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Officials suspect arson in hotel fire

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's governor said today there were indications the disastrous fire at the Dupont Plaza Hotel was set by an arsonist. Emergency workers, after recovering 53 bodies, continued the search for more.

Officials said the death toll from Wednesday's blaze could reach 100.

Justice Secretary Hector Rivera Cruz and Danny Velez, Gov. Rafael Hernandez Colon's press secretary, had reported a death toll of 60 Thursday night. But Sila Calderon, the governor's chief of staff, said today that figure was "a projection."

Forty-three bodies had been recovered by Thursday night, she said, and 10 more were found today and taken to the pathology department at the State Medical Center.

Reporters taken on a tour today of the pool area just below the hotel's casino saw a grim scene of bodies protruding from debris and police and emergency workers, wearing white masks and rubber gloves, searching through the rubble.

Miguel Domenech, executive director of the governmental Puerto Rico Tourism Company, said other hotels on the island were increasing security in light of official suggestions that the fire may have been set as a result of a labor dispute at the hotel.

Hernandez Colon, in response to a question about the possibility of arson, told NBC's "Today" show today: "There are certainly indications of that ... The labor controversy in the hotel was very, very tense. All sorts of information was going around that there was going to be a problem at the hotel, that there were going to be bombs, that there were going to be fires. People were warned to stay away before this in fact actually happened."

He also said, "We believe the dead will be going up to around 100 ... The debris is still being removed and more bodies are being found."

Sila Calderon, the governor's chief of staff, told reporters, "Our hope is to end the search today and send the bodies to the pathology center."

Center deadline Monday

Monday will be the deadline to apply for the director's position at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

The post became vacant with the resignation of Gloria Shaw effective Wednesday. She resigned to enter private business in San Angelo.

As of Friday morning, Western Texas College officials indicated approximately a dozen applications have been received.

Advertisements have been run in the local as well as area newspapers seeking a replacement.

Once the deadline has passed, applicants will be screened by a four-member committee consisting of representatives of WTC, the city, county and the center itself.

It is hoped a new center director can be named as early as mid-January, college officials say.

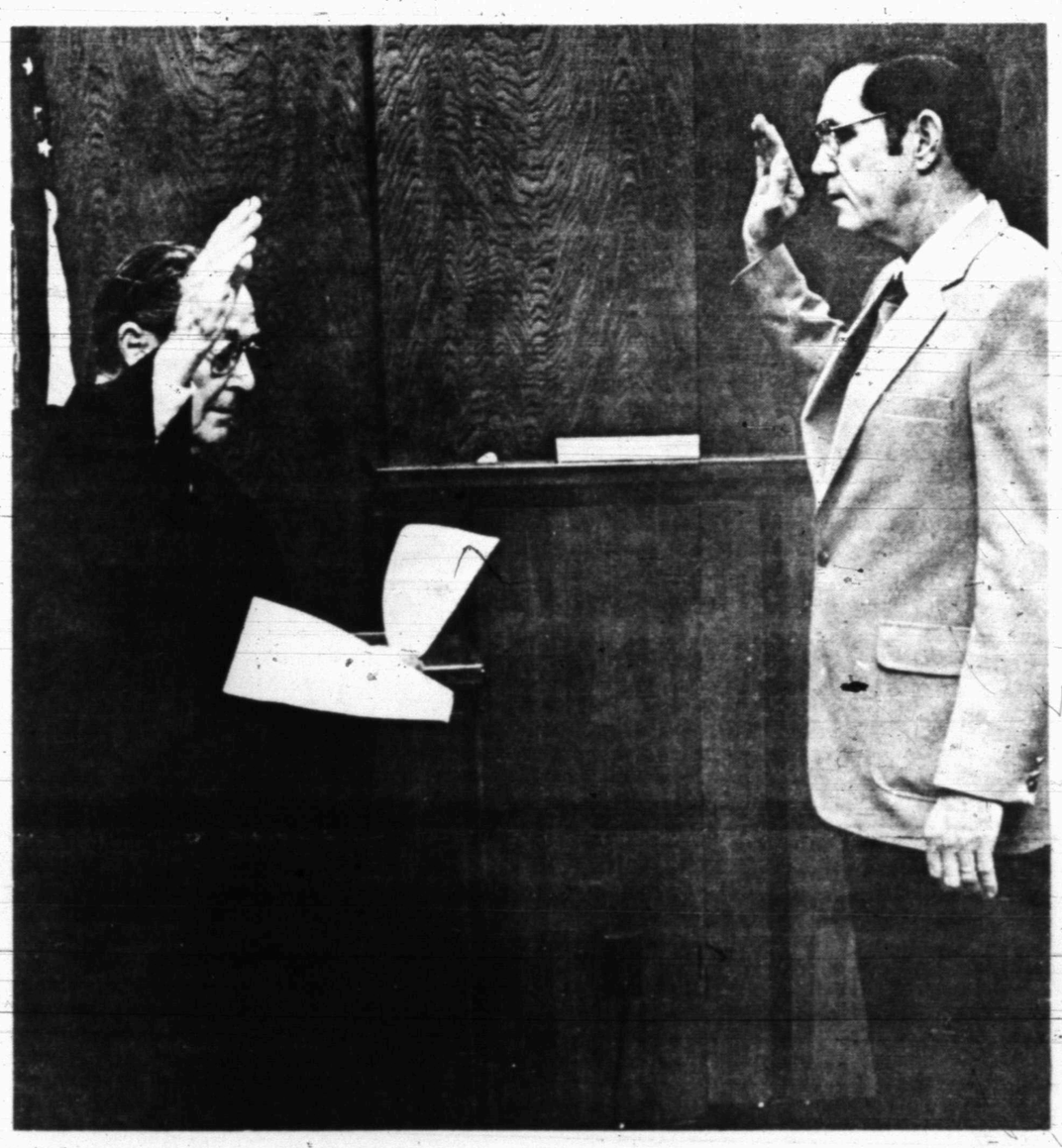
WTC is coordinating the hiring as part of its contract to oversee the administration of the local center. Gay Hickman, business manager at WTC, also serves in this capacity.

Requirements for job applications include four years experience in some type of a community program. Also, a minimum of two years in a supervisory or executive position.

Skills related to nutritional planning are required also.

The job involves both supervision of the center's day-to-day operation--to include its meals programs--and its ongoing "development."

Individuals with questions may contact Hickman Monday morning at WTC as administrative offices there reopen after the Christmas holiday. The telephone number is 573-8511.





DAN CALLAWAY

NEW JUDGE — Bobby Goodwin (right) was officially sworn-in Thursday as the new Scurry County Judge. Performing the ceremony was District Judge Wayland G. Holt, who also gave the oath of office Thursday to JPs Dan Callaway and R.C. Nixon. (SDN Staff Photo)



R.C. NIXON

Scurry jobless falls below 10 percent

Scurry County preliminary unemployment figures for November dipped below the 10 percent level for the first time since last May.

According to figures released by the Texas Employment Commission, unemployment in Scurry County for the month of November stood at 9.6 percent--down four-tenths of one percent from the previous month.

The civilian labor force in Scurry County was listed at 9,711 with 8,776 persons working and 935 unemployed. The unemployment rate in Scurry County has shown a gradual decline since hitting a peak of 12.5 percent in June. The July figure was 11.1 percent and the total dropped to 10.7 percent in August.

The September figure inched up to 10.9 percent and dropped to an even 10 percent in October. The year began with a 6 percent unemployment rate and it dropped to 5.3 percent in February--the low for 1986. The total for March was 8.3 percent and the may figure was 9.9 percent.

Area counties included in the employment survey included:

Nolan County--A labor force of 8,003 with 7,190 working and 813 out of work for an unemployment rate of 10.2 percent.

Mitchell County--A labor force of 4,047 with 3,577 working and 470 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 11.6 percent.

Kent County--A labor force of 559 persons with 538 employed

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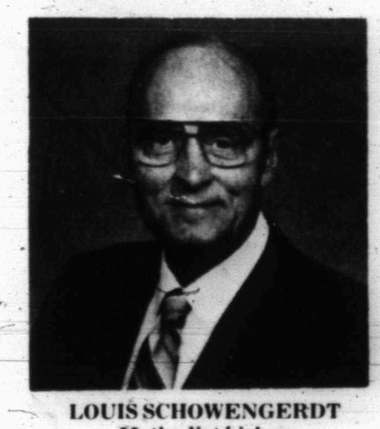

LOUIS SCHOWENGERDT
...Methodist bishop...

Bishop set for Odom Chapel dedication

First United Methodist Church will dedicate its Odom Chapel Sunday during the 10:50 a.m. morning worship service.

The building is the newest addition to the over 100 year-old church.

Bishop Louis S. Schowengerdt will conduct the service. He will be assisted by Dr. Rex Mauldin and the Rev. Robert T. Metzger, pastor.

The service will be a celebration of "The Mercy of God" and will include special music sung by Jane Womack with original lyrics by Gil Fleer.

An open house will be conducted from 2 until 4 p.m. that day.

A church dinner in honor of the bishop will also be held following the dedication service.

All members, friends and visitors are invited to the dinner. The cost is $2 for adult church members and $1 for children. There will be no charge to guests.

The chapel is named for Mrs. Dewey A. Odom. It was her wish that her property adjacent to the church, formerly used as commercial business locations, be converted into a chapel.

She was a lifelong member of the church, teaching the Crusaders Sunday School Class for over 53 years, and working in the district church as well as the world wide Methodist Church.

Bishop Schowengerdt lives in Albuquerque, N. M. and holds several degrees including an associates degree, a bachelor of divinity degree, a masters degrees, and two doctors of divinity degrees.

He participated in a graduate study in clinical psychology at the University of Missouri at Kansas City from 1960-65.

He pastored several churches in Missouri from 1950 until his appointment as bishop of the Texas-New Mexico area in 1980.

He serves as president of United Methodist Communications and the Executive Committee of the South Central Jurisdic-

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7-year-old in surgery, condition said better

Seven-year-old Tyrel Sterling of Ira — hospitalized in Lubbock for treatment of an accidental gunshot wound suffered Wednesday — was undergoing surgery Friday morning, but was expected to recover from his injuries without any long range complications.

The boy's mother, Regina Sterling, said Friday morning that doctors had told the family the youngster should have no long term crippling injuries.

Tyrel, a first grader at West Elementary and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Leon Sterling, was shot through the abdomen.

He was taken to Lubbock Methodist Hospital Wednesday afternoon after being hit by a single bullet from a .357 magnum pistol.

The gun reportedly discharged when a gun cabinet was overturned where he and several other children were playing.

The youth was transferred to Lubbock after first being examined at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He was first placed in the intensive care unit at Methodist.

According to spokesmen at there, his condition had improved Friday morning. They indicated he had been moved out of ICU and taken off the critical-serious list prior to surgery.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Sometimes a proud bearing is only the result of a stiff neck."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Walter Buckel, in the Lamesa Press-Reporter, told about a Dawson County couple who were getting ready to attend a New Year's Eve party.

The wife put on her new dress, perked up her hair, looked into the mirror and asked her husband if the neckline was too low.

"Either it's too low," he answered, "or you're not in it far enough."

As the new year begins, taxes are on everybody's mind. Wacil McNair, former SDN editor who now writes a weekly column for the Gilmer Mirror, had some interesting facts.

McNair reported that the last time the USA had a budget surplus was 1969. In case you don't remember, the president was Lyndon B. Johnson.

Do you know which president had the most years with a surplus since World War II (the last 40 years)? It was Harry S. Truman. Old Harry had a surplus four times (1947, 1947, 1949, and 1951).

His surplus in 1948 was $12 billion, the biggest in more than half a century. Dwight D. Eisenhower had three years of surpluses (1956, 1957 and 1959). There have not been any other surplus years in the last 40.

If you're wondering which political party did the best while in the White House, it's difficult to tell. Since World War II, Republicans have been in the Oval Office 22 years, and the Democrats 18 years.

Said McNair, "You might say that it was just Americans who spent all of that money."

Fort Worth's George Dolan says he favors drug testing for politicians.

"There has to be some reason they act the way they do."

Ask Us

Q. — "You said no county elected officials have expiring terms during 1987. What about the city, school and college?

A. — At this point, the only entity guaranteed to have spring elections is the city. The school board is now frozen pending the outcome of its voter discrimination lawsuit and this is also an off-year for college board elections. At the city, the three council seats elected at-large will expire in April to include two councilmen--David Hines and Troy Williamson--and Mayor Rod Waller.

In Brief

19 fatalities

by The Associated Press

At least 19 people have died on Texas roadways in the Department of Public Safety's final tally of traffic deaths during the New Year's holiday, officials said today.

The final count surpasses the DPS' prediction that 18 would be killed during the period beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday and ending at midnight Thursday.

Heads home

PALM BEACH, Calif. (AP) --As he flies back to Washington after a weeklong California vacation, President Reagan faces a stay in the hospital and a still-simmering controversy over secret arms deals with Iran.

The president and first lady Nancy Reagan were winding up their stay at the home of publisher Walter H. Annenberg today and expected to be back in the White House by dinnertime.

Teenager held

SKAMANIA, Wash. (AP) — A teen-ager went to police 110 miles away to say he killed his stepfather, mother and sister in their home here, and a sheriff's deputy found the bodies a short time later, authorities said.

Long Beach police telephoned Skamania County authorities, who found the bodies of James Butler, 48, his wife, Margaret, 35, and her 18-year-old daughter Amy Stevenson.

Local

Fire report

Units of the Snyder fire department were enroute to a reported house fire in Hermleigh at noon Friday.

Initial reports indicate a residence adjacent to a butane business there was burning.

All local units responded to the fire call.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 48 degrees; low, 26 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 28 degrees; no precipitation.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight mostly cloudy and colder with a 30 percent chance of rain. Rain possibly mixed with sleet late. Low to the middle 30s. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph will shift to the north 10 to 20 mph and gusty late. Saturday decreasing clouds but cool with a high in the middle 50s. North wind 10 to 20 mph. Forecast for the remainder of the holiday weekend fair and warmer. Low in the lower 30s. High near 60.

Dear Abby



Husband's Appetite for Lust Is Gnawing Away at Marriage

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: John (not his real name) and I have been married for 15 years and have a lovely family. My problem: All our married life John has needed constant reassurance that he is still attractive to women. He never misses an opportunity for a one-night stand, and seems to think that as long as he doesn't establish a long-term relationship with any of these women, he is not really guilty of having an affair. We have been in and out of counseling for years because of this problem.

I am a very attractive woman. We get along well and have a rich and varied sex life. This, however, has never diminished his lust for co-workers, convention participants and even prostitutes on business trips. He keeps telling me that if I would accompany him on his business trips, this wouldn't happen. Abby, I have a career and cannot take time off to go with him every time he has a business trip.

He claims to love me and our family and doesn't want to lose us. I say that knowing how destructive his behavior has been for our marriage and continuing to indulge in it, he is not likely to change. What do you think?

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DEAR NAME WITHHELD: He *can* change if he really wants to. John is behaving like a little boy who says, "If you don't go with me, I'll get into trouble, and then it will be your fault."

Don't let him shift the blame for his infidelity to you. Get him back into therapy, and if he is sincere when he says he loves you and his family and doesn't want to lose you, he will change his ways.

One-night stands can no longer be dismissed with a slap on the wrist. Haven't you heard? There's a new life-threatening sexually transmitted disease out there that can be caught by a single, careless contact with the wrong person. Total fidelity is essential. Anything less should not be tolerated.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: It has been a while since anyone gave a kind word for our police, so let me share something I read some years ago in a mystery novel by Tobias Wells, "Die Quickly, Dear Mother" (Doubleday, 1969).

ARNIE ALDER, ATHENS, OHIO

WHAT ARE POLICEMEN MADE OF?

A policeman is a composition of what all men are, a mingling of saint and sinner, dust and deity. ... Less than one-half of 1 percent of policemen misfit the uniform.

He, of all men, is at once the most wanted and the most unwanted. ... He must be such a diplomat that he can settle differences between individuals so that each will think he won.

But, if a policeman is pleasant, he's a flirt; if he's not, he's a grouch. ... He must be able to start breathing, stop bleeding, tie splints, and above all, be sure the victim goes home without a limp — or expect to be sued. ... He must know every gun, draw on the run, and hit where it doesn't hurt.

He must be able to whip two men twice his size and half his age without damaging his uniform and without being "brutal." ... If you hit him, he's a coward; if he hits you, he's a bully. ... He must know where all the sin is and not partake. ... The policeman must chase bum leads to a dead end, stake out 10 nights to tag one witness who saw it happen — but refused to remember.

The policeman must be a minister, a social worker, a diplomat, a tough guy, and a gentleman. ... And, of course, he'll have to be a genius — for he'll have to feed and clothe a family on a policeman's salary.

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(For Abby's booklet, "What Every Teen-Ager Ought to Know," send a check or money order for $2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.)

Family escapes serious injury

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Three Amarillo family members were among those trapped when fire engulfed a Puerto Rico hotel, but they escaped after their shouts for help were heeded by two young men who hoisted them to safety.

Bob Dorbecker, his wife, Kim, and 14-year-old daughter, Amee, were among the 800 guests staying at San Juan's Dupont Plaza Hotel, which was destroyed Wednesday by a blaze that officials say killed at least 60 people.

"We are so glad to be alive," said Mrs. Dorbecker, 38, from a hotel room in San Juan.

The family, which had been on the island since Sunday, lost everything they brought on vacation with them except purses, identification and clothes they were wearing when they fled the burning 21-story hotel, Mrs. Dorbecker said.

"We were all sitting watching a television show and getting ready to go out for New Year's Eve when my daughter said she smelled smoke," she told the Amarillo Globe-News. "We looked in the bathroom and the air conditioning vent had smoke pouring from it already.

"We looked out the peephole of the door and we could see smoke in the hallway, too."

The three put wet towels over their faces and headed for the balcony.

"The smoke was so thick out there we couldn't see anything," Mrs. Dorbecker said. "We just sat there and prayed. We were extremely frightened. Then, just for a moment, the smoke cleared enough and we could see to the ground. I yelled in Spanish, 'Help me, help me,' and they waved that they saw us."

Two unidentified Puerto Rican men shouted for them to climb down from their fourth-floor balcony, despite the family's protests that the jump was too far.

"One man said, 'Trust me, you have to get out now if you want to live'," Mrs. Dorbecker said. "They climbed up the balcony to us and physically lifted me to the next railing."

Once the Dorbeckers reached the second-floor balcony, they were able to climb a ladder to safety.

"We don't know who these men were, but they went right back up after that."

Dorbecker, 39, a hardware analyst for Santa Fe Energy in Amarillo, suffered minor smoke inhalation, while his daughter, an eighth-grade student, came out unscathed.

"I have baseball size bruises on my abdomen, legs and arms from climbing down, but that's small potatoes to be alive," Mrs. Dorbecker said.

After being treated at the scene for their injuries, they were taken to a restaurant across the street, where they watched the two young men — by then covered with soot and blood — repeat the rescue procedure that the Dorbeckers said saved their lives.

"We're all just kind of sticking together and helping each other. We were able to give cash to a doctor and his wife from Pennsylvania because they just had nothing. Not even any identification," she said. "Even the private citizens have been so helpful to us. They keep saying, 'I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry.'"

2 thirsty areas now have water glut

By The Associated Press

The traditionally thirsty cities of Corpus Christi and El Paso are ringing in the new year with unexpectedly big supplies of water, although the abundance in far West Texas is only temporary.

In stark contrast to the drought-stricken days of 1984, the South Texas city of Corpus Christi now has more water than at any time in its history — a supply large enough to last four years even if it didn't rain again.

Assistant City Manager James Lontos broke the good news about the water supply at this week's City Council meeting, before the council approved $145,000 for a geological survey of Lake Corpus Christi.

The study will be conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey Office to examine whether sedimentation has reduced the lake's water capacity.

The Rio Grande, meanwhile, has overflowed in several places south of El Paso during a year of record water releases from southern New Mexico reservoirs. Some 500 acres of farmland in El Paso's Lower Valley have been flooded.

But it should only be a matter of days until the amount of water in the river decreases, said David Overvold, chief of the water and land division of the Rio Grande Project of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Beginning Jan. 9, he said, the government will decrease by 20 percent the amount of water it's releasing to stabilize the full Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs along the Rio Grande in southern New Mexico.

"The river is dangerous to be in right now because it is swift and deep," he said, noting that depths usually ranging from 2 to 3 feet are now more like 5 to 7 feet.

The reduced releases, coupled with irrigation demands starting as early as Jan. 19, will help lower the river level, Overvold said.

Corpus Christi's Lontos said Choke Canyon Reservoir in Live Oak County — which was emptied during the worst days of the 1982-84 drought — now has more water than the city's other reservoir, Lake Corpus Christi.

Yet despite the recent rains and the boosted water supply, the city will continue restrictions on lawn watering, said Doug Matthews, the city's public utilities director.

"There's always a need for more fresh water in South Texas, even if the lakes are 100-percent full," he said. "It's soggy now, but it could stop raining tomorrow."

The lawn-watering rule — a conservation measure left over from the city's 1984 drought provisions — permits lawn watering every other day on an odd-even basis, according to street address.

Matthews said compliance with the rule has been good, and it should remain in effect despite the increased supply.

"Even though we have a lot of water in the lakes, we still need to be conserving," Matthews said. "There is a need for all the water we can get. We don't want to waste it."

Alabama resident wins MTV contest

JACKSON, Ala. (AP) — For the second year in a row, an Alabama resident has won an MTV contest on New Year's Eve. And for the second year in a row, the winner didn't even send in the prize-winning entry form.

The music video channel announced Wednesday during its New Year's Eve broadcast that Loretta Lowery's post card had been drawn from more than 1.7 million entries in the "MTV Town" contest.

Mrs. Lowery, a 33-year-old substitute school teacher from Jackson, won a $391,400 prize package that included a "town" in the Texas Panhandle. But it was her husband, Marshall, who entered the contest.

"It's a hobby with me. She doesn't care about it," he said.

In 1985, Faye Ballentine, 49, of Florence won $1 million in another MTV contest. She said her daughter, Tina, mailed in the winning entry form.

"There'll probably be a congressional investigation," Lowery jokingly told relatives.

As the MTV winner, Mrs. Lowery has been promised $100,000 in cash, a Jeep, stereo equipment, 1,000 compact discs, 100 acres of grassland near Shamrock, Texas, a house and general store that MTV plans to build on the land, and a promise from MTV to have the land incorporated into a town if the couple wishes.

Or she can choose to receive the monetary equivalent of the prizes, an MTV spokesman said.

The MTV contest caused concern in Shamrock, where some residents feared their town might become home to unsavory rock music fans.

Lowery said he and his wife are deeply religious and Shamrock citizens would have nothing to fear, but he has no plans to move to Texas.

"It's a big windfall, but it's not enough for me to quit my job," he said. "I'll probably sell at least some of the land and the house.

"The best prize as far as I'm concerned is the Jeep. We have two vehicles and both of them have more than 100,000 miles."

Lowery has already been to see an accountant to discuss the winnings. "The accountant said 1987 is a bad year to be winning a lot of money."

The accountant figured the new tax law will take 38.5 percent, or $140,000 of Lowery's winnings.

"I won't get but $100,000 in cash, so I won't have any cash left. I'll have to turn in some of the merchandise to pay the taxes," he said.

Repossessions rose more than 41 %

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Real estate repossessions in this oil-poor West Texas city rose 41.4 percent in 1986, but improving economic conditions should mean fewer repossessions in 1987, officials say.

The better climate and rising oil prices will take a while to boost the sagging real estate market, however, because "real estate tends to lag everything," says Gary Sims, president of the Odessa Board of Realtors.

During 1986, 1,058 properties were sold at trustee sales, up from 748 in 1985, Ector County figures show.

When oil prices plunged in 1986, Odessa, heavily dependent on the oil industry, was hard hit. Unemployment rates soared as the economy dipped. First State Bank President Jimmy Brown said the increase in repossessions was not just in real estate.

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One girl born in 1987 while twin born in '86

CONROE, Texas (AP) — Most twins share the same birthday, but Jennifer Lynn and Elizabeth Marie Adkins can't even say they were born in the same year.

The twin girls' births were only minutes apart at Conroe's Medical Center Hospital, but they straddled the dividing line between 1986 and 1987, officials said.

Elizabeth was born at 11:53 p.m. New Year's Eve, while her younger sister, Jennifer was born three minutes after midnight Thursday, hospital spokeswoman Fay Bissell said.

"It's pretty unusual," Ms. Bissell said of the timing of the births, adding that Jennifer is believed to be the first baby born in 1987 in Montgomery County.

The mother, Holly Adkins, said she wasn't sure which year the babies would be born in when she was taken into the delivery room about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"We didn't know it would be one this year and one last year," Mrs. Adkins said Thursday. "We're pretty excited. We just didn't know we would be record-setters."

The Adkinses weren't alone, however — in Albany, N.Y., Deborah Regimbald gave birth to Laura Beth at 11:46 p.m. Wednesday and and Karen Ann at 12:03 a.m. Thursday. Laura Beth weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and Karen Ann weighed 7 pounds, said a spokesman at the Albany Medical Center.

The New York twins were "doing well and are in very good shape," said spokesman Richard Puff on Thursday.

Before going into labor about 7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve, Mrs. Adkins said she and her husband, Randy, had planned to go to bed early. Doctors said the twins weren't due until Feb. 1, but the girls had a different idea.

Elizabeth weighs 4 pounds, 8 ounces, while her younger sister is 1 ounce lighter. Both girls are 17 inches long, Mrs. Adkins said.

"They're real hard to tell apart at the moment," she said.

The twins may celebrate their different birthdays at the same time when they're young, Mrs. Adkins said of her first children.

"But they're probably going to have their own special day" after they are old enough to understand, she added.

Barbed wire was patented in 1874 by Joseph F. Glidden of Illinois.

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Duplicate bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous; Ave. K and 13th St.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8325 or 573-2101.

SATURDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, a program for out-of-control eating; St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall; 2214 42nd St. All are welcome; the meeting is free; 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Joyce at 573-7149.

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-6604 or 573-0414.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

Scurry County Museum, Western Texas College, open from 1-4 p.m.

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge Club; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Agent is killed during arrest

PHARR, Texas (AP) — The shooting death of another drug agent along the U.S.-Mexico border serves as a grim reminder that the battle against drug-smuggling is an increasingly violent one, officials say.

Special Agent William Ramos, 30, was shot in the chest Wednesday night while trying to arrest a suspect in a supermarket parking lot, said Ken Miley, chief of the Drug Enforcement Administration's McAllen district office.

Felipe Molina-Uribe, a McAllen man who suffered a leg wound, was arrested at the scene and charged with killing a federal agent, Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Milner said. Molina-Uribe was under guard at a local hospital.

Ramos is the second Rio Grande Valley narcotics officer to die recently. Manuel Segovia of the Hidalgo County sheriff's office was shot to death Oct. 31 during a raid at a trailer house near Mercedes.

Violence against law officers in the Valley would continue as long as smugglers and drug dealers continue to bring in "the huge profits they're making.... They're going to protect their liberty and their profits," Miley said.

He added that he believes the Valley is the No. 1 illegal drug entry point into the United States.

Ramos was not wearing a bullet-proof vest because the investigator was working under cover, Miley said. He declined to say what kind of gun was used in the slaying.

A Mexican man arrested Thursday in connection with the shootout outside Junior's Supermarket was also being held without bond pending a hearing Wednesday before U.S. Magistrate Susan Williams, Milner said.

Molina-Uribe and Benito Cavazos-Lamas, 25, a resident alien living in McAllen, were named in a federal complaint accusing them of possession with intent to distribute 303 pounds of marijuana and with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute the marijuana, Milner said.

Authorities confiscated Molina-Uribe's 1977 van after finding 300 pounds of marijuana inside that is worth about $150,000, Miley said.

The last DEA agent to die on duty was Enrique Camarena Salazar, who was killed in February 1985 in Guadalajara, Mexico, Miley said.

Banks set for post-Christmas crunch

DALLAS (AP) — The Christmas shopping season is over and most of the merchandise that needed to be returned is back on store shelves, but now a new crunch is starting.

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The post-Christmas crunch will even mean some jobs will be opening up. The Creditors Collection Bureau in suburban Garland is thinking about hiring some extra collectors and the manager of a Dallas financial counseling firm is busy training a new credit adviser.

"Every year we double our calls, have to work Saturdays and Sunday and stay in the office extra long just to keep up," Coulton said.

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"It's our best time of the year," Taylor said. "Business is very good and we expect it to pick up even more after the first of the year."

Both Taylor and Coulton said they look forward to the post-Christmas season and don't spare much sympathy.

"We hear the same excuses over and over, and every year it's the same mistake," Coulton said. "People spend too much on things they shouldn't and then use Christmas as an excuse to overspend a little more. It's like committing financial suicide."

John McGee, a spokesman for the Chilton Corp., a national credit reporting agency, said the number of people with credit problems is up during the weeks after Christmas because people use credit to make most of their holiday purchases.

"Christmas is the largest shopping rush of the season," McGee said. "It is also the time with the largest use of credit. It only makes sense that there will be a corresponding increase in the number of accounts with delinquency problems."

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James Jacoby

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Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

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When the finesse in the trump suit works, don't you try it again? Of course you do — who wouldn't? — unless it costs you your contract.

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In fact, when the first spade finesse works, South does not need to try it a second time. He should just play the ace from dummy. Even if the king does not drop, his contract is safe. He can play queen of diamonds from dummy and finesse against East's 10, and the jack of hearts covered by West exposes the void in the East hand so that he can safely play to dummy's heart nine later. He can also handle an original holding of K-10-9-x of spades in the West hand, since East can never gain the lead to come through the king of clubs.

When the spade king does drop, an unexpected dividend occurs. After a third high trump, diamond queen, diamond to the nine, jack of hearts covered and a diamond back to his hand, South runs his last two trumps. West now is squeezed between his hearts and the club ace, and declarer winds up making 12 tricks.

A new book by James Jacoby and his father, the late Oswald Jacoby, is now available at bookstores. It is "Jacoby on Card Games," published by Pharos Books.

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Dallas DA drops company charges

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors have dismissed charges against a San Antonio-based construction company, saying they don't have enough evidence to prove there were contract irregularities at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

H.B. Zachary Co. faced four felony indictments accusing it of tampering with governmental records. The charges were dismissed Wednesday.

The case was damaged because airport board members awarded a $5.9 million construction contract to Zachry after the indictments were returned, officials with the Dallas County district attorney's office said.

Prosecutors said they couldn't prove the firm's top officials were aware of the alleged contract irregularities at the airport, which is necessary to prove criminal liability.

But Paul Henson, a Zachry project manager, was fined $4,000 and placed on one year probation for each of four reduced charges of tampering with a government record after pleading no contest before District Court Judge Larry Baraka.

Company President H.B. Zachry Jr. issued a statement calling the ruling "absolutely proper."

The company had faced up to a $20,000 fine on each of the four felony charges after the lengthy investigation into allegations of construction contract irregularities at the airport.

The firm was accused of making false entries in records pertaining to construction projects at the airport.

The board and its executive directors, Oris Dunham and William Weatherford, publicly supported the company, calling Zachry a fine firm with an excellent performance record.

"It's hard to prosecute a company that the complaining witness says is the best company in America," District Attorney Henry Wade said Wednesday, his last day in office. "It kind of took the wind out of our sails."

A total of 30 indictments were returned against six former or current airport employees, the Zachry Co. and Henson.

Two airport employees pleaded guilty to felony records tampering charges, three pleaded no contest to reduced misdemeanor charges of records tampering and a sixth airport employee pleaded no contest on a misdemeanor charge of solciting a gift from an airport contractor and was placed on probation and fined $250.

Zachry has been awarded $202 million in airport contracts since 1971. The company currently has $7.8 million in contracts at the airport.

Bullet could have knocked jet out of the sky

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A bullet that pierced an incoming jetliner and wounded a passenger could have could have caused a crash, an FBI spokesman said as investigators sorted through leads on the gunman who fired the shot from the ground.

Investigators were unable to say Thursday whether the shooting Wednesday night was intentional.

"Who knows? ... It could have been a 14-year-old kid with a shotgun or rifle. We will pursue everything," said FBI spokesman Chuck Richards.

Lucas pledges to fight

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Henry Lee Lucas, buoyed by his victory in a capital murder case, says he will fight his 10 convictions in Texas and believes authorities should drop other charges pending against him.

Lucas told The Houston Post during a death row interview that he will also fight extradition to Georgia, where he faces trial for capital murder, because he first wants to clear his record in Texas.

The 50-year-old former drifter said he already is appealing his death sentence for a 1979 murder at Georgetown to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Lucas confessed to hundreds of killings across the country and then recanted, saying his statements were extracted under pressure by lawmen eager to close cases. He noted Wednesday that some cases against him have been dropped in recent years.

In the latest case settled Tuesday, an El Paso judge dismissed a capital murder charge against Lucas in the May 27, 1983, ax-slaying of 72-year-old Librada Apodaca.

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Dear Abby



Husband's Appetite for Lust Is Gnawing Away at Marriage

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: John (not his real name) and I have been married for 15 years and have a lovely family. My problem: All our married life John has needed constant reassurance that he is still attractive to women. He never misses an opportunity for a one-night stand, and seems to think that as long as he doesn't establish a long-term relationship with any of these women, he is not really guilty of having an affair. We have been in and out of counseling for years because of this problem.

I am a very attractive woman. We get along well and have a rich and varied sex life. This, however, has never diminished his lust for co-workers, convention participants and even prostitutes on business trips. He keeps telling me that if I would accompany him on his business trips, this wouldn't happen. Abby, I have a career and cannot take time off to go with him every time he has a business trip.

He claims to love me and our family and doesn't want to lose us. I say that knowing how destructive his behavior has been for our marriage and continuing to indulge in it, he is not likely to change. What do you think?

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DEAR NAME WITHHELD: He *can* change if he really wants to. John is behaving like a little boy who says, "If you don't go with me, I'll get into trouble, and then it will be your fault."

Don't let him shift the blame for his infidelity to you. Get him back into therapy, and if he is sincere when he says he loves you and his family and doesn't want to lose you, he will change his ways.

One-night stands can no longer be dismissed with a slap on the wrist. Haven't you heard? There's a new life-threatening sexually transmitted disease out there that can be caught by a single, careless contact with the wrong person. Total fidelity is essential. Anything less should not be tolerated.

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DEAR ABBY: It has been a while since anyone gave a kind word for our police, so let me share something I read some years ago in a mystery novel by Tobias Wells, "Die Quickly, Dear Mother" (Doubleday, 1969).

ARNIE ALDER, ATHENS, OHIO

WHAT ARE POLICEMEN MADE OF?

A policeman is a composition of what all men are, a mingling of saint and sinner, dust and deity. ... Less than one-half of 1 percent of policemen misfit the uniform.

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But, if a policeman is pleasant, he's a flirt; if he's not, he's a grouch. ... He must be able to start breathing, stop bleeding, tie splints, and above all, be sure the victim goes home without a limp — or expect to be sued. ... He must know every gun, draw on the run, and hit where it doesn't hurt.

He must be able to whip two men twice his size and half his age without damaging his uniform and without being "brutal." ... If you hit him, he's a coward; if he hits you, he's a bully. ... He must know where all the sin is and not partake. ... The policeman must chase bum leads to a dead end, stake out 10 nights to tag one witness who saw it happen — but refused to remember.

The policeman must be a minister, a social worker, a diplomat, a tough guy, and a gentleman. ... And, of course, he'll have to be a genius — for he'll have to feed and clothe a family on a policeman's salary.

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(For Abby's booklet, "What Every Teen-Ager Ought to Know," send a check or money order for $2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.)

Family escapes serious injury

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Three Amarillo family members were among those trapped when fire engulfed a Puerto Rico hotel, but they escaped after their shouts for help were heeded by two young men who hoisted them to safety.

Bob Dorbecker, his wife, Kim, and 14-year-old daughter, Amee, were among the 800 guests staying at San Juan's Dupont Plaza Hotel, which was destroyed Wednesday by a blaze that officials say killed at least 60 people.

"We are so glad to be alive," said Mrs. Dorbecker, 38, from a hotel room in San Juan.

The family, which had been on the island since Sunday, lost everything they brought on vacation with them except purses, identification and clothes they were wearing when they fled the burning 21-story hotel, Mrs. Dorbecker said.

"We were all sitting watching a television show and getting ready to go out for New Year's Eve when my daughter said she smelled smoke," she told the Amarillo Globe-News. "We looked in the bathroom and the air conditioning vent had smoke pouring from it already.

"We looked out the peephole of the door and we could see smoke in the hallway, too."

The three put wet towels over their faces and headed for the balcony.

"The smoke was so thick out there we couldn't see anything," Mrs. Dorbecker said. "We just sat there and prayed. We were extremely frightened. Then, just for a moment, the smoke cleared enough and we could see to the ground. I yelled in Spanish, 'Help me, help me,' and they waved that they saw us."

Two unidentified Puerto Rican men shouted for them to climb down from their fourth-floor balcony, despite the family's protests that the jump was too far.

"One man said, 'Trust me, you have to get out now if you want to live'," Mrs. Dorbecker said. "They climbed up the balcony to us and physically lifted me to the next railing."

Once the Dorbeckers reached the second-floor balcony, they were able to climb a ladder to safety.

"We don't know who these men were, but they went right back up after that."

Dorbecker, a hardware analyst for Santa Fe Energy in Amarillo, suffered minor smoke inhalation, while his daughter, an eighth-grade student, came out unscathed.

"I have baseball size bruises on my abdomen, legs and arms from climbing down, but that's small potatoes to be alive," Mrs. Dorbecker said.

After being treated at the scene for their injuries, they were taken to a restaurant across the street, where they watched the two young men — by then covered with soot and blood — repeat the rescue procedure that the Dorbeckers said saved their lives.

"We're all just kind of sticking together and helping each other. We were able to give cash to a doctor and his wife from Pennsylvania because they just had nothing. Not even any identification," she said. "Even the private citizens have been so helpful to us. They keep saying, 'I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry.'"

2 thirsty areas now have water glut

By The Associated Press

The traditionally thirsty cities of Corpus Christi and El Paso are ringing in the new year with unexpectedly big supplies of water, although the abundance in far West Texas is only temporary.

In stark contrast to the drought-stricken days of 1984, the South Texas city of Corpus Christi now has more water than at any time in its history — a supply large enough to last four years even if it didn't rain again.

Assistant City Manager James Lontos broke the good news about the water supply at this week's City Council meeting, before the council approved $145,000 for a geological survey of Lake Corpus Christi.

The study will be conducted by the U.S. Geological Survey Office to examine whether sedimentation has reduced the lake's water capacity.

The Rio Grande, meanwhile, has overflowed in several places south of El Paso during a year of record water releases from southern New Mexico reservoirs. Some 500 acres of farmland in El Paso's Lower Valley have been flooded.

But it should only be a matter of days until the amount of water in the river decreases, said David Overvold, chief of the water and land division of the Rio Grande Project of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Beginning Jan. 9, he said, the government will decrease by 20 percent the amount of water it's releasing to stabilize the full Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs along the Rio Grande in southern New Mexico.

"The river is dangerous to be in right now because it is swift and deep," he said, noting that depths usually ranging from 2 to 3 feet are now more like 5 to 7 feet.

The reduced releases, coupled with irrigation demands starting as early as Jan. 19, will help lower the river level, Overvold said.

Corpus Christi's Lontos said Choke Canyon Reservoir in Live Oak County — which was emptied during the worst days of the 1982-84 drought — now has more water than the city's other reservoir, Lake Corpus Christi.

Yet despite the recent rains and the boosted water supply, the city will continue restrictions on lawn watering, said Doug Matthews, the city's public utilities director.

"There's always a need for more fresh water in South Texas, even if the lakes are 100-percent full," he said. "It's soggy now, but it could stop raining tomorrow."

The lawn-watering rule — a conservation measure left over from the city's 1984 drought provisions — permits lawn watering every other day on an odd-even basis, according to street address.

Matthews said compliance with the rule has been good, and it should remain in effect despite the increased supply.

"Even though we have a lot of water in the lakes, we still need to be conserving," Matthews said. "There is a need for all the water we can get. We don't want to waste it."

Alabama resident wins MTV contest

JACKSON, Ala. (AP) — For the second year in a row, an Alabama resident has won an MTV contest on New Year's Eve. And for the second year in a row, the winner didn't even send in the prize-winning entry form.

The music video channel announced Wednesday during its New Year's Eve broadcast that Loretta Lowery's post card had been drawn from more than 1.7 million entries in the "MTV Town" contest.

Mrs. Lowery, a 33-year-old substitute school teacher from Jackson, won a $391,400 prize package that included a "town" in the Texas Panhandle. But it was her husband, Marshall, who entered the contest.

"It's a hobby with me. She doesn't care about it," he said.

In 1985, Faye Ballentine, 49, of Florence won $1 million in another MTV contest. She said her daughter, Tina, mailed in the winning entry form.

"There'll probably be a congressional investigation," Lowery jokingly told relatives.

As the MTV winner, Mrs. Lowery has been promised $100,000 in cash, a Jeep, stereo equipment, 1,000 compact discs, 100 acres of grassland near Shamrock, Texas, a house and general store that MTV plans to build on the land, and a promise from MTV to have the land incorporated into a town if the couple wishes.

Or she can choose to receive the monetary equivalent of the prizes, an MTV spokesman said.

The MTV contest caused concern in Shamrock, where some residents feared their town might become home to unsavory rock music fans.

Lowery said he and his wife are deeply religious and Shamrock citizens would have nothing to fear, but he has no plans to move to Texas.

"It's a big windfall, but it's not enough for me to quit my job," he said. "I'll probably sell at least some of the land and the house.

"The best prize as far as I'm concerned is the Jeep. We have two vehicles and both of them have more than 100,000 miles."

Lowery has already been to see an accountant to discuss the winnings. "The accountant said 1987 is a bad year to be winning a lot of money."

The accountant figured the new tax law will take 38.5 percent, or $140,000 of Lowery's winnings.

"I won't get but $100,000 in cash, so I won't have any cash left. I'll have to turn in some of the merchandise to pay the taxes," he said.

Repossessions rose more than 41 %

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Real estate repossessions in this oil-poor West Texas city rose 41.4 percent in 1986, but improving economic conditions should mean fewer repossessions in 1987, officials say.

The better climate and rising oil prices will take a while to boost the sagging real estate market, however, because "real estate tends to lag everything," says Gary Sims, president of the Odessa Board of Realtors.

During 1986, 1,058 properties were sold at trustee sales, up from 748 in 1985, Ector County figures show.

When oil prices plunged in 1986, Odessa, heavily dependent on the oil industry, was hard hit. Unemployment rates soared as the economy dipped. First State Bank President Jimmy Brown said the increase in repossessions was not just in real estate.

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One girl born in 1987 while twin born in '86

CONROE, Texas (AP) — Most twins share the same birthday, but Jennifer Lynn and Elizabeth Marie Adkins can't even say they were born in the same year.

The twin girls' births were only minutes apart at Conroe's Medical Center Hospital, but they straddled the dividing line between 1986 and 1987, officials said.

Elizabeth was born at 11:53 p.m. New Year's Eve, while her younger sister, Jennifer, was born three minutes after midnight Thursday, hospital spokeswoman Fay Bissell said.

"It's pretty unusual," Ms. Bissell said of the timing of the births, adding that Jennifer is believed to be the first baby born in 1987 in Montgomery County.

The mother, Holly Adkins, said she wasn't sure which year the babies would be born in when she was taken into the delivery room about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday.

"We didn't know it would be one this year and one last year," Mrs. Adkins said Thursday. "We're pretty excited. We just didn't know we would be record-setters."

The Adkinses weren't alone, however. In Albany, N.Y., Deborah Regimbald gave birth to Laura Beth at 11:46 p.m. Wednesday and and Karen Ann at 12:03 a.m. Thursday. Laura Beth weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and Karen Ann weighed 7 pounds, said a spokesman at the Albany Medical Center.

The New York twins were "doing well and are in very good shape," said spokesman Richard Puff on Thursday.

Before going into labor about 7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve, Mrs. Adkins said she and her husband, Randy, had planned to go to bed early. Doctors said the twins weren't due until Feb. 1, but the girls had a different idea.

Elizabeth weighs 4 pounds, 8 ounces, while her younger sister is 1 ounce lighter. Both girls are 17 inches long, Mrs. Adkins said.

"They're real hard to tell apart at the moment," she said.

The twins may celebrate their different birthdays at the same time when they're young, Mrs. Adkins said of her first children.

"But they're probably going to have their own special day" after they are old enough to understand, she added.

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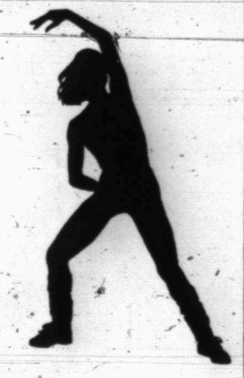

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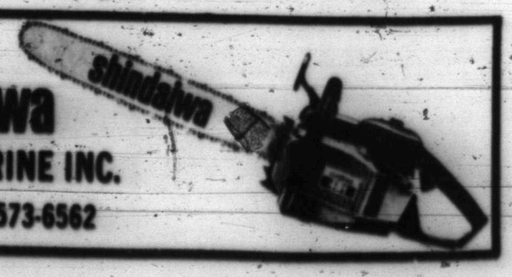

Community Calendar

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Alcoholics Anonymous; Ave. K and 13th St.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8325 or 573-2101.

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Overeaters Anonymous, a program for out-of-control eating; St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall; 2214 42nd St. All are welcome; the meeting is free; 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Joyce at 573-7149.

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Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-6604 or 573-0414.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

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Agent is killed during arrest

PHARR, Texas (AP) — The shooting death of another drug agent along the U.S.-Mexico border serves as a grim reminder that the battle against drug-smuggling is an increasingly violent one, officials say.

Special Agent William Ramos, 30, was shot in the chest Wednesday night while trying to arrest a suspect in a supermarket parking lot, said Ken Miley, chief of the Drug Enforcement Administration's McAllen district office.

Felipe Molina-Uribe, a McAllen man who suffered a leg wound, was arrested at the scene and charged with killing a federal agent, Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Milner said. Molina-Uribe was under guard at a local hospital.

Ramos is the second Rio Grande Valley narcotics officer to die recently. Manuel Segovia of the Hidalgo County sheriff's office was shot to death Oct. 31 during a raid at a trailer house near Mercedes.

Violence against law officers in the Valley would continue as long as smugglers and drug dealers continue to bring in "the huge profits they're making.... They're going to protect their liberty and their profits," Miley said.

He added that he believes the Valley is the No. 1 illegal drug entry point into the United States.

Ramos was not wearing a bullet-proof vest because the investigator was working under cover; Miley said. He declined to say what kind of gun was used in the slaying.

A Mexican man arrested Thursday in connection with the shootout outside Junior's Supermarket was also being held without bond pending a hearing Wednesday before U.S. Magistrate Susan Williams, Milner said.

Molina-Uribe and Benito Cavazos-Lamas, 25, a resident alien living in McAllen, were named in a federal complaint accusing them of possession with intent to distribute 303 pounds of marijuana and with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute the marijuana, Milner said.

Authorities confiscated Molina-Uribe's 1977 van after finding 300 pounds of marijuana inside that is worth about $150,000, Miley said.

The last DEA agent to die on duty was Enrique Camarena Salazar, who was killed in February 1985 in Guadalajara, Mexico, Miley said.

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Both Taylor and Coulton said they look forward to the post-Christmas season and don't spare much sympathy.

"We hear the same excuses over and over, and every year it's the same mistake," Coulton said. "People spend too much on things they shouldn't and then use Christmas as an excuse to overspend a little more. It's like committing financial suicide."

John McGee, a spokesman for the Chilton Corp., a national credit reporting agency, said the number of people with credit problems is up during the weeks after Christmas because people use credit to make most of their holiday purchases.

"Christmas is the largest shopping rush of the season," McGee said. "It is also the time with the largest use of credit. It only makes sense that there will be a corresponding increase in the number of accounts with delinquency problems."

Bridge

James Jacoby

NORTH 1-2-87
♠ A Q J
♥ A Q 9 7 4
♦ Q 6 4 2
♣ 6

WEST
♠ K 3
♥ K 10 8 6 5 3
♦ J
♣ A Q 3 2

EAST
♠ 10 9 5
♥ - - -
♦ 10 8 7 5
♣ J 10 9 8 7 5

SOUTH
♠ 8 7 6 4 2
♥ J 2
♦ A K 9 3
♣ K 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	Pass	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: ♦ J

When the finesse in the trump suit works, don't you try it again? Of course you do — who wouldn't? — unless it costs you your contract.

Declarer won the ace of diamonds and tried the spade finesse. When dummy's jack held the trick, everything looked easy. He played another diamond back to his king in order to take a second spade finesse. Suddenly, disaster! West ruffed with the king of spades and played a heart. When declarer played a low heart from dummy, East ruffed. A club played to West allowed East to ruff still another heart, and that was down one. Poor South.

In fact, when the first spade finesse works, South does not need to try it a second time. He should just play the ace from dummy. Even if the king does not drop, his contract is safe. He can play queen of diamonds from dummy and finesse against East's 10, and the jack of hearts covered by West exposes the void in the East hand so that he can safely play to dummy's heart nine later. He can also handle an original holding of K-10-9-x of spades in the West hand, since East can never gain the lead to come through the king of clubs.

When the spade king does drop, an unexpected dividend occurs. After a third high trump, diamond queen, diamond to the nine, jack of hearts covered and a diamond back to his hand, South runs his last two trumps. West now is squeezed between his hearts and the club ace, and declarer winds up making 12 tricks.

A new book by James Jacoby and his father, the late Oswald Jacoby, is now available at bookstores. It is "Jacoby on Card Games," published by Pharos Books.

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Dallas DA drops company charges

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors have dismissed charges against a San Antonio-based construction company, saying they don't have enough evidence to prove there were contract irregularities at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

H.B. Zachary Co. faced four felony indictments accusing it of tampering with governmental records. The charges were dismissed Wednesday.

The case was damaged because airport board members awarded a $5.9 million construction contract to Zachry after the indictments were returned, officials with the Dallas County district attorney's office said.

Prosecutors said they couldn't prove the firm's top officials were aware of the alleged contract irregularities at the airport, which is necessary to prove criminal liability.

But Paul Henson, a Zachry project manager, was fined $4,000 and placed on one year probation for each of four reduced charges of tampering with a government record after pleading no contest before District Court Judge Larry Baraka.

Company President H.B. Zachry Jr. issued a statement calling the ruling "absolutely proper."

The company had faced up to a $20,000 fine on each of the four felony charges after the lengthy investigation into allegations of construction contract irregularities at the airport.

The firm was accused of making false entries in records pertaining to construction projects at the airport.

The board and its executive directors, Oris Dunham and William Weatherford, publicly supported the company, calling Zachry a fine firm with an excellent performance record.

"It's hard to prosecute a company that the complaining witness says is the best company in America," District Attorney Henry Wade said Wednesday, his last day in office. "It kind of took the wind out of our sails."

A total of 30 indictments were returned against six former or current airport employees, the Zachry Co. and Henson.

Two airport employees pleaded guilty to felony records tampering charges, three pleaded no contest to reduced misdemeanor charges of records tampering and a sixth airport employee pleaded no contest on a misdemeanor charge of solciting a gift from an airport contractor and was placed on probation and fined $250.

Zachry has been awarded $202 million in airport contracts since 1971. The company currently has $7.8 million in contracts at the airport.

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Bullet could have knocked jet out of the sky

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A bullet that pierced an incoming jetliner and wounded a passenger could have could have caused a crash, an FBI spokesman said as investigators sorted through leads on the gunman who fired the shot from the ground.

Investigators were unable to say Thursday whether the shooting Wednesday night was intentional.

"Who knows? ... It could have been a 14-year-old kid with a shotgun or rifle. We will pursue everything," said FBI spokesman Chuck Richards.

Lucas pledges to fight

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Henry Lee Lucas, buoyed by his victory in a capital murder case, says he will fight his 10 convictions in Texas and believes authorities should drop other charges pending against him.

Lucas told The Houston Post during a death row interview that he will also fight extradition to Georgia, where he faces trial for capital murder, because he first wants to clear his record in Texas.

The 50-year-old former drifter said he already is appealing his death sentence for a 1979 murder at Georgetown to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Lucas confessed to hundreds of killings across the country and then recanted, saying his statements were extracted under pressure by lawmen eager to close cases. He noted Wednesday that some cases against him have been dropped in recent years.

In the latest case settled Tuesday, an El Paso judge dismissed a capital murder charge against Lucas in the May 27, 1983, ax-slaying of 72-year-old Librada Apodaca.

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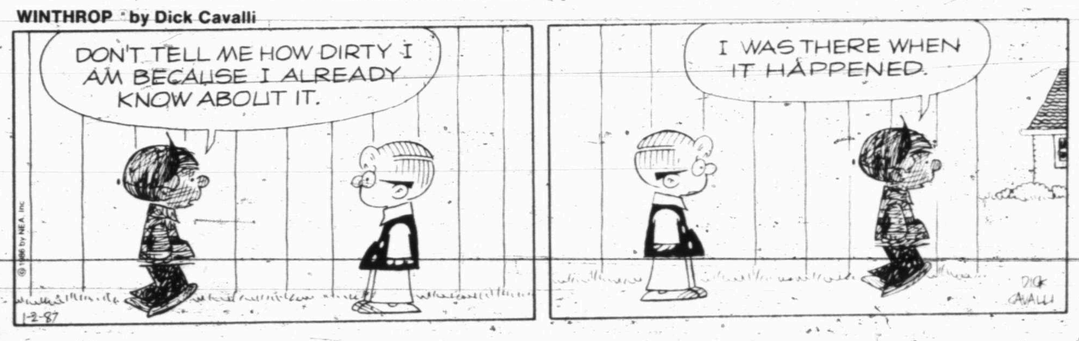

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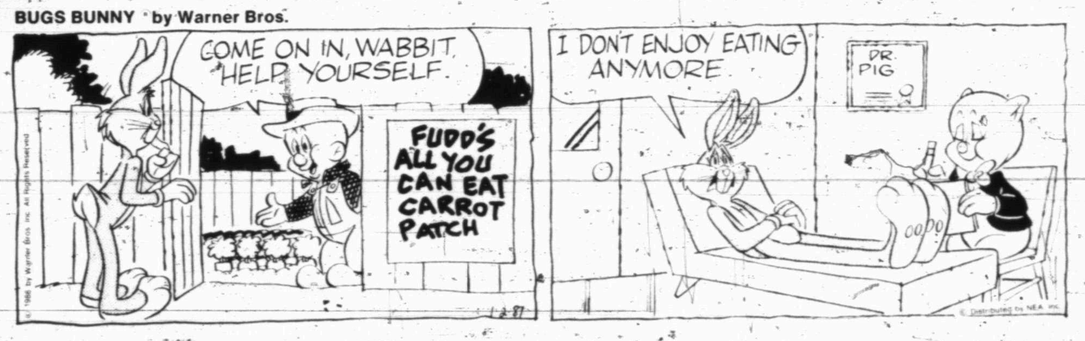

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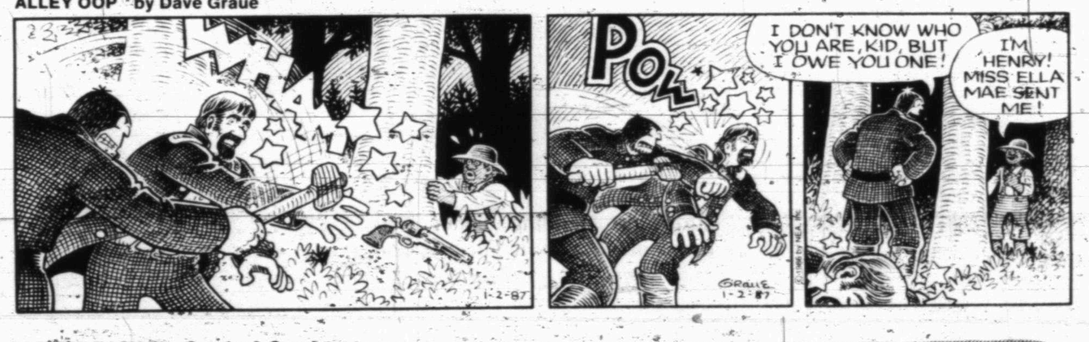

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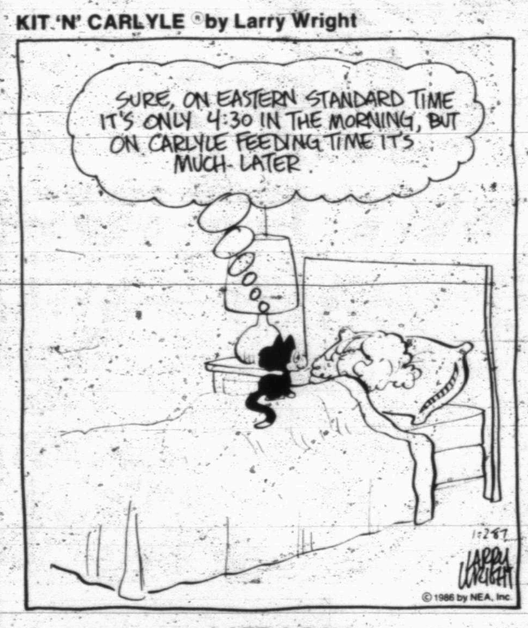

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1 Good- till canceled (abbr.)
4 ___ Bombeck
8 You were (Lat.)
12 Long fish
13 Kind of soil
14 Constellation
15 Sign of the zodiac
16 Risk-taker
18 Jimmy ("The Greek")
20 Convent inmate
21 Formerly
23 Leave off
27 Actress Helen ___
30 With no weapons
32 Eternally
33 Pertaining to an age
34 On (pref.)
35 Sesame plant
36 Hamlet
37 Step ___!
38 Adopt
40 Soft drinks
41 Violinist's need
42 Golf hazard
44 The (Fr.)
46 Followed
50 Seeing tube
54 Airline information (abbr.)
55 Great Lake
56 Cheers (Sp.)
57 Guardian spirit
58 Lacerate
59 Sheepskin
60 Fraternal member

DOWN

1 Congeals
2 Adolescent
3 Pall
4 Older persons
5 Lions' sounds
6 Do injury to
7 Ratification
8 Smoother
9 Accelerate (a motor)
10 Actress MacGraw
11 Salt (pharm.)
17 Relating to duke
19 Stag
22 Small tower
24 Change a constitution
25 Reddish-brown
26 Prepares to publish
27 Mixed (pref.)
28 Dispatch boat
29 Yowls
31 Short sleep
33 Aurora
36 Sand hills
37 Fumbler's exclamation
39 Slipperier
40 Most sensible
43 Turn away
45 Old English bard
47 River in the Congo
48 And others (2 wds.)
49 Not illuminated
50 Fondle
51 Before
52 Inlet
53 Grand ___ Opry

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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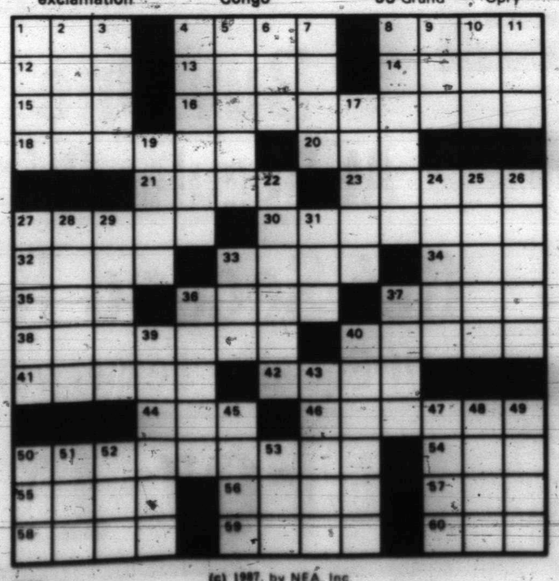

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your positive, friendly demeanor will make you a standout among your peers today. You'll bring out the best in others because you see only good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take pride in your work today and strive to do the very best that you can. It will give you a sense of achievement, and you'll be noticed by the right people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be sure your fun pursuits today are both mentally and physically stimulating. You might not think you have the necessary pep, but you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is a good day to make an important change you've been contemplating or, at the very least, start taking measures so that you can do it soon.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be intimidated by challenging developments today. They're only paper dragons that will arouse your resolve and ingenuity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be cognizant of the needs of loved ones today. If you can do things for them that they can't do for themselves, by all means do so.

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States planning to keep tax windfall

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sweeping new federal tax law, a multibillion dollar windfall for the states, is sparking debate on whether to cut rates for taxpayers or use the money for state programs or to ease deficits.

There are plans in 19 states to use the extra revenue on specific projects or to cut red ink. But in at least 14 other states, officials say taxpayers are likely to benefit through lower rates that would return all or part of the windfall to them.

These were among the findings in a survey by The Associated Press of governors, legislative leaders and revenue officials in the 50 states.

The federal tax changes could yield an estimated $6 billion in new state revenue, unless states pass on the break to taxpayers.

The increased state revenue results most states base their income taxes on the federal tax structure.

The windfall is likely to become a campaign issue in at least one governor's race this year, in Kentucky, and what to do with the money is causing political discomfort elsewhere.

How state officials are responding to the impact is influenced by the tremendous regional differences in the economy. "Almost half the states are in serious fiscal problems, and those states are not likely to give it all back," said Steven Gold, who watches state finances for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Northern and Eastern states enjoying economic good times are making plans to turn back the money to taxpayers, including New York, Delaware, Maryland and Connecticut.

One of the biggest windfalls is in New York, where estimates range to more than $2 billion. Democratic Gov. Mario Cuomo is proposing to offset that with lower rates on capital gains, dividends and interest income, and with changed brackets and deductions. But Republican legislative leaders say they will push for still more tax cuts.

Ohio already has cut its tax rates. Gov. Richard Celeste earlier this month signed a law heading off what would have been $714 million in added state taxes.

Oil and farm states and others that have seen their economies suffer are more inclined to view the increased revenue as good fortune.

Both parties in Iowa, for example, are talking about spending a $175 million windfall, with more than half going to teacher salaries. In Utah, GOP Gov. Norm Bangerter wants to keep the $50 million windfall and raise taxes another $50 million.

Elsewhere there are proposals to cut rates across the board, grant breaks to certain taxpayers, reform state taxes or reduce the tax burden on the poor.

California expects no direct effect, but Gov. George Deukmejian has said he plans to propose changes to simplify state taxes. In South Dakota, one of the states that has no income tax, there is talk now of starting one.

In Minnesota, which figures to gain $719 million over two years, the debate is over whether to return it as income tax reductions or to reform property taxes.

Four states make their taxes a percentage of the federal tax liability.

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State gains population even though economy distressed

DALLAS (AP) — A high birthrate and a steady flow of people into Dallas-Fort Worth and a few other growing metropolitan areas allowed Texas to gain population in 1986 despite a distressed economy, population experts say.

The state recorded the gain despite losses by Houston and other energy dependent cities. The exodus, triggered mainly by slumping energy prices, contributed to the state's first net loss in migration in the state's history, demographers think.

"What's happening in Texas is a rather dramatic slowdown," Bernard Weinstein, director of the Southern Methodist University Center for Enterprising, told the Dallas Morning News.

"We're not importing people like we used to," Weinstein said. U.S. Census Bureau figures released Wednesday showed that the Texas population as of July 1 was 16.68 million. That figure represents an almost 2 percent increase over the estimated population of 16.37 million for the same day in 1985.

Population experts point out that the current increase is significantly less than in the early 1980s when newcomers headed for the Sun Belt in record numbers.

Drops in migration that began in 1982 correspond to the end of a statewide building boom and drops in oil and farm prices. The experts believe the drops will continue, but they believe an end to the trend will begin as early as 1987-88.

"People aren't moving to Texas now," says Steve H. Murdock of the department of rural sociology at Texas A&M University.

Murdock said most people who forecast population shifts believe the outlook for Texas calls for very slow growth.

Dean Ferguson, a demographer with the comptroller's economic forecast center, predicts a net outmigration of 41,600 people from Texas during the year that began July 1, 1986.

"More people will be leaving than will be coming in, but that doesn't mean our population will decline," Ferguson said. "In fact, it will increase by 156,000 because of a high birthrate."

Woman fighting to be reunited with Soviet husband has baby

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — An American woman who has spent seven years trying to get her husband out of the Soviet Union says she's optimistic that the New Year's Day birth of the couple's first child may help her cause.

"The child is innocent in all of this," Susan Graham said Thursday after the birth of her daughter, Emily Ann Finkel.

"She has absolutely nothing to do with any of it. The impact of it may all soften (the Soviets') hearts a bit."

Ms. Graham, 31, met Matvey Finkel on a study trip to the Soviet Union, married him seven years ago and has lived in Moscow on and off since.

She returned to Spokane so there would be no question about the child's citizenship, and said she had not decided whether to return with her baby to the Soviet Union.

She talked to her husband by telephone about a half hour after the birth of their 7-pound, 8-ounce daughter at Sacred Heart Medical Center, and said he was elated.

"He was with friends and had champagne at the ready," she said, adding that he felt "a bit left out."

"He is really pleased and thrilled. But it's hard to explain over the phone what she looks like. He was concerned because I had a long labor, and he kept calling for progress reports," she said.

Soviet officials have given only vague reasons for denying Finkel, 38, an exit visa, citing concern with security secrets connected to his military service, a compulsory one-year hitch as a private in the Soviet Army 15 years ago, Ms. Graham has said.

She gathered signatures in downtown Spokane three weeks ago as part of a petition to draw attention to Finkel's case. The petition was sent to President Reagan, urging him to intercede with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Ms. Graham's parents met with Reagan while he was in Spokane for an Oct. 31 political rally, and the president assured them he would take a personal interest in getting Finkel out.

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Quarterback leads Devils to Rose win

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) -- Arizona State Coach John Cooper says he's been telling football fans all season that senior Jeff Van Raaphorst "is the best quarterback on the West Coast."

Van Raaphorst didn't disappoint as he led the seventh-ranked Sun Devils to a 22-15 New Year's Day victory over fourth-ranked Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

Van Raaphorst completed 16 of 30 passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns en route to being named the game's most valuable player.

He said playing in the Rose Bowl as "a dream come true" because of his father, Dick, a kicker for Ohio State's 1961 Big Ten champions. Even though Ohio State earned a bid to the Rose Bowl, the OSU faculty turned it down and the elder Van Raaphorst missed out on a trip to Pasadena.

He got one in 1987, thanks to his son.

"My father never got a chance to do it and I'm just glad I was able to," Van Raaphorst said. "This is for him."

The victory capped a 10-1-1 season for the Pacific-10 Conference champion Sun Devils, who were playing in their first-ever Rose Bowl and facing Michigan for the first time in school history.

Michigan ended its season at 11-2 as Coach Bo Schembechler's Rose Bowl record dipped to 1-7. Overall, Michigan is 7-11 in bowls and 5-7 in Rose Bowls.

The Pac-10 now has won six straight and 12 of the past 13 Rose Bowls against the Big Ten Conference to take a 22-19 lead in a series that began in 1947.

Down 15-3 midway through the second quarter, the Sun Devils closed the halftime deficit to 15-13 on Kent Bostrom's 27-yard field goal with 5:39 left and Van Raaphorst's 4-yard touchdown pass to flanker Bruce Hill with 29 seconds remaining.

Van Raaphorst found Hill again on a 1-yard scoring strike 5:35 into the third quarter for a 19-15 lead.

A two-point conversion pass failed, but Bostrom added a 25-yard field goal 44 seconds into the fourth period to make it 22-15.

Accusations sour Husker 30-15 victory

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Sugar Bowl is over but the talk goes on, this time with Louisiana State center Nacho Albergamo accusing Nebraska All-America Danny Noonan of using unethical tactics.

Nebraska, a 4½-point favorite even though the Cornhuskers were ranked sixth and LSU fifth, trounced the Tigers 30-15 in the Sugar Bowl on Thursday.

Albergamo said Noonan "had Vaseline all over his jersey, which I didn't mind until it started getting on the ball."

"He was yelling the snap count, when we'd come up to the line and Tommy (Hodson, LSU's quarterback) put his hands under the center, they'd yell, 'Hut.'"

Noonan had a two-word response: "No comment."

Despite Albergamo's allegations, LSU was the more heavily penalized team -- 130 yards, breaking the record of 125 set last year by Tennessee. Two LSU players were ejected for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"Both teams got a little excited," LSU Coach Bill Arnsparger said. It was Arnsparger's final game as a coach, closing out a 36-year career after three seasons as head man at LSU. He has been hired as athletic director at Florida.

LSU drove 66 yards after the opening kickoff to take a 7-0 lead on a 1-yard plunge by Harvey Williams.

Nebraska then ran off 30 points before LSU scored a face-saving touchdown on a 24-yard pass from Hodson to flanker Tony Moss with 2:01 left in the game.

Dale Klein kicked a 42-yard second-quarter field goal to start the Cornhusker scoring. Steve Taylor ran two yards for one touchdown and passed three yards to tight end Todd Millican for another, and Jones scored two touchdowns on 1-yard runs.

The Huskers finished 10-2, LSU 9-3.

Defense key for Auburn over Trojans

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — With its normally potent offensive attack held in check, Auburn turned to its defense to earn a 16-7 Citrus Bowl triumph over Southern California.

Auburn shrugged off a slow start Thursday and dominated Southern Cal over the last three quarters, shattering any Trojan hopes of winning for outgoing coach Ted Tollner.

The difference in the game was too much Brent Fullwood on offense and too much Aundray Bruce on defense for the 10th-ranked Tigers.

Fullwood gained 52 yards on Auburn's first scoring drive and he scored the second touchdown on a 4-yard run.

Bruce, named the game's most valuable player, sacked Southern Cal's Rodney Peete four times for 15 yards in losses and forced a second-quarter safety that put the game out of reach.

Fullwood keyed Auburn's first scoring drive, an 80-yard march in 17 plays culminated by Jeff Burger's 3-yard scoring pass to Walter Reeves.

Bruce and the Auburn defense limited Southern Cal to 157 yards offense and 10 first downs.

Peete completed his first two attempts for 25 yards, but Auburn limited him to just 88 yards the rest of the way and intercepted him four times.

Tollner, who was fired at the end of the regular season following losses to UCLA and Notre Dame and leaves with a 7-5 record, said he planned to coach in the East-West Shrine then look for another job.

Auburn, 10-2, registered its 500th football victory in its initial meeting with Southern Cal, which managed its lone touchdown on linebacker Marcus Cotton's 24-yard interception return in the first quarter.

Southern Cal's frustration extended into the final moments of the game when Auburn's defense stopped Leroy Holt on fourth down at the Tiger 1.

Senior cornerback Louis Brock, son of baseball Hall of Famer Lou Brock, blocked a punt out of bounds at the Auburn seven to set up the late scoring opportunity.

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Buckeyes beat Texas A&M

DALLAS (AP) - Earle Bruce didn't take any chances in Ohio State's Cotton Bowl debut, preparing his Buckeyes both psychologically and strategically for a 28-12 defeat of Texas A&M.

Bruce abandoned his traditional coaching togs - golf shirt, baseball hat, windbreaker - for a sharp dark suit and snap-brim hat with a scarlet feather. His players wore red shoes for the first time since 1978.

"When you come south, they all dress up so I didn't want them to put me to shame," Bruce said. "We've got threads up north, too."

And pass defense, too, as Texas A&M quarterback Kevin Murray discovered.

Murray suffered a Cotton Bowl-record five interceptions as 11th-ranked Ohio State, 10-3, confused him with defensive changeups the Buckeyes hadn't used before.

All-American linebacker Chris Spielman intercepted two passes, returning one 24 yards for a touchdown.

"I was 9 years old the last time I did that, in the first game I ever played in," Spielman said. "We played three defenses we hadn't used this year. We noticed from films that Murray didn't like to run. So we just dropped back and waited on him."

Bruce said, "I've always said Chris Spielman is the most outstanding linebacker against both the pass and run in America and I believe he proved it."

Ohio State linebacker Michael Kee put his name in the Cotton Bowl record books with a 49-yard interception return in the fourth period. Colorado's Byron "Whizzer" White, now a Supreme Court justice, set the old record of 42 yards in 1938.

Murray took full blame for the loss by the eighth-ranked Aggies, 9-3.

"It wasn't anything they were doing," Murray said. " It was misreading from my part. A couple of times I threw the ball down there and just didn't see the white jersies.

"Five interceptions is enough to kill any team," he added. "Spielman was used as a spy out there. They used the safety differently and Spielman was everywhere."

Texas A&M Coach Jackie Sherrill said Ohio State "made the big plays and you have to give them credit for it."

He said the Buckeyes confused Murray.

"They used a lot of different defenses," Sherrill said. "On one interception, they had eight people dropped into the coverage areas."

Spielman was named the most valuable defensive player while Texas A&M's Roger Vick, who scored on a 2-yard run and had 113 yards rushing, was the offensive MVP.

The Buckeyes hadn't worn red shoes since the 1976 Rose Bowl.

The Buckeyes led 7-6 at halftime after quarterback Jim Karsatos ran three yards for a touchdown to offset Texas A&M's Scott Slater, who had field goals of 30 and 44 yards.

Spielman's interception made it 14-6, and Vince Workman took advantage of another Buckeye theft to run the total to 21-6.

After Vick's touchdown, Kee put the game away before 74,188 fans on a bright, clear 52-degree day.

Ohio State, the first Big Ten team to play in the Cotton Bowl, has now played in all the New Year's Day bowl games and is 11-10 in post-season games.

The Aggies, who are 0-3 against the Buckeyes, are 9-6 in bowls and 3-2 in the Cotton Bowl.

Switzer receives coveted win as Sooners blast Razorbacks

MIAMI (AP) -- With no national championship on the line, third-ranked Oklahoma went out and did the next best thing against Arkansas in the 53rd Orange Bowl. They whipped the ninth-ranked Razorbacks for Coach Barry Switzer and then proclaimed themselves the second-best team in the country.

It was no contest. Oklahoma won 42-8 to complete its second straight 11-1 season - a campaign marred only by a 12-point loss to top-ranked Miami in the same stadium where the Sooners demolished Arkansas Thursday night.

Miami plays second-ranked Penn State for the national championship tonight in the Fiesta Bowl.

"You have to go with what's been laid on the table," said Oklahoma halfback Spencer Tillman, who rushed for 109 yards and scored on runs of 77 and 21 yards. "Miami beat us and deserves to be No. 1 unless Penn State beats them."

"I'm wishing Miami the best of luck. We were playing for No. 2, although I still think we have the best team in the country," added Sooners quarterback Jamelle Holieway. "I think if Penn State or Miami had been out there today, we'd have won."

Oklahoma dominated Arkansas with a powerful wishbone offense that produced 366 yards rushing, as well as a defense that held the Razorbacks to 48 yards on the ground and intercepted five passes.

Tillman scored both of his touchdowns in the second quarter, when the Sooners built a 14-0 halftime lead. Holieway broke the game open with TD runs of 2 and 4 yards in the third quarter that gave Oklahoma a 28-0 cushion.

"They broke four plays on us. It's hard to believe four plays can make that much difference," Arkansas defensive tackle David Shell said. "It's real depressing to end up a great season like this."

Arkansas, which finished with a 9-3 record, didn't score until only 19 seconds remained, when fullback Derrick Thomas ran 1 yard to spoil Oklahoma's bid for its sixth shutout of the season.

The Razorbacks, however, couldn't ruin a special night for Switzer.

The Oklahoma coach suffered the most embarrassing loss of his career in the 1978 Orange Bowl when Arkansas whipped the Sooners 31-6.

The loss cost Switzer and the Sooners a probable national championship. Because he was born and raised in Arkansas and is a former Razorback player and assistant coach it was a blemish he longed to erase from his record.

"This was a very important game to me. I wanted to win this game as badly as any, even though there wasn't anything at stake," said Switzer, whose team improved its record to 6-2 in Orange Bowl games.

The Oklahoma defense, ranked No. 1 in the nation in four categories, intercepted Arkansas quarterback Greg Thomas four times and backup John Bland once. Dante Jones started in place of All-America linebacker Brian Bosworth - declared ineligible after testing positive for steroid use - and made a team-high nine tackles and intercepted a pass.

The Sooners offense outgained Arkansas 413 yards to 240, although the Razorbacks held the ball for 36 minutes, 29 seconds to Oklahoma's 24:31. Big plays were the difference and Oklahoma had a bunch of them.

Holieway attempted only three passes but completed one of them for 36 yards to Derrick Shepard to set up his 2-yard TD run. Fullback Lydell Carr paved the way to Holieway's second touchdown with a 60-yard run.

Arkansas quarterbacks completed 16 of 33 passes for 192 yards.

"I've never been on a team that got beat that bad in my life," Thomas said. "Coach Hatfield told us to keep our heads up because things like this can happen ... Oklahoma has a great team, but we don't think they are 34 points better than we are."

Redskins make Flutie target in one of four playoff games

by The Associated Press

While defensive end Dexter Manley speaks in terms of revenge against some muscular Chicagoans, Manley's less-boisterous Washington Redskin teammates are zeroing in on a considerably smaller target, Bears quarterback Doug Flutie.

"Their tight end cut me (at the knees) last year," Manley, a Pro Bowl selection, said as he prepared for Saturday's NFC divisional playoff game in Chicago. "I didn't like it and I'd like to get even."

Manley didn't specify which tight end - Emery Moorehead or Tim Wightman - was marked for mayhem, but Chicago Coach Mike Ditka shrugged off the threat by saying the cut block is legal.

Basically, Manley, who had 18½ quarterback sacks, will have to beat Pro Bowl tackle Jimbo Covert, who stands 6-foot-4 and weighs 271 pounds, to get to Flutie, a 5-9, 175-pound former Heisman Trophy winner.

The New York Jets visit the Cleveland Browns in Saturday's AFC playoff game. On Sunday, the New York Giants host the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC and the New England Patriots visit the Denver Broncos in the AFC.

Redskins defensive tackle Darryl Grant says he would prefer to face a classic pocket passer rather than the elusive Flutie.

Flutie, who has started only once for the Bears, has the advantage of playing behind a skilled, veteran offensive line led by Covert and fellow Pro Bowler Jay Hildenberg at center. Chicago leads the NFL in rushing yardage and yielded a NFC-low 24 sacks.

Flutie has played sporadically for the Bears as he learns the offense. The Redskins hope to capitalize on that.

"We're sort of hoping the blitz will get to Flutie," linebacker Monte Coleman said. "He's very inexperienced."

The 'Skins' injury list includes tight end Terry Orr, guard Russ Grimm, tackle Joe Jacoby, running back George Rodgers and wide receiver Gary Clark. All but Orr are listed as probable, however. Chicago has no major injuries.

At Cleveland, the Browns list just one injury, a knee problem that has center Mike Babb questionable for the New York game.

The Jets, who advanced from wildcard status with a 35-15 victory last weekend against Kansas City, will go as far as victories take them without 1985 All-Pro nose tackle Joe Klecko, who is out for the season with a career-threatening knee injury.

NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press
Sunday, Dec. 28
New York Jets 35, Kansas City 15
Washington 19, Los Angeles Rams 7
Saturday, Jan. 3
New York Jets at Cleveland
Washington at Chicago
Sunday, Jan. 4
San Francisco at New York Giants
New England at Denver
Sunday, Jan. 11
Sites and times TBA
AFC and NFC Championship games
Sunday, Jan. 25
Super Bowl at Pasadena, Calif.

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Honolulu
Time TBA

Locker room flap settled as Fiesta nearing kick off

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - Now that one final dispute between Miami and Penn State has been settled - and not to Miami's satisfaction - the No. 1-rated Hurricanes and second-ranked Nittany Lions can get on with the business of deciding college football's national champion.

The latest argument concerns the locker room facilities. Miami Coach Jimmy Johnson said Thursday the matter has "been resolved," but he wasn't happy over Penn State getting the home facilities at Arizona State University's Sun Devil Stadium, site of tonight's Fiesta Bowl shootout.

"When they (the Fiesta Bowl) were courting us, they promised us everything, including the right to be the home team," Johnson said. "Now, they're crawfishing around."

However, Miami was granted its other requests.

"Miami wanted the Sheraton hotel, wanted white jerseys, wanted to practice at East High and wanted the bench on the west side of the stadium," Bruce Skinner, the Fiesta Bowl's executive director, said. "The locker room was our only coin flip."

Although Fiesta Bowl officials can't enlarge the visitors' dressing quarters, a local rug company donated a carpet for the room.

"They're as equal as we can make them," Skinner said. "There was some miscommunication. I'll take the blame for that."

Local hoop action...

SHS girls vie today; Tiger boys Saturday

Snyder High School girls, coming off of a championship performance in the Lady Wolves Christmas Invitational, were looking for their fourth straight victory here this afternoon.

The girls, 9-7 on the season, were to host Odessa High in the high school gym at approximately 4 p.m. A junior varsity contest was set for 2 p.m. and the varsity contest was to follow, meaning the Lady Tigers could tip off as early as 3:30 p.m.

Snyder also has a freshman basketball game slated with Abilene Cooper Red at 6 p.m. in the gym.

Today's game was to be the final non-district game of the regular season for Coach Ken Housden's Lady Tigers, who are 2-3 in the 2-4A. Snyder entertains Big Spring on Tuesday as it picks up the district slate again.

Snyder's boys, looking for their seventh consecutive victory after a 4-6 start, host San Angelo Central on Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Action begins at 4:30 p.m. with a sophomore game. Junior varsity teams follow at 6 p.m. The varsity tilt is slated for a 7:30 p.m. tip off.

The boys also resume 2-4A play Tuesday, in Big Spring.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

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Boston	20	9	.690	—
Philadelphia	16	14	.533	4½
Washington	14	15	.483	6
New York	9	21	.300	11½
New Jersey	8	20	.286	11½
Central Division				
Atlanta	20	7	.741	—
Detroit	17	9	.654	2½
Milwaukee	19	11	.633	2½
Chicago	14	14	.500	6½
Indiana	14	15	.483	7
Cleveland	13	16	.448	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	19	9	.679	—
Utah	19	10	.655	½
Denver	13	17	.433	7
Houston	11	17	.393	8
Sacramento	8	20	.286	11
San Antonio	8	22	.267	12
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	23	6	.793	—
Portland	19	13	.594	5½
Golden State	17	14	.548	7
Seattle	15	13	.536	7½
Phoenix	13	17	.433	10½
L.A. Clippers	4	24	.143	18½

Thursday's Games
L.A. Lakers 140, Portland 104

Friday's Games
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L.A. Clippers at Indiana
Chicago at Boston
Atlanta at Washington
Milwaukee at Cleveland
Seattle at Dallas
Houston at Denver
Philadelphia at Utah
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers
Sacramento at Golden State

Saturday's Games
L.A. Clippers at New Jersey
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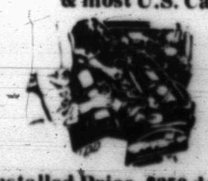

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Friday & Saturday
8:30-12:00

GARAGE SALE
West on 180 to Von Roeder Gin, turn left, 1st house on right. (Approx. 3 miles from town.)
Friday, 1 p.m.;
Saturday, 8 a.m.;
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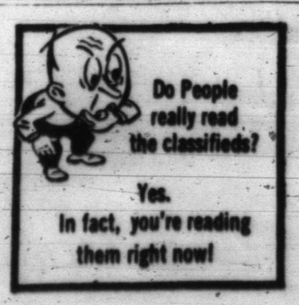
VCR, clothes, misc., etc.



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3-2-2CP- 3117 Ave T.
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PRICE SLASHED! 3 BR, 2 bath, pool, hot tub, gameroom, 2705 48th St., below 100T.
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NEW LISTING- 214 36th, 3 BR, 1 bath, Price in 30's.
COUNTRY- 5 acres, 3 BR home, Price to sell.
LOVELY- 3 and 4 BR in nice area, near Golf Course.
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Wenona Evans	573-8165
Margaret Birdwell	573-6674
Loyd Hatcher	573-5891
Temi Matthies	573-3465
Elizabeth Potts	573-4245

Obituaries



SAVANNAH BETH HICKS

Savannah Hicks

Services for Savannah Beth Hicks, 5 1/2 months, of Route 3, Snyder were to be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor, officiating. Burial was to follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She died at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. She was born July 12, 1986 in Snyder.

She is survived by her parents, Dwain and Becky Hicks of Snyder, her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hicks of Snyder; her paternal great-grandmothers, Mrs. Earl Hicks of Eldorado and Mrs. Lois Erwin of Clovis, N. M.; her maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Lois Steele of Albany.

A memorial fund is being established at UTMB in Savannah's name to go toward helping other patients with similar problems. Those who wish to contribute many send contributions to the: Savannah Beth Hicks Fund, the division of Pedi-Nephrology; Room C2-21 CHC; UTMB; Galveston, Tex. 77550.

Pallbearers were to be John Hopkins, Jesse Rios, Shawn Ragland, Neil Evans, Mike Tatom and Gary Atwood.

Fred Simmons

LOS ANGELES, Calif.-- Services for Fred Simmons, 42, will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the J. S. Williams Mortuary. He died Tuesday.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. A. L. (Juanita) Silmon and a brother, Iry Lee Simmons, both of Snyder.

Civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta in 1929.

Alcohol, drug use reported rampant

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — So many people working in movies and television use drugs and alcohol that rehabilitation groups are overflowing, an entertainment industry drug counselor said.

About 35 percent of people in the industry suffer from problems related to drug or alcohol abuse, said Tom Kenny, who heads Studio 12, a substance abuse program funded by a charitable offshoot of the International Alliance of Theater and Stage Employees union.

Studio 12, named for the 12 precepts espoused by Alcoholics Anonymous, receives $200,000 a year from the fund to treat drug and alcohol problems among members of the entertainment industry, but can't keep up with the demand.

Kenny said Thursday his 35 percent estimate of people with drug and alcohol problems was based on his experience with the 600 people who have been through the Studio 12 program and his discussions with many times that number of people in the entertainment business.

"It's out of control," Kenny said.

In the Hollywood area, hundreds of show business figures flock to star-studded chapters of Alcoholics Anonymous and Cocaine Anonymous, a recent offshoot.

"There are 130 CA meetings weekly in this town. That says something," Kenny said. "But there's a lot still using. For every one that's clean there are 10 or 12 more that need to be clean."

Kenny's annual report on industry addiction said the 35 percent figure has held steady for three years, up from four years ago, when 25 percent of the industry was believed to be addicted.

"I talk to thousands of people in this industry and most of them come up with a higher figure, especially for workers in the crafts," he said. "Management, on the other hand, is lower — probably about 18 or 20 percent."

Cocaine is the prime culprit, Kenny said, but use of the more powerful cocaine derivative crack and heroin are increasing, and alcohol has always been there.

"I would say probably 20 percent of the Screen Actors Guild has a problem with drugs or alcohol," Kenny said, citing the long hours and high pressures of making a movie or a TV series and the psychological beating actors take.

"There's a lot of rejection," he said. "That goes with the work. A lot of people have high expectations and they get let down a lot. ... We're also dealing in a creative economy. They think it (cocaine) will give them an edge."

"Hollywood is a party town," said Kenny. "A lot of people feel that it's a party all the time. There's a lot of pressure on people who go to parties to use.

"There's another side to it," he added. "If you can turn someone on to freebasing cocaine, you control their lives. There are a lot of unscrupulous people out there who want to get them hooked."

He said also that he's seen an increasing willingness to seek help.

2 bodies are found in building wreckage

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Police said everyone was accounted for after the bodies of a couple were found in the wreckage of a five-story apartment building torn apart by explosions. They said a gas leak probably caused the blasts.

"What could have been a major tragedy has been averted because so many people were away from their apartments for the Christmas holiday," said police Sgt. Pat Kiely.

Deputy Premier Dick Spring said he ordered a report on the explosion to be presented to a Cabinet meeting today.

The explosions occurred within minutes of each other at about 9:30 a.m. Thursday in the 92-apartment building, called the Raglin House, in Dublin's fashionable Ballsbridge district. The building's entire front section collapsed.

Police said the cause was not immediately known, but a gas leak was suspected. A smell of gas hung over the neighborhood.

The Dublin Gas Company issued a statement Thursday night saying it twice investigated reports of gas smells in the area in recent days, but found gas levels were within safety limits.

Rescuers found the bodies of the couple, Michael and Noelle Murphy, buried under tons of rubble.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	54 1/8	53 1/2	54
Amer Can	85 1/4	84	85
Ameritech	133 1/2	132 1/2	133
AMI Inc	14 7/8	14 5/8	14 3/4
Am Motors	3	2 7/8	3
AmStand	43	42 7/8	42 7/8
Ames T&T	25 1/2	25	25 3/8
Amoco	67 1/4	65 3/4	66 3/8
ArmcoInc	5 1/4	5 1/8	5 1/8
AtlRichfld	61 1/4	60 1/4	60 3/4
BancTexas	13-32	13-32	13-32
BellAtlan s	70 1/4	68 1/2	69 1/2
BellSouth	59 3/8	58	59 1/8
Beth Steel	6 1/2	6 1/2	6
Borden s	47 7/8	47 3/8	47 5/8
Caterplr	40 3/4	40	40 3/8
Centel	55 1/2	55	55 3/8
ChesebgP	72 1/8	71 3/4	71 3/4
Chevron	46 1/4	45 1/2	46 1/8
Chrysler s	38	37 1/4	37 1/2
CoastalCp	35 3/4	35 1/4	35 1/2
CocaCola s	38 3/8	37 3/4	37 7/8
Coleman	31 1/4	30 7/8	31 1/8
Colg Palm	42	41 5/8	41 5/8
ComlMetl s	16 1/4	15 7/8	16 1/4
DeltaAirl	48 3/8	48 1/8	48 1/8
DiamShm	12 7/8	12 1/4	12 3/8
DowChem	59 1/2	58 3/4	59 1/8
DressrInd	19 3/4	19 1/2	19 1/2
duPont	86	84 1/2	85 3/4
EstKodak	69 3/8	68 7/8	69 1/8
Enserch	16 7/8	16 1/2	16 5/8
EntexInc	15	14 3/4	14 7/8
Exxon	71 1/2	70 3/8	71 1/2
FederalCo s	41	40 1/4	40 7/8
Firestone	28 1/4	28	28 1/8
FtBcpTex	3 1/2	3 3/8	3 3/8
FlowerInd	24 1/2	24 1/8	24 3/8
FordMot s	58	56 7/8	57 1/2
GAF Cp s	37 3/4	36 7/8	37 5/8
GTE Corp	59	58 1/8	58 3/4
GnDynam	68 1/2	68	68 1/2
GenElec	88 1/8	86 3/8	87 1/4
GenMills s	43 1/2	43	43 1/4
Gen Motors	67 1/8	66 1/4	66 1/2
GnMotr E	25 1/2	24 7/8	25 3/8
Goodrich	43 3/8	42 7/8	43 1/4
Goodyear	42 1/2	42	42 3/8
GtAtlPac	24	23 3/8	24
Gulf StaUt	7 5/8	7 1/4	7 5/8
Haliburtn	25	24 1/2	24 7/8
HolidayCorp	71	70 1/4	70 7/8
HoustInd	35 1/2	34 5/8	35 1/2
HughesTl	9	8 3/4	9
Interfst	4 3/4	4 1/2	4 5/8
IBM	122 1/2	120 7/8	122
Int Paper	76 5/8	75 1/2	76 3/8
JohnsJn	66 7/8	65 5/8	66 1/2
K mart	44 1/8	44	44 1/8
Kroger s	30 1/4	29 3/4	30 1/8
vjLTV Cp	1 3/4	1 5/8	1 3/4
Litton Ind	75 1/4	74 1/4	75 1/8
LoneSta Ind	33	32 3/4	32 3/4
Lowes	26 1/8	25 3/4	25 3/4
MCorp	10 3/8	10	10 3/8
MayDSt s	35 1/2	35 3/8	35 1/2
Medtronic	77 1/4	76 3/4	77 1/4
Mobil	40 3/4	40 1/4	40 1/2
Monsanto	77 1/4	76 1/4	76 1/2
Motorola	36 1/4	35 7/8	36
Navistar	4 7/8	4 3/4	4 3/4
Nynex s	66	65	65 5/8
OwensIll s	52 5/8	52 1/8	52 5/8
PacTel s	54 1/4	53 1/2	53 3/4
Penney JC	72 3/8	71 1/4	71 5/8
Phelps Dod	21	20 5/8	21
PhilipPet	11 7/8	11 3/4	11 3/4
Polaroid	66 7/8	66 1/2	66 3/4
ProctGamb	77 3/4	76 3/4	77 1/8
PubS NwMx	33 1/2	33 1/8	33 1/2
RepBankCp	19 1/4	18 7/8	19
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DISMISSALS: Betty Burnett, Juanita Carreselez, Tami Washert, Lena Ainsworth and Vickie Arrendale and baby girl.

Church plans chapel rites

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tion. He is currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops and the Executive Committee of Christian Leaders for Responsible Television.

Jobless figures noted for area

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and 21 unemployed for a rate of 3.8 percent.

Stonewall County--A work force of 1,221 with 1,102 working and 119 unemployed, representing an unemployment rate of 9.7 percent.

Fisher County--A labor force of 2,432 with 2,233 working and 190 unemployed for a rate of 7.8 percent.

Ignace Paderweski became Poland's first prime minister in 1922.

The Irish Free State was established under Michael Collins in 1922.

Nation celebrates New Year's Day

By The Associated Press

A plea for world peace and calls for aid for the nation's hungry helped usher in the New Year, as did the ringing of bells across Tennessee, 11 slayings in New York City and random gunfire in Detroit.

The traditional New Year's Day Bowl games kept football fans occupied, while others took a chilly dip in Lake Michigan or had a sober celebration in Boston.

Soccer star Pele pleaded for world peace at the 98th Rose Parade, which united 59 flower-festooned floats under the theme "A World of Wonders." An estimated million people were on hand for the Pasadena, Calif., parade that reached a record global television audience of 250 million people in 30 countries.

Voyager pilots Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager got standing ovations as they passed aboard Lawry's Foods' "Romance of Italy" float.

"At 2 1/2 miles per hour, I can handle it," said Rutan, who, with Yeager, set a record non-stop around-the-world flight without refueling last month.

Parade Grand Marshal Pele said he was pleased to "open the year with a Rose Parade like this, with peace, not with weapons and fights."

In Tennessee, the clanging of cow bells, school bells and church bells around the state commemorated the official end of Homecoming '86, a celebration that brought Tennessee natives home and prompted a variety of community projects.

A record crowd estimated at 500,000, many in masks and costumes, swarmed through midtown Boston for the 10th First Night celebration that included a parade, fireworks, musical performances, dance, theater, stories, films and mime.

First Night is a Mardi Gras-like celebration that bans public drinking and urges participants to have a sober New Year's Eve.

Police Commissioner Francis Roache reported five arrests for disorderly conduct but none for drinking in public or drunken driving.

About 1,000 street people in Dallas ate free pizza and joined thousands of other downtown celebrants in ringing in the new year. The pizza give-away was sponsored by Little Caesars Love Kitchen to draw attention to America's hungry, said spokesman Jeff Welsh.

Arrest follows Thursday wreck

Snyder-based Department of Public Safety highway patrolmen jailed a 41-year-old Scurry County man on DWI charges following a one-vehicle accident north of Snyder around 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

According to reports, Antonio Loyola of the Spires Ranch was driving a 1975 Chevrolet pickup southbound on State Hwy. 208 when he lost control of the vehicle one mile north of the city limits.

The pickup overturned after veering across the roadway, reports indicate.

Loyola was alone in the truck and was not injured in the mishap.

Highway patrolmen logged three other misdemeanor arrests Thursday morning.

Three Colorado City men were arrested at the traffic circle in east Snyder — one for DWI and two for public intoxication.

Assault case worked by SO

Sheriff's deputies are investigating a misdemeanor assault reported late Thursday night.

According to investigators, Timothy Allison, manager of the Ponderosa Motel on the Lamesa Highway, received treatment at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room shortly after 10 p.m. for minor injuries said caused by two men who had been staying in vacant rooms at the motel.

No charges had been filed as of Friday morning and the investigation was continuing.

3 juveniles detained here

Police took three juvenile males into custody Thursday.

Two were released to the custody of parents after being detained for shoplifting by employees of Safeway just before 3 p.m.

A 13-year-old male was picked up by police just before 4 p.m. at the request of his mother, who said he had jumped from a moving vehicle and ran away from her. He was taken to the Juvenile Detention Center in Lubbock.

Missing man found in plane

LOVINGTON, N.M. (AP) — The body of a West Texas restaurateur missing since Dec. 20 was found in the wreckage of his single-engine plane that apparently disappeared during a snowstorm, officials say.

The pilot, Hoover Hu of Big Spring, and the 1964 Cessna 172 were found at 11 a.m. CST Thursday after an search that included more than a dozen Civil Air Patrol Units, authorities said.

Hu's wife, Lori Hsu, told officials her husband called her at 11:15 p.m. Dec. 20 and told her he was about to leave Borger, in the Texas Panhandle, for Big Spring, said Darrell Chenault, a New Mexico state police officer.

The pilot apparently got caught in a snowstorm that blanketed eastern New Mexico, he said, adding that the plane was discovered off New Mexico 125 in northeastern Lea County.

Searchers from the Texas CAP spotted the plane's wreckage while flying over a ranch. Also joining in the search were members of the New Mexico CAP, Cochran County, Texas sheriff's deputies and New Mexico State Police.

According to Chenault, the battery for the emergency locator beacon in Hu's airplane was dead, preventing searchers from homing in on the missing plane.

Hu, 39, owned Chinese restaurants in Big Spring and Borger. His body was to be taken to Albuquerque for autopsy, authorities said.

Lovington is about 170 miles northwest of Big Spring.

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Rejected students do well

CHICAGO (AP) — Medical school admissions policies should be reviewed in light of a study released today showing that initially rejected students performed on par with those admitted ahead of time, a researcher says.

"Initial acceptance and initial rejection appear non-significant as predictors of performance," researchers wrote in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The study found that 50 students initially rejected in 1979 by the University of Texas Medical School at Houston because of grades and low test scores, but later admitted, did as well as the 150 students originally accepted that year.

Dr. James A. Chappell, one of those who conducted the research, said the study's greatest value may be in prompting medical school administrators to review admissions policies.

"My feeling is that most people who are dealing with admissions policy are really not that surprised," he said. "Our hope with the paper is that we realize we need to look at ways to improve the process and how to best implement those changes."

The study followed the student's progress from 1979-1984, during medical school and their first-year internship.

The findings indicate that rankings based on interviews by the school's admissions committee did little to predict scholastic performance.

"What we saw is that once you made the initial cutoff using basic criteria such as grades and minimum test scores it appears as if it (the interview) really doesn't make much of a difference," Chappell said.

Chappell, now associate dean for student affairs and admissions at Texas Tech University School of Medicine in Lubbock, said the study was conducted after state lawmakers ordered the class size at the Houston school increased from 150 to 200 in September 1979.

The school's admissions committee selected an additional 50 students for the class from those applicants who were previously interviewed but not chosen.

First registrants turn too old to draft

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 2.1 million American men who reached age 26 last year are over the hill as far as the Selective Service System is concerned.

With the new year, men who had to register with the system in 1980 when they turned 20 are now ineligible for a draft because they are too old to qualify.

"The window of vulnerability has passed for this group," says Lewis C. Brodsky, spokesman for the Selective Service System.

Those who registered in 1980 are the first group of young men to cycle completely through the registration process. Under current rules, they could not be drafted, even if a call-up were ordered in an outbreak of war.

Brodsky said the names of about 15 million young men are maintained in the system's registration data base.

The requirement that young men register with Selective Service upon reaching their 18th birthday was reimposed in 1980 after a hiatus that followed the shift to an all-volunteer force in 1973. Congress approved registration, even though there was no draft, in hopes of ensuring that if war ever did erupt, the drafting of men into the service could proceed quickly.

The requirement was first imposed on men who turned 20 in 1980.

The phase-in process was completed in 1981, so that every man who turns 18 must now register with the Selective Service within 30 days of that birthday. Brodsky said that the Selective Service System believes that 97 percent of all men who face registration are, in fact, filing the required form at their local post offices.

While Pentagon officials from Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger on down profess themselves thoroughly satisfied with the all-voluntary military, some Democratic leaders in Congress have begun discussing reimposition of the draft or the imposition of some type of national service requirement.

Leaders such as Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., incoming chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, argue that a draft would be more equitable than relying solely on volunteers, that a projected decline in draft-age men and women over the next decade is likely to affect recruiting and that the expense of offering bonuses and other incentives to retain servicement is growing unbearable.

Nunn is expected to schedule hearings early in the year to explore the issue.

The Pentagon announced just before Christmas that the services had met their recruiting objectives for the seventh consecutive year in fiscal 1986, which ended last Sept. 30. Assistant Defense Secretary Chapman B. Cox said the administration would continue to resist suggestions that the draft be reinstated.

Weekend concert set at Towle Park

Conjunto Bernal will be in concert this Saturday and Sunday at the Towle Park Barn. Nightly performances begin at 7 p.m.

Admission is free.

Conjunto Bernal consists of five musicians. Paulino Bernal is the evangelist and accordionist. He started playing the guitar at age eight in saloons for nickles and dimes.

In later years he became a noted performer, but gave it all up in 1972 to dedicate his life to singing and preaching for the Lord.

Record bluegrass band eyed

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Officials hope to enlist 100 banjo players to join country star Tom T. Hall on stage when a recording studio is dedicated in March at a Texas community college that offers a degree in bluegrass music.

Organizers are lining up the big band for the March 26 dedication of a $500,000 recording studio at South Plains College in Levelland.

"We'd like to get in the Guiness Book of World's Records for the largest bluegrass band on stage at one time," said Tandy Rice, a Nashville booking agent who is helping coordinate the event.

"I'm going to put out the word all over Texas for the players," Rice said.

The recording studio will be dedicated in honor of Hall, who has visited the college and spoke to students there. In 1979, he taped a mini-documentary on the country music program at the school for a Public Broadcasting Service special.

Hall has recorded country hits such as "Old Dogs, Children and Watermelon Wine" and "I Love." He wrote the hit "Harper Valley PTA," which Jeannie C. Riley recorded in 1968.

"He really got us started," said Stephen John, spokesman for the school, which has 3,600 students.

Officials will meet this month to map plans for the dedication.

"We're going to ask the alumni to come and join the band," said Rice, who is Hall's agent. "Then maybe we'll ask non-alumni. I'd like to have 100 banjo pickers on stage. Maybe we'll have some fiddlers, too."

Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, was born in 1784 in Virginia.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



Treatment of schizophrenia

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT — Last year my wife's doctor told me she was schizophrenic. It's making me a nervous wreck, because — among other symptoms — she's become fixated on finances: Everything she talks about relates to money, money, money. Her mother is like that, too. Is this disease inherited? Is lying a lot typical? What can I do to keep my own sanity?

DEAR READER — Schizophrenia is a serious mental disorder characterized by extreme disorganization of thoughts and feelings, resulting in delusions, lack of concentration, loss of touch with reality and inability to think or act normally. Although "schizophrenia" means "split personality," this description is inaccurate; despite popular belief, such "splits" are extremely rare. No one knows the precise cause of this disease, although research suggests that both a biochemical factor and heredity may be involved. What is known is that schizophrenia is an illness and is not caused by outside events, although it can be triggered or worsened by stress. Schizophrenia can be helped with medicine administered under the supervision of a psychiatrist; psychotherapy also can be helpful. Hospitalization may be necessary if the person can't function, resists needed treatment or requires comprehensive care. Before release from a hospital, patients enter a rehabilitation program that reacquaints them with the everyday skills, tasks and pressures they may face outside.

Spouses and other relatives of schizophrenics often can cope more easily with the disease by joining local support groups, in which members discuss problems and offer emotional support and practical advice. To find a support group in your area, contact the National Self-Help Clearinghouse (33 W. 42nd St., New York, NY 10036).)

DEAR DR. GOTT — My doctor has me on Calan. Will the fibers of my heart eventually lose their elasticity, since this drug is a dilator? I've been a heavy drinker for years. Could this create a problem with this drug?

DEAR READER — Alcohol can definitely interfere with Calan, a calcium-channel blocker that is used to treat heart disease. Many medicines, Calan included, are metabolized and detoxified by the liver. Long-term use of alcohol can weaken the liver, making it function less efficiently. Therefore, the liver of a heavy drinker will remove less medicine from the bloodstream. Hence, even with normal doses, toxic drug levels can appear. Searle and Co., the maker of Calan, caution that patients with impaired livers should be given only 30 percent of the normal dose. Calan toxicity causes low blood pressure, dizziness, electrical heart block, slow pulse and cardiac arrest.

In addition, alcohol itself causes weakness of the heart muscle, a condition called cardiomyopathy. Calan alone does not cause loss of cardiac elasticity; however, the combination of alcohol and Calan could be harmful to some patients.

DEAR DR. GOTT — What can you tell me about pressure hives?

DEAR READER — Pressure hives are called cholinergic urticaria. These itchy, raised skin eruptions are caused by dilatation of small blood vessels (capillaries). The reaction is the result of histamines that are released when pressure is applied to the skins of sensitive individuals. Urticaria also can be caused by stress, allergies or exposure to cold (or heat). People with hives often can control the troublesome breaking out by avoiding the offending factors or by using antihistamines.

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