

# Dead man had long police rap sheet

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The 35-year-old man who died in police custody Friday had been arrested 12 times since 1983 — but spent only nine days behind bars, court files and computer records show.

Charges against Leonardo Mercado were dropped by prosecutors in 10 cases and Mercado entered into plea agreements in the other two. Court files were available only for the period since 1983.

In nearly all of his arrests, Miami officers made the pinch. The vast majority were made within a few blocks of where Mercado was when police went to see him on Friday night.

Mercado spent four days in jail before pleading guilty to carrying

a concealed firearm on March 10, 1986. Dade Circuit Judge Arthur Snyder sentenced him to the time already served, so he was free to walk out of jail that same day.

Ten months later, on Jan. 5, 1987, Mercado pleaded no contest to possession of cocaine and Dade Circuit Judge Ted Mastos sentenced him to time served — five days.

In the first case, Mercado was seen "holding his arms in such a manner (that) it looked as though he was holding a large object concealed," Miami officer Ken Dinter said in the arrest form. Mercado tried to flee and threw down a machine pistol, according to the arrest form.

In the drug case, officer Carlos Vaguez said he saw Mercado throw down a bag of cocaine.

In the most serious charge Mercado faced, he surrendered Oct. 18, 1986, after another man was shot four times.

The charges were dropped when the man walked out of Jackson Memorial Hospital and did not cooperate with prosecutors, records show.

Meanwhile, attorney Bill Huggett said he has been retained by Mercado's relatives and plans to file a \$10 million lawsuit against the city and the police department over his death. He said he was retained Sunday by Maritza Soto, who lived with Mercado for years and is the mother of his 10-year-old son, Leo Lorenzo.

The suit will name as plaintiffs the 10-year-old and his two stepbrothers, Jose Soto, 16, and Pedro Soto, 14, who were "unofficially

adopted by Mercado," according to Huggett.

"There's two kinds of excessive use of force — negligent use of excessive force and intentional use of excessive force," Huggett said. "We will be alleging this was an intentional use of excessive force."

The teen-agers also will claim in the suit that they were injured by police when they attempted to go to their stepfather's aid, he said.

Both were taken to Jackson Memorial Hospital for treatment and released, Huggett said.

Police spokesman Armando Vil-lorin had no comment on the planned lawsuit.

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## GOP head's victory due to support from 4 key groups

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Depending on which faction you talk to, the new leadership of the local Republican Party is either a coalition capable of achieving unprecedented unity or an unholy alliance of self-serving opportunists and religious fanatics.

Both factions agree Maria Alonso-Martinez unseated Carlos Salman as Dade GOP chairman last night by co-alescing support from four key groups in the local party's governing board, the 131-member Republican Executive Committee.

About a dozen members associated with Republican State Committeeman Al Cardenas, who helped engineer the takeover by introducing Alonso-Martinez to members of the other groups. Cardenas, a top GOP fund-raiser, is a partner in the politically influential Greenberg Traurig law firm.

Another dozen members associated with Republican State Committeewoman Mary Collins. Collins was opposed in the September primary by Theresa Ashkar, a close business and political ally of Salman.

About 20 members, including a half dozen state legislators and their associates, who approve of recent actions by the Legislature's Cuban-American Caucus. That all-Republican caucus, led by Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, forged an alliance with Democratic House Speaker Tom Gustafson. Many of Salman's closest associates have sided with GOP legislative leaders who attempted to prevent that alliance.

A group of about 25 newly elected members who were active in the presidential campaign of TV evangelist Pat Robertson or who were recruited by former Robertsons. Alex Diaz, 24, the leader of the group, directed Robertson's Dade campaign. He is

now a candidate to succeed Salman associate Maria de la Milera as the local party's full-time executive director.

The secret-ballot tally gave Alonso-Martinez 68 votes to 62 for Salman.

Three other posts that were up for grabs last night also went to candidates supported by the Alonso-Martinez faction.

The vice chairmanship remained vacant. Alonso-Martinez supporters claimed to be willing to support a pro-Salman activist — Mary Ellen Miller — for the No. 2 post. But Miller withdrew her candidacy, and no other candidate could marshal the required majority.

In a speech accepting her nomination for the chairmanship, Alonso-Martinez openly appealed to Salman backers for post-election party unity. "I will include you in our process," she promised.

She noted that Carlos Arboleya, a banker active in the activities of the Cuban-American Caucus, and Fred Pullen, a physician who helped raise money for the Robertson campaign, have agreed to co-chair the Dade GOP's 1989 Lincoln Day dinner.

However, Salman, after losing, continued to portray Alonso-Martinez as a mere pawn for Cardenas. Salman said, "Al Cardenas won. Carlos Salman lost."

"Those who say that don't know Alonso-Martinez," countered Cardenas. "The emotion of the moment doesn't permit her words of unity to sink in. All we want is a better-planned, better-organized, better-ordered party machinery."

Still, pro-Salman activist Tony Cotarelo, a former executive director of the Dade party, fumed that the new leadership is "an unholy alliance" of "people who are interested in religion, not politics" and self-promoters interested "not in causes, but their own careers."

## POLICE, from 1A

pects it will soon be ruled a homicide, with the detectives as the focus of the investigation. Homicide Lt. Mike Gonzalez, the detective heading the investigation, expects to be finished early next week.

Relieved of duty with pay were officers Pablo Camacho, 41, a 12-year veteran; Charlie Haynes, 29, a ten-year veteran; Andy Watson, 32, Thomas Trujillo, 30, and Nathaniel Veal Jr., 30, all eight-year veterans, and Ronald Sinclair, 45, a six-year veteran. Their suspended supervisors are Lt. Michael Christopher, 46, a 16-year veteran, and Sgt. Manuel Orosa, 31, an eight-year veteran.

The six officers were supposed to be going to a Northwest Miami drug sting late Friday afternoon — but instead, they allegedly confronted Mercado at a relative's home at Northwest 32nd Street and Sixth Avenue. Witnesses, including Mercado's children and stepchildren, have told investigators the detectives forced Mercado into the house and beat him. Police spokesman David Rivero said a skull fracture and internal bleeding apparently killed Mercado.

Christopher and Orosa, who arrived at the house when the six detectives called for back-up help at 5:11 p.m., have been suspended for failure to follow proper procedures on the evening of the beating, Gonzalez said. Rivero said the two failed to comply with rules for preserving evidence and did not keep the detectives apart until they could be questioned.

Gonzalez rejected comparisons of the Mercado case to the 1980 beating death of insurance salesman Arthur McDuffie at the hands of Metro police officers. Unlike the McDuffie case, there has been no attempt to cover up the circumstances of Mercado's death, Gonzalez said. Miami Police Chief Perry Anderson "ordered an investigation within hours," he said, "and everything we're doing is out in the open."

There is another crucial difference, Gonzalez said. Because police and prosecutors were never able to clearly prove who struck the blow that fractured McDuffie's skull and killed him, all the officers charged in that case were acquitted by a jury. In the Mercado case, Gonzalez pledged, "We expect to clearly show what everyone did and exactly what happened."

Nonetheless, other officers say there is a similarity between the two cases: they show how easy it is for a small group of officers, working under some of the toughest conditions in police work, to suddenly lose control.

"Some of these guys may have been in the unit too long," said police spokesman Ray Lang. "They have to deal with drug dealers all the time. They go up against a lot of very violent people."

"These guys are under a lot of stress out there," said patrol commander Maj. Arnold Gibbs. "They can make errors in judgment."

Gibbs said Anderson told him there will be some changes in the street narcotics unit, but did not discuss details. He said no decision had been made on how to restaff the depleted unit. "It is hurting us, hindering us, because we have fewer officers out on the streets," he said.



Leonardo Mercado

Gibbs labeled the squad "truly the elite" in a commendation sent to Camacho and Sinclair in January. Gibbs described the unit's members as "aggressive, tough, street wise, conscientious, dedicated and extremely professional."

"This elite group has managed to pursue and apprehend numerous felons under extremely dangerous and volatile circumstances without incidents of excessive force, brutality or any other allegations of recalcitrant behavior."

But three of the suspended officers — Camacho, Veal and Sinclair — were listed in July in a departmental "early-warning system" memo as having a high number of arrests that involved more-than-normal force. Gibbs, however, said that does not mean they were brutal officers.

"The early-warning system is only to alert us to check into the situation, to see whether the officer needs more training, needs to come off the street, (or) needs to see the psychiatrist," Gibbs said. "You're dealing with a more violent caliber of people when you deal with drug people and that's what these guys do day in and day out. It's usually because they have to meet force with force."

Personnel files for four of the six show no disciplinary actions against them on brutality complaints. The personnel files of Veal and Sinclair were not available yesterday.

The records portray a group of tough, hard-working cops who have earned praise — and occasional censure — from their commanders.

Christopher, a Memphis police officer for eight years before joining the Miami force in 1972, has had a checkered career including at least 25 commendations and a series of confrontations with superior officers, beginning in 1974.

In December 1987, six months before he was transferred to the street narcotics unit, Christopher's major rated him a "very good" supervisor — but his colonel, Anibal Ibrahim, disagreed, complaining that Christopher was a weak administrator, wrote reports poorly, failed to delegate work, and got too involved in "personnel conflicts . . . which could have an adverse impact on efficiency and work harmony."

Police spokesman Rivero said Christopher was assigned to the elite anti-drug unit soon afterward, to cover for a squad lieutenant who was attending an FBI training course. Christopher

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— Maj. Arnold Gibbs, patrol commander

was doing such a good job that he stayed in the unit, Rivero said.

The most harsh criticism of Christopher came in 1980 from then-Lt. Bob Murphy, who reprimanded Christopher for sloppy dress during a court appearance. When Christopher protested, Murphy withdrew the reprimand. But in a memo written days after Arthur McDuffie's death, he reminded Christopher, "the failure of supervisors to properly guide and direct their subordinates has recently resulted in a tragic incident."

"Instead of leaning on your men, lead them," Murphy advised Christopher. "If you don't straighten up and realize what sergeant stripes mean, some of your men will land in jail."

In 1978, Christopher was accused of assault and battery by the husband of a civilian worker in the department. An internal security investigation dismissed the complaint, but reprimanded him for allowing the woman to ride in his car while on duty.

In 1980, he was suspended for a week after he left the city while on duty to attend a North Miami officer's retirement party. According to police records, Christopher left the key to his patrol car in the ignition, and two other officers took the car for a joyride, its siren wailing and blue lights flashing. North Miami officers chased the police car for several minutes before cornering it, the records show.

Weeks later in the wake of the May 1980 riots, he was reprimanded for failing to file a report after interviewing a wounded riot victim in her hospital bed. The records show the woman told Christopher and another sergeant that she had been shot by a National Guardsman. There were no guardsmen in the neighborhood where she was hurt — but Miami police officers were under investigation for firing shots in the area. Christopher told the woman that Internal Security officers would call her, but he never told them about the interview, according to records.

Orosa is a former Special Investigations Section detective who specialized in gambling and liquor law violations and earned more than 25 citations, most of them for bolita investigations. He was promoted to sergeant in September 1985 and transferred to the street narcotics unit. In September 1986, Orosa was named officer of the month for coordinating street drug stings.

In his last evaluation in June, Orosa was praised as "one of the best supervisors within the department," a "relentless worker (who) always pushes his squad to the limit." Another supervisor wrote the previous year that Orosa "always demands perfection from his squad."

The records reveal that one Internal Security complaint against him was found to be valid

prior to April 1984, but police refused to provide any details of the complaint. He once was reprimanded for a car accident.

Camacho has earned more than 50 commendations since he was assigned to the street narcotics unit in May 1982. In March, he received the department's community service award for his drug-fighting efforts on a weekly WQBA radio talk show.

Camacho, who is 5-foot-9 and weighs 182 pounds, has filed 15 reports on arrests he made with more-than-required force, and has been injured on duty three times in the past 18 months. Once, an alleged drug dealer hit him repeatedly with a rock as Camacho was trying to arrest him. Another man bit Camacho's hand during a January arrest.

Watson has more than 80 commendations. He has been rated "very good" or "outstanding" for the past four years. But in 1982, he was reprimanded for accidentally firing his shotgun into the ceiling of an apartment while serving a search warrant.

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound officer has reported being injured during arrests at least nine times in the past five years. According to the reports, he has been kicked, cut, rammed by a bicycle, shoved into a parked truck, and has had doors and windows slammed shut on his hands.

Haynes has over 25 commendations, many of them shared with his longtime partner, Veal. In one case, the two officers were praised for capturing a deranged man who was pointing a gun at another man's head.

Hayne also has received four reprimands, including a four-day suspension in 1984 for missing court appearances four times in a year.

At 6-foot-1 and 240 pounds, Haynes, like Veal, is a star of the department's football team, which battles Metro police in the annual Pig Bowl. But a back injury during practice for the 1986 game has laid him up repeatedly ever since.

One of Trujillo's 22 commendations came in 1983, when he served as a volunteer instructor in the use of the department's P-24 police baton. At 5-foot-8 and 170 pounds, he is described by his superiors as "in outstanding physical condition." He was commended for racking up 16 driving-under-the-influence arrests — more than any other officer — during a 1987 drunk-driving detail.

But Trujillo has been reprimanded four times for traffic accidents and once for being "argumentative" in 1987. In 1985 he was relieved of duty after being arrested by Fort Lauderdale police, who accused him of trespassing and obstructing an officer while off-duty. The criminal charges were dropped, but an internal review board reprimanded him for using illegal ammunition in his off-duty gun.



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Maria Alonso-Martinez and dad, Humberto Alonso

## Dade GOP chooses newcomer as chairman

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Until a few weeks ago, only a handful of Dade's Republican Party activists had even heard her name.

Now, although Maria Alonso-Martinez has just been elected Dade Republican chairman, only a handful of the activists claim to know what she stands for.

Her relative obscurity was one of the main arguments offered last night on behalf of her opponent, old-pro incumbent Carlos Salman. In a speech seconding Salman's nomination, John Schmitz warned that the Dade GOP organization was "in jeopardy because many of you are ready to turn over key leadership to someone you barely know."

The woman they're now likely to get to know better is a political neophyte, but her resume suggests she has the managerial skills to improve the efficiency of the local party apparatus.

"I'm a professional," she said in her acceptance speech. "Work with me . . . and all of your concerns will be eliminated."

"Chuni" Alonso-Martinez, 34, holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Miami. She is administrative director of the Northwest Dade Community Mental Health Center, a non-profit Hialeah clinic that has been her employer for the past eight years.

Her political experience has been strictly nuts and bolts — the coordination of a local absentee-ballot drive for the 1987 re-election campaign of Miami Mayor Xavier Suarez and a similar role this year in the campaign of George Bush.

Alonso-Martinez has been a Miamian since she was 7, a new arrival from Cuba with her father, Humberto Alonso, now an established local architect. She's a loyal Hurricane, having received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from University of Miami before going to graduate school there.

Her political connections tend to be less political than social and professional.

Al Cardenas, the Dade state Republican committeeman who helped engineer her election, met her while he was working as a lawyer on health-care regulatory issues.

She became friendly with Mayor Suarez in the early 1980s, when he worked in the same law firm with her husband, Osmundo "Mundi" Martinez.

She got to know Lincoln Diaz-Balart, now a Republican state representative, when he and her husband were in the same bar-review course.

In high school, she and her husband-to-be were classmates of future Miami Commissioner Victor De Yurre.

"We don't have a lot of political friends," said Osmundo Martinez. "We have friends who became politicians."

## BASEBALL, from 5A

under construction, we ought to be in pretty good shape in the early going," Bunker said. "Eventually, though, there will probably be room for two teams in Florida."

Holtz said St. Petersburg's efforts will not hamper his group's chances of getting a team. Potamkin said the group welcomes additional financial support from the private sector in acquiring a team or partially funding a new facility.

"This effort is open to any other reputable individuals in the community," Potamkin said. "[But] the five of us are well-prepared to continue on our own."

In October, Miami voters soundly defeated an \$80 million bond issue to build a new stadium.

"Since the voters said they would not pay tax dollars for a bond, we're looking at alternatives," De Yurre said.

Those alternatives include \$30 million in available state funds targeted for any Florida city that can snag a major sports franchise and is interested in stadium development, De Yurre said. In addition, Miami's Sports and Exhibition Authority would issue about \$15 million in revenue bonds over the next two years, the vice mayor said.

The Holtz group and Miami officials hope to fund a top-of-the-line stadium in the range of \$80 million as part of their public-private venture.

Holtz and De Yurre said the

sites being considered are the Orange Bowl property, the city's Melreese Golf Course near Miami International Airport, downtown's Bicentennial Park, Bobby Maduro Miami Stadium and Florida East Coast Railway's property at Northeast Second Avenue and 36th Street.

Aside from St. Petersburg, the Holtz team also has to contend with a second rival closer to home — Miami Dolphins owner Joe Robbie, who has been touting his North Dade stadium to major-league officials. Robbie, who campaigned against the Miami referendum, could not be reached for comment.

"This group believes the right location for a new stadium is in

the city of Miami, as opposed to the other end of the county," Holtz said, adding that he believed a majority of Dade residents feel the same.

Holtz said his efforts to lure an existing team to Miami have stumbled over "a lot of roadblocks." The main deterrent has been team owners' reluctance to move their clubs to other cities, he said.

In September, The Miami News disclosed that Holtz, representing a local group of investors, attempted to acquire the Seattle Mariners from owner George Argyros. A second effort to obtain the Minnesota Twins, led by Miami Heat co-owner Zev Bufman, was reported a week later.

FEMA's national policy."

Meanwhile, stadium director Max Cruz said he does not anticipate any problems from a Dec. 26 rap concert at the stadium. The refugees are staying in five locker rooms that have been converted into dormitories, he said.

Livia Garcia, who handles the city's program for the homeless, said 80 additional cots were set up in the locker rooms yesterday in anticipation of expected arrivals from Texas last night.

## REFUGEES, from 5A

necessary to place the refugees in the stadium by the time the Orioles get here," De Yurre said. "We'll just have to adjust to the circumstances. I don't think that there will be a problem if it comes to that. The Orioles stay on the field. They won't bother the refugees. Right now, however, a lot of the refugees are staying in the Orioles' office at the stadium, and that will have to be rearranged."

"All I can say is that we have only two months to get our act

together to see where we're going to put these people when they start arriving here, and we hope that the county will help us find places to put them."

The county, which plans to house 150 in Beckham Hall, a two-story county office building at 800 N.W. 28th St., also is looking for federal assistance.

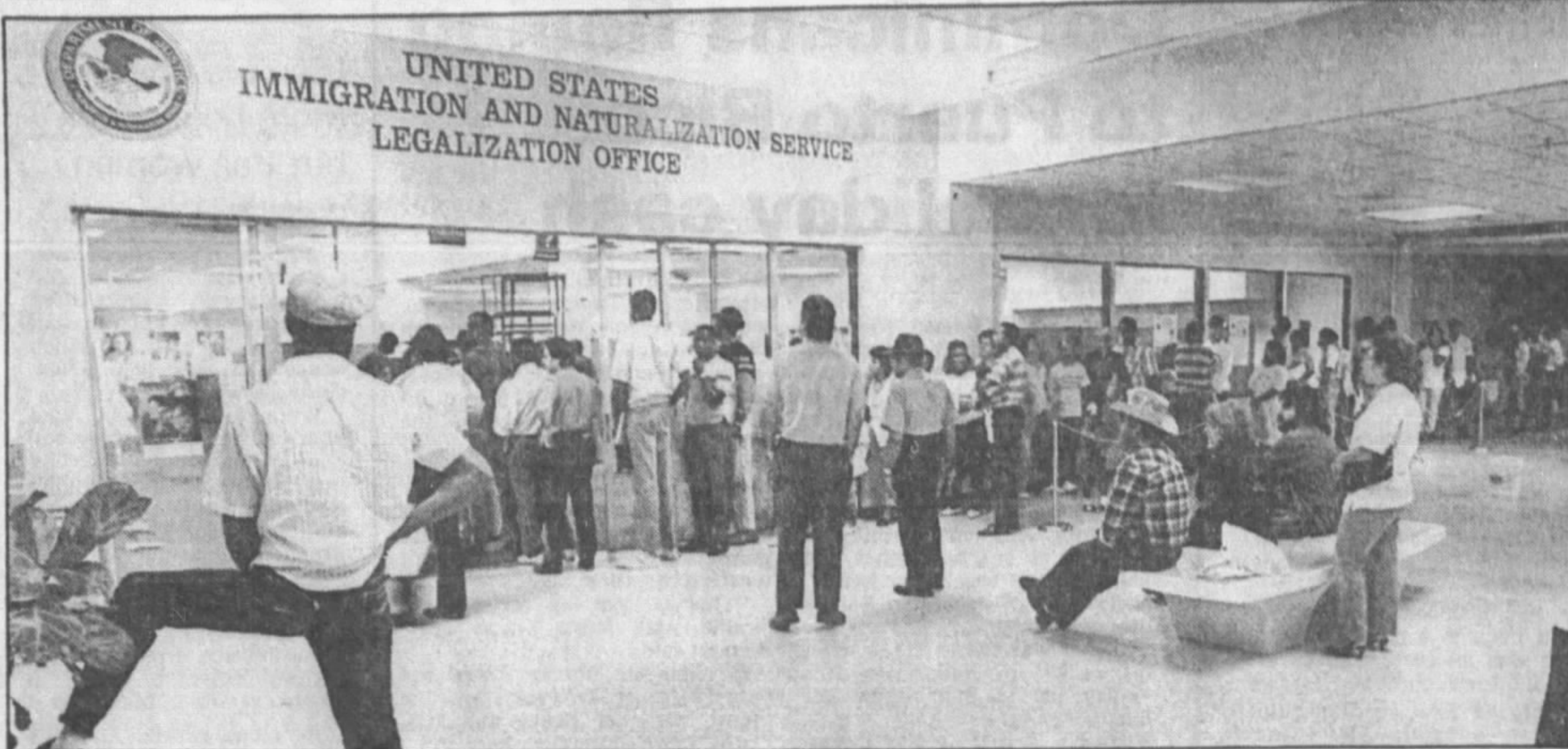
"The county manager is looking to utilize three acres of county property in Northwest Dade where we hope to put several of the refugees in federal trailers that

will be provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)," said Robert Bernal, administrative assistant to the county manager.

But Tom Credle, FEMA deputy regional manager in Atlanta, said federal trailers are reserved for victims of natural disasters.

"In the past we have turned down requests similar to this one that is being made in Miami," Credle said yesterday. "I do not see this approval coming for them unless there's a major change in





Alien farm workers line up for temporary residency cards at Hialeah office of the INS

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## ALIENS, from 1A

having an average of 1,200 people lining up each day in the INS district offices around the state," said INS Area Director Perry Rivkind. "In Miami we expect lines to reach 600 to 700 people on Wednesday."

Rivkind said half of the 108,731 applicants applying for temporary residency are of Mexican descent. Of that figure, Rivkind said 15,000 applied in the South Florida area, which includes Miami, Fort Lauderdale, Okeechobee and Homestead.

"But about 49 percent of those applying statewide have been recommended for denial," Joy said. "A lot of them produced false documentation, such as an affidavit from a grower stating that the person had worked the 90 days. Later we'd call that grower and he would tell us the person never existed."

Other growers harbor concern for their workers and their fields. A paperwork scramble continued today at the South Florida Tomato and Vegetable Growers Association in Homestead, accord-

ing to Secretary-Treasurer Jack Campbell, who said growers who are members of the association are frantically trying to get their workers' papers in order so they can apply by tonight's midnight deadline.

After midnight, it comes down to this: Any illegal alien who cannot show a temporary resident photo identification card will be processed for deportation, according to Joy.

That worries South Florida Immigration Association (SFIA) counselor Bill Black.

"We expect that Thursday there could be roughly 1,000 farm workers on the streets in South Dade who were not able to apply in time and who will find themselves with no work and no legal status in the U.S.," said Black, whose non-profit organization counsels farm workers, helps them fill out immigration forms, provides them with forms to be filled out by their employers and helps them appeal their cases before the INS Regional Processing Facility in Dallas, if they are

denied temporary residency. "The most that we can do for these illegal aliens is to advise them to explore other avenues through INS, such as apply for political asylum or possibly, if they have any special work skills, apply for labor certification."

Growers hiring undocumented workers will pay dearly, according to Joy, who said stiff fines of \$5,000 per illegal worker will be slapped on any grower or any employer. The fines take effect tomorrow, Joy said.

Farmers left out with no workers and plenty of fields to pick may take their chances and hire illegal aliens, Black said. He said the SFIA will appeal for those who have been recommended for denial. "While their case is being appealed or considered, the person can remain employed," Black said.

Campbell, whose organization employs about 700 migrant workers in the Homestead-Redlands area, said many farm workers who have completed their 90-day work requirement will be on the streets simply because they didn't

understand or did not obtain the proper INS paperwork.

"This problem has a lot to blame on some of the growers themselves who think they are immigrants and think filling out all these INS forms is easy," Campbell said. "Not so. Our association labor office provides that service for our member growers because filling out those INS forms is complicated. These farm workers are people who live very uncomplicated lives. Many of them rely on their employers to understand these forms for them. Too many times the growers wait until the last minute."

"It's going to be a real mess on Thursday. I can tell you that because there's going to be a lot of workers out on the streets with nowhere to go."

"This has always been the end result of programs of this nature," said Cheryl Little, supervising attorney at the Haitian Refugee Center in Miami. "I doubt that there is anything that can be done for those who basically will be left with no status on Thursday."

## DADE GOP, from 1A

intrigue include Dade GOP State Committeewoman-elect Mary Collins, and a group of former Pat Robertson-for-president volunteers who recently won seats on the GOP's county-level governing board — the Dade Republican Executive Committee.

Some are proposing to replace Salman, 56, a Miami banker and real-estate developer, with a political neophyte, Maria Alonso-Martinez, 34, administrative director of a Hialeah mental-health clinic.

Alonso-Martinez — along with Salman, Cardenas and Collins — supported George Bush in the March "Super Tuesday" presidential primary. But, unlike Salman, Alonso-Martinez appears acceptable to the Robertson faction, mostly self-described "born-again" Christians.

Last night, Alonso-Martinez was introduced to new county-committee members, including former Robertson supporters, at a private reception in Cardenas' home.

Salman and a close political and business associate, Theresa Ashkar, did not receive invitations to the Cardenas reception, Ashkar said. "I think we should read the writing on the wall," she said. "Perhaps they're up to something and they'd be a little more comfortable without us there."

Cardenas said he didn't "personally address the invitations," but he insisted he intended to invite Ashkar and Salman.

In any case, Salman — who was elected in January 1987 to the remainder of the term of Bush's son Jeb — said he may not seek re-election. "I feel I have devoted 20 years of my life to Republicanism. Maybe it's time for the younger generation."

Salman has a persistent heart problem and has had four bypass-



Cardenas withdraws support

es; and he remains active in business. Still, he said, "I might decide I would like to carry the banner for the next four years."

Meanwhile, Alonso-Martinez appears to have the backing of Cardenas, Collins and Alex Diaz, a 24-year-old activist who directed the Robertson's Dade campaign.

Collins, one of more than 50 who attended last night's function, said Cardenas had introduced her to Alonso-Martinez on Monday. "She's really sharp and young and attractive and articulate," Collins said. "I was very impressed with her, and I like her agenda — to make the party broader and have wider distribution of responsibilities."

"She's acceptable to me. A very smart lady," said Diaz, who also attended the Cardenas reception. "It appears she'll be acceptable to the Robertson people and to others who want some change."

Cardenas and Alonso-Martinez yesterday both declined to com-

ment on what Collins and Diaz said was Cardenas' avowed support for the health-clinic executive.

On Monday, before The Miami News learned Alonso-Martinez might be a candidate, Cardenas said he would refuse to support Salman. He also said, "My intention is not to be involved in that election process. That doesn't mean I won't be, but that's my feeling today."

Factional and personal squabbles were pervasive in the local Republican Party until the spring of 1984, when the real-estate developer Jeb Bush took over as chairman and launched fund-raising and voter-registration drives that united many former rivals.

In January 1987, when Bush resigned to accept appointment as Florida secretary of commerce, he recommended Salman as his successor. Salman had no significant opposition.

Since then, many of the rivalries that Jeb Bush was able to subdue have been aggravated by the "Super Tuesday" presidential primary and by the primary in September, which included voting for political-party offices.

Although television evangelist Robertson was thoroughly trounced on Super Tuesday, his supporters continued to seek an active role in local Republican Party. Salman gave them a cold shoulder, Diaz said.

In the Sept. 6 primary, at least a dozen former Robertson supporters won seats on the Dade Republican county committee. Their exact number is not known because they did not have to identify their former affiliation.

The county committee, which is made up of two men and two women from each of the 40

Republican districts in Dade, has 69 new members. Those 69 are likely to be a majority on Dec. 19 because there were no qualified candidates for at least 30 of the committee's 160 seats.

"Robertson people and other conservatives probably control the biggest faction," Diaz said.

In September, Collins defeated five candidates, including Ashkar, to win an open seat on the Republican state committee. Cardenas also was re-elected to the Republican state committee.

Salman said he supported Cardenas' candidacy because Cardenas promised to reciprocate when Salman sought re-election as chairman. Cardenas "was to be the man making my nomination speech," Salman said.

Cardenas acknowledged that at one point "I did tell Carlos my intentions were to support him. (But) he and I are familiar with other things that have occurred since then, that I would rather not discuss."

"Maybe the Robertson people want to take over the Republican Party of Dade County," Salman said, "and maybe that's something I haven't been aware of."

Said Diaz, "We Robertson people want to restructure the party, but we are not alone. We seek to include everyone in the party — blacks, Jews, younger people — to make the party more inclusive."

Said Collins, "I don't know whether Carlos does it consciously or not, but it seems to me that, under his chairmanship, our base of support has gotten narrower. We have to go into the Christian community because they're concerned about the social issues, as we are."

"What are we? Aren't we Christians?" asked Salman, a Roman Catholic. "I don't speak tongues, that's for sure. But I am a Christian."

## New plane alarm is backup for existing alarm

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Concern about the reliability of the safety alarms on commercial jetliners is responsible for the government's suggestion for a new device in 3,700 aircraft: an alarm to warn pilots their alarm isn't working.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced yesterday that it plans to require airlines early next year to install a warning light in all of their jetliners to tell pilots if their takeoff alarm system is out of commission.

The takeoff alarms, variations of which are found in all commercial jetliners, are supposed to guard against a plane taking off without

being properly prepared, such as having its wing flaps in the wrong position.

The alarm, which in some planes sounds a loud horn and in others a computerized voice, often is the last defense against a pilot's oversight, aviation experts say.

But in at least two recent crashes the alarms apparently didn't work as they should have and a spot check earlier this year of Boeing 727 aircraft found 35 cases in which the alarms either failed or did not operate properly, according to the FAA.

The FAA said in its proposed order yesterday that the new warning lights, which would light up if electrical power to the

takeoff alarm system is interrupted, must be clearly visible to everyone in the cockpit.

The modification, which likely would be made during a plane's routine maintenance so as not to interrupt normal service, would apply to aircraft manufactured by Boeing, McDonnell Douglas, Lockheed and Airbus Industrie, the European consortium, as well as foreign manufacturers of smaller jets such as Fokker and British Aerospace.

"You're talking about the entire (U.S.) passenger fleet of large jet airplanes," FAA spokesman Fred Farrar said. He estimated the added device would cost about \$1,050 per plane.

## BAIL BONDS, from 1A

"did educate the public"

He asked board members individually to come up with a list of changes each would propose to the Legislature, and suggested they consult others in their field for their recommendations.

The board, established by the Legislature in 1984, includes a circuit court clerk, a public defender, an assistant state attorney, a county sheriff, a member of the public, a representative from the surety industry and a bail bondsman.

The proposed changes will be submitted for discussion by board members at the panel's next meeting in early February.

Carl Markel, clerk of the courts

for St. Johns County, said the recommendation he will put at the top of his list will be to remove bail bond regulation from the state Department of Insurance, which he contends treats the industry as a stepchild, and place it under the control of the Florida Supreme Court administrator's office.

"What happened in Dade County could happen in the other 66 counties," Markel said, "and I don't think the Insurance Department is the right agency to police this stuff."

Markel said the board should also investigate other pretrial release programs, including those operated by public agencies that channel people into special programs in lieu of posting a mone-

tary bond. He said the bail bond regulatory board has a responsibility to determine whether those programs are working and how many of those defendants fail to appear in court as scheduled.

"We are mandated by law to take a look at these programs and we haven't done it," said Markel, whose proposal was not acted on by the board.

"Maybe we will find that more people are showing up for court when they are forced to (bond out) through a professional bondsman," he said. "If more are appearing that way, we ought to note that and consider it. We're not trying to put bondsmen out of business."

## DETAINÉES, Girl, 3, could have normal life after 5-organ transplant

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gave the attorneys until tomorrow afternoon to produce statements from 10 of the detainees explaining why they fear persecution if returned to Cuba.

"The judge decided that he would review the statements over the weekend and that no deportations would take place until Monday at 4:30 p.m. for these 10 remaining detainees," said Rochell Metcalf, Clemon's law clerk. "On Monday, Clemon will decide whether these 10 men are to be immediately deported or if their cases will be heard. That's still not clear at this time."

Clemon ordered the immediate deportation of three detainees, denying them political asylum and due-process hearings, ruling that the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Justice Department already had granted them what they sought — due process and a chance to bid for asylum.

"We were just shown the files of all the detainees just yesterday at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Birmingham," Boyer said.

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A 3-year-old girl who has spent virtually her entire life in hospitals can expect to lead a normal, healthy life if her five-organ transplant succeeds and all goes well, doctors say.

Rolandrea Dodge of Fruitland, N.M., received a new liver, pancreas, stomach, small intestine and part of a large intestine during the 16½-hour operation that ended yesterday afternoon. Her spleen also was removed in the experimental surgery.

"The prognosis is very difficult to say, but I'm expecting it to go well," said Dr. Satoru Todo, who headed the surgical team at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

## LOTTERIES

### FLORIDA

Yesterday's Cash 3..... 7-9-5

### MARYLAND

Yesterday's number.....566

Pick Four.....5867

### NEW JERSEY

Yesterday's Pick-3.....897

Pick-4.....5699

### NEW YORK

Yesterday's number.....800

Win Four.....3681

Keno

7,9,15,19,21,22,26,30,33,43,

50,53,54,57,61,62,63,64,72,78

## Corrections

It was incorrectly reported yesterday that the Orange Bowl Committee was an all-white organization in 1984. In fact, it was integrated.

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The financial terms of fellowships for black graduate students at Florida International University were incorrectly reported in Monday's editions. There is no repayment requirement.

## Death Notices

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### AA-01 Death Notices

#### ANDERSON

ADAM V., 90, of Miami died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 1988. He was a resident of this area since 1948. Survived by his wife, H.C. Marie; son, Paul E. III; she is survived by two daughters, Joan P. Cashwell of Miami and Betty J. Lee of San Juan, P.R.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was a member of the University of Northern Illinois Alumni Women's Society of South Miami Methodist Church.

Bernard, 89, North Miami passed away Nov. 28, 1988. Mr. Bernstein had made his home here for the past 42 years coming from Chicago. He is survived by a son, Alvin, Miami; two daughters, Natalie (Howard) Kleinberg, Miami; and Charlotte (Hoffer) Miami; nephew, Norman, Miami; and husband, Dorothy, Miami. He is survived by six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at LITHGOW SOUTH MIAMI CHAPEL, 8080 S.W. 12 Ave. Interment, Miami Memorial Park.

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#### BRADING

BERT E. JR., 75, of Miami since 1950, Nov. 27, 1988. He recently retired from Merrill Lynch. Survived by a sister, Wilma, Miami; two brothers, Joseph H. and Paul, Miami; and daughter, V. VAN RESELE CORAL GABLES CHAPEL, 4600 S.W. 12 Ave. Interment, Miami Memorial Park.

#### BUSCH

VICTOR T., 63, of Miami passed away Nov. 28, 1988. He served 20 years in the U.S. Navy and was employed with the Alameda Road Office for the past 20 years. Survived by daughter, Patricia L. Busch; son, James D.; and wife, H. Ann. Interment, Miami Memorial Park.

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#### RECIO

VIOLA G., 73, born in New Bedford, Mass., resident of Miami 37 years, died 11-26-88. Mrs. Recio retired after many years with the Federal Aviation Administration. Survived by daughter, Carol, Faddell of Indiana; son, David, daughter-in-law, Bill and daughter, Mary Ann Moore; and two grandchildren, Kevin and Michael. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. at LITHGOW SOUTH MIAMI CHAPEL, 4600 S.W. 12 Ave. Interment, Miami Memorial Park.

#### REICHER

MICHAEL, 88, of Hollywood passed away Monday, Nov. 28, 1988. He was a resident of the late Solovins of Miami. Survived by wife, Catherine; son, Michael; daughter, Bill; and daughter, Eleanor. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. at LITHGOW SOUTH MIAMI CHAPEL, 4600 S.W. 12 Ave. Interment, Miami Memorial Park.

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#### MORGAN

BERTHA L., 90, of Miami passed away Nov. 28, 1988. She is survived by her sister, Evelyn Brazton. Funeral services Thursday 10:30 a.m. at the LITHGOW SOUTH MIAMI CHAPEL, 4600 S.W. 12 Ave. Interment, Miami Memorial Park.

#### PEARSON

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#### RODGERS

CHARLOTTE GREYER, 57, passed away Nov. 29, 1988. She was the daughter of the late Catherine Greyer van Bommel and Leroy Alton van Bommel of New York. She was the president of the National Dairy Products Corporation, now known as Borden's. Mrs. Rodgers was the widow of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Greyer, founder of the Greyer Ice Cream Company. She was a graduate of the Spence School and Finch Junior College in New York. Mrs. Rodgers lived on Miami Beach for the past 21 years. Her philanthropic interests were varied and extensive, among them were the American Cancer Society, the Best Dressed Woman of the Year. On February 21, 1988, she was elected to the Board of the Mount Sinai Medical Center on the Miami Beach