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Shamrock ready for '51 and Having Fun'

SHAMROCK — The Irish, those with Irish in their blood and those who are just would-be Irish folks will gather in Shamrock this weekend as the city packs in a carnival, parade, dances, rodeo events and other activities for the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Activities get under way tonight with the carnival starting at 6 p.m., a banquet at 6:45 p.m. and a chili cook-off welcome party at 8:30 p.m. Saturday offers a full day of entertainment, beginning with a Dignitaries Invitational breakfast at 7 a.m. hosted by El Paso. The rest of the day will see fun runs, rodeo events, Old Settlers reunion, band concert, a parade, a chili cook-off, sporting events, a beard contest, the Miss Irish Rose Pageant, a Ministerial Alliance program and two dances, among other things. The weekend winds up Sunday with team roping, a Cowboy Church service and a golf

scramble. Following is the schedule for Shamrock's '51 and Having Fun' St. Patrick's Day celebration: **FRIDAY** 6 p.m. — Carnival, near water tower on Main Street. 6:45 p.m. — Banquet at National Guard Armory, featuring Mike Snider, *See Haw* star. 8:30 p.m. — Chili cook-off welcome party, 600 block of North Main. **SATURDAY** 7 a.m. — Dignitaries Invitational breakfast, Mitchell's Restaurant. 8:30 a.m. — Ten K Run and One-Mile Fun Run, El Paso Field, Shamrock High School. 9 a.m. — Carnival, all day, near water tower on Main Street. Colleens' coffee, Pioneer West Museum, 204 N. Madden. Team roping, Brashears Roping Arena, U.S. Hwy. 83 North.

9-10 a.m. — Old Settlers registration, City Hall Annex, 114 W. Second. 9:30 a.m. — Welcome, reviewing stand in 300 block of North Main. 10 a.m. — Presentation of plaques for Old Settlers' Reunion, City Hall Annex. 10:30 a.m. — Parade, Main Street. Followed by band concert and presentation of parade awards at reviewing stand. 12 Noon — Barrel racing, Sheriff's Posse Arena, North Frontage Road, I-40 West. Colleens' luncheon, Trinity Lutheran Church, 900 S. Main. Chili cook-off meeting, 600 block of North Main. Sheep dog trials, Sheriff's Posse grounds. Calf roping, Sheriff's Posse Arena. 1 p.m. — Golf Scramble, Shamrock Country Club, U.S. Hwy. 83 South. 1-3 p.m. — Water Polo Open, Eighth and North Main. Chili cook-off show-

manship, 600 block of North Main. 3 p.m. — Donegal beard contest, 600 block of North Main. 3:30 p.m. — Chili turn-in, 600 block of North Main. 4 p.m. — Miss Irish Rose Pageant, School auditorium, 100 S. Illinois. 7 p.m. — Ministerial Alliance program, featuring Curtis Coleman, School auditorium, 100 S. Illinois. 8 p.m. — Teen dance, featuring Kappa Kappa Psi band, Old High School gym, 1000 block of North Main. 9 p.m. — Adult dance, featuring Maines Brothers band, National Guard Armory. **SUNDAY** 9 a.m. — Team roping, Brashears Arena. 10 a.m. — Cowboy Church service, featuring World Champion calf roper Jeff Copenhaver, Old High School gym. 1 p.m. — Golf Scramble, Shamrock Country Club.

Senators OK confirmation for Cheney

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate today confirmed Rep. Dick Cheney as defense secretary, 92-0, one week after President Bush selected the six-term Wyoming congressman to replace rejected nominee John Tower. The ratification procedure ended a nearly two-month Senate struggle over the Pentagon post that was marked by a bitter, partisan debate over the selection of Tower and quick consideration of Cheney. On March 9, the Senate rejected Tower by a 53-47 vote largely along party lines and handed Bush a major defeat in his first high-stakes clash with Congress. The Pentagon post was the last Cabinet position to be filled in the president's 8-week-old administration.

"We're going to miss our friend," Simpson said. Alluding to the furor created over allegations of excessive drinking by Tower, both Wallop and Simpson conceded that they occasionally had a beer with Cheney. "I even had a suds or two with him," Simpson told his colleagues. But Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Cheney was a "man of great moderation with the suds." Senators cited allegations of drinking and womanizing against Tower as well as conflict of interest concerns from his past ties to defense contractors. The battle over the nomination also produced angry accusations of partisanship among members of the Senate. Looking to put the rancorous struggle in the past, Bush took just 24 hours before announcing the selection of Cheney. The Senate Armed Services Committee acted with equal speed, holding a single day of public hearings and spending less than 15 minutes Thursday to discuss the selection and vote 20-0 to recommend full Senate approval. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said that although he supported the nominee, he thought there should be "some mention of the rush to judgment on this nominating procedure." Specter cited the Bush announcement last Friday, the committee's single day of hearings on Tuesday and the vote Thursday. "This timetable ought not to set a precedent," Specter said. "This is a bad precedent." But Sen. John Warner of Virginia, ranking Republican on the Armed Services Committee, defended the panel's process.

Liability issues threaten use of parks

By BEAR MILLS Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission is currently deciding what to do with three wading pools that are creating an "undue" insurance liability. This comes after the city recently decided to remove the high dive from the M.K. Brown Swimming Pool, also because of "undue" insurance liability. The wading pools and the high dive combined to create an additional insurance expense for the city of around \$5,000. City officials said it is \$5,000 they cannot afford. Yet, most local experts agree that only five years ago very few people would have ever imagined that wading pools or a diving board would be undue liabilities. That leads to the question of what other recreation activities or

equipment that citizens now take for granted will also be victims of an insurance crunch in the next few years. Might the city of Pampa have to remove swings or slides or other playground equipment from parks because of their liability factor? Pampa City Manager Jack Chaney said that scenario might not be very far off in the future. "Dallas is disassembling their playground equipment as we speak," Chaney said. "Unless there is some reasonable control on lawsuits, it will continue. We can do everything that is reasonable (in safety precautions) and still lose (a lawsuit)." Chaney said when he was growing up, children would look for

creeks to swim and play in. "But you'll see a time when it will be a fineable offense to swim in Lake Meredith or the Guadalupe River," Chaney said. David Hutto, a local insurance salesman and member of the city Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, said he sees the issue from both sides, with insurance companies caught in the middle. "Until the individual assumes responsibilities for his actions, this will continue," Hutto said. "This" is a number of multi-million dollar lawsuits against cities which have set a precedence of closing down parks and removing playground equipment and recreational opportunities because of their liability factor. The wading pools became an issue when an intoxicated person wandered into a city park in South Texas and dove into the wading pool. The blow to his skull

killed him. The man's estate then sued the city and won \$4 million. At that point wading pools became a creature on the way to extinction. A review of court cases regarding large lawsuits against cities indicates that juries have found in favor of citizens because there were rocks in parks, which one child threw at another and hurt the second child's eye. And while the city hardly seems to blame for there being rocks in parks, jury awards in the millions of dollars have made it simpler for many cities to take a dim view to even opening parks to the public. In the city of Chicago a number of inner-city playgrounds were recently closed because area children were coming into the playgrounds and getting injured, for which their parents were suing for hundreds of thousands. See PARKS, Page 2

A News analysis

Paramedics went back to sleep after receiving emergency call

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — A hospital executive says a Dallas-Fort Worth Medical Center ambulance crew got three calls asking for emergency service for a heart attack victim and went back to sleep after each call. Hospital vice president Pat Gouddy Thursday night told the Grand Prairie Ambulance Advisory Board that Clarence Cowden, 77, was dead when he arrived at the hospital about an hour after his wife first called emergency services. Gouddy said the information was obtained during an investigation of the Feb. 8 incident. Both paramedics, who were not identified, were later fired, Gouddy said. Board members appeared to be stunned as they listened to the report at an emotional meeting attended by Cowden's two children. "This is kind of a bomb that was dropped on us tonight," John Jenkins, chairman of the advisory board said. "We need time to digest all this." Gouddy said a 911 dispatcher received a call from Cowden's wife, Thelma Cowden, at 3:14 a.m. The dispatcher called the ambulance crew at a substation 1.5 miles from Cowden's home. The driver received the call at 3:15 a.m. in one of two bedrooms at the station, Gouddy said. The other crew member did not have a telephone in his room, he said. The dispatcher made two more calls when the crew did not announce its departure on the radio. Both times a crew member answered the telephone, but the ambulance did not move, Gouddy said. At 3:30 a.m., Gouddy said, an ambulance from another station was dispatched. It arrived at the Cowden home at 3:35 a.m., 21 minutes after the first call, he said. "We have determined that human error was at fault," Gouddy said.

The driver did not recall taking the calls or hearing the telephone ring, Gouddy said. "We assume he (the ambulance driver) took the calls and fell back asleep," Gouddy said. Members of a Fire Department crew routinely dispatched to the Cowden home told dispatcher about the delay while they worked to revive Cowden. Hospital emergency services director Randal Martin said the ambulance that picked Cowden up took a two-mile detour to the hospital in order to avoid ice patches on the street, he added. Officials said Cowden was dead on arrival at the hospital about an hour after the first call, but an investigation has not established whether an early arrival of the ambulance would have saved him. The ambulance drivers were suspended immediately after their shift ended at 7 a.m. and were later fired, Gouddy said. Mrs. Cowden said her husband had a history of kidney problems, but not of heart ailments. "I was up with my husband and he started having trouble breathing," she said. "Suddenly, he just fell over. I tried to work with him and there wasn't a sign of life. I called my son, he lives just a few blocks away, and he said to call 911." The son, Marvin Cowden, said he arrived just before the firefighters and did not see any obvious signs of life in his father. Cowden said the family was not seeking to punish anyone, but "Something has got to be done to make sure these people are on the ball." "I find it absolutely appalling that you have let ambulance service in Grand Prairie exist for six years with nothing more than a telephone bell," said Lida Woodul, the victim's daughter. "It just frightens me to death that this has been allowed to exist." Board member Neil Sternberg agreed.

Big bite



Casey Owens takes a hard bite on a piece of pizza as he and other students in Jeanna Miller's first-grade class at Travis Elementary School enjoy a free pizza party from Pizza Hut. The Wednesday party was to honor the

students for participation in the Pizza Hut sponsored "Book-It" program, with students reading five books a month for five months. Miller's class completed the goal and earned the free party.

Discovery astronauts packing up for ride back to Earth

By PAUL RECER AP Science Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Discovery's astronauts packed today for the end of their 1.9 million-mile voyage and prepared the shuttle for a fiery plunge toward a dawn landing Saturday on a California desert. Discovery commander Michael L. Coats and pilot John E. Blaha planned to run through a series of tests today to make sure the shuttle's computers and control jets were ready for the return to Earth. The other astronauts made final runs on a group of experiments and followed a script to shoot the last 4,000 feet of film in a powerful 70mm IMAX camera used principally to study the Earth's environmental trouble spots. Then they were to stow their equipment for the trip home.

Discovery's early bird crew pre-empted the traditional morning music from Mission Control in Houston for a third day in a row. A few minutes before they were to be awakened, the astronauts beamed to Earth a tape of "Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's Off To Work We Go," the work song of the seven dwarfs in the animated movie classic *Snow White*. Mission Control capsule communicator David Low, referring to the seven dwarfs, responded, "We can account for Grumpy, Sleepy, Happy, Sneezy and Doc up there. Who wants to sign up to be Bashful and Dopey?" "I'm not gonna touch that," said Coats with a laugh. The other Discovery astronauts are James F. Buchli, Robert C. Springer, and Dr. James M. Began, a physician. Early on Saturday, Coats and Blaha will fire two

powerful rockets on the back of Discovery to slow the craft and allow it to drop into the Earth's atmosphere. The shuttle will then make a powerless glide halfway around the world and land at 6:36 a.m. at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., in the Mojave Desert. The landing will complete a flight of four days, 23 hours and 38 minutes that circled the Earth 79½ times. If the shuttle lands at the time now scheduled, the mission will have been about 1½ hours shorter than planned. Discovery was launched almost two hours late on Monday, because of weather considerations, and this put the craft in position to land in California one orbit early. NASA officials said the forecasts call for good weather at Edwards for the shuttle landing.

Discovery will return to Earth with almost three miles of film shot with the IMAX camera. The crew captured views of urban sprawl, of pollution patterns in the oceans, and of vast areas in South America where the tropical rain forest is being cleared and burned. The camera also photographed floods in Africa, burned areas: of the Florida Everglades and western United States, and erupting volcanoes in South America and Southeast Asia. Film from the IMAX will be edited to create a study of the environmental wounds inflicted on the Earth by industrial man. The end of Discovery's mission also will be the end for four rats carried in cages aboard the shuttle. The rats will be killed so their skeletons can be studied in an experiment on how weightlessness affects the healing of injured bones.

World



Residents of Santiago, Chile, feast on grapes in defiance of cyanide poisoning scare.

Chile seizes trawlers in fruit ban retaliation

By EDUARDO GALLARDO
Associated Press Writer

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chile says it seized five Japanese ships in retaliation for Japan's decision to ban its fruit, and Chileans nationwide gobbled grapes, apples and other produce in defiance of a cyanide poisoning scare.

In Washington, a Chilean foreign minister met with Secretary of State James A. Baker III on Thursday to press the Bush administration to lift its warnings on Chilean fruit.

Those warnings have already had a devastating impact on the Chilean economy, with the layoffs of thousands of workers.

Government officials and private businessmen say if the crisis continues, it could cost Chile up to \$1 billion in lost fruit exports.

Last year, Chile's exports of grapes, apples and other fruits earned \$581 million and had been expected to rise to \$850 million this year.

But experts warn that if Chile's export revenue falls sharply, its ability to pay its \$16 billion foreign debt could be threatened.

Further, with presidential elections due in December and Gen. Augusto Pinochet expected to relinquish power next March, a severe fruit crisis could bolster a regime that has contended the alternative to it is chaos from the radical left and economic chaos. Pinochet made a surprise visit to a fruit-

packing house Thursday, contending foreign reaction to the cyanide scare was exaggerated. He popped several seedless white grapes into his mouth to show they were safe to eat.

"They are very good," said Pinochet, in power since 1973.

Chileans waved anti-American signs and held rallies Thursday protesting the sudden halt to sales in what has become in recent years a booming export for this South American nation.

'The Japanese have closed their market to Chilean fruits, so I'm holding their ships.'

Navy Capt. Patricio Urbina was quoted by the official news agency Orbe as saying the five Japanese trawlers were seized Thursday and are being held in the ports of Talcahuano, Chacabuco and Punta Arenas in southern Chile.

Orbe also quoted Urbina as saying a sixth Japanese boat, in waters near Antarctica, would be seized when it arrives at a Chilean port.

Adm. Jose Merino, navy commander-in-chief, told reporters: "The Japanese have

closed their market to Chilean fruits, so I'm holding their ships.

"None of them is going to fish in our waters until they re-open the market to our fruits," said Merino, who is also president of the law-making military junta.

In Tokyo, Japan's Foreign Ministry said today that none of Japanese vessels were seized by Chilean authorities but at least two vessels were receiving an apparently lengthy and severe "safety inspection."

An anonymous caller Thursday claimed a rocket would be fired at the U.S. Embassy in Santiago. Police checked a nearby building but found nothing and increased security around the embassy.

The Food and Drug Administration on Monday urged consumers not to eat Chilean fruit after two Chilean grapes in Philadelphia were found to contain a small amount of cyanide. Many supermarkets pulled Chilean fruits from their shelves.

Canada and Japan followed suit. The fruit was found after the U.S. and Japanese embassies in Santiago received anonymous phone calls saying Chilean fruit would be poisoned. The Chilean government blamed leftist terrorists.

The government said it increased security measures throughout the fruit export sector, including reinforcing controls in the fields, packing houses, in transportation and ports.

Soviets embrace family farms

By MARK J. PORUBCANSKY
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — In a bold move aimed at increasing Soviet food supplies, Communist Party leaders have embraced the concept of the family farm to allow citizens to lease land for life and pass it on to their heirs.

The policy-setting Central Committee also approved measures to improve the quality of food eaten by the average Soviet, who consumes only about half as much meat and fruit as the typical American but much more sugar and potatoes.

The committee ended a two-day session Thursday by adopting a long-awaited agricultural reform package that it says will eliminate most food shortages by 1996.

"We are not promising something that we cannot achieve, but we assure that we will be able to change the food situation for the better," Politburo member Yegor K. Ligachev told a news conference.

Giant collective and state farms, onto which peasants were herded by the millions during Josef Stalin's bloody collectivization campaign of 60 years ago,

will remain the backbone of the Soviet farm system.

But the reform is based on Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's proposal to give farmers long-term leases on the state-owned land.

Leases may range from five years to 50 years, and may be inherited, said Vsevolod S. Murakhovsky, head of an agricultural superministry formed in a previous reform effort.

In an admission of failure, the Central Committee decided Thursday to abolish the agency.

Gorbachev has pushed the leasing idea hard since last year, saying it is a critical element in solving what he views as the Soviet Union's most urgent problem — supplying people with enough good quality food.

In a dismal accounting of the Soviet farm system, he said Wednesday that the food shortage "creates social tension and generates not merely criticism but actual discontent."

But those who take the risk of leasing land from their collective or state farm often are regarded with suspicion and jealousy by their neighbors and local officials, and sometimes forced out of business.

Ligachev, who once was considered the No. 2 Kremlin leader and now oversees the party's agricultural policy, said leasing will be accompanied by reliance on self-financing and making village life more democratic.

Distrust of especially prosperous farmers remains deeply embedded in the Soviet countryside, the legacy of the collectivization campaign when such farmers were branded "kulaks" and shot, starved or sent into exile.

Western experts say it may be hard to convince many Soviet collective and state farmers to take the risk of striking out on their own because of their neighbors' distrust and fears that authorities could suddenly abandon the reforms.

In contrast to the repression of Stalin's collectivization campaign, no one will be forced to take up a lease, and the party refused to set targets for leasing.

To set targets, he said, would be to invite Moscow to force the reforms rather than to let them take hold naturally.

"If peasants can't lead a normal life, society as a whole can't lead a normal life," Ligachev said.

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These four Food Emporium employees were recently honored upon their retirement. Pictured from left are Maxine Manning, 15 years; Alma Goodner, 11½ years; Elma Morris, 12 years; and Kay Mytryk, 18 years.

Newsmakers

Michael E. Yarbrough
Pvt. Michael E. Yarbrough, son of A.E. and Janice S. Yarbrough of Canadian, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1988 graduate of Canadian High School.

Tracy Lynn Bezner
Oklahoma Christian College has announced names of 370 students who earned scholastic honors for the Fall 1988 trimester. The Honor Roll consists of students who have earned a 3.84 to 3.40 grade point average.

Among students attaining the Honor Roll from Pampa is Tracy Lynn Bezner, 1605 N. Dwight. Oklahoma Christian College is

a four-year private liberal arts college beginning its 39th year of operation. OCC offers degree options in 75 different major options and several pre-professional programs, including pre-law and pre-med.

Educator urges parents to negotiate with children

CHICAGO, Ill. — Parents and children don't always see eye to eye, which means negotiating becomes as big a part of a parent's job as nurturing.

Negotiating is important to family life and in a positive, pleasant way makes living together possible, according to Irene C. Beck, director of program development for the Education Center for Sheppard Pratt Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. In the March 1988 issue of *PTA Today*, Beck gives negotiating tips for parents with children of all ages.

Parent like to think that if they're reasonable, their children will see the wisdom of their opinions. But in most cases, regardless of what parent say, children will think they are being treated unfairly, Beck explains, offering the following negotiating pointers for parents to help families work through their differences.

—Know what needs to be accomplished, determining what areas aren't negotiable, and devise a plan.

—Be sure both parents are in agreement. There is strength in numbers and it also signals to children that the tactic of playing mom against dad won't work.

—Listen to children's needs. Go more than halfway to try to work things out. Revise plans and strategies according to what is discussed.

—Be flexible and bend on some

points that aren't critical. Try to compromise early in discussion so children will feel better about continuing negotiations.

—Agree to talk again after the plan is in place for awhile. If there are slip-ups, look at the problems and try to find a way to solve them together.

Since strategies differ depending on the age of the children, Beck offers insight on how to handle preschoolers, elementary schoolchildren and adolescents.

Short, simple and immediate negotiations work best for preschoolers, who are eager to please. Their wants are impulsive and may change within the hour. They are not yet able to reason or think logically.

Negotiations with elementary schoolchildren should include a concrete plan of action. These children seek to imitate adults and want a bigger role in making decisions for themselves. However, "they can follow some of your reasoning but are inconsistent in their own logic," says Beck, adding, "They still have difficulty understanding where you're coming from."

The strategy that works best for adolescents is to provide them with opportunities for decision-

making, yet offer the security of parental guidance. Part of a teen's development will include challenging parents on virtually everything. Teenagers want to be treated as adults in one breath and long to return to the safety of childhood in the next.

Beck believes that training children to become good negotiators is time well spent. "They will learn to be considerate of others, to work cooperatively, to assume responsibility for their behavior and to get their way more effectively," concludes the author.

Other topics addressed in the March issue of *PTA Today*, entitled "Families Today: A Delicate Balance," include making step-families work, children of divorce, balancing work and family, and what it means to be a father today.

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Irishman loves green

DEAR ABBY: I am enclosing a copy of a well-worn clipping that I've carried in my wallet for 15 or 20 years. I could be the person described here. It fits me to a "T." I'm Irish and buy everything in green that I can — even my office furniture!

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This man is so proud of the fact that he is Irish that he never lets anybody forget it for a minute. His house is painted green. He drives a green car, and has cute little shamrock designs on everything from his business stationery to his mailbox.

Don't you think someone ought to tell that Jolly Green Giant that using green ink for correspondence is not considered good etiquette, in case he doesn't know better? Sign me ...

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DEAR KNOWS BETTER: I'm sure it wouldn't faze him, but you can bet your shillelagh he's gained more by being a professional Irishman than he's lost.

DEAR ABBY: Please settle an argument I am having with all my friends and acquaintances on the subject of "Juniors" becoming "Seniors" when their fathers die. I say "Junior" automatically becomes "Senior" when the father dies. Right?

WAITING IN ANNAPOLIS

DEAR WAITING: No. According to the revised edition of the "Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette" by Letitia Baldrige: "A 'Jr.' usually drops the 'Jr.' when his father dies, unless both he and his late father were so well known that to drop it would cause public confusion."

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Nazarenes plan crusade series

The First Church of the Nazarene, located at West and Buckler streets, will be hosting a Spiritual Life Crusade beginning Sunday, March 19, and continuing through Sunday, March 26.

Services will be held at 10:40 a.m. Sunday mornings and 6 p.m. Sunday nights, with other services held at 7 p.m. daily Monday through Saturday.

Rev. Delores Melvin and Shirley Hogan will be the special workers and singers for the crusade. The team has traveled for a number of years across the country, ministering in churches "with their unique and uplifting ministry," said Pastor A.W. Myers.

Myers noted that the team was in Pampa previously and had been well-received.

The pastor said he and the congregation invite the public "to share in these special services during Holy Week."

His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:15-16 NIV)*

1988, winter was bitter and the homeless across the nation were suffering and dying from exposure. They needed help!

Our compassion was outraged and monumental efforts were made to provide shelter and basic necessities for those unable to help in themselves. Yet, the homeless continue to live in desperate deprivation.

October, 1988, three whales plucked the heart strings of animal lovers. The ice-trapped whales, bloodied and exhausted from their fight for survival, were losing the battle. They needed help!

Wrenched by their misery, rescue teams rushed with equipment and good intentions to Alaska in a disproportionate effort to save the hapless whales. One whale died anyway, and the other two lived to face the same natural threat again and again.

December, 1988, America received news an earthquake had ravaged Armenia. We were stunned by the news bulletins of the mounting death toll and horrendous destruction. In an uncommon move, the Soviets formally requested American assistance. They needed help!

We responded immediately with medical equipment, doctors, trained rescue teams, heavy equipment, funds, clothing and general supplies. It was the first large-scale U.S. assistance to the Soviet Union since the end of World War II. In spite of every effort, the death toll was measured in tens of thousands.

1989, this very moment in time and space, 3.7 billion people throughout the world are spiritually lost. Among them are many of our friends, neighbors and co-workers right here in Pampa.

They are being robbed of the abundant life (John 10:10). They are sliding through the broad gate (Matthew 7:13) that leads to consuming, everlasting burning (Isaiah 33:14). They face an agonizing eternity separated from the goodness of God (Luke 16:19-26). They will hopelessly weep and gnash their teeth in great torment without relief or rest, day or night, forever! (Revelation 14:9-11)

Where now, Christians, are our compassion and righteous indignation? Why is our outrage at the suffering of man and beast diluted concerning lost souls?

We place such stock in heartfelt yet frustratingly ineffectual efforts to help with worldly suffering, but we withhold from suffering souls the guaranteed, eternal cure of Jesus Christ.

THEY NEED HELP! SHARE JESUS NOW!

(If you are seeking salvation, read John 3 in the New Testament. If you are in need of spiritual counseling, contact a clergyman of your choice.)

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Religion

Judge allows group to hand out literature

By JOEL WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A federal judge Thursday ordered the town of South Padre Island to allow a Christian group to hand out literature on the beaches during spring break.

The outreach ministry had sued the resort town after receiving notice that its members would be violating an ordinance against solicitation on the beach.

U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela said he approached the case from a premise that "the public beaches are a public forum."

Plaintiffs Kevin Pitt, Jerry Davis and Street Reach Ministries sued the town Tuesday after a city official told them of the ordinance. The lawsuit accused the town of interfering with constitutional freedoms of religion and speech.

Pitt, a minister at Brownsville's interdenominational Word of God Family Church, said the outreach ministry wants to provide an alternative to the companies promoting beer and condoms to the spring-breakers.

Judge Vela said Thursday he chose not to issue a temporary restraining order that the ministry had sought, because the town had agreed not to enforce the ordinance against the organization.

Town attorney Paul Cunningham said the activity was acceptable, "unless they're going to solicit funds."

Vela advised the town that distribution of religious literature is protected under the U.S. Constitution and ended the hearing by telling attorneys for both sides, "God bless you, gentlemen."

Jay Sekulow, an attorney with the Atlanta-Ga.-based Christian Advocates Serving Evangelism who represented the outreach ministry, said: "We're thrilled to death. It's unfortunate we had to go through this exercise of coming down here from Atlanta, Ga., but we're pleased with the results and that justice prevailed."

City Manager Eddie Campirano said the town had not tried to single out any one group with its ordinance.

"We have an ordinance prohibiting solicitation, whether it is commercial or religious," Campirano said. "When the public is out there on the beach, they have a right to be out there and enjoy it and be left alone."

South Padre officials have estimated that 200,000 to 300,000 students will come to the island resort near the mouth of the Rio Grande during the month of March. A spring break beach rock concert is scheduled for today.

Pitt said members of 47 different churches in his Youth Ministry Network are prepared to distribute literature on South Padre's beaches.

FGBM schedules breakfast meeting

The Full Gospel Business Men will meet for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the Starlight Room at the Coronado Inn.

All men are invited to attend and enjoy the good fellowship, a representative said.

The meal will be provided at no charge.

Religion roundup

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A Vatican-named commission is "studying the possibility of re-considering" the Roman Catholic ban on women as acolytes and lectors in worship services, reports the U.S. National Catholic News Service.

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Southern Baptist foreign missionary to Nigeria says the denomination should have more black missionaries.

The Rev. David Cornelius, noting that he and his wife, Elwanda, are two of only five blacks among the more than 3,000 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries, told a meeting of black pastors' wives:

"I don't feel that is representative of our part in this great convention."

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) — Conditions for Christians in the Soviet Union have improved so much that "the greatest revival in our day could possibly break out there," says Peter Deyneka Jr., president of the Slavic Gospel Association.

In an interview in *World* magazine, reported by Religious News Service, Deyneka said "Christians are actually praying for Mr. Gorbachev in the Soviet Union, hoping he'll stay on."



Three members of the cast of the Easter drama, *Master, Is It I?*, comprise a vignette from Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting *The Last Supper*. Pictured are, clockwise from top, Mike Clark, Steve Hawkins and Chris Gamblin.

Three churches join together for Easter drama in Miami

MIAMI — Three Miami churches are to jointly sponsor *Master, Is It I?*, a dramatic Easter presentation at 8 p.m. Sunday in Miami Baptist Church. The performance is free and open to the public.

Miami's Baptist, Methodist and Christian churches joined together to bring the drama to their community.

The play is directed by Max Pressnell who many Miami residents know for his work with the *Follies*' performances prior to the Miami Cow Calling Contest each year.

Master, Is It I? is an individual account, based on the writings of Luke the physician, reflecting on how Jesus affected the lives of his disciples. Twelve men from First Christian Church of Pampa are to portray the disciples as they

assemble once more for the "Last Supper." Jesus is depicted by a lighted, vacant chair in the center of the tableau.

The actors are seated as the disciples are pictured in Leonardo da Vinci's painting, *The Last Supper*. Dr. Chris Diebel, interim pastor of First Christian Church of Pampa, will be narrator of the presentation.

At the end of the program, the players strike the pose pictured in da Vinci's work — the moment Christ reveals that he will be betrayed by one of his disciples. They are grouped in threes with each man reflecting his own thoughts and interacting with the men around him.

Bartholomew stares, unbelieving. Andrew protests; James seeks to verify what he heard. Judas turns from Jesus while

reaching for a piece of bread. Peter leans across John, asking Jesus who the betrayer is. John sits in brokenhearted silence.

Simon holds out his hands in a gesture of innocence. Thaddeus looks at Simon earnestly. Matthew listens intently. Thomas demands, "Is It I, Lord?," while James shouts, "Impossible!" And sensitive Philip replies, "Thou seest my heart, Lord. Is it I?"

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Easter tour



(Special photo)

The Church of the Brethren, 600 N. Frost, will be hosting the McPherson College Concert Choir on Monday evening, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. The 34-member choir, under the direction of Katherine Baker, is from McPherson, Kan. Members are spending their Easter break traveling to three states on a six-day, eight-performance tour. The concert is free and open to the public.



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Report: Government issued secret alert before bombing

LONDON (AP) — The government secretly alerted airlines and airports about a possible terrorist attack two days before a bomb blew Pan Am Flight 103 out of the sky over Scotland, the Transport Department has announced.

It said in a statement that the alert gave precise details of a new type of bomb, hidden in a radio-cassette player, similar to the device that on Dec. 21 destroyed Flight 103, killing all 259 people aboard the jumbo jet and 11 on the ground in Lockerbie.

Pam Hanlon, a Pan Am spokeswoman in New York, said today: "There is indeed a memo dated Dec. 19, but we did not receive it until Jan. 17. I am not going to say more than that." She said she did not have the memo in front of her so she would not talk about what it contained.

A New Jersey woman who lost her husband, son and daughter aboard Flight 103 said in a radio interview Thursday the plane should have been searched for a bomb.

Geraldine Buser of Glen Rock, N.J., reacted angrily Thursday when she learned the government had warned airlines about a possible terrorist attack.

"How the hell am I supposed to feel if they knew this (the bomb) was going to be there?" she told WCBS Radio.

Mrs. Buser, who lost her husband, Warren; son, Michael; and daughter Lorraine Howe, said: "If it's going to save a planeload of people and you have a report that this thing might happen, it's worth (waiting) two hours."

Flight 103 originated in Frankfurt, West Germany, then changed planes at London's Heathrow airport before heading for New York.

A radio-cassette player containing plastic explosives and a device that could be set to detonate the bomb at a given altitude was found in October during raids by West German authorities in which 18 alleged members of the Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command guerrilla group were arrested.

The Transport Department said the alert from its principal aviation security adviser, Jim Jack, followed an initial warning in November of a possible bombing.

Asked why Transport Secretary Paul Channon had not mentioned the Dec. 19 warning in his statement after the bombing, a department spokesman, who in accordance with British practice declined to be named, said: "These are things that Mr. Channon may want to answer on in due course."

He said an initial warning was sent on Nov. 22, or 17 days before a Dec. 9 warning by U.S. intelligence sources that a group planned to bomb a Pan Am jet from Frankfurt within two weeks.

The spokesman said some members of the group arrested in Germany were still being detained while investigations continued into the Lockerbie bombing.

The Dec. 19 alert was sent, with a picture of the radio-cassette device, to U.S. and British airlines, to Israel's El Al airline, to Air India and to South African Airways.

MCorp's \$903 million loss top bank failure

By JOHN A. BOLT
AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Federal regulators who have placed troubled MCorp on the auction block say the institution's 25 banks lost \$903 million last year, accounting for almost half of Texas bank losses in 1988.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. also said MCorp's component banks reported \$213 million in losses during the fourth quarter, and analysts said that indicated the holding company's total losses would approach \$250 million for the three-month period.

The loss compares to a \$174 million loss for the component banks in 1987, FDIC statistician John Quinn said.

Although analysts note that the numbers do not necessarily reflect the aggregate picture of MCorp itself, the figures should not differ drastically from the final report, currently expected on March 30.

One analyst said he expected the holding company only to add to the losses.

MCorp spokesman George McCane declined to comment on the results, or provide aggregate figures.

Texas banks lost \$1.97 billion statewide, Quinn said, compared to a \$2.61 billion loss in 1987.

But last year's Texas loss does not include the \$2.3 billion in red ink posted by First Republic Bank Corp. prior to its sale to NCNB Texas National Bank in July.

Nationwide, only Alaska and Texas reported net losses in what was otherwise a record year for bank performance.

Texas banking assets declined 9.8 percent in 1988's final quarter, from \$189.61 billion to \$171.1 billion, the FDIC said.

Other yearly statistics indicate:

- Interest-bearing deposits fell 4.7 percent to \$115.18 billion while non-interest-bearing deposits were down 7 percent to \$28.2 billion.

- Primary capital, a key figure used by the FDIC to determine banking health, decreased 17.6 percent to \$11.12 billion.

- Non-performing assets dropped 30.3 percent to \$8.7 billion, a reflection of the FDIC's assumption of many of those assets. Earning assets, meanwhile, fell 13.5 percent to \$142 billion.

- Capital additions grew 820.3 percent, from \$127 million added during 1987 to \$1.17 billion added during 1988, as the industry undertook widespread recapitalization.

- Net chargeoffs rose 9.2 percent, from \$2.29 billion to \$2.5 billion.
- Net interest income fell 13.4 percent, from \$5.05 million to \$4.37 million.

Overall, the numbers indicate Texas' banking doldrums are nearing or at the bottom, with MCorp the last remaining major problem, analysts said.

"Obviously banks are a lagging economic indicator," said Frank Anderson, a financial industry analyst with Stephens Inc. in Little Rock, Ark., so as the state's economy improves, the bank picture will follow suit.

The FDIC's intervention left banks entering 1989 with "a cleaner balance sheet and in a position to show earnings where we saw losses in the past," Quinn said from Washington.

"The health of Texas banks is better than one would expect after adjusting" for MCorp and other large problem institutions, said Robert Rieke, an analyst with Rauscher Pierce Refsnes in Dallas.

Texas American Bancshares holding company of Fort Worth already has reported a loss of \$510 million with National Bancshares Corp. of Texas in San Antonio reporting a \$189 million loss.

Quinn said the MCorp banks' losses were caused by "a little bit of this and a little bit of that."

The banks' losses reflected a \$422 million provision for loan losses during the year, plus a \$63 million drop in net interest income. Non-interest income was down \$122 million.

Also, the pending resolution of MCorp's situation also would cause improvements in future comparison, Quinn said.

The FDIC has set an April 3 deadline for offers to buy MCorp, which has agreed to let potential suitors review its books.

The company has refused to say who has taken advantage of that agreement, but various media reports have said representatives of San Francisco's Wells Fargo & Co., leveraged buyout specialist Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., and Chicago's Pritzker family have been in Dallas for a look-see.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nervous twitch
 - 4 Air pollution
 - 8 Self satisfied
 - 12 College cheer
 - 13 Tiny particle
 - 14 Villain in "Othello"
 - 15 Flightless bird
 - 16 Lump
 - 17 ___ City, Calif.
 - 18 Low waters (2 wds.)
 - 20 Genus of apes
 - 21 Cunning
 - 22 ___ Pan Alley
 - 23 Driving duck
 - 26 Austria's neighbor
 - 30 Small bird
 - 31 Not even a soul (2 wds.)
 - 33 Senorita's aunt
 - 34 Age
 - 35 Mate's kin
 - 36 Turkey gobbler
 - 37 Utterly
 - 39 Courage (sl.)
 - 40 Buzzing insect
 - 41 Comedian Conway
 - 43 Honorably
 - 46 Warmest
 - 50 Virginia willow
 - 51 Coarse hair
 - 52 Neckwear
 - 53 Per ___
 - 54 Close falcon eyes
 - 55 Powerful explosive (abbr.)
 - 56 Existence
 - 57 Small whirlpool
 - 58 Language suffix

- DOWN**
- 4 Seal
 - 5 Musty
 - 6 Plains Indian
 - 7 Converse
 - 8 Rail spur
 - 9 Yes, ___!
 - 10 Citrus fruit
 - 11 Spanish painter
 - 19 Mao ___ tung
 - 20 Tendon
 - 22 ___ and noodle casserole
 - 23 Printer's direction
 - 24 Modern painter
 - 25 Coup d' ___
 - 26 Consecrated
 - 27 Aleutian island
 - 28 Civil disorder
 - 29 Sweet potatoes
 - 31 Willy ___
 - 32 Merely
 - 38 Burning
 - 39 UK time
 - 41 Hauled
 - 42 Where Naples is
 - 43 Nest of pheasants
 - 44 Cornelia ___ Skinner
 - 45 Honey producers
 - 46 Listen to
 - 47 Diminutive suffix
 - 48 Seven deadly
 - 49 Head (Fr.)
 - 51 Compass point

Answer to Previous Puzzle

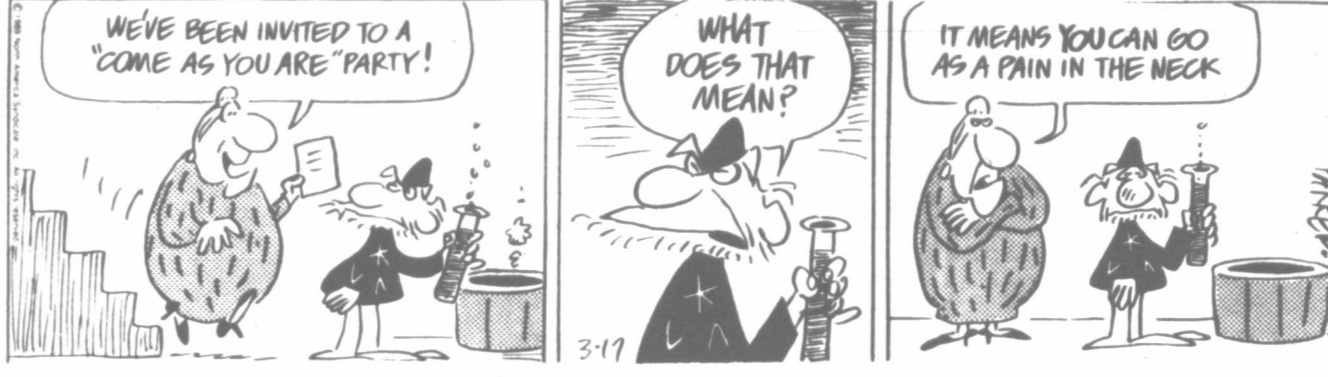
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Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make it a point to try to treat co-workers as friends and equals today instead of merely people with whom you labor. They'll be keenly attuned to the difference and resentful of variations. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In critical matters that could reflect upon your image today don't let your emotions and feelings overrule your logic and common sense. If you do, you might not look good to others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try not to get your mate involved in something today that includes people who make your mate feel uncomfortable. It could put a damper on the event.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Guard against tendencies today to take yourself and life too seriously. Look on the bright side and start counting your blessings, and you'll see you have a lot to cheer about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try to determine in advance how much you should spend today if you plan to go out on the town with others. Unless you have a definite figure in your wallet, you might make a big dent in your wallet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to complete all you hope to accomplish today, you will have to be methodical and orderly. Don't even attempt to do two things simultaneously.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) At a social gathering today don't attempt to classify or catalog people you meet for the first time. Your initial impressions could be way off the mark.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Financial involvements must be handled with prudence and caution today, because if you do make an error in judgment, it could be quite expensive and offset anything you've gained.

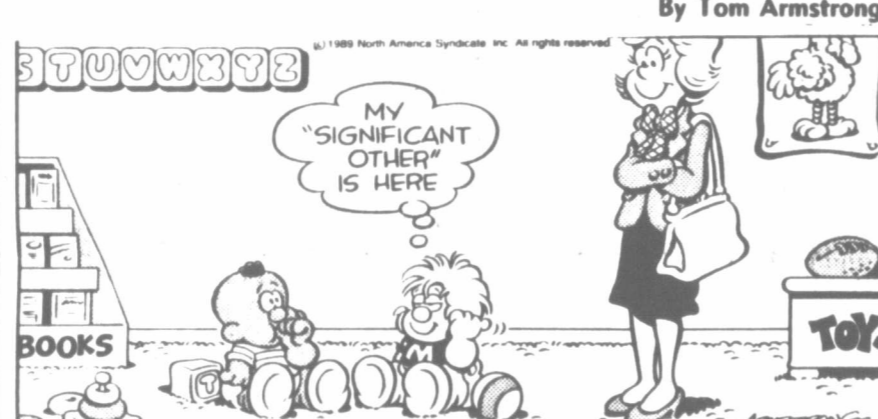
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though you will have good intentions today, you might do things in ways that companions will find offensive. Try to govern your behavior so that you do not ruffle anyone's feathers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Any serious complications you experience today could be of your own doing. In situations where others control events, all should go more smoothly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If at all possible, try to steer clear of business involvements with friends today. This is a critical area and there's a chance neither you nor your pals will handle things properly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In any matters that are meaningful to you materially today, it's best you heed your own counsel instead of following the suggestions of others. Your judgment is apt to be better.

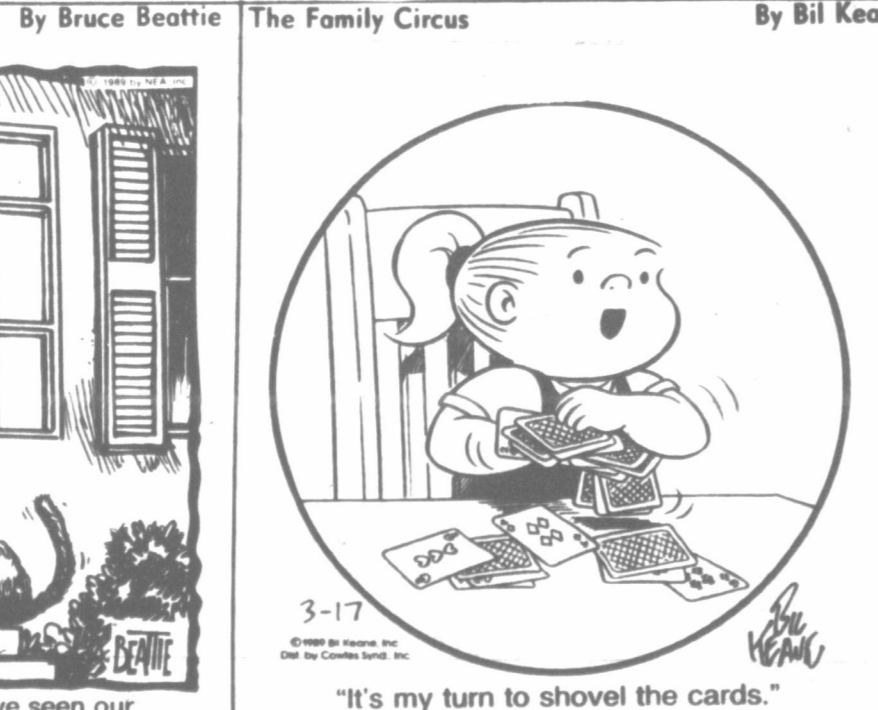
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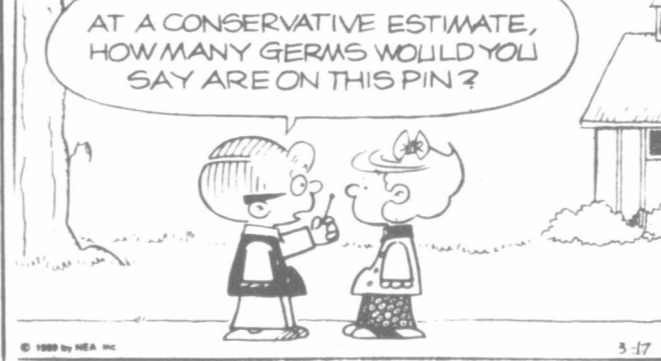
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Studies: Inequalities persist and widen among races in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP)—They're twice as likely to die at birth. The survivors have shorter, harsher lives. They have twice the trouble getting jobs, are three times more likely to be poor and will endure more crime and divorces.

In an America that is far from colorblind, the quality of life for blacks is getting worse in some areas from cradle to grave, according to recent studies detailing gaps between blacks and whites.

"There are still deep inequalities between the races," said Billy Tidwell, director of research for the National Urban League in Washington. "The nation cannot allow such a significant part of its citizenry to experience such disadvantages."

The cheerless picture for blacks, reinforced in a report released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, can begin before birth.

Of 1,000 black babies born in 1984, 18.4 died before they were a year old. The mortality rate for

white babies was 9.4 per 1,000 births, according to the National Centers for Disease Control.

A black baby is three times more likely as a white one to be born to a mother who had no prenatal care, according to a 1989 study by the Urban League. A black male teen-ager is six times as likely as a white to be killed, the study said.

"Millions of black children today live in a desolate world where physical survival is a triumph, where fear and hopelessness reign, and where the future holds no promises and few opportunities," said Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense League.

A black child born in 1986 can expect to die six years sooner than a white child, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Life expectancy among whites rose from 75.3 years to 75.4 years between 1984 and 1986. For blacks, the number dropped from 69.7 to 69.4.

The poverty rate for blacks in 1986 was 31.1 percent, compared with the 11 percent rate for whites, the Census Bureau said.

The jobless rate among blacks in 1987 was 13 percent, 2.5 times the 5.3 percent rate for whites. If agencies counted blacks who were so discouraged they have quit looking for work, the rate approaches 25 percent, according to the National Committee for Full Employment.

The median black family income was \$17,604 compared with \$30,809 for whites, according to the Urban League. That same year, 44.2 percent of black families had incomes of less than \$10,000, more than triple the rate for whites.

In black families, single women are more apt to be in charge.

Black males have the highest death rates from accidents to violence of any ethnic group with 153

per 100,000. The white rate is 98.6 per 100,000, according to a 1984 Urban League report.

The divorce rate among blacks jumped from 45 per 1,000 marriages in 1960 to 178 per 1,000 marriages in 1981. White couples divorced at the rate of 27 per 1,000 in 1960 and 82 per 1,000 in 1981, the report said.

"Black males run a deadly gauntlet of dangers that cause a steady attrition in the number of men who can support families," said James McGhee, an Urban League researcher.

Elderly blacks are three times as likely to be poor as aged whites, according to a report by the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged.

Blacks make up 12 percent of the national population, but 34 percent of prison inmates are black and 54 percent are white, according to the 1988 Corrections Yearbook.

Family, friends meet to support Terry Anderson

By JOAN MOWER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Friends, colleagues and relatives of Terry Anderson marked the journalist's fourth year as a hostage in Lebanon Thursday, urging his kidnappers to end his suffering by releasing him immediately.

Anderson is "frustrated, tired and lonely ... and tired of being caged like an animal," said Peggy Say of Cadiz, Ky., the sister of The Associated Press correspondent.

Tom Brokaw of NBC News, who moderated an hour-long ceremony in a House office building, said Anderson has not been forgotten as he enters his fifth year as a captive in a small, dingy room.

"We can't turn our backs when people are denied human rights," Brokaw said.

The Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, a former hostage held for a time with Anderson, said that before his release on July 26, 1986, he promised the journalist "that I would never forget him, that others would never forget him."

Colleagues who knew and worked with Anderson, one of nine American hostages held in Lebanon, talked of his dedication to his job and his desire to tell the story of the war-torn nation.

"He took big risks ... and he has paid an awful price these last four years," said David Ignatius, an associate editor of *The Washington Post*. "I want to see Terry released tomorrow, if possible."

Thomas Friedman, diplomatic correspondent for *The New York Times*, said the radical Moslem Shiites believed to hold Anderson are damaging Islam's image by keeping hostages.

"The only way your story is ever going to be told again is if our comrades are free," he said.

Bruce Laingen, a former hostage in Iran, echoed that thought.

The hostage-holders are doing a "grievous disservice to Islam," he said at the event, which was co-sponsored by No Greater Love, a humanitarian organization, and the Journalists Committee to Free Terry Anderson.

Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y., a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, attended the ceremony, as did Reps. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla.; Nick Joe Rahall, D-W.Va.; and Thomas Foglietta, D-Pa.

Also in attendance were Lebanese Ambassador Abdallah Bouhabib and Peter Burleigh, deputy assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs.

On Wednesday, Moynihan said he would not accept "the explanation that nothing can be done." He introduced a resolution Thursday in the Senate condemning hostage-taking.

"Something must be done, the executive branch must seek to use every avenue, formal and informal, to win the hostages freedom," Moynihan said in a statement.

Meantime, administration officials say there has been no change in the hostage policy since President Bush assumed office nearly two months ago.

"In terms of our policy, there has been no change, and I don't foresee one," said a State Department Middle East specialist, speaking on condition of anonymity. He called the policy the only one that might work.

Since the Reagan administration was embarrassed in November 1986 by revelations it had sold weapons to Iran, the U.S. policy has been, "No concessions, but we're willing to talk to anyone," another official said.

But Say has been critical of U.S. government efforts on behalf of the hostages.

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