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Council vote puts Crier future on ballot

By JIM STEINBERG

Crier Park: site of a new central fire station or of continued use as an underdeveloped "park?"

That seems to be the choice Midland voters will have following Tuesday's 5-0 decision of the Midland City Council placing the future of the city land on the ballot for the April 1 municipal election.

For about one hour after the start of the public hearing session on the issue, city staff members, fire department officials and architects presented the rationale for the fire

station proposal for the park.

Prior to the presentation explaining the proposal, City Attorney Joe Nuessle explained that, legally, action taken by the council during a previous meeting allowing the proposal to be placed on the ballot following Tuesday's public hearing session "doesn't constitute approval of the project...Approval of the project occurs when the project (contract) is let."

Nuessle said that the steps followed by the city for the proposed park conversion met legal requirements for the process.

His remarks appeared to be directed to an eight-page statement drafted by Stubbeman which at one point questioned the legality of the way the issue was being placed on the ballot.

In that draft and during the public hearing session, Stubbeman charged the City Council acted "improperly and illegally (on Feb. 14)...in calling for an election to be held in April, while the public hearing on the matter was held on Feb. 28."

"Calling now for an election to be held in April is prejudging a decision to be made by the City Council pursuant to the hearing of Feb. 28," Stubbeman said.

During the presentation City Manager James Brown said that



Frank Stubbeman

origination of the proposal was a response to the growth of northwest Midland and the gradual shift of the downtown area westward, farther away from the present central fire station location.

The decision to add a new fire substation on the city's northwest side was put off "about as long as we dared," Brown said.

A scientific study was begun in 1975 which used computer methods to analyze data on fire station demands, Brown recalled. The study indicated the Circle Drive fire station could be closed if the central fire station were moved between the Village Shopping Center and the downtown area.

By closing one station, one crew would be left over to man a new fire substation, Brown said, adding that he calculated the savings to be approximately \$175,000 annually in crew wages, benefits and maintenance costs.

Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr. said Tuesday prior to the vote calling for the election that "it would not be prudent" to pay what would probably amount to \$330,000 for another parcel of land to build the new central fire station.

Before voting on the issue, Councilwoman Doris Howbert noted: "One of our duties as a member of council is to safeguard your tax dollars."

San Angelo Architect Bob Zentner of Chakos, Zentner, and Marcum said the plan for the new fire station would provide a 100-foot-park "curtain" to the north, facing the residential section near the park.

He said a buildup of earth "contours" would enhance the north side of building and minimize its intrusion into the park area.

Zentner said it would be beneficial to place the fire station near the main thoroughfares (Texas and Wall avenues) so fire trucks could have quick access to central areas of town. Entry of the trucks into the flow of traffic through side streets (H and I streets) make the location ideal, he said.

Parks and Recreation Director Bob Thomson said that even if his department were suddenly allocated \$50,000 to fix up Crier Park, he would recommend that the money be used for some other park.

The reason, Thomson said, is that four already developed neighborhood parks are within walking distance of Crier Park.

Crier Park is not an integral part of the overall park system in Midland, he said. A master plan study done by an independent consultant for the city in 1975 had five recommendations for its use, Thomson said, adding that not one of them was for development of the park facility.

The recommendations included selling the park for revenue and building a municipal or civic facility

on the site. The report was completed before the city's own fire station location study was begun, Thomson said.

Since the park's dedication in 1935, it has never been developed as such, except for an irrigation system and the addition of a water fountain, Thomson said.

Stubbeman, in his argument for keeping Crier Park intact as a park facility, said the "city's attempt to use Crier Park for a central fire station is based largely on the fact that it already owns Crier Park but would have to purchase most any other location, whereas parks should be protected to continue as parks."

Other Midland residents living near Crier Park spoke at the public hearing in protest of increased noise levels and property devaluation they said the new central fire station plan would cause them.

In other action, the council approved a resolution and order calling for a bond election for a \$500,000 bond issue to add an additional nine holes to the municipal golf course to be placed on April city election ballot.

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proposed change using numerous hand-colored charts and a model of the proposed station.

Following that presentation, Midland attorney Frank Stubbeman, who is in the forefront of opposition for Crier Park use as a fire station site, said "I thought this was supposed to be a public hearing. But so far all I have heard is city officials convincing other city officials that they are doing the right thing."

Stubbeman then presented the council with a petition signed by 60 persons in opposition to the fire



Motor-boating? A car splashes its way Tuesday down Country Club Drive in Burbank, Calif. (AP Laserphoto)

Anti-Somoza leaders urge general strike

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — President Anastasio Somoza's foes called for a new general strike today to protest alleged brutalities by the National Guard in quelling anti-Somoza demonstrations.

The General Confederation of Labor said 1,200 construction workers walked out of a government housing project Tuesday, and the other 800 working there were expected to stay home today.

Leaders of the anti-Somoza movement urged industry and business to shut down for 24 hours. Another protest general strike in January lasted nearly three weeks, closed 80 percent of the country's businesses and helped to generate political turmoil and violence that still rages in much of the country.

Student leaders predicted more clashes today between anti-Somoza protesters and the National Guard, Nicaragua's army, following funeral services for two of the three students killed Monday night when the army fired into 1,000 students marching out of the national university campus in Managua.

As a precautionary measure, Rector Mariano Fiallos Oranguren closed the city's two universities for 11 days.

One of the slain students was to be buried in Managua and another in Estelí, 90 miles to the north. The body of the third was not recovered.

They were among 13 persons

reported killed in riots and battles between the National Guard and anti-Somoza guerrillas following the president's announcement Sunday that he would not resign but would stay in office until his term ends in 1981.

In addition to the dead, more than 70 persons were wounded and hundreds were arrested in the violence that followed.

The current anti-Somoza wave was touched off by the assassination on Jan. 10 of Pedro Joaquín Chamorro, publisher of the newspaper La Prensa and for years a leading foe of the 53-year-old president and his family.

Rain gets even odds

Instead of waking to clear skies and mildly warm temperatures as in the past few days, Midlanders woke up this morning to cloudy skies, cooler temperatures and a 30 percent chance of rain tonight.

Chances of rain today were set at 50 percent.

The weatherman said skies are expected to be cloudy through Thursday with a likelihood of showers and a few thunderstorms tonight. Tonight's low temperature should fall to the lower 40s with winds becoming southwesterly at 10 to 15 mph. The high temperature Thursday should reach the upper 60s.

Tuesday's high temperature was 80 degrees, and the overnight low temperature was 39 degrees. The National Weather Service at Midland Regional Air Terminal recorded a trace of precipitation from a light rainfall which occurred at about 3 a.m.

Light rain and drizzle was reported in Lamesa and Stanton this morning while some moisture had fallen on Andrews, Crane and Big Spring earlier in the morning and last night. Both Rankin and Big Lake reported overcast skies and temperatures around 40 degrees.

Heavy rains set southern California awash

The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — A massive storm system rolled northeastward out of the Pacific into southern California Tuesday, dumping heavy rain on eight counties and causing more destructive flooding and landslides in the Los Angeles area.

The National Weather Service said that more than 2.5 inches of rain could fall in the coastal areas and as much as 4 to 6 inches in the foothills and mountains by this afternoon.

By 6:15 p.m. PST Tuesday, the

storm had dropped 1.62 inches of rain at Los Angeles Civic Center, bringing the seasonal total up to 23.18 inches. The forecaster noted that .10 of an inch fell in the last 15 minutes of that period.

These figures compare with a rainfall total of 7.38 inches at this time last year and a normal of 10.43 inches for the date.

Flash flood watches — meaning that flooding is possible in the watch areas — were issued for Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, all in southern California.

The Weather Service also issued an unusual "severe thunderstorm watch" along a 30-mile-long line from a point 10 miles northwest of suburban Burbank to 20 miles southeast of San Diego.

Gusty winds and hail were accompanying the thunderstorms, the forecaster said.

The Los Angeles City Fire Department set up a command post in the Sunland area, which, with the Tujunga area, had been hard hit by the Feb. 8-10 series of storms. The area is in the mountains to the northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Extra fire companies, bulldozers, skidloaders and two helicopters were brought into the area to be able to deal with any emergency on short notice.

The Los Angeles Police Department's Foothill Division also established a command post in the field.

At 5:45 p.m. PST, police reported

that Sunland Boulevard was the only major surface thoroughfare open into the Sunland-Tujunga area. Other arteries were closed by flooding and mudslides.

By late Tuesday afternoon, rock slides had closed a number of other roads in the foothills area.

Ralph and Anita Gustafson and their four daughters were forced to evacuate their home in the region because of flooding and mud slides.

The Gustafsons had spent the last two weeks cleaning up their house from mud and water damage by the previous storms.

Residents were ordered out of near-by Schwartz Canyon and Eby Canyon because of rising waters.

The Red Cross set up evacuation centers in Sun Valley and in La Crescenta, both of which lie in the foothills to the northwest.

By nightfall, Pacoima Dam was at 85 percent of capacity and was releasing water at the rate of 4,875 gallons a second, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District reported.

Big Tujunga Dam was at 66 percent of capacity and was discharging water at the rate of 1,700 gallons a second. Most of this water will run down into the Pacific Ocean, but some will flow into spreading grounds, a district spokesman said.

The California Highway Patrol also recommended that motorists stay off Malibu Canyon Road from the Pacific Coast Highway to six miles inland because of rock slides and flooding.

Don Nichols, assistant chief of hydraulic engineering for the county Flood Control District, was asked if this storm could cause damage as great as that inflicted by the storms earlier this month.

"Can it recur?" he said. "You bet it can."

"If we get 6 inches over 12 hours, we could handle that. But when we get brief flurries — high-intensity rainfall for 20 minutes or so — then you start getting problems."

"What the forecasters don't tell us

— they say they can't — is intensity durations. The potential is there for trouble."

Nichols was interrupted by a flash of lightning outside his window.

"That's not good," he said. "Thunderstorms mean high intensity."

Nichols said "we could come through this thing unscathed, but I expect some problems," especially in the areas that suffered during the earlier storms.

Popcorn poppers jump to defense

There's a multi-touted "health food" that's largely unnoticed today and has only a minute corner of the marketplace.

That spaced-out (as in jumping high) foods popped popcorn which, taken in sufficient quantities, can ease hunger pangs and, at the same time, leave you with a stomach ache.

But the popcorn poppin' people don't recommend you gorge yourself to the point of spoiling your appetite for the fruit of their labors.

First off, say the popcorn proponents, their product "isn't a junk food." They say it's "loaded with real nutrition" without pointing out the calories in this light-and-fluffy snack food.

As lightweight as it is, popped corn taken internally certainly could help turn the eater into a heavyweight. But that's unfair. So, too, could the



sweetness of cotton candy, which certainly is not as prevalent as popped popcorn.

The popcorn "touters" say eating their snack food is "good exercise for the teeth and gums."

It's not long-lasting as chewing gum or paraffin wax, which, for the kids, has been known to make a slightly-less-than-platable substitute for the regular gum. But it works, nevertheless.

Popped corn, too, is about as high in fiber content as a comparable amount (however much that might be) of whole wheat toast. And who of late hasn't heard of fiber?

And vitamins? Yes, those whose livelihood is somehow tied to the kernels of the cob-and-stalk plant would have you know that research shows that their corn contains the B-complex vitamins.

Too, there's no sugar to it, though a bowl- or sack-full of it may be loaded with salt and butter... or margarine, if you please.

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46th Senator speaks up in favor of canal treaties

By W. DALE NELSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Thomas J. McIntyre, undecided until now in the Panama Canal debate, said today he will vote to ratify the treaties despite threats of political retribution involving what he called "coarse and brutish" tactics.

The New Hampshire Democrat's announcement was accompanied by a harsh denunciation of some conser-

vatives, whom he said seek not to compete honorably but only to "annihilate those they see as 'enemies'."

McIntyre's decision brings the number of pro-treaty senators to 46 in a running count kept by The Associated Press. Ratification of the treaties would require approval by two-thirds of those present and voting, or 67 if all 100 senators vote.

The AP tally shows 25 senators opposed. Twenty-nine are undecided. Of

these, 11 have said they are leaning in favor of ratification and seven that they are leaning against.

McIntyre had not said before today that he was leaning either way.

He has been courted by the White House to vote for ratification. President Carter campaigned in New Hampshire in mid-February for McIntyre, who is up for re-election this year.

But he also has been under pressure

by conservative organizations to oppose the treaties, particularly by the Conservative Caucus. Howard Phillips, national director of the caucus, has threatened some senators voting for the treaties with "potential political retribution."

In a speech prepared for delivery on the Senate floor, McIntyre accused the Conservative Caucus and other "new right" elements of using

"coarse and brutish" means to impose their views on others.

McIntyre expressed reservations about one aspect of the treaties. They provide for annual payments of \$10 million to Panama from surplus canal revenues during the transition period ending in the year 2000.

The senator said he might support an amendment or understanding to make clear that the United States would not have to make up the difference if operating surpluses fell short of the amount.

after that date.

On Tuesday, the Senate rejected by a 69-24 vote an amendment by Sen. William Scott, R-Va., which Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, the treaties' floor manager, said was designed to kill them by forcing a second plebiscite in Panama.

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Aid to cities creates 'civil war'

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House efforts to give governors the voice they want in urban affairs and mayors the relief they demand are putting the Carter administration in the middle of a civil war.

The nation's governors, from Georgia to California, scolded the administration Tuesday for threatening to cut back their revenue-sharing funds as part of President Carter's national urban policy proposals.

Then the mayors took their turn attacking the new urban funds that the White House wants to give governors to induce them to help their cities.

In all, it was a rough day for the administration. Urban policy dominated the closing hours of the

National Governors Association winter meeting and the mayors took their beefs directly to the White House.

Mayor Lee Alexander of Syracuse, N.Y., president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, led a delegation that spent two hours with presidential domestic affairs adviser Stuart Eizenstat and other officials. The mayors came out grumbling about the states' getting urban money.

"There's such a scarcity of money that if we want to help cities, I think the best way is for that money to go directly to the cities," Alexander said.

"We're sure the administration is trying to help cities by suggesting there be state incentives to lever states to help cities," Alexander said.

"But states now receive some \$2 billion of the \$6 billion in general revenue-sharing funds. They also share handsomely in the \$80 billion that goes out to state and local governments."

Carter is trying to satisfy both sides by forming a partnership in the war on crumbling communities.

The president's difficulties in coming up with an urban policy acceptable to all sides were reflected by administration reports Tuesday that formal announcement of the policy would be delayed once again, this time until at least late March.

Work on the policy began last March. Since then, several announcement dates have been missed as the eight agencies involved have become entangled in disputes over

what the plan should contain.

Further delays may cause problems for the congressional budget committees that must review the policy because they have only until April 15 to report resolutions with fiscal 1979 spending targets.

The president says he has believed all along, even when he was governor of Georgia, that revenue-sharing money intended to attack urban problems should go directly to cities and not through the states, as a third of the money now is.

But Carter also agreed with his former state house colleagues that some urban needs cannot be met without state involvement, such as for roadbuilding, school financing, tax relief, industry recruitment and placement of large public facilities.



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Confirmation of Miller likely

WASHINGTON (AP) — G. William Miller is heading for swift Senate confirmation as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board as investigators found no evidence that he did anything improper in connection with his firm's sale of helicopters to Iran.

Miller, chairman of Textron Inc., one of the nation's largest conglomerates, says an ongoing investigation of his company's business practices will not impede his work as the nation's central banker because he has done nothing illegal or wrong.

Reappearing before the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday, Miller rejected as "irresponsible" committee chairman William Proxmire's recommendation that he withdraw his nomination because of the investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

A dozen committee members, complaining that confirmation had been unnecessarily delayed, tried to force an immediate vote to recommend Miller, 52, to the full Senate.

However, unanimous consent was required, and Proxmire, D-Wis., and Sen. Edward W. Brooke, R-Mass., the committee's ranking Republican, announced their objections.

Under committee rules the vote now will be held Thursday. Proxmire conceded the nomination will be favorably reported from the committee and promptly confirmed by the Senate.

Of the committee's 15 senators, only Proxmire has said he might vote no.

The Federal Reserve post in which Miller would oversee the nation's monetary policies, is viewed as one of the most powerful in government.

Miller was recalled before the committee to answer again whether he knew that the commander in chief of Iran's air force, the late Gen. Mohammed Khatami, was a secret owner of a firm that received \$2.95 million from a Textron subsidiary for helping to arrange a helicopter sale to Iran.

The deal by Bell Helicopter, one of 30 Textron subsidiaries, eventually was worth \$1.5 billion to Bell.

Many senators who complained about delays in confirming Miller said there was no evidence that the nominee knew of Khatami's ownership of Air Taxi Inc., an Iranian sales agency.

Proxmire insisted that Bell's payment to Air Taxi was clearly improper.

Repeating testimony he gave to the committee on Jan. 24, Miller said he had never known — and still is not convinced — that Khatami was an owner of Air Taxi. Other top company officials also had no such knowledge, he said.

If the Iranian general was an owner, Textron and Bell officials were deceived, Miller said.

When the hearing ended, Proxmire urged Miller to consider his position for 48 hours, then step aside.

Proxmire said the SEC investigation of Textron will continue for up to six months, cast a cloud over Miller and impair his ability to operate at the Fed.



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U.S. families lower standards, study indicates

NEW YORK (AP) — More than a third of U.S. families have lowered their standard of living to make ends meet and an equal number have lost faith in the American dream, according to a new study of the impact of inflation and recession.

The study, conducted by David Caplovitz, a professor of sociology at the Graduate School of the City University of New York, also found that more than a fifth of those surveyed — 22 percent — said they were less interested than they used to be in owning expensive things.

Participants in the study were ranked, on a scale of zero to three, as to whether they had lowered their aspirations because of the economic crunch. The rankings were based on answers to questions about standard of living, the desire for expensive items and faith in the American dream, which was not defined.

Fifty-six percent were ranked one or more, indicating lowered aspirations to some degree. Only 2 percent, however, were ranked as having lowered their hopes considerably.

Caplovitz's study, "Making Ends Meet: How Families Cope with Inflation and Recession," was based on interviews in May and June 1976 with 1,982 people in the metropolitan areas of New York, Atlanta, San Francisco and Detroit.

Poor and retired people were deliberately oversampled because they were most likely to have felt the impact of the economic crunch; single, divorced and separated people were undersampled, because the study was designed primarily to deal with family groups.

Caplovitz measured two types of inflation: objective, meaning the gap between income and rising prices, and subjective, involving the degree to which a family was suffering.

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Annual Radio City show to go on, but for last time

NEW YORK (AP) — Radio City Music Hall opens its annual gala Easter show Thursday featuring, as always, the high-kicking Rockettes, live music and a family movie.

But on April 12, management says, the 45-year-old entertainment palace will shut its doors, despite thousands of petitions, scores of speeches and countless emotional pleas.

The last year the theater made a profit was 1968, when it took in \$220,552. Since then some \$14 million has been lost by the 6,200-seat attraction that made its reputation on live entertainment accompanied by

family films. "The Music Hall is closing in its present form April 12. That much is for sure," a hall spokeswoman says. Music Hall fans and employees hope the theater will reopen in some other form or in its old form with help from the city or state.

Much of the hope centers on a March 14 meeting of the city's Landmark Preservation Commission, although commission officials cautioned that it could take a year before any action is taken. The action likely would be in the form of a tax break.



Zara Cully Brown

Cancer claims actress Zara Brown, 'Mother Jefferson' in television series

The Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Veteran actress Zara Cully Brown, who played the irascible mother-in-law on the CBS television show, "The Jeffersons," died Tuesday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center of cancer. She was 86.

She had been admitted to the hospital Saturday. A spokesman at CBS said the white-haired actress, whose stage name was Zara Cully, went off the show in mid-season last year with a collapsed lung. She had made only occasional appearances on the show since that time.

Miss Cully, a great-grandmother

herself, played the mother of George Jefferson in the popular television comedy series about a black family living in a Manhattan highrise apartment.

She was a graduate of the Worcester, Mass., School of Speech and Drama. After her marriage she moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where she was active in writing, directing and producing plays.

Her first appearance on the West Coast was in an Ebony Showcase production of "Detective Story."

Miss Cully's movie credits include "The Learning Tree," "The Great White Hope," "Ghetto Woman" "The

Liberation of L.B. Jones" and "Christmas Dreams." She had appeared on numerous television shows, including CBS Playhouse and NBC Matinee Theater.

Widowed, she leaves two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A son-in-law, John A. Buggs, is staff director of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission in Washington, D.C.

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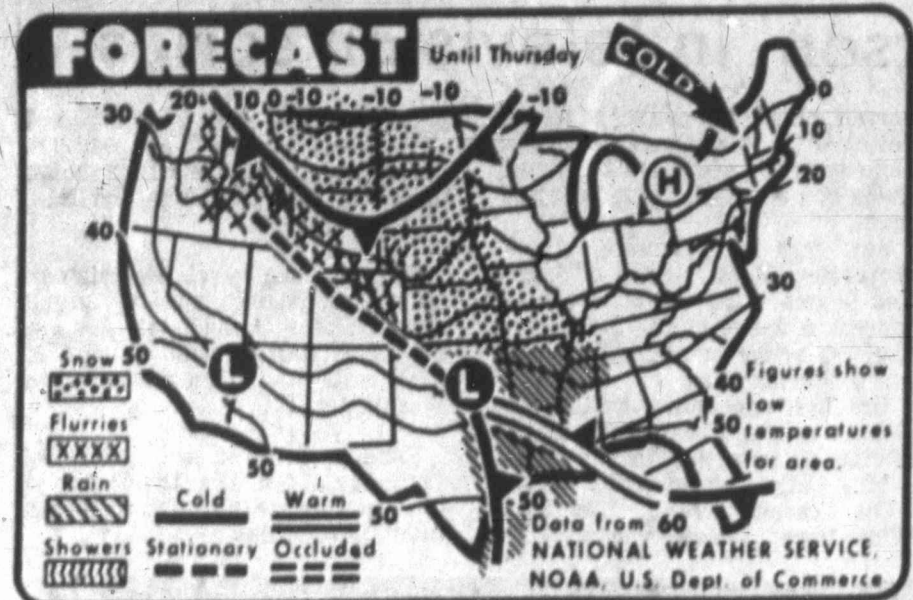
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WEATHER SUMMARY



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Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Cloudy through Thursday. Chance of showers and a few thunderstorms tonight.

Weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Anchorage, Asheville, Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Bloomington, Boise, Boston, Brownsville, Buffalo, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Duluth, El Paso, Fort Worth, Hartford, Helena, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Rapid City, Richmond, St. Louis, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Tulsa, Wichita, and Youngstown.

Table of local temperatures for Midland at various times of the day: 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00.

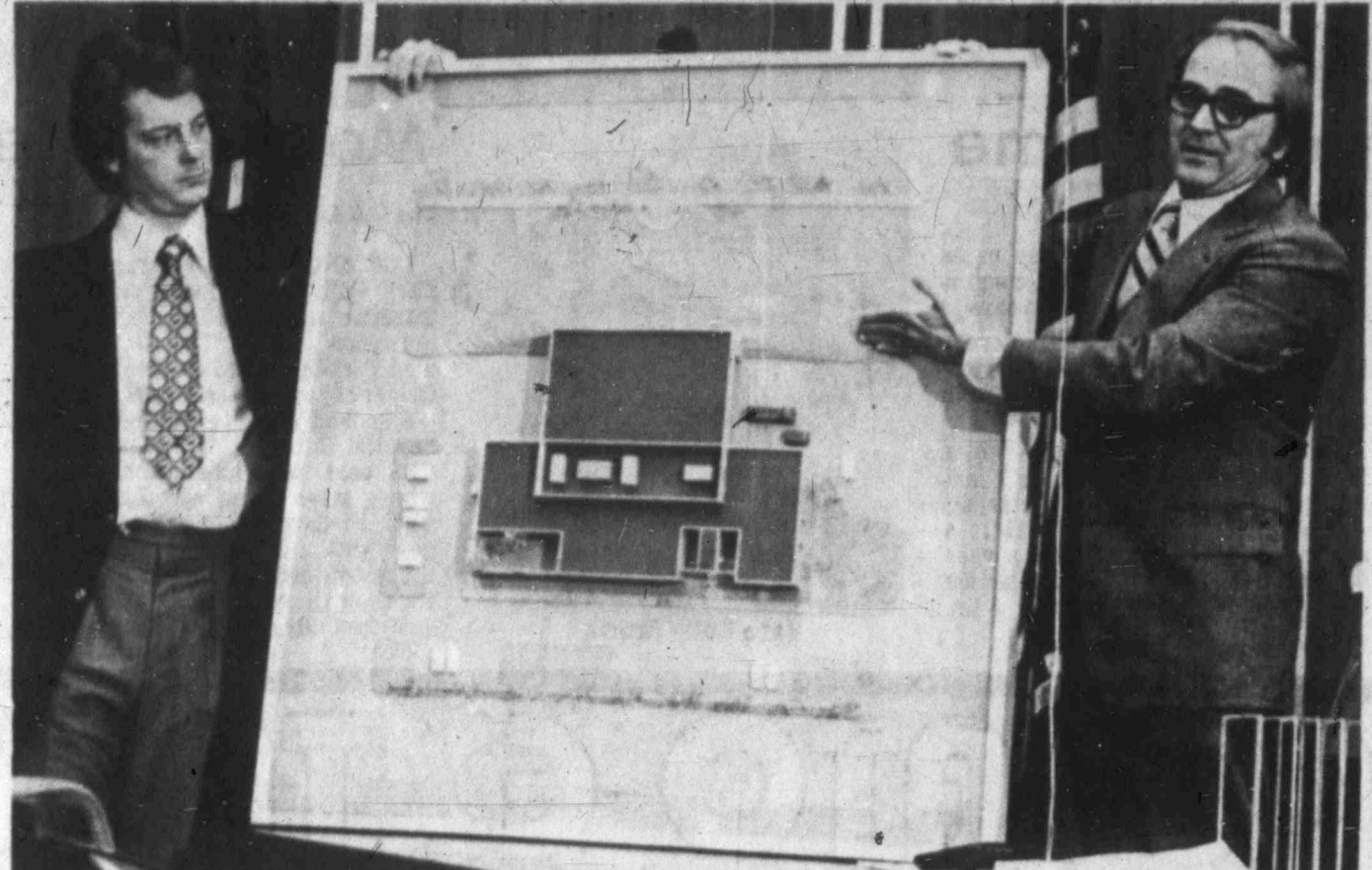
Table of southwest temperatures for cities like Abilene, Amarillo, El Paso, Fort Worth, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, and Pampa.

Table of Texas area forecasts for North Texas, West Texas, and South Texas.

Table of Texas Thermometer readings for various cities including Abilene, Alice, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Chihuahua, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Del Rio, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Junction, Longview, Lubbock, Midland, Mineral Wells, Odessa, Pampa, San Angelo, San Antonio, Sherman, Texarkana, Tyler, Victoria, Waco, and Wichita Falls.



A SEARCHER helps Lisa Albrizzi remove her wet and muddy socks Tuesday after she and four other spelunkers were found in Old Schoolhouse Cave near Waterloo, Ill. She and the four young men were reported exhausted but suffering from only minor injuries.



Architect Bob Zentner, right, explains the use of ground contours to conceal the proposed new central fire station at Crier Park. Assisting Zentner is Tim Nortner, also an architect. (Staff Photo)

Soviets have probed 'outer limits' of arms control pact, report says

WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union has probed the outer limits of the U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms control pact in the last five years, but every dispute has been resolved, according to a Carter administration report Tuesday.

Publications of the report was hailed by Senate champions of current U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms control negotiations as evidence that recurring charges of "Soviet cheating" on the 1972 accord are "ill-founded."

limitations for intercontinental missile-firing submarines under the 1972 strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) accord. This pact technically expired last Oct. 3 but is being continued until a new pact is negotiated.

Striking farmers persist in plans to block bridge

McAlLEN, Texas (AP) — Despite the mayor of McAllen's plea to "understand our situation here," striking farmers say they will go through with plans to block the international bridge at Hidalgo today.

He told the strikers that the crops he imports from across the border are out of season vegetables that cannot be found in the United States.

Brand told the farmers they have the right to demonstrate at the bridge but not to impede the 6,000 vehicles that cross the span each day.

Mennonites to sign new documents

SEMINOLE — Final legal papers were supposed to be signed today to ease the financial worries which have plagued a large group of Mennonite immigrants.

Special day proclaimed

Midland City Council has declared March 16 as Senior Citizens Against Crime Day. The announcement was made Tuesday during a regular council meeting.

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James G. Tompkins, senior vice president of Lykes Bros. Steamship Co. Inc., confirmed Tuesday the firm was one of the bidders for the shipment of buses which will be outfitted at a Marshall, Texas, plant.

Third man seeks post

A third candidate for Greenwood school board Place 4 filed for that post Tuesday.

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O'Neal's sentences are to run concurrently.

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DEATHS

Raymond Cooley

BIG SPRING — Services for Raymond H. Cooley, 67, of Big Spring will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in the North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church here with the Rev. David Pohl, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. in Trent Cemetery in Trent directed by Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Cooley died Monday in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born Dec. 31, 1910, in Covington. He married Ida Estep Sept. 17, 1938, in Merkel. They came to Big Spring in 1966. He worked for Baldridge Bread Co. He was a World War II veteran. He was a member of the North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church.

Floss Bulta

Floss Bulta, 67, mother of William Bulta and Warren Bulta, both of Midland, died Feb. 22 at her home in Garland.

Services were held Sunday in Le Roy, Ill., and burial was in the Dawson Cemetery at nearby Ellsworth, Ill.

Mrs. Bulta was born June 15, 1890, at Ellsworth, and had lived most of her life in the Bloomington-Normal area of Illinois before she moved to Texas in recent years. She frequently visited her children and relatives in Midland and Odessa.

Survivors other than the two sons in Midland include three sons, including Elton Bulta of Odessa, four daughters, 34 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Six grandchildren were pallbearers.

Gerald Nichol

BIG SPRING — Gerald Nichol, 60, died Tuesday morning in a Big Spring hospital after a long illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Nichol was born Nov. 9, 1917, in Loco, Okla. He was a tool pusher before his retirement in 1970. He married Wanda Anderson in 1947 in Carlsbad, N.M. He was a Methodist.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Callie Heffington of Big Spring; a son, Gerald Nichol of Big Spring; a brother, R. M. Nichol of St. Louis; four sisters, Mrs. Barney

More opposed to treaties

By EVANS WITT

NEW YORK (AP) — Public opposition to amended Panama Canal treaties has grown in recent weeks as the Senate moves slowly toward a decision on the pacts, a new Associated Press-NBC News poll shows.

Despite the increase on a broad front in opposition to the agreements, a majority of Americans still express support for the treaties if they are amended as suggested by the Senate leadership.

Forty percent of those familiar with the treaties oppose ratification by the Senate, even if the pacts are amended to guarantee U.S. defense rights and the right to speedy passage through the waterway in time of crisis after the year 2000, when Panama would control the canal.

In an AP-NBC News poll six weeks ago, respondents were asked if they supported the treaties provided they were amended to guarantee U.S. defense rights. At that time, 25 percent of those interviewed opposed the pacts.

In the most recent poll, taken last week, 34 percent said they support ratification of the amended pacts. In the January poll, the figure was 65 percent in support.

Six percent were uncertain in the February survey.

Thus, the latest poll found an increase of 15 points in opposition strength and a drop of about 11 points in support for the treaties in the last six weeks.

Public awareness of the treaties continued to climb, increasing to 81 percent of those interviewed last week, versus the 77 percent who said in the January AP-NBC News poll that they had heard or read of the pacts.

The latest poll was taken Feb. 22 and 23, as the Senate met in secret session to discuss allegations that the family of Panamanian leader

Rue of Loco, Okla., Mrs. Bill Orr of Cordell, Okla., Mrs. Bobbie Mack of New Orleans and Marian Shelor of Dodge City, Kan., and two grandchildren.

Cecil Nabors

BIG SPRING — Cecil "Cy" Nabors, 68, of Big Spring died Tuesday morning in a Big Spring hospital.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home with burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Nabors was born May 5, 1909, in Brownwood and came to Big Spring in August 1922. He married LaVell Barbee Aug. 25, 1934. She died in 1971. Nabors served one term as justice of the peace in the 1950s. He was a scoutmaster 11 years.

He is survived by a brother, O. L. Nabors of Big Spring.

Lois Smith

ODESSA — Lois Elizabeth Smith, 69, of Odessa, mother of Glenda Kay Murphy of Midland, died Tuesday at her home after a short illness.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Smith was born May 14, 1908, in Hamilton. She married R. W. Smith Jr. Nov. 24, 1932, in Gladewater. She came to Odessa in September 1935 from Cisco. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Ladies of the Oriental Shrine. She belonged to the Belmont Baptist Church.

Other survivors include her husband; a daughter, Sherry Lynn Nabors of Richardson; three sisters, Opal Agnes of Cisco, Elsie Robertson of Odessa and Betty Ray Gasperek of Dallas; two brothers, Wendell Richardson and Clayton Richardson, both of Fort Worth, and six grandchildren.

Robert Goode

CLARKSVILLE — Services for Robert Elmer "Pop" Goode, 78, of Clarksville and formerly of Midland were held Sunday in Jolly Funeral Home here with burial in Madras Cemetery in Clarksville.

Goode died Friday in a Clarksville hospital after a long illness.

He was born Dec. 16, 1899, in Black Springs, Ark. While living in Midland he worked for the city of Midland until his retirement in 1965. He moved to Clarksville shortly thereafter.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Williamson Goode; five sons, James Ross Goode of Clarksville, Bill Goode of Midland, Robert E. Goode of Cullman, Ala., and Carroll G. Goode and Gerald F. Goode, both of Enid, Okla.; a brother, Clifford Goode of South America, and nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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that those who say they feel very strongly about the Panama Canal are evenly divided among supporters and opponents. And, in general, the less importance a person attaches to the canal issue, the more likely the respondent is to favor the pact.

There are two Panama Canal treaties.

Beef, eggs boosted grocery bills

By LOUISE COOK
Associated Press Writer

Higher prices for beef and eggs helped boost the family grocery bill again last month, leaving the total nearly 11 percent bigger than it was a year earlier and almost 60 percent above what it was five years ago, an Associated Press marketbasket survey shows.

The prices on the supermarket shelves generally reflected trends at the wholesale level. Beef prices, for example, have been increasing steadily because fewer cattle have been marketed for slaughter.

The AP drew up a random list of 15 commonly purchased food and non-

food items and checked the price on March 1, 1973, at one supermarket in each of 13 cities. The prices have been rechecked on or about the start of each succeeding month. One item — chocolate chip cookies — was dropped from the list late last year because the manufacturer discontinued the package size used in the survey.

Government statistics show that retail prices for food eaten at home and in restaurants have increased nearly 50 percent over the past five years. The biggest boosts — 14.5 percent each year — came in 1973 and 1974. This year's food bill, according to the government economists, is expected to rise between 4 percent and 6 percent, slightly less than it did last year's.

The latest AP survey showed the marketbasket total increased during February at the checklist store in eight cities, up an average of 3.9 percent. The bill decreased at the checklist store in five cities, down an average of 1.4 percent. On an overall basis, the marketbasket total went up an average of 1.9 percent in February, following a 1.2 percent boost in January.

Comparing prices at the start of March with those a year earlier, the AP found the marketbasket total increased at the checklist store in every city, rising an average of 10.9 percent.

The AP also looked at how today's prices compared with costs when the marketbasket survey was started and found that the bill for the food and non-food items at the 13 checklist stores increased an average of 58.5 percent. A major part of the increase was due to higher prices for coffee, which soared in the second half of 1975 and reached a peak of nearly \$5 a pound last spring before starting to decline. When coffee was removed from the marketbasket totals, the AP survey showed the average bill at the checklist stores has increased 40.1 percent since March 1, 1973.

The latest rises were widespread — more than three times as many items increased as decreased. But the boosts hit hardest at beef and eggs. Prices for chopped chuck and all-beef frankfurters increased at the checklist store in nine cities; eggs went up in 12 cities.

Hamburger prices in particular have been rising for several months. The average price of a pound of chopped chuck at the checklist stores on Jan. 1 was \$1.03; by Feb. 1, the average was up to \$1.15; and the latest survey found the average price was \$1.23.

Egg prices — which usually increase at this time of the year — followed the traditional pattern.

Teens want to be heard on juvenile justice system

HOUSTON (AP) — American teenagers are just as concerned as adults about the juvenile justice system, but they feel they don't have much voice in suggesting ways to deal with it, according to young Keystone Club members attending their annual conference here.

"There are kids aching to speak out about juvenile crime, about the shortcomings of schools," said David Gonzalez, 16, of Omaha. Gonzalez is a

member of one of nine Keystone Clubs chosen by the Boys' Clubs of America to serve as pilot sites in a project designed to use their ideas and experience to reach young people in danger of entering the confusing and clogged-up juvenile justice system.

The justice department's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration recently made a two-year \$800,000 grant to the Boys' Clubs to fund the project. Keystone Clubs are the teenage-oriented groups within the larger organization.

"At least 90 percent of our grant proposal came straight from club members," said project director John Badger. "We're counting on the sites to come up with ways to reach kids who might otherwise become delinquent."

The nine clubs are in Waco, Texas, Binghamton and Schenectady, N.Y., Hollywood and Richmond, Calif., Las Cruces, N.M., Monmouth, N.J., Bridgeport, Conn. and Omaha.

Keystone members at the conference — many of whom are from low income and inner city backgrounds — spent several hours Tuesday identifying causes of delinquency and proposing ways to prevent it.

Edison holds Career Day

About 60 Midlanders from various professional and business fields of work today were to talk to Edison Freshman School students about jobs during the school's fourth annual Career Day.

Mary Zeigler, vocational counselor at the school, said the ninth graders were to hear about careers ranging from ranching to modeling during three sessions, starting at 9 a.m. and continuing until 10:30 a.m.

3 KSU athletes found guilty in rape case

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Three former Kansas State University football players were found guilty Tuesday in the March 30 rape of a Topeka coed at the school's athletic dormitory.

A Riley County District Court jury deliberated for 3½ hours before returning the verdict.

The three sat expressionless as the verdict was announced. Defense attorney Charles Scott said he would file for a new trial within 10 days.

Found guilty were Nate Jones, 20, a cornerback from Chicago; Ken Lovely, 19, a tailback from Dallas; and Mike Woodfin, 19, a running back from Topeka.

K-State athletic director John "Jersey" Jermier said late Tuesday he is suspending Jones and Lovely from intercollegiate athletic competition and recommending their financial aid be discontinued.

Closing arguments were heard earlier Tuesday, followed by Judge Ronald Innes' instructions to the jury.

Scott charged that the court proceedings constituted a racist proceeding against his clients, who are black.

He also took issue with the management of the athletic dorm, likening the facility to a "house of ill repute, a bawdy house, whatever you want to call it."

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Lessening controversy seems to boost mood of White House team

By FRANK CORMIER
 WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter and his team are feeling better this week, thank you. And it's not a moment too soon.
 The improved mood around the White House is attributable to the coal settlement, albeit tentative; to final congressional approval of Carter's plan to scrap the B-1 bomber program; and to brighter prospects for Senate ratification of the Panama Canal treaty.
 Barely a week ago, executive tempers were frayed because of an escalating series of confrontations between the White House and the Washington press corps that revived memories of the "us against them" syndrome associated with the aborted presidency of Richard Nixon.
 To Nixon, most reporters were suspect because he believed they

were partisan Democrats. More recently, Carter & Co. have reacted so strongly to displeasing publicity that one could be pardoned for wondering if they saw a Republican fifth column in the White House press room.
 But this is nothing new, folks. Although President Kennedy generally received a favorable press, even he once lamented, "I'm reading more now but enjoying it less."
 About 11 months ago, sensitivity to press accounts by the Carter White House surfaced when press secretary Jody Powell awakened an Associated Press reporter at 6:15 a.m. to denounce a report that the secretary of state wouldn't deny the administration had miscalculated in handing Moscow an ambitious and quickly-rebuffed proposal to limit nuclear arms.
 This was regarded by reporters as

fair warning that the administration never miscalculates until or unless the president says so.
 A few weeks later, Powell became even more incensed at a New York Times account that pictured Carter as a reclusive martinet. The press secretary stunned reporters by acknowledging he had canvassed more than a score of White House staff members in a search for those who had talked to the Times.
 All this was but a warmup, however, for the full head of steam Powell generated as reporters began writing stories that suggested the private banking practices of presidential confidant Bert Lance left much to be desired.
 And then came Carter's New Year's trip abroad. Overshadowing made-for-television events were difficulties with a translator in Poland, an open

microphone in India that picked up a presidential secret, and other glitches.
 The normally good-humored Powell struck back by telling a Boston audience the translator story was blown out of proportion because "most of the American press was drunk" when Polish officials, at a midnight cocktail party, gleefully disclosed the translator's problems.
 Powell neglected to say that the unfortunate translator was dismissed by the White House before the Poles began dispensing vodka.
 The press secretary had something of greater moment to holler about as the press corps began writing of David Marston, the GOP-appointed federal prosecutor who fell victim to the remnants of the political spoils system that some folks had expected Carter to dismantle.

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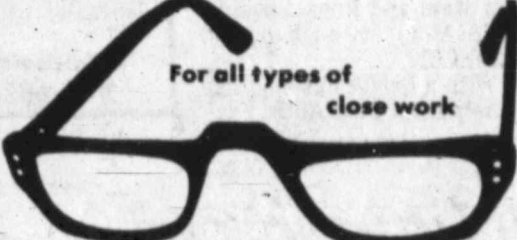
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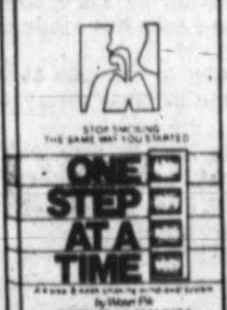
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Ann Eschberger, Ritchie marry in church rites

Ann Eschberger and James Morton Curran Ritchie Jr., both of Midland, were married at 7 p.m. Saturday in a double ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Steve Edwards in the First Christian Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Eschberger of 2000 Western Drive, and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hilory G. Bedford, pioneer Midlanders. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. C. Ritchie of Santa Fe, N.M.

Mrs. Craig Eschberger, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor, and Diane Elder was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Dinah Ritchie, Hope Ritchie and Grace Ritchie, all of Santa Fe and sisters of the bridegroom.

Best man was David M. D. Ritchie of New York City, N.Y., brother of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were H. T. Hilliard Jr. of Midland, Philip Oviatt of Dallas and Mark Eschberger of Austin and Craig Eschberger of Midland, both brothers of the bride.

Ushers were John Mays of Tulsa, cousin of the bride, and Nash Dowdle Jr. of Midland.

Ring bearer was Sean Eschberger

of Midland, nephew of the bride.

When presented in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of Ivory Qiana designed by Galina and fashioned with an asymmetrical bodice of beaded Alencon lace, setting off a wedding band neckline. Long, Bishop sleeves were accented by wide bands of beaded Alencon lace at the cuffs. The skirt flowed from an empire waistline into a full chapel-length train.

The bride carried a cascade bouquet of cymbidium orchids, stephanotis and brown eucalyptus. A stephanotis arrangement was worn in the hair attached to a full-length veil.

Wedding music was furnished by Steve Spain, organist.

After a reception in the Midland Country Club, the couple left for a wedding trip to New Orleans, La. They will reside in Midland.

Parents of the bridegroom hosted the rehearsal dinner in the Racquet Club of Midland.

Other pre-nuptial parties included a rice bag and bridesmaids luncheon hosted by Mrs. Archer P. Farr and Mrs. T. P. Tarwater, a cocktail reception given by Mr. and Mrs.



Mrs. James Ritchie Jr.

Henri R. deCompigne in their home, a luncheon for out-of-city guests hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bell in their home on the day of the wedding, a luncheon at Midland Country Club given by Mrs. Pat Sale Kemper and Mrs. Larry Lynn and a recipe and spice shower hosted by Mrs. H. G. Bedford Jr., Mrs. Cecil Elder and Diane Elder in the Bedford home.

Wallcovering can set room's tone

By VIVIAN BROWN
AP Newsfeatures Writer

The delicate subtlety of watercolor painting continues to go to walls, setting the decorating pace for an entire room.

More of these wallcoverings, which can give the appearance of hand-decorated walls, were shown at a recent industry exhibit sponsored by the Wallcovering Information Bureau.

More than 100 coverings — paper, fabric-backed vinyls and mylars — were among the preprepared, pre-trimmed, strippable and peelable coverings.

All exhibitors seemed to have gotten the earth message — browns, olive greens, terra cotta and so on, which are being starred with blues, tans, citrus, apricots, warm grays, among the groups of designs shown.

These colors are found in all categories including Americana, novelty and classic.

At the exhibit there were large-scale florals — one in shades of gray and brown on white. Another combined a floral and leaf design by Schumacher in apricot and beige, and there was a leaf spray against a trellis by Thibaut.

Some designers see smaller-scale fabrics as a trend but geometrics have definitely slowed up, says Dennis Maiotti of Lennon, because

they aren't really being accepted by American consumers "except where they are being promoted by interior designers in some metropolitan cities."

Beryl Oppenheimer, stylist for Seeman Studios, notes that fashionable clear orange colors have shifted toward the apricot and pink colorings, with a peach cast. She sees the Oriental influence and romantic watercolors as a trend.

Peter Hermann, design director of

Imperial, agrees that designers are producing many finely drawn designs and these require subtle tones of colors akin to watercolors.

This indicates, he says, that the mechanical aspects of the industry must be kept up-to-date in order to reproduce the desired effect — soft, restful shades of color.

One of his watercolor leaf-design effects is in shades of green and yellow on white.

Lubbock resident speaks at coffee

Mrs. Morris Sheats of Lubbock spoke on "How to Have a Happy Family" at a coffee in the home of Mrs. Audrey Smith, 4334 W. Dengar St.

The presentation included a discussion of principles necessary to developing a successful family.

Mrs. Sheats stressed the importance of each parent's personal involvement in the growth of interpersonal relationships within the family. She stated, "We can change no one by direct action, but as we change ourselves, we influence the lives of others."

She encouraged parents to take time to monitor what their children are viewing on television, become active in their children's academics and set an example for moral principles necessary for the family to survive.

The primary objective of each family in determining its strengths and weaknesses should be the setting of priorities for both relationships and commitment of time.

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DEAR ABBY Paramedic urges child abusers to seek help

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: For several years I've served as a paramedic on a volunteer basis with the county ambulance service. I enjoy it, but I'm thinking of giving it up. I can handle accident victims, drownings, coronaries, but I'm just not up to facing one more abused child. Last night I held a beautiful 5-year-old child in my arms who had been beaten so badly she looked as though she had been in a wreck. With her tiny hand clutched tightly around my forefinger, she managed to whisper, "I was bad, before she died. (The parents didn't realize they were "hurting" her that much—they were only trying to teach her a lesson!)"

I would love to adopt a child, and even went through all the red tape single people must go through in applying for a child. I love children and I know I'd be a good mother, but I'm gay and if the adoption agency found out, that would be the end of it.

Abby, please tell parents who are maiming, killing and psychologically abusing their children to seek competent help. They are so lucky to have children. There are a lot of us who would give anything to call ourselves parents.—NO NAME OR TOWN, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: Nearly every city has a hot-line for parents who abuse their children. I hope your letter serves as a reminder that there IS help for such child abusers. Call your local information for the

number.

DEAR ABBY: I recently borrowed a glass flower vase from a friend. When I went to her house to return it, she wasn't home, but her next door neighbor volunteered to see that she got it, so I left it with her. Well, the neighbor's little boy accidentally broke the vase. It can be replaced, but it is rather expensive, so I told this neighbor that I thought she should pay half and I would pay half. But she said she was only trying to do me a favor and she didn't see why she should pay anything. Who is responsible in this case?—CHICAGO

DEAR CHICAGO: You are.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 9-year-old girl who has juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. To treat my symptoms I take a heavy daily dose of cortisone. Until my illness I was a normal kid in size and appearance, but the medicine I take has made me "moonfaced" and very heavy.

Abby, many of the kids at school call me names and tease me because of my weight, and lately it's been hurting me.

What's the best way to make my classmates understand that I can't help the way I look, and it's not from eating too much sweets.—FAITH-FULLY WAITING IN MASS.

DEAR WAITING: You need not be ashamed to tell your classmates exactly what you have told me. Please do. When they learn the truth, I bet they'll stop the teasing and name-calling. Please write again and give me a progress report. I care.

DEAR ABBY: My mother, a beautiful woman of 53, recently married a widower of 57. Daddy died two years ago and this man's wife died a year ago. Mom and "Pops" (as I call him) seemed made for each other.

It all started when Pops moved into Mom's home. Mom always had an 8 by 10 colored picture of my father (whom I'll call "Daddy") on the TV. Pops placed an 8 by 10 colored picture of his deceased wife on the TV beside it.

Next time we went to Mom's, she had another picture of Daddy—in his hunting outfit—on her bureau. Soon Pops placed a picture of his deceased wife on the bureau. This game has been going on until it's become ridiculous.

Their apartment is now cluttered with pictures of Daddy and Pop's first wife.

Nobody says anything about it, but I'm sure there's been a few words between Mom and Pops. Should I mention it? I'm very close to Mom. My husband told me to keep quiet.—CONCERNED

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By BILL CURRY

The Washington Post

MINDEN, Nev. — By the billions, Arab petrodollars come back to the United States each year.

Saudi businessman Ghaiath Pharaon buys a bank or two or three. A Houston engineering firm closes a deal to oversee construction of a \$4-billion-plus natural gas project in Saudi Arabia, meaning 70,000 hours of work each week in Houston.

But at the same time, on a small and less visible but surprisingly widespread scale, increasing numbers of American businessmen and their workers are finding prosperity — both in profits and in paychecks — linked to the Saudis and other Middle Eastern nations with petrodollars to spend around.

In a long and narrow room in what used to be the Minden Butter Manufacturing plant here, Madge Johnson assembles tiny electronic sensor components for \$5.76 an hour. It helps support her two teen-age daughters, keeps up the \$86-a-month car payment and left enough last year to pay \$600 in auto and house insurance premiums without cracking the family nest egg or going into debt.

There will even be a \$200 refund from the Internal Revenue Service for her.

About one-sixth of it all came from the Middle East. Of the \$5.76 Johnson earns each hour, fully \$1 of it is a petrodollar. The reason is that her employer, Bently Nevada, now does some \$5 million of its \$26 million in total sales with the Middle East.

"Absolutely," answers company President Donald R. Bently, when asked if some of his employees owe their jobs to the Saudis and other Middle East customers. The firm's payroll is \$80,000 a week, and, averaged out, every sixth week represents Middle East petrodollars.

Across the continent, in Donora, Pa., Betty Ferguson earns \$5.73 hourly checking goods arriving at the lubrication systems division of the Elliott Co. For her, \$85 of her \$100 monthly mortgage payment comes from Saudi Arabia, because Elliott currently sends 85 percent of its production components for natural gas compressors to the Saudis.

The Saudis took Ferguson, who supports two young children and her mother, off a \$72-a-week unemployment check. Some 90 percent of the Donora plant's work force, which doubled from 65 to 137 in the past year, were taken off the unemployment rolls.

Down south, in Conway, Ark., Ward Industries doubled its production of school buses last year with a \$60 million Egyptian order, an infusion of business that made the assembly line sprout from 800 to 1,100 people. Soon, another 50 will be added to stamp out parts for a Ward assembly plant to be opened in Jiddah — a venture of company Chairman Charles Ward and Ghaiath Pharaon.

Both the Egyptian order and the Jiddah plant were outgrowths of a \$25 million job for the Saudis, who wanted 700 buses to transport Moslem pilgrims to Mecca and Medina.

So it is for thousands of Americans in scores of scattered communities: whether potato chips, Oreo cookies, completely furnished modular hotel rooms or large equipment. Middle East business is providing profits and capital, paying for cars and houses and bringing, in some cases, a full awareness of dependence on oil money.

What concerns some people in the American Jewish community is whether that dependence of individual paychecks or the national aggregate of billions of dollars in sales to the Middle East could somehow eventually influence U.S. policy toward Israel and its Arab antagonists.

All of this forms a backdrop for the recent direct Egyptian and Israeli appeals for U.S. public opinion to support them in the current peace negotiations, including a plea by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat for Americans to "exert your influence" on Israel.

Both Sadat and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan have visited the United States in efforts to gain the support of Americans.

Milton Ellerin, of the American Jewish Committee in New York, said, "The concern is there that (Arab) business could be used adversely," either in company hiring and promotion policies or as a lever on public opinion toward Israel. "You fear the unknown," he added. "This is an unknown."

"We can't afford to make the Arabs mad at this time," says E.O. Ryan, Ward Industries' vice president for engineering, who became a Conway engineer celebrity before the Lions Club, the Civic Club and the Business Women's Club with his reflections on life in Saudi Arabia after a business trip there.

"Three hundred jobs is a lot of jobs in that town," adds Charles Ward of the growth in his plant at Conway, population 15,000. "Everyone is aware of the impact," particularly when 40 Arabs spent two to three weeks in a local hotel while being trained at the bus plant.

Asked how this has affected public opinion, Ward cites a recent editorial in a Little Rock newspaper criticizing the Israeli government for what it considered obstructionism to Sadat's peace initiative.

Last year the United States exported some \$7 billion in goods to Arab nations — with about half of that going to the Saudis as that nation presses its \$142 billion internal development program financed with oil holdings.

The U.S. Department of Commerce has calculated that every \$1 billion in exports supports 90,000 U.S. jobs. Thus, a measure of money was returned to the United States in a recycling of some of the \$20 billion the nation spent last year for Middle Eastern oil.

"Brown crude is being turned into green dollars," says one U.S. government procurement officer of that return of dollars.

"We need to get as many Americans in there (the Middle East) as possible to recycle dollars back out of there," said Charles Ward, who is also a member of the Democratic National Committee.

In North Miami, Fla., the Saudi impact is very clear cut. Panelfab, a manufacturer of prefabricated building components, has grown from 123 employees to more than 500 on Middle Eastern business, the latest a \$15.5 million contract through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is overseeing construction of the Khalid military city.

And in Pineville, La., a \$900,000 order for the same project through the Corps allowed Baker Manufacturing, which makes dormitory type furniture, avoid layoffs among its work force of 200, primarily made up of lesser-skilled people whose average salary is about \$3.50 an hour.

But the Arab business has been even more visible in Donora, a tiny Monongahela Valley community south of Pittsburgh that has been severely depressed ever since U.S. Steel closed a plant in 1965 and threw 7,200 people out of work.

Traffic has been stopped while huge pieces of machinery have been moved through town — with accompanying pictures of the Saudi-bound goods in the newspaper. Employees are "highly aware" of the impact of Middle East money on their lives, says one company official, as they are at many other businesses where company newsletters record what's been sold to whom.

Beyond the paychecks, though, is the reality that money is for spending, and so Saudi and other Middle Eastern petrodollars echo through local businesses like halloos off canyon walls.

Madge Johnson and Betty Ferguson and their fellow employees in Minden and Donora buy goods as they will from local merchants, just as Bently Nevada buys, say, lumber for shipping crates from Copeland lumber yards here.

Dual well finals

Texas Oil & Gas Corp. No. 1-K Wilson has been completed as a dual well in the Girvintex (Yates and Queen) field of Pecos County.

The new producer is one location northwest of the Yates gas discovery and 11 miles southwest of Girvin.

From the Yates it fished for a calculated, absolute open flow of 2.03 million cubic feet of dry gas per day, through perforations from 1,181 to 1,200 feet.

It completed from the Queen sand for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 2.9 million cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 1,605 to 1,798 feet. There was no petroleum fluid produced with the gas.

Total depth is 2,000 feet from north and 933 feet from west lines of scrap file 13132.

Total depth is 1,885 feet and plugged back depth is 1,842 feet. Four and one-half-inch casing is set at 1,885 feet.

Wells final; test staked

Victory III Petroleum Co. No. 1 Douglas M. Kauffman is a new project in the Debra (Strawn) area of Hockley County.

The 10,150-foot test is one location northeast of the field discovery and 660 feet from south and 990 feet from west lines of labor 9, league 736, State Capitol Lands survey.

It is 10 miles northeast of Levelland.

STRIKE FINALS

Saguaro Corp. of Midland No. 1 Leon Lawson has been completed as a San Andres gas discovery in Hockley County, nine miles northwest of Levelland.

Operator reported a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 908,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 4,672 to 4,708 feet after a 4,500-gallon acid treatment.

Location is 14 miles northwest of the Levelland (San Andres) field and 660 feet from south and east lines of labor 14, league 73, Haskell County School Land survey, abstract 188.

Total depth is 4,780 feet and plugged back depth is 4,735 feet. Four and one-half-inch casing is set at 4,769 feet.

STRAWN WELL

The Sterling Co. of Midland No. 1 Mertz has completed as a Strawn producer 1/2 mile north of the discovery well of the Hamill-Mertz (Strawn gas) field of Schleicher County, five miles southeast of Eldorado.

The well fished for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 5 million cubic feet of dry gas per day, through perforations from 6,388 to 6,399 feet after a 250-gallon acid treatment.

Well site is 750 feet from south and 670 feet from west lines of section 9, block A, HE&W survey.

Total depth is 6,468 feet and 4 1/2-inch pipe is set at 6,516 feet. Plugged back depth is 6,433 feet. The Canyon was topped at 6,280 feet and the Strawn was entered at 6,286 feet on ground elevation of 2,356 feet.

Almost 1,000 participate

Almost 1,000 persons, including the wives of some of the participants, had registered for the 20th Annual Southwest Section Meeting of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists now under way in the Midland Hilton.

Robert M. Jemison Jr., general chairman for the convention, said more than 750 geologists and other earth scientists have registered.

Among the participants are the nominees for the top AAPG national offices for 1978-79.

The president-elect nominees in Midland are John D. Haun, professor of Geology at the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, and John A. Taylor, Oklahoma City independent geologist.

Running for vice president are Thomas D. Barber of Houston, general manager for Michel T. Halbouty, and James O. Lewis, Houston consulting geologist.

Nominees for treasurer are Robert L. Fuchs of Westport, Conn., and George B. Pichel, chief geologist for Union Oil and Gas Division, Los Angeles.

The meeting started Sunday with the AAPG's Continuing Short Course. It will end today with the final paper on the technical program to be presented at 2:30 p.m.

The technical sessions started Monday following the keynote address by Dr. Orlo E. Childs, past president of the AAPG and currently a professor at Texas Tech University.

Participants in the opening ceremonies Monday were Jemison, Thomas D. Hansen, president of the West Texas Geological Society; Frank Constant, president of the Southwest Section of AAPG; Midland Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr.; Edd R. Turner of Houston, with Getty Oil Co., president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists; and Robert D. Gunn, a Wichita Falls independent, president-elect of the national organization.

Secret maneuvering keeps gas dead stalled

Dallas Times Herald

WASHINGTON — Last Dec. 27, after Mexico abruptly broke off talks on a pipeline for major supplies of natural gas into Texas, Energy Secretary James Schlesinger received a telegram from six U.S. pipeline company officials.

"Because of opposition expressed by you to this (gas) project," Mexico City had canceled an arrangement the six firms already had worked out for long-range purchases, the

ENERGY OIL & GAS

executives said. They requested an urgent meeting with Schlesinger, "so that we might learn first-hand the nature of your opposition."

That the companies would be uninformed of such obviously critical discussions between Schlesinger and Mexican officials illuminates the widespread backstage maneuvering in which the multimillion-dollar gas deal has been caught up. With the stalled project entering what may be its most crucial period in the next several weeks, its final outcome almost certainly will be shaped by political considerations to which the pipeline executives will not be privy.

The most important factor in the Mexican equation, as seen by government and industry observers, is the eventual energy bill that President Carter will get from Congress. Administration officials are known to be concerned that its own efforts to keep a lid on prices of domestic gas would be sabotaged by allowing importation of Mexican gas at a much higher price.

Carter's original energy proposal called for a cap of \$1.75 that U.S. producers could charge for a thousand cubic feet of gas. Schlesinger balked at the \$2.60 price of Mexico's gas but it, as appears likely, Carter is forced to accept higher ceilings to get a compromise bill through Congress the Mexican offer might seem more palatable.

"The conventional wisdom is that we won't see any movement on the Mexico deal until we see what the energy bill looks like," said Steve Ward, foreign policy assistant to Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen, D-Tex. "After the domestic price is worked over and revised, \$2.60 might not look so bad."

But even if the Carter administration decides to come back to Mexico with a better price than approximately \$2.15 it thought the six pipeline firms should pay, there is no assurance that Mexico City will also make concessions in what has become a major national issue there.

"This is a very high profile issue in Mexico and there is a vocal constituency," one experienced Mexico-watcher on Capitol Hill said. "I think the average Mexican on the street is very aware of this and doesn't think the country should back down from its position."

All this leaves the consortium of pipeline firms, which last summer signed an interim agreement with Pemex, Mexico's state oil monopoly, to buy up to 2.2 billion cubic feet a day by 1980, with what one official felt was sense of fatalism about the project.

"We hope something can be done but it's out of our hands now," said Frank Feed of Tenneco Inc., a major partner in the consortium. "When the Mexicans terminated negotiations they said problems in Washington had to be cleared up and the people in Washington say Mexico will have to change. So we're caught in the middle."

After a lengthy meeting with Carter at the White House Friday, Bentsen, a proponent of higher prices for a U.S. natural gas producers and a key backer of the Mexican gas project, said he was optimistic a compromise on the long-deadlocked price issue would be resolved. With the major difficulty resolved in an energy bill would be passed by Congress by Easter, Bentsen said.

Another viewpoint expressed by an industry source involved in the deliberations believes that the Carter administration never objected to the

Mexican gas price itself but did not wish to approve it publicly while it still was using its political leverage to keep the cost down in this country.

"Just the fact that we're still negotiating the price of natural gas here is so politically sensitive that Carter and Schlesinger couldn't appear to be playing a different game with Mexico," the gas official said. "I don't think anybody expected the deal to fall through like it did, but the first priority was keeping the lid on here."

Schlesinger, whose meeting in Washington Dec. 21 with Pemex director Jorge Diaz Serrano and Mexican Foreign Minister Santiago Royal on the gas proposal has been described as "stormy," also is said to have softened his hardline stance on the pricing issue in recent weeks.

"What I'm picking up is that the Department of Energy has rethought its position after the Mexicans refused to buckle the past two months," a congressional source said. "It looks now like Schlesinger and the State Department will be getting back to the Mexicans with some more realistic feelers."

Another indication that initial opposition on Capitol Hill to the Mexican gas deal is undergoing a reassessment came last week when Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., an ardent proponent of price controls on natural gas producers in the United

States, announced his hope that Washington would deal "sensitively with the need to Mexico and political concerns." Mexicans will naturally have "in oil relations with its giant neighbor to the north."

"Few Americans realize how quickly the evidence is accumulating that Mexico is the next major producer of oil in the world," Kennedy said in announcing hearings in March on the role of Mexico and other nations in world oil supplies. "It is important for both countries to proceed with utmost respect."

Kennedy's action was viewed by some congressional sources as a veiled response to an earlier assertion by Sen. Adlai Stevenson, D-Ill., that the \$2.60 price that Mexico wanted was "unreasonable" and should be resisted. Warning that the United States would become "hooked on high-priced Mexican natural gas as we already are on Middle East oil," the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee effectively blocked about \$600 million in Export-Import Bank credits Mexico requested to construct an 850-mile pipeline to move gas up to McAllen, Tex.

"Right now everything just seems to be hanging," Ward said. "Nobody's saying much but there's some things going on under the surface. There's some real obstacles but it probably won't be long before everything gets active again."

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS — BTA No. 1 Great Plains; drilling 11,170 feet in line. BTA No. 2 A; drilling 12,300 feet in line. BTA No. 3 A; drilling 12,300 feet in line. BTA No. 4 A; drilling 12,300 feet in line. BTA No. 5 A; drilling 12,300 feet in line. BTA No. 6 A; drilling 12,300 feet in line. BTA No. 7 A; drilling 12,300 feet in line. BTA No. 8 A; drilling 12,300 feet in line. BTA No. 9 A; drilling 12,300 feet in line. BTA No. 10 A; drilling 12,300 feet in line.

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Purchase plan told

Elcor Corp. President Roy E. Campbell announced that the company has executed an agreement for the acquisition of a company compatible with its other operations.

The company to be acquired has sales of approximately \$22 million and is anticipated to boost Elcor's annual earnings before extraordinary items at the rate of 30 to 40 cents per share.

During the last 12 months, the earnings of Elcor, a Midland-based concern, before extraordinary items were \$1.01 per share. The transaction should be completed later this week, Campbell said. The purchase price is approximately \$15 million in cash plus assumption of certain liabilities and commitments.

Although necessary funds to complete the acquisition are available under existing credit lines, arrangements have been made to increase credit lines from \$22.5 million to \$30 million, Campbell said.

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