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Mexican Oil Surge

An oil boom in Mexico seems likely to have ramifications in the Permian Basin. Is the "Mexico surge" going to benefit or hurt local companies? Or will the effect be minimal? Staff writer Mark Vogler's article will appear in Sunday's Reporter-Telegram.

Drainage Difficulties

Some say drainage problems in Midland have not always been resolved in the best manner. The city engineer reviews the background on drainage difficulties in the Tall City and discusses alternatives for future work in a story set for Sunday.

Different Collections

Sometimes deliberately, sometimes by accident, the collectors of this world began accumulating private museums. Sunday's West Texas Life reveals four Midlanders with very different collections, including one most people don't want to talk about.

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Enjoying a few moments before "business," Rep. Kent Hance of Texas and Sen. Harrison Schmitt and Rep. Harold Runnels, both of New Mexico, talk at the Midland Hilton just prior to Thursday night's Permian Basin Petroleum Museum Hall of Fame supper. The annual event honors those who have made a contribution to the oil and gas industry. (Staff Photo by Mike Kardos)

Huge crowd sees oilmen inducted into Hall of Fame

By JOE SALMAN
Oil Editor

Five outstanding deceased oilmen were inducted into the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum's Hall of Fame Thursday night before a huge gathering for a supper in the Midland Hilton.

At the same event, a U.S. Senator said Congress should bypass federally-administered rationing or allocations of petroleum fuels and declare a national energy production emergency.

New members of the Hall of Fame include geologist E. Russell Lloyd, Midland; Ernest W. Marland, Ponca City, Okla., founder of Marland Oil Co.; Arch Rowan and Charles Rowan, Fort Worth, founders of Rowan Enterprises, and William G. Skelly, Tulsa, Okla., founder of Skelly Oil Co.

Maurice R. Bullock, chairman of the museum's board of executors, read the citations for each of the inductees.

of Fame member for his development of geological concepts regarding reef structures in West Texas and southeast New Mexico and his other contributions to the petroleum industry.

Marland was honored for the work done by Marland Oil Co. in pioneering Permian Basin oil development, for early use of seismic methods and for other accomplishments.

The Rowan brothers were admitted to the Hall of Fame as a team. Their Rowan Drilling Co. (now Rowan Enterprises, Inc., Houston) did much of the drilling during the Permian Basin's boom days as well as drilling in other oil areas. They were cited for their outstanding civic leadership, as were the other inductees.

Skelly Oil Co. (now a part of Getty Oil Co.) made major oil discoveries in the Permian Basin. Skelly himself gave distinguished leadership to the industry in Tulsa and other oil industry cities.

Several members of the families of the inductees were present for Thursday night's ceremonies.

Senator Harrison H. "Jack" Schmitt of New Mexico, a former astronaut who was the lunar module pilot on the Apollo 17 moon mission in 1972.

He said the United States has reached the point where Congress must declare a national energy production emergency and get to work on passing a National Emergency Energy Production Act.

"No longer can we avoid the necessity of greatly increased domestic oil and gas production just because President Carter is afraid that American industry might benefit," said the speaker, a geologist by profession.

"No longer can we avoid the necessity of the suspension of non-essential price and operational regulations just because Mr. Carter might see America and its environment prosper in a climate of freedom rather than restriction."

"No longer can we avoid the necessity of funding greatly increased energy research and development just because some of Mr. Carter's special interests might lose their favored fed-

LOYD WAS HONORED as a Hall

SPEAKER FOR THE evening was

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Midland's 1978 crime hit hardest in the homes

By MARK VOGLER
Staff Writer

Midland's crime was felt hardest in the home during 1978 as residential burglaries hit a record high, according to city figures released Thursday by Police Chief Wayne Gideon.

Meanwhile, crimes involving assault showed an increase. For example, the number of rape cases went from 15 in 1977 to 19 in 1978.

There were 395 house break-ins reported last year, 135 more than in the previous year and two more than the record set in 1971.

Overall, crime in Midland cost its victims nearly \$500,000 more during 1978 than in the previous year, according to the 26-page report presented to Midland City Council.

Property loss of residential burglaries amounted to \$315,748 compared to \$261,123 during the previous year.

Of the property stolen from homes, only \$77,088 was recovered while \$139,732 in property had been recovered in 1977.

Officials of the police department's Crime Prevention Unit have said a major emphasis will be placed on a campaign this year to educate city residents on crime prevention at home, largely because of the dramatic increase in residential burglaries.

Police officials said the increase primarily is due to the growth rate the city is experiencing and the fact that

probably more housewives are working now than in past years. More than half of the burglaries occur during daylight hours.

The police department currently offers at no charge to the homeowner a residential security inspection in which the Crime Prevention Unit examines a home to spot places which are most vulnerable to break-ins.

After the inspection, police officers advise homeowners on what precautions can be taken to make the home a more difficult target for burglars.

The crime report also noted that auto theft cost Midlanders \$789,471 — or more than half of the total \$1,552,959 in property loss during 1978.

There were 214 auto thefts reported, an increase of 59 over the previous year.

While the total number of robberies (25) was three less than in 1977, the amount of property taken in the incidents reached \$20,608 — an increase of almost \$8,000.

There were 547 theft incidents reported in 1978, resulting in a total property loss valued at \$427,132 compared to \$265,723 the previous year.

Of the property stolen in theft incidents, \$115,035 was recovered. Police recovered \$117,635 in 1977.

There were only five homicides in

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Executions beginning amid Iranian fighting

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A revolutionary firing squad executed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi's hated secret police chief and three other generals at Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's headquarters during the night. It has reported 26 other officers and officials of the old regime will be executed.

Fearful Americans were packing their bags for a massive air evacuation set to begin Saturday. A preliminary flight took off today with 167 of them.

Tehran radio reported that pro-Khomeini forces appealed for tear gas to disperse an attacking mob after a night-long street battle in eastern Tehran. But three days of fierce fighting in the northwestern city of Tabriz have ended, the radio said, and the government is in control.

Unconfirmed reports put the casualty toll in Tabriz as high as 700 dead with thousands wounded. Tehran Radio blamed the fighting on "counter-revolutionary SAVAK agents" and said a nightly curfew remained in effect.

Thousands of youths marched in Tehran in celebration of the reported victory in Tabriz.

Three other generals were killed last weekend by guerrillas as Khomeini's forces were taking over the country, but the government said the four just executed were "the first group of traitors" to be tried by revolutionary courts. It said Khomeini attended the trial.

The newspaper Ettelaat said 26 other officials and military officers of the shah's regime had been convicted of crimes and would be executed. It gave no further details, and Khomeini spokesmen declined comment.

The executions by a 10-man firing squad were announced by state radio accompanied by martial music.

It said the generals were convicted on charges of "torture, massacre of people, treason to the country and earthly corruption. They were sentenced to death and the verdict was immediately carried out by Islamic armed forces." It said their property was confiscated.

The generals were Nematollah Nassiri, chief of SAVAK, the shah's dreaded secret police; Manuchehr Khosrowdad, head of the elite paratroopers; Mehdi Rahimi, martial-law governor of Tehran, and Reza Najli, governor-general of the central city of Isfahan.

Each was riddled by at least eight bullets. The bodies were transferred from Khomeini's headquarters to Tehran's central morgue.

The first American evacuation flight, a Pan American World Air-

ways Boeing 707, took off today from Tehran bound for Frankfurt, West Germany. It carried most of Pan Am's 90 Tehran employees and dependents and any others who were ready to board the 183-seat plane. The airport was heavily guarded by guerrillas loyal to Khomeini.

The U.S. government hopes to begin a full-scale evacuation of Americans Saturday, using two Boeing 747 jumbo jets chartered from Pan Am. About 800 were expected to leave on the first two flights.

Six U.S. Air Force C-130 transport planes and five HH53 "Jolly Green Giant" helicopters landed at Incirlik air base in southeast Turkey, about 850 miles from Tehran, Turkish state radio reported.

U.S. officials in Washington said Thursday the helicopters and planes would be used only in an emergency.

The U.S. government expects some 5,000 of the 7,000 Americans still in

Iran to leave the country. It arranged the evacuation airlift after scores of renegade gunmen stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran Tuesday.

The British Royal Air Force had four planes standing by in Cyprus awaiting Iranian permission to fly to Iran and evacuate some of the 1,600 British subjects there.

Tehran Radio also announced that Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan and his Cabinet unanimously approved a decree confiscating all properties of the royal family in Iran, including palaces, lands, and stock in banks, factories and businesses.

The Cabinet also decreed that properties and wealth of government officials will be examined, along with that of former officials arrested on corruption charges.

There was no official estimate of the value of the royal properties in Iran, but unofficial estimates place their worth at several billion dollars.

U.S. again berated by Lopez Portillo

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's President Jose Lopez Portillo had the last word again during his summit session here with visiting President Carter, declaring that too often his poor countrymen who go to the United States "have to sell themselves."

Lopez Portillo, who surprised and irritated U.S. officials Wednesday when he in effect accused the United States of deceit and abuse, threw a fresh discordant note into the across-the-border summit early today.

Responding to a toast at a dinner given in his honor by the U.S. president, Lopez Portillo said:

"This, Mr. President, I believe, is the most serious matter of our times — the fact that there are men that can buy men and that there are men that have to sell themselves. And this is what happens very frequently with our poor people that go to the United States."

Carter and his associates had thought the summit talks were back on track after the shaky start Wednesday when Carter was given a correct but cool reception and was lectured by Lopez Portillo in the first toast of the summit during a luncheon given in Carter's honor.

A high White House official who asked not to be named said Thursday

night that Lopez Portillo had indicated agreement when Carter, at an unannounced private 10-minute session earlier in the day, suggested that too-strident Mexican references to disagreements between the nations could be counterproductive.

Carter's session with Lopez Portillo was followed by reports of summit progress and the scheduling of a breakfast meeting between the two leaders — actions seen as indications that the Carter visit was going well.

Then came Lopez Portillo's emotional toast, during which he told Carter, "I am deeply moved, and I shall try to be more stable."

The Mexican chief executive went on, however, to ask rhetorically, "What is happening to the free world? ... Is it possible for the human being to be free and at the same time to be just, is it possible to conceive of an international order that can avoid the state of affairs in which a man would sell himself and another would buy another human being?"

But Lopez Portillo's also said, "Our friendship has made it possible to be frank."

U.S. sources, reporting on Thursday's talks, said progress was made on energy issues. But no progress was reported on at least one major issue, illegal immigration.

Oil crisis costs Texans more than anyone else

By LINDA HILL
Staff Writer

The current national energy situation is "more expensive to each Texan... than (to) any people on earth," Attorney General Mark White said in Midland Thursday.

White spoke to district judges at the West Texas Judicial Conference in the Midland Hilton.

The attorney general accused the federal government of promoting "regionalism," and setting one area of the country against others.

White promised to fight the inequities visited on Texas on several fronts.

First, he pledged to continue a suit begun before he took office against the federal natural gas pricing bill, which regulates intrastate gas prices.

The new attorney general also promised to pursue means to cut down the price of coal from Montana and Wyoming.

"There are very few people in Montana who voted in these elections," said White, referring to his campaign promise to sue Montana on its 30 percent severance tax on coal.

"It's worked pretty well so far, so we will continue to sue Montana every chance we get," White quipped.

However, the city of Austin and the

Lower Colorado River Authority already have filed that suit against Montana.

White said he has joined in that suit, and will file a separate one if necessary to protect the interest of the entire state.

In a related area, he said Texas also will try to block an increase in the cost of shipping coal from Montana to Texas from \$6 to \$16 a ton.

That increase exceeds all inflation control guidelines, he contended, and is not justified as "reasonable return on investment," either. In fact, he added, customers in Texas had to purchase the railroad cars to get the coal down to Texas.

White also pledged to take other action as it becomes appropriate to try to stop federal "over-regulation" of energy industries.

After his speech, White said a decision on whether Texas should try to find a way to collect a larger proportionate share of energy taxes from out-of-state customers is up to the Legislature.

Gov. William P. Clements has proposed a natural gas export tax.

"I don't think it's right to set one state against another. We've got an American problem," said White.

The new attorney general, who took

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Mark White

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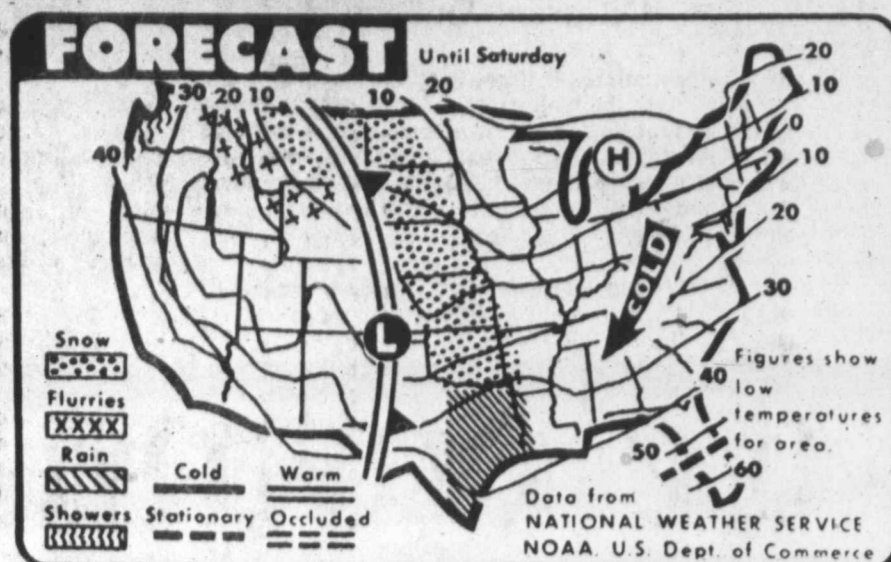
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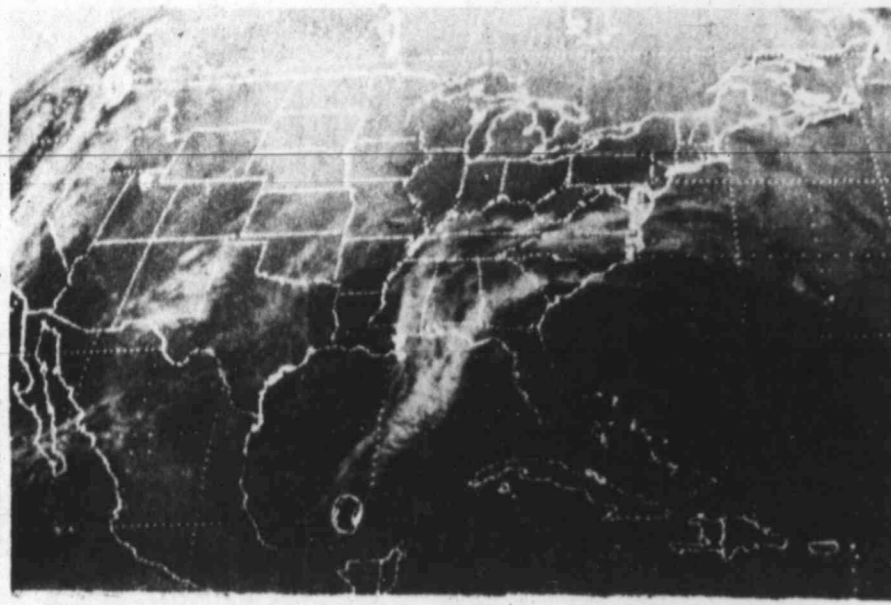
Mostly cloudy and continued cold with a chance of freezing rain or snow through Saturday. Details on Page 2A.

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WEATHER SUMMARY



Cold to very cold weather is expected for most of the country until Saturday morning. Mild temperatures are expected for southern Georgia and Florida...



Today's satellite cloud picture, recorded at 3 a.m., shows clouds stretching from the southern Plains eastward through the Mississippi Valley to the Middle Atlantic states and New England.

Midland statistics

Table with columns for Midland, Odessa, Rankin, Big Lake, Garden City, and other locations, listing high/low temperatures and precipitation.

The weather elsewhere

Table listing weather conditions for various cities including Albany, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Anchorage, Asheville, Atlanta, Atlanta City, Baltimore, Birmingham, Bismarck, Boise, Boston, Brownsville, Buffalo, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Hartford, Helena, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Juneau, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Oklahoma City, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Reno, Richmond, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, San Jose, Spokane, St. Louis, Tulsa.

Texas thermometer

Table listing temperatures for various Texas cities like Abilene, Alice, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Brownsville, Childress, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Del Rio, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Junction, Longview, Lubbock, Lufkin, Marfa, McAllen, Midland, Mineral Wells, Odessa, Palacios, Pecos, San Antonio, Shreveport, Stephenville, Texarkana, Tyler, Victoria, Waco, Wichita Falls, Wood, Sherman.

Texas area forecasts

West Texas: Stockmen advisory in effect for the Concho Valley area for tonight. Mostly cloudy through Saturday and continued cold east of the mountains.

Solons favor bypassing federal rationing plans

(Continued from Page 1A) eral handouts," Schmitt charged. The senator, in proposing a National Emergency Energy Production Act, said the legislation should include:

- Deregulation of the price of all domestically produced crude oil, phased over three years.
- Immediate deregulation of the price of newly-discovered domestic natural gas.
- IMMEDIATE FIVE-YEAR suspension of the promulgation and enforcement of nonessential regulations related to crude oil and natural gas exploration, production and distribution.
- Consolidation of all federal oil and gas drilling and pipeline permitting authority in a single agency with automatic permit approval unless denied within 30 days of filing.
- Institution of an accelerated, royalty-based federal leasing procedure for oil and natural gas exploration.
- Institution of full first-year depreciation of tangible recoverable drilling costs.
- Retroactive institution of full first-year depreciation of all costs for equipment made necessary under federal or state environmental regulations.
- Institution of full first-year depreciation of the cost of equipment depreciable at least a 10 percent increase in energy conversion efficiency.
- The passage of such emergency legislation related to oil, natural gas, and conservation would encourage a rapid increase in domestic supply and would generate the investment capital necessary to undertake such an increase," Schmitt said.

HE NOTED that as a geologist he is confident "these measures for encouraging the domestic oil and gas industry would rapidly begin the discovery and production of an undiscovered resource base of at least 300 billion barrels of oil and 700 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, not including secondary or tertiary recovery or our extremely geopressed methane resources. "That would provide several decades of low cost supply while we develop alternatives as fast as we can, but without the threat to national survival we now face."

Negotiations begun in lettuce strike

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP) — The nation's largest lettuce producer has begun closed-door negotiations with the United Farm Workers union, which has struck lettuce growers during the height of the harvesting season.

Explosion in Warsaw bank claims at least 41 lives

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — The death toll has risen to 41 in the explosion that shattered a crowded Warsaw savings bank, the official PAP news agency reported today.

It's snow or freezing rain now for Basin area residents

Mindful of recent sunny skies and summer-like temperatures, Midlanders nevertheless faced the possibility of snow or at least freezing rain late today or Saturday.

White says federal government promotes regionalism in the U.S.

(Continued from Page 1A) If possible, he said, he also will set up a pool of experienced trial lawyers who would be available to help district attorneys, particularly in rural areas, prosecute complicated or time-consuming criminal cases.



A follower of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini carries a red carnation in the barrel of his weapon Thursday as he stands guard at a clinic in downtown Tehran. A drawing of the Shiite religious leader is on the wall behind him.

U.S. military secrets in hands of Iranians

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite administration assurances, some U.S. officials say they are convinced key U.S. military technology in Iran has been compromised during the chaos there in recent weeks. These officials acknowledge they have no firm evidence, but say it must be assumed vital American military secrets are in the hands of dissident Iranians.

Grimes won't seek re-election

DAVID GRIMES, 50, vice president of the Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District, announced today that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the post he has held for the past three years.

President of TI named to board

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — J. Fred Bucy, president of Texas Instruments Inc., was reappointed Thursday to the Texas Tech University Board of Regents by Gov. Bill Clements.

Police statistics show increase in number of assault cases

(Continued from Page 1A) 1978, as opposed to 11 during 1977. Police reported 1,093 criminal mischief incidents in 1978, a decrease of 80.

White says federal government promotes regionalism in the U.S.

(Continued from Page 1A) office in January, said the job is more complex than he anticipated it would be. "I didn't realize how much trouble we'd gotten into in the last few years."

Police statistics show increase in number of assault cases

Junior Lion of the week is 18-year-old Lee High School senior Alan L. Jones. A two-year letterman on the Lee cross country team, Alan is a member of St. Marks United Methodist Church. He currently is enrolled in honors physiology and plans to attend Midland College to pursue a career in the paramedical field.

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Seven killed in rowhouse fire

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP) — Fire swept through a brick rowhouse today, killing seven people, including a couple and four children who had been burned out of their own home two days ago, officials said.

Authorities did not immediately identify the victims, but neighbors said they were the homeowner's wife, son, daughter-in-law, and four grandchildren. A 66-year-old man, identified as the owner of the house, was burned over 80 percent of his body and injured when he jumped from a second-floor window, said Rosemary Larson, a spokeswoman for Delaware Division hospital.

The son's family had escaped injury Wednesday morning when a fire broke out in a front bedroom on the second floor of their home, said Lt. Stewart McLaughlin, of the fire department's data statistics. "No one was trapped. Everyone was up and about," he said.

"This is very ironic," he said. "They moved in with the parents of the husband seeking shelter for the children."

McLaughlin said the department was investigating both fires, which occurred less than 41 hours apart and within a mile of each other in the northwest section of the city.

"Nothing links them at this time. I guess it was fate that they happened so close together, not only in time but proximity," he said.

The hospital spokeswoman said the elderly man was in critical condition in the hospital's intensive care unit. "His injuries are obviously quite extensive," she said.

First reports indicated an explosion preceded the fire, but Wilmington Fire Chief Jerome Donohue said he thought the explosion came from air rushing into the burning house when the elderly man broke the window.

Elizabeth Quigley, who lived next door to the burning house, said the son and his family moved in earlier this week after their home here was destroyed by a blaze.

She said the son had five children, but he had been splitting the family among various relatives.

Frank Alessia, a neighbor from across the street, said he saw the flames on the first floor of the house when he came home from work.

"I threw snow on the door. I broke the screen door to try to get them up when I saw the flames," Alessia said.

Fire officials said the home was fully involved when they arrived about 2 a.m. The fire, which was

prevented from spreading to neighboring houses was put out about 3:40 a.m., officials said.

"We got about 15 callers all at once saying the building had just exploded," Mahoney said.

The burning building was on the end of a row, and the four homes on its side were evacuated, Mahoney said.



Looking like something out of Grant Woods' "American Gothic," gardeners Sandi Spaulding and Jeff Woods dramatize the Lee High School Chorale's current sale of fertilizer to help defray expenses of out-of-state competition later in the school year. A door-to-door campaign will be held Saturday by the group. Chorale representatives said the fertilizer is suitable for lawns, trees, foliage and gardens. (Staff Photo)

San Angelo men fall 300 feet to their deaths

PORT ARTHUR, Texas (AP) — Two San Angelo men fell more than 300 feet to their deaths when their supporting winch malfunctioned while they were working on a radio transmitting tower Thursday, a justice of the peace said.

The victims were identified as Larry Moore, 25, and Perry Jewell, 20, according to Justice of the Peace John Knowles. He ruled accidental death, and said he notified the Occupational Safety and Health Administration about possible violations concerning the winch.

The men were employees of the Western Communications Service Co. of San Angelo.

They were replacing a section of the tower of radio station KPAC near the 400-foot level.

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Sports and Recreation Show begins in Odessa

ODESSA — Displays, contests, and demonstrations revolving around sporting and outdoor life were to begin today in the three-day Odessa Sports and Recreation Show in the Ector County Coliseum.

John Fox, the fisherman in television's "American Angler," is to emcee the show. With him is to be Roland Williams, national rod-and-

San Angelo mail to be processed through Midland

SAN ANGELO — Intracity mail in San Angelo will be trucked the 110 miles to Midland, processed in less than 30 minutes and returned to San Angelo for boxing and delivery beginning Saturday, said San Angelo Postmaster Longino Monreal Thursday.

The posting by hand at San Angelo now takes up to six hours and is more costly than the automated process, Monreal said.

Since 1974, out-going San Angelo mail outside the 769 zip code prefix has been processed at the Midland Sectional Center, which can process 36,000 pieces of mail per hour.

reel casting champion, who will hold casting contests Saturday and Sunday. Williams also will give casting demonstrations.

"Most people competing in the event try their luck just for fun, but a lot of people practice hard to win," said Ron Reese of the Odessa Jaycees, which is sponsoring the show.

The show will feature displays of boats, hunting and fishing equipment, ski and camping equipment, backpacking gear, recreational vehicles and other outdoor recreational equipment.

Entertainment highlights will include gymnastic movements by the Odessa College Twisters at 7 p.m. today and 1 p.m. Saturday; autograph signing by four Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders Saturday afternoon; skateboard maneuvers by the eight-member E&M Skateboard Team of Odessa at 8 p.m. today, Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday, and an appearance by Miss West Texas, Tami Jo Whitmire.

The show will be open until 10 p.m. today and will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission to the show is \$1 each for adults and 50 cents per child ages 6 to 12. Children under age 6 will be admitted free.

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Midland College's Luis Alvarado (32) drives for basket as Tim Giddings (21) Frank Phillips attempts to block the shot in action at Chaparral Center Thursday night. (Photo by Mike Kardos)

Running, gunning Chaps put juice back in attack

BY TED BATTLES
Sports Editor

When the Midland College Chaparrals are going good, they play like they did Thursday night in blowing Frank Phillips Junior College off the Chaparral Center court, 99-73, and that had to be good news for Coach Jerry Stone with two of the biggest games of the season coming up next week.

MC hosts Odessa College Monday and travels to Snyder for Western Texas College Thursday, both teams ahead of the Chaps in the Western Junior College Conference standings. By winning Thursday, Midland boosted its WJCC record to 9-5 and at the same time dropped Frank Phillips, one of the teams yapping at their heels, to 6-7.

But more important, perhaps, was the return to the flamboyant, free-wheeling style that had deserted them the last couple of weeks. The Chaps hadn't looked this good since, since, well, that upset of Western Texas College back in January.

They were thieving, rebounding, fast-breaking demons, hitting the open man with just the right touch, not adding that extra pass that blows the beautifully executed maneuver.

WHEN THE Chaps play this kind of game, one of the ring leaders is going to be 5-9 Cullen Mayfield, the sharp-shooting floor general, who led the way with 30 points. And when the Chaps play like this, they are going to have several folks in substantial figures, like Luis Alvarado with 17 points, Robert Tate with 15, and welcome back, Kenneth Young 15.

But it was a game in which everybody made contributions. Midway through the first half when it was a still a game and Frank Phillips led 12-10, a couple of big thefts and basket feeds by James Hicks, the former Midland High cager, helped snapped the Chaps out of the doldrums. His steals set up Tim Shelby and Tate on successive fast breaks that seemed to pick up the team.

The Chaps really began to break things open with Frank Phillips clinging to a 20-19 lead with eight minutes left in the half, outscoring the Plainsmen, 19-8, to retire at intermission with a 38-28 lead as Alvarado's three field goals and free throw set the pace.

IT WAS still only 46-38 Midland four minutes into the second half when the

Chaps really got it rolling. With Mayfield riddling the rim with four baskets and the Chaps completely demoralizing the FPJC offense with aggressive, ball-grabbing defense, Midland reeled off 14 points while holding the Plainsmen scoreless for five minutes for a 62-38 lead.

Shelby, who had a modest seven points, set up 13 other baskets with assists and Mayfield, in addition to hitting 15 of 25 shots from the field, handed out eight assists and came up with four steals.

Actually, the difference in thefts was only 29-21, but what made it seem greater was that Midland was turning its swipes into buckets on the boards.

Midland's win moved the Chaps into sole possession of fourth place as New Mexico Junior College lost to South Plains, 73-72, at Hobbs, N.M., dropping the Thunderbirds to 8-6 and raising SPC to 8-6. Western Texas is now 12-2 after walloping Amarillo College, 91-76, and Odessa College 94-4, but barely after squeaking by Howard College, 68-67.

MIDLAND COLLEGE (89)—Cullen Mayfield, 15-2-3-30; Tim Shelby 3-1-7; Luis Alvarado 7-3-4-17; Ralph Tate 6-3-0-15; Chucky McGill 4-0-4-8; Kenneth Young 6-3-3-15; Fred Jones 2-0-1-4; James Hicks 0-3-2-3. Totals: 99-73-19-59.
FRANK PHILLIPS (73)—Danny Crowe, 5-2-3-12; Kerry Sandifer 4-0-4; Grant Dalton 2-0-3-4; Elston Darby 2-2-2-6; James Jones 2-2-1-12; Willie Smith 0-0-1-0; Tim Giddings 2-1-1-3; Tim Rushing 1-3-1-4; Bradley Webster 0-1-1-2; James Hill 0-0-1-0. Totals 73-111-25-73. Halftime: MC 38, FPJC 28.

Walker withdraws from mile

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Eamonn Coghlan, favored to win the mile in tonight's San Diego Invitational track meet, says New Zealander John Walker withdrew because he's tired of losing to the nearly unbeatable Irishman.

Even without Walker and injured Wilson Waigwa of Kenya, the mile field is still a promoter's dream. And with the steep-sloped Sports Arena track one of the world's fastest, odds are that Dick Buerkle's indoor mile mark of 3:54.9 is in danger.

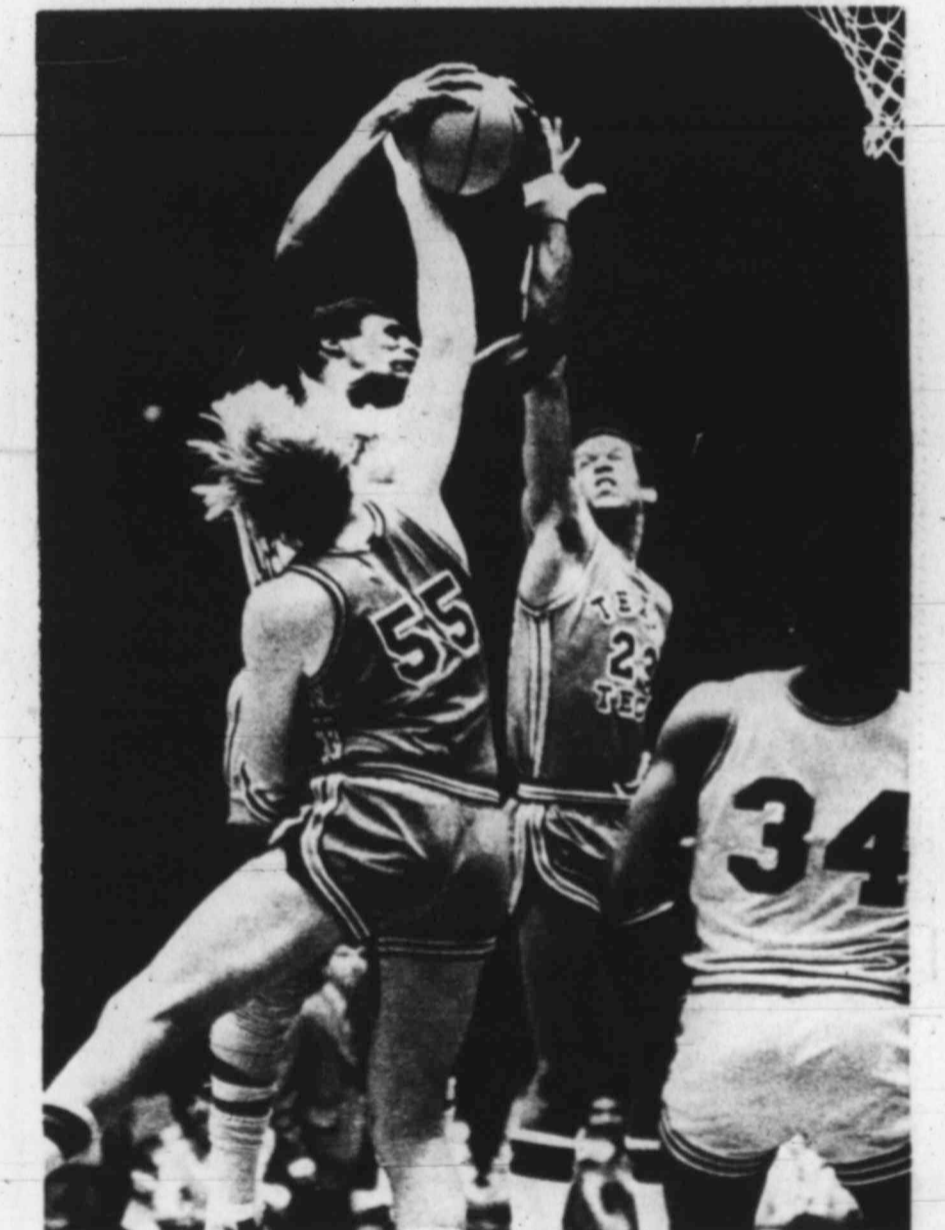
Walker, who holds the outdoor record for the mile, declared Wednesday, "I'm sick. what can I say? I have the flu and my lungs are congested. I'm

going home to New Zealand."

Coghlan, who ran a blurring 3:55 in last week's Millrose Games, one-tenth of a second off Buerkle's record, has his own version of Walker's troubles.

"Sick? Ah, he's sick in the head, maybe," Coghlan said. "I don't know what's wrong with that guy. There's no reason for him not to compete. Walker changes like the Irish weather every day."

"I still wouldn't be surprised if he sticks around and competes in the AAU meet next week in New York," Coghlan continued. "Of course, maybe he doesn't like to compete against me. Maybe he's getting tired of getting beat all the time."



Texas Tech players Joe Baxter (55) and Ralph Sanders (23) go for the ball that was rebounded by Houston's Thad Hamilton. The Cougars' George Walker (34) looks on as the three work for the ball. (AP Laserphoto)

Texas Tech cagers didn't get message

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Tech Coach Gerald Myers says he knew his Red Raiders would have a tough game against the Houston Cougars, but his players apparently didn't get the message.

The underdog Cougars hit nine of their first 10 shots from the field and finished the game with their best shooting percentage of the season, 63.2 per cent, en route to a 103-89 victory in the lone Southwest Conference basketball game scheduled Thursday night.

"Instead of coming out real dedicated, we seemed to be kind of satisfied tonight," said Myers, whose Raiders suffered their worst loss of the season. "Houston started out great, like they were ready to play."

"Our guys just didn't realize what they were getting into. This was the last home game for Houston's seniors and I knew they would have a lot of emotion."

Emotion and a hot-hand. The Cougars hit 63.9 per cent from the field in the first half when the out scored the Raiders 19-2 to start the game and led by 28 points, 54-26 at halftime.

The Red Raiders, who had their five-game winning streak snapped, joined the shooting duel in the second half by hitting 67 per cent but the Cougars didn't slow down, finishing the game with a 63.2 per cent average.

The Cougars, led by Ken Williams with 27 points, were hot on offense, but Coach Guy Lewis was just as pleased with his team's defense.

"That could have been the best defense we've played all year," Lewis said. "I was really pleased with our defense the first 20 minutes."

Tech dropped to a 17-7 overall record and a 9-5 SWC standard prior to a showdown Saturday against the University of Texas in Austin.

"I don't know how this is going to affect us for the Longhorns," Myers said. "You just can't predict those things."

Geoff Huston and freshman David Little got Tech started in the second half. The pair shared scoring honors for the Raiders with 19 points each. Huston had one point at halftime and Little had six.

Houston closes out its regular season schedule Saturday against Arkansas while Tech must face Texas in Austin Saturday and then host Arkansas Tuesday.

TEXAS TECH (89) Hill 31-17, Taylor 22-47, Brewster 6-12-13, Huston 7-5-19, Williams 43-41, Parks 31-37, Little 7-5-19, Baxter 3-0-6. Totals 55-19-25-69.
HOUSTON (82) Walker 9-5-21, Ewing 7-1-15, Hamilton 5-3-13, Williams 3-2-27, Coall 1-0-7, Gibson 1-0-0-3, Goren 3-1-2, Mitchell 1-0-2, Smith 0-0-0, Sand 2-2-6, O'Neal 1-0-2. Totals 43-17-22-103.
Halftime Score—Houston 54, Texas Tech 26. Fouled out—Taylor, Brewster, Ewing, Hamilton. Total fouls—Texas Tech 34, Houston 21. Technicals—None. A-7,989.

MHS fems earn another shot at Midland Lee crew

By BOB DILLON
Sports Writer

SNYDER - Another Tall City showdown is on the horizon.

Midland High's girls gunned down Abilene, 40-30, here Thursday night in the Scurry County Coliseum in a District 5-4A basketball playoff battle.

The victory gives Coach Jane Young's crew the first half championship and now her team must take on Coach Shirley Stephenson's Midland Lee girls next Thursday in a game that will determine the 5-4A championship and a playoff berth the following week in Class AAAA bi-district action.

Midland and Midland Lee will play off for the District 5-4A championship at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Chaparral Center on the Midland College campus, Midland Schools Athletic Director Sam Cox announced Friday morning.

Midland and Abilene had tied for the first half title with identical 6-1 records and Lee won the second half, going undefeated in seven games, so for the third time, the Bulldog and Rebel girls will tangle and this one

will be for all the marbles. Midland downed Lee, 43-40, in the first half of the race in the Lee Gymnasium, but Lee turned the tables on Midland four days ago by blistering the Bulldogs, 43-23, in the MHS Gymnasium to win the second half.

Midland jumped off to a 10-5 first period lead, but Abilene came back to cut the lead to 16-15 at intermission. Young's team then outscored the Eagles, 10-4, in the third stanza for a 26-19 advantage going into the final period.

Margaret Christian paced Midland's attack with 14 points and she was the only Bulldog in the double figures. Sandra Rock was next with eight points while the big gun for Abilene was Rose Baldwin with 10 points. Rene Washington and Debra Grant followed with eight points each as Abilene's season comes to an abrupt end.

The Midland-Lee battle for the 5-4A crown will be played in the Chaparral Center on the Midland College campus so that the game will be played at a neutral site.

"I was really pleased the way the

girls came back after playing so poorly against Lee earlier in the week," said an elated Young afterwards. "We got a good performance from Christian and Rock and although LaSchell Schrock only had six points, she played a good all-around game for us and rebounded well."

Young was happy over her team's offense during the game. "Abilene plays pretty good defense so I feel like we improved in that department after only scoring 23 points against Lee Monday," added Young.

The winner of the Midland-Lee game next Thursday will most likely face Lewisville, which is winning in District 6-4A, and that game will probably be at McMurry College in Abilene.

Lee won the bi-district title last year and then lost in the regional tourney.

MIDLAND HIGH (49)
Cook, 2-0-4; Rock, 4-0-8; Christian, 6-3-14; McDonald, 1-0-2; Trollinger, 0-1-1; Schrock, 3-0-4; White, 2-1-3. TOTALS: 19-4-48.

ABILENE HIGH (38)
Washington, 4-0-8; Baldwin, 3-4-10; Grant, 3-2-8; Payne, 1-1-3; Eversold, 0-1-1. TOTALS: 11-8-38.
Score by periods:
Midland 10 6 10 14-40
Abilene 5 10 4 11-30

Mustangs corral James

HOUSTON (AP) — Southern Methodist broke out on top in the Southwest Conference football recruiting race when the Mustangs bolted from the gate to sign blue-chip running sensation Craig James.

"Obviously we are ecstatic, we are just ecstatic," said SMU Coach Ron Meyer after he inked the Houston Stratford star to a SWC letter of intent Thursday.

"I'm just glad it's over," said James, who set an all-time Class AAAA rushing record of 2,411 yards and was considered one of the two most sought-after schoolboy running backs in the state.

"I am tickled to death. My parents are happy. There are a bunch of people over here and they are happy," James told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his home in Houston.

"We think Craig adds tremendously to a great class already coming to

SMU," said Meyer. "We are really excited."

That Mustang stable of new recruits includes seven athletes named in the Dallas Times Herald 1978 blue-chip list, compiled in a secret ballot by conference coaches.

James played down reports he had wavered in his commitment to play football at SMU after hearing reports the Mustangs could be in hot water with the National Collegiate Athletic Association over recruitment of another offensive wizard — running back Eric Dickerson of Sealy.

"I have tried to get Eric to come to SMU," said James. "I am not afraid of competition, I love competition and I would like to play in the same backfield with Eric. I'm not worried. I'm not going to be a blocking back."

Earlier, James declined to identify the persons who warned him of impending recruiting problems at SMU.

"I don't want to do that. Let's just say some other college coaches and some members of the media," said James.

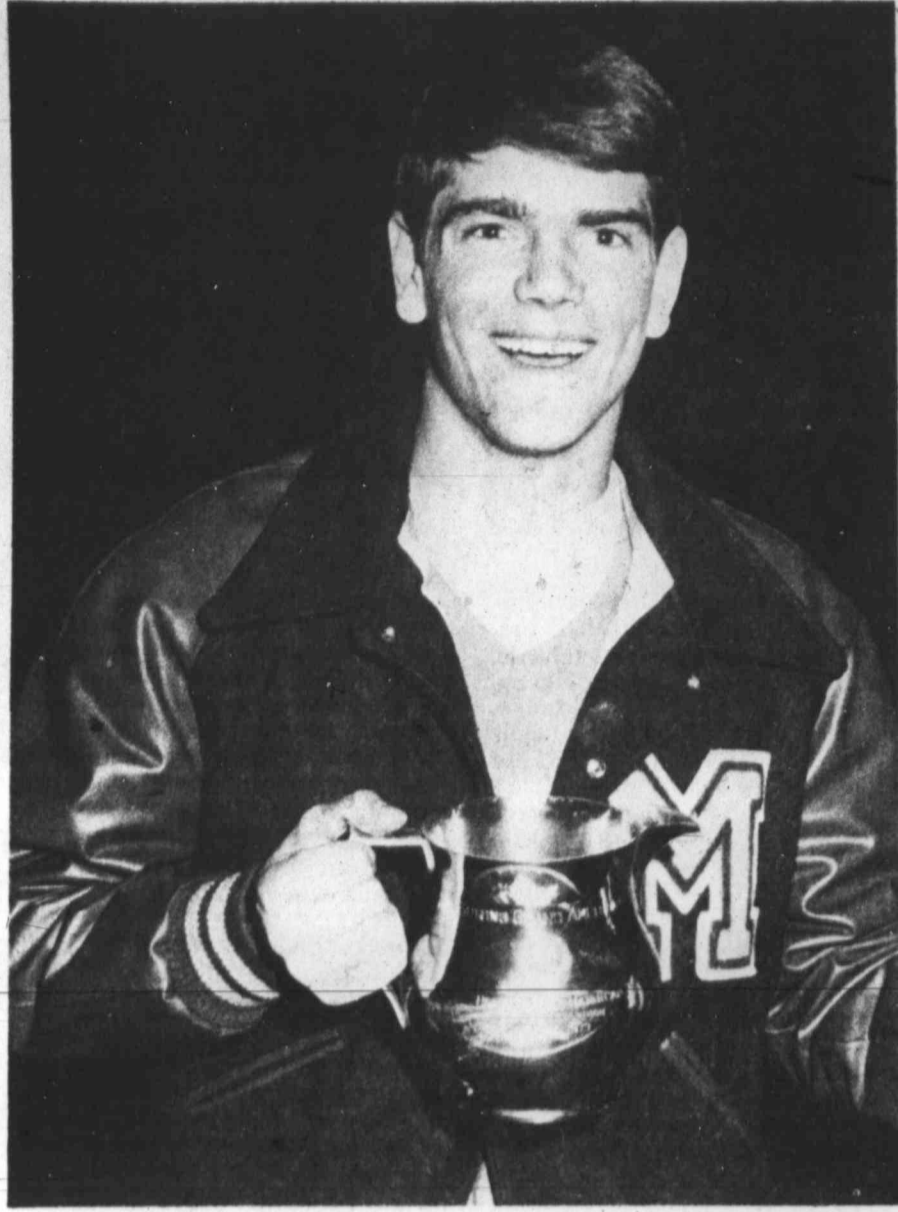
A new Pontiac Trans Am is the driving force behind the controversy swirling around the annual conference recruiting wars.

Dickerson, probably the most sought-after Texas running back, is driving the new car that he said was a gift from his grandmother.

And the speculation now is that Dickerson will be driving that car to SMU in the fall.

NCAA investigators have talked to Dickerson about that car and an unidentified source at Texas A&M, which originally was thought to have the inside track on signing Dickerson, said the car is simply what the athlete said — a gift from a relative.

Dickerson has been in seclusion since Wednesday.



Midland's Paul Davis shows the trophy he won recently in the Spring Grand American Trapshooting meet in Phoenix, Ariz. Paul was the Preliminary Handicap Junior Champion with a score of 96 X 100. He is also the 1977 Texas Junior Amateur Champion. Davis is a Midland High senior.

Kuhn to review sale of players

NEW YORK (AP) — Two years ago, Bowie Kuhn publicly warned owner Charles O. Finley that he would carefully review "any player assignments of the Oakland club which involve substantial payments of cash to the Oakland club."

That's why Kuhn has called Finley and the New York Yankees on the carpet today to explain the attempted sale this week of two minor league players by Oakland to the world champions for a cool half million dollars.

Finley's explanation will be simple.

"I did it because I need that money to meet my payroll," the A's owner said Thursday, explaining the sale of catcher Bruce Robinson and pitcher Greg Cochran for \$500,000.

"These two players are minor leaguers. Losing them won't hurt my club at all. When George Steinbrenner offered me \$500,000 for these two, I had to accept it. I thought I made a pretty good deal."

It would certainly seem that way. Robinson's major league experience is limited to 84 at bats with Oakland last season when he hit .250. He spent most of the year playing at Vancouver of the Pacific Coast League and batted .299. "I got \$400,000 for him," said Finley. Cochran, who was not even on the A's major league roster, spent 1978 at Jersey City of the Eastern League where he was 10-13 with a 3.41 earned run average. The Yankees paid the other \$100,000 for him.

"When George Steinbrenner asked me what I wanted for these two, I told him \$500,000, not expecting him to agree," said Finley. "But he did. I accepted immediately, before he had

a chance to change his mind. I needed the money and George had it. I spent \$228,500 on players in the June, 1978 free agent draft (of high school and college prospects)."

The sale was completed on Feb. 3, the day the Yankee deal with Minnesota for Rod Carew fell through. Carew was subsequently traded to California and Steinbrenner, finding himself with some excess cash, turned to Finley's shop, where he has done business before.

In June, 1976, Steinbrenner attempted to purchase Vida Blue from Finley for \$1.5 million. Kuhn blocked that deal as well as Finley's sales of Joe Rudi and Rollie Fingers to Boston for \$2 million more.

In February 1977, the commissioner approved the sale of Paul Lindblad by Oakland to Texas for \$400,000 but warned that he would carefully scrutinize future player sales by the Oakland owner. Last January, Kuhn blocked the sale of Blue to Cincinnati for \$1.75 million and at the time cited his earlier warning. Blue eventually was traded to San Francisco last March for seven players.

Ironically, one of the players Finley received from the Giants in the Blue deal was outfielder Gary Thomasson, who later was traded to the Yankees. On Thursday, New York swapped Thomasson to the Los Angeles Dodgers for catcher Brad Gulden, who, like Robinson, was a standout receiver in the Pacific Coast League last year.

Finley said he hoped for Kuhn's approval after today's hearing. "I need that money to keep my checks from bouncing," he explained.

District 5-4A tank meet starts today

The first District 5-4A meet in history begins today at the Mabee Memorial Swim Center with Midland Lee and Odessa Permian expected to walk away with team titles before the meet ends Saturday afternoon.

Preliminaries were to begin today at 2 p.m. while the diving competition started at 9 a.m. at Odessa Permian. Saturday's swimming finals will have a 2 p.m. start.

The top eight swimmers in today's preliminaries will advance to Saturday's finals. In the finals, the top six swimmers will score points and qualify for the Regional tournament to be held in Midland in two weeks. Top swimmers there will earn a state swimming berth.

Since this is the first 5-4A meet, all winning times posted Saturday will be new meet records.

Odessa Permian is expected to win the girls' team title with Midland High and Lee the major threats. Lee is expected to win the boys' run with Midland High to be the major compe-

tion. Coach David Whytlaw's Rebels are led by team captain Carey Carrens, and Whytlaw also expects John Franke, Robin Franke, Paul Friemel, Mike Imber, John Kimberly, Mark Solari and Scott Beatty to come up with important points.

The Lee girls will be paced by Sara Hellinghausen, Patti Bruton, Holly Franz and Emily Murrach. "Permian is getting better and better. They have a fine feeder program from the junior highs that we do not have, and we are beginning to feel the pinch a little bit as a result," Whytlaw said.

Whytlaw also stated that several swimming teams were improving and it is not as easy as in the past when Midland Lee and Midland High dominated swimming in this part of the country. "Amarillo has a strong team and they will probably give everyone fits in the regional meet," Whytlaw said.

Heart not in reprimand

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas Athletic Director Bob Marcum has publicly reprimanded basketball Coach Ted Owens, but he made it clear his heart wasn't in it.

Owens was reprimanded for storming onto the court Saturday during KU's Big Eight game against Oklahoma.

Owens went into a rage of protest when Darnell Valentine, his prize sophomore guard, was knocked into the goal support while going up for a layup. Owens later said Valentine

was being "knocked down" in every Big Eight game and complained bitterly that neither the officials nor the conference commissioner was doing anything about it.

Marcum said the reprimand was dictated by Big Eight policy which states that coaches will act at all times "in a dignified manner" and will "remain on the bench or in the designated area."

"We are totally supportive of Coach Owens," Marcum said Thursday.

Hollywood endings all the same

By The Associated Press

Those Hollywood endings are all the same: It's UCLA every time, it seems.

Hard to beat anywhere — but almost impossible at home — the second-ranked Bruins turned an apparent loss into a victory at Pauley Pavilion Thursday night, beating Arizona State 85-83 with some late game theatrics.

"We had the game absolutely won," said Arizona State Coach Ned Wulsk, stunned by the dramatic turn of events. "It was completely disheartening to lose. Everything was happening at the other end of the court and we couldn't get any information to the players."

What happened was certainly enough to frustrate any coach.

THE SUN Devils had an 83-79 lead with nine seconds left, but fouled Roy Hamilton at this point and the UCLA guard made two free throws. Then UCLA's Kiki Vandeweghe stole the inbound pass from Arizona State's Tony Zeno and was fouled by Zeno in the resulting action. Vandeweghe made two shots to tie the game at 83 with seven seconds to play.

Blake Taylor missed a 20-foot shot

for the Sun Devils with five seconds to play and Zeno fouled Holland on the rebound.

"There was no doubt that Brad Holland was fouled," said UCLA Coach Gary Cunningham. "The only question was, had time expired?"

It hadn't — and the call went UCLA's way. Whereupon, Holland converted both shots with many UCLA fans hanging expectantly at the rim of the court. Holland sank the first shot of the one-and-one situation for the winning point, then put in the other while the UCLA fans swarmed around him at the foul line.

"We just have to make it exciting, I guess," said Vandeweghe.

Elsewhere, top-ranked Indiana State remained undefeated after 24 games, beating Southern Illinois 69-68; third-ranked Notre Dame blasted Mahattan 86-63; No. 8 Michigan State stopped Indiana 59-47; No. 9 Louisville tripped St. Louis 78-62; No. 14 Iowa turned back No. 13 Purdue 75-72 and No. 17 Ohio State stopped Minnesota 74-68.

UCLA, THE Pac-10 leader with an 11-2 record and 19-3 overall, trailed 40-27 at halftime before rallying to take the lead late in the game. Then the Bruins lost it for a while before

their heart-stopping finish.

"Luck was just with us tonight," said Cunningham. "I felt my team thought the game was over (when they were down by four points in the last nine seconds.) But I never felt we were out of the game. I never do. I've seen teams win like that in the last seconds. For one of the few times this year, everything I planned in the end worked out."

"It was one of the greatest victories I've ever experienced in college."

Larry Bird scored 20 points and Steve Reid sank two free throws in the final 14 seconds to seal Indiana State's victory over Southern Illinois.

"We feel we are as good as anyone on a given night and on a neutral court and, on this night, better than UCLA," said Indiana State Coach Bill Hodges after the game at Carbondale, Ill.

Hodges said the criticism his team has received about playing a soft schedule is unjustified.

"The people who are saying that haven't done their research," he stated. "Purdue is as tough as anyone in the nation to beat on its home court, a task we accomplished early in the year."

BIRD'S POINT total moved him past Notre Dame's Austin Carr into eighth place on the NCAA all-time scoring list.

Kelly Tripucka's 18 points led a balanced attack as Notre Dame defeated outmanned Manhattan in the second game of a doubleheader at New York's Madison Square Garden. Rutgers beat Seton Hall 88-67 in the first game as James Bailey scored 29 points and grabbed 9 rebounds.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson scored 15 points to lead Michigan State past Indiana. The Spartans scored eight straight points to break a 30-30 half-time tie and never were headed.

Darrell Griffith scored 15 points and Larry Williams added 14, leading Louisville over St. Louis, nailing down the Metro Conference title for the Cardinals.

"It's the most aggressive and hardest we've played in 2-3 weeks," said Louisville Coach Denny Crum. "We had been in a mental slump. Defense is a mental thing. You can't play good defense unless you're right mentally. Tonight, I thought our defense was outstanding."

Steve Krafcsin scored 17 points to lead Iowa over Purdue.

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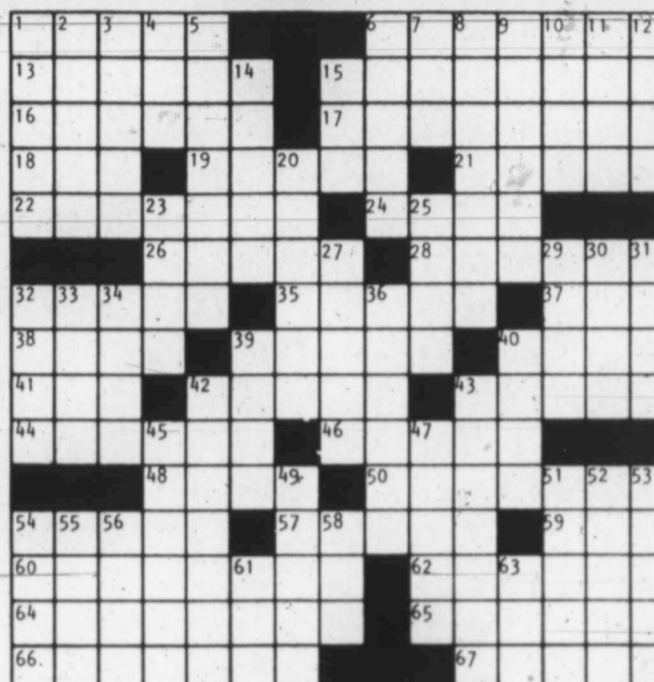
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Scalawag
 - 6 Of the morning
 - 13 Creator of Uncle Remus
 - 15 — Bergrae
 - 16 Type of play
 - 17 Lesser —
 - 18 Greek letter
 - 19 Greek letter
 - 21 Sierra
 - 22 Attar
 - 24 Derisive shout
 - 26 More positive
 - 28 Bearlike
 - 32 Make suitable
 - 35 Habitual paths
 - 37 Shine forth
 - 38 Frosty
 - 39 Tries
 - 40 Buffoon
 - 41 201: Rom.
 - 42 Sink
 - 43 Baffling question
 - 44 Olympian god
 - 46 — Prize
 - 48 A branch of the armed services: Abbr.
 - 50 Ringing and musical, said of the voice
 - 54 Love-in —
- DOWN**
- 1 Farrier
 - 2 Section of a long poem
 - 3 Yards
 - 4 1960's peace movement: Abbr.
 - 5 Select
 - 6 Talking bird of Asia
 - 7 Buchwald
 - 8 Saville Bow artisans
 - 9 Small bays
 - 10 — contendere
 - 11 Mideast gulf
 - 12 — majesty
 - 14 Companionway
 - 15 Beret
 - 20 Certain West
 - 23 See at a distance
 - 25 Party not in office
 - 27 Tree exudation
 - 29 Flowering flag
 - 30 Mention
 - 31 Observer
 - 32 Curved structure
 - 33 Part of a back-gammon set
 - 34 Asian noble
 - 36 When the ten-o'clock-scholar comes
 - 39 Part of Australia: Abbr.
 - 40 Shed feathers
 - 42 Hush
 - 43 Populated
 - 45 Firearm
 - 47 Relative of the crew cut
 - 49 Fowl enclosure
 - 51 Body of Moslem scholars
 - 52 Romance
 - 53 Energetic persons
 - 54 Med. school subj.
 - 55 — War
 - 56 Come — (inherit)
 - 58 Pessimist's pleasure
 - 61 American poet
 - 63 Biblical judge



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Washington folks are human

By RICHARD E. MEYER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ask people in Des Moines or Albuquerque or Peoria. Some will tell you without a hint of doubt that Washington is an Eastern city full of snobby big shots, balking bureaucrats and muggers who take what the government doesn't get.

True, sometimes. But there are levelers in life. They tend to make people pretty much alike. And that means there are times when people in Washington, believe it or not, become just as decent and helpful and considerate as people in Des Moines and Albuquerque and Peoria.

Take the snow storm. Not much by Chicago

A woman in a full-length sable coat stepped from a maroon and silver Rolls-Royce on M Street and went from car to car until she found a corkscrew.

"I have," she said, "this marvelous bottle of wine in the trunk, and I thought this would be a wonderful time to open it."

Nobody reported that she shared it with anyone. Not even the owner of the corkscrew.

But, miracle of miracles, the police, whose favorite game is impound-the-culprit, were kindly. They towed away abandoned cars. However, they didn't impound them. Impoundment carries a \$50 penalty.

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standards, or compared to what people in the Dakotas are used to. But by Washington lights, it was extraordinary.

The storm began during the day Monday. By rush hour, Washington, D.C., was a traffic jam. Nothing moved. Cars lined the streets like tin soldiers in a frozen parade. Wheels spun. Batteries died. Gasoline tanks emptied. And commuters were stranded by the score.

In a city with a heart as cold as ice. On a street in Georgetown, considered one of the snobbier parts of town, a couple walked from car to car, knocked on the frosted windows and offered cups of steaming tea.

How long had they been doing it?

"This is our 31st pot," said the man.

His name?

"We're not doing this for publicity," he said and walked away.

It would have broken a press secretary's heart. At the Francis Scott Key Bridge across the Potomac, teen-agers carrying brown shopping bags hawked cans of Budweiser to motorists stuck for eternities between inches of frustrated progress.

The kids charged 50 cents a pop. Beer costs twice that much at the fancier spots in town. And they don't have curb service.

On P Street at the intersection of 21st, the jam was interminable.

A woman wearing evening clothes got out of her husband's car and began directing traffic.

"Altogether, there were three of us doing it," said Jayne Ikard, who is a free-lance writer when it's not snowing and the intersections are clear.

Not everyone acted with total selflessness.

On M Street, a young woman held up a sign that said, "Fifty Cents for Bathroom...Fifty Cents for a Phone Call to Let Your Loved Ones Know You're Safe."

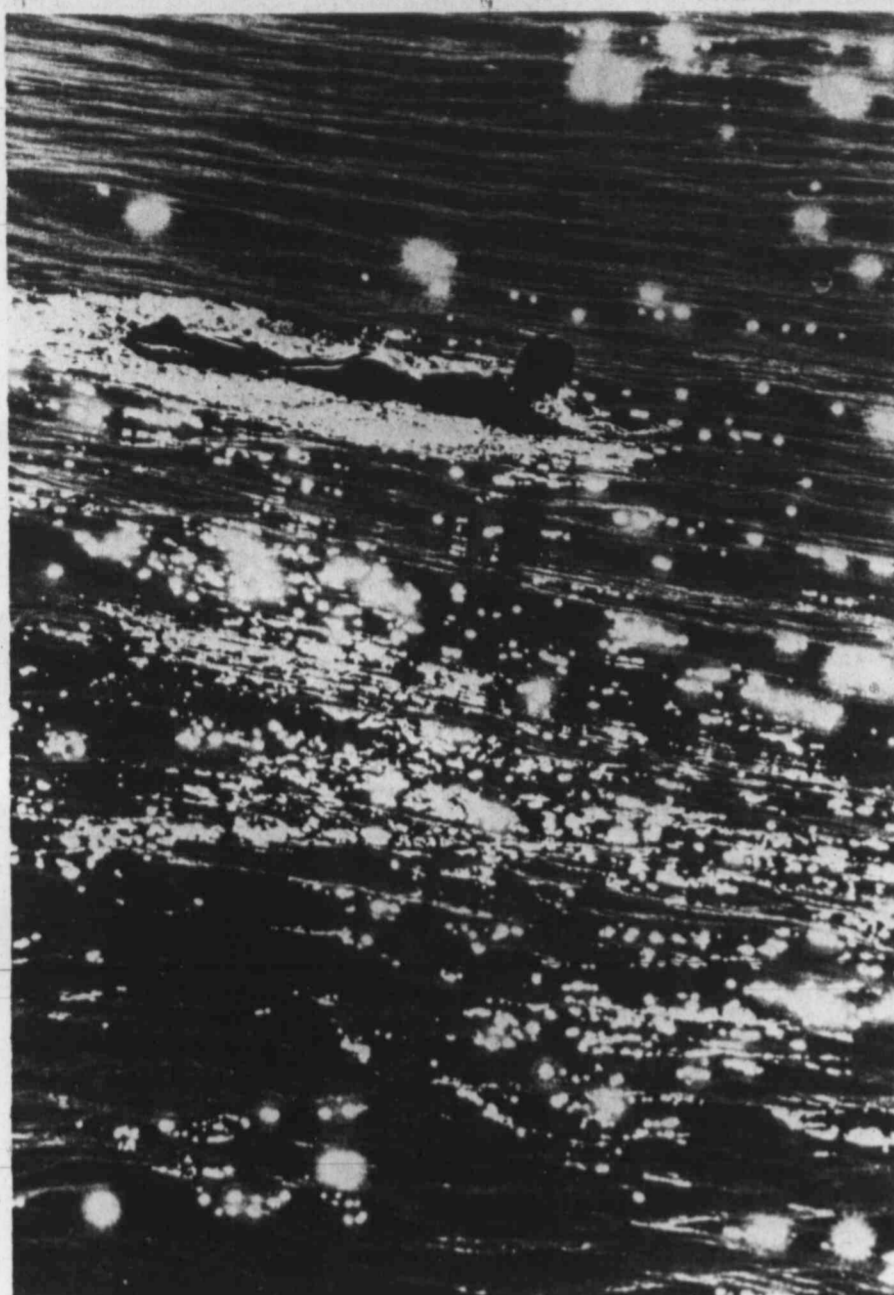
That's a bit much, even to talk to your wife. A man in a jogging suit sold Hennessy brandy to stranded commuters on K Street for \$2 a shot. That's a bit much, even with curb service.

Verification program OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — Savings and loan banks in New York and New England have been given permission to participate in check verification programs.

The programs allow merchants to use electronic devices to verify that a check is good, and they are widely used to verify checks issued by commercial banks.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Board has approved participation in these programs by savings and loan institutions, which it regulates.



A young man pauses in the sunlit waters near California's Manhattan Beach Pier, awaiting the right wave as the winter sun creates a light show around him. (AP Laserphoto)

Convicted slayer asks that appeal be dropped

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A 29-year-old convicted slayer who said he wants to die, but agreed nevertheless to appeal his death sentence, is now asking his lawyer to drop the appeal, the attorney disclosed Thursday.

John Carroll of the Southern Poverty Law Center said the condemned man, John Louis Evans III, asked him to dismiss the appeal now pending before the U. S. Supreme Court and also to refrain from any other legal action on his behalf.

Carroll said he forwarded the request to the court but asked at the same time "for guidance." He said he has not heard from the court.

The attorney said he thought there might be an "ethical problem."

He said it amounts to a defense attorney asking for a "meritorious" appeal to be withdrawn which could make the attorney an "instrument of death."

At the same time, he said, a lawyer has an obligation to represent his client in the manner in which the client wants to be represented.

The appeal not only seeks to spare Evans' life but also challenges Ala-

bama's death sentence law.

Even in agreeing initially to the appeal, Evans, whose home is in Beaumont, Texas, still said he wanted to die rather than serve a life sentence.

But he said he was willing to contest the death sentence as a possible means of forcing the state to abandon the electric chair and choose another method of execution.

First the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals and then the state Supreme Court upheld Evans' conviction, and he was scheduled to die last Aug. 4. But he was given a stay of execution pending a decision by the U. S. Supreme Court.

The Texan was convicted in April 1977 along with a co-defendant, Wayne Ritter, of killing a Mobile pawn shop owner, Eddie Nasser. The slaying occurred while Evans and Ritter, both parolees from an Indiana prison, were on a month-long crime spree.

Ritter also got the death sentence and he, too, has said he wants to die. His sentence is on appeal before the state Supreme Court, which is automatic under Alabama law.

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