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## Cable company wants higher subscriber rate

**United Press International** 

DALLAS - The head of a company that holds the cable television franchise for Dallas asked Monday for a subscriber rate increase and permission to cut the number of local access

channels it must provide.

Drew Lewis, who resigned as

Warner Amex did not specify

that Warner Amex wants to build a 54-channel one-way system instead of the 108-channel two-way system it originally agreed to build.

Industry leaders have said the actions by Warner Amex — jointly owned by Warner Communications and American Express — reflect a national trend of problems in metropolitan cable systems.

At a news conference with Lewis, Dallas Mayor Starke Taylor said he would appoint three members of the City Council to a task force to meet with Warner Amex officials and consider their requests.

Bill Morgan, a member of the Dallas Cable Board which oversees the system for the city go ernment, said, "I could think of no worse time to ask to cut services and increase rates than

right now. That's awful poor

"He (Lewis) said there will be no lessening of services. But if they cut the number of channels it is, of course, de facto lessening of services.

Lewis said Warner Amex to date has invested \$150 million in the Dallas cable system and has 62,000 subscribers. He said construction is more than a year ahead of schedule with 2,800 miles built.

However, Lewis asked that a different formula for extension of service be allowed in remaining unserved areas with low residential densities. Again, he was not specific.

"Further, we propose that the city confirm our view that con-struction of remaining apart-ment units be based on agreements with the owners to assume installation costs or provide for bulk-billing to all residents,"

tered by Frank Falk, rein chief polygraph examiner the state of South Carolina. "Geter passed both of the with flying colors," Sigel said

Wade said when Geter w

released on an appeal bond month he would drop

not take the test by Mond

deadline, a new trial would pr

fense tests was administered Nat Laurendi, a well-known

lygraph examiner in New Y

Sigel said one of the two

The second was admi

ceed this spring.

Norman Kinne, of the Dalla County District Attorne office, said the refusal of thew

So it's trial time," Kinnesall "As far as we're concerned,

Otsby said 14 of the nation's tornado deaths occurred in mobile homes, and four people

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while Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Montana and Oklahoma

each had one twister death.

and New York and Alabama had three deaths each. Two tornado fatalities were recorded last year in Delaware, Illinois and Ohio,

sides to agree on the lie detect test Monday signaled an end a polygraph negotiations.

polygraph negotiations an closed."

Kinne said the next step the case is a pretrial hearing to end of this month, with trial come April 7.

Sigel said he was dissatisfi

with the county test that won have been administered by B Parker, a Dallas police off who also runs a polygraph bus

"We would like an imparting qualified examiner. Mr. Park is neither impartial in our judg ment or to our knowledge is qualified," Sigel said. appears he is not well-known the field, if known at all."

Sigel said he planned approach Wade again with independent polygraph resili but he did not expect any su

Lawyers for Geter ha hedged Monday on whether young black engineer from South Carolina would agree 0 polygraph test. Geter return to Dallas after visiting mother's home in Denmi S.C., during the weekend.

President Reagan's administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to become chairman of Warner Amex Cable Communications Inc., said without changes in the contract the company will have no opportunity to recoup its investment dur-ing the 15-year life of the fran-

the size of rate increase it wants or how many public access chan-

nels it would trim.

Lewis went to Milwaukee last week and told city leaders there

# ow tornado toll recorded

three Americans died in torna-does last year, well below the average annual tornado death toll of 103 over the past 30 years, the

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported Monday.

'The low tornado death rate in 1983 can be attributed in part to the lack of major, killer tornadoes during the year," said Fred Otsby, director of the National Severe Storms Forceast Center in Kansas City, Mo.
Texas led the nation in 1983

with seven tornado deaths. Louisiana had five, Florida four

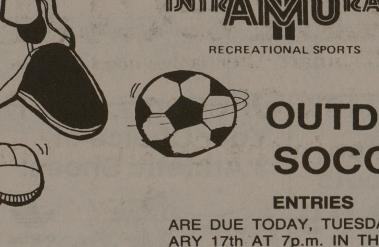
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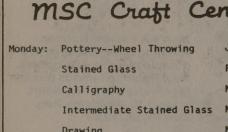
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sed with flying colors," par the way for a new armed roll trial for the black engineer. 'We attempted to meet w (Dallas County) District Allo ney Henry Wade, and her fused to see us," said defen attorney Edwin Sigel. " wanted to present the results

Polygraph

DALLAS - Prosecutor Monday refused to accept results of two independents graph tests which defense an neys claimed Lenell Geter in

results

partial.

cember.

refused

two polygraph tests he (Get has already taken successful "We were hoping they wo consider this instead of the graph offered or that it would agree to a polygraph someone who is objective or in Geter, 26, was convicted robbing a Kentucky Frie Chicken stand in Balch Spring a town near Dallas, in 1982 a sentenced to life in prison in conviction, clouded with alkay

tions of racism and sloppy pole work, was overturned in b charges if Geter passed a led tector test. He said if Geter