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Brace yourself, Waylon, there's trouble in Luckenbach

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — There's political and legal discord brewin' in tiny Luckenbach as the fabled town's part-owner and mayor has filed a suit against its press secretary.

Mayor Kathy Morgan, who really lives in nearby Blanco, alleges that Jack Harmon, who really lives in San Antonio, is Luckenbach's "self-appointed" press secretary and wants him stopped from acting as an official representative of the town.

And this is not another joke from

the Hill Country hamlet — pop. 3 — that gave us a nationwide "chuckle-in," the "Buy-Centennial Bad Taste Awards," "Mud Dauber's Day" and the Luckenbach Ladies Lynching League.

State District Judge James C. Onion granted the temporary restraining order last week and will consider a request Monday for a permanent injunction.

"If we allow just anyone to represent us as an official of Luckenbach, it might get bad," explains Mrs. Morgan.

Meanwhile, Harmon was served with the restraining order Friday, but later left by train for New York as a member of Luckenbach's delegation to "Texas Week" festivities at the Lone Star Cafe.

At a stop in Oklahoma City, the members of the group introduced themselves to reporters as the Luckenbach Foreign Aid Council and said they were going to New York to help the city solve its problems.

Harmon could not be reached for

comment on the suit.

But back in Luckenbach on Tuesday, Mrs. Morgan's town "regulars" were planning a special recall election to have Harmon removed as the town's press secretary.

"They're a little upset with some of the statements he's been making," Mrs. Morgan said of her "regulars."

In the past, she said, she and Harmon and the other Luckenbach "regulars" all worked together. But lately, she said, "He's been going out with (press) releases that were detrimental to Luckenbach."

She cited a news release allegedly issued by Harmon that publicized a "drunk and falling down contest."

"To me that serves to give the wrong impression," she said. "We've had falling contests, but drunk and falling down makes it sound like everyone's drunk."

And that's not the case in Luckenbach, she added.

The suit was also filed, Mrs. Morgan said, to protect the copyright applied for on the name of the town. The town of Luckenbach, glorified by a popular song, is actually a corporation.

Harmon has issued news releases about Luckenbach activities for the past few years. His wife, Susie, is editor of the "Luckenbach Monthly Moon" newspaper. In vintage Luckenbach style, the newspaper is published monthly — eleven times a year.

MISD board ignores pleas; hikes property tax rate

By MARK VOGLER
R-T Staff Writer

Several Midland County property owners sought relief from increased taxes Tuesday — but got no satisfaction from the Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees.

The trustees, after hearing the voiced frustrations of taxpayers for one hour and 20 minutes, voted 4-2 to raise the tax rate to \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed value.

On paper, the move represents a three-cent increase in the rate.

However, trustee Edward E. Runyan — one of two members who tried to cushion the shock to taxpayers — told the board "we're actually talking about a 12.6 percent increase over our rate last year" because of a massive revaluation of county property this year.

Runyan seconded a motion by Marshall S. McCrea to set the tax rate at \$1.17 and dip into the district's surplus account for some \$300,000 to compensate for lost revenue while softening the blow to taxpayers.

But the majority of the board took the position that the surplus account should be used for emergency situations only and that to lessen the tax rate increase would only delay it until next year.

Trustees later in the day unanimously approved a \$25.8 million school budget for 1978-79, nearly a \$2.5 million increase over last year's educational expenditures and almost a 10

percent increase.

"There's one single reason why we have to raise taxes: because we gave a significant raise to our teachers this year — by about \$1.5 million," said Johnny Warren, president of the school board.

The average teacher salary has increased by about 12.1 percent this year, according to district business manager Donald R. Furgeson.

Meanwhile, some of the citizens who attended the meeting protested that the tax rate increase was not justified in light of a revaluation which already sent some property taxes skyrocketing.

"The board has got to be charged with a responsibility here...you're killing these people," said Ron Britton, one of the taxpayers who appealed to the trustees.

"Some of these people have 4,000 to 5,000 percent increases just with the revaluation."

Tom Mitchell of 79 Katie Lane complained that even without the tax rate increase, his property taxes had increased from \$235 to \$335 over one year.

Lawrence Lee told trustees that tax situation provides no relief for retired people on fixed incomes, and because he is in that category his home will go up for sale next month.

"It's cheaper to live in an apartment than pay the taxes on my house," Lee said.

"I respectfully request that you give some consideration to not raising

our taxes, but decrease taxes for those of us on fixed incomes."

Britton said he could see no reason why the current school budget could not be slashed by 1 or 2 percent. He questioned whether the board had actually assessed each item of the budget package in depth and made all possible cuts.

"We made no commitment to any substantial increase until we had it made up in our mind," said Ann Page.

"I feel like we gave our administration a charge to give us a bare bones budget and I think they have."

Warren said he felt in reviewing this year's budget that the trustees had faithfully fulfilled the will of the community at large.

"We have 26 or 27 facilities that we have to maintain. And the only way to cut our budget is to cut programs," Warren said.

"Up until this point in time, the community has expected and demanded first class programs."

Besides the commitment to salary increases for its teachers, the district also faced across-the-board cost increases and "some of those things forced upon us by the federal government, such as people coming across the river," according to Warren.

Some of the citizens had complained during Tuesday's public hearing on the tax rate increase that the district should not have to foot the bill for bilingual programs which benefit only Mexican Americans.

Trustee David N. Grimes, who said the trustees had mulled over the budget for about a year, assessed the board's decision as basically "a yes-no vote."

"I think we have done what I think has to be done in our

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Council cuts city taxes 2 cents

The Midland City Council on Tuesday cut the city property tax by two cents, although the mayor had wanted a five-cent slash, and approved a rising — \$20.2 million — budget for 1978-79.

The new budget for the 12-month period beginning Oct. 1 contains a \$2 million increase over the current operating budget.

Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr. said he had wanted to suggest knocking a nickel off the 65-cent per \$100 valuation city taxing rate. However, since the city has lost \$109,599 in federal Revenue Sharing Funds due to its current economic prosperity, Angelo said, that cut-back in federal funding has "diminished my enthusiasm slightly" for a five-cent tax cut.

The city's estimated funding has been adjusted backward from \$543,987 to \$434,388, although the city's original estimate of revenue-sharing funding was \$706,000.

The change, the mayor said, was brought about by Midland's rising per capita income, which, at \$7,701, is ninth in the nation.

"That's what you call the penalty for being prosperous...and successful, I guess," said Angelo.

Midland's per capita income has increased by 10 percent in the past year. In the East and South, however, that increase was only 2 percent.

"You (Midland) do better (than other cities), pay more taxes and make less money," said Councilman Tom Sloan.

On a motion by Councilman Carroll Thomas, the council approved the two-cent tax rate reduction, which will amount to about \$140,000, Angelo said. The

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Couple foresakes city for life back on farm

COOPER — Back in the early 1960s, Pike Burkhart left the country and went to the city.

That was "the thing" to do. That's "where it was at." He was going to make something out of himself.

Forget about the rural life. He learned better. Today, he's back on the farm.

"We grew up in that part (South Plains) of the country," Burkhart said of himself and his country-bred wife, Kay. Originally, they were from Tahoka, just southeast of Lubbock. It's in the middle of cotton country.

"We went to high school (there) and farmed and all that," he said.


In '62 they got "hitched up," left the farm, and, like many a couple seeking to make it big, headed for the metropolises.

They were with it. Got into business, made their mark, saved some dough, and, finally, regained their senses.

"We lived in Dallas-Fort Worth, and thought we'd get the hell out," said Burkhart, who at 36, figures that, he at long last has wised up.

Today, he's back back on the farm, but he is in far different country than that wind-blown sandy land he fled

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before.

And he's not growing cotton.

Burkart, who says he's a former liberal (in the political sense) who has wised up, is back to the basics both in the political and work-a-day world.

"We're just conservative folks wanting to go back to the country," Burkhart said over a cup of coffee.

So, in that Dallas-Fort Worth "metropolis," Burkhart saved some of that city-earned money and latched on to 210 acres of fertile black land just west of Enloe in the heart of the country.

That wasn't too long ago, either. Instead of planting cotton, like they did here for years and years, Burkhart is into grain and hay crops. He figures this black land, nourished by

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Sadat wants permanent settlement; partials out

By The Associated Press

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat says that at the upcoming Camp David summit he will strive for a permanent peace in the Middle East and will not accept any partial solutions with Israel.

Sadat's comments, at a political rally Tuesday in the Nile Delta town of Tallia, appeared to be a response to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem

Begin's statement Sunday that he has a plan for a "partial, permanent" agreement with Egypt that he will take to the Sept. 5 summit with Sadat and President Carter at the presidential retreat in Maryland.

Sadat drew cheers from the crowd of 6,000 politicians, farmers and workers when he reasserted that at the Camp David talks he will work for "a

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WEATHER

Fair with very warm afternoons through Thursday. High this afternoon and Thursday in the low 90s. Details on Page 4A.

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NO ROOM AT the top of the heap may be an apt saying in this case as 12-year-old Robert Rider attempts to empty the family trash in the Dempsey Dumpster behind their home at 1600 Washington St. Robert's mother, Mrs. John Rider, said the alley receptacle has not been emptied for "more than a week." She added Tuesday that she is concerned about the situation. (Staff photo by Mike Kardos)

Letter carriers reject pact; strike threat real

By STEVEN R. HURST

WASHINGTON (AP) — The threat of a nationwide mail strike grew more ominous today as the second largest postal union rejected a tentative three-year contract by a 4-3 margin.

In rejecting the pact, the National Letter Carriers Association may force two other postal unions to ignore their ratification votes regardless of the outcome.

James T. Schaefer, letter carriers national vice president, said on July 31 that that the three unions had agreed not to put the contract into effect if any one union votes against it.

The 181,000-member letter carriers union was the first to have its mail ballots counted. Votes from the 299,000-member American Postal Workers Union and the 36,000-member Mail Handlers Division of the Laborers' International Union have not yet been tabulated. The APWU ballots had a Tuesday midnight dead-

line, a spokesman said.

The pact rejected by the letter carriers called for a 19.5 percent pay increase and cost-of-living benefits over three years.

The agreement would continue a clause forbidding layoffs, which union leaders said was the main issue during the three months of negotiations.

A letter carriers source, who asked not to be named, said the union would ask the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to seek renegotiations with the U.S. Postal Service. But the service is not bound to honor the request.

Postmaster General William F. Bolger has said the contract talks would not be reopened. "We have completed our negotiations," he said earlier this month.

As workers were preparing to count APWU ballots, spokesman Stan Allen said top union officials were not saying publicly what they expect the

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Terrorists free women, children; hold others

By JUAN MALTES

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Left-wing guerrillas who shot their way into the National Palace in a bloody surprise attack freed women and children hostages this morning but continued to hold more than 100 government officials and legislators.

Among the hostages taken in the Tuesday attack were a nephew and cousin of President Anastasio Somoza. It was not immediately clear whether either was released.

National guard spokesman Col. Aquiles Arada Escobar said the guerrillas had released "many women and children," but he declined to say how many were freed.

Three Roman Catholic bishops were trying to mediate a peaceful end to the stand-off.

The guerrillas, in a statement released to reporters, demanded the release of all political prisoners, estimated at more than 120, safe conduct out of the country for those freed and for themselves, and \$10 million in cash.

More than 100 soldiers of the national guard, Nicaragua's army, spread out in a 10-block area around the palace. Other guardsmen in jeeps and armored personnel carriers set up roadblocks on highways leading out of Managua and patrolled city streets.

A score of Sandinista National Liberation Front guerrillas stormed the palace, which houses many government offices and both houses of Congress, during a session of the Chamber of Deputies Tuesday afternoon. The raiders wore uniforms similar to those of the national guard.

Presidential spokesman Archibaldo Arostegui said four soldiers were killed and at least six wounded in the attack. The Red Cross reported one of the hostages telephoned and said there were 15 injured.

The 52-year-old president, whose heavily guarded offices are elsewhere, was not in the palace at the time. But Jose Somoza Abrego, the president's nephew whose father is acting commander of the national

guard, and Luis Pallais Debayle, a cousin who is deputy speaker of the lower house, were among those taken hostage, Arostegui said.

Another captive was the treasury minister, Gen. Samuel Genie.

Hundreds of persons were in the palace when the attack began. For the next two hours military helicopters hovered over the building, their door gunners traded shots with the guerrillas, and national guardsmen on the ground fired through the palace windows. Then the fighting tapered off, with the guerrillas barricaded inside with their captives.

A close adviser of Somoza said the president told him in a telephone call, "The situation is grim. Things are

pretty bad."

The Sandinistas have been making hit-and-run attacks on Somoza's troops for a decade. The raid on the palace is their most daring exploit since they fired two rockets last month at Somoza's office, a cement-reinforced building known as The Bunker near the Intercontinental Hotel. The president was not injured.

Somoza's dictatorship has been plagued by strikes, demonstrations, violence and the loss of the U.S. government's support since the assassination on Jan. 10 of opposition publisher Pedro Joaquin Chamorro. Officials say more than 130 persons have been killed and 700 injured.

Military pilots going to big career in sky

By FRED S. HOFFMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy and Air Force are worried about a potentially serious exodus of younger pilots to commercial airlines in search of future big pay.

The services, acting to stem the drain, are improving duty conditions and alerting commanders to try to persuade such pilots that a military career is more challenging and exciting than steering an airliner.

But both the Air Force and Navy so far are shying away from proposing special bonuses, although the Navy is looking at the possibility.

Admiral Thomas Hayward, the new chief of naval operations, said, "we are concerned" about the loss particularly of aviators with two years to five years of military flying experience whose incomes are still relatively low.

"We are starting to feel it already and we are definitely forecasting it (an increased loss) for next year," Hayward said in an interview.

The Air Force said pilot resignations, particularly among captains and majors with between six and eleven years of flying experience, are increasing and that "retention ... is a problem."

The commercial airlines always have drawn many of their pilots from men with military flying backgrounds.

But defense officials who asked not to be identified say the trend is likely to accelerate in the coming years as older commercial pilots, many of whom learned to fly in World War II, reach the mandatory retirement age of 60.

A spokesman for the Airlines Pilots Association said military pilots are coming to the airlines with job applications and inquiries, rather than the airlines seeking them out in any concerted campaign.

Spokesman Paul Renaux said there are "a lot more pilots available than there are jobs."

Renaux said the starting salaries for commercial pilots range only from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and that "everybody starts at the bottom," first as a flight engineer, and eventually working up to captain, which he said could take 20 years.

Military pilots, he said, are attracted by the long-term prospects of earning salaries averaging in the mid-\$40,000 range, the approximate salary of a rear admiral or major general. But younger military pilots, he added, "have got to make an initial sacrifice" in income to get aboard the commercial lines.

Yet for younger lieutenants and lieutenants junior grade, said Hayward, there wouldn't be much of a pay cut to go into the airlines.

Navy lieutenants junior grade with two years of

experience make about \$12,500 a year counting flight pay, while lieutenants with more than four years experience receive about \$17,260 including flight pay.

Pay cuts for Air Force officers with between six and eleven years of flight experience, those of particular concern, would be greater in transferring to a starting commercial airline job. An Air Force captain with six years behind him gets a little over \$19,000 a year while a major with 11 years draws about \$21,400, both counting flight pay.

The Air Force said airlines are forecasting hiring about 2,200 new pilots a year over the next 10 years, with about half possibly coming from the Air Force.

Until now, Hayward said, the Navy has been able to keep between 45 and 50 percent of its pilots, but projected a 34 percent rate for the 12 months beginning Oct. 1.

Decision to sell gold pushes dollar up

LONDON (AP) — The U.S. government's decision to sell more of its gold pushed the dollar sharply up on Europe's money markets today and brought the price of gold down below the \$200 plateau for the first time in nearly a month.

Washington's announcement that it would increase its monthly gold sale from 300,000 ounces to 750,000 beginning November also touched off heavy buying of dollars in Tokyo but raised the exchange rate little.

The value of the dollar was also helped in Europe by a statement from Crown Prince Fahd, oil-rich Saudi Arabia's chief administrator, that the dollar is still the world's "most important currency" and should remain the medium of exchange for the oil trade.

Morning dollar rates in Europe were: Zurich — 1.68375 Swiss francs, up from 1.6570 at the close of trading Tuesday.

Frankfurt — 2.0217 marks, up from 1.9990.

Paris — 4.4375 French francs, up from 4.3825.

Milan — 845.25 lire, up from 839.

Amsterdam — 2.1825 guilders, up from 2.1590.

In London, the British pound dropped from \$1.9295 to \$1.9140.

"Right now it's all going the dollar's way," said one London dealer.

The dollar rose to 193 yen in heavy trading on the Tokyo foreign exchange, and \$405 million changed hands in spot deals. But later in the day it eased back and closed at 192.05 yen, less than a yen above Tuesday's closing rate of 191.70.

The price of gold plunged more than \$7 an ounce. It was quoted in London at \$198.75, down \$7.50 from Tuesday's closing price, and in Zurich, Europe's other major bullion market, at \$198.875, down \$7.75.

The metal, bought by investors as a hedge in times of monetary uncertainty, broke through the \$200 level on July 28 and hit an all-time high of \$216.125 an ounce in Zurich on Aug. 15. It began the year at \$169.50.

The dollar had been rising in Tokyo since Friday and has gained 7.55 yen, or more than 4 percent, in that time. One foreign exchange expert in the Japanese capital said although the buying spree this morning was the result of the Washington announcement of increased gold sales, the dollar's future still depends on such fundamental factors as the U.S. trade deficit.

Japanese and foreign banks expected additional U.S. measures in the near future to bolster the dollar and were building up their stock of dollars before the rate rose much higher. Volume for the day in Tokyo was very heavy, \$723 million in spot turnover and \$812 million in combined forward and swap trading.

Weeds not weeds: Now they're rubber

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — It may sound like heresy in the age of the manicured lawn, but a chemist has a good word for weeds.

Russell Buchanan is a chemist by profession and alchemist by design. In a government laboratory he's turning milkweeds into rubber and quackgrass into the golf ball covers of the future.

"A petroleum refinery could run on hydrocarbons produced by green plants," said Buchanan of his two-year quest to redeem the lowly weed.

According to Buchanan, a U.S. Department of Agriculture researcher at the department's laboratory here, dozens of common weeds and wild plants are likely candidates for development as replacements for imported rubber and petroleum-based chemicals.

"Natural rubber is of particular interest," said Buchanan. "It has high value, and the major producing area may not be able to supply the long-term demand."

So Buchanan and a group of USDA scientists propose going no farther than the front yard for the supply.

For two years, the government scientists have been analyzing almost 300 species of plants and ranking them as possible sources of hydrocarbons, the chemical backbone of motor fuels, lubricants, pine oil, turpentine and rubber. Most common hydrocarbons now come from petroleum, much of it imported from oil-rich Arab countries.

The USDA scheduled a news conference today to discuss the findings and announce that Buchanan has applied for a patent on his process.

"Increasing prices of petroleum and decreasing availability may force the United States eventually to rely more heavily on plants as sources of hydrocarbons," he said.

While analyzing plants for hydrocarbons, Buchanan developed the process to extract rubber, oil and chemicals from harvested plants. He explained that the plants store hydrocarbons in cells which may be released if the fiber walls are broken open.

The process he invented prepares the fibrous plant for treatment with solvents. It depends on squeezing and shearing forces to chew the leaves, stems and roots, free the fluid hydrocarbons and shape the whole cud into pellets, flakes or particles.

Among common weeds which Buchanan has successfully turned into hydrocarbons are rabbit brush, sow thistle, mountain mint, goldenrod and rye grass. Some of the weeds he's studied produce more oil than conventional oilseed crops and more protein than alfalfa, he said. After squeezing the plant dry of its oil, he suggested, the rest of the plant could be used as forage.

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VFW vote opens rolls to women

DALLAS (AP) — Women will be able to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the first time, and the head of the VFW Auxiliary hailed the step as "keeping up with the times."

"We think it is great that the VFW is accepting women veterans who have earned the right to be a member by virtue of their overseas service to our country," said Grace Minnix, VFW Auxiliary national president.

Delegates to the national VFW convention voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to admit women to the organization, but it took a lively two-hour debate to produce the decision. The Texas delegation threw a crimp

into the resolution's easy passage when all 920 of the state's votes were cast against it. However, delegates summoned the needed two-thirds majority to allow the measure to pass, 9,785-4,019.

Not all auxiliary officers were as enthusiastic as its president. Arlene McDermott, national senior vice president, said she thinks the women eligible for VFW membership who now belong to the auxiliary are happy the way things have been.

"I doubt if many who are already auxiliary members will join the VFW," said Mrs. McDermott. She said there are about 10,000 women in the U.S. eligible for VFW

membership. Most VFW delegates who spoke during the debate said they favored allowing women to join the organization, but they voiced different reasons for their support.

Francis D. Doris, assistant majority leader in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and a delegate, said he would fight to admit women but added that he deplored members of Congress who said they would turn in their VFW membership cards if the amendment failed.

"To those who would hand in their cards, I'd give them a hand signal in return," Doris said.

James Van Zandt, a former U.S. congressman from Pennsylvania and three-time VFW commander, said women could be allowed to join the organization without an amendment to the charter.

"Any of you comrades who wouldn't want to admit women, you can go into a court and file a suit and you will be involved in a lawsuit that will take you all the way to the Supreme Court," Van Zandt said.

"I'm in favor of women being in the VFW not because I want to but because I believe the VFW has to admit them," Van Zandt said just before being shouted down from the podium.

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First family enjoying Idaho river raft trip

ALONG THE SALMON RIVER, Idaho (AP) — President Carter was sliding down the Tappan waterfall and heading for rough rapids as his black rubber raft entered the primitive Salmon River for a second day.

The first family's raft was encountering the seven-foot waterfall shortly after breaking camp today on the banks of the river's Middle Fork.

Carter, his wife, Rosalynn, and their children, Amy, Jack and Chip, set out on their three-day glide down an isolated, 80-mile section of river early Tuesday.

Except for a few brief bursts of sunlight, the first day's journey of 30 miles was marred by overcast skies that gave way frequently to rain, drizzle and hail in the 60-degree weather.

The trip — billed as a private, family vacation — began with a flourish as the denim-clad first family shoved off in the midst of a group of five, 20-foot rafts.

During the day, the Carters fished, catching three cutthroat trout which were thrown back into the clean, shallow water. Later there was a coffee break at the only lodge in the area when the cold rain interrupted the fun.

With Secret Service agents in the lead, the second craft carried Phil Wise, White House appointments secretary; Robert Peterson, the president's military aide; Jack Kightlinger, a White House photographer and Bill Guth, a partner in the raft company that outfitted the trip.

Third in line was the presidential raft. Norman Guth, co-owner of the raft company, acted as boatman. His

11-year-old daughter, Mira, was along to keep 10-year-old Amy company.

Following close behind was a fourth raft carrying Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus, his wife, Carol, and Dr. William Lukash, the president's physician.

Another raft for agents brought up the rear.

The river was calm the first day, except for a few white rapids. Stretching about 100 feet across, the clear water flows between mountains dotted with yellow and ponderosa pines and firs. At different points, there were mallards flying low near the shore and golden eagles soaring above the trees.

The party is moving down the river at about 5 mph — about one-third the pace possible in spring, when the river depth reaches an average of six feet and the trip becomes more dangerous.

Paula Guth, wife of Bill Guth, traveled ahead to set up camp for the first family after their long day's journey. The dinner menu included marinated beef roast, broiled on an open fire, baked potatoes with sour cream, tossed green salad, broccoli and oatmeal cake, she said.

Mrs. Guth said the same dinner is served other rafters who pay \$300 a person to make the trip. Her sister-in-law, Kaye Guth of Salmon, declined Tuesday to say how much the Carters paid for the trip.

Carter personally is paying for his family, but the taxpayers are picking up the cost for the agents and staff members who always accompany a president.

Governor's race close but uncertain

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Lt. Gov. George Nigh was close to winning the Democratic nomination for governor without a runoff today with vote tabulations almost complete from Tuesday's primary election, but a computer foul-up made it impossible to determine for certain.

Former University of Oklahoma football star Ron Shotts won such a smashing victory in the Republican gubernatorial primary that even the erring computer made no difference.

In the Democratic race, however, the computer printed one result that showed Nigh getting 49.9 percent of the vote. It also printed another result that showed him getting 50.1 percent.

Since the former figure would force him into a Sept. 19 runoff with Attorney General Larry Derryberry and the latter would give him the Democratic nomination and the right to take on Shotts in the Nov. 7 general election, the computer's double figures caused quite a problem for the candidates and those trying to determine the winner.

One set of figures from the Oklahoma Election Service's computer showed 2,806 of 2,830 precincts reporting and Nigh with 261,023 votes, or 50.1 percent.

It showed Derryberry with 196,539, or 37.6 percent. Derryberry with 195,352, or 37.7 percent, and Funston with 63,415, or 12.2 percent.

OES Chairman Bob Lee said the problem would not be resolved for several hours. "We think the county-by-county total is correct."

Shotts, 32, youngest man in the race, carried all 77 counties in crushing the hopes of his two GOP foes, while Nigh, 51, carried 56 counties.

Derryberry, 39, a native of Altus, carried only 21 counties, most of them in his home southwestern Oklahoma area.

This was Nigh's second bid for governor. He ran a strong fourth in the 1962 Democratic primary. Currently serving his fourth term as lieutenant governor, Nigh said when he entered the race that he felt his experience qualified him for the state's top political job.

He also said it was time for him to either move up or move out.

Derryberry, who is finishing his second term as attorney general, thought seriously about running for governor four years ago, but decided instead to seek re-election as attorney general.

Both Nigh and Derryberry also served in the Oklahoma Legislature prior to winning statewide office.

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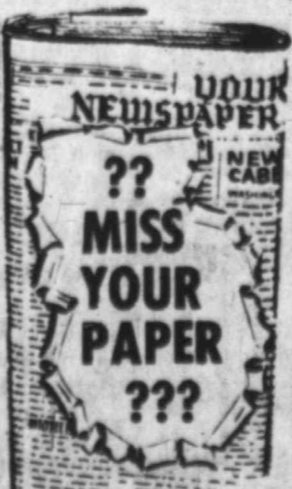
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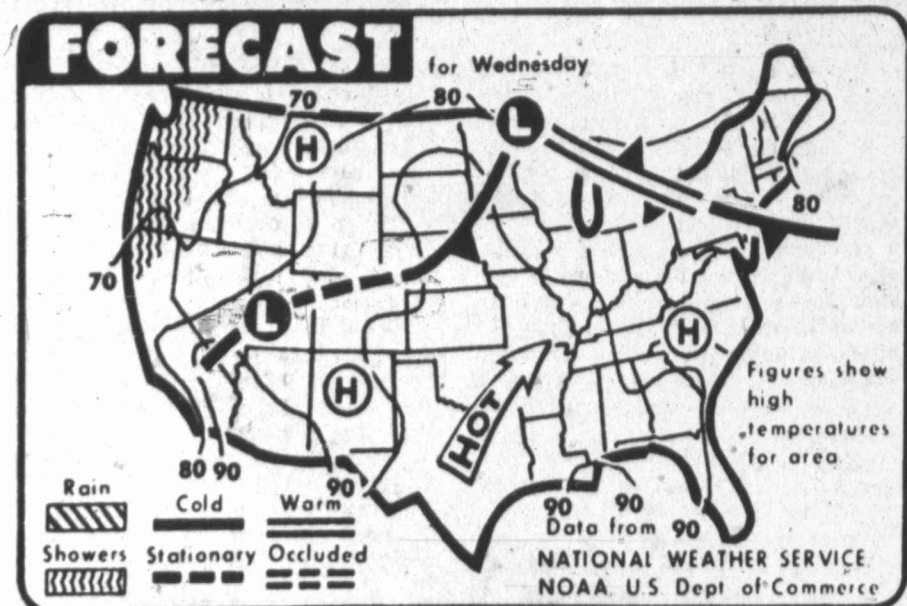
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WEATHER SUMMARY



SHOWERS ARE expected today in parts of Washington, Oregon and California, the National Weather Service says. Generally hot weather is forecast for most of the country. (AP Laserphoto Map)

Midland statistics

MIDLAND, ODESSA, RANKIN, BIG LAKE, GARDEN CITY FORECAST: Fair with very warm afternoons through Thursday. High this afternoon and Thursday in the low 90s. Low tonight in the middle 60s. Southerly winds 15 to 20 mph today, decreasing to 5 to 10 mph tonight.

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
Yesterday's High: 91 degrees
Overnight Low: 68 degrees
Noon today: 90 degrees
Sunset today: 7:24 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:19 a.m.
Precipitation: none
Last 24 hours: none
This month to date: 6.28 inches
1978 to date: 6.28 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:
noon: 84
Midnight: 77
1 p.m.: 87
1 a.m.: 75
2 p.m.: 89
2 a.m.: 74
3 p.m.: 90
3 a.m.: 74
4 p.m.: 90
4 a.m.: 74
5 p.m.: 91
5 a.m.: 72
6 p.m.: 91
6 a.m.: 70
7 p.m.: 88
7 a.m.: 70
8 p.m.: 86
8 a.m.: 70
9 p.m.: 84
9 a.m.: 70
10 p.m.: 82
10 a.m.: 78
11 p.m.: 80
11 a.m.: 85

SOUTHWEST TEMPERATURES:
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Abilene: 82 73
Amarillo: 83 74
El Paso: 85 73
Fort Worth: 87 73
Houston: 89 73
Lubbock: 87 73
Marfa: 86 73
Midland: 87 73
Muskogee: 86 73
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Pampa: 86 73
San Angelo: 87 73
San Antonio: 87 73
Sherman: 87 73
Tulsa: 87 73
Wichita Falls: 87 73
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The weather elsewhere

City	High	Low
Albany	80	48
Albuquerque	87	50
Anaheim	82	50
Anchorage	73	50
Asheville	86	60
Atlanta	82	60
Atlanta-City	79	66
Baltimore	85	62
Birmingham	88	78
Bismarck	72	57
Boise	70	47
Boston	76	62
Brownsville	84	72
Buffalo	80	60
Charlottesville	86	73
Charlottesville	86	73
Chicago	86	67
Cincinnati	82	58
Cleveland	81	59
Columbus	80	73
Dallas/Ft. Worth	87	73
Denver	89	57
Des Moines	85	72
Detroit	85	60
Duluth	89	55.70
Fairbanks	57	31
Hartford	82	49
Honolulu	84	72
Houston	87	73
Indianapolis	82	60
Jacksonville	88	68
Las Vegas	91	71
Los Angeles	90	62
Los Angeles	90	62
Memphis	86	74
Miami	83	79
Milwaukee	82	59
Minneapolis	82	71
Nashville	86	71
New Orleans	92	73.47
New York	86	64
Niagara Falls	82	63
Oklahoma City	86	71
Oklahoma City	86	71
Omaha	83	70
Orlando	87	74
Philadelphia	87	66
Phoenix	102	82
Pittsburgh	81	56
Pittsburgh	81	56
Rapid City	82	59
Rapid City	82	59
Richmond	86	61
St. Louis	83	63
St. Louis	83	63
St. Paul	83	54
Salt Lake	82	55
San Diego	79	60
San Francisco	65	55
Seattle	66	54
Seattle	66	54
Spokane	63	48
Spokane	63	48
St. Paul	75	52
St. Paul	75	52
Washington	88	75
Washington	88	75

Texas thermometer

City	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	92	73	0.00
Alice	87	70	0.00
Alpine	88	71	0.00
Amarillo	83	66	0.00
Austin	92	71	0.00
Beaumont	97	77	0.00
Brownsville	94	72	0.00
Childress	90	71	0.00
College Station	97	74	0.00
Corpus Christi	97	74	0.00
Cotulla	97	73	0.00
Dalhart	92	66	0.00
Dallas	96	74	0.00
Del Rio	96	74	0.00
El Paso	85	73	0.00
Fort Worth	95	73	0.00
Galveston	89	82	0.00
Houston	89	82	0.00
Junction	92	85	0.00
Lubbock	91	73	0.00
Lufkin	94	72	0.00
Marfa	92	71	0.00
McAllen	96	73	0.00
Midland	92	73	0.00
Mittler Wells	96	74	0.00
Palmer	87	73	0.00
Pampa	92	73	0.00
San Angelo	91	70	0.00
San Antonio	96	76	0.00
Shreveport	90	72	0.00
Stephenville	96	73	0.00
Texasark	96	73	0.00
Tyler	96	74	0.00
Victoria	96	73	0.00
Waco	96	78	0.00
Wichita Falls	96	71	0.00
Wichita	96	71	0.00
Paris	96	76	0.00
Sherman	97	74	0.00

Council delays gas rate request

The Midland City Council Tuesday postponed for 120 days a decision on Pioneer Natural Gas Co.'s request for a 26 percent rate increase.

Norman Henry, Pioneer's Midland director, said the proposed hike is "necessary to take care of all the inflationary things that have happened" since Pioneer's last rate increase in 1970.

Councilman Thane Akins chided the company for not gradually raising rates years earlier.

"It (the 26 percent) is making people suspicious of poor planning, if nothing else," he said. He said natural gas customers would be "more receptive to periodic increases" than to the sudden surge in rates.

In addition to passing a resolution postponing for 120 days action on the rate request, the council authorized Midland's joining with 62 West Texas cities in Pioneer's distribution system to study the proposed rate hike and make recommendations.

Among cities and towns served by Pioneer are Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, Lubbock, Lamesa, Plainview, Seminole, Stanton and cities in the Panhandle.

Fred Poe, Midland's assistant city manager, has been named chairman of the steering committee the group of cities is forming to study the proposed rate hike.

In other business, the council: —Listened to Faye Taylor's renewed request for the razing of abandoned houses in the Greenwood neighborhood, which takes in residential areas from Jackson Street eastward to Fairgrounds Road.

"We've got an on-going program to remove those houses," said Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr., who termed the frame houses "derelict and dilapidated." Mrs. Taylor, who represents the Greenwood Neighborhood Committee, also said she has been seeking the paving of Clay Street for 25 years. Angelo said paving was long overdue there.



THERE ARE FEWER and fewer low profiles in the downtown sector, and the dedication of the new Midland Petroleum Club building at the intersection of Wall and Mariefeld will result in making the Tall City somewhat taller. Petroleum Club president Tony Martin was among several persons making salutary remarks at the Tuesday ceremony. (Staff Photo)

City property tax reduced

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city's budget for the coming year is \$20,245,850.

Councilmen already had eyed proposed uses of the expected \$706,000 in Revenue Sharing Funds. And rather than make cuts from those proposals, the council decided to supplement Revenue Sharing Funds with money from the general revenue.

Proposed uses of the federal funds include: penetration paving, \$40,000; fire station relocation program, \$198,000; Hogan Park Pro Shop area, \$166,000; police personal car program, \$177,000, and the Senior Citizens Center, \$125,000.

The council unanimously approved the tax rate cut, which was the second in a year's time. Last year, the rate was cut by two cents. The last increase was eight years ago, said Councilman Gordon Marcum II.

"I think the council is right-fully pleased," said Angelo.

Earlier, the mayor said the sales tax is a fairer revenue generating means than ad valorem taxes.

"I think the sales tax is a more equitable tax than the property tax."

In other budgetary action, the council: —Approved a 10 percent increase, from \$13,100 to \$14,410, in its yearly allocation to the Human Relations Council. Angelo commended Susan Edwards, the council's director, for keeping the service's "costs down."

—Approved, despite some criticism, \$61,200 for "promotional use" by the Midland Chamber of Commerce. Sloan was skeptical of the beneficial effects to the city of the Chamber spending \$2,000 toward fireworks for the annual Kiwanis Club's Fourth of July celebration.

"How does this benefit the city?" Sloan asked. Marcum said the celebration was the "only city-wide celebration...I think the community gains a lot from the public relations standpoint." Angelo simply noted that people "differ on what promotes the city." However, Thomas suggested that the "chamber should be careful" on how it spends tax money.

—Okayed the city purchasing for \$54,799 a second carousel for baggage handling at Midland Regional Airport.

—Awarded a contract to Nickel Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge for the purchase of 26 Plymouth Volare sedans at \$5,310 each for the Midland Police Department. The heavy-duty patrol cars are to be used as "personal police" cars. Each patrolman is being assigned a car he is to keep as if it were his own 24 hours a day.

—Authorized the selling of about \$1 million in bonds to finance constructions of new hangars at the airport.

Letter carriers reject pact; strike threat real

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outcome to be.

But just a week ago delegates to that union's national convention booted their president, Emmet Andrews, when he asked their support for the hard-fought pact.

A day earlier, the delegates had directed Andrews to call a nationwide strike if the contract is not ratified and negotiations do not resume within five days of rejection; or if a more acceptable contract is not reached after 15 days of new talks.

In Lexington, Ky., J.H. Combs, president of the letter carriers Local 361, said officials in Washington had told him the vote was about 60,000 for rejection, 60,000 for acceptance and 40,000 members not voting. Vince Sombrotto, head of the New York City letter carriers branch, also confirmed the margin early today.

Federal law, which makes a strike by postal workers illegal, provides for government mediators to name a fact-finding panel to recommend a solution in case of union rejection. If there is still no agreement, the law provides for binding arbitration by a separate panel.

However, it is not considered likely that the union members would continue to work during this lengthy process, which could take several months in 1978.

In 1970, about 200,000 postal workers did walk out without punishment. But soon after the latest tentative agreement, there were wildcat strikes at major mailhandling facilities near New York City and San Francisco. More than 100 firings and court orders brought the employees back to work.



DROPPING IN for a visit with the Midland West Rotary Club Tuesday was District Governor Louis Rochester, third from left, and his wife Lois, right. Midland president Hugh McBeath and his wife Laverne talked with the Rochesters before the meeting. (Staff Photo)

Texas area forecasts

North Texas — Clear to partly cloudy today through Thursday. Widely scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers southeast portion. Hot afternoons. Temperatures 80 to 90. Lows tonight 50 to 77.

South Texas — Partly cloudy and continued hot today and Thursday. Generally fair and warm tonight. Widely scattered thundershowers, coastal sections today increasing eastern portions Thursday. Highest temperatures today and Thursday from upper 80s along immediate coast and in 90s elsewhere. Lowest tonight near 80 immediate upper coast and in 70s elsewhere.

West Texas — Fair today, tonight and Thursday except widely scattered showers and thundershowers. Partly cloudy and mountain mainly late afternoon and at night. Continued very warm. Highs today and Thursday 80 to 90. Lows tonight 50 to 77.

Upper Texas Coast — East and southeast winds 10 to 15 knots today, becoming southeasterly 10 to 15 knots tonight and Thursday. Seas 3 to 4 feet today, winds and seas locally higher in and near widely scattered thundershowers.

Lower Texas Coast — Southeasterly winds 10 to 15 knots today, tonight and Thursday. Seas 3 to 5 feet today. Winds and seas locally higher in and near widely scattered thundershowers.

Farm life offers what couple wants

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the normally generous rainfall, is best suited for grain crops and pasture land, rather than cotton.

Most of this once-rich black land was virtually depleted of its life-giving qualities by farmers planting nothing but cotton for decades.

But, if treated right, this land will rebound in no time.

"It's just amazing how quickly this old black land will recover" if it's taken care of by crop rotation and by giving it a rest every now and then, Burkhardt said.

When he was much younger, Burkhardt said he was keen on social issues and, in theory and possibly in fact, was a liberal. He was born long after Franklin Roosevelt instituted the New Deal, but the non-conservative Burkhardt said he's disenchanted with the Deal's effects.

"You know what ruined the country," he said, "(is) when the government guaranteed disaster checks (for farmers and ranchers)."

He's 100 percent for free enterprise and for the laissez-faire way of doing business.

He thought about politics and about the transition from relative conservatism to relative liberalism.

"Truman was too nuts-and-bolts and tough," Burkhardt said. "He was pretty basic," he said of President Harry S. Truman and of his administration in the 1940s and early 1950s. "I was basic, too," Burkhardt said.

Year later, the pendulum took a wide political swing.

"Then, we (the people) got tired of basics... and (John F.) Kennedy came along... with his liberalism..."

Without question, Burkhardt looks to the future and to the challenges he hopes to master. Too, he reflects on the distant past, when the country was more keyed to rural life than to urban living.

"You'd make a living then (working hard). They were good, honest folks..."

Burkhardt wants a return to that way of life.

He has hope. There's optimism in his attitude.

"We have to have a brighter tomorrow in order to face the challenges of today."

Big Spring suspends request

BIG SPRING — Within the next 120 days, the Big Spring City Council will decide whether to raise natural gas prices to Big Spring consumers.

Pioneer Natural Gas Co. requested a rate hike, but the council voted to suspend the request for four months at a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday.

Dearl Pittman, Pioneer's district manager, said increased costs and inflation forced Pioneer to make the request.

Pittman added that the increase would average just under \$6 per month for customers.

"The increase to Big Spring customers would be slightly less than that in the 62 other cities affected because of the interim hike here in 1976," Pittman noted.

Odessa police get new number

ODESSA — Today a new telephone number for the Odessa Police Department goes into use, said Assistant Police Chief George Scarpa.

The number, he said, is now 333-3641, replacing the previous phone number.

The reason behind the switch is because today marks the completion of the department's new switchboard installation. The newly installed equipment cost about \$10,000, Scarpa said.

He said both the city of Odessa and the Odessa Police Department "needed more phone lines. Previously we were tied into the city switchboard."

He said the new number will be open 24 hours a day to receive emergency calls.

Meeting slated

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Midland will conduct a volunteer orientation meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Western State Bank, said Gloria Lambert, program director.

She said there are boys and girls waiting from single-parent homes who need friendship. "All it takes is several hours a week," said Ms. Lambert.

For more information, she said, persons interested may call 683-4241.

MISD board ignores pleas on higher taxes

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school system," he said.

Runyan took exception to Grimes' remarks.

"There are programs that could be improved. There are programs that should be cut out. When we look at the budget, we should look at more than numbers," he said.

"I think our responsibility runs a lot deeper than saying yes or no."

McCrea, who said he was "tickled to death we gave the teachers a salary increase," maintained that "we ought to hold the tax rate."

He suggested staying at \$1.17 per \$100 of assessed value even if it meant going into the district's surplus account.

Warren said that going into the surplus account would not be a prudent decision and said the surplus should either be 10 percent of the school budget or equivalent to one month of operating expenses.

Relying on the surplus budget to offset a tax rate increase would put the surplus account outside the margin of safety, he said.

Midland women held in shooting

A 20-year-old Midland woman was in City Jail early today following her arrest in connection with an earlier shooting incident, said Midland Police officers.

Jimmy Lee Hawkins, 20, of 203 1/2 S. Madison St., was treated and released from a local hospital early today with a bullet wound in his left chest, said a spokesman.

Police reported they arrested the woman at about 2:45 a.m. at 401 E. Texas St. today after officers responded to a call about a shooting at a Midland motel.

Authorities said the woman told them she was cleaning a pistol, which she said accidentally went off. Officers said Hawkins was wounded while he apparently was asleep in a motel room.

Fair days in forecast

Fair days marked by very warm afternoons is expected to be the weather trend throughout the Permian Basin through Thursday, according to the National Weather Service at Midland Regional Airport.

Last week's blistering hot temperatures have leveled off to the low and middle 90s since the weekend and are expected to stay that way over the next few days, said the weatherman. The overnight lows will be in the middle 60s, he said.

Tuesday's temperature reached a high of 91 degrees. The record high for Aug. 22 is 101 degrees set back in 1963.

The record low for today is 69 degrees set back in 1961.

Winds are expected to blow from the south at 15 to 20 mph per hour, decreasing to 5 to 10 mph tonight.

Peace wanted

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lasting peace based on justice, peace that cannot be achieved unless the Palestinian problem is solved.

"There is no room for any partial solution or separate agreement," he said.

The Camp David talks are aimed at reviving efforts for a settlement of the 30-year-old Arab-Israeli conflict. Direct Egyptian-Israeli negotiations have remained deadlocked for the past eight months.

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Push-button weather service now on way

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

WASHINGTON (AP) — A century ago, the infant U.S. Weather Bureau supplied its forecasts to a select list of recipients. Today, millions of Americans have access to the forecast 24 hours a day.

And by the end of next year this service may be available to 90 percent of all Americans.

NOAA Weather Radio, as the system is called, is growing by leaps and bounds. Completion of the basic 340-station National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration system is expected next year.

Essentially it is push-button weather, with the 200-plus stations now in service broadcasting continuously on three extra-high FM frequencies.

When the weather is pleasant, forecasters at the local National Weather Service office nearest to each station tape-record the latest observations and forecasts. These three- to five-minute messages are replayed continually over the weather radio.

The forecasts concentrate on weather within about 40 miles of each station, adding road conditions in the winter and with extra touches at some

stations, such as Eastern Shore beach weather for the Washington area.

Weather in distant areas is rarely included, but the network of stations covers the main interstate highways and travelers can keep in almost continuous touch with the weather service along those roads.

In contrast to the three forecasts a day of 1878, the radio messages are revised every few hours, more often when needed. And when severe weather threatens, forecasters interrupt the broadcasts with warnings, either tape recorded or live.

Special radios that provide for automatic alerts are available. These radios silently monitor the weather broadcasts and will either sound an alarm or come up to audible volume when the forecaster with a warning sends out a signal by pressing a button.

South Carolina is working on a bill to provide receivers for every school in the state. Many school districts in other states have already done so," said Earl W. Estelle, program leader for the system.

The automatic warning radios can be especially valuable for schools, hospitals, nursing homes, factories, mobile-home communities and other places where large numbers of people congregate, NOAA officials say.

The broadcasts, originally designed in the 1960s to serve recreational boaters, have a range of about 40 miles, although use of extra-sensitive radios and antennas can pull in the signal at a greater distance.

There have been complaints about reception in some areas because buildings and terrain can interfere with the signal, but NOAA officials say they are limited to about 1,000 watts of power to avoid interference with other broadcasting.

The weather service urges buyers of radios designed to receive the broadcasts to make final acceptance conditional on a test in the setting in which the receiver is to be used.

The stations use three different frequencies to keep from interfering with one another. They are 162.550 megahertz, 162.400 megahertz and 162.475 megahertz. Commercial FM broadcasts end at 108 megahertz and most FM radios will not reach high enough to receive the weather radio, making special receivers necessary.

Radios designed to receive NOAA Weather Radio can be obtained for as little as \$10 at stores, although prices will rise to \$35 or more for models with the automatic warning device.

With the growing sales of these radios more and more Americans have direct access to the forecast.

It was different a century ago. Then, direct distribution of the forecasts was limited to the weather bureau's 284 field stations, the railroads and The Associated Press.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Officials say it is the same old story as investigators try to figure out who was behind the \$25 million shipment of marijuana seized on board the Superfly II.

The 16 men on board the 111-foot cargo boat pleaded ignorance. The

\$40,000 in checks stolen

KERMIT — Kermit Police are investigating a burglary which cost a retired resident \$40,000 in cashiers checks and between \$700 and \$900 cash, said authorities today.

Kermit Police Chief Melvin Bartley said E.P. Terry of south Kermit told officers early Tuesday morning he discovered four cashiers checks worth \$20,000, \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$5,000, along with between \$700 and \$900 in cash, were missing from his pants pocket in his bedroom.

The checks were made out on First National Bank of Kermit forms and signed by bank employee Hejen Walker, who is authorized to cash such items, said Bartley.

boat itself offered no clues.

"The crewmembers said they were shanghaied on the beach in Colombia," said Lt. Cmdr. H.D. Jacoby of the Coast Guard cutter Durable.

"They said they were forced on the boat under duress. It's the standard story."

That "standard story" also includes a tale of how the captain of the vessel left the craft the day before it was seized by the Durable last Friday, Jacoby added.

The Superfly II became the ninth marijuana-toting vessel seized in the Gulf by the Durable since December. The

cutter's scorecard shows some staggering numbers: 155 tons of marijuana seized — a street value of about \$100 million.

"It's difficult to determine who owns the boat," Jacoby said of the Superfly II. "The name boards are bolted on over where the old name was

scratched out." The crewmembers have been jailed here and most of the weed has been burned.

Officials said the Superfly II was the first "mother ship" seized. Mother ships are larger vessels that meet smaller boats and divide the profitable cargo. The

Superfly II was on course for the Corpus Christi area when seized.

Eddie Guajardo, Customs district director at Laredo, said the vessel was probably planning to meet a series of shrimp boats or other small boats near the Texas coast.

That's all there is!

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The city of Columbus had better be happy with a \$4 payment for a traffic ticket, says Jerry Kegley, 27, of Ashley, Ohio, because that's all he intends to pay.

Kegley was ticketed for making an illegal left turn in downtown Columbus July 20, according to traffic court records.

He sent back the final notice on his court summons, a \$4 money order and a note.

"Here's \$4," the note read. "That's all I owe and all I'm paying."

"I figure 30 cents for your wasted gas and \$3.70 for the officer's time. He was a good fellow so I'll pay that."

"But as for the rest of the money, forget it. You'll never get it. And as for getting me, forget that too. Cause I'm a hermit and you'll never find me."

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The Company has asked that the new rate schedule become effective on November 15, 1978. The new rates will be applicable only to overseas calls billed within the United States Mainland.

The lower rates are based on reduced charges for overseas satellite circuits which AT&T leases from the Communications Satellite Corporation (COMSAT). AT&T, complying with an FCC request, is reducing its rates to give telephone customers the full benefit of the COMSAT reductions.

International dial rates to 41 countries

The proposed new international daytime dial rate for calls between the U.S. and the U.K. that are billed in the United States will be 25% higher.

For example, a three-minute daytime call that now costs \$3.60 would rise to \$4.50, additional minutes going up from \$1.20 to \$1.50 each. This new International Dial rate will be about 17% lower than the day Operator Station rate. The existing \$3.60 rate will still be retained, however, for night and Sunday calling.

Under the proposed changes, International Dial rates would be introduced to 46 additional overseas countries, enabling customers to save from 11% to 25% compared with the cost of current day Operator Station rates.

It is important to note that customers calling from areas not presently equipped for international

Dial would still benefit from the lower dial-direct rates even though the call would have to be completed by the operator. However, if the customer requests special operator assistance or special billing, the Operator Station rate will be applied.

Dial rates for 17 additional Caribbean locations

The proposed changes would extend the application of dial rates, now limited to the Bahamas and Bermuda, to 17 additional locations in the Caribbean (Area Code 809). Customers would enjoy a reduction of 9% to 16% for all calls dialed and completed without the assistance of a telephone company operator.

Additional-minute rates reduced for most overseas calls

The additional-minute rates are being reduced from about 6% to 20% for calls to most overseas countries and areas.

Exceptions to proposed rate reduction

All of the above rate changes are applicable to all overseas countries and areas except the Bahamas, Bermuda, Cuba, St. Pierre and Miquelon.

All overseas calls to be discounted 15% during next 12 months

In addition to the rate reductions mentioned above, a temporary 15% discount will apply to all overseas calls. The purpose of the discount is to pass along to telephone customers the refund AT&T has received for satellite rentals from COMSAT. The 15% discount will become effective on November 15, 1978, and will expire on November 14, 1979, unless sooner cancelled or extended.

The following examples illustrate typical rate changes proposed for overseas calling.*

	International Dial Rates to Station				Operator Station-to-Station				Person-to-Person			
	First 3 Minutes		Each Additional Minute		First 3 Minutes		Each Additional Minute		First 3 Minutes		Each Additional Minute	
	Now	Proposed	Now	Proposed	Now	Proposed	Now	Proposed	Now	Proposed	Now	Proposed
U.S./London (Daytime)	\$3.60	\$4.50	\$1.20	\$1.50	\$5.40	\$5.40	\$1.80	\$1.50	\$ 9.60	\$ 9.60	\$1.80	\$1.50
(Night & Sunday)	3.60	3.60	1.20	1.20	4.05	4.05	1.35	1.20	7.20	7.20	1.35	1.20
U.S./Brazil (Daytime)	6.75	6.00	2.25	2.00	6.75	6.75	2.25	2.00	12.00	12.00	2.25	2.00
(Night & Sunday)	5.10	4.80	1.70	1.60	5.10	5.10	1.70	1.60	9.00	9.00	1.70	1.60

*All rates shown do not include tax and do not reflect the 15% temporary discount. **Existing Operator Station-to-Station rates.



DEATHS

Myrtie Nichols

BIG SPRING — Mrs. J.P. (Myrtie) Nichols, 80, of Big Spring and formerly of the Knott community, died Monday night in a Big Spring hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services were to be at 3:30 p.m. today in Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home. Burial was to be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Nichols was born June 10, 1898. She married John Person Nichols Aug. 18, 1911, at Knott in Howard County and lived in that community until 1958, when she and her husband moved to Big Spring.

Survivors include four sons, Barney Nichols and Donald Nichols, both of Knott, Claude Nichols of Midland and Chuck Nichols of Big Spring; four daughters, Kathryn Grantham and Inez Sample, both of Knott, Edith Condon of Big Spring and Johnnie Barber of Midland; 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were to be grandsons: Ricky Hughes, Danny Nichols, Jeff Barber, Ken Maxwell, David Nichols, John Nichols, Charles Pugh and Gary Ware.

Herman Hollis

LAMESA — Services for Herman Lester Hollis, 73, of Lamesa were Friday in the Wise Funeral Home in Bonham with the Rev. Clifton Igo, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Bonham Cemetery. Hollis died at his home in Lamesa last Wednesday after a lengthy illness.

Hollis served as an educator for 46 years until his retirement in 1969. He worked with the Lamesa schools about 12 years.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; a son, Dr. L.Y. "Mickey" Hollis of Houston; a daughter, Yvonne Hill of Lubbock; a brother, three sisters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Robert N. Wright

MCCAMEY — Services for Robert Neal Wright, 64, will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Methodist Church in Iraan.

Burial will be in Restland Cemetery in Iraan directed by Larry D. Shepperd Funeral Home of Crane.

Wright died Monday in an Iraan hospital.

He had been an Iraan resident since 1955. He was born Aug. 11, 1914, in Dawson. He was married to Helen Nagy July 19, 1942, in La Port. He had been employed 42 years with Chevron Oil Company as production foreman. He was a Methodist. He was a veteran of World War II. He was on

the board of trustees for the Iraan and Sheffield Independent Schools 17 years. He was a Mason. He was a member of the Iraan Country Club.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Mary Bee Cantrell of Glendive, Mont., and Susan Elizabeth Wright of Missoula, Mont.; two sons, Robert Neal Wright Jr. of Austin and Joe Lawrence Wright of Alvin; a sister, Mrs. Avis Roberts of Dawson; a brother, Ralph Wright of New Orleans, La., and three grandchildren.

Don Ray Bell

ODESSA — Services for Don Ray Bell, 45, formerly of Big Spring, were to be at 2 p.m. today in Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Burial was to be in Odessa Cemetery.

Bell died Monday at his residence in San Angelo.

He was born March 7, 1933, in Big Spring. He married Francis Higgins in March 1964 in Odessa. He moved from Odessa to San Angelo in 1972. He was manager of Thompson Butane Company in San Angelo.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, William Bell of Lubbock and Joseph Bell of Odessa; two daughters, Mrs. Perry Brown and Mrs. Phillip Adams both of Odessa; a sister, Mrs. Udell Taylor of Odessa, and nine grandchildren.

David E. Lujan

Services for David Enrico Lujan, 19, of 1725 S. Atlanta St. will be in Tanteon Cemetery in Old Mexico. The date for services is pending.

Lujan died Monday in Midland in an automobile accident.

Lujan was born in Ojinaga, Mexico. He had lived in Midland for the past five years.

Survivors include three brothers, Raunfo Lujan of Midland, Claudio Lujan of Ojinaga, Mexico, and Arturo Lujan of Lajunta, Colo.; four sisters, Arcelia Adame and Oralia Baeza, both of Ojinaga, Benita Cobos of Odessa and Eufemua Lujan of Midland, four uncles and eight aunts.

Mary Jordan

SNYDER — Services for Mary Jordan, 73, of Slaton, sister of Jimmie White of Big Spring and Myrtle Everetts of Slaton, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Bell-Seale Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Hillside Memorial Gardens here.

Mrs. Jordan died Tuesday in a Slaton hospital after a lengthy illness.

She had lived in Seagraves. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Other survivors include three daughters, two sisters, three brothers, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

After 45 years, shroud to be on display

By PIERO VALSECCHI

TURIN, ITALY (AP) — The Holy Shroud, a length of linen venerated as the burial cloth of Christ, will go on public display in the Turin Cathedral next Sunday for the first time in 45 years.

The shroud will be on view for 43 days to mark the 400th anniversary of its transfer to Turin, now the capital of Italy's automobile industry. The city's Communist government expects 3 million pilgrims to visit the city, which is usually off the tourist trail.

The government has repainted historic buildings, repaved streets and strengthened guard details in museums for the occasion.

Some heads of state and possibly the new pope, to be elected in the conclave of cardinals beginning Friday, may see the shroud before it is put back into a silver casket which can be opened only by three different keys held by three different officials.

The Holy Shroud was last displayed to the public in 1933 but it was shown on Italian television in 1973. For the new exhibition, it will be put on the cathedral's high altar under bullet-proof glass. Tight security has been arranged and advanced alarm equipment installed.

The display of the shroud may also renew the controversy surrounding

its origin and how the image of a tall bearded man was imprinted on the linen cloth, which is 14 feet long and 3 feet wide.

In 1969 the Vatican had scientific tests made of the cloth in an effort to establish its age. The results never were made public.

Some technical investigators who were permitted to examine the cloth in 1973 reported they were unable to date it with certainty or to determine the cause of the image.

Scientists say that carbon-14 methods, X-ray analysis or photographs in wave lengths from ultraviolet to infrared could yield much data on the shroud. However, permission to make such tests must come from the Vatican and from the legal owner, ex-King Umberto of Italy, whose family acquired the shroud in 1452.

The man whose image is imprinted on the shroud suffered the same wounds and death attributed to Christ in the New Testament.

Microscopic studies of stains on the shroud have indicated that the man wrapped in it after his death had been crowned with thorns, scourged, wounded in the chest and crucified with two nails through the wrists and one through the feet.

A prelate of the Turin Cathedral said scientific controversies were not the major issue: "The display is just an opportunity for faith and belief in

times in which people need to believe something."

This attitude is in line with the cautious policy of the Roman Catholic Church, which has never officially recognized the shroud as the linen which wrapped Christ's body.

Pope Paul VI, in a message to the archbishop of Turin a few weeks before his death Aug. 6, termed the shroud "the singular relic."

Pilgrims and tourists will view the relic from a few yards away.



This is the view of a face, believed by many to be the face of Christ, that is on a shroud in the Cathedral of Turin in Italy. The shroud, displayed every 33 years, will be on public displays this Sunday. (AP Laserphoto)

Democratic district committee to meet and select candidate

Austin Bureau

AUSTIN—A meeting of the 16th Congressional District Committee of the Texas Democratic Party was set Tuesday by State Democratic Chairman Calvin R. Guest to select a candidate to represent the party on the General Election Ballot for the district's State Board of Education seat.

The district meeting is set for Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. in Van Horn, at the Holiday Inn.

The session was necessitated by the resignation of Woodrow Bean from the Board of Education. Guest reported.

In a district meeting, each county has one vote and a majority must be present. County chairmen serve as members of the committee except in

those counties that form only part of a given district, in which case the precinct chairmen within the district elect a committee member.

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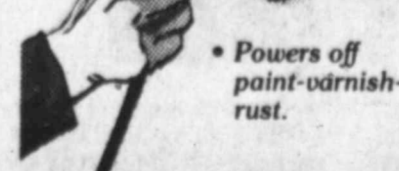


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Historic development

Caught up in vacations or the summer doldrums and distracted by such domestic issues as tax limits, inflation and an inept presidency, few Americans have taken note of an enormously significant development now unfolding in Asia.

Word comes from Peking that China and Japan have signed a peace and friendship treaty which has been gestating six years.

The global implications of this alliance can be measured by the discomfort of the Soviet Union, which has exerted the heaviest sort of pressure to prevent it. To the extent that this is a major defeat for Soviet geopolitical ambitions, it is an unheralded victory for the United States and the Free World.

Alarmed by the Soviet expansionism and convinced that economic and political dynamics no longer permit it a passive, neutral role in international affairs, Japan has deliberately antagonized the Russians in order to draw near to China. And even though the Japanese play down the anti-Soviet significance of their shaping alliance with China, the Chinese openly acknowledge the treaty will strengthen their hand against the Russian threat.

Semantics aside, the end result will be an increased isolation of the Soviet bloc, which now faces an enlarged international coalition: the United States, the North Atlantic powers, China and Japan, militarily weak but economically powerful.

The foreseeable consequences of the new Sino-Japanese partnership include stepped-up economic and military cooperation. In exchange for Japanese technology and industrial know-how, the Chinese will export crude oil that Japan must have. Under an eight-year, \$20 billion trade pact signed last February between the two nations, China will increase oil exports to Japan to 15 million metric tons by 1982.

The implications of close Sino-Japanese ties extend far beyond cooperation out of fear of the Soviet Union. Such a partnership could be the beginning of a shift of the world's economic center to Asia, so long predicted by some economists.

The fantastic economic growth in Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan

since World War II can only hint at the economic possibilities which lie ahead when the long-delayed industrial revolution comes to 850 million gifted Chinese, despite the handicaps imposed by the Communist system.

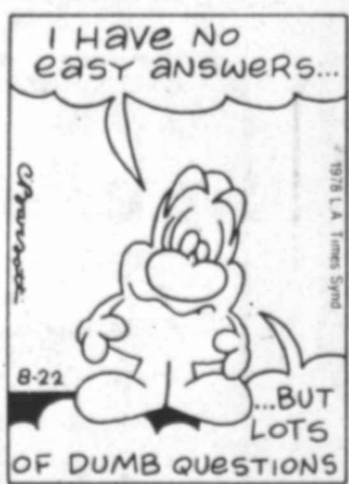
Consider Japan, which is almost devoid of raw materials or energy sources and must rely on the productivity of its energetic population: Japan's trade surplus with the rest of the world is expected to soar to a staggering \$24 billion this year, about the same as the U.S. trade deficit. Japan's economy grew at an annual rate of almost 10 percent in the final quarter of the 1978 fiscal year, compared to about 3 percent for the United States.

With a population of 110 million, Japan is outranked in industrial magnitude only by the United States and the Soviet Union.

The productivity and prosperity enjoyed by Japan, and the other economic oases in the far Pacific, are obvious to the Chinese, who have decided, apparently, to compromise their political dogma for security and modernization.

The harnessing of an industrial powerhouse like Japan with the vast worker potential of China promises extraordinary benefits for Asia and the Free World. By simultaneously inhibiting Soviet ambitions and raising the standard of living for Asia's masses, the Sino-Japanese partnership could be one of the 20th century's most historic developments.

BROADSIDES



BIBLE VERSE

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. — Tim. 2:1.

NICK THIMMESCH

Recess: A welcome tonic for a weary 'Tip' O'Neill

WASHINGTON — "Tip" O'Neill, a powerful man, was stooped and dragged his big legs across the carpeting in the Speaker's Office when Congress recessed last week. He looked like a man who had carried an enormous burden too long.

After the press briefing on the last day, Rep. Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill managed a smile as he dismissed newsmen with, "Thanks. Now go enjoy yourselves." He meant it as much for himself as them. For "Tip," the three-week recess means Cape Cod and golfing and maybe a few runs into Boston where he will swap jokes and stories with admirers from old hangouts like Barry's Corner.

"Tip" is an Irish politician. That means he is a local, a man who lets his white hair fall across his brow as he wraps a powerful arm around a vote, who would rather talk to Mrs. Murphy on her doorstep than be on a TV panel show.

Years ago, an Irish politician could easily function in Congress. Loyalty, employing a personal approach which blended warm charm with knuckle-cutting discipline, pulling strings, knifing through the bureaucracy, pleading for the "common man" — all could be accomplished in the House's corridors as well as in Boston's Irish wards.

But Congress has changed, and the elements which weary a big man like "Tip" emerged before Jimmy Carter arrived here, although the Carter White House is quite an obstacle for the likes of an O'Neill. He still likes Carter, especially after a one-to-one



session with him. But he is frustrated by the workings of his White House to the point of feeling strong aversion for the place.

What a joy it would have been for "Tip" to have come as speaker to the Kennedy White House or even L.B.J.'s. But after struggling manfully with the Carter men in 1977, and getting a fair amount of legislation passed, the effort became an ordeal in 1978 and blew up when his Boston Irish pal, Robert Griffin, was fired.

"Tip" must also contend with a new breed of independent congressmen who are more coldly pragmatic than warmly Irish. They respond more to polls than party discipline. They know that special interest groups can cut their votes by 5 percent and thereby defeat them in November. There are far too many bills for them to ponder, and not enough time for the camaraderie where crucial matters can be decided.

Altogether, with a perplexing White House, a heavy workload and consequent confusion in scheduling legislation, "Tip's" spirit is sorely tested. But he can still muster a partisan

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Navy's ships are sitting ducks

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — Viewed from afar, the U.S. fleet can be an imposing sight, arrayed in battle line on the high seas, its hundreds of ships stretching from horizon to horizon, advancing awesomely in perfect order.

Yet all those formidable warships, gleaming in the morning sunlight, are alarmingly vulnerable. The crucial electrical systems and sensor equipment are poorly designed. Shock waves from an explosion could knock out the average ship's communications system. A minor hit or even a near-miss could disable the vessel, leaving its crew unprotected. The Navy's proud armada, in other words, could become sitting ducks.

We have written several columns of the deterioration and vulnerability of the Navy. Many of the individual ships are old and unfit for service. Many are manned by ill-trained crews; some are commanded by Captains Queeg. And the cost of the Navy's panoramic display is scandalous.

Yet naval spokesmen have refused to acknowledge any serious weakness in the mighty fleet. They have written us letters of protest. They have puffed with indignation at congressional hearings.

But we have now obtained a classified congressional report that contends that the Pentagon brass have known about the Navy's deficiencies for years. They first became aware of the fleet's fragility, states the report, during the Vietnam hostilities. Between 1966 and 1973, six ships were hit with missiles or shells, which caused only minor damage. Yet these popgun hits kept the ships from fulfilling their missions.

A small Shrike missile, for example, scored an insignificant hit against the USS Worden in the Gulf of Tonkin on April 16, 1972. Yet the explosion cut unprotected cables, demolished antennas and knocked out the electrical power. The Worden limped back to dry dock, its mission canceled, for a month of repairs.

The secret study warns of "the vulnerability to a cheap kill of our cruiser, destroyer and frigate class warships." They are just as vulnerable today as they were five years ago, despite many obvious steps that could be taken to strengthen them.

Indeed, classified studies indicate that today's ships may be even more fragile. Shock tests on keels and hulls, for example, show that electronic equipment can be knocked out of kilter by concussions from underwater explosions.

A momentary loss of power can put communications and weapons systems out of commission up to an hour. This could leave a ship floundering in the sea for up to an hour in case a near-miss should cause a momentary power loss. "In a battle situation, you just don't have that type of time," said an alarmed official.

The central problem is that the ships, for the sake of economy, were left with little shielding for antennas, cables and wave guides. (The latter are the pipes that carry electricity to the weapons.) The main computer, which is the nerve center of a fighting ship, is also located in an aluminum superstructure rather than within the protected hull.

In contrast, the Soviet Navy is designed more for battle than Sunday sparring. Almost all the computers, cables and wave guides are located

ART BUCHWALD

Those Washington parties are revealing affairs

(Editor's Note: Art Buchwald is on assignment for a few weeks trying to find out if there are any Cuban troops on Cape Cod. He left behind his all-time favorite columns.)



Art Buchwald

WASHINGTON — The Washington society pages are different from any other in the world and most people turn to them before they read the front pages. The reason for this is that the hard news about world events is oftentimes buried in paragraphs devoted to embassy receptions, official dinners and Georgetown cocktail parties.

This is how a typical Washington society-page story might read:

"The Russians threw a wonderful party at their embassy last night to celebrate the arrival of the Bolshoi Ballet. In the receiving line was First Secretary Karmonsky, who with his lovely wife Zina greeted the guests. Zina told me she was sorry the ambassador couldn't be there, but he had been called over to the White House to receive a special message from the President. When I asked Zina where the ambassador's wife was, she replied, 'She's packing the ambassador's bag for a trip to Cuba.'"

"I was very disappointed, as I enjoy talking to the ambassador and his

wife so much. But despite their absence the table was loaded with caviar and smoked sturgeon, and there was a lovely centerpiece of flowers arranged to look like Angola. Zina can do wonders with flowers.

"In the main salon I met Gen. Werick Jablonsky, the handsome Polish military attaché, and his beautiful wife, Minka. Werick was telling some funny stories about Berlin, and when I asked him if he thought East German troops would be sent to Ethiopia he handed me a glass of champagne and said, 'I wouldn't know, I'm defecting.' Minka was wearing a stunning blue dress and blue hat with a veil to match. She always seems to have a nice word for everybody.

"I met Mrs. Nganda Ula, wife of the Ugandan minister for economic affairs, who said her husband could not be there as he was being held prisoner by Idi Amin. Mrs. Ula was wearing an Indian sari of gold threads interwoven with pink, and she looked striking.

"I was about to ask her how she was doing with her house-hunting, when Cbl. Singh of the Indian Military Mission and his wife greeted me. I hadn't seen them since Lillian Carter's trip to New Delhi. The Singhs made me promise to come to a dinner party they were giving for Prime Minister Desai, who was coming on a secret mission to see President Carter.

"Gen. aide Madame Flambeau of the French Embassy told me it looked as though France would soon build a neutron bomb. But what I really wanted to know was where Madame Flambeau got her beautiful beaded bag. 'That,' she said, 'is a military secret.'"

"Maj. Hi Bo Pak of South Korea told me an amusing story about Tongson Park. He also revealed he was being subpoenaed by the House Ethics Committee. I was sorry to hear it as Maj. Pak is so well liked in Washington circles, and he supports all the political fund-raisers in town.

"It was a wonderful party and probably would have gone on all night if someone hadn't shot the Bengonian Charge d'Affaires with a poison dart. I had to go off to the Iranian Embassy for a candlelight dinner, so I never did find out who did it."

THE BIBLE CAN YOU QUOTE IT?

By LAVINA ROSS FOWLER AND ELIZABETH ROSS WIERSEMA

1. Why do the Israelites or Jews feel that they are chosen of the Lord? Deuteronomy 14
2. What prophet of the New Testament learned the secret of spiritual strength in the solitude of the Judean desert? Mark 1
3. What fruit trees gave the name to the hill which stands high above Jerusalem? Acts 1:12
4. Name the distinguished son of Nun, who led the Israelites into the Promised Land. Deuteronomy 34:9
5. Name the symbolic stone, which was rejected by builders. Acts 4:10-11

Four correct...excellent. Three correct...good.

Mark Russell says

The government's top expert in cancer prevention, Dr. Gori, says that some cigarettes are tolerable. I'm confused. Does this mean we are putting the broiled hamburger on the back burner?

Following the doctor's statement, the headquarters of the "Tobacco Is Good Institute" resembled the locker room of a World Series winning team.

Joseph Califano, chairman of "Chuck That Butt Inc.," doesn't think too kindly of the statement. Dr. Gori is now referred to as the Andrew Young of the health field.

Califano has recommended that the doctor be sentenced to three hours in a small elevator with George Meany.

The Country Parson

by Frank Clark



"Thank God people aren't as dumb as they are made to look on television."

the small society

by Brickman

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BUT NOT ALL AT THE SAME TIME -



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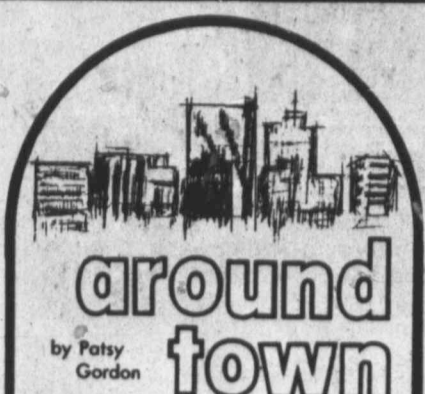
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Well, it's that time of year and the school bells will ring again at the opening of Midland public schools Aug. 29.

Payton Cook, director of pupil services for the schools, has announced that all students in the Midland Independent School District, who will enter the 7th through 12th grades, and are new to Midland or who have changed residence, placing them in a new school, should pre-register before Aug. 29.

Cook says the secondary school offices are open for pre-registration from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The new students must pre-register before they can attend classes. They should bring with them any records, including immunization certificates, from schools they previously attended.

This year's starting schedule, according to Cook, is as follows: high schools, 8 a.m.; Edison Freshman School and all junior high schools, 8:40 a.m., and Austin Freshman School, 9 a.m.

The high schools will dismiss at 3:10 p.m. Edison Freshman School and all junior high schools dismiss at 3:40 p.m. and Austin Freshman School will dismiss classes at 4 p.m....

...REMINDER: Sophomores and other new Midland High School students will have an orientation program at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the school.

The Student Council members will acquaint students with the building and student activities. The students will meet in the auditorium. The parents will meet in the cafeteria for general information concerning the school and policies.

The students and parents will be honored at a reception in the Midland Youth Center, following the orientation. The reception will be sponsored by the school's Junior Council....

...MR. AND MRS. FLOYD COPELAND and son, Kemp, of Denver, Colo., former Midland residents, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Story, 2308 Auburn Place, and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Chandler, 1416 W. Pine St.

The Copelands stopped by Midland to visit friends after taking Kemp to Lubbock for orientation to enter Texas Tech University this fall....

...MRS. OVERTON BLACK of 2416 W. Wadley St. had as her houseguests last weekend, her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson of Houston. Mrs. Black also reports that Mrs. Neal Marks of San Antonio, former resident of Midland, was a guest in the Tall City this week....

...MRS. J. P. RUCKMAN, 2100 W. Wadley St., has as a guest her sister, Lorraine L. Wadman of Aztec, N.M....

...RECENT VISITORS in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Paxton, 1105-B N. Carrizo St., were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Paxton of Shreveport, La....

...EVELYN GUIDRY of the Yucca Garden Club reports there was a mistake in her telephone number in Sunday's "Around Town." She is interested in being contacted by persons who would like to take a club-sponsored bus tour leaving Midland Sept. 23 for the Smoky Mountains region, the New England states, and returning through Washington, D.C. Her telephone number is 697-1427. Sorry about the error....

...MR. AND MRS. W. EARL CHAPMAN, 2013 Community Lane, participated in an exciting trip this summer to Egypt.

Mrs. Chapman says they spent about four days in London, England, before going to Cairo for 17 days. They enjoyed the museums and other sights in Cairo before going to Abu Simbel and then a five-day cruise down the Nile. They were impressed with the Valley of the Kings, visiting King Tut's tomb.

The couple also made a train ride to Alexandria, and a bus trip to El Almain to see the battlefield remembered for the Montgomery-Rommel battle.

They returned to Cairo for the trip home....

...MR. AND MRS. JACK SAMPLES of 1202 Community Lane are just home from Santa Fe, N.M., where they were delightfully entertained by five operas presented by the Santa Fe Opera Association.

They attended presentations, which Mrs. Samples describes (comparing them to stage presentations seen in New York) as the most original and unique they have seen.

The operas attended were "Tosca," "Count Or," "Eugene Onegin," "Salome" and "Duchess of Malfi."

Mrs. Samples also said they enjoyed the annual Indian trade event held the latter part of August off the square in Santa Fe....



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of Midland are planning their annual meeting, which will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church. Among those making plans are, left to right, Mrs. Wallace Craig, council member of Church Women United; Mrs. M. F. Driscoll, president of the Women of the Church of the host church, and Mrs. Floyd Hansen, president of Church Women United. Dr. Ray Riddle will welcome the guests. A slate of officers will be announced, and a representative of Young Life will be the speaker. (Staff Photo)

Experience has shown that some new students face homesickness

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — If "home is where the heart is," then some students beginning their college careers this fall will feel out of place on campus, says a Purdue University administrator.

"Our experience with students shows that homesickness involves a lot of factors," says Barbara Cook, associate dean of students. The Office of the Dean of Students counsels students on virtually every type of problem which may arise during the college years — including homesickness.

"Sometimes a student has never lived away from home before," says Ms. Cook. "Occasionally we get students who haven't been away from home for even a night, or those who don't want to come to college, anyway. And sometimes the student must leave a boyfriend or girlfriend at home."

The majority of students who withdraw from Purdue do so during the first month of the semester, says Ms. Cook. And she believes a lot of the withdrawals can be attributed to adjustment difficulties.

"I think it's a natural feeling," she says of being homesick. "Knowing it's all right to feel that way can help."

However, she remarks, sometimes parents can aggravate the situation by calling frequently or telling the student how much he or she is missed at home.

"Parents have to let go, too," she advises. "It's important the way parents handle this."

John Sautter, manager of Harrison Hall, a Purdue residence hall, says there are ways for parents to help students make the transition from home to college. "Parents should always listen and communicate very closely with their son or daughter," he says. "Write those letters, send those 'care' packages."

Parents should talk positively about the campus and become familiar and comfortable with it themselves. Also, emphasize Ms. Cook and Sautter, parents should be especially attentive during the first few weeks of college, as they may be used as a "pressure valve" until their sons or daughters can make some close friends.

"Listen when the student calls home and says the bedsprings don't match," advises Sautter. "Those are very real concerns at the time."

The hall manager says it is usually easy to spot the homesick student. The person tends to be a loner, may eat by himself or mope around and perhaps cry a little. Sautter says he and his staff make a special effort to make the student feel more at home by eating meals with the person occasionally or by writing a cheery note.

Keeping busy is the best way for students to overcome their longings for home, says Ms. Cook. "Throw yourself into activities. We try to give suggestions. Keep busy, jog, exercise — and try not to think about it."

She recalls a student from Vermont who was homesick but who never admitted it. She and the student even talked about his transferring to a school closer to home. However, the student stuck it out and didn't go

home during the first semester till Christmas. "Then he was all right the second semester," she adds.

Ms. Cook notes that students who live in residence halls, fraternities and other forms of organized living may have an easier time adjusting to

college life than do students who live off-campus.

Students who have been raised in an environment different from that of the particular school they attend may suffer more difficult problems in adjusting, she says.

Neighborhood has unique rock

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Residents near the intersection of twisting Chelton and Aston drives have a special means of communication. They paint messages on a rock structure decorating the culvert across the upper reaches of Sausal Creek.

A recent message, for example, wished a happy 45th birthday to Oakland city councilman George Yukas. It was painted by his wife, Sonja, and their three young children. After a few days, the message was painted over, replaced by another message.



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DEAR ABBY

Men entitled, too

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: My wife works the 4 p.m. to midnight shift. She got into the habit of going dancing and drinking every night after work with two of her girlfriends. She'd get home at 3 or 4 in the morning, and when I complained, she said she hadn't done anything wrong. I told her I was afraid it might lead to something, and sure enough it did. She started staying out all night.

Abby, we have two kids, 5 and 9, and I didn't think she was acting like a proper mother. Finally, she got tired of my criticism and she filed for divorce. I was told she could get a divorce, plus I would have to give her our mobile home and pay child support, which would just about keep me broke.

Is there a chance that I can get custody of my kids? What about a man's rights? I love my kids as much as she does, and I'm a better father to them than she is a mother.

I can't afford to hire a lawyer to fight her. I'm 31 and she's 30. I live in Lee County, Ala., where a man doesn't stand a chance in a divorce case.

Please help me.—J. M.
DEAR J. M.: Get in touch with your local Legal Aid Society if you can't afford to engage a lawyer. Your situation is a classic example of why we need the Equal Rights Amendment. MEN are entitled to equal rights with women. In some states (yours especially) men are discriminated against.

DEAR ABBY: The other night my husband and I were guests for the first time at the home of a couple we had recently met. We caught a glimpse of their lovely living room as they ushered us into their "family room" in the back of the house, where we were entertained.

We have a family room, too, but we always entertain our guests in the living room.

What is it with people nowadays that they put up in a room with broken-down furniture, or worse yet, take you downstairs to the "recreation room" and save their living room for display purposes only?

How do you feel about this trend, Abby?—SICK OF FAMILY ROOMS

DEAR SICK: Frankly, if the company is good, I don't care where I sit, as long as a dog doesn't come and sit on my lap.

DEAR ABBY: I have been a secretary for many years and have always dressed conservatively as I

was taught to do in business school.

Recently I have been in offices where some young female employees wear see-through blouses, backless dresses, even strapless dresses and bare midriff outfits that would be appropriate for the beach. And pants are OK, except those that are so tight they show every curve and line of a woman's anatomy. (Enough said?)

Am I out of step with the times, Abby? Or has common sense and simple modesty gone out the office window?—OLD-TIMER

DEAR OLD-TIMER: Unfortunately, common sense is still very uncommon in some quarters. Some offices have a dress code. But many that don't should have.

Ann Bartley wedding held

JACKSON, Wyo.—Ann Marie Bartley of Midland, Texas, and John Forbes Hogan of Rumford, R.I., were married Aug. 14 in Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. "Jerry" Bartley of Midland are the parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. John F. Hogan of Rumford.

The newlyweds will reside in Eugene, Ore., where he will complete his studies for a master's degree in architecture at the University of Oregon. She will continue her horticultural and ornithological work in Eugene.

The couple honeymooned in Jackson. After a visit with the bride's parents in Midland, they will go to Rhode Island and visit his parents, before returning to Eugene.

Trial balloons offer advice

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Trial balloons usually are the tools of cautious politicians, but Thomas Lewis, a 37-year-old sculptor, launched two of them recently in a personal project he calls "anti-inflation inflation."

If you should find the off-white, helium-filled balloons with their multicolored streamers and plastic packets, you will be \$2 richer and will get a dose of Lewis' view on the dangers of inflation and the eroding value of the dollar.

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Gulf reports retirement, long-tour anniversary

Gulf Oil Exploration & Production Co. has announced a retirement and a long-service anniversary in its Western Division, Southwest District, headquartered in Midland.

Discovery completes in Runnels

Phoenix Financial Corp. of Dallas announced potential test for a Cross Cut lime discovery in Runnels County, two miles northwest of Talpa.

Operator reported a daily flowing potential of 16 barrels of 40-gravity oil, no water, through a 1/8-inch choke and perforations from 3,203 to 3,207 feet. Gas-oil ratio is 1,875-1.

The pay section was acidized with 750 gallons. The well is one and one-half miles northwest of the Saxon (Canyon oil) pool and 5/8 mile southeast of the Charlebe (Serratt oil) pool.

The site is 24 feet from south and 288 feet from west lines of A. G. Willis survey No. 3.

Total depth is 4,649 feet and 4-5-inch casing is set at 3,260 feet. The Cross Cut lime was topped at 3,202 feet on derrick floor elevation of 1,849 feet.

Other tops include the Serratt sand, 2,140 feet; Cisco-Canyon reef 2,200 feet; Winchell lime, 2,648 feet; Palo Pinto lime, 3,013 feet, and Capps lime 3,310 feet.

Expansion announced

CHICAGO, Ill.—Amoco Pipeline Co. has announced plans for a major expansion of its Little Knife crude oil gathering system in North Dakota.

H. A. Parker, pipeline company president, said an application had been filed with the North Dakota Public Service Commission to extend the system into western North Dakota.

Initial plans call for extending the system, which now runs from North Dakota's Little Knife field to Amoco's Mandan refinery, to additional fields in the Rough Rider, Four Eyes, Bicentennial and Poker Jim areas, Parker said.

The expansion will require construction of about 57 miles of four- and six-inch pipeline. The gathering system will be designed to include sufficient capacity to handle new discoveries in the area.

Amoco is now selecting a specific route for the extension and expects to start construction as soon as permits are received, Parker said.

The company hopes to begin work on one segment of the extension in 1978 with the balance of the work to be done next year.

DRY HOLES

BORDEN COUNTY
Texland, Reator & Schumacher No. 1 Long, wildcat, 1,900 feet from north and west lines of section 27, block 26, T-4-N, T&P survey, 15 miles south of Gail, 9,927 feet.

CRANE COUNTY
Cotton Petroleum Corp. No. 1 Edwards, wildcat, 1,900 feet from north and east lines of section 12, block 6, T-4-S, T&P survey, 15 miles west of Odessa, 8,900 feet.

CROCKETT COUNTY
The Superior Oil Co. No. 1-Q University, wildcat, 60 feet from north and east lines of section 12, block 46, University Lands survey, 11,900 feet.

HOWARD COUNTY
Duncan Drilling Co. No. 1 Coal, Comet (Sprabery) field, 3,426 feet from south and 2,310 feet from east lines of section 12, block 26, H&TC survey, one and one-half miles southeast of Vincent, 4,345 feet.

LEA COUNTY
BTA Oil Producers No. 20746 JV-S Lea, Odessa-Wilson field, 900 feet from south and 330 feet from east lines of section 20-20-20, eight miles northwest of Orla, 13,500 feet. 3,026 converted into salt water disposal.

REYES COUNTY
Texas Pacific Oil Co. No. 1 Osteen, wildcat, 1,600 feet from north and east lines of section 18, block 37, T-2, T&P survey, six miles northwest of Orla, 13,500 feet.

TOM GREEN COUNTY
Tucker Drilling Co. Inc. No. 1-14 Bonum, wildcat, 600 feet from north and east lines of section 14, block 4, H&TC survey, four miles west of San Angelo, 7,400 feet.

Drilling hits 20-year high

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite a rather sharp decline in Texas, domestic oil and gas drilling operations have moved to another 20-year high.

A weekly survey indicated 2,339 rotary drillings were in use during the week ending Monday compared with 2,326 a week earlier and 2,045 a year ago.

The new total is the highest since a count of 2,356 the week ending Dec. 22, 1958, and is the eighth 20-year high to be recorded this year.

The previous 20-year high of 2,327 was recorded the week ending July 17.

The Texas count last week dropped from 869 to 858 but this was offset by Oklahoma where the total moved from 258 to 270 and by Wyoming where the count moved from 132 to 143.

Louisiana's count dropped from 360 to 355.

The weekly survey is conducted by Hughes Tool Co. and distributed by the International Association of Drilling Contractors.

Finance courses scheduled

ODESSA—Financial considerations and the risk involved in oil exploration will be explored in one of three new finance courses being offered at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin this fall. Registration is slated Aug. 30-31.

Edwin Stuart, assistant professor in finance and management at UTPB, said other new finance courses this fall will include financial management for nonprofit organizations and the free enterprise system.

Management of oil and gas exploration risk (Fin. 489-01) is designed for managers and analysts who make or contribute to oil exploration decisions. Stuart said the course will explore recent developments in the theory of risk to propose a method that is both theoretically sound and easily applicable.

"Through the use of a more powerful method of treating risk, managers can make decisions that are more consistent and therefore more profitable," he said.

"Interestingly, more consistent decision-making should lead to more drilling activity through a clearer definition of risk posture and sharing arrangements," he said.

Stuart pointed out demands on a student's prior knowledge of finance are minimal since all mathematical methods used will be explained from basic concepts and mathematical techniques needed are taught with the use of a hand calculator.

The course, being offered from 5:40 to 6:55 p. m. each Monday and Wednesday, will be taught by Jerry Duncan, UTPB management instructor.

Financial management for nonprofit organizations (Fin. 689-01) will be of special interest to persons who have responsibility for handling money and planning, controlling and financing investment in nonprofit organizations.

Taught by Dr. William Watts, UTPB vice president for business affairs and professor of finance and accountancy, the course will be offered from 7:05 to 8:20 p. m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Watts said persons involved in city and county government as well as officials in hospitals, foundations, libraries, museums and school systems may be interested in the course.

The inner workings of the free enterprise system, primarily designed for secondary teachers of civics, history, economics and social studies, will be offered from 7 to 8:15 p. m. Tuesday and Thursday throughout the semester.

The graduate-level course (Ped. 689) will look at the free enterprise system—how it works, why it works and how to make it work better.

Stuart, who will teach the course, said the outline will include price, profits and taxes, regulatory power, inflation and unemployment, production and competition, business and government, environmentalism and consumerism, corporate involvement in government, ethics and more.

The three new finance courses are among more than 330 courses being offered during UTPB's fall registration scheduled from 9 a. m. to noon and from 2 to 7 p. m. Aug. 30-31 in the student lounge.

UTPB director of admissions Robert Warmann said enrollment is by individual time assignment. Fall class schedules, registration materials and time assignments are available in the registrar's office.

Enrollment in the upper-level university is open to students who have completed 60 semester hours of coursework at any accredited college or university.

A special registration form is available for persons enrolling in the Encore program, a new no-grade option available to persons not interested in pursuing a degree.

Pipeline equipment goes on auction next week

By MARY KOCH

SEATTLE (AP) — It's touted as the biggest sale of heavy machinery in history. So who but a Texas auctioneer should be in charge when some \$14 million to \$15 million of Alaska pipeline construction equipment goes on the block next week?

William Miller, the 51-year-old head of Miller and Miller auctioneers from Fort Worth, won't say what his fee is.

"But it beats chopping cotton in Oklahoma," he drawled Tuesday in a phone interview from St. Paul, Minn., where he was handling another equipment auction.

Miller says his company runs some 70 machinery and equipment auctions throughout the country each year. And if you think next week's pipeline equipment sale in Moses Lake, Wash., is a biggie, just wait until December, says Miller.

The final sale in the series of five pipeline auctions being held both in Moses Lake and Fairbanks, Alaska, will be "the granddaddy of them all," he said. That sale, also scheduled for Moses Lake, where heavy machinery is lined up across a one-time Navy airfield, will bring in between \$18 million and \$20 million, said Miller.

Another \$11 million worth of equipment was sold earlier in Fairbanks. Alyaska Pipeline Service Co., the consortium of eight oil firms that spent three years building the 800-mile, \$7.7 billion pipeline, hopes to recover about \$100 million of the \$275 million to \$300 million it spent on equipment.

Some equipment is being sold in direct retail sales, but the bulk is handled through the auctions — "the best way to get the most out in the shortest length of time," says Miller.

Everything will go, says James McGary of Morrison-Knudsen Co. of Boise, Idaho, the contractor for repairing and selling tary saident.

Asked what will be done with left-overs, McGary said, "We don't anticipate that."

This week the gates were opened at Moses Lake for potential buyers to inspect the equipment. McGary says he has been told to expect as many as 3,000 persons.

"There's a great deal of curiosity," he said. "We may be flooded with people that are just taking a holiday. I have no feel for how many are potential buyers."

Miller does.

"They come to buy," he said. It's a seller's market because there is a shortage of construction equipment, said Miller. Though the equipment will go to the highest bidder — no matter what the price — Miller doesn't expect the prices to fall much lower than the standard used equipment yard.

And there are no money-back guarantees, says McGary. Although Morrison-Knudsen has been repairing and rehabilitating the goods, they are being sold strictly "as is," he said.

Field work reported in Permian Basin areas

Britton Management Corp. of Midland staked location for a 9,100-foot project one and one-quarter miles northwest of the Coahoma, North (Fusselman) pool of Howard County, four miles northeast of Coahoma.

It is No. 1-32 Devaney, 467 feet from north and east lines of section 32, block 30, T-1-N, T&P survey.

DEAN-WOLFCAMP
Continental Oil Co. No. 4 Vivian B. Hanson is to be drilled as an 8,800-foot project in the Sprabery Trend Area (Dean-Wolfcamp) pool of Glasscock County.

The test is 15 miles southwest of Garden City and 1,320 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 46, block 36, T-4-S, T&P survey.

The site is 4,226 feet northwest of Continental No. 1 Vivian B. Hanson, a Dean-Wolfcamp producer.

LEA RE-ENTRY
Skelton Oil Co. of Hobbs, N. M., will re-enter and plug back to 9,770 feet for tests of the Wolfcamp in its No. 1 Simpson, former Devonian well in the Gladiola multipay field of Lea County, N. M.

The project is one mile east of Gladiola and 660 feet from north and 1,980 feet from east lines of section

26-12s-37e and one and five-eighths miles southwest of Wolfcamp oil production. Total depth is 12,288 feet.

SUTTON TEST
HNG Oil Co. of Midland announced location for a 5,200-foot test in the Sawyer (Canyon & Strawn) area of Sutton County, 14 miles southeast of Sonora.

It is No. 2-65 Wallace, 2,000 feet from north and 933 feet from west lines of section 65, block 14, TW&NG survey.

EDDY PROJECT
Gulf Oil Corp. No. 2 Jones-Federal is a new 9,800-foot project in the Cemetery (Morrow) area of Eddy County, N. M., 15 miles northwest of Carlsbad.

The location is 660 feet from south and 1,980 feet from west lines of section 33-20s-25e.

QUEEN TESTER
C. E. Lalrue & B. N. Muncy Jr. of Artesia, N. M., announced location for a 3,500-foot project in the Benson, North (Queen) pool of Eddy County, 15 miles southwest of Maljamar.

It is No. 1-A Duval-Federal, 1,980 feet from north and 660 feet from east lines of section 27-18s-30e.

Rial finals four wells

Rial Oil Co. of Midland has announced potential tests on four more wells in the Farmer (San Andres) field, two in Crockett and two in Reagan County.

The Reagan well is No. 1-16 University, 3/4 mile northeast of other production and five miles southeast of Big Lake.

On 24-hour potential test it pumped 53 barrels of 38-gravity oil, through perforations from 2,368 to 2,577 feet after 3,000 gallons of acid and 27,000 gallons of fracture fluid.

Gas-oil ratio is 750-1. The well is bottomed at 2,710 feet and 4.5-inch casing is cemented at total depth.

Location is 2,310 feet from south and 1,650 feet from east lines of section 16, block 48, University Lands survey.

Rial MNod. 1-7 University, 14 miles southeast of Big Lake and in the east side of the pool, finished for a 24-hour pumping potential of 36 barrels of 38-gravity oil, no water, through perforations from 2,062 to 2,121 feet after 3,000 gallons of acid and 30,000 gallons of fracture solution. The gas-oil ratio is 750-1.

Wellsite is 900 feet from south and 330 feet from west lines of section 7, block 47, University Lands survey.

Total depth is 2,664 feet and 4.5-inch casing was landed on bottom.

Rial No. 1-23 University, five miles southeast of Big Lake in Reagan County, completed for a 24-hour pumping potential of 42 barrels of 38-gravity oil, through perforations from 2,218 to 2,358 feet after 3,000 gallons of acid and 30,000 gallons of fracture solution. Gas-oil ratio is 750-1.

Total depth is 2,479 feet and 4.5-inch pipe was set on bottom.

Location is 2,310 feet from south and west lines of section 23, block 43, University Lands survey.

Rial No. 1-17 University in Crockett County, completed on the pump for a 24-hour potential of 25 barrels of 38-gravity oil, with gas-oil ratio of 750-1, through perforations from 1,998 to 3,318 feet. The pay was acidized with 3,000 gallons and fractured with 27,000 gallons.

Total depth is 2,700 feet. Four and one-half-inch casing is set on bottom.

Wellsite is 330 feet from west and 2,310 feet from north lines of section 17, block 47, University Lands survey.

DRILLING REPORT

ANDREWS COUNTY
Rial No. 1-11-B University, drilling 4,715 feet in line.
Gulf No. 9-7D State, drilling 8,818 feet in line.

CHAVES COUNTY
Depon, Inc. No. 1 Eagle-Federal, 1,822 feet, tripping.

CROCKETT COUNTY
International Oil & Gas No. 1-3 University, 14,062 feet, waiting on completion, took 1-point test in Devonian detrital with 1.65 mmeq and in Canyon with 800 meq.
Hendon No. 1 Hallie, 1,650 feet, plugged and abandoned.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY
Hendon No. 1-34 University, 11,260 feet, temporary abandoned.
MGP No. 2-22 State, 17,100 feet, shut in.

CROSBY COUNTY
Alvares Oil & Gas No. 1 Swenson, drilling 4,322 feet, set 1 1/2-inch casing at 2,800 feet.

CULBERSON COUNTY
BTA No. 1 Deval, 12,741 feet, waiting on completion unit.
Gulf No. 9-CX TXL, 12,877 feet, shut in.

DAWSON COUNTY
BTA No. 1 Davis, drilling 2,864 feet in anhydrite, set 1 1/2-inch casing at 300 feet.
H&TC Petroleum No. 1-1 Houston, drilling 1,800 feet in anhydrite and redbeds.

ECTOR COUNTY
Cota Petroleum No. 1 TXL, 14,450 feet, pumping back load, through perforations from 4,119 to 4,130 feet.

EDDY COUNTY
Exxon No. 1 Scheidt-Federal, drilling 9,871 feet.
Gulf No. 1-GR State, drilling 7,740 feet in line.

EL PASO COUNTY
Gulf No. 1-GX Eddy, 10,867 feet, shut in.
Gulf No. 1-GX Eddy, 6,800 feet, shut in.

EL PASO COUNTY
Monsanto No. 1 Delta-State, drilling 11,852 feet in shale.
Black River Corp. No. 1-C Miller, 11,250 feet, waiting on completion unit.

EL PASO COUNTY
Black River Corp. No. 1 Cerro-Coom, 11,274 feet, running 1 1/2-inch casing.
Flag Rodgers No. 1 McClellan Federal, drilling 4,800 feet.

EL PASO COUNTY
Southern Royalty No. 1 Parkway, 11,250 feet, flowed 730,000 cubic feet per day, plus 22 barrels oil and 25 barrels water in 24 hours, through a 27/64-inch choke and perforations from 11,201 to 11,200 feet.

EL PASO COUNTY
Southern Royalty No. 2-19 State, drilling 6,800 feet in line.
Southern Royalty No. 1 Tripp, 10,970 feet, temporarily dropped from report.

EL PASO COUNTY
Texas Pacific No. 2 Phantom Draw, 12,820 feet, circulating and conditioning hole.
GAINES COUNTY
Texas Pacific No. 1 Hahn, drilling 4,200 feet in line.

GLASSCOCK COUNTY
Hendon No. 2-D TXL, 12,700 feet, plugged back depth 6,300 feet, set 5 1/2-inch casing at total depth, testing, no gauges, through perforations from 6,304 to 6,314 feet, acidized with 7,000 gallons.
Merchants Oil No. 1-A Chaney, 11,225 feet, pumped 40 barrels oil and 25 barrels water in 24 hours, through perforations from 6,406 to 6,406 feet.

HOCKLEY COUNTY
Texas American No. 1 Ellwood Estate, 4,330 feet, shut in, waiting on pumping equipment.

IRION COUNTY
Resources Investment No. 3-66 Cox, drilling 7,200 feet in time and shale.
Union Texas No. 5-54 Farmer, drilling 7,490 feet.

IRION COUNTY
Energy Reserves Group No. 4-99 Eia

17,400 feet, spotted 225 gallons of acid from 18,800-17,300 feet, now running packer.
Texas Pacific No. 1 Osteen, 11,500 feet; has been plugged and abandoned.

LEA COUNTY
Texas Pacific No. 1-4-51-A Osteen, 4,210 feet; has been plugged and abandoned.
Gulf No. 8 Barclay-Dean, 14,470 feet, pb 13,400 feet; shut in after perforating at 12,640-12,900 feet.

LEA COUNTY
Texas Pacific No. 1 State, 12,353 feet, conditioning hole.
Energy Reserves Group No. 1-3 Adams State, 14,472 feet, pulling and laying down 8 1/2-inch casing, rigging down unit, preparing to plug and abandon.

LEA COUNTY
Gulf No. 2-ED State, 12,520 feet, dropped from report.
Union Texas No. 4 Crosby Deep, drilling 4,400 feet in line.

LEA COUNTY
Farrar Drilling Co. No. 1 Sun-State, 14,500 feet, preparing to log.
Union Oil No. 1 Laguna Deep Federal, drilling 4,322 feet, set 1 1/2-inch casing at 2,800 feet.

LEA COUNTY
Hillard Oil & Gas No. 1 Glenn, drilling 13,200 feet.
Gulf No. 1-38 State, 10,822 feet, drilling out cement.

LEA COUNTY
Gulf No. 1-QK State, 12,775 feet, moving off rotary, set 5 1/2-inch casing at 2,700 feet.
Merchants Oil No. 1-G Federal, drilling 12,801 feet in line, shale and sand.

LEA COUNTY
Exxon No. 1 Keith Camp, drilling cement at 18,200 feet.
LUBBOCK COUNTY
Cota No. 1 Vivian, drilling 1,875 feet.

MARTIN COUNTY
MGP No. 1-4 Anderson, 8,700 feet, waiting on completion unit.
MGP No. 1-8 Brown, 14,730 feet, recovering load, through perforations at 8,030-8,030 feet.

MARTIN COUNTY
MGP No. 1-22 Brown, 8,000 feet; shut in after perforating at 7,979-7,981 feet.
MGP No. 1-16-A Davenport, drilling 2,870 feet in salt and anhydrite.

MARTIN COUNTY
MGP No. 1-19 Dyer, 14,730 feet; still shut in.
MGP No. 1-23 Jeffcoat, 14,730 feet; recovering load, through perforations at 8,716-8,730 feet.

MARTIN COUNTY
MGP No. 1-4 Perry, 8,770 feet; still shut in.
MGP No. 1-21 Stokes, 14,600 feet; recovering load, through perforations at 8,540-8,500 feet.

MIDLAND COUNTY
MGP No. 1-31 Langham, drilling 2,400 feet in anhydrite.
Cities Service No. 481 Dora Roberts, drilling 1,150 feet in time and shale.

MIDLAND COUNTY
Cota No. 1 Davenport, 14,110 feet, waiting on cement, set 1 1/2-inch casing at 4,800 feet.
PECOS COUNTY
Texas Pacific No. 12 Montgomery-Park, drilling 1,000 feet.

PECOS COUNTY
Northern Natural No. 1-4 Hershenson, drilling 14,130 feet in shale.
Merchants No. 1 Noelle, 14,940 feet; shut in for pressure buildup.

PECOS COUNTY
Gulf No. 1-Laughlin, 11,194 feet; on a trip to check for wash out.
Gulf No. 2-1 Emma Lou, 14,822 feet; still fishing.

PECOS COUNTY
Gulf No. 2-DA Weatherly, 17,770 feet, waiting on cement, set 1 1/2-inch casing at 4,100 feet.
Hunt Energy No. 1 Sabine, drilling 16,015 feet.

PECOS COUNTY
Amold No. 1 Harray, 12,002 feet; shut in.

PECOS COUNTY
International No. 1-45 Coates, pb 10,930 feet; flowing back load, through perforations at 10,200-10,633 feet, which were acidized with 74,000 gallons.

PECOS COUNTY
International No. 1-41 Coates, pb 5,100 feet; pumping, no gauges.

REYES COUNTY
Hillard No. 1 Andover, drilling 17,581 feet.

REYES COUNTY
Union Oil No. 1 Valley Farms, pb 581 feet.

ROCKWELL COUNTY
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