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## Incumbent legislators fare well in run-off

By LEE JONES  
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Incumbent legislators generally fared well in Saturday's Democratic run-off primary, and there was little in the outcome to change the political tone of either the House or the Senate.

In a Senate run-off, Rep. Bob Vale of San Antonio, a Mexican-American with a liberal voting record, downed

attorney Phil Hardberger for the seat now held by Sen. Frank Lombardino.

Lombardino, a conservative businessman and ex-policeman, was defeated in the first primary, May 6.

Vale's opponent in November will be Dr. B. B. Markette, a Republican. Former Rep. E. L. Short of Tahoka, defeated for re-election in 1976, made a comeback by winning the Democratic nomination for the Senate seat now held by Kent Hance of Lubbock, a congressional candidate.

Short downed Don Workman of Lubbock, a Texas Tech regent, and will run against one-term Rep. Joe Robbins, R-Lubbock, in the general election.

If Vale is elected in November, the Senate will tip in a slightly more liberal direction but will remain largely conservative.

One theory for Workman's defeat was his abstention from a Texas Tech regents' vote on locating a proposed medical school. The school went to Midland, and Workman lost rival Ector County to Short, 3,055 to 1,942.

Rep. Leonard Briscoe of Fort Worth, a cigar-loving black businessman, was picked off by Reby Cary, director of minority affairs at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Tarrant County districts were realigned by federal courts in late winter, giving blacks an additional seat. It was won by Bobby Webber, a nursing home owner who ran a hard race against Briscoe in 1976. Webber defeated Roy Brooks in the run-off.

Two black representatives from Dallas who frequently were in the limelight last session defeated challengers in the run-off and are home free in November.

Rep. Sam Hudson, who starved himself for several weeks to protest the slow movement of his bills from House committees, defeated Wes Pool, 1,312 to 1,028. Pool's father was the late Congressman Joe Pool.

Clay Smothers, the House's 1977 "Rookie of the Year," defeated auto worker Charles Rose, 1,503 to 1,357 in

the Oak Cliff section of Dallas. Smothers, a conservative black, became well-known in the House for his opposition to abortion, busing and the U.S. Equal Rights Amendment.

Neither Hudson nor Smothers has a Republican opponent.

Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner, D-Alice, who sponsored the bill that eliminated the requirement that voters sign their ballot stubs, downed Homero Canales, also of Alice. She took a 10,314 to 7,943 victory in counties once dominated by the George Parr political machine and has no Republican opponent.

She said she thinks repeal of the stub-signing requirement might have helped in her race.

"People just felt easier about voting," Ms. Glossbrenner said.

Former Rep. Chester Slay of Beaumont lost a comeback attempt to Bo Crawford, dean of students at Lamar University. Crawford will face Republican Robert Wortham of Beaumont in the general election.

Rep. Hector Uribe, Brownsville, defeated Frances Morales, also of Brownsville.

Other results, by district:

21 — Larry Wilkinson, Rosenberg optometrist, defeated Ken Valka, Missouri City lawyer, and will meet Republican Tom DeLay of Wallis in the November election.

32C — Lanny Hall of Fort Worth, a former aide to U.S. House Majority Leader Jim Wright, defeated Jack Clark and will face Mike Brinkley, a Republican, in November.

72d — First term incumbent Robert Valles defeated Mike Graham, 2,590 to 2,295. Both men are from the El Paso area.

73 — Jay Gibson, Odessa, defeated H. D. Baggett, also of Odessa. The Republican nominee is William B. Duff.

85 — Al Edwards, Houston, defeated Gerald Womack and is unopposed in November.

88 — El Franco Lee, Houston, defeated Norma Watson and is unopposed in the general election.

## Bush set to 'move' campaign

Now that the Republican primary campaign is over, George W. Bush plans to "figuratively" move to Lubbock for much of the general election campaign for the 19th U.S. Congressional District seat being vacated by retiring U.S. Rep. George Mahon, Bush said today in Midland.

One of the campaign staff members probably will move to Lubbock to run the organization there, and Bush and his wife, Laura, plan to rent "an apartment that we can work out of," he said.

First order of business is thanking those who worked in the long primary campaign and organizing for the general election campaign, in which he will run against Democratic state Sen. Kent Hance of Lubbock, Bush said.

He said budgeting is expected to take about 10 days. A "realistic assessment" of what it will take to run the campaign, he said, would be about \$200,000.

Bush said he won't consider himself a Lubbockite, but "we'll probably spend more time there than anywhere else, once things get cranking."

Of the race against Hance, Bush said he believes he has a "good" chance of winning. "They (his chances) are not excellent, but they're good."

The key issue, he said, will be what he called Hance's inability to remain independent from the Carter people.

## Big Spring man dead in shooting

BIG SPRING — Police are investigating the shooting death of a 23-year-old Big Spring man who was found shot in the back Sunday night near his car, located partially in the alley at 707 E. 5th St.

Police said Rudy Ramirez Jr. was found lying about six feet from the rear of his car after officers responded to a call that residents in that area had heard squealing tires and shots being fired at approximately 10:54 p.m. Sunday.

Police said it appeared Ramirez had been chased by someone in another car. There are no clues as to the identity of the driver of other car, investigators said.

Ramirez died a few minutes after police arrived at the scene, according to reports. Peace Justice Bobby West pronounced him dead at the scene.

Officers said Ramirez apparently had been shot with a 12-gauge shotgun. They said a .22-caliber pistol was found on the pavement next to an open door on the driver's side of the victim's car. Four shots had been fired from the pistol, officers said.

## Joseph Montoya dies of kidney, liver failure

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Sen. Joseph M. Montoya, a member of the Senate panel that investigated the Watergate scandal, died today from what hospital officials said was liver and kidney failure.

Montoya, 62, a Democrat from New Mexico, entered Georgetown University Medical Center May 4 complaining of stomach discomfort.

His family was with him when he died this morning.

Montoya, who described himself as a "poor boy from Pena Blanca," spent almost 40 years in elective public service before he was defeated in 1976 in his bid for a third term in the U.S. Senate.

After serving in New Mexico elective offices, Montoya was elected to Congress in 1957 and then to the Senate in 1964. He came to national attention when he was named to the Senate Watergate Committee in 1973. That panel conducted hearings that figured prominently in the eventual unraveling of the Watergate cover-up.

He was defeated for re-election in 1976 by Sen. Harrison Schmitt, a Republican, a former scientist-astronaut.

Montoya was known in the Congress as a hard-working liberal.

Among the legislation he sponsored

were bills calling for truth in advertising and proper labeling of consumer products.

During the debates over the Vietnam War, he voted for legislation calling for an end to the war.

Members of the Montoya family said the former senator underwent surgery May 7 when a benign growth was removed from his intestine.

There was a second operation last Wednesday in an effort to determine the cause of a high fever and retention of excessive fluids.

His condition worsened late in the week and by Sunday the hospital reported Montoya was in critical condition.

Survivors include his wife Della; three children, Joseph II, Patrick and Lynda. A brother, Theodore Montoya, is a New Mexico state senator. Funeral arrangements were pending.

## Effort to save woman fails

ODESSA — A 59-year-old Odessa woman apparently drowned in Monahan Draw here after her vehicle ran off a bridge about 8:10 p.m. Sunday, a spokesman for the Odessa Police Department said today.

The woman, Lorene Wampler Mills of Odessa, was traveling east on west Murphy when she apparently ran off the right side of the road, struck a small hole on the shoulder of the road and lost control of her vehicle. The spokesman said her car ran off the bridge, landing in eight to 10 feet of water in the draw. Rain late last week had filled the normally dry southside draw.

Earlier reports that spectators standing at the edge of the draw watched the woman drown without going to her aid are untrue, the spokesman said.

"There were (people in) several cars behind her that saw her go off. In fact, two men who saw her run off the bridge went into the water and got her out, but she was dead before they freed her. When our divers arrived and entered the water to see if anyone else was in the car and to hook it to the wrecker, they found two doors open," the spokesman said.

An autopsy has been ordered. The death is being carried as an apparent drowning until the autopsy results are in, the spokesman said.



A TASTE of the Atlantic Ocean from a partially filled bottle occupies 2-year-old Susi Casanueva of Miami, Fla., during a Sunday outing in Miami Beach. The results — YUK! (AP Laserphoto)

## Texon's reunionists recall when town's polo team beat Midland's

BIG LAKE — The company town is a thing of the past. That's just the way it is now.

But some are not to be forgotten, especially the company town which just happens to have borne the name "Texon."

Texon, that bustling oil company town midway between here and Rankin, was closed down in 1962 — 38 years after Big Lake Oil Co. set up the township.

And the reason Big Lake Oil Co. gave birth to Texon was because that oil and still-pumping discovery well, Santa Rita No. 1, started spewing forth the makings of prosperity — oil — on May 28, 1923.

And from that gusher sprang forth a town of 2,000 — though a few, looking through rose-tinted glasses, have pushed that figure up to 10,000.

Oilfield workers were making \$4 a day back then. That was good enough pay to wave the Depression on by Texon.

"By god, you could buy something with it," recalled Flint Stinson, 79, who first came to Texon in 1926. He was 27 then, and was hired on by the company as a roustabout and a pumper.

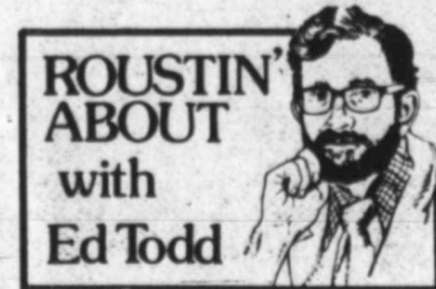
Stinson, who now calls San Angelo home, returned to Big Lake Sunday to rekindle some old memories along with some of his old oilfield buddies at the annual Texon Reunion.

About 300 old-timers, their spouses and some latecomers from several states flocked to the Reagan County Community Center here for the get-together, to swap tales and other talk, and to partake of a barbecue beef dinner (lunch to the city kin folks).

"We have it (the reunion) over here, because there's nothing at Texon any more," said Thelma Gardner, a reunion booster, who vividly remembers Texon of the 1930s.

Her spouse, Midland oil operator Roy Gardner, not only toiled in the fields, but also was a first baseman on the company-sponsored baseball team.

"He was a first baseman and a good one," Ralph Lacy Way, who ran a



tailor shop at Texon back then, recalled of Gardner.

Too, he remembers left-handed pitcher "Flop" Harris winding up on the mound and letting go with "a grunt you could hear a mile away."

Texon was a viable community sustained by oil and entertained by baseball, polo playing, a motion-picture theater that showed first-rate movies at 10 cents a ticket, and much more.

Fact is, Texon, so it would seem, had country club facilities for its oil patch crews and their families. There was the golf course, tennis courts, the athletic barn, swimming pool, rifle range, the clubhouse, and, of course, playing fields for the Texon Oilers — the baseball team — and the Texon Polo Team.

Paul McCollum, who was just a kid back in Texon's heyday, seemed to get a charge out of recounting, via newspaper clippings, some of Texon's polo conquests.

McCollum, speaking from the podium to a restless and chatting crowd, dropped names such as Big Lake's Ike Chaffin, "star of the Texon Polo Club," and Sonny Noelke, Bill Lane, Dick Farrington and a few others.

And it was with obvious relish that McCollum, an Odessa lawyer, former district court judge and son of Texon dentist C. W. "Choc" McCollum, reminded the old-timers of Texon's 6-1 defeat of the Midland team at the West Texas Exposition.

"Just a good, old hard-riding set of country boys came to town . . . and whaled the tar out of the millionaire Midland polo team . . ." McCollum said to the cheering and hand-clapping partisans at the gathering.

The former Texon settlers were reliving a bit of the company town's glory.

"The Texon quartet, mounted on a set of home-owned and home-trained cow ponies . . . jumped on the classy Midland crew for a 6-to-1 triumph in a heated six-chukker melee."

You could almost hear the hoof beats of the polo ponies and the whacking of the wooden ball on the field.

Credit for the smashing win went in large measure — to the "sterling defense" of the Texon players Lane, Noelke and a fellow named Bloom.

More clapping followed when McCollum noted that the hapless "Midlanders couldn't locate the up-rights" due to that nifty defense work by Texon.

"Midland persistently barked at the goal but lacked the final punch," McCollum read from a yellow clipping. It was any consolation to the "millionaire" Midlanders, the Texon win was "no gentle gentle breeze." Midlanders on the polo field included J. Jewell, Ellis Cowden, Jim Wood and Clay Floyd.

Shortly after the polo recounting Sunday afternoon, the old Texon gang, filled with barbecue, taters, pinto beans and, naturally, memories, began mingling, gathering in smaller groups for picture-taking, and, finally, began heading for the exits and for home.

Leaving and expecting to return for next year's meeting of the non-clan were the likes of Sonny Harvey, a pumper who calls himself "just an old Irishman"; Boob Howard, a gang pusher for Marathon Oil Co. (formerly Plymouth and Big Lake Oil Co.) and another old Irishman, and Alvis Denton, a retired pumper.

There, too, was Earl "Hardwood" Brooks, an rig builder who came to Texon in 1926.

Time permitting, they all will be back, and, once again, memories of the Texon that was will be gushing forth like the oil did back then.

"Oh," recalled Maurine Werst, "it (the oil) was flowing like gold" in and about the company town.

## WEATHER

Partly cloudy skies with a chance of showers through Tuesday. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

FORECAST



SHOWERS ARE predicted Monday for parts of New Mexico and Colorado through the south central states and Southwest. Rain is forecast along the Gulf Coast and in northern Maine. Warm temperatures continue for most of the country with cooler temperatures across the Great Plains.



TODAY'S CLOUD picture recorded at 4 a.m. EDT shows a prominent area of clouds in the south central portion of the country with an additional band extending through the Ohio River Valley to the lower Great Lakes. Clouds are also observed over Florida and the central Rockies.

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANKIN BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Partly cloudy with chance of showers and thunderstorms through Tuesday. Low tonight in the middle 60s. Temperatures on Tuesday in the lower 60s. Southeast winds steady at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50 percent through tonight and 30 percent Tuesday.

Weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Anchorage, Asheville, Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Bismarck, Boise, Boston, Brownsville, Buffalo, Charleston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Duluth, Fairbanks, Hartford, Helena, Honolulu, Indianapolis, Jackson, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Raleigh, Richmond, St. Louis, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, Salt Lake, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Springfield, St. Vincent, St. Paul, St. Petersburg, Tulsa, and Washington.

Southwest temperatures

Table listing temperatures for cities in the southwest: Abilene, Amarillo, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Lubbock, Marfa, Odessa, Wichita Falls, and Midland.

Texas Thermometer

Table listing temperatures for various Texas cities: Abilene, Alice, Alpine, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Childress, College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Del Rio, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Junction, Langtry, Lubbock, Lufkin, Marfa, Midland, Mineral Wells, Palestine, Pecos, San Angelo, San Antonio, Shreveport, La., Stephenville, Texarkana, Tyler, Victoria, Waco, Wichita Falls, and Wink.

Poerner is not worried

By The Associated Press

John Poerner says he's not worried about the one last hurdle that remains for him to continue as a member of the powerful Texas Railroad Commission.

Poerner came back from a second-place finish in the May Democratic primary to top aging political campaigner Jerry Sadler more than 2-1 in Saturday's runoff election.

The former state representative next faces Republican James W. Lacy, 53, of Midland, in November. Poerner said he will now turn his attention to that campaign, "which I am confident I can win."

With the Texas Election Bureau reporting complete but unofficial returns Sunday from 252 of 254 counties, Poerner trounced Sadler in the light voter turnout more than 2-1. Poerner had 544,715 votes, 70.02 percent, to Sadler with 233,148, 29.98.

Poerner, 45, was appointed in January to fill an unexpired term on the commission. A political unknown, he spent nearly \$500,000 in his campaign. Most of it went for a last-minute media blitz designed to teach Texans how to pronounce his name — purr-ner.

Sadler, 70, was on the railroad commission before World War II and was a former land commissioner. He relied on the familiarity of his name, spending about \$6,500 for the entire campaign.

The outcome was a replay of Sadler's 1976 railroad commission race, when he also finished first in the primary without a majority and then lost in the runoff to Jon Newton.

Voters in six Congressional districts Saturday also selected one Republican and five Democratic nominees for the U.S. House of Representatives.

U.S. Rep. John Young D-Corpus Christi, lost the nomination for his seat to State Rep. Joe Wyatt of Bloomington. Accusations made two years ago that Young was keeping a secretary on his payroll party for sexual favors apparently hurt his chances for re-election.

Two Democratic nominations for the state Senate and 13 for the Texas House were also decided Saturday.

After Poerner learned of his victory, he promised to "make everybody a good hand" at the railroad commission. He said he felt humble because so many people had a part in his victory.

"First of all Speaker Billy Clayton organized the House and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby organized the Senate," Poerner said. "Then county governments organized the minorities and the local people."

"And just of all the press shouldered their responsibility and laid the record before the people and when that happened we could feel it turn around almost overnight."

"Just tell everybody that I will make a good hand," he said.

The Railroad Commission regulates the oil, gas and trucking industries in Texas.

During the campaign, Sadler charged that Poerner was "in the pocket" of those industries. Saturday he said, "Oil is king, and the king must have his crown."

Poerner called Sadler a "disgrace." He claimed Sadler's age made him an unsuitable choice and said Sadler had a history of absenteeism as land commissioner.

In a Tyler area Democratic runoff for chief justice of the 12th Court of Civil Appeals, J.W. Summers apparently narrowly defeated Larry Starr by 319 votes. Totals were 24,633 for Summers to 24,314 for Starr. All 18 counties in the district had reported and were complete.

Rex Reddell won the Democratic nomination to the State Board of Education from the 10th District, leading Gus Garcia 15,730 votes to 14,197.

The Republican nomination for the board's District 3 went to Marjory Vickery, who led Harold Watkins 779 to 584.

Bob Dickenson defeated J. Neil Daniel for the Democratic nomination for 11th District associate justice on the state civil appeals court. The tally was 30,307 to 27,567.



STEPPING INTO OFFICE for the East Side Lions Club are, left to right, Tony Fraga, secretary-treasurer; Raymond Conteras, first vice president; Phillip Marquez, president; Jesse Carnaro, second vice president; and Mario Torres, "Tail-twister." (Staff Photo)

SALT talks to continue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Strategic arms talks should continue despite recent Soviet involvement in Africa, two high-ranking administration officials say.

"We should not look mainly at the last week's or the last month's events," Defense Secretary Harold Brown said Sunday of the Russian activities. "We have to look at a series of years."

Brown told a television interview show that a SALT agreement is in the best interest of the United States and the Soviet Union.

He acknowledged that the long-term outlook for SALT is not encouraging, considering the Soviet military buildup in Eastern Europe and along the Chinese border.

"That is a long-term trend which, if it continues, forces a response from the United States," he added.

In another television interview, Energy Secretary James Schlesinger agreed that SALT should not be linked with Africa.

"These are matters that are separate from, distinct from, the SALT agreement," said Schlesinger, a former defense secretary. "If a SALT agreement is valid on its own merits, then we should agree to it; if it is not, we should not."

Brown made the comments on the CBS interview program "Face the Nation." Schlesinger appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press."

In another SALT development last weekend, administration officials who asked not to be identified confirmed that a Soviet proposal to limit the testing and deployment of new intercontinental missiles was rejected late in May.

"There were a few who felt this (proposal) was an improvement (over past Soviet positions), but most felt it was not," said one official close to the talks.

He said the administration rejected the proposal largely because it would have blocked work on the mobile MX land-based missile, which is now in the early stages of development.

Liberals leading Conservatives

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The ruling Liberal Party candidate, Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala, took a narrow lead today over his Conservative challenger in one of the closest presidential elections in Colombian history.

The Conservative, Belisario Betancur, 56, had claimed victory by 200,000 votes earlier in the day, and his supporters roamed the streets of Bogota shouting, "We won! We won!"

But with 90 percent of Sunday's vote officially counted this morning, the 62-year-old Turbay Ayala, a former ambassador to Washington and the pre-election favorite to win, held 1,866,009 votes against 1,832,102 for Betancur.

The lead had see-sawed through the morning. With 85 percent of the votes counted, election officials said Betancur had an 8,000-vote lead.

The other four candidates, an army general and three leftists, were far behind.

President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen, also a Liberal, was barred by the constitution from seeking a second four-year term.

Hand gun and liquor sales were banned during the voting Sunday, radio and television stations were ordered not to broadcast unofficial returns, and 200,000 men were mobilized to try to maintain order following several weeks of demonstrations, mainly over rising prices.

Nine bombs exploded in the capital and two other cities, injuring one man seriously in Popayan, 300 miles east of Bogota. Two policemen and a student were reported killed in two remote villages. But there was a carnival atmosphere in Bogota, with street-corner salsa bands blaring and some voters dancing to the polls.

Half of Colombia's 26 million citizens were eligible to vote, but traditional political apathy was expected to cut into the turnout.

Since gaining independence from Spain 168 years ago, this country on the northwestern shoulder of South America has been governed almost without interruption by the Liberal and Conservative parties.

U.S., allies conferring on Zaire

By MICHAEL GOLDSMITH

PARIS (AP) — The United States and four European allies open two days of talks today on how to bring stability and security to Zaire and other western-oriented African nations.

France called the meeting in the wake of the recent invasion of Zaire's Shaba Province by exiled Lunda tribesmen opposed to President Mobutu Sese Seko. Also attending are Britain, Belgium and West Germany, which like France built up huge African colonial empires in the 19th century and still have extensive economic, cultural and political links with their former colonies.

France rushed 600 Foreign Legion paratroopers to Shaba last month to help drive out the Lunda rebels. On Sunday, the U.S. Air Force began ferrying 1,500 Moroccan troops to southern Zaire to replace the French troops.

The Moroccans are the nucleus of a Pan-African peace force which France is sponsoring as the West's answer to Soviet-backed Cuban troops in Africa. France expects the force also to include contingents from Senegal, the Ivory Coast, Togo, Gabon and the Central African Empire, all former French colonies.

The French government, which is committed to giving military aid to more than a dozen African countries, would like the other Western powers to endorse the idea of the Pan-African force and to promise their material help for any future operations by such a force. The French want the Americans in particular and the other for-

mer colonial powers to acknowledge that they have a special responsibility for the security and economic development of the Western-oriented African countries.

In line with that, France has advanced the idea of a special fund to help improve the economies of African countries with security problems. But informed sources said U.S. Undersecretary of State David D. Newsom, the chief U.S. delegate, would try to keep the discussions limited to the immediate crisis in Zaire.

American officials have warned the French colleagues not to expect deployment of American troops in Africa under any foreseeable circumstances. They said, however, that the United States may be prepared to help with the transportation, logistics and financing of a Pan-African force.

Israeli cabinet stalls U.S. on peace plan

By ARTHUR MAX

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli cabinet has put off for at least another week a decision on how to respond to U.S. questions about Prime Minister Menachem Begin's proposals for an Arab-Israeli peace agreement.

The cabinet met for four hours Sunday. Cabinet Secretary Arieh Nair said no proposals to amend Israel's peace plan were made although the American questions were discussed.

The United States wants to know what Israel has in mind for the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip after the five-year transition period of limited autonomy which Prime Minister Menachem Begin has proposed for the territories.

The State Department hopes that Israel's answers will help it get the stalled peace talks with Egypt going. Washington also wants Israel's suggestions on how the Palestinians can participate in deciding their own future.

Radio Israel said Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance urged the government last week not to delay its response to the questions. The cabinet

had put off the discussion twice, first to discuss the U.S. decision to sell warplanes to Saudi Arabia and last week because Begin was ill.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan is reported pressing the cabinet to agree to a greater role for Jordan, which seized the West Bank in the 1948 war and held it until Israel captured it in the 1967 war.

Israeli press reports say Dayan believes if Jordan were offered increased influence on the West Bank, King Hussein would join President Anwar Sadat in negotiating directly with Israel.

Begin, who had fever last weekend, led the cabinet meeting and also attended festivities marking the 11th anniversary of the capture of Arab East Jerusalem in the 1967 war.

Jerusalem's business district was closed, about 12,000 Israelis marched in a parade and museums and the Knesset, Israel's parliament, were crowded with holidayers.

Police and troop patrols were strengthened, and there were no terrorist attacks. Arab guerrillas bombed a suburban bus Friday, killing five Israeli teen-agers and an American medical student and injuring 20 persons.

Rahman opponents charging he rigged landslide victory

DACCA, Bangladesh (AP) — Maj. Gen. Ziaur Rahman, the martial law administrator and army commander of Bangladesh, won a landslide victory in the country's first direct presidential election, but his opponents accused him of rigging the election.

The official tally of more than 98 percent of the votes cast Saturday gave Zia 15.6 million to 4.5 million for retired Gen. Mohammad Ataul Ghani Osman. Eight other candidates got only negligible totals.

More than half of the 38.5 million eligible voters cast ballots, and voting appeared to go smoothly despite the opposition claims of irregularities and rigging.

Zia, the 42-year-old commander of the armed forces, seized power in a coup in 1975. After assuming the title of president in April 1977, he promised to end martial law and has since allowed some political opposition.

The opposition said the election campaign wasn't fair because Zia allowed only 23 days for campaigning and put the government machinery behind his own candidacy. The major, government-controlled newspapers and radio stations were allowed to cover the opposition candidates but most of the news centered on Zia.

"Zia would have won anyway, but it would have been closer if the opposition had been given more time to organize and campaign," said the editor of one independent newspaper.

Zia told newsmen the weekend election had moved Bangladesh several years ahead politically. He described the balloting as "the fairest possible." He said the "law and order situation will further improve" and pledged to take steps to strengthen the economy.

Zia has promised parliamentary elections in December.

Califano wants further study of drug contract practices

WASHINGTON (AP) — HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr. says he wants to know whether further action is needed to correct "a substantial appearance of impropriety" in the handling of drug abuse contracts.

"I am deeply disturbed with the loose management practices and evidences of cronyism which (an internal) report reveals," Califano said in reacting to an investigation of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Califano ordered lawyers at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare "to determine whether any further action, including recovery of government funds, is warranted."

And he asked department chiefs to make sure that "the contract and grant practices of NIDA are impeccable, free from favoritism or cronyism."

The probe ended with a report by HEW's inspector general, Thomas D. Morris, that said there were "no provable violations of law."

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**DEATHS**

**Dillard Morris**

MULESHOE — Services for Dillard Morris, 47, of the West Camp community, brother of Mrs. Pete Hardaway of Andrews, were to be at 2 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church in Farwell with the Rev. Dudley Bristow, pastor, and the Rev. H.D. Hunter, pastor of the Muleshoe Community Church, officiating.

Burial was to be in Bailey County Memorial Park here directed by Singleton-Ellis Funeral Home.

Morris died Saturday in a Muleshoe hospital after a short illness.

A Battiest, Okla., native, he moved to Muleshoe in 1945 from Broken Bow, Okla. He was a farmer.

Survivors also include his wife, two sons, two stepsons, two stepdaughters, his father, another sister, a brother and eight grandchildren.

**Rudy Ramirez Jr.**

BIG SPRING — Rudy Ramirez Jr., 23, of Big Spring died Sunday night here.

Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

Ramirez was born Feb. 22, 1955.

**Drowning claims**

**Brownwood man**

BROWNWOOD — Drowning Saturday took the life of James Goins, brother of a Rankin woman, in Brownwood Lake.

Goins, 21, and Lillian Lawson, 18, both of Brownwood, drowned during an evening swim. Their bodies were discovered about 11:20 p.m. Saturday after two hours of dragging operations at the lake.

A witness told the sheriff's department that the two were swimming about 40 feet offshore, when he turned his back to walk to a car. When the witness turned around, he told officials, the two swimmers had disappeared.

Goins was the brother of Mary Ann Massey of Rankin.

**Nurses meeting set Tuesday**

The Texas Nurses Association will have its district meeting in Midland at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Midland Hilton Trellis Room.

Nurses from Midland, Reed, Loving, Winkler, Ward, Andrews, Glascock, Crane, Pecos, Upton, Terrell and Ector counties are expected at the event, which will include a business meeting, banquet and installation of officers.

**Future of Permian Basin water at stake in hearings**

BIG SPRING — Representatives from at least 10 West Texas cities and towns, and from as many counties,

**Texan named to 'Dirty Dozen'**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Since 1970, an environmental lobbying group has named 41 members of Congress as foes of important environmental legislation. Twenty-five have been defeated and six retired.

Environmental Action on Sunday released its newest "Dirty Dozen" list — two senators and 10 representatives who the group feels is vulnerable at the polls.

Some of the 12 said they're honored to be on the list while others added they're sympathetic to environmental issues but must consider jobs and other economic factors.

"Environmental Action is an ultra-liberal political outfit which couldn't care less about unemployment or inflation," said Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who made the list.

"If Environmental Action had its way, the American people would starve and freeze to death in the dark."

Rep. Ted Riserhoover, D-Okla., contacted in his home state, said he was "honored and pleased to be included among that group that is fighting the irresponsible and discriminatory legislation proposed by most of the environmental groups in America."

The list was based mainly on 14 Senate and 19 House votes, said A. Blakeman Early, a spokesman for Environmental Action. The votes included amendments to air and water pollution control laws, strip mining controls, auto emissions and water projects.

"The Dirty Dozen have consistently cast their votes to weaken air and water pollution control standards," Early said. "These legislators are clearly not looking out for their constituents' best interests."

In addition to Helms and Riserhoover, others on the list are: Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C.; Reps. William Armstrong, R-Colo.; Garry Brown, R-Mich.; Samuel Devine, R-Ohio; Willis Gradison, R-Ohio; George Hansen, R-Idaho; Jerry Huckaby, D-La.; John Myers, R-Ind.; Ray Roberts, D-Texas and Jamie Whitten, D-Miss.

are expected in Austin Wednesday to support the application of the Colorado River Municipal Water District for a reservoir on the Colorado River near Stacy.

Water retained by the proposed reservoir currently is viewed as a future water supply for the Permian Basin area. The CRMWD is headquartered in Big Spring.

The hearing has been set for 10 a.m. before the Texas Water Commission, and the various delegations will file statements or make presentations attesting to the urgency of the application, according to O.H. Ivie, general manager of CRMWD. The meeting concerns a lake designed to impound more than 554,000 acre feet of water with an annual yield of 113,000 acre feet for municipal and industrial needs.

"We are gratified by this wave of support because it affirms that this is a project that serves an urgent regional need and is not merely another lake on a district system," said Ivie.

He went on to say that the district is not asking to impound water it does not need. He said the current supplies will not maintain the present level of economic activity in the region for long. The new source of water is needed to sustain growth patterns and orderly development of the region, according to Ivie.

An application for a permit for the reservoir, which will be on the Concho-Coleman County line some 20 miles southeast of Ballinger, was filed last October because of increased water demands, said Ivie.

**D.L. Edds residence damaged by fire**

The occupants of a house that burned early this morning still may be unaware of the fire, a Midland Fire Department spokesman said today.

The fire, at 4412 Stanolind Ave., was reported to the Fire Department at 2:30 a.m. today. No one was home at the time of the blaze, and Fire Department officials said early today they had not been able to contact the occupant, D.L. Edds.

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Timothy Loos hugs his wife, Nina, and her son, Jerrick, at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport shortly after their arrival Sunday night. Earlier in the day, Nina was reunited with her husband after four years of harassment, red tape and restriction by Soviet officials. (AP Laserphoto)

**Town copes with hazard posed by smouldering underground coal fire**

CENTRALIA, Pa. (AP) — Under the Odd Fellows cemetery, where generations of miners and their fam-

ilies are buried, a coal mine fire has smoldered for 16 years, holding a threat for the living.

"It gets so hot out there at that cemetery, no snow lies there in the winter," said retired miner Tom Cook.

But the heat is not the big problem as the fire stubbornly licks at a man-made barrier of fly ash — coal residue from power plants — pumped into the mine beneath Centralia.

**Husband brings home Soviet wife after long battle**

CHICAGO (AP) — After a four-year battle with Soviet bureaucracy, Tim Loos has brought home his wife, Nina, and her 6-year-old son, Jerrick.

"I am very happy. I am very happy. We shall be friends. We shall be friends," the 30-year-old Nina said Sunday as she embraced her American in-laws at O'Hare International Airport.

"She's the way I pictured her, full of life," said Mary Loos of Wilmette, Ill. "She's a very bubbly person," added her husband, Henry. "I think he made a good choice. I'm sure he did."

Tim, a 32-year-old airline ticket agent, and Nina met in a hotel restaurant in Moscow where he was vacationing. They parted May 2, 1974, and got together soon after in Warsaw, Poland, for six days when they talked of marriage.

Nina returned to Moscow Sept. 18, 1974. Tim went home to America. The next morning he made a long-distance marriage proposal.

He got a visa to go to the Soviet Union in 1975 but it was canceled after he told embassy officials he planned to get married in Moscow.

Loos asked all 100 U.S. senators, the State Department and the U.S. embassy for help. Nina was harassed and lost her job as a secretary.

Loos received a visa in September 1977 but did not have time to arrange a wedding while he was in Moscow. They were married on his next visit and parted.

They met again when Nina's flight from Moscow, via Frankfurt, Germany, landed in New York Sunday.

On the flight to O'Hare, Tim said, they talked "just about being here and meeting everybody and being glad we're together."

Nina, who speaks good English, plans to work as a secretary.

Tim said he does not expect the Soviets to keep them from returning to visit her family.

**MNB OFFERS NEW HIGHER INTEREST CD'S & IRA'S**

**NEW HIGHER INTEREST CD'S**

Effective Thursday, June 1, The Midland National Bank is offering two newly authorized certificates of deposit. These will permit MNB customers to earn higher interest rates than were previously available from commercial banks.

**6-MONTH MONEY MARKET CD**

The first CD is a short-term money market certificate with a ceiling interest rate which will be set weekly with changes in the average yield on new issues of six-months Treasury bills. The money market certificate can only be issued in denominations of \$10,000 or more with a six-month (26 week) maturity. Interest will be paid according to the average (auction) yield for the six-month Treasury bill in the most recent week's auction prior to issuance of the CD. For example, the average auction yield for six-months Treasury bills in May 1978 ranged from 6.93% to 7.14%. Of course, these rates will vary week to week according to money market forces. Presently, banks can pay 5½% on CD's under \$10,000 for 90 days to one year.

The new market certificates are non-negotiable, but can be pledged as collateral for a loan.

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Effective June 1, Midland National will pay 8% on all deposits to Individual Retirement Accounts. This rate is the highest rate a federally insured bank or savings and loan may pay on time deposits of maturities of more than six months. Rates on existing IRA accounts will reflect the new maximum rate. With daily compounding, the effective annual yield on 8% IRA deposits will be 8.33%.

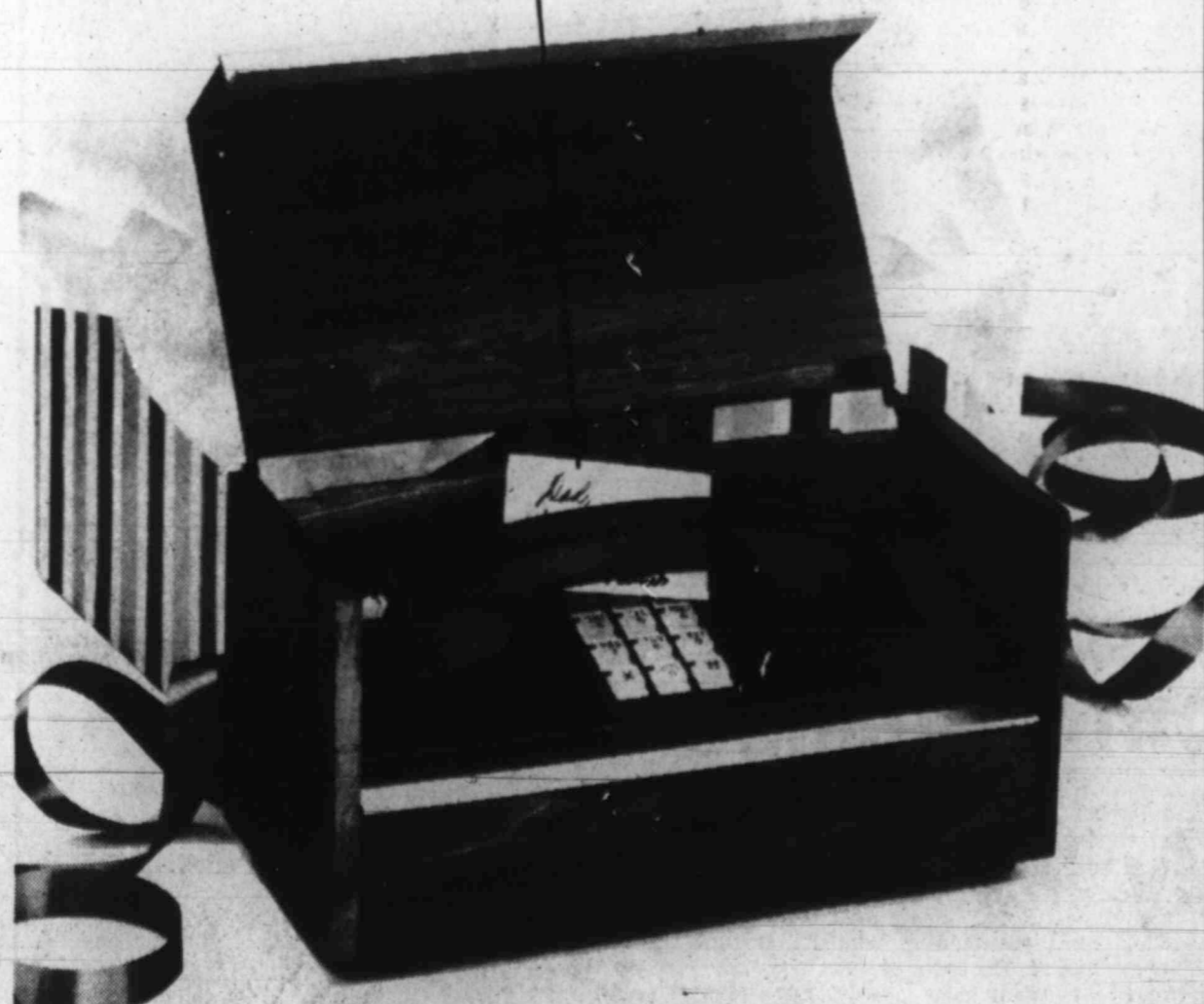
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# Senate returns to face labor law filibuster today

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate, returning from a week-long recess, is back to face a filibuster on labor law revision while members of the House are ready to vote this week on spending billions of dollars to run the government.

Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd is expected to file the first motion to limit debate on the Republican-led labor law talkathon today, setting up a vote on Wednesday.

Other votes are likely later in the week, as even backers of the measure concede they don't have the strength to cut off debate on the first or second try. Today is the 10th day of the filibuster against the controversial measure.

In the House, attention will turn to the annual appropriations measures and to legislation providing \$2 billion

in loan guarantees for New York City over the next four years.

Congress voted \$2.3 billion in short-term loans and guarantees to help bail the city out of its financial difficulties in 1975. But that legislation expires on June 30, and city officials say the additional loan guarantees are necessary to ensure continued city borrowing in the private money market.

Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., has scheduled four days of hearings this month on similar legislation before the Senate Banking Committee, which he heads.

On Wednesday, the House plans to vote on the first of the general appropriations measures, this one covering operations of the Treasury Department and the Postal Service.

House leaders hope for a final vote

on Thursday on a measure for the departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare before taking a final vote on the New York loan guarantees.

The Labor-HEW measure includes a ban on using federal funds to pay for abortions except cases in which the woman's life is in danger.

Most federal abortion aid is channeled through the Medicaid program. Before restrictions were enacted last year, the program paid for about

300,000 operations a year.

Last year's vote followed a six-month dispute between the House and Senate over a similar restriction. The struggle may be played out this year.

Senate opponents of the proposed labor law revision say they are confident of preventing backers from limiting debate.

"We do feel we can keep the 41 votes that are necessary," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said Friday.

But a spokesman for the AFL-CIO, Victor Kamber, predicted that backers of the bill ultimately would be successful in choking off the filibuster. It takes 60 votes to cut off de-

bate. The legislation is strongly backed by labor unions and the Carter administration but opposed by business organizations.

## Post runoff clearing shows lineup changes

By The Associated Press

At least one-third of the seats in the Texas Congressional delegation will be filled by newcomers when the election smoke finally clears.

Two incumbents have been defeated, one in the Democratic primary and another in Saturday's runoff election, and five others have retired.

John Young, Saturday, became the second member of the 24-member delegation to go under. The 62-year-old Corpus Christi Democrat lost his bid to keep the 14th District seat he held for 22 years.

Young, still recovering from a two-year-old Washington sex scandal, was stung by Bloomington bachelor and State Rep. Joe Wyatt in the weekend runoffs that featured five other Democratic races and one Republican battle.

Young said Sunday, "I think that's one thing (the sex scandal) you could speculate on, but I'm not going to...I never tried to second-guess the voters for the 22 years they voted for me. I'm not going to now."

The Justice Department cleared Young of any improprieties, and Young has steadfastly denied the allegations.

Final, unofficial returns for all 11 counties furnished by the Texas Election Bureau in Dallas showed Wyatt with 36,379 votes, 56.44 percent, to Young's 28,072, 43.56 percent.

## Locusts plague East Africa

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — East African nations appealed for foreign aid today to help combat the worst plague of locusts in a decade.

Tanzanian Agriculture Minister John Malecela, chairman of the East African Desert Locust Control Organization, issued the appeal after arriving in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, the country hit hardest by the insects so far.

The locusts were first sighted in Ethiopia and neighboring Somalia a month ago. Kenyan officials reported over the weekend that the plague is spreading to northern Kenya.

Radio Addis Ababa said the insects are devouring crops in western Ethiopia. Officials asked for medical help and more laborers to build emergency landing strips for planes being used to spray the insects.

A team of agriculture experts have been sent to northeast Kenya to direct spraying operations there, officials said.

## Peace justice to seek recount

ODESSA — Incumbent Harold Sligar is expected to ask for a recount of the votes in Saturday's Democratic primary race for nomination to Ector County peace justice, Precinct 1. His opponent, Charles E. Gee Jr., garnered 556 votes to Sligar's 546.

Sligar said it would be foolish for him not to seek a recount when he lost by such a narrow margin. He charged that the box in Gardendale was run "illegally," and said he would take the matter to court if necessary.

## Midlander joins honor society

WACO — Carlin Shaw Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Allers of Midland, recently was graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. degree from Baylor University's Honors Program here.

A biology and premed major, Long was selected to join Phi Beta Kappa, a national honor society, and is the recipient of a scholarship from Alpha Epsilon Delta, a premed honor society. He plans to enter Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

## Students get diplomas

GREENWAY, Va. — Two students from Midland recently received their diplomas from The Madeira School here, a private secondary school for girls.

They were Andrea Elaine Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earle M. Craig Jr., and Elizabeth Ann Ramsland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Ramsland. Miss Craig plans to study at Southern Methodist University this fall, while Miss Ramsland expects to attend Northwestern University in Chicago.

Wyatt will face Republican Joy Yates of Corpus Christi in November.

Young joined Dale Milford, 24th Dist., in the ranks of congressional losers so far this year. Milford was beaten in the May 6 Democratic primary.

Wyatt, who seemed overwhelmed by the totals from Wharton County where he received 85 percent of the vote, appeared to let down emotionally when Young called and conceded. The incumbent pledged his support for the general election in November.

Two other races where incumbents had stepped aside attracted considerable attention, although the predicted 800,000 voters appeared to fall about 100,000 short.

State Rep. Mickey Leland won the Democratic nomination over Anthony Hall for Barbara Jordan's vacant 18th District seat. Ms. Jordan shocked Houston-area supporters by deciding not to run.

Leland, a flashy, street-savvy black from Houston's poorest neighborhood known locally as "The Fifth Ward," called the race one of the cleanest in the state's history.

"I never dreamed that a little old guy from Fifth Ward would be going to Congress to take the place of a little old woman from Fifth Ward (Jordan)," he said. "Barbara Jordan and I are very different people, but because she has passed the way of the 18th District, she has made it possible for me (to go to Congress)."

Leland's totals showed him receiving 15,537 votes, 56.79 percent, to Hall's 11,821, 43.21 percent.

In the 6th Dist., Ron Godbey's 11th-hour surge during the May 6 primary was enough to shoot him past Chet Edwards and into the runoff against Phil Gramm, a Texas A&M professor. However, it fell just short when the votes were tallied Saturday and Sunday.

Gramm received 23,772 votes, 52.94 percent, to Godbey's 21,132, 47.06 percent.

Gramm, who will face Republican Wes Mowery in November for the seat vacated by Olin "Tiger" Teague, said, "My goal was to make right to work an issue and I did it."

The only Republican congressional contest pitted 31-year-old George W. Bush, a Midland oilman and son of the former CIA director, against former Odessa Mayor Jim Reese for Dist. 19 seat.

Bush rode a partisan turnout in his hometown to victory by a 6,737-to-5,322 margin. Bush garnered 55.87 percent of the vote. Reese picked up 44.13 percent.

Bush must face Kent Hance of Lubbock for the right to succeed retiring Democrat George Mahon.

In other Democratic congressional runoffs, Marlin's Marvin Leath defeated former state Rep. Lane Denton of Waco for the Dist. 11 nomination vacated by Bob Poage with 40,210 votes, 55.86 percent to Denton's 33,095, 45.14 percent.

The 17th District winner, Charles Stenholm, beat A.L. "Dusty" Rhodes despite out-going incumbent Omar Burlison's criticism that he refused to debate his opponent in public. Stenholm received 46,599 votes, 67.08 percent, to Rhodes' 22,871, 32.92 percent.



CHOSEN as the 1978 National Honor Society scholarship recipient at Lee High School is Tracey Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rogers. Rogers recently was graduated from Lee High. While in high school, he was president of the National Honor Society and treasurer of Key Club. He has lettered in baseball and football. Rogers plans to attend Texas A&M University this fall.

## Airline extension sought

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Southwest Airlines was expected to ask the Texas Aeronautics Commission today to extend its service to Amarillo and Beaumont-Port Arthur.

The commission scheduled a public hearing on the application under which Southwest asked authority to operate scheduled flights for passengers and cargo between Amarillo and Dallas, Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Harlingen and Beaumont-Port Arthur, and between Beaumont-Port Arthur and Dallas, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa and El Paso.

The commission said Southwest proposes to schedule non-stop flights between Amarillo-Dallas, and Beaumont-Port Arthur-Dallas with single plane and connecting service between Amarillo-Austin and Amarillo-Houston. The remaining markets would be served initially by connecting service on Southwest.

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## Some workers like 28-28, some don't

By JOE ALEX MORRIS JR.  
The Los Angeles Times

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — "I wouldn't work no other way," Ronnie Knotts, a tool pusher from Saline, La., said.

"Hour for hour, I'm home with my family more than men working eight hours a day in Shreveport."

Knotts is one of a special breed of people whose life-style has been radically changed by the pressures of international economics.

WHERE MARRIED American oilmen used to move their families to the Persian Gulf with them, and single drillers spent their free hours in a strange land, more and more of them are going home — all the way home — when off the job. Soaring prices in the oil boom states has led to a revolution in the life of the overseas oil worker.

For the men on the drilling rigs, it has meant that for every day they work they get a day off. Not one day on, one day off; the general pattern is 28 days on, 28 off.

FOR THEIR TIME off, some of the crews are flown back to the United States, others to some mid-way point. The Arabian American Oil Co. in Saudi Arabia charters a TWA Boeing 707, with first-class seating throughout, for periodic round trips between Dharan and Houston.

Growing costs have made it increasingly difficult for some of the smaller companies to keep employees and their families in the Persian Gulf nations. In some places, the rent for a modest apartment is as much as \$2,000 a month.

ALSO, CONGRESSIONAL efforts to reduce the tax exemption on overseas earnings have promised to make living abroad even more costly.

Bigger companies had additional reasons. Aramco, for example, was desperately short of family housing for new engineers being brought in for a development program in Saudi Arabia.

"Engineers simply won't come if they have to wait 10 to 12 months in bachelor status," Richard Lawton, Aramco's head of expatriate personnel, said.

SO THE DRILLERS, tool pushers and roughnecks out on the rigs have gone to 28-28. Some were already

working two weeks on and one off, but the change to 28-28 was unsettling and not everybody made it.

"It's the mental attitude," Ken Peek of Houston, a driller in Kuwait for the Parker Co., said. "First there's 28 days of nonstop work, 12 hours a day, then complete dissociation. It's like coming out of jail. You get home and spend the first three days getting reacquainted with your family. Then what do you do for the next 25?"

JERRY ALLMAN, the manager of Atwood Oceanics in Dubai, had an answer.

"They start yelling at each other," he said.

Aramco psychiatrists say it is too early to come to any definitive conclusions about the effect of the new work style. But men in the field think they see some patterns developing.

Most agree that the new system works better with more mature men than with younger men. This is illustrated by two tool pushers from the Penrod Drilling Co. of Houston.

TOMMY SPELL, 30, of Crowley, La., preferred the old system of 14 days on and 7 off. He spent his time off with his wife and young son in Dubai.

"She loved Dubai," he said. "She would come back today. It's too much time off now. I'd rather live here."

Knotts is nine years older and of a different opinion. His two children are already too old for the American school in Dubai.

Also, he has a small farm and raises cattle, which means he has plenty to do when he gets home every other month. When he has to leave for work, he said, "I kick it out of gear and let it coast along for a month."

KNOTT'S AND SOME of the others follow a practice known as "hotbedding." Two men working different 12-hour shifts use the same bunk.

The system has also been applied to off-rig pursuits. Roger Garrett, the Dubai manager for Sedco International, said he knows of two drillers working for the company who have bought a service station back home.

The company, anxious to keep its men happy, cooperates and makes sure that the two week alternate months, so that one is always home to run the station.

"WE'VE HAD adjustment problems, but most of the men love it," Garrett said. "For one thing, they don't worry about their families if they are back in the States."

Other companies, such as Offshore International, fly the crews out for their time off, but not all the way to the United States. Offshore has chosen the Mediterranean island of Malta as its base point.

Offshore picked Malta because it is inexpensive but comfortable. Bob Browning, the Abu Dhabi manager for Offshore, figures there are about 3,000 oil workers living on Malta and working in the Middle East oilfields.

"I was surprised," Browning said. "I think it's working reasonably well, although at first I thought it was too much time off."

As a manager, Browning is one of the rare ones who still has his family in Abu Dhabi, living in a comfortable Bungalow on the beach.

"I don't know how I would cope with 28 days off," he said.

THERE IS SOME disagreement among oilmen as to which is the tougher part, the 28 days on the rig or the 28 days off. But not much. Offshore rigs in the Persian Gulf may be among the world's most unpleasant places. For six months of the year the rigs are a hot and humid hell.

There is little to do other than work, sleep and eat. There is no alcohol on American rigs (the French company Foramer is the only one in the area that allows liquor on its rigs). There is closed circuit television, and X-rated movies are said to be popular.

A TOOLPUSHER on one rig has organized a jogging club. Fifty time around the helicopter landing pad equals one mile, Al Reed, manager for Penrod, said.

Reed figures that one man in four cannot adapt to the new life-style. Penrod sends these men home.

The new system has meant added expenses for the companies, which appear to match up more or less with the costs that have been eliminated — for housing, other living costs expenses and allowances to offset taxes.

PENROD'S REED said the company is actually saving a little, even though staffing has to be increased by one-third and the round trip flights to Houston cost \$1,430 a year for every job.

Browning of Offshore International said his company is not saving any money.

"We had to go over to the new system to keep our people in the face of the competition," he said.

Fred Schwarzenlander of Port Hueneme, Calif., an assistant tool pusher for Sedco International, appears to be an exception to the rule that young men are unhappy with the new arrangement. He is 24 and unmarried, and he says he loves the system. What does he do with his time off?

"What do I do?" he repeated. "I go back to California, of course."

Did he find it difficult establishing permanent relationships?

"I change girls every 28 days," he said.

Not all are so well adjusted. Asked what most of his men did on leave, Aramco's Lawton answered:

"They drink."



J. B. "Rusty" Bynum

## Bynum retires

J. B. "Rusty" Bynum has retired after 36 years of service with Schlumberger Well Services.

He was honored at a recent dinner in the Midland Hilton.

The special retirement presentation was made by Roy Shourd of Houston, president of the company. Other guests at the dinner included former and present associates during Bynum's tenure.

Bynum began his career with Schlumberger Sep. 23, 1941, in the Houston District. He was transferred to Odessa in 1950 and served in the Cased Hole District until it was moved to Midland.

He has worked as a senior sales engineer for the Midland Cased Hole District since 1957, a position he held at the time of his retirement at the end of April.

He plans to continue his residence in Odessa where he is a member of the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang and is active in various civic organizations.

## TIPRO members expect long years of litigation

By MAX B. SKELTON  
AP Oil Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — A study group for Texas independent oil and gas operators says clarification of the proposed extension of natural gas price controls to intrastate markets will lead to years of litigation and administrative confusion.

The state issues policy committee of the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Associations adds, however, it already is clear the basic principles of the natural gas pricing bill approved by House-Senate conferees would be substantial and costly for independent producers.

The committee's report was submitted Sunday at the opening session of the trade group's 32nd annual meeting.

Attached to the report scheduled for consideration Tuesday is a proposed resolution reaffirming support of the concept of natural gas price decontrols and describing as counter-productive any legislative proposals that attempt to approach deregulation objectives by first extending controls to the intrastate markets.

The policy group headed by Bruce Anderson, Houston, also said the conference committee compromise includes at least 16 different classifications of gas production established for pricing control, with additional categories currently under consideration.

"The producer will find considerable need for legal, engineering and geological advice to help him determine in which of the categories his production falls and whether he is or will be eligible for price upgrading in any given producing circumstance," the report said.

Jack Allen, president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, said Sunday the potential of the compromise for expanding regulations is like outer space.

"If the compromise is adopted by the House and the Senate it will then take months to develop regulatory language at the administrative level," the Perryton, Tex., operator said.

"We won't know where we stand on anything," Alleg added that the compromise bill could reduce independents to the level of utilities.

"Independents are concerned about survival if we have this bill," he said. "We can't exchange short term price gains for long term controls."

At its annual meeting two weeks ago, the national grade group headed by Allen termed the compromise bill "a blueprint for disaster leading to less gas, not more."

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani says the current freeze on OPEC oil prices may not hold past December.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has frozen oil prices since last July, and Yamani said in an interview Sunday "the freeze won't be lifted" when OPEC oil ministers meet in Geneva June 17.

But "by December, we will either decide for a freeze or an increase," he said. "If we decide for an increase, it wouldn't be for more than 5 percent as things look now. Right now, there is a 50-50 chance of a freeze or an increase."

Yamani also said Saudi Arabia remains committed to the dollar for pricing oil exports, but said the country is not happy with the U.S. currency's weakened position.

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — Gulf Oil Corp. has pleaded no contest to a federal antitrust misdemeanor charge and been fined \$40,000 for its participation in an international cartel which sought to fix world uranium prices.

Among the alleged violations was the cartel's refusal to sell uranium to Westinghouse Electric Corp. as a middleman for domestic and foreign utilities.

The government said cartel members agreed to charge all middlemen "discriminatorily high prices," but specifically refused to deal with West-

## First Oklahoma nuclear facility at center stage

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — The first proposed nuclear power plant in Oklahoma was to be at center stage again today and Tuesday in a new round of hearings concerning the Black Fox facility.

Public Service Co. wants to build the plant near Inola to take the place of coal-fired generating facilities.

Opponents lobbied against the nuclear plant last fall in environmental and site suitability hearings conducted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Public Service officials said they had expected authorization to start non-safety related work at the site after the fall hearings, but instead the new hearings were granted to take testimony relating to radon emission standards.

The intervenors, represented by a group called Citizens Action for Safe Energy, contend the commission underestimated the effects of radiation from the plant by failing to take into account radon gas in the uranium mill tailings.

The tailings, residue from the preparation of uranium ore, are allegedly the cause of an increase in the incidence of cancer and leukemia.

"Scientists state that radiation left behind in the mine-tailings from the uranium used each year in a nuclear power plant the size of one of the proposed Black Fox plants will cause 200 deaths per year per plant — from now on for many centuries," a CASE newsletter claimed.

The organization's conclusions were based on testimony by Dr. Robert O. Pohl, physics professor at Cornell University.

Pohl contends that the long term potential health effects resulting from the mill tailings "completely dwarf those caused by the entire (nuclear)

fuel cycle."

T.N. Ewing, manager of the Black Fox Station project, says the new round of hearings "will undoubtedly increase the cost of Black Fox Station, ultimately resulting in higher costs of electric energy."

Ewing, in a letter to Inola-area residents, said the issue to be discussed at the hearings is not new and is to be the subject of a commission report to be released this September.

"It seems more than slightly absurd that the NRC has determined that separate hearings are now required for each operating power station, each reactor under construction and each reactor seeking a construction permit," Ewing wrote.

Gregg Minor, a San Jose, Calif., electrical engineer who was expected to participate in the two days of hearings, was critical of the proposed facility. He said Public Service's architect-engineer had never built a nuclear plant and noted that the plant was of a new design.

Minor said the plant "is likely to create a lot more problems than energy in the next five to eight years."

Cost estimates for the plant have nearly doubled since it was first proposed five years ago, and Minor said it will go higher than the present estimate of \$1.7 billion because there are "a lot of unanswered questions."

They step off jets from the United States and Europe wearing three-piece suits and brittle smiles, carrying briefcases and feelings of superiority. They are businessmen, and they think that cracking the increasingly lucrative African market will be a simple matter.

But unlike many — perhaps most — of their colleagues, they are fated to succumb rather than conquer, because they cling to the notion that a businessman in Africa can operate just as he would in New York or London.

The first rule of doing business in Africa is that there are no rules. The second is that one works around the system, not within it. And the third is that African time is imprecise and ill-defined. Noon, for example, is considered to be anything between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

If you want to meet a government minister, the last thing you do is write a letter, which probably will never be answered, or call his secretary, who may never deliver the message. You contact the minister personally, preferably dropping the name of a well-placed associate.

In African countries the telephone does not work when it rains because the buried wires are not waterproof. In Lagos, Nigeria, the phones do not work even on sunny days. Thus businessmen often appear unannounced, and if they are prepared to wait long enough they will find most African officials and entrepreneurs surprisingly accessible.

Airlines are unreliable. Some overbook by up to 50 percent, then depart as soon as a full load of passengers show up. The other day two U.S. importers sat blurry-eyed and disheveled in the airport at Monrovia, Liberia, waiting for Ghana Airways' delayed flight to Accra. How long had they been waiting?

"Three days," one said impassively.

In Kenya, U.S. Producers of a \$7.5 million film being shot here were called in recently and told by a government official that their license had been cancelled. Why? No particular reason. Couldn't the misunderstandings be worked out privately and financially? Certainly.

"It's a different way of doing business and some people can never adjust to it," said an American businessman in Lusaka, Zambia.

"It takes patience and flexibility and a willingness to realize that what is acceptable at home isn't necessarily acceptable abroad. But basically I don't suppose the frustrations of Africa are any worse than those anywhere else in the Third World."

Increasingly, U.S. businessmen are confronting those frustrations and discovering black Africa as a potentially wealthy, untapped market with both short- and long-term economic promise.

The French and the British have known this for years.

In 1960, the year that colonial rule began giving way to independence in black Africa, U.S. investment on the continent stood at \$600 million. By 1975 it had increased to \$4.9 billion, of which \$2.6 billion was in South Africa and \$2.3 billion in black Africa.

The opportunities are tremendous here: an American economic analyst said. "To begin with, by getting in on the ground floor, you're going to have a foothold and product acceptance in a part of the world that's growing and getting wealthier. Not everyone's making money now, but they will be in 20 years."

Africa's principal exports to the United States are oil, coffee and diamonds, its principal imports manufactured goods. Largely because of Nigerian oil exports to the United States, Africa enjoys a huge trade surplus. It began in 1972 and by 1978 the United States was importing from sub-Saharan Africa \$4.8 billion more in goods than it was exporting.

A prime reason for growing U.S. economic interest in Africa is a major shift in the African philosophy over

the last several years. Its governments have generally become increasingly pragmatic economically and decreasingly fanatic ideologically.

Most countries need money desperately for development, and the source of that money is usually aid, exports or loans. But they are already mortgaged to the hilt, exports are unlikely to increase dramatically and foreign aid may already have peaked. That leaves foreign investment, and that kind of capital is available mainly in the West.

Some of Africa's traditionally radical governments — in Guinea, Mali and the Congo, for example — are now actively encouraging Western foreign investment. Zambia and Zaire are begging for it. Even socialist Tanzania, which only a few years ago was caught up in a zealous anti-capitalist campaign, is appealing to private business to take a more active role in the country's economy.

Mauritania nationalized its ore mines a few years ago, then two months ago put a large minority share up for sale. The large buyers: Libya and Iraq. Kenya recently held a trade fair in New York. The president of Gabon has made several trips to the United States to encourage foreign investment. One of the first moves of Angola's Marxist government was to get the American oil companies back to work in Cabinda. Now the oil installations are guarded by Cuban associates.

"The name of the game has changed," said an American banker in Lagos. "Africa no longer wants foreign investment for its own sake. What it wants is investment that will help it develop, investment that will provide jobs and training and opportunities for Africans, not expatriates."

"If you can accept the philosophy that your's is going to be a minority position, that they are going to get the glory of your successes, then you can generate a handsome return on your investment."

Investment in many countries can be risky. Coups d'etat, nationalization, confiscation, expulsion, corruption and "Africanization" of the job markets constitute a way of life in much of the continent. There is, however, reason to hope that Africa is becoming more, not less, stable, despite its seemingly constant turmoil.

Africa is still conservative and rural and slow to change, but for a man with ideas, this can be a boon. As William Wood, an American and general manager of the Commercial Bank of Africa in Nairobi, put it, "If everything I do that can be defined as innovative takes the opposition two or three years to copy, then I've got a competitive edge that just won't quit."

Last February Wood reduced the average time a customer has to spend in his bank, an affiliate of the Bank of America, from 45 minutes to 8 minutes. He did it by installing — among other things long-used in the United States — ropes that form a single file to prevent unruly, elbowing mobs from forming in front of the tellers.

The African customers were so annoyed at first that they simply bowled over the young woman who was assigned to direct them to the tellers. Then Wood put a guard with a baseball bat at the head of the line to do the directing. Now the lines are orderly.

Few businessmen worry about such customer conveniences. They think the average African will not respond. But by transporting Western business concepts to Africa, Wood has taken what was an economically troubled bank and in four years increased its capital growth by 150 percent, its deposits by 383 percent and its loans by 357 percent.

"I figure I'm half-teacher and half-banker in this job," Wood said.

Another adjustment that Western businessmen have to make is that there is virtually no consumer protection and no quality control in Africa. McDonald's reportedly decided not to invest here because of the absence of such controls, and any American who has tried Kentucky fried chicken in Nairobi knows that it is not the same product he knew at home.

Some companies excel in their own quality control.

## Adobe tells of purchase

Adobe Oil & Gas Corp. reported completion of the acquisition of coal properties and coal mining equipment located in Northwest Pennsylvania.

The properties and equipment are capable of strip mining approximately 120,000 tons of steam coal per year. Adobe obtained an independent engineering report that approximately 1,000 acres of coal leases in the acquisition contain in excess of 2.5 million tons of mineable coal.

Consideration for the acquisition was approximately \$2,500,000 cash, one-fourth of which was paid at closing and the remainder to be paid in three equal annual installments.

The acquisition will operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Adobe Oil & Gas Corp. and will complement Adobe's other coal operations in the area, a company official said.

## San Andres well finals

Flag-Redfern Oil Co. of Midland No. 1-26 Southard is a new well in the Tom Tom (San Andres) area of Chaves County, N. M., 13 miles south of Kenna.

The oiler finished for a daily pumping potential of 48 barrels of 24-gravity oil, plus 20 barrels of water, through perforations from 3,943 to 4,013 feet. The pay was acidized with 5,000 gallons.

Gas-oil ratio is 438-1. The well is one and one-eighth miles northeast of other production and 660 feet from north and west lines of section 26-7s-31e.

### GLASSCOCK WELL

Pennzoil Co., operating from Midland, has completed its No. 2 L. C. Clark in the Garden City pool of Glasscock County, 10 miles northeast of Garden City.

Operator reported a daily flowing potential of 338 barrels of oil and eight barrels of water, through a choke of unreported size and perforations from 9,606 to 9,629 feet.

The well flowed gas at the rate of 2,028,000 cubic feet per day during the potential test. The pay section was acidized with 6,000 gallons.

Location is 660 feet from north and east lines of section 7, block 32, T-4-S, T&P survey.

## Ullman says tax will pass

WASHINGTON — House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Al Ullman, D-Ore., says he still thinks Congress will enact the domestic crude oil tax which is the heart of President Carter's energy program, even though many other leading members of Congress have written it off in an election year.

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# Anne McCaffrey's dragons add new touch to science fiction

By JOSEPH MCLELLAN  
Washington Post

"It's a bit of culture shock, you know. Most of the time I sit out there on my third of an acre in County Wicklow and nobody notices me. Then I come here and people say, 'You're the dragon lady,' and crowd around me. It's a revelation to me."

That's Anne McCaffrey being interviewed recently at the Baltimore, a science-fiction convention held in the Baltimore, Md., suburb of Cockeysville, where she was the main attraction that drew approximately 1,000 fans. McCaffrey has been writing science fiction since 1954, but only in the last few years have the fans been showing up by the thousands to meet her and hear her talk. She owes it all to dragons.

The McCaffrey dragon (bred for special purposes by the people of the planet Pern) is a special sort of creation and almost singlehandedly (aided a bit, perhaps, by Peter, Paul and Mary 15 years ago) she has begun to overturn millennia of prejudice against this misunderstood minority group. The anti-dragon lobby has a clear and simple line of attack: Dragons are nasty beasts, interested only in wreaking havoc, breathing fire and devouring damsels. McCaffrey's creations are more like the legendary Puff, although she claims that the song exerted no conscious influence on her.

"What we're talking about in the dragon-human relationship is love," says McCaffrey, "and love is the most important thing in the world. Your dragon is more than a pet, it's a friend for life; it loves you and you alone, no matter what you do; it understands and accepts you completely. Would you settle for a dog or a cat or even a horse, if you could have a 25-foot telepathic dragon?"

There are no other animals quite like McCaffrey's dragons, though she will concede that there are aspects of both the dog and the horse in them. True, they do breathe fire (after they have eaten the proper kind of fuel), but they do it only to defend their world, which they and their riders patrol, guarding against an ecological disaster that rains down periodically from outer space.

"The dragon-human relationship is a symbolic one, not a matter of dependency," McCaffrey explains. "It's a true partnership. You hear a lot of people talk about partnership, but you're more likely to find it with a dragon."

Nobody knows exactly how many readers have been turned on by McCaffrey's dragons, but her first four books on the subject (two for adults and two for juveniles — but none of the readers seem to pay much attention to the distinction) have sold

well over a million copies — a phenomenal figure in the relatively small, cultish world of science fiction. Many copies are passed from hand to hand among fans until the pages are tattered into unreadability.

Before happening upon the dragons — and a direct line to the universal unconscious — McCaffrey had been writing for years (Gothics and other kinds of books as well as science fiction) with moderate success. The dragon phenomenon still has her a bit breathless: "I started a short story and 468,000 words later I'm still writing. It's the kind of gold an author dreams about and later regrets. People now are always asking 'When does the next dragon book come out.'"

The answer to that question is that "White Dragon," the third book in the adult series, will be published in June. McCaffrey's contract calls for six dragon books in all, including three juveniles. "The publishers say there will be a seventh," she remarks. "Let them say it." She also is working on a series of novels about a planet with warm-blooded dinosaurs ("I've done all that research and I want to use it"), another Gothic and a story about horse racing in Ireland. "White Dragon," she confides, will have quite a bit of material on the small fire-lizards who are interesting but less heartwarming than the dragons.

Anne McCaffrey was born on April Fool's Day an unstated number of years ago in Cambridge, Mass. Raised in New Jersey and educated at Radcliffe, she began writing science fiction to finance her three children's college education. Then, in 1970, she was divorced and suddenly found that her writing had to support her family.

"I moved to Ireland," she explained, "because I wanted someplace safe for my kids and my aged mother, and New York wasn't it. There was a bad drug situation at the local high school, and one of the girls there had her face slashed to ribbons. I didn't want that for my lovely daughter. I also wanted a place to live that was fairly inexpensive. Ireland offered all of it. I had been there before, so I knew what I was getting into."

At least she knew some of it. "You would never believe the problems that face an unmarried woman with an irregular income who wants to buy a home in Ireland." The bankers became much easier to handle after she showed them a contract and they understood how much money can be made writing about dragons. She got the house and named it "Dragonhold." "Because the dragons paid for it."

Now the three children, ranging in age from 18 to 25, have finished their education — with an assist from the dragons. She can remember years when the living was thin (for exam-

ple, a plaintive remark from her daughter a few years ago: "Mother, wouldn't it be nice to eat pancakes because we wanted to?"), but that daughter is about to take her degree (in equitation science), and the economic problems seem to be over.

"I never had any illusions about the literary quality of my stuff," McCaffrey muses. "I did something I liked and did it fairly well. I try to do it a little better each time. I happened to write something at the right time and it caught on. I know how lucky I am."

Her timing seems doubly felicitous, in addition to the happy chance of creating the dragon concept at a time when readers were hungry for it. She has become a leading figure in science fiction at a time when it is booming (nearly 15 percent of all fiction titles published in this country last year were fantasy or SF), and she is a woman in this formerly male chauvinistic field at a time when women seem to be taking over.

She thinks the two phenomena are linked. "Perhaps women are taking a leading role in science fiction because we have become more interested in human relations than in space and technology. Some of these women have scientific backgrounds, but they are more interested in exploring the limits of human relationships, and maybe women are better at that than men."

"People are afraid of science — they don't understand a lot of it, because it wasn't taught to them properly, particularly to women in my generation, and they're afraid of what they don't understand. For about 10 years, science fiction has been explaining to people what their lives will be like in a technological universe."

She also believes that science fiction supplies something that is missing more and more in daily life and other kinds of writing — a sense of awe, wonder and adventure.

"Our life today has lost something — the sense of wonder; there is so much cynicism, so much scandal. The enduring tragedy of Watergate is that America lost its gloss, its air of wonder for the rest of the world. Now, there is no place else in the world to go for that feeling, so people are going out of the world."

The hunger for wonder is reflected, she believes, in success of "Star Trek" and "Star Wars," but true to form Hollywood is now approaching the phenomenon from the wrong direction. "I hear they're planning to remake 'The Blob' and revive a lot of the old Japanese monsters. What they should do is make more good, swash-buckling movies" she broke out into a lusty rendition of the "Star Wars" march theme. "... that sort of thing. People want heroes and adventures."

Her own book, "The Ship Who Sang," is under option to a Hollywood studio, but apparently they don't know quite what to do with it. She hopes somebody will make a television series out of it.

Meanwhile, the dragons are the dominant element in McCaffrey's life, and she is wondering whether she wants to write more about them after her current contracts are fulfilled. Clues planted in earlier books open the possibility of a number of story lines — a black market in dragon eggs, for example, not to mention time-travel and the exploration of other planets through the dragons' ability to "go between" — that is, to teleport through time and space. There is also the possibility of further technological development on her imaginary planet Pern, which has an essentially medieval technology and social structure.

She is not sure she wants to do any more dragon writing for a while, but is still turning over the background in her mind. "The important thing is that any new developments have to be logical and consistent with the premises from earlier books. I set myself parameters and I have to stick with them."

The dragons also have invaded her private life — they appear on her stationery, her bookplates, a lot of her jewelry including some rings, and spectacularly on a T-shirt that she had printed in Ireland and gives to fans who do research or special favors for her. One such fan, in Arizona, recently dug up a point of information she wanted on what sapphires look like (gritty? embedded in clay?) when they are dug out of the ground. Two others — both scientists — joined her in an intensive three-day discussion in which they mapped out an entire planetary ecology for her series of warm-blooded dinosaurs.

One friend who is not a fan, since he does not read science fiction, is Russell Coope, professor of geology at the University of Birmingham (England). "I give him a problem," McCaffrey said, "and half of him is saying, 'What am I doing,' but the other half is so fascinated he begins to work on it."

He gets a dragon T-shirt, too, whether he wants it or not.

## Mike likes that soccer

LINCOLN, England (AP) — It didn't make any difference to soccer fan Michael Hayes that his favorite team, Liverpool, has two Raymonds and two Phillips among the 14 players.

Hayes, delighted with the European Cup victory by the team, decided to name his newborn son after each team member.

Herewith, the child will be known as:

Thomas (Smith) James (Case) Emlyn (Hughes) David (Fairclough) Raymond (Kennedy) Terence (McDermott) Phillip (Neal) Kenneth (Dalglish) Stephen (Heighway) Alan (Hansen) Phillip (Thompson) Graeme (Souness) Raymond (Clemence) Robert (Paisley, the manager) Hayes.

## Tass reports no casualties in earthquake

MOSCOW (AP) — A strong earthquake rocked the southern part of Soviet central Asia today, Tass reported, but it said damage was slight and there were no casualties.

Tass said the quake measured eight on the 12-point Medvedev Scale at its epicenter north of the town of Gazli. The town was destroyed by a 9-point quake in 1976, but Tass said stronger materials had been used in rebuilding, and it came through the new quake in "excellent" shape.

The quake was also felt in Bukhara, Samarkand and Tashkent, Tass reported.

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# Latest postage hike may spell out end for Lincoln pennies

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN  
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RIDGEFIELD, Conn. (AP) — The new 15-cent stamp for first-class letters may soon make this country penniless.

The old bronze Lincoln penny can scarcely withstand another snub. The rarer Indian head, if any are still in circulation, awaits its final scalping. No more pennies pushed across the post office counter to send a letter by what used to be called the penny post. Now a dime and a nickel will do the job. And a dime will send a postcard; no pennies need apply.

Sad. It was such a bright, promising coin.

"A penny for your thoughts," of-



fered Dean Swift, the satirical sage, when pennies and thoughts were worth more.

In my youth, only yesterday, you could buy a stick of gum or a tiny slab of chocolate on a subway platform for a penny, or, an even sounder investment, get yourself weighed and your fortune told.

The dentist reminded you to show for an annual checkup with a penny postcard. A penny could get you an all-day sucker, bubble gum with baseball cards showing Goose Goslin, Babe Herman, Mickey Cochrane and other heroic figures in pin striped battle regalia; an eraser and pencil if you were intellectually inclined, a penny whistle if you were musical, a two-cent plain at the fountain if you had two of them, a visit to a pay toilet, and a penny candle to have on hand in case you couldn't find a penny to complete the circuit when a fuse blew.

Ten penny nails cost 10 cents per hundred. Penny-ante poker was a serious game, even in my college days. On rainy days at the beach, you broke open your piggy banks to visit a marvellous institution called the penny arcade. For a penny you could play pinball machines, see a risqué card-flip film, pop away in a shooting gallery, visit the flea circus, excavate gum balls and valuable prizes like a comb and fountain pen from the scoop-derrick machine, race simulated racing cars, test your muscles and have your handwriting analyzed.

The penny tabloid, before it went up to two cents, was the bed rock of our free (in ideas) Western press.

"The penny-papers of New York do more to govern this country than the White House in Washington," thundered the reformer Wendell Phillips more than a century ago. About the same time, across the pond where the penny got its start, Lord Cecil asked on the floor of the House of Commons:

"Can it be maintained that a person

can learn anything worth knowing from a penny paper? It may be said that people may learn what is said in Parliament. Well, will that contribute to their education?"

It is not noted in Hansard's, the British Congressional Record, whether his audience nodded, shook their heads or cared a pennyweight for his speech, which wouldn't have been all bad since a pennyweight then was the actual weight of a silver penny, 1-12th of an ounce or 24 grams of silver.

James Joyce was hardly underrating his talent but going for the popular market when he titled his first volume of verse, "Pomes Penyeach," and handed them to a publisher on the Trinity College side of the penny bridge over Dublin's Liffey River.

Poems and papers weren't the only reading matter available for a penny. There were penny dreadfuls, cheap paperback novels of crime, violence and passion that Tom Sawyer's playmates had to hide in the corn crib along with Captain Billy's Whizbang, Mark Twain and Brete Harte went West as itinerant journalists, scribbling pure literature at a penny a paragraph.

Which reminds me that a few years back I visited the Berkeley campus during the anti-Vietnam demonstrations and saw a bearded dreamer sitting barefoot under a tree emblazoned with the sign "Poems for a penny." I handed the supine minstrel a bronze coin of the realm and he quickly dashed off a two-word couplet that was instant haiku or less:

"Cheap Creep."

The penny is our oldest coin. The Washington cent appeared in 1783, nine years before Congress got around to establishing a U.S. Mint. The bronze coin was suggested by the revolutionary patriot Gouverneur Morris, who later sunk a pretty penny into the Erie Canal. Morris, who went to Paris as a financial agent for the new government, took the word cent from the French centime, which in turn was derived from centum, Latin for 100.

Until 1857, half cents were in circulation, which is why those were called the good old days. In Britain the good old days were even older. The penny predates Edward I's reign (1239-1307) and could be broken in to halves (pronounced half-pun-ee) and even quarters or fourths, known as a farthing.

Since 1873 the penny is by law in the United States required to be minted of 95 per cent copper, and 5 per cent tin, with time out for World War II when a cooper shortage ushered in a penny of zinc-coated steel that played hell with the slot machines in Las Vegas.

Benjamin Franklin, the first postmaster general, would be dismayed to learn how his successors behind the stamp window have devalued our first coin since he wrote in his "Necessary Hints to Those that Would Be Rich" the adage that every school child memorized in the depressed days of yore:

"A penny saved is two pence clear."

# Chairman bids to change Republican party's image

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Somehow, Bill Brock didn't seem like the guy to shake up the Republican establishment. After all, he was part of it — solid, predictable, moderately conservative.

Just the type to run the Republican National Committee between presidential elections, while he looked for an opening to resume a political career stalled by Senate defeat.

So much for type casting. Brock is trying to change the style and the face of the party he leads. He's out talking, and listening, to people who haven't had much more than passing glances from the GOP in years.

He's been to the NAACP, to union meetings, he's had black activist Jesse Jackson address the national committee.

He's invested \$750,000 in recruitment and campaign assistance for black GOP candidates. There will be more than 100 of them on state legislative ballots this year.

"Everybody talks about the black program," Brock said. "But we've got 20 women running for the legislature in Ohio alone."

He has been to organized labor with a simple message: the party is so small and so thin that nobody will have to wait in line to have an impact on its policies and candidates.

The national committee has bought commercials to sponsor a black public affairs program broadcast in 24 cities. It took advertisements in 23 Jewish newspapers to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Israel.

And while chairman Brock insists he hasn't changed his views much since he was Sen. Brock of Tennessee, his programs at party headquarters are evidence of a lesson learned the hard way.

After 14 years in Congress, six in the Senate, Brock looked like a safe bet for re-election in 1976. His name was starting to turn up in the future book on Republican presidential prospects.

That was before Democrat James R. Sasser upset him in Tennessee, gaining 93 percent of the black vote. "We are here and we are serious."

Brock told the NAACP 18 months later, saying that he hopes no party will ever again take black voters for granted, or write them off to the opposition.

Brock says that his programs don't represent an effort to change Republican philosophy, but rather, to use it effectively so as to create jobs and ease taxes with measures designed to encourage private enterprise and development.

So he urges a 33 percent tax cut over a three-year period, noting that there was a day when Republicans would have insisted on balancing the budget first, cutting taxes later. He boasts of Republican proposals for special tax incentives to create jobs; of rewards for employers who set up shop in the cities, where people are out of work.

But on those and other Republican offerings, there is one small problem: the GOP doesn't have a prayer of passing them. With one-third of the seats in the House and Senate, all they can do is make proposals and speeches.

Which leads Brock to an observation that comes close to political heresy. No politician is going to say that his party is better off without the White House.

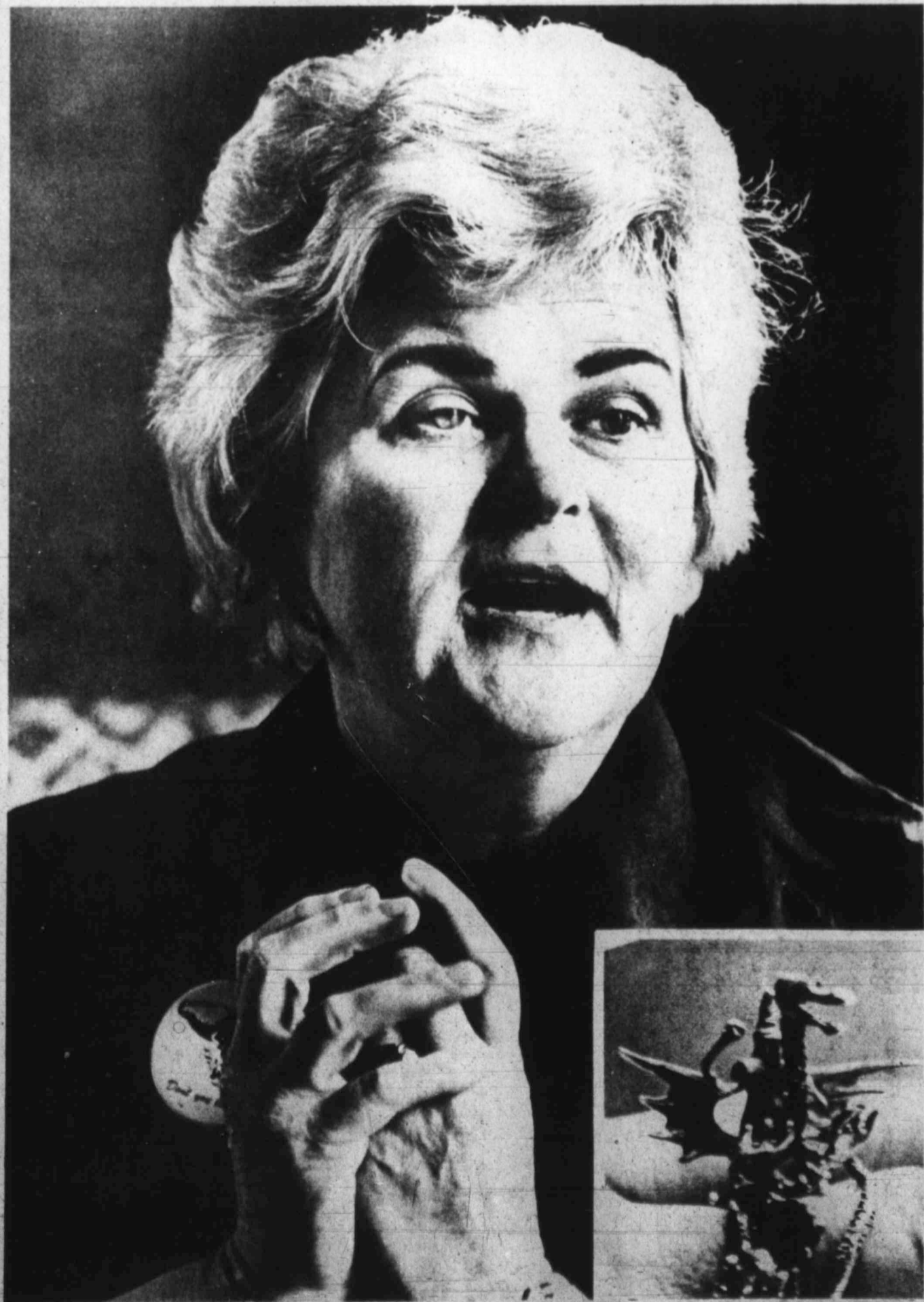
But Brock does say that it doesn't do the Republican Party much good in the long run to elect a president every few terms and have him take the heat for things that go wrong when, in fact, he can't get much of anything through heavily Democratic congresses.

Brock claims progress for his effort to build the party from the bottom. The test will come in November, but he is not forecasting a dramatic resurgence of the crippled party. He looks for gains of perhaps 15 seats in the House, for an increased share of GOP seats in state legislatures, and for five or six governors.

He says the process of rebuilding will take time, probably a long time. But Brock seems to have that.

Not that he's forgotten the lure of elective politics. But there aren't any openings now. There will be, in elections for the Senate and for governor of Tennessee in 1982.

Either could be a comeback route.

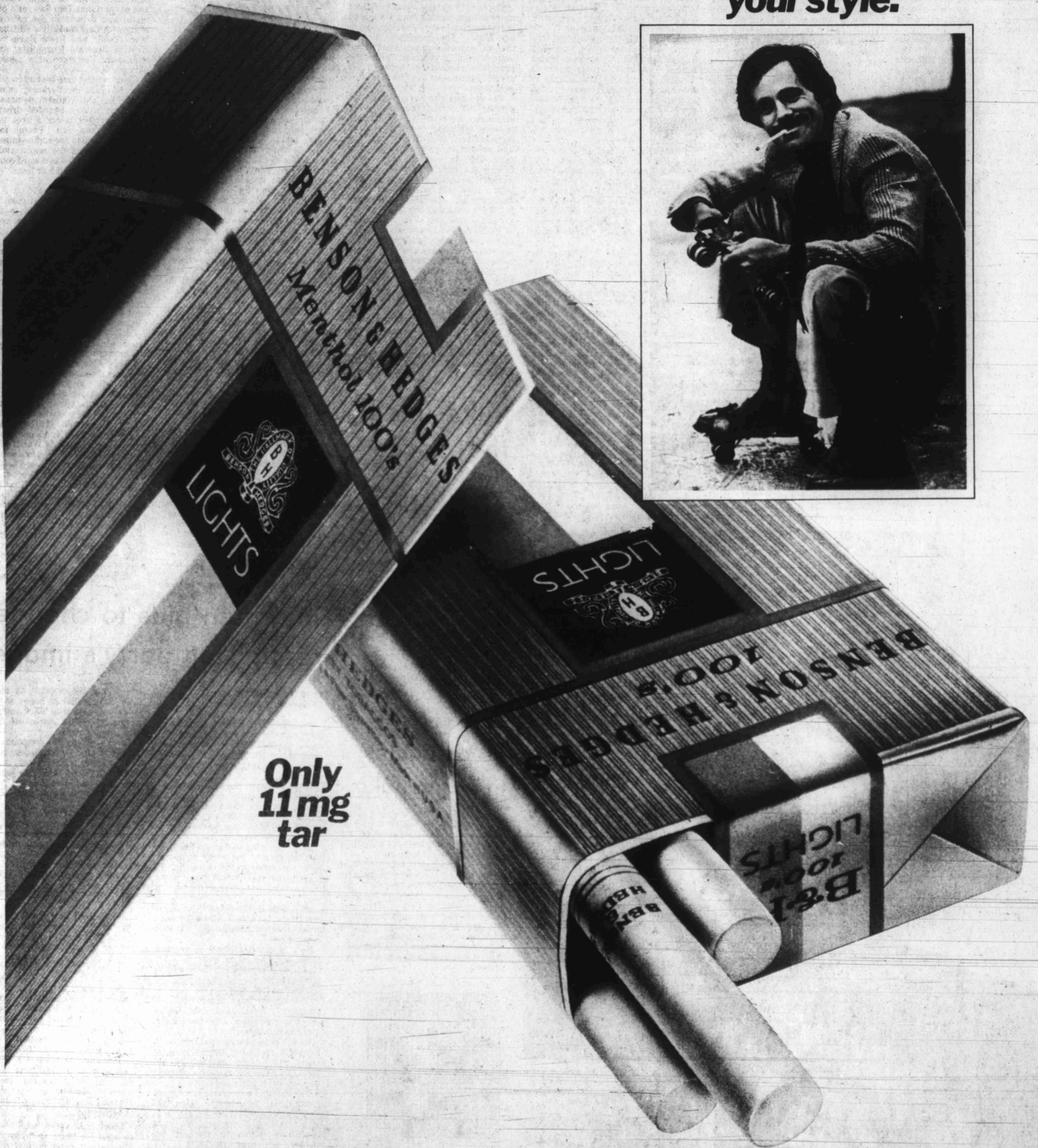


Author Anne McCaffrey: her dragon stories have a following of science-fiction fans in the thousands.

Inset: closeup of her dragon ring. (Washington Post Photos by Harry Naitchayan)

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