

## Principal thinks high school students' drug use down

BY JEFF LANGLEY  
Senior Staff Writer

Drug use among students at Pampa High School has declined from that in recent years, according to school principal Paul Payne.

"If the drug problem isn't better than in the past, then they are better at covering it up," Payne said. "I think if we look over a long period of time, we're in better shape than we were once upon a time... We don't see it or smell it as we once did."

Still, drugs, especially alcohol, are a problem in Pampa schools, Payne admits. Students who leave campus for a liquid lunch probably create the school's biggest drug problem, he said.

During testimony in a recent murder trial, young witnesses said many students at the high school belong to three groups, "the preps, the cowboys and the freaks."

The preps are the children of well-to-do parents, the cowboys

### Pampa deals with drugs

One of a series

are the western types, members of the rodeo club, and the freaks are "the dopers," the witnesses said.

At times, the informal groups have hung out at certain spots in the school's hallways, including the "freak door," "cowboy corner" and "soul city," Payne said.

The testimony about drugs followed a defense lawyer's later-rejected theory that unnamed members of the Pampa "drug community" had a motive to kill the murder victim.

The young people who admitted their drug use at the trial included a 14-year-old Pampa boy, who said he and

school chums started smoking marijuana a year earlier while students at the Pampa Middle School.

Pampa's biggest undercover drug investigation ever, announced last week, found evidence that LSD, "acid," was sold at the middle school, police said. The sale of acid at the school probably involved two adults and a juvenile, Police Chief J.J. Ryzman said. The chief said that while police had good information about the sale of LSD to middle and high schoolers here, they didn't have enough evidence to charge anyone in connection with incident. The chief declined to release the names of the people suspected of the LSD sale. The lone juvenile netted in last week's drug bust was detained in connection with the sale of marijuana, not LSD at the middle school.

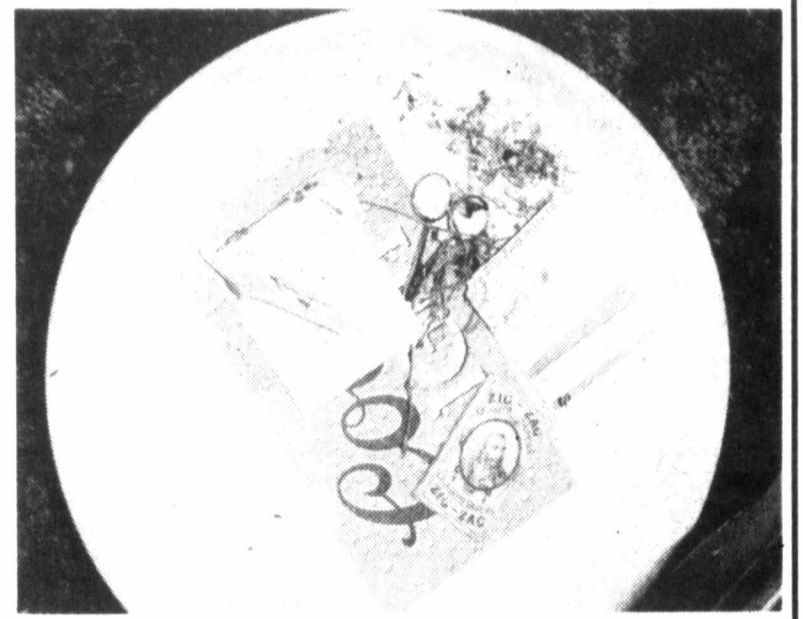
Police said the youngest known drug user here was a 12-year-

old boy. But officers said they have received undocumented reports of drugs being offered for sale at the elementary schools.

The reported decline in the use of illegal drugs by local high school students matches reported national trends.

Still, an annual, national survey done at the University of Michigan found that 63 percent of the high school graduates last year had tried illegal drugs. That figure was down from the 66 percent reported in the three previous years. The number of seniors who had smoked marijuana during the year before the survey was 42 percent, down from 51 percent in 1977. Daily marijuana users among the 1983 graduates numbered 5.5 percent, compared with 10.7 percent in 1978.

While Payne thinks that Pampa High School students' drug use has declined, he said it's



SMOKER'S DELIGHT — Police seized this "rolling tray" holding cigarette papers, a "roach clip," marijuana and stems and seeds after a search of a Pampa home in the recent drug bust. (Staff Photo)

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## Former officer's retrial under way in Wheeler court

WHEELER — A seven-man, five-woman jury was chosen, and testimony began Monday in Wheeler district court in the murder retrial of a former Pampa police officer accused of killing his ex-wife.

The trial was moved from Pampa to Wheeler on a last-minute change of venue last month. The retrial of Preston Wayne Maynard, 49, was scheduled to start in Pampa on Nov. 26, when 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhenny moved the case because of pre-trial publicity.

Jury selection in the retrial began about 9 a.m., and the panel was selected by about 4 p.m.

Maynard is charged with the Dec. 10, 1980 shooting death of Shirley Louise Maynard.

The defendant was previously convicted of murder in the death of a Pampa trial that began July 27, 1981 and ended a week later. The jury in that trial sentenced Maynard to 30 years in prison.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals reversed the conviction a year ago, ruling that hearsay testimony about the killing should have been prohibited at the trial. Maynard has been free on bond since shortly after the reversal.

Gray County Deputy Doug Davis testified Monday about being called to go to the home by former Lipscomb County Sheriff Basil

Duke, the defendant's stepfather. Davis said he and other officers had just arrived at the trailer park on East Frederic, when used his squad car's loudspeaker to ask Preston to come out of the home. Shortly after the plea, he heard a single gunshot, Davis said.

He said officers entered the home about two hours after the noise and found the woman dead. An intoxicated Maynard, wounded in the knee, was lying on the floor next to the couch, Davis testified.

The victim had been shot once in the heart with a .357 Magnum pistol.

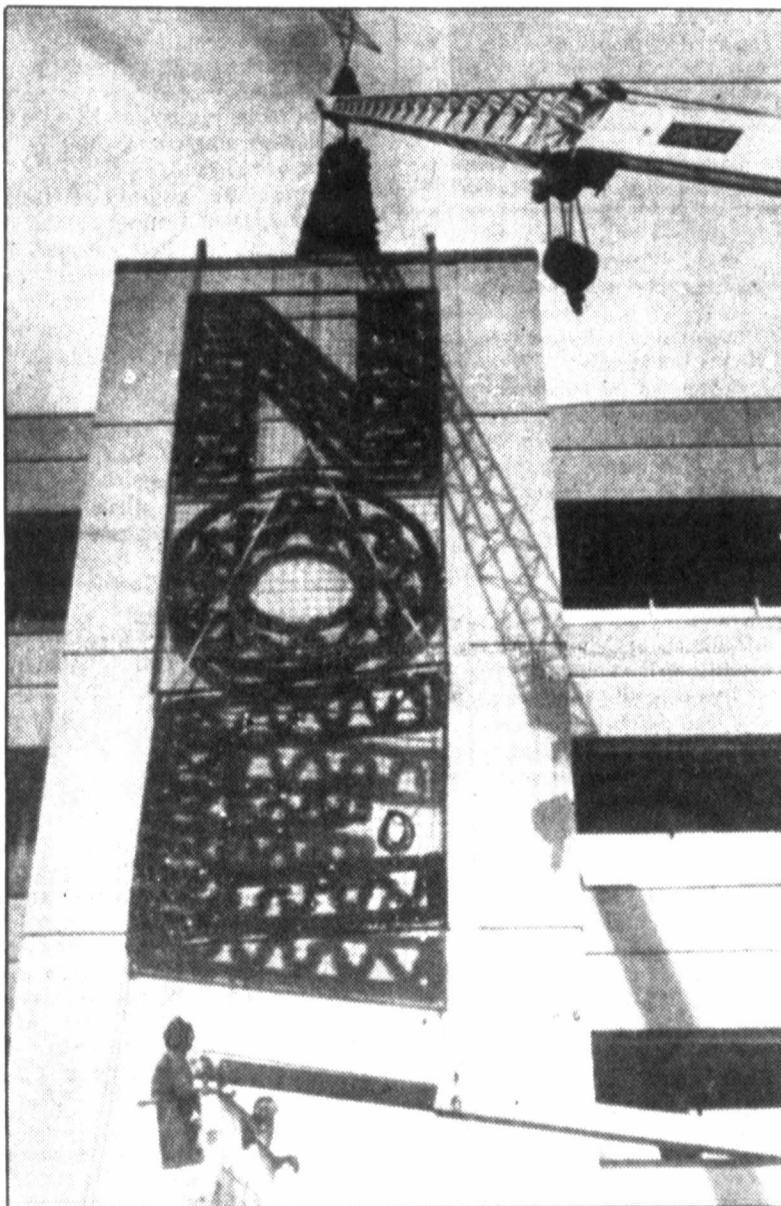
Davis said the suspect told officers that he had been "waiting" for them.

The alleged murder weapon was entered into evidence Monday. Also shown to jurors was a robe worn by the victim and photographs of the death scene.

The deputy's testimony was scheduled to resume this morning.

According to testimony in the first trial, the couple was married for 20 years but had received a divorce about two months before the shooting.

Maynard was employed as a janitor with the Pampa schools at the time of the shooting. He previously had worked as a police officer in Pampa, Spearman, Perryton and Brownsville.



RAISING SPIRIT—A 48-foot "NOEL" sign is lifted into position letter by letter at a Lufkin bank Saturday afternoon while a 40-foot Christmas tree is assembled on the roof as the bank prepares a giant Christmas display. (AP Laserphoto)

## Bell maintains figures show academic gain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Education Secretary T.H. Bell, in a parting evaluation of American schools, today released a volley of statistics ranking the states on a host of educational measurements, from dropout rates to test scores.

The departing education chief, in an update of the so-called "wall chart" he first issued last January, issued new statistics showing that the high school dropout rate improved one percentage point between 1982 and 1983.

Some 73.9 percent of students who had been freshmen four years earlier graduated in 1983, up from 72.8 percent the year before, the Education Department said.

And average scores on the two major college entrance tests, the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the American College Testing program, improved in 32 states, got worse in 10 and stayed the same in eight between 1982 and 1984.

"The fact that 32 states improved and only 10 declined provides tangible evidence of the academic turnaround that has resulted from the higher standards and expectations we have set for ourselves over the past few years," Bell said in a statement.

"But while we are encouraged that national test scores are

inching up after 20 years of decline, there is as yet no cause for celebration. We still have a long way to go to recover our losses since the early 1960s."

The report did not establish a definite link between expenditures per pupil and higher scores on college entrance tests.

For example, John D. Klenk, director of Bell's planning and evaluation service, said the states with the highest average SAT scores — New Hampshire, Minnesota, Vermont, Connecticut and Delaware, in 1-to-5 order — ranked 29th, 21st, 23rd, 6th and 9th respectively in expenditures per pupil.

The top ACT states — Wisconsin, Iowa, Oregon, Nebraska and Colorado — ranked 16th, 20th, 8th, 24th and 18th, respectively on per pupil expenditures, he said.

Bell added a new gauge: the ratio of pupils to all employees on the schools' payrolls, including clerical and support staff. It shows a national ratio of 9.9 students per staff member.

Bell and President Reagan have urged states to set a goal of trying to wipe out half the decline in college entrance test scores by 1990, and raise the high school graduation rate to 90 percent.

## Economy apparently gains steam

NEW YORK (AP) — A fractional increase of activity at the nation's mines, factories and utilities in November, along with other recent indicators, shows the pace of economic activity is picking up again, some economists say.

In the credit markets, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co. on Monday became the first major bank to announce a drop in its prime, or base, rate below 11 percent since August 1983, when it stood at 10.5 percent.

Manufacturers Hanover said it

would reduce its rate today a half-point to 10.75 percent.

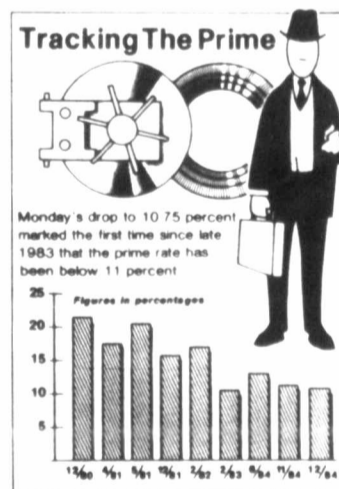
The broadest measure of U.S. trade suffered a record third-quarter deficit of \$32.9 billion, the Commerce Department said Monday.

The 0.1 percentage point increase in factory use to 81.5 percent of capacity followed three straight monthly declines as economic growth cooled considerably from the pace set in the first half of the year.

However, some economists said

those earlier declines have a positive effect on the recovery by delaying the time when inflation starts rising. Economists view operating rates above 83 percent as potentially inflationary, as production begins to lag behind demand.

Allen Sinai, chief economist for Shearson Lehman-American Express Inc., said the recent slowdown "has caused a receding of inflationary pressures as we enter the third year of the expansion."



## McLean hospital okayed by state

By CATHY SPAULDING  
Staff Writer

MCLEAN — While a Clarendon pharmacist sets up a temporary office in the lobby of the vacant hospital here, state approval to re-open the building is getting cautious reviews by area health officials.

Elmonette Bivens, co-owner of Bivens Pharmacy in Clarendon, announced that the temporary pharmacy will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will offer prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs and general health and hygiene items.

"We will not be a drug store as such," she said, adding that the office will not sell gifts or cards. "But we have anything you would find in a regular pharmacy."

Bivens agreed to operate the pharmacy temporarily until a registered pharmacist can move to town. Parson's Drug Store, the town's only pharmacy for many years, closed Saturday with its prescriptions and inventory sold to Gibson's pharmacy in Shamrock.

The Texas Health Facilities Commission Friday approved a certificate of need to re-open the city-owned hospital, which has been vacant since April, 1980. The city is leasing the hospital to an Oklahoma hospital management firm in an effort to re-open it.

John Neel, general counsel for the THFC, confirmed that the

commission gave Futura Health Care Services, located in the small town of Drumright, Okla., permission to reopen the hospital.

"Their next step is to begin completing their project: getting their license approved by the Texas Health Department, getting Medicare and Medicaid certification," he said. "By law, the hospital was viewed as an abandoned facility, so it would have to go through the licensing process."

Futura vice president Gerry Tipsword was not available for comment.

McLean city health officer Dr. Harold Fabian wishes the hospital luck in its re-opening, but expressed doubt that it could be supported.

"You're looking at \$400,000 just to get it ready for inspection," he said. "It would be \$15,000 to \$20,000 a month to keep it going."

Fabian had not yet heard of the THFC approval when he was contacted this morning. He said he was concerned about people having enough money to "open it, keep it open and practicing legitimate medicine."

He noted that other hospitals, with the exception of the tax-supported Parkview Hospital in Wheeler, are having trouble

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## Complaint filed with RRC

### Energas challenges Cabot's charges

Energas Company announced today that it has filed a complaint with the Railroad Commission of Texas against Cabot Corporation and its newly acquired transmission operation, Westar Transmission Company.

If the complaint is resolved in Energas' favor, it would eventually mean a refund to its customers, company officials said.

Energas alleges in the complaint that Cabot and Westar may have transferred certain utility property and gas supply contracts from Westar to a non-utility affiliate, and that Cabot and Westar have failed or refused to provide information required to substantiate the accuracy and appropriateness of its changes for

gas supplied Energas on the October bill.

Energas also says it has reason to believe higher priced gas purchased from affiliated producers or suppliers of Cabot or Westar was delivered to Energas, instead of lower priced gas supplies that may have been available.

The gas costs paid by Energas to Westar are passed on to some 210,000 gas customers in 63 incorporated communities and other rural areas on Energas' West Texas System. Also affected, but to a lesser degree, are over 59,000 customers on the utility's Amarillo system.

Charles K. Vaughn, chairman and chief executive officer of Energas, said the company

"considers the complaint to be a most serious matter, particularly at this time because of the larger winter volumes now being used by gas customers at a cost for which we have been unable to get a satisfactory explanation from Cabot and Westar representatives."

"If the concerns of Energas are verified by the Railroad Commission, we are confident it will order a refund from Cabot for any excess charges resulting from their actions, and will establish a proper mechanism for future billing," Vaughan said.

He said any refunds received by Energas will be passed on to its customers. However, he said it is

impossible at this stage to estimate the amount of any potential refunds.

The current pricing mechanism was established in 1979 by the Railroad Commission when Energas and Westar were one company under the former name of Pioneer Natural Gas Company.

Since then, the company was split to form Westar Transmission Company and Energas Company.

Then Energas was separated from Pioneer Corporation in October of 1983 and became an independent publicly held company, and Cabot Corporation purchased Westar from Pioneer just two and a half months ago.



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## Legislators want state to regulate fishing tournaments

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — Two state lawmakers say they are drawing up a proposal to regulate high-stakes bass tournaments and levy stiff penalties for those who do not comply.

State Rep. Alex Short, D-Texarkana, says he has been working on a hunting-and-fishing-contest law since allegations of cheating surfaced more than a year ago during the \$100,000 Camp Texarkana Big Bass tournament.

Short says Rep. Ray Kellar, R-Duncanville, chairman of the house Law Enforcement

Committee, also supports the proposal and has indicated he will co-sponsor such a bill.

The proposed law would affect those contests where the prize exceeds \$500 in value and would require promoters to get a license from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department before staging the event.

In the last four years, cheaters in fishing contests were subject only to disqualification. Under Short's bill, winners would have to sign an affidavit stating they complied with the contest's rules and state laws.

Short said falsifying this document could lead to a felony offense.

"We are not doing anything to hamper bass fishing or tournaments. The bill is directed toward those who rather cheat than rely on their own skills," Short said.

Four of six defendants pleaded guilty last week to conspiracy in U.S. district court in Marshall, where it was learned that more than \$500,000 was taken by fraudulent means from seven big bass tournaments across Texas.

## Chemical that killed thousands in India being used by Texas plants

DALLAS (AP) — Officials of two Houston-area plants that use the deadly chemical methyl isocyanate — the chemical that killed more than 2,000 people in India — say no hazards have resulted from use of the substance.

About 30,000 gallons of methyl isocyanate is being used and stored at a DuPont chemical plant in LaPorte near Houston, government and industry officials said Monday.

At the Velsico Chemical Corp. in Pasadena, near Houston, about 110 gallons of the substance are in use. The Dallas Morning News reported.

One of the worst industrial accidents in history occurred in Bhopal, India on Dec. 3 when the chemical leaked from the Union Carbide pesticide plant, officials said.

"We have been handling this material at LaPorte for 15 years and have not had any incidents whatsoever," said Jack Conmy, a senior consultant at DuPont's

headquarters in Wilmington, Del. "We treat it with a great deal of respect."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says the DuPont and Velsico plants are among at least seven U.S. plants that have purchased methyl isocyanate, an ingredient used to make agricultural pesticides, from Union Carbide, the only American manufacturer of the toxic substance.

Other plants are owned by Morton Thiokol Inc. in Weeks Island, La.; FMC Corp. in Middleport, NY; Nor-Am in Muskegon, Mich.; a Shell Oil Co subsidiary in Institute, W.Va. and Union Carbide in Woodbine, Ga. Union Carbide also manufactures the chemical at a facility in Institute, W.Va.

A Union Carbide spokeswoman at the company's headquarters in Danbury, Conn., said no problems have resulted from use of the chemical at any of the American plants.

"I'd suggest you not scare people," Laura Malis told the News.

Irvin Lipp, a DuPont spokesman in Houston, said two pesticides — Vydate and Lannate, are made at LaPorte using methyl isocyanate. The substance is entirely consumed in the manufacturing process, he said.

Lannate is used to kill insects in cotton and soybeans. Vydate is used to kill worms in potatoes and other crops, he said.



BANK ROBBERY SUSPECTS—Robert Grady Johnson, left, and Jay Wesley Neill, both of Lawton, Okla., appear before a U.S. Magistrate in San Francisco Monday after the FBI arrested the two men at a San Francisco hotel in connection with the holdup of a Geronimo, Okla., bank in which four people were slain and three others wounded. (AP Laserphoto)

## Heavy rains flood Central and East Texas

By The Associated Press

One death has been attributed to heavy rains that hit Central and North Texas last night and early today, sending rivers over their banks, making many roads impassable and stranding some residents in their homes.

A cave roof collapsed under the weight of heavy rains in Waco shortly before 9 p.m. Monday, and a man was killed by the crashing debris, authorities said.

"It was one of our bars in the south part of town. It had a flat-type roof with a ledge around the edge that appeared to hold water. The roof collapsed, and the man was killed," Waco Police Sgt. Carl Barrington said early today.

Barrington said the man's identity was being withheld until his relatives, all living in Mexico, could be notified.

Water reached car windows in northeast Waco, and streets throughout town were reported under water, authorities said.

Portions of Interstate 35 near Waco were said to be under water. Farm Road 22 was reported

underwater southwest of Hillsboro.

A flash flood warning was in effect overnight in Hunt, Hopkins, Franklin, Delta, Titus and Rains counties of North Texas. Heaviest rains were falling along the Sulphur River from Clarksville and Paris to Sulphur Springs, and on to Tyler, Corsicana and Teague.

Farm roads were reported underwater throughout that area. In the Union Valley community, about 12 miles southwest of Greenville on Farm Road 1565, members of the Union Valley Fire Department rescued a man who drove his car into high water and was hanging onto a tree to keep from being swept away.

That was about 11:45 p.m. Monday. About an hour and a half later, Sgt. Gary Conway of the Hunt County sheriff's department waded about 50 yards in waist-high water to another car stranded in high water. He carried a woman and her child to safety.

"We've had several people call and say water is up to the front door of their houses. We've been advising them that if they're safe,

to just stay inside because water is over most of the roads," Hunt County deputy sheriff Neil Dent said.

"At one time, we had a report of a child being swept out of a car that had gotten about halfway in the water," Dent said. "The father got out and when he returned, the child was missing. But he learned later that the child had gotten out with someone else and was already safe."

The Trinity River, which flows through Dallas, had risen to 28.7 feet by early today.

"If it is rising that fast, it will get near the 30-foot flood stage by early Tuesday," said Dave Galvin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. "But that's still within the levies. We don't expect any flooding in Dallas until it gets about two feet over that," he said.

Sulphur Springs in Hopkins County reported three inches of rain in a three-hour period, Galvin said.

The thunderstorms resulted from an upper-level system

moving across a surface low pressure trough, which was stationary near Little Rock, Ark. to Waco, Galvin said.

At Crandall, the Trinity had risen to 12.9 feet and a further rise to near the flood stage of 18 feet was seen as likely.

Farther to the northeast, where the heavier rains hit, the Sulphur River was near 18 feet near Cooper, and a crest of near 20.5 feet is expected tonight. Bank-full stage is 16 feet.

The Sulphur River was at 22.3 feet early today at Talco and was expected to rise to near 23.5 feet by tonight. Bank-full stage is 20 feet.

The White Oak Creek near Talco was 14.9 feet, with a sharp rise to between 17 and 18 feet expected by tonight. Bank-full stage is 18 feet.



### Off beat

By Cathy Spaulding

### Spending Christmas alone

How awful it would be to spend Christmas alone. I grew up with the blessing of spending Christmas with my families — either at my mother's Oklahoma City home or with my father and his parents in Arizona. And while not all of them have been the merriest ever, I thank God I've spent the holidays with my loved ones and not alone in a war, in prison, in the hospital or in a nursing home.

I never had those bleak experiences; but I have an idea of what they're like.

It was our college church group's annual Christmas Caroling Party. The soft northeast Oklahoma snow was gently coating the streets when my friends and I piled into the church bus to go caroling at the nursing homes in Miami, Okla. The director's wife and other church mothers were getting the hot chocolate, nuts and Christmas cookies together for our post-caroling fellowship in the church hall.

I could already smell the steamy hot chocolate. It was at the second nursing home we went to when I encountered loneliness. Our group clomped joyfully into the lobby where the residents greeted us. Frail old women slowly wheeled themselves to the front of the foyer. Old men turned from their TV shows to say "hello." I could tell the nursing home took excellent care of the residents, but still.

We started singing. The staff members joined in the carols, as did some of the residents. Others just stared at us. Some couldn't look up.

After singing four or five songs to the people in the lobby, we started caroling up and down the clean corridors. We passed quietly by doors that were closed or where we were told we would get no response. We shook hands with the residents who came to the door.

Then I saw her. She was peeking out from behind a narrowly cracked door, the room dark behind her. Although that smell of hot chocolate was getting stronger, I went to her and extended my hand of Christian fellowship.

I stood there at her door, my hand extended, as her shaking fingers reached to mine. When she finally grasped my hand, I could feel her fingers wrap as firmly as they could around my palm. A thinning pink flannel gown hung from her shoulders. The only other things I noticed were wisps of gray hairs, a tiny puckering mouth and her eyes. They were deep set, well into her brow, and they looked hollow.

"Have-a-Merry-Christmas-and-Jesus-loves-you," I recited, pulling away to join the others.

She didn't let go.

Pawing at my hand, she pulled herself toward me and whispered "stay with me."

I looked around the halls. The rest of my party was grouped together, walking toward the lobby, toward the bus, toward the church where the hot chocolate was.

I looked at the woman, wanting to explain to her that I, too, had to go.

She still clung to my hand and looked up at me. "Can you come in and visit with me?"

That's all I remember about that night. I don't remember the post-caroling fellowship. I don't remember the hot chocolate. I just remember her large, lonely eyes, her tiny mouth, and her knuckles digging into my hand.

Caring enough to send your very best does not come in a greeting card or over the telephone line. It comes through the warm touch of a loved one's hand.

My grandmother is spending Christmas in a nursing home this year. I cannot be with her, neither can other members of my family. That hurts.

I only hope that when a church group goes caroling through her halls this Christmas that a young caroler will take her hand, give her a sincere "Merry Christmas," and stay to visit for a while.

Spaulding is a staff writer of The Pampa News.

## Appeals court refuses release of mother

AUSTIN (AP) — A state appeals court has again declined to order the release of a Houston woman jailed three months ago for refusing to testify against her stepson, who is charged with slaying a female letter carrier.

After reviewing transcripts of a grand jury hearing, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals voted 6-3 on Monday against ordering the release of Odette Port, court spokesman Troy Bennett said. An opinion will be issued later, Bennett said.

A gag order prohibited prosecutors and Mrs. Port's attorney from commenting on the ruling.

Mrs. Port has been jailed since Sept. 12 for refusing to answer some questions about the slaying of

Debra Sue Schatz, 23, who disappeared June 7 while delivering mail in the Port's affluent neighborhood on Houston's west side.

Miss Schatz' body was found two days later in a remote, wooded area north of Houston. David Port, 17, was charged with her murder.

David Port, who remains free on \$20,000 bond, will be tried in late February in New Braunfels, about 175 miles west of Houston. State District Judge I.D. McMaster agreed to move the trial from Houston, saying news coverage of the case has been "overdone."

The case attracted widespread coverage after Mrs. Port and her husband, Bernard, were jailed for repeatedly refusing to testify against the teen-ager.

The parents argued their testimony would violate a parent-child privilege, although state law does not recognize such a privilege. Their arguments were rejected by state and federal courts.

The couple went back before the grand jury in November, and McMaster later ordered Port released. But he refused to free Mrs. Port because she failed to answer six of about 200 questions.

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## Opinion

### Another agency not the answer

If ever there was a persuasive argument that government bureaucrats spend too much on themselves and not enough on the people they purport to help, the argument to abolish the Bureau of Indian Affairs is it.

Indeed, the BIA was the target of a sharply critical attack last week by President Reagan's Commission on Indian Reservation Economies, which recommended that the agency be scrapped in favor of a more competent and less meddlesome one. We'd suggest they just drop the concept of an agency for Indians, period.

The commission accused the BIA of "excessive regulation" and "incompetent" management, claiming the agency "consumes more than two-thirds of its budget on itself, contracting only 27 percent of its programs to Indian tribes.

The commission did not address what many Indian leaders believe to be their biggest problem with the agency—that its direction often causes conflicts between federal and Indian interests, with the Indians most often on the losing side. The BIA itself admits this is a problem.

So what did the president's commission propose as a solution? You guessed it: a new federal agency. Only this one would behave itself, according to Frank Ryan, staff director for the commission.

Stressing "self-determination" for native Americans, Ryan's commission wants to set up the Indian Trust Services Administration. This turkey's top priority would be to encourage entrepreneurship among Indians—and the commission recommended spending \$200 million over a five-year period to accomplish that.

According to Ryan, that would not mean a budget increase from what the old BIA now spends, but it would ensure that more of the money earmarked for Indians was spent on Indians instead of bureaucrats.

We're sure that Ryan and his commission members are sincere about helping native Americans learn about entrepreneurship, but if they are also sincere about teaching self-determination, dependence on government handouts is the wrong way to go.



Warren T. Brookes

## Liberal fear tax reform

Whatever else he has accomplished, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan has succeeded in giving liberals the biggest case of intellectual heartburn in history with his tax reform plan, particularly in its proposal to eliminate the deduction for state and local taxes. This elimination falls entirely on the top 22 percent of taxpayers who itemize deductions.

Consider New York, where ultra-liberal Congressman Charles Rangel has come out for Regan's tax plan. He told the New York Times, "I've been pleading for four years to get the working poor out of the tax system, and this plan does it."

At the same time, liberals Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Governor Mario Cuomo are horrified because they think eliminating the state and local tax deduction will fall most heavily on the high-tax liberal states, such as New York.

As Cuomo said, "I can't think of places that would be hurt worse than New York. I'm doing everything I can to defeat it." Cuomo argues that the plan would be the equivalent of a \$6.4-billion tax increase for New York State, or \$2,400 more for every New York household that itemizes deductions.

The New York Times weighed in with a scorching editorial, calling Regan's plan "Drop Dead, Again", referring to President Gerald Ford's famous refusal to bail out the Fun City in

1975. The Times said: "One reason affluent New Yorkers tolerate paying state and local taxes as high as 18 percent is because they are deductible. If this deduction is lost, there will be enormous pressure on the Legislature to lower taxes and cut services."

Too bad this isn't true. If it were, New York could enjoy an enormous economic benefit. Consider Massachusetts which cut its 17.5-percent tax burden to 14.5 from 1979-1983, and in the process, went from third slowest-growing in the nation to sixth fastest, with an unemployment rate now at 3.7 percent!

Unfortunately, the whole New York Times argument is specious - and Rep. Rangel is right, both on financial and liberal grounds.

Indeed, Regan's plan is a stunning expose of the total hypocrisy of the limousine liberals like Moynihan and Cuomo who for years have deliberately been using the federal tax system as a way to make the state tax systems more and more REGRESSIVE.

Consider, for example, Michigan where the 5.35-percent flat tax rate is levied on all income from wages and salaries. That's the rate paid by the 78 percent who don't itemize. But, for the top 22 percent who itemize, the ACTUAL rate, after federal deduction, is only 3.5 percent. And for the very rich, the rate drops to 2.7 percent. The same holds for Massachusetts with its 5.375-percent flat rate.

In other words, the federal exemption has the effect of making all state tax systems very regressive. In New York, for example, the average tax burden is 18 percent of personal income - but for the very rich that burden drops to 10 percent or less. And who picks up that huge federal tax expenditure? The low- and middle-income taxpayers, particularly those in the lowest-taxed states. In short, "reverse Robin Hood."

But, liberals will say, if you take away this exemption you will still drain all that federal tax expenditure income away from New York State and that will hurt the poor by driving out high-income taxpayers whose tax bills will supposedly soar.

Wrong again. This specious notion arises from a failure to see that the Regan tax plan more than compensates for the loss of the state and local tax deduction with much lower marginal tax rates. And it does this for every bracket.

We have analyzed three liberal states, Michigan, New York, and Massachusetts, all three show the same thing: the net federal taxes paid in by these states would DECLINE by an average of about 9 percent, and biggest benefits go to the lowest taxpayers. This is why liberals will find it hard to fight these numbers, and why Massachusetts' liberal Governor Michael Dukakis has already endorsed the Regan tax plan.

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 18, the 353rd day of 1984. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolished slavery.

On this date: Ten years ago: The Food and Drug Administration said it would approve the permanent use of the artificial food coloring known as Red Dye No. 2 despite concerns expressed by some scientists over its safety. The FDA banned the dye in 1976.

Five years ago: The U.S. House of Representatives gave overwhelming approval to an aid package aimed at helping the financially ailing Chrysler Corp.

One year ago: The Irish Republican Army said some of its members, acting without authorization, were responsible for the bombing outside Harrods department store in London the day before that had claimed five lives.

Thought for today: "To maintain one's ideals in ignorance is easy."  
— Uta Hagen, actress.

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## The faith cure didn't take

I don't believe in faith healers, and I fully realize that making such a statement will bring in a rash of mail condemning me to the fiery bottomlands of hell.

But no matter how angry the mail gets, it still won't change my mind.

In the first place, I don't believe God goes around appointing people to perform miracles. I think Oral Roberts and Ernest Angley, to name two faith healers, appoint themselves and then go around bilking old people and sick people and uneducated people out of their money.

In the second place, if they actually can heal people, what on earth are we doing speeding all this money on medical bills and medical research when we simply could call in Oral and Ernest to cure our ills with a wave of the hand and a hallelujah or two?

The first time I became suspicious of faith healers was when Brother Roy Dodd came to my hometown with his faith-healing tent ministry.

Brother Roy Dodd, who spoke in tongues and rolled his eyes back in his head when he was healing people, was the summer's best entertainment.

One year, Miss Inez Pickett, an old maid schoolteacher who had been plagued with kidney problems her entire life, decided to see if Brother Roy Dodd could help her.

Brother Roy Dodd grabbed Miss Inez, a rather stout woman, around her back and proceeded to beseech the Almighty to remove her malady.

With a great, joyous cry, he proclaimed Miss Inez healed, and she commenced to jump around on the platform in her newly found healthy states. She became so excited, however, she fell off the platform and broke her leg.

"Somebody call an ambulance," said the first one to reach her.

"No need for that," said somebody else, "just get Brother Roy Dodd to heal her."

"I don't do no broken bones," said Brother Roy Dodd. "Just vital organs."

But like Brother Roy Dodd, I have to admit these television faith healers do put on a good show.

Ernest Angley is my favorite. He sort of looks like Lou Costello and he talks like the late Truman Capote.

Ernest has a flair for the dramatic. During his healing process, he has been known to slap his customer across the forehead and deck the poor soul.

Ernest flimflams people out of all sorts of money. They arrested him in Germany, and they should do the same thing in this country, but he is worth a few laughs.

The best Ernest Angley story, ever, came my way recently from country star Ray Stevens through guitarists Chet Atkins, who told me.

It seems Ernest was trying to heal a man who was hard of hearing. Ernest put his fingers in the man's ears and twirled them around a few times and prayed that the man's hearing be restored.

When he finished, the man's wife whispered in one of his ears, "Baby?"

Then the man said, "Yes."

Then, she whispered in his other ear, "Baby?"

And the man replied once more, "Yes."

With that Ernest looked at the man and cried in a loud voice, "Hallelujah!"

The man looked at Ernest and replied, "Not bad, How are you?"

Glory.

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## Grenada questions linger

More than a year after the fact, the American occupation of Grenada still has its critics.

There are still questions as to the justification for the operation.

How immediate was the danger to the medical students?

What about the new jet airport? Washington, which before the invasion wouldn't buy the line that it was to bring in tourists, is now pushing completion for that very purpose.

Was the strike primarily for the benefit of the Grenadians or was their plight a useful pretext for the delivery of a forceful message to others? Say the Nicaraguans.

So it still goes in some negative-minded quarters. But even these would find it difficult, at this point in time, to dismiss the occupation's positive outcome.

Grenada has reorganized itself in an election in which the island republic's entire political spectrum participated, a refreshing contrast to recent

balloting in Nicaragua and El Salvador.

A broad centrist coalition won. Although it was made very clear in advance that this was the choice favored by Washington, there is no question that the Grenadians chose freely.

So all's well that ends well.

Well, yes. But. At the very least, it is premature to pronounce a complete recovery in Grenada's case.

Democracy on the island is still in a very delicate condition. It should be remembered that Grenada suffered considerable damage from the autocratic right before succumbing to the fanatic left, from which American forces rescued it. Elements of both extremes are still active and hope to regain power.

The economy is equally fragile. Freedom as yet has not provided a solution to the chronic problem of widespread unemployment. The new

airport may help, but in the long run Grenada needs more than tourists to make a go of it.

And there are the larger implications of Grenada as a limited tactical success.

The operation is touted as an undertaking in collective defense, with the United States responding to the request for assistance from immediate neighbors threatened by Grenada's collapse into anarchy.

There is still some question — again — whether developments were really quite that spontaneous. But even accepting the collective-defense argument, by its very success the operation is more likely to serve as a precedent for future unilateral action.

In proposing six "tests" to be applied to situations in which U.S. combat forces might be committed abroad, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger specified only one recent

example that apparently passed — Grenada.

You may view this in a positive light, as circumscribing military adventurism because the circumstances of Grenada were so special and would rarely be duplicated.

The crisis planners, however, may be tempted to take another view, focusing on the success of Grenada and not on the circumstances.

In which case, we could all too easily end up as victims of our own success. Such a misreading of Grenada could lose all and much more than may have been gained there.

### Bits of history

In 1737, the most renowned violin-maker in history, Antonio Stradivari, died.

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**SIGNING SANTA**—David Shaffer, portraying Santa Claus, uses sign language to communicate with Justin Smith, 5, left, and Michael Rickert, 4, at Salem mall in Dayton, Ohio. Shaffer appears as Santa on Saturdays so deaf children can have the opportunity to talk with Santa. (AP Laserphoto)

## Santa talks to deaf children

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A college student who said he learned sign language to cheat in high school is now putting his manual skills to good use: communicating with deaf children as Santa Claus at a shopping mall.

David Shaffer, a Sinclair Community College student, has been spending Saturdays receiving the Christmas wishes of children and adults, both the hearing and the hearing-impaired.

But for Shaffer, the deaf youngsters are special.

"For many of the kids it's the first time the Santa visit is enjoyable instead of intimidating," said Paul Schiffer, advertising marketing manager for the Salem Mall, which began the program this year.

Shaffer, 22, who said he wanted to get a job as an interpreter for the deaf, admitted that he learned sign language for the wrong reasons: to cheat on tests in high school.

Now his ingenuity is being taxed in new ways.

"Most of the kids who come up to me who have been to another Santa Claus think I'm the same Santa Claus," he said. "There was one kid that came up and the only thing I could do was convince him I was the real one."

"I said that when you go to New York, there are people dressed up just like Santa, ringing bells, but I came down here special," he said.

Some of the children ask if Santa knows what was brought last year, and one told Santa, "I saw you when you came and saw me in the

hospital," Shaffer said.

But most leave satisfied that they have had a conference with the real St. Nick.

The act requires dedication to an unwritten code of Santas Claus that has helped keep the myth alive for generations.

"It's always 'Santa,'" Shaffer said. "There's no such thing as pronouns. Most of all what you do is you avoid it all possible, saying 'yes, I promise.' Under no circumstances can I say yes. Most of the time I say, 'If you're real good, Santa will try.'"

So far, no deaf child has asked why the Saturday Santa understands sign language when on other occasions Santa did not, he said.

## Official death toll now 490

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The official death toll from the explosions and fire that devastated a working class suburb last month rose to 490, and the government commission investigating the disaster's causes promised Monday to deliver its conclusions shortly.

The death toll rose by 38 from the last official report delivered by the commission two weeks earlier.

The new report, published Monday by the government newspaper El Nacional, said 278 people injured in the Nov. 19 disaster at a liquid petroleum gas storage facility in San Juan Ixhuatepec remain hospitalized.

It said the conclusions of the investigation would be released later this week.

The commission is made up of representatives of Cabinet departments and other government agencies.

A series of explosions at a storage site belonging to the government petroleum monopoly Pemex sent a firestorm sweeping through San Juan Ixhuatepec, a crowded neighborhood on the northern edges of this city of 17 million people.

Initial reports said the dozen blasts were triggered by a truck exploding, but Pemex later said the cause was not immediately known.

The commission's statement Monday said public demonstrations that "some inhabitants of San Juan Ixhuatepec have carried out spontaneously were done to demand the perfection of aid that they receive, and their demands have been satisfied and the feeling of comprehension of the situation been broadened."

On Sunday, government agents broke up a rally in San Juan Ixhuatepec where residents were demanding compensation for victims of the disaster. Several hundred residents had gathered to hear a leftist politician urge them to organize to demand compensation for damages.

Witnesses said several local members of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, accompanied by plainclothes policemen, shouted down the leftist deputy, Victor Gonzalez.

## New type of astronaut to debut on secret space shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A new breed of astronaut, the military engineer, will handle a classified satellite on the next space shuttle flight, a mission considered so sensitive that even the countdown will be secret.

Air Force Maj. Gary Payton is the first person selected for space flight from the Manned Space Flight Engineer Corps, an elite team of military specialists formed to deploy, operate and refurbish defense payloads.

They come from all the services and will play major roles as the Defense Department accelerates its use of the reusable space plane.

Payton, 36, born in Rock Island, Ill., has been working for several months with the satellite which is to be carried on next month's flight. He will join four career National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronauts aboard the shuttle Discovery.

The Pentagon and NASA briefed reporters on the flight Tuesday, discussing Payton's role and outlining new and highly restrictive ground rules for covering military shuttle missions.

The first of these flights is scheduled to start Jan. 23, but Brig. Gen. Richard Abel said the exact launch time would not be disclosed in advance to "deny our adversaries" knowledge about the military cargo.

News stories which "speculate" on the payload will be investigated by the Defense Department as a breach of national security, Abel, Air Force director of public affairs, said in a Washington briefing monitored by reporters here. At least one such investigation already is under way, he said.

"The more mission information they (the Soviets) have, the easier it is for them to counter the capabilities of those payloads," he said, adding that defense-related

space shuttle missions would be treated "as we do the deployment of air, land and sea forces."

For the first time in 46 U.S. man-in-space flights, the media will not be able to follow the countdown, although reporters will be permitted to view the liftoff from the press site at the Kennedy Space Center.

Payton joined the new space engineer corps in 1980 at the Air Force Space Division in Los Angeles. The group was formed early so the officers could be involved in the development of military payloads.

None are training as shuttle commanders or pilots, Abel said. They will leave the driving to NASA career astronauts, some of whom are military officers.

Payton will fly with Navy Capt. Thomas Mattingly, the commander; Air Force Lt. Col. Loren Shriver, the pilot; and Air Force Maj. Ellison Onizuka and Marine Lt. Col. James Buchli, both mission specialists.

Abel said the January shuttle launch will be attempted here sometime between 1:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. EST.

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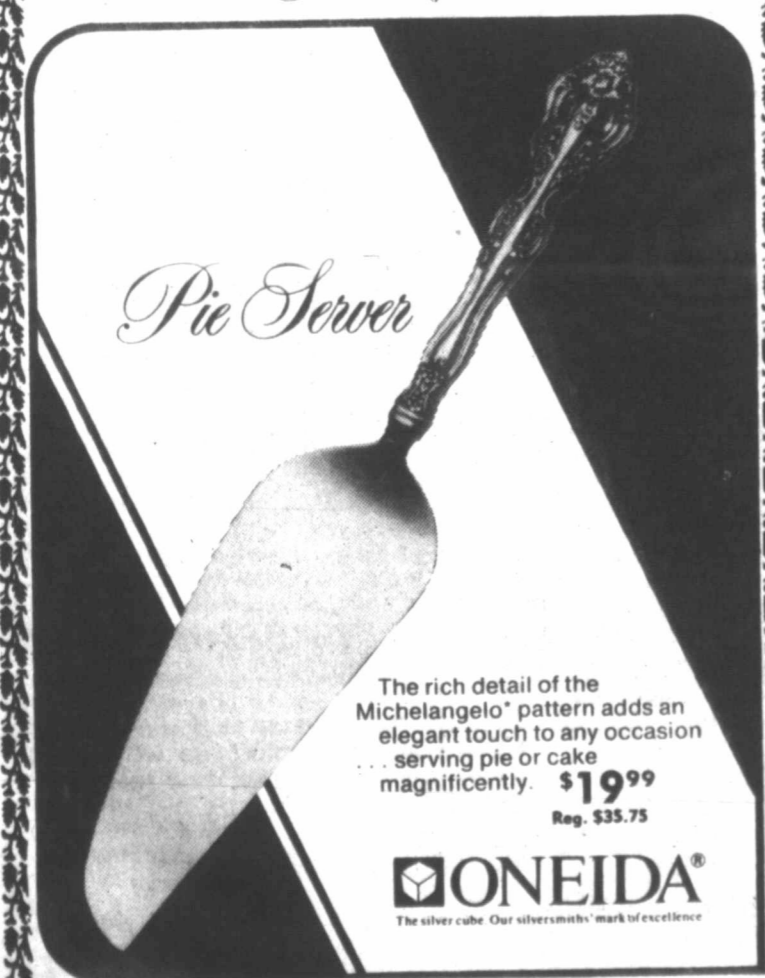
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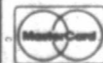
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**LOSING THE BLUES**—Though still troubled with memory problems, artificial heart recipient William J. Schroeder appeared to perk up Monday when serenaded with Christmas carols by a group of third graders on his first trip out of his room since suffering a stroke Thursday. Behind him are his wife Margaret; Dr. Peter Heimes, inventor of the portable pump to which the artificial heart's air hoses are attached; and Larry Hasting, technical director at Humana Heart Institute International. (AP Laserphoto)

## Schroeder still not his old self

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Caroling children and a wheelchair ride brightened William Schroeder's spirits, but his doctors and family worried about stroke damage that left the artificial heart recipient having trouble recognizing his family and knowing the day.

A brain specialist said Monday that new tests showed the 52-year-old Jasper, Ind., man suffered three small strokes rather than the one detected on Thursday, and a psychiatrist diagnosed Schroeder as depressed.

Schroeder was moved Monday from his room in the intensive care unit to a private room "so his family can be with him more and also as sort of a psychological boost for him," said Dr. Allan M. Lansing.

The neurologist, Dr. Gary Fox, said complete recovery is possible, "but he may always have some difficulty. I don't know how much recovery he will get."

Lansing, chairman and medical director of Humana Heart Institute International, said the memory problems alone would not prevent Schroeder from leaving the hospital if he otherwise recovered from the Nov. 25 implantation of his plastic-and-metal heart.

Tests later in the week will try to pinpoint the cause of the strokes that damaged both sides of Schroeder's brain, Lansing said.

Family members were glad Schroeder "looks so much better," but were concerned because "he still is not the personality that he was a week ago," he said. "I think for them as well as Mr. Schroeder, leaving the coronary care unit and going back to his room is a sign of our confidence in how well he is doing and that will be a big help to the family."

Fox said Schroeder was "very slow in his response to everything. He has difficulty recognizing members of his family."

"He knew he was in the hospital," Fox said, but "he has essentially no recall for what happened over the weekend. He thinks it is still Friday."

Schroeder managed a smile when he was rolled in his wheelchair to the hospital lobby to hear Christmas caroling, and raised his voice with the third-graders when they sang "Silent Night."

The trip, Lansing said, was "mainly our doing" in an effort to jolt the Schroeder out of his post-stroke mental withdrawal. "Whether he liked it or not, he was going. He enjoyed it, though."

Fox said a brain scan Monday indicated three small areas of stroke damage, affecting both sides of Schroeder's brain. Though initial scans showed only the left side affected, the additional damage did not necessarily occur

since Thursday, he said. "We're just seeing the evolution on the CAT-scan."

He said the damage evidently resulted from a "shower" of two or three small, possibly microscopic, blood clots or fragments, apparently from a "central source ... somewhere around the heart."

## The cost of trade restraints

By JOHN CUNIFF  
AP Business Analyst  
NEW YORK (AP) — Since their nature is to continue growing, economies are never free from challenges, and one of the most persistent challenges is what to do about protecting important industries.

It is a persistent challenge because it is almost never met. Instead, compromises are reached that probably avoid the real issues or disguise them or maybe even worsen them.

Examples might be the compromises reached on steel and automobiles, two of the most basic and important of American

industries. In each instance federal authorities declined to impose quotas on imports of Japanese products; instead, they won agreements from the Japanese that they would voluntarily limit their shipments to the United States.

In doing so, studies show, the immediate pains of the domestic industries might be eased, but nobody has assurance that in the long run the United States will be any better off. Jobs might be saved, but other jobs might be lost.

A government report cited by Professor Arthur Denzau of the Center for the Study of American

Business at Washington University explains how it happens.

The International Trade Commission, Denzau relates, recommended that the Reagan administration pursue mandatory 15 percent import quotas on steel as a means of preserving the American industry and its jobs.

Such a quota, the government analysis suggests, would indeed help the steel industry, but at an enormous cost, since it would raise steel prices to U.S. consumers by 8.9 percent — \$5 billion a year.

According to Denzau's calculations, a 15 percent quota could mean 92,000 fewer jobs in steel-using sectors.

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# Reagan proposing a small defense cutback

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ignoring advice to scale back his military buildup, President Reagan will propose a far smaller cut in the Pentagon budget than his top advisers say is needed to meet deficit-reduction targets, administration officials say.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has agreed to cut an additional \$2 billion from his spending proposal for 1986, meeting the spending reduction target of \$8 billion proposed by the budget advisers for that year, said the officials, who spoke only on condition they not be identified.

But cuts in the two subsequent

years will be far less than originally proposed, according to a report published today.

The Washington Post reported in today's editions that the three-year savings proposed by Weinberger would amount to \$27 billion — less than half the \$58 billion sought by a virtually unanimous group of advisers led by Budget Director David A. Stockman.

The defense secretary was expected to discuss the president's Pentagon proposal today at a news conference.

Weinberger had proposed a first-year savings of \$6 billion, a level some Republicans in

Congress had derided as insufficient to build support for the larger spending reductions in domestic programs Reagan is seeking.

The defense secretary's earlier plan included savings that other administration officials have criticized — a pay freeze in 1986 that would follow a supplemental raise in 1985.

Such a plan would have assured military personnel of the money they expected while giving the defense chief credit for savings against the deficit.

That proposal also drew criticism from members of

Congress, where Rep. William Dickinson of Alabama, senior Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, said, "That bird won't fly."

Reagan has announced a goal of reducing federal budget deficits by half over the next three years, to a total of \$100 billion.

Reagan already has given tentative approval to about \$34 billion in domestic spending cuts for 1986. Both the \$8 billion cut in the military buildup in 1986 and Stockman's call for \$58 billion in total defense savings over three years would be needed to meet the president's deficit-cutting goal.

Because Weinberger's original three-year savings of \$19 billion would leave the president well short of that target, he encountered resistance from many other aides last week, according to several administration officials.

There was no word, as Reagan's decision was reported, whether he would seek additional domestic spending cuts to achieve his deficit-reduction targets, abandon the targets or try to find another way of meeting them.

The president has already said he will accept a tax increase only as a "last resort" after all other

approaches have been exhausted.

In Congress, where Republican leaders have been trying to build support for another round of spending cuts, newly elected Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole of Kansas told reporters Monday evening that Weinberger's original list of \$19 billion in cuts "would not be enough" to satisfy many GOP members of Congress.

Dole and other Republicans in Congress have pushed the president repeatedly this year to make significant changes in his defense buildup as part of his overall deficit-reduction plan.

## No TV seen for Senate

By TOM RAUM  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Proponents of television in the Senate are vowing to renew their long battle soon after Congress reconvenes on Jan. 3, but incoming Majority Leader Robert Dole may pull the plug on the plan.

Aides report the Kansas Republican to be dead set against allowing TV cameras and broadcast microphones in the chamber, at least for the immediate future.

"The Senate is slow to move anyway, without television. With television, it would be intolerable," said Dole spokesman Walt Riker.

"With \$200 billion-plus deficits — we think that should be at the top of the agenda, not TV."

Although the House has been televised for the past five years, every time the proposal is advanced in the Senate, it runs into a filibuster — led by tradition-minded senators who argue that televising the Senate would diminish the body's decorum.

Americans wouldn't think much of the Senate if, for instance, they were forced to watch filibusters, some of the protesting, filibustering senators have argued.

Retiring Majority Leader Howard Baker, R-Tenn., tried repeatedly to get the Senate to go along with some form of TV in the Senate. But each time he was rebuffed. He expressed hope that colleagues might soften and give it to him as a going-away gift in the closing days of the last session. No luck.

With Baker's departure, Sen. William Armstrong, R-Colo., is hinting that he may lead the charge for TV in the Senate.

"It is something he wants to see considered again. He envisions himself as someone who might put together a coalition of people who are interested in bringing TV to the Senate," said Armstrong aide Barbara Pardue.

The general strategy of proponents is to try to bring the measure to the floor early enough in the session to make a filibuster against it less effective.

With Dole's opposition and near-certain parliamentary roadblocks likely to be thrown up by longtime Senate TV opponent Sen. Russell Long, D-La., the measure seems unlikely to get anywhere anytime soon.

So cable TV viewers may have to wait a bit longer before they can bring the likes of Sens. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., Gary Hart, D-Colo., and Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., into their living rooms.

In the House, a fight continues to brew over the use of cameras to provide free TV time after each day's work to members for political speeches.

## Plane hijackers to be tried in Iran

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran's public prosecutor announced today that the four hijackers who killed two Americans aboard a Kuwaiti airliner in Tehran two weeks ago will be tried in Iran, the official Iranian news agency reported.

The prosecutor, Hojatoleslam Mir Emadi, said the four will be tried according to "the penal law of the Islamic Republic of Iran," the Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Several countries have urged that the hijackers be extradited to Kuwait or elsewhere, but Mir Emadi was quoted as saying "such an irrational request will not be accepted" since other countries have not extradited to Iran a number of hijackers of Iranian planes.

According to Iranian news reports, the four hijackers were captured Dec. 9 by Iranian security men disguised as a doctor and janitors who entered the hijacked Kuwaiti Airlines Airbus-300 six days after it was forced to land at Tehran. However, some U.S. officials have suggested that Iran was in collusion with the hijackers.

Mir Emadi said the four hijackers are being interrogated and their trial will start as soon as the investigation is completed.

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# Planet earth's Venus a burned-out satellite

By DAVID HANNERS  
The Dallas Morning News  
VENUS, Texas (AP) —  
Postmaster James Tipps leaned on the counter and pondered the question.

"Why do we like living in Venus?" he said, repeating the query.

"It's hard to explain unless you live in it," Tipps, 53, said after a while. "We've seen stores close, businesses close... We can look at the city and see that it's crippled, even backward in a way. But it's ours."

What the 414 residents Venus residents have is a city that is near bankruptcy, a school district the state wants to close, a burned-out high school, no police department and only one city employee, little industry and little hope of attracting any.

Their rural way of life is threatened by an invasion of urban refugees from Dallas and Fort Worth who have settled in dozens of trailer parks surrounding the 620-acre town of Venus.

These former city-dwellers may live in Venus — and their children may attend the town's schools — but most earn and spend their paychecks in Dallas and Fort Worth.

"It's awful hard to keep a town like this going," Mayor James Flatt said with a shrug. "With no industry, it's rugged."

But the residents persevere. The 80-year-old buildings that line the city square are vacant. But the post office stays busy, and long-time Venusians — as residents call themselves — still hang out at Martin's Service Station, chewing the fat and the Red Man.

They are determined that Venus will conquer its problems. They also intend to see to it that the Johnson county town — which sits along U.S. Highway 67 about 35 miles southwest of Dallas and 20 miles due south of Fort Worth — does not become another faceless bedroom community.

In 1898, the town founding fathers named Venus after the Roman goddess of love and beauty, amateur historian David Shaw said, because "they wanted it to be the most beautiful city there was." Venus was laid out in the middle of the rich cotton belt, and the favorable climate made for a good crop year after year.

"Venus used to be the world's capital of cotton. They used to produce more cotton here than anywhere in the world," said Shaw, a 29-year-old plumber and a fourth-generation Venus resident.

In its heyday before the Great Depression, Venus was a thriving center of commerce. The town had 3,000 residents and supported two newspapers, 12 passenger trains coming and going each day at two different depots, two banks, a hospital and six doctors, a college, four grocery stores, a fine hotel. The town even had a Chevrolet dealership and a movie theater.

Then came the Depression. As the nation's banks faltered, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered them closed to prevent a run.

"When Roosevelt declared the moratorium on banks, all the banks closed, both of the banks here were weak, so they never did open back up," said Jack Roten, 72, a retired history teacher who was reared in Venus but now lives in Dallas.

Without banks to help fund the town's businesses, Roten said, Venus slowly became a ghost town. By 1970, the newspapers had shut down, the trains didn't stop anymore, and the Chevy dealership, the movie theater, the

college, the hospital and the hotel had closed their doors forever.

World War II sealed the town's fate, Roten said. Cotton harvesting became more mechanized, needing fewer workers. And Venus residents took military plant jobs in Dallas, Fort Worth and in the Johnson County seat, Cleburne. Many of them never moved back.

The postwar highway boom didn't help. U.S. Highway 67 goes through town, but highway planners bypassed Venus in favor of nearby Alvarado when they plotted Interstate 35-W.

Roten, who still keeps cattle near Venus, often stops for coffee and doughnuts at the Save Way grocery. The store's brick building once housed a bank.

"When I was a kid, that sidewalk out there was crowded with people just milling about," Roten said. "If you wanted to get from one end of the block to the other, you had to get out in the street and go that way. The sidewalk was just too crowded."

Venus has experienced spurts of prosperity, mostly thanks to Hollywood. Part of "Bonnie and Clyde" was filmed there in the mid-60's, and this summer, film crews shot several scenes on the town square for "1918," the new film by Horton Foote, the writer of "Tender Mercies." The city didn't charge the production company to use town locations, but the film makers refurbished the exteriors of several downtown buildings for the shooting. As a result, the buildings look new, but they're still empty.

A few residents still farm cotton, but not many.

As Roten said, "We're now the trailer capital of the world."

The city's current money problems are nothing new. Longtime resident Leon Sanders said the city defaulted on bonds used to pay for paving the

downtown square in the 1930s.

The most recent fiscal problems came to a head Nov. 11, when the city discovered it had just \$169 in its general fund, said Flatt, a 53-year-old LTV employee who has been mayor eight years.

In the previous 12 months, the city spent \$46,000 on its Police Department, much of it on cars. From November 1983 until November 1984, the department wrecked or damaged four squad cars, Flatt said.

"I couldn't make them understand that they couldn't tear the cars up at the rate they were going," Flatt said.

Flatt said the fiscal crisis forced aldermen to fire 20-year-old police Chief Robert Mier — Venus' only law officer — because the town couldn't afford the chief's driving habits. To save money, Water Superintendent Terry Kyle also was laid off, leaving Venus with only one employee, secretary Marlene England.

Meir, a former Air Force military policeman, said he never caused any of the wrecks. He also said the city bought used police cars with lots of miles under their hoods.

"He (Flatt) is acting like he bought us new cars and we just tore them up. That's incorrect," Mier said. "We bought two cars from the Midlothian Police Department (for \$750 each), and they were old cars."

The police cars sit in back of the city hall. They are dented and rusting, their tires are flat, and the gold-colored Venus Police Department seals are peeling.

Flatt said the city won't have another police chief for a long time. In the meantime, the city is patrolled by a Johnson County deputy.

If the past is any indication, the Police Department is something Venus can ill afford not to have — if

not for crime protection, then for revenue generation.

Last year, police fines generated more than \$30,000, or \$2 of every \$5 the city took in. Put another way, Venus' one-man police department brought in an average of \$82.80 a day, mostly in speeding fines from motorists barreling along U.S. Highway 67 between Dallas and Cleburne.

Flatt said the city is broke but not bankrupt. He said Venus has enough money coming in to meet its monthly bills, but there's little left over.

"The school is the heart of the community. It's the heart of the wheel," district Superintendent Preston Holland said.

If so, Venus survived a very bad heart attack this year.

After the high school burned down in March, the Texas Education Agency threatened to take away the school district's accreditation and state funding.

Even before the fire — in which arson is suspected — state inspectors claimed the Venus district, one of the poorest in the state, did not offer students a

quality education. They threatened to consolidate the district with the Alvarado schools.

The district is building a school to replace the one that burned. The new school, which will give the district room to grow, was approved earlier this year in a hotly contested bond election that district officials said is proof Venus can handle its problems.

"It's been a challenge," Holland said. "But I find it very rewarding to go into a district and be a part of bringing it back."

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# United States project 'threatens' Baja California's chances for more water

By CAM ROSSIE  
Associated Press Writer  
MEXICALI, Mexico (AP) — Brimming irrigation canals snake through the Mexicali Valley feeding off the swollen Colorado River on its last stop before disappearing into the Gulf of California.

Underground wells in this former desert — now one of Mexico's prime agricultural regions — bulge from nearly two years of welcome deluge.

The Morelos Dam between the border towns of Algodones, Mexico, and Yuma, Ariz., channels nearly 43 billion gallons of unused fresh water into the gulf each day.

But many in northern Baja California recall the drought of a couple years back and know it's bound to pay another visit.

It's time, they say, to revise the 40-year-old U.S.-Mexican water treaty to assure northwestern Mexico a healthier supply in times of need.

But a massive water diversion project on the U.S. side of the border threatens Mexico's chances of achieving that goal, say officials on both sides of the border.

The Central Arizona Project, scheduled for completion next year, will carry about 1.2 million acre feet of Colorado River water each year to Arizona to help solve that state's problem of dwindling ground water resources.

Southern California, not Mexico, will be directly hit when the project, called CAP, goes on line because that region's supply will be cut by nearly one fifth.

But authorities here say Mexico is bound to suffer indirectly.

"We are worried, naturally, because we know (CAP) will affect us. We're condemned to receive just the minimum. One day our wells will dry up," said Alfonso Castro, engineer in charge of the International Boundary and Water Commission's Mexicali office.

The 1944 international treaty guarantees Mexico 1.5 million acre feet of Colorado River water a year. Nearly eight times that amount made its way into the country this year due to heavy

snows and rains in the Rocky Mountain states.

But insufficient irrigation canals and lack of storage dams have forced Mexico to dump nearly 30 million gallons of water each minute into the gulf.

An acre-foot is the amount of water it would take to fill an acre to a depth of a foot, or 43,560 cubic feet.

CAP will not affect Mexico's guaranteed minimum supply because the United States has a "firm commitment" to the treaty. Bob Ybarra, of the international water commission's U.S. section, said in a telephone interview from his El Paso, Texas, office.

Baja California uses its share to supply a growing number of domestic and industrial users in Mexicali, Tijuana, Tecate and Ensenada and to irrigate more than 500,000 acres of formerly useless desert to produce wheat, cotton, alfalfa, sesame and a dozen other crops.

An amount of land nearly equal to that lies dormant because there isn't enough water in normal times to irrigate it.

"Right now there's no problem, but once it returns to normal the fights will begin again. Like what happened between Arizona and California," said a government engineer here who asked not to be identified.

A 1964 U.S. Supreme Court decision awarded Arizona its share of Colorado River water following a bitter fight between the two American states.

Mexican authorities say 1.5 million acre feet is insufficient for Mexico's needs. They are calling for a treaty revision, saying conditions have changed dramatically in the past four decades.

The Mexicali Valley needs about 930,000 acre feet more water each year to meet its growing domestic and agricultural demand, Castro said.

"We hope it continues to rain and snow so the dams fill up. But we know it won't," he said. "This is a

dry region." Rodolfo Fierro, national president of the Mexican Cotton Growers Union, said growers already have discussed a treaty revision with the federal government and that authorities are studying the issue.

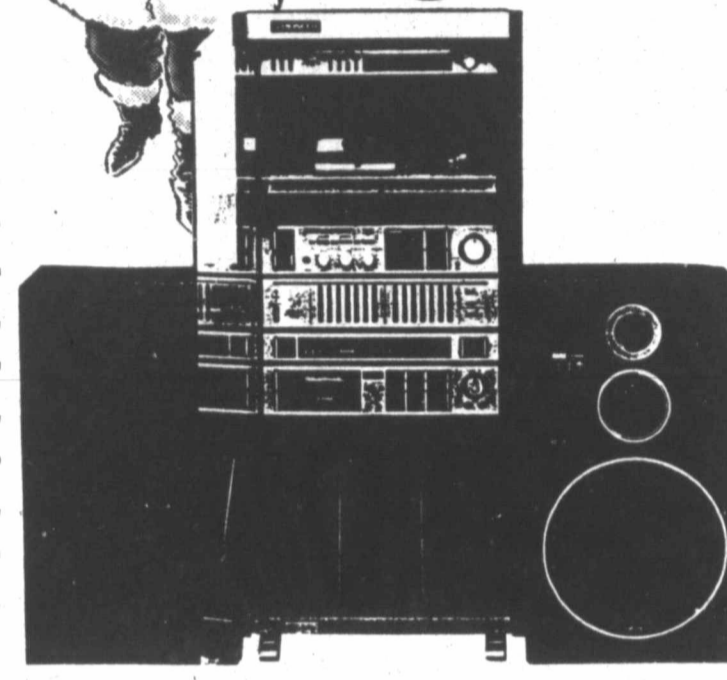
"The volume of water in the

Colorado River has increased so Mexico deserves more," Fierro said in an interview here.

"The treaty was made when the dams (in the United States) were not built or filled," Armando Sifuentes, federal director of the Mexicali Valley Irrigation District no. 14, said.



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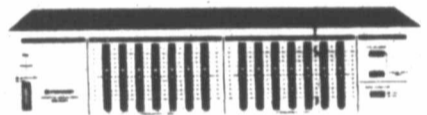
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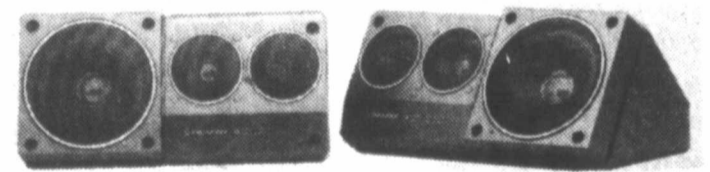
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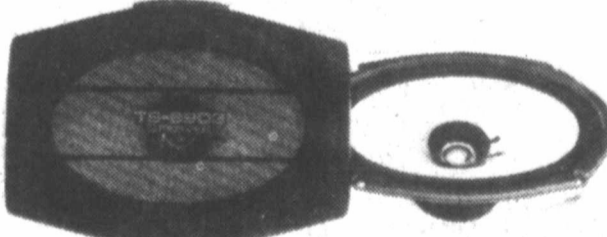
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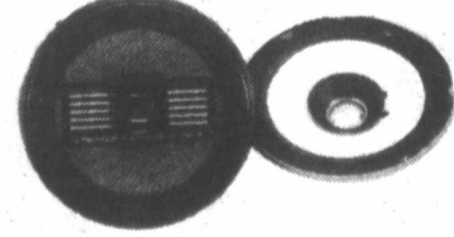
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Dear Abby

An important part of giving is receiving written thanks

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I'm sure you've heard this many times, but I need an answer soon. I am hurt and very angry!

Why don't my grandchildren (who live in another city) thank me for the birthday and Christmas presents I send them? They range from age 7 to 19. I have sent self-addressed, stamped envelopes and boxes of thank-you notes, hoping they will get the hint. I have not had a written thank-you from any of them, and I feel hurt, neglected and unappreciated. When they see me, as an afterthought they mention how much they appreciated the gifts and checks, then offer a weak apology, "You know how busy I am, Gram."

Don't tell me it's their parents' fault for not teaching them better manners. Their parents know better because I taught them since they were old enough to print that they must send thank-you notes.

Should I conveniently "forget" their birthdays and Christmas? I select their gifts with loving care and send generous checks, too, but not one word do I hear. I love them very much and it hurts to know they care so little for me or my feelings. Should I tell them? Or should I tell their parents?

HURT GRANDMOTHER

DEAR HURT: Tell the children (lovingly) that you are hurt. And stress the importance of making a lifelong habit of acknowledging gifts—and promptly. Most children (and some adults) "appreciate" gifts and they truly love the giver, but they procrastinate their thanks until they're so embarrassed, they put it out of their minds.

Since the absence of a thank-you is genuinely painful to you, give no more gifts—provided the punishment doesn't hurt you more than it hurts them.

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DEAR ABBY: Yesterday, the cashier at the checkout counter did not know the price of an avocado I was purchasing, so to save time I told her what I honestly thought to be the price—39 cents.

While in line at my next stop (the bakery department), the young woman directly behind me said (in a stage whisper), "By the way, the avocado was 59 cents."

Had she spoken up when she heard me tell the cashier the avocado was 39 cents, I would have thanked her and apologized to the cashier for having given her the wrong information.

Abby, I am a senior citizen who has no need to con a supermarket out of 20 cents. Furthermore, since the young woman knew the avocado was 59 cents, was she not, by her silence, aiding and abetting who she thought was a criminal at the checkout counter?

SOUTHFIELD, MICH.

DEAR SOUTHFIELD: Yes. The whisperer may have hesitated to correct you at the time because she probably didn't want to risk embarrassing you for a mere 20 cents. However,

the size of the sum does not alter the principle.

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DEAR ABBY: Thanks for the wonderful rerun on what to give—and what not to give—the older person for the holidays. You really should run that every year because people forget.

As an older person, I do not need any more things. The gift of service is the gift I enjoy the most. My children and grandchildren, now grown, come over here and clean my windows, wash my woodwork, launder my curtains, and do all sorts of chores I am no longer able to do myself. The year before last they took turns working on remodeling my kitchen. Last year, they modernized my bathroom. It took them over a year—working nights and weekends—but I will enjoy those gifts as long as I live.

GRATEFUL GRANDMA

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DEAR ABBY: Don't you think it's rude when a person makes a long-distance telephone call to say hello, only to be answered by, "We're right in the middle of dinner now; can I call you tomorrow?"

It was no special dinner, and the person I called should have known I would talk only a few minutes because it was long-distance. She returned my call three days later!

What I'm saying is if people think enough of you to call long distance, please be nice enough to talk to them, because they might think twice before they call again. I know I will!

HURT FEELINGS

DEAR HURT: Some people resent being interrupted during the dinner hour. Obviously your friend is one of them. However, there are more gracious ways to say, "We're right in the middle of dinner," etc.

By BARBARA MAYER  
AP Newsfeatures

The post World War II years between 1946 and 1960 may be receding from memory, but they are growing in importance as style setters, as people too young to recall them indulge in nostalgia for a period they never knew.

Sharing in the general nostalgia for postwar music and clothing are furniture and decorative objects. Some indications of growing decorative interest in the period include recent publication of a book about furniture of the '50s, the opening of a number of retail galleries specializing in '50s furnishings and even new interest by museums in acquiring and exhibiting the era's styles.

According to Cara Greenberg, author of "Mid-Century Modern: Furniture of the 1950s," (Harmony Books), collectors are snapping up examples of '50s furniture, lamps and other items.

The most desirable pieces are those designed by well-known architects and industrial designers such as Charles and Ray Eames, George Nelson, Harry Bertoia, Isamu Noguchi and Eero Saarinen. However, pieces by lesser names as well as anonymous examples are also being sought.

Prices for the better-known names are rising, but it's still possible to find an attractive and good quality chair for \$150, says Mrs. Greenberg. One New York retailer noted that prices at his shop range from a few hundred dollars to \$10,000, depending on the piece, its rarity, historic importance and condition.

Mrs. Greenberg advises those interested in the period to check second-hand stores, tag sales and even Salvation Army stores first. However, she adds, the best of the '50s furnishings were never produced in quantity and are likely to be rare. The designs of individuals such as Noguchi and Nelson were produced in the hundreds, not thousands. They

were always expensive and still are. Since these pieces were in demand mainly in urban areas of the country, finds are not likely to turn up in the backwaters of America.

An option still available is to select currently produced examples of great pieces. Designs by Charles Eames, Noguchi and Nelson are still made by Herman Miller, while Knoll International continues to produce pieces by Saarinen, Bertoia, Marcel Breuer and Mies van der Rohe, she says.

Another idea is to shop for the pieces in specialty outlets which have opened recently in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York. Mark Isaacson, 30, one of three co-owners of Fifty-50 in New York, says there has been a more receptive public recently than when he began selling '50s furnishings about four years ago.

"When I began selling this stuff, people said I was nuts. We still get those who say they prefer the Salvation Army." Yet, he adds, the Bass Museum in Miami recently borrowed 15 pieces from the shop for an exhibition detailing the decorative arts of the period.

Those who appreciate the furniture tend to be young, urban trendy individuals in their 20s and 30s, according to Isaacson. They often work in design and allied fields and, thus, are familiar with the names of the leading designers, and recognize their contribution to the development of modern design.

Some collectors, including both Mrs. Greenberg and Isaacson, began by buying Art Deco furniture. Then, as those pieces became rare and costly, they looked for something else that was distinctive—and affordable.

Her first find was a molded plastic dining chair. "My husband and I saw it for \$15 at a tag sale in Brooklyn. We bought it and later discovered it was by Charles Eames," she said.

What she likes about '50s

furnishings is its vitality. "It is outrageous furniture, but there is a great sense of exuberance, which is in keeping with a period when the American dream of the good life for everyone seemed to be just around the corner and everything was in an expanding upward pattern."

The most distinctive '50s style is the "biomorphic" or "organic" style which emphasizes amoeba-like shapes. An example is the walnut-based glass-topped coffee table created by Noguchi.

Saarinen's womb chair is an example of the organic style of upholstered furniture.

This type of furniture became unfashionable in the 1960s when it was replaced by a hard-edged, right-angled type of furniture. But now that softer, more ornamented designs are gaining in favor, the '50s designs are beginning to look right again.

Is '50s furniture just a fad? Absolutely not, says Mrs. Greenberg. "This furniture will become a classic," she said.

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# Pupil stress rises in Texas schools

DALLAS (AP) — From kindergarten through high school, an increasing number of students are bucking under the stress of their daily lives.

Psychologists, counselors and teachers say they are seeing more and more students overwhelmed by the increasing pressures of school, work and family. And new, tougher school standards aren't helping matters, they say.

Students who in the past were sliding by with D's now are failing at least one class. And students who studied hard for their B's and C's are seeing F's on their report cards for the first time.

About one-fourth of Texas high school students are failing at least one class, according to figures

released last week by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

And figures released Friday by the Dallas school district show that 41 percent of high school seniors in Dallas had at least one F during the second grading period of the first semester. Some who never had to study for good grades now must spend a lot of time with their books.

"There's more to learn," said Rosemarie Allen, a psychologist with the Dallas school district. "Teachers are being held more accountable. I think the classes are harder."

Referrals to the Dallas schools' psychological counseling service are up 27 percent this year — 817 through October 1983 compared to

1,038 through October this year — department director Martha Martin said.

At least two or three students have attempted suicide this year because they were depressed about school and other problems, she said.

"I really see that (school stress) as part of the problem — perhaps not the most important part," Ms. Martin said. "It's the expectation for not only achievement in school but achievement in social life and in working."

Counselors said that with the new grading policy and increased emphasis on school work this year — due in part to last summer's legislative session where

lawmakers adopted sweeping educational reform — teachers and parents have higher expectations of students.

"The staff — principals, counselors, registrars, teachers — right from the beginning have been highly stressed. When they are stressed, the kids are stressed. It comes from the top," said Rose Lucas, another Dallas school psychologist.

Students are spending longer at homework and more often tell counselors they are having problems with school, said Nancy Bray, a counselor with the University Affiliated Center, part of the University of Texas Health Science Center.

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## Here's the Answer

By ANDY LANG  
AP Newsfeatures

Q. — I haven't yet straightened out in my mind which paints a synthetic brush can best handle. Can you tell me and also give me some hints about buying both the synthetic and natural bristle brushes?

A. — Brushes with synthetic bristles work especially well with latex paints. The synthetics can also be used with oil-based paints, but most professionals prefer brushes with natural bristles. Some of the pros who do excellent work with oil-base paints use very high quality brushes. The do-it-yourselfer can get by without the best brushes on the market, but should not settle for the inexpensive synthetics which have the ends chopped off in an even line. Good synthetic bristles have a mixture of bristle sizes. The ends are tapered and appear split or flagged.

Q. — I have to repaint our house on the outside. There are a lot of cracks on some parts of the surface. Do these have to be removed with a paint remover or scraper or both before repainting? It seems that would be an impossible task.

A. — Not impossible, since it is done all the time, but it does require some hard work. Your situation may not be either impossible or difficult if the cracks you mentioned are of the very fine hairline types. In that case,

cleaning and sanding the surface may be all that is needed before repainting.

Q. — You once wrote a story telling how color can be used to make rooms appear smaller or larger or whatever you want. Can you give me a smaller version of the story, since I plan on painting three rooms and all of them have certain problems?

A. — Here are some tips along that line. If a room is long and narrow, paint the end walls a deeper shade than the others. In a room that is too small, use light colors. If a ceiling is too high, make it appear lower with a slightly deeper shade than the walls. In choosing a color for a large room, remember it will appear more intense after it has been applied. Use warm colors — such as reds, oranges and yellows, in rooms that receive a minimum amount of sunlight or have no windows in them. Use cool colors — such as grays, blues and bluish greens — in rooms that will be bright and sunny most of the time.

(Surface preparation, kinds of paint, brushes, rollers, etc., are discussed in Andy Lang's booklet, "Paint Your House Inside and Out," which can be obtained by sending 50 cents and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope to Know-How, P.O. Box 477, Huntington, NY 11743. Questions of general interest will be answered in the column.)

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# Registering cattle brands is important in cow country

By JEANNE GRIMES  
Daily Ardmoreite  
OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — In cow country, there's a lot to be said for a good, legible brand. But only if it's duly registered and recorded.

The Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association has mailed out five-year renewal notices to the owners of 16,000-plus registered brands in the state.

Keeping track of all those brands is the task of Rhonda Rhines, who for nearly five years has worked as the state brand registrar.

She does it with a system she calls brand-abetical.

The OCA will publish a 1985 Oklahoma Brand Book containing all the registered brands, as well as annual supplements of new registrations during the five years. New registrations also are published monthly in The Oklahoma Cowman, the association's magazine.

In the brand book, Ms. Rhines first lists brands utilizing initials A to Z and then starts in on the numerals (1 through 9), the bars, slashes, rockers, boxes and diamonds, flying brands, hearts, crosses, triangles and, finally, the symbols.

"It takes a little while to learn the brand-abetical alphabet," she said. "Brands are read left to right and top to bottom. Initials are probably the best brand you can have."

Nearly all of the 16,000-plus registered brands are used on livestock. Ms. Rhines said a few were registered simply as a novelty and something new to spruce up stationery and personalized checks.

Brand registration went into effect in Oklahoma in 1955 with the state Department of Agriculture handling the registration. In 1968, the OCA took over the chore under a contract with the agriculture department.

There are definite advantages to the centralized registration though the OCA, Ms. Rhines said. Since the OCA is located in the Oklahoma City Stockyards, she said, it's convenient to ranchers and cattlemen. Compared with Texas where brands are registered through the county clerks, Ms. Rhines said there were far fewer chances for duplicating a brand in Oklahoma.

"We're advising people it's becoming more important today to select a brand, register a brand, and use a brand and to do it in that

order," said OCA executive vice president Ellis Freeny.

"It's a procedure which can prevent a lot of headaches. There are more than 5 million cattle in Oklahoma, and all Herefords generally look alike and all Angus generally look alike. With those breeds, you couldn't prove to a jury that you positively own certain cattle. That's a very important point; a registered brand is prima facie evidence of ownership," he said.

The brand books and supplements are supplied to sheriffs in each of the state's 77 counties, to every county Cooperative Extension Service agent, and to all vocational agriculture teachers. The result is an invaluable information network that deters many rustlers.

Ms. Rhines said that in addition to the brand books and supplements, the OCA regularly circulates a bulletin on lost, stolen or strayed cattle to sheriffs, sale

barns, and others. She said the OCA receives many calls from sheriff office investigators trying to trace ownership of found cattle through brands the animals are wearing.

The OCA is expecting about 80 percent of the owners to renew their brand registrations this year, Ms. Rhines said. She said among the remaining 20 percent were cattle owners who had died since registering a brand and those who were out of the cattle business.

The cost of registering a brand is \$15 for five years. It costs \$75 to register a brand for 10 years in Arizona, \$50 for two years in California or three years in New Mexico, and \$40 for four years in Nevada.

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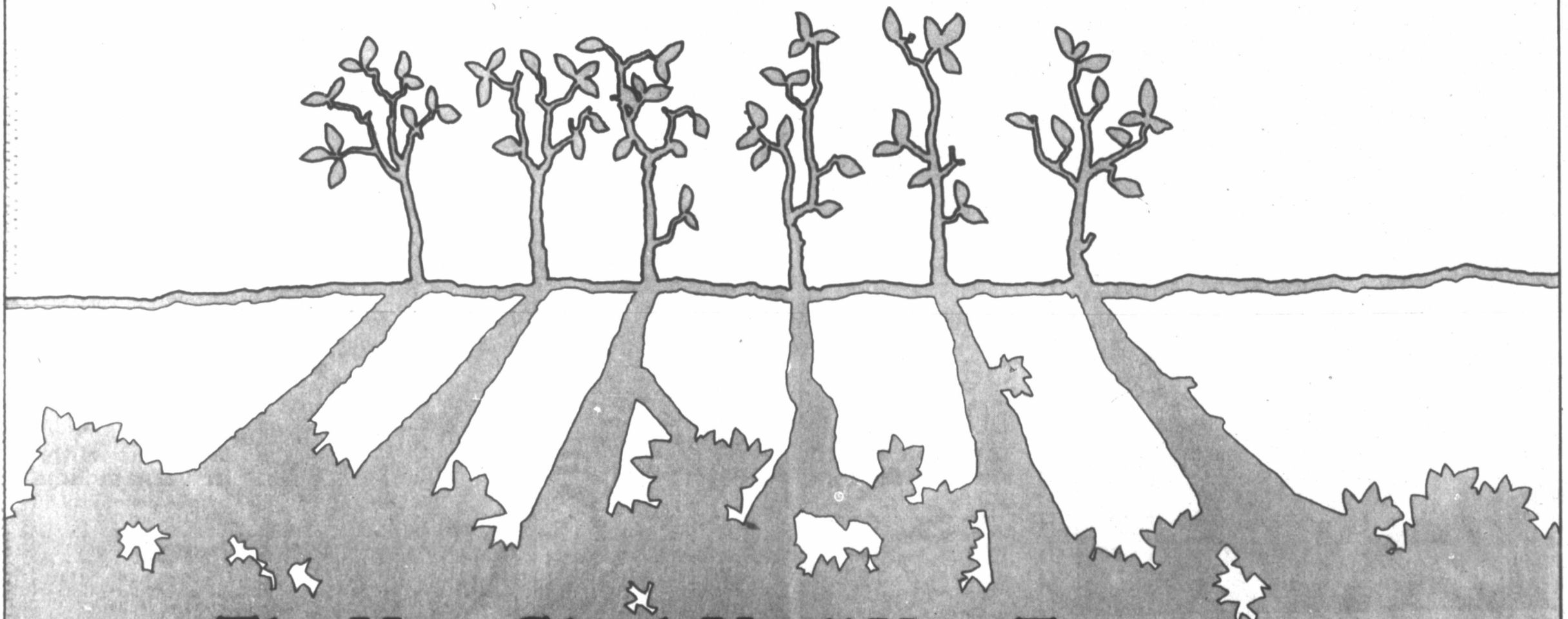
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## Budapest district has own flavor

By PRUDENCE HELLER  
Associated Press Writer  
BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — There is a Budapest that the tourists do not often visit, though this Kobanya district of Pest is part of the city's vital heart.  
This area of Budapest is away from the Danube, the hills of Buda, the impressive Parliament building, the deluxe hotels.  
Kobanya is flat, not beautiful — a residential and industrial district where railroad yards and factories lie behind high cement fences painted rich yellow or terra cotta; where new complexes of apartments tower in neatly staggered rows and shabby old buildings delight those with a feel for 19th-century and turn-of-the-century architecture. Parks add a touch of green throughout, and food and flower stalls add color everywhere.  
Kobanya is where the "Project" is (to use the word used by those who live in this particular enclave of fading houses). It is its own world, with school, church, pharmacy, stores — and a bit of Hungarian history.  
Originally it was refugee housing for Hungarians dislocated when Transylvania was assigned to Romania in the territorial settlements after World War I. But

now it is a mishmash of people of all ages from all walks of life — but a homogeneous, Hungarian mishmash.  
A young engineer and his family may live there; or the pastry chef of a deluxe hotel on the Danube; or the widow of a retired civil servant who lost job, downtown apartment and "perks" when the communists took over after World War II. Three generations often live in two rooms, such is the housing shortage in Budapest.  
The Project is made up of four-story, unpainted cement boxes of apartments and one-story cement row dwellings painted that favorite yellow. The tiny gardens in front of the row houses are a seed catalog of flowers — roses, hollyhocks, snapdragons, dahlias.  
The homes have few amenities: toilets, cold running water in the kitchens, gas stoves for cooking, and shiny tile stoves reaching nearly to the ceiling in the parlors to provide heat. Not fancy, but then they rent (from the state) for \$5-\$10 a month. And today's tenants have usually added bathtubs, hot water, refrigerators and other conveniences at their own expense.  
The Project is a vanishing world, however. The row houses are coming down to make way for more tall apartments with all the

amenities. But it won't vanish right away. The housing shortage makes relocation a lengthy process in Budapest.  
Around this enclave lies the rest of Kobanya, with other landmarks, including a synagogue said to be one of the oldest houses of worship in Budapest. It's apparently disused now, with broken windows and a locked gate, but still impressive. Nearby, a Roman Catholic Church with a gilded spire is being refurbished with loving care.  
Standing tall on the plain of Kobanya is the Hotel Expo, whose moderate prices contrast with Danube hotel prices. It was built to accommodate businessmen who come to Budapest for the trade fairs that occur one after another at the international fair grounds. One is reminded that Budapest, at the very heart of Europe, has been a trading center for centuries. The tractor-trailers hauling goods through Kobanya en route to other parts of Hungary, Europe and even to the Middle East also attest to a busy commercial life. Tourists in search of a bargain have found the Expo, too.  
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# SPORTS SCENE

## Miami ends Cowboys' season

MIAMI (A.) — Ron Fellows couldn't have felt any worse, and Mark Clayton couldn't have been any better.

Fellows and his Dallas Cowboy teammates controlled the vaunted Miami passing attack for 57

minutes Monday night in the Orange Bowl. Then they — and Fellows in particular — watched as Dan Marino connected with Clayton on two long-range touchdowns to give the Dolphins a 28-21 victory and knock the

Cowboys out of the National Football League playoffs for the first time since 1974.

Marino finished with impressive statistics — 23 of 40 for 340 yards and four touchdowns. But he picked up four of the completions, 110 of the yards and two of the touchdowns in the final three minutes.

First, Clayton snatched a pass away from a diving Fellows and scooted 39 yards to make it 21-14 with 2:31 to play.

"I was trying to knock the ball down," Fellows recalled in a dreary Dallas locker room. "I got two fingers on it. I just wish my fingers were a little longer."

Fellows said he was the happiest person in the Orange Bowl when the Cowboys tied the score 44 seconds later on a spectacular 66-yard touchdown catch by Tony Hill. He said his heart started fluttering when the ball, tipped by Dolphin defensive back Don McNeal, ended up in Hill's hands and the Cowboy wide receiver raced untouched to the end zone.

"I went back out there thinking how I wasn't going to gamble anymore," Fellows said. "I was going to play it safe."

Instead, he played it on the ground. On the second play after the kickoff, Fellows slipped while shadowing Clayton on a crossing pattern. When he looked up, Clayton had the ball and was heading for a 63-yard, game-clinching touchdown with 51 seconds left.

"I slipped, what can I say," Fellows said. "I messed up all these guys' chances to make the playoffs. I've got to take it all on my shoulders, because it was my guy both times."

"Either you're a hero or you're a goat. I was the goat."

Clayton was the hero. The second-year wide receiver, who also had snared a 41-yard touchdown in the second quarter,

finished the season with 18 TD catches, breaking the NFL mark of 17 set by Don Hutson with the Green Bay Packers in 1942 and equalled by the Los Angeles Rams' Elroy Hirsch in 1951 and the Houston Oilers' Bill Groman in 1961.

"It won't realize what I've accomplished until the morning," Clayton said. "This is something that means a lot to me."

A lot was riding on the game — the Cowboys had to win to earn the final NFC wild-card berth and the Dolphins needed a victory to gain the home-field advantage if they reach the AFC title game.

Still, the only really thrilling plays before the final quarter came during Miami's second-quarter touchdown drive. During that eight-play, 80-yard march Marino smashed the NFL single-season passing yardage record, set by Dan Fouts in 1981, with a 22-yard, third-down pass to Nat Moore.

**Second Period**  
Mia.—Clayton 41 pass from Marino (von Schamann kick), 6:01

**Third Period**  
Mia.—Hardy 3 pass from Marino (von Schamann kick), 6:17

**Fourth Period**  
Dal.—Newsome 1 run (Septien kick), 13:13

**Final Score**  
Dal.—Newsome 4 run (Septien kick), 7:32

Mia.—Clayton 39 pass from Marino (von Schamann kick), 12:29

Dal.—Hill 66 pass from White (Septien kick), 12:13

Mia.—Clayton 63 pass from Marino (von Schamann kick), 14:00

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**Double First Downs** 217 Rushes-yards 22-9026-61 Passing yards 236328 Return yards 9222 Punt-yards 20-223-46-3 Sacks By 1-133-50 Punt-yards 7-405-45 Fumbles-lost 3-62-1 Penalties-yards 4-613-32 Time of Possession 39:47:13

**RECEIVING**—Dallas, Dorsett 19-58, Newsome 6-30, Hill 1-7, Springs 1-5, White 1-0, Miami, Nathan 13-30, Bennett 7-14, Carter 3-9, P. Johnson 2-2, Marino 1 (minus 2)

**PASSING**—Dallas, White 20-34-236, Springs 0-1-0, Marino 23-40-230

**RECEIVING**—Dallas, Hill 6-15, Coble 3-43, Dorsett 6-28, Newsome 2-13, Renfro 1-7, Miami, Clayton 4-19, Duper 4-27, Nathan 7-46, Moore 3-47, Hardy 3-25, Calkins 1-11, Bennett 1-4

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—None

**First downs** Dal 21 Mia 17

**Rushes-yards** 22-90 22-90

**Passing yards** 236 328

**Return yards** 92 22

**Punts** 7-40 5-45

**Sacks By** 1-13 3-30

**Fumbles-lost** 3-6 2-1

**Penalties-yards** 4-61 3-32

**Time of Possession** 39:47 30:13

## Cowboys' loss puts Giants into playoffs

MOONACHIE, N.J. (AP) — Now that they have backed into the playoffs, veteran punter Dave Jennings wants his New York Giants teammates to know one thing — there will be no more second chances.

The Giants, 9-7, earned the right to meet the Los Angeles Rams, 10-6, on Sunday when the Miami Dolphins defeated the Dallas Cowboys 28-21 Monday night in the final National Football League game of the regular season.

It capped a gut-wrenching weekend for the Giants who had to rely on Washington to defeat St. Louis and Miami to beat Dallas in order to make the playoffs.

The Giants' 10-3 loss to New Orleans on Saturday had no effect on the playoff picture.

Dallas could have earned a playoff berth by beating or tying the Dolphins, and the Cowboys appeared to do just that when wide receiver Tony Hill caught a tipped pass and ran the rest of the way to tie the score 21-21 with less than two minutes left in the game.

"When I saw that TD, I said if you believe in omens, that's one," said Jennings.

But Miami quarterback Dan Marino fired his third touchdown pass of the night to Mark Clayton with less than a minute to play to give Miami the victory and deny Dallas a playoff berth for the first time in 10 years.

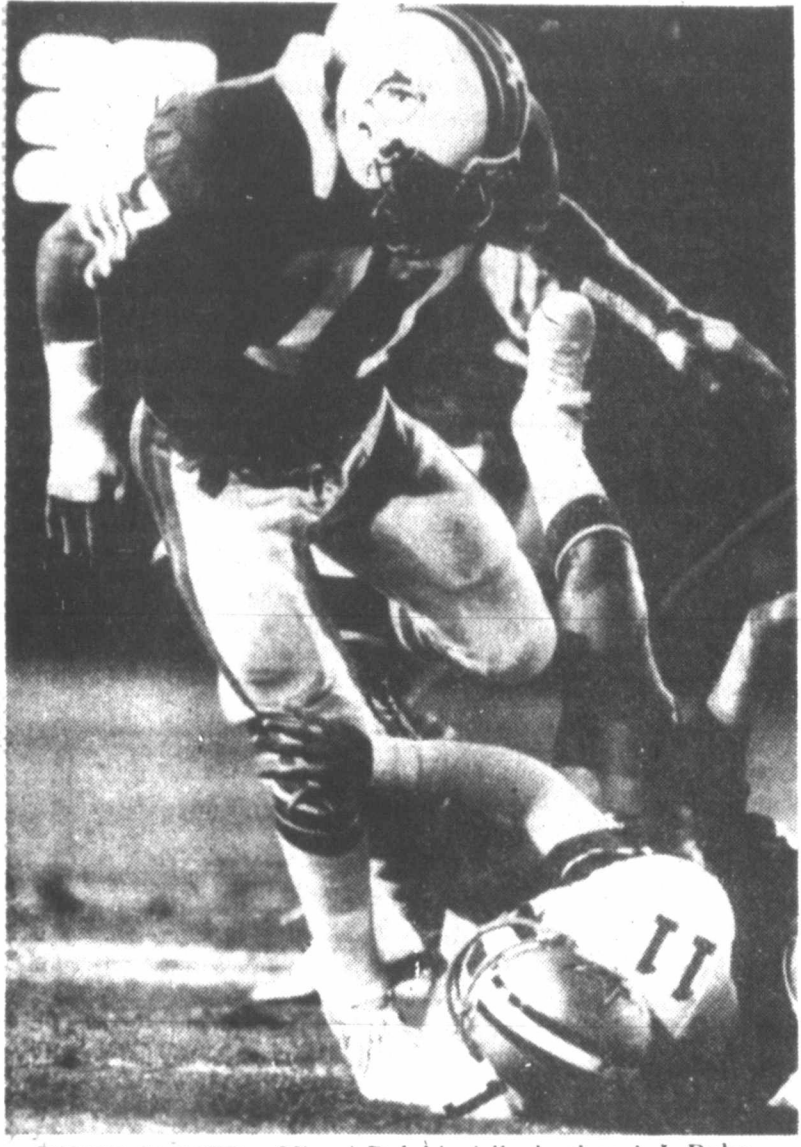
"You're going to see a fired up team tomorrow," said Jennings. "I hope the guys realize they got a second chance and they don't get any more second chances."

Giants' defensive end Casey Merrill watched the game on television at Manny's Restaurant here. He said he thought the Giants lost their second chance when Hill caught the touchdown.

"Incredible, great, terrific," said Merrill. "I felt Tony Hill pickpocketed us with that touchdown, then Dan Marino and Mark Clayton found the wallet and gave it back to us."

"I'm definitely going to send Mark Clayton a Christmas card," said Giants wide receiver Bobby Johnson.

One Giant who didn't bother to wait for the outcome of the game was All-Pro linebacker Harry Carson. He went to bed.



WHITE SACKED—Miami Dolphins' linebacker A.J. Duhe (77) stands over fallen quarterback Danny White in second-quarter action Monday night. (AP Laserphoto)

## Marino heads AP's dream backfield

by DAVE GOLDBERG  
AP Sports Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Marino, Walter Payton and Eric Dickerson, who among them broke four of the National Football League's most coveted records, form a dream backfield for the Associated Press' All-Pro team, announced today.

Marino, one of four Miami Dolphins on the team, threw 48 touchdown passes, shattering the record of 36 set by Y.A. Tittle and George Blanda in 1963 and 1961 respectively. He also threw for 5,084 yards, breaking Dan Fouts' three-year-old standard of 4,802.

Dickerson, meanwhile, became only the second man in history to rush for more than 2,000 yards, breaking O.J. Simpson's standard of 2,003 in his 15th game — Simpson did it in 14 — and leading the Los Angeles Rams to a wild-card playoff berth. He finished with 2,105 yards.

And Payton, who finished the season with 1,684 yards rushing, raced past Jim Brown's career mark of 12,312 in the sixth game of the season and finished with 13,247 career yards as he led the Chicago Bears to the NFC Central crown.

The other members of the all-pro offense, chosen by a vote of three sportswriters and broadcasters who covered each of the NFL's 28 teams were: wide receivers Roy Green of the St. Louis Cardinals and Art Monk of the Washington Redskins; tight end Ozzie Newsome of the Cleveland Browns; tackles Joe Jacoby of

Washington and Keith Fahnhorst of the San Francisco 49ers; guards Russ Grimm of Washington and Ed Newman of Miami, and center Dwight Stephenson of the Dolphins.

The defense is ends Mark Gastineau of the New York Jets and Howie Long of the Los Angeles Raiders; tackles Dan Hampton of the Bears and Randy White of the Dallas Cowboys; nose tackle Joe Nash of the Seattle Seahawks; outside linebackers Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants and Rod Martin of the Raiders; inside linebackers Mike Singletary of the Bears and E.J. Junior of the Cardinals; brothers Mike Haynes of the Raiders and Mark Haynes of the Giants at cornerback, and safeties Deron Cherry of the Kansas City Chiefs and Kenny Easley of Seattle.

The specialists are plackicker Norm Johnson of Seattle; punter Reggie Roby of Miami and kick returner Henry Ellard of the Rams.

There are only eight repeaters on the 27-man team led by White, who made it for the fourth straight year and sixth of the last seven and Taylor, who has been all-Pro in all four of his seasons in the NFL.

The others are Gastineau, who made it for the third time in a row; Dickerson, Green, Jacoby and Grimm. It also was the fourth time that Payton has made the squad in his 10-year NFL career.

Miami had six players on the first two all-pro teams. The Bears, Raiders and Seahawks had five players each on the first two

teams. The second team included wide receivers Mark Clayton of Miami and Steve Largent of Seattle; tight end Todd Christensen of the Raiders; tackles Anthony Munoz of Cincinnati and Bill Bain of the Los Angeles Rams; guards John Hannah of New England and Randy Cross of San Francisco; center Mike Webster of Pittsburgh; quarterback Joe Montana of San Francisco; running backs James Wilder of Tampa Bay and Marcus Allen of the Raiders; kicker Jan Stenrud of

Minnesota and kick returner Louis Lipps of Pittsburgh.

The defense was ends Richard Dent of Chicago and Art Still of Kansas City; tackles Dave Butz of Washington and Doug English of Detroit; nose tackle Bob Baumhower of Miami; linebackers Rickey Jackson of New Orleans, Jim Collins of the Rams and Clay Matthews and Tom Cousineau of Cleveland; cornerbacks Dave Brown of Seattle and Eric Wright of San Francisco, and safeties Michael Downs of Dallas and Todd Bell of Chicago and punter Jim Arnold of Kansas City.

QB—Joe Montana, San Francisco  
RB—James Wilder, Tampa Bay; Marcus Allen, Raiders  
PK—Jan Stenrud, Minnesota  
KR—Louis Lipps, Pittsburgh

**Defense**  
E—Richard Dent, Chicago; Art Still, Kansas City  
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# Rangers' manager apologizes to Sundberg

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers manager Doug Rader, now eager to re-sign a player he once ridiculed and traded to Milwaukee, met for two hours with catcher Jim Sundberg Monday night and said he apologized for the way he treated Sundberg.

"I let him know I made a mistake. I told him I'd never done anything like that to any human being. And I won't do it again," Rader told The Dallas Morning News.

"He still has to think about it. But everything I did and said (in the meeting) was really sincere."

Whatever he decides, well, we'd love to have him. ... There's a healing process involved. I just never realized how important he was to this team. And not just his ability on the field, but as a human being."

Sundberg, one of Texas' most popular players when he was traded, declined to comment on the meeting. He left for a vacation in Colorado and said he would make a statement "after the first of the year" about his possible return to the Rangers.

Milwaukee gave Texas officials permission to talk to Sundberg,

who has asked that the Brewers trade him.

In 1983, Rader publicly criticized Sundberg's play, courage and leadership and said the Rangers would be better off without him. Consequently, the Rangers traded Sundberg, a former Golden Glove catcher, to the Milwaukee Brewers for catcher Ned Yost.

Looking back at the play of Yost and others at catcher for the Rangers last season, Rader now says it was a mistake to trade Sundberg.

Sundberg had lunch with Rangers owner Eddie Giles on Dec. 10 and said afterward that he

would consider rejoining the team. But he also expressed reluctance because of the hostility that Rader had shown.

"Everything is back to normal," Rader said after Monday night's meeting at a hotel at Dallas-Fort Worth airport, which he had requested.

"We settled all the minor things that were so magnified and got so out of hand," Rader said before boarding a plane back to his Stuart, Fla., home. "There is a confidence between us and I don't want to destroy it. I will not speak for Jim."

# Harvesters visit Abernathy tonight

The Pampa Harvesters travel to Abernathy for a non-district game tonight while the Lady Harvesters visit Dumas for their second district outing.

The Harvesters will try and keep a three-game winning streak going against the the Class AA Antelopes.

Pampa has an overall 8-3 record.

The Lady Harvesters have a 4-3 record and are 1-0 in district play.

Both Pampa teams will be at home this Friday night against Levelland in the first district game for the Harvesters.

# SMU crushes Campbell to stay unbeaten

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist Coach Dave Bliss is not about to tell his players to quit studying, but he says he could see the results of their classroom labors.

The undefeated Mustangs, who moved up notch Monday to No. 6 in The Associated Press College Basketball Top 20 Poll, took a lackluster 90-70 win over an outmanned Campbell (N.C.) University Monday night.

Bliss said it was due to a fact of college life: exams.

"We played tired tonight," Bliss said. "It's the middle of exam week, and we played like it's the middle of exam week."

The Mustangs, who upped their non-conference record to 7-0, led by

only 10 at halftime and allowed the Camels, 1-6, to crawl within 68-57 with 6:05 left in the game.

"We didn't have any movement, on both offense and defense," said Bliss, whose team has only been seriously challenged once in seven games and has an average winning margin of 16 points.

SMU was led by 6-foot-5 junior guard Carl Wright, who scored 23 points on 10-of-15 shooting. He used a combination of fast-break layups and 15-foot jumpers to come within two points of his season high of 25.

But even though the Mustangs are undefeated and picked to win the Southwest Conference, Wright is not convinced his team is unbeatable.

"We're not perfect yet," said Wright, who added five assists.

"Games like this help us get better."

Wright's outside shooting complemented the inside work of 7-foot Jon Koncak, who finished with 21 points and 15 rebounds. Koncak and Wright combined to score 16 consecutive SMU points in the second half.

Koncak, a gold medalist for the 1984 U.S. Olympic basketball team, also had six blocks for the Mustangs.

Campbell Coach Jerry Smith watched his team shoot 54 percent against a top-10 team and stay close most of the way.

"We did the best we could, but Wright is going to get his," Smith said.

Guard John Huffstetler led Campbell with 16 points.

SMU's Bliss had the luxury that's reserved for the coach of a nationally ranked team as he professed to be less than happy with a 36-22 rebounding edge and a total of eight turnovers.

"I'm not especially pleased with how we played, but I know this happens," said Bliss. "It was just a typical exam week game."

**CAMPBELL (79):** ... Nash 14 2-4 4, Grier 0-0 0-0, Ebbsum 6-1 0-0, McGee 5-9 3-4 12, Austin 5-7 1-1 11, Welch 0-0 0-0, Jones 0-0 0-0, Hensley 0-0 0-0, Huffstetler 8-12 0-0 16, Spencer 5-10 0-0 10, Tracy Williams 7-12 1-3 15, Arndt 0-0 0-0, Whitted 1-1 0-2, Totals 32-56-27. **SOUTHERN METH (90):** ... Davis 7, 8-14, Johnson 4-4 1-2 9, Koncak 7-13 7-21, Moore 3-6 0-4, Wright 10-15 3-4 23, Fuller 1-3 0-0 2, Pink 0-1 0-0 0, Thomas 1-1 0-0 2, Briggs 1-3 0-0 4, Terry Williams 2-3 1-3 5, Wuborn 1-3 0-2 2, Lewis 2-4 0-4, Cozart 0-0 0-0. Totals 30-67 12-19 96.

**Halftime:** Campbell 31, Southern Meth 41. Fouled out—Nash, Rebounds—Campbell 23 (Williams 7), Southern Meth 20 (Koncak 13). Assists—Campbell 18 (Austin 9), Southern Meth 23 (Moore 6). Total fouls—Campbell 17, Southern Meth 12. Technicals—Koncak A-1, 502.

# NFL playoff puzzle finally pieced together

By The Associated Press

Following many days of speculation and just plain confusion, National Football League teams and fans finally know all the particulars of the playoffs ... almost.

The puzzling picture was finally decided Monday night when the Miami Dolphins pulled out a dramatic 28-21 victory over Dallas eliminating the Cowboys from the playoffs for the first time since 1974.

Miami's victory put the New York Giants into the National Conference playoffs as a wild-card

entry against the Rams on Sunday in Los Angeles at 3:30 p.m. EST.

The second round of the NFC playoffs will be held at San Francisco Dec. 29 and Washington Dec. 30, with the 49ers and Redskins to be the home teams.

The only question still to be answered — where the NFC Central Chicago Bears will play — won't be decided until the NFC wild-card game ends.

If the Giants win, they will play in San Francisco, with the Bears at Washington. But a Rams victory will send Los Angeles to Washington and Chicago to San Francisco.

Dan Marino's 63-yard touchdown strike to speedy Mark Clayton with 51 seconds left was the killing blow to the Cowboys' playoff hopes.

"It was a hard way to lose a game. They made a number of big plays," Cowboys Coach Tom Landry said. "I thought we contained them about as well as we could."

Marino, a second-year quarterback out of Pitt, became the first man in NFL history to pass for more than 5,000 yards and Clayton shattered a league mark for TD receptions in a season with 18, as the 14-2 Dolphins finished

with their best record since 1973.

The Los Angeles Raiders will visit Seattle on Saturday for at 4 p.m. EST start against the Seahawks in the America Conference wild-card contest.

The winner of the Raiders-Seahawks game will play at Miami, champs of the AFC East, in the semifinals Dec. 29 and the Pittsburgh Steelers, winners of the Central Division, will play the Broncos in Denver Dec. 30.

The AFC and NFC finals are set for Sunday, Jan. 6 and the Super Bowl will be played at Palo Alto, Calif. on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. EST.

# Vikings fire head coach, most of assistants

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Many of those who played for him made no effort to hide their feelings when Les Steckel, the hardline rookie coach, was fired by the Minnesota Vikings.

"I sense a huge sigh of relief," said defensive end Doug Martin, after the National Football League club announced the ouster Monday.

Steckel, at 38 the NFL's youngest coach, was fired less than 24 hours after the Vikings finished the season 3-13, the worst record in their 24-year history. A dozen of his assistants were also let go.

Among the names being mentioned as a possible successor to Steckel were:

- Jerry Burns, an assistant who announced his resignation last month to look for a head coaching job.
- Bud Grant, the longtime Vikings coach who retired in January. General Manager Mike Lynn said a Grant comeback

could not be ruled out.

- Lou Holtz, head coach of the University of the Minnesota.
- Joe Kapp, former Viking quarterback and head coach at the University of California.
- Sam Rutigliano, the fired coach of the Cleveland Browns.
- "He tried to run a professional team with a high school attitude," linebacker Scott Studwell said of Steckel. "It just doesn't work that way."
- "He alienated a lot of people and it was getting pretty ugly around here," Studwell added. "He didn't listen to his players. He wanted everybody to conform to his way of thinking instead of building his program around the team."
- Martin said Steckel's first big mistake was to purge the team of veteran players like Terry LeCount, Rickey Young, John Turner, Randy Holloway and Duck White.
- "When he started making those types of changes (in training camp), the guys were all looking at

each other wondering what was going on," Martin said. "The morale started sliding then and kept on sliding."

Matt Blair, an 11-year veteran linebacker, said those dismissals created a shaky atmosphere.

"You didn't know day-to-day who would be leaving next," Blair said.

But punter Greg Coleman said there were positive aspects to Steckel's program, which was

emphasized conditioning and toughness.

For instance, Coleman said Steckel should be commended for starting a program called "Game Plan II" in which players received financial, career and chemical dependency counseling.

But while Coleman thought Steckel's philosophy had its good points, there was a consensus among players that he worked them too hard in practice.

"Just like everybody else, I'm relieved," said nose tackle Charlie Johnson.



# New NFL records

- Individual Records**
- Season Rushing: New—Eric Dickerson, Rams, 2,105 yards; Old—O.J. Simpson, Bills, 1,903 yards, 1973
  - Career Rushing: New—Walter Payton, Bears, 13,309, 1975-84; Old—Jim Brown, Browns, 12,312, 1957-65
  - Career Receiving: New—Charlie Joiner, Chargers, 657, 1969-84; Old—Charley Taylor, Redskins, 648, 1964-75, 1977
  - Season TD Passes: New—Dan Marino, Dolphins, 48; Old—George Blanda, Oilers, 1961, Y.A. Tittle, Giants, 1962, 35
  - Rushing Attempts, Season: New—James Wilder, Buccaneers, 407; Old—Eric Dickerson, Rams, 1983, 390
  - Receiving: New—Art Monk, Redskins, 106; Old—Charley Hennigan, Oilers, 1964, 161
  - Most Passes Completed, Season: New—Dan Marino, Dolphins, 362; Old—Dan Fouts, Chargers, 1981, 360
  - Passing Yards, Season: New—Dan Marino, Dolphins, 5,084; Old—Dan Fouts, Chargers, 1981, 4,802
  - Touchdowns Receiving, Season: New—Mark Clayton, Dolphins, 18; Old—Don Hutson, Packers, 1942, Elroy Hirsch, Rams, 1951, Bill Groman, Oilers, 1961, 17
- Team Records**
- Most Games Won: New—1984 49ers, 15; Old—1972 Dolphins, 1976 Steelers, 1982 Redskins, 14; Most Losses, Season: New—Chicago Bears, 72; Old—1967 Oakland Raiders, 67
  - Most Releaves, Game: New—3, Los Angeles Rams vs. New York Giants, Sept. 9, 1984; Old—1, held by many clubs
  - Team Interception Return Yards, Game: New—330 Seattle vs. Kansas City, Nov. 4, 1984; Old—314 Los Angeles vs. San Francisco, Oct. 18, 1984
  - Most Touchdowns Returning Interceptions, Game: New—4, Seattle vs. Kansas City, Nov. 4, 1984; Old—3, held by many clubs

# The Birch Log

## The NEA Exposed

influence early in this century of the "Educational Trust" as the NEAs called themselves. Many of these individuals are relatively unknown today, save for the "Father of Progressive Education," John Dewey.

**Promoting Illiteracy and Socialism**

How does it happen that there are 24 million functional illiterates in the US today — even though virtually all have had eight to twelve years of schooling? Blumenfeld insists that it was planned that way. "It was John Dewey who first formulated the notion that high literacy is an obstacle to socialism. To Dewey, the greatest enemy of socialism was the private consciousness that seeks knowledge in order to exercise its own individual judgment and authority." With Dewey leading the charge, America's educators adopted the terribly flawed "look-say" reading process which has led to widespread illiteracy. The section of this book detailing the conspiracy against literacy is simply mind-boggling.

NEA has become a powerful labor union and political activist group. Blumenfeld summarizes what it stands for today: "It is forming coalitions with other unions to exert maximum pressure on candidates and legislators; it backs Marxist revolution in Central America; it never criticizes the Soviet Union. It wages incessant warfare against conservatives ... it is working to bring all teachers and all private schools under government control; it hates capitalism and loves socialism; it is uncompromisingly atheistic; it advocates sex education for children, abortion on demand, passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, gun control, a nuclear freeze and disarmament. In short, for all practical purposes, the NEA might as well be the socialist party in America."

Blumenfeld recommends moving education out of government hands and a steady increase in private schools. His important expose of the NEA should help mightily to demonstrate the need to do both.

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# NEA Behind It

While we must indeed have allowed such a threat to develop, unquestionably the single most important agency causing it is the National Education Association (NEA). The most powerful force in the vital business of teaching the young, the NEA has for too long benefitted from the widespread presumption of both parents and the nation at large that its goals are their goals, that well-educated youngsters who value freedom, morality and patriotism are its desired end product.

That such is far from the case is devastatingly shown in N.E.A. *Truism Horns in American Education* by Samuel L. Blumenfeld (Research Publications, P.O. Box 39850, Phoenix, AZ 85069, \$7.95). Yes, American education is sick, but it suffers from an illness deliberately planted by an "Education Mafia" that took control of the nation's public school system and infected it with collectivism, socialism, behaviorism, atheistic psychology, secular humanism, progressivism and radicalism.

Born in 1857, the NEA from its outset was determined to create its own kind of national system of education. Those who agreed with the wisdom of America's founders in keeping the federal government out of education were eventually overwhelmed by NEA members, all of whom wanted federal power over the entire process. Mr. Blumenfeld details the pernicious

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# McLean girls defeat Hedley

McLean held off Hedley to post a 39-37 win in girls' basketball action Monday night.

Melanie Billingsley led McLean in scoring with 23 points.

T. Moore led the losers with 10 points.

Lee Ann Tate added six points for McLean.

McLean boys, however, suffered a 61-23 setback to Hedley.

Kennedy led Hedley with 16 points while Martin Gatley led McLean with 11.

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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- 1 Nigerian tribe
- 4 Author Harte
- 8 La \_\_\_\_\_ tar pits
- 12 Ventilate
- 13 Aware of (2 wds.)
- 14 Indian weight
- 15 Dress style (sl.)
- 16 The currency
- 17 Whiff
- 18 Lugs
- 20 Cuff
- 21 predecessor
- 22 Same (comb. form)
- 23 Bravos (Sp.)
- 25 Positive pole
- 27 Introduced slowly
- 30 Bohemian city
- 33 3. Roman
- 34 Leader (It.)
- 36 Sheds tears
- 37 Legion
- 39 Crescent point
- 41 The (Fr.)
- 42 Cat
- 44 Arctic plan
- 46 Spire final
- 47 Biblical prophet
- 48 Tax agency (abbr.)
- 50 Destiny
- 52 Rascal
- 56 Cold wind (Fr.)
- 58 Indonesian island
- 60 Retirement plan (abbr.)
- 61 Except that
- 62 Kind of test
- 63 The (Sp.)
- 64 \_\_\_\_\_ terrier
- 65 Circuit
- 66 Beverage

**DOWN**

- 1 Metric foot
- 2 Life science (abbr.)
- 3 Church calendar
- 4 Sleigh
- 5 Genetic material

- 6 Character of a people
- 7 Kids
- 8 English broadcasters
- 9 Wagner opera, "Das \_\_\_\_\_"
- 10 Food (sl.)
- 11 Of the planet Mars (comb. form)
- 19 Cow genus
- 21 Title
- 24 Bring out
- 26 Western hemisphere organization (abbr.)
- 27 Singer Edith

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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STEVE CANYON

STEVE, JUST WHAT DO YOU DO AT AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE IN BETWEEN THOSE TRIPS TO HONG KONG AND OUTER BOFFOLA?

"Das \_\_\_\_\_"

WHY, AH, SUMMER, HONEY, YOU KNOW I SIT AROUND THINKING UP NEW WAYS TO HOLD ONTO YOU WHILE I'M OUT OF THE COUNTRY!

ONE METHOD OF GRABBING SUMMER'S ATTENTION IS BEING COMPOSED RIGHT NOW...

THE WIZARD OF ID

COULD YOU SPARE A FEW COINS, SO I CAN FEED MY FAMILY?

I DON'T HAVE ANY CASH ON ME

I TAKE CREDIT CARDS

HOW MORTIFYING! PANHANDLING HAS GONE PLASTIC

EK & MEK

CAN YOU KEEP A SECRET, MOUIQUE?

CAN I? OH, BOY, YOU BETCHA... FOR SURE!

WELL, SO CAN I

B.C.

WHAT'S THE HOTTEST ITEM ON THE SHELVES THIS SEASON?

BOOKS! ...STEAMY, EROTIC BOOKS!

THIS IS FOR A 92-YEAR OLD MAN!

HOW 'BOUT A SUBSCRIPTION TO 'PLAYGRAMS'?

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol  
Dec. 18, 1984

This coming year you are likely to become involved in ventures or enterprises grander in scope than anything you've tackled in the past. They'll prove to be fortunate.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Find time to be helpful to a loved one who needs your assistance today. If you ignore this person's plight, he will look the other way when you need aid. Looking for romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker set can help you in your search. Send for it today by mailing \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Uncharacteristically, you may still be a little too extravagant today. You'd better do an about-face and start looking for ways to trim non-essential expenditures.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Today you will become more skillful than your associates in accomplishing difficult objectives. Make it a point not to lord your achievements over them.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You will be successful in your endeavors today, provided you operate along logical lines. When you start playing your hunches, it'll be another story.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Be careful today not to be drawn into some type of undesirable involvement that pits one friend against another. Stay out of the middle.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** People presently supportive of you may do an about-face today if they think you are trying to use them to selfishly further your own interests.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** This can be a productive day for you, provided you properly systematize your work. If you're disorganized, you'll merely spin your wheels and accomplish little.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Do not allow yourself to become involved in petty politics or one-upmanship games in your social affairs today. Coy maneuvers will work against you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Resist temptations to introduce volatile issues at the dinner table this evening. Once the lid is opened, it'll be hard to squeeze disputes back into the box.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Virgos are endowed with remarkable qualities of observation, but you must not use your gifts today to see only the bad in others while overlooking the good.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Unfortunately today, you may have to learn a lesson the hard way when you are denied something you want because you were too extravagant in the past.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Be pleasant to others today and you will get them to do your bidding. However, if you approach them in a cranky fashion, they won't be cooperative.

MARVIN

I'M ALL FOR CONSUMER SAFETY

BUT SOME THINGS CAN BE TAKEN TOO FAR

...SUCH AS AIR BAGS ON BABY WALKERS

MARMADUKE

"We had to do it! We're going caroling and Marmaduke thinks he's a solo bass!"

KIT N' CARLYLE

LOOK! HERE COMES LONNIE WESTLIM. SUDDENLY HE SPOTS ME... HIS EYES POP...

HE GIVES A LITTLE SCREAM, HE JUMPS IN THE AIR AND LOOKS FRANTICALLY FOR SOMEPLACE TO HIDE...

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH FUN IT IS TO BE ME?

WINTHROP

WHAT A DAY... A HUNDRED OF US WARRIORS ROPE OVER A RISE AND SMACK INTO A HUNDRED CAVALRY TROOPERS!

I CAN IMAGINE THE ENSUING MILEE.

YEAH. TWO HUNDRED GUYS LEAPING FRANTICALLY THROUGH EMERGENCY CRISIS HANDBOOKS WAS A SIGHT.

ALLEY OOP

THERE! THE FUSE IS LIT! THEN LET US DEPART!

SOMEONE IS OPENING THE DOOR... FU CHIN!

BEHIND THE TREE, BEFORE WE ARE SEEN!

ANYTHING, ACE?

NO... BUT I SMELL SOMETHING BURNING! SNIFF! SNIFF!

WE ARE TOO CLOSE, SING TU! WE MUST LEAVE OR BE BLOWN TO PIECES!

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

THADDEUS FROTHINGILL WANTS TO SEE ME! --KAK-KAFF-- HE'S THE INTERNATIONAL LAWYER WHO TURNED DOWN THE SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENT!

IT MUST BE A WRONG NUMBER! HE MUST WANT SOME OTHER AMOS BARNABY HOOPLE!

NOW, THERE COULDN'T BE ANOTHER --LIFE ISN'T ALL BAD!

THE BORN LOSER

BUZZ ONCE IF YOU NEED SOMETHING... AND TWICE IF YOU NEED SOMETHING IMMEDIATELY.

WHAT ARE THREE BUZZES FOR?

IF IT'S TOO LATE.

FRANK AND ERNEST

COME ON, NUMBER SEVEN-- IT'S NO FUN UNLESS WE ALL BOOGIE!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Our TV set got pre-empted."

THE BORN LOSER

YES, MA'AM, I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO PLAY THE PART OF MARY IN OUR CHRISTMAS PLAY...

YOU WHAT?

THAT'S RIGHT, SIR... SHE ASKED ME YESTERDAY

MARY NEVER WORE GLASSES!!

THE BORN LOSER

IT'D LOVE TO CATCH YOUR MICE, GRANPPA, BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY WORTHY OF MY TIME, GOT ANYTHING BIGGER?

BRING ON THE TRAINING MOUSE!

ME AND MY BIG MOUTH

THE BORN LOSER

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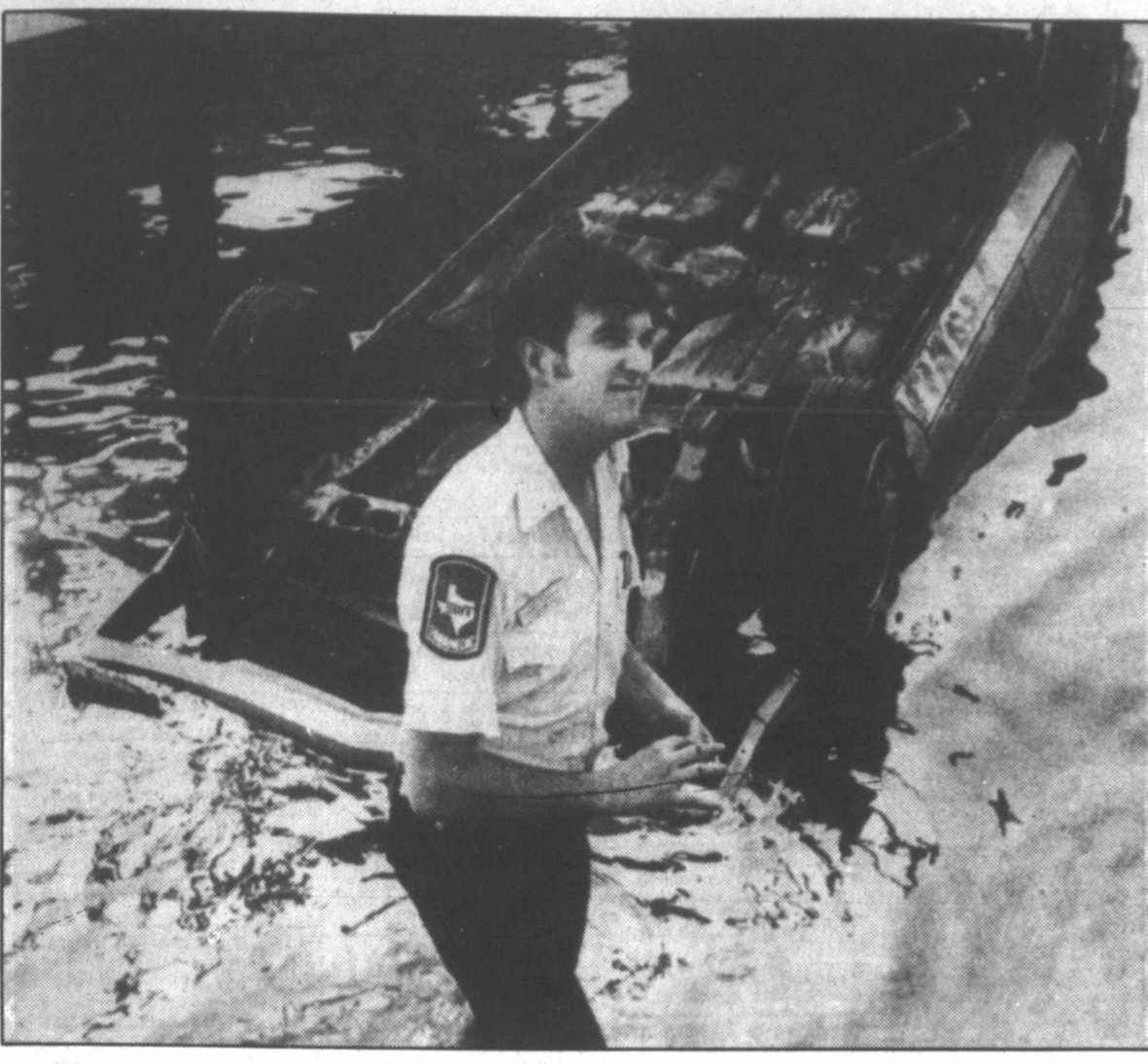
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**WET AND NOT WONDERFUL**—It's a dirty job, sometimes wet and cold too, but somebody has to do it as Paramedic Supervisor Kevin Doucette found out while investigating a possible accident Monday. Galveston EMS.

# News in brief

**CUDAHY, Calif. (AP)** — About 200 shoppers were briefly kept in a department store for questioning after an armored car guard was shot and killed by two men who grabbed a money bag and fled, officials said.

Witnesses said the two men confronted the Armored Transport Inc. guard as he walked toward the back of the busy store with a money bag Monday, according to Jim Stout, a photographer for the Southeast News Signal.

Two shoppers fainted, and others were treated at the scene for shock.

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — A U.S. representative vowed to investigate the Social Security Administration's policy of counting soup-kitchen meals as income in determining benefits after a local charity learned of the practice.

"I wouldn't think it would be very cost-effective for them to do this," said Rep. Jim Moody, D-Wis., of the disclosure that meals served by St. James Episcopal Church were considered income.

Martha Minnich, a church executive, said Monday that Social Security officials said the practice will end when the soup kitchen is certified as a non-profit organization.

- 5 Special Notices**
  - AAA Pawn Shop, 512 S. Cuyler. Loans, buy, sell and trade.
  - PAMPA Masonic Lodge No. 966-Thursday, December 20th Special Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Master Masons welcome. J.B. Fife, W.M., Walter J. Fletcher, Secretary. 420 W. Kingsmill.
  - TOP O Texas Lodge No. 1381. Tuesday, December 18, 1984, 7:30 p.m. Study and practice. Members urged to attend. Jim Redden, W.M., J.L. Reddell, Secretary.
- 10 Lost and Found**
  - LOST wedding ring. Marquise diamond with 2 smaller diamonds yellow gold. Reward 665-8548 after 6 p.m.
- 14 Business Services**
  - MINI STORAGE** You keep the key 10x10 and 10x20 stalls. Call 669-2929 or 669-9561.
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  - STORAGE UNITS** 10x16, \$45 month, 10x24, \$55 month. Gene W. Lewis, 669-1221, 665-3458.
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  - G.E. Sales and Service. Warranty Service on all G.E. and Hot Point major appliances and microwave ovens. Call Williams Appliance 665-8894
- 14b Appliance Repair**
  - WASHERS, Dryers, dishwashers and range repair. Call Gary Stevens, 669-7956.
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    - RALPH BAXTER CONTRACTOR & BUILDER Custom Homes or Remodeling 665-8248
    - Lance Builders Custom Homes - Additions Remodeling Ardell Lance 669-3940
    - ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, custom cabinets, counter tops, acoustical ceiling spraying. Free estimates Gene Breese, 665-5377.
    - J & K CONTRACTORS** 669-2648 669-9747 Additions, Remodeling, Concrete-Painting-Repairs
    - Nicholas Home Improvement Co. Steel and vinyl siding, roofing, carpenter work, gutters. 669-9991.
    - ADDITIONS, remodeling, roofing, painting and all types of carpentry. No job too small. Free estimates. Mike Albus, 665-4774, 665-2648.
    - MUNS Construction - Additions, patios, remodeling, fireplaces and tiles. 665-3456.
    - BILL Kidwell Construction. Roofing, Patios, Driveway, Siding, Remodeling. 669-6347.
    - BRICK WORK OF ALL TYPES** Bill Cox Masonry 665-3697 or 665-7336
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    - BART-OO Contractor all types house repair and remodeling. We take anything of value, trade-in. 848-2841. Free estimates.
  - 14e Carpet Service**
    - IT'S CARPETS Full line of carpeting 1429 N. Hobart-665-6772 Terry Allen-Owner
  - 14h General Service**
    - Tree Trimming and Removal Any size, reasonable, spraying, clean up. You name it! Lots of references. G.E. Stone, 665-8095.
    - HANDY Jim - General repairs, painting, yard work, rototilling, trim trees, hauling. 665-6787.
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    - WILL haul trash, tree trimming, any kind of yard work, will clean garages. 665-7530.
    - TREE trimming and hauling. General cleanup. 669-9846.
  - 14i Insulation**
    - Frontier Insulation Commercial Buildings, Trailer Houses and Homes 665-5224
  - 14m Lawnmower Service**
    - PAMPA Lawn Mower Repair Free pick-up and delivery 513 S. Cuyler. 665-8843 - 665-3109.
    - West Side Lawn Mower Shop Free Pickup and Delivery 2000 Alcock 665-0510, 665-3568

## Trooper sues over firing

ORANGE, Texas (AP) — A former state trooper says the Department of Public Safety harassed him with allegations that he solicited homosexual favors and later fired him for refusing to accept a demotion.

James Wade, sheriff-elect of Orange County, filed papers in state district court in Orange Monday, saying that the harassment started after he complained about the department's alleged ticket quota system.

DPS officials have repeatedly denied the agency has such a quota system.

Wade named as defendants the DPS; his former sergeant, now DPS Lt. Charles Dorbandt; retired

Capt. B.F. Wade; and Col. James Adams, the top official of the state agency.

Ann Kraatz, an assistant attorney general, said she had not seen the suit and did not know what accusations it made.

U.S. District Judge Joe Fisher dismissed a similar suit at Wade's request Nov. 13. Wade said at the time, "Many times we have to do things we don't want to do."

The action filed Monday said Wade was fired June 17, 1983, for failing to report for duty at a driver's license testing station in Garland. Wade contends the transfer was a retaliatory move.

The suit seeks \$5 million in actual damages and \$10 million in punitive damages for Wade. It also asks for \$1 million in actual damages and \$2 million in punitive damages for his wife, Neva.

The suit charges the department affirmed the charge that Wade sought homosexual favors even though the two men named as complainants did not appear at a July 1981 hearing.

Wade said he believes he never saw either of the two men named as his accusers.

"I know for certain I had never seen one of them," he said. "The only reason I ever saw him is because I stopped him on a traffic violation later."

Wade said he recognized the name on the man's driver's license.

## 11 prisoners approved for release

AUSTIN (AP) — Eleven prisoners who were freed early because of an administrative error but were later returned to prison will apparently get to spend Christmas on the outside.

Gov. Mark White and the state Board of Pardons and Paroles acted Monday to make sure that the 11 prisoners will get out again.

The board recommended commuting the sentences of 30 inmates, and White granted 11 commutations. The board then officially approved paroles for the 11.

"The inmates whose sentences are commuted have demonstrated a willingness and ability to become productive members of society and they deserve to be reunited with their families during this Christmas season," White said.

"The early release of these inmates was a very unfortunate mistake, and I regret the anguish

this incident caused the affected inmates, their families, and members of the public," White said.

He said he reviewed each case and based his decisions on the sentence, the offense committed, the length of time served in the Texas Department of Corrections, the inmate's conduct and recommendations of trial officials.

To prevent future errors in the parole of inmates, White said he has asked the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the TDC to use uniform sentencing papers to assess the parole eligibility date of each inmate.

John Byrd, board executive director, said the board approved the following inmates for parole:

- Charles Anderson, Pecos County, aggravated robbery, commuted from 20 to 14 years.
- Esteban Campos, El Paso, aggravated robbery, 10 to 8.
- Johnnie Ewbanks, Taylor, murder with a deadly weapon, 28 to 16.
- Bonnie Fawcett, Tom Green, aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon, 15 to 12.
- Anthony Fitzgerald, Van Zandt, aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon, 20 to 16.
- John Gilbreath, Pecos, aggravated robbery, 20 to 13.
- Roy McBride, Chambers, murder with a deadly weapon, 23 to 16.
- Natividad Martinez, Jackson, aggravated robbery, 20 to 16.
- Ronald Moore, Liberty, murder with a deadly weapon, 15 to 13.
- Johnny Spearman, Harrison, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, 4 to 3 years 6 months.
- Douglas Thompson, Smith, aggravated robbery, 10 to 8.

Byrd said the prisoners should be released by the end of the week, in time for Christmas.

## Names in news

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — A doctor said octogenarian Belgian author Georges Simenon recovered so well after removal of a growth from one of his sinuses that he planned "to have a bottle of champagne when he got home."

Simenon, 81, best known for his 80 books featuring the detective Inspector Maigret, was released Monday from Lausanne University hospital, said Dr. Nicolas de Tribolet.

The author, who underwent surgery Dec. 7, to remove the benign growth, "is perfectly well; he will be walking home," de Tribolet told The Associated Press. "He plans to have a bottle of champagne when he gets home."

Simenon stopped writing novels in 1972 for health reasons. Later, he wrote his memoirs, which were published in 1981. Simenon, who lives in Lausanne, said at the time that the book would be his "last book to be published."

NEWCASTLE, England (AP) — Singer Mike Nolan of the British rock group Bucks Fizz, thrown through the windshield of the group's bus in an accident last week, remains seriously ill and is being kept sedated, a hospital spokesman said.

"He is out of the coma, although the hospital is still sedating him now and again so he does not use up too much energy trying to move and react," said the group's press agent, Dan Higson. "It is good news today, but anything can happen."

The accident occurred Dec. 11

near this northeast England city.

Newcastle General Hospital issued a statement Monday saying: "Medical staff are satisfied with his improvement to take him off the critical list, but he remains seriously ill."

Bucks Fizz, a group of two men and two women, won the Eurovision Song Contest in 1981.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The second time's a charm, Academy Award-winning actress Sally Field said after tying knot to husband No. 2, producer Alan Greisman.

"For the first time in my life, something feels right in this area," Miss Field told People magazine after the private ceremony Saturday at her Tarzana home.

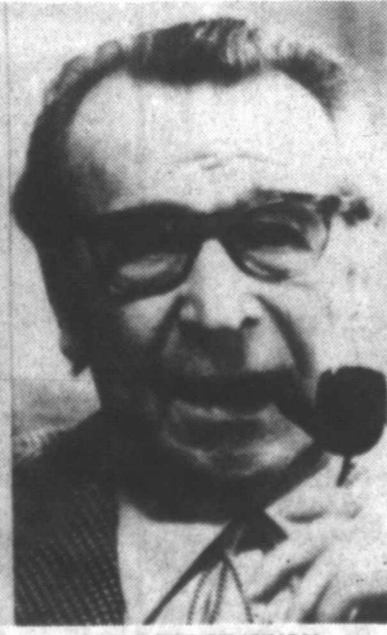
The couple met two years ago and began dating about six months ago, Miss Field's publicist, Patricia Kingsley, said Monday.

Miss Field, 38, was divorced from her first husband, high school sweetheart Steve Craig, in 1973 after five years of marriage. They had two sons, Peter, 14, and Elijah, 12, who live with her. It was the first marriage for Greisman, 37.

Miss Field won an Academy Award for best actress in 1979 for her performance as a tough textile mill union organizer in "Norma Rae."



SALLY FIELD



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- 55 Landscaping**
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- 57 Good To Eat**
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- 69 Miscellaneous**
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  - FIREWOOD Seasoned Oak, delivered. 806-256-3892, Shamrock.
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  - DRAFTING Tables for sale. Hamilton, complete with top and parallel bar, \$200 each. Other accessories. Contact Jeff Harbour at 669-7437 or 665-8994.
  - DOLL House - modern style, electrified 3 story furnished, 27x24x10 inches, doll family 665-5364, make offer.
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**By REBECCA TROUNSON**  
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**HOUSTON (AP)** — Word trickled down through the ranks of America's homeless, passing from city to city, one street to another, one man to the next, until it reached the ear of Herman Neely. Neely, then down and out in Yuma, Ariz., says the news shocked him into action: Houston's Open Door Mission, where he had lived on and off for 15 years, had closed its doors. "I heard Brother Bob had closed down," said Neely, 56, his years of hard living etched deep in his face. "I heard they'd closed the place down and made it a parking lot. I had to come back."

Neely hitched a ride back to Houston, only to discover that the rumor was just that. The place he had come to call home, the mission founded by Robert and Emily Finnegan in 1954, was still there, with no plans to close down. There are few missions that inspire that kind of loyalty. But then there are few that are quite like the Open Door, in Houston or elsewhere. Not many missions allow people to stay more than a few days or weeks at a time. Fewer still have reading rooms or collections of cats and dogs that give a sense of family, or large front yards like that at the Open Door, where the men sit outside in sunshine and stillness, the peace of the garden seeming to bring them, too, a measure of tranquility.

But the major difference between this and other missions is that this one is called home by those who live here, many of whom have become near-permanent residents. These people, once members of America's vast transient community, are homeless no more. "This is home," says Neely, who opens the gate for visitors. "It's the only home I got."

Neely, a native of Dallas, came to Houston in 1958 on what he calls one of his wild sprees. Before long, he wound up in jail, penniless and without friends. "Brother Bob took me in," he said. "He took me in and fed me. The only thing was, I had to go to church."

Each resident of the Open Door must attend a church service once a day. Under other rules, those wishing to sleep in beds are required to undress and men found drunk or caught with a bottle are tossed out and blackballed for 90 days. "Lastly, they got to stay clean," Finnegan says; those with lice, crabs or other vermin are treated. Since that first meeting with Brother Bob, Neely has spent time in countless missions across America; he could probably compile a guidebook listing the high points of each.

"In Tucson, you could eat 12 dinners," he said. "They bring it right to you and everything." The Open Door, where residents receive coffee and doughnuts in the morning and soup for lunch and dinner, is not known for its food, according to Neely and others. "Some of them feed a lot better," he said. "But you got more freedom here and you get to know the guys around here. It's more like being home."

Since 1954, when he became a Baptist preacher, "Brother Bob" Finnegan has been taking people in, feeding them and making them go to church. Moved by a vague desire to do something for Houston's large transient community, he first set up shop on Franklin Street, armed only with a coffee pot, a few borrowed chairs and a lot of conviction. The mission has grown since that quiet beginning, moving several times until in 1966 it reached its present home in the former Fullerton Elementary School at 5803 Harrisburg. Now as many as 100 men — no women or families are accepted — can sleep in beds, with room for at least an equal number on the floor or the lawn outside.

"The mission has kept going through the years with the help of funding right from the hand of the Lord," Finnegan said. The Open Door receives money regularly from several individuals and is on the monthly budget of as many as 20 churches, he said. And one of their first successes, the Finnegans say, was Johnny Gasaway, now 76 and a long-term resident and staff member at the mission.

Gasaway, a dapper little man in a beige leisure suit and beige canvas hat, said he was a very different man in 1957, when he was living on Houston's Skid Row. "I drank quite a bit in them days," Gasaway explained. "But this one time, I got sick and got sicker. I'd been sick a lot of times but never like that. The Lord was dealing with me, if you know what I mean."

Now known as Brother Johnny, Gasaway made his way to that first Open Door, has been working for the mission ever since. The Finnegans now are both 79 but, with the help of about 25 part-time staff members, still run the facility themselves, dispensing Bible teachings, kind words, and scoldings in almost equal measure to the difficult men who are their charge.

Each of the mission's residents has a story, and no two are exactly alike. But all are linked by hardship; all share a common thread of disappointment and pain. Some of the men speak of lost

jobs, of injury or illness that forced a layoff and sparked the downward slide. Others speak of lost families, of deaths or divorces that sent them on the road. They talk of alcohol, of brushes with the law, of the fears and pressures of living on the street. And many speak with pride of their lives, saying that pride keeps them from telling wives, children and other relatives of their plight.

Robert, a large, burly man who said he had been unable to work since 1981 when he broke his leg in an industrial accident, was anxious that his last name not be used. Robert, 62 — who said he had seven children, three or four grandchildren and a 100-year-old

mother — telephones his children every few weeks but has never told them his circumstances. "I don't want them to know their old man is staying in a place like this," he said quietly. "They would want to help me if they knew. I don't want to be a burden to my kids."

Now in charge of security at the mission, Robert said he was waiting for a settlement on his injury. "Maybe this year, maybe within this fiscal year."

Most of the mission's long-term residents have become staff members or work at temporary jobs during the day. And when they return home in the evening after a day of collecting cans or hanging

paper — putting advertising flyers on neighborhood door knobs — they are greeted at the gate by the mission's dogs, in scenes reminiscent of those that occur in many more typical homes.

On a recent afternoon, a tall man named John received a boisterous welcome, with three dogs yapping at his heels as he pushed a bicycle through the open gate. John had a temporary job, he said, but like many others expressed frustration about the difficulty of finding anything more permanent. "You don't understand, you've got a job," he said angrily. "But these people out there, they think because you're here (in the mission), they don't even have to

pay you. Lot of times they don't pay. Then they want you to go 50 miles across town for the job. How're you supposed to get there? I ain't got no car. I ain't got no money for a bus. If I had \$500 in my back pocket, I could get a great job."

Paul Luitt, 52, a tall, nervous man who is known at the mission as Telephone Paul, said he, too, had grown frustrated with trying to find a job after he hit bottom about 10 years ago.

He had been a groom for many years, following the horses from racetrack to racetrack, from Miami to Chicago and back. But Luitt said he had become too

nervous for that life and quit, weary of the frantic pace and the long hours. Immediately, he ran into trouble getting another job. "I don't have any skills," he said. "Look through the ads. There's plenty of jobs for skilled labor. For unskilled, there's 50 people for every job."

Now on his third stay at the mission, he occupies himself with answering the phone and feeding the 30 or so cats who live in and around the building.

"I'm not really satisfied here but I'm not under the pressure I'd be on the street," Luitt said. "I know at least that I don't have to worry about where I'm going to stay tonight."

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