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'I did not shoot Dr. Martin Luther King,' says Ray

By MARGARET GENTRY

WASHINGTON (AP) — James Earl Ray took the witness stand before Congress today and swore, as expected, that "I did not shoot Dr. Martin Luther King."

Ray, in his first public accounting under oath of the events surrounding the 1968 murder of the civil rights leader in Memphis, Tenn., told the House assassinations committee: "My testimony is the same that I would have given to a Memphis trial court if I had had that opportunity."

The 39-year-old Ray, accompanied by a phalanx of U.S. marshals, was brought into the committee's chamber under severe security provisions. Spectators, including photographers, were cautioned they would be expelled if they stood while Ray entered the room.

After his attorney, Mark Lane, engaged acting chairman Richardson Preyer in battle over Ray's treatment by federal authorities, Ray launched into a long and rambling preliminary statement.

Ray pleaded guilty to King's killing in 1969 but almost immediately recanted that confession after receiving a 99-year sentence in a Tennessee state prison.

"In respect to my guilty plea," Ray said, "it is not a difficult matter for an attorney to move his client to a guilty plea. I'm sure every member of this committee knows this." Ray's attorney at the time of his sentencing was Percy Foreman, a nationally known trial lawyer.

Then Ray returned to a story he has told in earlier interviews that he was a pawn in what he thought was a gun-running scheme by a man named

"Raoul," and may have been set up by the FBI.

"I'm concerned about FBI informants coming up here to testify," he said. Ray repeated his claim that some FBI personnel are out to kill him, adding: "They have a license to kill."

Before Ray began his presentation, Lane protested that "Mr. Ray was beaten by federal prison official on Monday and held in solitary confinement with the lights on for 24 hours."

Preyer, D-N.C., shot back: "The question of the treatment of Mr. Ray is a collateral matter which is not before this committee. We will not deal with that."

As the hearing opened, more than a dozen federal marshals and Capitol police officers patrolled the corridor in front of the hearing room.

Only Lane, news reporters and photographers and 30 spectators invited and screened in advance were allowed to enter the 200-seat room. They were required to pass through metal-detection devices and to allow officers to search briefcases and purses.

Ray's appearance before the committee comes after an 18-month investigation of King's murder in Memphis on April 4, 1968. Committee members seemed doubtful, however, that Ray's account could settle the mysteries of the case.

He has said he knew Raoul only by his first name and was involved in a narcotics and weapons smuggling racket with him. In some accounts, Ray has claimed Raoul framed him for the murder of King.

Because he pleaded guilty, Ray was

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James Earl Ray



Dr. King



TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN take up positions at the Cordova power substation in Memphis early today after a blackout plunged the city

into darkness. Officials think vandals threw switches at the station causing the hour and a half outage. Related story Page 6A (AP Laserphoto)

Georgia prison rioting leaves 1 dead, 3 hurt

REIDSVILLE, Ga. (AP) — A group of white inmates attacked black inmates with prison-made weapons at the Georgia State Prison today, killing one man and injuring three others before guards restored order, prison officials said.

The disturbance — the second major violent incident at the facility in less than a month — ended and all

inmates were locked in their cells, according to a spokeswoman for the state prison system.

It was not known how many inmates were involved in the incident.

Sara Passmore, spokeswoman for the state Department of Offender Rehabilitation, said inmates in the prison's M building, a maximum-security cellblock, were going to work details about 7:30 a.m. when the incident started.

She said inmates in M building had continued to go to work details after a July 23rd riot in which one guard and two inmates were killed. The M building inmates, who are housed in single cells, had not been involved in that incident.

Since the earlier disturbance, officials have had daily inspections for weapons, and many work details have been curtailed.

Duane Riner, a spokesman for Gov. George Busbee, said when Busbee was informed of the latest incident, he called it "another of the deplorable, blind racial hatred-type of incidents which results in wanton retaliation."

The July 23rd riot had been the latest in a series at the prison this year in which four inmates and a guard have been killed.

Busbee has taken emergency steps to increase security measures at the south Georgia prison and is considering a \$15 million to \$20 million program to convert the facility into single cells.

A federal judge also has ordered the prison population reduced and white and black inmates temporarily segregated.

About 2,350 inmates are housed at the prison, down from 2,800 earlier this year.

Jake and Ollie Mae Schiro are sort of home-grown Mutt and Jeff

INDEPENDENCE, La. — Jake and Ollie Mae Schiro make for a most agreeable couple to be so outwardly different.

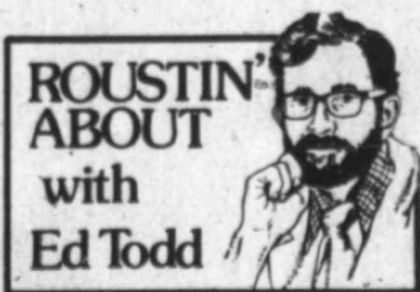
They're sort of a Mutt 'n' Jeff but without all the snickering and deadpan comedy.

You can bet you choice spot in the southern Louisiana swamps that they're good, honest people who have about as many quirks as any of the so-called "average" mister and missus in the country.

She's the tall one. At 6-foot-1, Ollie Mae towers over her man.

"I was third from the caboose," she says of her family; there were 15 children. Seven are living. "Momma was short and stout; my daddy, tall and thin. I take after my daddy."

Jake drinks pots of home-brewed coffee, as he whiles away the time smoking cigarettes and talking to any who'll listen on the front porch of their



cast-in-the-wilds frame house. It's almost older than both of them put together.

She imbibes of the brew, too. Neither likes chicory chips in their coffee.

About three years ago, Ollie Mae cut out smoking after she, like John "The Duke" Wayne, lost a lung under the knife.

But her misfortune — she was a

three pack-a-day smoker — with cigarettes doesn't seem to faze Jake.

"I cough early in the morning until, sometimes, I clear out." Then, he follows that first-thing-in-the-morning cigarette with coffee.

He's got a pronounced Cajun accent, and hers is standard Midwestern, though they were born just a parish apart. In fact, she was born in the very house they call home. It has survived much, including hurricanes.

Both are retired. He was a cabinet-maker. She, for 16 years, drove the school bus owned by her enterprising baby brother, Walter Whiddon Sr., 52.

Introspectively, Jake considers his surname — Schiro — and figures he must be of Greek origin. Faintly,

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It's not a mistake

When Clifford Nutter called the Post Office in Midland Tuesday to report the U.S. flag on his new 15-cent stamp had 15 stripes — one for each penny it costs — they didn't believe him. Until they counted the stripes themselves.

The new stamp, showing an unfurled flag with 15 rather than the traditional 13 stripes, went on sale Tuesday in rolls. And the Midland Post Office has thousands more on sheets which are scheduled to go on sale later.

Actually, it's not a mistake. The U.S. Postal Service in Washington reports the stamp in question is the "Fort McHenry stamp," a picture of the flag as it looked during the War of 1812. At that time, there were 15 states, and the flag carried both 15 stars and 15 stripes. In 1818, the 13 stripes were re-adopted, and have been the regulation number ever since.

Nevertheless, Nutter caused some consternation at the Post Office when he called with his information.

"I always look at stamps," he said. "I used to collect stamps. I always look for mistakes."

So when his company, HNG

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Elvis; kingly but mere mortal man, so where did he leave the rest?

Editor's Note: Today is the first anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley.

By JIM PARKER
R-T Staff Writer

By 11 p.m. the temperature outside was still on 85. The humidity registered about the same. Inside, the air conditioning had long since been relegated to oblivion by the press of sweaty humanity.

There was laughter, some of it louder — a little forced maybe — than called for, the sound of pop tops being pulled, the occasional clicking of Zippo lighters, loud, and mostly rough but good-humored talk, and woven through it all was the crackling radio sound of the Chris Noel Armed Forces

Radio show. Across the table from me was my brother. He was still new to Vietnam, new enough so that, like most of his unit, he was a bright red from the sun. It was Christmas Eve, and we hadn't seen each other in more than a year.

Doesn't seem much like Christmas was the well-worn remark making the rounds. And it really didn't.

Somewhere along there the husky-voiced Miss Noel announced a Presley song and dedicated it to all of us. Slowly at first, then kind of broken and upbeat, the smoky melody of "Blue Christmas" began twining its way into the canvas and plywood enlisted club and the other sounds jerked their way to a halt. Someone turned up the volume and, for the

next three minutes or so, several hundred separate worlds passed silently within touching distance.

Eyes softened into wistful — and on some faces — misty gazes that had nothing to do with a dusty little place named Cu Chi. The gazes drew pictures of snowy yards, crispy mornings, pretty girls, laughing children, parents, friends, parties...other times, other worlds. There wasn't another mention of how unlike Christmas it was.

Like millions of people my age, I grew up with Elvis. He was probably the first rock singer I really paid attention to. Sometime around the age of 12, I started listening for his

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DEMONSTRATING the style that won her state and regional honors in K-9 Catch and Fetch Frisbee competition is Jet, a Labrador Retriever owned by Guy and Rene Richards of Midland. Jet placed first in Midland's contest, third at regional level and fourth in statewide competition. (Staff Photo by Brian Hendershot)

WEATHER

A slight chance of thunder showers this afternoon and tonight, otherwise mostly fair through Thursday with continued hot afternoons. Details on Page 6A.

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Mattox delivers Ruby gun to House



REP. JIM MATTOX, D-Tex., holds the pistol that Jack Ruby used to kill Lee Harvey Oswald prior to turning it over to the chairman of the House Assassinations Committee Tuesday in Washington. Mattox obtained the gun from the executor of Ruby's will and turned it over to the committee after two months of bargaining. The pistol is a Colt .38-caliber Special. (AP Laserphoto)

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas congressman hoping to "put to bed a lot of the conspiracy theories we've heard about Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby," has delivered to the House Assassinations Committee the pistol used by Ruby to kill Oswald.

The snub-nose Colt Cobra .38-caliber Special was hand delivered Tuesday by Dallas Democrat Jim Mattox to Rep. Louis Stokes, D-Ohio, the committee chairman.

Mattox' move ended a "two-month war of words" between the committee and Dallas attorney Jules F. Mayer, said Mattox. As executor of Ruby's estate, Mayer had possession of the pistol and had refused to surrender it to the committee.

Stokes and the committee's chief counsel, G. Robert Blakey, wrote letters to both Mayer and Mattox assuring the Texans that the pistol would be returned intact to Mayer.

"Good Lord, how did that get out?" responded a committee spokesperson on Tuesday when asked to comment on the gun's delivery. "The committee makes all announcements after investigations have been complete."

"Obviously, I can't answer that question...I'm afraid I can't make any comment on that at all," continued Dawn Miller, administrative aide to Bla-

key. "The general public and the press wasn't aware of what I was doing until Mr. (Jules) Mayer released the story, I believe," said Mattox who added that the committee had arranged the elaborate security details for the Sunday flight Mattox made from Dallas to Washington with the gun.

Ruby died Jan. 3, 1967, owing almost \$50,000 in federal and state taxes. Mayer claims the estate has been offered \$125,000 for the pistol that Ruby carried into the basement of the Dallas police department on Nov. 24, 1963, two days after President John F. Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas.

Once in the crowded basement, Ruby pulled the pistol from his waistband and fired one shot into Oswald as scores of police officers and millions of television viewers watched.

"The logical question is what does the committee hope to establish with the gun almost 15 years after the event," added Mattox. "There have been a wide assortment of conspiracy theories floating around...including the theory that Ruby missed and the Dallas police killed Oswald and then rigged the ballistics test. The committee doesn't feel it can finish its investigation without doing the (ballistics)

tests and seeing if the gun has been engaged in any other criminal activity. "I'd like to see the investigation completed and all the theories put to bed," he added.

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OSHA charges firm with seven violations in fatal accident

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Charging two "willful" and five "serious" violations of federal safety rules, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued citations to a Tennessee construction firm in connection with a June 2 accident here that killed one man and injured five others.

The OSHA citations allege the Florida Construction Co. of Chattanooga, Tenn., willfully allowed workers to overload a ladder at a street interchange under construction, causing the ladder to collapse. OSHA officials also claim the ladder design and construction were not inspected by a "competent" person.

The federal agency has proposed fines totaling \$15,840 for the alleged violations.

Gerald Baty, OSHA area director, said the citations were issued Aug. 1. The firm reportedly received them Aug. 4 and notified Baty's Houston office immediately of plans to appeal the charges.

However, Haze Latham, superintendent of the company, said Tues-

day that he had no comment on the citations because "I have not been made aware of any citations."

Baty claimed he "contacted Mr. Latham myself about the citations at the first of August, so I know he received those citations."

The "serious" violations include allegations the company allowed the interchange platforms, more than 33 above the ground, to be protected only by a single cable without a midrail or toeboard. OSHA officials said the ladder was reportedly 50 feet in length and lacked landings at every 12 feet of vertical rise.

Euel Bazemore, 54, a native of Lyons, Ga., was killed in the accident after he and five other workers fell from the ladder.

Those injured have all been released from local hospitals.

Other serious violations include OSHA allegations that the company failed to construct a barricade in accessible areas within the swing radius of a crawler crane at the construction site, which would prevent employees from being

crushed by the machinery. Baty said the crane operator reportedly was allowed to leave the machine with a load suspended. And he said employees were allowed to pass or stand under a load on the hood of the crane.

"I must say that I do not know anything about any of this. But I will say that even though I'm not familiar with the details, I know that we will certainly appeal any charges made against this company of a willful violation," said Robert Kenzie, executive vice president of Florida, from his Chattanooga office.

A willful violation means an employer either intentionally violated a safety rule or was aware of a life-threatening hazard, but made no reasonable effort to correct it.

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Carter unveiling plans to aid nation's cities

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter, in an effort to provide momentum for his troubled urban policy, is unveiling a number of personal directives to aid the nation's cities.

The president, acting in several key areas where legislation is not required, also hopes to aid other elements of his urban policy foundering on Capitol Hill.

The president scheduled a mid-afternoon session today to sign several executive orders. Included are directives that:

—Require all major legislation to be analyzed for its impact on cities.

City officials, who have long sought such reviews, contend that federal policies since World War II have inad-

vertently hurt central cities.

—Set up an effort to increase federal purchasing from firms in areas of high unemployment, with a goal of using federal purchasing power to expand economic opportunities in areas of urban distress.

—Give priority to central cities in areas where new federal buildings are needed. In recent years, many such facilities have gone to well-off suburbs, contributing to the decline of downtowns.

—Establish an interagency group to coordinate the implementation of federal urban programs. City officials say a White House-directed task force is needed because many federal aid programs cut across de-

partmental lines.

"These administrative changes could be as important as millions of dollars," said a spokesman for the National League of Cities. "We're pleased that the president is finally taking these steps."

All four initiatives were previously announced in the rough, but it has taken months to work out the details.

Three balloonists nearing two-thirds mark of trip

BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — With nearly two-thirds of their trip behind them, the crew of the silver and black Double Eagle II inched closer to Europe today, as their ground staff talked of a Thursday landing that would complete the first manned balloon crossing of the Atlantic.

The three balloonists were expected to set an endurance record today for time in flight during an attempted Atlantic crossing. The old record is 107 1/2 hours, set by Ed Yost on Oct. 5, 1976, when he was forced to land 200 miles east of the Azores.

Spokesman Dave McClure said the three were 425 miles west of Ireland, heading due east, early today.

He estimated the two-thirds mark probably would be passed sometime this afternoon. He said the craft was moving about 20 mph at an altitude of about 21,000 feet.

McClure said "everybody is in good condition" and that it was uncertain where the helium-filled balloon would land if the crossing succeeded. "It could be Ireland," he said. "Or it could be England or France. We're just not sure. The course is fluid. They have to follow the weather and the wind."

The balloon encountered North Atlantic showers Tuesday, the first inclement weather of the trip, but the balloonists were prepared

for it. They have a portable heater in the gondola and were bundled warm in underwear purchased specially for the trip.

The balloonists, Ben Abruzzo, 48, Maxie Anderson, 44, and Larry Newman, 31, all of Albuquerque, N.M., lifted off late Friday from Presque Isle, Maine.

Two of them, Abruzzo and Anderson, traveled 2,950 miles in 66 hours in an attempt last year to cross the Atlantic in Double Eagle I. It was forced to ditch five miles off the coast of Ireland.

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Labor reform defeat leaves union leaders at loss

By OWEN ULLMANN
AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like a boxer still dazed from his last fight, organized labor is stumbling around in search of a way to avenge the dramatic defeat of its labor law reform bill.

So far, union leaders seem to be punching at the air. "There's the feeling we have to do something," an AFL-CIO strategist conceded recently. "But no one knows what. We're groping for new ideas."

Labor, which had made passage of the administration-backed bill its top legislative priority of the year, was dealt a stunning blow in June when a

Senate filibuster by opponents sent the measure back to a committee, where it likely will die.

For some union officials, the loss was significant enough to prompt a re-examination of the labor movement's objectives and political strategies.

The AFL-CIO conducted a postmortem at its executive council meeting in Chicago last week. But out of the discussions came no redirections or new tactics. So, labor's veteran leaders fell back on their tried-and-true formula: help elect your friends and defeat your enemies in the congressional elections and then try to pass the bill in the next Congress.

The problem with retracing such a route is that it does not recognize signs that organized labor's clout on Capitol Hill may be weakening, as the labor law defeat suggests.

And, it does not confront labor's long-standing tactical flaw of backing congressional candidates who, despite a record of anti-union votes, pick up labor endorsements because their opponents are even more anti-union.

The AFL-CIO, a master of lobbying techniques, won House passage of the labor bill last fall. At the time, labor had contended that it was seeking only modest changes to stop employers from using loopholes in the law to violate rights of workers engaged in

union organizing.

The symbolic importance of the bill grew, though, as a coalition of business interests jumped in to do battle.

Labor still had the edge. Backed by a Democratic president it helped elect, the federation mounted one of its most intensive arm-twisting campaigns on behalf of the bill in a Senate controlled by its friends.

In the end, the labor and administration forces found themselves out-lobbied by business, which mobilized a potent counter-offensive against a bill it claimed would put small employers at the mercy of big union organizing drives.

Labor Secretary Ray Marshall,

who fought at labor's side, said he had never seen so extensive a lobbying effort as that by business, and blamed Congress for being "too responsive to single-issue lobbyists."

AFL-CIO President George Meany grumbled that it was a "resurgence of right-wing feelings throughout the country" that had grabbed the Senate's ear.

As Meany saw it, that same right-wing fervor is behind the "taxpayers revolt" and the opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment.

"I'm sure that this battle will go on and we will be in there fighting as we have been in the past," Meany told reporters after huddling with his ex-

ecutive council last week.

"Mr. Meany, do you have any new ways, any new plans to join the battle?" asked one reporter.

"Well, actually there is no new plan," the aging labor boss responded.

Instead, there is the old plan. "We have had setbacks in legislation for many, many years, but we keep right on, and when you look back over the years, the progress has always been in our direction," Meany said.

That kind of talk came as a disappointment to some of the AFL-CIO's younger lieutenants, who had hoped Meany and his council would be working on a new knock-out punch.

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By JURATE KAZICKAS

WASHINGTON (AP) — There are enough psychiatrists per psyche in this town to make it the mental health spa of America, but politicians are still paranoid about their shrinks.

"There is a real reluctance when someone is in a high-profile public service job to identify a problem that needs psychiatric help," said Dr. William Lukash, the White House physician. "There's still a stigma attached to seeing a psychiatrist."

"It is not considered a political asset to be seen coming out of a psychiatrist's office, unless it concerns the wife," said Dr. Zigmund Lebensohn, a psychiatrist in private practice. "People who hold sensitive jobs or are in Congress do worry about it being known that they go to a psychiatrist."

And yet, Washington is inundated by mental health specialists. The approximately 1,350 psychiatrists in

Washington represent a higher ratio relative to the population than any other area in the country, says the American Psychiatric Association. Many of them, however, are engaged in research or work for such government agencies as the National Institute of Mental Health.

While Washington has one psychiatrist for every 511 residents, New York State has one for 3,319 and California one for 4,658.

Some doctors call that anxiety about seeing a shrink "the Eagleton syndrome," referring to the case of Sen. Thomas Eagleton who was dropped as presidential candidate George McGovern's running mate in 1972 when it was reported that the Missouri Democrat had been hospitalized for psychiatric care.

The stigma attached to psychiatry was further underscored by the comments of Dr. Peter Bourne, a psychiatrist, upon his resignation last month as President Carter's chief

drug abuse adviser.

Bourne used a fictitious name when he wrote a sedative prescription for an aide who was having emotional problems. He said he did so because he said he wanted to protect his patient's confidentiality "both with regard to her taking medication and to the creation of a record anywhere that she had been seen by a psychiatrist."

"Bourne did a great disservice to the profession by making it even more shameful to see a psychiatrist," Lebensohn told a reporter. "If anything, the fact that a person in a high-pressure job is seeking professional help should be viewed as a positive step."

Several psychiatrists in private practice spoke in interviews of the continuing prejudice against therapy, the special pressures of life in Washington and the impact of daily politics even on patients who work outside the government.

"This is a very competitive town and that sense of trying to outdo everybody washes right down from the president through Congress to the bureaucrat," said Dr. Norman Tarkenton, who practices in the capital's fashionable Georgetown section.

"Washington is also notorious as the town where you can be riding high one moment and be down at the bottom the next. Look at what happened to Nixon, (former budget director) Bert Lance, Bourne. It's a fragile existence for a lot of people."

Lukash, while not a psychiatrist, said he often finds himself in a counseling role "on an informal basis" with White House workers.

Some he eventually refers to psychiatrists, "but when the problems are marital I encourage them to see a family or marriage counselor," he said. "That seems to be a more acceptable solution with much less stigma attached than going to see a psychiatrist."

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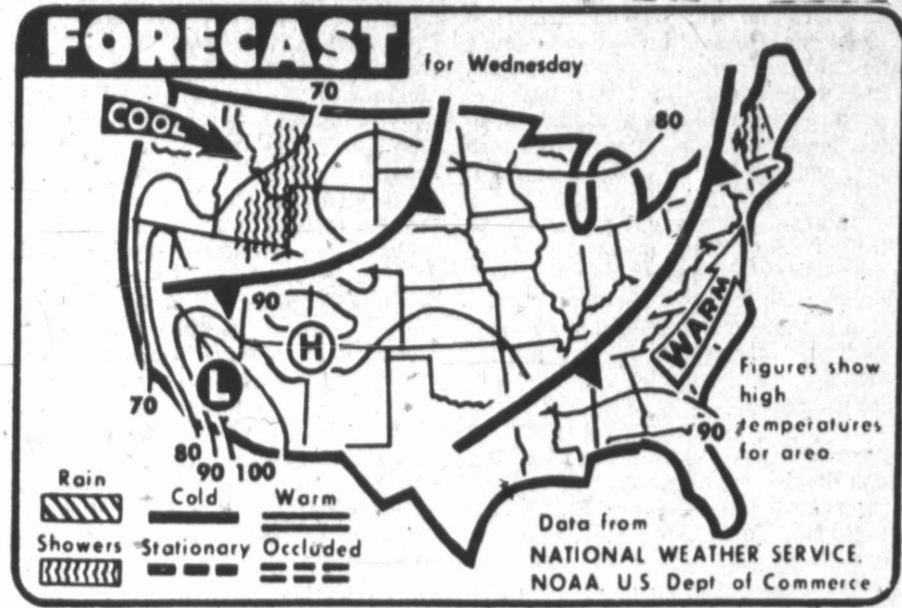
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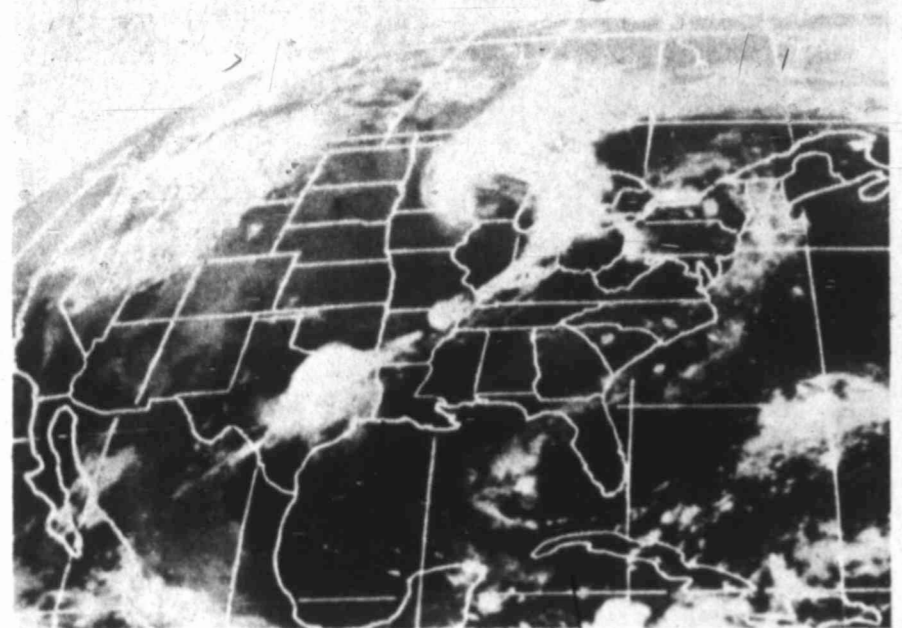
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WEATHER SUMMARY



SHOWERS are due today in parts of Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming, according to the National Weather Service. It will be warm throughout the nation and hot in the Southwest. (AP Laserphoto Map)



TODAY'S satellite cloud picture shows clouds describing a storm center over Wisconsin with a cloud band into central Texas. A band of clouds also extends from Montana to Nevada. Partly cloudy skies prevail along the Atlantic coastal states. (AP Laserphoto)

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: A slight chance of thunder showers this afternoon and tonight, otherwise mostly fair through Thursday with continued hot afternoons. High today and Thursday near 100. Low tonight near 78. Southerly winds at 10 to 20 mph today and tonight. Chance of rain 20 percent this afternoon and early tonight.

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High	100 degrees
Overnight Low	73 degrees
Noon today	83 degrees
Sunset today	8:32 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:14 a.m.
Precipitation: Last 24 hours	none
This month to date	0.26 inches
1978 to date	6.28 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

noon	81	Midnight	73
1 p.m.	83	1 a.m.	73
2 p.m.	89	2 a.m.	73
3 p.m.	90	3 a.m.	74
4 p.m.	90	4 a.m.	74
5 p.m.	91	5 a.m.	74
6 p.m.	91	6 a.m.	74
7 p.m.	90	7 a.m.	74
8 p.m.	89	8 a.m.	74
9 p.m.	88	9 a.m.	74
10 p.m.	87	10 a.m.	74
11 p.m.	86	11 a.m.	74
Noon	80		

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES:

Abilene	82
Albino	82
Alpine	82
Amarillo	82
Austin	82
Beaumont	82
Brownsville	82
Childress	82
College Station	82
Corpus Christi	82
Dallas	82
Del Rio	82
El Paso	82
Ft Worth	82
Houston	82
Lubbock	82
Marfa	82
Odessa	82
San Antonio	82
Wichita Falls	82

The high for Aug. 15 is 104 degrees set back to 1967. The low for today is 62 degrees set back to 1972.

Texas temperatures

City	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	100	77	.00
Albino	100	77	.00
Alpine	100	77	.00
Amarillo	100	77	.00
Austin	100	77	.00
Beaumont	100	77	.00
Brownsville	100	77	.00
Childress	100	77	.00
College Station	100	77	.00
Corpus Christi	100	77	.00
Dallas	100	77	.00
Del Rio	100	77	.00
El Paso	100	77	.00
Ft Worth	100	77	.00
Houston	100	77	.00
Lubbock	100	77	.00
Marfa	100	77	.00
Odessa	100	77	.00
San Antonio	100	77	.00
Wichita Falls	100	77	.00

MC trustees vote for maintaining tax rate

Midland College trustees Tuesday voted to maintain the district's current tax rate while making adjustments totaling \$75,275 in the 1978-79 budget.

The current tax rate in the district is 22 cents per \$100 based on 75 percent of assessed valuation. Total valuation in the district is \$1,104,127,700.

Trustees Tuesday increased the budget to \$1,424,425 after approving the following adjustments: salary increase for maintenance director, \$1,200; a new floor, \$27,000; landscaping costs, \$27,000; and anticipated utility company increases, \$20,071.

Trustees also announced that construction work on the Chaparral Center was proceeding according to schedule and that the new facility would be ready for its opening show, featuring The Captain & Tennille at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15.

The weather elsewhere

HILOPROBABILITY:

Albany	82	72	cd
Albuquerque	82	65	cd
Anchorage	82	65	cd
Asheville	82	65	cd
Atlanta	82	65	cd
Atlanta City	82	65	cd
Baltimore	82	65	cd
Birmingham	82	65	cd
Bismarck	82	65	cd
Boise	82	65	cd
Boston	82	65	cd
Brownsville	82	65	cd
Buffalo	82	65	cd
Charlottesville	82	65	cd
Chicago	82	65	cd
Cincinnati	82	65	cd
Cleveland	82	65	cd
Columbus	82	65	cd
Dallas/Ft Worth	82	65	cd
Denver	82	65	cd
Des Moines	82	65	cd
Detroit	82	65	cd
Duluth	82	65	cd
Fairbanks	82	65	cd
Hartford	82	65	cd
Helena	82	65	cd
Honolulu	82	65	cd
Houston	82	65	cd
Indianapolis	82	65	cd
Jacksonville	82	65	cd
Jaxville	82	65	cd
Kan City	82	65	cd
Las Vegas	82	65	cd
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Puerto Rico	82	65	cd
Rapid City	82	65	cd
Richmond	82	65	cd
Salt Lake	82	65	cd
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San Francisco	82	65	cd
Seattle	82	65	cd
Spokane	82	65	cd
St. Louis	82	65	cd
St. Paul	82	65	cd
Tampa	82	65	cd
Washington	82	65	cd

Texas-area forecasts

North Texas — Clear to partly cloudy and hot through Thursday. Widely scattered thundershowers north through Friday. Highs 90 to 100. Lows in 70s.

South Texas — Clear to partly cloudy and hot through Thursday. Highs 90 to 100. Lows in 70s.

West Texas — Clear to partly cloudy and hot through Thursday. Highs 90 to 100. Lows in 70s.

East Texas — Partly cloudy with scattered showers and evening thundershowers. Highs in 90s. Lows in 70s.

New Mexico, Oklahoma

Oklahoma — Fair to partly cloudy through Thursday with widely scattered thundershowers southeast today. Continued hot afternoons. Highs in 90s. Lows 60 to 70.

New Mexico — Clear to partly cloudy skies through Thursday. Isolated thundershowers afternoons and evenings southern border and southeastern mountains. Warmer statewide today. Turning cooler in the north Thursday. Highs 70s and 80s mountains with 90 to 100 elsewhere. Lows 50 to 60 mountains and northwest plains with 55 to 70 elsewhere. Highs Thursday mostly 70s and 80 mountains and north to near 100 southern border.

Protester sentenced to prison

Ruel Frank Brown Jr., 38, today in federal court in Midland was sentenced to two consecutive one-year prison terms as a follow-up to his conviction last month on misdemeanor income tax charges.

Brown, who has been suspended from his job as an aircraft mechanic by Continental Airlines, was sentenced by Federal Judge John Wood Jr.

Brown was convicted on two counts of failure to supply adequate information to the Internal Revenue Service and on one count of giving false information on the number — 26 — of withholding allowances reported to his employer.

Brown, now free on bond while appealing his sentence, today maintained his innocence.

"I believe I have become a political prisoner because I am a dissident," he said just outside the courtroom following the sentencing. "I know it (the trial by jury) was unfair."

Judge Wood suspended the third count — the withholding allowances — of Brown's conviction and placed him under a five-year probation sentence.

However, Brown said if rules of his probation deny him of certain freedoms and conflict with his interpretation on constitutional government, then that probation might as well be denied him and turned into a third one-year sentence.

"I'm going to serve three years (in prison)," Brown said, "because I am not going to surrender by freedom now."

Earlier today, while Brown was appealing to Judge Wood for mitigation in respect to his sentencing, fellow tax protesters marched in circles just outside the courthouse. They were bearing placards, including "Down with the I.R.S. Up with the Constitution" and "Frank Brown not guilty; jury not properly informed of law."

Judge Wood told Brown he applauded tax protesters exercising their right to protest but that he did not condone any violations of the law.

Elvis kingly but mortal man

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sons on radio. Later, I bought his records, went to his movies and probably spent half my youth staring into mirrors, working a comb as though it were a brush in the hand of a master, practicing that one-sided, leering grin which adults had convinced me was somehow not socially acceptable and therefore highly desirable.

Contrary to whatever I thought at the time, I was not unique, but rather a carefully self-made copy of just about every other kid in school.

Like most of the era, his music, though shared in public, became something of a private thing. His music came to you maybe while you were driving somewhere late at night, or working, studying; when you wanted to alone or with someone. For reasons I have yet to explain, some of those fleeting thoughts or feelings stay with you. Granted they are for the most part locked away in that part of the mind that hardly ever sees the light of conscious thought, but they are there all the same. And at times, they parade out for review.

When Elvis died last year, a whole lot of quiet, happy, anxious, laughing moments passed from the lives of many, and it bothered us. But there was something else that I couldn't put a label on. Just a naggingly nebulous wafting which refused definition. It hung around and, on those occasions when a Presley song came across the radio or stereo, it would hang-fire and tease like a name on the tip of the tongue.

Each time it slipped around just beyond comprehension it stayed a little longer and became more persistent and bold until about six months ago it began to take shape. Admittedly it was less than concrete, but here and there there were some spooky, sometimes painful little hints of recognition.

Then one day, not long ago, the whole thing was there, wrapped in the unpleasant trappings of logic, reeking of fact, the embodiment of the inevitable.

At some point not long before Elvis died, I and (I suspect) many of my generation had involuntarily begun doubting our immortality.

When time could feel a king like Elvis, where then was that unspoken promise of infinity that we had all believed? What chance did we have? The endless stream, no promise of tomorrow was gone. Life was not so sweet, no longer unconditional, never again without price.

All of that was there, circling just out of reach. The year that has passed since Elvis died brought it into focus, defined it, gave it depth and substance and then set it there in its terrifying newness for us to examine, resist, try to ignore, deny and finally live with.

There are days when getting by without what has gone away is a burden, a chore. Nights that are longer, darker. Moments that are bleaker. But there are those times also when sunsets are a bit purer, your child's laughter sweeter, your mate's touch dearer — and you wonder what was it you had and lost anyway.



A STRIKING fireman shakes union cards he demanded and received from working firemen at the main station in Memphis, Tenn. this week. At right is fire department official Bill Posey who delivered the cards to the striking firemen. (AP Laserphoto)

Looting plagues Memphis

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Vandals sabotaged a power substation early today, authorities said, knocking out power for this city of 650,000 people already hit by police and firefighter strikes that threaten to spread into a citywide general strike. Some looting was reported.

The blackout, which occurred shortly after midnight, affected all of the state's largest city and surrounding Shelby County, officials said. Power began coming back on 90 minutes later and was completely restored about 2 1/2 hours after the outage hit.

Police Director E. Winslow Chapman said at an early morning news conference that the blackout was "probably due to sabotage," but a spokeswoman for Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division said the substation "was entered and that switches were thrown" to break circuits and cut off power.

Chapman said the FBI was assisting local authorities in investigating the break-in at the substation about 15 miles east of downtown Memphis.

Paula Payne, a spokeswoman for the utility, said someone threw a series of switches at the big substation, cutting off a main electrical power

link with the Tennessee Valley Authority. The TVA's Allen Steam Plant on Presidents Island could not carry the power demands alone and automatically shut down.

The blackout left some parts of Memphis without water pressure because electric-powered pumps were out. Memphis International Airport had to shift to standby power.

Chapman said one man was being questioned about the blackout but he was not considered a suspect. He said the man, who was not a striker, had requested a lawyer.

There were no immediate reports of arrests for looting.

More than 1,000 National Guardsmen are patrolling the city with 100 to 125 non-striking police officers and 75 sheriff's deputies, while 200 Fire Department officials and non-striking firemen have 23 of the city's 48 fire stations open.

Roving pickets temporarily kept some garbage men and teachers off the job Tuesday. School is scheduled to start Thursday, but the teacher union has urged its 5,500 members to respect any picket lines.

The head of the Memphis AFL-CIO

Labor Council, Tommy Powell, said he would ask the council on Monday to call a general strike and boycott of the city unless progress is made toward settling the police and fire wage disputes.

Gov. Ray Blanton also put pressure on city officials, demanding the city repay nearly \$1 million he says is owed for National Guard services going back to a sanitation strike in 1968. He also called for a quick end to the police-fire dispute and offered to help both sides work out an agreement.

No mistake

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Oil, purchased a roll of stamps Tuesday, he noticed the number of stripes.

"Nobody believes me," he told The Reporter-Telegram today.

After Nutter's call Tuesday afternoon, however, Post Office officials looked at the stamps and discovered he was right. Postmaster David Holster today was trying to find out why.

Sort of home-grown Mutt and Jeff

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though, he has an idea that his forefathers were born in Italy.

Ollie Mae doesn't seem too concerned about that.

"You know the difference between Italians and Greeks?" she asks, and promptly answers. "Just a little ol' creek between them."

As they faithfully sit on the porch, a chained mongrel named Snowball often yips, barks and stirs up dust under a 100-year-old black acorn-bearing oak tree. It's about as big as you'd imagine that sprawling chestnut tree in Longfellow's "The Village Blacksmith" was.

Jake keeps his mutt chained up, 'cause otherwise he'd be roaming and contributing to a dog population explosion.

In the fenced-in barnyard near the house is a badly rusting 1952 Ford. It was smashed up many years ago

when Walter Whiddon's son ran into the rear of the old school bus. He just a tot then, couldn't reach the brakes of the four-door car he was steering. His Aunt Ollie Mae, in whose lap he was sitting, supposedly was doing the footwork, but didn't slam on the brake peddle in time.

For sentimental reasons, Walter Whiddon Sr. decided to keep the aging car in perpetual disrepair. His late brother, Elzie, gave it to him as a coming-home present following the Korean War.

Jake was in the war, the second big one of the century, but never got overseas.

Sometime before he left Louisiana for Texas and World War II, he was in the Civilian Conservation Corps in the great battle against the bleak Depression.

Uncle Sam snagged him, then threw him in with other would-be doughboys for infantry training at Camp Berkeley near Abilene, and tried to make a machine-gunner out of him.

But resourceful Jake, who today declares that he's a "gun maniac," got out of that; he made sure that his boots were loose enough so that he could develop severe blisters on his feet. And he made sure that he "goofed up with that machine-gun."

His play worked, and pretty soon Jake found himself at Marfa Army

Air Base driving an ambulance and occasionally taxiing Curtiss C-46 or a Douglas C-47 air transport across the field.

He said he never got up any speed to speak of, because he darn sure wouldn't know how to fly the rascals once airborne or to bring them and him down in one piece.

Ollie Mae has some vivid memories of Marfa and that mountainous country. He also recalls those hot, green peppers — jalapenos.

"Them sons of bitches were so hot you could pick 'em up and feel burned."

After the war, Jake returned to Louisiana, made his living carpentering and retired the same year — 1971 — he got out of the VA hospital and married his third wife, Ollie Mae.

They get by living off pensions.

But, Jake says they couldn't make it if he didn't occasionally "sneak off" and do a little cabinetmaking on the side. Aside from that, their 22-year-old nephew, Walter Whiddon Jr., who runs a country store out here, gives them a discount on groceries, cigarettes and coffee.

Jake and Ollie Mae make for a most likeable couple, despite some of his idle stirrings, such as this love-bite comment:

"I've tried to run her off," he says of Ollie Mae, "but I can't. It's her house." She was born there.

Ray gives testimony

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never tried on the charge of killing King. Arguing that he was forced by his lawyers to enter the plea, he has petitioned the courts for years to grant him a trial.

Despite the past failures, Ray still seeks the trial and has won support from others who believe the fact-finding nature of a courtroom could establish whether there was an assassination conspiracy.

Shooting suspect eluding Midland police search

Midland police today were searching for a man who reportedly shot two Midland men with a rifle Tuesday night.

The shooting took place on the porch of a residence in the 2400 block of West College Avenue, said officers.

Virgil Ray Henry, 34, whose address is listed variously as in the 2400 block of College Avenue and in the 2400 block of West Kentucky Avenue, was listed in serious condition in Midland Memorial Hospital today, with bullet wounds in his abdomen, said a spokesman.

Ken Turner, 40, whose address is listed as both in the 2400 block of West College Avenue and the 2000 block of Holloway Avenue, was transferred from Midland Memorial to Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring, where he was in surgery today for a gunshot wound to his abdomen.

Police reported the two men were standing on a porch in the 2400 block of West College Avenue when someone went to talk to the men about an incident which took place earlier.

Authorities reported shots rang out from a rifle, and police responded to a report of a disturbance call at 9:20 p.m. at the College Avenue address.

Odessa man charged in death

ODESSA — An Odessa man was being held today in Odessa City Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail bond after being charged with murder in connection with a Monday shooting death.

Randy Ray Bledsoe, 23, of Odessa was charged with murder following a shooting incident late Monday night. Willie Lawrence Young, 27, of Odessa died in Medical Center Hospital from gun shot wounds early Tuesday.

Police learned of the shooting from an informant's tip. No gun has been recovered yet. Bond was set for Bledsoe Tuesday afternoon by Municipal Court Judge Otis Moore.

Bledsoe initially had been charged with attempted murder, but the charge was changed to murder after Young's death.

New York's tourist campaign has lesson

By DOLORES BAR-CLAY

NEW YORK (AP)—If a vampire and a catchy disco tune can sell New York, can they peddle America too?

The success of the New York State Chamber of Commerce's "I Love New York" campaign has prompted many to ask if a similar television commercial can be made for the entire nation.

There are several ads being aired. The Broadway show four commercial features members of the casts of "A Chorus Line," "The Wiz," "The Gin Game," "The King and I," "Annie," "Grease," "The Magic Show" and "Chapter Two" singing the uptempo tune by Steve Karmen, "I Love New York."

Frank Langella appears last in his role of Dracula. He swirls his cape in billows of mist and intones in the full force of Transylvania: "I love New York—especially in the eef-fening."

for tourism was \$200,000. Now it's up to \$10 million.

The U.S. Travel Service maintains, however, that an ad campaign proclaiming love for the U.S. will not work.

"There are six different markets, with different spending patterns, and tourists who come at different times of the year," a spokesperson said. "Our philosophy is to tailor our promotions to each market. We have offices in Canada, Mexico, Japan, the United Kingdom, West Germany and France."

But Doyle, a former Chase Manhattan Bank vice president in charge of marketing, said he will continue to lobby in Washington for an "I love the U.S." campaign.

BRIDGE Insure contract by safety finesse

By ALFRED SHEINWOLD

As we continue a week-long study of safety plays we see a case in which the right maneuver may cost a trick. This is the premium you pay to insure your contract.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
♠ K Q J
♥ 7 3
♦ A Q J
♣ A J 6 5 4

WEST EAST
♠ 10 8 6 2 ♠ 9 7 4
♥ Q J 10 9 ♥ 8 5 4
♦ 10 7 6 3 ♦ 9 4 2
♣ 3 ♣ Q 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A 5 3
♥ A K 6 2
♦ K 8 5
♣ K 9 2

South West North East
1 NT Pass 6 NT All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ Q

South can get all five club tricks by taking the king first and then leading toward dummy's finesse—if West has two or three clubs headed by the

queen. This play will still bring in four clubs if West has Q-10-x-x of clubs.

This "normal" play will fail if East has Q-10-x-x of clubs. The odds are heavily against so bad a break, but South can still make his slam if he doesn't mind reducing his chance to win a 30-point overtrick.

PLAYS ACE

At the second trick South leads his low club to dummy's ace. Then he returns a low club to dummy.

If East plays the ten or queen, South has an easy time. If East plays low, South must finesse with the nine.

The finesse wins, and South continues clubs to make the slam. If the finesse lost, only one club would be left out, and South could capture that club later with the king.

If East discards on the second round of clubs, South takes the king and leads a club toward dummy's jack.

South should make the safety play at rubber bridge but should make the optimistic "normal" play in a pair tournament.

DAILY QUESTION

As dealer you hold: S-KQJ; H-7; D-AQJ; C-AJ654. What do you say?

ANSWER: Bid one club. The hand is too strong for an opening bid of 1NT since you have not only 18 points in high cards but also a good five-card suit. Treat this as though it were a 19-point hand.

U.S. textile industry seeks tariff protection

WASHINGTON (AP)

Industry and union organizations joined forces Tuesday in calling for special tariff protection for the American textile industry.

Testifying before a Senate finance subcommittee, they advocated passage of legislation prohibiting U.S. negotiators from approving a reduction in the existing tariffs on textiles and textile apparel.

"I am here to tell you that imports have been devastating to our industry," said William A. Klopman, chairman of the International Trade Committee of the American Textile Manufacturers' Association.

Backing the legislation were two major labor unions, the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union and the


International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, as well as 13 business organizations, including the American Apparel Manufacturers Association and the National Wool Growers Association.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., would prohibit U.S. moves to offer a reduced tariff to trading partners during international trade negotiations.

The United States is currently involved in international trade negotiations with more than

100 other nations. U.S. negotiators at the talks in Geneva, Switzerland, have offered to reduce the existing tariffs on textiles by about 25 percent.

DR. NEIL SOLOMON
Salt loss not vital



DEAR DR. SOLOMON: Is it a good idea to take extra salt in hot weather if one is perspiring a lot?—Phil H.

DEAR PHIL: Generally speaking, you will be getting plenty of salt in your diet to counter-balance any losses through perspiration. So I wouldn't advise anything like salt tablets unless you've been sweating heavily for a long time. And it is better to check your doctor before taking salt tablets.

If you get heat cramps, which generally affect the legs and abdomen first, some extra salt may be needed. Dr. Bernard Slosberg, who teaches emergency medicine at Johns Hopkins, explains that heat cramps indicate there is an imbalance of salt and water. A standard treatment is to mix one teaspoon of salt in a quart of water, and drink eight ounces of the solution every 15 minutes.

The same solution is used for heat exhaustion (pale, clammy skin; profuse sweating; weakness; headache; and sometimes nausea). Heat stroke (high temperature; hot, red, dry skin; perhaps unconsciousness) is an emergency. Drench the victim with cold water and get him to the nearest hospital emergency room.

DEAR DR. SOLOMON: I seem to be bothered more than I used to be by floating spots in one eye. The last time I had an eye examination, the doctor said they were nothing to worry about—and to just forget them. But I can't help worrying that this may be something serious. What do you think?—Robert G.

DEAR ROBERT: Floaters, as they are called, are most often absolutely harmless—just tiny specks moving around in the soft, gelatinous vitreous that fills the eyeball. Everybody is bound to have some floaters. But if there has been any noticeable change, you should certainly check your eye doctor immediately.

One set of symptoms that should always be considered an emergency is a sudden increase in floaters combined with unusual flashes of light when the eye moves. This may be due to a tear in the retina, which could lead to full retinal detachment unless promptly repaired.

If this ever happens to you—or to anyone else in your family—call your doctor right away, or get to the nearest eye clinic. These small tears can be mended very easily by modern methods—including laser treatment—whereas results are apt to be much less satisfactory if treatment is delayed.

As a general rule, any sudden or unusual change in your eyesight should be checked without delay. Eyesight is too precious to take any chances with.

DEAR DR. SOLOMON: Is there penicillin in vaccines?—Mrs. D.I.

DEAR MRS. D.I.: No.

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Midland's military persons make news

Several Midlanders and area persons have been in the military news of recent. Some of those include:

Marine Private First Class Robert Delgado Jr., son of Margarita M. Corrales of Big Spring, Tex., recently participated in exercise "Varsity Cleanex" off the Southern California coast. A 1977 graduate of Big Spring Senior High School, Delgado joined the Marine Corps in August 1977.

Spec. 4 Mauricio Hernandez Jr. of Big Spring, recently was assigned as an infantryman in the 9th Adjutant General Company at Fort Lewis, Wash. He entered the Army in February 1976.

Spec. 4 Catalino J. Patino of Midland has been assigned as a military policeman with the 978th Military Police Company at Fort Bliss. Patino entered the Army in 1972. He attended Virginia Community College, Arlington, and Odessa College.

Virginia N. Pribyla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Pribyla of Tarzan, has been promoted to captain in the U.S. Air Force. Captain Pribyla, an information officer, is assigned to Offutt AFB, Neb., with a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

Marine Private Michael B. Goodman, son of David G. Goodman of 4733 Wilshire in Midland, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He

joined the Marine Corps in December 1977.

Airman Randall G. Matteson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph R. Matteson of 4210 Calvin, Big Spring, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force technical training course for aircraft navigation systems specialists. The airman is a 1977 gradu-

ate of Big Spring High School.

Cadet Jeffery W. Laufer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Laufer, of 3 Marchelle Ct. in Midland, is receiving practical work in military leadership at the Army ROTC advanced camp at Fort Riley, Kans.

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State Insurance Department said needing shakeup

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — House investigators have been told the State Insurance Department needs a shake-up that would separate the rate-making board from the agency that looks over thousands of Texas insurance companies.

"I think it would be best to let the governor appoint the state commissioner of insurance instead of the board," former State Insurance Board chairman Hugh Yantis told the House Investigating Committee Tuesday.

"I don't think the board has the time to be a truly rate-making body and at the same time be as close to the agency as it has been in the past. There needs to be a further separation of the board and the agency. This means the role of the commissioner would be far more important than it has been."

Yantis was recently turned down by the Texas Senate as Gov. Dolph Briscoe's appointee. A new State Insurance Board chairman has not been named.

Yantis was called by the investigating committee after Monday testimony by C. Daniel Hurlburt, former Houston insurance agent who lost his license for selling unapproved group health policies. Hurlburt said he and his partner, A. C. Hovater, were duped by Gulf Atlantic Life Insurance Co. in 1974-75. Hurlburt said they sold Nation-Wide Health Insurance Trust plans after being assured by Gulf Atlantic Life Insurance Co. the plans had been approved by the state insurance board. Gulf Atlantic denied this.

Yantis said the Hurlburt-Hovater incident happened during the time

that Joe Christie was state insurance board chairman. Christie resigned in September, 1977, to make an unsuccessful race for U.S. Senate and Yantis took his place.

"In summary, everything that Hurlburt wrote to the board while I was there was turned over to the Travis County district attorney for use as he saw fit," Yantis said. He said the Travis County grand jury made an investigation of certain ac-

tions of the State Insurance Department at the time.

Yantis said there was no indication during the 11 months he was chairman that any favoritism was given any insurance company.

He was asked if it was a "common practice" for insurance policies to be sold without prior approval by the insurance board.

"I would not say it was 'common practice,'" Yantis said, "but it does

happen from time to time and if it does it should be corrected."

He said such action is under the direct supervision of the state commissioner. The board has general knowledge of what the commissioner does but not specific knowledge.

Tuesday afternoon, Richard Crook, state liquidator for Nation-Wide Health Insurance Trust, said he had never been able to locate a group insurance policy among the firm's

papers, or anything other than documents to show "this was anything but an insurance agency acting as an insurance company."

Crook said there are \$177,000 in claims outstanding, including \$137,000 to the Pasadena Independent School District, mostly for premiums deducted from salaries and \$8,000 to the Pasadena school district.

Crook estimated there must be at least 1,000 policy holders involved.

House appears certain to cut federal deficits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House appears certain to cut the anticipated deficit in a \$490.5 billion spending plan for fiscal 1979 that was approved by its Budget Committee a week ago.

But how much will be cut and which party will get credit — Democrats and Republicans are pushing separate proposals — are questions still to be answered.

Rep. Robert N. Gialmo, D-Conn., committee chairman, is proposing amendments to his panel's product that would reduce the anticipated deficit to \$40.5 billion. That is \$3.2 billion below what the committee suggested.

Gialmo's amendment would hold the spending figure for the year at \$490.5 billion, but raise the anticipated revenue figure from \$446.8 billion to \$450 billion.

The change in the tax estimate resulted from accepting the House's passage of a \$16.3 billion tax cut. The committee had originally left room for a larger reduction, including a partial Social Security rollback the House rejected.

But a Democratic member of the Budget Committee, Rep. Joseph L. Fisher of Virginia, said he will push for a \$5 billion cut in spending.

House Republican leaders rallied behind a much more drastic revision that would slash \$10.5 billion from the spending side of the budget and make room for the first installment of the GOP-endorsed plan for reducing income tax rates one-third over the next three years.

The Republican strategy was to try to force a vote early on the budget totals they recommended and then leave it to the committees that handle

spending bills to make them conform.

Minority Leader John J. Rhodes, R-Ariz., called the Budget Committee's recommendation "a frontal assault on the pocketbooks of every taxpayer" and said the House, spurred by the example of California's Proposition 13 and by continuing inflation, was likely to approve the Republican approach.

A similar GOP proposal on the first non-binding budget resolution adopted in the spring lost by only six votes.

Rep. Barber B. Conable Jr. of New York, senior Republican member of the Ways and Means Committee, said the combination of inflation pushing incomes into higher brackets and the increased Social Security tax would produce "a monster of a tax increase" unless Congress voted more relief than the House tax cut bill provides.

Projecting such trends into the future, the Republicans said a family of four earning \$17,000 in 1979 would be paying \$3,859 in taxes by 1983 under Democratic plans, but \$715 less under Republican proposals.

Gialmo, however, hailed the revised committee proposal as promising the lowest deficit in five years. The spending ceiling, he said, would be \$10 billion under the figure President Carter recommended in January and the deficit \$20 billion less than the administration's January forecast.

The Senate is expected to take up early in September the recommendation of its budget committee for a spending ceiling of \$489.9 billion, revenues of \$447.2 billion and a deficit of \$42.3 billion.

Little hope offered for Amarillo couple

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A bullet-riddled van is the only trace law enforcement officials have of an Amarillo couple who disappeared while honeymooning in Colorado last week.

But while the families of James and Margene Judge have maintained a phone-side vigil, they don't agree on the couple's fate.

Arizona lawmen stopped the Judge's van Friday in a hail of gunfire as it charged through a roadblock on a desert highway.

In the van were Randy Greenawalt, a convicted killer and prison escapee, and three sons of fellow escapee Gary Tison. One of Tison's sons died in the shooting and lawmen assume the elder Tison escaped into the desert.

Although Colorado authorities offer little hope, James Judge Sr. of Amarillo is convinced the newlyweds are still alive.

He said he believes it is "only a matter of time before he and his wife get official confirmation of their faith."

But Margene's father, F.H. Davis of Borger, said he and his wife have "all but given up hope."

"If it wasn't for all the phone calls from friends and people I don't even know, I don't know how we would have ever made it this far," Davis said.

However he said the family no longer expects

a phone call with good news. Instead they are prepared and waiting for a call confirming their worst fears.

"We haven't given up on them," Judge said. "I really and truly believe the kids are still alive. You wait and see. James is going to outsmart that fat son-of-a-dog and come out of there and snap right back into life."

Judge's faith is unshakable. Even if their apparent abductors tried to kill them, Judge said, he believes "James was able to get away."

Judge said he and his wife are "standing up pretty good" during their long waits by the phone. "Sure there are times when we both break down. But we are both holding up. I am still able to grin."

And Judge said no matter what the news, they will accept it.

"Whatever it is, it will be God's will and we must all obey God's will. If we didn't, we would be just as bad as the men who did this."

Program taking migrant farmers to coalfields

WASHINGTON (AP) — Migrant workers will abandon the farm fields of California for the coalfields of Appalachia under a novel job training program sponsored by the federal government.

Under the program, 350 to 400 migrant and seasonal farm workers chosen from around the country will go to coal-mining school in Illinois starting Sept. 1 and, with luck, will get full-time jobs as miners.

The idea behind the project is to open up jobs for farm workers seeking to escape their restricted agrarian lifestyles, low pay and lack of advancement opportunities.

According to the Labor Department, a typical migrant worker earns the minimum wage of \$2.65 an hour, or about \$5,300 in a full year of 40-hour weeks.

An apprentice coal miner under the government's program, by contrast, would be guaranteed a starting salary topping \$15,000 a year.

The program, a joint venture of the Labor and Energy departments, is being financed under a two-year, \$3 million training contract awarded to the Illinois Basin Coal-Mining Manpower Council.

Workers selected for the program — 40 percent of them women — will receive nine months of training at Wabash Valley Junior College in Mount Carmel, Ill.

Their education will range from the technical aspects of surface and shaft mining to a cultural orientation in the close-knit mining communities to a short history of the United Mine Workers union.

One of the program's local spon-

sors, the Amax Coal Co., has several mines in the area and presumably would hire some trainees after they graduate next year.

"We think it will be quite exciting," said Margaret Crosby, an official with the Labor Department's farm workers programs office.

She said a pilot training program recently completed in Tennessee was successful in opening up high-paying, skilled jobs to migrant workers. That program, conducted by a Union Carbide Corp. division in Oak Ridge, Tenn., trained 25 farm workers for a variety of skilled occupations.

Since that training course ended in June, 13 graduates have been placed in machining, welding and other industrial jobs at salaries averaging \$6.45 an hour and ranging up to \$10.15 an hour.

In one case, a 24-year-old mother of two left the potato fields of Oregon to take a job as a machinist in Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Crosby said program officials were confident the farm workers will find mining jobs after the new training program ends. Only Monday, she said, a coal company in West Virginia that had learned about the program called the department and said it needed two miners right away.

Mrs. Crosby's enthusiasm, however, was not shared by some leery coal industry officials.

"Some industry people think there may be better places for the government to put its training dollars," said one official, declining to be named. "These are not necessarily the type of person you want to train to go into a coal mine."

Grant awarded

HOUSTON (AP) — A grant of almost \$2.2 million is going to The University of Texas Medical School at Houston to help expand research into the development of a male contraceptive.

Dr. Emil Steinberger, a medical school official, said Tuesday the grant came from the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development.

He said it will be used in studies dealing with how a recently discovered male hormone works in people, and whether it can be used as a contraceptive.

Mother thinks judge should declare child legally dead

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The mother of a 2-year-old boy placed on a life-support system 50 days ago has asked a judge to declare the youngster legally dead because "he won't never, ever be able to function like a normal little boy."

"The doctors believe he's dead. I believe he's dead. And I think the court should rule that way," Linda Schrier, 31, testified Tuesday in Polk County Juvenile Court.

Matthew Schrier was placed on a life-support system at Iowa Methodist Hospital June 28 and authorities believe his injuries stemmed from a sexual assault the previous day. His father, Richard, 24, has been charged with first-degree sexual abuse.

Doctors say Matthew's brain died July 5, but before they could disconnect the life-support system, the child's grandparents, Richard and Shirley Schrier, obtained an injunction to keep him on the system.

The hearing, now in its second week before Judge Richard Strickler, is to determine whether the state, Mrs. Schrier or the boy's grandparents should have custody of Matthew and make the ultimate decision on the support system.

The child's grandparents contend Matthew is alive and should not be removed from the equipment.

Four doctors have testified that Matthew is legally dead. Dr. John Bakody, appointed by the court as an impartial expert, said he believed the support system should be removed.

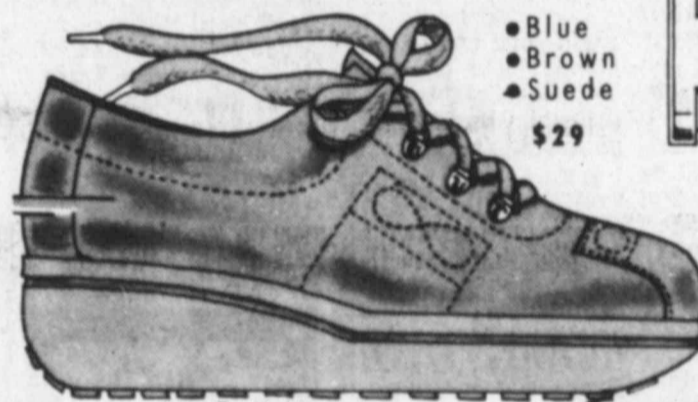
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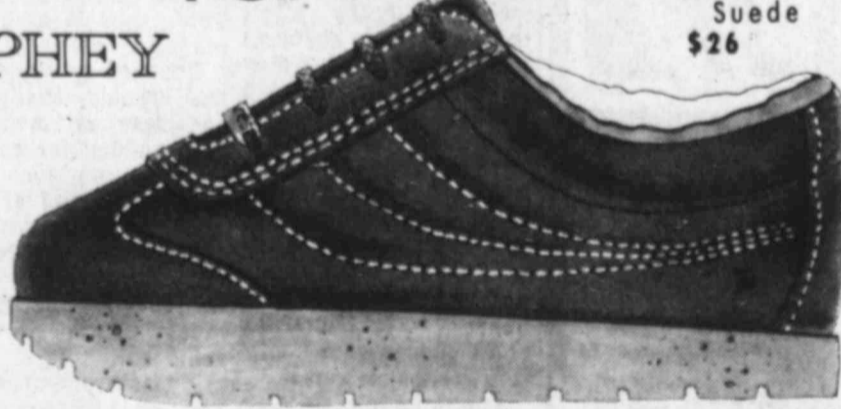
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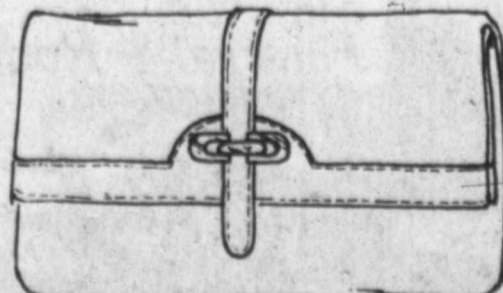
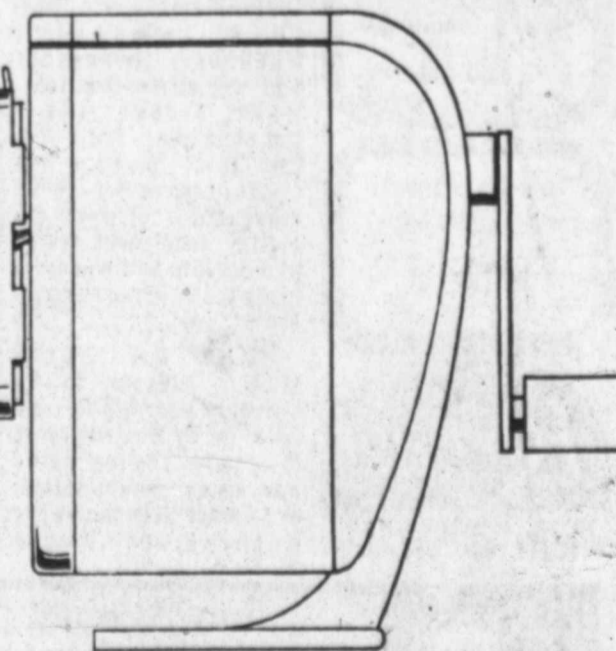
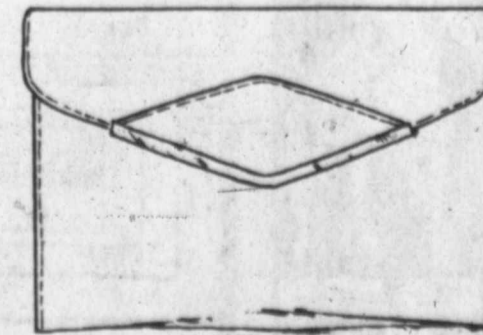
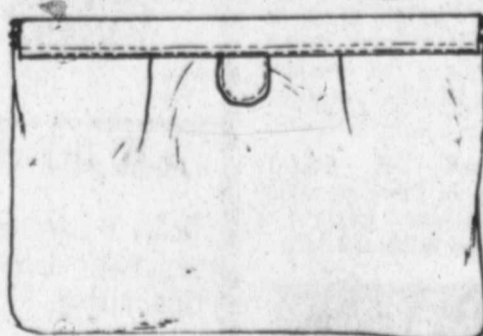
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Lea draws re-entry wildcats, field project

Re-entry wildcat operations have been announced in two Lea County areas, and a Lea pool has gained a new project. A field stepout has been spotted in Eddy County.

Operators also have announced field work in West Texas counties.

GMW RE-ENTRY

Gifford, Mirchell & Wisenbaker of Midland No. 1 Amoco-State is a re-entry operation in Lea County, eight miles northwest of Jal.

The operator will re-enter the former O. H. Berry No. 1 Amoco-State, abandoned at 700 feet, and deepen to 3,600 feet as a wildcat.

There is no nearby production. The site is 1/2 mile west of GMW No. 1 Crazy Horse, a dry hole at 3,875 feet.

Location for No. 1 Amoco-State is 800 feet from north and 1,650 feet from east lines of section 36-24-50-35e.

GETTY PROJECT

Getty Oil Co. announced plans to re-enter a 11,158-foot failure in Lea County, six miles southeast of Lovington.

It will be operated as No. 27-0 State. Operator will clean out and test above 11,300 feet. It is surrounded by production in the Lovington (San Andres) pool.

The location is 990 feet from north and 600 feet from east lines of section 31-16-37e.

FIELD TRY

Cotton Petroleum Corp., operating from Midland, staked location for a 12,000-foot operation in the five-well King (Devonian) field of Lea County, 10 miles southeast of Tatum.

It is No. 2 Lowe Land, 330 feet from south and 500 feet from east lines of section 26-13-37e. It is one location north of production and one location southeast of Cotton No. 1 Lowe Land which is in the process of completing from the Devonian.

EDDY STEP-OUT

Mesa Petroleum Co. of Midland No. 2 Bogle-State Communized is to be drilled as a 9,000-foot Morrow test 7/8 mile southwest of an undesignated Morrow pool in Eddy County, 18 miles northwest of Loco Hills.

Spraberry oil pools gain eight project sites

Eight projects have been spotted for tests in the Spraberry, four in Reagan, one each in Midland and Irion counties, and two in Upton County.

Hanley Co. of Midland will drill the Reagan projects to 7,700 feet in the Spraberry Trend Area field.

No. 1-10-11-C University is 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 11, block 10, University Lands survey.

No. 1-10-11-D University is 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 11, block 10, University Lands survey.

No. 1-10-11-B University is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 11, block 10, University Lands survey.

The projects are seven miles north-west of Big Lake.

UPTON PROJECT

John L. Cox of Midland No. 3 Church has been spotted in the Spraberry Trend of Upton County, 15 miles northeast of Rankin.

Scheduled for an 8,700-foot bottom, it is 1,320 feet from north and east lines of section 29, block B, CCSD&RGNG survey.

Cox also will drill No. 3-J Owens in Upton County, 15 miles northeast of Rankin.

The 8,700-foot operation is 1,320 feet from south and west lines of section 31, block B, CCSD&RGNG survey.

IRION TEST

J. H. McCammon of San Angelo No. 4 Claude Becton has been staked in the Spraberry Trend Area of Irion County.

The 6,700-foot test is eight miles northeast of Barnhart and 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 76, block 14, H&TC survey.

Operator plans to dual the well from the Ellenburger and Pennsylvanian zones. The Connell section will be squeezed off.

STERLING OUTPOST

The Sterling Co. of Midland spotted location for a one and one-eighth-mile southwest stepout to production in the Conger (Pennsylvanian) pool of Sterling County, 11 miles southwest of Sterling City.

Location is 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section 16, block 21, H&TC survey.

It will be operated as No. 1-16 Brownfield.

REEVES WELL

H. L. Brown of Midland No. 2-12 Mary E. Rape has been completed as a south-west extension to the discovery well and only other producer in the D.A. (Devonian) field of Reeves County, 23 miles southeast of Pecos.

Operator reported a calculated absolute open flow potential of 9,400,000 cubic feet of dry gas per day, from open hole section at 15,843 feet, where 5.5-inch casing is set, and total depth of 16,138 feet.

The pay section was fractured with 175,000 gallons.

Location is 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 12, bloc. C-2, psi survey.

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Location is 1,800 feet from south and 1,975 feet from west lines of A. McMillian survey No. 1682.5, abstract 1014.

Drill site is 1.5 miles north of a long extension to the Paint Rock, West (Strawn oil) pool.

The operation is 1,980 feet from south and east lines of section 2-16-37e.

KENT PRODUCER

Ashland Exploration, Inc., of Houston No. 1-39 Daugherty has been completed as the second well in the Red Mud (Strawn lime oil) pool of Kent County, 13 miles northwest of Clairmont.

Seven-eighths mile northeast of the other well, the extender completed for a 24-hour pumping potential of 83 barrels of 39-gravity oil and 70 barrels of water, through perforations from 6,701 to 6,716 feet after 10,000 gallons of acid.

Originally staked as a wildcat, the project was drilled to 7,118 feet and operator set 4.5-inch casing at 6,875 feet.

Location is 2,000 feet from south and 1,150 feet from east lines of section 39, block 1, H&GN survey.

OIL WELL FINALS

Cola Petroleum, Inc., of Midland No. 1 Whitten has been completed as the fifth Wolfcamp oil well in the Eldorado multiphase field of Schleicher County, four miles northwest of Eldorado.

Operator reported a daily pumping potential of 10 barrels of 39-gravity oil, plus eight barrels of water, through perforations from 6,182 to 6,502 feet. Gas-oil ratio is 1,500-1.

The pay section was acidized with 4,500 gallons and fractured with 110,000 gallons.

Total depth is 6,600 feet and 4.5-inch casing is cemented at 6,598 feet. The plugged back depth is 6,560 feet.

Well site is 1,320 feet from north and west lines of section 34, block LL, TCR survey.

The project originally was staked as a Canyon B gas test in the Eldorado, Northfield.

CROCKETT TEST

C. F. Lawrence & Associates of Midland No. 1 Todd is a new test 3/4 mile northwest of the Howard Draw (Grayburg-San Andres) field of Crockett County.

The 1,600-foot test is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 56, block UV, GC&SF survey and 17 miles northwest of Ozona.

Gas-liquid ratio is 29,562-1 and gravity of the liquid is 70.8 degrees.

Location is 1,650 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 23, block 1, I&GN survey.

from north and east lines of section 11, block 10, University Lands survey.

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Operator plans to dual the well from the Ellenburger and Pennsylvanian zones. The Connell section will be squeezed off.

MIDLAND RE-ENTRY

The Midland Spraberry test in the Pegasus (Spraberry) area and is a re-entry of an old producer from a deeper formation in the field.

It is Mobil Oil Corp. No. 809 Pegasus Spraberry Unit, 18 miles southeast of Odessa and 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 29, block 40, T-4-S, T&P survey.

The old total depth is 12,150 feet. It will be plugged back to 8,900 feet.

WT sectors get wildcats

Master Drilling Co., Inc., of Abilene No. 1 Harry Jonas is to be drilled as a 4,900-foot wildcat in Runnels County, 3.5 miles northwest of Winters.

It is 600 feet from north and 2,060 feet from east lines of section 79, CTRR survey and in the Winters, North multiphase area. The zone to be tested has not been reported.

CONCHO WILDCAT

Dynamic Industries, Inc., of Fort Worth No. 1-D Sims has been spotted as a 4,000-foot wildcat in Concho County, four miles northeast of Paint Rock.

Location is 1,800 feet from south and 1,975 feet from west lines of A. McMillian survey No. 1682.5, abstract 1014.

Drill site is 1.5 miles north of a long extension to the Paint Rock, West (Strawn oil) pool.

Discovery finals

D. H. Hunt of Midland has completed its No. 1-32 Watson in Ward County as a small discovery in the Cherry Canyon and as a producer in the Scott (Delaware) field.

The dual well finished from the Cherry Canyon for a 24-hour flowing potential of four barrels of 43-gravity oil and 10 barrels of water, through a 14/64-inch choke and perforations from 5,520 to 6,134 feet. Gas-oil ratio is 96,250-1.

The pay section was fractured with 5,000 gallons.

The well completed from the Delaware, inside field production, for a 24-hour flowing potential of 13 barrels of 41-gravity oil and 48 barrels of water, through a 13/64-inch choke and perforations from 5,590 to 6,134 feet after 4,000 gallons of acid.

The Lamar lime was topped at 4,807 feet, the Delaware sand at 4,838 feet and the Cherry Canyon at 5,760 feet on ground elevation of 2,539 feet.

The location is 7,260 feet from northeast and 660 feet from south east lines of section 32, block 33, H&TC survey and 4.5 miles southeast of Barstow.

Operator has suggested new field designation of Scott (Cherry Canyon)

Anderson well finals

Anderson Petroleum, Inc., of Ozona No. 1-23-A L. B. Cox Jr. has been potentialized 1/2 mile northwest of Canyon sand gas production in the Ozona multiphase field of Crockett County.

The well finished from the Canyon sand for a calculated, absolute open flow potential of 700,000 cubic feet of gas per day, through perforations from 6,864 to 6,946 feet after 2,000 gallons of acid and 46,000 gallons of fracture solution.

Gas-liquid ratio is 29,562-1 and gravity of the liquid is 70.8 degrees.

Location is 1,650 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 23, block 1, I&GN survey.

Dividend increases

Adobe Oil & Gas Corp. of Midland has announced its board of directors has authorized an increase in its quarterly cash dividend to five cents per common share effective with third quarter 1978.

The dividend had been four cents per share for the last nine quarters.

The five cent cash dividend for each common share for third quarter 1978 will be paid Sept. 29 to shareholders of record Sept. 8.

Discovery completes; offset project staked

Coquina Oil Corp. of Midland has completed a small Delaware discovery in Eddy County, N.M., 21 miles northeast of Malaga, and announced a location for a south-west offset to the strike.

The discovery is No. 1 El Paso-Federal. It was completed for a daily pumping potential of 6.9 barrels of 32-gravity oil, through perforations from 4,590 to 4,584 feet after 250 gallons of acid and 2,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

The gas-oil ratio is too small to measure.

Total depth is 34,685 feet and 5.5-inch casing is cemented at total depth.

Well site is 1,980 feet from south and west lines of section 12-24-31e.

Location is 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 25, block 37, T-1-S, T&P survey.

The pay was fractured with 160,000 gallons.

Total depth is 8,950 feet and 4.5-inch pipe is set on bottom.

Location is 1,320 feet from south and east lines of section 32-10-31e and 7/8 mile northeast of the depleted Tower (San Andres) field. There is no nearby deep production.

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CHAVES WILDCAT

John L. Cox of Midland No. 1-32 State is to be drilled as a 12,000-foot wildcat in Chaves County, four miles west of Caprock.

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GAO, DOE don't agree on Louisiana storage

By STAN BENJAMIN WASHINGTON (AP) — The General Accounting Office said in a report Tuesday that planned government storage of oil in a salt mine near New Iberia, La., could endanger miners who may later have to work underneath it.

The Department of Energy, operator of the oil storage program, said however the plan was safe and would be made even safer if necessary.

The GAO also said six of the 19 salt caverns acquired by the government for oil storage in addition to the mine may not be suitable for that purpose.

The Energy Department, in its comments to the GAO, said there was no cause for concern and any salt domes found unsuitable could be modified or abandoned.

The storage program was ordered by Congress to create a strategic petroleum reserve which could soften the impact of any future interruption of the nation's oil supplies.

Oil has already started flowing into some underground storage and the department now expects to have 250 million barrels of crude oil in the stockpile by July, 1979.

The GAO's worry about salt caverns — dissolved out of natural underground salt formations — was mainly that some of them might enlarge through alternate fillings and withdrawals of oil and water, to the point that they could grow together and become unstable.

Its concern over the use of a salt mine in the Weeks Island formation, purchased from Morton Salt Co., however, was more serious.

The GAO said Morton planned to start mining salt in 1980 some 300 feet beneath the planned stockpile of 75 million barrels of oil stored in two higher mines, and the agency feared the possibility that a blasting "blow-out" might somehow penetrate that 300-foot ceiling and cause a disastrous flood of oil into the lower mine.

The Morton Salt Co., in comments to the GAO, said this was unlikely.

The GAO's worry was prompted largely by a memorandum by Robert B. Lagather, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health, who wrote that the Energy Department's

plan "has the potential for serious to disastrous health and safety hazards to the miners."

Lagather's memo to the Secretary of Labor added that if the Energy Department follows its plan at Weeks Island, "we will have no recourse other than to issue withdrawal orders" — that is, shut down the mine.

The Energy Department commented, however, that the Labor Department's Mining Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) was consulted before the mine was purchased from Morton for \$30 million and did not object then to the 300-foot protective thickness beneath the oil storage area.

The department said the MSHA was studying the situation and that a thicker salt barrier would be purchased from Morton if necessary.

The caverns also has acquired 19 salt caverns for oil storage in three areas: Bayou Choctaw at Iberville, La., Bryan Mound at Brazoria, Tex., and West Hackberry at Cameron, La.

The GAO said Caverns 3, 11, and 13 at Bayou Choctaw failed to pass pressure tests and have not yet been certified safe to hold the oil, and said the Energy Department reported those caverns have already grown together and are being studied.

The GAO also questioned the department's plans to use Caverns 6 and 9 at West Hackberry and Cavern 15 at Bayou Choctaw which, it said, also are close enough to other caverns to risk growing into them.

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Gulf grant announced

HOUSTON (AP) — A \$7,500 grant from Gulf Oil Foundation has been presented to the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, widow of the late President Johnson, said the grant will be used to help support the special operations of the library located on The University of Texas Austin campus.

The grant is part of the Gulf Aid to Education Program, which will distribute more than \$3.2 million this year to further educational programs at worthy agencies, colleges and universities.

Operator reported a daily pumping potential of 35 barrels of 40.4-gravity oil, plus 40 barrels of water, through perforations from 9,315 to 9,564 feet after 8,000 gallons of acid and 50,000 gallons of fracture solution.

Total depth is 9,950 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 9,942 feet.

The well is two and five-eighths miles southeast of Hutex (Dean) production and one and five-eighths miles southwest of Dean production in the LaCaff multiphase area.

Well site is 660 feet from south and west lines of section 38, block 7, University Lands survey.

Dean well potentials

Hanley Co. No. 1-7-38C University is a new well in the Hutex (Dean) pool of Andrews County, 14 miles northwest of Tarzan.

Operator reported a daily pumping potential of 35 barrels of 40.4-gravity oil, plus 40 barrels of water, through perforations from 9,315 to 9,564 feet after 8,000 gallons of acid and 50,000 gallons of fracture solution.

Total depth is 9,950 feet and 4.5-inch casing is set at 9,942 feet.

The well is two and

SCRAM-LETS

That Intriguing Word Game with a Chuckle

Edited by CLAY R. POLLAN

1 Rearrange letters of the four scrambled words below to form four simple words

DEERUN

NIRED

MDMAA

BEYRHE



News flash! "On the Hollywood Freeway a prison van collided with a cement mixer. Motorists were asked to be on the lookout for a dozen criminals."

2 Complete the chuckle quoted by filling in the missing word you develop from step No. 3 below.

2 PRINT NUMBERED LETTERS IN SQUARES

3 UNSCRAMBLE LETTERS FOR ANSWER

Endure - Dinner - Madam - Herby - Hardened
News flash! "On the Hollywood Freeway a prison van collided with a cement mixer. Motorists were asked to be on the lookout for a dozen hardened criminals."

THE BETTER HALF



"You should receive world acclaim for this. I think you've UNINVENTED TV!"

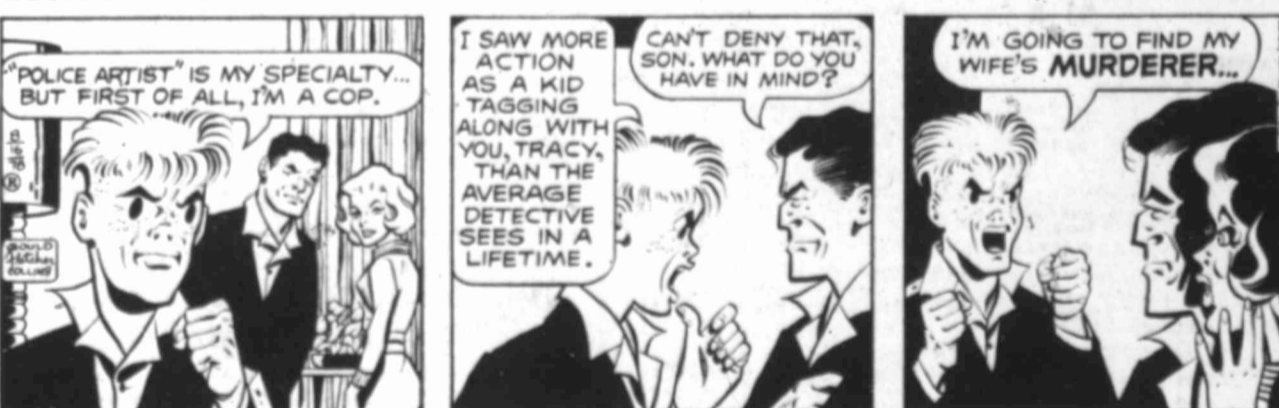
ANDY CAPP



SHOE



DICK TRACY



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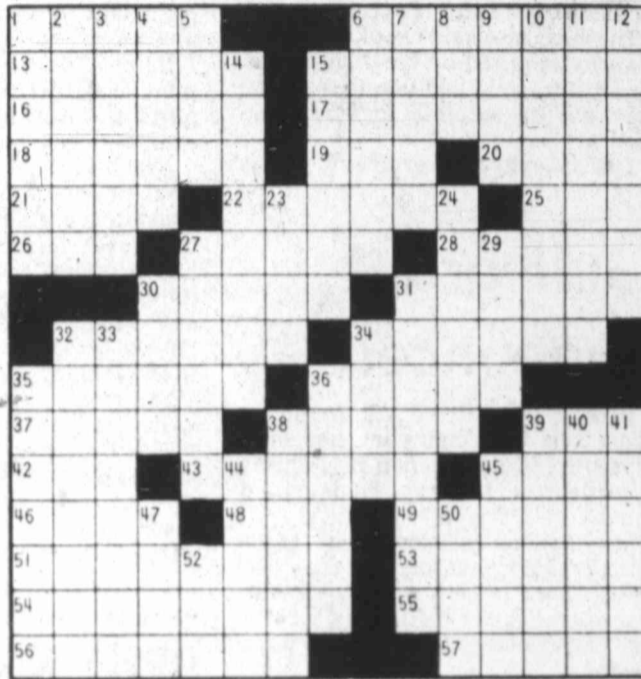
ACROSS

- 1 Floral arrangement
- 6 Grated
- 13 Quiver
- 15 Soothing lotion
- 16 Rescind
- 17 Minute
- 18 Foreshadowed
- 19 Photog's. proof
- 20 Identical
- 21 Ice formation
- 22 Alcove
- 25 Nevertheless
- 26 MSS men
- 27 Animate
- 28 Greenland settlement
- 30 French composer
- 31 Invented
- 32 Stockholm, etc.
- 34 Like some owls
- 35 Fabric
- 36 Halley's discovery, 1682
- 37 Ammonia compound
- 38 Partner of fun
- 39 Lodge

- 42 Court
- 43 appurtenance
- 44 Alarmed
- 45 Famed Quaker
- 46 Particular
- 48 Fixed routine
- 49 Narcotic
- 51 Ecclesiastical residence
- 53 Miracle
- 54 Sprung (from)
- 55 Observing
- 56 According to popular belief
- 57 Conveniently close

DOWN

- 1 Photographer's flashlight
- 2 College course: Colloq.
- 3 Lapels
- 4 Surrounded by
- 5 Part of a dress
- 6 Lustrous fabric
- 7 Popular footwear
- 8 Belwether
- 9 Author Kingsley
- 10 Trivial
- 11 Decorated artistically
- 12 Crossed out
- 14 Shreveport's waterfront
- 15 Annul
- 23 Constant
- 24 Main street features
- 27 Some women
- 29 Indication
- 30 Interpret
- 31 Land
- 32 Former
- 33 Wave crest
- 34 Roofree
- 35 Memorable "Mrs." of movies
- 36 Transported, in a way
- 38 Estimated
- 39 Radio wire
- 40 Have in mind
- 41 Power
- 44 Box
- 45 Historic ship
- 47 By hand: Prefix
- 50 Impatient utterance
- 52 Rodent



FUNKY WINKERBEAN



BLONDIE



MARY WORTH



JUDGE PARKER



STEVE ROPER



NANCY



STEVE CANYON



MARMADUKE



DENNIS THE MENACE



HEATHCLIFF

