

New Year's Eve revelers could run afoul of new DWI laws

New Year's Eve party-goers who indulge too much in the spirits of the occasion and try to wander home in their cars may find themselves facing unexpected consequences if picked up for driving while intoxicated.

Tougher Texas laws on DWI, approved during the last session of the Legislature, go into effect with the new year. A minimum jail term will be mandatory for any person convicted two or more times for driving while intoxicated under a stricter Texas law effective Jan. 1, 1984.

Col. Jim Adams, Texas Department of Public Safety director and chairman of the task force which recommended tougher DWI legislation, said the new law should close the back door in the criminal justice system for repeat offenders.

"Deferred adjudication, which allowed repeat violators to wipe the slate clean after each DWI arrest, will be eliminated under this new statute," Adams said.

"Even if probation is given, a conviction record will be

established for the offender, and this record can be used in subsequent prosecution of any additional drunk driving charges," he explained. "Jail time is mandatory as a condition of probation beginning with the second DWI conviction."

The new law provides increased penalties for DWI convictions.

Conviction on first DWI offense carries a fine of \$100 to \$2,000, with a jail term ranging from 72 hours to two years. A second offense conviction is punishable by jail time ranging from a minimum of 15 days up to two years, with a fine of \$300 to \$2,000.

Conviction for third and subsequent DWI offenses carry a fine of \$500 to \$2,000 and confinement in jail for a minimum of 30 days to two years or in the state penitentiary for 60 days to five years.

Minimum terms of confinement are increased by 60 days

and fine limits are raised by \$500 if the DWI offense results in serious bodily injury to another person. If a drunk driver is found to be responsible for a traffic fatality, the law prescribes a mandatory term for the violator.

Col. Adams said the revised DWI statute will aid in the prosecution of drunk drivers.

"Under the present law, a person is only presumed to be intoxicated if tests reveal a blood alcohol concentration of 10 percent or more," Adams said. "The new law establishes that a driver is definitely too drunk to drive at the 10 percent level."

The revised statute also contains provisions for automatic 90-day suspension of driving privileges for refusal to submit to an alcohol chemical test. The refusal also will be admissible evidence in the driver's trial. The drunk driver's vehicle may be confiscated and sold upon the fourth DWI conviction.

The DPS director predicted the statute will help deter DWI violations and provide the means to identify repeat offenders.

"Despite increased DWI arrests and enhanced public awareness about this problem, far too many people still believe that there are no unfavorable consequences to drunk driving," he said.

"Texas law enforcement agencies do not have enough resources to adequately police all streets and highways. However, when these changes in the DWI law take effect, drunk drivers who are detected can count on being punished in a meaningful fashion. This should help discourage drunk driving," Adams concluded.

The new law takes effect after the celebrations of New Year's Eve, when many motorists may be facing prosecution under the new standards as they leave parties to head home after midnight.

Friday

FORECAST—Sunny and warmer through Saturday. Tonight's low near 20, with southerly winds 5-10 mph. High Saturday in upper 40s, with southwesterly winds 10-20 mph. Thursday's high, 22; overnight low, 2.

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It's thawing time for Texas Panhandle

By The Associated Press

Winter-weary Texans were in for another blast of stubborn arctic air today, but forecasters predicted the frigid weather would ease off as a warming trend loomed over the New Year.

The National Weather Service predicted temperatures early today would again drop to record lows in North and South Texas, warming to the 30s and possibly 40s later in the day.

Sunny skies and warmer temperatures were forecast for the Pampa area through the weekend, with a high today in the upper 30s reaching into the upper 40s for Saturday. The warmer weather is expected to melt most of the snow and ice from the roads during the weekend.

Thursday's high was 22 for Pampa, with an overnight low of 2 degrees. A

chance of light snow exists for Sunday, but the warmer temperatures should prevail into Monday.

"Actually, it looks like we're getting to a gradual warming trend... up to where we'll have normal temperatures next week, and it should be dry period, with only chance of showers in East Texas on Monday," meteorologist Michael Mach said Thursday night.

But the warm news was of little comfort to citrus growers, who estimate the cold hand of winter took up to \$100 million worth of crops last weekend.

Insurance officials say the cold spell has caused more than \$50 million in damages to homes and businesses—mostly as a result of broken water pipes and mains.

"Most of the damage has been to homes and businesses, mostly due to busting water pipes," said Carl Lee, a

representative of the Insurance Information Institute. "The breaking pipes have caused a lot of water damage, and it becomes quite expensive to replace them."

He estimated the \$50 million figure would climb, as the above-freezing temperatures thawed out and unveiled more damages.

Authorities also said the big freeze put a chill on illegal alien crossing the border, particularly in Texas, where most Border Patrol checkpoints are reporting a sharp dropoff in activity.

Border Patrol officials in Del Rio, where the temperature plunged to a record 20 degrees Thursday, said their apprehensions for the past week were the lowest since the Rio Grande River flooded in 1954.

"It's just too dadgum cold for 'em to hit that river," chief agent Jack L.

Richardson said. "This is the most dramatic slowdown we've seen, and I've been in the Border Patrol for 30 years."

Richardson said agents in the Del Rio area had nabbed 175 aliens Dec. 23 and 122 the following day. But he said the number dropped to 75 Christmas Day and to 33 on Monday.

"I assume it's a combination of the cold and the holidays," said William H. Selzer, chief agent in Laredo, where the temperature was 24 Thursday. A guy crossing (the Rio Grande) and being soaked wet is very apt to be lying out there until spring, if a smuggler is not waiting for him."

Weather-related deaths, meanwhile, continued to climb, bringing the number of people killed to at least 36 since the arctic front began plaguing the Lone Star state on Dec. 18.

The latest victim apparently died of asphyxiation. Authorities said Thursday Ardel Buntun, 59, was found by ambulance attendants in his east Austin home. A bucket of still-hot charcoals was found in his home.

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower said a 10-day embargo on all citrus being shipped out of South Texas was to take effect at midnight today and would end Jan. 9.

Most citrus producers endorsed the action, which exempts oranges and grapefruit picked before the freeze and that fruit bound for juice processing plants.

"Virtually all Texas producers had immediately halted sent of fruit damaged by the freeze, but damage is not apparent for several days. I believe it is only prudent to officially suspend all fruit shipments," Hightower said

when he issued the order.

The Texas Valley Citrus Committee recommended the embargo to Hightower on Wednesday, after growers estimated their loss was greater than anyone had anticipated.

Early this week, growers figured the freeze had cost them about \$30 million dollars, but that number was increased to as much as \$100 million by McAllen Mayor Othal Brand, who is a partner of the giant citrus packing firm Griffin & Brand.

Bill Weeks, vice president of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association estimated the loss in vegetables may be as high as \$75 million—a cost that will end up coming out of the consumer's pocket.

The United Farm Workers of America estimated that 100,000 farm worker families will be affected by the agricultural disaster.

Short may have caused store fire

By JULIA CLARK
Staff Writer

An electrical short may have been the cause of a fire which gutted the front part of Pampa Parts and Supply Thursday night, according to arson investigator Tom Leggett.

Eleven men and four units responded to the fire call turned in by Ardel Lance about 6:25 p.m. The auto and truck parts and supply store is located between the Lancer Club and Radcliffe Supply at 525 W. Brown.

According to Leggett, the building is an old quonset-style structure with old wiring. After investigating the scene today, Leggett and Assistant Fire Marshall Floyd Steele determined the fire probably started in an electrical outlet in the southeast corner of the building.

"It is an old building with old wiring," Leggett said. "Ardell said they saw the lights flicker shortly before the fire broke out, which leads us to believe there may have been a power surge that caused a short," he said. Leggett said they found papers near the outlet, which was under the counter, and a case of starter fluid was "fairly close" to that.

Describing the damage to the building and inventory as heavy, Leggett said, the owners may be able to salvage the cast iron motor parts.

Winford Swain owns the business and Rex Rose owns the building.

No one was injured and even though the temperature was near five degrees, firemen said they had no problems getting water to fight the blaze. Pampa police were called to reroute traffic around the scene.

Fireman Adams said the fire broke out about 30 minutes after employees had left for the night.



CHARRED REMAINS - Arson investigator Tom Leggett and Assistant Fire Marshall Floyd Steele (in background) sift through some of the charred inventory at Pampa Parts and Supply on W. Brown. (Staff photo by Ed Copeland)

Jackson on way despite Reagan's cold shoulder

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — Democratic presidential contender Jesse Jackson set out today on the final leg of his journey to Syria, saying he was hopeful of arranging the release of captured U.S. Navy aviator Robert O. Goodman Jr.

"We certainly are hopeful," Jackson said when asked during his six-hour stopover at Frankfurt airport whether he expected to bring Goodman back to the United States.

"The point is, if we do nothing, nothing will happen," he told The Associated Press. Jackson spent the stopover resting in a VIP lounge from his overnight flight from New York.

Jackson, accompanied by a delegation of U.S. clergymen, left at 2 p.m. for Damascus, the Syrian capital, aboard a commercial flight.

The black civil rights leader told reporters that neither race nor politics played a role in his decision to fly to Damascus. Goodman is also black.

"This is a truly American matter. I have been involved in humanitarian missions in the past," he said. During an ABC television network interview at the airport, Jackson said it was "really unfair to inject race into this dimension. If Lt. Goodman were white, or Hispanic or Indian or Asian, it would have the same moral imperative... his presence there is a grim reminder of the low level of relations between Syria and the U.S."

President Reagan has given a cold shoulder to Jackson's initiative, and Syria's defense minister said no release was possible while a "state of war" exists.

Goodman's mother has given her blessing to the trip, but his father said Jackson "should be held responsible" if the effort prolonged the detention.

Goodman, a bombardier-navigator, was wounded and captured Dec. 4 when his attack jet was downed during a raid on Syrian gun positions in Lebanon's central mountains. The pilot of his plane was killed.

Jackson's spokeswoman, Florence Tate, said the delegation would be met in Damascus by someone from the U.S. Embassy, possibly Ambassador Robert Paganelli.

"We don't know what the program there is yet," she told The Associated Press at the airport.

Jackson, before leaving New York, said he had "virtual assurance" from the Syrian government that he would at least be able to meet with Goodman, as have Paganelli, the Red Cross, and others.

Jackson said he had a telegram of welcome from the Syrian government, and said he hoped to meet with Syrian President Hafez al-Assad.

But he conceded he had no assurance Goodman would be freed, and in Damascus, Syrian Defense Minister Mustafa Tlass appeared to reject the possibility.

Tlass said Thursday, in an interview with The Associated Press, that a "state of war" exists between the United States and Syria and that "military traditions are that prisoners of war are exchanged after the war ends."

At a Kennedy Airport news conference, Jackson said, "We have a moral obligation to do something other than stand idly by."

Marilyn Goodman of New York, the flier's mother, attended the news conference but said she would not accompany Jackson because "I don't think it's my business to go." She said



Jesse Jackson...makes point during news conference

Jackson was carrying a personal letter from her to her son.

The aviator's father, Robert O. Goodman, objected earlier this week to "ad hoc efforts to conduct foreign policy." Jackson said the elder Goodman called Thursday and "offered us his prayers."

In a telephone conversation from his home in York, Pa., the elder Goodman said of Jackson's mission: "Should he be successful, he will deserve full credit. If the consequences of his actions are that Rob's captivity is prolonged, he should be held responsible."

Reagan refused to return four telephone calls from Jackson. An aide, declining to be identified, said Reagan did not want to lend official approval to Jackson's mission.

Spiritual leaders spark movement

Moslem opposition to Israeli troops mounts

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli troops were attacked in southern Lebanon today as Moslems staged nationwide sit-ins at mosques and burned an Israeli flag to express solidarity with guerrilla warfare against Israel's occupation forces.

Spiritual heads of Lebanon's Sunni and Shiite Moslem communities led the sit-ins from Beirut after midday prayers. Israel closed its frontline in southern Lebanon to traffic along the Awali River.

At the Sakiet Al-Ganzir mosque in west Beirut, Moslem youths set fire to a plastic blue-and-white Israeli flag and stepped on its remains. Others chanted anti-Israel slogans, including, "By fire and gunpowder we will fight the Jews", and some carried banners reading "Lebanon is the graveyard of the Zionists."

Meanwhile, Sheik Mohammed Jalaluddin, a religious leader in the southern port city of Sidon, told The Associated Press that Israeli troops surrounded his home, searched it, confiscated his pistol and took away his son for two hours of questioning before releasing him.

Prime Minister Shafik Wazzen called the incident an "intolerable violation of religious immunity" and told Foreign Minister Elie Salem to lodge a protest with the United Nations, the Lebanese state radio reported.

Attacks on the Israeli troops have escalated in recent days, and Israeli officials blame Moslem clergymen for encouraging the assaults.

In the latest ambush, an Israeli army convoy ran into an attack south of Lebanon's southernmost port of Tyre today and a United Nations force got

caught in the fire, travelers from the south reported.

Sources with the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon confirmed that an Irish UNIFIL convoy was caught in the crossfire when the Israeli vehicles were shot at from an orange grove.

The sources said there were no UNIFIL or Israeli casualties in the shootout. There was no word about casualties among the attackers.

Israeli military sources said the three Awali River bridges in south Lebanon were closed to cars and trucks "because of technical problems."

The sources, who declined to be identified further, refused to elaborate. They said the closure was temporary and the bridges would re-open "soon."

The Awali has been the army's defense line since withdrawing from

the central mountains Sept. 4 to cut its losses.

Sources in the Lebanese governor's office in Sidon said the Israelis intend to keep the bridges closed over the weekend. Western diplomatic sources in Israel said 39 Israeli soldiers have been killed in more than 130 guerrilla attacks south of the Awali since the redeployment.

Israeli military sources said earlier this week closing the bridges was an option being studied to prevent the infiltration of guerrillas and weaponry across Israeli's lines.

But Lebanese security sources said the action also could have been prompted because of the holiday or to allow Israeli troops to move to more defensive positions.

Texas businessmen confident about '84

AUSTIN (AP) — Comptroller Bob Bullock says a survey of top Texas businesses shows retailing and manufacturing companies expect increased business in the first half of 1984 but construction, oil and gas and utility companies see a slower recovery from the economic decline.

"The results of this survey confirmed what we expected when we issued our latest revenue estimates in October," Bullock said in a statement Thursday.

"The survey shows retailers are coming back strong and expect to get stronger, while other parts of our state economy are looking at a slower climb."

Bullock said his survey of 300 top sales taxpayers showed that "Texas business expects to produce more, sell more, spend more and hire more

during the first six months of 1984."

Bullock said his survey asked the 300 top taxpayers if they expect the first half of 1984 to be better, worse or the same as 1983. More than 70 percent of those who received questionnaires responded.

"A whopping 48 percent of them expect to hire more employees next year," Bullock said. "Eight out of 10 expect Texas business conditions to improve."

Other results of the survey were: — Three quarters of those responding expect the Texas economy to perform at least as well as the nation as a whole.

— Three quarters expect the financial condition of their own companies to improve over the next six months.

daily record

services tomorrow

COOK, Mrs. Lena Faye - 11 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church.

NELSON, Samuel E. - 10:30 a.m., Wise Funeral Home Chapel, Bonham.

obituaries

CLYDE WILLIAM HADDOCK

CANYON - Services for Clyde William Haddock, 79, father of a Pampa resident, will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Schooler-Gordon Herring Chapel in Canyon. Officiating will be Rev. J. M. Lemmon, Pentecostal Holiness minister from Carmon, Okla.

Burial will be in the Memory Gardens Cemetery, between Canyon and Amarillo, under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Home of Canyon.

Mr. Haddock, a longtime Canyon resident, died Thursday.

He was born April 1, 1904, at Carl, Okla. He moved to Canyon in 1950. He was self-employed in the demolition business. His wife, Ida Belle Haddock, died in 1960.

Survivors include a daughter, Mildred Blake, Canyon; three sons, Don Haddock, Pampa, Clyde Leroy Haddock, Amarillo, and Col. Raymond Haddock, Fort Dix, N.J.; a sister, Bessie Porter, Colton, Calif.; a brother, Jesse Haddock, Santa Ana, Calif.; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

SAMUEL E. NELSON

BONHAM - Services for Samuel E. Nelson, 80, of Ector, brother of a Pampa resident, will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Wise Funeral Home Chapel at Bonham. Officiating will be Rev. Terry Curry, assisted by Rev. O. R. Curry, both Baptist ministers.

Burial will be in the Carson Cemetery at Ector under the direction of Wise Funeral Home of Bonham.

Mr. Nelson died Thursday in a Sherman hospital.

He was born March 3, 1903. He was a farmer and rancher in the Ector community. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mrs. Floyd Gilley Nelson, in 1981. He later married Alma Dee Jackson Hartwell.

Survivors include his wife, Alma Dee, Ector; one son, Sammy C. Nelson, Goodwell, Okla.; one daughter, Nancy Nelson, Denton; and a brother, Raymond Nelson, Pampa.

stock market

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler Evans of Pampa		
Wheat	3.45	up
Milo	3.00	up
Corn	5.00	up
Soybeans	6.90	up
The following quotations show the prices for which these securities could have been traded at the time of compilation		
By Cent. Life	21 1/2	dn
Serico	7 1/2	dn
Southland Financial	28 1/2	dn
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. stock market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Beatrice Foods	31 1/2	dn
Cabot	23 1/2	dn
Celanese	68 1/2	dn
DIA	19 1/2	dn
Dorchester	20 1/2	dn
Getty	38 1/2	up
Halliburton	49 1/2	dn
HCA	30 1/2	nc
Ingersoll-Rand	52 1/2	dn
Inter North	39 1/2	nc
Kerr-McGee	30 1/2	dn
Mobil	29 1/2	dn
Penny	35 1/2	dn
Phillips	34 1/2	dn
PNB	26 1/2	dn
SJ	50 1/2	dn
Southwestern Pub	19 1/2	nc
Standard Oil	30 1/2	up
Tenneco	41 1/2	dn
Texaco	36 1/2	dn
Zales	30 1/2	nc
London Gold	381 5/8	
Silver	8 1/2	

minor accidents

The police department reported the following minor accidents in which more than \$250 damage was done to either vehicle.

THURSDAY, December 29
4:21 p.m. - A 1976 Chevrolet driven by Eugene Duane Waldrop of Pampa and a 1978 Ford driven by Lefern Bradley Thomas of 420 Lefors collided at Browning and Sloan. Waldrop was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

5:28 p.m. - A 1978 Toyota driven by Brent Thompson Colwell of 615 E. Kingsmill and a 1981 Chevrolet driven by Charles Edward Hearron of 521 N. Frost collided at 1000 N. Duncan. Colwell was cited for making an improper start.

Emergency numbers

Emergencies	665-5770
SPS	669-7432
Water	665-3881
Dump hours	
Monday - Friday	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday	1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

hospital

CORONADO COMMUNITY Admissions

Pamela Ashford, Pampa
Jean Atchley, Panhandle
Guendolienne Bratcher, Pampa

Victoria Castillo, Pampa
Jimmie Clark, Pampa
Erving Chase, Pampa
Essie Crawford, Skellytown

Carlton Freeman, Pampa

Evan Friemel, Claude
Keith Heiskell, Pampa
Mildred Jackson, Pampa
Stephen Joiner, Pampa
Valorie Kalka, White Deer

Malcolm Roberts, Pampa

Charles Smith, Pampa
Koebe Zeagler, Pampa

Births
To Mr and Mrs. Tim Quarles, Pampa, a baby boy

Dismissals
Charles Smith, Pampa
William Cowan, Miami
Gerhart Koch, Canadian

Lois Dittmeyer, Pampa
Betty Pruitt, Borger
Stacey Stubbs, Pampa
Helen Griffin, Pampa
Davis Dude, Pampa
Nancy Barns, Pampa
Roy Bogges, Pampa
Denia Sissom, Pampa
Mary Carlisle, Lefors
Rose Clark, Groom
Lasca Patrick, Pampa
Douglas Clark, Pampa
Avis Fields, Pampa
Lois Ledbetter, Pampa
Marshal Giesler, Skellytown

Jan Allen, Seal Beach, Calif.
Orblee Gaines, Pampa
Bessie Wright, Pampa
Joshua Etheridge, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions
Richard Smith, Shamrock
Fernando Gonzales, Shamrock

Dismissals
J.R. Clemens, Shamrock
Michelle Cotter, Detroit, Mich.

city briefs

ESA PECANS - \$4.00 a pound. Proceeds to local projects. Pickup or deliver. 665-3510 or 665-8057.

MR. K'S Styling has changed locations - again. We are located at Cecil Kerbo's C'Bonte. The operators: Cecil Kerbo, Neva McLaughlin, Jennie Bridges, Erma Pyle, Bobbie Johnson, Ken McGuire, Maylene Free.

Denise Jonas, 669-7389, 619 W. Foster.

SHOP SAND'S Adv. after Christmas Sale.

BANK BAG Containing money found downtown. Call Pampa News, 669-2525 to identify.

NEW YEAR'S Eve Dance Lancer Club. Call for reservations 665-9133.

fire report

THURSDAY, December 29
7:24 a.m. - Firemen responded to a false alarm at the home of Paul White, 2364 Aspen.

4:38 p.m. - Firemen responded to a call at 945 Scott, a property owned by Barbara Brookshire. Firemen reported a rubber ball placed near an open space heater caught fire and created smoke. No other damage was reported.

6:25 p.m. - Firemen responded to a fire at Pampa Parts and Supply, 525 W. Brown. Four units responded to the blaze that caused heavy damage to the building and its contents. Firemen had the fire extinguished in about an hour. The owner of the building is listed as the Tom Rose Estate. The tenant is Pampa Parts and Supply.

11:20 p.m. - Firemen responded to a smoke scare at Southard Electric Company, 836 W. Foster. Firemen reported a leaking, broken water line had shorted out an electrical transformer, creating smoke. No other damage was reported.

police report

The Pampa Police Department reported 25 dispatched calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Friday.

THURSDAY, December 29
1:43 p.m. - Bonnie Medley of the 1100 block of South Finley reported someone attempted to enter her home by way of the front door sometime Wednesday.

11:50 p.m. - Vickie Tadlock at the Hiway reported that a known suspect may have taken money from her purse while at the bar.

Administration officials believe U.N. organization fatally flawed

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senior Reagan administration officials say UNESCO is so "fatally flawed," so politicized and anti-Western, that they see virtually no chance it can make the changes essential to persuade the United States to reverse its decision to withdraw.

Delegates to the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris predict the expected loss of the large annual U.S. contribution, now about one quarter of UNESCO's \$200 million budget, will force the agency to trim its staff, and to cut back and re-examine programs.

Some key Reagan administration officials, complaining of allegedly runaway UNESCO budgets, say such steps would provide at least one dose of the strong medicine they say is

essential if UNESCO is to be rescued from its own "mismanagement" and domination by radical elements led by the Soviet Union.

Jean-Pierre Cot, French delegate to the UNESCO Executive Council, said some of the U.S. complaints were "well founded," and "some of the criticisms are shared by France."

However, the French government had asked the United States not to withdraw, officials in Paris said.

"If the Americans leave, UNESCO will only be able to function poorly," said Cot.

UNESCO Secretary-General Amadou Mahtar M'Bow of Senegal said last November that UNESCO would apply for an international loan if the United States pulled out. He did not give details of how such a loan would be solicited or

who the lenders might be.

The Soviet Union reacted sharply to the U.S. announcement, saying through the official news agency Tass that the U.S. withdrawal displayed "imperial haughtiness."

Jean Gerard, the U.S. ambassador to UNESCO, said the organization "seems to be so skewed, so far off course, so fatally flawed, that if we stayed we would become accomplices to something that it is not accomplishing the high purposes for which it was founded."

Unless the United States acts in the next 12 months to rescind the withdrawal notice it announced Thursday, 37 years of American participation in the 161-member agency will end officially on Dec. 31, 1984.

Despite imports drop

Trade deficit remains problem

By The Associated Press
A drop in the government's economic barometer is not necessarily a sign that the economy is stagnating, but imp figures do indicate that trade is the "weak link" in the recovery, economists say.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that its Index of Leading Economic Indicators fell 0.4 percent in November, following 14 straight monthly increases.

Also Thursday, the department said a drop in imports helped narrow the U.S. merchandise trade deficit to \$7.4 billion in November. But the monthly deficit was still second only to October's record \$8.97 billion shortfall as the highest on record, and it brought the deficit for the first 11 months of 1983 to \$82.96 billion, already well above last year's record \$42.7 billion deficit for the

entire 12 months.

Increases in the Commerce Department's economic barometer had been tapering off since mid-summer, but November's drop was the first actual decline since August 1982.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said the recent pattern is an indication that the business expansion "is settling down to a moderate and sustainable pace."

Economists say it usually takes several months to establish a trend in the index. In addition, the figures are often revised; October's figure was revised Thursday to a gain of 1.4 percent from the previously reported 0.8 percent increase.

Gordon Richards of the National Association of Manufacturers said November's decline "corroborates the consensus among economists that the

unsustainably rapid growth rates witnessed over the last nine months will not be visible in 1984."

The Index of Leading Economic Indicators is a compilation of a dozen statistics covering production, employment, prices and other areas. Thursday's report said seven of the 10 available components contributed to November's decline.

In other economic developments Thursday:

-An Ecuadorian oil official said his country, one of OPEC's smallest members, will reduce its oil export price by 70 cents a barrel Sunday. Also, a Japanese business publication said the Arab sheikhdom of Abu Dhabi was lowering the price of its oil by as much as 24 cents a barrel by liberalizing payment terms.

Touring couple survives attack by pickup truck

FRANKSTON, Texas (AP) - Nikki and Theresa Rasmussen, weary from a night of driving through blowing snow and ice, say they thought the worst was behind them - until they encountered a pickup truck apparently bent on destruction.

It started about 1:30 a.m. Thursday, after the Louisiana couple and their two children had driven the family Pinto through 500 miles of treacherous roads from Lincoln, Neb. Their destination was Deridder, La.

But before the night was over, Rasmussen would stand in Frankston's downtown square, next to the family's car and point his .357 pistol between the headlights of the oncoming late model GMC pickup.

"It was like a nightmare movie," Rasmussen recalled. "I never thought things like this happen. I don't know what was in his (the driver's) mind besides murder."

Rasmussen, 28, said they were driving on Texas Highway 175, about three miles from Poyner when the nightmare began. He said he was sleeping in the passenger seat while his wife drove. He woke up, he said, when his wife swerved to avoid hitting a pickup truck that was backing out from a driveway onto the highway.

"We swerved around him and kept

going until he caught up with us. He pulled along side us and then rammed the side of our car, trying to force us off the road. I was amazed. My wife said 'My God Nikki, he's trying to kill us,'" Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen, a recent graduate of Louisiana Vocational Tech, said the man kept pulling up to the side of the car and ramming it by swerving his car into the side of the Pinto.

He said one impact forced the Pinto into a spin and finally into a ditch.

Rasmussen guided the car out from the ditch and drove the car 10 miles to Frankston, where he sought help. But as he entered town, Rasmussen said the truck returned, driving head-on toward the Pinto.

"The car was barely rolling, but we drove through the park and he kept coming after us. So, I got out of the car with the gun and told my wife to keep going," Rasmussen said.

He said he fired his pistol four times at the truck, striking a tire and the driver in the right wrist.

"I had to jump out of the way, he missed me by inches," he said.

Rasmussen said he then drove his steaming, damaged car to a service station, where a truck driver was already calling police.

"We were scared for our lives. My

wife was crying and screaming. We were just wondering all the time 'why, why,'" he said.

The pickup's driver was arrested after an exchange of gunfire along Highway 175 outside of town, said Police Chief Jay Parker. Several tablets and pills "of controlled substance" were found inside the pickup truck.

The man, believed to be from Palestine, was in the Henderson County jail this morning, awaiting arraignment on an aggravated assault charge.

He allegedly fired a pistol at Palestine wrecker driver J.D. Vaughn, minutes before encountering the Rasmussen car.

Vaughn was struck in the leg when the suspect fired two shots at his wrecker on the shoulder of Highway 175, west of Poyner.

Henderson County investigator Mike Burton said the suspect has not been arraigned because "he is still too intoxicated to understand the charges."

Rasmussen said the family would continue their journey to Louisiana.

"I hope I never have to use my gun again," he said. "You really can't let it affect you. You can't cower. If you do, they'll take over."

Nation's midsection still frozen as storm death toll passes 430

By CYNTHIA GREEN Associated Press Writer

A cold, wet, windy storm barreled out of the Pacific Northwest today, blowing icy rain and snow from Washington to Montana, while the nation's midsection shivered all the way down to the Gulf Coast as the death toll from a two-week freeze climbed past 430.

The latest winter storm promised to keep most of the country in the icebox today and another chill crept across the South headed toward Florida, where this week's citrus-killing frost had warmed to 80 degrees by Thursday. Record lows were reported in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama by midnight.

The mercury plunged below zero again from the Great Plains to the

Great Lakes, and freezing rain and snow prompted travel advisories and winter storm watches today in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, northern Utah and north central Montana.

In northeastern Oregon, stretches of the state's major east-west highway, Interstate 84, were closed overnight because snowblows blocked lanes in the Columbia River Gorge and blowing snow reduced visibility to zero along a 40-mile stretch from La Grande to Baker.

Stranded motorists packed into motels, churches and a National Guard armory in the two towns at either end of the closed portion.

"We've got drifts up there the snowplow can't even go through," said state Trooper Jack Eckrich.

Four to six inches of snow fell in

eastern Washington, and officials warned the accumulation had weakened the earlier snowpack, increasing avalanche danger. One slide closed state Highway 2 through Stevens Pass overnight.

Strong chinook winds blasting down the eastern slope of the Rockies, clocked at 70 mph in Livingston, Mont., drifted the snow and created "ground blizzards."

Major roads near Portland, Ore., were closed by more than half an inch of freezing rain Thursday, with ice on runways shutting Portland International Airport for 3 1/2 hours. About 27,500 customers of Portland General Electric were without power this morning as crews worked to repair lines snapped by ice-topped tree limbs.

The death toll from the wild storms since Dec. 17 climbed to 432.

Among the deaths: a teen-age sledding party in Arlee, Mont., turned deadly when an inner tube carrying four girls ran into a tree, killing two of them.

A 5-year-old Washington girl died after her family's car plunged off a snow-covered highway into Lake Crescent in Olympic National Park. After her parents and sister managed to escape from the submerged auto, a ranger dove 30 feet into the 43-degree water to try to save the girl and her 20-month-old brother, in critical condition today.

An ice storm closed some bridges and highways along the Gulf Coast Thursday. But the cold spared Georgia and Florida, where Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach reached record highs of 85.

Weather forecast

By The Associated Press

North Texas: Continued fair with moderating temperatures through Saturday. Highs today 35 to 39. Lows tonight 15 to 23. Highs Saturday 41 to 51.

East Texas: Fair and not quite so cold today. Continued fair tonight and warmer Saturday. Highs today 30s. Lows tonight mid teens. Highs Saturday lower 40s.

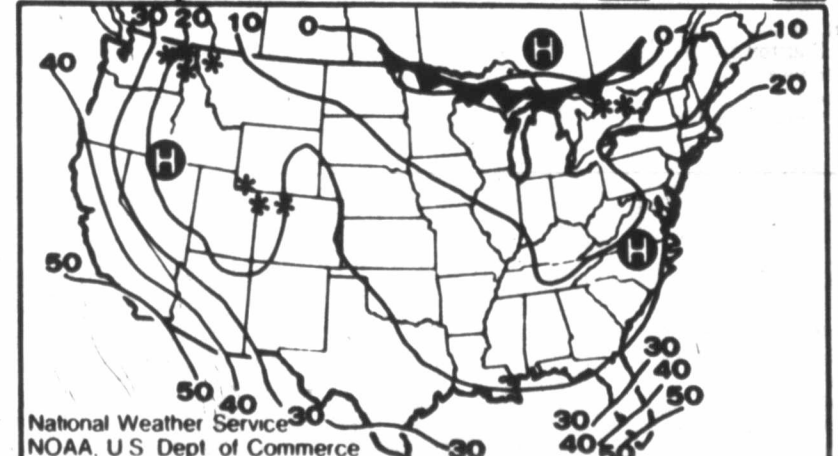
South Texas: Sunny and continued cold today. Foggy along the immediate coast late tonight and early Saturday morning. Clear and not so cold elsewhere. Partly cloudy coastal plains, mostly sunny rest of South Texas Saturday and slightly warmer. Highs today 30s and 40s. Lows tonight near 20 in the Hill Country and parts of South Central and inland Southeast Texas, 30s to near 40 lower coast and the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Highs Saturday in the 40s and 50s.

West Texas: Sunny and warmer today. Fair and warmer tonight most sections. Sunny and warmer Saturday. Highs today upper 30s in the Panhandle to mid 50s extreme south. Lows tonight in the 20s. Highs Saturday upper 40s in the Panhandle to the mid 50s south and southwest with near 60 in the Big Bend valleys.

Upper Texas Coast: North winds near 20 knots this afternoon becoming northeast near 15 knots tonight and east and northeast 10 to 15 knots Saturday. Rough seas subsiding to 5 to 7 feet near shore and 7 to 10 feet offshore today and 3 to 5 feet near shore and 5 to 7 feet offshore tonight. Areas of dense sea fog forming late tonight and early Saturday morning restricting visibilities below 3 miles.

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low 40s Saturday. Lows tonight near 10 in the east to around 15 in the west.

Oklahoma: Mostly clear today and tonight. Partly cloudy northwest and fair elsewhere Saturday. Warmer through Saturday. Highs today 24 north to 35 in the Panhandle. Lows tonight 10 to 19. Highs Saturday 32 to 45.

BORDER STATES

Louisiana: Clear and continued cold today and tonight. Fair and not as cold Saturday. Highs today in the 30s. Lows tonight in the upper teens extreme north to the upper 20s coast. Highs Saturday in the mid 30s to near 40.

Arkansas: Sunny and a little warmer today. Fair and cold tonight. Partly cloudy and warmer Saturday. Highs from the upper 20s to the mid 30s today and from the mid 30s to the

New Mexico: Warming trend through Saturday. Sunny today and clear tonight. Saturday fair skies in the east and increasing high cloudiness in the west with slight chance for afternoon showers in the northwest. Highs today upper 20s and 30s north and upper 30s to near 50 south. Lows tonight mostly 20s south and 5 to 20 mountains and north except near 5 below zero few high mountain valleys. Highs Saturday upper 30s and 40s mountains and northwest and upper 40s to 50s south and east.

Home country

Woman endures a life without arms



FEET FOR HANDS—Janie Welch lost her arms when a doctor amputated the broken limbs at birth. Although she has artificial arms, she always has used her feet as her hands. (AP Laserphoto)

ANGLETON, Texas (AP) — Thirty-seven years ago, a doctor in a small Arkansas town showed up drunk at a hospital to deliver a baby. It was a difficult breech birth with the child's arms spread wide apart. The baby girl was born with her arms broken in several places. The doctor, in his foggy state, decided to amputate both arms at the shoulders. It was an action that would haunt him for 18 years, long after he was removed from practice and banned from the hospital. But far more profound was its effect on that baby girl. That child was Janie Welch, who lives today in Angleton with her husband and 14-year-old daughter, Robin. Her oldest daughter, 18-year-old Stephanie, lives and works in Houston. Mrs. Welch speaks calmly in a well-modulated voice about the circumstances that took her arms. "What's most important, the things that count, are what's on the inside," she says. "The three most important things in life — your heart, your mind and your soul — are all on the

inside." She is petite, with bright dark eyes and short dark hair, but her leg muscles are thick from use. Her feet act as her hands and they move with expressive grace, punctuating her words with un-selfconscious gestures. "My mother wouldn't hold me until I was 6 months old — I guess I repulsed her. I'm a very affectionate person. I've decided that's why I like a lot of affection," she says. Using her feet as hands came naturally. She says her father remembers her automatically picking up a rattle with her feet as an infant. And though her family always treated her like everyone else, growing up was not rosy. There were family embarrassments that she doesn't like to talk about even today. "All of us had a hard childhood," she says. "It's hard for me to separate what problems I had from the lifestyle and from not having hands. "My family really treated me just like normal. I think I'm normal. That really bothers me when people say

I'm different. It never really bothered me that I had no arms because I just thought I was normal." Mrs. Welch wore prostheses — artificial arms — that she calls "hooks." Since she lived in a small community while growing up, everyone knew and accepted her. Self-consciousness began with onset of the dating years. And then Mrs. Welch, who had then become extremely adept with her feet, forced herself to always use the hooks in public. It was a time of self-denial, she says today. "I had grown up with all these boys who knew I used my feet but when I started dating, I only went with ones who had seen me with the hooks." Her first anger about the situation came when she was 18 and the doctor who had cut off her arms telephoned her mother to apologize. "My mother told me to get on the extension. He said he's always felt bad about it and if there was anything he could do, to let him know. I felt angry then, for the first time. I felt like he was admitting guilt."

She went to college with plans to be a social worker, then abandoned the ambition to get married. "My husband didn't know I used my feet until after we were married," she said. Finally, he caught her. "But he was real nonchalant — he didn't really say anything," she says. They had two children and Mrs. Welch settled into a lifestyle she realizes was a form of escape. "When we were first married, I lived in my own little world. We knew everyone on the block. It took me a long time to realize I have an impact on people when they see me using my feet." There were marital problems. And she felt smothered. "I was a traditional wife. I took care of the babies and Steve did everything else." The turning point came when Mrs. Welch was 27. She and Steve went to a barbecue put on by some of his work acquaintances. Mrs. Welch felt different.

First, everyone left her alone to play volleyball. Then when they sat down to eat, she used her foot to hold her fork. A woman seated next to her looked on with disgust. Mrs. Welch recalls, and then moved to sit as far away as possible. "I had never had that happen to me before and it was really hard to take," she says. She and her husband separated and Mrs. Welch rebelled. "I had never really accepted me for me without arms until I was 27. I did a lot of crazy things in rebellion... and I found acceptance," she says. A month after the divorce was final, they remarried. She expanded her household role and evolved into the person she is today — a likeable, personable woman. "I think you have to love yourself in order to like or love anyone else," she says. "And I think in order to do that, you have to be the kind of person you can like."

Appeals court overturns Odessa integration plan

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A court-ordered school desegregation plan for Ector County and Odessa has been rejected by a federal appeals court, which sent the case back to a lower court for reconsideration. Despite desegregation mandates for the Ector County Independent School District from other federal cases, south Odessa schools in 1967-68 had 87.4 percent minority enrollment. By 1980-81, the percentage increased to 96.4 percent. In its ruling Thursday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said, "We think it abundantly clear that the district court's action in adopting the stipulated plan constituted an abuse of discretion in light of its duty." "As the court's finding of fact demonstrate, Ector ISD's violation of the constitution was not only clear but egregious," the court said. "Its repeated failure to develop and institute an effective desegregation plan, which resulted not only in continued segregation but also increased segregation, mandated the immediate and careful consideration of the proposed remedies." The 5th Circuit sent the case back to the lower court with instruction for a hearing and

entry of findings by April 1, 1984, with the current plan in force until it may be amended or replaced. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' opinion depicted Odessa as a city where predominantly black and Hispanic residents live south of the railroad tracks, and the mostly white neighborhoods are to the north. The district court, reviewing the Ector County ISD's plan, also found evidence of segregation in bus transportation and the assignment of faculty and administrators. The lower court's findings of fact and law were unchallenged on appeal. It held that the district intentionally "not only continued to fail to meet its duty to dismantle its dual school system, but actually increased the segregation in its schools of both blacks and Mexican-Americans." However, the court in 1982 imposed a desegregation plan accepted by the school district and the Justice Department — but forcefully objected to by CRUCIAL — the Committee for Redress, Unity, Concern and Integrity at All Levels. CRUCIAL, which entered the case in 1981, had proposed its own plan and appealed to the 5th Circuit when it was not considered.

Price gouging and water shortages burden Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — State and county officials are investigating plumbing companies accused of price-gouging in their repairs of water pipes that burst in the recent frigid weather. A.D. Downer of the attorney general's office in Houston had 30 calls on Wednesday. Another 50 were reported on Thursday. Downer said the problem was "as big or bigger" than the number of complaints his office fielded last summer after Hurricane Alicia hit southeast Texas. Tim Horan, a prosecutor with the Harris County district attorney's office, said his agency was investigating complaints of plumbers charging for work not completed. In one case, a plumber allegedly was charging \$125 per hour. Houston Better Business Bureau President Dick McClain said his office has received complaints of plumbers charging \$100 to \$150 for the first hour of service. The usual price is \$35 to \$50, he said. "We have some people trying to take advantage," McClain said. Houston area officials were recommending people shut off water to their homes to avoid breaking pipes. While water pressure citywide improved Thursday, Doctor's Hospital, in north Houston, was pumping water out of decorative ponds in front of the building to ease its water shortage. "We're using water from a pond to flush commodes," emergency room nurse Mary Martin said. In Galveston, south of Houston, Municipal Utilities Director Randy DeVaul said some subdivisions at the far western edge of the island city "essentially don't have any water" because of low pressure.

In Beaumont, about 85 miles east of Houston, officials said the city's water supply may be at its lowest point ever. "It's the worst I've seen it, and I've worked here 35 years," Water Superintendent Underwood Hill said. Officials were asking residents to go without baths and not wash any more dishes and clothes than necessary until the city could get some water in its empty storage tanks. "I've gone bathless and shaveless for three days," Hill said. One positive aspect of the freeze has been booming business for merchants handling cold weather clothing, portable heaters and firewood. "It's incredible the way people have been buying down-filled coats and insulated boots," said Danny Davis, a buyer for Sporting Goods Inc., a hunting a camping outfitting firm.

Explosion kills man

GUSTINE, Texas (AP) — A propane gas leak in a three-bedroom house led to two explosions and a fire that claimed the life of a 73-year-old man and injured his wife, fire officials said. Joy Lee McDonald was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace F.I. Robinson shortly after officials discovered the burned body in the back of the house about 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Gustine Fire Marshal T.J. Couch said. Marie McDonald, whose age was unavailable, was reported in stable condition at Comanche Community Hospital with lacerations from broken glass.

Cold snap keeps many Mexican aliens home

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — Freezing temperatures have put a chill on illegal alien crossings from Mexico into the U.S., particularly in Texas where most Border Patrol checkpoints are reporting a sharp dropoff in activity. Border Patrol officials in Del Rio, where the temperature dipped to a record-low 20 degrees Thursday, said their apprehensions for the past week were the lowest since the Rio Grande flooded in 1954. "It's just too damn cold for 'em to hit that river," chief Border Patrol agent Jack L. Richardson said. "This is the most dramatic slowdown we've seen, and I've been in the Border Patrol for 30 years." Richardson told the Houston Chronicle that officials nabbed 175 aliens last Friday and 122 on Saturday. But he said the number dropped to 75 on Christmas Day, and to 33 on Monday. In Laredo, the Border Patrol has been averaging 100 alien arrests a day in December. Officials say the number plunged to 17 on Monday before edging slowly back up to 77 by Wednesday. "I assume it's a combination of the cold and the holidays," said William H. Selzer, chief agent in Laredo, where the temperature was 24 Thursday. "A guy crossing (the Rio Grande) and being soaking wet is very apt to be lying out there until spring, if a smuggler is not waiting for him." In the West Texas mountain country, agents in Marfa reported apprehending only 32 or 33 aliens a day during the cold spell. The normal count is 70 per day in December. The story was the same in the Rio Grande Valley, where agents in the McAllen sector reported a dropoff of apprehensions from 93 on Dec. 21, before the cold hit, to 18 three days later. Border Patrol officials say the holiday season is the slowest

month of the year in illegal alien activity. A reduced staff also contributes to a lesser number of apprehensions. Still, officials in every Border Patrol checkpoint in Texas, except El Paso, attribute the cold to an unusually low number of apprehensions. In El Paso, where the low was 10 degrees Thursday, chief agent Alan Eliason said the cold is not a key factor because the Rio Grande is so shallow there that aliens simply wade across. But Rudy Garcia, an intelligence agent for Eliason, said subfreezing temperatures have altered certain modes of clandestine travel, especially on freight trains where aliens hop boxcars to reach a destination on warmer days. Apprehensions in the El Paso Border Patrol sector — the nation's busiest behind Chula Vista in southern California — dropped from an average of 400 a day this month to 90 on Christmas Day, but immediately rebounded. Selzer said today's crop of aliens, mostly from Mexico, grew up in cities and, consequently, are not as ready to battle the weather as were their country cousins who constituted the greatest number of illegal aliens 20 years ago. "They are not outdoors people," he said. "I think they know that." The drop in illegal alien activity closely follows another record year in apprehensions by the Immigration and Naturalization Service's Border Patrol. More than 1 million illegal aliens were apprehended nationwide during the federal fiscal year that ended Sept. 30. A continuing upswing over 1982 has been reported since then. But officials say the illegal border crossings will probably return to normal following Three Kings Day on Jan. 6, a holiday celebrated in Mexico, Latin America and most of Europe.

West Texas ranchers face 'double whammy'

FORT STOCKTON, Texas (AP) — West Texas ranchers, who suffered through a year of drought conditions and depressed energy prices, are being forced to think about creative economics as they tighten their belts and reduce the size of their herds. "It was a double whammy," said Fort Stockton rancher Jerry Puckett, who depends on livestock and mineral rights to earn his living. Puckett said profits this year are slim, but he's been luckier than most West Texas ranchers who don't enjoy the extra buffer of mineral income. Because of a drought that lasted until October, Puckett has been feeding his livestock instead of depending on grazing. The added expense, he said, has forced him to sell more animals than usual. He also has seen a drop in mineral royalties coincide with a drop in oil and natural gas production. Income from surface damages also has dried up as exploration came

to a standstill, the rancher said. Zan Matthies, Pecos County agriculture extension agent, told the Odessa American recently that despite problems in both industries, ranchers with mineral income still come out ahead. "Anything you get out of the minerals is a gift, to some degree," Matthies said. "You don't have to go out and feed an oil well. "The people that are in strictly ranching, they're hurting. They have no other source of income," Matthies said. Ranchers across West Texas began selling sheep and cattle last summer after much of the grassland died in the wake of drought conditions. Without natural grazing little profit is left in ranching, they said. Kent Powell, Upton County agriculture extension agent, said there is little grazing now — despite some autumn rains. Powell noted that a landscape dotted with oil production equipment does not necessarily mean success.

"You see all the pumpjacks around, and you think that ranchers don't need to worry," he said. Willie Stumberg, Crane County agriculture extension agent, said most ranchers either lease the land or have sold the mineral rights. "Most of them that are ranching are leasing their land so they don't have to worry about oil," Stumberg said. "Most of the oil producers lease the land to ranchers so they don't have to deal with ranching." Some ranchers who do worry about both businesses are from established families who have suffered hard times before and know how to cope, said Winkler County Agriculture Extension Agent Alan Fires. Even so, Fires said, decreased drilling activity in Winkler County is affecting the economy. Winkler County rancher James Waddell said that although his mineral income is larger than that of his ranching business, "it doesn't make you rich."

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A good year for America

The condition of the nation as 1983 draws to an end is vastly better than it was at the end of 1982. Then, the recession gripped the country. The economy was at low ebb. Americans were fearful that unemployment would continue to worsen. And on the international front, the United States was in great need of a tonic experience.

If the economy isn't booming now, and in some areas it is not, there is, nevertheless, continuing, wonderful improvement. The statistical indicators reflect the rapid restoration of the economy. Detroit is selling cars like the proverbial hot cakes. New construction is evident across the land.

America isn't entirely out of the woods, of course. In the turbulent modern world, it is too much to expect that everything will be

perfect. The global environment is full of huge problems that will vex Americans for decades to come. However, the Reagan administration has done a superb job of managing crises and helping get the domestic economy back on track. The liberal prophets of gloom have been proved wrong, and they are more than a little dismayed and angry that things aren't very bad so that they could promote a political revolution.

Mr. Reagan is entitled to take a bow for his outstanding leadership in a very difficult period. After several years of his presidency, it is clear that he possesses an extraordinary degree of stability. He isn't rocked by events. The ship of state has sailed very smoothly with him at the helm.

With the economy in good shape, the vast majority of the American people appear to be content with the way things are going, and they should feel that way. The polls indicate a high degree of public approval of the president. Americans are content not only because of domestic economic improvements but because of the strengthened international posture of the United States.

For years, Americans have been gravely alarmed by the deteriorating security situation in the Western hemisphere. Nicaragua is still a festering sore, but President Reagan has arrested Cuban and Soviet ambitions in the Caribbean. The invasion of Grenada was both an effective hemispheric defense action and a signal to

the enemies of freedom that the U.S. will draw a line. The invasion had encouraged the democracies of the Caribbean basin. They know that the United States stands behind them with tremendous power.

The knock-America chorus in the major media was outraged by Grenada, but the country as a whole applauded. The president also has been firm in deploying necessary new cruise missiles in Western Europe, in the face of Moscow's orchestration of a "peace" offensive here and abroad. Mr. Reagan has made it clear that the United States won't be ruled by fear.

Yes, it has been a good year with the promise of better things in 1984.

Opinion

Administration talk sowing confusion

Most of the economic indicators point to a genuine economic recovery that should have at least enough staying power to last through next November's election (the longest range that politicians seem capable of imagining).

If the soothsayers and readers of indicators are correct (and most of their records are, to put it charitably, spotty) President Reagan should be sitting pretty. Perhaps the only thing that could derail him, short of a major scandal or an unforeseeable blunder, would be government action that threatened the recovery.

Almost as if on cue, Secretary of the Treasury Donald Regan weighed in with a speech in which he said that the administration just might be ready to turn full circle again and start raising taxes—if Congress will reduce spending. No, No, said the president, we're not going to raise taxes—at least not this year. We might have to think about it next year. And besides that, Marty Feldstein (who's been a one-man band whooping it up for higher taxes until now) is a pretty good guy, and you fellows seem to have overinterpreted when you said the administration was upset with him.

So a new Washington flap is created, a new round of speculation engendered—will they or won't they?—and a new air of uncertainty is injected into everybody's calculations about the future of the economy. It is difficult to imagine a development more likely to set the recovery on its ear.

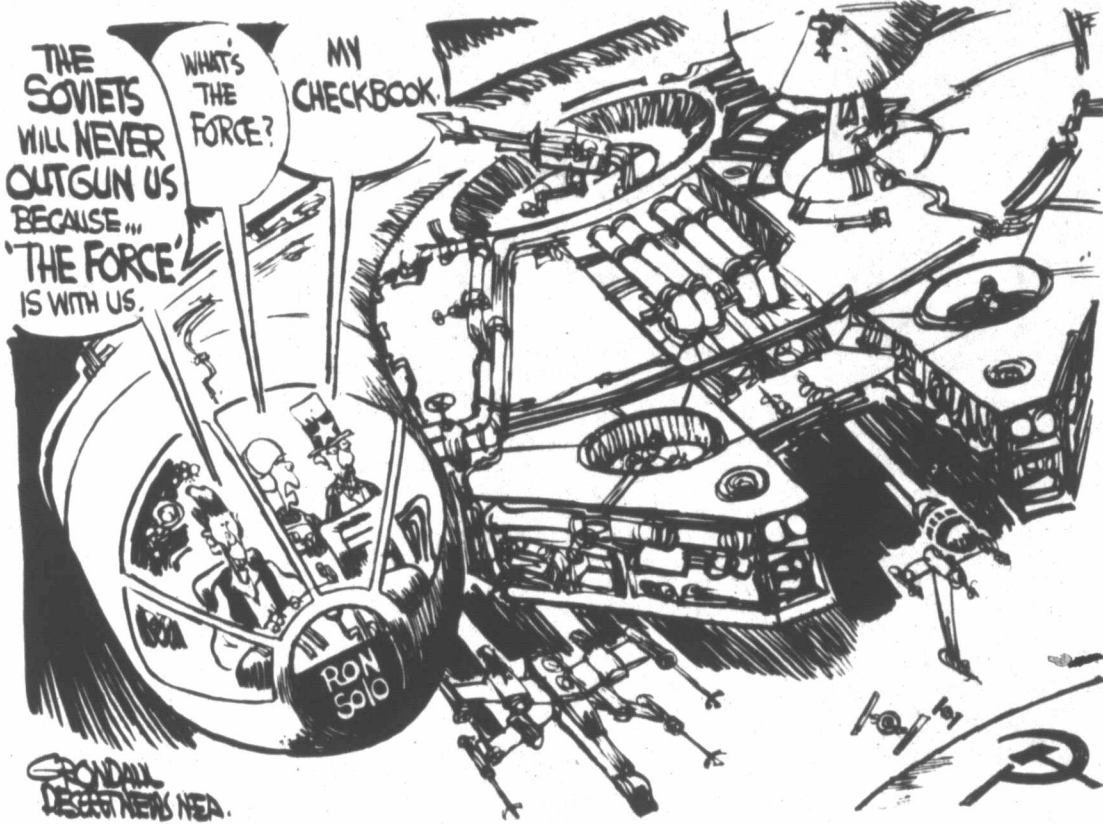
People in business trying to plan for the long term must do everything possible to reduce the uncertainties in their calculations. It's impossible to eliminate all uncertainty or to foresee all possible developments, of course, but the more factors that are known, the more confident people will be about investing in equipment and people.

Uncertainty about whether next taxes will be imposed in the near future makes most people more cautious than they might otherwise be. Should we buy that new truck, or hire the half-dozen people we think we'll need? Maybe, but if they're going to raise taxes again, maybe we should hold off—six months, a year? How are we going to pass the taxes along to consumers? How will high taxes affect demand. Gee, maybe we ought to think about cutting back. We don't want to be caught overextended.

The administration people are talking bravely about cutting spending before giving Congress a new tax toy to play with, and the president is saying they don't really mean it—at least this year. But we're heard those songs before. And while they're talking vaguely about big cuts, most of the specifics are about smaller cuts than in the preliminary proposals, or even spending increases.

The Department of Energy has persuaded the White House to play Santa Claus and restore about \$500 million for research that the Office of Management and Budget had wanted to cut. The subsidies for everything from corporate farming to school lunches to Masterpiece Theatre to Tip O'Neill's next office building to Howard Baker's breeder reactor to the IMF will continue. And so it goes.

The president may have to count on aversion to the Democrats to ensure his reelection. People in his administration, however, keep blurring the distinctions with wild talk about higher taxes.



Art Buchwald

The saga of a \$140 telephone



"Hello. Operator. I'm having trouble with my telephone."
"Just a minute. I'll turn you over to our repair department."
"Repair department. What can I do for you?"
"My phone is broken. Can you send someone over to fix it?"
"Is it our phone or one of theirs?"
"What do you mean, 'one of theirs'?"
"Did you buy it from us or somebody else?"
"I bought it from an electronics store."
"Did you notice where it was made?"
"I think it said Japan on the box. At least the instructions that came with it were in Japanese."
"It sounds like one of theirs. We don't fix any phones except our own."
"What do I do?"
"Call the stores and find out where they service them."
"Hello, is this Crazy Charlie's? I bought a phone from you last week and it doesn't

work. Can you send someone over to service it?"
"Are you off your rocker, lady? We don't make house calls."
"Well, can I bring it in to you and have it fixed?"
"You can if you want to, but we have to send it to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to check it out."
"Isn't there any place in the city that can repair the phone?"
"There isn't any place in the city that can even read the instructions."
"But you gave me a 90-day warranty with the phone."
"Of course we did. We never sell a phone without a warranty. Did you read it?"
"How could I read it? It's in Japanese."
"Well, it says the warranty is good for 90 days except for parts, labor and it going on the blink."
"That's not much of a warranty."
"Why don't you call Tokyo and tell them?"

"Is there anybody you know who can fix my phone?"
"There's a Toyota salesman in Baltimore who moonlights fixing phones that are imported from Japan. His address is 109 Maple Drive. His name is Mr. Ikki."
"Thank you."
"Mr. Ikki, I was told you could fix my phone. I drove all the way from Washington. Can you help me?"
"What is wrong with it?"
"I can't get a dial tone to call out. And it doesn't ring when someone is trying to call in."
"Then you must have bought it at Crazy Charlie's."
"How did you know?"
"All their phones do that. Madam, just by looking at it I can tell you have a very sick telephone."
"I wouldn't be here if I didn't. I thought the Japanese made very good electronic equipment."

"They do, but your phone wasn't made in Japan. It was made in Taiwan and stamped Japan. The Taiwanese are notorious for stamping anything they want to on their goods."
"But can you fix it?"
"I would have to replace the ear and mouthpiece, the dial tone, and put in a new bell."
"How much would that cost?"
"One hundred and forty dollars."
"But I only paid \$79 for the phone."
"Crazy Charlie gives good prices when it comes to telephones."
"I'd just as soon buy a new telephone."
"That's what I was going to suggest."
"Who do I buy it from?"
"I would suggest your local telephone company."
"If I buy one from them, how much will they charge me to install and service it?"
"Probably \$140."
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William Rusher

Two wrongs don't make right

NEW YORK (NEA) - It has been 26 years since I abandoned the practice of the law for a life of crime and became a journalist, but every now and then the old ways of thinking surface unbidden. Just at the moment I find myself deeply disturbed by a new trend in my old profession. As so often, it illustrates the adage that hard cases make bad law.

The hard case in question is very hard indeed. Vincent Chin, a young Chinese-American, was dining with friends in a Detroit tavern on June 19, 1982. Ronald Eben, an auto worker, and his stepson, Michael Nitz, became incensed at Chin's presence in the tavern, mistakenly taking him for a Japanese. "It's because of you we're out of work," they snarled—apparently referring to the auto industry in general, because Eben himself is employed. The argument ended, temporarily, when Eben and Nitz were asked to leave.

But they weren't through. Equipping themselves with a baseball bat, they returned and went to work on Chin. While one held him down, the other applied the bat. When they had taught Japanese industry its lesson, Chin was rushed to a hospital. There, four days later, at the age of 27, he died. Eben and Nitz were charged with second-degree murder, which could have meant life imprisonment. But their lawyer managed to get the prosecutor to accept a plea of guilty of manslaughter, for which the top penalty in Michigan is 15 years. Thereupon, incredibly, the judge—remarkably that these were "not the kind of people you send to prison"—sentenced them to three years on probation and a \$3,780 fine.

It would be easy to write a column simply about the staggering injustice of those sentences. A legal system capable of a response so cross-eyed is scarcely worthy of the name; it makes vigilante look positively good. But wait—there is more to the story.

thoroughly outraged by the wrist-slaps administered to these two killers. In due course, a solution was hit upon: Prosecute these men for the federal felony of "conspiring to deprive another person (Vincent Chin) of his civil rights." That carries a life sentence, which, Lord knows, they deserve. Indictments have now been obtained.

Double jeopardy? No, technically, because they aren't being prosecuted a second time for same offense. Their first prosecution was for murder, under a state law. The second will be for conspiracy to deprive another of his civil rights, under a quite separate (and federal) law.

Will all be well, then, if Eben and Nitz get what is coming to them at the hands of a federal court? Unfortunately—and I mean that sincerely—I cannot think so.

The federal statute in question has been on the books ever since the Civil War and has an important role to play in our system of justice. There are plenty of genuine conspiracies to deprive others of their civil rights—to prevent them from voting for example—and these deserve to be dealt with. But I cannot help feeling that Michigan justice is merely trying, in this case, to accomplish through the back door what it so signally failed to accomplish through the front door.

There was only one series of tightly connected acts here, adding up to murder. To mishandle that crime so spectacularly, and then attempt to rectify the blunder by deciding that the same series of acts constitute a technical violation of a quite different crime (deprivation of civil rights) betokens the sort of cleverness that cheapens what it seeks to correct. It is double jeopardy in everything but name.

Intellectual honesty remains, but a grim determination to revamp in toto a system that could let such a travesty occur in the first place.

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CHINESE PAINTERS—Chinese painter Wang Guodong, left, and his protegee Ge Xiaoguang stand in front of their most famous work, a 30 foot tall portrait of Mao Tse-tung. (AP Laserphoto)

Just another work week for Mao's official portrait painters

By RICK GLADSTONE
Associated Press Writer

PEKING (AP) — Chinese are taking time off to exalt Mao Tse-tung on the 90th anniversary of his birth, but for the late revolutionary leader's official portrait painters, it's just another work week.

"There's no special holiday for us," said Wang Guodong, 53, a senior artist at the state-run Peking Fine Arts Co. Together with his protegee, 30-year-old Ge Xiaoguang, they have painted hundreds of pictures of the "Great Helmsman."

Every day, thousands pass by their best known work: the imposing 18-foot high color portrait of a slightly smiling Mao, hanging on the north side of Peking's Tiananmen Square.

In recent days, Chinese and foreign tourists, in the Chinese capital for Mao's Dec. 26 birthday anniversary, have been standing in front of the huge portrait to have their snapshots taken.

"That picture took a month to do," Wang said. What most people do not realize, he said, is that the two painters must produce several such portraits a year, to be hung at Communist Party conferences and other special state occasions.

Wang, married with four children, says he earns about \$75 a month. He is a member of the Communist Party.

Ge, shy and deferential to his elder partner, is single and lives with his parents. He said he earns about half what Wang makes.

"Not because I have better experience," Wang said. "It's because I've worked longer than him."

They said in an interview at their dusty workplace in north Peking that they are busier now because of the anniversary, painting Mao portraits to be sold as souvenirs at state-run shops.

In addition, they said, they must now paint portraits of other Chinese revolutionary heroes — former premier Chou En-lai, Marshal Chu Teh and President Liu Shao-chi. The government has given each a room of reverence in the Mao mausoleum.

Peking's freezing winters, scorching summers and chronic dust storms quickly weather the Mao portrait in Tiananmen, which the painters said must be replaced at least once a year.

The most recent one was hung in October for China's National Day celebrations, they said. Though Ge protested, Wang credited him with most of the actual work.

"I'm already 53," said Wang, a leathery-faced man with

tobacco-stained teeth. "That's not old, but to paint such a large-size Mao portrait is a little hard on my health. I've placed my future in the younger generation."

Wang said he started painting Mao portraits as an enthusiastic young communist in 1952, three years after Mao proclaimed the establishment of the People's Republic of China.

He said he also paints portraits of Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels and Vladimir I. Lenin, still revered in China as the founding fathers of modern communism.

"I don't know how many I've done, there's too many to remember," he said. But he estimated he has painted more than 1,000 portraits of Mao alone.

"Some people don't like to paint portraits but as far as I'm concerned it's very interesting," he said. "The first thing is the appearance. You must pay attention to the spirit. They may all look the same to you, but our colleagues can pick out who painted what."

Ge said he began working as an official portrait painter after he graduated from a state-run art school in 1977, one year after Mao's death and the arrest of his radical subordinates.

Unlike Wang, Ge said he did not suffer during the disastrous 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, when Mao's radicals persecuted millions of people accused of unfaithfulness to Mao's teachings. All art works except those with approved political themes were banned.

"I was overthrown," Wang said. "I was not allowed to paint."

Like many Chinese with bitter memories of that period, he declined to elaborate.

Though Mao officially has been blamed for launching the Cultural Revolution, Wang claimed he had no hard feelings for the revolutionary leader he must paint over and over.

"He made many contributions, and the Chinese people love and respect him," Wang said, repeating the official party line. "I feel very strongly about this."

The two men must work six days a week and spend one afternoon at political study sessions, but the painters said their schedule was more flexible than most.

Under the relatively liberal policies of China's current leader, Deng Xiaoping, they also are encouraged to paint landscapes and other pictures besides portraits.

"Sometimes we go out for a whole day to do sketches," Ge said.

NATO missiles expected to be operational Saturday night

LONDON (AP) — By New Year's Eve, and probably without any public announcement, the first group of 572 new U.S.-built nuclear missiles is expected to become operational in Western Europe.

Components of the Tomahawk cruise and Pershing 2 missiles arrived in Britain, West Germany and Italy last month, but there has been no announcement that any of them are operational — ready to be fired should such an order be given.

But official statements have made it clear the missiles, intended for the defense of the European NATO area, are to become operational by the end of the year.

This conforms with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's 1979 decision to site the missiles by the end of 1983 unless an arms-reduction agreement had been negotiated between the United States and the Soviet Union.

NATO decided to deploy the missiles to counter a buildup of Soviet SS-20 rockets, which now total more than 350, according to Western intelligence.

Baboons lost to freezing weather

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — The scientific director of the Southwest Foundation for Research and Education said his employees deserve medals for their Christmas Day efforts to save a group of dying baboons.

Fourteen of the animals froze to death in outdoor cages last weekend after an electrical heating system failed during the height of the ice storm.

It was the worst weather-related loss of baboons since the foundation began breeding primates in 1958.

"We feel bad, but it could have been a lot worse," said Dr. Henry C. McGill, Jr., scientific director of the foundation, which has the largest colony of baboons in the Western world.

The foundation has 2,500 baboons; about 400 of them were in a row of 24 cages in which the heating system failed.

Separate U.S.-Soviet arms control talks on long-range missiles and medium-range missiles have been discontinued, with no sign when they will be resumed.

One of the latest statements on the missiles was made Dec. 20 by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain in the House of Commons.

Referring to the first of Britain's contingent of 160 cruise missiles, Mrs. Thatcher said "the cruise missiles are not yet fully operational and will not be fully operational until the end of December, because that is the time appointed by the agreement with NATO."

Despite the low profile given the missiles after their arrival, protests have continued by anti-missile groups in Britain, West Germany and Italy. Most have been minor compared to the huge demonstrations that spanned Western Europe last October, but the protesters vow to continue.

In Britain, where demonstrators have repeatedly knocked down fences around the Greenham

Common missile base, three women were arrested Wednesday after breaking into the U.S. Air Force base and taking over a control tower where they daubed anti-cruise slogans.

The West German government announced Nov. 23 — a day after its Parliament endorsed deployment — that the first Pershing 2 components had

arrived in the country. Lt. Col. Norbert Huebner, a German defense ministry spokesman, said Dec. 14 some of the Pershings would be operational by the end of December, but was not more precise.

West Germany is to take all of the 106 Pershing 2s and 96 of the 464 cruise missiles slated for NATO deployment.

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Officials fighting cocaine traffic in Amazon

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A U.S. narcotics agent and a Brazilian police team are cruising an Amazon tributary in a machine gun-equipped boat, raiding clandestine coca plantations in the jungle in a drive to curtail cocaine traffic to the United States.

For the past two weeks, the 14 officers and their Indian guide have sailed along the Solimoes River in search of illegal crops along its banks. The team already has destroyed an estimated \$2.8 million worth of potential cocaine, and the operation is to continue through January.

The anti-drug campaign began in Tefe, a town accessible only by water or air. The 13 federal police agents and a member of the U.S. Drug Enforcement

Administration headed upriver toward Tabatinga, on the Colombian border 500 miles away.

The target is a plant the local Indians call "epadu" — a variety of the better-known coca plant that grows in the mountains of Bolivia and Peru. Like coca, it is used to make cocaine.

Epadu has grown wild in the Amazon for hundreds of years. But now, federal police say, international drug traffickers are hiring poor Amazon settlers to cultivate the plant commercially.

"Colombian and Bolivian drug dealers are encouraging residents here to plant epadu. They show up later and but the leaves," said police spokesman Luiz de Oliveira Santos from his headquarters in Manaus, the capital of

Amazonas state 3,100 miles northwest of Rio de Janeiro.

"Most of the cocaine made from epadu winds up in the United States," he said.

Aboard a 26-foot launch given to Brazil by the U.S. government to combat drug traffic, the group encountered mile after mile of epadu patches in the riverfront villages.

In less than two weeks, the officers cut down and burned 206,000 epadu bushes, Santos said. The plants could have

produced more than 250 pounds of pure cocaine, worth an estimated \$2.8 million on the streets of Rio or Miami, he said.

Santos said police expect to destroy more than 400,000 epadu plants by the time the expedition ends in January.

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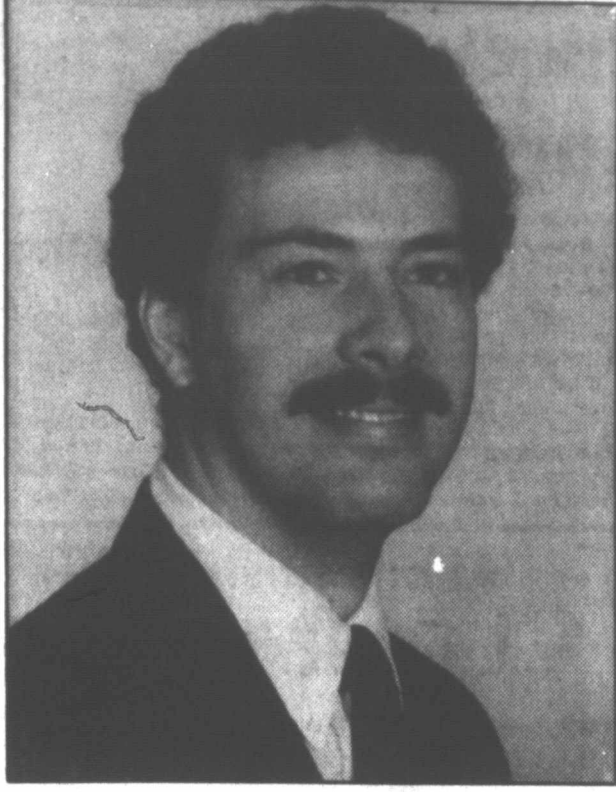
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New youth minister at First Assembly of God

Rev. Douglas Davenport has joined the staff of the First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler, as minister of youth and music. Pastor John Farina has announced.

Rev. Davenport comes from Bolivar, Mo., where he had served as associate pastor at the Bolivar First Assembly of God Church.

A graduate of Central Bible College in Springfield, Mo., he has also studied at the Assemblies of God Graduate School. He has ministered throughout Missouri as an evangelist and has been on the staff at churches in Kansas City, Springfield and Independence, Mo.

His wife, Linda, plays the piano. The couple share in a singing ministry together. They have one daughter, Rachel.

"The Davenports have a strong desire to minister to the needs of the community," Pastor Farina said. "Fulfilling that desire has led them to establish a vital youth program, including a new ministry on Saturday nights beginning in late January."

Film scheduled Sunday night

The film "All the King's Horses" will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Assembly of God Church, 500 S. Cuyler.

The movie deals with marriage and divorce, presenting the message that only God can put the pieces back together, according to Pastor John Farina.

"The tragedies that can occur in our daily lives, along with the fleeting moments of warmth and happiness, are all realistically brought to the screen," he said.

The film shows how God's word brings harmony not only to the family but also to every human relationship, the pastor said.

The public is invited to attend the viewing of the movie.

Religious forces have trained eyes on nuclear weaponry

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

Religious forces trained their eyes on nuclear weaponry in 1983 and raised their voices against it.

That, as rated in early returns from members of the Religion Newswriters Association, was the year's top religion story.

Much impetus for it came from the U.S. Roman Catholic bishops' probing pastoral letter which, despite appeals for softening it by the Reagan administration, criticizes U.S. nuclear strategy.

The stand marked a bolder emergence of Catholic leaders into the arena of public policy debate after their past cautious pattern of backing American foreign and military policies.

But the bishops' document, completed after detailed research and hearings, was acclaimed by many Protestant and Jewish bodies, which had taken similar but less thoroughly analytical positions, including calls for a nuclear freeze.

Protestant denominations, and the National Council of Churches, recommended study in their congregations of the Catholic letter.

In rating the ferment over nuclear arms as the year's top religion story, Time magazine religion editor Richard Ostling noted on his weekly radio report that churches abroad also were involved.

The Church of England, like the U.S. Catholic bishops, opposed any first use of nuclear arms. German Catholic bishops skirted that issue, but also criticized the nuclear arms buildup.

The World Council of Churches assembly in Vancouver, British Columbia, condemned use of nuclear weapons as not justifiable under any circumstances, and called for a multilateral nuclear freeze.

Other high-rated religion developments of the year included:

—Ecumenical celebrations, including Roman Catholics, of the 500th anniversary of the birth of Protestant reformer Martin Luther, along with agreement by Catholic and Lutheran theologians on a key issue in the old split, affirming Luther's teaching of justification by faith.

—Reunion of Northern and Southern Presbyterians, divided since the Civil War, into a new Presbyterian Church (USA).

—Indications by Pope John Paul II of tighter reins on religious orders of priests and nuns and on Catholic seminaries in this country, with Vatican inquiries under way in both areas.

—Issuance of a controversial "inclusive language" lectionary of Bible readings by a committee of the National Council, referring to God as both Father and Mother and dropping asserted "male biases."

—The decision by the Conservative wing of Judaism to begin admitting women to ordination as rabbis, a step previously taken by Reform Judaism, but still firmly opposed by Orthodox Judaism.

Religious Roundup

MORRISTOWN, N.J. (AP) — Religious broadcasting grew by 10.2 percent in the United States during 1983, says the 1984 Directory of Religious Broadcasting.

Based on figures compiled by the research division of National Religious Broadcasters, the directory reports a 30 percent increase in religious television programs and films and a 2 percent rise in religious radio programming.

"What has been general knowledge of the surging growth in the field of broadcasting ministries is now available in documented form," says Ben Armstrong, NRB executive director.

NEW YORK (AP) — In contrast to the typical New Year's Eve high jinks, a free "Concert for Peace" is being given at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine this Saturday evening with noted musicians participating. Astronomer Carl Sagan is to speak and conductor Leonard Bernstein to lead a key prayer for peace.

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Lifestyles

Gena on Genealogy

Make reasonable, challenging goals for new year

By GENA WALLS

The year is almost over, only one more day and 1983 will be gone. Take a minute and look at your accomplishments for the year. Not only the genealogical work but the other successes of the year.

Now decide what you would like to do in 1984 as a new project, a continuation of an old project and one that needs to be finished.

Dear Abby

Ex-wife's whining at funeral has girlfriend ready to kill

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating the most wonderful man in this entire world for the last four months. (I'll call him Henry.)

His mother died, and Henry asked me if I would go to the wake with him. Of course I said I would, and I did.

Well, his ex-wife of 16 years showed up. (I would like to make it clear that they were divorced before I got involved with him.) His "ex" did in fact use this occasion to cry on the shoulders of Henry's brother and sisters—not about the death of their mother, but because she and Henry were divorced and he had another woman by his side.

As a result of this, Henry's family asked him not to bring me to the funeral, so he didn't. I can hardly control my rage over this. What should I do?

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DEAR EXCLUDED: Rejoice. If this hadn't happened you might have gone on thinking Henry was the most wonderful man in the world—instead of a wimp who does what his family asks without thinking it through and with total disregard for your feelings.

DEAR ABBY: I enjoy getting mail. Is there some way I can get my name on a mailing list so I can get what is called "junk mail"? I was told that the post office makes money on every piece of mail it handles, so it encourages it.

I would like to get some junk mail. I am 74 years old. Thank you.

VACAVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR VACAVILLE: It's simple. Just order one item you see advertised in a magazine or catalog: personalized stick-on address labels, flea powder, greeting cards, vegetable seeds, bicycle horn—anything at all will do. I promise you, in no time at all you will need a bigger mailbox, which can also be ordered from one of the many catalogs you will receive after your initial purchase. Once your name goes into the computer, it will breed like a hutch full of rabbits.

DEAR ABBY: A week before Thanksgiving, I telephoned an elderly widowed friend of mine and said, "If you aren't spending Thanksgiving with your daughter, please spend it with us."

She thanked me nicely, then in a very cheery tone she said, "Of course my daughter is coming to get me."

I later learned that this lady did not spend Thanksgiving with her daughter. She stayed home alone and cried all day. Her daughter, I was told, had not invited her, but she was too ashamed to admit it.

I feel guilty because of the way I phrased my invitation. There is nothing I can do about it now, but please print this so others will not be as stupid and thoughtless as I was.

KICKING MYSELF IN BOSTON

DEAR KICKING: Please stop kicking yourself. You meant well. But I'm printing your letter so some other well-meaning person doesn't make the same mistake.

CONFIDENTIAL TO A.J.F. IN EL PASO, TEXAS: Go for it! "Fortune is a prize to be won. Adventure is the road to it. Chance is what may lurk in the shadows at the roadside." Those are the words of one William Sydney Porter, whose pen name was O. Henry. (Surprise!)

(Getting married? Whether you want a formal church wedding or a simple, "do-your-own-thing" ceremony, get Abby's booklet. Send \$1 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped (37 cents) envelope to: Abby's Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)

People making New Year resolutions often reach to high and then fall short of the expectations leading to disappointments and the sense of failure. With this in mind, be reasonable with your goals, make them a challenge and at the same time attainable.

I hope that you will help me reach one of my goals. I would like to continue the weekly column expanding it to cover more areas and to publish more queries. Remember, the queries are included free and often with good results. Information about family reunions and newsletters, county events, old Bible

records, family traditions and anecdotes are welcomed and will help add interest to the column. That is my "continuation project." I will try to achieve my goal and am confident I can with your help!

I have received several letters asking for assistance in locating "my great-great grandfather" that fought in the Civil War and lived in Kentucky or South Carolina or some other state. This is not enough information for me to be able to help you. When writing anyone or any organization be sure and include ALL the information you have available.

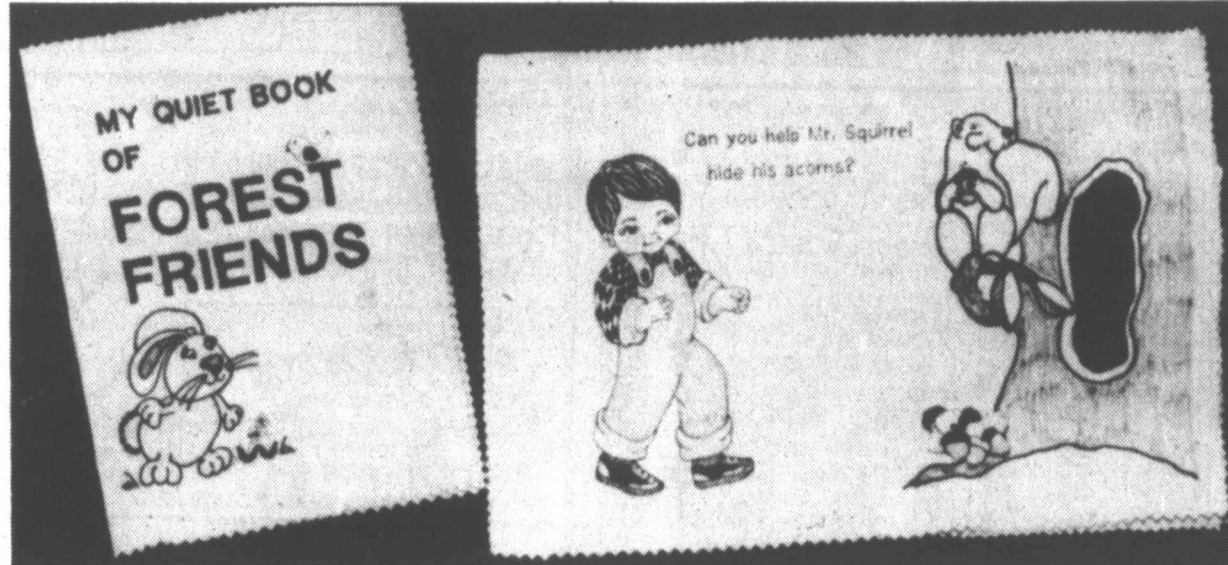
A researcher needs this material to be able to help and also not to duplicate work that you have already accomplished. Your ancestors name is vital. Without a name, a search cannot begin and the dates tell a researcher where to start. Many researchers do not charge for information that can be located simply by referring to an index that can be found quickly with the information you send. Remember to include the self-addressed, stamped envelope.

As this year comes to an end I would like to wish each of you happiness and good health in 1984. May you meet all your goals in life and take time to share the smile.

Send the material you would like to have published to me. Thank you for your assistance. Write Gena Walls, Rt. 2, Box 505, Lot 26, Gonzales, La., 70737.

Family Crafts

Handmade book quiets children



QUIET BOOK — Keeping a young child quiet while you're on the phone ranks right up there with climbing

Mt. Everest. For times such as this pull out the Quiet Book of Forest Friends.

By CHRIS & JANET BECKETT

What's a five-letter word for something people give up when they become parents?

No, the answer's not "money" although that certainly qualifies. I was thinking of "quiet" — as in keeping quiet and being quiet.

Keeping a young child quiet during a church service has to rank right up there with climbing Mt. Everest as far as challenges go. And how about when you're talking on the telephone? In my house this often signals the outbreak of World War III.

The ONLY time I don't long for quiet is when the kids are playing in their room. No noise usually means one thing — trouble! They've either done something wrong, or they're thinking about doing something wrong.

But this is an exception. On the whole, what my world needs more of (besides love) is QUIET!

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The effort invested in making a cloth book is worthwhile, since the pages won't tear and it can be washed when necessary.

We've provided one of the pictures from the book here so you can see what's included. On this page, the little boy is going to help Mr. Squirrel hide his acorns.

The acorns are cut and sewn

separately, then stuffed and stitched. They fit into a hole in the tree and are held in place by a small nylon fastener strip.

On succeeding pages, your child can button the bear's den door, hook the log for the fox, snap the green plants to the fish pond, lace the bird's nest together and hide the baby rabbits in the rabbit hole.

The pictures are painted on

eight fabric rectangles, placed back to back and sewn together. We pinked the edges to prevent raveling.

Tip: When a project, such as the Quiet Book, requires acrylic paint it's not necessary to rush out and buy artist's paint. Any acrylic latex paint you have on hand will work just as well. It's very permanent and will last through repeated washings.

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5 Explosive (abbr.)
8 Exchange
12 Exclamation of horror (2 wds.)
13 Debtor's note
14 Buckeye State
15 Assemblies
16 Superlative suffix
17 Medicine pellet
18 Edible bivalve
20 Mullet hawk
22 Octane numbers
23 Dancer Bolger (abbr.)
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28 Light meal
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34 By birth
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37 Pitch

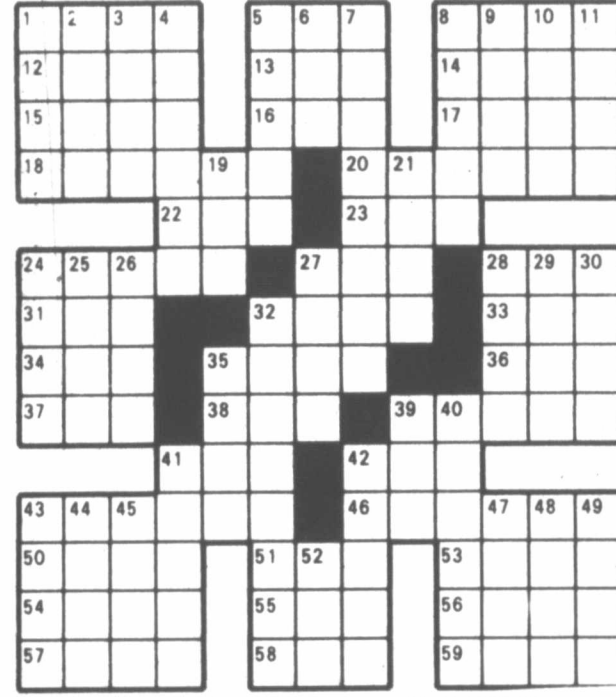
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10 Wing (Fr.)
11 Many (prefix)
19 Noun suffix
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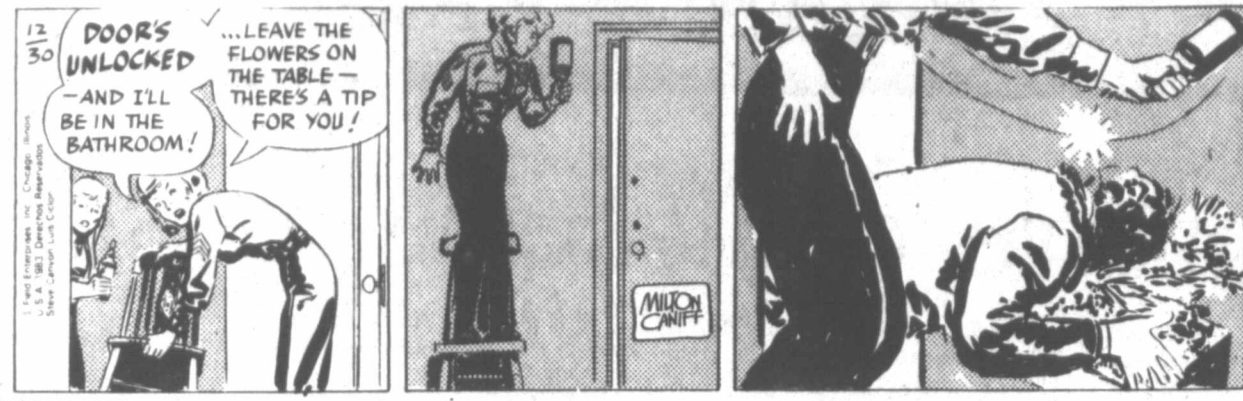
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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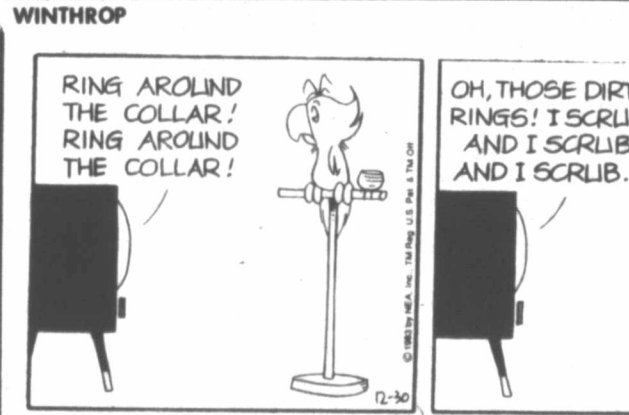
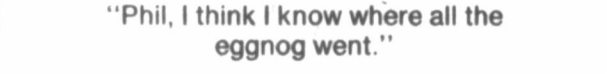
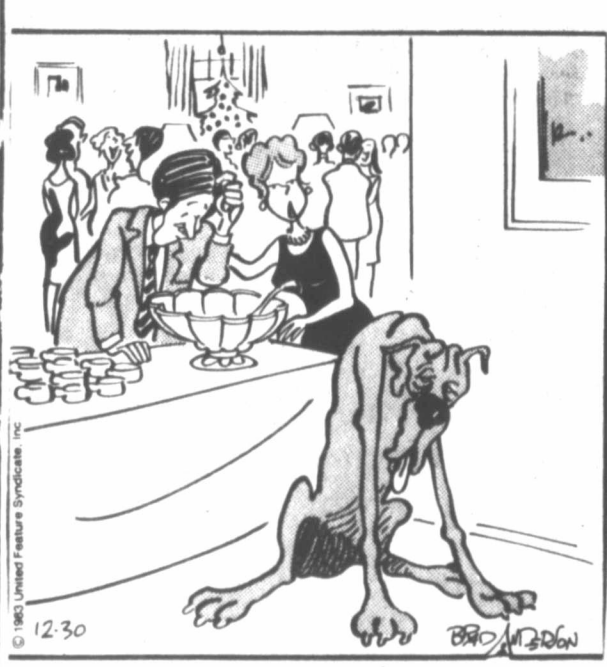


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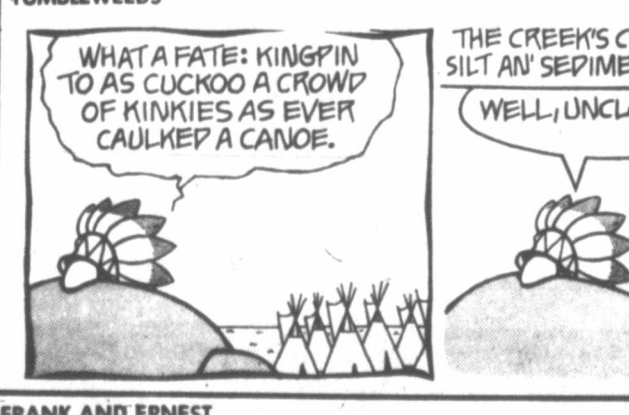
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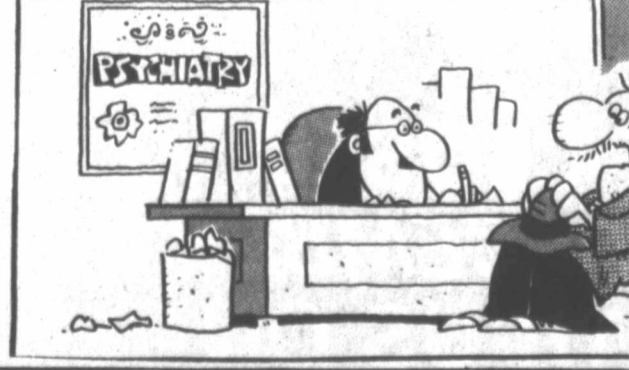
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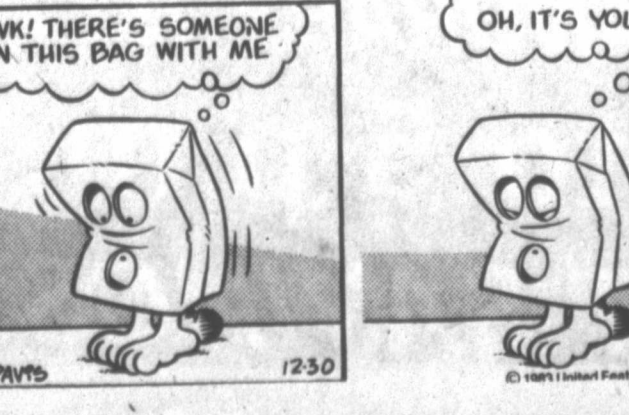
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Your possibilities for material gains look better this coming year than they have for some time. Strangely enough, it will be others who trigger your windfalls.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Intuitive insights you get today will be on target, so don't ignore the whisperings of your inner voice. If you do, you might let opportunity slip by. The NEW Matchmaker wheel and booklet reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs, tells how to get along with others, finds rising signs, hidden qualities, plus more. Send \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Mail an additional \$1 and your zodiac sign for your Capricorn Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) It's important to get out and socialize today, especially where you can meet new people. You'll make valuable contacts while having fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Try fresh approaches for achieving your objectives today. If you do, events could take dramatic turns and put victory within your grasp.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Promising new ideas may begin to formulate in your mind today that will mesh neatly with plans you've already set in motion. Use them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An unexpected chance to acquire something you didn't plan on, but have always wanted, may come your way today through an unusual chain of circumstances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are likely to be more fortunate in partnership situations today than you will be attempting to do things unaided. Seek strong cohorts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Where your work is concerned today, the breaks you've hoped for might not come until the last minute. Don't write anything off prematurely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today's social involvements could have unique undercurrents that should provide a number of pleasant experiences you'll not soon forget.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) New Year's Eve could supply an excuse you've been looking for to break away from your mundane routine. However, don't get too kooky.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to schedule your agenda today so that you can put in an appearance at a number of different places. Moving around will contribute to your enjoyment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today and tomorrow you could be luckier than usual in your financial interests. Keep an eye peeled for peculiar developments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Spur-of-the-moment activities are apt to be more gratifying today than those that are too lightly structured. Play it loose.

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue



THE BORN LOSER

By Art Sansom



PEANUTS

By Charles M. Sch



Sports Scene

Ft. Worth tourney

Pampa advances into finals with win over Cleburne

FORT WORTH—An outbreak of points in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter lifted Pampa past Cleburne, 64-49, Thursday night and into the finals of the Fort Worth Lions Club

Tournament. It was the biggest victory of the season for the Harvesters, now 10-4. Cleburne was ranked No. 2 in the state in Class 4A going into the semi-final contest.

The score was tied five times in the fourth quarter before Pampa ran off eleven consecutive points in the final 2:13 to wrap up the victory.

Pampa was in front for most of the game, but Cleburne was leading, 39-38, going into the fourth quarter.

Pampa led by seven, 32-25, at halftime, but hit only three of eleven shots in the third quarter to allow the Yellowjackets to catch up and go ahead.

The score was knotted at 47-47 when Gaylon Faggins scored five straight points on a follow shot, a free throw and a jumper to give Pampa a 52-47 lead.

Cleburne pulled within three, 52-49, on Chris Hall's outside jumper, but the Yellowjackets never scored again.

Coyle Winborn led Pampa in scoring with 18 points while Marty Cross and Craig Chapin chipped in 12 apiece.

Hall led the losers with 18.

Faggins and Randy Harris added eight and seven points respectively for Pampa while Al Buchanan had five, Rodney Young and Dunivan Lewis, two points apiece. Pampa will meet

Waxahachie at 8:30 p.m. for the championship. Waxahachie won the Class 4A state title last season.

Coyle Winborn scored 25 points and Craig Chapin hit 10 of 10 free throw attempts as Pampa came from behind in the second half to defeat Waco Richfield, 77-73, in Thursday morning's quarterfinals. Chapin, a 5-11 senior, scored 14 points while Rodney Young contributed 12.

Pampa trailed the entire first half and never gained the lead until 3:18 of the third quarter when Marty Cross canned a pair of foul shots to make it, 54-52.

Waco had led by as much as eight in the first half.

The score was tied five times the second half before Pampa broke on top to stay, 65-64, early in the fourth quarter on Young's foul shot.

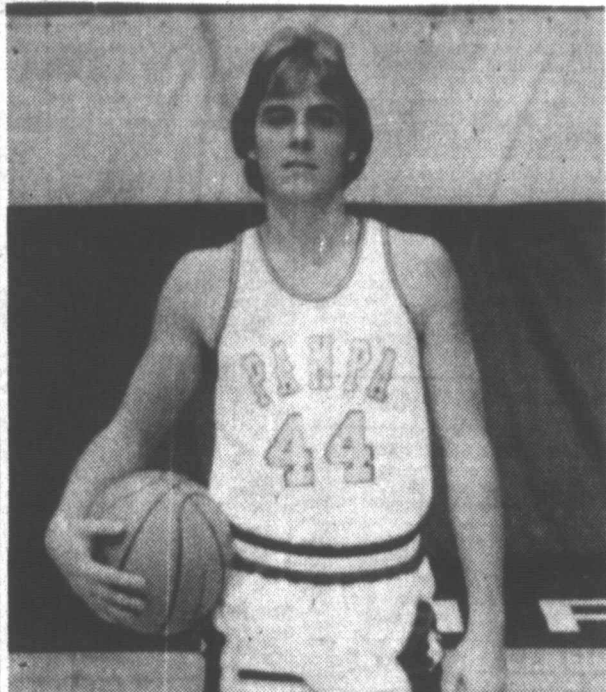
Ivan Cavanaugh and Barry Graves scored 18 and 17 points respectively for the Rams.

PAMPA (77)

Winborn 25, Chapin 14, Young 12, Cross 8, Faggins 7, Harris 4, McQueen 4, Buchanan 3.

WACO RICHFIELD (73)

Cavanaugh 18, Graves 17, Hooks 15, Sherman 10, DeGrate 8, Walker 5.



SCORING PLAYMAKER—Senior floor leader Craig Chapin, who is most noted for his assists and defensive play, has turned into a scorer at the Fort Worth Lions Club Tournament. Chapin scored 14 points against Waco Richfield Thursday morning, then added 12 more against Cleburne in Thursday night's semifinals. (Staff Photo)

NFL roundup

Underdog Seahawks ready for challenge

The Associated Press Steve Largent has a simple answer for those who say the Seattle Seahawks should be glad just to be in their first National Football League playoff.

"Baloney," says Largent, who has been a Seahawk since the club was enfranchised eight years ago. Seattle, coming off a 31-7 victory over Denver last weekend in the American Conference wild-card playoff, faces the Miami Dolphins Saturday in one of two conference semifinals. The NFC counterpart sends Detroit against San Francisco.

On Sunday, the Los Angeles Rams travel to Washington, and Pittsburgh meets the Raiders at Los Angeles.

"This is just as important a game for us as it is for them," Largent says of the Dolphins. "If we lose, we get knocked out of the playoffs. We're going into the game with one idea — to win. Don't let anyone tell you differently."

Until this season, Largent, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, was the favorite receiver of quarterback Jim Zorn. But Zorn was benched

this season in favor of four-year veteran Dave Krieg, who completed 12 of 13 passes for 200 yards and three touchdowns against Denver.

"Everybody expects them to win and everybody expects us to lose," Krieg said. "Well, we'll see."

Miami, AFC East champions with a 12-4 record and losers to Washington in last year's Super Bowl, were 7½-point favorites over the Seahawks, who finished the season 9-7.

The 49ers, winners of the NFC West with a 10-6 record, were 7-point favorites over the Lions, whose 9-7 record was best in the NFC Central. But Detroit running back Billy Sims says his club has something it never had before.

"Before this year, we didn't have the killer instinct," says Sims, who rushed for 1,040 yards this season despite missing four games with a broken hand.

Sims rushed for a career-high 189 yards in Detroit's 23-20 victory over Green Bay this season, marking what Coach Monte Clark feels was "our

turnaround." At that point, the club was 5-6 coming off a loss to Houston.

Quarterback Joe Montana leads the San Francisco attack. He passed for 3,910 yards and 26 touchdowns this season while rushing for 284 yards.

Defending Super Bowl champion Washington had the best record in the NFL this year, 14-2, and won the NFC East. The Redskins are 9½-point favorites to beat the wild-card Rams, 9-7, who advanced to the conference semis by beating Dallas 24-17 last Monday.

Washington Coach Joe Gibbs' biggest problem will be injuries to his offensive linemen. All Pros Joe Jacoby and Russ Grimm have been sidelined during practice this week, as has center Jeff Bostic. They're expected to be ready Sunday, however.

The Redskins are led by the NFL's Most Valuable Player, quarterback Joe Theismann, and fullback John Riggins, who rushed for a career-high 1,347 yards. A revitalized Vince Ferragamo quarterbacked the Rams' upset of Dallas last week.

The Raiders, 12-4 and

winners of the AFC West, were favored by 7 points over Pittsburgh, champions of the AFC Central with a 10-6 record. The two clubs, archrivals in the AFC, have not met in the playoffs since 1976, but their 1972 meeting is the best remembered.

The Steelers won that game 13-7 when Franco Harris was recipient of what has become to be known as the "Immaculate Reception" touchdown pass. Harris is one of only four Steelers left from that club. Harris rushed for 1,007 yards this season, leaving him 362 yards shy of Jim Brown's all-time record.

Another 1972 holdover, quarterback Terry Bradshaw, is a doubtful starter for the game. Bradshaw has started only one game for the Steelers since undergoing elbow surgery in March.

"It was a great rivalry, an outstanding rivalry," says Raiders Coach Tom Flores.

The winners of the conference semifinals will meet Sunday, Jan. 8 to determine the who will play in Super Bowl XVIII at Tampa Stadium on Jan. 22.

Tar Heels win Festival title

NEW YORK (AP) — Sam Perkins, North Carolina's 6-foot-10 senior who sometimes looks passive on the court, was fired up against St. John's.

He poured in 31 points with deadly inside shooting to lead the Tar Heels to the Holiday Festival basketball title Thursday night in a 64-51 victory over the No. 8 Redmen. It was unbeaten North Carolina's eighth consecutive win.

"Perkins got the shots

inside," said Tar Heels Coach Dean Smith. "We needed that."

Perkins also needed that after hitting only one of 11 shots from the floor and scoring six points Tuesday night in first round play against Iona. Against St. John's, he connected on 11 of 13.

"Perkins was beautiful," said St. John's Coach Lou Carnesecca, whose team went into the game with an 8-0 record. "It's the best I've

ever seen him play." The long-limbed Brooklyn native earned the Festival's Most Valuable Player Award and wowed the capacity crowd of 19,591 at Madison Square Garden.

Perkins, who led Carolina with nine rebounds, said about the MVP. "It's a compliment, but it was a team effort."

St. John's threw a scare into Carolina in the first half, leading 24-14, as Chris Mullin hit four straight goals. But Carolina recovered as

Perkins and Michael Jordan, who also had a poor game against Iona, got hot, and St. John's led only 26-24 at halftime.

Jordan was the only other Tar Heel in double figures, with 11 points, but he had his troubles. For the first time in 78 games the All-American guard failed to start.

Smith penalized him for being two minutes late for a team meeting Thursday. He was caught in a traffic jam in a cab on Fifth Avenue.

NBA roundup

Bulls continue winning streak

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD AP Sports Writer

Despite a 14-point deficit entering the final quarter, the Chicago Bulls were not to be denied their seventh straight National Basketball Association victory.

"We had to make it hard for them to score in the last quarter and we had to score at every opportunity," Coach Kevin Loughery said after the Bulls defeated Portland 100-99 Thursday night by outscoring the Trail Blazers 34-19 in the final period. The Bulls are now 12-14 after a 5-14 start.

Guard Quintin Dailey, who lost his starting spot to rookies Mitchell Wiggins and Ennis Whitley just before the

winning streak started, hit five of six shots and scored 12 points in the fourth period to lead the rally. He was 1-for-6 from the field before the fourth quarter and finished with 14 points.

"I get to see a lot from the bench and it helps me," Dailey said. "The openings were there and I felt good late. Early in the game, I was pretty mad."

In other NBA games, Denver beat Philadelphia 101-89, San Antonio outscored Kansas City 138-127, Houston defeated Boston 107-94 and Cleveland outlasted Atlanta 88-77.

The Bulls' victory wasn't secured until Mychal Thompson missed a shot at

the buzzer from under the basket.

"I would have been proud even if we would have lost on that last-second shot," Loughery said. "This team can still play much better."

"We turned the ball over five straight times and they scored five straight baskets in the first half. Dailey had a bad first half, but came back in the stretch. It was no secret that I went to him at the end."

After Portland led 90-84, Dailey scored six consecutive points in a span of 1:13 to tie it 90-90 with 4:43 remaining.

It was still deadlocked at 96-96 with 1:48 to go. Thompson made one of two free throws at the 1:00 mark

to put the Blazers ahead by one, but Dailey fed Wiggins for a layup with 47 seconds remaining to put the Bulls ahead 98-97.

Jim Paxson hit a 20-footer to put the Trail Blazers ahead 99-98 with just 28 seconds to play, but after a timeout, Dailey canned a 12-footer with 19 seconds left. Paxson and Kenny Carr as well as Thompson missed shots in the final seconds for Portland.

"We had a chance to win it at the end," Blazers Coach Jack Ramsay said. "We wanted to have Paxson drive to the basket, but he didn't get his shot. We had a couple of other chances but just didn't do it."

Fighting Irish win Liberty Bowl thriller

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The new year is still two days away, but Notre Dame coach Gerry Faust figures he already has a good start on 1984 after watching his Fighting Irish upend 13th-ranked Boston College 19-18 in the Liberty Bowl.

"This is a great start for 1984," beamed Faust, minutes after Thursday night's 19-18 victory in the 25th annual game. "We played a great football team tonight and I'm very proud we could come away with a victory. It was a team effort. This is the beginning of something great."

The Irish utilized the talents of sophomore All-American Allen Pinkett, who rushed for 111 yards and two touchdowns, and junior Chris Smith, who added 104 rushing yards, to serve notice that 1984 could be their year.

"I feel really great with this victory," said Irish senior quarterback Blair Kiel, who hit on 11 of 19 passes for 151 yards, including a 14-yard scoring toss to flanker Alvin Miller.

With Pinkett and Miller featured in slashing runs, Notre Dame controlled the ball throughout the contest, but still had to survive a late fourth-quarter threat before

finishing the season with a 7-5 record.

Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie completed 16 of 37 passes for 287 yards and three touchdowns despite temperatures hovering around 10 degrees and a wind chill factor of zero to capture the game's MVP award and almost lead the 9-3 Eagles to victory.

Boston College cut the Notre Dame lead to one point, 19-18, midway through the third quarter with a 3-yard scoring pass from Flutie to tight end Scott Gieselman and Eagles' coach Jack Bicknell opted to go for the 2-point conversion after seeing placekicker Brian Waldron slip on the frozen turf on his only extra point attempt.

But Flutie's PAT pass intended for Gieselman was broken up by Notre Dame linebacker Tony Furjanic and the Irish kept the Eagles out

of scoring position the remainder of the game. BC failed also failed on a PAT pass following a 28-yard scoring toss from Flutie to flanker Gerard Phelan in the second quarter.

"We didn't think we could make the kick at that point," Bicknell explained later.

BC blocked two Notre Dame placements. The Irish fell behind 6-0 early in the first quarter, but roared back to take a 19-6 lead as Pinkett scored on runs of one and three yards and Kiel hit Miller with his scoring pass.

The Eagles trailed 19-12 at the half after Flutie hit Phelan with 7:02 left in the second quarter.

"I'm happy with this win... especially for the seniors. They deserved to go out in style," said Pinkett, a sophomore voted Notre Dame's most valuable

offensive player.

In games today, 10th-ranked Iowa will take on No. 11 Florida in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., while North Carolina and Florida State, both unranked, meet in the Peach Bowl.

Florida Coach Charley Pell says Iowa quarterback Chuck Long, ranked second in the nation in passing efficiency and owner of most of his school's passing records, gives the Hawkeyes a slight edge.

"He (Long) speaks for himself," Pell said. "He makes things happen... He seems to have command of a game regardless of the situation. You never have a time when he seems to not be in control."

Florida State, 8-2-1, will counter against Iowa, 9-2, with quarterback Wayne

Peace, who is the second leading passer in Southeastern Conference history.

At Atlanta, both Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden and North Carolina Coach Dick Crum say the Peach Bowl is an opportunity to end disappointing seasons on a high note.

"Both ball clubs are coming in here with similar situations," Crum explained. "They had high expectations (for the season) and we had high expectations."

Both teams were highly rated early in the season, but North Carolina, after starting with seven straight victories, finished the regular season at 8-3, while Florida State is just 6-5 coming into this game.

The Peach Bowl will start at 3 p.m. EST, followed by the Gator Bowl at 8 p.m.

Saturday's only game will

match Baylor, 7-3-1 and tied with Oklahoma for 20th in the national rankings, against unranked Oklahoma State, 7-4, in the Bluebonnet Bowl at Houston. The game is scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

There will be five more games on Monday, headed by the Orange Bowl at Miami, matching No. 1 Nebraska, 12-0, against fifth-ranked Miami (Fla.), 10-1, at 8 p.m.

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Texas A&M	4	4	200	0	1.000
Texas Tech	4	4	200	0	1.000
Rice	4	4	200	0	1.000
Texas	4	4	200	0	1.000
Baylor	4	4	200	0	1.000

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Houston 75, Louisville 73

Princeton 61, Houston 61

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Louisville 68, Baylor 34

Colorado 76, TCU 65

South Florida 72, Texas A&M 47

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Arkansas 52, St. Peter's 48

SMU 73, Duke 75

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SMU 77, Alabama-Birmingham 62

Tennessee-Chattanooga 57, Rice 41

Texas 63, Utah 61

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

SMU at Rainbow Classic, Honolulu

Rice at Crystal Classic, Chattanooga

Texas at Utah Classic, Salt Lake City

Arkansas vs. Austin Peay at Little Rock

No consensus on undocumented farm workers

By DON KENDALL
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Agriculture Department economist says there is no real consensus among farm groups on proposed federal legislation governing agricultural workers from foreign countries.

Under one such bill, which was first introduced in 1981 and again in 1983, thousands of additional "undocumented" foreign workers would be given legal status to work in the United States temporarily. It also would give the department a voice in developing the program.

Robert Coltrane of the department's Economic Research Service said Thursday in a new Farmline magazine issued by the agency that "the intended effect of such changes was to provide agricultural employers with a legal method of importing foreign workers" when not enough domestic help is available.

Passage of the bill would probably mean an increase in foreign workers in U.S. agriculture

under the existing "H-2" program, so called after a section in the immigration laws.

However, the bill would also make it illegal for agricultural employers to hire undocumented workers, Coltrane said. Some farm groups support the proposed changes, arguing that foreign workers are needed to help with harvests. But other groups, including some farm labor organizations, argue that more foreigners would increase competition and reduce the bargaining power of domestic workers.

"For the foreseeable future, that means we will continue to import a small, legal group of aliens under the H-2 program and to receive a large, illegal flow of aliens from Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean," Coltrane said. "It seems to be a situation that is widely accepted and won't easily be resolved."

Another department report last month showed that in 1981 the migrant labor force in the United States apparently dropped to about 115,000 people, a 47 percent decline from 1979, when the previous

survey was made. One of the theories advanced in that report was that illegal aliens may have displaced a large part of the regular farm migrant force.

Coltrane noted the 1979-81 decline in migrant workers in his report but, as in the earlier report, said he had no proof that illegal aliens were displacing the domestic workers. He added, however, that there is a substantial body of illegal workers who work year after year in U.S. agriculture and that their numbers may be underestimated.

"Certainly, the benefits of employment in the United States to the undocumented workers are large, when you look at the economic conditions in some of the sending countries," he said. "Even if they're earning only the minimum wage of \$3.35 per hour, that may be four to five times as much as they'd make in their own country."

It also means that the illegal aliens might be willing to work for less than domestic workers and are less likely to protest working conditions, Coltrane said.

Federal employees to start paying Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, members of Congress, judges and other top federal officials will start paying Social Security taxes Sunday as part of the plan enacted last year to shore up the system's sagging finances.

Vice President George Bush and all top political

appointees will also be required to pay the payroll tax, along with all new federal workers hired starting Sunday. Coverage also becomes mandatory for all non-profit organizations and their employees, including hospital and school workers.

The tax rate an employee

pays is 6.7 percent on the first \$7,800 of income.

Also taking effect Sunday is the last chunk of the Reagan administration's four-step cut in federal income taxes. The final 5 percent cut leaves the typical American with a 23 percent lower tax bite than when the program began on Oct. 1, 1981.

But the cut won't show up in the amount withheld from your paycheck. The third and final reduction in withholding — 10 percent — came last July 1; and that mid-year adjustment accounted for both last January's cut as well as the upcoming drop in actual tax rates.

Other changes are in store in 1984 for millions of Americans who contribute to Social Security or draw benefits from the \$170 billion retirement and disability program.

Starting with benefits received in 1984, some retirees will have to pay income tax on half their Social Security for the first time. They will be hit by the tax if their adjusted gross

income, plus half their benefits, plus any tax-exempt interest from municipal bonds or other sources, exceeds \$25,000 for an individual or \$32,000 for a married couple filing jointly.

The 36 million beneficiaries will get a 3.5 percent cost-of-living increase in their Jan. 3 checks, their first increase in 18 months. It was delayed six months as part of the compromise plan to rescue the system.

Reagan could be both Social Security taxpayer and beneficiary. The law allows those 70 and older to draw benefits regardless of income. Reagan, 72, became eligible last January when the age at which no income test applies dropped from 72 to 70.

News in brief

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than one-fourth of the delegates to the Democrats' presidential nominating convention next summer probably will be black or Hispanic, according to party chairman Charles T. Manatt.

Manatt made the statement Thursday in a letter to the Rev. Jesse Jackson that the chairman termed an "initial response" to Jackson's claim that women and minorities are effectively "locked out" of the convention.

Jackson has hinted he might pursue a convention floor fight and possibly a court suit if the party does not change the selection rules to make it easier for second-tier candidates such as himself to win delegates.

Manatt said: "Your letter states that black and Hispanic communities contribute nearly 25 percent of the party's registered voters and overall vote." In fact, we estimate that minority delegates will comprise more than 25 percent of the 1984 Democratic Convention."

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., is calling on his special monitoring group to meet next Tuesday to discuss Reagan administration policy in Lebanon.

Chris Matthews, an aide to the speaker, said O'Neill was acting in response to a Pentagon-commissioned report critical of administration policy in Lebanon and of several military commanders.

O'Neill's panel is made up of 14 House Democrats, all of whom supported a congressional compromise last September authorizing U.S. Marines to remain in Lebanon.

Matthews said O'Neill "has some concerns and I expect

he'll share them" with the panel members, but the aide declined to say exactly what the speaker's concerns are.

MOSCOW (AP) — A senior U.S. official predicts Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko will meet with Secretary of State George P. Shultz at a disarmament conference in Stockholm next month.

The official, who asked not to be identified by name, said Thursday it appeared members of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact have decided to send their foreign ministers to the East-West conference.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization foreign ministers recently decided to attend the 35-nation conference Jan. 16-18 in the Swedish capital. Shultz has said the conference could provide a chance for him to meet with Gromyko.

The Stockholm conference is a followup to the Madrid Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe that ended this summer.

Shultz and Gromyko last met Sept. 8 at the Madrid signing session, but that meeting was tense, coming a week after Soviet warplanes shot down a Korean Air Lines jetliner with 269 people aboard that had strayed into Soviet air space.

NEW YORK (AP) — A second indictment has been handed up by a federal grand jury probing an anti-Castro group which has claimed responsibility for two murders and 30 bombings in the last eight years.

Jose Ignacio Gonzalez, 41, was indicted Thursday for allegedly lying to a federal grand jury investigating the Omega 7 terrorist group.

Eduardo Arocena, who authorities say is the leader of Omega 7, was indicted Wednesday in connection with 14 bomb attacks.

BARRE, Vt. (AP) — A former Superior Court judge who is an admitted alcoholic says he is frightened about "what the future may hold for me" after his third conviction for drunken driving.

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THREE BEAUTIES—Current Tournament of Roses queen Ann Marie Colborn and 1930 queen Holly Halsted Balthis join Homer the penguin during the annual Kodak Rose Queen's brunch in Long Beach, Calif. Thursday. The 1984 Kodak Rose Parade float entry is of six giant penguins amidst an antarctic setting. (AP Laserphoto)

Will to live cheats brutal winter

By CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN
Associated Press Writer

His face bloodied by an avalanche of ice on Washington's Mount Rainier, a climber survived in unforgetting winter by stumbling miles on injured legs. In North Carolina, an oysterman spent five days adrift on a chilly bay.

And there were other tales this week of survivors cheating a brutal winter: A father and son who huddled in their crumpled plane, buried in New Mexico snow.

A New Hampshire snowmobiler who crawled to safety while nearly "freezing to death."

A grandmother who climbed from the bottom of a 250-foot cliff in Colorado to find help for her husband and granddaughter.

"It's the will to live. There's no other answer for it," said police Sgt. Roger Corriveau in Manchester, N.H., where 16-year-old Steven Patient was recovering from his injuries from Sunday's snowmobile crash.

"I don't know how he got out of there," marveled Fire Chief Frank Eshpeter of Greenwater, Wash., after 19-year-old Kurt Fickeisen trudged nearly two miles Thursday with an injured knee, a broken elbow and other injuries from an avalanche that killed his climbing partner.

Fickeisen and Chris Gentry, 19, had been trying to scale a 300-foot frozen waterfall on Mount Rainier when they triggered an ice cascade, authorities said.

When Fickeisen reached a Boy Scout camp where he summoned help, "his face was covered with blood," said Kathleen Utterbach, chaperon of a visiting church youth group at the camp. He was hospitalized in satisfactory condition today.

North Carolina oysterman Albert Jefferson was described as "a very lucky man" Thursday as he was found, unhurt, on an island after drifting in his 25-foot boat since Christmas in bitter wind and without food.

Jefferson, 43, became stranded when his boat's battery died and an anchor chain snapped on frigid Pamlico Sound. He saved himself by burning rags to keep warm, and finally

waded to the island and banged a pot with a hammer to attract aid.

"As long as you're still Alive you just presume you're going to make it," Tony Mink, 36, said Thursday from an Albuquerque, N.M., hospital where he was recovering from injuries suffered in a plane crash that killed his wife.

Mink and his 14-year-old son, Brian, created a shelter inside the wreckage, using parts of the plane and Christmas gifts, and endured five days of snowstorms and subzero cold before their rescue Wednesday.

"I figured we'd stay alive until we couldn't come up with a clever enough idea to do so," Mink said.

He and his son huddled in the cramped fuselage, burning checks from a checkbook to add warmth and talking about home and food, although they only had one can of survival rations, he said.

For Charlotte Julian, the ordeal began when her snow-filled car settled in a drift after tumbling 250 feet from Wolf Creek Pass in southwestern Colorado.

"I crawled and my feet and my hands are still tingling," said Mrs. Julian, 54, describing how she made it up the slope to bring help to her husband, who was having trouble breathing, and her 11-year-old granddaughter.

"I had a little trouble closing my eyes last night," Mrs. Julian said. "I thought we were going to die right there."

The three were released Wednesday after an overnight hospital stay in Del Norte, Colo.

In New Hampshire, Corriveau said Patient "moved inches at a time," crawling a quarter-mile in four hours Christmas morning with bare hands in temperatures of 10 below to reach a house for help.

"He said he had gotten into an accident (on his snowmobile) and told me he was freezing to death," said Robert Ahern, who was awakened by the boy's knocks on his door at 4 a.m.

"And he said, 'My back's broken and my legs are paralyzed.'"

Steven's father, Marcel Patient, said, "He's going to make it."

'Trip-wire' vets hide in wilderness

FORKS, Wash. (AP) — Hiding out in Washington's wilderness, "trip-wire" veterans are almost never seen. But a few are there, shunning society and living by the skills they learned in the Vietnam jungle, the state veterans' affairs director says.

"Trip wire" was the phrase U.S. servicemen used for the unseen, deadly traps the Viet Cong laid along trails to snare and maim GIs on patrol. It also applied to certain soldiers who developed a knack for finding those traps and dismantling them.

Now state officials are using the phrase to describe a very small percentage of veterans who, unable to cope with the stress of their war memories and the disapproval they faced upon returning home, disappeared into the woods to live the only way they felt comfortable.

"Out there in the woods are wonderful, loving people who just want to be left alone, who are saying, 'I don't want a world where I am going to be spit on and have tomatoes thrown in my face,'" said Bruce Webster, a Port Angeles psychologist who works with veterans.

About 85 trip-wire vets have re-entered society since the state Veterans Affairs Department began an outreach program, said department director Randy Fisher. He said he did not know how many more there might be.

With a \$100,000 grant from the state, Fisher and Mike McWatters, a private consultant and veteran who says he himself hid for two years in New York's Adirondacks, began the counseling service in August.

Last summer McWatters did a survey to determine how many of the state's 100,000 Vietnam-era veterans needed counseling but lacked programs. He found about 1,000, and a number of them were vets whose existence resembled that of 19th-century mountain men.

Marvin, a 33-year-old ex-Marine who did not want his last name published, says he lived as a woodland shadow off and on for 10 years, tracking and trapping animals, wearing buckskin clothes, living in caves and hollow tree stumps.

He was one of several trip-wire vets interviewed by the Tacoma News-Tribune for a series of stories this week.

"There's a lot of the public don't know — and probably will never know — about what happened in 'Nam,'" he said. "The only job skills I have are those that might be useful to a hit man for the Mafia."

Marvin said he spent four years in Vietnam as a Special Forces Scout before being wounded in 1971. When he returned to the United States he headed for the woods, holing up in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana and ending up in Washington. He

avoided all human contact, he said, because "I couldn't stand to be touched."

He said he suffered from paranoia and nightmares. Since he sought counseling a year ago, Webster diagnosed him as a victim of post-traumatic stress disorder — a psychological illness in which symptoms show themselves years after the event that caused them.

Bill Maier, 35, says he was another trip-wire vet. An ex-Marine who saw heavy combat during his Vietnam stint, Maier said he sought refuge in the woods from his recurring nightmares.

But his sanctuary became his torment, for the isolation became too much. "I became afraid of everything," he said. "I had to get out. Everything was closing in on me."

Maier sought help from Webster, his former high school track coach, and now says, "I feel I'm getting well again." He spends much of his time going back to the woods to find other trip-wire vets and urge them to seek counseling.

Trip-wire vets are not "loonies," Fisher said. They are troubled and confused men.

Not all questions to high court arrive in legal document form

WASHINGTON (AP) — At the Supreme Court, not all the tough queries arrive in legal documents. The nation's highest court and each of its nine members get hundreds of letters from inquisitive citizens each week.

"Are you having fun, or is (the job) too complicated?" one third grader asked recently.

Some other queries: "How much do you get paid per case? What is God's last name? Do you think all politicians are crooks, thieves, cheats and liars?"

Obviously, judicious replies may be required. Letters recently received by individual justices or by the court as an institution were shown to The Associated Press on the condition that neither the writer nor recipient be identified by name.

Some came from souvenir seekers. "I would like to have an item that you no longer need, in other words a piece of your trash," one correspondent requested of a justice.

But most sought information.

"I learned recently that the Supreme Court has the power to declare laws unconstitutional," one high school junior said. "I have been looking in the Constitution and I cannot find the passage anywhere that allows this."

A prankster might have been tempted to further confound the puzzled youngster by referring him also to those portions of the Constitution spelling out the right of privacy, the right to travel and the public's right to know — they don't exist either.

Instead, the student was told about the Supreme Court's landmark 1803 decision in Marbury vs. Madison that found such power of review for itself and helped establish the judiciary as an equal branch of government.

An eighth grade class from Missouri wrote to ask a justice for a favorite prayer. That, the students were told, was a matter between the justice and God — "and not subject to public dissemination."

It was hard to tell whether one Illinois youth was seeking frightening legal help or just trying to drive home an anti-abortion point.

"My little brother is only 2 years old and he keeps me awake at night," his neatly written letter said. "He cries and bothers me all the time. Can you please change the law so I can kill him. I heard you said it was OK up till nine months."

Others seek help in lower court cases. A man imprisoned for killing his psychiatrist asked the court to point out any helpful precedents.

New tool for learning fate of universe

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The discovery of a celestial mirage that magnifies the image of a quasar up to 10 billion light years — or 60,000,000,000,000,000 miles — from Earth gives scientists a new tool for predicting the eventual fate of the universe.

A report released today describes a method for locating such optical illusions, called gravitational lenses. Scientists hope that by tracking them down, they will be able to measure the amount of matter in the universe.

The figure is crucial to theories that predict the future of the universe — whether it will keep expanding or will collapse upon itself in a cataclysm called the Big Crunch.

The latest gravitational lens, known as 2016-112, is the fourth to be discovered since 1979. But it is the first to be located as a result of a systematic search.

"They're very interesting, because it's a way of measuring the amount of matter there in a way that's entirely independent of anything that astronomers have used before," said Bernard F. Burke of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Scientists from MIT, California Institute of Technology and Princeton University used three telescopes to spot the latest gravitational lens, and they believe the same technique will

turn up many more. A report on their work is being published in the issue of the journal Science released today and dated Jan. 6.

"The first three were found by accident," Burke said. "We thought it was time that we started to look for these gravitational lenses in a systematic way."

No. 2016-112 involves a relatively nearby galaxy and a quasar. The quasar, a star-like source of energy near the edge of the universe, is one of the most distant ever found. It is about 5 billion to 10 billion light years away from the Earth. A light year is 6 trillion miles.

The galaxy is between the quasar and earth. Its gravity acts as a kind of lens that bends, splits and magnifies the quasar's light. This creates the illusion that there are two quasars, not one.

"Out of every 1,000 quasars, there ought to be two or three examples of these," Burke says. "So we'll press on and see if that's the case."

Traditionally, astronomers have estimated this by measuring the light of the stars. But not all matter gives off light. And no one knows how much so-called dark matter exists.

Reagan's express sorrow at death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Beach Boys drummer Dennis Wilson, mourned by the president and show business colleagues as a musician "everybody loved," drowned accidentally while diving, a coroner has ruled.

President Reagan was among those expressing sorrow Thursday over the death of Wilson, 39, who was pulled from 13 feet of water where he had been diving from a boat slip in suburban Marina del Rey.

During the autopsy Thursday, Deputy Medical Examiner J.L. Cogan found a "minor" abrasion on the Wilson's head, said Los Angeles County Coroner's spokesman Bill Gold. But he said that injury was "not in itself significant for a cause of death."

"The musician's death was listed as accidental," Gold said. A sheriff's deputy said Wilson had been drinking with friends Wednesday on the 52-foot yawl Emerald before he began diving into a vacant slip.

Routine tests to detect alcohol or drugs in Wilson's body will take days or possibly weeks, Gold said.

Reagan and his wife, Nancy, became defenders of the Beach Boys last summer when then-Secretary of the Interior James Watt banned them from a July 4 performance on the Washington Mall.

After the incident, Mrs. Reagan invited the band to perform at the White House.

The Reagans, vacationing in Southern California, were "shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Dennis Wilson's death," said Mark Weinberg, an assistant White House press secretary.

"He was so vibrant and gifted, lovable," said Elliott Lott, the band's road manager. "He was a very sensitive man. Everybody loved him."

Sandy Friedman, the Beach Boys' publicist, said, "We are all saddened by the sudden death of Dennis Wilson. He was one of the most sensitive and gifted musicians in pop music."

The original Beach Boys — brothers Dennis, Carl and Brian Wilson, cousin Mike Love and friend Al Jardine — emerged in the early 1960s from Hawthorne, Calif., with songs about the surfing craze sweeping the California coast.

"Surfin' Safari" and the hits that followed — "Surfer Girl," "Little Deuce Coupe," "Be True to Your School," "Surfin' USA," "Help Me, Rhonda," "California Girls," "Fun, Fun, Fun" and "Good Vibrations" — forged a distinct musical style for the group and a lifestyle as well.

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