

**DIFFERENT DEER**—A unique type of reindeer, with logs for bodies, sticks for legs and branches for antlers, help create this Christmas scene at the Johnny Golleher home on

Evergreen Street. If the forecasters are right, some real snow for Santa's sled will be added to the scene tonight and Friday. (Staff photo by Ed Copeland)

## Alaskan storm socks Rockies

By STEVE ELLWANGER  
Associated Press Writer

An Alaskan storm belted the Rockies and southern Plateau with nearly a foot of snow today, after triggering dozens of avalanches in Colorado, storm alerts in six states and the threat of a powerful storm for the Plains.

It was the latest of several Western storms that were blamed for the deaths of four motorists in Colorado since snow began falling Tuesday. Parts of Colorado and Utah, digging out from 1½ feet of snow that fell Wednesday, faced another 8 to 10 inches today.

The storm swept out of the Gulf of Alaska on Wednesday and through Idaho and Utah, then into Colorado, slapping the southern Rockies with unpredictable squalls that frustrated forecasters' efforts to track it.

"The problem comes in timing the storm," Steve Corfidi of the Severe Storms Forecast Center in Kansas City, Mo., said today. "It's not a clear-cut situation."

"Until we get a kicker or something to pull all of this into the Plains area, it's hard to tell where the worst area is going to be. But there is a potential for a powerful storm in the Plains, and it's coming together right now," Corfidi said.

The National Weather Service posted winter storm warnings today for southern Utah and central and western New Mexico. Travelers' advisories were in effect for parts of Utah, most of Colorado, southwest Wyoming, Idaho and northwest New Mexico.

The Colorado Avalanche Information Center extended its avalanche warning to all the Colorado mountains through today. The center said at least 66 avalanches were recorded since the snow started Tuesday.

Before this week's storms, Colorado basked in balmy breezes. "There's nothing like a good slap in the face," weather service forecaster Tom Dulong said today.

Travelers in Utah were warned today to watch for "black ice,"

### SNOW FORECAST

Rain mixed with snow in expected to hit the Pampa area tonight and Friday, with temperatures dropping into the teens tonight. The forecast calls for a warming trend with temperatures in the mid-50s by Saturday. Complete weather, Page two.

roadways that were free of snow but slickened by plunging temperatures.

Idaho motorists were told to expect alternating periods of rain and snow that leave highways icy and slick. "The snow has been melting and roads are wet," said Boise police Sgt. Don Newell. "If we get snow on top of that, it will be a skating rink."

Overnight, 2 inches of drifting snow whipped by 50 mph gale winds made driving treacherous in Nevada, where a travelers' advisory remained in effect for icy roads.

Warnings for high winds, with gusts up to 74 mph, were posted in Southern California, where two men were critically burned Wednesday by a fallen power line.

The men were selling Christmas trees in San Gabriel, trying to keep the trees from toppling in the gusts, when a 4,000-volt power line fell on a chain-link fence. One touched the fence and was burned; the other was injured trying to pull him free, authorities said.

## Flat year in oil patch seen

HOUSTON (AP) — A turnaround in the oil industry is not likely until the end of 1986, meaning next year should be a flat one for oilfield activity in the United States, National Supply Co. is predicting.

The Houston-based firm, the world's largest manufacturer and supplier of drilling machinery and production equipment to the oil patch, released Wednesday its annual industry predictions for the coming year. It calls for oil prices to fall slightly, stable gas prices, and drilling costs and oil and gas demand up a bit.

The average rig count for the U.S. should be 2,500 next year, a modest improvement from the average 2,410 rigs working through the first 11 months of 1984, said

Robert E. Harris, chief executive officer for National Supply.

"Even with drilling costs far below those that prevailed in the boom years of the early 1980s, the current uncertainty about oil prices seems to be stifling the incentive for exploration and new drilling — particularly on land," Harris said.

He said offshore drilling provided the "only really bright spot domestically," with the 300-rig Gulf Coast fleet topping 90 percent utilization in November and still rising, Harris cautioned, however, that because offshore costs are much higher, the emphasis there "may cut into funds normally spent for land drilling."

The industry recession forced

National Supply earlier this year to announce the closings in 1985 of two manufacturing plants, in Torrance, Calif. and Houston. When the oil boom peaked in 1982, the company employed 13,000 people. The workforce now stands at 5,500, Harris said.

"Today's good news is that we don't have a lot more of that kind of bad news in store for you," he told reporters. "The bad news is that we don't have a lot of good news either."

Harris said the accuracy of the company's forecasts depended on the strength of the U.S. dollar internationally, the actions of OPEC and the impact of a tax reform bill on the oil industry.

Another problem, he said, was

that "no one can give you an iron-clad guarantee that Col. Khadafy or the Ayatollah Khomeini or some other certified fruitcake won't turn the Middle East upside down in the next few months."

Harris said tax reform proposals that would eliminate investment incentives were "ridiculous" and "outrageously insulting" trial balloons from the Treasury Department. Passage of such proposals, he said, would make the oil industry "a scapegoat."

"If the oil industry — particularly the independents — were to lose the incentives built into the present tax laws, it would kill the oil industry as we know it," Harris said.

## Schroeder takes his complaint to the top

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Artificial heart recipient William Schroeder took a complaint about Social Security right to the top when President Reagan called with get-well wishes, and an agency spokesman said today that the problem is being worked on.

Schroeder complained that he applied for Social Security benefits in March, but had since been "getting a runaround."

"I'm not getting anything at all," he told the president in the telephone conversation. "I just call up people ... just keep on calling and keep on calling and I don't get anywhere."

Reagan replied: "Bill, I will get into it and find out what this situation is. ... I'll get on it right away."

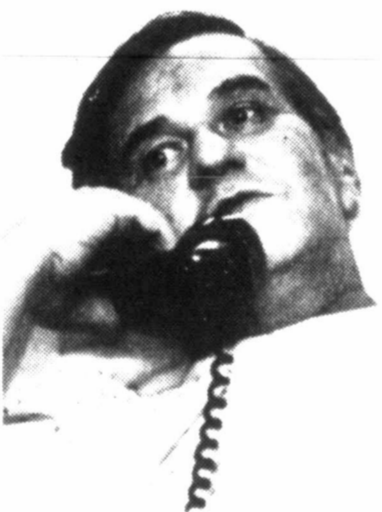
Schroeder, 52, of Jasper, Ind.,

whose failing health forced him to retire earlier this year as a quality assurance specialist at an Army munitions facility, is seeking benefits as a disabled federal retiree.

The telephone conversation was videotaped by the hospital. A White House release said Reagan congratulated Schroeder, but did not mention Schroeder's request for help on the Social Security problem.

Social Security Administration spokesman Jim Brown said early today that the problem stems from the fact that Schroeder is a retired federal employee and the government is checking into how his pension would affect his disability benefits.

Reagan said in the three-minute call to Schroeder's room at



Schroeder airs gripe

Humana Hospital Audubon, videotaped by the hospital, that he and first lady Nancy Reagan "have just been two of a great many people who have been keeping score on you and saying a prayer."

## Pampa's retail sales drop, but still ahead of last year

By LARRY HOLLIS  
Staff Writer

Retail sales for Pampa took a dip from October, 1983, but overall retail sales for the year to date in Pampa are still up over last year, according to sales tax reports issued this week by state Comptroller Bob Bullock.

Bullock sent Pampa a check this month for \$128,535.04 for sales tax payments based on sales made in October and reported to the Comptroller's Office by Nov. 20.

In December, 1983, the city had received a check for \$133,658.10 for the previous October sales, Bullock reported.

For the year to date, the city has received total sales tax payments of \$1,551,787.35, approximately \$120,000 more than the \$1,431,489.61

received for the same 1983 period.

With October's report included, Pampa is running 8.40 percent above sales tax payments for the same period last year, Bullock said. Last month the city had been running 9.66 percent above last year.

Bullock sent December checks totaling \$57.4 million in local sales tax payments to the 997 cities levying the one percent local sales tax. This month's checks are the first to reflect taxes on new goods and services collected for the first time beginning Oct. 2 under legislation passed during the summer session.

Elsewhere in Gray County, Lefors continued to register in the positive column. The city received no check this month, but total

payments to date are \$5,544,461.75 percent above the \$5,449,100 recorded in the same period last year.

McLean showed a slight increase in its December check over last year, but total payments still show a decline. Bullock sent the city a check this month for \$1,644.61, slightly above the \$1,603.16 received in December, 1983.

Total payments for the year to date stand at \$22,593.34, a 7.39 percent drop from the \$24,397.03 reported for the same 1983 period. That indicates a slight improvement, however; last month Bullock reported McLean as registering an 8.09 percent decrease.

In Carson County, Groom had a

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## Drug-search tactics concern some

By JEFF LANGLEY  
Senior Staff Writer

The Texas War on Drugs campaign, commissioned by former Governor Bill Clements and organized by H. Ross Perot, amounts to a "wave of hysteria," that probably crashed across Pampa, a civil liberties spokesman said.

Gara LaMarche, of Austin, executive director of the Texas Civil Liberties Union, said that in their zeal to fight crime, illegal drugs in particular, Texas officials often lose track of individual rights.

Society would be better off without drug laws, he said.

"The ACLU has taken the view for a long time that an individual's drug use ought not to be of concern to the law," LaMarche said. "In a society where privacy and autonomy are respected, I don't see why the state wants to curb a person's use, despite the danger."

Earlier this week, Pampa police announced their biggest drug bust ever. Many of the cases

### Pampa deals with drugs

One of a series

started with tips to police from both paid and anonymous informants, "snitches." Many of the tips came in anonymous phone calls to the Pampa Crime Stoppers number, police said.

After receiving the tips, police said they developed "probable cause" for search warrants, usually by secretly watching the suspects' homes. Officers said that heavy traffic and brief visits to a residence by "known drug users" tend to substantiate an informant's tip.

Police then took their information to the justice of the peace and asked for the authority to search homes for drugs. Once the JP signs a warrant, officers can enter a suspect's home, with or without the owner's consent.

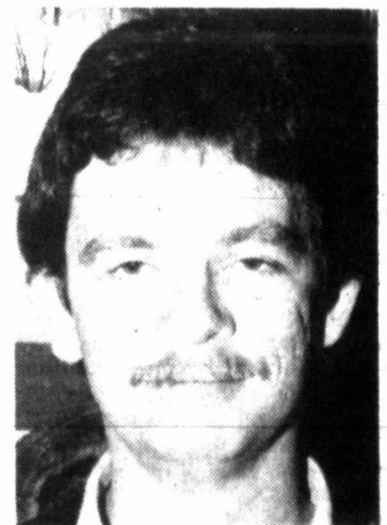
About a dozen residences were searched in the course of the four-month, undercover drug probe.

The drug investigation was headed by two Pampa officers trained in narcotics work. Once the officers obtained a search warrant, they would meet with a team of regular officers at police headquarters and plan the search. The officers each took a specific assignment, before the team set out for a suspect's residence.

The group, usually six or seven officers, would park their cars a short distance away from the home in order to take the suspect by surprise.

Many of the people netted in the investigation were arrested at gunpoint inside their homes. Search warrant in hand and their weapons drawn, the team of officers descended on a southside Pampa trailer house in one of the raids last month.

No one was at home. The only soul on hand to greet the officers was a large and vicious-looking dog behind a fence around the



GARA LaMARCHE

side yard. The animal's barks indicated that it didn't like strangers. Officers went on into the home. They conducted a room-by-room, drawer-by-drawer, closet-to-closet search. According to the police's

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**ELECTRIC PIPE** — Police found this electric-powered water pipe used for smoking marijuana hidden inside a lunch box in a raid on a home here. The pipe was seized as evidence. (Staff Photo)



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## Budget board trims deep to stay within state revenues

AUSTIN (AP) — State colleges and universities are taking the deepest cuts as Texas legislators write a preliminary budget for the 1985 Legislature.

The negotiations between Senate and House leaders over a 1986-87 spending bill continued today with the Department of Corrections and the Department of Water Resources budgets ahead of them.

The Legislative Budget Board approved Wednesday with few changes the proposals made by its staff to trim 1985 spending levels to remain within the revenue estimates made by Comptroller Bob Bullock.

Much of the time Wednesday was spent on state senior and junior colleges with the result of removing \$586 million from their spending plans the next two years, about 74 percent of what they requested.

The cuts took \$281.7 million from current budgets of units of the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems; \$302 million from state colleges and

universities outside the two systems, and \$92.4 million from junior colleges.

Staff members said the budgets proposed for junior colleges were 90 percent of 1985 spending but only 71 percent of what the junior colleges had requested.

Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, also proposed, but later withdrew, an effort to stop any new junior colleges from being formed without local property tax support.

"Every junior college district in the state helps support their schools with local taxes except for one, the one here in Austin," said Rep. Bill Hollowell, D-Grand Saline.

Rudd said he would agree to let staff recommendations for a Palo Alto Junior College in San Antonio and a Northeast Texas Junior College in Collin County to stand "but they may come out later."

Board members questioned

closely a provision in the state highway department budget of \$11 million for a traffic safety program.

"Is that the program where they contract with the police departments in Dallas and Houston to go out on overtime and catch speeders?" asked Hollowell.

A staffer said that was part of the program.

The highway department's budget was increased 120 percent from 1985 for an additional \$548 million, most of it coming from the new gasoline tax.

Bullock asked for no additional personnel for the comptroller's staff. He said he would decrease his staff by 25 in 1987. But he wanted upgraded salaries for all his 270 staff members and more computers.

"In other words, if we don't give state employees a pay raise, Bullock can go ahead and raise his employees," Lewis said.



**MORE BREATHING PROBLEMS**—A member of the Fort Concho Elementary School choir sits in an ambulance with oxygen equipment Wednesday night in San Angelo after she and several schoolmates began hyperventilating during a choir performance at a television

station. Twenty-three students from the same school were rushed to hospitals Tuesday afternoon after they began fainting and hyperventilating during another choir performance at the school. (AP Laserphoto)

## Jury awards \$8.5 million in suit over death of bull

BAY CITY, Texas (AP) — The attorney who won an \$8.5 million prize suit for a rancher whose prize bull died after being sprayed with an insecticide says the verdict highlights "a growing concern in our country about the use of chemicals."

Houston lawyer John O'Quinn said the award was the largest ever in the death of one animal. It tells chemical companies they need to be more responsible, he said.

"This is the biggest verdict in America for the death of an animal," he said. "I wasn't able to find any animal getting a higher reward—not even a horse."

On Monday, Diamond Shamrock and Medina Valley Artificial Insemination Inc. near San Antonio were ordered to pay the damages by a state district court jury for the death of rancher Dan Wendt's prize bull, Superman 1024.

The bull, which was at the Medina lab for collection of semen, died May 1, 1981, after herdsmen at the insemination lab sprayed it

with an insecticide manufactured by Diamond Shamrock.

O'Quinn said he hopes the award will teach chemical companies to be more responsible in labeling their products.

"This decision is important because of the punitive damages," O'Quinn said. "There's a growing concern in our country about the use of chemicals."

Wendt was awarded \$7 million in punitive damages and \$1.5 million for the value of the animal. Jurors also told Diamond

Shamrock it must pay 65 percent of the award and the laboratory must pay the rest.

In his suit, Wendt accused Dallas-based Diamond Shamrock of being negligent in the instruction and warning label on its product Vapona, which is used for insects.

The bull should not have been sprayed with the chemical, attorneys for Wendt argued.

The San Antonio lawyer representing the insemination lab, Robert Summers, said the award is "a lot of money for anything."

## Murder trial witness killed

RANGER, Texas (AP) — A justice of the peace said he will await an autopsy report before ruling the cause of death of a 23-year-old Eastland man, a defense witness in a recent murder trial who allegedly shot himself in the head with a rifle.

Randy May, a defense witness in the Richard Dwain Gaeta capital murder trial in October, was pronounced dead at the scene at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday by Eastland

Peace Justice R.G. Lyerla. The judge ordered an autopsy and said a cause of death ruling would follow.

The shooting occurred at the Ranger home of Jimmy Battles, who said a group had gathered there and had "a few beers."

He told officers with the Ranger Police Department and the Eastland County Sheriff's Department that he put four shells in the .30-06 deer rifle and handed it to May, who was standing in front of the house near his pickup truck.

Battles said he warned May that the gun was loaded but May said the weapon was not loaded, put the barrel under his chin and pulled the trigger.

## Witness resumes testimony about man's torture death

DALLAS (AP) — A government witness in the trial of alleged drug ringleader Bonnie Burnette Erwin testified that he worked for the defendant as a cocaine courier between Los Angeles and Texas.

Nicholas Charles Roan, who has been indicted along with several other defendants on drug trafficking charges, told the jury Wednesday that he traveled several times to California to pick up the cocaine, which he said was carried in sandwich bags and wrapped in newspaper.

Roan also testified he worked as a lookout at an Erwin apartment in South Dallas before the apartment operations were moved following a police raid.

Erwin, 42, is accused under the federal racketeering laws of masterminding a drug organization that operated out of

apartments in South Dallas.

In other testimony Wednesday, another government witness said he learned of Erwin's cocaine trafficking when he commented on a pair of expensive ostrich boots Erwin wore.

Jackie Warren testified that Erwin told him he was in the cocaine-selling business.

He said Erwin told him the cocaine was brought in from Peru by women who strapped it to their thighs.

On Tuesday and again on Wednesday, a former member of the alleged multimillion dollar drug ring told the jury that he watched for nearly two days as Erwin repeatedly tortured a man and then beat him to death in a Tyler watermelon patch on Thanksgiving Day 1983.

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**Off beat**

By  
**Larry Hollis**

**Typing is humiliating**

For so these many years (more than I wish to think of), family and even a few friends have tried to tell me I could use some humility. Why they would think that of me, I don't know.

But for about 21 years there has been a skill that constantly serves to keep me at least slightly humble. And that's typing.

When I entered my sophomore year at Pampa High School (just before the British Invasion - not the Red Coats, but the Beatles and Rolling Stones), I was rather accustomed to getting good grades in school.

I wasn't bored with the grades; in fact, I rather depended on them. Of course, a few friends were so crass as to decry the value of grades, saying there were more important things in life - like football, cars and even girls.

I approached my sophomore year with high hopes of continuing making my mark on the education legends of the school. But I made a mistake - I signed up for a typing class. And not for just one semester, but for two.

The first few weeks weren't so bad. But after awhile I noticed too many others were making good progress while my fingers continued to stumble along.

I could handle one girl in the class - a junior - reaching speeds of 60 to 70 words per minute. That's to be expected of girls. (Or, at least it was then.)

But I found I was intimidated at having to sit near a guy with short, stubby fingers that flew over the keys, giving the only real challenge in the class to the above-mentioned girl. For two semesters I had to sit next to this guy, feeling the breeze off his flying fingers while my fingers lingered hesitantly or tripped over the wrong keys.

I had to settle for a B the first semester and - shudder - an actual C the second semester, just barely making the required words-per-minute speed needed to pass. And my grades wouldn't have been that high if it hadn't been for written tests I managed to ace.

The class changed my whole perspective. I learned I could handle failure - well, not failure, but darn well near it. My life didn't suffer as much as I had feared from a low grade.

In fact, in my junior year I managed to flunk Algebra II for two six-week periods (thanks to the introduction of modern math) and even chemistry for one six-weeks. Grades weren't all there was to existence.

I even picked up a few more friends who felt perhaps I was only human after all. I still couldn't talk in an informed manner about cars, but I played those F's for all they were worth.

And they taught me humility - to a degree, anyway.

I can now accept some failings in my life without feeling threatened or severely depressed.

So what if I can't toss a football in a straight line? I can actually understand some T. S. Eliot poetry.

If I can't adjust a carburetor, I know I can write a well-organized paragraph in an English theme.

And typing still continues to humble me. I had to use my somewhat lackluster typing skill in college term papers and in my journalistic career. I'm not the slowest or worst typist I know, but white-out and correcting ribbon have often been my salvation.

Best of all are computer terminals - like the one I'm typing this column on - which allow me to correct my mistakes before the reader sees them.

Yeah, there is humility in my life. Every day I'm at work.  
**Hollis is just a humble staff writer for The Pampa News.**

## Elementary choir victim of fainting syndrome again

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — For the past two days, a peculiar problem has plagued the Fort Concho Elementary School choir — members have been behaving more like sick flies than warbling birds.

In what officials describe as hyperventilation and hysteria, choir members have been getting ill and dropping like flies while they're singing.

The last time it happened was Wednesday afternoon during a live performance at a local television station.

One day after 24 of their classmates collapsed during a choir performance, 10 Fort Concho Elementary School students fell ill and had to be treated for hyperventilation after the performance at television station

KLST. Five were taken to Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital by fire department ambulance for further treatment. All of the students were later released.

The children were singing Christmas carols on "The Pat Attebery Show" when several of them began to show signs of fatigue about 5:15 p.m.

The camera would shift, then go back to the choir "and there would be one less performer," night news producer Tony Harden said.

"Kids have been coming on this show for a long time. I've never seen anything like this happen," Ms. Attebery told the San Angelo Standard-Times.

"I have never seen anything like this as long as I have been teaching," said Jim Wynne, the choir director. "I can't believe that this happened again."

Tuesday afternoon during a dress rehearsal of their Christmas PTA program before the entire school, students began feeling ill and fainting.

Twenty-four received hospital treatment for what doctors, emergency medical technicians and school officials termed mass

hysteria brought on by a combination of fatigue, heat and excitement.

One student, Linda Pena, 9, remained at Shannon Wednesday night. She was listed in fair condition.

Wynne said 44 students from the school's choir were singing Christmas songs on Wednesday's television show.

"A couple of children were feeling weak, so they were escorted off camera," Wynne said. "They complained of feeling weak and faint, so they were taken outside."

Only after a boy complained of weakness, others followed suit, Wynne said.

"We had taken breaks during Pat's talk," Wynne said. "Some of the children walked outside on their break the first time and came back. Others left to go outside during a break the second time, but they never returned."

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## Our opinion

### A big question that needs asking

When a professional politician such as Texas Governor Mark White starts talking about the benefits of having private companies provide services formerly considered the exclusive domain of government, you know there has to be a mountain of merit behind the idea.

But sure enough, last week there was Gov. White, a man who has made a career of proclaiming that government has the answer to virtually every problem we face, suggesting that Texas taxpayers might come out ahead if the state contracted with private companies to build and operate prisons.

That Gov. White could even consider such an idea suggests that salvation is possible for anyone. We congratulate him for throwing off his statist blinders, at least in this case, and coming forth with a truly progressive proposal.

The governor pointed out that the state could save massive construction costs by signing long-term contracts with private companies to operate prisons, letting the companies build their own prisons.

"The magic of it is you don't have to put up \$40 million for a new prison. That's the big upside of it," he said during a news conference.

The governor said he had no concern about proper treatment of prisoners in private prisons. And, indeed, he should have none. Private prisons would have to operate under the same laws and court-ordered standards as public prisons. Since the profit motive would be dominant among private prison operations, concern about losses through civil lawsuits would possibly result in less abuse and better conditions than is evident in the public prisons.

The idea of privatization of government services is apparently growing in this country and we'd like to see it grow much faster.

Several cities have realized considerable savings without any loss in quality of service by contracting with private firms to provide fire protection. A few have also been successful in experimenting with private police protection.

Also, the Reason Foundation recently found that cities using private contractors for street cleaning realized substantial savings with no significant difference in quality. The Foundation studied 10 cities in California that used municipal street-cleaning crews and 10 that employed private services. The ensuing report shows that private companies provided the same service at 43 percent less cost.

And, in this area of Texas, we have been getting government out of the business of owning and operating hospitals because we've learned that privately-owned facilities operate more efficiently.

As the idea of privatization grows; as we learn that free enterprise can provide almost any service more efficiently than government, there is one question that must be asked: How long will it be before we come to understand that principle would hold true for our educational system as well?

When we finally realize that private enterprise can do a better job than government operating prisons and hospitals, and even sweeping streets, won't we then have to ask if it can't also do a better job of educating our children?

The sooner that question is posed on a national level, the better off we'll be.

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## A chance to make history

If he wants a real place in history, President Ronald Reagan should not allow either legitimate criticism or business and bureaucratic bickering to deter him from seizing Treasury Secretary Donald Regan's tax reform proposal, modifying it, and aggressively selling it to the American people.

When liberals like Walter Heller, Alice Ravlin, and Robert Kuttner all endorsed Regan's plan, conservatives knew there were serious economic problems in it - and there are.

Internal Treasury Department analyses show that the corporate part of Regan's plan, coupled with changes in personal deductions would actually raise the tax cost of capital to pre-1979 levels. This decided step backwards could take as much as 1-2 points off the GNP growth for the balance of this decade.

On the other hand, that can easily be fixed - and when it is, Regan's plan moves well ahead of Bradley-Gephardt, though still well behind Kemp-Kasten, in terms of increased incentives.

Above all, the Regan plan has properly delineated the three most significant advantages of tax reform and simplification:

First, by cutting the marginal rates dramatically, it increases both the incentive to earn more (which should quickly offset the static loss of many loopholes), and the incentive to comply with the tax system voluntarily.

Second, by dropping myriad loopholes, it puts the market back in charge of the allocation of capital and resources - and the market will always do better than the tax writers.

Third, and perhaps most important, it dramatically reduces the waste of human

manpower now being squandered on complying with and manipulating the income tax system.

To that last point I commend for the President's attention a recent study by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) by Joel Slemrod and Nikki Sorum on "The Compliance Cost of the U.S. Individual Income Tax System" (NBER Working Paper no 1401).

The study is based on a 1982 survey of 2,000 Minnesota taxpayers to find out how much time they took preparing their federal and state tax returns, and how much outside help they had to buy.

Based on that study, Slemrod and Sorum conclude that "the compliance cost of filing federal and state income tax returns in 1982 was between \$17 and \$27 billion, or from 5 to 7 percent of the total revenue raised by both systems combined. About two billion hours of taxpayer time were spent on filing tax returns, and about \$3 billion was spent on professional tax assistance."

In the Minnesota survey, respondents spent an average of 26.7 hours of their own time on tax filing, "which had a resource cost of \$318, and spent \$61 on professional tax advice and other outlays." This would suggest a total cost for the U.S. of more than \$36 billion.

But, since the Minnesota tax system is more complex than the average for all state, and its population somewhat upscale, the sample was "reweighted to more closely represent the actual U.S. taxpaying population," reducing the compliance time to 21.7 hours (\$231) and the additional professional expenses to \$44.

"Applying the reweighted averages to an estimated 97 million taxpaying units in 1982

yields aggregate estimates of 2.13 billion hours and a total resource cost of \$26.7 billion. This cost is approximately 1.4 percent of aggregate adjusted gross income, and more than 7 percent of total federal and state income tax revenue."

What is fascinating about the survey is that by far the highest compliance costs (per dollar of tax paid) were among the lowest income groups.

While the overall average was 6.6 percent of tax paid, among the lowest income groups (under \$5,000) the compliance cost was nearly five times (382 percent) the tax paid! And in the \$5-\$10,000 group the cost was a whopping 23 percent of the tax paid. This compares with a compliance cost of 4.7 percent for those with incomes above \$50,000.

It shows that it makes no economic sense to collect any taxes from those with low incomes. So, of all the three plans, Kemp-Kasten, which wipes out all taxes for those with income less than \$14,600, makes the most compliance sense.

In other words, tax reform and simplification is even more important for poor people than rich, and it shows that keeping rates artificially high just to grant loopholes to rich campaign contributors is simply a way of making the tax system more costly and less fair, especially to those at the low end of the income spectrum.

NBER's researchers note that this violates Adam Smith's fourth canon of taxation which states that "every tax should be contrived as to keep out of the pockets of the people as little as possible over and above what it brings into the treasury of the state."

Treasury Secretary Regan has heeded that lesson. President Reagan should grab this idea and run hard with it, all the way into the history books.

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 13, the 348th day of 1984. There are 18 days left in the year.

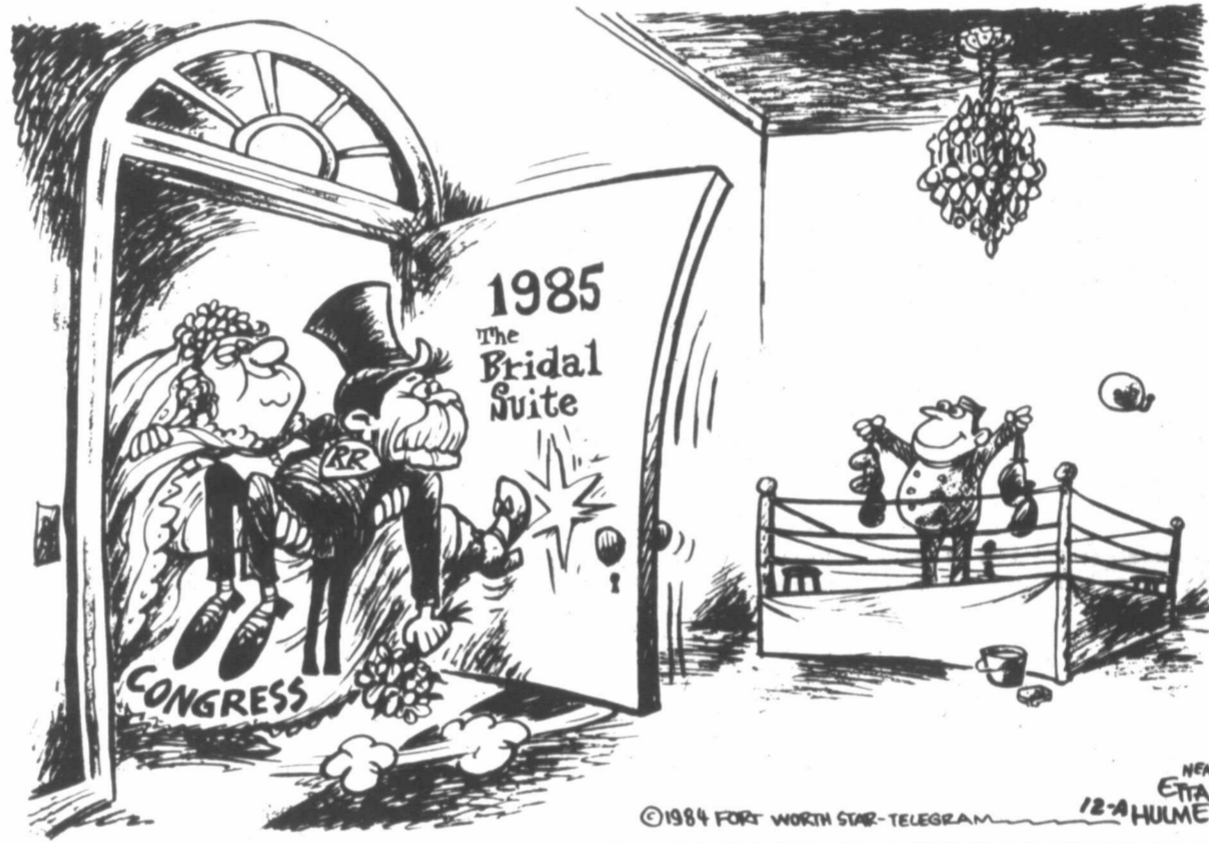
Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 13, 1981, Polish authorities imposed martial law in a crackdown on the defiant Solidarity labor movement. The action was denounced throughout the Western world but received the approval of the Soviet Union, which said that "anarchy" had been threatening Poland. Major provisions of the martial-law decree were lifted a year later. Martial law was ended in July 1983.

On this date:

Ten years ago: The United States said it would establish an economic aid program for the new government in Portugal.

Five years ago: Amy Carter pushed the button to light the national Christmas tree in Washington, but only the star blazed to life. Amy's father, President Jimmy Carter, then explained that the other lights of the tree would go on once the American hostages in Iran returned home.



Lewis Grizzard

## Nicknames best forgotten

A woman walked up to me recently in a public place and called me a dirty name.

Actually, she didn't call me a dirty name, she called me what people used to call me when I was a small child, a name that I hate.

"Please lower your voice, madam," I said to the woman, who turned out to be somebody who knew me before I got married for the first time, which was a long time ago.

I'm not going to tell you what my nickname was when I was a boy because I have spent many years attempting to escape from it.

To admit to such a name here in this forum would lead to much embarrassment and ridicule.

I'm not sure who gave me that nickname. It could have been my mother. I have the same name as my father, and perhaps my mother, in an effort to improve communication around our house, came up with a nickname for me so she wouldn't have to call both men in her life "Lewis."

The name stuck for quite a while. My grandparents and my aunts and uncles and cousins all called me by it for years, despite my never-ending efforts to make them stop.

My grandmother was the last holdout.

"Please, Mama Willie," I would say, "don't call me by that name. Call me 'Lewis.'"

"But you will always be (nickname) to me," she would reply.

Mama Willie, whom I loved very much despite her insistence on calling me by my horrid nickname, went to her grave having never called me by anything else.

I was wondering if children today get saddled with nicknames as was the custom in my youth.

Everybody, it seems, had a nickname in my school. There was a boy who walked with both feet pointed slightly outward. The football coach called him "Ten to Two."

There was "Worm" Elrod. He got that name by biting into an apple at Boy Scout camp one summer and finding half a worm sticking out where he bit the apple.

People get nicknames from all sorts of things. Gilbert Dennis was very fat and would eat anything that wouldn't eat him first, even school cafeteria food. They didn't feed Gilbert. They slobbered him. We called Gilbert "Soeey."

We had a couple of "Reds," of course, and a "Moose" and several "Bubbas" and a kid we

called "Coot" because he had a terrible habit of scratching his head all the time and we were convinced he had cootie bugs, whatever cootie bugs are.

We also had a "Stinky" who got that name for a reason that cannot be discussed here, a "Toad" because he looked like a giant toad squatting on a lily pad about to tongue a fly, and there was a girl called "Godzilla" because she was that ugly.

There was also "Double Dumb" and "Pump Handle" and "Foots" and "Doc," whose father was a chiropractor, and "Boogie" and "Spider" and "Odd Job" and "Seaweed" and "Big Tiny" and a one-armed kid who was the manager on the football team. The coach called him "Single Wing."

OK, because this is journalism, and in journalism you're never supposed to leave the reader in suspense, perhaps I should reveal my nickname, but you have to promise me you won't laugh.

It was "Skippy."  
You promised.

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Don Graff

## High price of protectionism

Europe's Common Market is mad and is doing something about it.

The issue is steel. In retaliation for the Reagan administration's decision to ban imports of European tube and pipe imports, the Europeans are abrogating a quota agreement with the United States and considering compensatory action against U.S. exports to Europe.

Nasty business for the Atlantic allies. It probably won't come to a full-scale trade war, but whatever accommodation may eventually be worked out, damage will have been done.

Mostly to ourselves. That's the way it usually is with protectionism, even when the protector appears to have a case.

In this one, Washington is acting

because the Europeans have captured a considerably more of the U.S. pipe and tube market than the 5.9 percent stipulated in the quota agreement. This has been to the detriment of U.S. producers and the steelworkers they employ.

But whatever the justification - and it is very frequently jobs - for protection, the price to the protected is ultimately too high.

The point has been made many times by many experts on the problem.

Earlier this year, U.S. Trade Representative William Brock observed that for every steelworker there are 10 other workers in steel-using industries who stand to lose from a hike in the price of steel. Brock asked:

"Should we subsidize that one steelworker at the cost of the other workers?"

Even where zealous foreign competition may be hurting parts of the economy, trade benefits the economy as a whole. Not least in creating jobs. A recent Brookings Institution study, "Can America Compete?" estimated that foreign trade created 280,000 manufacturing jobs in this country from 1973 to 1980.

Another study details another aspect of protectionism. Consumers for World Trade, a Washington-based trade lobby, says protected products add billions annually to the American cost of living, in effect hitting a family of four with a "hidden tax" of between \$1,500 and \$2,000 a year.

Take steel. In a single year studied, thanks to protectionist measures consumers paid out an additional \$7.25 billion for products purchased.

The figure for textiles and apparel was \$18.4 billion. For radio and television equipment, \$221 million. For sugar, \$2.8 billion, for meat, \$1.2 billion. And even for the prosaic peanut, \$200 million.

The year was 1980 and the total was \$58.5 billion. An updated figure would certainly be significantly higher.

Reason says protectionism is a losing proposition all the way around.

But no one seems to be listening at this point, not even trade chief Brock. He's backing the pipe and tube embargo.

# Joke prompts re-review of nearly 400 fingerprints

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Police Department plans to review nearly 400 fingerprint matches made over the last 14 months after the DPD's expert fingerprinter incorrectly matched unidentifiable prints given him as a joke.

Under departmental regulations, all fingerprint matches must be made by two experts: But as a result of loose procedures over the past 14 months, some prints have been matched by only one specialist, according to police spokesman Bob Shaw.

The procedures came to light last week when some officers gave what they knew to be unidentifiable prints and some prints from the files to the fingerprint unit's top specialist, officials said.

He examined them and said that they matched.

The mistake prompted police officials to look closely at departmental procedures. They found that the rule requiring each fingerprint identification to be verified by at least two specialists was rarely enforced, Shaw said.

But the spokesman said he doesn't expect to find any mistakes, "but we're just going to make sure."

But prosecutors and defense attorneys said convictions could be thrown out if any misidentifications are turned up.

"It depends on the weight of the fingerprints in the case," said

Assistant District Attorney Jim Burnham.

Shaw said he doesn't think any wrong convictions have been made.

"I doubt there is anybody in the state penitentiary today who is there on the basis of fingerprint identification alone and no other evidence," he said.

Capt. Roger Duncan said all prints identifications made since Oct. 1, 1983, when the latent print unit he commands was formed, will be verified.

He said the review, which involves between 350 and 370 matches, is expected to take about two months.

Regan's sentiments were echoed by William A. Niskanen, the president's senior economist, who also predicted that failure to achieve the deficit-reduction goals will make tax increases inevitable.

The treasury secretary said that counting the fiscal 1986 budget for the 12 months beginning next Oct. 1, there will have been a five-year military buildup averaging 8.5 percent annually, after discounting for inflation.

That, he said, is higher than the 5 percent increase in defense spending which the president promised during his 1980 presidential campaign.

Taking inflation into account, the rate of increase in military spending has averaged 14 percent per year, Regan said, for an increase of more than \$1 trillion over five years.

Regan said slowing down the growth in defense spending would not cause irreparable harm to the United States' ability to defend itself.

"I think that would give us a pretty strong defense, although I'm not expert," he said.



RELIEF SITE—Two survivors of the Ethiopian drought walk past the emergency feeding center in Bati recently. The death toll mounts at the camp since many famine victims arrive too

late to be helped and some infants are left in their tents without treatment because their mothers consider them beyond recovery. (AP Laserphoto)

# Pentagon is pressured for more cuts in spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, whose offers to reduce Pentagon spending are falling short of administration targets, is under increasing pressure to swallow more cuts in the nation's military buildup.

Weinberger had his second meeting of the week Wednesday with President Reagan and his senior aides to discuss proposals for military savings, but White House spokesman Larry Speakes said no decisions were made and the talks will continue.

The meeting occurred on a day when Treasury Secretary Donald Regan predicted the administration's budget reduction plan won't "have a prayer" in Congress unless the Pentagon takes its share of spending cuts.

The discussions Wednesday centered on a 15-page outline drawn up by White House budget director David A. Stockman for achieving about \$8 billion in military reductions through freezing most Pentagon programs but preserving work on weapons such as the MX missile.

A White House spokesman,

Robert Sims, said "the president's going to fight for the MX" despite indications from congressional leaders that finding the votes for continued funding will be difficult.

Sources who spoke on condition they not be identified said Weinberger proposed to make some reductions in the military buildup, but his outline fell short of the contemplated cuts that would be necessary to meet Regan's objective for deficit reduction next year.

The sources said Weinberger offered as his major concession to agree to a one-year freeze on military pay in 1986. Congress has rejected similar proposals in the past.

The president has decided tentatively on \$33.6 billion in domestic spending reductions. An \$8 billion Pentagon budget cut would achieve his goal of \$42 billion in reductions for next year.

Meanwhile, Regan told reporters that defending the economy is as important as defending the country militarily, "and with these huge deficits we could be in danger of losing our economy."

But deaths mount because many victims of the Ethiopian famine arrive too late at the camp to be helped, while some infants are left in their tents without treatment because their mothers consider them beyond recovery.

"Death has become a normal thing here," said Masfin Halefin, 28, the camp administrator. From Oct. 22, when the camp opened, to Dec. 2, 2,044 men, women and children died.

The daily toll now ranges from 100 to 120.

Three years of crop failure due to drought have brought, by current count, 16,733 people to the small city of tents and graves. There are three doctors six nurses, 32 cooks and 32 gravediggers.

Many more starving Ethiopians, too weak from malnutrition to

# Deaths mount as victims of famine arrive late for help

BATI, Ethiopia (AP) — "This was my fourth child, a daughter," said Mohamed Hassan, waiting for diggers to finish graves for those who did not survive the night. "Now they are all dead."

The small, wasted body — once a 4-year-old girl named Kadicha — was bundled in a sack that earlier had contained West German relief grain.

The emergency feeding center at Bati, in the Ethiopian highlands just west of the torrid Danakil Desert, long ago ran out of cloth for shrouds.

Another mourning father asked Mohamed, a 48-year-old peasant farmer, to move Kadicha next to his own dead child so he can shield both bodies from the hot East African sun with a ragged cotton shawl.

The Bati camp, about 180 miles north of Addis Ababa, the capital, appears efficiently run by Red Cross personnel from Ethiopia, Finland, Iceland, Australia and Sweden.

walk, cannot reach the 211 food distribution centers like Bati, once a tourist attraction because of its colorful Sunday markets.

Today, it has become a place of death and mourning.

"We cannot assist the mothers and the children still in the villages because we don't have the means to do so," said Masfin.

"Some walk 50 to 60 kilometers (31 to 38 miles) to Bati, taking four to five days. Many are beyond help and cannot be saved. Many are dying on their way here. But there is no way to know how many," the administrator told a group of American reporters during a recent visit.

Ibrahim Hassan Abdulla watched his 6-year-old son, nearly lifeless, receive treatment from an Ethiopian doctor who inserted a feeding tube through a nostril. A 2-year-old daughter, shriveled by starvation, waited her turn on the floor of the white medical tent.

"I came from Barigu, and we haven't had rain in three years,"

said Ibrahim. "No crops have grown. If rain comes, I will return to my village and farm. If not, I'm interested in resettlement so my children can live." Barigu is about two hours' walk from Bati.

Ethiopia's Marxist-based government has launched a program to relocate drought victims to less affected areas in the south and west of the country. Most Western donor countries have expressed reservations about the scheme. Some question the program's freedom of choice and speculate whether it will be used to speed up collectivization.

Ethiopian authorities, while admitting that similar schemes had been poorly administered in the past, maintain that resettlement is motivated solely by regard for human life.

They see it as the only long-term solution because much of the land here has been degraded by the stripping of trees and by erosion and can no longer support the people.

# EPA raises cost estimate of hazardous waste cleanup

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency has increased to \$22.7 billion its calculation of the maximum cost of cleaning up the nation's worst abandoned hazardous waste dumps — a 41 percent jump over earlier estimates.

In 850 pages of reports to Congress Wednesday, the agency offered the new figure as its worst-case assessment of the cost of cleaning up existing dump sites. The cost could run as low as \$7.6 billion in a best-case estimate, the agency said.

The cleanup price tag could rise to a far higher, unknown sum if the "superfund" cleanup program is extended to cover other toxic environmental threats not covered under current law, it said.

In congressional testimony early this year, EPA Administrator William D. Ruckelshaus had said the agency's preliminary estimate was for eventual cleanup costs in the range of \$8 billion to \$16 billion for 1,800 to 2,200 high-priority dumps.

He estimated there were 18,000 to 22,000 dumps, figures Wednesday's new report raised to 22,000 to 25,000, of which about 19,000 have been identified.

The report to Congress was required by the 1980 law establishing the \$1.6 billion fund and the special tax on chemical raw materials that provides most of its money.

The superfund law expires in September, but the report made no recommendations on how big a renewed program should be or what it should cover. Ruckelshaus, who is leaving the agency Jan. 5, said Wednesday he expected the administration to come up with recommendations next month.

Lee M. Thomas, the assistant administrator nominated to succeed Ruckelshaus, said in a statement the agency wanted to make renewal of superfund its top legislative priority.

The report listed municipal landfills, mining waste sites, leaking underground storage tanks, pesticide contamination and

radioactive materials as growing problems.

It said until the sites are systematically identified and investigated it could not be known how many might fall under superfund cleanup eligibility.

"However, even if a small fraction of these sites require superfund response, the funding needed to address them would overwhelm the central estimates currently projected for the superfund program," the report stated.

In a speech Wednesday afternoon to a conference sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation, Ruckelshaus said: "The big argument in Congress will come over the definition of superfund. ... We badly need Congress to tell us what it is you want us to do with superfund."

Two thousand cleanups, he said, would take care of problems "very roughly like the Love Canal universe," a reference to the dump in Niagara Falls, N.Y., that forced abandonment of an entire neighborhood.

# Indian spokesmen are leery of capitalistic cure of ills

SCOTTSDALE (AP) — Indian tribal spokesmen seem leery of a presidential commission's prescription of a strong dose of capitalism as the cure for reservation economic ills.

Water squabbles with the states, devastating unemployment and deep cuts in federal funds ranked foremost among their concerns at Wednesday's airing of 37 recommendations for recovery drafted by the Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies.

Topmost was replacing the Bureau of Indian Affairs with a proposed Indian Trust Services — under wing of the White House — as the way to generate an entrepreneurial spirit on reservations.

"Now 73 cents of every dollar going to the BIA is sucked up by the bureau," said commission co-chairman Robert Robertson, an Occidental Petroleum executive and former top aide to Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., when Laxalt was governor.

"That's not as bad as it seems because the bureau performs some of the services the tribes should be doing," he said. "But 49 cents goes to pure administration and wouldn't it be nice if 73 cents went to the tribes and 27 cents to the bureau."

Robertson emphasized that the hearing here was to explain the recommendations and sound out response.

"I don't want this report to go the

way of the Grace Commission (on U.S. spending)," said Robertson.

Central to the new doctrine, said Robertson, would be preservation of Indian sovereignty over lands, but minimal federal encroachment on tribal initiatives to promote small business and attract investments.

"I heard the National Farm Bureau adopted a resolution to do away with reservations and now it says here we should do away with

the BIA," said Pat McGee, chairwoman of the Yavapai Tribe in Prescott. "How can small tribes stand up and fight with very wealthy people and their powerful lobbies?" she asked.

"I'm happy to have you say the BIA does do something...that's one of the first complimentary remarks I've heard," said McCay. "That was the Western Farm Bureau, and I thought it (resolution) was asinine."

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PRIVATE CONFERENCE—U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, left, talks with British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe prior to opening session of NATO's foreign ministers at the alliance's headquarters in Brussels Thursday. Talks are expected to focus on the upcoming U.S.-Soviet arms control talks. (AP Laserphoto)

## Shultz urges Belgians and Dutch to deploy missiles

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — George P. Shultz, the U.S. secretary of state, felt "positive" about his efforts to convince Belgium and the Netherlands to honor their commitments to NATO and deploy new U.S. nuclear missiles, a senior aide said.

Shultz met Wednesday with Prime Minister Wilfried Martens and Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans of Belgium, and with the Dutch foreign minister, Hans Van Den Broek. Both governments have delayed deploying U.S. cruise missiles according to a schedule worked out by NATO in 1979.

Almost 100 missiles already have been deployed in West Germany, Britain and Italy as part of a NATO program to counter new Soviet SS-20 missiles aimed at Europe.

The aide, who spoke on condition he not be identified, would not say whether either nation changed its position.

NATO foreign ministers were to open a two-day conference today in Brussels, and Shultz said earlier that his upcoming arms control talks with the Soviet foreign minister, Andrei A. Gromyko, would dominate the session.

Shultz said he would seek the views of NATO allies on what positions the Reagan administration should take there.

The aide said Shultz pointed out to the Dutch and Belgians that the Soviet Union recently increased the number of SS-20s to 387, a figure the State Department hopes

will encourage the Dutch to end their delay.

The government of the Netherlands said earlier this year it was delaying until at least Nov. 1, 1985, a final decision on deploying the missiles. It said its decision will depend on the increase in Moscow's SS-20 arsenal.

Belgium has delayed a final decision until "sometime during the first quarter" of 1985 to await the results of the Jan. 7-8 meeting in Geneva between Shultz and Gromyko.

Shultz and Gromyko are to discuss a wide range of arms control issues. Both the U.S. and Soviet missiles are intermediate-range weapons and will be among those weapons covered by the talks between Shultz and Gromyko.

"Belgium has always pushed for a dialogue between the United States and the Soviet Union," said a Belgian government source. "It is evident that we first want to know in what atmosphere the meeting in Geneva will be taking place."

The source, who spoke on condition he not be named, said Martens and Tindemans told Shultz they expect U.S. military personnel to continue preparing Florennes airbase for deployment of the first of 48 cruise missiles, scheduled for March.

Referring to the Dutch and Belgian reluctance to deploy,

Shuytitz told reporters on Wednesday that "it is harmful if undertakings are not adhered to."

"It is certainly the case that if the Soviets can get their way without giving up anything or engaging into negotiations it is discouraging to the negotiations," he said.

## Economic benefits, offsetting penalties

By JOHN CUNIFF  
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — There is no free lunch, it is often said, and the veracity of the statement seems to be proven by another adage: What the economy gives it also takes.

Inflation, for instance, sometimes enhances the value of investments but it also dilutes the value of the investor's savings, making it increasingly difficult for him to make future investments.

High interest rates on savings may add to personal income, but they may also cost the same person a bigger chunk of money in higher taxes — needed by Uncle Sam to pay for the money the government borrows.

Consider these two aspects of interest rates:

Before interest rates were in effect deregulated — by official action and by a volatile marketplace — the percentage of personal income that came from this source was almost insignificant.

However, with some interest rates on personal savings well into the double digits, interest earned has become a substantial portion of personal incomes, ranging from 13.8 percent early this year to 14.7 percent in the fall.

But those relatively high interest

rates taketh away as well — eventually if not immediately. Uncle Sam, you see, is a big borrower, and those high rates are increasingly costly to him. He cannot avoid paying them.

Richard Russell, publisher of a stock market newsletter, describes the growth of the problem: "In 1972, interest costs took 10 percent of all federal revenues. By 1975, interest costs burned up 11.5 percent of all revenue. In 1980 interest cost rose to 12.5 percent of the entire federal revenue take."

"And here in 1984, the cost of interest is a new high of 23.1 percent of all government revenue."

There is, however, one area in which you might be convinced of coming out ahead. You might have heard, that is, that indexing is destined to lower your tax load in 1985.

There is truth in this. In 1985, under terms of the Tax Reform Act of 1981, all marginal tax brackets will be adjusted by about 4.1 percent to reduce the effects of inflation on taxpayers.

But the impact of that will be reduced by rising taxes in another area — Social Security.

The lesson: On the whole, and over a period of at least several years, a people can expect no more from government than it gives.

## Californian goes home 16 days after heart transplant

HOUSTON (AP) — Just 16 days after receiving a new heart, a 55-year-old California man has been released from St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, officials say.

Vince Balsinger of Santa Anna, Calif., who received a new heart in a transplant operation Nov. 25, was in the hospital for the shortest time of any of the 40 other heart transplant patients at St. Luke's, hospital officials said.

"I haven't felt this good in years," Balsinger was quoted as saying in a hospital news release. "Five days following surgery,

there was no question in my mind that I felt better."

A member of the Orange County, Calif., Sheriff's Department for 20 years, Balsinger served as an investigator and a deputy sheriff. He suffered a heart attack this fall and was diagnosed as suffering from cardiomyopathy, a usually-fatal heart disease.

The program in which Balsinger was a patient was developed at St. Luke's in 1982 after the anti-rejection drug cyclosporine became available.

## Inhalant abuse major threat

AUSTIN (AP) — Glue-sniffing and other types of inhalant abuse have become a major threat to young, poor Hispanic males who face a combination of pressures, according to a task force report that labeled the problem one of the biggest threats to young Texans.

The panel, appointed by Gov. Mark White, issued its report Wednesday. The recommendations include a call for \$19 million for a drug treatment program to help combat inhalant abuse.

"It is probably correct that most casual and experimental users are economically disadvantaged Mexican-American males, ranging

in age from 8-18, among whom peer pressure to sniff toxic substances is high, and whose families frequently do not have the resources to offer their children other options," the report said.

Young Texans sniff fumes from a variety of readily available products for intoxicating highs, according to the task force. The products include aerosol paints, cleaning solutions, glues and motor fuel products.

"The substances inhaled or sniffed are universally toxic to the brain and other organs of the body, and are frequently lethal through their effects on the heart," the

report said.

The increasing abuse of inhalants by young Hispanics is a particular threat "because this group of children and adolescents is rapidly growing," according to the panel.

"The implications of their increasing use of inhalants and the resulting disruptive effects on their health, behavior and learning are serious indeed, both for them and our state," it said.

The task force said inhalant abuse is "destroying the physical and mental potential of our young people."

## System's water found dangerous

BROWNWOOD, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Health has declared water from a Lake Brownwood system unsafe for drinking unless it is boiled.

More than 1,000 residents of Lake Brownwood were notified this week by the owner of the People's Water System that their drinking water is "potentially unsafe" and must be boiled before being consumed.

The boiled water order is the second issued this year by the Texas Department of Health, according to Stanley Thompson, regional director for Environmental and Consumer Health in Abilene, an agency of the department.

Thompson said the order would be in effect indefinitely, or until good samples can be collected from the system.

"It is very rare that we issue this kind of order," said Thompson. "We would not have done it if we had not considered the water dangerous. The water is highly chlorinated. That is probably the only thing that has saved them

(residents) from worse problems."

Customers of the People's Water System received postcards signed by People's Water System owner C.F. Allison.

"Based on the results of recent bacteriological testing, the Texas Department of Health has directed the People's Water System to notify its customers that the water being supplied is potentially unsafe for drinking," the notice said.

The water can be made safe for drinking by bringing it to a rolling boil for one minute, according to the notice.

People's water system serves residents in several subdivisions at Lake Brownwood, located north of Brownwood, about 75 miles southeast of Abilene.

Thompson said they issued the order after the health department "continuously failed to get good samples from tests. Although we did not isolate any coliform bacteria, we could not rule it out because of the turbidity," he said.

Coliform bacteria thrives on raw sewage.

Thompson said the water, which is pumped directly from Lake Brownwood, is so full of silt and residue that it could not be filtered enough for successful tests. Customers in the system have complained repeatedly that the water is muddy and stains bathtubs and sinks red.

"I feel dirtier after I take a shower than I did before I took it," Mrs. Mike Miller, a resident of Shamrock Shores subdivision told the Abilene Reporter-News.

Customers of the water system chartered a bus to Austin two summers ago to complain to state officials, Mrs. Miller said.

State Assistant Attorney General Linda Freeman said Wednesday she intends to file a lawsuit against People's Water System next week in 35th district court in Brownwood for past violations of state standards.

"... My petition cites 14 pages of violations by the People's Water System. We will prosecute the case," she said.

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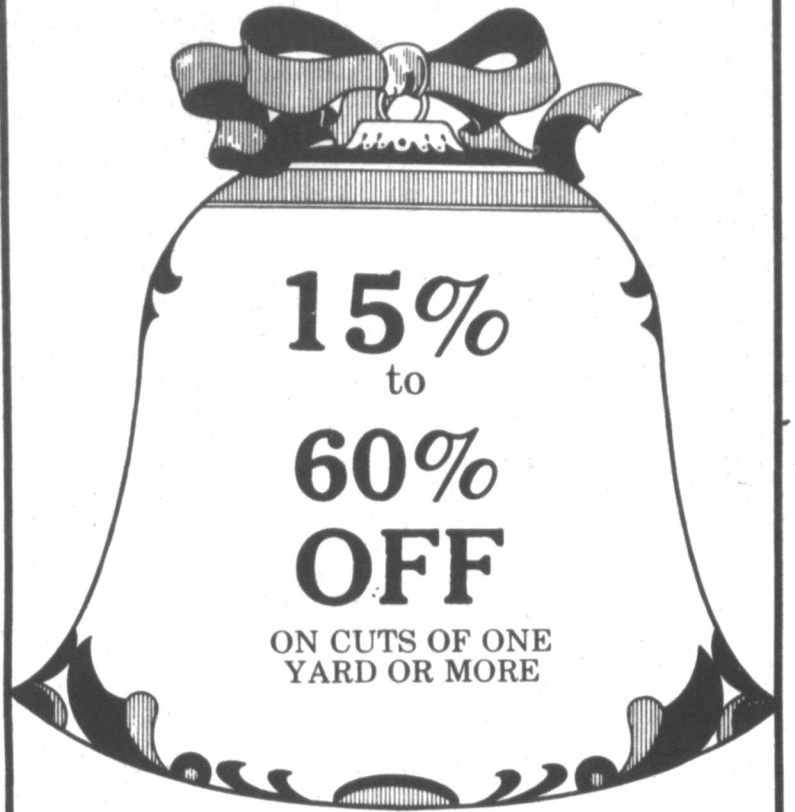
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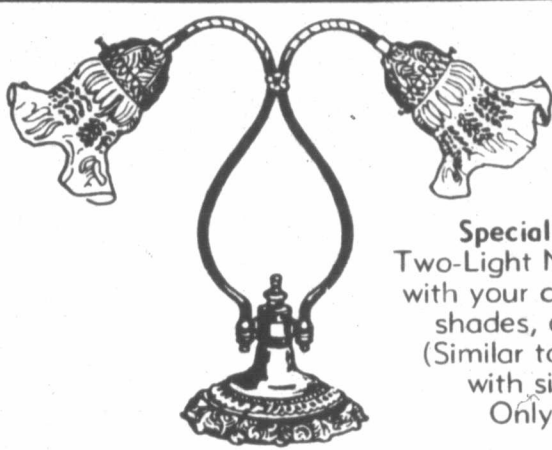
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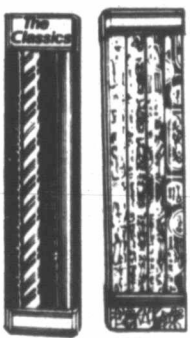
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- 10 Tooth and —
- 11 Pertaining to an age
- 19 One (Sp.)
- 20 Ankle covers
- 22 Air (comb. form)
- 23 Boat rope
- 24 Hawaiian instruments
- 25 Small salamander
- 26 Carry on the back
- 27 Hawaiian city
- 28 French river
- 29 Holes
- 31 Sliding vehicles
- 32 Written communication
- 38 Upper
- 39 Mao

**DOWN**

- 1 Poetic foot
- 2 Crafty
- 3 Judicial order
- 4 Money
- 5 Overturn
- 6 Volume units (abbr.)

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41 Peever	47 Shakespearean villain
42 Obeys	48 One of Columbus' ships
43 Money opening	49 German region
44 Almost	51 Old card game
45 Polynesian god	
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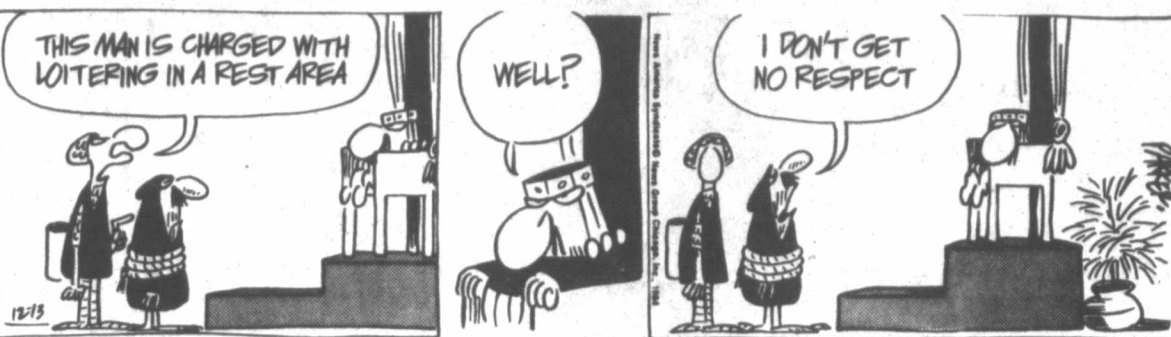
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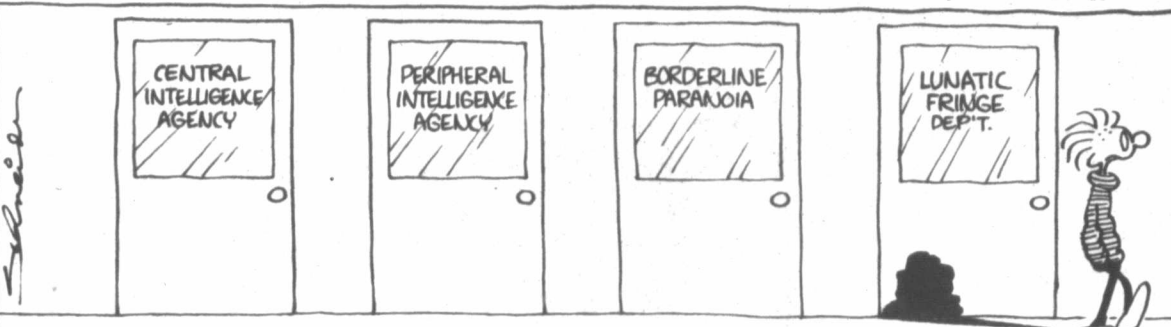
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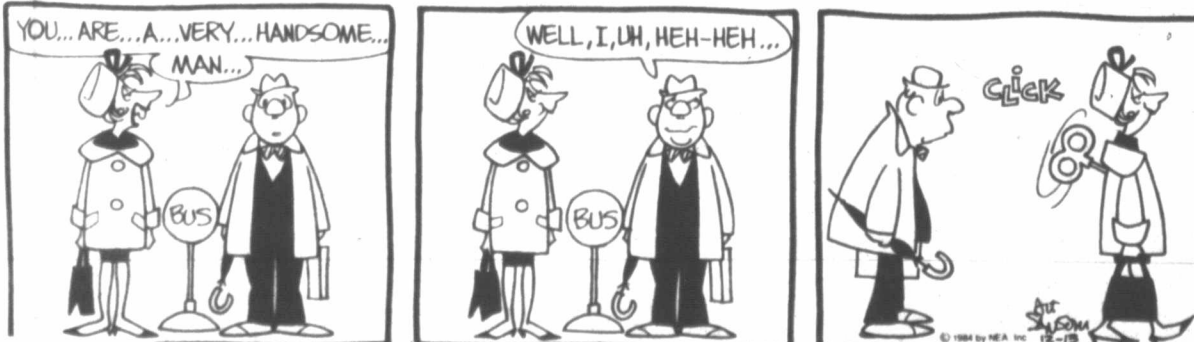
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**SIGNS OF TROUBLE**—Indian army troops take up position on a downtown Calcutta, India, street recently after mobs rampaged through the area, setting fire to a truck. Assaults on democratic institutions, communal violence, army interventions and the Gandhi assassination have raised questions to the strength and future of India's democracy.

# What's the future of democracy in India?

By DENIS D. GRAY  
Associated Press Writer  
NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Assaults on democratic institutions, communal violence, army interventions and the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi have raised the question of the strength of India's democracy.

"Democracy has a bright future in India. It is invigorating itself with every election," insists Ram Krishna Trivedi, chief commissioner of the country's eighth general election since independence from Great Britain in 1947.

A staggering 370 million of India's 730 million people will be eligible to cast ballots late this month.

A number of respected political commentators and academics recently interviewed in the Indian capital tend, with some reservations, to share the commissioner's optimism. Seen as the greatest potential threat is an insurgency that would fuel a rightist surge in the name of India's unity and end in an army take-over.

The traditionally apolitical, 1.2-million-strong army has, by government account, been called out of the barracks more than 370 times in the past four years, often to quell civil disturbances.

Most recently, troops were ordered to end Sikh-Hindu carnage following the Oct. 31 assassination of Mrs. Gandhi by two of her security men who were identified as members of India's Sikh minority.

"Army commanders are human: ask them to save the civilian administration time after time and

they will begin to get ideas... Military rule is no longer unthinkable," wrote the news magazine Imprint, labeling the current state of affairs as "the politics of uncertainty."

Another common theme among independent observers is the erosion of democratic institutions during Mrs. Gandhi's 15 years at the helm and uncertainty whether her successor and son Rajiv Gandhi, a 40-year-old former airline pilot, will have the power, ability and desire to make necessary changes.

The last few years of Mrs. Gandhi's tenure saw an unprecedented concentration of power in the executive and the prime minister's "kitchen cabinet," an emasculation of Parliament and its ruling Congress Party and the toppling or attempts at toppling key opponents through at best questionable constitutional means.

V. Tarkunde, a prominent lawyer and civil rights leader, said Mrs. Gandhi packed courts with pliable supporters rather than follow a tradition of allowing the judiciary to appoint judges. He also cited curbs on the press, misuse of government-controlled television and radio and a law of preventive detention in government-declared "terrorist areas."

"Mrs. Gandhi left a legacy of ruins," said Arun Shourie, one of India's top political writers. "But her departure opened the way for reform. Her mastery of a corrupt and venal system was so great that even attempts at reform were impossible."

Shourie said he sees Gandhi's

Congress Party winning the coming parliamentary elections, but then fragmenting under inadequate leadership. This, he said, would foster the rise of leaders long held in check by Mrs. Gandhi and, it is hoped, a democratic revitalization.

But, he warned: "There is also a popular urge for army rule because people no longer look to the government for development, justice or even physical security.

One day, two or three generals may just decide to run things."

Dr. Yogindra Singh, a leading sociologist, maintained that the debasement of democracy could not be blamed solely on Mrs. Gandhi.

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# Experts say water conservation may become way of life

**By BEN GOODWIN**  
**Corpus Christi Caller**  
**CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP)**  
 The Nueces River is flowing. Rationing is easing. The three-year drought has been broken. The crisis is over.

No way, say the experts. One water official predicts conservation will become a way of life for South Texas. The Nueces already is producing about as much water as possible. And the act of illegally taking water from the river or violating water rights seem to be accepted as a way of life.

Concern that Lake Corpus Christi could be reduced to mud puddles because of extensive misuse of Nueces River water has been labeled as far-fetched and exaggerated.

And while the Corpus Christi City Council has eased water rationing, all of the drought-breaking measures taken this year or proposed for the future are temporary in nature. The future is still being studied.

Back in 1953, U.S. Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson told a meeting of the Nueces River Conservation and Reclamation District that "the decision on how to conserve water and utilize water resources is the most important that will be made in our lifetime. Water is our future."

The conservation district was the forerunner of the Nueces River Authority. The authority and the city of Corpus Christi manage the Nueces River.

It took until the mid-1970s for the authority and the city to agree on composition of the authority's board of directors. Corpus Christi wanted more representation on the board, which had been controlled by middle and upper Nueces River appointees.

The city and the Nueces River folks have gotten along since then, although sometimes the ground has been a little shaky.

Once they agreed, plans for construction of the Choke Canyon Reservoir progressed and finally was completed in mid-1982. But Choke Canyon together with Lake Corpus Christi only are expected to provide sufficient water through the year 2020. Other sources will be needed.

The water won't come from the Nueces, nor the Atascosa and Frio rivers. The Frio supplies Choke Canyon while the Atascosa and the Nueces join near Three Rivers and feed Lake Corpus Christi.

Two recent studies have been made of the Nueces River to see if additional water supplies are available.

Corpus Christi and the river authority had the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation do one study, which was completed in 1983. The river authority also hired a private consulting firm, which finished its study in 1982.

"For all practical purposes, both studies showed there is no additional water in the Nueces River Basin in any significant amount," Con Mims, the authority's executive director, said.

The bureau, which concentrated its study on trying to save flood waters, concluded there are "no economically developable water supplies remaining in the Nueces River Basin."

The basin includes all or parts of Edwards, Real, Bandera, Medina, Kinney, Maverick, Zavala, Frio, Atascosa, Wilson, Karnes, Dimmit, LaSalle, Live Oak, McMullen, Webb, Duval, Jim Wells, Nueces, San Patricio, Kleberg and Bee counties.

The bureau again studied the possibility of a dam near Cotulla, but rejected the idea because of the high cost of water. The same site had been studied in 1944, 1958, 1960, 1964, 1982 and 1983.

The Cotulla dam also was knocked because of the high cost of construction: An estimated \$178 million in 1983 costs.

"In my opinion, the only way a dam can be justified is if a party is willing to pay the costs whether the water is actually available or used," said Mims. "So long as cheaper water is available, it won't happen. As our dwindling water supplies become more valuable, the economics of Cotulla could change."

One of the problems facing the Nueces, and most of the rivers in the state, is an over-appropriation of water rights by the Texas Water Commission. There are more water rights than water.

More than 300 entities and individuals own water rights along the Nueces River. Another 32 water rights have been granted along the Atascosa and Frio rivers.

The original rights came under Spanish land grants. The water commission held lengthy hearings three years ago. Many rights were continued; others rejected.

Water rights cover everything from small dams on sloughs and creeks feeding the rivers to portable pumps sucking out water.

Corpus Christi has about 87 percent of the rights on the Nueces

River, while the Nueces River Authority has about 13 percent. Most of the river authority's water rights go to farming and ranching. Corpus Christi uses its water for industrial and residential usage.

"It is normal to over-appropriate water rights, because not everybody uses them," Mims said. "But in dry weather, the use of water is accelerated. Everybody wants their water."

Mims said, however, the Texas Supreme Court ruled earlier this month that the Texas Water Commission could not over-appropriate water rights. He said this could have an effect on South Texas rivers.

The lack of water during the drought and the squabble over water rights has led to charges that water is either being stolen from the river, or an accurate account isn't being kept on how much is being legitimately withdrawn.

"Illegally taking water from the Nueces is not a serious problem," said Mims. "It is something we have learned to live with, as with any river in Texas. It is very difficult to catch anyone pumping water."

Tom Milligan, a spokesman for the Texas Water Commission in

Austin, agreed.

"We get anonymous calls. Neighbors are reluctant to turn in a friend for stealing water. By the time we notify our law enforcement people, it really is too late to catch anybody. We don't have the money or manpower to catch everyone," Milligan said.

Milligan said some confusion arises when people receive temporary permits to take water from the river.

Both Mims and Milligan said the only way to have complete control over the river water is through a watermaster.

"You won't have full protection until you are willing to pay for it," Mims said.

Milligan said a watermaster eventually will be named for the Nueces River. "We will be coming down there in not too many years," he said.

Even with steps to correct current water rights and a search for new water sources may not be enough, Mims said.

"As we advance toward the water deficit years ahead, the Winter Garden area will begin reverting to dry-land farming; pumping regulations will be placed on users of the aquifer to protect

both the users and the aquifer, and water conservation, throughout, will become a way of life," he said.

The Winter Garden area includes Carrizo Springs, Crystal City, LaPryor and Batesville. The area is known nationwide as a prime vegetable-growing center.

He said most of the irrigation is done by water wells, rather than river water.

"If they have to revert to surface water in the future, than we are in a different ballgame," said Mims.

He said the Corpus Christi area, in about 45 years, will be short about 45 percent of its water needs and the Winter Garden area will be short about 55 percent.

To offset current problems, Mims said he believes the Coastal Bend area will have to begin importing water from the San Antonio and Guadalupe river basins, but Corpus Christi cannot go it alone.

He said a reservoir in the Goliad-Cuero area would help, but it would be too expensive for Corpus Christi to bear the expense.

Mims suggested a possible partnership between Corpus Christi, San Antonio and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

"It will take a combination of a lot of things to really satisfy the Coastal Bend's water needs in the future," Mims said.

Doug Matthews, director of utilities for Corpus Christi, said the city has been looking at the possibility of a reservoir in the Cuero-Goliad area. No decision, however, has been reached.

"We also are looking at the possibility of building our own pipeline to Lake Texana (outside of Ganado)," Matthews said. "Both are in our long-range planning."

Matthews said Choke Canyon and Lake Corpus Christi will supply adequate water until the year 2020.

"We know after that, we will have to look outside of the Nueces River for an additional water supply," he said.

Matthews said the city's efforts of possibly getting more water through water wells, a desalination plant and importing water from Lake Texana through a rented pipeline are temporary in nature.

"We mostly are talking about a supplemental water supply," he said.

Milligan said a Goliad-area reservoir has been approved in the

state's water plan.

However, Milligan said no federal aid will be available for the project. He also said no one knows when, or if, the reservoir will be constructed.

Milligan added that if the Nueces River Authority and Corpus Christi hadn't squabbled for years over Nueces River control, Choke Canyon would have been full the past summer and rationing wouldn't have been necessary.

The Rio Grande Valley also is facing a water shortage problem, according to Dr. Gerald Higgins of the Texas Department of Water Resources in Austin.

Higgins said a recent study showed the Valley is about six years away from the start of a water shortage.

"Shortages will begin to make themselves felt by 1990. Trouble for the Valley will begin in six or seven years and by the year 2000, the area's water problems will be acute," he said.

He said that by 1990 increasing municipal and industrial requirements will push demand about 10 percent higher than the water supply. By 2000, he said, the gap will widen and could be as high as 23 percent.

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## White wants quick action

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Mark White asked U.S. House Speaker Tip O'Neill, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, Sen.-elect Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and the Texas congressional delegation for quick action on the roadblock to Texas receiving federal highway funds.

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# Friends, roommates reunited after 50 years

By SHERRIE LANGSTON  
The Paris News  
PARIS, Texas (AP) — In Bogata 50 years ago, four young teachers began shaping their adult lives in a little house near the school. It wasn't the nicest house in town, but they made it their home for a year. The sounds of the Metropolitan Opera and the ballgame filled the air. They ate with the janitor's family. They borrowed money from each other. They shared laughter and tears. They shared a respect and admiration for each other. They were friends. "We had two rooms and two double beds in one of those rooms and a washstand," said one of the four recently. Time has aged the women. Three of them are widows, and three are grandmothers. But time hasn't chiseled away the rapport. "Remember that old library table we had in our sitting room," said another. "What we called our sitting room." The quartet was together again for the first time in seven years. This time it was in a comfortable, climatically-controlled, well-furnished duplex in a nice neighborhood.

Gladys O'Brien Craddock, of Paris, opened her home to her three long-time friends. They remembered the good times. Again they shared the laughter. "I had a wardrobe trunk," said Wanda Penn Mauldin, of Austin, as she thought back to that house. "She was the only one rich enough to have a wardrobe trunk," Gladys added. "I had forgotten that," Irene Hunt Brown, of Calvert, said with a laugh. "Can you imagine four girls with one closet?" asked Fort Worth's Erma Biggers Traylor, incredulously remembering a while back. "What do you mean a closet? It was a cloth around a curtain rod," Gladys reminded. "Well, it was our closet," Erma chided. The four were teaching at the Bogata school, and the only place they could find to live was a small house about a block from the classrooms. They don't remember exactly how much the rent was, but they all agree it couldn't have been more than \$40 a month. Fate brought the four of them together. Wanda and Erma, who both claim Commerce as home,

didn't meet until they were students at East Texas State teachers' College. Irene and Gladys met in Klondike when Gladys' father moved his family to the town where Irene's father was postmaster. After all four graduated with teaching degrees, they secured positions in other towns. One day, their paths converged in Bogata. "Why did we not live across the street in that lady's house," Irene asked her friends. "She backed out," Wanda said. "We came in and stayed one or two nights, then she said, I don't want you," Gladys said. "What did we do?" Irene asked. "Were we that bad?" Wanda asked. "No, we were not," Erma said. "She had just decided that she wouldn't keep roomers." So, the alternative was the two-room "suite," which Gladys facetiously calls the little house. They ate with the janitor's family. "I never will forget how good the meals were," Gladys, a fourth grade teacher with 30-years experience including posts in Chicota, Blossom and Paris, said. "That's when I started gaining a little weight.

"That woman cooked well ... steak, gravy and hot rolls," Irene said with a look of fond remembrance on her face. "Real butter on everything," Gladys added. "It was the finest thing that ever happened because no four people were better fed," Erma said, "than the janitor's wife fed us that year." "I believe there was always a choice of four or five vegetables and often two or three meats. A huge, round table that was loaded," Gladys said. The school didn't have a cafeteria, so the four were delighted to eat the home cooking. Wanda said that when one of them had lunch duty, the others would bring a tray over to school. "Sometimes we ate downtown, and we paid 25 cents a meal," said Wanda, who taught in Austin before she married and moved to Plainview to run a bookstore. With the job and eating squarely tucked away there was entertainment. For the teachers in the small Northeast Texas town it was the radio. "I had a radio, but no TV," Wanda said. "I paid \$9.95 for that radio. On Saturday afternoons we listened to the Metropolitan Opera and the


ballgames." "Oh yes, the Metropolitan Opera many and many and many and many a time," said Erma, who taught at Paris High School after she left Bogata. Those nights were long ago. What has kept the bonds of friendship from loosening with age? "I don't believe we ever had a fuss," said Irene, who retired from teaching with 44 years to her credit. "Never a fuss." "We had faith in each other," Gladys said. "I knew if I asked one of them for anything, if they had it they'd give it to me." Wanda said: "This has always been amazing to me. "If we borrowed money we paid it back." Erma said: "Wanda always had the money. We didn't have any. Before the next pay day we'd have to borrow from Wanda. We'd go down to the drugstore and get a pint of ice cream and share it. Wanda'd have to pay for it." Then there was the "great big Coke for a dime" Wanda said. The drugstore in Bogata was a happening place for the young teachers. Gladys much, much later married the "soda sling," the man

who gave them a dose of castor oil for what ailed them. "He gave me my first dose of castor oil in root beer, and I cannot stand root beer to this day," Erma said. "He gave me mine in root beer the same way, and I cannot ever tolerate root beer," Gladys said, with Wanda adding hers had been in coffee. For Irene it was orange juice. "In Bogata you didn't have any substitutes. I had to go to school the next day," Erma said, noting that she was seeking relief from a nasty cold. Irene got another remedy for her cold. "Remember that time ya'll all went off to the show and left me? Do you remember that hot toddy?" Gales of laughter greeted this remark. "They went off and left me." She feigned indignance. Erma and Irene recalled a time they both set off to Dallas, separately, to shop for a new fall suit. They returned to Bogata with the exact same outfit, purchased at different shops. Erma and Gladys are both called "Mom-O" by their grandchildren. Erma, Gladys and Wanda are widows. Erma, Gladys and Irene are grandmothers. Erma and Wanda were both high school English teachers, and they both grew up in Commerce. Irene and Gladys lived as children just outside of Commerce in the community of Klondike. Through all their lives runs a thread of unity. They are of a kindred spirit.

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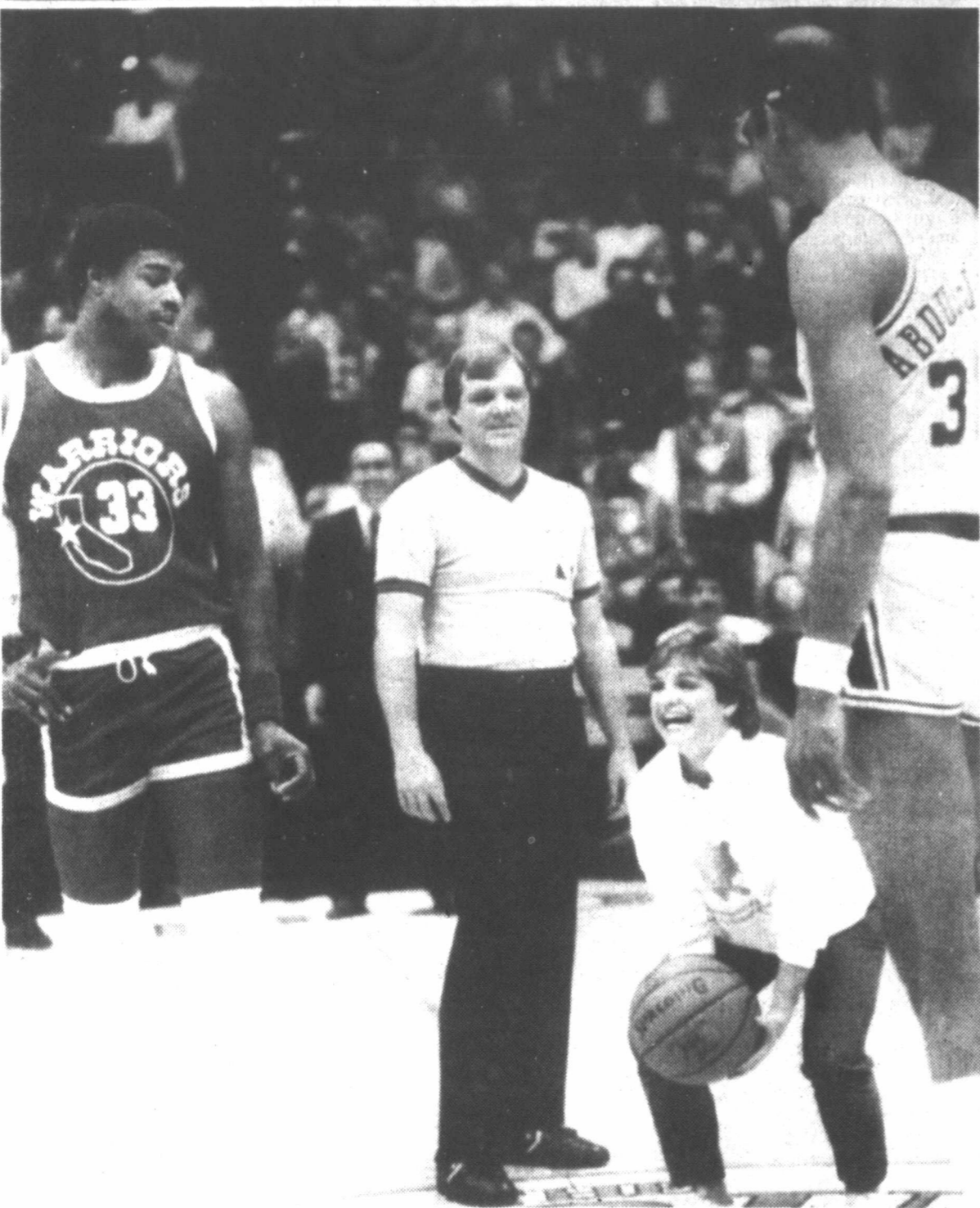
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## Post cards offer glimpse of history

SUNBURY, Pa. (AP) — Post cards are not only associated with vacation periods and the usual messages of "having a good time; wish you here." They can also provide historical data and a look at another era. J. Lester Marshall Jr., a resident of this Northumberland County seat, can attest to that. He is a deltiologist, the technical name for a post-card collector. Marshall has thousands of post cards that portray the history of central Pennsylvania, depicting current events sometimes in a rare and amusing manner. Starting his collection in 1976, Marshall began with cards from only the Sunbury area. Then he widened his collection to show towns in Snyder, Montour and Union counties. Some of his older cards show the dirt streets in towns of the Susquehanna Valley. Horses and buggies in use at the turn of the century are pictured on cards in his collection. "Most of the older cards were printed in Germany before World War I," Marshall said. "After the First World War, post cards sort of disappeared. A short time later, the U.S. Postal Department offered cards for messages only, a pattern which began around 1890. There were no pictures on the cards." Marshall said the first cards did not have the vertical line dividing the card into two equal parts. One side was used for a message and the other side for the address, he said. There were no pictures of particular spots or events. The concept behind today's picture post cards began in 1893 with lithographed post cards sold as souvenirs of the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Marshall has a set of the first picture cards. A set of 10 cards sold for 25 cents at the exposition. The format of the early picture post card differed from that of the modern post cards used by vacationers and travelers. Originally, both the picture and the message appeared on the front of the card, and only the name and address were written on the back. The standard post card in use today made its debut around 1907 or 1908, Marshall said. In the early 1900s, Americans were using the cards to advertise their products and businesses. As the popularity of photography increased, the use of the picture post card increased correspondingly. Marshall has some cards in his collection which he considers extremely rare. One set of his cards shows President Reagan and Vice President George Bush taking the oath of office on Inauguration Day. The one card shows Reagan apparently raising his left hand while he was taking the oath. The same thing is shown on the card with Bush raising his left hand while taking the oath. Marshall believes the person who processed the film reversed the negative, and the maker of the post card did not detect the mistake until he had many of the cards made. Cards in Marshall's collection not only provide a valuable resource for persons interested in the history of an area, but provide a quick look at current events. Marshall is a member and founder of the 25-member Susquehanna Valley Post Card Club. He says there are many collectors and dealers throughout central Pennsylvania. The idea of the club is to meet and exchange items as well as ideas.

# SPORTS SCENE



**TOSSING UP GAME BALL**—Olympic Gold Medalist Mary Lou Retton prepares to toss out, or up, in this case, the game ball for Wednesday night's NBA game between the Los Angeles

Lakers and the Golden State Warriors, in Los Angeles. The Lakers' Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and the Warriors' Jerone Whitehead (left) wait for Mary Lou to do their thing. (AP Laserphoto)

## NBA roundup

### 76ers edge Celtics

The Boston Celtics and Philadelphia 76ers shook hands and came out fighting, although all the battles were for points and rebounds instead of punches and headlocks.

Thousands of dollars in fines were assessed by the National Basketball Association after the two archrivals last met in Boston on Nov. 9. Superstars Larry Bird and Julius Erving were the principals in a fourth-quarter brawl.

On Wednesday night in Philadelphia, Bird and Erving shook hands before the game and the two teams battled to the final seconds before the 76ers won 110-107 to even the season's series 1-1.

"We shook hands with the referee and with each other and prepared ourselves to play tonight," said Erving, who scored 16 points. The two didn't say anything to each other about the fight, he added, "but it was a sincere handshake."

Despite the pregame peace meeting, Bird was heavily booed every time he touched the ball. He led the Celtics with 34 points.

In other NBA games, it was Los Angeles Lakers 131, Golden State 107; New Jersey 116, Milwaukee 109; Detroit 102, Chicago 95; Dallas 116, Kansas City 107; San Antonio 126, Denver 105 and Atlanta 116, Cleveland 99.

Rookie Charles Barkley and Andrew Toney provided the spark in the last 3½ minutes as the 76ers handed the Celtics only their third loss in 22 starts. The 76ers, now two games behind Boston in the NBA Atlantic Division, are 17-5. Lakers 131, Warriors 107.

While tempers were cool in Philadelphia, three players were ejected for fighting in the Los Angeles victory over Golden State.

Warriors guard Steve Burt was ejected in the second quarter for punching the Lakers' Mike McGee, who went on to lead Los Angeles with 17 points. In the third period, Eric Floyd and Byron Scott were ejected for exchanging punches.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 15 points to become the first player in NBA history to surpass 32,000 points. Rookie Peter Thibeaux scored all of his 22 points in the fourth quarter to lead Golden State. Nets 116, Bucks 109.

New Jersey, with only eight healthy players, got big

contributions from Buck Williams, Micheal Ray Richardson and Otis Birdsong to beat Central Division leader Milwaukee and break a five-game losing streak.

Williams had a season-high 28 points and matched his season's best with 15 rebounds, while Richardson and Birdsong added 27 points each. Pistons 102, Bulls 95.

Detroit pulled to within a half-game of the Bucks as Isiah Thomas had 23 points and 13 assists against Chicago.

Thomas scored 10 points in the third quarter to help the Pistons build a 79-66 lead, but a 23-8 streak by the Bulls put them ahead 89-87. After Detroit regained the lead, Thomas hit a 22-footer in the final minute following an 18-foot jumper by Michael Jordan that pulled Chicago within one point.

Jordan led the Bulls with 21 points. Spurs 126, Nuggets 105.

San Antonio routed Midwest-leading Denver as Artis Gilmore scored 23 points and guard Johnny Moore added 13 points, 16 assists and 10 rebounds.

The Nuggets, who were led by Calvin Natt with 28 points, turned the ball over 18 times in the first half and trailed 62-40 at halftime.

Mavericks 116, Kings 107.

Mark Aguirre scored 27 points and Dale Ellis added 10 in the fourth quarter to help Dallas whip Kansas City.

Ellis, who finished with 19 points, had three baskets early in the fourth period to give the Mavericks their biggest lead at 99-85. The Kings, who were led by Eddie Johnson with 25 points, later scored

## NBA at a glance

By The Associated Press				San Antonio				New Jersey			
EASTERN CONFERENCE				Kansas City				Milwaukee			
Atlantic Division				Phoenix				Philadelphia			
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Boston	19	3	.864	L.A. Lakers	13	9	.593	Phoenix	14	10	.583
Philadelphia	17	5	.773	Portland	13	10	.565	Portland	13	10	.565
Washington	14	8	.636	Seattle	10	13	.435	Seattle	10	13	.435
New Jersey	9	13	.409	L.A. Clippers	10	14	.417	L.A. Clippers	10	14	.417
New York	10	15	.400	Golden State	7	19	.263	Golden State	7	19	.263
Central Division				Western Conference				Midwest Division			
Milwaukee	14	10	.583	Denver	15	7	.682	Denver	15	7	.682
Detroit	13	11	.545	Houston	13	10	.565	Houston	13	10	.565
Chicago	13	11	.545	Utah	12	11	.523	Utah	12	11	.523
Atlanta	10	13	.435	Dallas	11	11	.500	Dallas	11	11	.500
Indiana	9	13	.409								
Cleveland	2	19	.095								

## Oklahoma City loses rodeo finals

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Twenty years of tradition just cannot compare to the promise of more prize money, a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association spokesman said in explaining the group's decision to move the National Finals Rodeo from Oklahoma City to Las Vegas, Nev.

Oklahoma City has been host to the NFR — considered the best in the world — for the past 20 years. The event comes during the first

week of December and draws the top 15 competitors in each of eight rodeo events.

The 10-member PRCA board announced its decision late Wednesday, some 12 hours after hearing final pitches from city and state representatives Wednesday morning.

The decision boiled down to money, said Dave Baldrige, director of media relations for the PRCA.

"Chief among reasons for this

conclusion are the increased prize money to contestants and the willingness of the Las Vegas Visitors' Authority to fully guarantee the entire budget of the National Finals Rodeo for the next five years," Baldrige said late Wednesday.

He said he did not know what the Finals' budget might be, but said the 1985 prize money will total at least \$1,790,000. Oklahoma City officials offered to add more than 50 percent to the \$1 million total.

## Kush to coach USFL's Outlaws

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Frank Kush, head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, has jumped the National Football League team and signed a million-dollar contract to coach the United States Football League's Arizona Outlaws, according to a published report.

The Arizona Republic reported today that Kush, former long-time head coach at Arizona State University, signed the contract within the last two days. Quoting an unidentified source, it said the pact covers a minimum of five years.

Kush, whose Colts conclude their NFL season Sunday on the road against the New England Patriots, may be on the job in Phoenix as early as Monday, the source said.

Steve Des Georges, Outlaws spokesman, said today that "to the best of my knowledge, the deal has not been finalized. I know that it's something that we have been working on. I have not been told that it's done. I can't confirm the report."

Des Georges said he had talked with Bill Tatham Jr., club president, before leaving the office Wednesday night, and he said Tatham did not indicate that a contract had been signed.

Des Georges, however, said the Outlaws have scheduled an open house Tuesday night for fans. And, he said, letters inviting season ticket holders to that open house state that they would be able to meet the club's new head coach

and coaching staff.

Kush has two years left on his contract with the Colts, but he reportedly has the option to leave the team.

Kush's record in three seasons with the Colts is 11-28-1. The club is 4-11 this season.

Tatham and his father, Bill Sr., were owners of the USFL Oklahoma Outlaws, who merged Dec. 4 with the Arizona Wranglers. The Tathams have controlling interest in the new club and renamed the team the Outlaws.

Paul Lanham took over the coaching duties of the Wranglers after George Allen resigned Sept. 27. He reportedly has been offered a job as offensive coordinator with the Outlaws.

## Pampa girls win swimming meet

LUBBOCK — The Pampa High girls' swim squad compiled 45 points to defeat Lubbock High (45), Lubbock Cornado (37) and Lubbock Monterey (18) in a recent meet.

It was the second consecutive win for the Pampa girls.

"All the kids kept their times and really did a good job," said Pampa coach Norma Foster. "We've been pretty competitive in every event."

Amy Raymond won two events

for the Pampa girls — the 100 breaststroke (1:14.07) and the 100 freestyle (1:03. Miss Raymond was also a member of the winning medley relay team which included Betsy Chambers, Renita Hill and Pauletta Morrow. Their time was 2:19.9.

Renita Hill also took first for Pampa in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:18.7.

Pampa did not have any first-place finishers in the boys' division. Lubbock Monterey won

the boys' division with 66 points, followed by Coronado, 34; Lubbock High, 29, and Pampa, 26.

Pampa's next meet is at the Amarillo Maverick Club on Jan. 10. Pampa swims against Tascosa and Amarillo High in a triangular, starting at 6 p.m.

Pampa's only meet at home is scheduled for Jan. 26 against Altus, Okla.

The district meet will be held Feb. 15-16 in Lubbock.

## Dallas Cowboys' defensive statistics

<p>Defensive statistics for the Dallas Cowboys through 15 games are listed below:</p> <p><b>Tackles</b> (primary-assists-combined)</p> <p>1. Downs, 93-38-131 2. R. White, 80-24-104 3. Clinkscale, 64-21-85 4. E. Jones, 61-22-83 5. Lockhart, 44-36-80 6. Walls, 56-20-76 7. Jeffcoat, 45-30-75 8. Fellows, 50-24-74 9. Dutton, 42-29-71 10. Hegman 41-29-70 11. Dickerson, 42-26-68</p>	<p>12. Breunig, 26-26-52 13. Bates, 29-13-42 14. Thurman, 21-9-30 15. Scott, 16-2-18 16. Cannon, 7-5-12 17. Rohrer, 2-8-10 18. Smerek, 5-4-9 19. Albritton, 4-3-7 20. DeOssie, 0-4-4 21. Howard, 2-1-3 22. Tuinei, 2-0-2</p> <p><b>Quarterback Traps (56):</b> Jeffcoat, 11½; R. White, 11½; E. Jones, 7; Bates, 5; Downs, 3½;</p>	<p>Dutton, 3½; Hegman, 3½; Lockhart, 2½; Dickerson, 2; Albritton, 1; Clinkscale, 1; Smerek, 1; Tuinei, 1; Thurman, 1; Walls, 1.</p> <p><b>Interceptions (26):</b> Downs, 6; Thurman, 5; Walls, 3; Clinkscale, 3; Hegman, 3; Fellows, 2; Bates, 1; Dickerson, 1; Lockhart, 1; V. Scott, 1.</p> <p><b>Fumble Recoveries (15):</b> Clinkscale, 2; Downs, 2; E. Jones, 2; Albritton, 1; Bates, 1; Dickerson, 1; Granger, 1; Hegman, 1; Jeffcoat, 1; Lockhart, 1; Rohrer, 1; H. Scott, 1.</p>
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## Pampa girls host Dunbar

The Pampa Lady Harvesters tip off District 1-4A play at 7 p.m. Friday night against Lubbock Dunbar in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Lady Harvesters are 3-3 overall and will be out to snap a two-game losing streak.

Saturday, the Harvesters host Garden City, Kans. in a

non-district game, starting at 5 p.m. The JV game between the two schools tips off at 3:30 p.m.

Pampa defeated Garden City, 42-30, in an earlier meeting.

Next Tuesday, the Harvesters (8-3) travel to Abernathy for a 7 p.m. meeting with the Class AA Antelopes. The JV game with Abernathy has been canceled.

Silver Valley, 20-17.

Pampa Red goes to Perryton today for a 5:30 p.m. girls game.

Next Monday (Dec. 15), the 7th and 8th grade Blue teams host Canyon Purple in more girls' action at 6 p.m. in the middle school gym. Pampa's 7th grade Red team plays at Dumas the same night.

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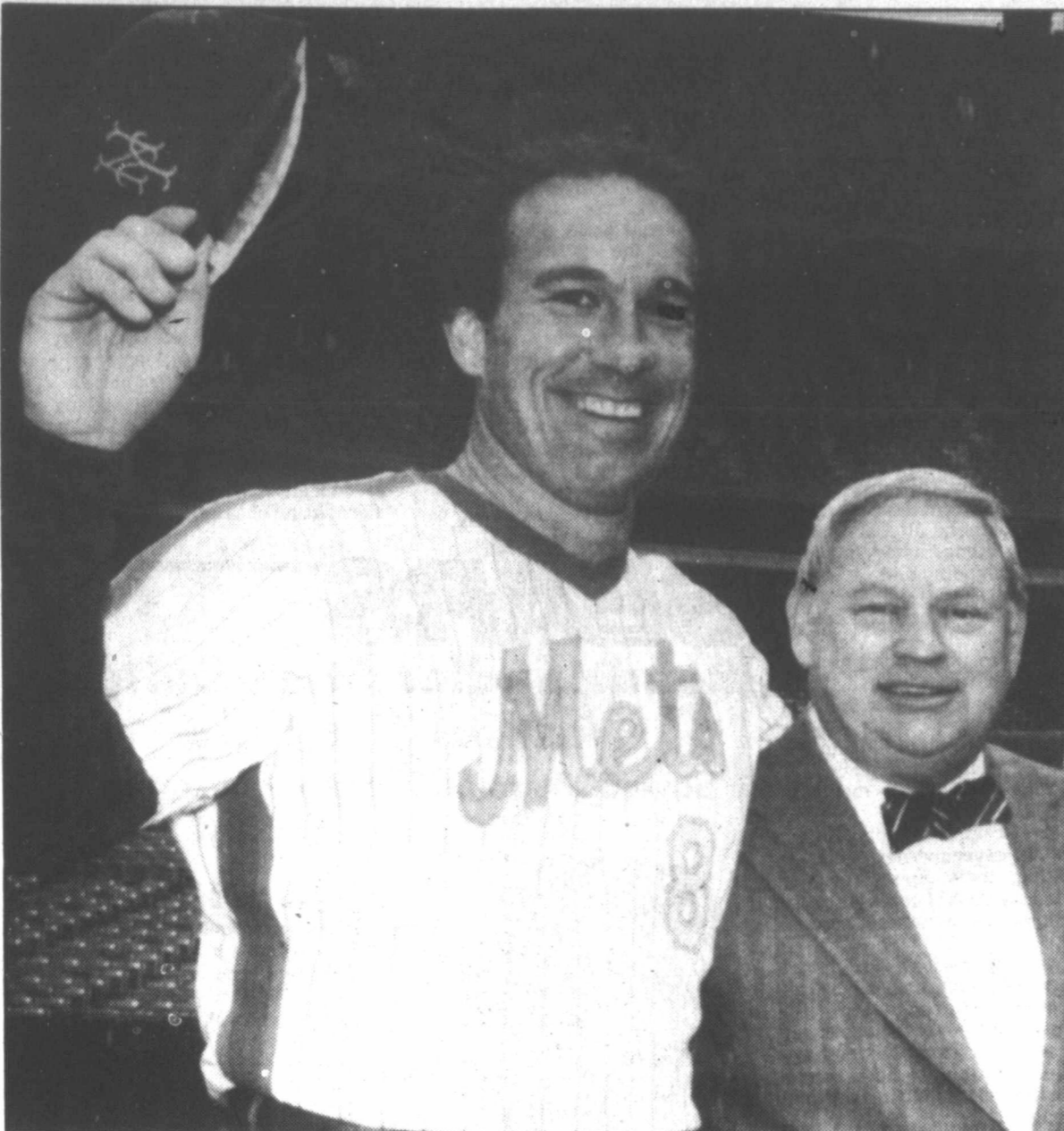
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EX-EXPO— Catcher Gary Carter, newly-acquired by the New York Mets, and Frank Cashen, executive vice president and general manager of the Mets, strike a pose in Shea Stadium Wednesday. The 17-time National League all-star played for the Montreal Expos for 10 years prior to the trade. (AP Laserphoto)

## Kosar heads all-academic team

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Sugar Bowl-bound Nebraska placed three linemen on the 1984 Academic All-America football team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Also named to the honorary team was sophomore quarterback Bernie Kosar of Miami, who finished third in the country in passing efficiency and fourth in total offense.

Nebraska's Big Eight co-championship team, 9-2, placed center Mark Traynowicz and defensive linemen Scott Strasburger and Rob Stuckey on the honorary team. Strasburger and Stuckey were the only two repeaters in the university division.

Kosar passed for 3,642 yards and 25 touchdowns in sparking Miami to an 8-4 record and a berth in the Fiesta Bowl. Kosar maintains a 3.36 grade-point average in finance.

Rose Bowl-bound Ohio State, Penn State and Bucknell each placed two players on the squad.

The Buckeyes placed defensive lineman David Creelius and wide receiver Michael Lanese. Penn State's honorees are linebacker Carmen Masciantonio and defensive back Lance Hamilton. Bucknell is represented by running back Rob Masonis and tight end Jim Reilly.

The College Division squad is paced by running back Jim Donnelly of Case Western Reserve (Ohio) and a trio of players from Dayton — offensive guard Jeff Slayback, linebacker David Kemp and kicking specialist Greg French.

Donnelly gained recognition for the third time while compiling a 3.95 grade-point average in mechanical engineering. He rushed for 755 yards in leading Case Western to a 9-0 record and finished with school career records in rushing yards and touchdowns.

To be eligible for the team, a player must be a regular performer and carry a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.

**BC Academic All-Americans List**  
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 LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The 1984 Academic All-America football team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America:  
**UNIVERSITY DIVISION**

## Badgers roll

Amarillo College improved its record to 13-1 Tuesday with an easy 85-50 win over Panhandle State University's junior varsity in AC's Carter Gym.

Andrew Kennedy was AC's top scorer with 23 points, followed by Steve Dailey's 17.

Kenton Simms had 14 points for PSU JVs.

## Lefors whips Allison

LEFORS — Lefors outscored Allison, 12-5, in the third quarter on the way to a 41-28 victory in girls' basketball action Tuesday night.

Lefors was leading at halftime, 21-16.

Lisa Collins was Lefors' top scorer with 14 points, while Becky Davis added six.

In the boys' game, Allison won, 37-27.

Huff was Allison's top scorer with 11 points and Russell Taylor led Lefors with 10. Kenney Forsyth added 9 for the Pirates.

# NFL opposes Eagles' move

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The National Football League will try to avert the Philadelphia Eagles' reported shift to Phoenix and put a stop to franchise moves that have become, as one team owner said, a game of "musical chairs."

And U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., says NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle has told him he does not want Philadelphia — the nation's fifth largest city and fourth biggest television market — left without a professional football team.

City officials worked frantically Wednesday to put together a package of about \$42 million to keep Eagles' owner Leonard Tose from moving the team to Phoenix.

Mayor W. Wilson Goode and other officials have been working almost around the clock since a flurry of reports began surfacing Tuesday that Tose, reportedly \$40 million in debt, plans to sell 25 percent of the club to a Canadian real estate developer who will move it to Phoenix.

Art Modell, owner of the Cleveland Browns, told RKO Radio

Sports Wednesday that the gathering in New York next Tuesday would be an "emergency meeting."

Modell, who has owned the Browns for 23 years, said, "You can bet your last dollar that every attempt will be made next Tuesday to try to enforce or try to preserve a sense of stability in our league we've been known to have for 65 years."

Asked if the league could somehow halt the Eagle move, he said, "I don't know. We might have some options. I think we've got to get all the facts, we've got to hear from our attorneys. We've got to do everything possible to stop this musical chairs that seems to be taking place in our league."

At a news conference Wednesday, Goode said he hoped to arrange a financial deal and avoid legal action to stop the move.

"I am greatly hopeful that in the next 24 hours we can work something out. We have in place enough of the facts to make an offer," he said.

Goode said he met or talked with

75 people willing to invest money in the franchise. He said 25 of them were willing to buy the team outright.

"But Tose doesn't want that," he said.

In Washington, Specter, who has held Eagles' season tickets since 1958, vowed to reintroduce legislation limiting the transfer of professional football teams when Congress reconvenes.

The senator introduced a similar bill last year. It was approved by the Senate Commerce Committee but did not reach the chamber's floor.

Specter said the teams should not be allowed to move unless they cannot survive as a profitable business.

Canadian businessman James Monaghan, who maintains a part-time residence in Phoenix, confirmed Wednesday he hopes to buy part of the Eagles' club.

The Eagles are supposed to use Sun Devil Stadium in suburban Tempe on the campus of Arizona State University.

# Marino unanimous choice for AFC All-Pro football team

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Marino is hoping that, after throwing 64 touchdown passes, he'll finally get a chance to toss one in the Pro Bowl.

The Miami Dolphins' spectacular quarterback, who set a pro football record with 44 touchdowns this season, was a unanimous choice Wednesday to the American Football Conference team that will compete in the Pro Bowl on Jan. 27.

Marino threw for 20 touchdowns as a rookie in earning selection to the Pro Bowl last season, but wasn't able to play in that game because of a knee injury.

"I was disappointed last season," said Marino, "but it's definitely an honor to be chosen by your peers — and it's even more of an honor to be a unanimous choice."

Marino will have a lot of familiar faces in the huddle when he sends the AFC offensive unit against the National Conference. Wide receiver Mark Duper, guard Ed Newman and center Dwight Stephenson also were named as AFC starters, and Dolphin wide receiver Mark Clayton was named as a reserve.

Marino was one of three unanimous selections to the AFC

squad. He was joined by running back Marcus Allen of the defending Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Raiders and defensive back Ken Easley of the Seattle Seahawks.

The Dolphins and Raiders each put eight players on the 41-player team and Seattle had seven selectees. Only Buffalo and Indianapolis failed to land a player on the team.

Joining Marino and Allen in the backfield will be running back Freeman McNeil of the New York Jets.

Other offensive starters are wide receiver John Stallworth of Pittsburgh, tackles Anthony Munoz of Cincinnati and Brian Holloway of New England and guard John Hannah of New England.

The defensive unit includes ends Howie Long of the Raiders and Mark Gastineau of the New York Jets; nose tackle Joe Nash of Seattle; linebackers Rod Martin of the Raiders, Mike Merriweather and Robin Cole, both of Pittsburgh, and Steve Nelson of New England; cornerbacks Mike Haynes and Lester Hayes and safety Vann McElroy of the Raiders.

Gastineau, incidentally, was selected for the Pro Bowl despite finishing only third — behind

McNeil and center Joe Fields — in the Jets' most valuable player voting.

The team was chosen by a vote of each of the AFC's 14 coaches and the NFL Players Association members on each of the team. Each team's vote was counted as two units — the coaches as one, the players as another.

Also named to the squad were quarterback Dave Krieg of Seattle; running backs Earnest Jackson of San Diego and Sammy Winder of Denver; tackle Henry Lawrence of the Raiders; guard Mike Munchak of Houston; center Mike Webster of Pittsburgh; tight end Todd Christensen of the Raiders; defensive end Art Still of Kansas City; nose tackle Bob Baumhower of Miami; linebackers Andre Tippett of New England and A.J. Duhe of Miami; cornerback Dave Brown of Seattle and safety Deron Cherry of Kansas City.

For the first time, the team also includes a designated special teams player, Fredd Young of the Seahawks. Reggie Roby of Miami is the punter, Norm Johnson of the Seahawks is the placekicker and Louis Lipps of Pittsburgh is the kick returner. Lipps is the only rookie on the team.

# Season's Greetings from Busch Beer

## Pirates acquire Hendricks

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates have made their long-awaited move for a power-hitting outfielder, picking up George Hendrick and a minor league infielder from the St. Louis Cardinals in exchange for lefthanded pitcher John Tudor and catcher-outfielder Brian Harper.

The Cardinals, in turn, have picked up a "good, solid starter" in Tudor and have cleared their outfield for younger players such as Andy Van Slyke and Vince Coleman, says Cardinals General Manager Joe McDonald.

Pirates General Manager Harding "Pete" Peterson, who

announced the four-player deal Wednesday, said he is still seeking more power for the Bucs' anemic offense.

The Pirates are awaiting Commissioner Peter Ueberroth's permission to obtain New York Yankees outfielder Steve Kemp and shortstop Tim Lincecum in exchange for Pirates shortstop Dale Berra and minor league outfielder Jay Buhner.

"This is what we're looking for — Hendrick's a proven power-hitter. And maybe we can still do more," Peterson said. "We always said we were strong in pitching and we can afford to give up a pitcher or two."

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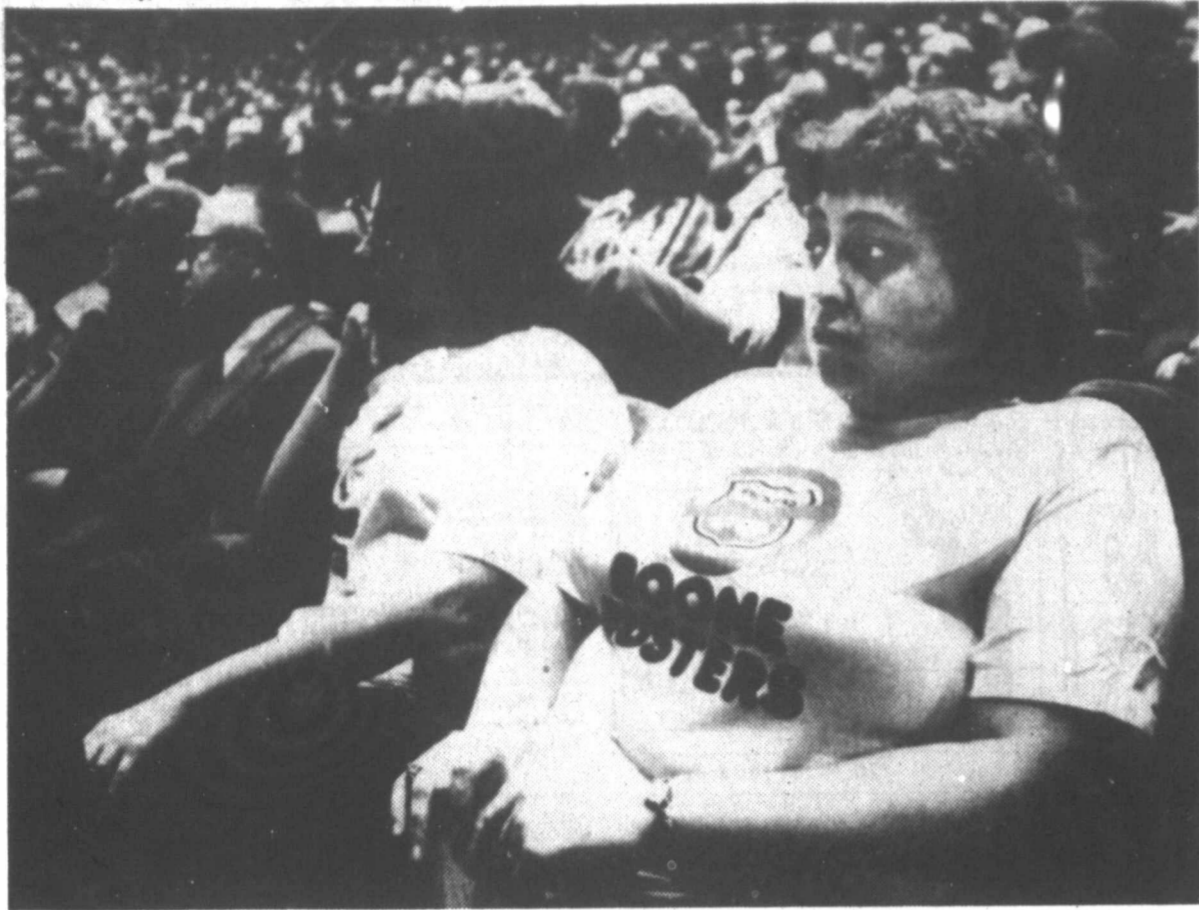
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**PHILLIPS RALLY**—Phillips 66 employee Marilyn Fibbler sports a Boone Buster t-shirt at a rally held by the Bartlesville, Okla. Chamber of Commerce Wednesday. The rally and the t-shirt were directed at the attempted takeover of Phillips by T. Boone Pickens of Mesa Partners. (AP Laserphoto)

## Pickens choses friends for takeover partners

DALLAS (AP) — When T. Boone Pickens chose partners for his assaults on some of the giants of the oil industry, he chose friends in the West Texas oil business — not high-fliers from Wall Street.

Cyril Wagner Jr. and Jack E. Brown are low-profile Midland oilmen who have made an estimated \$900 million in 25 years on a partnership based only on a handshake.

Last week, Pickens asked them to join his bid for Phillips Petroleum Co. of Bartlesville, Okla. They were also partners in Pickens' assault on Gulf Corp. last year.

But long before they got involved in high-stakes corporate raiding, they were making their fortunes in the rough and tumble of the West Texas oil business.

"Folks outside the industry don't have much appreciation for a dry hole. That element of extreme risk brings people into a special kind of understanding," said professor Roger Olien of the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa.

Brown and Wagner, like many Midland oilmen, jealously guard

their privacy. Neither they nor Pickens are eager to discuss their relationship.

But, according to The Dallas Morning News, business associates say the recent partnership has more to do with personal relationships than finances.

"If you have to bring in partners, the main prerequisite is that you have to trust them, rather than that they have money or contacts," said G. Michael Boswell, president of Sunshine Mining Co. of Dallas, which was also a partner in the Gulf bid.

According to documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Wagner's Cy-7 Inc. has a \$100 million stake in Mesa Partners, which was formed for the Phillips takeover attempt. Brown's Jack-7 Inc. has another \$100 million and Pickens' Mesa Asset Co. has \$1.6 billion.

Wagner, 50, is also on the board of Pickens' Mesa Petroleum Co. in Amarillo.

"Cy and Boone are very close personal friends," Boswell said. "I think they have known each other for years."

Unlike Pickens, Wagner, 50, and Brown, 59, keep a low profile.

"Boone is much more attuned to the corporate world and the press in New York," Boswell said.

Wagner, a geologist, is from Tulsa, Okla., and Brown, a petroleum engineer, is from San Antonio. According to a former employee who asked to remain anonymous, they both moved to Midland in the late 1950s.

They met around 1958 when they both worked for a now-defunct drilling company in Midland, the former employee said, and by the early 1960s, they were drilling for oil together.

"They have a partnership based on nothing more than a handshake," Boswell said.

In the last few years, Brown and Wagner reportedly have branched out from the oil and gas ventures that made them wealthy. According to the News, their partnership now owns aerospace, plastics and ventilation product manufacturing firms.

Court filings show that Brown even invested \$150,000 into research for the DeLorean sports

car.

In forming a partnership for the assault on Phillips, Pickens avoided the antitrust law that would have required federal regulators to approve the takeover.

Pickens also has said he has arranged to transfer Phillips stock to his partners if Phillips attempts to take over Mesa in a defensive maneuver.

## Students wanting regents to dump university's South Africa holdings

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — University of Texas regents, meeting today and Friday in El Paso, are scheduled to consider a proposal to rid the UT system of financial holdings in companies that do business in South Africa.

Several UT students, noting recent protests over South Africa's racial policies and the recent visit between President Reagan and South African Bishop Desmond Tutu, say they hope the regents will agree with the idea.

"I think it will have an effect," student Eddie Reeves said of recent anti-apartheid publicity.

"The regents have got to at least be thinking about it," he said. "There have been editorial cartoons saying South Africa is going to explode at any minute."

"That seems to be the consensus of anyone who studies the issue," Reeves added. "If regents look at that, there's no way they can keep their money over there."

Reeves is one of several students involved in a seven-year effort on the UT campus to persuade regents to consider divestiture.

A coalition of student groups supports divestiture as an economic sanction against South Africa's policy of apartheid, a system where blacks are kept separate from the white minority and denied many political rights.

Demonstrations at the South African Embassy in Washington have resulted in the arrests of several prominent civil rights leaders and others.

Trevor Pearlman, a former UT student and a South African native, said the demonstrations should influence the regents.

"I hope it re-emphasizes to regents of the university that it's not just an issue raised by radical students ... It's a concern to a great number of Americans, and I hope this will assist them in realizing the magnitude of the concern," said Pearlman, who was vice president of the UT student body last year.

While at UT, Pearlman successfully sponsored a resolution before the University Council condemning oppressive civil and human rights policies in South Africa and calling for the divestment of UT funds from companies doing business there.

"When I brought that to the University Council, a professor turned around and told me it was a million-to-one shot the resolution would pass. After that meeting, my faith in human beings was restored," said Pearlman, whose family moved from Johannesburg to the United States four years ago.

"I think taking into account that the regents are good and decent people that they'll make a good and decent judgment," he said.

Pearlman, who is white, said most white South Africans do not

share his views on apartheid.

"The problem is that South African whites for the most part honestly believe the system as it is is perfect," said Pearlman, who is now a law student at Southern Methodist University.

The UT regents' land and investment committee listened to arguments for and against

divestiture in an earlier hearing. Regent Beryl Buckley Milburn, chairman of the committee, said the group will present a report to the board at the El Paso meeting.

Of the university investment portfolio of \$2.2 billion, about \$600 million, or 27-percent, relates to companies doing business in South Africa, according to UT officials.

## Experts debate who's responsible for holding down health care costs

BOSTON (AP) — Economists say pressure to slow the growth of the nation's \$400 billion annual medical bill will force doctors to withhold certain care, but a physician says cost should not control decisions about what's best for the sick.

Such debates arise from the growing conviction that health care will have to be rationed to control costs. At issue is who will decide which patients are entitled to receive what kinds of expensive therapy.

"The pressure to be more economical in the provision of care will force physicians to make decisions that are contrary to the best interests of individual patients, even though these decisions may make a great deal of sense from the viewpoint of society as a whole," Stanford University economist Victor R. Fuchs wrote in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

Fuchs' report was one of three examining strategies to rein in the explosive cost of health care, which he said was more than \$1 billion a day and nearly 11 percent of the gross national product.

Dr. Norman G. Levinsky, chief of medicine at Boston University Medical Center, argued that

doctors have to put their patients' interests first, no matter what the price.

"Physicians are required to do everything that they believe may benefit each patient without regard to costs or other societal considerations," he wrote. "In caring for an individual patient, the doctor must act solely as that patient's advocate against the apparent interests of society as a whole, if necessary."

But economist Lester C. Thurow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, argued that "our basic problem is that somehow we are going to have to learn to say 'No.'"

Thurow said that ordinarily,

doctors add on treatments until they produce no additional benefits. However, more and more techniques have come along that can slightly improve a diagnosis or prolong a life. An almost unlimited amount of money can be spent before doctors reach their traditional stopping point.

He recommended that doctors establish standards to determine when treatment should end.

"The medical profession now has professional norms concerning what constitutes bad medical practice," Thurow wrote. "Those norms have to be expanded to include cases in which high costs are not justified by minor expected benefits."

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*Woman learns private affairs are matters of public record*

By Abigail Van Buren

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1. It was not his first marriage.
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I called the local Alcoholics Anonymous chapter and asked the people there to please send me some literature. I've just read it, and you know, I feel better already.

I wanted to share my accomplishment with the world, and what better way than to write to you? I don't have the guts to go to a meeting yet, but eventually I will.

Love from a female college student. Sign me ...

OPTIMISTIC

DEAR OPTIMISTIC: Your letter was a real upper. You're going to make it. All you have to do is stay sober—one day at a time.

Good luck. And please write again in six months with a progress report. I care.

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DEAR ABBY: Like a lot of other people, the only time I write to some of my friends is during the holidays. My problem is that my husband and I are in the process of getting a divorce. We have been married for a number of years and have no children (which makes it easier), but it's still hard.

We are still good friends, but we cannot live together as man and wife.

How do I tell our friends? Would it be proper to give them the news on a Christmas card while wishing them a happy holiday? Or should I just send a normal holiday card like all is well and write a separate note later? Our divorce will not be final until February.

HOW TO TELL

DEAR HOW: Send a holiday card with your signature only, then add: Perhaps you haven't heard that I am separated from my husband.

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DEAR ABBY: My college roommate and I are having an argument. Was the old saying "Feed a cold and starve a fever"? Or was it "Feed a fever and starve a cold"?

PUZZLED IN TEXAS

DEAR PUZZLED: It was "Feed a cold and starve a fever." But the health care experts say: Don't go overboard to "feed" or "starve" any condition.

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By Florence De Santis

NEW YORK (NEA) — The fall passion for mannish looks seems to have passed as swiftly as it came, perhaps because it wasn't embraced by most women with the same enthusiasm designers felt for it.

Resort clothes, which are often really early spring tryout collections, look light and airy and sometimes are closer to the body. But they are undeniably soft and pretty.

But pretty doesn't mean ruffles, ribbons and candy-box colors. Popular is a simple long-torso look with hip emphasis, such as the wide, gathered white sash on Perry Ellis's loose chemise in blue linen with shirttail hem. Jackie Rogers cuts a chemise with bateau-neck in navy silk jersey. It has a shirred, wide, yellow hipband as its only trim.

Other designers accent the waist, which many are again belting in striking ways. Pauline Trigere's cummerbund snugly defines the midriff

on her dress of graphic dot bands of black on white silk, the bodice a full-cut blouson, the skirt slim but easy beneath.

Suits from Bill Blass, in off-white linen with lapels of camel or navy, show a waist-nipping tendency and a newly short skirt length that reflects the Paris directional change.

Some cautious designers retain the former loose trend by cutting down the entire silhouette but bypassing any waist fit, as Ronaldus Shamask does in his long, white double-breasted blazer to wear over tailored slacks, both in linen.

Caroline Herrera models her shawl-collared white silk crepe pantsuit on the tuxedo, leaving the jacket a little loose but elegantly tailored.

Sportswear designers, of course, can have it both ways, with pieces to make up a loose or a newly fitted look. For easy layering, Fire Islander pairs a gored skirt and long, fluid jacket, both in cobalt or eggplant jersey. A cowled jersey tunic in plati-

num pulls down over the skirt. To this add a twisted self-sash for the new waistline emphasis.

Another outfit, however, pairs white, tailored poly-rayon pants and a tuck-in jacquard camisole. You can also add a matching blouse as a jacket or as a top on its own.

Sweaters take a leading role in resort collections, usually carrying a stronger fashion message than the rest of the collection. Even a simple sweater and skirt in the Fire Islander collection looks dramatic when it's a white surplice edged diagonally in red, with red shoulders and hemband. The white skirt is in unpressed pleats for graceful fullness.

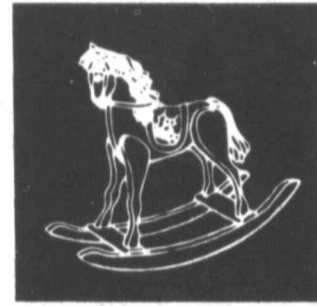
Lauren Hansen keeps her white cotton cardigan oversized, but stripes it diagonally in lime and turquoise. Helen Hsu still likes padded broad shoulders on her cardigan in wide bands of gray and white, with a single gray band at the hem of her white tank worn beneath.

Also in a loose mode are oversized

tennis sweaters, such as the vest at Lawrence Rich, with navy-striped V-neck, armholes and waistband. Gloria Sachs stripes her sleeved tennis sweater in blue and yellow, over a long multi-plaid skirt.

Where sweaters turn to the fitted look, it often starts with the Karl Lagerfeld fall couture collection for Chanel. He restructured the classic Chanel suit into a fitted, shorter, certainly sexier version. Don Sayers translates the look into a belted cardigan in bamboo-tone linen knit, edged in gray, with a matching camisole. Other designers mix the loose and the fitted, as in an extra long, lean cardigan knit in peach linen over a fitted matching tank top at Christian Dior Separates.

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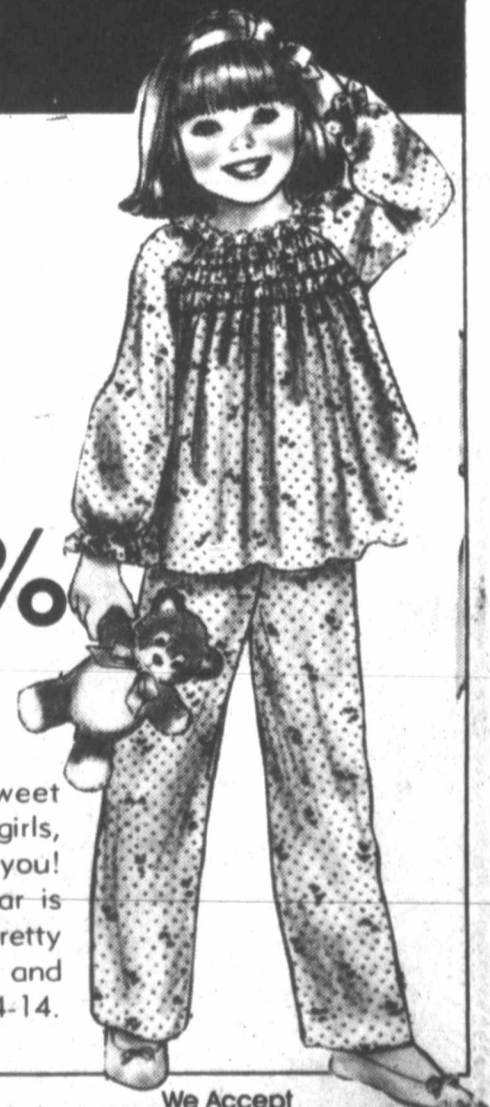
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# ANTHONY'S

# Williams named Sweetheart



Cathy Williams, FFA Sweetheart

Cathy Williams, a junior at White Deer High School, was named Top O'Texas Future Farmers of America Sweetheart at the District FFA banquet earlier this month in Canadian.

Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Williams, plays for the White Deer Does basketball team, is active in the percussion section of the high school band and is a cheerleader. She is a member of the high school student council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Homemakers of America and Future Teachers of America. This summer, she was a contestant in the Miss Carson County pageant.

The Sweetheart contest was held in the Canadian Middle School auditorium following a barbecue banquet at Baker Elementary School there. Nearly 300 delegates from area schools attended. Schools represented were White Deer, Canadian, Pampa, Wheeler, Mobeetie, Miami, Allison, Briscoe, Kelton, Perryton, Darrouzett, Booker, Spearman, Follett and Gruver.

Booker High School junior Candy Simpson was Sweetheart runner-up. The Sweetheart is chosen by district FFA delegates. Other candidates were Kim Smith of Pampa, Jennifer Signs of Miami, Diane Moffett of Mobeetie, Stephanie Harris of Canadian, Laurie Kim Boydston of Allison, Kristi Hefley of Briscoe, Lori Henson of Perryton, Melissa Chase of Darrouzett, Kristine Akers of Follett, Lori Fletcher of Gruver, Carrie Dextrife of Higgins and Tiki Jackson of Spearman.

FFA district officers presented honorary Lone Star Farmers Degrees to Max Ray Faulkner of the First State Bank of Miami, Dr. Ron Easley and Preston Parish and two Gruver men for their service to the organization.

Joe Cota of the Canadian FFA was presented with first place awards in talent and sang for the FFA members.

Other winners honored at the banquet were the Miami FFA Quiz team, which took first place in the quiz competition in which first-year members or freshmen are asked questions about FFA history or facts. Mobeetie FFA took second place. Booker took third place. In extemporaneous speaking, Follett took first place. Gruver took second place and Mobeetie took third.

MISTY NEEF, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Neef of Pampa, received the Miss Photogenic award in the 1985 Miss Lubbock Scholarship Pageant. She also won swimsuit and interview competition and was named second runnerup in the pageant. As Miss Photogenic, Neef will receive a \$500 portfolio plus her picture will be entered in the Ms. Professional Photographic Association of America Photogenic Contest. Neef is a senior at Texas Tech University.



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## Sportswear for spectators

By Florence De Santis

NEW YORK (NEA) — Active sportswear is no longer just for wearing when taking part in active sports, such as hiking, climbing, biking, sailing, skiing or horseback riding.

Sportswear makers now design styles that can be used for several purposes, or are colorful and sleek enough for city use.

Perhaps the leading example of such sportswear is the ski jacket, a popular daily "sports" item since the invention of thin, but warm, insulation that makes sleek styling possible.

Ski jackets don't make the wearer look like a puffball and the use of bright fashion colors in diagonal or block patterns has put ski jackets into general leisure sportswear.

Ski pants also have re-entered the general sports picture since they

were given sleeker lines. Many ski outfits don't look at all as if they were headed for the slopes, yet when you wear them while out on skis, they're entirely functional. The attitude now is that winter is winter anywhere, and sportswear should work whether worn in town or in the country.

Such well-known makers of activewear as Merona have altered their collections to reflect this fact.

One of their best jackets this season can be worn four ways. It's reversible from an off-white outer poplin shell to a quilted poplin navy side. The navy side is actually a removable liner, thus adapting the jacket to warmer temperatures.

But it can also be worn as a vest, since the emerald-trimmed sleeves zip off.

Merona has brought fashion color choices to their well-known moun-

taineering jacket with canvas shoulder patches, drawstring waist and contrast placket. Blackberry with white, navy with emerald, sapphire with rose are some of the available color combinations.

The colors are carried throughout the Merona collection, which includes some rugged Icelandic wool sweaters turned fashionable. One high crewneck comes in bold windowpane plaid, while another more classic crewneck has a two-color effect. The lighter top is divided from the darker body by a jagged border.

The Merona ski sweaters, in large diamond pattern, bold stripes or tweed mixes, are wearable anywhere because their colors are not confined to those known at ski lodges. They come, for example, in fuchsia with banana, or fuchsia, cypress and off-white.

## Beauty Briefs

### Winter makeup

Winter sunlight is weaker and "bluer" than summer sun. It can make you look tired, with shadows under the eyes that you don't have in brighter seasons.

Meet this problem with a change of foundation to a shade with a rose tinge. Use a special makeup stick like Flame-Glo's Under Cover to smooth on a bit of camouflage under the eyes.

Choose a shade lighter than your foundation to brighten the eye area.

### Deep breathing

Teachers once had their students do "deep breathing" exercises in mid-morning to battle sluggishness. Try it for start-ing your day.

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Avenue's not merely giving lip-service to the notion that women can really express themselves in the way they dress," says Ms. Pearson, fashion consultant. "There's no one type of clothing or particular style that's the trendsetting fashion this season. To be fashionable now means wearing an androgynous suit or a sexy dress, a short tight skirt or a long flowing one, an oversized man's coat or a fur coat or one that's down-filled."

In fact, Ms. Pearson says the only real restriction in putting together one's wardrobe is the often excruciatingly high cost of today's fashions. "While every woman dreams of wearing the beautiful designer originals, not every woman can afford them. That's where the home sewer has a real advantage."

According to Ms. Pearson, any woman who makes her own clothes can have precisely the same designs shown on fashion's more exclusive runways — designs from couture celebrities such as Calvin Klein, Perry Ellis, Geoffrey Beene or Ralph Lauren.

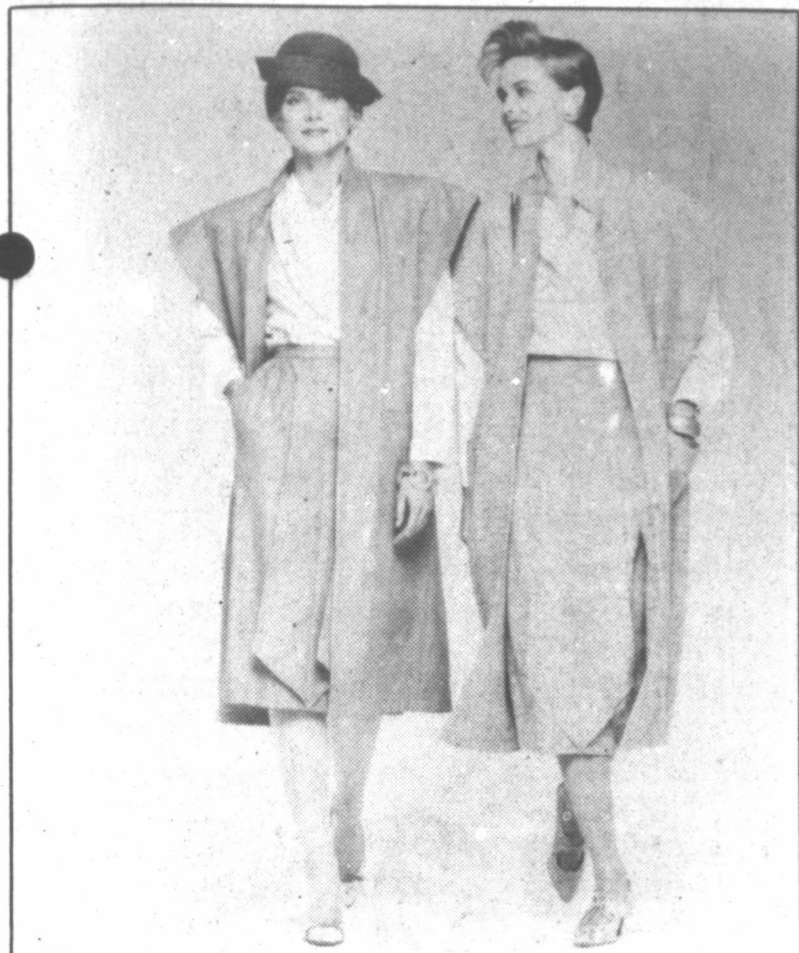
The obvious difference, however, is that such designs cost but a mere fraction of the designer's originals found in expensive boutiques — plus they're custom-made perfectly to each person's individual fit!

"Using the designer patterns available through Vogue, for example, home sewers can save as much as 75 percent of retail costs by creating their own designer originals," Ms. Pearson says. "Take a classic Geoffrey Beene suit and coat ensemble that would cost you \$4,344 to buy at a retail store. The same ensemble can be recreated using the designer's pattern available through Vogue in stay - neat fabrics of 'Dacron' for as little as \$69.10 in about 20 hours of sewing time."

As further evidence, Ms. Pearson points to a Jenny Sharp skirt and vest ensemble that would cost \$910 to purchase retail and only \$52.07 to sew at home, and an innovative Tamotsu design that can be sewn at home for \$76 or purchased retail for \$470.

But, Ms. Pearson is quick to point out that cost is not the real reason many fashionable women prefer to make their own clothes. She says a woman who sews can custom-fit the design to suit her lifestyle, make it in a fabric and color becoming to her and give it a made-to-order creativity and shaping she could never achieve with bought-from-the-rack clothes, no matter how expensive.

The new fashion emphasis on individuality has led to the emergence of a new breed of innovative designers who set the trends other designers follow. Now Vogue has made patterns available for eight of these experimental, assertive design talents, whose fashions previously have been available primarily through pricey boutiques and department stores. The new Vogue "Individualists" are German designer Alke Boker, Americans Carol Horn and Mary Ann Restivo, Japanese designer Tamotsu and Issey Miyake, Claude Montana from France and the English-born Danny Noble and Jenny Sharp.



**SCULPTURAL EXPERTISE** — Structural framework is the essence of Jenny Sharp's fashion. At right in the photo above is a Jenny Sharp original. The Jenny Sharp lookalike at left was made Vogue Pattern No. 1412. A classic Geoffrey Beene design lookalike, left in the photo below, is a three piece suit topped by an oversized A-line jacket using blends of "Dacron" polyester. The original, shown at right, would cost \$4,344 to buy retail.



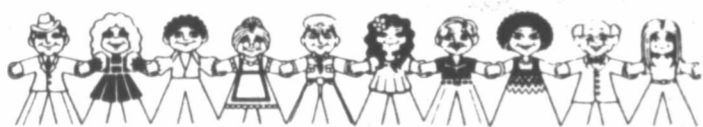
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