Outlook is poor for dry Texas spots

By The Associated Press

East Texas and along the Gulf Coast are hoping for more rain this year, but weather officials say they expect it will be even drier than usual for at least the first few months of 1989.

For much of the state, 1988 rainfall was below average. The Beaumont area was 20 inches below its annual average of 50 inches, and Houston's total rainfall for last year was 22.93 inches, just over half of its average of 44.76 inches

Last week, efforts were taken quently lead only to silt. to keep tait water from

Triangle.

The new year apparently predict the Gulf Coast area will that reduces the lake's conget only 55 percent of its normal servation pool to 12 percent. The rainfall through March.

major reservoir in East Texas, the water stands 13 feet below its optimum level. New broad beaches of mud spread from the lake's edges, and boat ramps fre-

and Beaumont in the Golden slips dangle midair on mooring lines or sit in the muck.

conservation pool is water the At Sam Rayburn Reservoir, a U.S. Corps of Engineers business is down about 30 percent periodically releases to serve because the reservoir is low. downstream users.

> water for industrial users in added. Beaumont, they'll be putting us Directors of the United Lake Miller, a farmer who lives 10

Bill Webb, owner of the Shirley Creek Marina on Sam Rayburn, In recent weeks, the reser- said his boat launch still has plendoesn't hold any quick relief. Na- voir's water level has hovered at ty of water, "but if we don't have Peyton Walters. "The 90-day tional Weather Service officials 152 feet above sea level - a level some good rains, it could very well put a bunch of these little businesses out of business.'

Webb estimates his marina's

"I'm sure we're down millions "If they keep drawing out of dollars for the entire lake," he

out of business," said Dan Brudi, Sam Rayburn Business Associa-At some marinas, one-time who operates the Twin Dikes tion met with Corps officials Houston.

Businesses and farmers in supply of Port Arthur, Orange Boats normally kept in sheltered dam.

Description of the drinking water floating docks sit in the mud. Marina near the Sam Rayburn recently through the office of U.S. Rep. Charles Wilson, Description of the drinking water floating docks sit in the mud. Marina near the Sam Rayburn recently through the office of U.S. Rep. Charles Wilson, Description of the drinking water floating docks sit in the mud. Lufkin.

"There wasn't much good news," said Wilson's aide. forecast is for there to not be much rain."

January and February, however, are usually two of the wettest months in East Texas. and some people haven't given up

"We're suffering," said Carl miles north of Brookshire near

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Chamber leaders appointments told for '89 committees

Leaders for the Snyder dinator for the first prison bid Chamber of Commerce's com- process. That year, the Inwill be headed by Roy Baze.

In addition, newly named The Industrial Development

McDonald's of Snyder, in 1990.

Development Committee, Baze Blanche Chisum. construction prison.

Baze was the project coor-

mittees for 1989 were revealed dustrial Development Committee Monday, to include the Industrial was headed by Miller Robinson, Development Committee which and Roy McQueen served in that capacity this past year.

chamber director Fran Farmer, Committee is part of the branch manager for Olney Sav- chamber's Economic Division. ings here, was announced as Other committees in this group president-elect for the chamber. will include Agribusiness, to be She will succeed 1989 President headed by immediate past Herbie Figueredo, owner of chamber president David Kattes; and Tourist Development, to Regarding the Industrial be headed again by Dennis and

will head it during a year when Under the chamber's Coman effort is expected to secure a munity Development Division, second 1.000-man Texas Depart- Sam Robertson will be chairman ment of Corrections prison facili- of the Civic Development Comty at the site of the now under mittee and Rick Hester will be chairman of the Cultural Affairs

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IT'S OFFICIAL — County Judge Bobby Goodwin administered the official oath of office to newly elected or appointed county officials at 2 p.m. Sunday in the commissioners courtroom. In the top photo, Goodwin "makes it official" for, from left,

missioner C.D. Gray Jr., Tax Assessor-Collector Rona Sikes, Commissioner Duaine Davis and Sheriff Keith Collier. In the bottom photograph, the oath is offered to District Attorney Ernie Armstrong and County Auditor Linda Franklin. (SDN Staff Photos by Howard Bigham)

TEC figure dips back to 6 percent After rising to a year's high of almost 400 more individuals

County appointments

Scurry County commissioners will appoint or re-appoint 24

members of eight county governmental boards at their Jan. 9

meeting, and a commissioner said Saturday that he expects the

"I expect very few replacements — really, just the ones that

Billingsley said the four commissioners and County Judge

Bobby Goodwin have not started work on the appointments but

should be able to contact all the members who are up for re-

appointment and be ready to take action, as is called for by state

We have thrown some names around, but that's all," he said.

The appointments will include three of the five airport board

members, three of the nine on the child welfare board, three of

the five county welfare board members, three of the six hospital

board members and four of the eight who serve on the county

Also, two of the five Board of County Development members

are up for re-appointment, as are the three members of the coun-

ty grievance committee and the three Veterans Land Board

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want off," said Ted Billingsley, the senior commissioner on the

on court slate Jan. 9

annual task to be primarily re-appointments

law, in their second January meeting.

7.2 percent, Scurry County's working than it did at the start of unemployment rate was back 1988 down to 6 percent during November, according to figures released by the Texas Employment Commission.

During October, an estimated 676 individuals were seeking jobs through the TEC. By November, this number was reduced to 563 and an additional 46 persons had been added to the number of individuals said employed here.

The changes in the two numbers dropped the civilian labor force (CLF) estimate here--which is derived by combining the number of persons with jobs and the number seeking employment--to 9,372. This compares to a CLF of 9,439 during Oc-

The county's unemployment rate has see-sawed from a low of 5.5 percent to last month's high of 7.2 percent. According to TEC figures, the county has now

In addition to Scurry County, the Sweetwater-based regional TEC office reported unemployment figures for five other surrounding counties. These include:

—Nolan County: unemployment figured at 7.1 percent with a CLF of 7,569. This includes 7,031 persons employed and 538 seeking employment through the

-Mitchell County: unemployment figured at 8.6 percent with a CLF of 4,079. This includes 3,727 persons employed and 351 seeking employment.

-Fisher County: unemploy ment figured at 4.6 percent with a CLF of 2,364. This includes 2,255 persons employed and 171 seeking employment.

-Stonewall unemployment figured at 3.5 per-See TEC, page 9

Constable William D. "Bill" Love, County Com-



Death toll reaches 26

By The Associated Press

The deaths of three people in a New Year's Day head-on crash helped push the state's holiday traffic fatality count to 26 today.

Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox said victim Monica Martinez, 14, of Stafford, was was a passenger in a two-vehicle head-on collision, which occurred at 1:30 a.m. Sunday on State Highway 6 in Arcola. She was not wearing a seat belt, said Cox.

J.T. Criddle, 69, of Fresno was driving the other vehicle involved in the Arcola collision. Another victim was Ethel Leeman, 73, of Fresno, who was riding in the Criddle vehicle, Cox said.

Cotton Bowl revises its pre-game parade

has lingered in the shadows of the Rose Bowl and Orange Bowl parades, featured a new route and more floats today in an attempt by promoters to upgrade

For weeks, Cotton Bowl promoters have promised a bigger and better parade.

the Dallas pageant's image.

"If we're going to have it and if it's going to be on TV and if it's going to say something about Dallas and Fort Worth and the Southwest, it ought to be the best one we can have," said Ward Lay, chairman of the Cotton Bowl

parade. "That's the broadcast end of it. And the rest of it is that I think it's a damn good excuse to have a

College bowl games and the

DALLAS (AP) - The Cotton ed to Monday in 1989, since New tions for the parade. "But we are Bowl Parade, which in past years Year's Day fell on Sunday going to have more clowns, Arkansas was pitted against UCLA in the 53rd annual Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic, which had a 12:30 p.m. kickoff.

The Cotton Bowl Festival was scheduled to kick things off at 8 a.m. today, about an hour before of the Cotton Bowl. the nationally telecast parade, with music, exhibits and food planned in five downtown loca-

Thirteen floats and 50 units were prepared for display over a new parade route designed to minimize the interference from shadows cast by downtown buildings.

"We can't compete with the Orange or Rose parades with Walt Disney on one coast and fresh blooms on the other." Lay hoopla that surrounds them mov-boasted during final prepara-

Southwest Conference champion mimes and mascots than you've ever seen before.

New additions for the parade were three huge balloon figures hoisted for the first time - including a mystery entrant from the Mobil Oil Corp., the sponsor

Festival activities at City Hall Plaza included a bus and auto exhibit, while a photo exhibit was showcased at the Old Dallas City Hall. Three other locations were designated as sites for musical

Additional bleacher seats were erected along the parade route to allow more spectators a good

view of the parade. Country singer Charley Pride agreed to sing the national anthem and to serve as the parade's grand marshal.

Monday

Jan. 2, 1989 Ask Us

Q. — When will the state legislature be in session?

A. - Beginning the second Tuesday of the month, Jan. 10, state officials will report for a 120-day session.

In Brief

Jail escape

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County jail inmate who was wearing a surgical mask because of illness walked out of his unlocked cell and followed an off-duty sheriff's deputy past two checkpoints to freedom. authorities said.

A spokesman for the Dallas County sheriff's department said Arthur Tabor, 47, was arrested on Friday and placed in a holding cell at the Lew Sterrett Justice Center.

Tabor, still in street clothes and wearing a surgical mask because of tuberculosis, saw a deputy leaving the area and apparently followed him because he was unsure of what he was supposed to do, officials said.

Once he got into other areas of the jail, no one tried to stop him, said Sgt. Lonnie Franks, supervisor of the release section at the

"They just opened the door and let him walk. It was like, 'Merry Christmas,''' Franks said.

Plane lands

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - A pilot was forced to make an emergency landing in North Austin, where his plane clipped branches and power lines before skidding to a stop five feet from a dry cleaners on Airport Boulevard.

The pilot, computer scientist James Knox of Austin, said he experienced mechanical trouble about 5:10 p.m. Sunday on his final approach to Robert Mueller Municipal Airport. Knox escaped injury.

Knox said he was returning from a day flight to Lake Livingston in a Cessna 152 he had rented at Mueller when the engine began sputtering as he prepared to land.

"My gauges indicated I had fuel," said Knox, who has been flying about six months. "I went through a systems check and, after shutting everything down to reduce the chance of fire, looked for the best place to put it down.'

Local

School restart

Classes will resume Tuesday for Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira public school students.

Also, offices at Western Texas College will reopen Tuesday following the Christmas holiday. Classes at WTC will not resume until Jan. 18 following two days of registration for the spring term.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 61 degrees; low, 27 degrees; high Sunday, 63 degrees; low, 21 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 50 degrees; no precipitation.

Snyder Area Forecast: Today, partly cloudy this afternoon. High in the mid 70s. Wind southwest 10 to 15 mph. Tonight, mostly fair. Low in the mid 40s. Wind southwest 5 to 10 mph. Tuesday, mostly fair. High in the upper 60s. Wind west to southwest 10 to 15 mph.

members, who are all appointed annually. Board members with terms to expire as of Jan. 1, 1989, are: -Hospital board: Roy McQueen, Jackie W. Smith and Janet -Board of County Development: Jack Smartt and Jack Den-

library board.

Parliament no longer just rubber stamp

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Not long ago, Parliament was a mere rubber-stamp body that met for just four three-day sessions a year. Now, outspoken deputies are openly demanding accountability from Communist authorities.

Live television coverage came to Parliament in September, and its 383 deputies have since begun edging the once-tame forum toward democracy.

Increasingly, deputies are bringing into the open formerly taboo subjects such as defense spending. They challenge government and Communist Party leaders to adhere to their avowed policy of openness and disclose facts and figures.

The changes, more rapid than

WASHINGTON (AP) - FBI found

Director William Sessions says

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the

PLO, has "a wealth of informa-

tion" that could help in the in-

vestigation of last month's crash

of Pan American World Airways

Sessions said he would

welcome any information Arafat

might have, but with or without

the PLO's help the FBI chief

predicted Sunday "we're set up

for the long haul" and prepared

Appearing on ABC's "This

Week with David Brinkley" and on NBC's "Meet the Press," Ses-

sions said he is "very optimistic"

that killed 270 people will be

Fidel Castro, celebrating the 30th

is "socialism or death."

said.

bachev.

adherence to Marxist doctrine.

"Today we say with more force

Marxism -Leninism or death," he

Castro spoke to a large gather-

He did not refer directly to the

Soviet Union in his remarks, say-

situation has been marked by

In other speeches, Castro has

jection of the reform policies of

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gor-

He has said that Cuba will

never embrace any reforms that

"reek of capitalism." He also has

acknowledged that the changes

under Gorbachev could cause

Scurry County

plugged and abandoned the No. 1-

Borden County

finaled to produce 158 barrels of

Howard County

H&TC survey.

44.8 gravity oil.

97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell Energy Corp. has

ing from the balcony of the

the culprit of the Dec. 21 bombing us.

Castro rejects

Soviet reforms

HAVANA (AP) — President "difficulties" for Cuba.

reforms and said that for Cuba, it has been in decades.

anniversary of his revolution, re- although far from breaking up,

jected market-oriented economic seems more tenuous now than it

Castro's remarks, in a televis- Soviet unhappiness with the way ed speech Sunday night, seemed Cuba has used economic aid from

aimed at the Soviet Union and the Kremlin — estimated at \$5

other Communist countries that billion annually - will lead to

have been abandoning strict cutbacks. Castro has used the

than ever, socialism or death, the Soviets say, and has

municipal building in the eastern of the world" Castro said Cuba

city of Santiago, where he had has an enormous responsibility to

proclaimed victory for his Third World countries to stick to

revolutionary struggle on Jan. 1, its present hard-line Marxist-

ing only that the contemporary tionary heritage of the people of

been more explicit about his re- expected to deliver a policy ad-

Oil Patch News

Leninist course.

eastern Cuba.

dress Wednesday.

Angola by 1991.

Flight 103 in Scotland.

for a lengthy manhunt.

FBI chief says...

Union, have prompted rare ad- two days into December's sesmissions from Hungary's Communist leadership about how parliamentary work was controlled in the past.

Matyas Szueroes, head of the party's parliamentary group, was quoted by the government daily Magyar Hirlap as admitting that Communist leaders once met with deputies to tell them how to vote.

On live radio and television, constituents watch closely what one Budapest man termed the great theater" emanating from Parliament's 19th century quarters on the Danube - and are exercising their own rights as

Deputy Karoly Eke says he has received a "tremendous political reforms occuring in response" from constituents Mikhail S. Gorbachev's Soviet since the broadcasts began. Just

U.S. would welcome Arafat's

help on crash of Pan Am jet

crimes, he said.

'We have a pattern and reputa-

tion for being able to solve" such

welcome any help Arafat and his

Palestine Liberation Organiza-

tion might provide. He said con-

tacts between the FBI and Arafat

presumably could be set up by

opened talks on the Arab-Israeli

conflict after Arafat disavowed

terrorism and recognized

Sessions said Arafat "has a

great deal of information, a

wealth of information he can give

The Cuban-Soviet Irlendship

A key question is whether

economic aid to help build his

country's schools and hospitals,

neglected industrial develop-

Calling the revolution a

Much of Castro's speech was

devoted to reviewing the revolu-

Santiago and other cities in

Cuban officials said Castro is

Despite Sunday's call for

ideological steadfastness, Cuban

policy has undergone some

drastic changes in the past year,

including its recent commitment

to withdraw its 50,000 troops from

"beaeon of light before the eyes

U.S. and PLO officials recently

the State Department.

Israel's right to exist.

The FBI chief said he would

sion, he had already received eight letters commenting on his behavior in debates.

Deputies now meet often, and debate into the night. In December, Parliament held the year's unprecedented fifth session, the third in as many months. The agenda was so long that speaker Istvan Stadinger announced an unprecedented Christmas recess, with business to resume Jan. 10.

Mindful of November's exhausting session, when deputies worked 12 hours a day to get through the agenda, he also limited the length of daily sessions in the high, gilded chamber.

The non-Communists who make up 25 percent of the deputies then took another un-

an unidentified PLO official as

saying the organization was con-

sidering a request by U.S. of-

ficials that the PLO help in track-

ing down those responsible for

in identifying possible suspects in

the Pan Am crash, Sessions said

he opposes any attempt by the

PLO leader to retaliate by killing

for bringing down the jetliner,

condemning it as an "inhuman

Asked about reports that

Arafat is considering organizing

an assassination team to

retaliate against those who

planted the bomb, Sessions said,

'We believe in the system of

justice. We hope those people are

Sessions said he has no

evidence as yet to confirm the

bombing was the work of ter-

rorists rather than a non-political

criminal act aimed at an in-

He also said that 62 bodies from

Meawhile, Alan McArtor, head

the crash have been identified

of the Federal Aviation Ad-

minstration, also appeared on

'Meet the Press," and defended

the policy of not publicizing

on a routine basis," he said.

was managed well," he said.

passports.

"These threats are transmitted

But McArtor conceded that it

was mistake for the United

States to warn overseas embassy

personnel about the threat to Pan

Am jets while not alerting the

"Personally, I don't think it

McArtor said an alert has been

issued to the Athens airport and

others in the Mediterranean area

to be on the lookout for false

some known terrorists who have

He also said the FAA will

"This is a threat against civil

On CBS' "Face the Nation;"

Sen. William Cohen, R-Maine,

and Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind.,

said the United States should

keep open the possibility of

military retaliation against any

nation linked to terrorist attacks.

"The military option always has to be there," Hamilton said.

"But we don't want to in-

In London, British Prime

Minister Margaret Thatcher

distanced herself from U.S. talk

of punishing whoever planted the

"I don't think an eye for an eye

track these people down so that

they are brought to justice," she

said in a British television inter-

Frances Cleveland, wife of

President Grover Cleveland.

White House Sept. 9, 1893.

gave birth to a daughter in the

discriminately bomb areas."

negotiate with European allies to

seek improved airline security.

American carriers," he said.

in their possession false

passports," McArtor said.

"There has been movement of

Arafat has blamed terrorists

While welcoming Arafat's help

the bombing.

any suspects.

criminal action."

handled in the courts.

dividual on board the jet

through fingerprinting.

threats to airliners.

precedented step, banding together in a formal group intended as a counterweight to the long-established group of Communist parliamentarians.

Judit Benjamin, coordinator for the new group, told Magyar Hirlap it aims to obtain the same information as Communist deputies.

The non-Communists include one of the most outspoken deputies, Zoltan Kiraly, a television journalist from southern Hungary who was expelled from the Communist party earlier this year for his views

In October, Kiraly stunned the chamber when he and other deputies requested a change in voting procedures on a controversial dam and power plant project opposed by many Hungarians as damaging to the environment.

His request for a roll call vote sparked an acrimonious, spontaneous debate that was eventually settled by compromise.

Taking government and party leaders at their word that this Soviet bloc country's Parliament should be more independent, Kiraly and other deputies have also called for new elections prior to those planned for 1990. newspaper Al-Seyasseh quoted

The reformers say the current legislature — with 75 percent Communist deputies - is incapable of making independent decisions.

In some ways, the changes in Parliament mirror events in the society at large.

Within weeks this fall, Hungary went from debating whether a multi-party system was feasible to discussing how soon it would come about.

The Communist leadership the country's ruling force — has appealed for patience, saying the package of political reforms it outlined in November will take 18 to 24 months to introduce.

Deputy Justice Minister Geza Kilenyi has said a new constitution and a law on establishing political parties will be adopted before the 1990 elec-

Non-Communist candidates were allowed to contest and win seats in the last elections in 1985.

Astro-Graph

Bernice Bede Osol

Jan. 3, 1989

Be appreciative of things that 'may come rather easily to you in the year ahead. If you take your opportunities for granted, you are not likely to develop their true worth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be a trifle susceptible today in believing all you hear. Before you pass any gossip on to friends, it might be wise to double check the information with other sources. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Problems you may have to contend with today could be of your own making. They might be traceable to a lack of personal initiative or a failure to use feasible methods.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to avoid an acquaintance today whose politics or philosophy always clashes with yours. This individual might attempt to draw you into another unresol-

vable debate. ARIES (Merch 21-April 19) Your comaviation. It's not just isolated to passion for the underdog is an admirable quality, but be careful it doesn't draw you into a situation today where another's errors become your liabilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Judgments you make today could be influenced by wishful thinking instead of reality. If you take this position your perspective could be severely distorted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In an attempt to expedite a difficult career matter today, you might make promises you'll know you can't keep. Unfortunately, others will believe what you say.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Overindulgence could be something of which you should be mindful today. Good things will be doubly appreciated if you partake of them in smaller quantities. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A firm hand on the tiller will be required today if you

hope to impress those over whom you have authority. Wishy-washy behavior will not inspire subordinates. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually

you're a person who tends to understate your role in everyday accomplishments. Today, however, you might be just a shade too boastful about what you've done. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Where your fi-

nancial interests are concerned today, it's best not to delegate authority, particularly to anyone you do not know too well. Indifference could lead to regrets. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If your mate is willing to make compromise concessions where a sticky issue is concerned, try to be open-minded yourself. If you're inflexible, it will only make

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are likely to have a very clear choice today between rolling up your sleeves and getting the job done or merely resting on your laurels. If you choose the latter

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Shower of Support Fills

By Abigail Van Buren

Korea Memorial Coffers

DEAR ABBY: I am Kathleen retired Army nurse (WW II), with a Cronon Wyosnick, and I wrote to you seeking support for the Korean War Veterans Memorial. You printed my letter, and the day it appeared, my phone started ringing at 7 a.m. and continued to ring nonstop throughout the weekend.

I heard from other wives who had lost their husbands in Korea; mothers who had lost sons; and men and women whose brothers, uncles and cousins were killed, wounded or missing in action in the Korean "conflict." (Although 54,246 died, 103,284 were wounded and 8,177 were missing in action, our government never called that threeyear battle in Korea a "war.")

I had calls from many Korean War vets. "Bob" phoned from Montana, and in a booming voice said, "Kathleen, I just want to say, 'Lady, I love you!"" Before I could ask him his last name, he'd hung

A few just wanted to share some war stories that had been locked away for 35 years. Some choked up - unable to talk - and asked me to thank Abby for devoting her entire column to the Korean War vets on Veterans Day.

Abby, the mail was unbelievable! Sacks of mail were held at the post office until we could get enough hands to open it. An SOS went out to all the Kiwanis Clubs in the area. They recruited volunteers, who did

an incredible job of opening it. Some of the letters accompanying the contributions were heartwarming: John Lopez, a Sunnyvale, Calif., Marine vet who had been a POW, was one of the first to respond. A teen-age girl from Denver sent \$2, saying she'd never heard of the Korean conflict! From San Antonio came a check from

Jeane Westerman, a 76-year-old

note: "Wish I could send more but my retirement isn't all that great. Al Johnson, a Korean War vet from Vancouver, Wash., sent a check saying he was going through a painful divorce, feeling alone and depressed, and this effort would give him something to do. A week later he wrote again to say he'd collected \$5,000! Another vet said he was broke, but enclosed \$5 in food stamps.

A check came from Gene Baenen of Lake Forest, Ill., in honor of his kid brother - one of the first Marines to be killed in Korea. (He went over in August, was killed in September, and would have been 21 on Christmas of that year.)

Abby, how can I thank you for all you've done for the veterans of the Forgotten War? I want to shower you with roses, hugs and kisses. May God bless you in a very special

KATHLEEN C. WYOSNICK

DEAR KATHLEEN: Please don't thank me; that's what I'm here for.

Readers: We now have slightly more than \$2 million of the \$6 million needed to reach our goal. We have miles to go before we sleep, so please send your tax-deductible checks and money orders to: Korean War Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2372, Washington, D.C. 20013-2372.

Don't put off writing thank-you notes, letters of sympathy, etc. because you don't know what to say. Get Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send a check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.

Bankruptcy judge calls Jim Bakker a 'sawed-off runt'

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The judge who presided over PTL's bankruptcy proceedings said he received threats during the case, and couldn't understand why Jim Bakker's followers "were interested in that little, sawed-off runt."

Rufus Reynolds, who retired Saturday at age 81 as a U.S. bankruptcy judge, was guarded by U.S. marshals during the bankruptcy proceedings as the FBI investigated the threats.

"They didn't say, 'I'm going to kill you.' They said, 'The Lord's going to take you," Reynolds

"I didn't know Christians could be so critical. They would just chew me out."

When a woman called the bankruptcy court in Columbia, S.C., to find out if he was a Christian, "I said, 'You tell her I was when I started this case, but now I plead the Fifth Amendment."

Reynolds said television ministries are "wide open" for mismanagement or corruption.

Trumpeter dies at the age of 72

DALLAS (AP) - Services for Paul Urias, a longtime musician who perfored nationally as the featured trumpeter with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, were scheduled for Tuesday.

Urias, 72, a native of Fort Stockton in Pecos County was a self-taught trumpet player who performed for every president from John F. Kennedy to Ronald Reagan. He had played in a show featuring comedian Bob Hope and briefly played with Guy Lombardo's orchestra.

After serving in the Army Bugle Corps in World War II, Urias performed with Dorsey's orchestra.

During the 1950s he was featured with the Joe Reichman Orchestra, which performed in the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas.

Urias gave his last performance with the Gary Lee Orchestra Wednesday in Midland.

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"I think Congress should pass a very strong act forcing the IRS ... to make them comply with an accounting," Reynolds said. "We have all kinds of laws protecting consumers. Religion is just another consumer item, just the same as selling soap or washing powders or aspirin.

Reynolds also said he was amazed at the response to the travails that brought down Bakker's evangelistic empire.

"What puzzled me was why people were interested in that little, sawed-off runt," Reynolds

Bakker, who resigned from PTL in 1987, responded Sunday, saying: "I am shocked to find Judge Reynolds so prejudiced toward us, and to hear of him making fun of us and the PTL partners....

"He should not have tried the PTL case with these feelings against us."

The ministry filed for protection under federal bankruptcy laws in June 1987, three months after Bakker resigned from PTL.

Two months ago, Reynolds ordered Bakker, his wife, Tammy, and former aide David Taggart to repay PTL nearly \$7.7 million in benefits he found to be

excessive. Last month, he approved the sale of PTL assets to a Canadian businessman. Also last month, a federal grand jury indicted Bakker and former top aide Richard Dortch

on charges including fraud and conspiracy, accusing them of diverting more than \$4 million in PTL money for their own benefit. Two other former PTL officials were indicted.

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and tooth for a tooth is ever valid," she said. "The most important thing to do is to try to get the cooperation of all nations to

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The Multiple Sclerosis support group will meet Jan. 9 instead of to-

Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m. Noah Project support group for victims of family violence; 3:45 p.m. For more information, call 573-1822.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Boy Scout District Committee meeting; West Texas State Bank;

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mation call 573-6675; 7 p.m. VFW Ladies Auxiliary; VFW Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship

hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 for information. New Choices Support Group; Park Club in Winston Park; 7 p.m. For co-dependency or adult children of alcoholics. Call 573-4837 or 863-2427 for information.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

TUESDAY Ladies Golf Association; tee time 9 a.m.

Sparklers-Chamber Volunteers; The Shack; noon.

Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Twentieth Century Study Club; 3 p.m.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3:30 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

University Women; MAWC; 6 p.m. ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m. TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th St.; for more

information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444. Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m. Snyder Police Auxiliary; SNB community room; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m. New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY Snyder Christian Women's Club prayer coffee; 1707 Cedar Creek;

10 a.m. Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Iota Psi Sorority; Kathryn Ervin; 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.

Knapp Extension Homemakers Club; 1:30 p.m.

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m. Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m. Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30

Boy Scout Roundtable; Boys' Club; 7 p.m. Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m. Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more informa-

tion, call 573-2101 or 573-8626. Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

FRIDAY Story Time for Preschoolers; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Snyder Country Club. Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency

waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m. ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30

Cornelius Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more informa-

tion, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SATURDAY Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42

and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870. Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4

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

Lomas Financial still fighting for respect from Stock Market

DALLAS (AP) - Wall Street enjoyed. investors have been unimpressed by the evolution of Lomas Finanformer core business.

Once the nation's largest mortgage-banking firm, Lomas Wall Street by about 40 percent still seem concerned about million. higher interest rates, Texas foreclosures and Lomas' ability For Results Use Snyder Daily to manage its newly diverse

operations. Jess Hay, chairman and chief executive officer of the company, directed a major makeover of Lomas in an effort to return his \$1.2 billion company to the kind of prominence and profits it once

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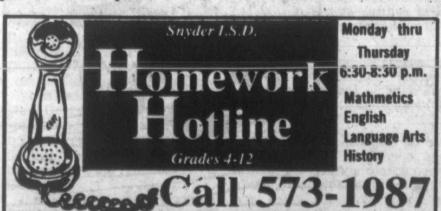
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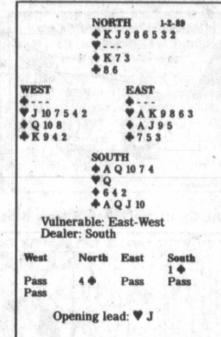
Community Calendar Medicare, pensions among changes to take effect in '89

changes in federal laws and many of them aimed chases on credit. at quenching Americans' thirst for security and a few that will make life a little more expensive.

Among the most significant of the Jan. 1 changes are a vast expansion of Medicare to cover catastrophic illnesses, faster pension fund vesting that will

Bridge

James Jacoby



"Faint heart ne'er won fair lady" is an overused quotation that is often applied to timid action at the bridge table. Pin that quote on East if you like, because he passed over four spades. Of course he was vulnerable, and on a bad day he would lose three club tricks and a diamond for a minus 500 in five hearts doubled. This being a good day, the ace of clubs and the king of diamonds were both right, so East would have made 11 tricks in hearts, doubled

Against South's four-spade contract, West led the heart jack. Declarer ruffed the lead in dummy and took a switched to the queen of diamonds. That gave the defenders four tricks and put South down one.

Declarer overlooked an absolutely safe play for 10 tricks when the heart was led. All he had to do was discard a club from dummy on the opening lead. East would win the king of hearts but would have nothing better to do than return a club. Declarer would take the ace and continue with the club queen. If West failed to cover, declarer would discard a diamond from dummy. Even if East should hold the club king, the king of diamonds would still be safe from attack. And the J-10 of clubs would be winners for diamond discards. On the actual hand, since West holds the club king, the ruffing finesse works, so declarer would simply return to his hand with a trump to get rid of two diamonds from dummy on the good clubs.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at kstores. Both are published by Pharos Books © 1988, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

ing in the new year are dozens of women, and tax changes reducing government subsidies of pur-

Others that occurred just before the end of 1988 or are scheduled early in 1989 include a ban on lie detector tests by private employers, 60 days advance notice of plant closings and large layoffs and a new law prohibiting landlords from discriminating against the han- month effective immediately, dicapped and families with

Environmental Protection Agency regulations implementing the 46-nation ozone treaty took effect Jan. 1. The regulations will require chemical companies, beginning in July, to cut production pounds by an estimated 20 percent back to 1986 levels.

The treaty is aimed at halting the depletion of the ozone layer. CFC compounds also contribute to the "greenhouse" effect that the planet.

As a result of the regulations, consumers may notice fewer plastic food containers from fastpanels and possibly even slightly harder seat cushions.

The biggest of the immediate changes is the Jan 1. expansion of Medicare coverage for 32 million Medicare beneficiaries to include million more workers a year. catastrophic health care costs.

Prior to passage of the measure last summer by Congress - the first major expansion of Medicare in its 22-year history — the program paid full hospital bills for no more than 59 days a year.

Now, the beneficiary still will have to pay the first-day deductible of \$560. But that charge will be assessed no more than once a year no matter how many times

Governor says they'll rebuild

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) - An earthen dike gave way early Sunday, sending a 12-foot wall of water down the Virgin River that forced overnight evacuation of 1,500 people, authorities said.

Gov. Norm Bangerter, who flew to the scene 300 miles south of Salt Lake City on Sunday mor-ning, vowed to declare a disaster area and spearhead efforts to get state and federal aid to the southwestern Utah communities quickly.

'Will we rebuild? The answer is 'yes' to that, an unequivocal yes," the governor told a news conference here.

"That's what we do in Utah. We rebuild when we have difficulties," Bangerter added. The failed dike, which helped contain the Quail Creek Reservoir, was built in 1983 at a cost of \$3 million.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Ring- benefit millions, particularly the patient has to be hospitalized. The other 364 days are fully paid.

Medicare enrollees will pay for the new benefits through a flat increase in the premium deducted from their monthly Social Security checks and an additional sliding scale premium for approximately 40 percent of the elderly who pay federal income

The flat increase will be \$4 a climbing to \$10.20 monthly in 1993. The sliding scale premium is projected to rise from a maximum of 15 percent of regular income tax liability in 1989 to about 28 percent in 1993

Many of the Jan. 1 changes grow out of the 1986 Tax Reform Act. The biggest new benefit chloroflourocarbon or CFC com- from that law is faster vesting in pension plans.

The maximum waiting period for employees to become fully invested in a pension is being cut in half from 10 years to five years.

However, employers can adopt many scientists say is warming an option that denies full vesting until seven years. To do so, they have to offer 20 percent vesting after three years and an additional 20 percent vesting annualfood outlets, thicker insulating ly until the seventh year, when it reaches 100 percent.

The Employee Benefit Research Institute estimates that the pension changes will provide a retirement stake to 2

"We'll especially see more

women being vested than in the past because they tend to be in the workforce or with the same employer for shorter periods," said Stephanie Poe, a spokeswoman for the institute.

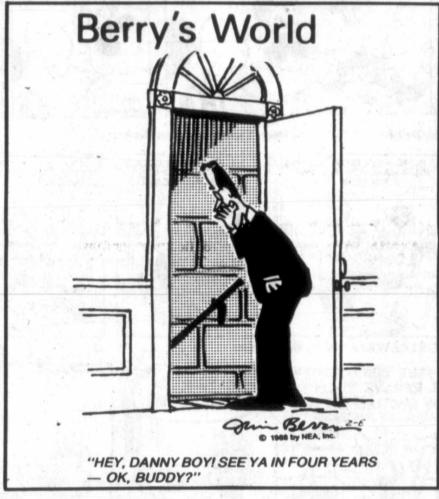
Another tax change is that only 20 percent of personal interest payments on everything from car and student loans to credit card charges will be deductible in 1989, compared with 40 percent last year.

And while the government is now raising tax brackets, exemptions and standard deductions to keep cost-of-living raises from bumping people into higher brackets, it also is taking more Social Security taxes.

The 7.51 percent Social Security tax took a maximum \$3,380 out of employee paychecks in 1988. This year the maximum amount of income subject to the tax rises from \$45,000 to \$48,000, raising the maximum Social Security tax that can be collected from an individual employee to \$3,605.

The latest change came about just last Thursday, when the **Federal Aviation Administration** ordered airlines, effective Jan. 1, to either inspect by hand or X-ray all luggage checked aboard U.S. airline flights from western Europe and the Middle East.

The new inspections, prompted by the bombing of a Pan Am jet over Scotland on Dec. 21, are expected to delay passenger checkins by about an hour.





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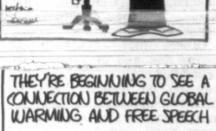




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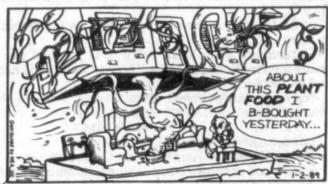






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ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) -For the past four years, NFC teams that play defense have trampled AFC teams that do not in the Super Bowl.

The Buffalo Bills are ready to throw that trend back in the haughty NFC's face ... if they get by the Cincinnati Bengals next Sunday in their first AFC title game appearance in 22 years.

NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press Saturday, Dec. 24 AFC Wild Card
on 24, Cleveland 23
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Conference Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 31 Chicago 20, Philadelphia 12 Cincinnati 21, Seattle 13 Sunday, Jan. 1 Buffalo 17, Houston 10

Sunday, Jan. 8 Conference Champie Buffalo at Cincinnati San Francisco at Chicago

Sunday, Jan. 22

With Bruce Smith, Leonard Smith and Cornelius Bennett leading the defense and the special teams blocking two kicks and consistently establishing field position, the Bills beat the Houston Oilers 17-10 Sunday to earn that trip to Cincinnati, where they lost 35-21 on Nov. 27.

"They're a fine defensive football team," said Houston coach Jerry Glanville, whose team constantly self-destructed in the "red zone," inside the Buffalo 20.

"Rather than us doing something wrong, give them credit for doing something well," Glanville said.

"We played great defense and we played SUPER on special teams," echoed Buffalo coach teams," echoed Buffalo coach Marv Levy, whose team's 12-4 record was largely attributable to defense. "I told them all along - don't be dumb and don't be dirty and I think we accomplished that.'

Buffalo's ninth victory without a loss at Rich Stadium this season was a battle of lost opportunities, with Houston losing more.

While the Bills failed on fourth and one plays from the 3- and 5yard lines and were inside the Houston 20 four times without scoring, they managed when they

They got their first score 4:25 into the second quarter when Robb Riddick went over from the 1 at the end of a 44-yard drive that began when Leonard Smith blocked Greg Montgomery's punt.

Tony Zendejas' 35-yard field goal cut it to 7-3 with 4:28 left in the half.

But Bruce Smith blocked a 38yard attempt with 19 seconds remaining in the half ... two plays after Warren Moon slightly overthrew Drew Hill in the end zone and Hill juggled the ball over the end line, injuring his neck that kept him out of the rest of the game as he slid into the goal post. Then, came perhaps the

On the first series of the third quarter, Houston's Tracey Eaton intercepted Jim Kelly's pass at

game's key sequence.

briskly to the 2, helped by a late hit called against Bennett - one of the few times the Bills got overenthusiastic against the AFC's most penalized team.

Oilers tried an option, a play that's worked for them in the past. It didn't this time, as Moon pitched the ball far behind Mike Rozier and it rolled out at the 14. the victory. Then, under pressure, Zendejas shanked a field goal wide left.

The Bills' defense was led by two All-Pros, Bennett and Bruce Smith, who constantly harassed Moon, who began the second half 0-for-8 after throwing for 145 yards in the first half. Moon, who finished 17 of 33 for 240 yards, said he was also troubled by an inflammed elbow that has troubled him in the past.

"They put a lot of good pressure on us but that's nothing we didn't expect coming into the game," Moon said. "We just didn't execute well in certain

situations." Then the Buffalo offense finally got going, taking just five plays to go 59 yards for the score that gave the Bills a 14-3 lead with 2:58 left in the period.

Norwood added a 27-yard field Coach Bill Walsh in 10 seasons

the Buffalo 40. The Oilers moved goal 3:25 into the fourth quarter and missed another a few minutes later. Houston finally scored with 5:12 left on Mike Rozier's 1-yard dive at the end of an 80-yard drive but the Oilers But with third and goal, the never got the ball back because the special teams struck again -Steve Tasker stripped Curtis Duncan on John Kidd's punt and Ray Bentley recovered to seal

Montana, Rice lead 49ers past Minnesota

three-year playoff scoring drought by hooking up on three first-half touchdown passes Sunday as the San Francisco 49ers routed Minnesota 34-9 in the NFC playoffs, avenging last January's upset loss to the Vikings.

Roger Craig scored the 49ers' final two touchdowns, running a career-longest 80 yards to seal a victory that emphatically snapped a string of three straight

The win was the 100th for

opening-round defeats.

Dogs go to the air to win Gator Bowl

After 25 years of conservative, touchdown. ground-pounding football, Georgia's Vince Dooley fired up a passing attack for a memorable coaching finale.

"I am really thrilled to beat a very good football team like Michigan State, but I was surprised to see two run-oriented football teams take part in one of the great passing classics," Dooley said Sunday night after a 34-27 Gator Bowl victory over the Spartans.

"Our football team was able to have a peak performance in what was my last association with a group of great young men,"

Dooley said.
Dooley's 25 years at Georgia is a record among active Division I-A coaches in length of stay at one school. He amassed a record of 201 wins, 77 losses and 10 ties and is only one of 10 Division I-A coaches to win 200 games.

His teams won one national championship in 1980 and six Southeast Conference titles. Only Paul "Bear" Bryant, the legendary Alabama coach, who won 14 SEC titles, had more.

In Sunday's contest, Wayne Johnson passed for 227 yards and three touchdown passes and Rodney Hampton ran for 109 yards and scored three times as Georgia rolled up 409 yards of-

"We knew we were going to have to throw the ball more. said Johnson, who completed 15 of 27 passes. "We knew they were great against the run."

The two teams combined to pass for 515 yards and six touchdowns.

"It was a wide-open game, but you'd still rather win the game, said Michigan State coach George Perles. "We'd get close,

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - then we would give up another That frustrating."

> Georgia managed to overcome a record-setting performance by Michigan State's Andre Rison, who caught nine passes for 252 yards, breaking the former Gator Bowl mark of 192 receiving yards by Florida State's Fred Biletnikoff in 1965.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Joe and earned the 49ers a berth in Montana and Jerry Rice broke a the conference championship game next Sunday at Chicago. The Bears beat the 49ers 10-9 during the season.

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Montana had not thrown for a touchdown in the postseason since San Francisco's 1985 Super Bowl victory, and was harassed into four sacks and one of the worst performances of his career against the Vikings last January. But aided by outstanding protection, he completed his first six passes Sunday.

The 49ers spotted Minnesota a 3-0 lead before completely dominating the game. Montana hit Rice on scoring passes of two, five and 11 yards as the 49ers built an 18-point halftime lead. The 49ers' record-setting wide receiver had not scored a touchdown in his previous three playoff games. He finished with five receptions for 61 yards.

Anthony Carter, who caught 10 passes for a playoff-record 227 yards a year ago, did not catch a pass until the third quarter and was not a factor.

Vikings quarterback Wade Wilson also had a subpar game, throwing two interceptions. He repeatedly was frustrated in attempts to break a big play.

National football title on line

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WTC enters tourney without three players

their 15 players sidelined by grades.

Joyce could be eligible by the middle of the month but Mario Williams will be ineligible to return for the second semester.

Joyce, a 6-4 freshman from Morton, and Bernard Williams, a 6-1 sophomore from Andrews, hope to re-join the club after making up credit from Jan. 2 through Jan. 13. Both are 'expected to enroll in midsemester courses to become eligible. Mario Williams, a 5-9 freshman pointguard from Baton Rouge, will not be able to regain his eligibility during the semester break.

"We still have 12 people so it's not as bad as it could be," said second-year coach Tony Mauldin.

Bernard Williams will be the

Western Texas College's most missed of the trio, though Westerners open the second half both Mario Williams and Tony of the 1988-89 basketball season in Joyce were seeing more playing Athens this week, with three of time as the first semester ended.

Bernard Williams, a frequent starter, averaged an unofficial Bernard Williams and Tony 15.1 points a game in the first semester. He had five games in which he scored 20 or more points.

> Joyce and Bernard Williams, if they complete the necessary courses successfully, would likely miss just five games - the three games of the Trinity Valley Classic this week, a Jan. 9 conference date with New Mexico Military Institute and a Jan. 12 conference game with South Plains in Levelland.

Western is 9-6 for the season and 1-2 in conference play.

In Athens on Thursday, Western Texas is scheduled against Fort Hood at 6 p.m. The Westerners play Trinity Valley at 8 p.m. Friday and Garland County, Okla., at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Tigers vie in Big Spring

BIG SPRING -- Snyder's boys will take on Big Spring in a District 4-4A basketball game here Tuesday.

Tipoff is 7:30 p.m., preceded by a 6 p.m. junior varsity contest. Snyder is 7-7 for the season and 0-1 in district play.

Lady Tigers win 3rd place in tournament

JAYTON - Snyder's Lady Tigers put three players in double figures to grab third place in the Jayton Basketball Tournament which concluded here Saturday.

Evette Housden scored 17 points - all in the second half while Anne Osborn tossed in 14 and Holly Fuller added 12 for the Tigers, who beat Paducah 53-50.

'We played a pretty consistent

The Bruins won the 1983 and

"I think that there is plenty for

quarterback Troy Aikman said.

Citrus Bowl

No. 10 Oklahoma

vs. No. 13 Clemson

were both 9-2 entering what

might be termed the "Probation

It was to be Oklahoma's last

'We're not anywhere near the

bowl game for at least two years.

type of football team we like to be

going into any type of contest,

particularly against opponents

the stature of Clemson,'

Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer

Sooners and the Tigers

1984 Rose Bowls, 1985 Fiesta, 1986

ballgame," said Coach Ken Housden. "It was a total effort." Paducah got 20 points from Lavera Alexander.

The victory was the Tigers' third in four outings but the level of competition will pick up a notch when the squad re-enters District 4-4A Tuesday. Snyder entertains league-favorite Big Spring at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. A freshman match begins at 4:30 p.m., followed by a JV game at 6 p.m.

Snyder is 7-8 for the season now. The Lady Tigers are 1-2 in district competition.

Paducah 8 10 12 20 -50 Snyder 11 8 17 17 -53 PADUCAH – Lavera Alexander 20; TOTALS 23

SNYDER-- Melody Pickering 226; Holly Fuller 5 2 12; Evette Housden 8 0 17; Dessie Ware 1 0 2; Anne Osborn 6214; Beth Alvis 102; TOTALS 236

3-Point Goals: Snyder 1 (Housden); Fouls: Paducah 11, Snyder 9; Fouled Out: None; Re-bounds: Paducah 36; Snyder 37 (Osborn 13, Pickering 10); Records: Snyder 7-8.

Sports briefs

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Nick Thometz won the U.S. International Speedskating Association sprint title Saturday, winning two of the four races in the twoday day competition.

PERTH, Australia (AP) -Czechoslavakia won the inaugural Hopman Cup international team tennis event Sunday with a 2-0 victory over Australia. Helena Sukova and Miroslav

Mecir ensured the victory by winning the mixed doubles against Pat Cash and Hana Mandlikova 6-4, 6-2.

Atlanta 117, Milwaukee 113

Sunday's Games

Phoenix at Washington Tuesday's Games

New Jersey at Charlotte

Detroit at Atlanta

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Boston at New York L.A. Clippers at Chicago

Denver at San Antonio

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Utah 102, Philadelphia 95 L.A. Lakers 124, L.A. Clippers 109

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Goff will replace Dooley at Georgia

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - be an outstanding head football The University of Georgia announced today that assistant coach Ray Goff will succeed Vince Dooley as the Bulldogs' head football coach. Goff, 33, has been the Bulldogs'

running backs coach since 1986 and has been on the Georgia staff since 1981. He played at Georgia in the mid-1970s. The announcement was made

by Georgia President Charles Knapp in Jacksonville, where the Bulldogs defeated Michigan State 34-27 in the Gator Bowl Sunday night.

"They've gone out on a limb; there's no doubt about it," said Goff, who appeared at a news conference with Knapp and Dooley, who is retiring after 25 years as Georgia's head coach.

"I can assure you and the people of Georgia ... that we will do it with class," Goff said. "We will try to carry on the tradition and integrity that Coach Dooley has brought to the University of

Dooley said he has "every confidence in the world that Ray will.

coach and will move our program

Dooley had said he wanted a member of his own staff to succeed him, and he expressed pleasure today that his wishes were followed. He added, however, "While I am very proud and happy for Ray, I also have some deep feelings for two other coaches on my staff, both of whom would have been excellent selections."

He was referring to defensive coordinator Dale Strahm and offensive coordinator and assistant head coach George Haffner, both of whom also interviewed for the

Goff also made reference to Strahm and Haffner, saving, 'Two close friends of mine are not as fortunate ... and I hurt for

Goff said he learned of his selection when Bob Bishop, the head of the Georgia search committee, called him about 6:30 a.m. today. He said it took him "about two minutes" to accept.

today in Fiesta, Orange bowls By The Associated Press Lou Holtz was worried. Don Nehlen wasn't. And Jimmy Johnson couldn't keep his feelings quiet. While No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 3 West Virginia played for the

Bowl.

national championship today in the Fiesta Bowl, Johnson said people should pay attention to his eam, No. 2 Miami. "We're No. 2 right now, above West Virginia," Johnson said. "If we beat Nebraska, why should

that change? If we're ahead of West Virginia and we both win, shouldn't we still be ahead of West Virginia?" Notre Dame and West Virginia

are 11-0. Miami is 10-1, losing to

College bowls

By The Associated Press All Times EST Hall of Fame Bowl iana State (8-3-0) vs. Syracuse (9-2-0), 1

At Orlando, Fla. Clemson (9-2-0) vs. Oklahoma (9-2-0), 1:30 p.m.

Arkansas (10-1-0) vs. UCLA (9-2-0), 1:30 p.m. Flesta Bowl Notre Dame (11-0-0) vs. West Virginia (11-0-0),

At Dallas

4:30 p.m. (NBC) At Pasadena, Calif.

Michigan (8-3-1) vs. Southern Cal (10-1-0), 5
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Florida St. (10-1-0) vs. Auburn (10-1-0), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Nebraska (11-1-0) vs. Miami, Fla. (10-1-0), 8 p.m. (NBC) Saturday, Jan. 7 Hula Bowl At Honolulu

Saturday, Jan. 14

Japan Bowl At Yokohama, Japan Sunday, Jan. 15 East-West Shrine Classic At Stanford, Calif.

4 p.m. (NBC)

Notre Dame 31-30. Listening to Holtz, one would think Fighting Irish are in trouble

'I would like to think that we're hetter than we were at Southern Cal," Holtz said, referring to a 27-10 victory in the final game of the regular season. "I rould like to think that we have made a lot of improvement in some areas, particularly on offense. But I don't know if that improvement's going to transcend onto the field. In other bowl games today, No.

Saturday, Jan. 21 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala. The Wolverines are 8-2-1.

2 Miami of Florida played No. 6 Alabama. Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, No. 4 Florida State played No. 7 Rose, 1986 Fredom and 1987 Auburn in the Sugar Bowl, No. 5 Aloha. Southern California played No. 11 Michigan in the Rose Bowl, No. 8 us to get excited about," UCLA

Arkansas played No. 9 UCLA in the Cotton Bowl, No. 10 Oklahoma played No. 13 Clemson in Citrus Bowl and No. 16 Louisiana State played No. 17 Syracuse in the Hall of Fame

In Sunday night's game, No. 19 Georgia beat Michigan State 34-27 in the Gator Bowl in Vince Dooley's final game as the Bulldogs' coach.

Orange Bowl No. 2 Miami, Fla. vs. No. 6 Nebraska

The Hurricanes, 10-1, figured to have a chance to win the national championship only if Notre Dame lost to West Virginia and Miami routed Nebraska, which was 11-1.

"We gotta hope we can beat 'em, and try to beat 'em bad," Miami defensive tackle Jimmie Jones-said.

Sugar Bowl No. 4 Florida State

vs. No. 7 Auburn The Seminoles, 10-1, were unbeaten since losing to Miami 31-0 in their season opener. Auburn, also 10-1, had won six straight since a 7-6 loss to Loui-

siana State. "Both teams will be playing as if they are playing for the national championship," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "That's the only way to go at it. And, if some strange things should happen, who knows. But, in my opinion, we're all fighting for No. 2, and that isn't bad.'

Rose Bowl No. 5 USC vs. No. 11 Michigan

The Trojans, 10-1, lost to Michigan State in last year's Rose Bowl, ending the Pac-10's five-game winning streak. Southern Cal's only loss this season was to Notre Dame, 27-10.

Michigan coach Schembechler was trying for his second victory in nine Rose

Cotton Bowl No. 8 Arkansas vs. No. 9 UCLA

The Bruins, 9-2, were trying for record seventh consecutive bowl victory. UCLA is tied with Georgia Tech, Nebraska, Southern California

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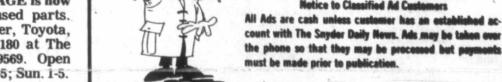
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Parade lovers had pick of New Year's processions

By The Associated Press

About 400,000 Rose Parade fans staked out early viewing spots today as float makers put the finishing touches on their 20-100th annual edition of the Year's Eve. And 22,000 marches

Wallway across the nation, day to practice for today's Cotton of Philadelphia's 89th annual

downtown Miami to watch floats, stars, bands and 20 circus elephants in the 55th Annual King million-flower creations for the Orange Jamboree Parade New

some dressed as rabbits, Mexican seneritas or California about 650 pompon dancers lined raisins — strutted their stuff in up outside Dallas' City Hall Sun- snow for 52,700 hardy spectators

Imperial family has cancelled appearance

TOKYO (AP) — Members of Taimyo, Hirohito's mother. the imperial family today canceled a traditional post-New Year's appearance for the first time in 21 years, citing Emperor Hirohito's grave condition.

But the family kept the gates to the palace open, allowing at least 19,000 people to walk through and sign registries by early afternoon. The visitors included 90vear-old Kenji Muramatsu, who wore a traditional kimono and carried a tattered Japanese flag and adoration. from World War II.

A 23-year-old college student, who visited the palace with her boyfriend, said "I'm a big fan of the emperor ... to me he's just an old man who is always smiling."

Hirohito and his immediate family customarily appear on Jan. 2 behind bulletproof glass on a palace balcony in the East Garden before thousands of wellwishers waving paper red-andwhite Japanese flags.

The 87-year-old monarch, who has been bedridden since a serious hemorrhage on Sept. 19, suffered internal bleeding early today, palace sources said on

condition of anonymity. On Sunday, Hirohito received cancer. 2.1 pints of blood in emergency transfusions following a "substantial" hemorrhage, palace officials said.

The imperial family's New Year appearance was last canceled between 1964 and 1968 for a major renovation of the palace.

The custom, which began in 1948, was also called off in 1952 because of the death of Empress

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Half a million people jammed

Takeshi Nonogaki traveled 300 miles from Aichi prefecture in east-central Japan with his 16year-old son Shinichi to see the

see inside the palace and I tallest ever, a 70-foot creation thought it was important to bring him here, especially now that the emperor is gravely ill," said Nonogaki, 48, adding that he wanted his son to learn respect

"I came to pray for the of your country leads to respecemperor," he said. "I want him ting your family and your com- acting sensation. to get well and live as long as pany on individual level," he

> A statement from the Imperial Household Agency said that despite the emperor's internal bleeding today, he had not irises, daffodils, tulips and other discharged any blood. Officials blooms. said doctors had extracted the blood using a tube inserted through Hirohito's nose to his stomach.

the internal bleeding had stopped, palace sources said.

Hirohito, the world's longestreigning monarch, has received 64.4 pints of blood since he fell ill.

Palace officials have not commented on reports that he has Mummers parade.

People began lining up Satur-day morning for Pasadena's Tournament of Roses procession. By Sunday night, about 400,000 people were waiting along the lle-roule,-said

Gregg Henderson.

One million people were expected at the parade. Three hundred million TV viewers worldwide were expected to watch the pageant preceding the Rose Bowl football showdown between the University of Southern California and the University of Michigan.

The forecast held a chance of showers, but optimists hoped for sunny skies.

The first Rose Parade was held in 1890, when the Valley Hunt Club treated the town to a rose petal-covered procession of horse-and-buggy teams.

The 1989 edition was to feature 275 horses, 20 marching bands 'My son said he would like to and 60 floats — including its depicting a roller-skating giraffe pulling a giant calliope. A real wedding was planned for the "Romance in California" float.

The grand marshal was Shirley Temple Black, 60, who enjoyed "I believe respecting the head the same honor 50 years ago when she was Hollywood's child

> Black recently admitted she's allergic to roses, and she'll have plenty to sneeze at: more than 20 million roses, chrysanthemums, orchids, carnations, marigolds,

In Dallas, organizers promised more floats and fun in an effort to win a little more respect for the nationally televised 32nd annual At midday, doctors attending Cotton Bowl Parade, which has Hirohito were uncertain whether lingered in the shadow of the Orange and Rose pageants.

"We can't compete with the Orange or Rose parades with Walt Disney on one coast and fresh blooms on the other," parade chairman Ward Lay said during final preparations Sun-

Sports of '88

Year was marked by surprising feats

Like any Olympic year, 1988 had an abundance of memorable feats. This particular year in sports was dominated by outsized personalities, oversized egos, overwhelming achievements - and a quick fall from grace. Here are the 10 sports people who had the greatest impact in 1988:

1. Ben Johnson. This Canadian went from Olympic hero to villain in three dembercies biggest sports meet ever held: Johna world record of 9.79 seconds in the 100-meter dash in Seoul. Suddenly, he was stripped of his medal after testing positive for steroid use. The scandal cast a pall over the Summer Games. Thanks in no small part to Johnson's situation, the United States and Soviet Union began moving toward a stringent international drug-testing policy for amateur athletes. Thus, what happened to the "world's fastest human" in 1988 could have far-reaching effects.

2. Steffi Graf. Previously, only two women - Maureen Connolly in 1953 and Margaret Court in 1970 - had won all four Grand Slam tennis titles in a single calendar year. Neither dominated women's tennis the way Steffi Graf did while accomplishing that feat in 1988. How good was the 19year-old West German in Grand Slam play? In the four tournaments -Wimbledon and the U.S., French and Australian opens - she won 54 of 56 sets and went 335-96 in games. Her four finals matches lasted a total of 4 hours, 57 minutes.

3. Mike Tyson. Forget the soap-opera antics with Robin Givens, the courtroom chaos with Bill Cayton, the backroom dealings with Don King. All ou need to remember is that Mike Tyson "unified" the heavyweight crown for the first time since the early days of Larry Holmes. Tyson did it with a 91-second knockout of Michael Spinks, who had inherited Holmes'

glory as "the people's champ." Tyson, holder of the alphabet titles from the world sanctioning groups, also made quick work of Holmes and Tony Tubbs in 1988. The state of boxing depends on the state of the heavyweights. And

Tyson is in control. 4. Orel Hershiser He broke Don Drysdale's 20-year-old record for consecutive scoreless innings by shutting out all foes for 59 straight innings. In post-season play, the Los An-seles are handcuffed two of the

biggest run-scoring machines in base ball, the New York Mets and the Cal land Athletics. He won both the NLCS and World Series MVP awards, the Cy Young Award and a Gold Glove. Orel did everything but sing the National Anthem for the world-champion Dodgers. Take Hershiser away and they would have had trouble finishing fourth in the NL West.

5. Barry Sanders. This year's Heisman Trophy went to an unheralded junior running back from a second-level Big Eight school. Nobody was touting Barry Sanders of Oklahoma State at the beginning of the college football season. But when the dust cleared, the quiet tailback had run for over 2,500 yards, a new NCAA single-season record. Sanders broke or tied 18 NCAA as and Canada's Elizabeth Manley in yardage and scoring marks in 1988. He logged three games of at least 300 yards and three more of at least 200

6. Wayne Gretzky. For the first time since he entered the NHL, Wayne Gretzky made big headlines for something he did off the ice. When Edmonton Oilers owner Peter Pocklington traded the Great One to the LA Kings, black crepe was hung in Canada. Will Gretzky be able to single-handedly create an American market for ice hockey? No more than Pele did for soccer, but it will be fun to watch him

7. Pat Riley. The head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers had "guaranteed" that they would repeat in 1988 as NBA champs. Big words for a league that had gone 19 years without a back-toback champion. However, Riley was as good as those words — with a little help from friends Magic, Kareem, Worthy, et al. Like Casey Stengel with the New York Yankees in the 1950s, Riley has been underrated. Maybe his twin victories will bring the recognition he deserves.

8. Danny Manning. No one expected the injury-riddled Kansas Jayhawks to last beyond the first or second round of the NCAA basketball tourns

atont in 1996. The fact that they were in the tourney at all was a tribute to Player of the Year Danny Manning. With a supporting cast of talented no-names, Manning finally shouldered the burden of leadership that coach Larry Brown had been pressing on him for four years. The lanky senie carried the Jayhawks to a national title. He followed up that triumph with the largest contract ever signed by an NBA rookie.

9. Katarina Witt. Although she didn't skate her best, this East German became the first woman since Sonja Henie to win back-to-back Olympic golds in figure skating. Witt defeated long-time rival Debi Thom-Calgary. Two weeks later, to prove it was no fluke, she did it again at the world championships. With all three of these stars retiring, the face of the sport will change radically before the 1992 Games.

10. Curtis Strange. It was a year in which most of the PGA Tour was populated by strangers. In one stretch, nine consecutive events went to firsttime Tour winners. And Strange was the most familiar name in golf. Curtis won an unequaled total of four PGA events - including the dramatic U.S. Open, his first major title. He also became the first golfer ever to clear \$1

million in a single year.
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Big moments

Among the leading sports events of

Summer Olympics: Greg Louganis (U.S.) became the first man to sweep diving golds in consecutive Olympics; Florence Griffith Joyner (U.S.) dominated women's sprints, winning the 100 and 200, the latter in world-record time; Jackie Joyner-Kersee (U.S.) won women's long-jump and heptathlon ti-tles; Matt Biondi (U.S.) won six golds and a silver in swimming; and U.S. women struck gold in basketball.

Winter Olympics: Brian Boitano (U.S.) performed brilliantly while winning a gold in men's figure skating; and Matti Nykannen (Finland) became the first triple gold winner in skijumping history.

Baseball: Baltimore opened the season with 21 losses; Tom Browning pitched a perfect game for Cincinnati; Pete Rose was suspended for 30 days for shoving umpire Dave Pallone; lights were turned on at Wrigley Field in Chicago; Jose Canseco of Oakland became the first "40-40" man in history, with 40 stolen bases and 42 home runs; and A. Bartlett Giamatti was named to succeed Peter Ueberroth as

Football: Doug Williams led the NFL Washington Redskins to a resounding Super Bowl triumph over the Denver Broncos, 42-10; and Miami of Florida beat Oklahoma for the national college title

Hockey: The Edmonton Oilers won another Stanley Cup, but Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux broke Wayne Gretzky's grip on the NHL scoring and MVP honors.

Horse racing: Winning Colors be-came the third filly ever to win the Kentucky Derby, but Risen Star won the other two legs of the Triple Crown. Auto Racing: Bobby Allison became the first 50-year-old to win a 500-mile race, beating his son Davey,

who finished second, at Daytona. Sailing: Dennis Connor led Stars & Stripes, a 60-foot U.S. catamaran, to an easy victory against New Zealand's 133-foot monohull in a legally disputed America's Cup mismatch.

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merel have heen no attests in Political combatants will come out smiling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like nett Johnston, D-La., said in a reprizefighters entering the ring, Republican President Bush and the Democratic Congress will return to the political arena this month, after two months of preparation, with lots of smiles and a handshake.

And as in any championship, high-stakes fight, it will be only a matter of time before someone ends up with a bloodied nose the tough, veteran Democrats who have controlled Congress for years, or the Republican administration, which showed in last fall's campaign that when the going got tough, it did, too.

The Senate's new Democratic majority leader, George Mitchell of Maine, already has asked the president-elect to approach Congress with "candor, consultation and trust." George Bush, who promised a "kinder and gentler nation" in his successful campaign, has indicated he wants a closer relationship with Congress than that enjoyed by his predecessor, Ronald Reagan.

Round One won't begin until after Bush is inaugurated on the West Front of the Capitol on Jan. 20 and Congress returns the following Monday, Jan. 23.

Then, however brief, will come that Washington institution, the political honeymoon.

But unlike other Washington institutions, the honeymoon probably won't last long.

Democrats, firmly in control of both the House and Senate, are anxiously awaiting the new president's budget recommendations, starting with his ideas on how to save \$32 billion to meet deficitreduction targets. Then, in May, Bush will have to ask Congress to raise the national debt ceiling above its current \$2.8 trillion figure.

Democrats also will have their own agenda to push, perhaps a renewed drive for a hike in the minimum wage, and other costly plans to compete for tight budget

programs come wrapped in a plan," Wright says. Bush's promise not to raise tax-

with a lighted fuse," Sen. J. Ben- Press.

cent interview. "Bush's tendered solution, his flexible freeze, is deja voodoo all over again. The idea that we can grow our way out of this mess is absolute nonsense."

The question is: How can a Republican president, elected by a solid majority, deal with a Democratic Senate and House, also elected by a solid majority?

History, it seems, is against the president.

"Presidential success is mainly a function of the number of seats in Congress held by the president's party," say writers Norman J. Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute. Thomas E. Mann of the Brookings Institution and Michael J. Malbin of the House Republican Conference, in their book, "Vital Statistics on Congress."

Using figures compiled by Congressional Quarterly, the congressional observers uncovered some stark statistics.

"When one party controls both branches, success never drops below 75 percent," they said. With divided government, presidents average well below that level of success.'

For example, when Lyndon Johnson swept into office in 1964, his agenda, measured by public positions, was near 88 percent successful in the Congress. Republican Gerald Ford, however, managed only a 58.2 percent "victory" rate in first full year in office.

When Jimmy Carter marched into the White House in 1976 with his party in control of both houses of Congress, he enjoyed, initially, a 75 percent success rate in pushing his legislation.

But that shouldn't be the case in 1989, with Bush vowing no new taxes and Democrats almost daring him to run the country without them. "It isn't a question of

mathematics," says House Speaker Jim Wright of Texas. "I want to give him the benefit And all these problems and of the doubt. Surely he must have

economics, it's a question of

EDITORS: Lee Gould covers "The deficit is a time bomb the Congress for The Associated

Eight children, two adults killed in New Year's fire

with her husband broke into Year's Eve. hysteria after returning home to find that a fire had destroyed John Watson, said the Watson their wooden house, killing 10 children loved the outdoors. people, including their four children.

Firefighters had to restrain burned out two-story house, said test at school which was a really Valerie Pound, a witness.

"There was no house to get back into. It was just gone," Pound said. "She kept screaming the names of her four kids in a pattern, one right after another." Three walls and the roof

firefighters arrived early Sunday, said Fire Chief Leo Renn.

victims were in or near their "It's probably the worst situa-

tion I've seen where 10 people are killed at one time," said Cass County Sheriff Jim Dawson. "It's

just devastating."
Killed were John and Nancy Watson's children, Jenny, 14, Samantha, 11, Edward, 9, and William, 8; Mrs. Watson's sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Becky Smischney; their two children, Jay, 10, and Kimberly, 8; and Michelle Bastle, 10, and Robin Bastle, 12, daughters of Tony and Nancy Bastle, who live near the Watsons.

Elsewhere, New Year's fires killed at least 14 people, including four in Anchorage, Alaska.

Mrs. Watson remained under observation at Itasca Memorial Hospital early today in the northcentral Minnesota city of Grand Rapids, 20 miles northeast of this town of 400 residents.

The fire spread so quickly it was unlikely anyone woke up before being overcome by smoke, said Renn.

The blaze was sparked by wood-burning stove or an oil space heater, Renn said. He said the house was not equipped with smoke detectors, which were not required by law.

The Watsons had left the children with her sister and brother-in-law, who were visiting

REMER, Minn. (AP) — A from Bemidji, to celebrate Mrs. woman celebrating her birthday Watson's 32nd birthday on New Tammy Grover, a step-sister of

"They had pet rabbits and geese and ducks," she said. "Jenny liked drawing and pain-Nancy Watson when she ting a lot, especially unicorns and repeatedly tried to enter the horses. She just won \$75 in a con-

> big thing to her," Grover said. The Watsons, who are unemployed, "were a poor family as far as material things go, but they were a very close fami-

ly," said Valerie Pound.

She said a fund has been set up already had collapsed when for the victims' families at the Security State Bank in Remer. "In a small town, everyone is

The bodies of the badly burned family," she said. "This is by far the most devastating thing that has ever happened to this town.

> "Everybody will pull together Even though it's not going to bring the kids back, the families will know that everyone in this town is hurt by what happened touched everybody," Pound said. Sunday.

Chief justice backs 51 percent pay increase for all jurists

Justice William H. Rehnquist has strongly endorsed a proposal to raise federal judges' salaries by 51 percent to \$135,000 a year.

In his 1988 year-end report on the federal judiciary, Rehnquist threw his weight behind a presidential commission's recommendation of big pay raises for judges and about 2,000 other top federal officials.

Besides calling for the pay raise for trial judges, who now make \$89,500, the commission recommended boosting salaries of federal appeals court judges from \$95,000 to \$140,000, a 47 percent jump; of Supreme Court associate justices from \$110,000 to \$165,000, a 50 percent increase; and of the chief justice from \$115,000 to \$175,000, a 52 percent increase.

The recommendations are pen-

In other fires, Anchorage police said two adults and two children were killed in a trailer fire Sunday. Seven people died in fires in Anchorage during all of 1988, authorities said.

In Wisconsin, New Year's Day fires killed one person in a Waukesha hotel room and one in a Racine residence.

In New York state, a couple was found dead in a bedroom closet following an early Sunday fire that destroyed their home in Willsboro along Lake Champlain. In Portland, Maine, a mother

killed in a house with a defective smoke detector on New Year's Eve, officials said. An 11-year-old boy was arrested and charged with murder in an apartment fire that killed a 53-year-old man in the southern

and her infant daughter were

Maine city of Biddeford on Saturday night, officials said. In Wichita, Kan., a house fire and help in any way you can. early Saturday killed a firefighter and a woman and left

her husband in serious condition, authorities said. A 20-year-old Kansas City, Mo.,

and is behind them. This has man died in a fire in his house

WASHINGTON (AP) - Chief ding before President Reagan, who can accept or modify the figures before sending his fiscal 1990 budget to Congress on Jan. 9. Under the law, whatever pay

increases the president endorses will take effect 30 days later unless both the House and the Senate vote to set them aside. "Over the past two decades,

the purchasing power of federal judicial salaries has been seriously eroded by inflation,' Rehnquist said. The buying power of an appeals

court judge's salary has dropped 30 percent in the past 20 years, said the chief justice, adding, "While the salary of the median household has increased approximately 200 percent to keep pace with inflation since 1969, the salaries of federal (trial) judges rose by little more than half that

At least 51 die in party boat mishap in Rio De Janeiro

boat packed with revelers plann- preservers on boar

port, and officials said the flatbottomed craft — built to hold 100 lower part of the boat." people — was overcrowded and

It capsized in 65 feet of water about a mile from shore, and strong currents kept rescue Surveyorkers from searching the site count. for bodies early today.

Survivors said few life jackets Bateau Mouche went down, and one, Plinio Donadio, said, "I watcouldn't until one of the life passengers who got on.' preservers to save her."

An incomplete reservation list showed at least 131 passengers were aboard the vessel when it sank shortly before midnight. But that did not include crew and may not have counted children under age 3 who accompanied parents for free. "We don't know how many were on board," said Gustavo Blanco, a spokesman for the Sol e Mar restaurant, which organized the \$220-a-person expedition. "Any information He wo besides the reservation list sank sail." with the ship."

"We don't know the exact cause of the sinking, but we think it was because of excess capacity," said Maj. Oldemiro Santos of the Rio de Janeiro state Fire Department's Maritime Group.

Six rescue boats and divers on Sunday pulled bodies from within the sunken wreckage of the Bateau Mouche.

"It's hard to have an accurate number of survivors," said Col. Jefferson Cardoso de Bem, chief of the Maritime Group. "So many who were taken home or to itals throughout the city.

The boat had a seven-piece samba band playing on board and tables set for dinner when it

capsized. Passenger Fabricio Calo, who was rescued by a fishing boat, said: "The boat was turning and shifting. Then tables started flying, glass started crashing, and the whole boat just turned over on its side."

Luxury yachts and smaller boats heading to watch the midnight pyrotechnics display fished survivors from the stormy seas near the base of Sugar Loaf

'We rescued about 30 people from the sea," said Valentino Ribeiro, captain of one vessel, the Casablanca. "There were people everywhere screaming for help. We took those we could and left the bodies. We couldn't take on any more."

Officials said at least 51 people died. They had no reports of Americans on board.

Brazil's largest private net-work, Globo TV, quoted maritime specialists saying the boat was not made to withstand Saturday night's choppy sea

But the company spokesman, Blanco, said the boat was "in perfect mechanical shape."

According to Hans Nihaj of Denmark, who was on the boat with his wife, daughter and five

TEC figure shows decline

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cent with a CLF of 1,158. This includes 1,117 persons employed and 41 seeking employment.

-Kent County: unemployment figured at 0.4 percent with a CLF of 524. This includes 522 persons employed and two seeking employment.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil fellow countrymen - all of whom (AP) - Police blamed over- swam to safety - there were no crowding for the capsizing of a adequate life jackets or

ing to watch a New Year's "we made it because we were fireworks display off strong and could owin," Whaj Copacabana Beach. At least 51 told The Associated Press. "If died and others were missing to- you weren't in good shape, you simply died."

Passengers said the double- Donadio, a photagrpher who decked cruise boat had ignored a lost his wife and two other coast guard order to return to relatives, said the life preservers were "tied onto the railings in the

The vessel was so crowded that unfit for Saturday night's choppy a naval vessel ordered it to return to port, but it ignored the order, said Irineu Barroso, chief of Rio's 10th police precinct.

Survivors confirmed this ac-

"This was not an accident," Fabricio Calo, 38, a businessman were accessible when the 100-foot from Sao Paulo, said in an interview at the Bateau Mouche's mooring station. "No effort was ched my wife die because I made to control the number of

Many passengers said the cruise boat had been boarded by coast guards, forced to return to the dock and then suddenly freed to return to the open sea with all passengers aboard.

The cruise boat's captain, Camilo da Costa, "didn't want to go out," said his brother-in-law, Paulo Soares.

"He called us to say the boat was overloaded and the sea was too rough. But he had no choice. He would lose his job if he didn't

Da Costa died.

Residents are angered by firm's dredging plan

may take a lot of money, but the and to be a senior operative in the mayor of this Fort Bend County May 15 Palestinian terrorist community 30 miles west of group. Houston said the town will fight a The

residents, who have drawn sup- another 11 on the ground. port from county officials and U.S. and European officials are from residents and city leaders in focusing on the May 15 group and nearby Fulshear in opposition to another extremist group, the a state-issued dredging permit to Popular Front for the Liberation Superior Sand and Gravel Co. of of Palestine-General Command,

Superior Sand and Gravel ing wants to put the operation on the river, which cuts a path across Court indefinitely postponed its rich farmland through the Fort decision on extraditing Rashid, peaceful and quiet along the river ed to supply key documents in the and Simonton residents want to case. The U.S. Embassy in keep it that way.

tion would only harm the quality over to the Greek government.

ton's annual \$45,000 budget, he dition of anonymity.

"But we feel so strongly about it. We want to let them know we're serious about this."

Chamber names committee heads

Continued From Page 1 Committee.

For the Membership and Membership Services Division, ed Rashid and the May 15 Gary Landes will be chairman of

Coffee Committee. will again serve as chairman of tradition request. the Leadership Scurry County

the Public Affairs Division. charge of the annual chamber carried out. banquet, and Chamber Manager Bill Moss will serve as chairman case, combined with the rejection

County to name board members

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-Airport board: Wayland Huddleston, Roy Idom and Jim

-Child welfare board: Leon (Tiny) Vargas, Lana Hataway and Carla Beaird. -County welfare board: Nelda Huddleston, Elois Pruitt and

-Library board: D.V. Merritt, Frank Ortegon, Peggy Kennedy and Troy Lilly.

-County grievance committee: Weldon Perry, Annie Daves and Bertha Anderson.

-Veteran's Land Board: Brenda Hedges, Cliff Smith and Fran Farmer.

left 37 people injured Justice Minister Rotis said he overturned a 1984 Supreme Court



SUNDAY SWEARING-IN - Thirteen county officials were sworn into office in 2 p.m. Sunday ceremonies in the county commissioners courtroom. From left, they are District Attorney Ernie Armstrong, Pct. 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr., Pct. 1 Commissioner Duaine

Davis, Constable Bill Love, Tax Assessor-Collector Rona Sikes, Deputies Darren Jackson, Nell Scott and Joe Cheyne, Sheriff Keith Collier, Deputies Ronald "Andy" Anderson and Joe Cheyne and Auditor Linda Franklin, (SDN Staff Photo by Howard Bigham)

Pan Am crash...

Palestinian may hold clues to bombing

Palestinian held by Greece and wanted by the United States for the 1982 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner may hold clues to the group that blew up Flight 103 over Scotland last month.

Whether he will ever tell his story in a U.S. court is an open question.

Greece's Supreme Court has twice delayed the extradition of Mohammed Rashid, 39, who is thought by Western intelligence experts to specialize in the plan-SIMONTON, Texas (AP) - It ting of bombs aboard jetliners

The Rashid case has taken on proposed sand and gravel dredg- extra significance since the Dec. ing operation on the nearby 21 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, different boats rescued victims. Brazos River, and all to at a which killed all 259 people aboard The proposal has angered the Boeing 747 and apparently

as possible suspects in the bomb-

On Nov. 15, the Greek Supreme Bend County countryside. It is saying the United States had fail-Athens says the requested Some fear the dredging opera- documents have been turned

"The requested papers have "It is costing us, considering been sent. I guess they are being our budget," Simonton Mayor moved from ministry to Maurice Berkman said. The fight ministry," said an embassy. is taking a good hunk of Simon- representative, speaking on con-

Rashid is wanted in the United States on charges of planting a bomb that exploded on a Pan Am jet as it flew from Tokyo to Hawaii six years ago. A Japanese teenager was killed and 15 people

Rashid was arrested at Athens airport on May 29 on a tip from U.S. officials and was sentenced to seven months in jail for entering Greece with a false passport. American officials have claim-

organization — which is named both the Membership Building for the date the 1948 Arab-Israeli Committee and the Quarterly War began — also were involved in the 1986 bombing of a TWA Jack Smartt will again head jetliner over southern Greece the Governmental Committee of that killed four Americans, That the chamber and Jim Palmer blast is not mentioned in the ex-

The Supreme Court has not Committee. Both are included in said when it will issue its decision. An extradition ruling has to Under Activities and Projects, be approved by Justice Minister the Sparklers group will be in Vassilis Rotis before it can be

The long delays in Rashid's of the Miss Snyder Scholarship of an Italian plea for extradition of another Palestinian, have given rise to charges that Greece's governing Panhellenic Socialist Movement is not committed to combating international terrorism.

In early December, the government reneged on an extradition agreement with Italy and put 27vear-old Abdel Osama Zomar on plane to Benghazi, Libya. Zomar was suspected of helping to organize a September 1982 attack on Rome's main synagogue that killed a 2-year-old boy and

extradition decision because

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - A Zomar was "acting in the struggle for the re-acquisition of his homeland."

Zomar had been identified as one of two Arabs jailed in Greece with links to the extremist Palestinian faction Fatah-Revolutionary Council, which is headed by terrorist mastermind Abu Nidal.

The other is Omar Mabrouki, serving a 10-year jail term for trying to shoot the Jordanian charge d'affairs in Athens in

According to Greek and Western intelligence officials,

Zomar's detention may have triggered an attack on the City of Poros cruise ship last July near Athens. Nine people were killed and 11 others were injured in the

There have been no arrests in connection with the ship attack, but one of the four men apparently involved in the machine-gun and grenade assault has been identified by Greek police as Mohammed Khadar, 40, the alleged operations officer for the Abu Nidal group.

Weekend wrecks noted

A parked 1980 Ford owned by Jimmy Chaidez of 108 Birch St. was struck by a 1983 Oldsmobile driven by Norma Martinez of 3614 44th St. at 4:14 p.m. Saturday in the 4100 Block of 42nd St.

Correcting details of a 12:32 a.m. Friday mishap, police said Sunday night that a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Bradley B. Blair of 3111 Ave. X was in collision with a 1971 Chevrolet pickup driven by Dewayne D. Cato of 207 36th Place in the 3000 Block of X. The earlier report was that the Cato truck had been parked and had been struck by an unknown vehicle and driver.

2 grass fires reported here

City firemen were called to two grass fires Saturday, the first at 1:35 p.m. near Don Schattel's wrecking yard about three miles south of Snyder off the Sweetwater Hwy., where they were kept busy until 3 p.m.

A 2:42 p.m. Saturday grass fire on a vacant lot off the Lamesa Hwy, three miles west of town occupied firefighters until 3:20 p.m.

Hermleigh store said burglarized

The sheriff's office is investigating a burglary at Richard's Chevron and Grocery in Hermleigh, where they were told at 9:23 a.m. Saturday that the store had been broken into and \$15 in cash had been taken.

Mrs. Allen Kuss of Rt. 1, Hermleigh, told sheriff's deputies at 1:15 a.m. Sunday that her family's 1983 Honda XL-80 motorcycle had been stolen.

David Shifflett, who lives west of Snyder, at 7 p.m. Sunday reported the theft of three black show lambs.

In 1953, Oveta Culp Hobby became the first Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Pickup theft arrest tops busy New Years

A 23-year-old Snyder man was abusive language. arrested for unauthorized use of A 20-year-old man was ara motor vehicle following an ear- rested for PI at 2:27 a.m. Sunday ly Sunday incident in which he in the 1200 Block of Ave. O. allegedly stole a pickup truck allegedly stole a pickup truck State highway patrolman aroutside a New Year's gathering rested a 44-year-old man for DWI at O'Neal Ave. and Ave. R.

Duaine Davis reported the inci- and College. dent at 12:39 a.m., reporting that 1984 three-quarter-ton Chevrolet owned by Dillard Herrley had been started to warm up before the Herrleys left the Davis residence and that another man who had gone outside saw the

pickup leaving with the Herrleys still inside the house. Jesse Delao of 1201 Ave. O was subsequently arrested at 1:33 a.m. at the Plaza truck stop in northern Snyder, where the truck was recovered and the suspect arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and public intox-

Other arrests during the traditionally busy weekend for police included one of a 42-year-old Big Spring man who was incarcerated on several charges following a 7:50 p.m. Saturday report of an altercation near Elmore Chrysler-Dodge off the

East Hwy. A man in a blue pickup truck was reportedly chasing another man and making threats. Police were told that the man might be Bob Melton going to the area of 1800 Scott

on DPS warrants from Midland Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. for speeding and failure to apat Methodist Hospital in Lubpear in court.

Reportedly, the suspect was incident prior to his arrest. Police dent of Snyder and was a retired investigated a 7:50 p.m. accident in which the man's 1979 Ford tist Church where he had been a pickup hit a state highway department sign in the 1400 Block long time teacher of the Men's Biof the East Hwy.

on Midland DPS warrants for not in 1961 in Waco. She survives. wearing a seatbelt and failure to Michael Reynolds Melton of

A 14-year-old boy was arrested Saturday at Furr's, and a 30-two brothers, Wade Melton of year-old man was taken into custody at 11:30 p.m. Saturday at Dallas; and eight grandchildren college Ave. and U.S. 84 for DWI and several great-grandchildren. and on a Brownwood DPS war- and several great-grandchildren. rant for speeding.

A 21-year-old man was ar Daniel Key rested for DWI at 11:38 p.m. Saturday in the Town & Country convenience store parking lot off College Ave. in northern Snyder.

A 30-year-old woman reported a disturbance between her and Memorial Gardens with the Rev. residence in the 1000 Block of Baptist Church, officiating. Ave. U, at 12:35 a.m. Sunday and was arrested there at 1:07 a.m. for disorderly conduct for using

Toolbox said stolen locally

Police are investigating the theft of a toolbox from Hugo James of 3111 Ave. I, who reported at 9:43 a.m. Saturday that the toolbox had been stolen from the trunk of his car.

C.R. Fleming of 318 34th St. told officers Sunday morning that someone had sprayed blue paint on the side of his company truck.

at 12:40 a.m. Monday at FM 1605

Obituaries



BOB MELTON

Ave.

The suspect was arrested at 1800 Scott at 8:12 p.m. for DWI, unlawfully carrying a weapon, a 357 magnum pistol, on two Department of Public Safety warrants from San Angelo for not having proper vehicle lighting and disregarding a stop sign and on DPS warrants from Midland.

Services for Robert H. "Bob" Melton, 76, of 3605 Avenue U are set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Ken Branam, pastor, of ficiating. Burial will follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He died at 12:02 a.m. Saturday bock. He was born June 21, 1912 in Waco. He was a longtime resi-

He was married to Felice Lane A 42-year-old man was ar- in 1934 in Waco. She died in 1960. rested at 1:01 p.m. Sunday in the He later married Louise Hewitt 2300 Block of 41st St. for DWI and He later married Louise Hewitt

He is also survived by two sons. Houston and the Rev. Steve Melton of Leander; one sister, for shoplifting at 12:17 p.m. Gladys McFadden of El Paso;

Private services for Daniel Key, stillborn son of Joe and Linda Key of Route 1, Snyder, were held at 3 p.m. Friday at Hillside her husband, who had left their Ken Branam, pastor of First

He was stillborn at 8:57 a.m. Thursday at Methodist Hospital

in Lubbock. He is survived by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Key and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Loyola; and one brother, Joshua Key of Snyder.

In 1878, Emma M. Nutt was employed by Telephone Despatch Co. of Boston and became the first woman telephone operator in the United

DR. GOTT

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was recently in a teaching hospital for minor surgery. Each day, several times a day, a complete stranger would walk in, say 'I'm Dr. So-and-So, may I?", then pull back my sheets and poke me all over. I found it offensive, to say the least. When I objected to one, he said, "What do you expect? This is a TEACHING hospital." What do you think?

DEAR READER: This kind of be havior comes with the territory.

Teaching hospitals are just that: institutions for instructing doctors-intraining. Although these hospitals have many attributes - such as sophisticated and up-to-date diagnostic equipment - there is a trade-off when you enter one. Your privacy is compromised and you may be unable to predict who examines and doctors

However, I think that the hospital authorities could have been a bit more diplomatic.

For instance, before you were admitted, your doctor should have explained what to expect. Most patients don't object to being examined by medical students and young doctors. providing they are given some warning beforehand. I believe you are entitled to know what your rights are as a patient and to expect reasonable consideration from the staff. For one thing, you can quite properly refuse to be examined by any man or woman,

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 4-year-old

forgets and swallows it. Is this harmful?

DEAR READER: Being indigestible, bubble gum can cause intestinal obstruction. Therefore, swallowing the gum can be harmful. I think that chewing gum ought to be reserved for older children and adults. In my opinion, bubble gum (and other similar substances) ought to be kept away from young children who might be tempted to swallow this material.

DEAR DR. GOTT: After my last physical my doctor put me on Sinamet. What is this for?

DEAR READER: Ask him. I advise readers not to take any medicine unless they know the reason for it, the drug's side effects and its potential

Sinamet is used for the treatment of tremor caused by Parkinson's disease. It is a good product but it can make glaucoma (increased pressure in the eyes) worse and can stimulate the growth of malignant melanoma (a type of skin cancer). In addition, Sinamet can cause nausea, depression, brain disorders (involuntary movements and confusion), peptic ulcer, heart irregularities, urinary retention and other serious side effects.

Thoroughly check out this drug with your doctor before continuing it. For more information, I am sendng you a copy of my Health Report 'Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1 with their name and address to P.O.

Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369.

McLaughlin says successor belongs on economic team

Flurry of thrift bailouts leaves Bush

needs to carve out a place on President-elect Bush's team of top economic advisers to help solve the nation's competitiveness problem.

Mrs. McLaughlin, the only woman in the Reagan Cabinet, said in an interview with The Associated Press, "On occasion I've felt that we were spending too much time looking backward instead of preparing a human resource policy for the future."

Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole as the next labor woman in his Cabinet.

spot on his top economic team have a skills shortage," she said. Utah, and Edward M. Kennedy.

McLaughlin says her successor ments and the White House budget office and Council of Economic Advisers.

> Mrs. McLaughlin, during her 14-month Cabinet stint, sought to heighten business awareness of employee needs such as job retraining, flexible hours and child-care assistance, and emphasized the links between education and competitiveness.

"I see the Labor Department as an economic arm," she said. "I think Bush is headed there. Bush recently named former The question is how do we get to the next step."

"The name of the game is gosecretary and - so far - the only ing to be competitiveness and unless the incoming labor But he did not give her what secretary moves in there and ties large layoffs once vetoed by Mrs. McLaughlin thinks the labor the human resource issues with Reagan. secretary needs: a designated the equation ... we're going to

workplace issues, has often complained that too many people in government, labor and business are looking backward and constantly fighting over turf.

During her brief tenure, Mrs. McLaughlin spent a good part of her time in those skirmishes, fighting her way into them on occasion and sometimes finding herself on the sidelines.

It was on her watch that the AFL-CIO won its first major legislative victories in a decade: a ban on the use of polygraphs or lie detectors by private employers to screen job applicants and mandatory advance notices of plant closings and

With Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-

WASHINGTON (AP) — Outgo- right alongside the heads of the Mrs. McLaughlin, in what she D-Mass., forming an uning Labor Secretary Ann Treasury and Commerce depart- calls her holistic approach to characteristic but also unstoppable alliance on the first, Mrs. McLaughlin helped persuade the White House to acquiesce to the polygraph ban rather than continue opposing it on behalf of some busines

> She was relegated to the sidelines on the second, with then-Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III using the plant closing notices as the primary reason for Reagan to veto legislation overhauling the nation's trade

> When Republican moderates from northern and midwestern states with large blue-collar constituencies wanted to cut a deal last spring in which labor would get advance notices of plant closings but not other layoffs, Baker

Be sure to mention the title. loves bubble gum. However, she often

Zoning ordinance divides town

COMBINE, Texas (AP) -There are no stop lights, no property taxes, no city water and no rush-hour traffic in this tiny southeastern Dallas County community.

In fact, an ordinance was enacted 15 months ago to assure that no unwanted development could begin here.

But things are changing. Since the adoption of the ordinance in October 1987, three of the six city council members who voted for it have been ousted from office and several homes have been posted for sale, the Dallas Times Herald reported.

Four times the normal turnout of voters showed up last April to

elect council members who promised to dismantle the ordinance, although little has been done since.

Guardians of Combine's quiet character worry about what changes to the ordinance could mean to the town of 900.

"They'll destroy the city's future as we know it," former Mayor Charlie Shepherd said. "They'll take the teeth out of the ordinance and let developers do what they please. Growth is inevitable. We're just touching the edge of the iceberg. Within the next five to 10 years, Combine won't be recognizable.

with budget puzzle for the new term WASHINGTON (AP) - regulators have been doing the much as possible from adding to Depression record, topping the

Congress and President-elect Bush to figure out the best way to pay the \$38 billion bill. Theoretically, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, which regulates the S&L industry, expects enough income over the

ings institutions in 1988, leaving

next 30 years — \$45 billion to \$50 billion — to cover the cost. But analysts and many members of Congress say regulators have run up such a huge bill that turning to the tax-

payer is inevitable. 'We still don't know the magnitude of the S&L crisis," Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas said Sunday. "We're not even certain what the

Federal regulators rescued a past week, running up a tab of the federal budget deficit. post-Depression record 217 sav- some \$40 billion."

cases to handle. And, as of last rors." Sept. 30, another 150 savings insolvency with low capital levels.

Estimates of the total cost of counting Office, Congress' year of 1938.

auditing agency.

But Dole, in an interview on Even with a last-minute spen- ABC-TV's "This Week With ding spree of nearly \$6 billion to David Brinkley," said, rescue 22 institutions in the final "Somebody's going to have to 48 hours of 1988, regulators still pay. ... We can't hide it by putting have about 350 more insolvency it off budget or smoke and mir-

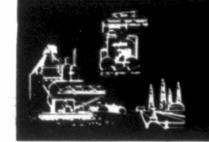
This year's failure and rescue stitutions were sliding toward in- total - 217 of the 3,100 S&Ls operating at the start of the year is more than quadruple last paying for the mess run as high year's total of 48. It is the highest as \$112 billion, a figure reported total since a record 277 failures last month by the General Ac- and rescues in the Depression

According to the Federal Treasury Department officials Deposit Insurance Corp., which form of various commitments are considering a variety of plans insures the nation's 13,500 com- secured by revenue that for the incoming administration. mercial banks, 221 banks failed regulators don't have now and in Most attempt to spread out the or required government some case won't have for as long burden over time and keep as assistance. That is also a post- as 30 years.

previous record of 203 in 1987.

Both the FDIC and the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. draw their funds from an assessment on member institutions. But the FDIC depends on the much-larger banking industry, which as a whole is in much better shape, and enters 1989 in relatively good shape with more than \$15 billion in reserves.

FSLIC, however, is technically insolvent. So, regulators have been patching together rescue deals with as little cash as possible. Most of the aid takes the



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Thousands of dead birds discovered

AUSTIN (AP) — A pesticide or road in Central Texas, officials south of Austin.

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Big Spring, TX.,

Officials leaned toward ruling pesticide or related toxin. other chemical may have killed out cholera as a cause for the hundreds of birds along a three- deaths of birds found Saturday quarter mile stretch of country along a road about four miles

Jack Ralph, a contaminants State conservationists biologist with the Texas Parks scrambled in recent weeks to and Wildlife Department, told the stem an outbreak of avian Austin American-Statesman he cholera that killed more than suspected poisoning, possibly 2,000 geese along the Texas coast. from some type of herbicide,

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because normally it cuts through a single species, but at this point, everything is so preliminary we're not discounting anything yet," Ralph said.

Hundreds of the birds found on Saturday were visible from the road, flapping on the ground or dangling from tree limbs. Hundreds more could be seen through binoculars in adjacent fields.

Varieties included brownheaded cowbirds, Brewer's blackbirds, redwing blackbirds, Eastern meadowlarks, mourning doves, kildeer and a marsh hawk that died shortly after feeding on a dying cowbird.

"I didn't notice them until about 9:30 (a.m. Saturday)," said Steve Miller, a special education teacher and bird watcher who lives across the road

from the heaviest concentration 'We could discount cholera, of corpses, located in a freshlyplowed field.

> Miller said he counted 276 dead birds Saturday in an area roughly the size of an acre in a pasture next to his home.

> "Of the birds I observed, most seemed to be losing muscle coordination, which I believe is consistent with poisons that attack the nervous system," he said.

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