received 36 votes to 30 for Rice. Montana got 18.

"It's a great honor," Elway said. "It's very flattering. But without the team behind you, you don't have a chance to win an award like this. A quarterback tends to get more credit than he deserves sometimes."

Elway admitted such an award might have seemed impossible after his difficult rookie season.

"I guess I've come a long way in five years. As a rookie, I hit rock bottom. When you start down-and-out and then come back to this level, it makes all the hard work seem worthwhile. That makes this award seem even more special."

Reeves said his quarterback "makes everybody around him play better and play harder. It's well deserved."

Elway carried the Broncos to a 10-4-1 record this season, good enough for the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, even after losing to injury such stars as running backs Gerald Willhite and Steve Sewell, safety Dennis Smith, wide receiver Steve Watson and center Billy Bryan. Also, five defensive players from the team that went to the Super Bowl last season retired.

Elway entered the league as the first choice in the 1983 draft, but got off to a shaky start, thrown in as the savior of the Denver franchise.

Still, in his last four years, the Broncos have been 44-17-1 with him as the starter.

How far he has come was evident at midseason when he carried the Broncos to four straight victories after a loss in Buffalo that dropped the Denver to 4-3-1. He threw for 341 yards and three touchdowns in a 31-29 victory over Chicago and 347 yards and three TDs in a key 31-17 victory in San Diego.

With his running backs hurt, Elway relied principally on three fast wide receivers — Vance Johnson, Mark Jackson and rookie Ricky Nattiel.

Elway also was the team's second-leading rusher behind Sammy Winder, carrying 66 times for 304 yards, a 4.6 average. On numerous occasions, he scrambled to first downs on third-down situations. He ran for four touchdowns.

Elway succeeds New York Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor as league MVP.

Elway is the first Denver player ever named MVP by the AP. Randy Gradishar was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year in 1978 by the AP, and Red Miller was Coach of the Year in 1977.

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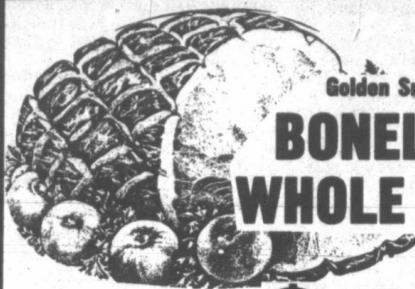


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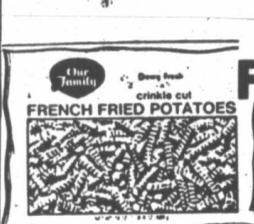
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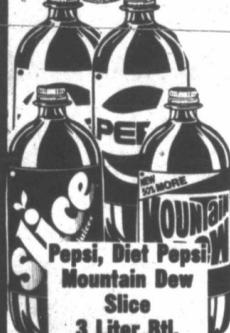
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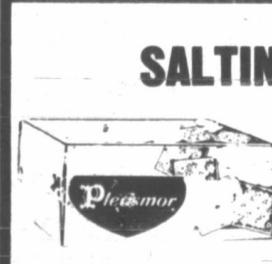


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Pampa's foreign exchange students —

International Relations

By MARILYN POWERS
Lifestyles Editor

Pampa teen-agers would have to do without their favorite form of transportation if they lived in Japan or the Netherlands.

"We're allowed to drive when we're 18. We ride bikes to school," said Johanna Metz, 17, of Holland, who is living with John and Judy Warner of 2111 Dogwood and their daughter Patti, 17, a junior at Pampa High School.

Johanna, who likes to be called Jose (pronounced Yo-say), is spending her senior year of high school as an American Field Service foreign exchange student.

Drivers in Japan also must be 18 or over, according to Riko Teruya and Yukari Akiyama, both American Intercultural Student-Exchange students from Japan.

"We go a lot by train. We also walk—like to the grocery store—and use bicycles, because it's all very near. It's very different here. Japan's very small," said Yukari, 18, a senior at PHS.

Riko's Pampa home is with Harold and Shirley Haines of 2221 N. Wells. The Haineses have three children of their own—Laurie, 18, a senior at PHS; Andrea, 14, an eighth grader at Pampa Middle School; and Kelly, 12, a seventh grader at PMS.

Yukari is the "newest daughter" of Johnny and Connie Hoke, who live south of Pampa. The Hokes have two sons, Scott, 23, and Steve, 19, and a foster daughter, Karen, 22.

Transportation isn't the only difference PHS students would notice in Holland. Athletic activities are not a part of school curricula there; sports are played after school hours, with teams made up of "all different people," Jose said.

Schoolwork is "kind of easier here than in Holland," she said.

Pampa teens might have to forgo their Levi 501s in Japan. "We had to wear uniforms in Japan in school," Riko said.

"I went to a private school in Japan. Our school is only girls. We wear uniforms. We're not allowed to wear makeup. In high school, when we have long hair we must braid it," Yukari said.

Christmas, American style, proved to be a new experience for the three students.

"We celebrate Christmas on the 5th of Decem-



Connie Hoke, left, and her "new daughter," Yukari.

ber. Christmas is the same, but we don't have all the presents. We have a Christmas tree," Jose said.

Christmas in Japan may or may not include a Christmas tree, Yukari said.

"We don't have Christmas trees in my family. When I was young we had a tree, but not anymore. Some families with young kids do, but we don't anymore in my family."

"In the States, Christmas is very big and very important. Ours is very big, but not like here. We have cakes, juice, dinner and singing," Yukari said.

"There's a bigger Christmas here. Girlfriends and boyfriends exchange gifts in Japan," Riko said.

Christmas and New Year's are the biggest holidays in Japan, Yukari said.

The fast food that Americans have made so popular is harder to find in other countries.

"All the food here is fast. Even if you go to a bigger restaurant, it's also fast. We have some fast food in the Netherlands, but not as much as here. There are some McDonald's," Jose said.

You won't see any vehicles with pizza parlor signs driving about the streets of Holland, either. There is no pizza delivery there, Jose said.

Drive-throughs are harder to find in Japan, Yukari said.

Dating is more restricted in Japan. Riko has never been on a date. When Japanese youths do go on dates, they may be required to be home

by 8 or 8:30 p.m., and group dates are the norm, in which two or more couples go out together, perhaps to see a movie.

"In Japan, I'm not allowed to go on a date with a boy. Some parents are like American parents, but others are stricter," Yukari said.

Jose also noticed a difference in news coverage between the U.S. and the Netherlands.

"Because the U.S. is so big, you just hear inside news. Like when (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev was here, you hardly heard about it. In Holland, you'd hear about it all day. You don't hear much world news here," she said.

One difference mentioned by all three foreign exchange students is the vastness of the U.S. In spite of the differences among the countries; however, none of the three reported much homesickness.

Language problems varied among the three. Jose already had a knowledge of English, French, German and "a little bit Swedish," in addition to her native Dutch.

"In the beginning, when people talked fast, I had trouble with the language," she said.

Riko and Yukari had some difficulty with English at first, but both are making headway in learning the language.

Although there are differences among the countries, there are also some similarities. Clothing in Japan is akin to that avail-

able in the U.S., although sizing can be a problem, and U.S. prices are higher, Riko said.

U.S. television programs are aired in Japan, with Japanese words dubbed in place of the original English soundtrack. Riko's favorite television shows are "Family Ties," "Miami Vice" and MTV. "Family Ties" was also mentioned by Yukari.

The Japanese don't watch television as much as Americans do, Riko said.

"Food is a lot the same. We have the same way of life, clothes, foods, but yet different," Yukari said.

Jose, whose hometown is Arnhem, Holland, wanted to come to the U.S. "just to learn about this culture and the language and meet other people." Her father, Willem, is a salesman of central heating and bath items, and her mother, Ans, is an insurance agent. She also has two brothers, Gerlof, 26, and Peter, 25, and a 23-year-old sister, Katja.

Jose is taking U.S. history, chemistry, basketball, newspaper, English and drama classes at PHS. She is not certain what career she wishes to pursue, but she is interested in physical therapy and photography. Her sister Katja is a physical therapist and her brother Peter works with mentally retarded children. Gerlof teaches German and Dutch languages.

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Riko, right, gives Kelly a lesson in eating with chopsticks.

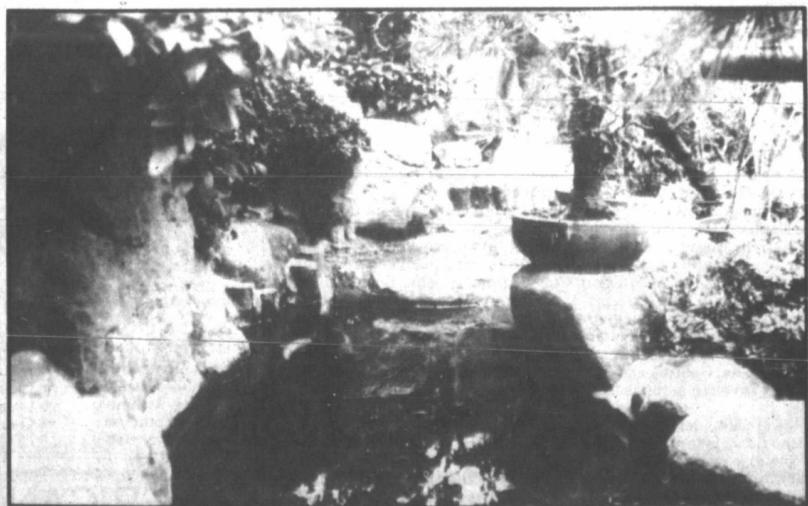


The Kanteibyō Mausoleum in Kobe City, Japan, Yukari's hometown.



Jose, left, enjoys watching TV and playing with the Warner's dog, Tiffany. With Jose is Patti.

Local photos by Duane A. Laverty



Yukari's back yard in Kobe City, featuring a goldfish pond.

Weddings

...and engagements



MR. & MRS. JAMES RAY MORRIS
Shannon Leigh Pfalzgraf

Pfalzgraf-Morris

Shannon Leigh Pfalzgraf and James Ray Morris exchanged wedding vows in a double-ring ceremony Dec. 19 in Central Baptist Church of Clovis, N.M.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth Pfalzgraf of Phoenix, Ariz. and Linda Woodworth of Rathdrum, Idaho.

Parents of the bridegroom are Floyd and Nadean Morris of Mobeetie.

The couple will make their home in Clovis, where the groom is stationed with the United States Air Force.

Theatre to mark 60th year

AMARILLO — Amarillo Little Theatre will celebrate its 60th birthday with two musical revues performed by ALT's original casts from the past.

Some of the songs to be performed include hits from "My Fair Lady," "Annie Get Your Gun," "The Music Man," "Carousel," "George M.," "Gypsy," "The Fantasticks," "South Pacific," "Peter Pan," "Little

Shop of Horrors" and "The King and I."

The public is welcome to attend the 8 p.m. performance Jan. 16, followed by a champagne celebration, or the 2 p.m. performance on Jan. 17.

The theatre is located at 2019 Civic Circle in Amarillo. For more information, contact Shelly Marmaduke at 355-9991.

Students

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Jose is also like her sister in that Katja was a foreign exchange student, too, having spent a year in France.

If she could choose something to take back to Holland, it would be pizza delivery.

Riko's father, Seijirou, is an engineer, and her mother, Eiko, is a secretary-receptionist in Riko's hometown of Osaka. She has one brother, Daishirou, 22.

Riko is enrolled in reading, English, American history, typing, choir and home economics classes at PHS. She is especially interested in English.

Riko's U.S. favorites include pizza, spaghetti and the people. She hopes to have a career as a translator after she finishes college. Her choice of what to take home with her from Pampa is "the food!"

She enjoys window shopping, playing the piano and rock music, especially the recordings of Janet Jackson.

Yukari is from Kobe City, a Japanese seaport with 1 million people, where a snow skiing area is available. Her father, Yoshihiro, is a shoemaker, and her mother, Takako, is a housewife. Her brother, Takayuki, is 17, and she also has two sisters, Harumi, 15, and Mineko, 13.

She chose to come to America because "I wanted to speak English, and I like America."

Her new experiences here include eating ice cream made of snow and listening to country-western music, which is not available in Japan. She has learned the two-step and is currently perfecting the Cotton-Eyed Joe, both popular western dance steps. She was sporting a pair of Western boots at the time she was interviewed.

Yukari plans to go to college to study English. Her PHS classes are English, history, reading, typing, trigonometry and choir, which is her favorite. In addition to snow ice cream, she likes pizza, spaghetti and hamburgers. Her music interests also include rock music, and her favorites are the groups a-ha, Genesis and Chicago. Her favorite actor is Tom Cruise.

"I like cooking, and I like to go to the movies. I love movies," she said. She also enjoys reading.

If she could take something from America back to Japan, it would be Christmas trees, she said. If she had her choice of something to bring to the U.S. from Japan, it would be her friends.

"It's a great experience to be here and meet so many new friends and find out things on your own in a strange place," Jose said.

"We've always wanted to do it (host a foreign exchange student) and we really kind of thought we'd wait until next year when Patti was a senior. But the AFS contacted us this summer with Jose's application. When we looked it over we decided she was the one for us. We feel we couldn't have made a better choice," said Judy Warner.

The Warners have three other children besides Patti: Mike, 25, is attending law school at the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma; Sandy, 24, lives in Arlington; and Melanie, 18, is a freshman at North Texas State University in Denton. Mrs. Warner is director of Tralee Crisis Center and her husband is an attorney.

"We wanted to be a host family for years, but we didn't know it was so easy to do. We found out it was just a matter of providing a home, food and a little loving," said Shirley Haines.

"We chose Japan because of the family orientation there. Laurie is the one who selected Riko. She read Riko's sheet, and their interests go together," Mrs. Haines said. She is an RN at Coronado Hospital, and her husband works for Serfco.

"She's tried to get me to eat with chopsticks. My hands aren't coordinated enough," Mrs. Haines said of Riko.

The Haineses have made hosting Japanese foreign exchange students a real family affair. A cousin in Shattuck, Okla., is also hosting a Japanese student, Mrs. Haines said.

"She is a very good student. We have enjoyed this one. She has been so much fun. She's happy all the time. She's just been a delight to our family," said Connie Hoke of Yukari. Mrs. Hoke is a housewife, and her husband is a plant operator at a Damon gasoline plant.

"I really like it here. I want to come back and visit," Yukari said.

For more information about the American Intercultural Student Exchange program, contact Sue Hutchison at 665-1780, or call toll free 1-800-SIBLING.

For information on the American Field Service foreign exchange student program, contact Lilith Brainard at 665-4579.



MRS. DAVID ALAN SOKOLOSKY
Shelley Dawn Williams

Williams-Sokolosky

Shelley Dawn Williams and David Alan Sokolosky were united in marriage at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 in First United Methodist Church of Graham, with Dr. Timothy Walker, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Ned Byrnes of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Graham.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne Williams of Graham.

Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Francis John Sokolosky of 2117 N. Dwight, Pampa.

Music was provided by Mrs. Helen Hawkins, organist and accompanist, and vocalists Roy Mustian and Vickie McKinley.

Melissa Street of Fort Worth was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jeanna Beth Young of Lubbock; Ginnie Hodges of Waxahachie; Mrs. Jimmy Skidmore and Susan Street, both of Graham; and Mrs. Mark Solari, cousin of the bride, of Victoria.

Best man was Steve Sokolosky, brother of the groom, of Pampa. Groomsmen were Brad Sokolosky of Pampa and Greg Sokolosky of Lubbock, brothers of the groom; Jerry Godfrey of Canyon; Kevin Ebenkamp of Duncan, Okla.; and Aaron Anderwald of San Angelo.

Ushers were Jim Bob Williams, brother of the bride, of Lubbock; Lance House, cousin of the bride, of Graham; and Kelly Bennett and Brad Knutson, both of Pampa.

Flower girl was Amber Young of Graham. Ringbearer was Jeffrey Woods of Fairview, Okla., cousin of the groom.

A reception was held at Graham Country Club following the ceremony. Assisting at the reception were Sheri Riney, Mary Brown, Karen Sullivan, Marsha Grimes, Mrs. Tom Williams, Mrs. Ronny Monsey, Kandy Hale, Ann Donnell, Mrs. Greg Montgomery, Susan Bowman and Kelly Brister.

The bride is a senior at Texas Tech University, where she is a member of Phi Epsilon Kappa professional fraternity. She is a corporate fitness major and is currently serving an internship at Texas Industries.

The bridegroom is a senior finance-real estate major at Texas Tech University. He is employed by Lubbock National Bank.

The couple planned to make their home in Lubbock following a honeymoon trip to St. Maarten, Virgin Islands.

College Information Hotline to be offered next week

The third annual College Information Hotline will be in operation from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 and Sunday, Jan. 10.

The hotline is sponsored by the Texas Association of College Admission Counselors (TACAC) and First City National Bank of Houston.

Teams of college admission directors and high school guidance counselors will answer the eight phone lines. Financial aid officers from Texas collegiate institutions will round out the staff of experts.

The special toll-free number to call for answers to questions about college admission and financial aid is 1-800-253-8989.

Nearly 800 calls were answered last year on topics such as entrance requirements, ACT/SAT testing, college costs and scholarships.

There are over 3,000 higher education institutions to choose from and over \$14 million in financial aid available in Texas, according to a TACAC representative. The hotline is available for all interested high school students, their parents and other involved family, and adults who are considering attending college.

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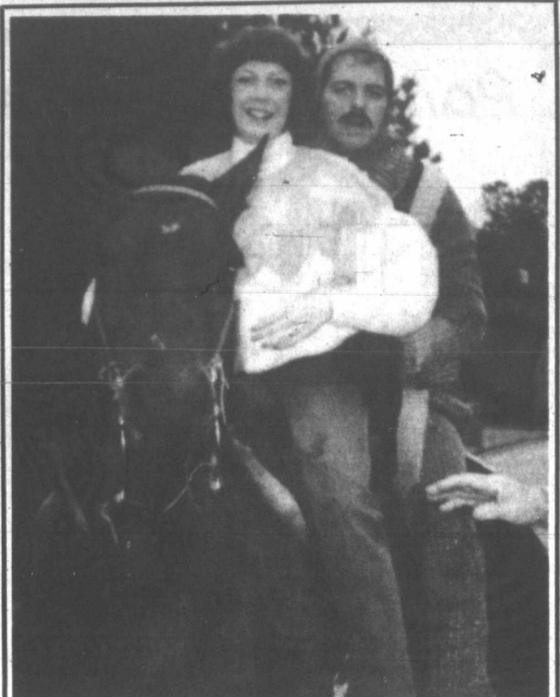
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Kuykendall-Boozer

Julie Kuykendall, granddaughter of Mrs. Virgie McGee of Skellytown and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ken (Virginia) Kuykendall of Longview, became engaged in a very unusual way on Christmas morning when her "knight in shining armor," Curtis Boozer of Houston, appeared at the Kuykendall home astride a noble steed, dressed in the full regalia of knighthood.

After asking for the hand of the fair maid in marriage, Sir Curtis bestowed upon Julie a kiss and a ring, then lifted her upon his horse and rode away to the cheers of the neighbors lining the street, who had earlier been made privy to the surprise.

Julie is a senior at Texas A&M. Her grandmother, Mrs. McGee, was also present for the event.

Curtis, a 1984 graduate of Texas A&M and currently sales administrator of the Houston office of Geico, Inc., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boozer of Pasadena.

The couple plans to wed in August.

Social Security representative schedules visits to area towns

A representative of the Pampa Social Security office will be in Canadian, Shamrock and Perryton in January to assist individuals in filing for Social Security, Medicare, Supplemental Security Income or other business with the Social Security office.

The representative will be at the courthouse in Canadian from 9:45 a.m. until noon Thursday, Jan. 7, and at the justice of the peace court, 122 W. 2nd, in Sham-

rock from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 5 and 19. In Perryton, the representative will be at the courthouse from 9:45 a.m. to noon Jan. 6 and 20.

Some matters may be handled by phone. The number to call is 669-1018. The office also takes appointments. The Pampa office is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on national holidays.

For information on filed Medicare claims, call 1-800-442-2620.

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The Point Is Pets

by Ron Hendrick, D.V.M.

Q: How important are Rabies shots? and each year?

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According to Dr. Galbraith, Tx. Dept. of Health:

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1987 ends in flurry of activity **Newsmakers**

Happy New Year, everyone! In the midst of making New Year's resolutions of whatever nature, do pause for a moment to check out events around town.

The Laubach literacy group met at the library for a special Christmas party of chips, dips, beverages and to honor the first student to graduate. The success of her student in completing all the books in the course put an extra sparkle in Jan Elston's eyes. The student will continue his study for a GED certificate. Contact Nancy Hill if you would like to become an instructor.

Charlotte and Bob Cooper took their little grandson home to Nashville for the holidays with family. Friends and fellow workers are sorry that Charlotte, who has been a popular, well-loved director of nurses at Coronado Hospital for about six years, will be moving from Pampa to the Nashville area soon to be near her family. "Best wishes!!!" "We'll miss you..." Charlotte's successor has not yet been announced.

Congratulations to Larry Black of the nuclear medicine department of Coronado Hospital on being named employee of the month.

Dr. Harry and Sally Griffith, Nicole and Michael spent the holidays with Sally's family in Illinois.



Peeking at Pampa

By Katie

Visiting in the home of Shirley and Don Stafford were their daughter and her husband, Donna and Jimmy Higgins Jr. of Houston.

Dana and Charles Stafford, Sean, Ben and Alex came from Arlington to visit Charles' parents, June and Skip Summers.

Visiting Mary Baten, Janetta and Annie Geisler were Mary's daughter Joy and children of Ft. Worth and Mary's sister Birdie.

Charles Johnson cut his family visit to New Orleans short to work with his band students. That's dedication beyond the call of duty.

Danny Parkerson spent the holidays with an aunt in Chicago. Bonnie and Bill Chambless enjoyed a Caribbean cruise.

Norma Briden spent a week of recreation and sunning in Kauai, Hawaii at the plush, new Weston of Wheel of Fortune fame. Transportation was in a stretch limo. Wow!!!

Majunta and Forrest Hills had 28 family members gathered around their Christmas table.

Their daughter Stephanie Hartman and family braved the weather and roads from Happy, Shannon and Jack King and son Forrest battled the old and new storms all the way from Arizona. Dietta Pope and Majunta McKern and families and Patsy McKern from Pampa completed the family picture.

Janice and Floyd Sackett and Janice's mother spent the holidays visiting their son and grandson Ed and his wife Paula in Florida.

Glendora Gindorf spent Christmas with her son Bob and family in California.

Norma Young spent her Christmas vacation with family and friends in Indiana.

Lois Sammons of Seiling, Okla. visited in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Linda Hokit.

Earl and Marlene Kyle enjoyed a few days of skiing at Lake Tahoe.

Bill and Ramona Hite entertained family and friends in their

home Christmas Eve. Decorations were elaborate and the goodies delicious and varied. Some of the guests were Dr. Jay and Linda Johnson, Janice and Lee Porter and Jai Jai, Ramona's parents from Amarillo, Billie Bruner, Edith Jackson, Susie and Dean Spoonemore and son Dr. Randall of Wiley.

Chief and Zella Mae Gray are proud to announce the arrival of a great-granddaughter born to Lori and Steve Bowling. The wee one's name is Stephanie Kay.

Grandparents Belle and Lacy Lee and great-grandparents Audrey and Jim Steward are happy to announce the arrival of little Belinda Marie Lee, daughter of Donna Marie and Robin Lee. Congratulations to all!

A kitchen full of members of Mary Ellen and Harvest Church of Christ served more than 360 people, including take-out food, on Christmas Day. Servers did not consider giving up Christmas at home with family a sacrifice. How nice, how nice!

Do drive carefully! The holiday weekend has hours to go. May each of you have a happy, prosperous 1988. See you next week.

Katie

Holly Nicole Danner
Holly Nicole Danner, 12, daughter of Tim and Robyn Mitchell of Albuquerque, N.M. and Darrell and Dixie Danner of Lovington, N.M., is the New Mexico State winner in E.J. Gitano's "E.J. Across the U.S.A." campaign.



HOLLY DANNER

Her photo was selected to represent New Mexico and will be published in the Spring 1988 issue of Girlstyle Magazine, appearing in February.

Holly is the granddaughter of Robert O. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Danner Sr., and Loyce Bond, all of Pampa.

James Todd Richardson
NORMAN, Okla. — James Todd Richardson of Pampa is among the candidates for degrees this fall from the University of Oklahoma Norman campus. Students who receive their degree in the fall can participate in commencement ceremonies in May.

Richardson will receive a bachelor's degree in business administration.
FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE
BORGER — Frank Phillips

College has announced its honor roll students for the fall 1987 semester.

Pampa residents listed on the Dean's Honor Roll are Lindsey Lee Chapman, Teresa K. Curfman, Mia M. Hunter, Shawn Edward Johnson, Beverly J. Mein and Sherry Lee Ray.

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Club News

Magic Plains Chapter ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of American Business Women's Association met at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at Lovett Memorial Library for a Christmas meal and meeting.

Evelyn Boyd, president, called the meeting to order. Pat Stubbs gave the invocation.

Hostesses were Boyd, Darla Jewett, Bessie Franklin, Ellen Malone, Stubbs, Brownie Voyles and Brunetta Stewart.

During the business meeting, a

\$250 check was presented to Patricia Malone, the chapter's scholarship recipient.

Christmas music was furnished by Karen and Dickie McGahan.

A white elephant gift exchange was held. Food and toys were donated by members to be given to a needy family. Door prizes were awarded.

There were 14 members and 11 guests present at the meeting. Wilda McGahan gave the benediction.

The next meeting will be at 6:30

p.m. Monday, Jan. 11 in the Nona Payne Room of the Chamber of Commerce Building.

Petroleum Engineers Wives Society

Petroleum Engineers Wives Society held their monthly meeting Dec. 8 at Pampa Country Club.

A Christmas buffet was served to 13 members from Pampa, 27 from Borger and four guests.

Rolanda Bowman of Rolanda's in Pampa Mall presented a program on silk flower arranging. Both small and large arrange-

ments were made, with emphasis on tying bows correctly. Two of the arrangements were given as door prizes, won by Jean Andrews of Pampa and Doris Keeler of Borger.

The wife of any man employed in a petroleum-related industry is eligible for membership in the organization. PEWS meets the second Tuesday of each month, alternating between Pampa and Borger.

The next meeting will be Jan. 12 at Sutphen's in Borger. For more information, call 665-4319.

Man's grin puts distance in marriage

DEAR ABBY: I have a kind and loving husband. He's been a good father and still is, even though our children are grown. For five years now he has been without front teeth. When he smiles, all you can see are several stubs off to either side which were ground down to hold the partial plate he threw away five years ago.

We communicate well — about everything else. I've told him how I feel about his lack of teeth, but I don't nag him about it. He says we can't afford it. That's not true — we can. I love to hug him, but I'm not crazy about kissing him.

Whenever I look at old pictures of him, I want to cry. Abby. He was such a handsome man — and still is. We are in our early 50s. I'm no raving beauty myself, but I have enough self-esteem to keep myself looking as good as I can. He has so many wonderful qualities and I love him dearly.

Is there anything I can do about this situation, or should I say no more about it and accept him as he is?

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DEAR NO: I rarely encourage a wife to nag a husband, but in your case I'll make an exception. He should maintain his teeth and replace those he lost promptly, not only for appearance's sake, but for health



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

reasons. A neglected mouth can cause headaches, tensions, invasive infections, neck, head and back pain, and general poor health. Beg him, nag him, bribe him — promise him anything — but get your man to a dentist at the earliest possible moment. He will thank you later — and that's a promise.

DEAR ABBY: I am 27 years old and haven't lived at home for five years. I live in a different state from my family. My problem: I grew a

beard as I wanted to see how I looked with one. I liked it and so did all my friends.

I visited my family last weekend and my father blew his cool and told me in language that this newspaper would not print that I should not come home again unless I shave off the beard.

Abby, I think this is terribly unfair. I paid for all my own schooling and am doing very well on my own. I want to see the rest of my family — but if I shave my beard, what will I tell my friends who have told me it looks great?

My father isn't the type you can reason with as he is a very stubborn man. Sign me,
BEARDED IN BOSTON

DEAR BEARDED: Tell your friends that your father refused to let you come home again unless you shaved your beard, and because you wanted to see your friends and family, you shaved it off.

P.S. Your beard will grow; I hope your father "grows," too.

DEAR ABBY: How would you respond to the following invitation: "If you have nothing better to do on Thanksgiving, how would you like to be with us?"
CURIOUS

DEAR CURIOUS: If I had nothing better to do, I'd accept.

BRIDAL BOUQUETS
by Sherry Thomas
NOTES ON NECKLINES

Apart from the cut and style of your gown, its neckline has a lot to do with its look and how flattering it is to your face. Here are some of the major styles:

A jewel-neck is a round neckline that comes to the base of your throat. It can be very simple and elegant, but may not be flattering to someone with a shorter neck.

A "high" neck comes above your throat, covering some of your neck. Depending upon the style, it can flatter a long or short neck, but may emphasize a double chin if you have one.

A Queen Anne neckline is a medieval look but often translates well to other dress styles. It comes to the nape of your neck in the back, drops down low over the top of your shoulders, and then comes straight across in front to form a low bodice. It can be a particularly flattering style for the smaller-busted woman, yet can also help to minimize a larger bust.

A sweetheart neck is similar in back, but drops straight down over the shoulders to a lower bodice shaped like the top of a heart. Both sweetheart and Queen Anne styles are often paired with a jewel-neck or high neck lace overlay.

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County Extension Agent

If you are like most Americans, your savings probably look pretty slim. In fact, last year American households saved only 3.9 percent of their disposable income — the lowest for personal savings since World War II.

Saving, like spending, can be habit-forming. So now may be a good time to get back in the saving habit.

Having adequate savings means you can dip into these funds for emergencies or big-ticket purchases rather than run up large credit card bills or installment payments. That's espe-

cially important now that there are fewer tax advantages to borrowing.

One method for increasing your amount of savings is to get money directly from your paycheck to your savings account. Your employer may have a program that allows you to have a payroll deduction made directly into a savings account. Without having the money in hand, you will be less likely to spend it.

Many people have success "paying" their savings account each month, just as though they were paying a regular bill. By doing this regularly, they will always have set aside savings. Or,



Homemakers' News

Donna Brauchi

try taking the balance in your checking account at the end of each pay period and transferring it to savings when you deposit a new paycheck.

It may take some creativity and discipline to save from daily living expenses, but it can be done. Consider never spending the change you receive from purchases and putting it into savings.

If you buy something on sale, "pay" the difference between the sale price and regular price to your savings account. Or try saving the money you received from coupon refunds. There are probably hundreds of ways to save that add up to lots of dollars over time.

Having a particular goal in mind is a big help in saving. Let's say, for example, that this year

you spent \$1,000 for travel and gifts at Christmas. Rather than "financing" next year's holiday expenses on credit cards and paying finance charges for several months while you pay off the bills, save that amount in advance.

Here are some strategies for saving \$1,000 in a year:

- Bank 1 percent of your monthly income the first month, 2 percent the second month, 3 percent the third month, and so on up to 10 percent or until you reach your goal of \$1,000. Putting away the first 1 percent will probably be harder than putting away 10 percent later on.
- Give up \$76.41 per month in im-

pulse credit card purchases. That money, plus interest you save, will total \$1,000.

- Deposit \$18.30 each week in a savings account.
- Save the \$1,000 by shaving \$2.74 per day from your food budget. Simply bringing a brown-bag lunch and drinks from home, rather than eating out and buying drinks from a vending machine, will save that much a day. But don't forget to bankroll the savings.

Try these or other strategies to get in the savings habit again. For more information on basic money management, contact your Gray County Extension Office.

Menus

Jan. 4-8

Schools

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY
Rice, toast, sliced peaches, milk.
- TUESDAY
Hot oats, buttered toast, juice, milk.
- WEDNESDAY
Texas toast, applesauce, milk.
- THURSDAY
Cereal, juice, milk.
- FRIDAY
Pancakes with syrup, fruit, milk.

LUNCH

- MONDAY
Sloppy Joe, tater tots with catsup, pickle chips, sliced peaches, chocolate or white milk.
- TUESDAY
Pig in a Blanket, french fries with catsup, English peas, peanut butter cake, milk.
- WEDNESDAY
American style goulash, glazed carrots, tossed salad, applesauce, thick sliced bread, chocolate or white milk.
- THURSDAY
Krispie fried chicken, whipped potatoes with gravy, buttered corn, mixed fruit, homemade hot rolls with butter, milk.
- FRIDAY
Pizza Pizzazz, snappy green beans, garden salad, chocolate no-bake cookies, milk.

Pampa senior citizens

- MONDAY
Chicken fried steak with cream gravy or chili rellenos, mashed potatoes, spinach, butterbeans, harvard beets, toss, slaw or Jello salad, peach cobbler or chocolate cake, cornbread or hot rolls.
- TUESDAY
Hamburger steak or chicken livers with cream gravy, cheese potatoes, blackeyed peas, baked cabbage, creamed corn, toss, slaw or Jello salad, lemon pie or cherry delight, cornbread or hot rolls.
- WEDNESDAY
Roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli casserole, turnip greens, fried okra, slaw, toss or Jello salad, cheesecake or chocolate ice box pie, cornbread or hot rolls.
- THURSDAY
Barbeque chicken or tacos, potato salad, green beans, corn on the cob, pinto beans, slaw, toss or Jello salad, banana pudding or pumpkin squares, cornbread or hot rolls.
- FRIDAY
Chicken enchiladas or fried cod fish, french fries, buttered broccoli, creamed cauliflower, slaw, toss or Jello salad, bread pudding or coconut pie, garlic bread or hot rolls.

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4-H Images leader training to be held

DATES

- Jan. 3 — Bob Skaggs Futurity.
- Jan. 4 — 7 p.m., Gold Star 4-H meeting, Courthouse Annex.
- Jan. 4 — 4-H Shooting Sports practice resumes.
- Jan. 5 — 4-H Images Leader Training, Bryan/College Station.
- Jan. 7 — 10 a.m., Pampa-Lefors-Grandview 4-H Lamb Project meeting, Clyde Carruth Livestock Pavilion.
- Jan. 7 — 7 p.m., 4-H and Youth Committee meeting, Courthouse Annex.
- Jan. 7 — 7 p.m., 4-H Horse Judging meeting, Courthouse Annex.
- Jan. 7 — 7:30 p.m., Grandview 4-H Club meeting, Grandview School cafeteria.

4-H IMAGES LEADER TRAINING

Regional training for 4-H volunteer leaders promoting the new 4-H Images leader guides on Method Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks will be offered in 1988. Leaders are invited to

4-H Corner

Donna Brauchi
and
Joe VanZandt

attend whichever training is most convenient.

Pre-registration is required. Training sessions will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Locations and dates are:

- Jan. 5 — Bryan/College Station
- Jan. 12 — Fort Worth
- Jan. 19 — Fort Stockton/Midland
- Feb. 3 — Overton
- Feb. 23 — Brownwood
- March 8 — Falfurrias
- March 16 — Kerrville
- March 30 — Lubbock

Please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible if you are interested in attending one of the trainings.

4-H INTERSTATE EXCHANGE

There has been a change! The dates for the 4-H Exchange with

Montana has been changed to June 26-July 2! We will be needing host families. If your family would like to host a 4-Her or adult during that week, please let us know!

TEXAS 4-H CENTER SUMMER STAFF

The Texas 4-H Center is in the process of identifying and recruiting young people for jobs on the summer program staff. There are different types of jobs available, but they all offer the same valuable leadership training, work experience, fun and profit for young people who are truly interested in being a part of a positive summer experience for over 1,000 4-Hers. They must have successfully completed their year of college and be enthusias-

tic and hard working.

There are three positions open:
May 25-Aug. 12 — Resource People (5) — Assume major responsibility in one of two areas. Shooting sports, canoeing, sailing, archery, dance leadership, photography, outdoor cooking and crafts are valuable skills.

Lifeguards (2) — Must be currently certified Red Cross or Boy Scouts; experience preferred. May also teach water safety or swimming.

June 20-July 16 — Counselors (9) — Young people to serve as group leaders and teachers. Responsible for living in lodges with 4-H members. Will receive special on-the-job training.

June 20-June 25 — The resource people and lifeguards will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and the counselors will be awarded a \$300 scholarship when they have satisfactorily completed their work.

If interested, contact the County Extension Office.

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- What Is An IRA?
- Who is Eligible to Contribute to an IRA?
- I Am Not an Active Participant in an Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plan. May I Deduct IRA Contributions?
- I Am An Active Participant in an Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plan. May I Deduct IRA Contributions?
- How Do I Know If I am an Active Participant?
- Are IRA Earnings, Such as Interest and Dividends Tax Deferred?
- How Much Can I Contribute to an IRA?
- Must I Contribute the Full Amount Each Year?
- When Can I Make Withdrawals?
- Can I Make earlier Withdrawals?
- Does The 1986 Tax Reform Law Affect Funds Already in IRA?
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Entertainment

ACT I plans auditions for comedy production

Auditions will be held today and Monday for *Our Hearts Were Young and Gay*, the next production scheduled by Pampa's Area Community Theatre Inc. (ACT I).

The comedy gives a nostalgic look at the account of two young "cosmopolitan" ladies of the 1920s. The cast requires 17 members, eight male and nine female.

Auditions will be held at 2 p.m. today and at 7 p.m. Monday. Both audition sessions will be held in the M.K. Brown Meeting Room at the Pampa Community Building, Ballard and Kingsmill.

Scripts of the play will be available for reading parts at the audition.

The play will be presented Feb. 19 and 20.

Our Hearts Were Young and Gay was dramatized by Jean Kerr, based on the book of the same title by Cornelia Otis Skinner and Emily Kimbrough.

"It is light, good fun, reminiscent of the 'good old days' and appropriate for the

entire family," said Debbie Lawrence, who will be directing the ACT I production.

The first two acts take place within a ship cabin during a transatlantic voyage to France, sans parental guardianship. During the cruise, the two young ladies meet two charming young men, nearly drown a man and must discover a way to keep from being quarantined on ship during their entire vacation.

Act three is set inside their Parisian hotel room. There they must discover how to bathe without blowing themselves up, take acting lessons without a teacher and learn to date while hiding behind a large feather fan.

Lawrence said there are many small roles available for those who are interested in auditioning but do not feel capable of handling a major role. There also are positions available for the backstage crew.

Anyone wishing more information about auditions and rehearsals may contact Lawrence at 665-7630.

Ex-Beatles bring forth worthy albums

By PATT RICHARDS
Guest Entertainment Critic

Since the release of the Beatles' American albums on compact disc and the recent interest in their work, the time seems right for the surviving Beatles to resurface on albums.

Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr have once again graced the record racks with their presence.

McCartney has compiled 17 of his greatest hits on an album titled *All the Best*. The title of the album is fitting.

There are the duets "Ebony and Ivory" with Stevie Wonder and "Say, Say, Say" with Michael Jackson. It also has older and little-known songs — at least to the younger generation — such as "C Moon," "Junior's Farm" and "Uncle Albert/Admiral Halsey."

There are also songs that not everyone remembers that McCartney made, like "Let 'Em In" and "Live and Let Die." And classic

McCartney songs that everyone who listens to radio can at least hum, like "Silly Love Songs," "With a Little Luck," "Coming Up" and "Band on the Run."

This is truly a fine collection of hits from one of rock's legends. It has been 16 years in the making, but it was well worth the wait.

George Harrison received a little help from his friends Jeff Lynne, of Electric Light Orchestra, on bass and keyboards; Eric Clapton on guitar, Gary Wright and Elton John on piano, and Ringo Starr on drums for his new long player, *Cloud Nine*.

Harrison acquired Lynne for the production of the album. They have teamed up to produce one of the best albums of 1987.

It's hard to say which song is the strength of the album. Is it the bouncy first single, "Got My Mind Set on You"? The crusading "Devil's Radio"? The catchy title track?

The best and strongest track on the entire album is the perfect tribute to the days of the

Beatles — "When We Was Fab." The song sounds like it could have come right off *Abbey Road*, and Harrison sounds like the Harrison of old.

Every song is a work of art. The high point of *Cloud Nine*, however, is the production. Every track is crystal-clear and tight. The mixing is flawless, thus achieving a full sound. The technical aspects in general are perfect. Harrison has gotten the best boardmen in the business.

The two albums are well made and a fitting comeback for both artists. Even though McCartney's album does not contain one new song, it is still a very worthy purchase. Harrison's album has 11 great songs and is a must-have for every connoisseur of good music.

There is one depressing thought about these two albums. Could *All the Best* and *Cloud Nine* be McCartney's and Harrison's swan songs?

Let's hope not.

What Dee Wallace Stone has stood up to

By FRANK SANELLO

HOLLYWOOD (NEA) — In her 39 years, Dee Wallace Stone has been through a lot — on and off the screen.

In 1981's "The Howling," Stone played an attractive news anchorwoman who turned into a werewolf while reading the evening news. The actress' character in "Cujo" (1983) was attacked by a rabid St. Bernard.

As the mom in "E.T." (1982), her most famous role, Stone was a divorcee whose husband had left her for a younger woman. In last season's TV movie "An Enemy Among Us," her son was ostracized by their community after contracting AIDS.

Off-screen life for Dee Wallace Stone has been as tough as any of her acting roles. Her alcoholic father committed suicide when she was a high school senior after years of disrupting his family.

Stone's two most recent TV projects allow her to draw on her own ability to deal with hardship. In one of them, she gets to fight back, as she has learned to do in real life.

In ABC's upcoming "Stranger on My Land," Stone plays a Utah rancher whose land is seized by the government. She loves the movie because in it she doesn't play a victim. When her character discovers that the government has unlawfully expropriated her land, she straps on a gun, jumps on her horse and chases after the feds.

On pay cable's Disney Channel, Stone has a gentler role. In "The Christmas Visitor," which runs throughout December, she plays a

poor Australian farm wife in the 1890s whose young son thinks he has seen Santa Claus.

Stone based the role on her own mother, who kept the family together despite her husband's abusive alcoholism and the desperate poverty it caused.

Today, Stone is the celebrity spokesperson for the National Association of Children of Alcoholics.

After two failed marriages, she settled down seven years ago with Christopher Stone, who plays Dr. Bill Horton on "Days of Our Lives."

"When Dad was sober, it was like 'Father Knows Best,'" the actress recalls. "When he was drinking, he never beat my mother, although I saw him throw her around a couple of times. It was mostly verbal abuse."

"My mother was the cornerstone of our family. Somehow this lady got three kids through college. She bartered for my dance and violin lessons."

Actually, Stone, a native of Kansas City, Kan., put herself through college and graduate school, where she earned a master's degree. After teaching English to high-school freshmen and sophomores in her hometown, Stone moved to New York, where she acted in commercials.

In 1976, she moved to Los Angeles to find work — instead, she put on 30 pounds. "I didn't know anybody out here," Stone says. "It was a real traumatic experience for me, so I ate — really stuffed my mouth. I'm a dancer, so it looked OK on me, but I just felt like a big piece of mud."



'I never had a feud with Steven Spielberg. It was only business. There was nothing personal in it.'

Dee Wallace Stone

She has since slimmed down from size 10 to size 4.

Stone's first film role was a small but memorable part in "10" (1979), as the woman Dudley Moore picks up at a bar.

It was her supporting role as a prostitute on a "Lou Grant" episode that caught the eye of Steven Spielberg. Based on that performance, the director-producer unexpectedly cast her as the mother in "E.T."

"E.T." the most commercially successful film of all time, should have turned Stone into a major star. But she argued with Spielberg over billing. He didn't want any opening credits, including Stone's. She was amenable if the studio promised her a

national publicity tour. The studio declined. Stone insisted on her opening credit, and finally got it.

What she didn't get, however, was a successful post-"E.T." film career.

Stone says her disagreement with Spielberg has been wildly exaggerated. She doesn't believe it has hurt her career one bit.

"This has been so blown out of proportion," claims Stone. "I never had a feud with Mr. Spielberg. It was only business. There was nothing personal in it."

Of her career, she says: "All I can tell you is that this is the first three weeks off I've had in two years."

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Best Sellers

Fiction

1. *Tommyknockers*, Stephen King
2. *Kaleidoscope*, Danielle Steel
3. *Leaving Home*, Garrison Keillor
4. *Patriot Games*, Tom Clancy
5. *2061: Odyssey Three*, Arthur Clarke
6. *Heaven and Hell*, John Jakes
7. *Polar Express*, Chris Van Allsburg
8. *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, Shel Silverstein
9. *The Bonfire of the Vanities*, Tom Wolfe
10. *Presumed Innocent*, Scott Turow

Non-Fiction

1. *Time Flies*, Bill Cosby
2. *Trump: The Art of the Deal*,

Donald J. Trump

3. *Family: The Ties That Bind ... and Gag*, Erma Bombeck
4. *Seven Stories of Christmas Love*, Leo Buscaglia
5. *Chronicle of the 20th Century*, Clifton Daniel
6. *The Frugal Gourmet Cooks American*, Jeff Smith
7. *A Day in the Life of America*, Rick Smolan & David Cohen
8. *The National Geographic Society*, C.D.B. Bryan
9. *The Cat Who Came for Christmas*, Cleveland Amory
10. *A Day in the Life of the Soviet Union*, Rick Smolan & David Cohen

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Fashion
- 5 — Blanc
- 9 Over (poet.)
- 12 Seed cover
- 13 Wild buffalo
- 14 Football coach
- 15 — Parseghian
- 16 High plateau
- 17 Of one's food regimen
- 18 Cause of Cleopatra's death
- 19 Poverty-war agency (abbr.)
- 20 He and she
- 21 Facilitate
- 23 Columbus' ship
- 26 Lobe
- 29 Merchant
- 33 Dinner, e.g.
- 34 Type of horse
- 36 — Miss
- 37 Witticism
- 38 La — tar pits
- 39 Burrowing animal
- 40 Weak
- 42 Swore
- 44 Tennis player
- 46 Mao — tung
- 47 Friar
- 50 New Zealand parrot
- 52 Actress Taylor
- 55 Vitamin C acid
- 58 Trifling
- 59 Pie — mode
- 60 Female relative
- 61 Flees (sl.)
- 62 Large bird
- 63 Therefore
- 64 — first you don't ...

DOWN

- 7 Compass point
- 8 Make an edging
- 9 Solemn pledge
- 10 American Indian
- 11 Spicy
- 17 And others (2 wds.)
- 19 Oriental women's quarters
- 22 Not well
- 24 Jacob's father
- 25 Bird's beak
- 26 Jane Austen title
- 27 Vast period of time
- 28 Make hot and dry
- 30 Having removable pages (comp. wd.)
- 31 She (Fr.)
- 32 Coarse grass
- 35 Concerning
- 38 Twice
- 39 Married woman's title
- 41 Pacific shark
- 43 Actress Hagen
- 45 Scraping out
- 47 Madam (cont.)
- 48 Capital of Norway
- 49 College group
- 51 Outer (pref.)
- 53 "La Douce"
- 54 Keen enjoyment
- 56 Norma — (Sally Field movie)
- 57 Prickly seed
- 58 1051, Roman

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 1 Family member
- 2 Raw minerals
- 3 Completely different
- 4 Highest note
- 5 Formulated
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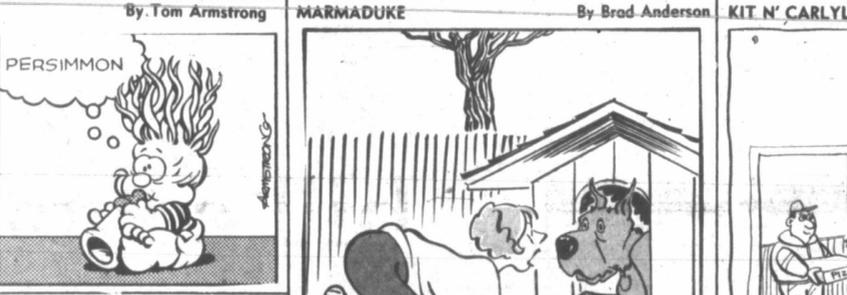
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Several personal ambitions can be fulfilled in the year ahead. The yield from your efforts is likely to be high. Be single-minded when you focus on your new objective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The path of least resistance is the one that you should follow today, because you may find it difficult to make a decision if you come to a fork in the road. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The matchmaker set instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Rigid self-discipline will be required today if you hope to be productive. Without proper control, you'll still be busy, but your efforts will be for naught.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Look for ways to trim your budget today, not expand it. Your funds are not made of rubber and they have definite limits to their elasticity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Important family matters should be guided by your own firm hand today. If you leave them to others, the results aren't apt to be what you anticipate or desire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be businesslike and fair in your involvements today. Don't leave it up to someone else to determine how you are to participate in that which is to be shared.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, you might expect more from situations than conditions warrant. View matters from a sensible perspective.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Frustrations can be avoided today. Make it a point not to ally yourself with an associate who doesn't understand the value of teamwork.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Hunches or intuition shouldn't be allowed to take precedence over your logic today. If it doesn't compute intellectually, chances are it won't work when you try it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A well-intentioned friend may not be qualified to play the role of your financial adviser today, so be careful to whom you go for counsel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Consider the source if someone says something that hurts your pride today. This individual's comments will not have any effect on people who know you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Think before you speak today and choose your words carefully. Too much idle chatter could label you a "know nothing," which, of course, you're not.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be extremely careful about investments at this time, especially if you are dealing in an area with which you are unfamiliar. Move cautiously.

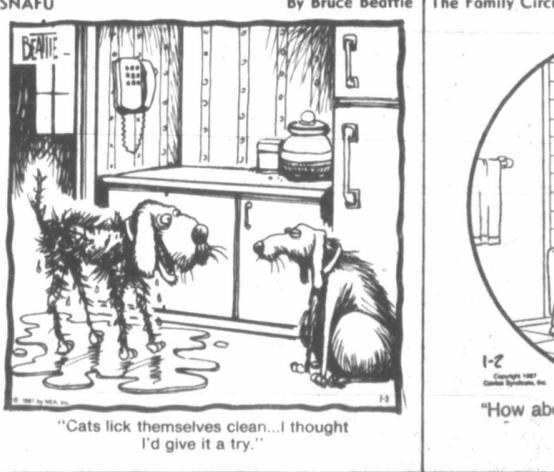
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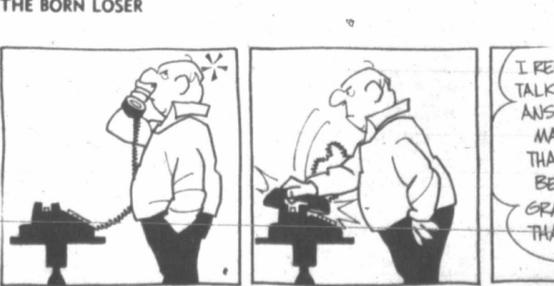
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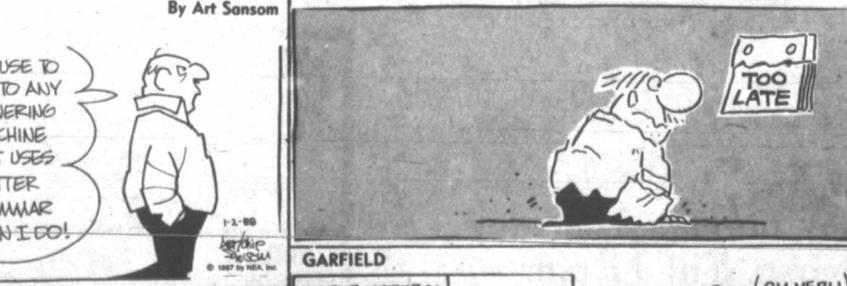
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A lab technician checks Transderm-Nitro through skin patches in Summit, N.J., recently. The patches allow nitroglycerin to be released to relieve angina chest pain for 24-hour periods without the use of pills. More than one billion have been sold by Ciba Pharmaceutical since its introduction more than five years ago.

Gulf States considering splitting Texas and Louisiana operations

BEAUMONT (AP) — Gulf States Utilities will consider splitting itself into separate Texas and Louisiana operations if its chairman gets his way.

Chairman E. Linn Draper said he has asked the board of directors for authority to consider a formal separation of service between the two states.

He said there are several options, but he did not give specifics on any plan. He cited two alternatives, one of which was to split the company "at the Sabine River," which separates the two states.

That would be difficult, however, because of bonds Beaumont-

based Gulf States sold to finance construction in both states, he said.

In the meantime, Draper said he has advised company accountants to keep separate books for the Texas and Louisiana operations to ensure that "Louisiana customers get the service they pay for and Texas customers get the service they pay for."

Any change in Gulf States' structure must be approved by both state regulatory commissions, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, he added.

Publisher's job is matter of fact

NEW YORK (AP) — When David Hendin worked as a reporter and science editor for the Newspaper Enterprise Association, a newspaper syndicate, he kept the current copy of The World Almanac handy nearby.

Now he sits in his plush midtown New York office surrounded by copies of The World Almanac. For the past three editions Hendin, who has just turned 42, has been publisher of the reference book.

"I was always a user, I always had it on my desk," said Hendin, who also serves as senior vice president and editorial director of United Media, a multimedia organization.

The 1988 volume, crammed with facts ranging from the be-

ginnings of history to the rejection of Supreme Court Justice nominee Robert Bork by the Senate, at 928 pages is a hefty descendant in a direct line from the first, slim 120-page one issued in 1868.

What most people don't realize, Hendin points out, is that the reason for the word "world" in the almanac's name is not because of its globally inclusive information. It is because it was created 120 years ago as a handbook for reporters of the New York World, a newspaper no longer in existence.

Today, more than 52 million copies later, it continues to be updated annually in a yearlong process by editor Mark S. Hoffman and his staff of two associate editors and a clerk. Last-minute

additions, this year including the plummeting of the stock market and the World Series results among other late events, go in immediately before publication.

"The book gets on the newsstands in New York a week after the last fact goes in, and to the rest of the country a week later," Hendin said in an interview. "With 1.7 million copies printed, it's really an amazing feat to get that book finished and on the newsstands so fast."

"As soon as the '88 edition

closed, there was a lull of a week to catch our breath, and then work started on the '89," he said. "Next year we'll close after the election and include state-by-state election results."

About 30 percent of the almanac is completely new each year, Hendin said, with the rest updated except for the basics, such as world history and the Constitution. The sections start closing in August, with about a section a week following until the final scramble just before the late November publication date.

WHY WAS JESUS BORN?

At this season of the year, the attention of most of the world is upon the birth of Jesus Christ. Yet, amid all the clamor and excitement of this holiday season, it seems the real truth regarding the birth of Jesus is lost. The Bible alone furnishes the true information regarding the birth of Jesus and no where does it make mention of the date of His birth nor does it indicate in any way that a special day of the year be designated as an observance of His birth. All of the things connected with the celebration of "Christmas" originated with man and not with God.

Why was Jesus born? Note the words of Jesus Himself: "To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." (John 19:37.) Jesus was before Pontius Pilate and had been asked, "Art thou a king then?" Jesus answered, "Thou sayest that I am a king." Certainly there was a very definite reason why Jesus was born but it was not in order that the world have a holiday to celebrate His birthday.

Jesus was born, first of all, in order to fulfill the prophecies regarding Him. Isaiah had prophesied that He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14.) Isaiah had also prophesied that He would be a Son (Isaiah 9:6-7.) Micah prophesied regarding the place of His birth, Bethlehem (Micah 5:2.) The angel of the Lord which appeared to Joseph, informed him that Jesus would save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21.) Jesus said, "For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10.) In order that the truth of the prophecies be verified, Jesus was born and lived a sinless life. Finally, He died on the cross, was resurrected from the dead, ascended back to the Father and sat down at His right hand (1 Corinthians 15:1-5; Acts 1:9-11; Hebrews 1:3.) After His glorification, He sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles, who in turn preached the gospel to the world. The birth of Jesus has made possible salvation for all men. For that we should be forever grateful.

-Billy T. Jones

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Agriculture

Farmers showing signs of recovery

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)—Not all farmers will have a happy new year, but Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Lyng says most are ending 1987 in generally better shape than a year ago.

"Agricultural exports are recovering, stockpiles (surpluses) are dropping, farm income is setting a record—net cash income—farm production costs are lower, farm land values are firming, and farm debt is declining," he said Tuesday.

Lyng told a news conference there still are "pockets of financial stress" among some low-income farmers who are saddled with large debts. About 10 percent of all farmers fit that category, he said.

Another 12 percent are burdened with heavy debts and 22 percent are struggling with low incomes. But about 56 percent of all farmers are in "favorable" financial shape, Lyng said.

Agriculture Department economists forecast that net cash farm income, or the difference between gross cash income and cash expenses, will reach a record \$57 billion this year. It could decline to a range of \$50 billion

to \$55 billion in 1988, they said.

Lyng said he believes farmers' net cash income next year will be nearer the upper end of the forecast range and possibly match the record level of this year.

He said consumers can expect a modest rise in food prices of 2 percent to 4 percent next year. "There will be plenty of food at reasonable prices in 1988," he said.

The huge acreages idled under federal commodity programs and the costly outlays to support those programs are two other problems cited by Lyng.

This year, 69.3 million acres are being idled by farmers, up from 44.8 million in 1986, 30.7 million in 1985 and 26.8 million in 1984.

A record 77.8 million acres were idled in 1983 under a one-time "payment-in-kind" program to curb rising surpluses.

Lyng noted that the long-range Conservation Reserve Program accounts for a large part of the 1987 idled acreage—16.8 million acres—and will continue to increase as farmers sign up.

The goal is to have 40 million to 45 million acres of erosion-prone cropland idled and planted in grass or trees by 1990.

The cost of farm commodity programs rose to a record \$25.8 billion in 1986 but is

expected to decline this year to \$23.1 billion. Program outlays by the department's Commodity Credit Corp. in the 1988 fiscal year, which began on Oct. 1, are expected to be in the range of \$19 billion to \$21 billion, the smallest since 1985, Lyng said.

But Lyng's new forecast for 1988 commodity programs was substantially more than the \$16 billion projected by department budget experts last summer.

These experts said the higher 1988 estimate reflects advance payments that will be made to farmers under next year's commodity programs.

Under the earlier, \$16 billion, forecast, no advance payments were to have been made, as they were in the past. Congress recently restored the practice.

If Lyng could change one thing in American agriculture, what would it be?

"I'd like to see more freedom for farmers to produce what they want to produce," he told a questioner. "And to accomplish that we'd have to get rid of the problems in the international trade scene."

A big step toward that would be if all countries would adopt a U.S. proposal to eliminate subsidies and trade barriers, he said.

U.S. farmers positioned to benefit from increased world demand for food

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has a good chance of expanding its share of a growing world import demand for food and other farm products by the turn of the century, according to an Agriculture Department trade expert.

A growth in the world's population, more money in circulation, and even the change of the United States into a debtor nation are some of the reasons cited by DeWain Rahe, director of the trade and information division of the department's Foreign Agricultural Service.

"Overall, I think we can anticipate a fairly sizable expansion in foreign demand for agricultural products over the next 10 or 12 years," Rahe said. "Certainly, we are in a strong competitive situation right now."

Rahe said the U.S. dollar's value has declined against foreign currencies by nearly a third since March 1985, helping make U.S. products much more competitive overseas.

Also, he said in the January issue of the agency's Foreign Agriculture magazine, U.S. domestic farm programs have lowered prices for many of the key commodities. If prices remain competitive, Rahe said, American farmers "will be in a good position" to expand sales.

"Finally, the shift in the U.S. position from a creditor to a debtor nation also could serve to bolster our agricultural exports," he said. "Countries with a surplus of dollars are going to spend those dollars at some point."

Rahe added, "What better way to spend those dollars than on U.S. agricultural products—especially if they are available at

competitive prices because of our farm programs and the value of the dollar."

But Rahe cautioned that U.S. exporters can't expect "to have the world market handed to them on a silver platter" because the competition will be tough.

As to which countries and regions of the world offer the greatest opportunities, Rahe said it depends mostly on the products involved.

"I think if I were a producer of high-value products, I would continue to look very closely at Western Europe, Japan and the newly industrialized, export-oriented countries such as Taiwan, Korea and Hong Kong," he said.

"These latter countries have run up big trade surpluses with the United States," Rahe added. "Now they can be expected to make a concerted effort to 'Buy American' in the years ahead, to make sure they have continued access to our market for industrial products."

In agriculture

Joe VanZandt

INDIVIDUAL IRRIGATION NEEDS TO BE FOCUS OF CONFERENCE

Ways that producers can fine tune their pivot or row irrigation equipment to get maximum benefit for their particular field will be explained during the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference in Amarillo Tuesday.

For years, this annual program has been one of the most beneficial events for Gray County producers who irrigate. Extension staff and High Plains irrigators plan it to address major concerns of the producers.

The conference will be held at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. in Amarillo. Registration and an exhibit of equipment and supplies will begin at 8:30 a.m.

At 9:25, Jack Musick, agricultural engineer with USDA Agricultural Research Service, Bushland, will report on research to find the most efficient furrow irrigation methods for this area. Leon New, irrigation specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Amarillo, will explain ways to refine existing irrigation systems.

Adaption of center pivot systems to provide effective chemigation will be explained by Dr. Allen Knutson, Extension entomologist, Dimmitt. Dr. Wyatt Harmon, agricultural economist with the Texas Agricultural Ex-

periment Station, Amarillo, will discuss the economic potential of center pivot irrigation.

Personal experience of a panel of producers will conclude the program.

Additional information about the conference is available at the Gray County Extension office.

AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK REMAINS 'FAIRLY BRIGHT'

The agriculture outlook for 1988 remains fairly bright, according to an economist in marketing with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

"Texas farm and ranch income will continue to be supported by strong cotton and cattle prices and sizable government payments," says Dr. Carl Anderson.

He emphasizes that moderate inflation and a relatively low level of planted acreage will dampen the increase in production expenses.

As a result, agricultural incomes in 1987 are expected to be up substantially from the depressed levels of recent years.

For 1988, the general outlook is highlighted by smaller world crop supplies, stronger demand, and higher prices. Larger meat supplies will dampen livestock and poultry prices for the year ahead, however, he notes.

Most Texas farmers and ranchers likely will experience stable income in the New Year. Lower prices for beef cattle, pork, poultry and cotton may ab-

out offset slightly higher prices for wheat, soybeans, corn and rice.

In the coming year, U.S. farm exports are expected to increase moderately because of low and competitive prices. The weaker dollar also will boost sales, the economist predicts.

Farm financial stress is easing somewhat with improved incomes, lower land and capital costs. In addition, the downturn in farm land prices is beginning to show signs of stabilizing.

The structure of agriculture continues to change in the direction of fewer and larger commercial farms that are integrating with supply and processing firms to increase efficiency. The result is higher and more stable income per family.

Many part-time farmers, who derive most of their income off the farm, remain. These families are seeking a rural lifestyle rather than farm income, in most instances. The result is fewer middle-sized farm operations.

Anderson adds that a modest increase in food prices of 2 to 4 percent is in prospect for 1988. Large meat supplies will probably dampen food price gains.

U.S. farmers are idling 70 million acres, and as a result, input sales have fallen sharply. Farmers are using cash flow to pay on debt, rather than purchasing inputs. Sales of manufactured inputs are down about 30 percent from the peak, due to the idled

acreage.

Layoffs and plant closings in recent months have led to a rapid consolidation of input and processing industries. Exports of broilers, flour, soybean products, meat and other value added products have dropped sharply because of highly subsidized sales of these products by many foreign competitors. The European Economic Community paid out about \$8.5 billion in direct export subsidies last year.

"In summary, net farm income in 1988 may decline slightly from the improved level in 1987," Anderson says. The outlook is for continued gradual improvement in the global crop supply-demand situation. U.S. exports are expected to benefit from the growth in global demand and competitive U.S. prices.

World animal-product output is expected to increase modestly in 1988, with expanded output of poultry and pork offsetting less beef and veal.

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Roberto Santos Alves, 17, sits in the window of his isolated hospital room in Brasilia, Brazil, recently. On Sept. 13, Alves, scavenging for junk, found a 300-pound lead capsule in an abandoned building. He and a friend car-

ried it to Alves' backyard and smashed it open. Inside the capsule was cesium 137, a radioactive substance used in cancer treatment. It contaminated 249 people in all.

The 'Little Giant' of freight ferrying keeps rolling along

By BOB DVORCHAK
Associated Press Writer

MONONGAHELA, Pa. (AP) — The brawny Monongahela River, once a carrier of Indian dug-out canoes and flatboats of pioneers, is a moving road that drives barge after barge of coal to power plants and mills.

"It's a God-made interstate highway," said Barry Palmer, head of a trade group called DINAMO (the Association of Development of Interstate Navigability on America's Ohio Valley).

The 130-mile long river coils north to Pittsburgh from coalfields in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, past five coal-burning power plants and a string of mostly dormant steel mills, blast furnaces and coke works.

The Mon was one of the earliest inland rivers used for travel and trade, ferrying military supplies for the British in pre-Revolutionary War days. A human tide of settlers later floated on it past Pittsburgh, the gateway to the West. Coal was first shipped in 1780s on its way to New Orleans.

Today, the Mon is a workingman's waterway. Rivermen call it the "Little Giant" because of the burly blue-collar tonnage of coal, coke, iron, oil, gas, gravel and chemicals pulsing along the watery pipeline.

But it also has traffic jams caused by a hodge-podge of locks and dams. The river drops 147 feet from Fairmont, W. Va., to Pittsburgh, and a series of nine locks serve as watery ladders to step freight up and down.

"It's like having a superhighway that goes into a one-lane cart path or unloading a tractor-trailer onto a small pickup," said George Cingle, chief of planning for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees the river.

A fix is coming for the worst bottlenecks, Locks 7 and 8, a pair of obsolete chambers built 60 years ago on the steamboat era. One of the final acts of the 99th Congress last year was authorization for a \$205.9 million replacement.

The two locks are 56 feet wide and 320 feet long, narrow and short by modern yardsticks. A standard six-barge tow must disassemble into two parts to get through, taking twice as much time. On the river, time is money.

The new locks will be 84 feet wide and 720 feet long, a size more compatible with other newer locks.

Five of the Mon's nine locks were built or reconstructed since 1950. The other four were built be-

tween 1905 and 1926. Despite the patchwork lock sizes, the river toils away.

In 1985, the Mon carried 28.8 million tons of cargo, including 24.6 million tons of coal. That's down from the 1984 total of 34.5 million tons and well below the peak year of 1970 when nearly 42.3 million tons, including 34.7 million tons of coal, were hauled.

Part of the drop came with the steel industry's collapse. In 1970, the river toted 2.5 million tons of iron and steel. By 1984, the total was less than 824,000 tons.

One of the biggest barge operators is the Consolidation Coal Co., which owns five coal mines along the river. The company ships 9.5 million tons of coal per year by river, mostly to power plants. It has a fleet of six towboats, 312 barges and 82 people working on the Mon.

"It would be impossible to ship that amount by truck. You'd have to redo the whole road system in Pennsylvania," said Dave Kreutzer, general manager of Consolidation's river division.

The river is treasured because it hauls bulk payloads cheaper than railroads or trucks. A standard barge carries 900 tons of coal, as much as 56 trucks.

The river's worth was underscored in November 1985 when a flood jammed barges against the dam at Maxwell, Pa., and closed the channel to traffic for 42 days. Losses were put at \$500,000 a day.

Native Indians named it Monongahela, which means "river of crumbling banks." To them, it was a highway to fertile hunting grounds. But Indian campfires had given way to factories when the Pennsylvania Legislature authorized a series of locks and dams in 1817.

The federal government took over the system in 1897 and eliminated the tolls.

Barges glide past the company houses in blue collar hamlets such as Isabella, Nemacolin, Rices Landing, Jacobs Ferry and Greensboro. In Greensboro, the canoes were built for Lewis and Clark's northwest expedition.

A coal seam called the Pittsburgh vein, a 6-foot-thick bed that fueled the Industrial Revolution, outcrops at several places on Mon river banks. Portals tunnel into the hillsides, and tipples rise from the banks to load barges. Slag heaps of abandoned mines contrast with otherwise unspoiled scenery.

Slick diesel tows equipped with radar, radios and speaker phones have replaced steamboats and wooden barges. The boats plod along at 8 mph.

Curator seeks to swap Confederate sword for Yankee general's blade

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In June 1863, Union Army Gen. Neal Dow was captured by a group of Confederate soldiers near Jackson, La.

He was taken to Libby Prison in Richmond, Va., and his horse, pistol and sword were divided among his captors.

Eight months later, Dow was freed in a prisoner exchange for Rooney Lee, son of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, but for the next five years, he searched in vain for the sword that was taken from him.

He never did get it back, and now, a museum of Dow's estate in Portland, Maine, wants a southern family that has had it for over 120 years to give it up.

The prized blade, with its eagle handle resplendent with eagle eyes, was taken by Lt. Col. John McKowen and has been in his family since. The blade now belongs to McKowen's great nephew, Ben B. Taylor III of Baton Rouge, La., and is kept in a bank vault there.

"Make sure you mention that, or else I'll have a bunch of yank-

ees at my house trying to get it back," Taylor said in a telephone interview.

One of the "yankees" who'd like to get his hands on the cutlass is Henry Kelly, the curator of the Dow Memorial Mansion in Portland, Maine.

The museum is run by the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Maine. Dow bequeathed his mansion and possessions to the group.

Kelly says he learned the sword was in Baton Rouge earlier this year. He says he'll trade a Confederate captain's sword in Dow's collection that was captured during a battle in New Orleans.

"If it actually is the Neal Dow sword, what good is it for them to have it down there when we've got one that belongs down there," Kelly says.

"It's a mystery to us what they want with it. ... It doesn't belong down there. He (Taylor) would get more publicity and praise if he would bring it home."

Kelly says his offer is more than fair.

"I'm sure that this sword would far surpass that one he has down there," he says.

Taylor says he has no plans of parting with the yankee blade which was given to him by his father some 20 years ago.

"My grandfather, Benjamin B. Taylor, was thinking about giving it back to the people it was captured from," he says. "My father then chimed in and said, 'If I get that sword I'll never give it back'. Then I realized the value of it."



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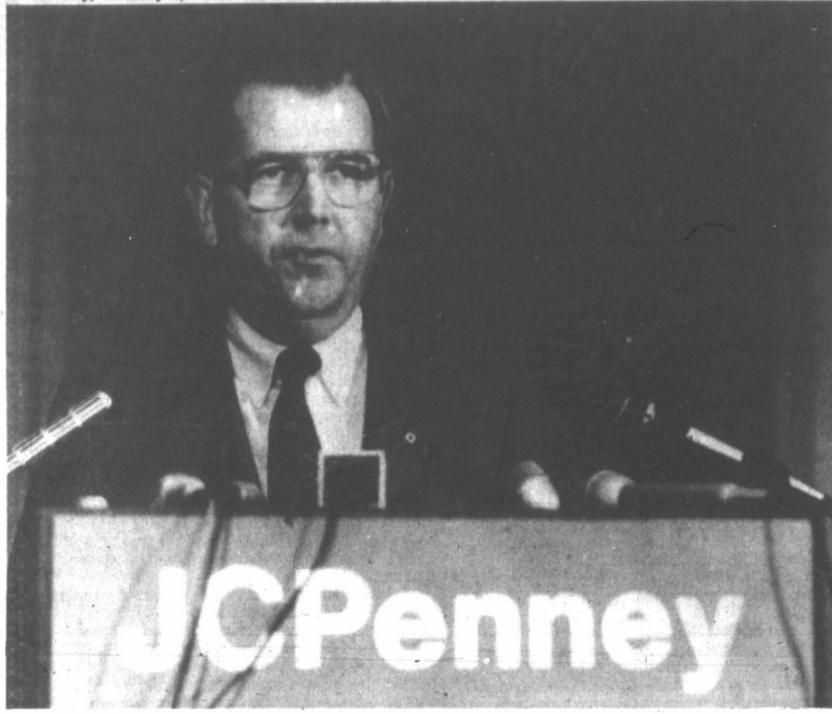
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(AP Laserphoto)

Howell began at J.C. Penney Co. as teen-ager.

Rise of J.C. Penney Co.'s top executive is storybook stuff

By JENNIFER FINE
Dallas Times Herald

DALLAS (AP) — It is the stuff of fables and legends: Small-town boy starts out cleaning the floors at the branch store his father manages, gets promoted to sales clerk by age 16 and, after college, steadily ascends to the top of the company — not just the branch store, but the top of the entire chain.

That is the story of William Howell, chairman and chief executive officer of J.C. Penney Co., the nation's fourth-largest retailer.

Howell became a well-known name in Texas earlier this year, when he announced that Penney's would leave its New York City home of 73 years for the Texas plains. By July 1, Howell and three Penney's employees will be operating from three Dallas locations while their new Plano headquarters is being built.

For Howell, a native Oklahoman, the transition will not be difficult. Howell says he knows the quality of life and reasonable cost of living offered in the Southwest.

Howell, who turns 52 next week, was born and reared in Claremore, Okla., where his father managed the local Penney's store. Penney's, Howell recalls, invariably was the topic of conversation at breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"Conversation always centered on J.C. Penney because that was our life," he says. As a teen-ager he began working after school with the cleaning crew at the Claremore store. When he turned 16, he was allowed to become a sales clerk, selling work clothes.

Howell says he attended the University of Oklahoma because it was within his family's budget. He graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in business management and had offers from various companies. Although retail was not considered a glamorous choice, he selected Penney's.

"It turned out to be right for me," he says. "In some ways it was a comfort level."

And at Penney's, he saw opportunities: "Penney's said your ability will dictate where you go."

Still, Howell says he had no burning ambition to climb the corporate ladder. All he wanted to do was become a store manager, which he did in 1968, after a series of departmental management positions in stores in Norman, Okla., and Oklahoma City.

Marian Schell was invoice clerk at the Tulsa store Howell first managed. Ms. Schell, now 71 and still working with Penney's in Tulsa, says she is not at all surprised at Howell's rise to the top.

"He deserves everything he gets," she says. "My impression is that he is a very fair man. He went by the book on everything."

While Howell did not plan a future in retailing or with Penney's, he is not surprised it became his career. He always intended to remain with whatever he started, and although he was approached by other companies over the years, he says he never really considered leaving Penney's.

Drillers' enthusiasm tempered by cost

By CHRIS VAN WAGENEN
The Odessa American

MIDLAND (AP) — Myrtle Greathouse said he was in Midland last week, and it resembled a "cemetery."

Greathouse, president of West Texas Drilling Co. in Abilene, said Midland is a good indicator for all drilling companies to follow.

Prior to the collapse of crude prices, he said, people were walking the streets with a "spring in their step" just waiting to put together deals. But when crude prices collapsed on the New York Mercantile Exchange, a lot of that enthusiasm vanished overnight.

West Texas Drilling Co. has fared better than some of its counterparts; the company is operating 17 rotary units with two others waiting to move on location, he said.

But Greathouse and other drilling operators have had to weather more than just falling crude prices — which have hovered above \$16 a barrel this week — because the cost to operate those rigs is going up.

Drill bits alone have recovered almost 100 percent of their market value after being discounted as much as 70 percent during the downturn.

In the first two quarters, some drilling companies were paying about \$1,500 per bit. As of Nov. 1, several major manufacturers raised rock bit prices to \$3,700.

"That's a good lick," said Greathouse. "Independents are being a lot more selective about what they're drilling now."

Gene Sledge, president of Gene Sledge Drilling Corp., said that not only is he worried about bit prices, he's looking at a 25 percent increase in

He was promoted to district manager in 1969 and held various corporate management positions until 1981, when he became executive vice president and a company director. A year later he was named vice chairman, and in 1983 he became chairman and CEO.

Howell believes it is his ability to stick with his principles that has allowed him to succeed with the company. "The most important thing — I can say looking back — is simply being yourself. What is important is to be comfortable with what you believe in," he says.

What Howell believes in is fiscal conservatism, control and values. His management tenet is based on planning, and emphasizes organization, goal setting, leadership and control.

"I'm probably criticized for an over-emphasis on planning," Howell says. "But when it all works out, people are glad."

Howell serves on the boards of Exxon Corp., Warner-Lambert, NY-NEX Corp. and Bankers Trust and is a director of the National Retail Merchants Association. He has been actively involved with the United Way, and was chairman of the 1986 New York City United Way campaign.

Howell also was named chairman of the University of Oklahoma Centennial Campaign, a \$100 million fund-raising effort coinciding with the school's 100th anniversary in 1989.

"That kind of summarizes the kind of person he is," says Robert Lusch, dean of OU's College of Business. Lusch says the fact that Howell — who is on the Dean's Advisory Board at OU's College of Business — can run a company as large as Penney's, move it to Texas and find time for fund-raising demonstrates his organizational skills.

"He always seems to have things under control, which always amazes me," Lusch says.

Howell believes he is a good fundraiser, and he hopes he is a good salesman, but adds, "I sell through conviction. I can only sell what I believe in." That goes for the clothes he wears — all purchased at J.C. Penney — and even the Penney's home decorator he and his wife hired to fix up their condominium in Naples, Fla.

Howell already has said he plans to retire in February 1996. At that point he will the reins to someone else, and enjoy some leisurely pursuits. "I had always thought I would run hard and fast until age 60," he says. Until then, he says, he will continue to be a leader and provide an environment in which people are free to take risks.

Howell says he cannot define a major business decision that went sour. Certain directions Penney's attempted, such as its entrance to European markets, or its Treasury stores, could have been done differently, and he says "it would have been terrific to have moved to Dallas 10 years ago."

But he explains that failures are part of risk-taking. And even after nearly 30 years with a company he says is no less than an institution, "I'm still learning something new about it every day."

workman's compensation costs, and increases across the board in manufacturer costs.

In particular is the availability of component parts such as swivels, rotary tables and pumps. "A lot of manufacturers are no longer in business," he said.

Sledge said he knows of only three machine shops that are totally dependent on rig work. "Our selection of shops has dwindled," he said. "A lot of these companies have gone the way side."

In Hobbs, N.M., Jerry Gilbert, president of Moranco Drilling Inc., said he, too, has witnessed an increase in operative costs in the last quarter.

"Drill bits have gone up, but there's been a considerable increase in drill pipe and used equipment. We've been able to handle the (downturn) in machine shops."

Pipe in 1987 moved from \$3.50 per foot to much as \$7.50 per foot. Moranco operated between one and four rigs during the year.

Unlike West Texas Drilling at 85 percent, Gilbert said his company has operated about a 30 to 50 percent utilization rate.

However, Gilbert said he's optimistic about 1988 because "there's a lot more people out there today than there were two years ago who realize our situation. I think we're on the road to recovery, although that's a heck of a thing to say with prices falling."

L.J. Tucker, president of Tucker Drilling Inc. in San Angelo, said that while its true prices have gone up, conditions still are a lot better than in 1986.

Tucker said well servicing costs — in particular cement and fracturing services — shot up near the end of the year, "but they're still not as high as they were."

Testing of faith and the future

By JOHN CUNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — The future is a wonderful dumping ground for problems, especially those arising from the inability to pay bills in the present.

It is a world of unlimited potential, so vast it has no boundaries, and so free of deadlines and worries and those mundane responsibilities that can make life in the present so troubling and complicated.

It is a place where everything is better, and that includes the ability of all borrowers — household, corporate, government — to pay bills. It is the borrower's heaven, though it has the potential to be the lender's hell.

Refinancing has become the name of the game. Everyone's doing it: your next door neighbor, the Social Security Administration, Uncle Sam, the homebuyer, the bureaucrat, the local, state, federal and Third World governments.

It serves both lender and borrower. The former escapes the financial embarrassment of having to write off what might be an uncollectable loan. Not only that, the lender can continue to call the debt an asset, and those assets permit the lender to lend even more.

The impact on the borrower is even more evident, because the borrower can enjoy the present with much less stress, while looking forward to a future that, in the mind's eye, will always be a better time to repay.

Because the future is better than the present, it is no mystery why Mexico and some American banks are likely to enter a transaction that will, in effect, shove their mutual financial difficulties into the ever-present future.

Still, it is not quite that easy, since both the future and credit rely on a great deal of faith — faith that it will be easier to pay tomorrow than it is today, and faith that whatever is owed will eventually be repaid.

It is this faith that keeps Uncle Sam and his creditors together. It is what the savings bank relies on, as much as the collateral, in granting a loan to a homebuyer. It is why companies issue bonds, and why investors buy them.

Sometimes the reliance on the future is relatively minimal.

Chicago futures market criticized

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures markets in Chicago have become a haven for stock market speculators and should be restricted in the interest of maintaining public confidence, says a new report commissioned by the New York Stock Exchange.

"Long term, it could undermine public confidence in this nation's capital raising system," former Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach wrote in the report released last week.

The Chicago futures markets may have contributed to the Oct. 19 crash, the report said, since investors bid stocks too high before the crash on the false notion that they were protected from risk by futures-related hedging.

Katzenbach said the Chicago exchanges should require players in stock index futures and options to put up more money and maintain bigger reserves. Moreover, he said, buyers of stock index futures contracts in Chicago should have the option of receiving the actual stocks if they want them — something he said would bring a dose of reality to the market.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade, the two main targets of Katzenbach's report, defended their role as providing stock investors with a way to hedge their risk. The Board of Trade called the report "self-serving."

Regulation of all kinds of financial instruments should be consolidated under one agency, with the Securities and Exchange Commission the most likely candidate, Katzenbach said.

Also, the New York Stock Exchange should begin trading an index based on the current prices of a market basket of stocks listed on the NYSE, and the Chicago exchanges should take steps to limit low-cost speculation, Katzenbach recommended.

NYSE spokesman Richard Torrenzano said the exchange would consider whether to adopt the recommendations in the report, which is the first of a series to be issued in the coming month.

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Air Force sergeant is charged with leaking classified document

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A staff sergeant at Lackland Air Force Base has been charged with stealing a classified document while stationed in Turkey and disclosing its contents to an unauthorized person.

Staff Sgt. John E. Cason, 42, of Arlington also was charged with purchasing a classified document, Lackland spokesman Jim Sandefur said. The action by military authorities is similar to grand jury proceedings in civilian courts.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 19 to determine whether officials will convene a court-martial against Cason. The hearing will be closed to the news media, and officials say if a court-martial is convened, it too will be closed.

If convicted of the charges, Cason could be sentenced to seven years in prison.

After Wednesday's proceeding, the 20-year Air Force veteran returned to his job at the Lackland housing office, where he

temporarily has been assigned as an administrative clerk. He refused to talk with reporters.

Cason last month was ordered to Lackland from a base in Turkey to undergo a psychiatric examination at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center.

Air Force officials refuse to discuss the case, saying it involves sensitive material. They have

said, however, the case does not involve espionage.

Sources who asked not to be identified told the San Antonio Light that Cason, a history and archaeology buff who took frequent trips outside the Incirlik Air Base where he was stationed, tried to obtain a classified map for personal use.

Reagan program shaping up as more of the same stuff

By W. DALE NELSON
Associated Press Writer

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — If President Reagan has dramatic new proposals up his sleeve as he starts his final year in office, the White House is keeping them under wraps.

To judge from the rhetoric here, as the vacationing president prepares to ring in the new year, 1988 will hold more of Reagan's familiar exhortations to reduce federal spending and the scope of government.

Seven years of this has not stemmed huge federal deficits, but the president's aides say the trend to bigger and more costly government has been put into reverse gear and Reagan wants to keep it that way.

The president has been keeping a low profile during his California stay, and the first indication of his 1988 plans may not come until he delivers his State of the Union message to Congress. Although the date for the address hasn't been announced, aides say privately it will be Jan. 25.

Spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the president has been studying papers in preparation for writing the speech. He insisted it will be more than just a tying up of loose ends and will include new ideas.

Fitzwater was asked the other day whether Reagan had any new strategy to work with Congress so that his budget would not be declared

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"dead on arrival" as soon as it reaches Capitol Hill.

"No, we think it's most unfortunate that Congress hasn't followed our earlier budgets," Fitzwater said. "If they did, we'd be \$200 billion less in the deficit than we are today."

"But they haven't," a reporter argued. "But they should," Fitzwater said. "The debate over spending priorities is a very real one, and may not change dramatically."

"Most of the people who don't like the budget are people who want to spend more, or they have different spending priorities," Fitzwater said. "Those priorities are going to stay the same. Ronald Reagan is not changing his philosophy, and you can expect a continued emphasis on reduced federal government, and on reduced federal spending."

In other words, Reagan's quarrel with Congress in 1988 will have a familiar ring.

In foreign affairs, 1988 is likely to be a better year for Reagan than 1987, the year that saw him dogged by the Iran-Contra affair.

As 1987 began, the crisis was deepening over the covert sales of U.S. weapons to Iran, and the prospects for an arms control agreement with the Soviet Union were dampened by the collapse of the Reykjavik, Iceland, summit in October 1986.

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