

The Weather

Some low clouds during night and morning hours, otherwise fair today. Slightly warmer. Highs today, 70 to 74, lows tonight, 45 to 54. Other details on page 3.

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Sun 'n' Tides

MONDAY: Sunrise, 6:30; sunset, 7:30. High tides: 3.4 at 12:13 p.m.; 5.2 at 11:26 p.m. Low tides: -0.2 at 5:52 a.m.; 1.8 at 5:06 p.m.

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32 Hospitalized

329 New Orphans Arrive

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hope contrasted with the horror of war-spawned disease Saturday as 329 orphans — including the first from Cambodia — arrived here from Saigon.

One three-month-old Vietnamese girl didn't make it. She died as the World Airways Boeing 747 approached the mainland of what the Los Angeles County Coroner's office said was pneumonia, dehydration and prematurity.

Of the others, doctors ordered 32 to local hospitals with ailments ranging from malnutrition to pneumonia and tuberculosis. But almost all — including those classified as "well" — apparently are infested with lice, adult babysitters said.

All the orphans were under 10 years of age, with 150 so young they were transported in bassinets — makeshift cribs made of cardboard.

The plane carried 52 orphans from Cambodia, which officials said represented the first group from Vietnam's battered neighbor to arrive in America. There were 150 adults with the orphans — some of them non-military personnel who said they were evacuating themselves from Vietnam for good.

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Man Killed In Truck Repair Try

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A 55-year-old man died Saturday when his pickup truck backed over him just after he had launched a boat into the Channel Islands Harbor.

Raymond Peck, 55, who lived in Reseda but had a beach home in Oxnard, was found dead around 9 a.m., about a half-hour after authorities estimated the accident happened.

Peck had launched his boat from a trailer hitched to his truck when something went wrong with the gear shift of the truck, Ray York of the county coroner's office said.

York noted that the gear shift locked and wouldn't move the truck forward.

Peck crawled under the truck in an attempt to fix the gear linkage and the truck rolled back on his chest, York said after reconstructing the accident.

Although an autopsy hasn't been conducted yet, York said he thought Peck died from the vehicle-related injury rather than from drowning when the high tide came in while he was pinned beneath the truck.

Dollar Survival

Elderly Take Cash Course

By DIRK WERKMAN

Surviving on the limited income of a senior citizen in an inflation-inflated economy is a trick.

But approximately 40 to 50 Oxnard elderly residents may have a better idea of how to go about it — thanks to Reggie Tamoro.

Tamoro attended some special "Senior Survival" classes at Moorpark college in a crash course that qualified him to teach other seniors more about various programs open to them and things they can do to boost their lifestyle.

His first class graduated Friday after four sessions at the Jordan Club in Oxnard.

Since it was the first such class in Ventura County, Board of Supervisors Chairman John Flynn of Oxnard and Mayor Protem Tsujio Kato of the city joined the seniors.

"A class just to meet the needs of the elderly is a fantastic idea," Kato declared. "For a long time the problems of elderly Americans have not received the attention needed if they are to be solved."

Kato said in many cultures the elderly are "a central and functioning part of the family unit." But in this country they are often not and must be more self-sufficient.

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Handgun Bullet Ban Talks Due

WASHINGTON (AP) — While Congress considers legislation to impose new handgun controls, the Consumer Product Safety Commission is moving ahead on a related issue that it says could virtually ban the weapons in America.

Its five commissioners, under federal court order, begin deliberations Monday on a petition to ban handgun bullets as a hazardous substance.

If the agency outlaws pistol bullets, the commission has said, "the practical effect ... would be a virtual ban on handguns," a prohibition unlikely to be enacted by Congress this session.

Some long guns also would be affected, firearms experts assert, because bullets for some handgun calibers are identical to those for rifles and could be interchangeable.

The petition does not seek to ban cartridges, it is aimed only at bullets, the small lead projectiles. Casings, primers and powder are not under consideration.

This back-door approach to ban handguns by outlawing pistol bullets is the idea of the Chicago-based Committee for Handgun Control, founded by four suburban mothers. They say they got the idea from the National Rifle Association.

"Guns without bullets are not dangerous. The bullets are actually taken from the bodies of those who are killed or injured with handguns," the committee has written the safety commission.

The committee says its efforts to ban bullets stems from an inability to obtain federal gun control legislation.

The movement has generated more mail to the commission than any other subject, including products dangerous to infants and children. The ban is opposed by the National Rifle Association.

Susan Sullivan, a founder and president of the Chicago organization, said the idea for the bullet ban came from an article in an NRA magazine expressing concern that the commission might feel it had the authority to outlaw pistol bullets as hazardous substances.

"There was the NRA fussing about the federal government being able to outlaw the sale of ammunition under a loophole in the Hazardous Substances Act. We figured that if the NRA was nervous about it, we really ought to look into it," she said.

Mrs. Sullivan's group petitioned the safety commission, asking for a ban on the sale of handgun bullets, except for use by policemen, the military and licensed security guards.

Group in County Formed To Aid Viet Relatives

By ART KUHN

A fledgling Ventura County group, formed to help get relatives of Vietnamese living here out of Vietnam, has already established links with similar groups in this country attempting to keep "an act of love from becoming a kiss of death."

Even before the first meeting of Concerned Vietnamese-Americans in California was held Friday night, contacts had already been made with a group in Chicago and another in Los Angeles, according to Victor A. Vella, Camarillo, chairman.

The object of the group is to

make contact with people in the United States who have relatives in Vietnam. A form can be filled out and forwarded to Saigon, verifying the relationship, the "only way any of them can get out," Vella said.

As one Vietnam veteran with a Vietnamese wife said in Washington, it is an attempt to keep "an act of love from becoming a kiss of death" for those still in Vietnam.

Vella spent four years in Vietnam as naval civil service administrator. He married a Vietnamese and has made their

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Woman Breaks Away

Man Charged With Kidnaping

An Oxnard man was arrested Saturday night on a charge of kidnaping a woman who police say broke away and hid in the woman's restroom of a restaurant.

Jose Fernandez, 30, who police said lives on East Seventh Street, was arrested on the kidnaping charge and on charges of possessing a concealed weapon and a loaded weapon.

Officer Robert Bell said the incident began shortly before 6 p.m. when Mary Jimenez, 34, of Oxnard, got in the Fernandez car because the man allegedly said he wanted to ask some

questions about her cousin.

Police said when the woman tried to get out of the car, she was forced to stay in while Fernandez drove to the Lobster Trap Restaurant.

Once inside the restaurant, police said the woman broke away and hid in the woman's restroom and called a cousin. The cousin in turn called another cousin and police were notified.

After Officer Les Herring got a description of the suspect vehicle, he, Bell, and officer Jerry Stansberry made the arrest on Channel Islands Boulevard.

Fish, Fowl Given Away In Boston, Indianapolis

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fish — 13½ tons of it — and fowl — in the form of 2,000 chickens — were given away for free Saturday in Boston and Indianapolis by a disgusted trawler owner and an angry farmer who lashed out at the low prices their labors are bringing them.

Hundreds of Bostonians hauled the fish away in bags, boxes, buckets, cans, and, in one case, a coat during a 2½-hour giveaway held to protest the dime-a-pound wholesale price of the fish.

The 2,000 chickens were given away in 1½ hours in Indianapolis by a farmer who said it was costing more money to keep them than he was receiving from the sale of their eggs.

So long was the chicken-seeking line that one young boy went through it several times to receive birds he sold for 25 cents each to nearby people in cars. The drivers didn't want to stand in line.

The fish giveaway was pollock, similar to haddock. The trawler docked at the Fish Pier with 27,000 pounds on Friday.

"We just can't see the worth of selling this at a dime a pound," said J. Bradley O'Hara, owner of the vessel bearing his name.

"We'd get about \$2,700. That's

not going to make or break us. We felt the price was an insult, so we're just giving it away to the poor people, who are very hungry, we hope."

Some of those who helped themselves to the fish wore business suits and a few loaded the fish into luxury cars. State Rep. Mel King, D-Boston, took away half a dozen in a milk box.

One man, finding himself without a container, wrapped four fish, weighing anywhere from four to seven pounds, in his coat.

It took exactly three minutes for one group of 60 people to make off with a three-box load of fish estimated by O'Hara at 2,000 pounds.

O'Hara said the crew had hoped to sell the pollock for 40 cents a pound. But when they arrived here Friday after a 12-day voyage and found the price had dropped to 10 cents, they decided to give it away as a dramatic gesture to show the fishermen's plight.

Fishermen sell their catches to wholesalers at auction and prices tend to often fluctuate widely.

As he watched people eagerly grabbing the fish, O'Hara estimated most were taking 20 to 25 pounds apiece. He said his boat could have sold 25 pounds for \$2.50.

But he said a consumer would

Cambodians To Fight On

Reds Attack S. Viet City

SAIGON, South Vietnam (AP) — Cambodia's armed forces chief has taken over government leadership after the civilian acting president fled in an American evacuation airlift. Rebels continued probing attacks on Phnom Penh's defenses and the new leader vowed to repel them.

Across the border in South Vietnam, Communist-led troops launched fresh infantry and armored assaults Sunday in the bitter battle for Xuan Loc, a provincial capital on the invasion route to Saigon only 40 miles to the west.

A Saigon command spokesman said artillery and mortar shells slammed into the town shortly after midnight and just before dawn there were tank and infantry assaults against the reinforced South Vietnamese defenders. They said casualty figures were unavailable and they had no further details of the battle.

Fighting has raged around Xuan Loc for nearly a week, and some military observers saw the clash as a test to determine if government troops can hold their ground against Viet Cong-North Vietnamese onslaughts and defend Saigon.

The command said that in Saturday's fighting around Xuan Loc government forces lost 22 men killed and 79 wounded while 236 attackers were slain.

Cambodia had a new government Saturday night, some 12 hours after American helicopters with Marine guards aboard flew into Phnom Penh for an emergency evacuation of 276 Cambodians and Americans and other foreigners.

Gen. Sak Suthsakhan said in a radio broadcast that he would head a ruling committee of military men and civilians with the sanction of the national legislature.

Earlier, Premier Long Boret said that he had asked the National Assembly to turn power over to the military for three months. At the same time he assailed Acting President Sau Kham Khoy for leaving without addressing the nation. He called this a lack of leadership.

The National Assembly voted in special session to suspend its activities for a three-month period.

Dispatches from Phnom Penh said the capital's population remained calm although fighting continued on its outskirts with the rebels reported gaining more ground as they pressed in on the city proper.

In Washington, White House spokesmen said the Phnom Penh airport had been closed because of rebel Khmer Rouge action and that the United States, which had been flying

food and ammunition into the beleaguered city, now was dropping supplies by parachute.

President Ford's press secretary, Ron Nessen, said the United States had enough funds from earlier Cambodian appropriations to continue sending emergency supplies for 10 days to two weeks.

Informed sources in Paris said France, once the colonial

ruler of Indochina, had decided to recognize the exile government of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, which had been fighting with the Khmer Rouge, the Cambodian Communists believed to be in over-all command of the rebel movement. However, the French Foreign Ministry said later the Paris government already had rela-

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Funds Still Sought for Cambodia

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ford will press Congress vigorously to approve his request for \$222 million in military aid for Cambodia because Cambodian officials have decided to continue their fight, White House officials said Saturday.

When a force of U.S. Marines flew in to evacuate 276 Americans, Cambodians and a few other foreign nationals Friday, it was anticipated that Cambodian government officials would leave at the same time, one administration source said.

"But they decided to stay and maintain the government and maintain the fight," he said. "When they decided to stay and fight, President Ford decided to emphasize he has not dropped the fight to have Congress ap-

propriate extra money for Cambodian aid."

Earlier, Press Secretary Ron Nessen issued a statement which said: "The President has asked me to express his concern over some reports that his speech on Thursday night indicated that he was withdrawing or otherwise not renewing his request for urgent assistance to Cambodia."

"The President's proposal for aid to Cambodia is still before Congress ... The President still hopes that Congress will act quickly to approve assistance to Cambodia."

Congress has resisted Ford's efforts to get more military aid for Vietnam and Cambodia, and has balked already at Ford's \$222 million request, made initially three months ago.

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Plunges Into Canal

2 Swim to Safety After Car Sinks

A 16-year-old member of the Oxnard Swim Club and her 17-year-old companion swam to safety Saturday night after their automobile plunged into a canal at the end of Wooley Road.

Jan Moore, of 518 Teakwood St., Oxnard, and Darryl Milner, 17, of 1841 A., Fisher Court, Oxnard, were taken to St. John's Hospital with facial injuries following the accident.

Miss Moore told police the brakes failed on her car.

Officer Steve Peacock of the Oxnard Police Department said

Miss Moore was westbound on Wooley about 8:45 when the convertible plunged into the canal. The car dropped 10-to-15 feet before it hit the water level and another 10-to-15 feet to the bottom of the canal.

As the car was beginning to sink, the teen-agers got out and swam to the side of the canal and crawled out. They then walked more than a mile to a farmhouse and called police.

Peacock said the high tide coming into the canal would make it nearly impossible to retrieve the car from the ditch Saturday night.



CHICKEN GIVEAWAY BIG SUCCESS Indianapolis residents hauled away 2,000 chickens Saturday, given away by a farmer who said the cost of feed was higher than the profit from eggs.